

Irony in the news—the counselor of the Persian legation at Vichy is part owner of the richest oil fields in Iraq, yet he can not get enough gas to drive his car.

California's overabundance of unusual weather has at last been explained to the satisfaction of many of the natives. Two San Francisco weather men have reported that the storm spot of the Pacific has slipped 10 degrees south of normal; so they are now really getting Oregon and Washington weather.

News reports indicate that Uncle Sam has bought \$642 worth of red ink—which gives some hint as to the color scheme used in the government's bookkeeping this season.

A BORROWED POEM

Charles L. Allen, assistant dean of the Medill school of journalism at Northwestern University and editor of the National Publisher, has passed along a copy of the following poem to him by one of his former students at Rutgers university:

AN EDITOR'S PRAYER

To St. Francis de Sales, Patron of Journalists

When the galleys are strewn around us, And the dummy is due tonight, When a proof is lost amid manuscript tossed, And there's something still to write; When we sit at the keys, bewildered, And all inspiration fails, Then share the balm of thy heavenly calm, Good St. Francis de Sales.

When an author forgets his promise, But the printer remembers ours; When a cop is shy till the hurry is high— And then when it comes in showers; When we don't catch sight of the misprints Till the issue is all in the mails, Then keep us whole, in body and soul, Brave St. Francis de Sales.

When our pet idea is borrowed (With never a credit line) When readers resent what nobody meant, And when mailing lists decline; When we're tempted to write in acid, Forgetting our Thabors and Grails, Then bind our hands in charity's bands, Sweet St. Francis de Sales.

When all in a day, they call us Too pious, too worldly, too loud, Not up to the knees of the Ph. Ds And over the heads of the crowd Or (worse) when we think that we're weighty That the world before us quails, Oh, keep us sane, and pleasant and plain, Wise St. Francis de Sales.

When the very last line is printed And the pens and presses are stilled And the editor's "We" is the soul of me, By the dread of judgment chilled, May some word of mine that was fruitful Be found in the fateful scales— So aid all men who wield pipe and pen, Great St. Francis de Sales.

—Publishers' Auxiliary (Author unknown).

Nate Bates and Companion Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner To See Their Choice of the Following Varsity Theater Programs: (Friday and Saturday) "THIRD FINGER, LEFT HAND" "DOOMED CARAVAN" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "HUDSON BAY" Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

FRANK JENKINS SPEAKER AT C-C DINNER TONITE

Ashland's chamber of commerce and Bellview grange will join together this evening for the annual banquet of the local booster organization, slated for 7 p. m. in the Bellview grange hall.

With Frank Jenkins of Klamath Falls as the principal speaker, present indications point to a capacity crowd. Chamber representatives have been busy completing a well rounded program for the affair, including brief addresses by local business and professional men, musical numbers and some specialty arrangements.

Tickets still are available, it was stated late yesterday. They may be secured from either C. A. Lawler, Ivor Erwin, the Ingie Drug store or the chamber office. Meanwhile, directors of the chamber, in session earlier this week, adopted a plan of departmental segregation, establishing 12 different departments to handle the various phases of chamber operation. Under this arrangement, each director will be responsible for the operation of projects under one department. This plan is expected to more evenly distribute the responsibility of chamber operation and necessitates establishment of sub-committees to handle the work.

Departments and supervising directors, appointed by President R. L. Fianarty, were:

Roads and highways—Lloyd Seby; finance, Elwood Hedberg; industrial development, Bob Ingie; tourist promotion, Paul Beare; rates and taxation, Frank Van Dyke; legislative, George W. Dunn; transportation, Earl Leever; agriculture, I. C. Erwin; civic affairs, Dr. R. E. Poston; retail merchandising, Paul Fennell, and membership, C. M. Litwiler.

Westport Wins Title In Class B Tourney

Westport, with only 27 boys in high school, won the first annual Oregon class B championship by downing Corbett 42-24 at the Southern Oregon College of Education gym Saturday night.

Dayton won the 14th annual SOCE Invitational tournament by ousting Chiloquin 25 to 20. Arlington took a thrilling 30-28 win over Reedsport to clinch third place in the championship tourney and Jacksonville took the consolation by winning from Lowell 29-19.

Third place in the Invitational meet went to Powers with a 43 to 26 routing of Gold Hill, which took fourth. Rogue River eased into fifth spot by trouncing Gardiner 40 to 25.

Merrill took the Invitational consolation award by stopping Sutherlin 20 to 12.

Dr. Walter Redford, president of SOCE, tournament sponsor, presented awards to the teams.

Players receiving all-star selections and awards were: State championship—first team, Tuom, Westport; O'Neil, Corbett, forwards; Nelson, Westport, center; Strahm, Arlington and Price, Corbett, guards. Second team—Offenbacher, Jacksonville, Kerslake, Corbett, forwards; Wilson, Ales, center; Brandon, Reedsport and C. McGinty, Jacksonville, guards.

Invitational: First team—Todd, Dayton and J. Bushnell, Powers, forwards; Little, Dayton, center; Horton and Giacomelli, Chiloquin, guards. Second team—Hull, Powers and Jones, Rogue River, forwards; Klick, Merrill, center; Chatburn, Merrill and Thompson, Merrill, guards.

Christian Mission Held in Medford

Dr. Ray S. Dunn, pastor of Rose City Park Methodist church in Portland, was special speaker at mass meetings of the Southern Oregon Christian Mission held in Medford last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Mass meetings held in the evenings at Medford high school were well attended by people of Medford and surrounding towns. Other outstanding leaders conducted seminar groups in the day time at the Presbyterian and Christian churches.

Tuesday evening two banquets were held, one for youth at the Methodist church, the second for ministers and other church leaders at the Christian church.

Mrs. G. M. Green recently visited with her sister, Mrs. L. L. Davis, in Ririe, Ida.

Mrs. Leona Madison of Kellog visited over the week-end with Mrs. Adah Sprague.

MORE POWER TO 'EM



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ACTS TO FACILITATE INCREASE OF THE NATION'S ALUMINUM SUPPLY: Through the Department's Bonneville Power Administration, 40,000 kilowatts of hydroelectric energy from the gigantic Bonneville-Grand Coulee dams on the Columbia River will be supplied under a 29-year contract for the operation of a new defense plant in the Pacific Northwest. The plant will be operated by the Reynolds Metals Company and will add 40,000,000 pounds annually to the country's production of aluminum, one of the vital factors in the emergency program. The site of the plant has not yet been selected. Concluding the history-making negotiations at Washington recently are (left to right) Marion M. Caskie, Reynolds vice president; Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power Administrator; R. S. Reynolds, president of the company bearing his name, and (standing) Ulrich Gendron, Assistant Bonneville Power Administrator.

HENRY BOJE DIES BY OWN HAND CENSOR ENDS BATTERY NEWS

Despondent over poor health, Henry Boje, 75, committed suicide Tuesday morning at his home on Strawberry lane.

Mr. Boje, who had been suffering considerable pain from arthritis, had threatened to end his life last July; so when he again made the threat Monday, Mrs. Boje hid his 16-gauge shotgun. However, he became so upset over her act that she returned the gun to its usual place and Tuesday morning Mr. Boje took the gun into the back yard, placed the muzzle against his chest and pulled the trigger.

Henry Boje came to Ashland about 16 years ago and became a specialist in raising small fruits. He was born in Kankakee, Ill., Oct. 14, 1865.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Fred Thompson, wife of a Salem doctor; a son, O. H. Boje, also of Salem, and two sisters, Mrs. Iona Craig, Erie, Kans., and Mrs. Etta Magner, Galesburg, Kans.

Funeral services in charge of the IOOF lodge were held from the Litwiler Funeral home Thursday afternoon and interment was in the Hargardine cemetery.

Sunny Days Speed County Farm Work

Farmers throughout Jackson county are taking advantage of sunny weather this week with spring work moving forward at a rapid pace. County Agent R. G. Fowler reported Tuesday. Most grain planting was completed in the fall and good stands are progressing in all sections. Ground which was not sown in the fall is in fine condition for spring planting.

Sugar beets, planted for seed last fall, are looking fine now, Fowler said.

Carter Property Given City Schools

The Ashland school board has announced the addition to present school property of three lots, Nos. 17-18-19 of block 3, Alifa addition. This property which is located on Morse avenue near the high school was accepted as a gift from Veta-belle Carter and F. M. Carter.

Mrs. Carter is a sister of the late Walter Phillips, World War hero for whom the new high school athletic field is to be named. Mr. Carter is with the California state highway department in Sacramento.

Railroad First With Large Tax Payment

The Southern Pacific railroad was the first of Jackson county's heavy taxpayers to make remittance to the tax department of the sheriff's office this year. With the corporation's check for \$70,823.90 the payment was made in full and turned over to the county treasurer Monday.

Since March 15 is the final day for payment of taxes without interest penalty, many citizens were visiting the tax department the first of the week and a line-up was expected today and Saturday.

Dale Kaegi Places In UO Rifle Meet

Dale Kaegi, Ashland, tied for third place in the contest between the men's and women's rifle teams at the University of Oregon recently.

The coed varsity team triumphantly nosed out the men's team by a margin of six points out of 3,000 shots fired by each team.

Kaegi, a graduate of Ashland high school, is a freshman majoring in business administration at the university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kaegi and is affiliated with Theta Chi fraternity.

Services Continue at Church of Christ

The second week of evangelistic services is coming to a close at the Church of Christ with services this Friday night. The campaign which has had a wonderful response, will continue for two weeks more with John A. Barney of Roseburg bringing the sermons each night. Members of the choir and special numbers from other churches is adding to the interest in these meetings. The public is invited by the church to attend these services each night of the week except Saturday at 7:30 o'clock.

Subjects for next week are: Sunday a. m.—"The Church of Christ." Sunday p. m.—"The Christ in Prophecy." Monday—"The Application of the Christian Religion." Tuesday—"That They May Be One." Wednesday—"The Meaning of the Cross." Thursday—"The Great Salvation." Friday—"The Game of Life." Friday will be young peoples' night.

Balgaard Enlisted In Air Detachment

Orville M. Balgaard, son of Mrs. C. E. Clark, 518 Oak street, was among those men recently enlisted for three years' voluntary service with the regular army, according to Lieut.-Col. B. H. Hensley, Oregon district recruiting officer. Balgaard had been tentatively accepted for service at the Medford recruiting station and was actually enlisted at Vancouver barracks for the GHQ air force detachment, Fort Douglas, Utah.

Present recruiting activities in the Oregon district are being concentrated on filling many various vacancies in the Hawaiian, Philippine and Panama Canal departments, Hensley reported, saying that it is desired to fill these vacancies by April 1.

ALL TEACHERS ARE REELECTED

At a meeting of the Ashland school board Tuesday night, all teachers of the four city schools were reelected. At present there are no changes in view with the exception of the vacancy which will result from the resignation of Miss Maxine Conover, junior high instructor, who plans to take graduate work in Whitman college this coming year.

A report on the progress of the defense training classes was presented to the board by Supt. Theo J. Norby. This class in mechanics has been meeting three nights a week for the past five weeks with Clyde N. Caton of the Junction garage.

Rev. J. E. Cox and Superintendent Brown of Medford were conducting business for the Pilgrim Holiness church in Ashland Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beam on March 5 at Placerville, Calif., a son, Mrs. Beam was formerly Dorothy Miller of Ashland.

Mrs. Charles Harmsen and Cozette left last week for Union where Mr. Harmsen is employed.

In Washington, D. C., opera lovers gave the San Carlo a capacity week with bravos at every performance.

Mr. Gallo has promised Portland the finest repertoire the city has had since his opera first appeared here. The operas will appear as follows:

Monday, March 31, "Aida." Tuesday, April 1, "Rigoletto." Wednesday, April 2, "Carmen." Thursday, April 3, "Madam Butterfly." Friday, April 4, "Faust." Saturday matinee, April 5, "Tales of Hoffman." Saturday, April 5, "Il Trovatore." Sunday matinee, April 6, "Martha," followed by ballet advertisements. Carlo Peroni will conduct all operas. Special attention is being given to local demands for seats. Mail Orders are now being received, address to the Mayfair. Seat sale opens March 20 at the J. K. Gill company in Portland.

LITHIA HOTEL INCLUDED ON TAX SALE LIST

The Lithia hotel will be among the 500 or 600 pieces of Jackson county property subject to tax foreclosure sale Thursday, April 3, according to reports from the office of Sheriff Syd I. Brown.

The minimum amount that will be accepted as a bid for the hotel, which was built in 1926 at an approximate cost of \$200,000, will be \$52,200, the amount of delinquent taxes assessed against it. If unsold the hotel will become property of the county and it was indicated that arrangements would probably be made for its continued operation.

School of Religion Will Meet in Medford

Four Leadership Training classes will be held at the Methodist church in Medford from March 17 to 21, inclusive, each evening at 7:30. The courses and instructors will be as follows: "The Prophets and Their Message," by Dr. G. W. Bruce, pastor of the Ashland Methodist church; "How Christian Growth Takes Place," Prof. L. E. Messenger, Southern Oregon College of Education; "Ways of Teaching," Pearl E. Sherlock, director of Christian education of the Oregon conference, and "Church School Administration," Dr. Dale Ginn, school superintendent of Josephine county.

Ashland people who are interested in attending this school of religion should see Dr. G. W. Bruce or Allen McGee.

Overtaken Vehicle Frequent Violator

Greater observance of the state regulation governing the operation of a motor vehicle being overtaken and passed by another is necessary in the interest of greater traffic safety in Oregon, according to a statement from the traffic safety division of the secretary of state's office.

Recently Oregon citizens have written to the office, suggesting that motorists attention be called to the rules requiring overtaken cars to give way to the right when being passed on streets or highways. According to these suggestions, many drivers fail to observe this requirement with the result that the overtaking vehicle is forced out into the path of oncoming cars or is unable to go around the slower-moving vehicle.

"The driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle," says Oregon law on this subject.

Courtesy and safe driving practice require the driver to observe this rule when being overtaken, the statement declared. Oregon law provides that cars always shall be driven as near the right hand side of the street or highway as is practicable and when slow-moving vehicles stay close to the center line, other vehicles are held up and passing is dangerous.

Final Exams Mark End of SOCE Term

The winter term at the Southern Oregon College of Education will be completed on Thursday and Friday on which days final examinations are scheduled. Beginning March 15 and lasting until March 23 there will be a spring vacation.

Registration for the spring quarter will begin Monday, March 24. A full schedule of offerings will be made available to both beginning students and advanced students.

Miss Genevieve McGee, teacher at Klamath Falls, was in Ashland last week-end.

SEEN IN A DAZE By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER JEAN EBERHART running around in circles when the electric time clock stopped last Saturday night. JOHN BROADY experiencing Speech difficulties at the Lions' dinner.