

The Editor Speaking

Dr. W. W. Howard of Medford is reported to have said, "As far as hearing is concerned, the male is certainly the stronger of the two sexes"—The doctor doesn't know the female of our family.

In the News—"Woman leaves dentist chair for nine-story plunge"—"Placing a lot of confidence in 'painless extraction' we would say.

With enough crude oil in reserve and stored in plugged oil wells all over the United States to last the world a century, the oil barons are crying a possible shortage—the first step in the inevitable raise in gasoline prices.

Death has taken one whom America 20 or more years ago looked upon as the world's meanest man. Looking back through the haze of years, Kaiser Wilhelm seems a Little Lord Funtleroy compared with the present war lord of Germany.

One cheerful tid-bit in last week's news was the report of the closing of Camp Nordland, the big Nazi camp in New Jersey where thousands of so-called Americans staged patriotic rallies—beneath waving swastikas.

The Axis leaders are in the huddle again, but there is no doubt as to who is calling the signals.

It seems that labor is really calling for ash-down when it continues to strike in defiance to the government itself.

With Real estate gaining altitude in Medford's little boom, all out-going visitors may soon be required to clean the mud from their shoes when leaving the city.

We haven't yet heard of any of the defense holder-uppers going to jail, but the draftees must toe the mark—a stubborn preacher was recently sentenced several years for refusing to register.

HAD HONEYED PEN

To the Editor:
We realize the average small town editor is willing, yea, eager, to describe every bride as beautiful and to maintain in his columns that the home town women are all charming. But few of them can dip their pens in honey as did the Down South editor who wrote concerning a bride in his town as follows:

"The bride is a woman of wonderful fascination and remarkable attractiveness, for with a manner as enchanting as the wand of a siren and a disposition as sweet as the odors of flowers, and a spirit as joyous as the caroling of birds, and a mind as brilliant as the glittering tresses that adorn the brow of winter, and with a heart as pure as the dewdrops trembling in a wreath of violets, she will make the home of her husband a paradise of enchantment where the heaven-tuned harp of Hyman shall send forth those sweet strains of felicity that thrill the sense with the ecstatic pulsing of rhythmic rapture."

OLD TIMER.

● Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, who was the speaker at the Southern Oregon College of Education commencement exercises, made the Miner office a pleasant visit Wednesday.

● Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Engel entertained at dinner Sunday for their son, Lawson Engel, who plans to take a naval flying course at Pensacola, Fla. Guests were Jack Williams, Bud Silver, Kenneth Harris, Vincent Taylor and Victor Sander.

● Leighton Blake, AHS coach, has left for his home at Camas, Wash.

● Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Alice Ostrander, Eunice Kincaid, Alice Ostrander, Eunice Kincaid, and the members of the boys' quartet, Bill Willis, Bill Alves, and Earl Williams. The fourth member, Ralph Gillmore, was unable to be present.

● Mrs. C. R. Bowman left Thursday for Los Angeles where she will attend the graduation exercises of her daughter, Mrs. David Moore.

E. B. HANDSAKER 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)

"BAD MAN"
"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"HONEYMOON FOR THREE"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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\$350 RAISED IN USO DRIVE

According to committee reports last night, \$350 has been raised towards the \$500 quota set as Ashland's part in the nation-wide drive of the United Service Organizations to raise \$10,765,000 to staff and operate 339 club houses which the government plans to build near army training camps.

The United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., has been formed by a federation of the following organizations: YMCA, YWCA, the National Catholic Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board, Salvation Army and the National Travelers Aid association.

Thomas E. Dewey, active chairman, says of the movement:

"The government has a broad program to relieve the monotony of the essential routine in naval bases and army camps. But I never saw an American boy who wanted to spend his whole life in a camp. When night comes at the end of a ten or twelve hour day he has a right to a little private life. In camp, by and large, when he wants to leave the reservation, he has no place to go and nothing to do. That is unfair. Furthermore, it is thoroughly unwise."

Operation of the clubhouses will provide contacts between soldiers and sailors and people of the community, provisions for religious worship, clubhouse facilities, educational and cultural services, information service, transient aid to soldiers and sailors on leave and to visiting relatives and friends.

J. Edward Thorneon, chairman of the local drive, stated that although the drive was planned for only three days, the committee plans to remain active until the quota is reached. Contributions may be left at the local branch of the First National Bank of Portland or at the Daily Tidings office.

Craters in League Game at Hills Creek

The Medford Craters take to the road Sunday where they will meet Hills Creek in an Oregon State league baseball game at Hills Creek. The Craters are trying to line up some northern California loop nine for Medford next Wednesday night.

Plans are afoot to have Billy Calvert, University of Oregon catcher, join Medford at Hills Creek Sunday. Although Calvert's batting average while with the Webfeet this season wasn't so good, he usually came through in the pinches.

The Rogues will face Grants Pass at the Medford high school park Sunday afternoon in a Southern Oregon league game. In the other SOL tilt, Crescent City will travel to Rogue River.

61 GRADUATES IN SOCE CLASS

Sixty-one students were graduated from the Southern Oregon College of Education at the commencement exercises held in the college gymnasium Wednesday afternoon. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, gave the featured address of the day, speaking on the subject, "Opportunity." Of those graduating, 44 received diplomas in teacher education while the other 17 received junior certificates.

The commencement program began with a procession of "Tannhauser March," played by the college orchestra, after which Rev. Ernest J. Wine, pastor of the Ashland Church of the Brethren, gave the invocation. Then preceding the address, three musical numbers were given by the Treble Clef club with Dorothy Wilder as accompanist.

Following the address was a selection by the men's glee club, accompanied by Miss Wilder, and another by the a cappella choir with Duain Monroe and John Childers as soloists.

Dr. Walter Redford, president of the college, presented the class and C. A. Brand of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education made the presentation of diplomas.

The recessional march, "Pomp and Circumstance," was played by the college orchestra.

BERTHA MAY MUSCUTT

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the J. P. Dodge and Sons funeral chapel for Bertha May Muscutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Muscutt. The child was born Nov. 19, 1933 and passed away at her home in Ashland May 29. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Barbara, one brother, Frank, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fitch.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THE U.S. AND ITS RAILROADS

WE'RE JUSTLY PROUD OF OUR HIGHWAYS AND OF OUR MOTOR CARS AND AIRPLANES.

BUT FOR THE LONG HAUL OR THE BIG HAUL WE MUST HAVE OUR RAILROADS TOO.

INDISPENSABLE IN NATIONAL DEFENSE, THEY HAVE BEEN THE GREATEST SINGLE TECHNOLOGICAL FACTOR IN MAKING AMERICA WHAT IT IS TODAY.

THEN—OPENING THE COUNTRY

NOW—SERVING IT

31% OF POINT-TO-POINT MILEAGE OF THE WORLD.—
56% OF WORLD'S FASTEST PASSENGER TRAINS—
AVERAGE SPEED OF FREIGHT TRAINS UP 61%
SINCE 1920, WITH "HOT SHOT" FREIGHTS NOW DOING 60 MILES PER HOUR.

MATIER SPEAKS AT LIONS CLUB

Hugh A. Matier, public relations representative of the Union Oil company, and an authority on the proposed Alaska-Argentine highway, spoke Tuesday evening before the Ashland Lions club.

The speaker discussed the importance of the 18,000-mile Alaska-Argentine highway and stated that it was 96 percent completed in South America and nearing completion in Central America. The 1,500-mile section which will join the United States and Alaska is of particular importance to the future of Alaska where we have been unable to check a declining population largely because of transportation difficulties, according to Matier.

Mr. Matier is a founder-member of the Pacific Geographic Society and at one time he surveyed the Pacific-Columbia section of the Trans-America highway. He is at present on a trip to Alaska in the interests of the highway and expects to take many aerial photos of proposed routes.

The annual election of the club, which was held during the business meeting, resulted in the election of the following officers: Bill Snider, president; Sid Reed, first vice president; Harry Hurst, second vice president; Pete Nutter, third vice president; A. A. Snider, honor tamer; Elwood Hedberg, tall twister; George Hull, secretary; Bill Savin, treasurer, and George Goswick, John Broady and Percy Williamson, directors.

LICENSES MAY BE RENEWED

Residents in this area may obtain driver's license renewals at temporary offices established at the City Hall in Ashland, according to an announcement from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state. The office will be open here daily beginning Friday, June 6th. For the convenience of local residents who wish to renew their driver's licenses and who are under 70 years of age may renew their licenses by filling out the application form and paying the fee of \$1.50, it was said.

The only persons required to take the examination under provisions of law are persons 70 years of age and over; those who are not licensed during the period July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1941, and persons with physical disabilities. The Oregon driver's license examination consists of a test on the Oregon motor vehicle laws, an eye test, a test on ability to understand road signs, and the driving demonstration.

Those who are required to take the examination are advised to inquire at the local office and arrange to contact one of the regular state license examiners in this territory.

Two Ashland Men Leave for Army

LeRoy Lindner and Bruce Demers, both of Ashland, were among the 14 men to leave Medford Monday night for service in the army under the selective service act.

At the farewell ceremonies in Medford, Dr. Arthur S. Taylor of the Southern Oregon College of Education and a veteran of the world war, stated that while the techniques of war have changed, the fundamentals of service remain the same. Ted Lockhart, exalted ruler of the Ashland Elk's lodge, headed a group of lodgemen who presented the selectees with small American flags.

Ashland Students Get Degrees at OSC

Ashland was represented at the seventy-second annual commencement of Oregon State college June 2 by five students. Earned degrees numbering 780 were awarded: 677 bachelor's degrees, 95 master's degrees, and eight doctor of philosophy degrees.

William Hamilton Leever received a master's degree in science. Bernard Lindsay Applegate received a bachelor of art degree in education. Ben Gody was one of the 145 graduates of the school of engineering and George Herbert Swartsley was one of 21 to graduate from pharmacy. Barbara Kay received a bachelor of art degree in secretarial science.

BOY STRUCK BY CAR ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY

Don Robertson, 11 year-old Chiloquin boy, luckily escaped serious injury Tuesday afternoon when he dashed into the street in front of a car driven by Mrs. Paul Finnell. The boy was badly shaken and received many cuts and bruises from the accident; however none appeared to be particularly serious. The driver was held blameless, for young Robertson was said to have run into the street from between two parked cars in front of the Bushnell Studio.

The boy is a grandson of Mrs. Maude Renton at whose home he has been visiting.

DOROTHY FRIDEGER TO BE PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR

The playground program at Lithia park for the summer opened June 1, with Miss Dorothy Frideder in charge. She received the appointment through a committee appointed by the park commission.

N. W. Heard is chairman of the Lithia park board.

OUR HONOR ROLL

Recent new subscriptions to the Southern Oregon Miner:
K.P. Nims, Ashland, Gary Newton, Ashland, Mrs. Walter Herndon, Ashland, Mrs. E. T. Newberry, Sr., Ashland, Miss Lillian Newton, Medford, Mrs. E. F. Noble, Butte Falls.
RENEWALS:
Ralph Billings, Ashland, Wm. Briggs, Ashland, I. C. Irwin, Ashland, and Florence Allen, Ashland.

Talent P-TA Reports Successful Season

The annual reports of the Talent PTA indicate the conclusion of a very successful 1940-41 season. Major projects carried out during the year were the making of 30 band capes for the high school band at a cost of \$100 and the financing of the hot lunches at the school. The alumni homecoming and the junior-senior banquet also were activities sponsored by the P-TA.

Study topics discussed during the year included "The Community in which we Live," "Study of Public Health," and "P-TA and Democracy."

Officers of the organization during the past season were Alice Joania, president; Jennie Baylor, vice president; Irma Parr, secretary, and Parathena Terrill, treasurer.

JULY 4TH DRIVE FOR FUNDS TUES.

Ashland's 1941 Fourth of July celebration financial drive will be launched with a special "send-off breakfast" next Tuesday morning, according to an announcement by John P. Daugherty, general chairman this week.

The finance committee, composed of W. A. Snider, H. S. Goswick, Lloyd Selby, Pete Nutter, Fred Taylor and Hal McNair, will meet at the Plaza Cafe at 7:30 Tuesday morning and is expected to have completed its calls by mid-morning. The breakfast itself will be provided by the executive committee which is meeting also, to map out final plans.

Business of a routine nature was completed by the committee this week. Arrangements were being completed for the morning parade, an afternoon band concert and other events. Youngsters will compete in a soap-box derby prior to the parade while prizes have also been scheduled for the juvenile entries in the parade.

The executive committee announced completing negotiations for a concession to John Eads, Medford magician for July 3-4. Other concessions are expected within a short time to be handled by A. A. Snider, chairman of this committee.

Daugherty called another meeting of the executive group for next Wednesday night in the city council chambers.

Dr. Bruce Speaks at SOCE Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate services for the graduates of S.O.C.E. were held Sunday afternoon at the college gym. Dr. George W. Bruce of the First Methodist Church was the speaker of the afternoon using for his topic, "The Grip that Holds."

Rev. B. F. Peterson, pastor of the Nazarene Church, gave the invocation and the benediction.

Musical numbers on the program were given by the college orchestra, the Treble Clef Club and the college a capella choir.

Accident Death Rate Shows Decrease

Improvement in Oregon's traffic accident situation for the first four months of 1941 compared to the same period in 1940 is shown by the traffic death rate, showing the number of persons killed in relation to the exposure to accidents, according to the word received from the office of the secretary of state.

The death rate so far this year is 10.6 persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel, compared to a rate of 12 for the same period last year.

The decrease in the death rate indicates the improvement in driving and walking practices of Oregon citizens because in spite of a strong increase in the use of motor vehicles, the fatality ratio dropped, it was said. Motor vehicle use increased nearly 17 percent during the first four months of this year.

MRS. ENGLE HOSTESS TO CHAPTER AC, PEO

Chapter AC, PEO, met at the home of Mrs. J. S. Engle May 24. Mrs. O. G. Crawford was in charge of a fine musical program, "Music in the Magic Month of May."

Prominent musicians of the city were featured on the program which included violin numbers by Miss Maxine Conover, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Dunham; piano numbers by Mrs. J. W. McCoy; selections by the Girls' Sextette of Ashland high school, directed by Miss Harriett Hill, and a presentation of her own compositions by Mrs. Cay Huffman. Mrs. Huffman played and sang the numbers, explaining to her auditors the themes for her songs which found their inspiration in America's great northland, Alaska.

At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Laura Webster.

C OF C FORUM SET FOR TODAY

Chamber of commerce forum luncheons for both members and non-members of the local booster club were scheduled for continuation this week, according to an announcement from Dr. Walter Redford, forums chairman. First of the monthly series is slated for this noon at the Plaza Cafe.

Formerly planned for once a month, the purpose of these luncheons is to better acquaint the membership with the current activities of the organization. The luncheons themselves are to be held from an informal standpoint and are open to the public. Short talks on pertinent subjects of local interest will be given, restricted to not more than five minutes in length.

Dr. Redford is emphasizing the fact that attendance is not restricted to chamber of commerce members but that all persons interested in community betterment programs are cordially invited to attend. Reservations are not necessary. The sessions will start promptly at 12 noon and will be completed by 1 o'clock.

Western States to Observe USO Sabbath

Church-goers in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Idaho will join in a nationwide religious festival on June 6, 7, and 8, in support of the United Service Organizations program of spiritual and recreational welfare for America's defenders.

The occasion is to be known as USO Sabbath, it was announced at Eighth Region headquarters today.

Walter Hoving, USO president, declared the observance will emphasize the basically religious character of USO member agencies and will stress the inter-faith aspect of the organization in which Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders are working closely and harmoniously. Participation by soldiers and sailors will be featured, following out the broad plan of morale building among the armed forces.

In many churches special sections will be set aside for men in uniform. In some cases they will march in units to worship. Exemplifying the hospitality of the projected USO service clubs, families everywhere are planning to entertain service men at noon-day dinners after church. This is being urged particularly in communities near training centers.

The opening observance will be held in Orthodox Jewish Synagogues on Friday evening, June 6, and continue through Saturday. At 10:30 p. m. EDT on Saturday there will be a radio "Call to the Faith" over a network of the National Broadcasting Company with prominent clergymen from all three religious groups participating.

On Sunday, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups will continue the celebration and in many cities through USO committees and ministerial cooperation inter-faith sunrise services will be held at 6 p. m. there will be a minute of silent prayer for those in the service of their country.

USO was incorporated by the Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., National Catholic Community Service, Y. W. C. A., National Jewish Welfare Board, and the National Travelers Aid Association.

The government has appropriated \$15,000,000 to build 360 club houses adjacent to camps. The USO will raise \$10,765,000 by public subscription to staff and operate the clubs for the first year for the spiritual guidance and leisure time activity of America's soldiers and sailors.

SEEN IN A DAZE



WELDON HEARD buying a nice little play suit, since the appointment of the new playground supervisor.

JIMMIE BAUGHMAN whispering a weak "hello" to friends because of a tonsillotomy.

FRANCES MILLER planning a little night life since graduating to the day shift at the Palace.

MAGICIAN EADS arranging for a spook show for the 4th celebration.

LIMEY WILLIAMSON bowling a classy 95—and Lee Ryan wishing he could do as well.