

Seriously considering the purchase of waterwings, we are wondering if we may not have laughed a little too soon at the Californians and their heavy dew.

After reading a half column in Ashland's Daily lauding their contribution to mankind in the way of "hot news" Saturday night, we began to wonder why anyone must stand out in the rain to read news bulletins when they might sit at home in the warm comfort of their favorite easy chair and hear the same "hot news" over their radio.

The latest turn in the war is far from funny, but the position in which it leaves the American communists does bring a chuckle. When Hitler and Stalin started holding hands, the communists had to do a rather ticklish flip-flop in policy and now they are faced with the even more difficult task of getting back where they started from without losing face.

In the California maneuvers, keyed-up soldiers dropped their 20th century implements of death and resorted to their fists—too bad all wars can not be settled that way.

The recent news concerning another postmaster exam brought forth quite a tirade from the citadel of Ashland Republicanism in which the Demos were accused of having an "Outburst of politics". Maybe so, maybe so, but recalling the good old days of Hoover et al. we sorta wonder where the republicans get their "holier than thou" attitude.

Ashland should have a good crowd for the 4th celebration—it's too rainy to fish.

While German youth are learning the art of war, Oregon boys are learning the art of democracy—by practicing it at Boys' State.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

To the Editor:

We again rise to inquire what has become of the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration when following a colorful parade the people assembled to hear the orator stress the needed and necessary observance of the day, listened with attentive ears to the reading of the Declaration of Independence and joined heartily in the singing of patriotic songs. With one-third of the world at war and America making fevered preparations for home defense in order that we may continue to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," known nowhere else in the world, the significance of the day should not be lost sight of, and as we already have said, a fitting observance of the Fourth, is never more needed or necessary than right now.

The parking of automobiles close to pedestrian lanes, thereby obscuring the view of traffic, is a menace to public safety and should not be tolerated.

OLD TIMER.

LOCAL GIRL WINS CONTEST

Miss Grace Close, local girl, was winner of the Ford good driving contest in this district, and will receive as her reward a trip to Portland where she will spend July 1, 2 and 3 with expenses paid. She plans to enter the state contest also. The winner of this will receive a trip to Dearborn, Mich. National finals will be the goal of the state winners.

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RODEO CORRALS GUARD SAFETY

Safety is an outstanding feature of the Diamond Circle corrals which are being rushed to completion for the July 4 rodeo and horse show, according to Chief of Police C. P. Talent, member of the Ashland Trail Riders. An insurance inspector investigating the structure stated that the safety factor has been so well cared for that he would be able to cut the insurance rating 50 per cent. Construction on the corrals is expected to be completed by Saturday night, providing a seating capacity of 2,800 which with standing room should care for a crowd of 3,000. The rodeo performances are scheduled to begin at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. and it was pointed out that those attending the evening program would be in an excellent position for viewing the fireworks.

The grand prize of the rodeo, which features amateur riders and wild range stock, is an expensive saddle now on display at the Linger implement store. Competition for the grand prize will climax the evening performance with the three high rating cowboys riding the toughest broncs in the lot.

CANOES GIFT TO SUMMER CAMP

Two new 20-foot war canoes, each built for 10 paddlers, are the latest addition to the summer equipment at Camp McLoughlin, summer camp of Crater Lake Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The canoes are the gift of G. S. Butler of Ashland and they are the latest word in camp sports equipment. Ten paddles accompany each canoe and a preliminary test shows that they will be the speediest hand propelled boats on Lake of the Woods this summer. Scouts will attend the camp from Josephine, Jackson and Siskiyou counties.

One canoe was given to the Boy Scouts and one to the Campfire Girls, but both will be available during the summer to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls using the camp, according to Kenneth Wells, local scout executive. Numerous additions have been made to the camp for this season, according to Wells. Three additional rowboats have been secured, the kitchen building has been enlarged by a 16-foot addition, six tent frames for new 14x16 tents are in process of construction, new benches are available for the lodge and numerous other minor improvements have been made.

Arrangements for the camp staff are not entirely complete, but presents plans include Dick Sleetor of Medford as water front director; Bob Holmes of Medford as his assistant on the waterfront; Delmar Kolda of Weed in charge of campfires and activities; J. Hoey of Medford as camp clerk; Bill Jones of Yreka in charge of handicraft; George Schrader of Mt. Shasta as a camp scoutmaster; Charles Davis of Medford in charge of archery, and Alvis Winn of Gold Hill on the kitchen staff. George Corum of Medford will be camp chef for the season. Jack Thompson and Chris Barker, both of Medford, will serve as assistant camp directors for two weeks each. Several scoutmasters, including J. O. Tostevin of Weed, and James Lockart of Dunsuir will each spend one week in camp. T. J. Norby of Ashland will be in camp for one week in charge of a group of scouts from Ashland and Talent. The camp staff will leave for camp July 1.

Noted Hymn Writer At Nazarene Church

Rev. Haldor Lillenas, composer and hymn writer, will be presented at 8 o'clock Sunday evening at the church of the Nazarene. He has written nearly 3000 hymns, prepared special vocal arrangements for quartets and trios, written cantatas and presented many of his works over national radio hookups. His hymns are sung by churches of all denominations. Accompanying Rev. Lillenas will be E. E. Martin, district superintendent of the North Pacific district of the church.

Rev. Lillenas also will be presented at Southern Oregon College of Education convocation at 2 p. m. Monday.

A. A. Madden was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THEY ALSO SERVE

SOLDIER, SAILOR, MARINE, MECHANIC, SHIPWRIGHT, RAILROADER, TRUCKER, — OUT FRONT FOR AMERICA.



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AS WE WORK, WE ARE MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK.

HUNTER DIES IN GUN ACCIDENT

The accidental discharging of a 12-gauge shotgun Sunday afternoon took the life of J. T. Armstrong, 25, a resident of Ashland Rt. 1 near Talent.

Mr. Armstrong and his father, James D. Armstrong, were just starting out to hunt pigeons in the Winkelman orchard in Valley View where the Armstrongs had just finished picking cherries. They had driven some distance into the orchard when the younger man jumped from the car pulling the gun out after him and it is supposed that in stooping to pick up some shells he struck the hammer of the gun on the running board. The charge struck young Armstrong in the throat and carried upwards into the skull, killing him instantly.

Survivors include the widow, Mozelle, and two small children, Jimmy and Shirley. Armstrong's parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Litwiler Funeral home at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and burial was made at the Stearns cemetery in Talent.

Lavern Gilman Jr. is attending the Aero ITI in Los Angeles.

Dr. Bruce Appointed To Methodist Church

Residents of Ashland welcome the return of Dr. George W. Bruce and his wife to the Methodist church for another year. Appointments were read Sunday by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter at the Methodist conference in Eugene.

Mrs. Bruce was honored at the conference by election to the presidency of the Methodist Minister's Wives association of the state of Oregon.

Two other Ashland people received honor, namely, Dr. Walter Redford, president of Southern Oregon College of Education, who was elected lay leader for the Cascade district of the Oregon Methodist conference and Ralph Billings, who was elected one of his assistants.

ACORN BREAKFAST HELD

Mrs. Homer Elhart and Mrs. Chester Putney entertained 20 guests at an acorn breakfast at the Elhart home last Friday morning. The affair was given for the benefit of the P-TA. Dainty place cards picturing an oak tree and an acorn were at each place. After breakfast the guests went out into the yard to enjoy the beautiful flowers in Mrs. Elhart's garden.

The Miner for Quality Printing.

PLANNING BOARD WILL ASK VOTE ORGANIZED HERE ON WASHINGTON SCHOOL BLDG.

At the request of Mayor Thornton S. Wiley, an Ashland planning commission was organized Monday night and tentative plans were outlined for a program of civic betterment.

City Attorney Frank Van Dyke opened the meeting by explaining the duties and powers of a planning commission as set forth by state law. Chief among its duties is its right to recommend improvements for municipal health, safety and betterment in regard to which it makes definite suggestions to the city council. Handling of all city zoning ordinances is another important feature. Further clarification of the workings of such a commission was given by Vernon Roberts, president of the Medford planning commission which has been active for several years.

Dr. Walter Redford was chosen to head the commission, assisted by R. I. Flaharty as vice president and Chester Corry, Lithia park superintendent, as secretary. The members are: G. H. Wenner and R. I. Flaharty, four-year terms; Dr. W. J. Crandall and Chester Corry, three-year terms, Dr. Redford and Theo J. Norby, two-year terms, and G. M. Green, one-year term.

It is expected that the commission will aid greatly in handling of many problems that will arise when activity begins on construction of the proposed cantonment.

Fred Cuthbert of the University of Oregon, an authority on planning and a representative of the League of Oregon Cities, will arrive here this afternoon and will meet with the planning commission and other representatives of the city at the city council chambers tonight.

FIXLESS TICKET PLANNED HERE

The proposed fixless tickets for Ashland are perhaps somewhat misnamed, according to Police Chief C. P. Talent, for their importance is in providing a means to lessen minor traffic violations rather than any fixless quality they may have.

Violations at which the move is directed will be illegal double parking, over parking, parking in no-parking zones and the running of stop signs. Chief Talent emphasized that the police department will continue to temper its policy with judgment, but with the increased traffic expected in this section it was necessary to have some curb on these violations.

It was stated that illegal double parking will be interpreted to include: parking too far from the curb, parking too far into the lane of traffic, parking alongside another vehicle or parking space for more than five minutes, or double parking without a qualified driver remaining in the car. Disregard for the existing parking limits will be considered as over-parking and non-observance of stop signs and no-parking zones also will be aimed at by the fixless tickets.

Violators of traffic rules covered by this plan will be fined at the rate of \$1 for each offense, it was stated.

In view of a recent architectural survey by Howard R. Perrin, registered architect state of Oregon, indicating an inadequacy in the present Washington school building, the citizens of Ashland will be asked to vote on the matter of a bond issue to raise funds to handle the problem as soon as definite plans may be offered. The school board has authorized Supt. of Schools Theo J. Norby and an architect to survey the situation to determine the costs and to make necessary investigations in other communities to see how similar situations have been handled.

In making the investigation on structural details and adequacy of the school, Architect Perrin used the Uniform Building Code, compiled by the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference, which is in use in many western cities. Some of the important findings of the investigation are:

The auditorium on the second floor should no longer be used as an auditorium because of a weakness in the floor system and in modern codes auditoriums are not allowed above the first floor except in fireproof buildings.

The roof construction should be reinforced as well as parts of the exterior wall.

The boiler room presents a serious fire hazard and should be enclosed with masonry walls having openings with self-closing fire doors.

The building should be rewired.

In conclusion the report states that a thorough job of remodeling must be done if it is to serve as a school building much longer. Such a remodeling job would cost close to \$40,000. Since the remodeled building would still have many undesirable features, the report suggests that it would seem an economy to plan on the erection of a new building as soon as possible to eliminate the necessity of spending money on improving the present structure.

FINAL FOURTH MEET BILLED

Executive and sub-committees handling various phases of the current July Fourth celebration have been called into special session here Monday night by Chairman John P. Daugherty to outline various details on the community venture. The meeting is called for 7:30 p. m. in the mezzanine ballroom of the Lithia hotel and all committee members are urged to be present.

Following are the committees and their personnel: Floats, Ivor Erwin and Sid Reed; soapbox derby, Dr. R. E. Poston, Lloyd Selby, Bob Dodge and C. M. Litwiler; parade, Sid Reed, W. A. Snider, Bert Miller, John Daugherty, Henry Metz and Paul Beare; finance, Fred Taylor, Hal McNair, W. A. Snider, Pete Nutter, Lloyd Selby, George Goswick, Homer Elhart and Bob Ingle; kids' program, Al Simpson; music, Henry Enders, Karl Nims, Herb Moore and Gordon Tripp.

For the most part, the celebration schedule is progressing satisfactorily. So-called loose ends, however, must be taken care of and Daugherty urged that all committee members make special efforts to attend.

Mrs. Orville Abbott and Mrs. W. H. Hampton of Klamath Falls, former residents of Ashland, visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Abbott.

SCOUTS, CAMPFIRE GIRLS ENJOY GIFT CANOES



The following Ashland Scouts and Campfire Girls are here shown with the 25-foot war canoes presented to the Lake of the Woods summer camp by G. S. Butler: Scouts, left to right: George Mack, Jack Merritt, Bill Van Vleet, Fritz Buehling, Robert Huffman, Bill Buehling, Leonard Crosby, Don Flaharty. Campfire Girls, front row, left to right: Verite Robinson, Charlene Robinson, Sherry Stansbury, Jean Clary. Back row, left to right: Betty De Lisle, Eva Smith, Mouryne Burton, Emily Norris, Yvonne Staley, Gloria Wenner.

SEEN IN A DAZE



KARL NIMS giving a highly technical treatise on the effects of Lithia water upon homo sapiens. ASHLAND LIONS trying to enjoy their dinner beneath the shadow of a huge Rotary International symbol.