

Some Ashland merchants still think that "white elephant" means a mammal of uncommon color and in no wise connected with slow moving merchandise.

To be optimistic Jackson county citizens may now think the reason for removing the CCC headquarters is to make room for the cantonment.

The request for chamber of commerce support from the city doesn't seem so out of place when considering that the work of a progressive chamber is a benefit to all residents.

On a week-end trip to the coast we stopped at Charleston to see ex-editor Hall, but as might have been expected, Hall was far out in the Pacific trying for his share of the precious tuna.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

To the Editor:

According to Noah Webster, white elephants are rare and are venerated in India, Ceylon, Siam and Burma. In the USA a white elephant is an embarrassing possession and hard to dispose of. Local merchants are offering unusual bargains this week-end to "ivory-hunters" in order to get rid of "elephants" on their hands.

The cost of living was less in the old days because a man didn't have to scrap all his possessions every year with the introduction of new models.

Contrary to what most persons think, the farm is not the safest place to work. Statistics of the National Safety Council show that farm accidents last year took 4,500 lives.

Mothers who scold little boys for carrying crazy things in their pockets should look in their own handbags.

OLD TIMER.

Explorer on Stage At Local Theatre

Capt. Harry Schenck of Hollywood, world traveler and film producer, is appearing at the Lithia Friday and Saturday in connection with the showing of his film of scientific exploration, "Beyond Bengal." Captain Schenck will appear in person at each show.

The film took the captain and safari of 1600 men deep into the Malayan jungles for nine and a half months. A prince from the court of Siam and a rajah of Perak made the journey and appear in the film. Also appearing in the picture is the sultan of Perak who, Captain Schenck explains, will dispel all previously conceived opinions of what a sultan should look and act like.

Double Guilt Brings Angler Heavy Fine

Lester Vaughn, Chiloquin angler, was fined \$50 and costs in justice court this week when he was found guilty of having both exceeded the bag limit and of possessing undersize fish.

Other recent cases coming before the justice court were:

Percy Clifford Shutt, 45-year-old local war veteran, guilty of disorderly conduct and fined \$10 and costs with a 90-day jail sentence.

Lewis Byron Ansted, Medford, found guilty of failure to stop at an intersection, forfeited \$5.50 bail.

Lawrence Ellis Knight of Klammath Falls received a fine of \$25 and costs on a charge of reckless driving.

Chester L. Miracle, guilty of passing on the wrong side of traffic, was fined \$1 and costs.

Harvey Albert Thayer, Talent, received a fine of \$1 and costs for driving without a tail light.

HILL-KOEHLER

Miss Harriett Hill, vocal instructor at the local junior and senior high schools, and John Koehler, art instructor at the same schools, were married at Aberdeen, S. D. Aug. 3. Both Mr. and Mrs. Koehler will continue their teaching in the Ashland schools this year. They will make their home at 446 Allison street.

Mrs. R. L. Dusenberry of Coos River visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lay.

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BUSINESS MEN STAGE BIG SALE FRI. AND SAT.

Ashland and adjacent trade area will have an opportunity for some real and exceptional bargains here this week-end. Local merchants are staging what is hoped to be the first annual "White Elephant Sale" Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15 and 16.

With at least half a hundred business concerns actively participating, the affair is being staged under the auspices of the retail merchants committee of the Ashland chamber of commerce. Henry Metz, chairman, has stated that from present indications, the results should be entirely successful.

White elephants are to be stenciled on the windows of the participating firms in plenty of time for the opening of the sale Friday. Stores with the white elephants can be identified as participating in the sale.

The Varsity theatre is offering a five-cent matinee on Saturday afternoon for all youngsters under 12 years of age.

Business concerns listed as cooperating are M & N Food store; What-Not store; J.V.W. store; Ramsey Jewelry store; Selby Chevrolet; Fortmiller's; Jordan Electric; Eastside Pharmacy; Safeway; Elhart's; Hardy's Hardware; Groceteria; Whitehouse; Betty Jane Dress Shop; Icenhower's Second Hand store; Provost Hardware; Ingle Daug; Wick Furniture; Bushnell Studio; Broady Drug; J. C. Penney Co.; Southern Oregon Miner; Daily Tidings; Jordan's Sporting Goods; Stevens Market; Dodge Furniture store; Drive-In Market; Allin Lumber Co.; Western Auto; Metz store; Reed-Young Texaco; Herbert's grocery; Claycomb Motors; Beare Motors; Ashland Laundry; Madden's Tire Shop; Crosby Texaco; Leever Motors; Westside grocery; Kerr's Market; Plaza grocery; Lilly grocery; Moore's Bazaar; Daugherty grocery; Cook's Reception; McNair Drugs; Plaza Trade Shop; Jones Jewelry; and Lininger's Hardware.

Second Plague Death In Siskiyou County

The second death from sylvatic plague in Siskiyou county, Calif. within the past two months was reported last week when the death of a five-year old child in the Mt. Shasta community was definitely determined as resulting from the plague.

Dr. Karl Meyer, a recognized authority on bubonic plague, conferred several days with physicians of the county relative to the disease and precautions to be taken by the public. Dr. Meyer said that the sylvatic plague is not of the epidemic type and that it differs from bubonic plague in that the latter is transmitted by rats while the former pertains to infection from squirrels, chipmunks and other forest animals.

Since the first death, a state laboratory crew of two trucks and 10 men has been doing eradication work in the county.

TALENT NEWS

George Pfeifer and son Jack spent Sunday at their ranch near Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jones and family of Central Point were calling in Talent Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Higgins and her mother, Mrs. Grant, arrived from Bozeman, Mont. where Mrs. Higgins has been visiting for the past several weeks. Mrs. Grant will remain in Talent for awhile.

Earlene Withrow, former Talent girl and Earnest Aikens were married in Reno last Thursday. Earlene attended the Talent school and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Withrow. They will make their home in Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tame of Dead Indian were business callers in Talent Saturday evening.

At the last meeting of Talent grange, held Thursday night, members of the Junior Accordion band, all under 10 years of age, under direction of Mrs. Eve Prentice of Medford, played several group solo numbers. The grange will hold its annual picnic at Helman's Baths Sunday, Aug. 17. Y. G. A. held its swimming party at Twin Plunges Wednesday followed by a wiener roast in the park. Mrs. Chase Gardner was hostess to the Home Economics club on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robison and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Smith are on the hospitality committee for next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barry, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Ottinger for the past week, returned to their home in San Francisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cochran and son Keith of Eugene are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Estes and other relatives this week. Mrs. Estes is Mrs. Cochran's sister.

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Forester Says Fire Is Great Killer Of Young Wild Life

SALEM, Aug. 13--The sight of back-water pools in fishing streams covered with forest-fire ash in which trout and salmon lie belly-up is only too common to state forestry department wardens, N. S. Rogers, state forester, declares in a plea to Oregon recreationists.

"When trees burn, fish burn," says Forester Rogers. "I suggest that every man and woman who goes into our woods to enjoy the wonderful sport of rod and line repeat these five words every time a match is struck. The fish die from streamside forest fires because their stomachs get filled with ashes. Often trout have been seen to strike at live coals the moment they touch the water. They die instantly and in large numbers. Salmon-run streams are frequently jammed with burned-down snags and other debris

which hold the fish back from their spawning grounds.

"Spring fires strike pheasants and other game birds on the ground in their nesting season. Often the mother as well as the eggs or young birds is destroyed. Deer die in every sizable forest fire. So do elk and bear. It is believed that they become confused by smoke, flame and heat, as horses do in burning stables, and are then easy prey to fire.

"The forest fire is the great killer of young wild life--fish, game and trees. All values of Oregon's outdoors go up in forest-fire smoke, not only existing values but those of the future. Fire leaves nothing but death and desolation in the forest.

"I appeal to all sportsmen to help the state forest wardens KEEP OREGON GREEN."

PEAR PACKING NOW AT HEIGHT

A visit through the E. T. Newbry and Son packing plant at Phoenix was an interesting event as well as an enlightening one to the writer.

The large and newly remodeled plant is now packing approximately 2000 boxes of Bartlett pears daily. The plant is employing 60 people and will continue at this rate for about 15 or 20 days, according to Mr. Newbry.

In the box department 175 kegs of nails are used each season.

About \$1200 was spent this season for modern machinery, the installation of which makes this one of the most compact and efficient plants in the state.

Some idea of the magnitude of the Rogue River valley pear crop may be gained when one understands that the large output of the Newbry plant is mainly from their own orchards of 250 acres.

"Last year," said Newbry, "we shipped 35 cars of pears to one firm alone in New York."

This of course was only a small part of the output. At the present time about one-half the run is being shipped to Del Monte canneries. Tons of fruit that housewives in the intermountain states would eagerly buy at top prices are culled out daily.

Until the European squabble, Newbry enjoyed a fine export trade. His trade mark, "Nuf Sed," picturing a large polar bear and ice floe is known in Asia or more accurately now--the eastern as well as the western hemisphere.

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Juvenile Star Joins In Fun at Park

Ashland youngsters playing at Lithia park playground Monday found themselves romping about with a real movie star as a playmate, for joining in their fun was Bobs Watson, 11, who played the part of Pee-wee in the film "Men of Boys' Town."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Coy Watson of Hollywood, were visiting the L. R. Friderger family here, Mr. Watson and Mr. Friderger being old friends. After lunch Monday Bobs accompanied Miss Dorothy Friderger, playground supervisor, to the park where he proved himself to be a "regular feller" as he romped about with his local playmates.

After their stop here, the Watsons visited with Mrs. Watson's sister in Phoenix, Ore., and continued on to Portland on a vacation trip.

C-C TO ASK CITY SUPPORT

Assistance in carrying out the activities of the local chamber of commerce will be requested of the City of Ashland, according to the action of the chamber's directorial board this week.

President R. I. Flaharty requested that the chamber finance committee meet with the finance committee of the city council in seeking an annual sum of \$1200 to make up the tentative budget of \$4,500. It was indicated that if this amount could be secured, the chamber itself, through present county assistance, an increase in the basic dues rate and a supplementary budget fund, could make up the difference.

Flaharty called attention to the expansion expected throughout this area in both a military and a commercial nature. Although nothing definite or official was given, it has been felt that the cantonment hinges on national legislation increasing the army and local officials now expect word within a short time.

Of the members answering the questionnaire dealing with increasing the basic rate, the majority expressed approval of the plan.

The chamber of commerce also will make formal request that Ashland be included in the designated defense housing area, if and when the cantonment construction is authorized. Bob Ingle, Senator George Dunn, Dr. R. E. Poston and Manager Dean Pieper were named as a committee to study local housing problems.

ENTERTAIN AT BREAKFAST

Mrs. Verne Cary and Mrs. Mrs. Earl Fraley entertained at a garden breakfast Wednesday morning of last week. Guests included Mesdames Clarence Litwiller, Fred Engle, Lawrence Coder, C. L. Bergstrom, Eric Weren, Paul Byers, C. E. Pratt, Homer Elhart, C. H. Putney, Charles White, G. A. Briscoe, G. W. Bruce, Ralph Billings, Homer Billings, J. Q. Adams, Walter Herndon, R. L. Crosby, Allen McGee, Frank Davis, Henry Newton, all of Ashland, and Miss Gertrude Engle of Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. Ocean Pellett-Sherman of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Sydney W. Hall of Gresham.

HILT NEWS

Miss Barbara Roush was hostess at a get-together party Wednesday afternoon. Chinese checkers were played with the prize being won by MaEmma Geroy. Those attending were Misses Marjorie Mendes, Audrey Walker, Phyllis Alphonse, MaEmma Geroy, Josephine Roush and Mrs. William Roush. Root beer, candy, ice cream and cake were served for refreshments.

Mrs. George Wright is visiting in Santa Anna and Long Beach. Mrs. Don Rosecrans was hostess July 29 at a birthday party for her daughter Donna who is now three years old. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Nelson. Games were played with high prize being won by Wilma Brown. Those attending were Doris Wall, David Franklin, Lillian Franklin, Howard, Delbert and Arnold Nelson, Dougis Newman, Mike Purvis, Ricky and Michael Pianka, Vallee and Jimmy Goldenpenny, Kenneth Vincent, Cheryl Smith, Patty Henderson, Shirley Black, Mary and Wilma Brown, Diane Ward, Ruth and Donna Rosecrans, and Barbara Jean Hawes of Long Beach, Calif., and Vonnie Tepovac of Gold Hill, Ore. Mothers present included Mesdames Jo Goldenpenny, Virginia Pianka, Iris Smith, Richard Vincent, Opal Ward, May Nelson and Marv Rosecrans. Donna was the recipient of many lovely gifts from those who enjoyed her party and also from a number who were unable to attend. Each little guest received a party favor and delicious refreshments including a

Camp activities will be varied, including water sports, camp craft, nature lore, handicraft, sports, library facilities and other special activities.

To keep everyone in fine physical condition, there will be plenty of sleep, a rest period each afternoon and wholesome, well-balanced meals.

Mrs. W. G. Sander of Ashland Floral shop was ill several days this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lootens Aug. 3, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hanscam July 31, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown of Corvallis visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Crosby.

Ben Balis received word that his brother, Newton B. Balis of Oakland, was struck by an automobile and killed Tuesday.

Miss Camille Clemenson spent several days in San Francisco.

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NORBY GIVES ADDED DATA ON SCHOOL PROJECT

Further information has been revealed this week by Supt. Theo J. Norby in regard to the proposed building project for a new Washington school, which should help clarify the issue before the Aug. 28 vote on the \$90,000 bond issue.

As was announced last week, this proposed project came after considerable study of the inadequacies of the present structure and the feasibility of remodeling. After this study, the board voted 4-1 in favor of a new building. Voting for the project were Etta Schilling, Frank Van Dyke, R. I. Flaharty and Lloyd Selby. The dissenting vote was that of Frank Davis.

In answer to the question of the need of a new building, Norby states that parts of the building have been declared unsafe by an architect. This is said to be particularly true of the second floor which can be used only in a limited way. Furthermore it is said to be inadequate educationally because of the lack of facilities for a well rounded educational program.

In answer to questions as to the financing of the project Norby states that because of the present favorable bond market, now is a particularly opportune time to build and that the board has worked out a plan whereby there will be no appreciable increase in taxes. According to a condensed statement from the office of the county treasurer, the district now has a net bonded indebtedness of \$31,398.24, which will be paid off in four years. The plan of the board is to pay interest on the new bonds until the old have expired then payment of the new bonds will commence at the same tax level. The payment of the interest for additional bonds would increase the tax levy by one mill. For instance, a \$25 tax would be increased by 50c or a \$50 tax would increase \$1.

Some inquiries have been made concerning a definite building program, but it has been pointed out that detailed plans would incur prohibitive expense whereas the present architect's fees for the structural report on the present building and tentative plans for a new project will be under \$200.

The board desires that all voters consider the factors involved and suggests that any group or individual desiring further information may contact the superintendent's office.

Lions Entertain At Annual Picnic

Members of the Ashland Lions club entertained their wives at the club's annual picnic held at the golf club house Tuesday evening. Between 40 and 50 were present for a good time and good eats.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Earl Leever, chairman, R. E. Poston and Robert Lee. George Goswick ably provided the picnic lunch for the group.

LOS ANGELES BISHOP VISITS LOCAL CHURCH

Bishop Stevens of Los Angeles, accompanied by Mrs. Stevens and Miss Ruth Jenkins, daughter of the bishop of Nevada, attended early communion at Trinity Episcopal church in Ashland Sunday.

The party was on a vacation trip and visited Crater Lake and other scenic spots of Oregon.

SCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 8

School Supt. Theo J. Norby has announced that the public schools of Ashland will start Monday, Sept. 8.

DEFENSE QUIZ BOND

Q. Where should I keep my Defense Savings Bonds?

A. In a safe place, because they have value which constantly increases. If you wish, the Treasury Department or any Federal Reserve Bank will hold them in safe keeping for you without charge, giving you a receipt.

Q. Does an album filled with Stamps automatically become a Bond that will pay interest and mature in 10 years?

A. No. The completed album must be exchanged for a Bond. Regardless of the amount of money you have invested in Stamps, they will not bear interest until they are in the form of a Bond or Bonds.

NOTE.--To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail order form.