

Why all this fuss over the SP taking off two measly little trains? Maybe they're just being patriotic and intend to dig up the rails to make battleships.

Report has it that the U. S. and Jap navies have agreed to divide the Pacific ocean 50-50—Uncle Sam to take the upper half, the Japs the lower.

Judging by the cold December, one would think the treacherous Japs have turned the heat off the Japan current.

With a handful of native boys, a few American soldiers, rocks, clubs and blow guns, General MacArthur is holding the enemy horde at bay. What would he do with a couple of cannon and a bomber?

THIS AND THAT
(By Old Timer)

To the Editor:
"Old HCL," familiar to those who experienced the first world war, is back in our midst and growing huskier every day.

Lawmakers at Washington are considering a price ceiling on commodities. It is to be hoped that the ceiling will be skylight proof.

We wonder what the effect would be if civic bodies protesting the curtailment of passenger train service, should mobilize their forces and stage a Coxey army march on Southern Pacific headquarters in California.

Speaking of war-time sacrifices recalls the eventful days of 1917-18 with its heatless and meatless days. We ate Victory bread with a good filling of bran; sugar was rationed and was 24 cents a pound. Staple commodities sky-rocketed and nothing escaped a sharp price rise. We also had to dig deep into our jeans to buy Liberty bonds or be classed a slacker. Verily those were the times that tried men's souls.

Mayor Wiley Returns From Church Meeting

Mayor Thornton S. Wiley returned Thursday morning from a meeting of the general board of the Nazarene church which was held in Kansas City, Mo. Jan. 9 to 12.

The mayor reported encountering some sub-zero weather in the middle west and also told of his first experience with the Southern Pacific's train-bus service from the south. He told of arriving in Dunsuir in the early morning hours and of a long and unpleasant wait in a cold, dimly lit bus waiting room.

Board Hears Report On School Repairs

A report on the progress of the nearly complete reconstruction work on the Washington school building was heard at the regular meeting of the school board Tuesday evening. It was indicated that there would be no school Monday at which time final details of the work would be completed.

Details of the reconstruction work were listed as follows:
Strengthening of roof structure and addition of timbers.
Posts and girders from basement to third floor level.
Indirect lighting fixtures in three rooms.
Removal of bell tower.
New outdoor exit door from cafeteria.

New rail welded in fire escape to close dangerous gap.
Partitioning of boiler and fuel rooms with metal lath and plaster.

The board also considered problems which are expected to arise from cantonment construction.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

The following traffic cases came before the justice court of M. T. Burns the past week:
Arthur James Engle, Shady Cove, Ore., was fined \$2.50 and costs for operating a car with a void registration number.

Therman O. Martin was found guilty of passing with insufficient clearance and received a fine of \$3 plus costs.

Vincent Harry Taylor, Ashland, drew a fine of \$2.50 and costs for driving on the wrong side.

A. C. NININGER 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)
"SO ENDS OUR NIGHT"
"DOWN IN SAN DIEGO"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"BELLE STARR"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

AHS CAGERS TO TANGLE WITH TIGERS TONITE

The standing athletic feud between Medford and Ashland high schools will be transferred to the basketball court tonight when they meet on the local junior high court to determine the lead of the district 4 race for the trip to the state tournament. At present, both teams are tied for the top but Ashland has played two district games to Medford's one.

Coach Jerry Gastineau has been drilling his team hard since their 43 to 19 win over Roseburg in preparation for the Medford tilt tonight and says the entire squad is intact and in excellent condition.

If comparative scores mean anything, Ashland opened the district 4 conference with a 35 to 11 win over Grants Pass last Friday night. Medford took the Cavemen into camp with a 34 to 27 score Tuesday night. Medford's offense was able to score but one point less than Ashland's through the Grants Pass defense while the Cavemen meaked through Medford's defense for 16 more than they could gather against Ashland. Against Ashland the Cavemen scored but one field goal.

A near-capacity crowd is expected to be on hand tonight at 8 o'clock when these two teams square off in their crucial tilt. A preliminary, scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock, will see the reserves of the two schools fight it out.

Probable starting lineups for the varsity game follow:

Ashland	Pos.	Medford
Jandreau	F	Monteith
Provost	F	Herman
Rath	C	Wall
Riggs	G	Reynolds
Fowler	G	Fawcett

Officials: Bob Liablys and Bill Robinson of Grants Pass.

Rationing Board Issues First Tires

Ashland's tire rationing board has announced that Ashland's quota for the month of January will include 12 truck tires, 10 truck tubes, five passenger car tires and four passenger car tubes. Jackson county's quota was set at 137 tires and 115 tubes for trucks and buses and 56 tires and 47 tubes for passenger cars.

The board already has approved several applications and tires and permits to buy tires have been issued to the following: Dr. R. E. Poston, two tires and one tube; James Noble, one tractor tube; Charles Skeeters, two truck tires and two tubes; Milo O'Hara, two truck tires, and C. C. Corwin, two truck tires.

Members of the Ashland rationing board are Harry McNair, H. G. Enders and Mrs. P. H. Stansbury.

SONS, OCE FIGHT FOR TOP SPOT

Ten Southern Oregon College of Education basketball players left by private auto this morning for Monmouth where they will play Oregon College of Education tonight and tomorrow night and then will travel on to Portland where they meet Albany college in return games to be played Monday and Tuesday nights.

Those making the trip are Bob Mulder, Bobby Hoefs, Wes Peters, Chuck DeAutremont and Joe Spayde, the starting lineup; and Dutch Scheidreiter, Darrell Copeland, Joe Berry, Harold Brown and Bruce Wall, reserves.

According to Coach Jean Eberhart, the Sons can expect a tough battle against OCE for they have proved always hard to beat on their home court. They now have two excellent ball players who were not with them during the fall quarter, said Eberhart.

Both teams will be fighting to the bitter end for leadership of the Oregon Intercollegiate conference since neither team has lost a conference game to date. The Sons are in top spot in the league since they have played more games than OCE.

Former AHS Student Is In Air Reserve

Word has been received that Robert Paul Pinckney will complete his preliminary flight training at the Naval Reserve air base at Oakland, Calif. today and will now qualify for appointment as aviation cadet in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

After his appointment as a cadet, he will receive several months of advance training and will then receive his navy wings and a commission of Ensign, U. S. Naval Air Reserve.

Pinckney is the son of Mrs. E. F. Spencey of Dunsuir and was a former student in Ashland high school.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"That love of freedom, that vigor, that fearlessness in the presence of sudden peril or foe which are the gift of the sea to its sons."
— CONSTANCE LINDSAY SKINNER.



U.S. NAVY U.S. MARINE CORPS
SONS OF THE SEA OF A COUNTRY WHICH HAS NEVER LOST A WAR.

HOME DEFENSE MEETING HELD

Harry McNair, head of the Ashland civilian defense, called a meeting of the chief wardens, their assistants and special police Tuesday night at the city hall.

McNair opened the meeting by describing Ashland's civilian defense set up and the manner in which zone headquarters are to report to police, fire, light and water departments, and defense headquarters.

Police Chief Talent then explained the functions of the wardens and special police emphasizing the fact that most blackout offenders may be dealt with in a cooperative manner and only in exceptional cases will police assistance and the enforcement of the city ordinance be required.

Elmer Biegel requested that the specially trained men of the city light and water department be called in case of damage to electric and gas facilities.

Fire Chief Clint Baughman then described types and methods of handling incendiary bombs which would be most apt to be used in case of raids on smaller cities. Glen Simpson spoke briefly on the characteristics of poison gases but indicated that they would probably be used only in congested areas.

Book Drive Urges "Keep 'em Reading"

Starting Monday, Jan. 12, the Victory Book Campaign gets under way in Oregon, when every citizen is invited and urged to give at least one good book for the boys in the service. It's a nationwide drive, with Oregon activities headed by Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian.

"Keep 'em reading, too!" is the slogan adopted by Oregon for this campaign, which will continue for several weeks.

Librarians, heads of service clubs and women's clubs, as well as other civic leaders, are asked to lend their support to this all-out effort to provide desirable books for the nation's soldiers, sailors, marines and fliers.

Don't go to the attic for these books. Our boys don't want musty, cast-off volumes. Give the books that you yourself like—give books that are worthwhile, books that are desirable. Up-to-date technical books will be appreciated especially. Service men like fiction, biography, travel, adventure, humor. Books dealing with current events, mathematics, history and geography are needed for study.

Troops stationed in Oregon will have first choice of all books collected. The surplus will go to the forces on land and sea elsewhere.

All books collected should be left at the local library.

Legionnaires Plan Banquet Here Jan. 21

Many southern Oregon Legionnaires will gather in Ashland Wednesday, Jan. 21, when the members of Voiture No. 165 of the "40 et 8 Societe" assemble at the Lithia hotel for a combination banquet and business session. Dr. Arthur Taylor of Ashland, chief de gare of the order, will preside at the meeting.

Music and entertainment will be provided by the Legion Klities of Ashland, official state band of the Oregon department of the American Legion.

The Past Commanders' club of southern Oregon will also meet in connection with the "40 et 8" banquet.

GERMAN EXILE SPEAKS AT SOCE

Dr. Martin Hall, noted foreign journalist and German exile, will be the featured speaker at the 9:50 assembly hour today (Friday) in the auditorium of the Southern Oregon College of Education.

Dr. Hall was born in Germany. Although he is still a very young man, he was a prominent journalist in his native land, having had a brilliant career in journalistic circles before being forced to flee from the country. He was exiled from his country because of his insistent attacks on the policies of the Nazi totalitarian state.

Dr. Hall has talked with Hitler and others of the German high command and knows their points of view. He spent a year in Paris immediately after his exile from Germany where he was further able to acquaint himself with the various aspects of the Nazi government and movement. He then spent several months in England before coming to the United States. He has taken out his first citizenship papers and says he "can hardly wait till his final papers are issued to him."

Dr. Hall's message emphasizes the contrast of life for youth under regimented Nazi rule with that of democratic America.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES LISTED FOR POSTMASTER

Returns from the last examination for the position of Ashland postmaster reveals the following list of qualified candidates from which the successor to John Fuller will be selected: Millard Grubb, Elmer Biegel, Lt. Col. Clyde Young, E. E. Vall and Ted Guets-laff.

No information has been received as to when the selection will be made.

Lawson Engel left Wednesday morning for San Diego, Cal. where he is stationed in the navy air corps. He has been visiting in Ashland the past month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Engel.

DEFENSE HEAD COMMENTS ON PUBLIC REACTION TO LOW-FLYING PLANE

In referring to the low-flying plane which roared over the business district early Thursday forenoon, Harry McNair, civilian defense head, stated: "Everyone did just as they should not have done—running out into the street where in case of an actual raid they would be subject to machine gun fire and flying bomb splinters."

SCHOOLS PLAN PAPER DRIVE

School Supt. Theo J. Norby announced yesterday that a waste paper collection drive will be conducted by the students of Ashland schools during the week of Feb. 2 to 9.

The drive will be in the nature of a contest with prizes of defense stamps for individual winners and room and school winners. To avoid confusion and overlapping, the business district will be divided into zones with certain groups of students assigned to each zone.

Supt. Norby stated that a price had been guaranteed for the paper, but that the drive had been postponed because of the possibility of securing a more favorable freight rate.

Proceeds from this drive will be used for the purchase of defense stamps and bonds which will eventually be used to finance some worthy school cause.

Ashland residents are asked to cooperate in this drive by saving all their old newspapers and magazines. Further assistance may be given the collectors by having the papers bundled prior to the collection.

MILLS GET HUGE LUMBER ORDERS

Several southern Oregon mills returned from the lumber auction in Seattle last Saturday with combined orders totaling from 18 to 20 million board feet of lumber to be used by the government in cantonment construction throughout the country. In all the government purchased several hundred million board feet part of which was to be earmarked for the Medford cantonment, according to a bulletin issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association prior to the auction.

Orders taken by the southern Oregon mills was said to be primarily for green fir which can be milled and shipped without drying or seasoning. Shipments are to begin early in February.

The principal mills receiving orders included the Medford Corporation, Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company of Central Point, Alley Brothers, Prospect, Tiller Tiller Mill & Lumber company and the Ingham Lumber company, Glendale.

Telephone Employees Urged to Be on Alert

N. R. Powley, president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, this week issued a coast-wide message to the 39,000 telephone men and women under his leadership, calling upon them to be more than ever alert to safeguard the service during the present war emergency.

In this message to the employees, Powley called attention to the war-borne responsibility not only of doing the work well, but also of not talking to others about "what we do or where we do it... to keep our lips sealed."

H. S. Akins, local telephone manager, points out that Powley's emphasis to the telephone industry of message gives particular war-time service, stating that "Our country can move no faster than its communication services. We all have the great responsibility to get the message through."

In conclusion, the president stated "Let us all go forward, a united group, working as hard as we can, using good judgment to keep well and strong, keeping our lips sealed, and giving the best within us to our beloved country which means our all to each of us."

ASHLAND TAXI DAMAGED IN ACCIDENT WITH TRUCK

The Ashland taxicab driven by Lloyd Rogers was damaged considerably early Tuesday morning in an accident involving the taxi and a truck operated by J. R. Robinson of Grants Pass.

The accident occurred at the corner of the Sugar Pine Lumber company mill road and Highway 66. According to Rogers it was rather foggy and slippery and the truck was unable to stop before smashing into the rear of the taxi which had pulled to the side of the road and was practically at a standstill.

BIDS ON CAMP CONSTRUCTION ASKED FOR SOON

Col. Cecil Moore, district engineer, U. S. engineers office, Portland, Tuesday announced that the engineer's office would probably ask bids Monday, Jan. 19, on the construction of the Medford cantonment. Feb. 9 was mentioned as a tentative date for opening the bids.

The engineer's office did not release information regarding details of the camp construction or the possible number of employes necessary.

Frank VanDyke, cantonment coordinator, left for Portland and Seattle Tuesday evening to apply for the district aid to assist in extending public services and housing to meet the demands resulting from the construction.

Projects for which applications were to be filed included a trailer camp and housing facilities for construction workers, additions to water and sewage systems in Central Point and Eagle Point, enlargement of the Medford sewage disposal plant, hospital extensions and fire fighting facilities for Central Point and Eagle Point.

Since the country is now at war, it has been indicated that only absolutely necessary projects will be considered, thus eliminating many projects planned for in earlier camp consideration.

Hedberg Is Promoted To Medford Position

C. E. Hedberg, assistant cashier of the Ashland Branch of the First National Bank of Portland has been promoted to the position of assistant cashier of the Medford branch of the state-wide bank, it was announced today by G. H. Wenner, bank manager.

Mr. Hedberg started with the First National Bank of Ashland in 1922 and became a member of the state-wide bank's staff in 1937 when it bought the Ashland bank. He will fill the position in the Medford branch that has been held by Paul Meyers who has been transferred to the loan supervision department of the Portland office.

M. A. Marley, pro assistant cashier of the Medford branch will come to Ashland immediately to assume the duties of Mr. Hedberg.

Search for Army Plane Made Here

According to last reports, the army photographic plane that disappeared in the Siskiyou south of Ashland a week ago Tuesday is still missing.

An intensive aerial and ground search has been centered in the Fort Jones area of northern California where several localities reported hearing a plane late Tuesday morning. The plane was en route from Fort Lewis, Wash. to Sacramento, Calif. and passed over Medford on schedule and also was reported by the air warning observation post at Bellview.

The plane was piloted by 1st Lieut. R. A. Stockwell, an experienced pilot and has flown this route many times, who was accompanied by two enlisted men.

C-C Forum Meets At Lithia Hotel Today

The January chamber of commerce forum luncheon will be held today noon from 12:10 to 1 p.m. at the Lithia Hotel dining room.

"What about the College?" will be one of the main subjects presented by Dr. Walter Redford, president of the local college.

Both members and non-members are invited to attend.

Motor Tax Stamps On Sale Jan. 15

Guy T. Helvering, commissioner of internal revenue, announced this week that motor vehicle tax stamps would be placed on sale Jan. 15 rather than Jan. 26, as was originally planned. The reason given for this change of date was to avoid rush and congestion at the postoffices and offices of collectors where the stamps will be sold.

The stamps must be displayed on all cars in use after Feb. 1 and will cost 2.09 for the period ending June 30, after which the tax will be \$5 a year.

CIRCLE MET THURSDAY

The Merley Mission Circle of the Baptist church met Thursday of last week with Mrs. C. C. Snyder in charge. Mrs. A. M. Peters led the devotions. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Maude Renton, Mrs. Bert Hinthorne, Mrs. A. L. Wren and Mrs. J. R. Turnbull.