

The Editor Speaking

Nelson asks that production continue on Washington's Birthday—how better could we honor Washington than by working all the harder to help preserve the nation he founded.

While important tasks are waiting, Congress is quarreling about OCD fan dancers and trying to pull itself out of the embarrassing pension mess.

THIS AND THAT

By OLD TIMER
To the Editor:
Artemus Ward once remarked that it would have been 15 cents in Jeff Davis' pocket if he had never been born. By the same token Uncle Sam would have several spare dollars in his pocket if Commodore Perry hadn't opened the door to Japan in 1854.

In World War No. 1 the government cracked down on slackers in war industries. The edict was "work or fight" and it was enforced to the letter. It is high time to quit temporizing with present work stoppages.

Willkie says Secretary Knox is talking too much. Mebbe so. You have probably noticed that when Willkie lets off steam it's more than an earful or a toad's whisper.

In sporting parlance it appears that the allies have "spotted" the Japs the South Pacific.

With golf balls growing scarce the church may get an upswing in attendance.

Warning Issued on Tardy Tax Returns

The following information regarding delinquent income tax returns has been issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

In the event of failure to make and file an income tax return as required by law within the prescribed time, a certain percent of the amount of the tax is required to be added to the tax unless failure to file the return within the prescribed time is shown to the satisfaction of the commissioner to be due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

The amount to be added to the tax is 5 percent if the failure is for more than 30 days, with an additional 5 percent for each additional 30 days or fraction thereof during which failure to file a return continues, not to exceed 25 percent in the aggregate.

Do not forget that single persons or married persons not living with husband or wife, who earn as much as \$14.43 a week for 52 weeks of the year, and married persons living together who have aggregate earnings of as much as \$28.85 a week for the year, are required to file returns.

LIONS HEAR BOOK REVIEW

Dr. Stephen Epler, member of faculty of the Southern Oregon College of Education, presented an interesting review of the book, "Managerial Revolution," at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Ashland Lions club. The book, written by James Burnham, sets forth the author's theories of the coming economic order which he expects to follow the war.

FIFTEEN ENROLL IN AUTO MECHANICS CLASS

A defense training class in auto mechanics got underway Wednesday evening with 15 young men in attendance.

The class, another of the defense classes being sponsored by the public schools, is under the supervision of W. E. Kerr and is being held at Bert and Bill's garage and service station at the corner of North Main and Bush streets.

Ensign David Bergstrom of the navy air corps has been transferred to Jacksonville, Fla.
Mr. and Mrs. William Mulder of Klamath Falls have become residents of Ashland.

OSCAR SILVER 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)
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"SHERIFF OF TOMBSTONE"

(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"TWO-FACED WOMAN"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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COMMITTEE ON CAMP APPROVED

The committee appointed by Mayor Wiley last week to study local needs and problems arising from the cantonment won a vote of approval from the city council Tuesday night. The council also voted \$100 for the operating expenses of the committee. Two new members, Dean Pieper, representing the chamber of commerce, and Mrs. Earl Leever, representing recreational activities, were added to the original committee.

Further business in connection with cantonment included acceptance of Contractor William Lang's proposal to draw up plans for a hospital addition with the understanding that he will receive a commission should the construction be approved.

Harry McNair, Ashland civilian defense head, reported to the council upon progress of civilian defense organization here and was given approval to continue the civilian defense office.

After hearing reports on the siren tests conducted last week, the council also approved purchase of another seven and one-half horsepower siren, like the one tested. These sirens will be located at the Bagley cannery and in the high school area and will be synchronized with the fire siren at the fire hall to provide an effective air-raid warning system for Ashland.

Plans Underway for SOCE Prep Tourney

A ticket sale drive in support of the annual Southern Oregon College of Education class B basketball tournament got underway this morning at a breakfast meeting at the Luthia hotel.

Preliminary plans for the drive were discussed Wednesday noon at a luncheon at which Dr. Walter Redford, college president, was host to a large number of business men. At this meeting the business men pledged their support to the tournament in spite of the war emergency.

Sixteen teams already have signified their intention of participating in the SOCE tournament which will be held at the college gym March 4, 5, 6 and 7, according to Jean Eberhart, tourney director.

Among the teams already showing interest in the tourney are Port Orford, Glendale, Sutherlin, Sams Valley, Prospect, Central Point, Rogue River, Butte Falls, Henley, Gold Hill, Chiloquin, Phoenix, Gardiner, Jacksonville, Coos River and Talent.

Purchase Policy to Boost Chrome Mining

Word was received in Grants Pass this week that the war production board and Metals Reserve company have agreed, subject to confirmation by the RFC board, to institute "retail" purchasing of local chrome ores. It also was indicated that there would be stockpiling at Grants Pass, Coquille, Seneca and Hornbrook where chromite would be accepted in truckload lots.

This change of purchase practices by the government will meet most of the requirements expressed by chromite miners of this area at their five-association meeting early in February.

2,407 MEN REGISTER FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

Selective service headquarters report that 2,407 men 20 to 44 years old registered in Jackson county Monday. Board No. 2, which includes all of the county outside of Medford, registered a total of 1,204 men—317 of whom were signed up in Ashland.

A national draft lottery will soon be held to assign order numbers to the draftees.

HARRISON PARTS CO. MOVES

The Harrison Parts company has been busy this week moving stocks of auto parts and accessories from the Plaza to the new location at 145 East Main. It was indicated that the move would be completed by Saturday. This is one of the first business concerns to move from the Plaza due to the pending corner improvement project.

MANY ATTEND DAD-SON DINNER

More than 100 men and boys enjoyed the community father-son banquet sponsored by the Boy Scouts Friday night.

The after dinner program included colored movies on scouting, group singing and a discussion of scouting opportunities by K. A. Wells, scout executive.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



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C OF C FORUM MEETS TODAY

February forum luncheon for both members and non-members of the local chamber of commerce is slated for this noon, Feb. 20, at the Plaza cafe.

No definite program has been arranged, the session being in the form of a round table discussion on various matters of interest to this area. Cantonment problems and questions are expected to occupy the top heading of the discussion, with representatives of the county coordinating board expected to be present with latest information and developments.

All members are urged to attend. The session will start at 12:10 p. m. and is scheduled to be completed promptly at 1 o'clock.

No Top Limit Placed on Vegetable Prices

Minimum fair prices to growers recently announced for the 1942 canning pea and tomato crops do not in any way constitute maximum or fixed prices, Robert B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the Oregon USDA war board, emphasized in a statement this week.

These minimum prices of \$16.50 a ton for tomatoes and an increase of \$17.50 per ton above the 1940 price for peas for all sieve sizes, are the lowest prices which canners can pay growers and be certified to sell any of their 1942 pack to federal purchasing agencies.

These minimum prices to growers, and to recently announced priced scale for government purchases from canners, are aimed at obtaining a 25 to 30 percent expansion in the 1942 pack of these two crops.

JUNIOR-SENIOR P-TA FORMS DANCING CLUB

An enjoyable dancing party, participated in by about 30 couples, was held at the high school gymnasium Friday evening. The affair was under the sponsorship of the Junior-Senior P-TA and was given as a benefit for that group's activity fund. Most urgent need of the P-TA is funds with which to pay for robes purchased for the high school choir.

Guests present at the first dance signified their desire to support a dancing club meeting once a month and plans are being carried forward to make it a permanent organization.

A feature of Friday night's party was a series of square dances led by a group from the Bellview grange. Lewis Pankey did the calling.

Low Traffic Toll Noted in January

Oregon's traffic fatality toll for January of 1942 reached the lowest point of any January for the past seven years. Earl Snell, secretary of state, disclosed today when he announced 16 persons had been killed in highway accidents during the month.

The toll this January was 15 percent under the death list for January of 1941 when 19 persons were killed.

Snell declared Oregon's record for the first month of 1942 was the more outstanding since many other states in the nation reported strong increases for the month. Complete figures for the nation as a whole are not yet available.

"This improvement is particularly significant at this time because of the imperative need to avoid accidents that interfere with our national war effort," Snell said. "Traffic accidents which kill or maim defense workers and destroy virtually irreplaceable property are as costly to the country as military casualties."

"It is up to Oregon to hold the lead gained in January and to make even greater improvements in the field of accident prevention."

Big Tonnage of Scrap Iron Is Collected

Oregon farmers are "getting in the scrap" in earnest, reports on farm scrap iron collection campaigns being conducted by county USDA war boards throughout the state disclose.

Reports from 10 county boards show that 3005 tons of scrap have been moved from farms into channels where the waste metals can be converted into steel for armaments or other purposes, the state USDA war board reports. This is the equivalent of enough material to make 250 light tanks.

Most of the scrap metal is moving through regular dealers, but granges, FFA boys and AAA community committeemen are cooperating in collecting the scrap in remote areas, the report shows.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT WELL BABY CONFERENCE

The February Well Baby Conference was held at the Civic Club House Thursday afternoon with a record attendance of thirty children accompanied by their mothers. Dr. A. E. Merkel was in charge and was assisted by Miss Helen Parish. Miss Patricia Geiser registered the children.

Others who assisted at the conference were Mrs. Mildred Harmon, Mrs. M. E. Miller and Mrs. C. F. Tilton.

Tax Auditor to Aid in Filing Returns

The state tax commission has announced that a state income tax auditor will be at the Ashland city hall from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., Feb. 26, to assist taxpayers in filing their returns. There will be no charge for this service. Returns must be filed on or before April 1, 1942.

CHAMP SONS WIN HIGH PRAISE

The SOCE basketball players, who have just ended a season undefeated in conference play, received the unanimous praise of the Downtown Quarterbacks at the Tuesday noon luncheon honoring the Sons.

Coach Jean Eberhard also was praised highly, not only for his leadership of the championship team, but also for his introduction of the "crow's nest" system of officiating which has attracted nationwide interest and which may result in new officiating technique.

V. D. Miller, Quarterback president, presided over the informal after-dinner program which consisted of brief remarks from the business men and squad members. The program got underway with Mayor Wiley extending greetings of the city to the players and expressing his personal appreciation of the Sons as a definite asset to Ashland.

One characteristic of the Sons which drew the raise of their coach and several other speakers was their margin of power which numerous times throughout the season has enabled them to come from behind and win.

Wes Peters provided a good laugh for the group when he described Coach Eberhard's squirming on the Mt. Angel bench when the highly-rated Sons stood around in a dazed fashion allowing their opponents an impressive lead in the opening minutes of the game.

During the season, the Sons lost only two games—winning the last 14 games with the high average score of 60.7 per game.

Work Progresses at Medford Cantonment

Preliminary work at the Medford cantonment is now underway and it is reported that the administration field building is already completed. Lewis Urrich, manager of the U. S. employment service office reports that there are many men available for work, but that it will be another week before any large number will be employed. Indications are that 8,000 workers will be needed at the peak of the construction.

At present, no official wage scale has been announced. One union official indicated that the scale would be similar to that in force in the Portland area, but that the unions had not yet been consulted regarding negotiations on a wage scale.

Work also is progressing on the large trailer camp situated on a 70-acre plot several miles from Medford on the Crater Lake highway.

Play Box Premiere Draws Large Crowd

A capacity crowd attended the premiere showing of "A Doll's House," by Ibsen, Tuesday evening, Feb. 17. The play was directed by Angus L. Bowmer of the college drama department and was shown in the new Play Box theater on the campus of the Southern Oregon College of Education.

Members of the cast were Don Darniele, Medford; Ivan Nye, Prospect; Frances Brobert, Bend; Helen Hearing, Ashland; Richard Schuchard, Medford; Damon Clifton, Ashland, and Mildred Schultz, Klamath Falls.

"The Doll's House" will run for six weeks with a show every Tuesday night.

Cannery Team Holds Lead in Bowling

The Bagley Cannery team continued to hold its lead in the Majorette bowling league Wednesday night by winning two out of three games with the Palace Cafe. The Silver Crest won two and dropped one to the Ashland Beauty Shop bowlers and holds second place in the league.

High single game honor went to Shirley Enders who rolled 170. High series score for the evening was 408 rolled by Eileen Eaton.

GRIZZLIES IN CRUCIAL CLASH AGAINST TIGERS

A rejuvenated Ashland high school basketball team will face the crucial test of the season tonight when the Grizzlies tangle with the league-leading Medford high Tigers, the preliminary game beginning about 7:30 p. m.

The series now stands at one win for each of these two teams and if Ashland can turn the tide tonight they will once again lead the district. Proof that Ashland is definitely out of the slump which caused the loss of leadership of the league was established here Tuesday night when the Grizzlies handed Roseburg a thorough trouncing by the score of 54 to 22. Medford also took care of the Indians on their floor Friday night and won handily 36 to 20.

Frank O'Neil, who is coaching the team during the illness of Head Coach Jerry Gastineau, has pointed the club towards a tournament berth and his plans have no room for a Grizzly defeat.

Tomorrow night Ashland travels to Grants Pass for the final tilt in that series and Medford goes to Roseburg, also the final in their series.

SOCE Students Enter Song Competition

Ten original school songs written by members of the Associated Students of Southern Oregon College of Education will be presented before three judges at the regular 9:50 a. m. assembly on Monday, Feb. 23, according to Ollie Depew, chairman of the all-school song contest committee. The public is invited to attend this music presentation.

A \$5 first prize and a \$3 second prize will be awarded the two best entries by the judges, Gordon Tripp, Bertha Smith and Angus Bowmer.

All songs submitted will be compiled and published in an official song book by Pro Musica, national music honorary on the campus.

Housing Space Not Listed Until Ready

Housing facilities in the Ashland area for cantonment construction workers should not be listed until they are ready for occupancy, the county coordinating board stated today.

The initial influx of workers earlier this week was favorably handled and although housing facilities are expected to become strained for a time, the listing of a room before it is ready for occupancy causes confusion and congestion.

The local chamber of commerce is still acting as the Ashland clearing house for the coordinating board in a new housing survey. Residents of Ashland, Talent and Bellview who have rooms or flats available, are requested to leave listings at the chamber offices.

STAMP PLAN TO CONTINUE

The fact that the food stamp plan is going to continue was stressed this week by Lincoln P. Bloomfield, acting area supervisor of the Surplus Marketing administration, in announcing the discontinuation of the use of continuation cards for retailers. Hereafter, all stamps received by retail merchants are to be placed on master cards only, for purposes of redemption. All continuation cards now in the hands of wholesalers and banks must be submitted to the Portland audit office for redemption, Bloomfield said.

Milk Pool For Army Camp To Be Studied

The Oregon Milk Control board announces that a public hearing will be held at the Medford city hall beginning at 10 a. m. Wednesday Feb. 25 for the purpose of studying the possibility of the creation of a milk pool to supply milk for defense purposes.

All phases of the complex problem of supplying an adequate supply of milk for the military forces to be located near Medford will be discussed.

- A. J. Hodgen was a business visitor in Medford Monday.
- Joe Taylor of Bly spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Cloma Burton.
- Mrs. S. A. Dusenberry and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Elhart the first of the week.

ASHLAND vs MEDFORD 8:30 TONIGHT AT THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GYM