

THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer) To the Editor:

Cheer up motorists. A new Jersey man declares that wooden tires are a practical possibility.

This is the open season for candidates for public office. A Minnesota aspirant for congress makes the following unique pledge to voters: "I will do no pointing with pride or viewing with alarm."

Automobile progress: 1940--no running boards, 1941--no gear shift, 1942--no tires, 1943--no cars.

To the frost-bitten Nazi soldier stumbling homeward from Russia it must seem more like a "B-I-T-R-I-T-Z-K-R-E-I-G!"

GENERAL MACARTHUR ON CHURCH AND WAR

The "Army and Navy Register" printed an article by General MacArthur in 1931, which has been reprinted by the same periodical recently, in which he discusses the attitude of the church towards war.

He expressed surprise that so many clergymen recorded themselves as being opposed to war and so repudiating the obligations which fall upon them equally with all other classes of citizens.

In answer to this statement it can certainly be said that a poll of ministers taken 10 years after the article was first printed, and especially since our country has been attacked would show a very different attitude among ministers just as decided as among other groups including the congress of the United States.

Congress alone has the right to declare war and its decision is final and obligatory upon all citizens. General MacArthur says that for ministers to refuse this obligation is to place themselves among potential law breakers and also that it would be logical to deny them the rights of citizenship if they do not accept its obligations.

Today the fact that has destroyed in large part the objection to the present war is that it is a war to protect the right of men to liberty of conscience which obviously would be destroyed under a totalitarian regime such as Hitler's or that of Japan.

General MacArthur calls attention to the article of the Geneva convention in 1907 under which chaplains are noncombatants and not authorized to bear arms.

Within the past few days General MacArthur gave the Distinguished Service Cross to Chaplain Ralph Brown for ministering to the wounded during an attack upon Clark field. The general maintains that "the religion our Lord came to establish is based upon sacrifice and that men and women who follow in His train are called by it to the defense of certain principles, even at the cost of their own lives. I confidently believe that a red-blooded and virile humanity which loves peace devotedly, but is willing to die in the defense of the right, is Christian from center to circumference and will continue to be dominant in the future as in the past."

Those people who never made a mistake never made anything else.

Buying is necessarily restricted to what is for sale. That is why it pays to advertise.

ED DOYLE 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) OUTLAWS OF THE DESERT (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) SERGEANT YORK (Wednesday and Thursday) UNHOLY PARTNERS Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

Ashland Schools Take Precautions Against Attack

If an enemy warplane should visit Ashland intent upon wreaking havoc in one form or another, it will not find Ashland schools unprepared for protection. School authorities have acted promptly in taking steps to equip with fire-fighting materials and to train students and pupils in air raid measures designed to give them the minimum of protection in case of an emergency.

Certain areas of the high school building have been designated for use in case of an alarm. Inner hallways will be used as shelters where the main part of the student body may be assembled. These areas are set back from outside walls, are protected from flying glass and are spacious enough to accommodate the entire group without crowding and unnecessary confusion.

Organization of faculty and student units to facilitate conduct of the school during raids has been accomplished and these units have learned their functions. Principal B. C. Forsythe is in charge. If he cannot serve, Kenneth Wood is in charge. Janitor Nance is fire chief, with Elliott McCracken in charge if he cannot serve.

Assisting the faculty are the following student units: Aides, inside guard detail, outside guard detail, first aid detail (three teachers and three students), telephone detail, fire squad.

Similar organizations have been perfected at the junior high school and Washington and Lincoln schools. A squad of 10 high school boys has been appointed to aid at Lincoln school and a group of citizens will act in the same capacity at Washington school.

Supervision of rooms at the high school has been delegated to the following instructors: Hall, rooms 1, 3, 4, 5, Miss Hulst; basement, boys' side, Mrs. Koehler; basement, girls' side, Miss Wood; hall, room 7, 8, 9, Miss Fry; basement, boys' side, Miss Page; assembly, Miss Loseley, and lecture hall, Mr. Koehler.

Bags of sand have been deposited at convenient places throughout the building and garden hose is being provided to attach to the fire fighting hose in the hallways. Nozzles will be equipped to produce a fine spray as this is the most effective means of extinguishing fire bombs.

Students are being instructed in the alarm code and in marching to the shelter area.

Parents have been given an opportunity to express preference for the type of protection for their children. Questionnaires sent to them from the schools permit them to signify whether the children should remain at school or go home.

The system in use in Ashland schools is on the same pattern followed by most schools in this defense area and has the approval of the army officer in command of the district. In the opinion of school authorities it is the best possible protection to offer short of underground shelters, which at present appear prohibitive, and every effort is being made to protect both human life and school property.

Capacity Crowd Attends Dinner

Approximately 115 plates were served at the annual chamber of commerce dinner in the main auditorium of the Talent grange hall Thursday evening of last week. Included in the group besides Ashland members and their wives were grangers and guests from Medford, Central Point, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Yreka.

Informal introduction of guests preceded the dinner and later a musical program directed by Mrs. Catharine Hufman including violin numbers by Ann Crandall and vocal selections by Frances Brobert was well received.

Speaker of the evening was Governor Charles A. Sprague. He stated that he believed people attending a chamber of commerce meeting would be interested in hearing about conditions of their state and devoted most of his talk to explaining the tax situation and Oregon's defense set-up. Walter Stafford of Yreka acted as emcee.

TEACHERS LEAVE FOR ASSOCIATION MEETING

Supt. Theo J. Norby, Elliott McCracken and Miss June Brasted of the high school faculty and Miss Edith Bork of Lincoln school are in Portland attending a meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association. Mr. Norby went north Sunday evening and the others left Wednesday morning. Sessions are being held at Benson Polytechnic high school, with Mrs. Isabelle Brinker of Klamath Falls, president, in charge.

Politicians Blamed War Blundering

This war will not be lost by the boys in uniform but by the blundering of politicians—that is, if the war is to be lost. That is the opinion expressed Tuesday evening by Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls publisher, in an address before the International Relations dinner of the A. A. U. W. and guests at the parish house.

Jenkins' subject was "We Have to Win This War—What Can We Do at Home?" "What can we at home do? We can give up our boys and keep them in touch with home affairs. We can pay taxes. We can buy bonds. We can carry on the jobs at home. We can make sacrifices cheerfully."

"The war will not be lost by the boys in uniform but by the shortcomings and failures of the politicians at home. Ride herd on the politicians, not those of South Carolina, or Georgia, but Oregon congressmen and senators. Let them know your opinions of what is done or not being done in Washington in no uncertain terms," he said.

A short musical program, under the direction of Mrs. Stephen Epler preceded the address of the evening.

Trinity guild of the Episcopal church served the dinner. There were about 60 guests present.

Simpson Successor On Job Monday

George Porter, selected to replace Al Simpson as instructor and director of athletics at junior high school, took up his new duties Monday. Simpson was moved up to head football coach and teacher at Ashland high school to replace Frank O'Neill who has been granted a leave of absence to enlist in the physical fitness program of the U. S. navy. O'Neill left Monday afternoon for Portland where he will report for duty prior to being sent to Norfolk, Va.

Porter is a graduate of Portland university where he majored in education. He comes to Ashland from a post-graduate course at Willamette university which he quit to take his new position. He attended Franklin high school in Portland.

Porter has had considerable experience in organizing boys' work and comes here with a fine recommendation. He is not an athlete, coach.

Being of draft age, he will fill in until the expiration of the present term at which time he will go into the army. He has been assured of deferment long enough to finish this term.

Ministers Arrange Passion Week Series

Passion Week services will be held each evening beginning Monday, March 30, according to an announcement made Wednesday by the Ashland Ministerial association. The first service will be held at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening at the Congregational church, when Rev. L. B. Furman will speak on the subject "What evil hath he done?" Services will be rotated the rest of the week as follows:

Tuesday evening—Assembly of God church. Rev. C. F. McCall will speak on the subject: "Whom will ye that I release unto you?" Wednesday evening—Nazarene church. Rev. J. R. Turnbull will discuss the subject, "What shall I do with Christ?"

Thursday evening—Baptist church. "Dost thou fear God?" will be the subject discussed by Rev. B. F. Peterson.

The Presbyterian church will be the scene of the Good Friday service, for which the ministers have prepared a special service. Seven of their number will participate in presenting in tableaux and candle lighting service the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Choral Club Bills Concert Series

Ashland Choral club, women's group, has scheduled several performances within the next few weeks.

Starting April 8, the club will make an appearance at the Varsity theatre in connection with the cinema, "The Chocolate Soldier," featuring Nelson Eddy and Risa Stevens, for which the group is selling tickets and will participate in the receipts.

Next on the schedule is the Rogue River College Women's club at the Civic clubhouse in which the choral group will be heard in three numbers.

On April 24 the club will give a half-hour concert for Bellevue grange at the grange hall, and on May 8 the spring concert will be given as a feature of National music week.

There are those, who, facing demands laid upon them, are busy looking backwards to see if the way is clear for a retreat.

Lions Club Has Musical Evening

A turnout of Lions that taxed the capacity of the club dining room at the Lithia hotel Tuesday evening was treated to the finest musical program of the season when Pierce Knox, noted blind xylophonist, played five numbers.

Knox is a member of a party headed by H. C. Cooper and including Miss Lora Cooper and Miss Melva Leonard, representing the National Transcribers Society of Oakland, Calif. The group is returning to California after a seven weeks tour of Washington and northern Oregon. A program was given at Ashland high school Tuesday and the visitors cheerfully accepted an invitation from the Lions to appear at the regular dinner meeting Tuesday evening.

Displaying rare talent and accomplishment as a musician, the artist played both classical and popular numbers. From his repertoire of more than 200 pieces he selected for Lions' enjoyment John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," Brahms "Hungarian Rhapsody,"—one movement only,—and Nola as his first group. On his second appearance he announced that in classical music the standard of perfection has long been classified as the "three B's"—Bach, Brahms and Beethoven. In more modern times another three B's has sprung up—blues, barrelhouse and boogie-woogie. His next number characterized the modern trend in the form of a medley including St. Louis Blues, Blues in the Night, Goodbye Blues and some other number your reported wasn't up on, but the medley was handled with the same musicianship displayed in playing the classical numbers.

This remarkable young man has the distinction of having won the gold medal in national competition for high school xylophonists. Miss Cooper is his accompanist at the piano.

Mr. Cooper took over the meeting and introduced Miss Leonard, who is as skilled in her line as Mr. Knox is in his. She is a stenographer, seamstress, knitter and drama writer. Since she is a small girl, she has made herself independent and to prove it she unlearned a needle in about half the time it takes the average seamstress. She did some brain (Continued on page 4)

No County Fairs During Wartime

Effects of wartime conditions found expression here this week when Beauview grange announced that the southern Jackson county fair has been cancelled for this year. This cancellation doubtless means for the duration, as the grange hall has been fitted up as an emergency hospital.

Word comes from Gold Hill that the North Jackson county fair has been cancelled for the duration.

Both fairs were beginning to attract widespread attention from exhibitors, as well as many visitors.

Pedestrian Accidents Reduced 18.8 in 1941

For the first time in five years pedestrian accidents in 1941 did not head the list in types of traffic accidents causing the greatest number of deaths in Oregon, Earl Snell, secretary of state, disclosed today.

Pedestrian accidents were reduced 18.8 percent from the toll of 1940. There were 108 persons killed in this type of accident last year, which was 27 percent of the total fatalities reported in 1941.

In 1940, pedestrian fatalities constituted 37 percent of all deaths, in 1939 they caused 34 percent, in 1938, 30 percent and in 1937, 34 percent. Last year, non-collision accidents caused the greatest proportion of all deaths, 30 percent, while collisions involving two or more cars caused 29.5 percent of all deaths.

These three types, pedestrian, non-collision and car-collision consistently take the greatest toll in traffic fatalities.

Of the 108 persons killed in pedestrian accidents last year, 55 died in city accidents and 53 in rural crashes, Snell's figures revealed.

More than half the pedestrian deaths, 53 percent, resulted from accidents which occurred during the hours 5 to 9 p. m. About the same percentage of the pedestrian victims were struck while engaged in some such unsafe walking practice as jaywalking, crossing intersections diagonally, stepping out into the street from between parked cars, or walking on the right side of the highway instead of on the left, facing approaching traffic.

Sixty-six percent of the pedestrian fatalities involved persons 50 years of age or older. The month

Battle for Australia and Allied Threat To Japan Comprise Week's Highlights

Japs Launch Heavy Attacks on Two Fronts; U. S. Navy Surprises Enemy at Marcus and Wake Islands

Pursuing their policy of spreading over new territory, the Japs launched a heavy attack Monday for the conquest of Australia. Doubtless realizing that the change in leadership of the Allied forces in the Pacific meant more trouble for them, they apparently struck with the intention of gaining ground before MacArthur could get his forces fully organized. Although attacking with great force, the

AMERICANS PLEASE READ!

This announcement is to AMERICANS.

The security of America depends upon you.

If you have normal hearing and sight you are needed for service on your closest Aircraft Warning Service Post.

Do your part in the service of your country as so many of America's young men are now doing theirs.

Apply for assignment to duty at your county office of Civilian Defense.

Uncle Sam needs you. There must be no more surprise attacks. Volunteer to do your part today.

Raid Instructions Issued by Civilian Defense Council

Local residents will receive a free copy of "Official Air Raid Instructions," the State of Oregon's new citizens manual, within a few days, announces Governor Charles A. Sprague, state director of civilian defense. Material in this manual is based on lessons learned by the British people from the disastrous \$5,000,000,000 London fire that burned out ninety percent of London during the December 29, 1940 air blitz. The instructions for the Oregon manual were checked for accuracy by army, state and local defense authorities.

The manual, with 70 illustrations, gives detailed information and instructions on the following subjects:

- 1. kinds of air raid signals in Oregon, what to do, whenever you are, when the air raid signal sounds. 2. what you can do now to prepare for an air raid—essential supplies you should obtain now. 3. escape or rescue methods in case your home or building is hit.

Registration Closes 28th At College

Registration for the spring term at the Southern Oregon College of Education will close at noon, Saturday, March 28. Students interested in boy scout leadership, which meets Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m.; nutrition, which meets Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m.; zoology which meets on Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m., and advanced first aid which meets Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. may register in the regular meeting of these classes.

Anyone interested in the new secretarial science course can still enroll in beginning typing II, advanced typing, stenography II, applied stenography and business english, according to Marshall E. Woodell, registrar.

KATHAN TO TAKE JOB AS U. S. MAIL CLERK

M. L. Kathan, shop instructor at the junior high school the past two years, this week received notification of his acceptance by the United States postal department for service as railway postal clerk. He has been assigned to a run out of Portland on the Southern Pacific and will take up the work at the expiration of the present school term.

Kathan took a civil service examination seven years ago and from time to time has been called for extra duty in postoffices in towns where he lived prior to coming to Ashland. While regretting to leave here, he stated that the postal job bears a considerable increase in salary over that of his present job and that opportunity for advancement is much greater.

Of December, with 22 pedestrian deaths, saw the greatest number of these fatalities of any one month during the year.

The reason why a rubber is on the end of a pencil is because of the mistakes made by the other end. But it gets hard and useless if you don't use it.

Just as water seeks its own level so do people fit where they belong.

sons of Nippon met with determined resistance and by the middle of the week admitted that they now are temporarily on the defensive.

In the meantime, Uncle Sam's navy ventured to within less than 1,000 miles of Tokyo, taking the enemy on Marcus Island by surprise and staging a raid on Wake Island to take a few prisoners.

An attempt to intimidate the American-Filipino army on Bataan peninsula failed to disturb Commander Wainwright, who set about to strengthen his forces for an assault which was launched simultaneously with the battle for Australia. Losses have been admitted by both sides but news dispatches indicate that the United Nations are not flinching and that the ultimate outcome will be in their favor.

On the home front the most significant development of the week was in the field of labor. The A. F. L. and C. I. O., facing stringent legislation in congress, gave up the double pay clause in arms industries. They were faced with a change in the 40-hour week and decided to forestall such legislation if possible. This is deemed a victory for War Production Chiefstaun Donald Nelson, who sought to eliminate this objectionable feature which has interfered with the program of all-out production.

Another highlight of the week's news was the moving of thousands of Japanese from restricted zones to areas set aside for them in interior California. The army also issued a third public proclamation of the war establishing a strict curfew on enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans in seven western states.

Coming closer home, Medford has been made a critical defense housing area, with allocation of priorities to cover construction of housing units. No authoritative statement has been made, but it is considered that Ashland, too, eventually will be declared a defensive housing area.

Carpentry Classes Start at Jr. High

A class in carpentry was started Wednesday evening at the junior high school shop. It is open to anyone wishing to improve his system in practical carpentry and there is no fee for the instruction.

The course will cover rough construction work, with special instruction in practical uses of hand and power tools. Time cards are kept and students are privileged to come and go as they wish. Persons intending to work on cantonment will find this excellent training, officials state.

M. L. Kathan, J. E. Chamberlain and E. O. Smith are instructors of the course which will run three weeks. Applicants are advised to register at the office of the city superintendent of schools in the high school building.

JUNIOR HIGH OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCED

An invitation has been extended to the public to attend the third annual junior high school open house which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the gymnasium. Viewing of exhibits will continue until 9 o'clock when the main program will be given.

Every room will display work done in recent months and there will be guides and hostesses to show visitors around the school. Subjects represented will be mathematics, science, health and physical education, English, social science, boys' shop, girls' home-making, art and music. Certain work of the school such as dramatics, band, orchestra, chorus and physical education activities will be shown during the main program in the gymnasium.

There will be no admission charge.

MEETINGS TO CLOSE

A series of evangelistic services in progress at the First Christian church the past two weeks will draw to a close Sunday evening. Rev. B. Ross Evans has conducted the services and thus far 12 additions have been made to the membership, with the expectation that others will follow before the meetings close, according to the pastor, Earl F. Downing.