

THIS AND THAT
By OLD TIMER

To the Editor:
It's Easter in the store windows, with stunning display of Easter bunnies and bright colored eggs. In the good old days mother, on the Saturday night before Easter, "shooed" the youngsters off to bed and then proceeded to dye dozens of eggs, using onion skins and strips of colored cotton. The eggs were hidden in the woods. What a time us youngsters had Easter morning hunting for "rabbit" eggs!

It would be a good thing if our civic, fraternal and service organizations would unite as a group to aid the war emergency program or for betterment of the community. The various organizations in the past have worked separately and independently of one another. Concentrated effort would accomplish more with considerable less work on the part of different groups.

April 6 has been proclaimed Army Day in honor of our armed forces. The day should not be allowed to pass unobserved in Ashland. What patriotic organization has the punch necessary to put the program across?

Two New Faces on Weekly Mat Card

There will be two new faces on the wrestling card at Medford armory next Monday night when Mack Lillard presents his weekly heavyweight program.
In the top main event popular Pedro Brazzi, the South American heavyweight champion, will face Chief Thunderbird, Vancouver, B. C. Indian. Thunderbird, in past appearances at Medford, has shown a mean streak whenever the going gets tough. Brazzi has proven himself capable of taking care of uncouth performers and is expected and hoping won't have much trouble with the big redskin. They will battle one hour straight time or the best two out of three falls.

Pug Carlson, one of the newcomers who comes to Medford out of San Francisco, will face Jim Casey in the six-round middle event. Casey, losing his first Medford match last Monday to Brazzi, because of a leg injury, will be trying hard to get back in the win side of his ledger.

Billy Marcus, the other new face also coming out of San Francisco, will face flashy Andre Adoree in the four-round opener.

The card will feature ladies night with each feminine customer being admitted free of charge if accompanied by a paid admission. Sockeye Jack McDonald, who scheduled to appear Monday, will not be able to come to Medford until April 20.

Practice Track Meet Slated at Grants Pass

Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass track teams will hold a practice track meet at Grants Pass Saturday, according to Al Simpson, who is coaching Ashland high's squad.

Simpson says he isn't expecting much in the way of victories in this early-season meet for his team is not in condition and several of the prospective members are busy getting in shape for the baseball season.

Among those who have reported for practice and the branch they probably will compete under are: Caton, Bushnell and Hall, sprinters; Dunn, Stacey, Hedberg, Clary, Tucker, Newberry, Fowler, Calhoun, Speece and Provost, distance; M. Gettling and Mansfield, weights; Jandreau, high jump, and Kerr, miscellaneous.

TYPING CONTEST CANCELLED

The Oregon state typing and shorthand contest, held annually at Oregon State college for the past 20 years, has been cancelled for this year because of transportation difficulties. Many schools that have participated regularly sent word that they would be unable to make travel arrangements this year.

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Sunrise Service, Cantata Feature Easter Program

While the political world is clouded with doubt and uncertainty, there is no variance from the straightforward policy of the religious world in observing Easter. All over the globe, wherever Christians are permitted to worship, celebrations of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ will be held Sunday.

Here in Ashland a program of Holy Week observances has been carried out by the Ministerial association, with services at several of the churches. Good Friday services have been scheduled at the Episcopal church, beginning at noon today and extending to 3 p. m. At 7:30 p. m., the Ministerial association will conduct a Good Friday program at the First Presbyterian church. The several ministers will participate in presenting "The Seven Last Words" in a special arrangement, using a candlelight service.

Heralding the dawn of Easter, a sunrise service will be held at 6:30 o'clock in Luthia Park. Dr. George W. Bruce, pastor of the First Methodist church, will speak on the subject, "Easter Discoveries." Regular Sunday services will be conducted at the several churches.

Climaxing the day's program will be the cantata, "The Seven Last Words," by Dubois, which will be presented at 8 p. m. at the First Methodist church by a chorus formed of the several choirs of the city. More than 50 voices are included in the group, which is directed by Mrs. John Koehler. The difficult solos and choruses have been mastered and the overflow crowd will have an opportunity to hear one of the finer cantatas.

The evening of music closes with the singing of "Unfold Ye Portals."

Soloists for the cantata include Clark Willis, Paul Byers, Miss Florence Allen, Mrs. Merriman and Mrs. Stephen Epler. Mrs. Frank Davis will preside at the console and Miss Margaret Ramsey will accompany on the piano.

SNELL MAKES HURRIED VISIT TO ASHLAND

Taking advantage of his presence in southern Oregon on official business, Earl Snell, secretary of state, paid Ashland a hurried visit Tuesday afternoon. He was accompanied from Medford by W. H. Fluehrer.

Snell, having served the allotted time as secretary of state, is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. He reports his candidacy is being favorably received in all parts of the state and feels he has a good chance to wrest the nomination from Governor Charles A. Sprague.

This office acknowledges a call from the secretary and his companion.

Manufacturer Pool Being Formed Here

Consolidation of the facilities of several small manufacturing plants in Ashland for the purpose of handling war contracts is well underway, according to information released this week by the chamber of commerce.

Fostered by the chamber's industrial department, a pool of several manufacturers is being organized to put them in position to secure defense contracts. It will be known as "Ashland War Industries, Inc." and organization is expected to be completed within a short time.

Notices of advance bids are on file at the chamber offices for any manufacturer interested, states Dean Fleper, chamber of commerce manager.

Invitations Issued For Unique Service

Invitations have been sent to 27 couples who have been married 50 years or longer, inviting them to attend the second annual service in the Methodist church in their honor. This service will be held on the evening of Sunday, April 12.

The pastor, Dr. G. W. Bruce expresses the hope that every couple has been contacted and received an invitation and will appreciate it if any couple married 50 years or more not having received an invitation will notify him at once.

This evening service will be open to the general public. Further detailed announcements will be made later.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Good Friday service will begin at noon today at Trinity Episcopal church and continue to 3 p. m. There will be meditations on each of the seven last words of Christ uttered on the cross. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend this service.

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

UNCLE SAM is the personification of the proud American spirit - its idealism, its ingenuity, its strength - its "will to do and soul to dare."



NEW LINES OF POWER AND INFLEXIBLE RESOLVE ARE GRAVEN IN UNCLE SAM'S FACE TODAY AS EVERY ONE OF US ADDS HIS FULL STRENGTH TOWARD OUR UNITED DRIVE TO VICTORY.

Military Status of U. S. Army Basis of Discussion by Portland Society--In 1899

"Should our present military system be reorganized and our army increased?" That was the subject discussed by Judge H. H. Northup before the Portland Historical association under the general subject of "The Development of the Military System of the United States."

But wait, gentle reader. The date of that discussion was Jan. 30, 1899, and was prompted by the shortcomings of the American army in the Cuban and Philippine campaigns of 1898. Judge Northup went to some length to show weaknesses in the army set-up--weaknesses that were as apparent in 1917 and in 1941. Those weaknesses were not so much in the fighting units as in those departments contributing to the upkeep of the armed forces. It was true in 1898 when a small war involving two nations and limited in area to two or three comparatively small sections. It was embarrassing in 1917 and again in 1941.

Cause for this article is found in a copy of the Morning Oregonian of Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1899. The paper was brought to the Miner office by Harry Mitchell, Ashland barber, who found it back of a mirror in his shop which he was dismantling and realized the historic value of it. There are many items of interest some of which will be touched briefly.

In a column adjoining Judge Northup's discussion is a heading as follows: "Lakeview's Ambition. It Aims to Be the Best Town in Southeastern Oregon." (Klamath Falls was only Linkville then). The Lakeview Examiner stated "The fact that Lakeview is out of debt, has increased the salaries of her officers and is now zealously endeavoring to put in substantial water works and a fire protector, has been heralded by our contemporaries throughout the entire country, and our town is receiving much praise and many congratulations, even from localities unacquainted with us. That a spirit of progress has broken through the clouds of lethargy so long hanging over our little city is a source of gratification to all who so faithfully and zealously labor for the town's welfare."

The Miner leaves it to others to judge how far Lakeview has gone in the past 43 years, but offers the opinion that the good folks of '99 would have no complaints to make about the little city of '42.

Would you believe it? The Oregonian at that time carried advertising on the front page. Yessir, right there in bold face type are such names as Goodyear Rubber Company, Hotel Perkins, G. P. Rummelin & Sons, Hotel Brewster, Walter Reed, and E. C. Goddard & Co. Meier & Frank Co. were modest in the use of advertising space, as were Olds & King, Lipman, Wolfe & Co., Moyer Clothing Co. and other prominent stores of the day.

On another page we find a feature section on "Prosperous Towns of Oregon." About Ashland, Mayor W. B. Colton said: "Ashland is situated on Ashland creek, a tributary of the Rogue river. Many of the dwellings are on gently rolling ground above the business section--thus affording a delightful prospect to the occupants. The population is fully 2500, and would be considerably more had it been possible for people to rent dwellings during the fall of 1898; yet more buildings were erected last year than for the past five years, and nearly all of them are substantial improvements. Ashland has an abundant supply of fine, cold, soft water direct from Ashland butte. The water is conveyed to different parts of the city through 17 miles of iron pipe. The pressure of the water is so great that it affords ample protection against fire, thus giving Ashland extremely low insurance rates. Ashland creek also furnishes much power for manufacturing purposes, including a sawmill, two planing mills, quartz mill, two flouring mills, woolen mills, foundry and machine shops, and electric light works, besides numerous smaller plants. The outlook for the city is very encouraging. We have had good rains, with an abundance of snow in the high mountains, assuring large crops for the season, besides the washing-out of much placer gold. People are planning to build and mining work is being pushed. Our merchants report 1898 as their best year. Our people are industrious, intelligent and interested in developing their city and state."

Other cities featured are Portland, Salem, Astoria, Oregon City, Albany, The Dalles, La Grande, Eugene, Grants Pass, Corvallis, Roseburg, Marshfield, Dallas and Union.

And last but not least, the Oregonian building, then Portland's skyscraper, was referred to as "The Palatial Oregonian Building." A complete directory of tenants of "the palace" was given.

There are so many interesting things in the browned-with-age copy that it was difficult to select the best. It is likely that the copy will be preserved and at the same time made available to those wishing to peruse it. Some pages are missing and of the remainder also some columns are missing. Withal it is highly interesting.

HIGH SCHOOL OPENS PRECAUTION COURSE

A night class in gas and black-out precautions was started at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening at the high school under direction of the local civilian defense office.

B. C. Forsythe, high school principal, who recently was trained at the concentrated school of lectures in Medford, is instructor. Classes are scheduled for each Monday evening until completion of the course, and are made up of air raid wardens.

Japs Turn Attention to Burma After Tasting Allied Strength in Australia

Hold-out by India and Defense of Bataan Highlight Week's News as Gigantic Struggle Continues

A Japanese thrust towards India featured the war news Thursday. With a dozen warships and four transports swarming into the harbor of Akyab, the brown horde was a mere 75 miles from Indian soil, and 350 miles from Calcutta, Indian metropolis.

Rugged mountains separate Akyab from the main fighting fronts in Burma, but since Malayan jungles and marshes failed to halt the intrepid invaders, it is not likely that anything but a substantial fighting force will hold them back from their objective.

In the meantime, the Indian congress is staging a hold-out on British envoy Sir Stafford Cripps. The

Oregon-California Circuit Replaces Former State Tieup

The newly-formed Oregon-California league will replace the Oregon State circuit in southern Oregon baseball this summer, it was decided at a meeting in Medford last week. Medford, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Dorris will make up the league.

Dom Provost of Ashland was elected president and E. E. McKinney of Medford was elected secretary-treasurer.

Medford and Klamath Falls, having lighted fields, will play night games on Saturdays while Grants Pass and Dorris will play twilight Saturday games. In the event another hour is added to war time, Medford and the Pelicans may also play twilight ball. All Sunday games will be in the afternoon.

The season will begin May 16 and will wind up Aug. 16.

The complete schedule follows:

- May 16-17--Klamath Falls at Medford
- Grants Pass at Dorris.
- May 23-24--Medford at Dorris, Klamath Falls at Grants Pass.
- May 30-31--Open (Decoration Day week-end).
- June 6-7--Medford at Grants Pass.
- Dorris at Klamath Falls.
- June 13-14--Dorris at Medford, Grants Pass at Klamath Falls.
- June 20-21--Grants at Medford, Klamath Falls at Dorris.
- June 27-28--Medford at Klamath Falls.
- Dorris at Grants Pass.
- July 4-5--Open.
- July 11-12--Klamath Falls at Medford.
- Grants Pass at Dorris.
- July 18-19--Medford at Dorris, Klamath Falls at Grants Pass.
- July 25-26--Medford at Grants Pass.
- Klamath Falls at Dorris.
- August 1-2--Dorris at Medford, Grants Pass at Klamath Falls.

Plaza Buildings Nearly Vacated

Tenants of buildings under the Plaza improvement project have been vacating their quarters during the past month and to date there are but two concerns left in the lower block--Baird's cafe and the Herbert grocery.

Occupants of the upstairs sections of the buildings have moved elsewhere and work of razing the structures is in progress. In the meantime, excavation is underway at the rear of the Mars shoe shop, where G. S. Butler will erect a building to house several business of that part of the block.

Local Store Adding House Furnishings

Curtailment of automobile manufacturing, including cars and parts, has prompted the Western Auto Supply company to add lines which still are being manufactured. This consists largely of house furnishings and decorations, some of which already have been received at the Ashland store. Other lines are enroute, according to J. G. Mackie, proprietor, who states that nothing but high class stock will be handled.

Mackie plans to go to Los Angeles April 12 to pick up some furniture and other items and hopes to be ready with a general display in a few weeks.

GRANGE OFFERING BENEFIT FOR EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Bellview grange announces a pie social to be held at the grange hall Friday evening, April 10. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses attendant on fitting up the hall as an emergency hospital for the duration of the war.

It has been found that expense of fitting up the hall is running higher than originally estimated and the grange will appreciate a good patronage at the social to help promote this worthy cause.

Hindus seek complete freedom now--not after the war--and it is believed the British will grant them a voice in home defense. While this controversy is going on, the Japanese are pushing ever closer to Indian soil and the question is, will India accept Britain's proffer, or vice versa, in time to help turn back the enemy at her gates.

An attempt by the Japs to shatter the defenses guarding Manila bay met with dogged resistance by Corregidor's embattled defenders. Wave after wave of the invaders swept forward but the attacks were broken against the cold steel of American and Filipino bayonets. Some advance posts were overrun but the Japs failed to gain the main defense line. Two Jap bombers appearing over Corregidor were shot down by the anti-aircraft defense.

A quickened tempo has been noticeable in the RAF in the past few days, indicating that the British are attempting to hamper Hitler's preparations for his promised spring offensive. News dispatches state that the fuerehrer is moving up approximately 1,500,000 fresh troops to force passage to the Caucasus oil fields and observers hold to the belief that Russia will be able to meet this threat. A Polish army of 60,000 fully equipped soldiers crossed the Russian border into Persia Wednesday.

Here at home, Monday found the Rogue River Transportation company busses in operation and Medford preparing to observe Army Day in a fitting manner, with Ashland joining in the program. There will be a parade and other patriotic demonstrations. Ashland's Kiltie band will participate in the program, as will the American Legion and the Auxiliary.

The Southern Oregon College of Education string quartet will present a musical program for the public in the college auditorium at the regular 9:30 assembly Monday morning.

String Quartet to Offer Program

The program will include the following numbers: Aria by Scarlatti and Spring Song by Mendelssohn, played by the quartet. The Heart Bow'd Down (Bohemian Girl) by Balfe, a cello solo by Eleanor McColm. Rosemunde by Schubert and Fairy Dance by Zimmerman, also played by the quartet.

Members of the quartet are Genevieve Kent of Jacksonville, first violin; Hope Bliss of Paisley, second violin; Frances Brobert of Bend, viola, and Eleanor McColm of Grants Pass, cello.

CLASS OF DRAFTEES LEAVING WEDNESDAY
Ashland's young manhood is fast being depleted through the selective draft and volunteering. Numbers have been called up with regularity since the recent registration, draft boards evidently working to clear up the original registrants in preparation for starting on the new class.

Eight men from Ashland will leave for induction next Wednesday. Included in this list are Gordon and Elliott McCracken, Mike Wolcott, Walter Love, Darby O'Toole, Darrell Copeland and George Bibby.

MITCHELL BARBER SHOP CLOSES DUE TO PROJECT

One more business house in the Plaza improvement district closed its doors the past week when Harry Mitchell shut up shop Saturday evening. Patrons arriving at the shop Monday morning were confronted with a sign stating that beginning April 1 they would find him at the Elk barber shop.

Mitchell states that he will be associated with George Shaffer for the duration of the war at least and if he likes being "up-town" well enough by that time he may decide to remain with the Elk permanently.

Miss Frances Schilling spent the week-end in Ashland, coming from Cottage Grove where she is teaching.