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## Hostess Committee Seeks Volunteers For USO Duty

**Group Preparing for Advent of Soldiers At Camp White**

Heralding the approaching populating of Camp White, the Senior Hostess committee of the USO announces the opening of a drive for volunteers to act as senior hostesses at the recreational center in the Civic club house in Ashland. The committee, headed by Mrs. Ralph D. McCulloch and including Mrs. Dom Provost, Mrs. W. E. Bartlett, Mrs. John Broady and Mrs. F. F. Whittle, is urging all women interested and willing to help in this important work to contact one of its members at an early date.

Senior hostesses will serve at the center a certain number of hours each day and also will be on call to attend any parties given outside the club house which are under auspices of the USO, as any group giving a social affair in the name of the USO is required to have one or more senior hostesses in attendance.

Tentative operating hours of the center have been set and call for opening at 9 a. m. and closing at 11 p. m. The center will be open every day in the week. Hostesses will be present each day from 2 p. m. until closing time. It is desirable to have a sufficient number of volunteers so that the burden will not fall on a few and that no one will need to serve more than once a week.

As soon as a sufficient number have signed for this work a general meeting will be called at which time all details will be discussed and planned. Mrs. McCulloch states that Mrs. Fontaine, program director, now at Medford, will be present to address the meeting, help outline plans and answer inquiries. Anyone wishing additional information in regard to this activity may call Mrs. McCulloch, phone 4247, or any of her committee.

The agencies which comprise the USO are the YWCA, the YMCA, Travelers' Aid, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare board and National Catholic committee.

### HERE ON VISIT

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal McNair over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. James McNair, Miss Margery McNair and Bill Hawkins. The men, members of the air corps, flew in from California Saturday. James McNair returned to Sacramento Sunday night and Bill Hawkins remained until Tuesday leaving for Los Angeles to visit his mother a few days before reporting to San Diego. The young men came at this time to be with Mr. McNair, who is recovering from a major operation performed at the Community hospital Saturday morning.

Dr. C. C. Dunham is renovating his offices at 244 Hargadine. Work rooms are receiving a new coat of paint and office fixtures will be rearranged.

## Write a Letter

How long has it been since you have written a letter to a relative or friend in the armed forces of the United States? Every patriotic citizen should adopt a policy of writing at least once a week for the boys look forward to letters from home more than anything else in camp.

Here are more addresses of Ashland boys who are now serving their country:

A/C Joseph E. Spayde, who starred on Jean Eberhart's SOCE basketball team, is in the air corps in California. His address is A/C Joseph E. Spayde, 39092049, SAAAB Sqdrn. 18C, Santa Ana, Calif.

Stanley Coleman, who was a sergeant with the local national guard company and recently has been stationed at Fort Lewis and Fort Stevens, is now in the air corps. His address is ATD-42K, Bks. 1, Sec. 1, Santa Maria Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Coleman.

Don Warren, former Ashland high school athlete, has been promoted to a second class seaman. His address is S 2nd C, USN, School (Radio) U of W, Madison, Wis. c/o Tripp Hall Sec. F, Div. 1. Pvt. Walter Love, former barber at the Elks barber shop, has been moved from Camp Roberts to Camp Haan, near Los Angeles and is now in the headquarters coast artillery anti-aircraft. Letters addressed to him at Hdqtrs. Btry. 401st Sep. CA Bn. (A. A.) Camp Haan, Calif. will reach him.

George Shaffer, owner of the Elks barber shop, has finished his training at San Diego and has been transferred to Astoria. Letters addressed to him, now in the marine corps, will reach him if sent to Pvt. George Shaffer, MCB-NAS, Tongue Point, Astoria, Ore.

## Ashland Soldiers Attain Promotions

Announcement of promotions by two Ashland soldiers was received this week from the Artillery Officer Training school at Camp Davis, N. C. Kenneth Schilling and Robert Burdick have been commissioned lieutenants.

Schilling is the son of Mrs. Etta Schilling, 338 Holly street. He was a sergeant before entering the officers' training school and had been a physical education instructor.

Burdick is the son of Captain R. L. Burdick and Mrs. Burdick of this city. He ranked as corporal and is listed as a commercial art student.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Manning have received word that their son, Harry Lawrence Manning, graduated last week from the U. S. naval air station, Corpus Christi, Tex., and has been commissioned an ensign in the U. S. naval air reserve. He is a former student at Oregon State college and is in Seattle awaiting assignment.

## Monkey-Shines End for Simian

It was a wonderful time while it lasted, but like all good things it had to come to an end. That's what Bo-Bo, Lithia park zoo monkey, found out Wednesday after he had eluded captors for two days.

Bo-Bo took "French leave" from his cage and was enjoying life a la Africa when discovered by Park Supt. C. E. Corry and members of his park crew. They got the little simian in a corner and were closing in on him when the wily little monkey spotted a telephone wire within reach. He proceeded to do a tight-wire act with the result that he took aerial passage to the other side of the street, disappearing in a tree.

Eluding his captors Tuesday, Bo-Bo wound up at Barney's auto wrecking yard where he had a picnic leading pursuers in and out, up and over cars. He made his great mistake in entering the Ada Gande's home and destroying numerous articles of food, as well as upsetting a gold fish bowl. Mrs. Gande called for help and the little marauder was finally captured and put back in his cage to reflect upon his spree.

## Sewing Group Meets At Junior High School

Growing beyond the capacity of residences to accommodate the number of women wishing to aid in the work, the Hospital Auxiliary this week moved to the junior high school where, until further notice, the meetings will be held.

Starting a few weeks ago with a small group, the women met at homes of the members, with each week showing an increase in membership. A large volume of work has been turned out, giving the hospital valuable assistance.

At Tuesday's meeting the ladies turned out six nightgowns, three sheets and five breast bands, in addition to doing a lot of mending.

All ladies of the community who feel they have two hours to spare on Tuesday afternoon are invited to join the auxiliary at the junior high school. The meeting hour is 1 o'clock. Light refreshments are served at each meeting.

## Fred Engle Resigns School Clerk Job

Rounding out 29 years of serving on the Ashland school district board, Fred S. Engle handed in his resignation as clerk Tuesday night and the resignation was accepted by the board. Engle had previously signified his intention of resigning, giving as his reason the state of his health and the necessity of devoting more time to his business affairs. The board was reluctant to have the clerk resign but appreciated his position and acted according to his wishes.

Mr. Engle was elected a member of the District No. 5 board 29 years ago, serving in that capacity for eight years. He was appointed clerk and has held that position for 21 years, during which time he has seen many improvements to the school system.

The board has made no announcement relative to Engle's successor.

### GO TO CRESCENT CITY

Mrs. G. M. Uplington and sons, Tommy and Gaylord, accompanied by Mrs. Fay Catlin and Miss Ethel Thompson of Hood River, left today for Crescent City on an extended vacation. Mrs. Catlin has been at the home of her sister in Hood River for several weeks taking a much needed rest and the visit at the beach is expected to aid in her further recovery.

### HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Stella Case Wagner has returned to her home in Ashland after a visit of several months at the home of her son Paul at San Mateo, Calif., and with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Storch in Long Beach. Mrs. Storch accompanied her to Ashland for an extended visit.

## Time Ripe to Erect Band Shell In Lithia Park!

About a year ago a proposal was made to the city park board that a modern band shell be erected to replace the outmoded bandstand in Lithia Park. The board, after considerable discussion, rejected the plan and proponents, while disappointed, abided by the decision and ceased further agitation.

This movement started before there was much hope that the cantonment, then being talked of, would become a reality. Need of entertainment facilities for soldiers had not yet become apparent and there was no convincing members of the park board that a change in the bandstand was necessary or desirable. The present structure was still in good repair, had served the purpose for many years, so why change.

Now we are confronted with the problem of entertaining the men of Uncle Sam's fighting forces—lots of them. As a matter of fact, entertaining soldiers will be just about Ashland's No. 1 job from here on throughout the duration. It has been talked for months and now we are confronted with the actual job. Just how well that entertainment will be done depends on the preparation made in advance. Committees in charge of USO activities are readying their plans to carry out operations according to standards set up elsewhere. With the Civic club house as a center, entertainment for the soldiers will center largely around Lithia Park. This does not exclude the swimming tanks, bowling alley and other commercial entertainment facilities; it refers to that part of the program which will be provided through organized direction.

Demand for a different type of band stand is not prompted from a desire to "keep up with the Joneses." It comes from a desire to provide better facilities for handling band programs and other types of entertainment that may and will be held in the park. A shell will provide better acoustic properties. The performers will not be perched up in the air so that it is necessary for listeners to move back in order to see them. Speakers and singers are at a decided disadvantage when they have to look down on their audience and since sound travels upward the same condition affects the band.

Just what chance is there to get a new band shell? Just this: It is the belief of some who have given the matter thought and also have done some investigating, that enough workmen will donate their services to erect the shell in two or three days. This has not had time to be affirmed, but it is realized that labor is interested in entertainment facilities at the park as well as having an earnest desire to assist in entertaining the soldiers. Right at this time, with several thousand carpenters in the valley, it is within the realm of possibility that from 50 to 100 of them could be interested in putting up the shell. If this were done, materials and drawings would be the only expense the park board would have to meet.

Ashland's Lithia park is without parallel in this region. It's beauty and utility are known far and wide. Up to the present there has been no urgent demand for a band shell, but wartime conditions have changed the usual order and Ashland is no exception. Where the present bandstand has been mainly used by the band in presenting summer concerts, a shell would fill many needs. One feature of entertainment contemplated when the soldiers arrive is community singing. This may be done in connection with the band concerts or as special programs. In either event, the old bandstand is totally inadequate, for a successful songfest calls for closer group gathering than the present set-up provides.

It is time for Ashland to wake up and cash in on some of the grand opportunities nature has provided. If the shell can be built at nominal cost there should be no delay about it. We have more to offer than any other town in this region, but we will not benefit as we should unless there is a determined effort put forth to not only draw the soldiers here but to give them the very best entertainment at our command.

### THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

Do you remember the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration? It was indeed a patriotic event. Following a colorful parade the people assembled to hear the orator stress the needed and necessary observance of the day, listened with attentive ears to the reading of the Declaration of Independence and joined heartily in the singing of patriotic songs. Following the program, baskets were unpacked and families dined in groups. Following the feast of good things, the males engaged in various sports while the fair sex exchanged greetings and gossip. The Fourth was really a community affair. We need more of such gatherings.

spots will appear in 1944. But by that time the sky will be so full of American planes we won't be able to see 'em.

That uniform which Hitler vowed he would not take off until final victory was his must be getting pretty threadbare by now.

Here's hoping that enough rubber scrap will be collected to erase the pesky Japs.

About time we were hearing from that city planning commission.

A fire-cracker-less Fourth is in prospect.

The United States post office was established in the spring of 1789.

## Elliott MacCracken Leaves for Service

Elliott MacCracken, popular instructor in Ashland high school, and a resident of this city nearly his entire life, left Monday for Corvallis where he entered training in radio communication. He will be stationed at the college for 12 weeks with the expectation that he will then be transferred to another school for more training.

As a farewell to one who had been for many years an active member of the church, members of Trinity Episcopal parish gathered at the parish house following the 11 o'clock service Sunday for a pot luck dinner. Some 40 participated in the feed, a feature of which was presentation to Mr. MacCracken of a dopp kit, a gift from the membership. John P. Daugherty, senior warden of the vestry, made the presentation speech.

By virtue of previous military training, Elliott is entering the service with the rating of second lieutenant.

## Merrill Chosen to Head Lions Club

Election of officers claimed the attention of Ashland Lions Tuesday evening when Harold Merrill, proprietor of Merrill's store on the Boulevard, was chosen president for the ensuing year. He succeeds W. A. Snider, who has served since July 1, 1941.

Merrill heads a list of officers elected at the same time and including O. G. Crawford, secretary; J. G. Mackie, treasurer; Judson Duke, first vice president; Ivor Erwin, second vice president; Art Hodgins, third vice president; Dr. Robert E. Lee and Jack Eaton, directors; Clint Baughman, Lion tamer, and J. G. Broady, tail twister and song leader.

Lions were unanimous in their opinion that a band shell should be erected in Lithia park, replacing the present band stand. While this proposition was brought up about a year ago and was vetoed by the park board, it is pointed out that conditions are different this year and a shell would greatly enhance the entertainment facilities at the park. The Lions passed a resolution to back a movement for a new band shell at once to put Ashland in better position to entertain members of the armed forces who will be stationed at Camp White shortly.

## Miller Elevated to Higher Party Post

W. D. "Bert" Miller, secretary of the county central committee of the democratic party the past four years, was given a new post in the organization when the county committee, in session at Medford hotel Monday evening, elected him to represent Jackson county on the state central committee.

Miller succeeds A. E. Reames who served in that capacity for several years. Dr. E. W. Barnum of Medford was elected county secretary.

### JACK MERRITT GIVEN EAGLE SCOUT HONOR

Jack Merritt was presented with the coveted eagle palm at the court of honor held in the Elks building the first of the week. Merritt is a member of Troop 13, Boy Scouts of America and the badge signifies earning of five merit badges beyond those required for the rank of eagle scout.

Dick Merriman of Troop 12 and Robert Huffman of Troop 13 each were awarded life scout rank. First class merit badges went to Dick Merriman, Robert Huffman and Richard Woodcock.

The court was presided over by C. J. Baughman, T. J. Norby and R. I. Flaharty.

Cosmic dust, the name given, in astronomy, to the finely divided particles which pervade inter-stellar space, is only about one ounce per billion cubic miles in the neighborhood of the solar system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Salem this 12th day of June, in the of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

CHARLES A. SPRAGUE, Governor.

Attest: EARL SNELL, Secretary of State

## NINE "GRAND OLD MEN" OF ASHLAND LIONS



This picture tells the story of the hilarious party held at the Lithia hotel the evening of June 16 when the Lions honored charter members. The committee in charge of the affair decided the "charters" should receive a dose of their own medicine and set about to do the job right. Readin' from left to right the "victims" are: Lions Al Snider, Paul Finnell, Art Cooper, Ralph Poston, Bill Snider, Bob Flaharty, "Andy" Andres, Earl Leever and John Broady. The brother in hospital attire is "Nurse" Karl Nims, who did an efficient job in seeing that the "babes" drank their milk. (Yes, it was milk).