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Biegel Succeeds McNair As Head Defense Group

City Engineer Plans Reorganization and Additional Personnel

Mayor Thornton S. Wiley this week appointed City Engineer Elmer Biegel as head of Ashland civilian defense council, succeeding Harry McNair who found it necessary to resign the post after accepting work at Camp White. Biegel has accepted and is arranging his affairs to give the job the attention necessary to make the council effective.

The new chairman has announced that he will make a thorough check-up of the entire defense set-up here and formulate plans accordingly for strengthening it. Many changes have taken place since the council was formed and it will be necessary to replace a number of people who either have moved from here or have work demanding their time.

While there has been no immediate threat of sneak raids, the danger is always present, the council points out. Heretofore warning equipment has not been adequate in case of such raids and an effort will be made to remedy the situation. To accomplish this a proper warning control center will be established, requiring a telephone system which will be proof against crippling in case of emergency.

St. Helen's Hall Calls Dr. Sayre

Dr. Claude E. Sayre, vicar of Trinity Episcopal church in Ashland since February 1940, Sunday announced to his congregation that he will leave the parish about the middle of August to accept the office of chaplain of St. Helen's Hall in Portland. The announcement came as a surprise to the members of his parish, as there had been no intimation that he contemplated leaving here.

In addition to his duties as chaplain, Dr. Sayre stated that he will teach some classes in the junior college at St. Helen's. Also he will be responsible for Holy Communion and morning prayer services at St. Peter's church in Portland each Sunday morning.

Work of the local church has progressed most satisfactorily under the leadership of Dr. Sayre. He and Mrs. Sayre, who has been a valuable asset to all branches of the local work, will be missed by the church and many friends outside the congregation.

WAFFLE SHOP BOUGHT BY EARL G. BAIRD

Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Baird have purchased the Waffle Shop from Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goswick and took possession July 1.

The Bairds formerly operated Baird's Cafe on the Plaza and closed their place when the work of razing the buildings for the improvement project got under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Goswick have no plans for the immediate future other than to take a well-earned rest, which they contemplate taking at some place on the coast.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Although plans had not been laid for such an event, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baughman had a family reunion the past week-end. Mr. Baughman's daughter, Mrs. Othel Lee of Dunsmuir, accompanied by her two sons, and his son Hedrick of Klamath Falls, accompanied by his wife and daughter, were here as were Mrs. Baughman's sons, Cliff Bromley of Dunsmuir and Bill Bromley of Marshfield, accompanied by their wives. James Baughman, who has been here since the close of school, was included in the group.

Write a Letter

Several weeks ago the Miner started this column and donated it to the public. The object is to bring addresses of men and boys in the armed forces of the country to the attention of any friends who might care to write to them. The Miner makes no charge for printing any addresses in this column and asks that you bring to our office the complete address of your friends or relatives who are in the army, navy or marines.

It is disappointing to the boys to have mail call and to find they have been neglected by the folks at home. The U. S. censors urge home folks to write letters but ask that no military information that might be helpful to the enemy be enclosed.

The Miner urges that you take full advantage of the purpose of this column by bringing addresses of soldiers to the office for publication.

Word has been received that David Putman has been transferred from the Sacramento air base and will fly by clipper plane to the Hawaiian Islands soon.

Trees DO Talk!



Ralph Lee in The Oregonian

Last of Plaza Walls Disappear

Prosperity may not be "just around the corner," but here in Ashland it is now possible to see around the corner that has been accused of being a bottleneck in this town's traffic set-up. Wreckers pulled down the last of the walls in the group of buildings torn down to make way for the Plaza improvement project.

Nothing remains of the once compact block except the base-cement walls. Last of the walls to come down were those of the former Harrison Parts building and a section of the rear wall of the former Herbert grocery.

A cable was attached to the walls and with the city bulldozer furnishing the motive power it was but a matter of seconds to bring the last of the structures to earth.

COLLEGE QUARTET TO SING SUNDAY AT NAZARENE CHURCH

Kings' Messengers, male quartet from Northwest Nazarene college, Nampa, Idaho, will appear in concert at the Nazarene church at 11:00 a. m. Sunday, July 5. These young men with their sponsor, Dr. L. T. Corlett, president of the college, are on a 15 week's tour through the Northwest in which they will take part in two young people's camps and render 90 concerts.

Members are: Raymon Vanderpool, first tenor and trombonist, a college freshman from Walla Walla; Robert Woodworth, second tenor and soloist, a junior from St. Paul, Minn., preparing for the profession of high school teaching; Joseph Yoder, bass and accompanist, a senior in pre-engineering from St. Paul, Minn.; and Victor Bundy, baritone and soloist, a senior from Backus, Minn., majoring in mathematics and a cadet in the U. S. Army Air Corps Officers reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Galvin Sumner are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born Sunday, June 28. The boy weighed five pounds five ounces and the girl four pounds 10 ounces. The mother, the former Margaret Cadzow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cadzow, 160 Sherman street, is reported doing nicely. The father is stationed at Camp Roberts but arrived home today to become acquainted with the new members of his family, Jean Murray Sumner and John Tedlock Sumner.

Learn this lesson early in life. When the cake is passed, take a piece. It may not come around again.

Swedish Angel Billed at Armory

Continuing his policy of bringing the best available wrestling talent to the Medford armory ring, Promoter Mack Lillard announced this week that he expects to have the Swedish Angel signed for a match before many weeks. The Angel is billed as the ugliest man in the business and is a big drawing card wherever he goes.

Sockeye Jack McDonald is still wondering what it's all about as the result of his wild main event match with Prince Mihailikis last Monday when the ex-Tacoma logger was decisively trounced. Fans, as well as McDonald, would like to have a re-schedule of this thrilling go and McDonald has vowed to be more careful of the wild tactics of the Arab prince should Lillard see fit to rematch them. He also plans to make his own unorthodox maneuvers such as ringing Mihailikis' head with his iron stool, such as he tried last Monday, to be more effective. The stool grazed the prince's head and McDonald took a terrible beating for his efforts.

Patterson Resigns Jacksonville Job

Leonard Patterson, athletic director at Jacksonville high school, has resigned his position there to accept a job as physical education instructor in a Portland grade school. It was announced this week by Aibie Beck, principal.

Patterson's football teams have three times won the county six-man championship and mythical state crown. His basketball teams have twice won the SOCE invitational tournament and two years ago won consolation rung in the state "B" tourney.

MRS. GERHART HONORED AT TEA FRIDAY AT LISLE HOME

Mrs. Charles Gerhart, who, with her husband, Major general Charles Gerhart, commandant at Camp White, has recently come to reside in Ashland was the inspiration for a delightful tea at the Lisle home on Granite street Friday afternoon when Mrs. N. W. Lisle and Mrs. Earl Leever received approximately 150 women during the tea hours.

Patriotic colors in the beautiful flowers added an interesting note about the rooms and the tea table. Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. Ned Mars, Mrs. Kenneth Hobson, Mrs. Louis Dodge, Mrs. Henry Enders, Mrs. Harvey Woods, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Mrs. Chase Gardner, Mrs. L. O. Penland, Mrs. Clyde Young and Mrs. Hubert Bentley.

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Swim School Gets Under Way Monday

Ashland's annual Red Cross swimming school got off to a good start Monday with 54 beginners turning out for instruction under Thurland Kramer, official representative of the American Red Cross. Classes are being held at Helman Baths, which Mr. Kramer states is a fine set-up for the purpose.

Although attendance may not be as much as expected, due to many young people working in the orchards this summer, a highly successful school is under way, according to Ivor Erwin, chairman of the sponsoring Lions club committee. The shaiower water at Helman Baths makes it easier for little folks and at the same time the depth is sufficient for larger children to accomplish the results desired from their lessons.

Erwin stated that there will be no classes on July 4 and 6. There will be classes Sunday and every day after Monday until July 11, closing date of the school.

Gas Consumption Down, Mortality Up

While gasoline consumption in Oregon decreased only four per cent for the first five months of the year compared to the same period last year, the motor vehicle death rate decreased almost 29 per cent, figures compiled at the office of the state traffic safety division disclosed today.

At the end of May, Oregon motorists had used 104,117,270 gallons of gasoline, which was four per cent under the consumption of 108,881,560 gallons a year ago. Traffic deaths for the first five months totaled 89 compared to 130 for the same period last year.

JACKSON REPUBLICANS RECOGNIZE ASHLAND

Jackson county republicans in session at Medford Tuesday evening placed three Ashland stalwarts of the GOP in important posts.

Mrs. Mildred Ager was elected vice chairman, G. M. Green state executive committeeman, and Frank Davis a member of the five-member nominating committee. Attorney Kenneth Denman, chairman for four years was re-elected.

JOINS ARMY

John Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billings, left Wednesday for Fort Lewis where he is scheduled to enter the army as a corporal in the army reserves. A graduate of Ashland high school and Oregon State college, John had been in the army before, taking training at Camp Roberts. He had been home since last fall.

Ladies Say Junior Hi Sewing Room Coolest Spot in Town

Ladies, if you are looking for the coolest spot in town, take it from the Hospital Auxiliary that the junior high school sewing room is that spot. Members of the unit declare that the time spent in the sewing room Tuesday afternoon was the most enjoyable of the week. They urge others to come out and enjoy this comfort with them and see what can be accomplished under such conditions.

This week the ladies turned in five crib sheets, two night-gowns, 12 breast bands, besides mending 12 large garments.

Tea and sandwiches were enjoyed after work hours.

Mrs. May Russell added her name to the growing list at Tuesday's session.

A business meeting will be held at next Tuesday's meeting.

Teachers Chosen to Fill Faculty Posts

Signing of new teachers for the Ashland school system is progressing, according to T. J. Norby, city superintendent of schools. Early this week two new members of the high school faculty were chosen to fill vacancies due to resignations.

Miss Anna Jean Bolton, graduate of Oregon State college, who has been teaching at Lakeview, will fill the vacancy in the commercial department, due to the resignation of Miss Maralee Fry. Miss Fry has accepted a position in the Grants Pass system. Miss Bolton is from The Dalles.

Frances Maude Port, graduate of Oregon State college, has been engaged to teach homemaking in place of Miss Carolyn Wolcott, resigned. Miss Port graduated from Ashland high school and recently has been director of swimming in Portland.

Other vacancies on the faculty will be filled soon, according to Norby.

OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR ENSUING YEAR

Tuesday evening's meeting of the Lion's club was featured by installation of officers for the ensuing year. Les Colvill of Grants Pass, district deputy governor, was the installing officer.

Harold Merrill will head the club and will be assisted by O. G. Crawford, secretary; J. G. Mackie, treasurer; Dr. Robert E. Lee and Jack Eaton, trustees; Judson Duke, first vice president; Ivor Erwin, second vice president; Art Hodgens, third vice president; Clint Baughman, Lion tamer, and John Broady, tail twister. Broady was appointed song leader and Cay Huffman, accompanist.

Visitors included Thurland Kramer, swimming instructor in charge of the Red Cross swim school who outlined the program for the current course, and four Lions from Grants Pass who accompanied the deputy district governor. These were Don McGregor, president; A. J. Cass, president-elect; Dale Prow and Eddy Nunn.

The visitors issued an invitation to the Ashland club to join Grants Pass in installation ceremonies next Tuesday night.

EXPRESS COMPANY SHIPPING CHERRIES

Cherry shipments are being handled by the Railway Express company according to Ivor Erwin, Ashland agent. This is not news except for the fact that many shippers wear under the impression that the company would not be in position to handle shipments this year since the train carrying express shipments had been discontinued.

Shipments are received at the S. P. depot instead of at the Erwin office. The fruit is carried by truck to Dunsmuir where it is transferred to the train.

MRS. DAVENHILL HOSTESS TO CHAPTER AC, PEO SATURDAY

Mrs. Arthur Davenhill was hostess Saturday afternoon to members of Chapter AC, P. E. O. and guests at her spacious home in Valley View.

A delicious luncheon was served at one o'clock by a committee composed of Mrs. G. M. Green, Mrs. Harvey Woods, Mrs. M. E. Webster, Mrs. Charles Fortmiller and Miss Louise Woodruff.

Following the regular business session, Miss Gertrude Engle, who is spending the summer at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Engle, gave an enlightening talk on "Growing Pains" occasioned by the sudden expansion in communities affected by concentrated war activities, giving many experiences of Richmond, Calif., since the advent of the ship builders. Mrs. A. M. Storch added many interesting side-lights from her home, Long Beach, Calif.

Guests for luncheon and the program included Mrs. G. M. Frost, Oakland, Calif., Mrs. H. F. Storch, Long Beach, and Mrs. C. E. Hedberg, Medford.

This closed the chapter meetings for the summer months.

Informal Program To Mark Nation's Birthday Here

Municipal Band to Play Concert in Park Saturday P. M.

Citizens of southern Oregon and northern California who have been accustomed to spending the Fourth of July in Ashland, where, for many years there has been a formal program in observance of the nation's birthday anniversary, will not be greeted with the usual gusto this year. War and its attendant dangers and the necessity for conservation of resources led the chamber of commerce to abandon the celebration for this year at least, and possibly for the duration.

This fact need not deter the thousands who have come here in the past, for facilities for enjoying the day minus the opportunity to make the eagle scream are just as convenient as ever and those planning picnic parties will find Ashland's incomparable Lithia park, the three swimming pools and other recreation centers just as available and inviting.

BAND TO PLAY

Ashland's Municipal band which has played three of its ten summer concerts, has been asked to play a concert Saturday afternoon. Definite hour had not been set up to press time, but announcement will be made no later than Friday. The request for the concert came from Mayor Thornton S. Wiley and the music committee of the council, who suggested that the regular Thursday concert be postponed to Saturday. This was vetoed by the band, inasmuch as this evening's concert was postponed last Thursday due to weather conditions. It is on the band's "free" list and having prepared the program it will be played this week. Arrangements are under way to make Saturday's program one fitting the occasion.

Aside from the park with its numerous fireplaces, gas ranges, pits, tables and other accommodations making it an ideal picnic spot, Ashland is blessed with three swimming pools, all of standard dimensions and operated according to rule. Two of the pools, Helman Baths and Jackson Hot Springs, have picnic parks in connection. The city's own pool, Twin Plunges is situated in the center of town and has facilities for dancing, as well as a refreshment counter.

In addition to the facilities mentioned, there is a bowling alley, skating rink and numerous pastimes and refreshment spots, making it possible for thousands to enjoy the day here.

Mountain streams and lakes, as well as coast resorts, will call numerous parties. No restrictions have been placed on certain areas in the forests, although indiscriminate camping will not be permitted. Reservations at the Lake O' the Woods Resort are coming in fast, according to Wm. M. Briggs, who states that there will be plenty of entertainment for those who visit this popular retreat. A program of motorboat races will furnish thrills for all who find pleasure in this exciting pastime.

THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor: The Declaration of Independence, passed July 4, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress, appears to have become a forgotten document.

Now with sugar rationing in full swing, it is interesting to know that the first granulated sugar was boiled in an iron kettle back in 1795 on a plantation near New Orleans. The kettle now has an honored place on the campus of the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

This is the season of the year when people take a lot of good grub to the woods and eat it among bugs and ants and call it a picnic.

Speaking of band concerts—the average working man doesn't have the time or inclination after a hard day's work to doll up and to saunter to an evening concert. Why not have a portion of these concerts on Sunday afternoons?

Some of that tall uncut might come in handy to fodder the steeds of the local unit of cavalry. Down in California they have launched a "know your neighbor" organization. Might try this stunt in Ashland.

In our humble opinion there is entirely too much loose talk at the national capital and too little performance.

John Bull seems to have lost his fighting punch.

Celebrate, but watch your step.