

Southern Oregon Miner

Published Every Thurs.
at 167 East Main Street
ASHLAND, OREGON

Entered as second-class
matter February 15,
1935, at the postoffice at
Ashland, Oregon, under
the act of March 3, 1879.

TELEPHONE 8561

FRED MILTENBERGER
O. G. CRAWFORD
Publishers



SUBSCRIPTION
RATES
(In Advance)
ONE YEAR\$1.50
SIX MONTHS80c
(Mailed Anywhere in the
United States)

"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

EDITORIAL

ASHLAND long has been known up and down the coast and much farther as the home of Lithia Park, one of the most beautiful spots in the country. Her lithia fountain likewise has shared notice from people from all states of the Union and numerous foreign countries. The campus of the Southern Oregon College of Education with its well kept grounds and handsome buildings is a delight to the eye of the casual traveler approaching our little city from the south or east and the impression formed at the south entrance is not diminished as he proceeds down Siskiyou boulevard past the senior and junior high school grounds, well kept homes, business properties, and so on down through the heart of town and on out to the north. All along the line of direct travel through the city the impression is favorable and not infrequently travelers are heard to remark that if they decide to leave their present locations they certainly would like to live in Ashland.

This is the favorable aspect—that which we want visitors to see. It is the impression all towns like to make upon visitors and Ashland, like the average American town, has its civic improvement problems, many of which are left to shift for themselves.

This is a region of rich soil and favorable growing conditions. Berries, fruits and vegetables grow in abundance. Likewise weeds flourish and if left unmolested soon stifle the growth of flower and food crops as well as marring the beauty of the landscape. They have marked ability for adapting themselves to vacant lots, alleyways, curbs and any untended plot, even appropriating streets when not curbed by constant hoeing or burning.

It is disheartening to the civic-minded citizen who delights in a well-kept lawn, tastily appointed grounds and buildings to have a neighbor whose main interest in a home seems to be a place to sleep and eat. Were it not for his pride, and his investment, he might be tempted to give up the fight against the neighbor's weeds which constantly scatter their noxious seeds over his grounds. Being a good citizen, he keeps up the fight, hoping against hope that some day the city will take a hand and at least clean up its vacant lot on one side of him and thus set an example of civic pride before his careless neighbor on the other side of him.

Yes, the Ashland that the casual traveler sees may be termed the city's Queen Anne front. But there also is a Mary Ann back that is of as much if not more importance as the front. If we have a planning commission there is work to be done. A program should be developed for eliminating the unsightly spots, some of which are so close to Main street that it's a wonder they haven't been discovered ere this.

There are many newcomers in our midst and many more will come. It is up to Ashland to make a favorable impression on these people, some of whom might decide to reside here permanently when peace comes and they have to start life anew. If there is no planning commission, some such group should be appointed with the object of spurring the human element to keeping pace with the natural surroundings.

WHAT NEXT?

A RUMOR has been persisting for several days that a petition is being circulated for presentation to the city council asking that Lithia park be closed on Sundays and that a ban be placed on the Junior Hostess-soldier dancing parties on Sunday evenings. So far, the petition, if there is one, has been kept well under cover, although in one instance the alleged circulators made the mistake of presenting it in a home

*Efficiency -- Quiet, unobtrusive,
friendly, complete.*



C.M. Litwiller

DIAL 4541

DEPUTY COUNTY CORONER
Litwiller Funeral Home

We Never Close—Phone 4541

where two or three sons of the family are in the service. Needless to say, the petition was not received with any degree of cordiality.

Just what do the petitioners expect to gain? Do they really think they can close up the park and stop the dancing? Or are they merely sniping at the war effort and Ashland's participation in the soldier entertaining program?

It would not be necessary to give this matter consideration were it not for the fact that there are people who delight in attaching their signatures to petitions and there might possibly be enough of them to encourage the circulators to present the paper to the council with a demand for consideration.

Whatever the motive, it can not be prompted by anything more than a desire on the part of a chisel brain to put one over on the community, because keeping the soldiers out of Ashland will not hurt them in particular but it will hurt Ashland. Under the stress of wartime conditions, when everything is more or less topsy-turvy, it matters little whether we like the way things are going or not (and the fact is that clean-minded, level-headed people are satisfied with the program as carried on here) for it is up to all of us to cooperate freely and liberally to see that these boys have the kind of treatment we expect our own boys away from home to get in their respective camps.

It is about time for the good citizens of the community to rise up and put an end to this obnoxious campaign of obstruction. If these dwarfed minds are unable to grasp the seriousness of world conditions it is about time some one took them in hand and taught them a few things.

★ ★ ★

STREAMS—NOT SPRAYS

IF THERE is one thing people of this country have thoroughly learned about their civilian duties, it is this:

If an incendiary bomb hits a home, attack it with a spray—not a stream—of water.

Every movie house has shown a film teaching that lesson. Leading magazines have repeatedly emphasized it. The radio has blasted forth about it on innumerable occasions. Defense councils throughout the nation have distributed pamphlets and posters to every home to make sure that everyone knows that lesson.

And now, after spreading that rule to every middle-class, village and farm, the Office of Civilian Defense has suddenly revised itself and ordered: **Use a stream, not a spray.**

Under the circumstances, all we can do is hope that the OCD is right this time, blindly make a mental revision in the lesson we have learned so well, and, if incendiary bombs do come, trust that a stream of water will save more lives and more property than the much-touted spray would have done.

★ ★ ★

THAT SECOND FRONT

THE CRY for a second front is heard on all sides. The rocking chair brigade, the pullman car philosophers, and the street-corner orators are getting louder and louder in their demands for it, both in this country and England.

It is obvious that a second front would ease the Russian situation. But it would be a calamity if we opened a second front before we are fairly certain that our invasion would be victorious. Defeat, in a sec-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Daily vacation Bible school will start Monday, August 10, at the First Church of Christ located at Second and B streets. Mrs. William Sierke of Eugene has been secured to assist the teachers and workers of the local church.

The school will be composed of four departments, beginners, primary, junior and intermediate. The beginners will be supervised by Ida Belle Davis, the primary by Frieda Fuller, the junior by Mrs. Earl Rogers and the intermediate by Esther Davis. Each department will meet every morning from 9 to 11:30 from Monday to Friday. The school will continue for two weeks. All children are welcome to attend.

QUESTIONS

1. Name the first land discovered by Columbus.
2. What is the Continental Divide?
3. What ancient civilization exists in Peru?
4. In what period was Portugal a great power?
5. What city state was established by the Treaty of Versailles?
6. For what arts is the city of Damascus famous?
7. Who was styled "Lord Protector"?
8. What Canadian Province leads in the fur-bearing animal industry?
9. Why were the pyramids built?
10. What is the chief seaport of Greece?

When a man is without a job and in debt and refuses a position because it is too small for him, he doesn't need a job, what he needs is a nurse.

• Subscribe for The Miner today.



SCRAP-OLGY . . . education

I've just finished traveling through a lot of small towns talking to people about scrap.

There is no doubt that practically every man, woman and child in this country is now conscious of the fact that scrap iron, scrap rubber, scrap tin, aluminum and other scarce materials are vitally needed. But there is still a lot of confusion about where to turn in scrap, whether it is patriotic to collect money for it, whether some junk man is getting rich on selling the free stuff, whether the soles should be taken off sneakers before turning them in, whether iron is of any use if it's all rusty—and a thousand other minor questions which naturally arise when the whole country is faced with a new undertaking of this kind.

In another month, most all of the questions will probably be adequately answered. With the President, his cabinet, half a dozen other government agencies as well as leading national industries are behind the scrap campaigns, there isn't going to be much time wasted in giving us all a thorough education in scrap-ology.

We'll have plenty of opportunity to learn what to do with what scrap if we are willing to read and listen.

VOLUNTEERS . . . help

In a country town I talked to a farmer who admitted that he probably had four or five hundred pounds of scrap iron around his barns. He said he was perfectly willing to turn it in and he didn't care whether he got paid a cent for it or not. But he hadn't done anything about it and here's his explanation:

"I'll give 'em the stuff, but nobody will come and get it. If they think I'm going to pick it all up and take it to town, they're crazy." He didn't say who "they" was in this case, but I presume he referred to a handful of patriotic citizens in town who were struggling, against heavy odds, to make a local salvage committee function.

His reaction is a natural one. There are plenty of us who are willing to give away the old stuff we don't want anyway. But that's not very much of a sacrifice. We'd be glad to give away the junk even if there wasn't a war on if someone would come and clear it

out of the place. That's not the kind of co-operation which is going to win the war.

But to win the war our soldiers have to go out looking for Japs, and on the home front we must all go out looking for ways we can co-operate. Why shouldn't that farmer gather up and take his junk to town rather than demand that some unpaid volunteer pick it up?

ENTHUSIASM . . . Wolcott

In Coatesville, Pa., home of the Lukens Steel company, has been demonstrated the kind of 100 per cent co-operation which is needed to make this scrap drive really worry the Axis.

Being the leader of the national effort to collect scrap iron and steel, Robert W. Wolcott, president of Lukens Steel, decided to start the ball rolling in his home town.

A salvage committee was formed many months ago and a campaign was conducted to collect scrap from every home. When the campaign was over, the results showed a collection average of two pounds per person.

Mr. Wolcott and the local committee weren't satisfied with the results, so a second campaign was started to bring in the scrap which was missed on the first drive. The second campaign also brought in two pounds of scrap iron per capita.

Still dissatisfied, the committee really rolled up its sleeves and went to work. It made the third junk rally a gala occasion and got everyone in town all steamed up about it. This third campaign was going to show what could be done—in the first two it was agreed, the people had just been fooling.

For this third campaign every home and every farm was canvassed. The people had their scrap ready and got it to the proper spots. When the count was taken it was found that the tonnage this time averaged 35 pounds per person, or 140 pounds per family—almost nine times as much as the other two collections combined!

SUCCESS . . . individual

No matter how much national ballyhoo there is about scrap collection, its success or failure is going to depend upon the real work which is done on it in each town and each home.

This isn't a case of finding some little knickknack to throw into the collection as might be done for a church bazaar. This is a case of digging out every knickknack and every ounce of all the scrap you can possibly lay your hands on—and doing something to get it into the hands of a junkman even if no effort at all is made by volunteer workers to collect it from you.

We should think of it in this way: Every pound of iron you collect may stop a Jap, a German or an Italian. Every ounce you leave lying in the fields may cost the life of an American soldier.

ond front attempt might be more disastrous than no second front at all.

Most of us have no way of knowing how well we are equipped for a second front effort.

Let us hope that the forces of the United Nations have reached a stage where a successful second front can be opened. But let us leave the decision in the hands of the men who know the facts.

The largest open granite quarry in the world is located at Mt. Airy, N. C.

Grant a favor and it is easily forgotten; deny it and it is always remembered.

We Don't Miss the Water 'til the Well Runs Dry!

What has that to do with electric service, you say. Just this: With practically every type of electrical equipment tied up by priorities, you are unable to make replacements through purchases of new goods. It is difficult to get replacement parts. That leaves you to choose between taking the best of care of what you have or doing without.

If your electric equipment shows signs of weakness, have it repaired at once. To let it run that way for long may mean it will be out of service for a long time. It might be advisable to call you electrician for an occasional check-up.

Ashland Light Department
"Your SERVICE Department"