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## ASHLAND U. S. O. NEWS NOTES

Different business and professional clubs in Ashland have scheduled themselves to supply the Sunday USO dinner to visiting soldiers at the center, Sunday, December 6, the Lions Club and wives furnish the food for the cook-your-own dinner. The following Sunday, December 13, the Rotary Club aided by wives of the members will contribute the material for the dinner. On the 20th of December the Elks Club and wives of members will serve from five to eight P.M. On that occasion the Elks Lodge are presenting their flag ceremony at the USO center.

The Service Club met at their regular date Tuesday, at a covered dish luncheon. Twelve members were present to hear committee reports, and to join in plans for the drive for new members. The presiding officer announced that service men's wives are urged to attend meeting of the club on Tuesday at 12 noon.

Miss Jeanette Smith of the Southern Oregon College of Education appeared before the club as speaker. Miss Smith's subject was the proposed Nursery School project now under consideration. The Service Wives Club expressed interest in and desire to cooperate with the proposed project.

Thirty-five Camp White soldiers sat down to the regular Sunday USO dinner at the Ashland club house this week. The menu was noodles and meat, jello salads, hot dinner rolls, feather cake with special caramel icing. The work of serving the dinner was in the hands of Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Burdick, and Mrs. Weinrob.

The soldier guests expressed particular enthusiasm over the hot rolls and cakes.

Mrs. Clara L. Palmer of Euclid Street entertained seven soldiers at dinner Sunday. Those present were Pvt. Victor R. Taylor, Harold Rogers, Paul Lasserigne, J. E. Dolph, Ira Kastorf, Glenn Bailey, and Hugo Butler.

Mrs. Clara Alcroft, Regional Supervisor of the United Service Organization, from the San Francisco office, was recently in Ashland on a routine trip of inspection. Mrs. Alcroft with the Medford staff of USO workers came to Ashland Friday for a conference of staff workers. On Saturday she returned for inspection of the Ashland center.

Mrs. Alcroft expressed pleasure with the Ashland Club, and foresaw a very attractive center after the refurbishing and redecorating now in the process of planning, have been put into effect. She stated only one problem appears facing the Ashland USO, that of transportation, which should be such that more soldiers could come from Samp White, and come oftener to the Ashland Center. Reports from all sides indicate that the boys like the community of Ashland and like the Ashland USO. Frequently comments are heard from visiting soldiers expressing regret that the Ashland center is not nearer Medford or that transportation facilities are not adequate to carry all who wish to spend a day or an evening in Ashland. The regional supervisor expressed the hope that some arrangements may ultimately be made whereby transportation facilities can be extended to meet the greater and growing need.

Mrs. Alcroft showed great interest in the Junior Hostess League and stated that she hopes when she returns next, to meet with and speak to the members of the League.

The region represented by Mrs. Alcroft is the West Coast Region of the United Service Organization, the territory embracing Washington, Oregon, and California.

Two large baskets of exquisite "mums" have been donated the Ashland USO by the Elks Club. This floral offering now distributed in vases through the rooms of the USO club houses are reminding visitors and regular workers of the mindfulness of the Elks of U. S. service men.

A new interest has been added to Saturday evening entertainment of the USO club house. Visiting service men Saturday

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## Hale Appointed Head of Freight Traffic for S.P.

W. W. Hale has been appointed vice president in charge of system freight traffic for Southern Pacific, succeeding the late J. T. Saunders, according to announcement by A. T. Mercier, president of the company.

Hale has had 41 years of experience with the Southern Pacific, first on the Pacific Coast, later in Texas and Louisiana, and for the last four years as general traffic manager for the company with headquarters at Chicago. He is widely known in transportation circles.

Entering the railroad's service as a clerk at San Francisco in 1901, Hale advanced to become eastern car service agent for Southern Pacific at Chicago, general agent at Detroit, assistant to freight traffic manager at San Francisco, freight traffic manager at Portland, and general freight traffic manager for Southern Pacific's Texas and New Orleans lines, with headquarters in Houston, Texas. He then became general traffic manager at Chicago, from which post he now moves up to vice president in charge of freight traffic on all Southern P. L. lines.

## F. L. HAMMOND DIES

Frank L. Hammond, a native of Ashland and who had rounded out nearly 47 years in the U.S. Postal Service, died last week at his home in Alameda, Calif. His father, A. P. Hammond, was Ashland's second postmaster.

Deceased is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Robert Walker of Alameda, also by two sisters, Mrs. Grace Turner, Ashland; Mrs. Nellie Minkler, Medford, and one brother Robert Hammond, Medford.

Funeral services and burial took place at Alameda.

## MYRTLE POINT'S RECORD

Stamps and bond sales at the grade and junior high schools are continuing at a high average. To date the schools have sold a total of \$2,719.75 since the beginning of school, making the total weekly average of \$280.00.

## C. E. Union Hold Interesting Rally

With delegates present from Grants Pass, Central Point, Jacksonville and Medford, the Crater Lake Christian Endeavor Union held a successful convention Friday and Saturday in the Ashland Church of Christ.

Vernon Fishback, state C. E. Union representative, of Eugene, assisted in conferences and forums. Rev. Milo Ross, of the Friends Church of Medford, delivered two inspiring messages. His themes were: "Always For Christ" and "Always for The Church."

The Saturday morning session opened with a quiet hour led by Rev. Earl F. Downing of the host church. Two conferences were held. The first on "Planning The Meeting" was led by Vernon Fishback, and the second on "The Christian Endeavor and His Devotional Life" had as leader Rev. Kenneth Knox of Medford. A forum was conducted by Vernon Fishback on "Making The C. E. Go".

At the Saturday afternoon session Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore spoke on the subject "Always For The Church". A business session and social hour closed the session.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Lawrence Hall, Ashland; Vice President, Betty Pruitt, Grants Pass; Secretary, Ellen Brown, Ashland; Treasurer, L. Belle Haynie, Ashland; Social Superintendent, Beth Alice Laddy, Grants Pass; Devotional Superintendent, Rev. Kenneth Knox, Medford; Pastor Councilor, Rev. Earl F. Downing, Ashland; Pianist, Verene Bailey, Medford.

A banquet was served at 6 o'clock Saturday to the delegates in the church dining room.

**GOLD HILL**—First Lt. John "Scoup" Essman, 39, who was killed by gunshot during a riot at Phoenix, Ariz., which he was attempting to stop, formerly coached athletics at Gold Hill high school.

## Holiday Season Coach Seats to Be Reserved Says Southern Pacific

Southern Pacific announced today that advance reservations for coach as well as sleeping car travel will be required for the holiday period from December 15 to January 5 in order that preference may be given to the thousands of men of the armed forces who will be traveling home on furlough and to relatives who will be visiting the boys at the camps and bases.

Coach reservations, it was stated, may be made only at ticket offices at the time tickets are purchased, and not by telephone.

In outlining the new reservation requirements, F. S. McGinnis, vice president in charge of passenger traffic for the railroads, issued an urgent appeal to the general public to forego all rail travel not vital to the war effort during the holiday period.

"Southern Pacific," he said, "is facing a critical situation in connection with holiday travel. The tide of war traffic is mounting higher and higher, and we are hard pressed to supply the equipment to move it.

"Since every locomotive we have or can rent is being used, and the supply of passenger cars for civilian use is naturally reduced, we shall be unable to operate any sections of our regular trains," he continued. "Consequently we will not be able to carry all of the people who will want to make holiday trips, although we have made every effort to increase the passenger-carrying capacity of our train."

McGinnis pointed out that since the start of the defense program, Southern Pacific has consistently followed the policy that the needs of the armed services must come first. In the interest of the war effort, he said, that same policy must be observed in the matter of furlough travel, and the railroad feels certain that the public will give its understanding cooperation by postponement of all non-essential trips.

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## Elks Hold Annual Memorial Services

Ashland Lodge of Elks paid fitting tribute Sunday afternoon to their "absent brothers". The memorial services were impressive and were conducted by Acting Exalted Ruler Millard Grubb and officers of the lodge.

Roll call by Secretary J. S. Aed included the following "Absent Brothers": O. T. Berger, W. E. Blake, E. C. Payne, Speridan Toskas, Fred Wagner, W. R. Nyswaner, Thos. O. Pryor, N. O. Powers, M. W. Hamel, J. S. Hanna, W. F. Francis, Orville E. Vaughn, and John Loughlin.

Rev. A. H. MacDonnel delivered the memorial address. Following is a brief outline:

"It is fitting that we should remember those of the Order who have died during the past year, because (1) they are our brothers in the common membership in the Order; (2) because they were our friends, and we remember with gratitude their good qualities and works, these being an inspiration to us; (3) because, having them in mind, brings them nearer in the mystic fellowship of the common children of our Father in Heaven. (Quotation was made from verses of Longfellow's "Footsteps of Angels.")

"On the eve of the opening of the war, it is fitting, too, that we should remember those Elks and the others, Americans all, who died in the initial attacks of the enemy, or during the year. Let us be sorry that they were cut down in such a way, but let us rejoice at their constancy and take them as an example. In the words of Lincoln, let us "take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation (and world) under God, shall have a new birth of freedom . . ."

"But beyond this, there was One who died for us, on a hill overlooking Jerusalem, between two thieves. He died that we might have assurance of Eternal Life. As he said, we note: "Let not your heart be troubled . . . In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also."

Rev. MacDonnel closed his address with the following verses, by John Ellerton:

Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servants  
sleeping.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust"  
Calmly now the words we say,  
Left behind, we wait in trust  
For the resurrection day.  
Father, in Thy Gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant  
sleeping.

Special music featured the services which included a violin solo by Harlelee Wilson and three selections by the Ashland Choral Sextette: Mrs. C. M. Litwiller, Mrs. C. C. Dunham, Miss Florence Allen, Mrs. C. E. Corry, Mrs. Alice Willits and Mrs. L. A. Merriman with Mrs. Cay. Huffman as accompanist.

Closing ceremonies were by the Exalted Ruler and Chaplain. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" was the final number on the program.

## THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

To the Editor:  
In order "to pass the time away", the city firemen might be delegated to renovate dingy street signs.

Judging from the clatter emanating from the Espee freight yards, we have a faint suspicion that some switchmen are endeavoring to qualify for induction in the U.S. Tank Corps.

Dogs are being trained for war defense duty. Ashland could furnish a quota of curs which the sanguinary butcher would view with disgust.

The legislative axe should be used on that cumbersome title "Southern Oregon College of Education", and the rightful name, Ashland College, substituted.

When the scheduled "howl" games wind up, the pigskin gladiators should voluntarily offer to

## Grange Units to Be Information Centers For WAACS Enrollees

Oregon grange units have been asked to cooperate as information centers for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps reports Colonel J. J. Fulmer, commander of the Oregon recruiting districts.

A digest of the qualifications for enrollment in the women's army and a summary of their activities has been forwarded to all local grange secretaries. Women members of these units interested in serving with the auxiliary corps can obtain information by consulting with their local grange scribes. The information, however, will be available for any who might apply. Additional details may be secured by writing 323 Main Post Office Building, Portland, Oregon, or by visiting Portland, Oregon, or by visiting office.

## MILL TO START

The old Flurry mill in Bellview has been purchased by Joe Hearin of Pasadena, Calif. It is expected that the mill will be in operation by about the first of the year.

## BUYS BOX FACTORY

The box factory, located east of town, has been purchased by James Jansen.

## GONE TO IDAHO

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McDougall and family of Phoenix have gone to Gooding, Idaho, where they plan to make their home.

## SOLDIER TAKES BRIDE

Miss Mary Lou Colby, daughter of Mrs. L. A. Smith, East Main street, and Pfc. Harold R. Hudson of Camp White, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage last Wednesday evening. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Almos Rogers.

## BUY MORE BONDS

From surplus funds on hand, Ashland City council has decided to invest \$30.00 more in war bonds.

Council has voted to cancel taxes on certain lots which the school district is purchasing to add to the high school athletic field.

## W. S. EATON PASSES

W. S. Eaton, a former resident of Ashland, died recently at his home in Red Bluff. He is survived by his wife and four children, also by a sister and brothers in Medford.

## QUITS POST

Charles Lathrop, who has been serving as city police patrolman, has resigned. Chief Talent has accepted his resignation.

## SEVERAL HAVE HATS IN RING

In case Frank J. Van Dyke, who is now in the armed force, and cannot get leave of absence to serve his term in the state legislative, it will be up to the county court to appoint some one to fill the position, if declared vacant. Since the legislative pay was increased, it is reported that several are in the field to serve the county at Salem.

"What are you doing these days, Ole?"

"I bane a snake in a road-house?"

"What's that?"

"A viper."

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do their part in kicking the Japs out of the Solomons.

Uncle Zeke says he can remember way back when the only "ism" folks worried about was rheumatism.

There is no danger of the average editor being limited to an annual income of \$25,000.

Horrors! The WPB has ordered men's shirttails shortened.

Moses was the greatest reporter that ever lived. He told the story of Creation in 500 words.

Bicycle riders continue to use the sidewalks. How come!

Wise merchants do their Christmas advertising early.

Windy Wilkie is on the rampage again.

How's your coffee holding out?