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## The Editor Speaking

After a year's absence we again greet our friends and loyal supporters of Ashland and vicinity through the columns of the Miner.

The war has brought about many changes. Familiar faces are missing, scarcely a business house in town can boast the same personnel as one year ago.

Newspapers everywhere are suffering the vicissitudes of war, rationing and freezing, but we hope so re-establish in so far as those conditions will permit the high esteem The Miner has held in this community.

### THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

To the Editor: For the emergency, union leaders would do well to see that their "no strike" pledge is kept.

What this country needs is fewer orders and more invitations to ordinary unity.

Uncle Zeke says he can remember when there was no argument about the proper length of a work week.

The way the Russians can count killed and captured Nazis must make adding machine manufacturers jealous.

Germany was once proud of its standing army but that was before it went into Russia and Africa. Now it doesn't even get a chance to sit down.

The late Senator Ingalls once declared that the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount have no place in politics. Judging from present day events, the Senator was not far wrong.

What has become of Gayda, Mussolini's vociferous mouth-piece?

And the groundhog saw his shadow. B-r-r-r!

### CONTAINER ORDER AWAITS WPB WORD

Fruit and vegetable packers and shippers and box manufacturers who attended the hearing the past week to discuss what should be done in the Oregon standard container situation in relation to the war effort were of opinion that standards of fruit and vegetable containers should be revoked or suspended for the period of the war.

Final order on the matter will not be drawn by the state department of agriculture, which called the hearing, until definite word is received as to what steps either WPB or OFA will take to simplify the number of standard containers in use in the United States. Report was made at the hearing that the national committee which has been studying the matter has approved use during the war of some 60 standard crates and boxes. More than 530 containers were listed as in use in various states of the nation prior to the studies of the national committee dealing with simplification.

Either the department can revoke standards not included in the nationally approved list or revoke all standards or put the whole standardization program in cold storage until after the war for national war regulations will take precedence, believes Plant Chief McKennon, who conducted the hearing.

J. D. Mackie returned to Ashland after a vacation in California. Mr. Mackie reports that shortages in merchandise are becoming acute in the sister state.

Mr. Kerrigan, wife, children and his mother are in Ashland. While here Mr. Kerrigan is operating the Intertype for the Miner.

The word Khaki comes from a Persian word, "khak," meaning dust.

## Columbia River's History Told

For many years the Oregon, the Great River of the West, was more or less a mystery. Many explorers sailed past its mouth in their search for the Northwest passage. Heceta, the Spanish explorer, thought he detected the river but was too timid to attempt passage of its turbulent bar. Captain John Meares, famous English pilot, was convinced that the river's mouth was but a bay, and named it Deception Bay. The headland to the north he named Cape Disappointment. The great Vancouver passed it by, declaring that there was no such stream.

In 1788, Captain Robert Gray, in command of the Lady Washington, a ninety-ton sloop, sailed into an Oregon harbor, presumably Tillamook Bay. One of his men whom he had sent ashore for grass and water was killed by the natives and Gray named the bay, Murderer's Harbor.

Four years later, Gray returned to the Northwest coast in command of a larger ship, the Columbia, after having carried the American flag around the world. He wintered at Clayoquo, where he built the Adventure, the first American ship to be built on the Pacific coast.

In the spring of 1792, he sailed south and into the harbor on the Washington coast which bears his name. On May 11, Gray arrived at the mouth of the Great River of the West. The wind and tide were in his favor and he boldly sailed across the boisterous bar. The next three days he sailed up the river for thirty miles. On May 19, he landed, raised the American flag, planted some coins, and took possession in the name of the United States of America. Evidently Gray was not familiar with the name Carver had given it, Oregon, for he named the river for his staunch little vessel, Columbia. Gray died in obscurity and poverty, but he left a precious heritage of courage, vision and daring.

### CLERICAL POSITIONS OPEN IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Announcement has recently been made of examination for clerical positions in the central and county departments of the State Board of Health and the Crippled Children's Division of the University of Oregon Medical School. Vacancies in this type of position have been frequent in the last year due to war conditions. Opportunities for permanent appointments in this interesting field of public health work are now better than ever before. The Merit System Council has stated that personnel is urgently needed to carry on Oregon's public health services which have greatly increased in volume and importance.

Application forms may be secured from county health departments or local U. S. Employment Service Offices, or by writing to the Merit System Supervisor, P. O. Box 88, Portland, Oregon. Closing date for filing applications is February 8, 1943.

### COOKS CLEARED

SALEM—The Marion County grand jury cleared A. B. McKillop and Mrs. Mary O'Hare of blame in the recent powder poisoning that killed 47 state hospital patients and made 400 others ill on November 18.

## What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Wishful thinking will not halt Hitler's tyranny, nor will "spare-change" financing give us the money necessary to win this war. So start today investing in your country's War Bonds with ten percent or more of your earnings.



Wishful thinking will not help you to buy that new furniture when the war is won. But your money saved in War Bonds will. Join the Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory. Let's "Top that Ten Percent." U. S. Treasury Department

## OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat



"For lack of a nail the shoe was lost,  
For lack of a shoe the horse was lost,  
For lack of a horse the rider was lost,  
For lack of a rider the battle was lost."  
TO WIN THIS WAR, EVERY MAN, EVERY WOMAN, EVERY CHILD HAS A "NAIL" TO FORGE... LACK OF A FULL MEASURE OF WORK, OF SAVING AND SACRIFICE, OF WHOLE-HEARTED DETERMINATION, -ON THE PART OF ANY ONE OF US- HANDICAPS OUR FIGHTING MEN.

### REV. BEATTIE SPEAKS TO SCHOOL GROUPS

Rev. A. J. Beattie spoke to S. O. C. E. students at that college last Friday morning on the subject of Robert Burns. The Glory and Disgrace of Literature. The Rev. presented a splendid assortment of Robert Burns' poems from memory.

On Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., he gave an interesting talk to the high school students at the auditorium.

The grandparents of Rev. Beattie were born at Ayre, Scotland, the birthplace of Burns. Rev. Beattie is holding evangelistic services at the Free Methodist church East Main street at Seventh. These services will be conducted daily at 7:30 p. m. At 10:30 a. m. he is giving a series of original messages on the subject, "The Holy Spirit."

Pvt. Gray, 95th Div. Camp White, will give a talk illustrated by drawings at the Free Methodist young people's society service, Sunday, February 7. Young and old are cordially invited.

Rev. Charles E. Brown, Pastor

### LAST RITES HELD FOR NATHAN MESSENGER

Graveside services were held in the Ashland cemetery Wednesday afternoon for Nathan Messenger of Gold Hill, whose tragic death occurred last Friday.

He was killed instantly when the automobile he was driving was struck by a Portland bound Southern Pacific passenger train at Zatcher crossing, near the Del Rio Orchards.

Deceased was 56 at the time of his death. He was a veteran of World War I and saw service overseas as a member of 29 C. Engineers. He was a member of the American Legion and the V. P. W.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Messenger of Marshfield; a brother, W. J. Messenger of Gold Hill; sisters Mrs. E. A. Wood, of Marshfield; Mrs. L. D. Corlies, Ketchikan, Alaska; Mrs. Edna Gamble, North Bend.

### END FOOD STAMP PLAN

PORTLAND—The department of agriculture's food stamp plan, operative in Oregon for three years, will be suspended for the duration on March 1.

Eligible users will be able to purchase stamps until February 27.

Cletus M. Stone, a grandson of Fred Miltenberger, arrived in Ashland Thursday morning from Long Beach, California.

Mr. Stone, who is in the navy, is accompanied by his buddy Kenneth N. Coffman, ship cook, second class. The boys are enroute to their homes in Portland on furlough.

### Service Men's Wives Club Meets

The Service Men's Wives Club met this week for their regular get together, at the Ashland club house, Tuesday at half past twelve. Twenty-seven attended and enjoyed the well-balanced food provided for the occasion.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Evelyn Burton. After the luncheon the members engaged in social games.

The regular meeting is on Tuesday at twelve-thirty sharp, and all army wives are invited to attend.

### DO YOUR PART

The individual citizen can help relieve the wartime medical problem. Here are suggestions: Choose your physician carefully and stick to him. Make appointments for visits as early as possible. Whenever advisable visit the physician's office instead of expecting him to call at your home. Write down all important facts you want to tell him. Tell him all symptoms which have any bearing on your physical welfare. Have confidence in him. Write down his orders and make sure you understand them. Public cooperation can go far toward eliminating the "doctor shortage."

### STATE LEGISLATURE TO INVESTIGATE FIRE

SEATTLE—Although one patient yet remained to be accounted for, center of interest over the suburban sanitarium fire which claimed 20 to 31 lives here Sunday, had switched to Olympia and the state legislature.

There were 49 residents in the sanitarium which became a blazing inferno after a wildly flying head of a match, wildly flying near an oil burner.

### ASHLAND MAN PROMOTED AT ARMY AIR BASE

Army Air Base, Elythe, Calif., Sergeant Gilbert L. Huck, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Huck, of 263 No. Mountain Ave., Ashland, Oregon, has been promoted to staff sergeant.

Sergeant Huck entered the army in April, 1942. He is now assigned to the guard squadron at this desert air base.

### TO START WORK

It is expected that work will be started shortly on the alterations and improvements on the Civic Clubhouse—USO headquarters. Attorney W. M. Briggs is a new member of the USO council.

### E. B. HUNT PASSES

Edgar B. Hunt, 81, died Monday at his home on Van Ness avenue. Surviving are two sons, Harry E., Los Angeles, and William, of Ashland.

## New Plan Opens Way For New Navy V-1 Enlistment

Adoption of a plan for admitting selected senior high school students to college before they graduate from high school will also permit some to still get into the navy V-1 reserve program, according to announcement here by E. B. Lemon, registrar and a member of the campus military programs committee.

Under present regulations the V-1 program is open to boys under 18 provided they are in college on or before March 15. It is not open to others. Under the plan recently agreed to by representatives of Oregon higher education and leaders of the public school system, selected high school seniors who are in the upper 20 per cent of the boys of their class as to scholarship may be admitted to college and receive high school credit for graduation for the work done there.

Oregon State college is arranging to register such boys as are interested on March 15 at the start of the spring term. As soon as they register for college they will be eligible to enter the navy V-1 program if otherwise qualified. Before enlistments were closed here, 418 students had been inducted into the various naval reserve programs.

The arrangement for early college entry by selected high school students also make it possible for some of those who complete their junior high school year this spring to enter college either in the summer session or next fall. The plan agreed upon by a committee appointed by the state department of education merely constitutes a general recommendation, however, and is not binding on any high school or college.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST TO HOLD EVANGELISTIC MEET

The Church of Christ will begin an evangelistic meeting Sunday, J. Earl Ladd of Grants Pass, will be the evangelist. Evangelist Ladd held a very successful revival here about fifteen years ago. Since then he has held meetings continuously in the states west of the Mississippi. He is a dynamic speaker and Bible teacher.

Kenneth Knox, minister of the Central Church of Christ, Medford, will be song-leader and soloist.

Services will be held nightly, except Monday, at 7:30 through the month of February. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### TO OPPOSE TAX

Ashland city council at the meeting Tuesday night voted to the hearing is held on the bill imposing a tax on municipal utilities. The league of Oregon cities is urging action against the measure.

### NEW OBSERVATION POST

City council has given consent to the erection of an air raid observation station near the golf course clubhouse, where telephone and electrical connections can be used.

### W. T. SNIDER DIES

W. T. Snider, 21, died suddenly Tuesday at his home on Iowa street. Surviving are his widow his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snider of Oakland, California, a sister, Mrs. Bonnie Tingley and brother, Roger Snider, both of Oakland.

### NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

The Beta Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma, teachers' honorary at the Southern Oregon College of Education, has initiated four new members into their society.

Membership is based upon character, scholastic standing, and only students registered in teacher education are eligible.

The formal initiation was held Tuesday evening, January 12, at the home of Mrs. Mildred Schultz. The new members are Elva Matthews of Days Creek, Barbara McLain of Klamath Falls, Bettie Brown of Medford and Gloria Randle of Langlois.

### NOTICE

Having taken charge of the Southern Oregon Miner, February 1, 1943, we will not be responsible for any indebtedness incurred by anyone previous to aforesaid date.

CHARLES M. GIFFEN RUTH M. GIFFEN

## ASHLAND U.S.O. NEWS NOTES

### USO COUNCIL ADDS NEW MEMBER

The USO Council met Monday evening, February 1, with all members present, including the new member, William E. Briggs, city attorney. The Council welcomed the new member and expressed pleasure in having the services of Attorney Briggs.

Reports of members were received. Mr. Morby reported on the roof shingling of the clubhouse, which, he stated, was partly complete but delay in the work was occasioned by waiting for final word from Federal sources concerning funds.

Dr. Poston reported that estimates of other needed improvements and alterations have been received.

Elmer C. Biegel appeared before the Council to report that bids for the work would be submitted within the next two weeks and hopes actual work may start by the end of the month.

Mr. Briggs offered the USO office the use of a typewriter, which the Council accepted with expressions of gratitude.

The matter of evening or luncheon-hour meeting was discussed and remained undecided though the luncheon-hour meeting was generally favored. The next meeting will be called in March. Members present were Mrs. Will Dodge, chairman, Mrs. Charles Haines, Dr. Ralph Poston, Theo. Norby, William M. Briggs, and Miss Frances Dodds, Director of the Ashland USO.

### FORTY SOLDIERS AT USO AFFAIR

Fifty-five persons, visiting soldiers and junior hostesses, were served at the Ashland USO Sunday buffet supper; approximately forty of this number being men from Camp White.

Mrs. Charles Haines was in charge of planning and preparing the buffet, assisted by Mrs. C. E. Dalkenberg and Mrs. Clare Scott.

Five frosted cakes had been made available for the affair; donated by George Nichols, T. L. O'Hara, J. W. Sullivan, C. E. Dalkenberg, and Mrs. Ida Crandel.

The Sunday buffet supper is an institution at the Ashland USO.

### LOCAL HOSPITALITY TO SERVICE MEN

Miss Frances E. Dodds, director of the Ashland USO, reports that families in Ashland frequently extend home hospitality to service men, and that report from the men is always of a pleasant visit and—to the cantonment man—that rare joy, a home-cooked meal.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. William Briggs of Bellview entertained three soldiers from Camp White at Sunday dinner. The guests were Pvt. Ralph Rughard, Pvt. Paul Sedan and Pvt. Bill Richman.

Mrs. Leonard of 311 High street, entertained three soldiers for dinner Sunday, Pvt. Eugene J. Loeber, Cpl. Eugene Strazalika, and Cpl. Dick Proce.

Miss Dodds states that a soldier guest can usually be contacted through the Ashland USO.

### USO HOSTESSES ANNOUNCED

The USO announces the following names, hostesses for the month of February, at the information desk.

Monday, February 1-8-15-22: 2 to 5, Mrs. Frances Hunter, 5 to 8, Mrs. Dan Kay, 8 to 10:45, Mrs. Alice Peil.

Tuesday, February 2-9-16-23: 2 to 5, Mrs. H. M. Schilling, 5 to 8, Mrs. Wilmer Hill, 8 to 10:45, Mrs. Harriet Hastings.

Wednesday, February 3-10-17-24: 2 to 5, Mrs. Bebel Hart, 5 to 8, Mrs. Albert Leonard, 8 to 10:45, Mrs. Pat Dunn.

Thursday, February 4-11-18-25: 2 to 5, Mrs. Ben Willard, 5 to 8, Miss Marian Ady, 8 to 10:45, Mrs. Norma Stearns.

Friday, February 5-12-19-26: 2 to 5, Mrs. Gladys Crandall, 5 to 8, Miss Virginia Whittle, 8 to 10:45, Mrs. M. P. O'Hara.

Saturday, February 6-13-20-27: 2 to 5, Miss Jeannette Smith, 5 to 8, Miss Edith Bork, 8 to 10:45, Miss Edna Goheen.

Sunday, February 7-14-21-28: (Continued on Page 4)

The Rev. J. R. Turnbull has recently returned from Portland, where he attended a conference for pastors. Last Sunday he was guest speaker at one of the churches in Portland.