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The Editor Speaking

It's no military secret that Oregon is stealing California's unusual weather.

The Allies are slowly but surely making progress on all war fronts but the Duce says all he needs is the last 15 minutes.

There is no synthetic rubber to plug the bottle-neck. — Too much air in Washington, and no tires to hold it.

It is apparent that the fellow condemned to "Stretch Hemp" will soon stretch Abaca. — Abaca is being produced in Panama to replace hemp as rope fiber.

The states of Georgia and Michigan have started a movement to adopt the next time zone westward. That's oke with us but what are we in Oregon to do? TAKE TOKIO time? If so our work days will be short as we understand it their SUN is going down.

THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor: The Oregon State Senate passed a bill penalizing smoking in bed. However, the eating of crackers in bed is still unprejudiced.

The showman tactics resorted to by some preachers to attract crowds, in our opinion, passeth all understanding. In a recent issue of the CHILOQUIN REVIEW, we note the announcement of a "sugar sack service". The notice reads: "Ever been to a sugar sack service? Do you know what one is? Well, come and see for yourself. It is something new, original, and interesting. . . Every one is invited to come out. No one has to bring any sugar. All will be furnished." And no doubt a sweet time was had by all.

Now we have cuffless trousers and rubberless automobiles. But cheer up, some of these days we will have a mustachless Hitler and a voiceless Goebels.

Uncle Zeke says one welcome shortage the war effort has brought about is the noticeable scarcity of able-bodied panhandlers.

Prices of some commodities have not only hit the ceiling but bounced through the skylight.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MET WITH MISS WHITSON

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist church met Tuesday evening with Miss Gladys Whitson. The business meeting followed the chicken dinner and social hour at 6:30. Miss Ollie Depew reported on "China and What the Methodists Are Doing There." Of great interest to the group in connection with their study of racial relations was a review of McKinley Helm's book, "Angel Mo' and her Son Roland Hayes" given by Mrs. G. W. Bruce.

Those present at the meeting including the Misses Ollie Depew, Edna Goheen, Jeanette Smith, Carrie May Smith, Voda Brower, Gladys Whitson, Jean Carson, Cora Mason, and Mesdames G. W. Bruce, Leona Ormond, Alice Willits, and Alexander Boyer. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Alice Willits on March 9th.

Al Snider, who has been managing the Bates Candy Company in Medford, is now operating the Snider Coffee Company in Ashland. Since rationing the Snider Coffee Company has operated on a wholesale basis only.

HENRY NEWTON and Companion
Are invited to be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "SECRET AGENT OF JAPAN" and "GIRL TROUBLE" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "THIS ABOVE ALL"
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Library Notes

For a number of years the Ashland Public Library has been open Sundays from 3 to 6 p. m. for reading and reference work only. A few people have made use of this service, but the number has been small and the Library Board has seriously considered the value of heating and lighting the building for this three hour period.

Upon inquiry of the State Librarian as to the general practice, we were informed that no other library this size in the state maintains Sunday hours, with the exception of Corvallis, which is used extensively by the men of Camp Adair. To date the Ashland Library has had little Sunday use by the men from Camp White.

Therefore, at the last meeting, the Library Board decided that in the interest of fuel conservation the Library would not maintain Sunday hours beginning Feb. 14.

The Public Library is making a collection of photographs of Ashland boys in service and a display of the pictures received has been arranged. There are many men not as yet represented. Relatives and friends who have snapshots that they would be willing to loan for a time are urged to bring them to the Library.

The Library has a special collection of books celebrating "NEGRO HISTORY WEEK". These may be borrowed for a limited period and those in charge of programs or who desire information about the Negro in America are invited to come to the Library and look over the volumes, which include: "American Negroes" by Embree; "The Negro and Defense"; and "After Freedom" by Powdermaker; "The Negro in Sports" by Henderson; "Golden Slippers", an anthology, by Bontemps; "Negro Poetry and Drama" by Brown; "Negro Poets and Their Poems" by Kerlin; "Sha kespeare in Harlem" by Hughes; "Negro Youth at the Crossways" by Frazier; "The Myth of the Negro Past" by Herskovits; "Drums and Shadows"; and "Negro Folk Songs as Sung by Lead Belly" by Lomax; "The Souls of Black Folk" by DuBois.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON FRIDAY NOON

The Chamber of Commerce open forum luncheon will be held at 12 o'clock at the Plaza Cafe. This meeting is open to members of the Chamber of Commerce and also to all Ashland business men. Certain legislative bills will be discussed.

WELL BABY CLINIC MEETS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18.

According to an announcement from Mrs. C. F. Tilton the Well Baby Clinic will be held on Thurs. February 18, at 1:00 p.m. at the USO building. Dr. Merkel, county physician will be assisted by Miss Helen Parish and Miss Patricia Geiser.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES CONTINUE AT CHURCH

Evangelist James Earl Ladd was greeted Sunday at the Church of Christ with large audiences. Kenneth Knox as song leader and soloist was well received. The special services will continue nightly at 7:30 except Monday. Evangelist Ladd's subjects for this week are: Friday night, "Russia and Japan in Prophecy"; Saturday night, "Is Hell Here or Hereafter?"; Sunday, a.m. "The Power House"; Sunday p.m. "The King of Kings"; Tuesday, "Where are the Dead?"; Wednesday, "When will the next Depression Come?"; Thursday, "Heart Disease."

LOCAL BOY IN ORCHESTRA AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Richard Finnel, of Ashland, will participate in the first University of Oregon symphony orchestra concert of the 1943 season, to be held on Sunday, February 7, at the school of music auditorium. Finnel, freshmen in music at the University, will play in the trombone section of the orchestra. Rex Underwood, symphony conductor and professor of music, announced.

Mrs. Chas. Inseley of Roseburg visited her long-time friend Mrs. C. A. Heath last Saturday. Mrs. Inseley and her husband recently returned from an extensive trip where they visited their three sons in the army stationed in camps in Texas, South Carolina, and South Dakota.

LEWIS AND CLARK FORM ADVANCE GUARD

—THE TRAIL LED WEST—

The idea planted by John Ledyard in 1784 and Gray's discovery of the Great River of the West inspired Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States to send Lewis and Clark in 1804 on an expedition of discovery and research into the far Northwest. The trail led up the Missouri across the Rockies and down the Clearwater and Snake rivers. They lived off the country as they beat their way westward. Their main sustenance was salmon, horse and dog meat, supplemented by herbs and roots. The Columbia was reached, near the present Pasco, Washington, on Oct. 16, 1805. As they descended the Columbia, they gave names to the various streams and landmarks. They called the John Day, Lepage's river; the Deschutes they named Towannahooks. They camped at the Dalles and called it Fort Rock. Memaloose Island was Sepchre Island; Hood river was Labische's river and White Salmon was Canoe creek.

They passed an outstanding landmark on the river on November 2 and named it Beacon Rock. The well-known Sandy was Quicksand river; the Washougal was Seal and Sauvie Island was Wapato. On November 7, they sighted the Pacific and their journey was ended. A stockade was erected near the present site of Astoria and called Fort Clatsop. They built a cairn at the present Seaside to distill water from the ocean. The winter was spent in surveying the country and making other observations. On March 23, 1806, Lewis and Clark embarked on the long journey home. On the way up the river, Captain Clark rowed up the Willamette as far as Portland and named the stream Multnomah. He also sighted and named Moun; Jefferson. They were the advance guard that blazed the way to be followed by mighty caravans that conquered the Great American Desert and peopled the far Pacific slopes.

Ed. Note—This is one in a series of stories commemorating the Old Oregon Trail Centennial.

FRANK VAN DYKE RETURNS

Frank Van Dyke, local attorney, who has been in Officers Training in California, has returned to fill his place in the state Legislature.

TALENT NOTES

Central Point High School defeated the Talent High School in both ends of a double header played last Thursday night in the Talent Gym. Central Point with two six footers in the lineup controlled the backboards throughout the game. Talent played without the services of their star center, "Monty Montgomery". Roland Parks of Ashland refereed.

Mrs. Charles Long Jr. underwent a major operation at the hospital in Ashland Thursday morning.

R. F. Parks made a business trip to Medford Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and daughter Shirley of Prospect were in Talent Saturday afternoon.

The baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith on Saturday morning at 4:30 at the Community Hospital in Ashland passed away at 1 p. m. the same day.

The O. D. C. Club met at the home of Mrs. Nita Oatman in Medford. Twenty four ladies were present. A hot dish luncheon was served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hill of the Ashland area visited their daughter Mrs. George Corner and family and other relatives and friends (Continued From Page 1)

Mrs. Donald Walden of Phoenix was a business caller in Talent Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Taylor of Vancouver are the parents of a baby daughter. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Works on Wagner Creek and was graduated from the Talent High School. She is spending a month with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long returned Friday from a month's vacation in Seattle and other points.

Frank Manners who has been living on Wagner Creek the past couple of months purchased the property of Mrs. Ben Clark across the street from the City Hall.

Ladies of the Talent Home Missionary Society met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Higgins.

Miss Lottie Beswick of Bellview and Mrs. Sarah Clark of Ashland called on friends in Talent Sunday evening.

Dr. R. E. Poston attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Salem this week.

Henry Metz is out of town for a few days this week.

ASHLAND U.S.O. NEWS NOTES

USO SECURES CAMP WHITE TALENT FOR CIVIC PROGRAM

Camp White talent figured in the Wednesday Civic Club meet, secured by Miss Frances E. Dodds director of the Ashland USO, who contacted the soldier performers and brought the boys and their instruments to Ashland.

Corp. Elmer Harrelson sang three numbers; a guitar and accordion duet was played by Corp. Harrelson and Pvt. Donn Schmidel. Private Ernest Richards gave the bugle calls which were interpreted by Corp. Harrelson, from the first call in the morning till taps at night. Sgt. Don Safford gave a comic reading and acted as master of ceremonies.

USO RECEIVES DONATIONS

The local USO club has been the grateful recipient of three dozen towels, two dozen donated by the American Legion Auxiliary and one dozen presented by Mr. and Mrs. McMinn of the McMinn Poultry Farm at Bellview.

The towels were conveniently embellished with the letters USO embroidered across corners in red, white, and blue.

TWENTY-FIVE HOSTESSES AT CAMP WHITE DANCE

More than twenty-five junior and senior hostesses from Ashland attended the formal dance at the opening of Service Club no. 1 at Camp White recently. Transportation was provided from the Ashland USO. Among those attending were Jane Cary, Jerry Smith, Lizzie Cunningham, Velma DeLap, Adra Goeller, Virginia Smith, Velma Simpson, Bettie McColm, Lavilla Gosson, Mary Gean Hendricks, Ann Munkers, Dorothy Burket, Gloria Reinele, Lela Griffith, Elinor Quackenbush, Margie Newton, Alice Harker, Jean Neal, Barbara Cary, Margaret Norby, Frances White, Erma Purves, Madge Mitchell, Dorothy Flaharty, Mildred Harmsen, Dorothy Dodge, Beverly Leach, Jean Holmes, Grace Lee, Maxine Rand, Johanne Burk, Kay Bergstrom, Nellie Strain, Elizabeth O'Keep, Mrs. Bassey.

KILLS WORLDS BIGGEST BEAR

Rich Johnson, a cousin of Mrs. C. E. Huffman and Mrs. Jesse Lilly of Ashland while on a timber scouting trip with his wife and two young men in the wilds of Alaska had the pleasure of bringing down "The King of the Unuk", the largest grizzly bear on record. Mr. Johnson reports it took three well placed shots at close range to despatch the three quarter ton bruin which measured 9 feet 6 inches from tip to tip.

The big grizzly is said to have killed two men at different times and showed many battle scars.

Aside from gaining the distinction of having killed the largest bear on record Mr. Johnson reported that he and his party bagged two medium sized grizzlies five black bears, one wolverine four wolves, a moose, six deer and many ducks geese and fish.

Editor's Note: The next time we want game, we'll go on a timber cruise.

LUELLA M. STEARNS

Funeral services are being held this afternoon (Thursday) at the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Luella M. Stearns aged 81 and a resident of Oregon for 70 years. Dr. George Bruce is the officiating minister. Mrs. Stearns passed away quietly in her sleep Sunday night, and the body was found Monday morning. She was active in church and civic affairs. Survivors include one son, Ernel E. Stearns of Ashland and two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Goddard of Talent and Mrs. Alice Roberts of Oakland.

Dr. G. W. Bruce, pastor of the local Methodist Church, returned Tuesday evening from a two day Bible Conference of Methodist ministers held in Roseburg.

Henry Newton was able to return to work yesterday after several days absence because of illness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Leighton of Camas, Washington, a son, Mr. Leighton was formerly football coach in Ashland.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Owings on Feb. 6, a daughter,