



SOUTHERN OREGON MINER



VOL. XII

ASHLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 1943

NUMBER 4

The Editor Speaking

This idea of rationing may be all right but why mislead the American people as to what is really happening over there? Our idea is that when we all realize the seriousness of the situation, learning of the losses in our men and equipment, then if not before will home sacrifices be met with less hesitancy. As long as we are winning with what we have, John Public sees no reason for further deprivations.

On the other hand there are few if any Americans who are not willing to shoulder any thing if and when they know how precarious the situation is.

Shoe rationing is no impediment to Missourians. There the usual custom was for a youth on his 21st birthday to be presented with his first pair of shoes. The female of the species beat us by three years. They donned shoes upon their 18th anniversary. In case the love bug bit 'em before shoe age the bride used her mother's for the occasion. Pooh on shoe rationing; that's easy!

Then when the coffee ran low maw would just add a few pinches of snuff to the oft billed grounds. So we're safe on that un too.

Chewing gum is scarce. Too had they can't use some of the "sap" from Washington.

Caught the Associate Editor making erasures with sandpaper last week - she has plenty of sand.

We got that one from the fellow who told us bridge was out for the duration - no "rubber."

About the time we are led to believe the Germans are all washed up, they show us that peace terms are out of order.

BUY BONDS

THIS AND THAT

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

A Congressional investigation of non-essential and overlapping agencies is most timely. Uncle Sam's miscellaneous offices now number approximately 500, it is said.

That bed smoking bill passed by the State Senate by a vote of 24 to 6, received unfriendly treatment in the House by being given an indefinite postponement.

Nazis probably wish for a return of the days when the function of a British plane flying over Germany was to drop propaganda leaflets.

Hitler's Berchtesgaden hangout is called his "mountain retreat." Sounds prophetic, thinks Uncle Zeke.

Not all bears hibernate, it seems. The Russian variety does its hardest and best work in the winter.

And to think the WPB has the temerity to lecture housewives on bread slicing!

Mussolini says he is going to stick on the job. Where could he go to?

BUY BONDS

For Sale or Trade For Acreage, Good Income Property Now Leased. Consists Of Large Store Building With Living Apartments, Public Seales, Garage, And Service Station. Call At 61 N. Main Street Or On Sundays At 137 Oak Street In Ashland.

J. L. WILCOX and Companion Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the **VARSITY THEATRE** (Friday and Saturday) "Wings and the Woman" and Scattergood Survives Murder or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "THUNDERBIRD" Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

THE TONQUIN FAILS TO RETURN

Lewis and Clark's report on their epochal journey fired the imagination of John Jacob Astor, fur mogul of New York City. He organized the Pacific Fur Company and took into partnership Wilson Price Hunt and several Canadians in the employ of the Northwest Fur Company. Two expeditions were planned, by land and sea, to establish a fur-trading post at the mouth of the Columbia. The ship Tonquin, Capt. Jonathan Thorn in command, sailed from New York harbor on Sept. 6, 1810. The captain was long on discipline but short on temper and discord was a constant guest on board ship.

The Tonquin arrived off the mouth of the Columbia, March 22, 1811. In spite of boisterous weather, Capt. Thorn ordered two small boats to sound the channel, and eight men were lost. A location was finally chosen for the erection of a stockade and on April 12 the Stars and Stripes was raised and the site named Astoria. On June 5, the Tonquin sailed for the north with twenty-three white men on board, among them Alexander McKay one of the partners.

The ship cast anchor in Clayoquot Harbor, Vancouver Island. There Capt. Thorn incurred the enmity of the Indians because of his irascible temper and all but 5 of the party were killed by savages. McKay and Capt. Thorn were among the victims, but not before the captain had killed several of the Indians with his jack-knife. Four of the survivors attempting to escape were captured and slain. James Lewis, ship's clerk, mortally wounded, barricaded himself in the hold. Thinking the ship deserted, the Indians boarded her. When the deck was full, Lewis set fire to the magazine and blew her to pieces, and over 100 Indians were killed and maimed by the explosion. A costly one in lives and property, due to the ill temper of Capt. Thorn, and the Tonquin was never returned.

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

BUY BONDS LOCAL SCOUTS CELEBRATE

Ashland Scouts celebrated the 33rd anniversary of Scouting last week by taking part in a number of projects. At a Court of Honor held Monday of last week in the Courthouse in Medford, three Ashland Scouts from Troop 13 gained recognition for their recent work. Jack Merritt who has attained the rank of Eagle and is assistant scoutmaster of his troop, was granted the high award of Gold Palms. It was believed at the Court that Merritt was the first Scout in the Crater Lake area to ever receive this distinction. At the same Court he was awarded merit badges for cycling, animal industry, weather, conservation, and machinery.

Harry Bennett was advanced to the rank of Second Class Scout and Richard Woodcock gained a merit badge for stamp collecting. The scoutmaster of Troop 13, Lawrence Powell, was a member of the recent Court of Honor which was presided over by Don R. Newbery. An anniversary message from President Roosevelt was read by Scout Executive, Charles B. Warner.

Ashland Scouts appeared in uniform last week in commemoration of Boy Scout Week. A window display was arranged at the Snider coffee store showing some articles used in scouting.

Recently at a regular meeting of Troop 13, Dick Flaharty and Richard Woodcock assumed positions of patrol leaders. Bob Huffman is the senior patrol leader.

BUY BONDS

Mrs. G. W. (Bill) Huffman, daughter Celeste and son Clyde returned to their home in Olympia, this week. Mrs. Huffman was called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. Ed Holman in January. Mr. Huffman returned to Gray Field after an emergency furlough of 15 days. Bill is a Staff Sergeant.

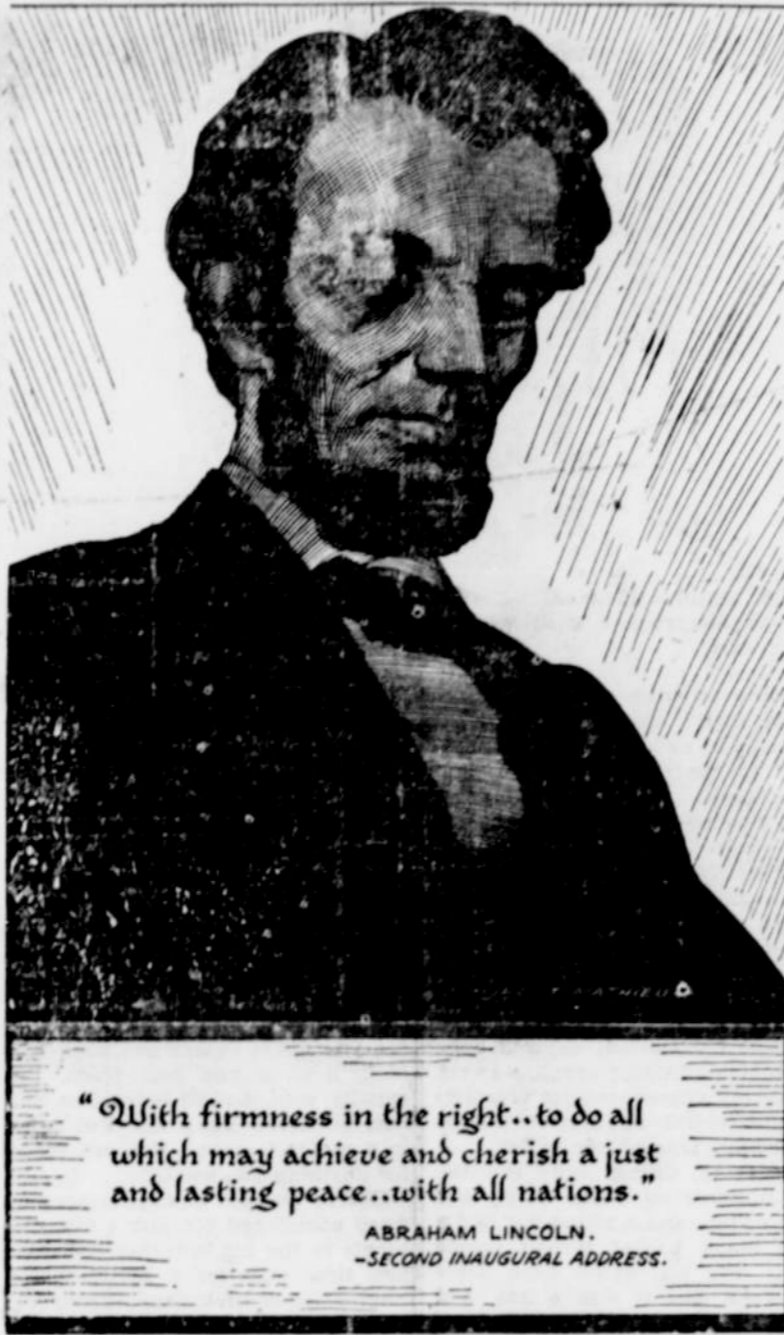
Private Aubrey Miles, who is stationed at Camp Roberts, visited in Ashland several days last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chitwood on Feb. 10, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Park on Feb. 10, a son.

OUR DEMOCRACY

—by Mat



"With firmness in the right...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace...with all nations."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
—SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

BELLVIEW NOTES

The Pie Social sponsored by the Bellview P. T. A. last Friday evening was well attended and a nice sum of \$66.00 was cleared for the continuance of the hot lunches for the pupils. Edwin Dunn auctioned off the pies and the highest bid for one pie was \$9.50. The P. T. A. furnished coffee and the Primary children gave a Lincoln Day program with Mrs. Mann in charge.

Mrs. Howard Gearhart entertained her birthday club Saturday with a one o'clock luncheon honoring Mrs. Roscoe Owen on her birthday anniversary. Those enjoying Mrs. Gearhart's hospitality were Mrs. Ida Tucker, Mrs. Claire Scott, Mrs. Belle Jackson, Mrs. Mark True, and the honoree, Mrs. Owen and daughter Sandra.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Reynolds were hosts to a group of friends Sunday at a one o'clock dinner party. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierson of Ashland, Mrs. Bob Heath and children and Mrs. Melvin Conley and small son of Dunsmuir, and a group of soldiers from Camp White.

Dale Dieckman of Ashland spent Sunday with Donnie Gresh-

SOMMER IN MARINE CORP

Earl Sommer, 20, was inducted into the marine corps last weekend at Portland. He has been transferred to San Diego for training. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Sommer, Route 2 Ashland, he is a graduate of Talent High School and worked for Boeing Aircraft Corp. in Seattle before induction.

BUY BONDS

INCOME TAX AUDITOR HERE

The State Income Tax auditor will be in Ashland on February 27 and March 1 and 2.

The house owned by Mrs. Pretell and known as the Sam Evans place burned down Saturday a.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mosley and family were living in the house. Neighbors rushed in and helped remove most of the furniture.

The dance sponsored by the Bellview Grange last Friday night was well attended. Barney's orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sexton of Klamath Falls spent the weekend with Mrs. Sexton's parents, (Continued on Page 4)

Joseph C. Grew Warns

Half-Effort Will Not Defeat Japan

By JOSEPH C. GREW

United States Ambassador to Japan until the outbreak of war, and author of "Report From Tokio."

(Written for the Treasury Department in connection with the Retailers' "SAY YES" campaign to complete the nation's 100,000,000 partially filled War Stamp albums.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In describing one of the big air battles over Guadalcanal a recent newspaper account tells of an American flyer who parachuted from his crippled plane to the waters of Lunga Bay. The Navy craft which picked him up next went to the rescue of a Japanese pilot seen struggling in the water nearby. As the rescue boat reached the Japanese flyer he suddenly pulled out his revolver, aimed it at the drenched American pilot and pulled the trigger. The cartridge failed to explode. Then the Japanese officer turned the gun on himself with suicidal intent. Again he pulled the trigger and again his revolver failed him. At this point an American sailor knocked him out with a boat hook and pulled him aboard the American craft a prisoner.

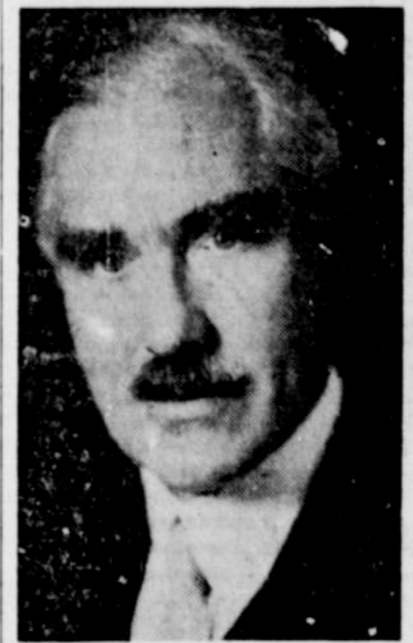
Almost daily one reads eye-witness stories such as this one, and all of them clearly demonstrate that war with our enemy in the Pacific cannot end in compromise.

For ten years I lived in Japan. The truth as I know it from close observation is this: Nothing less than the exertion of our maximum capacities, individually and collectively, in a war of offense will bring our beloved country safely to the longed-for haven of victorious peace.

The Japanese are pawns of a senseless but mighty militarism—

ally we can continue to lead our normal lives, leaving the spirit of self-sacrifice to our soldiers and sailors, we shall unquestionably run the risk of a stalemate with Japan. I do not have the slightest doubt of our eventual victory. But I do not wish to see the period of our blood, sweat and tears indefinitely and unnecessarily prolonged. We must not fail to realize that we are up against a powerful fighting machine, a people whose morale cannot be broken even by successive defeats and untold economic hardship, a people who gladly sacrifice their lives for their Emperor and their nation. We must also remember that Japan did not start this war without carefully laid military plans for victory over the United States and a peace dictated by their war lords at the White House.

From the flood of eye witness accounts of atrocity and bestiality one



JOSEPH C. GREW

Says It's Fight to Finish

fact shines clear. We must utterly crush that machine and caste and system. If, however, we Americans think that collectively and individ-

ASHLAND U. S. O.

OFFICIALS VISIT LOCAL USO

Faber Stevenson Pacific Northwest Regional Supervisor of the USO, whose headquarters are in Portland visited the Ashland center, Wednesday. Mrs. Clara Alcroft Regional Supervisor of the YWCA unit, headquarters in San Francisco, was a visitor at the same time.

Mr. Stevenson was very interested in reports on the progress of renovating the building housing the local USO and expressed belief that it would not be long before the work is completed. He was also interested to see the new ping pong room with table made by Harry Bullis, caretaker of the plant.

Both Mr. Stevenson and Mrs. Alcroft commented on the effective greens decoration recently done by Miss Virginia Whittle, with pine, Oregon grape and pussy willow of a very fine variety.

Mrs. Alcroft while in Ashland attended a group of the Junior and Senior hostesses and showed decided approval of the present program of holding the hostess meeting in smaller groups and in mixed assembly of junior and senior hostesses.

BUY BONDS

TALENT NOTES

Bud Abbott of Wagner Creek of the Quarter Master's Corp now stationed at Sacramento, Calif. was home on furlough for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Warren and children of Ashland visited Mr. and Mrs. Alford Norns, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Miller and family moved into the Butterfield property. Mr. and Mrs. Les Hawley moved into the house vacated by the Millers.

Due to the heavy rains the road leading to Wagner Gap has been damaged so severely that traffic is impassable.

Mr. Forest Jenning who is employed in California spent the week-end with his family.

Mr. Al Sherard spent a few days in Central Point last week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Smith and baby of Toole, Utah are visiting Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Dora Dorak and other relatives in the valley.

Miss Beverly Franklin and Amos Maplesden were married last week in the presence of a sister Miss Patricia Franklin with Judge Coleman officiating. Mrs. Maplesden is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Franklin who reside one mile south of Talent on the old Pacific highway.

Mrs. Bernice Anderson who owns the Anderson store and confectionery has purchased the property known as the Rush place.

The Talent Extension Unit met at the City Hall last Wednesday at an all day meeting. A good crowd was in attendance with visitors from Valley View and Wagner Creek.

COAST PHONE SERVICE HEAVY

Wartime demands for telephone service on the home front and for the armed forces reached all-time peaks in 1942, according to the annual report to shareholders of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, issued this week by N. K. Powley, President.

"The Pacific Coast, predominantly affected by the impact of the war, experienced throughout 1942 an expansion in governmental, industrial and business activity unparalleled in its history," President Powley declared. "Serving as it does this strategic section of the country, our Company gave its undivided attention to the performance of its duty to our nation's all-out war effort.

"Under the war powers of Congress and the President, various agencies of the Federal Government have been given an extended control over the telephone business," Powley continued. "The Company stresses the importance of the understanding of the public regarding the effect on the business of the control by these agencies. Pursuant to these powers, the War Production Board, in its conservation of strategic materials, has restricted the construction of new telephone plants and has also restricted the amount and kind of local telephone service which may be supplied to the public. The Board of War Communications has been given power to control telephone service. Many other regulations also have been made effective under various acts of Congress and through executive agencies. All these affect the course of our operations and the possibility of realizing adequate earnings. The regulations issued, and as administered, by the Office of Price Administration, have the practical effect of preventing our Company from increasing its rates for any class of service even though the return from that class of service may be inadequate.

"So long as the federal agencies under the war power affect, restrict, and control construction, service, rates and earnings we look to the Regulatory Rate Authorities in their adjudging our earnings to take fully into account all of the actions of these agencies, their respective impact on various parts of the business, and their effect on the earnings of the Company. It is axiomatic that it is vitally necessary to successful conduct of the business that allowable earnings be sufficiently adequate to provide for the continuance of the meeting of our obligations and responsibilities to our investors, to the public, and to our employees."

Emphasizing the effect of the war on telephone operations, Powley pointed out that the volume of telephone calls in 1942 reached an all-time high of more than four billion originating calls, an increase of more than 80 million over the previous year. Toll and long distance calls soared to the unprecedented peak of over 204 million, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous high record of 1941, more than 44 per cent over 1940.

"In this critical war period, our organization has the heaviest responsibilities ever imposed on it in the history of the Company," Powley continued. "With the full realization of these responsibilities, every effort has been made during the past year, as it will continue to be, so to conduct our work on the home front and for the armed forces that our Company will play its full and effective part in taking our country through to victory and peace."

"To a sympathetic, understanding and friendly public for their cooperative assistance in aiding our Company in its all-out war effort, the Directors and Officers express their grateful acknowledgment and sincere thanks," Powley concluded.



Chester Morris and Jean Parker in "I Live on Danger" Sun., Mon., and Tues., at Lithia