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Hunt and Others Forgotten Men

One of the most dramatic of the expeditions of the far west, one almost forgotten, was the land expedition financed by John Jacob Astor and led by Wilson Price Hunt. Hunt pushed out into the Missouri from his winter camp on the Nodaway, on April 21, 1811, in four keel-boats equipped with oars and sails. Hearing that the Blackfeet were unfriendly, he decided to leave the river and strike out overland. The route led across the present South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. The Snake River was reached near the present St. Anthony where they abandoned their horses and took to the river. In the vicinity of Twin Falls, Hunt was forced to leave his boats and proceed on foot. Before long their food was consumed and starvation was a daily guest. Hunt led one party and Ramsay Crooks another on opposite sides of the Snake River as far as the present Homestead, where they were forced to retrace their steps.

They entered the Burnt River canyon and pushed on through to the Powder River valley. New Year's Day, 1812, was ushered in near the present Union, Oregon, in the Grand Ronde Valley where Hunt and his famished party enjoyed a feast of horse and dog meat in a Shoshone Indian village. The Columbia was reached on January 21, where the canoes were traded for with the Indians. On February 15, Astoria was reached and the long, arduous journey was ended.

On June 29, Robert Stuart and a small party set out for St. Louis with dispatches for John Jacob Astor. Stuart followed or paralleled their original trail as far as the present Pocatella. There he turned east, crossed the Rockies at or near the South Pass and followed the Platte River to the Missouri, reaching St. Louis in the spring of 1813. Hunt's trail from the Port Neuf, near Pocatella, west and Stuart's trail from there east blazed the way which was followed in later years by covered wagon caravans, to become familiarly known as the Oregon Trail.

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

—BUY BONDS—

FINNELL ELECTED OFFICER IN FRATERNITY

Richard Finnell, Ashland, has been elected secretary of Pi Kappa Alpha, men's social fraternity on the University of Oregon campus.

Finnell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finnell of Ashland and is a freshman in music at Oregon.

—BUY BONDS—

THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor: It's the opinion of the average American that Congress should get down to work to fight inflation by deflation of non-essential government expense, red tape and bungling administration.

When the time comes for the Allies to decide just who will hang Hitler, Uncle Zeke says the Czechs can always claim that they saw him first.

Flame and fortune awaits the individual who can devise some plan to convert Ashland's pestiferous canines into synthetic leather.

Remember the old days when a bureau was just some place where mother put your clean shirts?

Unless local S. P. switchmen handle freight cars more tenderly they bid fare to knock themselves out of jobs.

Ashland's scrap pile appears to have been frozen for the duration.

Date in history: The U. S. Constitution went into effect March 4 1789.

LYDIA McCALL and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) MANILA CALLING and WILD CAT or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) PALM BEACH STORY
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

Fruit Growers Elect Directors

At the postponed annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' League held Saturday afternoon in the Auditorium of the Court House in conjunction with the County Horticultural Agent's annual spray meeting, Lyle Kinney was elected as a director to fill the unexpired term of S. G. Nye, Jack Nail to fill the unexpired term of George Harrington and Jack Garrett to fill the unexpired term of Robert Root. The Board of Directors as now constituted is as follows:

- Three year term.
Dr. George B. Dean
Martin Luther
Weldon F. Biddle
Cecil C. Clemens
Raymond Reter
Ralph Wilcox
Two year term.
E. P. Vilas
Chester Fitch
Lyle Kinney
Ray C. Ward
Ralph L. Cook
Jack Nail
One year term.
W. E. Holmes
Robert K. Norris
A. S. V. Carpenter
Ward Spatz
E. C. Gardner
Jack Garrett

A report was made of the operations and financial matters of the League for the past year. In addition to that reports were made of the operations and financing of the Jackson County Agricultural Committee, which was the temporary organization organized to cooperate with the United States Employment Department in procuring and providing for transportation of the orchard and plant workers in the harvest emergency of the past fall.

A full report was made of the operations and finances of the Vocational Training Pear Packing school, which was operated the past season under the auspices of the Vocational Education Division of the State Board of Education with the assistance of the Fruit Growers' League and the Rogue River Valley Traffic Association.

The officers of the Fruit Growers' League for the new year will be elected by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting in March.

—BUY BONDS—

BELVIEW NOTES

Mrs. Bessie Hall of Oakland, Calif. arrived Monday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Malinda King of Belview and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. King of Ashland.

Mrs. Leslie Boe of Miles City, Montana returned to her home, Monday after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. Boe. The latter accompanied her to Eugene where she will visit her sister, Mrs. F. E. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ayers and children of La Grande, Ore. and Mrs. O. G. Ayers of Couger, Wash. visited friends in Belview Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Foomes have bought the Ayers home here. Mrs. Al Pierce of Dunsmuir spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Byrd and daughter of Klamath Falls spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd.

Mrs. William Byrd who has been seriously ill for the past several months is reported no better. Mrs. Byrd is a former resident of Belview but now lives in Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark of Tillamook were visiting friends here Friday.

Mrs. Fannie Gassman of Ashland is visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis. The carnival sponsored by the Bellview P. T. A. last Friday evening was a huge success. A nice sum was added to the Student Body fund.

Mrs. Zelma Pool of Bonanza spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Sullivan.

Ben Lanini of Greenfield, Calif. visited several days with his brother, Vincent Lanini and family. Mrs. Anna Frazier of Grants Pass is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hays and daughter moved Saturday to the Donald Korth place.

—BUY BONDS—
Pvt. William L. Peterson, an Ashland High School graduate of 1942 is in the hospital at Camp Roberts. Word has been received that his condition is good after an operation. His address is Sta. Hosp. Ward 12, Camp Roberts, Calif. He is the son of Mrs. Ollie Peterson, 520 Terrace St.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

AMERICANS ALL.
HEADS IN THE AIR—INHERITORS OF LIBERTY—
GUARDIANS OF THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF MAN—
PROUD DEFENDERS OF A GREAT TRADITION.



**FEET ON THE GROUND—MARCHING FORWARD—
THROWING INTO THE FIGHT OUR COUNTRY'S VAST
RESOURCES IN FARM LANDS, OIL, MINES, TIMBER—
OUR GREAT PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN MUNITIONS,
GOODS, FOOD—OUR INDIVIDUAL EARNINGS AND
FUNDS IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, LIFE INSURANCE,
WAR BONDS—
UNITED TO WIN.**

School Conference to Meet at SOCE

The sixth annual Southern Oregon Regional Conference of Elementary School Principals will be held March 6 at the Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland. The Department of Elementary School Principals of the Oregon State Teachers Association and the State Department of Education are cooperating with the regional group in sponsoring this conference.

Five such conferences are usually held in the various sections of the state. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam stated that after much discussion as to whether or not any conferences should be held this year, it was decided that the impact of previous conferences had been so valuable to elementary education that it was of major importance in these times of stress to continue to hold the elementary principals meetings.

The Southern Oregon Conference is the third to be held this year. The theme of the conference is "Schools in Wartime." The program is as follows:

- 9:30—Welcome by Dr. Walter Redford, President of SOCE.
- 9:45—The Elementary School in the War Program, E. H. Hedrick, City School Superintendent, Medford.
- 10:30—The New Geography Adoptions, Florence E. Beardsley, State Supervisor of Elementary Education.
- 11:15—School Legislation by Rex Putnam, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 1:00—Business Meeting, Frank Newton, Acting President of Department of Elementary School Principals, presiding.
- 1:30—Geography Content, Dr. Walter Redford, President Southern Oregon College of Education.
- 2:15—Free Discussion Period, Leader—R. H. Gandee, Oak Grove School, Jackson County.
- At 12:15 the elementary school principals will meet at luncheon at the Ashland Senior High School cafeteria.

—BUY BONDS—

USO OFFICIALS IN ASHLAND
Mr. Roger Folgate, F. S. A. representative in charge of USO buildings, from Portland, and Mr. George Upton, Y. M. C. A. staff worker from Medford USO visited the Ashland USO recently. Mr. Folgate was here in the interest of the remodeling and improvements to be made to the Ashland clubhouse, and was accompanied on this visit of inspection by the Medford official, Mr. Upton of the Y. M. C. A. unit of the USO.

Do not anticipate the happiness of tomorrow, but discover it in today.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Teachers Receive Alumni Bulletin

The Southern Oregon College has prepared a bulletin to be mailed to teacher alumni, since, as President Walter Redford states in the foreword, travel restrictions prevent visiting schools and teacher meetings this year. Dr. Redford further states in the foreword, "The war has affected the Southern Oregon College enrollment as it has elsewhere throughout the United States, so we are quite short of men students. Our graduating class of teachers this year will be extremely small, which will help to aggravate the teacher supply in Oregon. We expect to maintain a strong but somewhat reduced program of teacher-education and lower division work throughout the war, and be ready to expand our service immediately upon the return of peace."

"For the 1943 summer session, we expect to offer two refresher courses for people who will return to the class room after a number of years out of the profession. These refresher courses will cover the work in all of the grades, and conferences with the super-consist of observation of teaching visiting teachers in our training school. Since we have the children only during the first session of the summer school, it will be necessary to give this work during the first session only."

The bulletin consists of reports to teachers and suggestions to aid them in their work, made by SOCE supervisors of art, music, and physical education—Misses Marion Ady, Louise Woodruff, and Virginia Hales—and a list of new books valuable for teachers and appealing to children, selected by the librarian, Miss Myrtle Funkhouser.

—BUY BONDS—

TALENT NOTES

Mr. H. Romanger and family moved from the Fredenberger residence into Mrs. Oatman's property on Wagner Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Combest and son Hugh Jr. moved to Portland Sunday where Mr. Combest is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morris of Prospect were business visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Smith and two children of Magola, Washington visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks Sunday.

Ruford Childers, who is in the navy, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Childers and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. James McDowell and her daughter, Mrs. George Clark and children of Burns, spent the week end visiting relatives in Talent and on Anderson Creek.

Mrs. Don Hungate and baby and Mrs. William Sommers and two children of Prospect are visiting relatives here this week.

for the civilian consumer, provided it is used for this purpose," says Professor Wiegand. "If victory gardens are planted in large numbers much of the raw material they produce can be conserved for the future use through drying and dehydration, either in small units or by drying in community dehydrators and driers."

"It is suggested that steps be taken at once where these driers are located so that the people can band together to operate them on a share basis or by some other arrangement."

—BUY BONDS—

MISS RUTH GOUGH GOES INTO WAR WORK

Miss Ruth Gough, for a number of years, health nurse at SOCE, left this week to go to Portland where she will engage in health and social service work in connection with war industries of that city.

Miss Gough is well known in southern Oregon and to hundreds of former SOCE students throughout the State. The work of health nurse in the college will be carried on by Mrs. Nina M. Van Dewalker of Ashland, who is a graduate of Crouse Irvings Hospital in Syracuse, New York and has had seven years' experience in nursing and public health work.

This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.
—Emerson

Large Crowd at USO Tea

More than 100 guests were welcomed by hostesses at the Ashland USO Patriotic Tea Thursday afternoon, honoring mothers of men in the service. Approximately fifty photographs of local boys in service were brought and placed on display for the occasion.

Mrs. Will Dodge and Miss Frances Dodds received the guests. Mrs. Clyde Dunham opened the program with a vocal solo, "God Bless America." Mrs. Dunham then introduced Miss Dodds, director of the Ashland USO, who welcomed the guests and made an interesting report of the USO work, stressing the fact that such a center can function well only in proportion to the public cooperation given, and in his connection Miss Dodds expressed gratitude to the Ashland people for their complete cooperation in the work of the local center.

The main speaker of the afternoon was Chaplain William C. Bachert of Camp White, whose speech dealt with the chaplain's contact with the home folks. Following the Chaplain's address, Pvt. Harry Altman sang a group of patriotic songs, after which Mrs. Will Dodge was introduced, who as chairman of the local USO Council spoke briefly of the recompense gained by volunteer workers. The program closed with the audience singing "America the Beautiful." Mrs. Cay Huffman played accompaniment for all musical numbers.

The tea table was beautifully decorated in patriotic colors, red and white candies, and red carnations with white stock in a blue bowl, arranged by Mrs. W. D. Jackson; and sterling silver tea services provided by Mrs. Charles Haines. Presiding at the tea service were Mrs. Ralph Poston and Mrs. Paul Finnell. Cakes frosted with red-white-blue decorations by the Lithia Bakery were among the refreshments. Hand decorated napkins had been made by pupils of Mrs. Martha Ady of Lincoln School.

Favors were George Washington hatchets made by Miss Marian Ady, each favor bearing a guest's name.

Throughout the afternoon the large assembly room of the clubhouse was a crowded scene of festivity. Official hostesses were the committee chairmen and assisting also were Mrs. Martha Elhart, Mrs. Anna Kroeger, and Mrs. Gladys Doores.

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