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THIS AND THAT

(By OLD TIMER)
To the Editor:

The old drama of garden versus dogs is being re-enacted. Doggonit!

Vociferous Goebels is voiceless since the air raids on Berlin.

We might try roller skating to conserve shoe leather.

Uncle Zeke says that if a chicken could be developed that dines exclusively on insect pests, he could then have a combination Victory poultry yard and garden.

Mussolini, we hear, is losing weight rapidly. A few more pounds off and little Halle Selassi will be demanding a rematch.

Evidently there were no price ceilings in Mother Goose's day. For instance, "the cow jumped over the moon."

Those round-the-clock bombings should convince the Nazis that their time is short.

How times change! Wilson had 14 points—now every American has 48.

What has become of those maple sugar cakes of yesteryear?

Every vacant lot should be turned into a Victory Garden.

Rommel, the desert fox, is again on the run.

BUY BONDS
SOCE GRADUATE FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Edward Cate, a former Southern Oregon College student, visited the campus this week, while on vacation. He is enlisted in the Army Air Corps subject to call for active duty. Meanwhile he is instructor in war training service, teacher of blind flying and chief instrument pilot of Zimmerly Air Transport Company at Lewiston, Idaho, where he trains Navy and Army men, under government control.

He was among the first students taking the civilian-pilot training at SOCE, going thence to Seattle for advanced training. He graduated from the junior college of SOCE in 1941.

BUY BONDS
DR. DRIGGS TO VISIT OREGON

Dr. Howard Driggs, president of the American Trails Association, will arrive in Oregon April 28th. He will make his first stop at Ontario, then Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles, where he will speak before various organizations and schools.

On May 2, Dr. Driggs will participate in the ceremonies to be held at Champeog, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Provisional Government. As many Portland schools will be visited during his stay here as time permits. His plans include visits to a number of Willamette Valley towns where he will confer with school authorities and make as many public appearances as possible.

On March 25, the Explores' Club and the American Pioneer Trails Association will hold a meeting in honor of Wm. H. Jackson, Ezra Meeker, Edwin W. Deming and Walter Granger, who played important roles in the winning of the West.

After participating in the dedication of a monument to Wm. H. Jackson in Arlington Cemetery on April 4, Dr. Driggs will start on his tour of the Old Oregon Trail, ending with his visit to Oregon.

BUY BONDS
NO MUSHROOM TEST KNOWN

No good, simple test is known by which the ordinary person can distinguish a poisonous from an edible mushroom, says Dr. S. M. Zeller, plant pathologist at Oregon State College, in a brief circular of information, No. 285, on this subject. The only safe way is for those using wild mushrooms to become familiar with the native species. Dr. Zeller will identify without charge specimens sent to him at Corvallis. Specimens may be packed in newspaper or moist moss and mailed so as not to arrive on a week-end.

BUY BONDS
HENRY METZ and Companion

Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "BUGLE SOUNDS" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "HITLER'S CHILDREN"

Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

TALENT NEWS

Mrs. Glen Brown and family of Tionester, Calif., spent the week-end with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Liple Tame of the Dead Indian country was a Talent visitor Friday.

Sgt. Ralph Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Conner, stationed in Alaska, is spending a furlough here with parents and friends.

Mr. B. Lewis of San Francisco visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Lewis, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes returned to their home in Crescent City Sunday after spending a week in the valley. Dudley Estes accompanied them home and plans on spending several weeks there.

Mrs. Lewis Biden spent the week-end at Prospect with her husband, who is employed there.

Mr. T. E. Wedge, a resident of this community since 1910, passed away at the Community Hospital in Ashland Friday morning at 2 a. m. Funeral services were held at the Litwiller Funeral Home Monday at 12:30 p. m. Interment was made in the Stearns' Cemetery at Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey of Prospect spent the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. Henry Whitehead has been a patient at the Community Hospital in Ashland the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks made a trip to Thompson Creek Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Vic Milburn.

Dick Skeeters of Prospect spent the week-end in Talent.

Mrs. Clarence Homes of Ashland visited relatives here Wednesday afternoon.

SHOE SELECTION MORE IMPORTANT WITH RATIONING

If you want to be "supported" comfortably for the duration, now is the time to give your feet and shoes some serious thought, says Lucy Lane, extension specialist in clothing and textiles at Oregon State College. Whether one faces wartime difficulties with a smile depends a good deal on foot comfort, she says.

"Women buy more shoes than men do and generally get less for their money," said Miss Lane. "But good values are on the market and with shoe rationing these good values will be sought out."

Miss Lane advises those ready to use stamp 17 to decide before going to the shoe store what kind of shoes are needed, basing this decision on the use expected of them. Plenty of time is advisable in making the selection, because waiting until the day shoes are to be worn results frequently in buying too hastily. Asking for shoes by exact size is dangerous, she adds, because uniform standards of sizing are not in general use. The real test of size is comfort and fit.

"In judging whether a pair of shoes fits well check first the length. Shoes always need to be longer than the foot—some authorities say from 3-4 to one inch longer. This is because the foot elongates as one walks or carries heavy loads. Service men are fitted with shoes while holding a 45-pound pack plus a rifle.

"In fitting with the most important thing is to see that the ball of the foot is over the widest part of the sole, which is wide enough so the foot does not feel pinched. One can tell where the ball of the foot comes by raising the heel and observing if the bend in the sole comes directly under the great toe joint. Heel comfort is obtained by making sure that the shoes neither slip when the heel is raised nor cut into the heel tendon."

Finally, Miss Lane recommends care that the top of the shoe over the instep does not pinch, that the whole shoe be tested walking rather than merely sitting down, and that allowance is made if one's feet swell during the day.

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RED CROSS FUND RAISED AT SOCE

Some \$125 was raised for the Red Cross at the Southern Oregon College by a committee of students from a class in social science, conducted by Dr. Arthur S. Taylor.

The committee set up a booth in the hall of the Administration Building, and girls dressed in Red Cross nurse costumes received contributions from faculty and students.

Those working in the drive were Dolores Trout, Irma Kreuger, Margie Newton, Margarette Barnhouse, Emmy Lou Smith, Albert Hyde, Bruce Hall, James Smith and Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, adviser to the group.

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

"LONG MAY IT WAVE -"

THE STARS AND STRIPES WAS PROCLAIMED OUR NATIONAL EMBLEM IN JUNE, 1777.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1814, FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, HELD PRISONER BY THE ENEMY, WATCHED THE BOMBARDMENT OF THAT EMBLEM AS IT FLEW ABOVE FORT MCHENRY— AND SAW "BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE."

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, INSPIRED BY THAT HISTORIC OCCASION WAS LONG SUNG AND DEEPLY LOVED BY ALL AMERICANS... BUT NOT UNTIL 12 YEARS AGO— MARCH 1931— WAS IT OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE."

DR. ARTHUR S. TAYLOR SPEAKS AT SOCE ASSEMBLY

Dr. Arthur S. Taylor spoke to students of the Southern Oregon College in assembly this week, on the value of knowing history. In his speech he brought out two principal values. First, knowledge of history brings one into vicarious association with great characters of the past, thereby giving a standard of excellence to appreciate and to emulate. Second, since human affairs always have common trends, a knowledge of history aids in interpreting contemporary trends and in a measure supplies a pattern by which present affairs should be guided.

Dr. Taylor delivered this address before the Ashland Rotary Club this week also.

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BELLVIEW NEWS

Corporal Victor Lanini who is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lanini. It is the first visit Victor has made for over a year. Mr. and Mrs. Lanini were hosts to the Carl Henry family Sunday at a 1 o'clock dinner. The occasion was in honor of Harry Henry, who was leaving for induction into the United States Army.

Charles Rector, who was inducted into the service last summer and was stationed somewhere in Missouri, has been discharged because of ill health and returned to his home here last week.

Mrs. Warren E. Siebert returned to her home at Cottage Grove last Saturday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. O. Martin.

Bert Wade arrived Friday night to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Joe Wade. Bert is employed in a defense plant at Sacramento, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid and daughter, Mrs. Earl Warren, and Mrs. Arthur Hamaker were business visitors to Medford last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell, Jr., are staying at the R. E. Bell home, while Mrs. Bell is visiting in Southern California.

Mr. Gassaway made a business trip to Medford Saturday.

Mrs. Daisy Howes of Ashland has been spending several days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker.

Mrs. Malinda King has moved from the Ogden place to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bess Hall of Mountain Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Meyers have sold their ranch to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis of Talent, who have already taken possession, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have moved to the home of Mrs. Meyers' mother, Mrs. Roberts of North Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pitts and son of Valajo, Calif., spent a few days last week with Mr. Pitts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pitts.

Farmers Need Help In Harvesting Crops

More than 60,000 women and children aided in the harvesting of Oregon crops for the 1942 season and yet more will be needed this year, was the consensus of reports from the United States employment service in a two day session with the state agricultural advisory committee in Salem last month.

During last season only 35,548 of the 97,373 farm placements made by the USES were men over 18, the reports showed. More than two-thirds of the farm workers placed were from the local communities while 22 percent were from Oregon points and 10 percent from out of the state. With rationing and other travel restrictions, the proportion of out-of-state workers is expected to be further reduced in 1943.

The bright side of the picture, however, was stressed by L. C. Stoll, area director for the war manpower commission, who said that a levelling off of labor demands by several shipyards and the letdown in cantonment and other construction might help farmers in securing experienced year-round machine men.

"Oregon more than met its production quotas last year, and I do not believe that any farmer need hesitate about planting still more essential crops this year," Stoll said. However, several things must be done, agreed the conferees, to achieve a fuller utilization and better distribution of labor.

Included in the new program, according to Emory R. Worth, state director of the USES, will be: a publicity and advertising campaign; more adequate training supervision and wholesome "on-the-job" surroundings for teenage boys and girls; better housing facilities for workers; stronger effort to curb drunkenness and other forms of absenteeism; more active solicitation for clubs, church groups and organizations, etc., to share the responsibilities in the battle of production.

OGDEN CALLED OLD WHITE HEAD

One of the sturdy, resourceful characters of the Old West was Peter Skene Ogden. The Indians called him "The Old White Head." He was one of the work horses of the Hudson's Bay Company, accepting the most difficult and dangerous tasks without complaint. His headquarters were at Fort Vancouver under John McLoughlin. Ogden became Chief Trader at the age of 30. Ogden's quest for furs led him into the wilds of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada. Those trips were always made in the dead of winter when beaver fur was prime. The fur brigades lived mostly "off the country," suffering much from hunger and exposure. Many a horse went into the "pot" to ward off starvation.

Ogden once lost five horses while crossing the canyon of the Deschutes on a frail pole bridge. The Humboldt in Nevada was once known as Ogden's river, and Ogden, Utah, was named for Peter Skene Ogden. The "Old White Head" was always firm with the Indians, but fair, and they respected him for it. After the Whitman massacre in November, 1847, it was Ogden who effected the ransom of 53 women and children who were held as captives by the Cayuses. That was the crowning feat of Ogden's life, and probably no other man could have accomplished it. Governor Abernathy sent Ogden an official letter of thanks for his valuable services to mankind. The "Old White Head" spent his last days at his home, "The Cliffs," in Oregon City. Days of wading in ice-cold waters in the search for beaver; years of hardship and exposure finally took their toll, and Peter Skene Ogden passed into the Spirit Land on September 27, 1854, at the age of 60. Ogden sleeps the last, long sleep in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oregon City, within sound of the Falls of the Willamette.

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

Crossing Accidents On Increase

It's "train time" at America's 230,000 railroad crossings far more often than ever before in history, the National Safety Council warned the nation today, adding that train time too often means accident time at these locations.

The Council called attention to a growing toll of grade crossing accidents that is accompanying the tremendous wartime increase in rail traffic—a toll that is seriously delaying transportation of vital war material.

The Council, therefore, is conducting a campaign to reduce these accidents, which every day total an average of 38 trains a total of 22 hours.

"The reduction of grade crossing accidents," said Col. John Stilwell, president of the Council, "is a major part of our campaign to 'Save Manpower for Warpower' now being conducted at the request of President Roosevelt."

"Such accidents," said Colonel Stilwell, "are increasing at an alarming rate and the resulting waste of vital material and the delays in transporting troops and supplies are hindering the war effort.

The council's campaign has been strongly endorsed by Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation.

"Grade crossings accidents always regrettable for the lives they take and the injuries they inflict, are to be particularly deplored at this time," said Mr. Eastman. "They waste manpower needed for the war effort. They interfere with scheduled traffic movements and delay troop trains or trains carrying war materials. And they sometimes cause the destruction or damage of railroad material and equipment that is largely now irreplaceable."

BUY BONDS
NARCISUS INSPECTION DUE

All growers of daffodils or narcissus who expect to sell bulbs next fall must apply now for inspection of their field for nematode. These inspections are conducted during March, April and May by the state department of agriculture. All growers of these plants, and especially those who have moved their locations since last spring, should notify the department offices in either Salem or Portland so required inspections may be made with a minimum use of time, tires and gasoline.

Look! Listen! Live!

They were in a hurry—but they never got there.

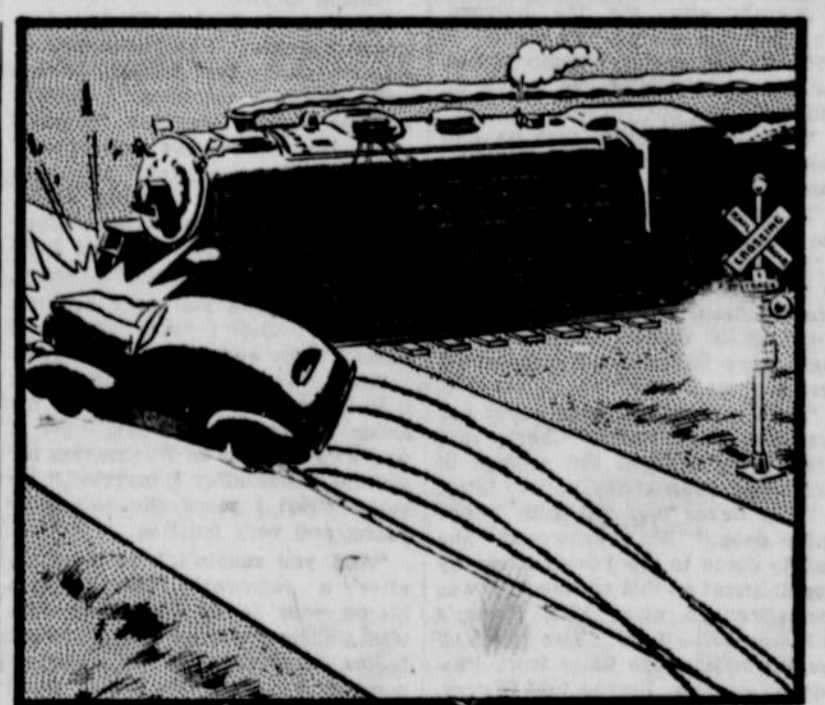
Tire marks on the highway showed that the car skidded about 100 feet through the night.

The car carried a man, his son and his daughter to their deaths. In disregard of warning signals, the car was driven onto a grade crossing and into the path of a freight train. The pilot and piping on the engine were damaged, requiring replacement and causing a delay of one hour.

This deadly accident, illustrated here, is typical of what happens too frequently when a car is driven at too great a speed for existing circumstances. Apparently the driver saw the crossing, saw the signals—but not in time, and skidded onto the tracks.

The National Safety Council is conducting a special campaign to stop these accidents, which every day delay 38 trains a total of 22 hours—a big blow to the nation's wartime transportation effort.

Driver carelessness is the cause of almost all these grade crossing



accidents, according to the Council. To help win the war—to save yourself and others needless suffering—the Council asks you to be sure the track is clear before you start across.