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### THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

The National Safety Council reports that 40,000 persons have been killed on American highways since Pearl Harbor, as compared with 15,132 killed in the armed forces.

A more general observance of safe driving rules is essential to combat this senseless slaughter.

Hitler must have chuckled with ghoulish glee when he learned of the recent disturbance in this country, such as strikes, particularly the coal strike, the affair in Beaumont, Texas, the race riot in Detroit and the "Zoot Suit" episode in California.

In view of these alarming trends it might be well to recall missionaries in foreign fields for home mission work.

Mussolini, the sawdust Caesar is said to be suffering from a stomach ailment: Maybe one of his speeches got stuck in his throat and he swallowed it.

If the Japs soon do not come to Germany's aid against Russia, they may have their honory Arganisms revoked.

Uncle Zeke Says that increased ration of coffee will furnish the ingredients for the cup that really cheers.

Its those round-the-clock bombings that make the Allied air offensive TICK.

Amendment to Rent Regulations

By an amendment to the rent regulation for housing, an owner whose property is changed from unfurnished to fully furnished on or after July 1, 1943, need not petition for an adjustment, as formerly, but is permitted to set his own rental after the change, subject to the Area Rent Director's review, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

Under the amendment, the owner simply registers the changed accommodations with the Area Rent Office within 30 days from the time he first rents them on a fully furnished basis. The rent he charges may be decreased if it is found to be higher than rents for comparable accommodations on the maximum rent date. A landlord who neglects to register his property after first renting on a furnished basis may be required to refund to the tenant all excess rent charged since the change, the amendment states.

Today's action is taken through the issuance of Amendment 2 to the rent regulation for housing and becomes effective July 1, 1943.

PROHIBITION LEADER TO SPEAK

The Hon. Claude A. Watson, of Los Angeles, an outstanding Pacific Coast leader in the Prohibition movement, will speak in Ashland on the topic "The Fifth in America" at a meeting to be held in the Church of Nazarene, corner of Second and 'C' streets, Ashland, Sunday, July 18. Mr. Watson is well qualified to deal with the topic as he has been prominent in all efforts to solve the liquor problem.

His appearance in Ashland is a part of the plan to inform the public concerning the influence of liquor upon army morale, conditions in the war industries, including absenteeism and the effort to protect both soldiers and civilians from exploitation by the gambling, liquor, and vice interests.

Local Dry Leaders point out that a spontaneous demand for war-time prohibition has arisen as is shown by the resolutions past by every national religious body that met in the past fifteen months.

PARTY PLANNED FOR USO VOLUNTEERS

Ashland USO committee chairmen met at a picnic lunch in Lithia Park recently and planned a party for USO volunteer workers, to be held Thursday afternoon, July 29, at the clubhouse. The committee decided on a desert affair with a program and in addition bridge, bingo and paper and pencil games.

Committees to arrange for the entertainment were appointed: Mrs. Ralph McCullough and Mrs. Will Dodge, food; Mrs. W. D. Jackson and Mrs. L. P. Wilmeth, decorations; Mrs. C. H. Putney and Miss Marion Ady, invitations; Mrs. Paul Harmon, serving; Mrs. Gladys Dooms, entertainment; Mrs. Mary Healy and Miss Virginia Hales, games.

Chairmen who met with the planning group were Mrs. W. D. Jackson, Miss Marion Ady, Miss Ollie Depew, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Miss Virginia Hales, Mrs. C. H. Putney, Mrs. Paul Harmon, Mrs. Mary Healy, Mrs. Ralph McCullough, Mrs. Gladys Dooms, Mrs. Will Dodge and Mrs. Bayonne Glenn, director of the Ashland USO.

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### TALENT NEWS

Harry Stearns of Ashland was in Talent Thursday looking after his property here.

Mr. Al Sherand returned home from Grants Pass Wednesday, where he has been working in the hop fields for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Monroe of Prospect called on Mrs. Charles Skeeters Sunday.

H. L. Richard of Medford was a business caller here Friday.

Betty Combest, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Combest, for the past month in Washington, returned here last week to spend some time working in the fruit.

Cpl. John Loper of the United States Ordnance is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loper, and other relatives and friends.

Lt. John Childers of the United States Air Corps left Sunday evening by plane for Pueblo, Colo., after spending a four-day furlough with his parents. He has been attending school for some time past in Pueblo.

Mrs. Ray Estes called at the Community Hospital in Ashland Sunday afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. Clarence Homes, who is a patient there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodapp of Central Point called on friends in Talent Sunday evening.

Rev. Astleford, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church for the past two years, left last week for Nebraska with Mrs. Astleford to make that state their home. Dr. Bruer of Ashland has charge of the pulpit, and a change of time has been made in the morning service beginning now at 9 a. m. instead of 11 a. m.

Irah Blackwell of Hyatt Mill visited relatives in Talent Sunday.

Mrs. George Pfeifer and son, Jack, were transacting business in Medford Thursday.

### History Club Picnic

The Oregon History Club of the Southern Oregon College of Education made a pilgrimage to historic Jacksonville on Thursday of this week. Twenty-nine persons were in the group directed by Dr. preserved an extensive collection of photographs. The group also visited the museum maintained by the Pioneer Women's Organization of Jacksonville, and inspected the old U. S. Hotel museum of relics from vigilante days. A picnic supper was spread on the Courthouse lawn.

Miss Ilene Inlow of Ashland and Mrs. Jewel Cambron of Lakeview were in charge of arrangements for the outing.

Students of summer school at the Southern Oregon College of Education picnicked on the upper campus Friday noon, each person providing his own sandwich lunch. A dessert of watermelon was served by a committee in charge of Miss Jean Wall of Ashland.

No speeches were made and classes resumed as usual at 1:20 p. m.

Private First Class Carl F. Burger, 20, 160 Nob Hill, Ashland, was recently graduated from the United States Marine Corps Field Telephone School at San Diego, Calif.

The youth was promoted to his present rank because of knowledge and effort put forth as a student.

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### OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

#### WE FLY THROUGH THE AIR—

FOR 200 YEARS MEN EXPERIMENTED WITH BALLOONS, WHICH WENT ONLY WHERE THE WIND BLEW THEM. NOT UNTIL 1903, WHEN ORVILLE AND WILBUR WRIGHT PERFECTED THEIR AIRPLANE DID MEN FLY WHERE THEY WANTED TO GO—AND MODERN AVIATION WAS BORN.



NOW, ONLY 40 YEARS LATER, IT ENCOMPASSES THE WORLD... AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN—INVENTORS—MECHANICS—ARE TUNED TO THE AIR... NEW GOALS OF ACHIEVEMENT ARE SET AND PASSED WITH EVER ACCELERATING SPEED... AMERICAN TRANSPORT PLANES CARRY MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF CARGO OVER HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES OF LAND AND SEA... AMERICAN BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS STRIKE WITH TERRIFIC FORCE ON EVERY FRONT. AMERICAN INGENUITY IS KEYS TO THE JOB—ITS IMMEDIATE OBJECT A MIGHTY DRIVE—IN AN AIR-LINE TO VICTORY.

### Prominent Civic Leader Passes

Almost the whole of Ashland and vicinity turned out at the Trinity Episcopal church to mourn the loss of the prominent citizen and civic leader, W. H. McNair.

The deceased was born at Versailles, Missouri, June 24, 1875 and was 68 years old at the time of his death. He had resided here for approximately 35 years.

He was married in Versailles, April 14, 1909, to Miss Lorena Moore. From there they came to Ashland to make their home.

His profession was that of a druggist and he served on the Oregon Board of Pharmacy for several years.

At the age of 18, Mr. McNair went to Sitka, Alaska, where he served as Chief Office Deputy to the U. S. Marshal of District Alaska for 13 years prior to coming to Ashland, and taking over the business that he and his brother, J. Syd McNair bought from E. A. Sherwin in the early 1900's. Later another brother, S. B. McNair became his partner.

He was also a member of the Board of Education for 21 years. He was also a charter member of Juneau, Alaska, B. P. O. E. with a Life membership.

He has held many honorable positions, having been past master of Ashland Lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M., past high priest of Siskiyou Chapter 21, Royal Arch Masons, past commander of Malta Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar past potentate of Hillah Temple, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, and was past patron of Alpha Chapter No. 1, having served two years.

He was cashier and a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Ashland after the merger with the Bank of Ashland. He was a member of Rotary and of the Chamber of Commerce.

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### BELLVIEW NOTES INTO NEBRASKA

The Birthday Club honored Mrs. Henry Stenrud Sunday with a covered dish luncheon at her home. The afternoon was spent in visiting. Those who enjoyed the day with Mr. and Mrs. Stenrud and Mrs. Sorenson were their daughter, Mrs. Harold Greene, and two children of Tacoma; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gowland of Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis and daughter, Lyda Catherine, and Mrs. C. M. Haynes.

Mrs. Claude Conley and son, Franklin, spent last week in Ashland at the home of Mrs. Maude Renton. Little Franklin has been quite ill, but is reported to be improving.

Earl Hamilton returned Friday from Portland, where he had been called by the death of his father.

Miss Esther Wade spent the week-end with friends in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pitts were hosts to a group of friends Saturday evening. The occasion was to have been in honor of a cousin of Mrs. Pitts who failed to arrive in time for the party.

Mrs. Paul of Talent, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bassey and Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens and children. The evening was spent in visiting and playing games.

Mrs. Harold Greene and children, Marilou and Rodney, who have been visiting Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenrud, left Monday night for their home in Tacoma.

Patricia Bell left Monday for Portland, where she will attend a Youth Conference at the Lewis and Clark College. She accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Eddy and two other girls from Ashland.

Helen Hollingsworth has accepted a position in the tax office at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Jack Mann, who has been employed at the railroad at Camp White for the past year, has been transferred to Portland, where he is working for the Union Pacific.

Donald Farmer returned from Portland, where he had been to meet, coming together at the Ashland USO to practice and increase their skills. Hours for meeting will be decided later. New members will be welcomed, and those interested are invited to call the Ashland USO for particulars. The Ashland junior hostesses who took the course under the guidance of Senior Hostess Mrs. Anna B. Kroeger were Misses Adra Goeler, Elizabeth Cunningham, Ethel Chastain, Florence Wood and Mrs. L. P. Wilmeth.

Students Register For Second Term

The second term of summer school at the Southern Oregon College of Education begins with registration July 14, classes starting the following day. The term will continue five and a half weeks, and students will be able to acquire during this term nine credits toward a degree or to complete requirements for an Oregon teacher certificate. Two courses required for certification, Oregon history and Oregon school law, will be taught.

Dr. Walter Redford in announcing the opening of the second term of summer school stated the need for teachers is growing more acute, and that many schools in Southern Oregon have not yet secured the teachers needed for next year.

W. L. Pyle of Bayles, Calif.; C. W. Pyle of Philadelphia, Pa., and his daughter, Mrs. Galley, have been visiting their sister Mrs. Reba P. Kelsey of Ashland, for the past few weeks. From here Mrs. Kelsey will accompany them to California, where she will visit a few days with W. L. Pyle at Bayles.

missions they smoke cigars. They are a group of Brownsville business men.

Pawnee Indian Country was now entered and constant vigilance was necessary to protect the emigrants from depredations of the savages. Into the present state of Kansas rolled the covered wagons. The Trail crossed Rock Creek where, in later years, "Wild Bill" Hickok, staged his gun battle with David McCandles. It was with regret that the emigrants left the Little Blue and pulled over a barren region before striking the Platte river, about nine miles east of where Fort Kearney was established.

Platte river was a wide, shallow stream according to geographers. It received its name from the Crow Indians who called it "Tevotahana," meaning "flatwater." The Platte was too shallow to be navigated successfully by even the smallest boats, Washington Irving, the celebrated novelist, said the Platte was the most magnificent and most useless of streams. Artemus Ward, the great humorist, suggested that the Platte would be a good river if set on edge. Bill Nye described the river as having a wide circulation but little influence.

Buffalo county now spread before them and the great plains attracted their attention. The soil was sandy and traveling was slow. Wood was very scarce but a good substitute was found which the French trappers called "bois de vache." The Americans called it "buffalo chips." One of the joys of the women and children was gathering of "chips" for the fires. Buffalo were seen in great numbers and the hunters had no difficulty in supplying the emigrants with plenty of meat. Peter Burnett declared the meat of the buffalo was much better than beef and was the sweetest meat in the world.

Sioux, Cheyenne and Orapahoe Indians roamed the country, but their chief mischief consisted in running off the livestock of the emigrants.

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

### SOLDIER COUPLES HOLD PARTY AT USO

The regular Monday evening party for soldier couples, sponsored by the Ashland USO, was attended this week by eight couples. The group enjoyed a pot-luck supper, after which they engaged in an indoor treasure hunt which was won by Helen Todd and Douglas Vaughan.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Sietake arrived Tuesday from International Falls, Minn., where they have spent the past two months.

### Knocking Down the Enemy



American anti-aircraft fire is more accurate and deadly, thanks to an improved fuzing timing system developed by three Elgin, Illinois, engineers and approved by the labor-management committee of the local watch plant. Passed on to war production drive headquarters in Washington, the new system is now available to all time fuzing manufacturers.

George G. Ensign, Dr. Carl N. Challacombe and Walter Kohlhaagen are the engineers responsible for the improved timing system, which reduces one of the greatest elements of error in anti-aircraft fire. Shells equipped with such fuzes can be depended upon to burst at the precise split second when they reach the area of their flying target.

For their contribution to the manufacture of war equipment, the three Elgin engineers have received honorary citations from the War Production Board, the nation's highest wartime production award for individual merit.

In use today on fighting ships in many parts of the world, the new time fuzes have contributed to such valiant actions as those of the destroyers Bernardou, Cole, Dallas and McFarland—recently awarded unit citations by the President "for outstanding performance of duty in combat with the enemy."