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THIS AND THAT
(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

No wonder the food situation is getting tighter. The Food Distribution Administration reports that Americans wasted four billion dollars worth of food last year in their homes. And, adding to wastage in other places—erstaurants, hotels, military bases, institutions, on the way to market—the nation threw away 30 to 40 per cent of the total 1942 food supply.

The OWI reports that the average American's income is practically double what it was in 1942. There must be a slip-up somewhere, Uncle Zeke thinks, as he is still trying to survive on the same old figure.

Someone remarks that the war has now reached what might be called the seventh inning. Maybe so, but this is no time for any of us to relax for a lazy stretch and a long yawn.

Statistics show the average American bought 3.7 pairs of shoes last year. That seven must represent repairs to a pair of 1941 model brogans.

The 110,000 Japanese evacuees in U. S. camps live on point cards, the average cost of feeding being about 40 cents a person per day.

Now that the arrow denoting action in the Pacific war area maps is turned their way, the Japs, we imagine, are beginning to see the point.

Three years ago Mussolini craved the privilege of bombing London. Now he has been given a dose of his own medicine.

Hitler, by this time, no doubt regrets that he didn't stick to his old job of paper-hanging.

And there was a time when preachers took their sermon themes from the Bible.

Jungles should not be tolerated in the city limits.

PALACE RESTAURANT CLOSES FOR HOLIDAY

One of the finest examples of generosity we have seen was expressed in the action of W. D. Jackson of the Palace Restaurant.

In closing this popular eating place for 10 days to enable his help to enjoy a vacation he bought for each employe of six months' service or more a $50 Victory Bond. For those who had worked in the Palace a lesser period he gave a $25 bond to each.

In lighter vein he presented to "his good friend, Dr. Charles A. Haines," two 10c War Stamps.

According to a "big daily" report we are led to believe the WFA has the nation's hens drafted to a full-time output.

Miss Virginia Anderson, a journalism student of the University of Oregon at Eugene is assisting in the Miner office while Co-Editor Ruth M. Giffen is visiting in Nebraska.

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TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Homes and daughter, Clarice, of Ashland called on relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Jack Pheifer is one of the boys who is spending the week at camp at Lake of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bates have purchased the home of Mrs. Lizzie Wipwarner across the street from the Bates Service Station, and plan on moving there soon. Mrs. Nipwarner is moving to Phoenix.

Mrs. Eva Wedge spent a few days last week visiting her daughter, Alice Waterman, and family in Phoenix.

Charles Skeeters and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry and family of Prospect spent the week-end at their homes here.

Elsworth Garland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garland, enlisted in the Navy and left for Portland Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bagley of Medford were transacting business in Talent Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bobbs and family of Table Rock visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey Thursday evening.

Roland Parks of Ashland visited relatives and friends in Talent Saturday evening.

Mrs. Frank Parke of Portland spent a couple of weeks visiting friends in the valley.

George Clark returned home Tuesday from a trip to North Dakota and other places visiting relatives. Mr. Clark was formerly from Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pheifer were visitors in Rogue River Sunday afternoon.

Corp. Clyde Purdue is home on a week's furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Purdue, and other relatives. Clyde expects to be sent elsewhere on his return back to camp.

Mrs. Gladys Stewart and two children of Oreville, Calif., are visiting her father, Bill Crosby, and aunt, Meda Fox.

34 OREGON COUNTIES SELECT CHAIRMEN IN WAR CHEST DRIVE

Thirty-four counties of Oregon have selected chairmen and are now forming their committees to conduct the Oregon War Chest drive in October. Meetings are being held in the other two counties at once to select chairmen so that it is anticipated Oregon will have all counties organized by July 15.

The Oregon War Chest is the local representative of the National War Fund and will conduct the campaign to raise funds this fall for 16 agencies and their allied organizations. There will be one, big coordinated drive in place of numerous small ones, thus affording a great saving in manpower and in expense.

Preliminary campaign plans are being formulated in most of the counties. Irl S. McSherry, executive director, will visit each county before the campaign. It is planned to have the entire campaign ready to put in operation by the middle of September, although the exact date of the opening of the drive has not been assigned.

Every effort will be put forth to give every resident of Oregon an opportunity to contribute to this work of the war-related agencies and to the local agencies. The Oregon War Chest is developing rapidly and people are responding. Indications point to the fact that Oregon will be leading in this movement as it has in so many war-related movements in the past.

JACKSON COUNTY BIRTHS MAKE RECORD

Births in Jackson County in June numbered 98, an all-time high for the county. There were 48 boys and 47 girls.

Deaths, according to County Health Officer Dr. A. E. Merkel, numbered 32, the lowest month so far this year.

Week of Aug. 15 To Be Exhibit Week

The week of August 15th has been designated by the Old Oregon Trail Centennial Commission as Historical Exhibit Week throughout the state. During that week the various towns and cities in the state are asked to display their historical relics in prominent store windows, that they may be seen by the greatest number.

Oregon has a great wealth of pioneer relics, most of which are hidden away in attics and cellars.

The Centennial Commission proposes to bring them out of hiding and use them for a visual education in history and tradition.

This display will coincide with the time of the National Convention of the American Pioneer Trails Association which meets in Portland August 19-21.

Oregon pioneer relics should remain in Oregon and wherever possible museums should be established for the permanent care and exhibition of those articles linking us to a heroic past.

At Baker on July 3-4-5, relics of pioneer days, exhibited in store windows, were viewed by thousands of persons.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are taking a constructive part in this project as a contribution to this Centennial year.

As a visual education for our rising generation, our relics of pioneer days have a definite value. As a bookman would say, they are out of print, and their value rises accordingly.

HOSTESSES URGED TO ATTEND CAMP DANCES

The director of the Ashland USO is urging all junior hostesses to sign up for the USO party at Service Clubs. All dance recruits are reminded to sign for the party at Service Club No. 2 July 22. Director Bayonne Glenn states the success of these parties will depend upon the presence of an adequate number of hostesses, and urges all who can attend to do so.

VESPER SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN LITHIA PARK

Vesper service will be held Sunday as usual as 5 o'clock in the Ashland Lithia Park, a service sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Ashland and the Ashland USO. The sponsors are making an especial attempt to minister to soldiers in Ashland at that hour, though everyone in the vicinity is invited and urged to attend.

Pfc. Lloyd Hoff will again come from Camp White to conduct the singing. A copy of the song program has been prepared under direction of Dr. Howard G. Eddy of the Ashland Presbyterian Church. Words for the following hymns have been multigraphed for use by the singing group: "In the Garden," "O Worship the King" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee." There will also be special music numbers prepared by soldiers from Camp White.

At last Sunday's vesper service about 50 Camp White men were in the large audience at the band stand of Lithia Park. An even larger group is expected the coming Sunday.

HONOR VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Bayonne Glenn, director of the Ashland USO, announces that plans are well under way for the party honoring all volunteers workers at the USO, July 29. The committee on invitations has been working on the list of guests and has the roster about complete. Invitations will include an RSVP, and those receiving cards are invited to call the USO, drop a card to the office, or otherwise indicate their intention to be present so that the planning group may know approximately what facilities to provide.

In addition to entertainment of bridge and other games, there will be an interesting general program of entertainment. USO officials and committee chairmen express their intention to make this first affair honoring volunteer workers the most outstanding social event yet sponsored by the Ashland USO.

BELLVIEW NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bell and Sam and Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bell and daughter, Judy; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Korth and sons, Jimmie and Donnie; Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Siebert; Winfield Roberson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Martin held their annual picnic in the park Sunday. After lunch the afternoon was spent in visiting.

Patricia Bell returned home Friday from Portland, where she had spent he week attending the West Minister Presbyterial held at the Lewis and Clark College.

Dallas Martin arrived Sunday from Tacoma, Wash., to spend a week at the W. I. Martin home. He is a nephew of Mr. Martin.

Mrs. Dan Farmer and children have returned to their home in Dorris, Calif., after spending the past six weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd. Mrs. Farmer and daughter, Delores, both are recovering from recent operations.

Mr and Mrs. Chester Applegate and Helen Kruger and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wallis all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walden were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rush near Jacksonville.

Miss Adeline Hamilton, who has spent the past few weeks visiting friends at Santa Monica, Calif., arrived here Thursday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tucker, who have bought the Morse ranch joining the "Old Normal" grounds, are remodeling the house before moving. Jim Tucker is helping with the work.

Miss Evelyn Ditsworth of Prospect is spending a few days this week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierce and two sons from Dunsmuir spent last week visiting with Mr. John Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owens. The entire group spent a day picnicking and fishing at Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parks of Central Point were dinner guests unday at the Walter Davis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wallis and Mrs. Walter Davis were business visitors to Medford Monday.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAIN TRAVEL

Advance reservations for Southern Pacific coach trips will have to be made by those planning journeys hereafter.

Under the new arrangement, coach reservations will be made for definite trains, but not for specific cars or seats, except on trains where seat reservations have been previously required, such as the Beaver between Portland and San Francisco. The new arrangement will apply on the Klamath, Oregonian and West Coast between Portland and California. It will not apply to the Rogue River, overnight train between Portland and Southern Oregon and Coos Bay.

The Southern Pacific will not be able to make coach reservations by telephone because of the load on telephone lines. And no coach reservations will be made unless a ticket has been purchased.

This new wartime plan requiring coach reservations will limit the number of people on each train. Also, subject to unforseen emergencies, travelers will know whether or not coach space is available before they prepare to board the trains.

Service men will also be required to make advance reservations, but they will be given preference.

Mrs. David A. Jones and Mrs. Leonard Hall of Charleston, Ore., are visiting in Ashland for a few days.

Into Colorful Wyoming

Out of Nebraska and into Wyoming, the Trail led through a colorful land. Laramie Peak, 10,000 feet in elevation, guided the emigrants to Laramie River and that famous frontier post—Fort Laramie. It was on July 4 that the wagons crossed the Laramie River and made camp at the Fort. It was established in 1834 as a fur-trading post by William L. Sublette and Robert Campbell, who named it Fort William. It was built of large, sun-dried bricks called adobes. It eventually came in possession of the American Fur Company and was named Fort John for John Jacob Astor. By common usage it became known as Fort Laramie. Built on the hills above the Laramie and North Platte Rivers, with its white-washed walls; the green pastures near by, studded with sturdy cottonwoods, graceful willows and hardy box-elders and ash; the Black Hills in the background with their evergreen adornments of pine and juniper, the old fort made a picture never to be forgotten.

A dance was staged by the men of the fort in honor of the emigrants. This was a welcome relaxation after weeks of travel and hardship. Repairs were made to the outfits, the live stock were shod and some trading done. Their purchases were limited, however, for prices were high. Coffee and brown sugar cost $1.50 a pint; flour was 25 cents a pound; calico, $1 a yard; gun powder $1.50 a pound; percussion caps $1.50 a box; lead, 75 cents a pound.

Refreshed by their rest, the travelers were once more on their way up the North Platte River. The country was getting rougher and rockier, but grass, water and wood were abundant. A few miles from Fort Laramie they passed what is now called "Register Cliffs" where, in later years, the emigrants carved or painted their names on the sandstone bluff. Near by was what they called "Emigrant's Washbowl," where they washed their clothes in a hot spring which gushed out of the hillside.

MESDAMES DICKEY AND DANFORD ARE HOSTESSES

Mrs. Floyd Dickey and Mrs. Beecher Danford were senior hostesses representing the Ashland USO at the picnic and swimming at Twin Plunges for the 79th General Hospital group. About 300 men were in the convoy. After the picnic and swimming, the group went to the USO Clubhouse for dancing.

IN APPRECIATION

Mr. Sidney F. Gay, who has just recovered from a major operation in the Community Hospital, wishes to express his appreciation to the staff for the excellent care given him.

Al Jorden reports seeing a California car bearing license plates of 6-666-666 Wednesday. Al appeared perfectly sober, too—but that's a lot of 6's on one plate.

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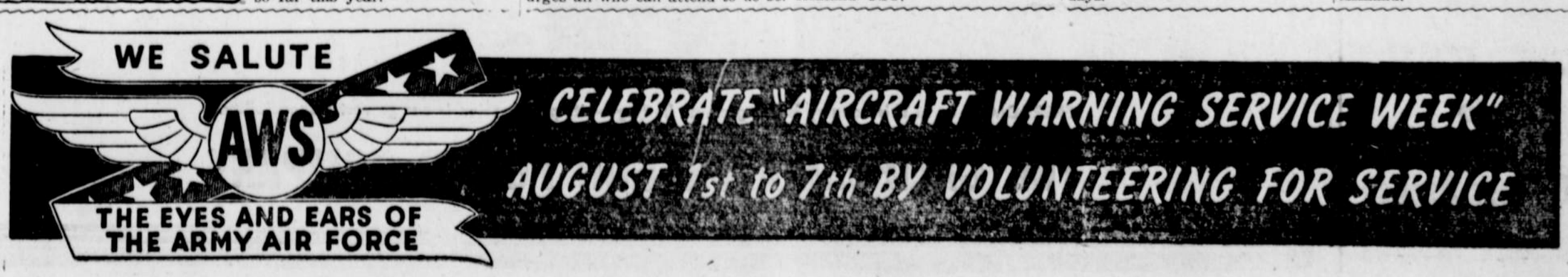
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