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THIS AND THAT

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

As Italy has now discovered the theater of war has no easily accessible exit.

Jim Farley, who is somewhat of a prophet, says the war may be over by Christmas. So mote it be.

Coffee is now off the list of rationed items. There should be a steady decline in breakfast table grouches.

Some of the Balkan satellites want to back out of the war. The Hitler band wagon turned out to be a cage.

By this time it has probably dawned upon Hitler that the only German who ever made a profit out of fighting was a fellow named Max Schmeling.

Speaking of band concerts—Uncle Zeke is of the opinion that the average man doesn't, after a hard day's work, have the inclination to droll up and saunter to an evening concert. He believes a portion of these concerts should be given on Sunday afternoons.

We read that a CIO local at Pontiac, Mich., imposed fines of \$5 each on 179 of its members who participated in an unauthorized strike. There would be fewer strikes if all labor unions would deal thusly with unruly members.

Old-fashioned parents taught their children to eat what was placed before them, thus anticipating rationing by many years.

And now it will cost two points more to butter corn on the cob.

What's become of Mussolini?

A Message From Oregon's Governor

Even before the President of these United States had appeared before Congress to declare that a state of war existed between our country and the Japanese Empire, many of our loyal citizens were standing vigil at observation posts throughout the western slope of Oregon. These good people had taken part in an Army Air Force maneuver in the latter part of October, 1941, and formed the nucleus for what has become the Ground Observer Corps and the Aircraft Warning Corps. These two great volunteer organizations blend to make up the vast Aircraft Warning Service of the United States Army Air Force. Many thousands of our citizens are members of the Aircraft Warning Service and have given many hours of their time, quite often at great sacrifice, to see that our observation posts, filter centers and information centers are constantly manned 24 hours, every day.

In order that we may recognize the efforts of these fine people, encourage them to maintain their good work and identify them as an active part of our Army Air Force, I, Earl Snell, Governor of the Sovereign State of Oregon, do hereby designate the week of August 1 to 7, 1943, as Aircraft Warning Service Week. I also urge all persons who are not actively a part of the Aircraft Warning Service to contact your local chief observer or Civilian Defense Office to see what part they may be able to play in this great volunteer activity.

Miss Shirley Wilcox has been visiting in Salem and other places the past two weeks and will return this week.

Mr. J. A. Young and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see
at the VARSITY THEATRE
(Friday and Saturday)
"Reunion in France"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"CASABLANCA"
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark spent Sunday visiting relatives in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bell purchased the property of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Maxwell on Wagner Avenue, and have taken possession. The Maxwells moved on the Applegate near Ruch.

Bill Oatman of Medford was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bates Monday.

Mrs. Wayne Whitsett and two boys, Larry and Jerry, of Grants Pass visited her father, Mr. Al Sherard, and sister, Mrs. Jessie Lewis, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lushbaugh and family spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Tilford in Phoenix.

Royal Bates made a business trip to Klamath Falls Sunday.

A large garage is being built on the property of Delbert Clark on the corner adjoining the Post Office.

B. J. McAbee, a truck driver for Charles Skeeters, was stricken with appendicitis Saturday and rushed to the hospital in Medford, where an operation was performed. It is reported that he is improving nicely.

Mrs. George Twamley of Phoenix called on friends in Talent Sunday afternoon.

Jonas Spitzer, who has been employed at Prospect the past nine months, moved back to his home here.

Mrs. Belle Skeeters spent Saturday in Ashland visiting friends and shopping.

Lewis Levotzow and wife, who have been stopping in the Talent camp ground, have moved to Prospect, where Mr. Levotzow is employed.

Charles Skeeters, with the entire crew of loggers, has moved from Prospect into the Wagner Creek area.

Mrs. John Blackwell of Hyatt Mill was a business caller in Talent Monday.

ASHLAND USO HONORS VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Ashland USO honored its 400 or more volunteer workers and contributors last Thursday afternoon with a party featuring a dessert at 1:30, a musical program and all types of games. A musical program consisted of piano music by Miss Verna Haight, songs by Mrs. Marcella Rowe, a reading by Mrs. Kitty Ingle, piano duet by Misses Madge and Marie Mitchell, and accordion music by Miss Dorothy Hanson. Prizes which were given for winners in the various games were corsages made of defense stamps.

SOLDIERS PLAN FUN AT SWIM-DANCE FEST

The Ashland USO sponsored a party planned by Camp White men from Medford, a group from the 362nd Infantry, last Friday. There was swimming at Twin Plunges, and afterwards the group danced at the Twin Plunges Arena and played games of get-acquainted nature, which were conducted by Camp White men.

ASHLAND SOFTBALL STAR ON CHAMP MARINE TEAM

Private First Class Jules A. Bowers, U. S. M. C., son of Mrs. Blanche E. Powers, Ashland, is a member of the championship softball team at a South Pacific base.

The 22-year-old member of a Leatherneck anti-aircraft gun crew was in 16 games of his team's 17-game winning spurge. He played center field.

Before he enlisted in June, 1942, Private First Class Powers was an aircraft worker in Seattle, Wash. During that time he was on the Boeing Aircraft aggregation and various softball clubs in his home vicinity.

Private First Class Powers was graduated from Ashland High School in 1939. Besides being a prominent basketball, baseball and football player, he was Student Association president.

REV. DYER FILLING PULPIT NEEDS IN ASHLAND CHURCH

Rev. Thomas L. Dyer and Mrs. Dyer are recent arrivals in Ashland from El Centro, Calif., where Rev. Dyer is pastor of the Congregational Church.

Having been granted a few months' vacation from the warm Imperial Valley weather, Rev. Dyer is filling the needs at the Ashland Neighborhood Congregational Church.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



After being blown through a window by a bursting shell and killed by a 14-foot fall during the bombardment of Sand Island, Marine Staff Sergeant Dale Lester Peters of Breckenridge, Michigan, struggled to remove large aerial bombs from nearby burning hangars. He has been awarded the Navy Cross for exceptionally meritorious service and disregard of his own safety during this action. What hardships are you willing to disregard to invest in Payroll Savings?

U. S. Treasury Department

AWS WEEK PROGRAM EXTENDS RECOGNITION TO MANY CITIZENS

A feature of Aircraft Warning Service Week is recognition of hundreds of citizens who have volunteered their services on the home front, according to Robert Dodge, chief air warden of the Ashland area. Below the chief warden announces the names of the following persons who have served as air wardens 100 hours or more at the Ashland post and have received or are entitled to receive the arm badge of service:

Mrs. Dick Adams.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Albert.
George A. Andrews.
Miss Alice Beare.
Mrs. Bernice Beare.
Ray Barker.
G. H. Billings.
Lydia Crowson.
Mrs. Alma Clifton.
H. W. Culbertson.
Mrs. Bessie Carlton.
Robert Elhart.
J. F. Emmett.
L. P. Furman.
Florence Farlow.
Mrs. R. I. Flaharty.
Mrs. Mildred Frazier.
G. E. Gunter.
J. Larkin Grubb.
Miss Evelyn Hollister.
Archie Haskins.
Mrs. Carrie Haskins.
John Grubb (former assistant chief observer; now in armed forces).
E. B. Kroeger.
R. M. Kent.
W. A. Kannasto.
Mrs. S. W. Leonard.
Dick Leigh (now in armed forces).
Mrs. Jessie Lindsay.
Ronald Lowe.
Tommy Laird.

Exams for Air Crew Training in City Hall Aug. 7

Final plans for the arrival of Maj. Eric K. Shilling and an aviation cadet examining board here were announced by I. F. Andres, local cadet procurement chairman. The Air Corps examining party will be in Ashland on Saturday, August 7, and will headquarter at the City Hall. Their hours for interview and examination will be 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

The visit of Maj. Shilling here is a part of the statewide campaign, recently endorsed by Gov. Earl Snell, to meet the urgent and mounting need for more aviation cadets to keep step with the Army's growing air force. The program, under the direction of Col. J. J. Fulmer, state recruiting chief, makes it possible for all men 17 to 26 years of age to apply for this training.

Those in the 17-year-old group who qualify for the cadet air crew training will be presented with the official aviation cadet "Silver Wings" which will be worn on their civilian clothes to indicate that they are members of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve. They may continue their civilian occupation or education until after their 18th birthday.

Men from 18 to 26, inclusive, may take the cadet examination and if found qualified will be au-

E. H. McGee.
Jack Merritt (former assistant observer; now in armed forces).
H. H. Mayberry.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Neill.
R. W. Pentzer.
Mrs. Norman Porritt (assistant chief observer).
Mrs. Frances M. Parker (assistant chief observer).
Guy Randles.
W. M. Ross.
Mrs. Betty Ryan.
Mrs. Norma Stearns (assistant chief observer).
Mrs. Alma Stennett.
S. R. Scheurman (assistant chief observer).
Dick Trites.
Miss Virginia Whittle.
Mrs. L. P. Wilmet.
Miss Faith Warnock.
Three members of the U. S. Army Air Force Ground Observer Corps, Ashland Post, will receive U. S. Army recognition this week by being awarded the Army pin signifying 500 hours of service in the corps. They are Archie Haskins, Carrie Haskins and S. R. Scheurman, assistant chief observer at the Ashland post. The following ground observers will receive the award of a star, in recognition of 200 hours' service: W. J. Albert, Mrs. W. J. Albert, Mrs. Alma Clifton, Miss Evelyn Hollister, R. M. Kent, E. H. McGee, R. W. Pentzer, Mrs. Frances Parker, Mrs. Norman Porritt, Mrs. Norma Stearns, Mrs. Betty Ryan, Miss Virginia Whittle. These ground observers who have served 200 hours or more will be guests of the Varsity Theater Wednesday evening, August 4.

Nebraska Picnic in Helman Park Aug. 8

The annual Nebraska picnic will be held on August 8 this year in Helman Park. Invitations are open to all former Nebraska residents in Jackson County, and especially to the Nebraska soldiers stationed at Camp White.

The election of officers for the current year and an impromptu program with a big basket dinner for all present will round out the schedule for the day.

The picnic spread will be at 1:30 and all civilian residents are requested to bring well-filled baskets to care for any and all soldiers who may be there.

Souvenir boxes will be distributed to all those present. Come and bring a Nebraska friend.

LEE WISE RETURNS TO ASHLAND FOR VISIT

Lee Wise, a former resident of Ashland and student at the Old Normal, is in town for a visit. He has been located in Alameda for the past year. He has noted the prosperity and general good appearance of his old home and compliments the civic pride of the citizens.

Authorized to volunteer for induction into the Air Corps. For both groups a five-month period of pre-flight training at a leading college or university precedes actual flying instruction.

BELLVIEW NOTES

The Birthday Club honored Walter Davis on his birthday anniversary Sunday at his home with a covered dish dinner. Those enjoying the day with Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Lyda Catherine were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gowland from Klamath Falls, Miss Marie Walker of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pankey, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. A. PR. Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenrud and Mrs. Sorenson, Mrs. M. C. Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parks of Central Point.

Mrs. George Ricks accompanied her son, Clarence, to Portland Wednesday where he was inducted into the United States Service. While gone she visited friends of Vancouver, Wash., and Jefferson, Ore., returning home Sunday morning. Ben Ricks, who has been working in Portland with Clarence, has returned home.

Miss Marie Walker, who is employed in Portland, is spending two weeks here with friends and relatives. She was a week end visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenrud. Tuesday she and Mrs. Stenrud were business visitors to Medford. Marie was formerly employed at Medford before going to Portland.

R. D. Reynolds returned from Los Angeles last week, where he had been called by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Lola Reynolds. He reported her condition as greatly improved. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Conley and son, Lyndel, have returned to Dunsmuir after a few days' visit at the Reynolds' home.

Miss Bernice Rector has returned from Portland to work here through the pear packing season.

Donald Farmer is quite ill with rheumatic fever at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Byrd. Mrs. Amy Spafford is helping to care for him.

CIVIL SERVICE NEEDS PRINTERS

To permit additional printers to apply for responsible positions in the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., as estimators and jacket writers, the United States Civil Service Commission extended its deadline for accepting applications to August 17, 1943.

Men or women with at least eight years' experience in printing, two to four years of which were spent estimating, printing cost or specifying production methods, are urged to apply.

Appointees will be chosen on the basis of written tests to be given throughout the country. Entrance salaries are \$3924 and \$3628 a year after overtime compensation for the 48-hour week is added.

Persons desiring to take the test must file applications with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Full information and forms may be obtained at the Post Office at Ashland or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Persons now using their highest skills in war work should not apply. Appointments are made in accordance with War Manpower Commission policies and employment stabilization plans.

The Great Record Of the Desert

Now the emigrants were in Crow Indian country, but not entirely rid of the Sioux and Arapahoes.

While the red men were not openly hostile, they would always bear watching. The Trail turned to the southwest along the high uplands, passing the famous and imposing Red Buttes, near the mouth of Poison Spider Creek, about 15 miles from the present Casper. It was a high wind-swept region, the habitat of swift antelope, wily coyote and trustful sage hen.

Far to the west stretched the Rocky Mountains, their white summits gleaming in the sunlight. Willow Creek Crossing was an oasis for the tired emigrants, where good wood, water and grass were found in abundance. It was an emerald gem in the dull setting of the gray hills.

Late in July the wagons came in sight of that great landmark on the Oregon Trail, Independence Rock. It is located on the Sweetwater River, about 52 miles southwest of Casper. The "Rock" is 767 feet in width, 1850 feet in length, with a sag in the middle which is 60 feet in height and varying in height from 167 feet on the south end to 193 feet on the north end. It looks very much like a giant hay stack in the midst of a vast field. It is supposed to have been named by a group of trappers who camped there on July 4, in the "twenties."

It is the most celebrated of all nature's signposts and on its smooth sides of hard, gray granite thousands of explorers and travelers carved or painted their names and the dates of their visits. Nesmith recorded that he carved his name on the rock and assisted some young ladies in carving theirs. Peter DeSmet, noted Catholic missionary, called it "The Great Record of the Desert."

DATES FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR OVERSEAS

From September 15, through October 31, has been designated as the time during which all Christmas mail should be posted for Marine Corps personnel on overseas duty. Arrangements have been made with the Post Office Department for special handling of Christmas letters and packages mailed during this period in order to get them to men overseas before the holidays.

To facilitate this effort, senders are requested to mark their packages "Christmas parcel" and to pay special attention to the addressing and packaging requirements. Hundreds of packages are lost daily because senders do not wrap them strongly enough to withstand the handling through numerous postal centers and the heat of a ship's hold.

GEORGE T. LANGFORD IS COMMISSIONED

Word was received by The Miner this week that George T. Langford, 430 Holly Street, Ashland, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, on July 29.

He Who Laughs---Lasts!

