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## THIS AND THAT

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

President Roosevelt told the world that Axis leaders will be punished for their crimes against humanity and neutral nations were warned not to harbor them.

Mussolini and Hitler have been reported to have cached personal funds in Switzerland, a traditional haven for political refugees and that country, as well as other neutral nations, will be put on the spot: The moon is now the only sanctuary for arch-criminals.

History doesn't always agree with present ideas. In World War I Kaiser Wilhelm took refuge in neutral Holland. Queen Wilhelmina's government refused to surrender the former Kaiser to the Allies. He remained at Doorn, unpunished for his crimes, until his death in 1941.

Changing managers in the present crisis hasn't helped the Italians much. What they should have done, says Uncle Zeke, is drop out of the Axis league.

Chinese have fought more than 28,000 battles with the Japs in six years thus helping to whittle them down for the kill.

Off Cape Race August 19, 1812 was fought a duel in which the American frigate Constitution vanquished the British ship Guerriere.

By the way, what's become of the dry ice project?

Pedestrians are still dodging bicycle riders on the sidewalks.

Weeds on the site of the projected fire station are ripe for the torch.

## FRUIT HELP SITUATION IN GOOD SHAPE

Mrs. Alice Patterson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, reports that although some local people have made application to work as pear pickers, there have been no calls from the growers for help. Apparently the fruit growers have their crews organized and have things going in fine shape.

However Medford needs some experienced packers. If those interested in this work will apply at the local Chamber of Commerce office, they will be directed to the work.

## 'FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF' PLAN RECOMMENDED

Every concern in Oregon will be asked to co-operate in bringing its employe personnel to fuller participation in the payroll deduction program before the Third War Loan gets under way September 9, according to E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the war finance committee.

Need for all employes and employers to understand the "figure-it-out-yourself" plan is as simple as it sounds. It is merely this: You compute your family income by the month, total your monthly expenses and arrange for the difference to be put in war bonds through the payroll savings plan.

"These are not idle proposals," says Sammons. "They are as vital to final success as any part of the war program. Our boys at the front, those in convoys on the high seas, those in maneuvers preparing to go, are all concerned with one question: 'What can I do to help?' The 'figure-it-out-yourself' program is the ordinary citizen's answer to this same question. Loyal Americans are acting now."

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Are Invited to Be Guests of the  
SOUTHERN OREGON MINER  
to see  
at the VARSITY THEATRE  
(Friday and Saturday)  
"HAPPY GO LUCKY"  
AND  
"INVASION OF EUROPE"  
or  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
"BEHIND THE RISING SUN"  
Please call at the Miner Office  
for Your Guest Tickets

## TALENT NEWS

Mrs. John Walas was shopping and visiting in Ashland Wednesday afternoon.

Talent school will open September 13.

The Community Club held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the City Hall. A good program was prepared by Mrs. Ralph Jennings and enjoyed by all.

The Wolters concrete building recently sold by G. S. Butler to outside interests is undergoing extensive repairs in preparation to installing a cold storage plant, a much-needed and welcome industry in this busy community.

Will Childers returned home Friday from Washington where he spent a week visiting a sister, whom he had not seen for many years.

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

Miss Violet Kenniston left Monday morning for Seattle to visit her sister and to be employed there.

Leo Martin and family of the Siskiyou visited Mr. Martin's parents here Sunday.

Mrs. M. P. Franklin made a trip to San Francisco last week to visit her mother for a few days.

P. S. Johnson and family of Medford were calling in Talent, Sunday.

Lucille Young who is taking nurses' training at the St. Vincent Hospital in Portland is spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young.

Bill Lawrence of Medford was a business caller here Monday morning.

## Historic Displays in Local Store Windows

For several months the Miner has carried a story each week of the trek across the wilds from Independence, Missouri to Oregon by the hardy pioneers, who made Oregon what it is today.

Oregon Statewide observance of the "Old Oregon Trail Centennial" began on the 15th and will continue throughout this week.

Ashland is contributing largely to this event by displaying in prominent shop windows many old and interesting pictures, letters, and other articles. These are properties of local residents, many of whom are directly associated with the early history of this locality.

These displays afford a more than passing interest to all interested in this country.

Miss Voda Brower underwent a tonsillectomy at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Medford Tuesday. She was able to return to her home here at 216 Central, Wednesday afternoon.

M. P. Tucker and wife and father of Medford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Emmett Sunday.

## PICK HUNDRED CITIES



CHICAGO — Three Methodist bishops go into a huddle over a U. S. map to select 100 key cities for 100 January mass meetings in their coming Crusade for a New World Order. They have just been appointed by the Council of Bishops meeting here to lead a drive for a flow of personal letters to legislators expressing faith in a post-war world to be organized on principles of international collaboration. Without this the bishops fear a return to isolationism and power politics. The officers of the Crusade shown are (right) Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Boston, chairman; (left) Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, (vice chairman); (standing) Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Detroit, secretary.

## OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

"A CHAIN IS NO STRONGER THAN ITS WEAKEST LINK."



EACH ONE OF US IS A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH. AS WE WORK HARDER ON FARMS, IN FACTORIES, STORES, OFFICES AND HOMES, — AS WE SAVE MORE — PUT OUR MONEY INTO WAR BONDS, LIFE INSURANCE, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, WE MAKE OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES, OUR NATION STRONGER. — REINFORCE THE MIGHTY CHAIN OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH.

## David Douglas - A Proud Name for a Proud Ship

In the naming of the Liberty ship David Douglas, Phil Parish, editor of The Oregonian, probably had some hand. For the name of David Douglas is an important one in the history of this great Oregon territory, and Editor Parish, probably one of the best informed modern historians of Oregon lore, knows well the significance of the name and its connection with our present great industrial era.

David Douglas was a young, aggressive and fearless Scotch botanist, who came to Fort Vancouver in 1825 and proceeded to explore on foot more than 11,000 miles of Oregon's valleys and mountains. He was interested in the great forests of conifers which covered every hill and mountain and made foot exploration slow and difficult. Dr. John McLoughlin had first called the tree "Oregon Pine", but this soon became known as Douglas fir, although to this day Oregon Pine is an accepted name in the markets of the world.

The Keep Oregon Green executive committee, headed by Dean Johnson the state chairman, officiated at the launching of the David Douglas, and this is in order, for David Douglas, were he alive today, would be an active member of Keep Oregon Green, for he loved the tall conifers and would have wanted them protected forever from fire.

Dean Johnson points out the tremendous part the Douglas fir tree is playing in the war. He calls it fittingly - Fighting Timber. Probably few people before realized that here along the Pacific slope west of the Cascade range from Oregon's south border into British Columbia grows this most valuable of all trees, and most virile. This region is contributing through this resource an important part in the war. The Douglas fir tree is single-handed marching off to war as aircraft, ships, pontoon bridges, barges, and has supplied shelter for soldiers, cover for industry and for our great plane and blimp hangars. David Douglas is a good name for a Liberty ship.

## ALEXANDER H. PRACHT

Funeral services were held Saturday at the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral Chapel for Alexander H. Pracht, The Rev. A. H. McDonnell, vicar of Trinity Episcopal Church, officiated.

The deceased had been a resident of Ashland for many years.

## Stearns' Car Stolen

The Hudson Sedan belonging to H. A. Stearns, 137 Oak St. was stolen last Monday night. Robert Stearns had left the car parked in front of the home while he packed his cases preparatory to returning to his station in the Marine Air Corps, and had left the key in the ignition lock.

Local police last heard that the car was seen in Grants Pass, driven by two men. Mr. Stearns describes the car as a Hudson Sedan 1939 model with radio and heater, license number Oregon 334-828. One front fender has the paint rubbed off leaving a greyish white undercoat exposed.

## Judge Coleman Tells Of County Tax Losses

Salem—J. B. Coleman, County Judge of Jackson County, Thursday declared at a public lands hearing that 40,609 acres were taken off Jackson County tax rolls in building Camp White Army cantonment near Medford. This land had an assessed valuation of \$336,710 and last year paid taxes totaling \$7400, he told the committee.

Judge Coleman also explained that thousands of acres are being removed from the tax rolls in this and other counties through a policy under which logged off lands are being exchanged for the right to cut timber in forest reserves. This policy, Coleman said, also robs the counties of any return from the sale of this land which remains in government ownership while private operators strip it of its valuable timber crop.

## Swimming Unsafe in County Streams

Swimming in streams of Jackson County is unsafe, according to County Health Officer A. E. Merkel.

Dr. Merkel points out that from the standpoint of health authorities any water that is unfit for drinking is unfit for swimming, in that swimmers are apt to swallow water.

"We realize," Dr. Merkel said, "that much swimming is being done in the Rogue River and the Applegate River without harmful effects, in that we have no cases of typhoid, but we can never tell when such cases will occur. Persons who swim in the rivers," Mr. Merkel said, "do so at somewhat of a risk."

Miss Virginia Anderson, who has been working for the Miner and for Bear Creek Orchards, is now in the Medford Public Library.

## SOCE SUMMER TERM CLOSES

The second term of summer school at the Southern Oregon College of Education comes to a close this week, having held to an enrollment only slightly less than last year's corresponding term, according to reports from the office of President Walter Redford. In number of students attending, Jackson County led, with Klamath County represented by an almost equal number. Next highest number were from Josephine, Douglas and Lane Counties. Other counties and regions represented were Lake, Umatilla, Coos, Curry and Harney Counties of Oregon; Siskiyou, Tehama and Del Norte Counties of California; Salisbury, North Carolina; Denton, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Enrollment was swelled by a number of ex-teachers returning to the field to meet the need for teachers to take the place of those who have left the profession for war service or war industry.

Fall term opens September 30 when entering freshmen register. Freshman days are Thursday, September 30, to Saturday, October 2. Former students register Monday, October 4.

## ASHLAND USO HAS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Bayonne Glenn, alert director of the Ashland USO, has at last let an opportunity get by. Planning to celebrate the anniversary of the opening last August 10 of the USO Club in Luthia Park, she became so busy that the date slipped past her before she was aware.

Mrs. Glenn, however, dug into the files for the report of First Director Mrs. Helen Small and found it included the following volunteer hostess' report for the first hours, 2-6 p. m.:

"The trees swayed to and fro in the park, Ashland Creek tinkled its little onward way—and we the hostesses sat and rocked! One lone soldier was sighted sitting in the park across the way. We ambled over and enticed him to enter our doors! He was our first and only soldier-boy visitor. We are all thankful to Pvt. Gibson of Illinois!"

Commenting on this year-old report, Mrs. Glenn admitted that the first anniversary of the Ashland USO passed without formal observance, but insisted that the day was well celebrated nevertheless, by a group from the Medical Detachment of 363rd Infantry, who were hosts that day at a dinner, followed by a dance, a total of 216 present for the day. Mrs. Glenn promises other events to take the place of the forgotten birthday celebration.

## STORK WAS BUSY

A. E. Merkel, County Health Officer, reports that 75 babies were born in Jackson County during July.

Of the babies, 41 were boys and 34 girls, which is about the average for the first seven months of the year. The all-time record is 98 during the month of June.

## SWEETWATER

As the emigrants sat around their camp fires, they listened to stories of the Trail as told by Capt. Gantt. One of the children asked him why the stream was named "Sweetwater." "I drank the water and it didn't taste sweet," the youngster complained. "Several years ago," replied the Captain, "some traders were crossing the river when one of the pack mules slipped on a rock and fell. His pack got all wet. Among the things in the pack was a sack of sugar, which melted. So they called the little stream 'Sweetwater.'"

Crossing to the south bank of the river, the wagons followed its crooked course for many days. On August 4 Clayborne Payne died of fever. He was buried on the wild, shelterless plain, close to the trail they were blazing.

Rev. Garrison, a Methodist preacher, delivered the funeral sermon at the lonely grave. Payne left a wife and four children to carry on as best they could.

At noon the emigrants were treated to one of nature's rare exhibitions. A ball of fire flashed by, leaving a trail of blue smoke, followed in a short time by a terrific explosion. It was only a meteor, but the fearsome spectacle filled the timid with awe, making them wonder what next the mysterious mountains had in store for them.

Five miles out of Independence Rock is Devil's Gate, where the Sweetwater River flows through a narrow gateway, with rocky walls 350 feet in height. Cloze by, Nature provided a narrow pass for wagons, called "The Gap." Through this narrow pass rolled the covered wagons; through it raced the Pony Express riders, and near by are the graves of some who had reached their journey's end.

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

## Teacher Material Is Available at SOCE

Copies of a number of units for the grade school curriculum will be available to Oregon teachers on request sent to the Southern Oregon College of Education, according to President Walter Redford.

These units developed by student-teachers during the present summer school at SOCE were made under the direction of critic teachers of Lincoln Training School: Miss Bertha Stephens, Miss Edith Bork and Miss Florence Allen. The units, dealing with the field of science and social science, are as follows: The Heavenly Bodies, by Edna Fletcher, for fifth grade science; The Development of Coal Mining, by Desda Wixson, for fourth grade social science; Wild Flowers Around Home, by Edith Kenyon, for fourth grade science; Hunting, by Carrie Tyson, for fourth grade social science; Herdsmen of the World, by Ruth Brickey, for fourth grade social science; The Farmer, by Vetrin Enders, for fourth grade social science.

## AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF



For extraordinary courage Boatwain's Mate Harold F. Smith, First Class, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. After orders to abandon the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor, he took his motor launch out to the stricken battle wagon repeatedly—in spite of fierce enemy bombing and strafing—in spite of flaming oil on the water's surface—and brought ashore burned and wounded personnel, saving many lives. Your Payroll Savings MUST back such men as this.

U. S. Treasury Department