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THIS AND THAT

(By OLD TIMER)
To the Editor:
Classes of a Pennsylvania school were once held in a prison cell. This would strike Junior as being equally appropriate.

School children of today, we read, cannot spell as well as those of a generation ago. Maybe so, but then, back in 1910, we didn't have such words as Salamaua and Bryansk, either.

Germany was once proud of its standing army, but that was before it went into Russia. Now it doesn't even get a chance to set down.

Don't worry about butter, says Uncle Zeke. You can make it from grass. All you need is a cow and a churn.

We now approach the season when the spare tire is not so nearly important as the spare blanket.

Stronger labor leadership in holding unions to their no-strike pledge continues to be required in spots.

A badly frightened Hitler took to the radio Friday and denounced Italy's surrender as a "shameful betrayal" and asserted that despite the fate of its Axis partner, "all efforts to smash Germany will fail."

I am glad a task to me is given
To labor at day by day.
For it gives me health and strength and hope.

And I learn to cheerfully say:
"Head, you may think; heart, you may feel—
But hand, you must work away."
—Louisa M. Alcott.

Normalcy would be the return of the good old days when you could drive up to a place and honk and they brought it out to you.

TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morrow and family of Wagner Creek moved to Mountain Avenue in Ashland last week.

Mrs. Belle Skeeters spent Friday in Ashland shopping and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ring of Belview visited their daughter, Mrs. John Walsh Saturday a. m. John Walsh Saturday morning.

Billie Breesleft Sunday for Bly to be employed with the Weyerhaeuser logging company.

Mrs. George Holt accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Edith Coffman, returned to her home at Crescent after spending two weeks here in Talent. Mrs. Coffman plans on visiting her son Elois and family in Chiloquin before she returns home.

Jerry Stevens, who has been employed in the Forestry Service in southern California for the past summer, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes of Crescent City, Calif. arrived here Friday to spend a couple weeks with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown, who have been living in Talent the past summer, moved back to Tienosta, where Mr. Brown is employed, their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Purdue and family moved from George Clark's apartment into the Brown property recently vacated by the Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Goin and baby John of Prospect were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Logan, Mrs. Goin's parents.

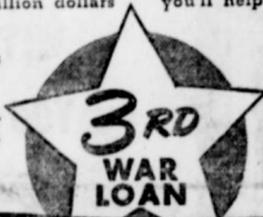
Cpl. Leslie Mason and Pfc. Glen Logan who were home on furlough, spent Tuesday at Lake of the Woods. They returned to their camps where stationed last Wednesday.

GEORGE YOCKEL and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "PILOT NO. 5" ALSO "HOPPY SERVES A WRIT" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "BATAAN"
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets



Jimmy's over there now, fighting our enemies to keep the Stars and Stripes flying. Before he left, he told me they are going to need more equipment, more ammunition and more food for INVASION of enemy lands. "The more bonds the folks at home buy—the more they'll be helping us fighters to win." That's what Jimmy said.

The 3rd War Loan of 15 billion dollars must produce the money to pay for these essentials to victory. Buy at least one EXTRA \$100 Bond besides your



BACK THE ATTACK WITH WAR BONDS

regular bond purchases—many will have to invest thousands!

Don't think that what you do isn't important. It will take all every individual in America can raise to put this 3rd War Loan over the top. So buy more bonds out of your pay—out of extra income—out of "rainy-day" funds!

The quicker you do that the more you'll help Jimmy and our other boys smash through to Victory.

What do you say? It's the safest, soundest investment you'll ever make! Let's go!

CHAIRMEN OF WAR CHEST NAMED

Every county in Oregon has a committee organized and busy making plans to participate in the Oregon War Chest campaign in October, according to Charles A. Sprague, state president.

The Oregon War Chest is affiliated with the National War Fund and will conduct the campaign in this state for the national organization which is raising funds for 17 major war-related relief organizations. In addition, the Oregon War Chest is raising funds for seven state-wide child caring agencies, namely: Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Catholic Charities, Children's Farm Home, Oregon Protective Society, Salvation Army, Volunteers of America and the Waverly Baby Home.

The chairman for Jackson County is John P. Moffat

Plans for Farmer Purchase of Bonds

Oregon farmers will be called upon to raise \$25 million in war bond purchases during the 3rd War Loan, according to Burt K. Snyder, agricultural director, Oregon war finance committee, who just completed a statewide tour during which he met with war bond chairmen and agricultural agents in every county.

Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State Grange, announced that his organization will actively solicit all members in an attempt to divert over 10 percent of Oregon's 1943 agricultural income into war bonds. Tompkins estimated the farm income for 1943 to be valued at \$243 million. More than 2702 farmers in Jackson county will be called on personally by teams of solicitors recruited from the state grange and other farm organizations to see that every excess dollar available is invested in war bonds, according to N. H. Zacharisen, county war finance chairman, who completed plans with Snyder. Specially prepared farm war bond kits have been mailed out from bond headquarters to enable farmers to plan bond purchases without leaving home or work.

MAXINE COOK AND KENNETH CATON WED TUESDAY

Miss Maxine Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Cook and Kenneth W. Caton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Caton, were united in marriage at the Methodist Church Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock with Dr. George W. Bruce reading the marriage lines in the presence of the immediate members of the two families. The double ring ceremony was used. Miss Betty Wirz was the bridesmaid and Donald L. Caton, brother of the groom, was best man.

The groom wore his formal navy attire, and the bride was appropriately dressed in a companion costume of deep red skirt, navy blue blouse and white sailor collar. Her corsage was white.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Both the bride and groom were members of last year's graduating class at Ashland High School. The bride was the valedictorian of the class.

The groom is a Seaman 2/c stationed at Farragut, Idaho. He is now home on furlough and must report on the 23rd when he will probably be sent to school for additional training.

The young couple left after the reception on a short wedding trip.

LOCAL USO RECEIVES MANY DONATIONS

Mrs. Bayonne Glenn gives credit this week, to the following donors at the USO Club.

Mrs. Dale Berkelmer, white figs; Mrs. L. P. Wilmeth, Mrs. E. R. Koble and Mrs. Booth, flowers; Con Austin, Mrs. Mildred Frazier, Milo Grubb and Fred Mailloux, magazines; Mrs. Hazel Walden, books; Mrs. L. P. Wilmeth, cleaning rags; Margaret Bland, Posted USO Bulletins; Rainbow Class, Lois and Jean Berkelmer, Presbyterian Church, cookies.

Sally and Lynn Trip, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Trip, who have spent the summer with their grandparents at Glendale, returned home recently.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harkey on Sept. 12, a daughter.

RENT CONTROL IS STILL IN FORCE

Area Rent Director Walter J. Looker of the OPA today characterized as "completely false" rumors that a recent ruling of the Federal Court for the Middle District of Georgia would put a stop to enforcement of rent regulations. He assured property owners and tenants that rent control would continue to be enforced throughout the Medford Defense Rental Area, comprising Jackson County.

"The publicity given this Court's opinion about the constitutionality of rent control," said Mr. Looker, has created an impression in the minds of some persons that all OPA rules on rents are off. This is not true. This office will continue to enforce the regulations. Rents cannot be raised without the permission of this office. Violators, as always, are liable to treble damage suits, fines or imprisonment, or both."

An immediate appeal will be taken from the decision. "The power of OPA, under the Emergency Price Control Act, to control rents in wartime, and the constitutionality of the OPA rent regulations have been upheld in numerous courts, including the Emergency Court of Appeals in Washington."

SERGEANT HOSPITALIZED

Sgt. Donald E. Pinkerton, son of Mrs. Ethel D. Pinkerton of Ashland, is being treated at Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Cal., for injuries suffered in an airplane accident in New Guinea. He was hospitalized in New Guinea for six weeks, then taken to Australia before being sent to Santa Barbara.

PIERRE SYLVAN PROVOST

Funeral services for P. S. Provost were held last Thursday at the Litwiler Funeral Home with Father W. J. Menecher officiating.

Mr. Provost was born near Montreal, Canada, Jan. 10, 1875. He came to Ashland many years ago and was in business for a long time.

Survivors include his wife, two children, Domino and Sylvia, two grandchildren, and eight brothers and sisters.

ELLA C. SMITH PASSES ON

(Contributed by Lee Wise)

As a testimonial to the significance of the Supernatural, it was eminently fitting and proper that on last Friday evening lightning should strike on the spot of her birthplace and destroy an edifice. This preceded the demise on Saturday morning of Ella Cordelia Smith, a native daughter of this region.

Her father, Capt. Thomas Smith, a Kentuckian, was the first white settler in this upper valley. Coming across from the Yreka Mines in 1851 with two pack animals—an outfit and potato eyes and peellings to grow a crop and return and sell to the Miners.

He was permitted by Tipsu, the Siskiyou chief to occupy a patch of ground close to what is now Neal Creek. Later he was given this land outright by the friendly Indian in gratitude for a ministrations of medical help.

He returned to Yreka and the next year came back with five men who settled as neighbors, the land being later recorded as donation claims. Capt. Smith took a prominent part in the settlement of the Indian troubles and was active in civic affairs in Ashland. He also served in the State legislature.

Cordelia was born May 1, 1858 at the homestead, but after the death of her mother moved into Ashland and was educated at the old Ashland Academy. She was sent to Washington D. C. to live at the White House with the family of President Benjamin Harrison. Mrs. Harrison was a cousin of her mother's and incidentally the first head of the D.A.R. Miss Smith remained in Washington until 1900 in the employ of the Bureau of Engraving. She then came to Ashland and occupied the family home at 131 No. Main, which she later sold to Andrew J. McCollen, Sr. Her residence for the past 40 years has been in Grant St. close by the Hargadine Cemetery. Lately she had been invalided and was cared for by Mrs. Hadfield at 496 No. Main.

Her funeral was held at Litwilers Tuesday at 10 a. m. and was attended by scores of friends and neighbors, who showed tribute with elaborate floral offerings. The interment was in the family plot at the Ashland Cemetery with her father and mother. Rev. McCall conducted the services. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Byers sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Lead Kindly Light."

This remarkable lady had scarcely a grey hair and retained her mental faculties to the end. Her passing will be mourned.

Leonard Halls Report Adoption of a Son

Word comes from the Leonard Halls that they have become happy parents of a big son—by adoption. At two months he weighs 10 pounds, according to his dad, an increase of four pounds since birth.

Of course he is the handsomest ever even though the electricity bills are higher and the wear on laundry equipment is tremendous.

Leonard states that they are yet holding Coos Bay against any enemy forces and with the addition of the latest recruit, Jr. Hall, Tokyo will probably cancel all plans of invasion.

FORT BRIDGER A STORY SPOT

Fort Bridger was well located in a beautiful valley with treelined streams and plenty of grass and wood. It was a busy place during the 'Forties and Fifties,' especially during the gold rush to California. It had a dramatic history and was a haven of refuge for many a weary traveler. Joe Meek, first U. S. Marshal for Oregon spent a night at Fort Bridger with his old mountain pal, Jim Bridger, while on his historical ride to Washington, D. C., in the winter of 1847-8 to report the Whitman massacre to Congress.

In 1853 Bridger had trouble with Brigham Young, so the Mormons took possession of the Fort. It was burned by them in 1857 when the U. S. Army, under General Johnston, was approaching Salt Lake to replace Brigham Young and install a new governor, so was rebuilt by the government in 1858. General Canby who was killed by Modocs in 1873 was in command at Fort Bridger from August 17, 1858 to March 14, 1860. It was quite a pretentious post with a large parade ground, barracks, warehouses and dwellings, mostly stone.

In the military cemetery lie the bodies of a number of men who helped make history in the West.

Fort Bridger was a Pony Express station in 1860-1, and an important link in the overland stage system from Atchison, Kansas, to Sacramento, California.

The Fort was abandoned by the government on November 6, 1890. Fort Bridger has its place in the western Hall of Fame for, when you speak of the West, you naturally think of Fort Bridger and of the stirring, colorful days now gone forever.

The State of Wyoming bought the property several years ago, and has repaired and restored the old Fort. The main North and South highway to Salt Lake City runs past its gates, and it is visited by thousands of tourists each year. It too, has become a shrine of American history in company with Fort Laramie.

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

NEW PARALYSIS CASE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Another case of infantile paralysis was reported in Jackson County last week by Dr. E. A. Merkel, county health officer. The case is in the Eagle Point district.

Dr. Merkel said the new case was the second within two weeks here.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN AT DUNN PLACE

During the heavy thunder storm Friday night, the barn at the Edwin Dunn ranch was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Although there was no livestock in the barn, 60 tons of hay were burned.

Mrs. Homer Billings left Monday to visit with her mother in Iowa. Enroute she visited with her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Woods and family, in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Patterson returned Sunday from a week's vacation.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Side by side sleep 50,000 service men and women in this American "bivouac of the dead," where rests "the unknown soldier," and the heroes of many generations.

Arlington



Buy an Extra \$100 Bond in September