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THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

This is National Fire Prevention Week, commemorating the Chicago Fire of 1871 and dedicated to increased fire prevention activities.

Popular legend has it that Mrs. O'Leary's cow let go with a \$197,000,000 kick that knocked over a lantern and started the fire. This is disputed.

At the 1942 reunion of the Retired Firemen's Association of Chicago, President John Dooley declared that "the fire was started by bums in the barn, drinking and smoking and rushing the growler—not by the cow." Dooley was a boy of about 10 at the time. Dennis Ryan, another member agreed and said he got it straight from "Peg-leg" Sullivan, who was right on the scene.

It's an old belief that the team winning the second game in the World's series cops the pennant. St. Louis was the second game winner last year and trimmed New York Yanks four games to one. How about this year?

Perhaps it's a good stunt to send baseball players overseas to entertain soldiers in army camps. However, it's dollars to doughnuts that Gen. Clark would welcome a contingent of football players to boot the Nazis out of Italy. Gen. MacArthur could also use some of the educated toe artists.

A new high in the use of language to conceal thought was reached by the Washington official who referred to a "dynamic expansionary economy" for use after the war.

We read that the amount of lipstick used each year by American women would paint 40,000 barns a bright red color. How about it girls, true or false?

Uncle Zeke says when he was a lad the only farm movement was with plow or hoe from one side of the field to the other and back, continued from sunup to sundown. This movement achieved excellent results.

Remember when you came home from school and asked for a "piece", mother obligingly gave you a generous slice of buttered bread coated with sugar?

Though the vacation season is about over the Japs are jittery over the promised visit to Tokyo by a certain uncle.

In spite of this being Fire Prevention Week jungles in this man's town should be given the torch.

NATIONAL LETTER-WRITING WEEK OBSERVED AT USO

The Ashland USO is participating in National Letter Writing Week which began Sunday, Oct. 3, according to Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, assistant director. A number of senior hostesses have agreed to come to the Ashland Center to do the weekly letter writing this week. Service men are encouraged to write families and friends during this period.

All persons of the community are invited to visit the Ashland USO during the week to use its comfortable writing desks and the stationery provided there, whether writing to persons in military service or otherwise engaged.

A record is kept of those sending out letters from the Ashland USO and at the end of the week four prizes will be awarded. One of these prizes will be a free long distance call home. Winners of these prizes will be announced at the dance to be held Oct. 9.

T. H. SIMPSON and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday)
"FALL IN"
ALSO
"BUCKSKIN FRONTIER"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"The Pride of the Yankees"
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

Classes Underway at SOCE Yesterday

Classes beginning at the Southern Oregon College of Education Wednesday, Oct. 6, were preceded by Freshman Week which included registration day for incoming freshmen Thursday, Sept. 30, a faculty-student tea Friday afternoon, October 1, for just-entering freshmen. The Big Sister organization of the college held a picnic in Lithia Park Monday afternoon with incoming Little Sisters attending Tuesday, October 5 faculty and students held a supper party on the campus with a program of entertainment.

SOCE's Training School opens with two new critic teachers, Miss Lurline Brady, 5th and 6th grade teacher critic; and Miss Jerine Mote, 2nd and 3rd grade teacher critic. Miss Brady, with degrees of A.B. and M.A. from the University of Texas, has been instructor in Education at Baylor College Texas, and during the past two years was on the summer school faculty of the University of Texas as supervisor of student teachers in the University elementary school.

Miss Mote, B.A. degree from the Nebraska State Teachers College at Wayne and the M.A. degree from the University of Iowa was two years at the Maryville, N. Dakota Teachers College and for a time graduate assistant at the University of Iowa. Last summer she taught 1st and 2nd grades in the demonstration school of the Nacogdoches, Texas, Teachers College. During the past two years she was teacher in Iowa City public schools. Miss Mote has recently published a study on the geography of Australia for Intermediate grades.

Granite Street Gentleman Goes North for the Winter

Contributed by Lee Wise
"Mining is just diggin holes in the ground", opines H. Hurn, who lives at the Hatch place on Granite Street. He left Tuesday to spend the winter near Medford but promises to come back in the spring to attend his flower garden.

Mr. Hurn has lived 55 of his 90 years in Ashland and vicinity. Coming from Nevada, Missouri, where he was a neighbor to Frank James, brother of the notorious Jesse. He engaged in mining on his arrival, working claims on Hungry Creek and various other prospects.

Of late he has retired to the peaceful pursuit of flower culture, producing some of the choicest blooms grown in Ashland.

There must be something in gardening that cultivates independence and obstinacy as he has refused to use electric lights or a radio set until very recently. His neighbor called before his departure Tuesday and admonished him to take care of himself and that she would call and see him. "Why goldarn it, I want you to" was his response.

WCS OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church observed its third anniversary at a special program last Friday. After the morning business session conducted by Mrs. George Mason, a delicious luncheon was served at which time the first officers and charter members were honored.

The afternoon began with Mrs. E. T. Newbry leading the Prayer Circle, Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Loren Messenger.

A beautiful Memorial Service followed in charge of Mrs. Will Dodge assisted by Mrs. Lucille McKay, Mrs. George W. Bruce and Mrs. Eubanks. Those on the list of departed members included Mrs. Luella Stearns, Mrs. Ada Clark, Mrs. Alice Jillson, Mrs. Minta Weren, Mrs. Mary Bruner, Mrs. Edith Sloan, Mrs. Clara Palmer, Mrs. Anna Mason, and Mrs. Jennie Mathes.

Mrs. Etta Schilling presented the lesson study which was followed by a report on Sue Bennett College at London, Kentucky by Miss Cora Mason who had the privilege of visiting the college last summer. She also brought greetings from Miss Mary Young, a faculty member there and a former resident of Ashland.

Homer Billings was away over the week end on a business and pleasure trip.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



THROUGH HARDSHIP AND DISCOURAGEMENT, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HELD TO THE STAR OF HIS BELIEF. BY INITIATIVE, SELF-RELIANCE AND COURAGE, HE WON HIS BATTLE WITH MEN AND WITH THE ELEMENTS — DISCOVERED THE "NEW WORLD" . . . BY THESE SAME BASIC QUALITIES— INITIATIVE, SELF-RELIANCE AND COURAGE, — WE AMERICANS WILL WIN THROUGH TO VICTORY —
DEFEND AND PRESERVE OUR DEMOCRACY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE 7-10TH

The local Free Methodist Church, East Main at Seventh, will be host for a Sunday School Institute held in connection with the District Quarterly Meeting and Conference of the Rogue River District of the Free Methodist Church. The Rev. David L. Fenwick of Portland, District Superintendent, will be in charge of the Conference and Quarterly meeting; and Rev. C. W. Greene of Santa Cruz, Calif. will be in charge of the S. S. Institute. There will be representatives of the following Free Methodist churches in the Rogue River Valley, present: Medford, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Ashland, and a church near Roseburg.

On Friday, October 8, The Rogue River Valley Holiness Association, all-day meeting will come here to meet with them. The R.R.V.H.A. Business meeting will be held right after a covered dish dinner served at the Free Methodist Parsonage at 12:15 on Friday. We wish to invite friends of the church and those interested in the Sunday School and its functions from all the other churches in the community to be with us for the whole day. Everyone will bring a covered dish or sandwiches, and table service for those of their own party, and will all eat together.

Following is the program for the meeting:

Thursday evening, Oct. 7, Song Service at 7:30 and Sermon at 8:00 by the Rev. Tillman Houser, Roseburg.

Friday, Oct. 8.—Sunday School Institute with Rev. C. W. Greene, presiding. Devotions at 9:45 a.m.; "Methods of Increasing Attendance", the Rev. Charles E. Brown, pastor at Ashland at 10:00; "The Pastor and the Sunday School" by

Rev. Tillman Houser, Roseburg at 10:45; "Visual Education" by Rev. Valeria Cleveland, pastor, Grants Pass at 11:00; Devotions at 2:15 p.m.; "The Sunday School Standard: How to Attain and Maintain It." by Rev. M. P. Knigge, pastor Medford, at 2:30; "Evangelism in the Sunday School" by Rev. June Horning Miller, Children's Evangelist at 3:15; Song Service at 7:30 p.m.; and Sermon by Rev. M. P. Knigge, Medford at 8:00.

Saturday, October 9.—Women's Missionary Society Business Meeting and Conference at 10:00 a.m. R.R. District Quarterly Conference at 11:00; Song and Prayer Service at 2:30 p.m.; Sermon by Rev. Valeria Cleveland, at 2:30; Young People's Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; Song Service at 7:45; Sermon, Rev. June Horning Miller at 8:00.

Sunday, Oct. 10.—Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Old-Fashioned Love Feast at 10:45; Sermon, Rev. David L. Fenwick, C.S. at 11:15; the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper following preaching; General Missionary Service at 2:30; Song Service at 7:30 p.m.; Sermon by Rev. C. W. Green of Santa Cruz at 8:00.

The invitation to the whole community is: "Come and worship with us in the beauty of Holiness" "If you do not have a church home, we wish to urge you to visit with us," invites the host, Rev. Chas. E. Brown.

Beginning on Monday, October 11, Rev. Mrs. P. J. Griffiths of Salem will be with us for at least three weeks. There will be regular Evangelistic Services each evening at 7:45. Also Children's meeting each day at 4:30 p.m. All the children are invited to attend these services on their way home from school. Watch for further announcements.

CITY, COUNTY, STATE OVER THE TOP

When the Oregon boys on the battlefronts of the world learn how their state has backed them up on the 3rd war loan, they will doubtless feel some of the pride for it that the home state feels for them.

The last official report shows Ashland, whose quota was \$600,000 with \$667,000 to her credit. Jackson County's \$2,668,000 quota is topped by an approximate \$100,000. The state sales are reported at \$125,000,000 or \$21 million above its required amount.

Seaman 2/c Edward Schultz, who is on a 15-day leave, is enjoying a visit with friends in Ashland for several days. He is stationed at Farragut, Idaho.

TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bagley and children of Medford were Talent callers Sunday afternoon.

Jack Kelly, who is employed at Copco, Calif. near Hornbrook, is spending a few days in Talent and Medford. Mr. Kelly is a former resident.

Mrs. H. H. Lowe of Butte Falls was a business caller in Talent last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Griffith, who recently sold their ranch south of town, have purchased property of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boatright in Talent and have taken possession.

Mrs. Roy Unruh and baby of Prospect and Mrs. Frank Tilford of Phoenix were calling on friends in Talent, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes returned to their home in Crescent City, Friday morning after spending some time in the valley.

Mrs. Belle Skeeters spent Monday in Ashland visiting friends.

Mr. Bill Lawrence of Medford was in Talent Saturday looking after business.

Mrs. George Pfeifer and Mrs. Roy Estes were transacting business in Grants Pass Monday morning.

Ivah Blackwell of Hyatt Mill spent the week end in Ashland and Talent.

Mrs. Bill Hotchkiss and Mrs. Louise Combest were shopping in Ashland Monday afternoon.

George Yockel of Bellview was a Talent visitor Monday.

AHS FOOTBALL SCORE

ASHLAND	47
DUNSMUIR	0

Girls Admitted in Auto Mechanics Class

Auto Mechanics has been added to the Ashland high school curriculum under the supervision of Mr. Phillips, the shop director. It is open to both boys and girls who will receive full credit for each semester's work.

There are approximately 15 girls and 29 boys registered. Each of the three class sections meet fifty-five minutes per day.

Mr. Phillips states, "I have always been of the opinion girls should have auto mechanics the same as anyone else even in normal times and especially now when they are being called on to engage in war services. Nearly every one drives an automobile and they should know, not only how to drive, but the fundamental principles of the operation of that machine. They should know how to make all minor repairs, such as cleaning spark plugs, tuning up the ignition, tightening brakes and being able to tell where any trouble is when it arises.

They should know something about the gasoline and oil, the various grades and their comparative values. In other words so far as the girls are concerned, the course amounts to an intensive course in care and maintenance and intelligent driving of the automobile."

These classes meet in the outside garage, while they are using the inside shop for wood working. At present the students are looking for cars to repair, repaint or adjust. The only charge to the owners is a \$1.00 service fee plus the cost of any new parts.

TRAIL LED ON TO FORT HALL

Six miles from Soda Springs at the present Alexander, the Trail turned again to the Northwest over rough country.

It led to the Ross Fork of the Snake River, thence west to historic Fort Hall, a Hudson's Bay trading post near the junction of the Snake and Port Neuf Rivers.

Its location was near the present Pocatello. Fort Hall was a busy and important post on the Oregon Trail. It was built in 1834 by Nathaniel Wyeth, an American trader from Boston, and named for Henry Hall, the oldest member of the Boston company.

Cottonwood logs, set on end, rose fifteen feet from the ground. The enclosure was 80 feet square and bastions at diagonal corners commanded all approaches to the fort.

It was completed August 4, 1834, and the American flag was raised the following day. Captain Joseph Thing was in command with a garrison of twelve men.

Wyeth soon found that he could not compete with the Hudson's Bay Company, so he sold out to the British in 1837.

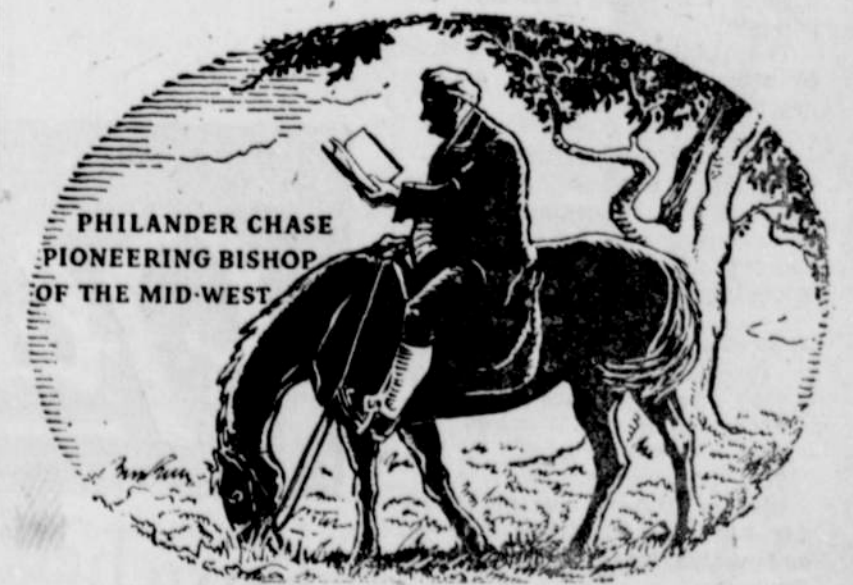
The fort was rebuilt of sun-dried bricks (adobe), and increased to one hundred feet square in size. In a setting of green meadows with gray hills in the background, the fort presented a welcome sight. Past it ran two rivers, the Port Neuf and the Snake, their banks bordered with cottonwood and willow. Captain Richard (Johnnie) Grant was in charge from 1842 to 1851, where he enjoyed great popularity among mountain men and emigrants alike.

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

S. S. CHAMPOEG TO BE LAUNCHED

The first in a series of Swan Island tankers named for historical places and communities of Oregon will slide down the ways on Saturday, October 9, to join the growing fleet of these vital vessels supplying the necessary fuel and gasoline to back the invasion machinery of the Allied Nations. Fittingly enough, the ship will be named the S.S. Champeog honoring the first and most important historical place in Oregon.

It was May 2, 1843 that an epochal meeting of the hand-full of settlers on the Willamette River was held at Champeog. A colorful group of Americans, Englishmen, and French-Canadians gathered on the grassy slope of the river to make history for America. It was not a peaceful meeting, but through the efforts of Joe Meek, an organization was formed and a vote was taken which led to the organization of a provisional government. On July 5 another meeting was held at Champeog to perfect the political machinery. This event has been recreated in the rotunda of the State Capitol in a mural by Berry Faulker, and is again being commemorated by the Kaiser Co., Inc. Swan Island Yard, in Portland with the launching of the S.S. Champeog.



Adopted as insignia for the 54th Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Cleveland, O., in October, drawing by George G. Adomeit, Cleveland artist, shows Philander Chase, first Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, on his horse, Cincinnatus. In Bishop Chase's period, 1819-1831, he traveled constantly on horseback, usually reading as he rode. Contemporary accounts record numerous injuries suffered by falls, "because his mind was more on the book than on the road"