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THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:
Legislation has been introduced in Congress to permit 105 Chinese to enter the U. S. every year and become citizens. This is a good will gesture, since American missionaries are laboring so zealously to get the Celestials into heaven.

Don't grumble about falling leaves littering your lawn. Thank your lucky stars that you are not living in Europe where bombs are dropping from the skies.

The Pioneer statue on the Plaza has assumed a rusty appearance and ought to be dolled up.

It is said that a mockingbird has been noted to change its tune 87 times in seven minutes, but it would be unfair to the lovely bird to compare it with a Berlin propagandist whose armies are losing on all sides.

Cornelius C. Mershon, a furnace-grate manufacturer of Philadelphia has solved gas rationing. He procured a 1922-model Stanley Steamer, equipped with a Buick body. He then installed a grate under the hood, and now has a vehicle which will travel a mile on a pound of coal and tear along at 50 miles an hour.

Here is a pertinent observation by Mayor La Guardia of New York. "Our armed forces are hammering the enemy. Our home forces are hammering each other. Our armed forces are playing the game. Our civilian authorities are playing politics. The quicker we tighten the lines and start to pull together, the better it will be."

Now is the time to plant your sweet peas and lay in your winter stock of rheumatism.

The lowly pumpkin is taking on a golden hue and Uncle Zeke, a strict teetotaler, is beginning to look pie-eyed.

Beefing about gas and gassing about the beef neither fills the tank nor the larder.

Dr. G. W. Bruce spent Wednesday in Grants Pass in the interests of Religious Education and of the Methodist Youth Fellowship Institutes. Several other Methodist ministers attended this meeting and went to view prospective sights for a new Institute grounds.

Early Enlistment in Seabees Urged

A warning for persons who are interested in the navy's construction battalions (Seabees) to take action as soon as possible has been issued by Recruiting Specialist H. W. Crain, in charge of the Medford navy recruiting station. Although the Seabees are still accepting voluntary enlistments, the nation during the past few months has contributed so many recruits that the quotas are becoming exhausted and it may be that all the openings soon will be gone.

"Men who are looking for the place in this war effort where their skill or handwork can best be utilized, can find it in the Seabees," declared the recruiter. "But I want to urge them to act now before the situation changes and they can no longer get into the branch of the service they prefer."

"Those who are interested in the Seabees are asked to come to the recruiting station without delay in order to take advantage of the jobs now available," the recruiter added.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Reed of Los Angeles have purchased the H. H. Hall home in Bellview.

ALBERTA V. REYNOLDS and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the **SOUTHERN OREGON MINER** to see at the **VARSITY THEATRE** (Friday and Saturday) "EDGE OF DARKNESS" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "THE AIR FORCE"
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

Fortnightly Study Club Has Meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Bruce, 117 Laurel St. on Monday Oct. 17. Beautiful fall Chrysanthemums were placed about the rooms, and a pretty lace covered table, centered with a unique centerpiece of branches of acorns placed on a large yellow bowl, surrounded by miniature squirrels and oak leaves made the setting one of beauty. Dainty cakes and tea were served at 1:30. Mrs. John Billings and Mrs. May Moss, who were special guests for the afternoon, pouring.

Response was given to roll call after which the regular business session was in charge of the president, Mrs. Ruth King. The short topic was given by Mrs. Hattie Litwiler, who had chosen an article from the September Geographic, "Wartime and Washington," by William H. Nicholas, who told of the great changes in Washington since the pre-war days, changes in housing, buildings, people, speed. Much emphasis was given to the immensity of the Pentagon Building, the huge air-port, Arlington Forum for girls, National Medical Center, and other structures of interest.

Mrs. Edna Smith reviewed the book, "The Rock and the Wind," by Vivian R. Bretherton. Rarely has a novelist-created such a suspense and brilliance as Miss Bretherton told how the wind-swept rocky coasts of Cornwall and the masonic portals of ancient Penzance Home could no longer hold the Tresellian family in England. They came to America in 1860 and settled in Lawrence, Kansas.

Trudy, the heroine of the story, grew up to an aware and bewitching personality of the middle west, finally coming west to make her home in Portland, Oregon. She married a man who was a rail-roader in the days of slavery, and they did their part in the building of this great western empire.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Ruth King, 364 Hargadine St.

Miss Allen Charter Desk Hostess at USO

Miss Florence Allen is one of a number of voluntary USO workers of long service, the records show. Several have been in service since the center opened. Miss Allen, on duty at the information desk Sunday from 2 to 5, has served here regularly since the USO was opened, beginning before the center was officially a part of the National USO. Asked what were her duties, she said, "Oh, I don't do much. I check the attendance as the men enter, sign in the junior hostesses, keep a record of gifts to the USO, make change for the coke boxes, direct newcomers about the building, sell postage stamps, mail letters for the soldiers, check out the equipment such as sports goods and toilet articles, phone about town for available rooms for those wanting them, direct soldier families to houses and apartments for rent, sometimes console children, look after bags, caps and the like that the men check at this desk, answer the phone, administer first aid - once to a fellow who had got into a scrap out on the streets - etc."

Well, these are some of the duties that the desk hostess has to keep her from becoming bored as she sits self-effacingly behind a desk in the background at the USO.

OREGON SECOND IN 1942 CHRISTMAS SEALS

Oregon rose to second place among the states of the Union in the per capita sale of 1942 Christmas seals, according to figures just released by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Receipts from the sale totaled 13.5 cents for each resident, of the state which was nearly twice the national average of 7.2 for the continental United States. Oregon's total was exceeded only by Delaware, which is the state in which the sale of the seals originated in the United States. Delaware's figure was 14.1.

Pfc. George Shaffer and Mrs. Shaffer of Astoria are visiting with Mrs. H. G. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaffer, and their daughter Patti, who is staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Wolcott, while attending school.

Leatherneck Scouts



U. S. Marine Corps Photo
These Marines add finishing touches to their camouflage prior to participating in a scouting and landing problem on a small island "somewhere in the South Pacific." The Marines are Pfc. Gene Midjour of Sheldon, Ill., and Pfc. Robert G. Venich of Lodi, Wis.

Church Entertains Faculty and Students

The Methodist Church had as its guests of honor at a dinner party on Monday evening the Methodist members of the faculty and the students of the SOCE, and the Methodist teachers of the Ashland Public schools, with Supt. Ted Norby and three Methodist members of the school board, Gerald Wenner, Mrs. H. M. Schilling, and Frank Van Dyke. The Women's Society of Christian Service, assisted by the Wesleyan Service Guild, served the dinner and arranged the program. The Youth Fellowship groups did the decorating of the rooms and tables in autumn leaves and flowers.

Dr. G. W. Bruce was toastmaster and announced each number on the program. Each honored guest was introduced and made a few remarks. Mrs. Ruby Mason, president of the W.S.C.S., Allen McGee, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Voda Brower, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild; Ida Willard, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the pastor for the entire church, gave brief addresses of welcome. Mrs. Alice Willits and Mrs. Leona Ormond favored with two selections at the piano and by voice, and Mrs. May Moss favored with a group of readings. As each guest came into the parlors they were given a corsage. This is one of the annual social events of this church.

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County Treasurer Makes Large Payment on Debt

According to Ralph E. Sweeney, county treasurer, a check was sent October 8 to the Fiscal Agency of Oregon in New York in the amount of \$50,225.00 in payment of the remaining bonds of the Pacific Highway which was issued in 1913. With this payment there remains only \$8,000.00 of County Road Bonds outstanding which were issued in 1921 and 1922 for the construction of the Crater Lake and Jacksonville-Ruch highway, \$4000.00 of which mature May 1, 1946 and \$4,000.00 Jan. 1, 1952. With \$8,000.00 on hand in the Redemption Fund for their retirement when due, all of which is invested in U. S. Bonds.

The original issue in 1913 for the Pacific Highway was one half million dollars, and the issue of 1921-1922 for the Crater Lake and Jacksonville Road was another half million, all of which have been paid and cancelled with the exception of the \$8,000.00 mentioned above.

W. J. Chipman, who underwent an operation at Sacred Heart Hospital in Medford some time ago, was released from the hospital last Thursday and is convalescing at home.

Stress Week Day Church Schools

More than 1,000,000 American children will attend weekday church schools on "released" time from public schools during the present educational year, it is estimated by Dr. Erwin L. Shaver, director of Weekday Religious Education for the International Council of Religious Education.

Weekday church schools provide a plan whereby public school children, whose parents make a written request for it, are released or dismissed from their usual public school programs to study religion one or more hours a week in classes sponsored by the churches singly or cooperatively," Dr. Shaver stated.

One-third of the one-half of American school children who receive no other religious education will attend weekday church schools this year, Dr. Shaver declares in citing the fact that "many unchurched children come to this new kind of church school because it allows them to dress as they do when in public school."

"This has more import than the practical fact indicates. It means that religion has become identified with their weekday as well as their Sunday life. It means that religion is no longer in a separate compartment for these children."

"In the weekday church school," Dr. Shaver concludes, "religion is being taught in terms of its practical application to life problems. Here the Bible has 'become flesh' in the everyday lives of boys and girls."

Oregon Leads Nation in Quinine Donations

J. J. (Jack) Lynch, manager of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical and Portland Retail Druggists Associations, has received word from the National Quinine Pool in Washington, D. C. that Oregon's drive for quinine for the armed forces in the tropics, made under the sponsorship of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association, resulted in a total collection of 1,096,712 grains or about 2500 ounces. This amount is sufficient to supply 10,000 service men for more than three months with the normal immunizing dose of ten grains a day.

Senator Lynch stated that Oregon's record is something of which the state may well be proud since the collection average for all states was 2800 ounces. However, many of the states have populations running several times that of Oregon. Therefore, on a per capita basis Oregon's contribution to the National Quinine Pool, which is so essential to the health and well being of the boys in the service located in malaria infested areas, leads the nation. Oregon's quinine donations average 4.7 ozs. per drug store.

TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Bates spent the week end at Klamath Falls visiting their daughter, Mrs. David McComb and family.

Mrs. George Pfeifer made a business trip to Grants Pass Monday.

C. L. Skeeters' logging crew, who have been operating in the Wagner Creek Gap district, will move shortly to a large tract of timber near Union Creek for winter logging.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Goin and son and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hungegate and baby of Prospect spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige Stauffer of Medford were business callers here Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodapp of Central Point called on friends in Talent Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and family went to Prospect Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Morris of Prospect were Talent visitors, Monday.

The Talent Extension Unit met in the City Hall, Wednesday at 10 a.m. all day meeting. Program for the meeting was "Short Cuts in Meal Preparation" by project leaders. Those attending were asked to bring a sack lunch and their own table service. Coffee was furnished.

Mrs. Ben Clark was a business caller in Medford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake of the Talent Camp ground were shopping and calling on friends in Ashland Wednesday.

Mrs. Eva Wedge visited friends in Ashland Wednesday.

The Talent High School Student Body will sponsor its annual carnival Friday night, October 22 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Candidates for the Carnival Queen sponsored by the classes are Freshman, Margaret Strahan; sophomore, Merrilee Thorson, Juniors, Delores Hawley; seniors, Maxine Redman. Each admission ticket sold counts 100 votes for the candidate. A varied program of music and skits will precede the crowning of the Queen. Immediately following the crowning of the Queen the booths will open. The games will be Beano, Hoop-la, Duck and Smack the Axis, Spill the Milk, Basket Throw and turkey raffle and various other attractions for young and old.

WOMEN'S CLUBS LAUNCH "BUY A BOMBER" CAMPAIGN

To sell enough war bonds - - approximately \$300,000 worth - - to pay for a heavy bomber for the armed forces, members of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will launch a state-wide "Buy-a-Bomber" campaign November 1 in cooperation with the women's division of the Oregon war finance committee.

Emigrants Head On To The Willamette

Fort Hall was a busy place during the brief stay of the emigrants. This was the largest crowd it had ever entertained.

The Hudson's Bay Company official in charge of the fort tried to discourage the emigrants from going to the Willamette Valley. He said it would be impossible to take the wagons over the rough country between the Snake and the Willamette.

The route to California was shorter and easier, he declared. There was much discussion on this important subject. The women of the train were in favor of continuing on to the Willamette Valley with the wagons. They had started to make new homes, and wagons would be needed to carry their household effects, and to work on the farms. Chiles and Martin announced that they were going to take the trail to California, and a number of others said they had made that decision also. At this crucial period Dr. Marcus Whitman was appealed to. He declared that wagons could be taken to the Willamette. He had reached Fort Boise with a cart in 1836, and said that the obstacles to be encountered could be overcome. He volunteered to lead the way. It would be better, he said, to leave the wagons on the Trail, if they had to, than to leave them at Fort Hall, thus accepting defeat without a struggle.

The Applegates and Peter Burnett backed Whitman, and so the great decision was made which helped materially to push the western boundary of the United States from the Rockies to the Pacific. Before leaving Fort Hall funeral services were held for Daniel Richardson, who died of fever and the hardships of the Trail. His worries and labors were over; their's had just begun. He had reached the End of the Trail and entered the Promised Land; for them the Trail stretched far ahead before they could seek rest.

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

Don Spencer Becomes Assistant Postmaster

Recently Don Spencer received his appointment as assistant postmaster in Ashland. He has been connected with the local postoffice for 34 years.

Since the illness of Postmaster Millard Grubb in August, he has been serving in the capacity of acting postmaster.

Mrs. R. A. Barker has returned from a visit with her husband in Seattle, Washington.

ASHLAND'S WAR CHEST DRIVE

- 1. Date**
Starting Thursday morning, October 21, and continuing until goal is reached.
- 2. Goal**
The sum of 5,500 dollars (less expenses) to be proportioned among 24 benefiting agencies, or as you as a donor, may designate.
- 3. Plan of Drive**
Direct solicitation and voluntary offerings. New plan this year groups 24 agencies as beneficiaries, with OVER 50% GUARANTEED TO REMAIN LOCALLY for the use of USO and other local welfare agencies.

Dr. Walter Redford,
General Chairman