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## THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER) To the Editor:

Halloween is the name given to October 31 as the night of Hallow mass, or All Saints Day, now chiefly known as the eve of the Christian festival.

Halloween long antedated Christianity. The two chief characteristics of the ancient Halloween were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that it is the one night in the year during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander about.

Halloween has an American tradition, too. Most adults brought up in small towns remember when they carried lighted Jack-o-lanterns; when tick-tacks were zipped on somebody's window; when they touched doorbells and fled; when they soaped store windows; carried off porchsawings, rugs and anything they could get their hands on. It was also a night to bob for apples, a stunt which created much merriment.

Knocking against the administration in President Lincoln's time was a passport to jail, and especially during the Civil War. Nearly 40,000 northern citizens who "beefed" about the way Abe was running things found themselves behind gratings for giving "aid and comfort to the enemy". Lincoln disliked such an act of seeming tyranny. But he felt it necessary in order to win the war and save the Union.

Uncle Zeke says one trouble about trying Hitler after the war is finding jurors that have not formed or expressed an opinion.

Canada has 615,000 men and 20,000 women in its armed forces.

Italy invaded Greece October 28, 1940.

## PLAN EDUCATION FOR VETERANS

A rehabilitation program for returning service men and women is being formulated at the University of Oregon and a committee has been appointed to correlate the work of the university with that of the Veteran's Administration, the State Department of Vocational Education, the Eugene Vocational School and other similar agencies and organizations. It was announced by Donald M. Erb, president of the university, upon his departure for the East this week.

It is expected that there are four types of veterans who can be served by university training: (1) regular students who have gone directly into the armed services from high school and who will be entering college for the first time; (2) students who will have partly completed a college course before entering the armed services; (3) students who have been injured, hospitalized, then sent to institutions for special training, and (4) ex-students, graduates, older men and others who have been dislocated by the war and who will want short courses, distinctly vocational in nature.

Because the Eugene Vocational School can provide definite trade and industrial training for men and women, arrangements have been made between the University of Oregon and the Eugene Board of Education so that rehabilitation students enrolled in either one of the institutions may take advantage of the particular facilities of the other. Thus the services of the university in the fields of psychological service, counsel, guidance, testing, etc., could be available to rehabilitation (Continued on Back Page)

**HENRY NEWTON and Companion**  
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "A STRANGER IN TOWN" AND "MARGIN FOR ERROR" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "CONEY ISLAND"  
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

## Seek Recruits For WAC Enlistment

As a part of the nation-wide "All-States" Battle Casualty Replacement recruiting program the Oregon WAC recruiting district, in cooperation with local merchants and the County Civilian Defense Council, is sponsoring a contest for school girls between the ages of 10 and 16 inclusive.

A first, second and third prize will be presented to the writers of the three best 100-word essays on the subject, "Why I would like to join the WAC's and replace a battle casualty."

Contestants must be girl students of public schools between the ages of 10 and 16 inclusive.

Each contestant may submit but one entry.

All entries must be submitted to the principal of the contestant's school not later than November 1.

The decision of the local contest chairman will be final.

Judges will be primarily concerned with the content of the essay; however, neatness will be considered.

All contestants must have their name, school, address and age clearly printed at the top of the page.

Prizes will be awarded at the WAC Carnival Caravan at 8 p. m. on Saturday, November 6, at Medford Courthouse Auditorium. Mail all entries to Mrs. Roy Elliott, 1315 W. Main, Medford, by November 2. Prizes are: First, \$50 War Bond and entry into district contest; second, third and fourth, \$25 War Bond and two merchandise prizes.

## Schedule Halloween Dance at Local USO

Witches are scheduled to ride their brooms into the USO Club at Ashland Saturday night, October 30, it was announced today by Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, director of the club. They'll bring with them hobgoblins and spooks native to Halloween, and pumpkin pie and cider will be plentiful. Cider has already been furnished, she stated, a gift of five gallons just received from Mrs. C. J. Lindsay Belview.

The Dance Committee is planning novel features, broomstick and masked dances, and the hall will be decked in Halloween spirit. Two old-time entertainers at the USO will be on hand, Miss Lillian Nicholson to tell fortunes and Miss Ollie Depew to cut silhouettes for soldier guests.

Guests will not need to provide costumes for themselves, but all necessary masks and costumes will be provided at the USO. Girls will wear cotton dresses.

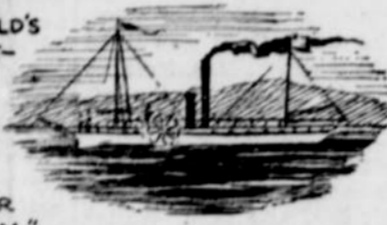
Special guests of the dance will be members of the 185th General Hospital at Camp White. The orchestra from the 81st General Hospital will be present to present some special arrangements of spooky music by the leader, Sgt. Clarence Luke.

The committee in charge of the dance are Mrs. T. J. Norby, Mrs. Frances Cook, Mrs. Kay Jandreau, Miss Jo Peachey, Miss Frances Aiken and Miss Pat Rawe.

The W. C. T. U. is meeting this afternoon (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. Reba P. Kelsey, 165 No. Main.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat SHIPS ARE SERVING FARM AND FACTORY.

ON AUGUST 11, 1807 THE WORLD'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL STEAMBOAT—ROBERT FULTON'S CLERMONT—MADE ITS TRIAL RUN OF 150 MILES IN 52 HOURS ON A GREAT AMERICAN RIVER. "SHE OVERTOOK MANY SLOOPERS AND SCHOONERS," HER INVENTOR SAID OF HER, "AND PASSED THEM."



FULTON'S INVENTIVE GENIUS AND THE AMERICAN SPIRIT OF INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISE HAVE MADE POSSIBLE OUR GREAT MERCHANT FLEET....

BUILDING AT THE RATE OF NEARLY 6 A DAY, THESE SHIPS CARRY MILLIONS OF TONS A MONTH OF THE PRODUCE OF AMERICAN FARMS AND FACTORIES FOR VICTORY.... WHEN VICTORY IS WON THEY WILL MAKE POSSIBLE AN EXPANDING WORLD TRADE FOR OUR FARMS AND FACTORIES.

## Local Postmaster Succumbs Tuesday For School Girls Sponsors Contest

As we go to press word comes of the death of Millard Grubb, postmaster of Ashland. Death occurred Tuesday evening in the Veteran's Hospital in Portland following an illness of several months.

He was born in Ashland, April 3, 1894, the son of John L. and Mary Walker Grubb. He was married to Miss Rachel Dumas in 1928.

Survivors include his wife, one son Walker 11 years old; four sisters, Mrs. Ella True, Ashland; Mrs. Elsie Reeser, Woodburn; Mrs. Beecher Danford, Ashland; Miss Eunice Grubb, Chicago; and four brothers, Frank of Oroville, California; Sam of Tacoma, Harry of Newport, and Larkin of Ashland.

Funeral services will be held at the Elks Temple, Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock under the direction of J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral Directors.

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ASHLAND	13

The A. R. Boyer family of No. Main St. moved to Portland this week.

Sam Jordan went to Coquille Friday to attend a Masonic meeting.

## TALENT NEWS

Miss Mattie Boosey of Jacksonville spent a few days last week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark.

Mrs. Viola King 65 years old, who has been living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Hawley in Talent, passed away last Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock. Mrs. King had been ill for a long time.

Funeral services were held at the Dodge Funeral Parlor in Ashland Friday afternoon. Interment was made in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Perry Hansen, missionary lately returned from China, gave her experience, "Under Japanese Bombing", at the 7:30 p.m. services at the Methodist Church in Talent, Sunday evening.

The first quarterly conference was conducted at the church Tuesday evening by Dr. Fairham, district Superintendent.

Mrs. Allen Clark and two daughters, Patricia and Carman of Portland visited relatives here last week.

Members of the Friends Church are conducting services at the Baptist Church each Sunday evening. Rev. Milo Clifton Ross, pastor, spoke Sunday evening on the subject, "A Fortune for a Meal" Christian Endeavor is held at 7:30.

The Carnival held at the school gymnasium Friday was enjoyed by the large crowd that attended. Many fine prizes were given. Mrs. Mary Furrer drew the largest door prize which was ten dollars.

Mrs. Belle Skeeters and Mrs. Bertha and Blanch Hngate were shopping in Ashland Tuesday afternoon.

The new cold storage plant is nearing completion and will be ready for use the early part of the week. There are 145 lockers.

## Fred C. Homer Speaks At SOCE Assembly

Fred C. Homes spoke at the assembly of students at the Southern Oregon College of Education Wednesday, October 20, his subject the old "Southern Oregon Normal School" which opened in Ashland September 5, 1895.

This school, Mr. Homes stated, was first known as "the academy," occupied the site where is now the Washington Grade School, and in the beginning was conducted on a basis of tuition fees solely. The state took over the academy about 1898-99, the first state appropriation being \$40,000.

Mr. Homes, a graduate of the class of 1898, stated that he became a post-graduate student to play football, and he was president of the Alumni Association when the school closed in 1909 for lack of state appropriated funds. Mr. Homes continued as president of the alumni until the college was revived in the present Southern Oregon College of Education, conducted yearly meetings of the alumni, and by such continued effort was influential in reviving the college.

Numerous alumni of the old college still live in and about Ashland, and one is now actively engaged in the conduct of the Southern Oregon College of Education, Mrs. Claire Tucker Scott, accountant in the offices of administration.

Lloyd Crewson has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home. He was injured when he fell after contacting a live wire.

## THE FORT, PLACE OF DECISION

The wagons were now 1300 miles from Independence. Two-thirds of the long journey was over. It was the last of August. Summer was nearly gone, and the hardest part of the journey lay ahead.

At Fort Hall a much-needed rest was taken. Wagons were in bad condition, because of the heat, wind and dust, which had shrunk the woodwork and caused the spokes to loosen up. Scores of wagons, hundreds of articles of furniture, and even food, had been left beside the Trail with signs inviting anyone who desired to help himself. Oxen, unable to bear their heavy burden any longer, lay down to die.

Repairs to wagons and harness had to be made at Fort Hall. The women improved their time by doing family washing and mending. Prices were high at Fort Hall. Flour cost 25 cents a pint; coffee, 50 cents a pint; rice, three pounds for a dollar.

No serious trouble had been experienced with the Indians. Their main difficulty was in taking their wagons over rough country, causing many breakdowns and delays.

It was a laborious task crossing the numerous streams and dry washes with deep-cut banks where the wagons had to be lowered with ropes or the banks cut down to permit their passage.

When the emigrants arrived at Fort Hall they were tired and dispirited. This had been the end of the wagon trail for many years. It is true that Whitman had taken a cart as far as Fort Boise, and Joe Meek and his pals had taken three wagons to Fort Walla Walla. To the weak-hearted it would be much easier and quicker to proceed on horseback as others had done before them. This was the place of decision. Destiny awaited the verdict.

Announces Gifts to Ashland USO Club

Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, assistant director of the Ashland USO, announces the following contributions made recently to the center.

Books and magazines—Mrs. Florence Orkin, Mrs. Fred Tracy, Mary V. Leslie, Dr. George W. Bruce, Dr. Arthur Taylor, Charlotte Hull.

Fruit and magazines—Mrs. Noel Hanscom.

Flowers and phonograph records—Mrs. Gerald Gunter.

Cider—Mrs. G. J. Lindsay.

Cake—Mrs. Doris Southworth.

Violin lent for use by soldiers—Helen Kreger.

Fruits and flowers—Mrs. Gertrude Wilmet, Mrs. Jessie Lindsay, Carol Espy.

Puzzles—Mrs. C. W. Allen, Mrs. Elden Corthell.

Cash—Mrs. Rose Weinrieb.

Cookies—The First Methodist Church represented by Mrs. S. W. Moss, Mrs. Ralph Billings, Mrs. G. H. Yoe; Army Wives represented by Mrs. Evelyn Burton, Mrs. Alice Lineker, Mrs. Margaret Greenlees, Mrs. Fritzie Frank; Junior Civic League represented by Mrs. Bob Carter, Mrs. Dick Brickell.

Cookies and nuts—Carolyn Rose.

Posters distributed—Richard Faes, David Mowat, Beverly Sabo, Carol Espy, Barbara Hild.

## "We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Sgt. Carl Funk, 26, Cincinnati, lost his right eye and sustained a fractured left knee in Sicily. He has been buying War Bonds regularly. He will return to civil life as soon as he is discharged from Halloran Hospital, N. Y.



Pvt. Irwin Levinson, Baltimore, was struck by shrapnel in the left shoulder at Palermo. The fingers of his left hand are paralyzed. When his father asked if he needed anything, his son replied: "Buy War Bonds." His father bought \$1,500 worth.



Pvt. Thomas Dellarossa, Trenton, N. J., 18th Infantry Patrol, was wounded by shrapnel at El Gultar, Africa, and now must wear a special brace for his left knee. He won the Purple Heart. He buys War Bonds regularly and urges you to.



Pvt. Donat Cartier, Derry, N. H., suffered a fracture of the leg above the knee in Sicily when struck by an 88 mm. shell. He was held prisoner for two days by the Germans, traveling in a tank. He is a regular purchaser of War Bonds.



Pvt. William E. Morris, Long Beach, Cal., is above draft age but has seen three years of service. He lost his left leg below the knee in Tunisia. He wears the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Ribbon and continues his War Bond purchases.