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Fine Educational Meet Held at SOCE

The Southern Oregon Regional Educational Conference which was held on the campus of the Southern Oregon College of Education ended Friday, November 5, after a successful session with a large attendance of classroom teachers and leading educators of the state. Owing to transportation difficulties this year's conference included only two counties, Jackson and Josephine.

State Superintendent Rex Putnam spoke Friday morning concerning the functioning of the state office and the work of the teachers, commending them especially for the work they have done in issuing ration books.

Friday morning's address was delivered by Dr. A. L. Strand, president Oregon State College. In the afternoon George J. Rony, lecturer, traveler and commentator, was chief speaker.

Dr. Strand, discussing liberalism versus nationalism plead for a liberalism broader than racial and national lines, and stressed the need for an educational policy to insure this expansion of liberalism.

Other speakers appearing before the general assembly during the conference were Dr. Frank Parr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Teachers' Association; A. L. Gralapp, superintendent Klamath Falls Schools; Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, Resident Bishop Methodist Church, Portland area; Dr. Walter Redford, president SOCE; Dale F. Ginn, superintendent Grants Pass Schools; H. P. Jewett, superintendent Central Point Schools; Leonard Mayfield, principal Medford Senior High School, and Dr. D. V. Poling, high school representative Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Sectional meetings included the following discussions: "Report of Jackson County English Committee," by Mrs. Ethel Krauss, Rogue River High School; "Language in the Elementary Grades" by Miss Lillian C. Downey; "Elementary Science" and "Primary Reading" by Miss Tillie Schumberger; "Social Studies" by Miss Joy Hills, director of curriculum of State Department of Education; "Pre-induction Science" by Dr. Siemens of the University of California; "High School English Essentials" by Mrs. Lucille O'Neil of Klamath Falls High School; "Administrators" by State Superintendent Rex Putnam; "Home Economics" by Miss Gertrude Raskie, assistant state supervisor of Home Economics; "Visual Education" by Dr. Curtis Reid, Extension Department, State System of Higher Education.

Other local teachers taking part in the programs were: Josephine County—Beatrice E. Hively, Henry Tetz, Supt. M. B. Winslow, Warren Bailey, Daphne Matthews of Grants Pass, Mrs. Julia Williams, O'Brien School, Jackson County—Laura Phillips, Mrs. Albert Leiland, Medford; Mrs. Mae B. Richardson, Central Point; Florence Allen, Joe Fader, Clifford Robinson, Supt. T. J. Norby, Mary McLarnan, John G. Koehler, Ashland.

The week of November 7 to 13 is being observed throughout the nation to review results of this year's 4-H club program and to plan for even a better year in 1944. M. L. Wilson, national extension director, told the 1,700,000 clubbers that they played an outstanding part in wartime food and fiber production in spite of great handicaps.

AHS FOOTBALL SCORE
ASHLAND 33
ROSEBURG 0

B. B. CLARK and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "MISSION TO MOSCOW" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "HELLO FRISCO"
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

OREGON IN LEAD OF WAC RECRUITS

An Oregon wartime tradition was upheld again this week when Major B. P. Cody, state army recruiting and induction officer, revealed that the district WAC recruiting headquarters had received a bulletin from Washington announcing Oregon as leading the nation, by a wide margin, in the current nation-wide WAC "All-States" recruiting campaign.

At the time of the announcement Oregon army and civilian WAC recruiters had completed over 27% of their quota. Nevada held second place honors and Washington third. The campaign objective is to replace, with a woman recruit, each soldier reported killed or missing in action since Dec. 7, 1941.

THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

This is the 25th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in World War I and of the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany. In London the anniversary is observed by a two minutes silence in memory of the fallen, together with a special service at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The two minutes silence is generally observed throughout the British Empire.

Forgotten for a century and a half, President Hoover revived the award of the Purple Heart on the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington. The award was then made retroactive to 245,000 wounded soldiers of the A.E.F. in the first World War.

Honors for "singularly meritorious action," on the field of battle, were less generous in Washington's time, only three Continental soldiers receiving the award during the Revolution.

Wearers of the Purple Heart have their own veteran's organizations, with national headquarters at Lansing, Michigan, founded in 1932.

Hitler Proposes Finish Fight—headline. And when the smoke of battle disappears it will be the finish of Hitler and his gang.

News from the Southwest Pacific proves that when Gen. MacArthur gets a few planes he knows what to do with them.

Those hell-raising Japs at Tulelake should be exchanged for American soldiers and civilians held by the Japs in the Philippines.

Uncle Zeke asks: Wouldn't it be nice if the government with its subsidy program would roll back the price of taxes too.

WREATH HONORS BISHOP



ICELAND—The Rev. Dr. William B. Pugh, of Philadelphia, in assuming the unfinished mission to Protestant forces overseas, begun by the late Methodist Bishop Adna Wright Leonard of Washington, D. C., made a pilgrimage to the cemetery here where the 14 victims of an Army plane crash last May are buried. Aided by Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Col. George F. Rixey, U. S. A., and eight Army and Navy Chaplains, Dr. Pugh conducted memorial rites.

Dr. Pugh, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., succeeded the Bishop as chairman of both the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the Service Men's Christian League. A human link between their home churches and the nation's servicemen and their Chaplains, Dr. Pugh, by the time he returns late in November, will have covered nearly every front.



Your letter, microfilmed through the V-Mail process, is assured of safe and speedy delivery. Carrying their message to the families of America's men in the Armed Forces overseas, hundreds of thousands of posters and show cards like the above have been distributed throughout the Nation.

Chipman to Have Grand Opening

Harry Chipman opens his new soda fountain on Saturday, the 13th. This young man deserves much credit for his success.

A few years ago he opened a small news stand with borrowed capital, and by honest diligent attention to a little business, Harry now opens one of the nicest and neatest places in the city.

The public should—and we feel confident will, assist him and his wife in their endeavors to give the young people of this community the atmosphere of a clean wholesome place to spend an hour or an evening.

The Miner is not asking the "Ashland Business and Professional Interests" to extend Harry "Congratulations" at \$2.00 per throw in a sweep Ad. - the 50 or 75 bucks to swell our collection plate - but why not spend that amount at Harry's in a real gesture to make his opening day a huge success.

Women's Society Meets At Methodist Church

The November meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service was held at the Methodist Church last Friday. After the business meeting in the forenoon, a delicious luncheon was served at noon by the following ladies: Mrs. Loren Messenger, Mrs. Gerald Gunter, Mrs. Hattie Konop, Mrs. J. H. McGee, Mrs. L. H. Gallatin, Mrs. John Billings, and Mrs. George Mason.

Mrs. C. L. Bergstrom conducted the prayer circle and Mrs. B. L. Powell, the devotions. Mrs. Homer Billings assisted by Mrs. G. H. Yeo and Mrs. M. A. Ring gave the lesson study. Mrs. Lucille McKay sang two negro Spirituals.

DANCE TO BE HELD AT CAMP WHITE TONIGHT

Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, assistant director of the Ashland USO, calls attention of dance recruits to the dance at Camp White Thursday evening, November 11, Armistice Day. It will be a sports affair held in the Sports Arena, and is given in honor of the incoming 96th Division men by the men of the West Side, comprising those units separate from the 91st Division and which have remained in Camp White.

LEIGH IS PROMOTED

Pvt. Richard A. Leigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leigh, has been promoted to private first class. Pvt. Leigh entered the Army April 16, 1943, and is now serving with a unit of the Army Service Forces Unit Training Center, New Orleans, La.

Before entering the Armed Forces, Pvt. Leigh was attending the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland.

USE V-MAIL FOR SAFETY

Here's a picture and a message that millions of Americans are studying today. It's a reminder that our service men and women in the armed services live from one "mail call" to the next in longing and hope for a word from home.

When interviewed by the Southern Oregon Miner on the subject of V-Mail as portrayed in the hundreds of thousands of posters appearing throughout the country, Major B. P. Cody of Oregon Recruiting Office said:

"A letter from home is probably a better morale-booster than anything else ever thought of. That's the reason we're stressing the value of V-Mail. By using this wonderful process you can be sure that your letter will reach your service man or woman with safety and speed. V-Mail is a modern miracle that cuts down miles of distance and days of waiting.

The process of V-Mail is an interesting one. Your letter is microfilmed, and, in the final process, it becomes one of 1500 letters appearing on a single roll of film. One mail sack of film does the job of 36 sacks of regular mail. Arriving at its destination, the film is enlarged so that your letter is legible. Your original letter is kept on this side. If something should happen to the film in transport, the original letter is re-filmed and a new shipment made at once.

More than 40,000,000 V-Mail letters have been dispatched overseas without the loss of a single letter! It is small wonder then that the Army Postal Service has adopted the slogan, "V-Mail... to be sure!"

O'Harra Gives His Life for Country

Word was received last week of the tragic death of "First" Lt. Lee Earl O'Harra on November 1 near Mojave, California.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. O'Harra.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at the Litwiler Funeral Chapel with a detail from Camp White in charge. Chaplain Virgil Jackson of Camp White and the Rev. Earl F. Downing of the Church of Christ gave the messages of comfort. Members of the American Legion acted as pall bearers.

Interment was in the L.O.O.F. addition of Mt. View Cemetery.

Lt. O'Harra was born in Wheatland, Wyoming on May 15, 1920. He was graduated from AHS in the class of 1938. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. O'Harra; two brothers, Dale in the Army Air Corps and stationed at Mt. Berry, Georgia, and Robert of Ashland; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. O'Harra of Ashland.

Two other members of the '38 class of AHS have given their lives in the service of the country, Master Sgt. Robert J. Farlow and Lt. John Pratt.

'Mail Early' Is Advice From Post Office

November is "Christmas Mailing Month" this year. The Post Office Department is very anxious to give the public the best service possible, so here is a bit of helpful information that will aid both the Post Office and the public.

The war effort has taken over 30,000 of our skilled workers, and also more than half of the previously available transportation. For this holiday season we will have neither skilled help nor sufficient transportation, so it is necessary that all parcel mailings be made in November, but be sure to mark them "Do not open until Christmas."

Greeting cards should likewise be mailed during November and not later than December 10 this year, and it would be very smart to put "Do not open until Christmas" on them also.

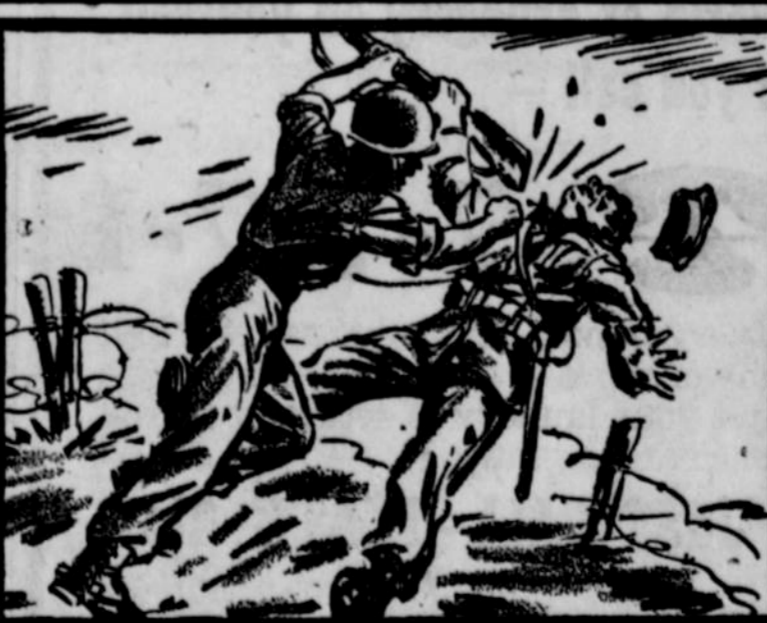
This information is not an order, but is a helpful suggestion given by experience and a sincere desire to be most helpful to our public.

We ask your co-operation at this time. Help us to help you. Mail early—and mark everything "Do not open until Christmas."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Anderson on Nov. 8, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pratt and sons of Klamath Falls visited in Ashland several days this week.

AMERICAN HEROES BY LEFF



Scouting on foot in Tunisia, Pfc. Charles H. Evans was captured by 30 Italian infantrymen and marched to the rear. A bayonet at his back, Evans whirled, disarmed his guard, and escaped. Although wounded by rifle fire, he hid in a cactus patch till nightfall, slipped back to our forces with valuable information picked up as a prisoner. For this he wears the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Celebrate Evans' escape with another War Bond.

U. S. Treasury Department

ARMISTICE DAY 1943

By Ruth Taylor

"Here lie we dead because we did not choose To shame the land from which we sprung. Life is perhaps no great thing to lose, But young men think it is, And we are young."

We, who remember the casualty lists of the last war, walk with ghosts today. Besides the soldiers on our streets, we see those other lads whose lives were far too short, who loved life too greatly to be miserly with it when their country called.

In the Armistice Day pause this year there will be new heroes to remember, Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Corregidor, Wake Island, Guadalcanal, North Africa, Sicily—before this article appears there will be as many other places all over the globe hallowed by those who could say as did A. E. Housman in the "Epitaph for the Fallen:" "Here lie we dead because we did not choose to shame the land from which we sprung."

They have given their all—and it was so much! Who knows what great things they might have accomplished, what great good might have come to the world if they had been allowed to live, what things they might have created, discovered, invented, taught!

We have to face the fact that before this war is over, thousands upon thousands of these, our finest, will have died. They will be Americans—maybe rich, or poor, maybe black or white, maybe Protestant, Catholic or Jew; but NOT German-American, Russian-American, Italian-American; not a "son of the American Revolution," not an immigrant—but just citizens of the United States—Americans who loved their country and its ideals of freedom and equality enough to offer their lives that these ideals of justice and democracy might not perish.

We, too, though we cannot fight, must not "shame the land from which we sprung." We have a duty as binding upon us as that of any soldier as long as this war lasts. Afterwards we have another duty, too—that of seeing to it that they did not die in vain, that the promises made in the Four Freedoms are at last fulfilled for all the people of all the earth, and that those who come after may live as free men, unafraid in a free world.

TALENT NEWS

Sam Willburn made a business trip in Portland last week.

Lysle Tame and Al Sherard of the Dead Indian district were in Talent Saturday.

The Talent Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. George Galbreth Wednesday afternoon. Fourteen ladies were present.

Mrs. Melissa Cameron of Phoenix visited her mother, Mrs. Louisa Combest, Sunday afternoon.

The Talent Extension Club met at the City Hall at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Subject for discussion was "Getting the Good from your vegetables," given by Miss Farrell.

Bill Laurence of Medford was a business caller in Talent, Monday evening.

Mrs. M. F. Franklin and daughter, Mrs. Dan Maplesdon, left Thursday morning for Texas, where Mrs. Maplesdon's husband is stationed. Mrs. Franklin will return soon. Mrs. Maplesdon will remain in Texas with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parks of Central Point visited at the home of Mrs. Bertha Hungate, Sunday.

Those moving to Prospect last week were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Green and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hery and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey. The men are employed by the Skeeters lumber company.

Charles Rusko employed near Prospect, was badly injured on his head and shoulder when he fell on a large saw.

Mrs. Meda Fox left last Thursday for Brisbane, California to visit her sons, Lowell and Harold and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Millburn of near Grants Pass visited friends in Talent, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McKenzie of Jacksonville called in Talent Sunday afternoon. They are former residents of Talent.