



## The Whole Town is Talking Firemens Thanksgiving Ball!

### THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

With the usual pious phraseology November 25 has been proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. A corporal's guard will attend the church services while thousands of rabid fans will turn out to see football gladiators cavort on the gridiron. Verily the significance of the day is becoming almost obsolete.

Allow us to suggest that our street lighting system should be improved. Some streets where lights are few and far between are as dark as a mess of black cats. A survey of street lighting would be in order.

Someone suggests that if the isolationist crowd gains control of the GOP the elephant should be superseded as an emblem by Pilate's wash basin. But washing our hands of the rest of the world is something that December 7, 1941, proved could not be done.

The history of the war in the Pacific has proved that the United Nations are superior to the Japanese in all that is required for success in warfare—in skill, courage and equipment.

It is charged that Jap internees at the Tule Lake segregation center buried thousands of tons of fresh pork and used government tractors to play polo. If these reports are true severe punishment should be meted out for sabotage.

The frost is on the pumpkin, but the freeze is no longer on the turkey—so it should be a pretty fair Thanksgiving, after all, says Uncle Zeke.

German armies in Russia now are demonstrating they can do the goose-step backwards faster than they did forward.

The Allies are finding the going up the boot of Italy a little tough.

Ashland had a feeble display of Old Glory on Armistice Day.

Early pork sausage is ripe.

This is the plumber's harvest.

### Member of National Board of Missions at Presbyterian Church

Miss Ellanore Ewing of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker at the local Presbyterian Church for the observance of World Community Day last Friday.

In the afternoon she spoke at the meeting of the Woman's Association at which time members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and Trinity Guild of the Episcopal Church were invited guests. Mrs. J. W. McCoy, president of the Association, presided at the meeting.

In the evening Miss Ewing was guest speaker at the Martha Gillette Guild. Preceding her address, a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by the group. Presbyterian teachers and SOCE students were invited guests.

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(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
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### Study Club Has Interesting Meet

The members of the Fortnightly Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Billings at the usual hour last Monday afternoon. Refreshments were served at the beginning of the meeting by the hostess assisted by Mrs. John Billings. Beautiful bouquets of chrysanthemums were placed about the rooms.

Mrs. Ruth King, president, was in charge of the business session. Roll call was responded to with 14 members present.

The short topic was given by Mrs. Eric Weren, who gave a life story of Henry J. Kaiser, the most timely man of the year, who until four years ago was an unknown western contractor. She told of his medical plan which is far beyond a promise, and is already an active achievement for hundreds of thousands of men in Kaiser industries.

Mrs. C. H. Putney reviewed the book, "We Took to the Woods," by Louise Dickinson Rich. It is more than an adventure study, more than simple nature study; it is a shining, refreshing picture of an entirely new way of life. Mrs. Rich has wisdom to match her wit, and the book is most entertaining and authentic. The review was much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Eric Weren, 319 Alta Street, on Monday, November 29.

### LOCAL USO COUNCIL HAS LUNCHEON MEET

The Council of the Ashland USO met Wednesday noon, November 10, for luncheon at the clubhouse and a short business meeting. Part of the program was a report of sons on the war front. Mrs. Harold Aikin reported her son, Paul, on war maneuvers in the Mojave Desert. Attorney William Briggs reported his son, Bill, of the Merchant Marine in the South Pacific. Mrs. Charles A. Haines stated that her son, Keith, is in Navy training at Farragut, Idaho. Clint Baughman stated his son, Jimmie, is in California engaged in a branch of service concerned with weather reporting—which in California should be always good. Mrs. Earl Leever, whose son, Bill, is in the Sicilian field of war, had on hand to display all the many souvenirs her son has sent from the war front, with an album of pictures received from him.

Other council members present were Mrs. Will Dodge, chairman; Gerald Wenner, Dr. Ralph Poston, and directors of the club, Mrs. Bayonne Glenn, Mrs. Jewell Lockhart and Mrs. Paul Harmsen.

Luncheon was prepared in the USO kitchen by Mrs. Lockhart and Mrs. Harmsen.

### Dreamed of Tiger Hunts— Bagged a Man-Killer



December 11 is 100th anniversary of birth of Dr. Robert Koch, discoverer of the germ that causes tuberculosis. As a boy, he dreamed of hunting tigers. At 39 years of age, he captured the fiercest of all man-killers—a monster that, from end to end, is less than 1/150000th of an inch! Christmas Seal Campaign, now going on throughout United States, finances year-round work against TB.

### Special Navy Duty for Gerald Gastineau

Gerald Gastineau, basketball and track coach and biology teacher of AHS since 1940, has been called to duty with the regular Navy. Out of 500 men up for induction on November 10, 22 were taken by the Navy, and of these, 21 are to take their initial training at Farragut, Idaho. Mr. Gastineau will leave Portland Tuesday, November 22, for Virginia, on special assignment of which he knows nothing. Mrs. Gastineau plans to remain in Ashland for the present.

Coach Gastineau states that he believes the basketball team has great possibilities, and he mentioned five players - Bartelt, Waybrandt, Riggs, Roberson, and Samuelsen, returning lettermen - who will probably be the outstanding members of the squad. Coach Simpson will take over as basketball mentor during Gastineau's absence.

Mrs. Mirick, who has taken Mr. Gastineau's place as biology teacher while he was in Portland, will probably continue in that capacity.

A popular member of the faculty, the absence of the tall, lanky form that is Jerry will be felt by the entire student body.

### MRS. FRANK LIND PASSES

Local friends and relatives were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Frank Lind at Corvallis last Saturday. She is the daughter of Mrs. T. S. Wiley of this city. Having graduated from AHS and taken two years at SOCE, she is well known here. Besides her husband and son Bill, aged 11, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. T. S. Wiley, a brother, Dwight Patterson, and a sister, Mrs. Wm. J. Miller, all of Ashland.

Mayor and Mrs. T. S. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Patterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Miller went to Corvallis Sunday remaining until after the funeral which was held Tuesday afternoon.

### Christmas Opening to be held Saturday

The Ashland Merchant's annual Christmas opening will be held Saturday, evening, November 20 this year. This is apart from the "kiddies" Christmas tree celebration which will be held later on, the definite date to be announced at a future time.

All merchants are asked to have their windows decorated by Saturday evening and to include in the window display some sort of guessing contest for the usual window prizes.

Although it is realized that most merchants do not have their Christmas stocks complete at this time, sympathetic cooperation on the part of the public for this gala affair will show them that the community is backing them.

Everyone is urged to do their Christmas shopping early in order to comply with postal regulations, requesting that all packages be mailed by Dec. 10 th.

### UNION THANKSGIVING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICE TO BE HELD

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Church of Christ, Thursday morning, Nov. 25 at 10:30 a.m. Chaplain Captain D. S. Lacquement from Camp White will give the address.

The quartet from the Church of Christ will offer special music.

### NORBY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SUPERINTENDENTS

Superintendent T. J. Norby was elected president of the state association of school superintendents at the meeting held in Salem recently.

### TALENT NEWS

Mrs. Elden Hungate and daughter, Carolyn, and Mrs. Wanda Works and son, Loren, left Friday morning for Bishop, Calif., Mrs. Works' home. Mrs. Hungate and daughter plan on living in Bishop this winter with her mother, Mrs. Works.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Ensele arrived here last week from Valejo, Calif., to spend a few days with Mrs. Ensele's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Works of Wagner Creek. They were en route to Chicago, where Mr. Ensele will attend military school.

A. G. Shafer left Monday morning for Portland, where he will be inducted into the Army.

Talent High's six-man football team won its fourth game in as many starts Armistice Day morning, downing Gold Hill at Gold Hill by a score of 34 to 7. Williams and Montgomery scored two touchdowns for the winners, with Hartley and Frink getting one apiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown and family of Tionesta, Calif., were week-end guests of relatives in Talent.

Ralph Householder of Lake Creek was a business caller here Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lers Loper, Mrs. Walter Woolford and Mrs. Jake Gingsick of Valey View were calling on friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olive Carver, who sold their property at Phoenix, moved into the building recently vacated by Mrs. Bernice Anderson, who operated a grocery and confectionery at Talent.

H. A. Steurns of Ashland was in Talent Wednesday transacting business.

Dale O'Harra, who was called home to attend his brother's funeral at Ashland, left Monday morning for Georgia, where he is stationed.

### Second Crossing of the Snake River

Again the Trail left the river and continued in a northwesterly direction. One of the well-known spots on the overland trail was Hot Springs, located about ten miles northeast of the present Mountain Home, Idaho. Some of the travelers said that it was hot enough to boil a fish or scald a hog without either hog or fish on which to try it out.

It was a dreary drive of many miles through the sagebrush until their eyes were gladdened by the welcome greenery along the Boise River, which was reached about six miles southeast of the Boise of today, then along the stream past the present Caldwell, Idaho. Boise River was once called Reed's River, in honor of John Reed, who worked for the American Fur Company. He was killed by the Snake Indians somewhere on the stream in the winter of 1813-14. The French voyageurs called it the Boie, or Wooded River. Its wooded banks offered a welcome change after traveling hundreds of miles over treeless plains and hills. The spelling and pronunciation changed to the present Boise when the Americans came.

It was September 10 when the wagons came to a halt at Fort Boise, the Hudson's Bay trading post, where the travelers were welcomed by jovial Francis Payette, veteran employee of the company. Payette made their brief visit at the fort a pleasant one, staging a dance for the benefit of the travel-worn emigrants, who cast away their cares as they danced to the tuneful music of fiddle, banjo and accordeon.

It was at Boise that the second crossing of the Snake occurred. The crossing was made without exciting incident or serious accident.

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

### FIRST NATIONAL THANKSGIVING

By Charles Fritz

George Washington, the nation's first president, issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789, as follows:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of the good that was, that is, or that, will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country . . . to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

"Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, A. D. 1789.

"G. WASHINGTON."

The Pilgrims made friends with the Indians, who taught them how to plant corn and to use fish for fertilizing the soil. They also planted barley and peas, and found an abundance of fruits and berries; so that when the next winter drew near, rounding out their first year of life in the New World, the Pilgrims found themselves in far better circumstances. A plentiful harvest had been gathered in. They resolved to prepare a great feast of thanksgiving and to invite their Indian friends who had helped to make all this possible.

What a dinner it must have been, and what a company to eat it! There sat the old Indian king, Massasoit, at the head of the board, with Gov. Bradford, while down the long table on each side sat the 90 braves and their white hosts, headed by Capt. Standish. Back and forth from the kitchen went Priscilla and the other girls busily keeping the plates filled. Never was seen such a feast in the New World. There were wild turkeys, geese, ducks and water fowl, besides codfish, clams and oysters; and there were barley loaves and cornbread, salad, fruits and pastries of many kinds. Between "eats" they held games and contests between Indians and colonists. It was a never-to-be-forgotten time in their history.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson on November 16, a son.



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPENING SATURDAY EVENING!