



### THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:  
Juvenile delinquency was a rarity in the days of old-fashioned parents.

Mother Hubbard's bare cupboard was just a couple of hundred years ahead of its time.

Those repeated communiques from Tokyo telling of the "sinking" of the entire U. S. fleet is proof that Jap headquarters is not suffering from any shortage of opium.

Uncle Zeke is curious about the status of that government employee who received a \$225 set of molars at Uncle Sam's expense. Maybe he was a dollar-a-year man. Poor fellow!

A little while the world may run its old mad way with needle gun  
And ironclad, but truth at last shall reign;

The cradle song of Christ was never sung in vain.  
—Whittier.

A Valley View farmer who was asked what time he went to work in the morning replied: "Son, I don't go to work, I'm surrounded with it when I get up."

Nazi propagandists must admit that some of the many block-busters dropped on Berlin by Allied bombers hit objects other than cultural and religious monuments.

Those Eugene High School lads who embarked in the brokerage business with allegedly stolen gasoline coupons must be Wall Street minded. Police are investigating.

Though Gen. Douglas MacArthur steers clear of politics, says an observer, it must be admitted that he's tops as a Rabaul rouser.

Old King Winter is siding with the Russians.

The Allies may be in Rome for Christmas.

### WAR CHEST DRIVE GOES OVER TOP

Dr. Walter N. Redford, chairman of the local War Chest Drive, announced this week that Ashland had gone over the top in the drive. The goal was set at \$5500 for this section which included Ashland and the territory to the California line on the south and to the city limits or Talent on the north. Since the Granges had their own quotas, most of the farmers contributed through that channel rather than through the local drive. Homer Billings had charge of the city solicitation, organizing groups to contact people. Through the campaign, he gave this work careful supervision.

Reaching this goal shows the fine cooperation that Ashland people have given to this project. Dr. Redford feels that great thanks are due to every one who contributed, making possible the attainment of this fine goal.

**2 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT**  
TO PICK OUT COATS FOR SCOTTY

**Buy Christmas Seals**

**CHAS. S. WALTERS and Companion**  
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday)

"Gildersleeve's Bad Day" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)

"Heaven Can Wait"

Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

### Honor Democrat Postmaster Friday

The demo's succeeded at last in placing a competent partizan as postmaster in Ashland. Mr. E. E. Vail succeeds the late Millard Grubb. (Rep.)

V. D. Miller, democratic leader, was sponsor and toastmaster at a banquet in honor of Mr. Vail's appointment last Friday night in the banquet room of the Plaza Cafe.

A verse of "America" was suggested by Toastmaster V. D. Miller in which all present participated. This was followed by prayer, ably delivered by Mayor Wiley.

Remarks were made between bites of delicious food by Roland Parks, G. M. Green, Moore Hamilton, Mrs. G. G. Skinner, (dem.) postmistress at Phoenix, Judge C. E. Lyon, Mrs. Lorena McNair, Mrs. Philip McCormick, Floyd Dover and the guest of honor, E. E. Vail.

### WSCS Holds Regular Meet Last Friday

The Women's Society of Christian Service met last Friday in the church parlors of the Methodist Church for the December meeting. Mrs. George Mason, the president, conducted the business session in the morning. At noon a delicious luncheon was served to a large group by the committee with Mrs. Robert Lytle in charge.

After lunch Mrs. C. E. Pratt conducted the prayer circle and Mrs. Yeo led the devotions using Psalm 119 as the basis.

Mrs. James H. Edgar reviewed the book, "Ashes of Gold" by Botzford at the afternoon program. Mrs. S. W. Moss and Mrs. Reba Kelsey continued the study presenting a topic in an interesting dialogue form.

The officers for 1944 were named as follows:

Mrs. George Mason, president; Mrs. J. R. McCracken, first vice president; Mrs. S. W. Moss, second vice president; Mrs. G. H. Yeo, secretary; Mrs. L. R. Coder, treasurer, and Mrs. James Yeo, corresponding secretary.

Secretaries named were: Mrs. Robert Lytle, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Homer Billings, assistant; Mrs. C. L. Bergstrom, Social Relations and Local Church Activity; Mrs. Will Dodge and Mrs. Ralph Billings, assisting; Children's Work and Missionary Education, Mrs. Chas. M. Giffen and Mrs. Eric Weren; Mrs. George Bruce, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mr. and Mrs. John Billings, Youth Fellowship; Mrs. John Billings, Girls' Work; Mrs. Maud Marske, Literature and Publications; Mrs. B. L. Powell, Mrs. Ambrose and Mrs. Morrison, Supplies; Mrs. E. T. Newberry, Mrs. A. O. McGee and Mrs. Ben Willard, Spiritual Life; Program Committee, Mrs. J. R. McCracken, Mrs. Maud Marske, Mrs. Robert Lytle and Mrs. C. L. Bergstrom; Membership, Mrs. James Lennox, Mrs. Fred Engle, Mrs. W. C. Polk, and Mrs. C. E. Pratt; Fellowship, Mrs. Verne Cary, Mrs. Henry Newton, Mrs. Lawrence Powell Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Bill Weber, nad Mrs. A. L. Durham; Mrs. Leonard, Status of Women; Finance, Mrs. W. A. Stratton and Mrs. C. F. Tilton.

The officers will be installed at the January meeting.

### Announce Senior Hostesses at USO

Mrs. Ralph McCullough, chairman of the USO senior hostess group, announces the following will serve during December:

December: Sundays, 5-8, Miss Victoria Tavner; 8-11, Mrs. Rena McNair and Mrs. H. G. Hedburg. Mondays: 8-11, Mrs. Mern Provost.

Tuesdays: 8-11, Mrs. M. Stearns. Wednesdays: 5-8, Miss Virginia Whittle; 8-11, Mrs. Will Dodge and Mrs. Gladys Dooms.

Thursdays: 5-8, Mrs. F. H. Pearson; 8-11, Mrs. Roger Rath and Mrs. C. H. Putney.

Fridays: 8-11, Mrs. Bert Freeman, Mrs. Roy Frazier and Mrs. Florence Farlow.

Saturdays: 5-8, Miss Margaret Pate, Miss Ethel Reed and Mrs. Naomi Grunewald, 8-11, Mrs. Rose Gale, Mrs. Harold Alkins, Mrs. Vern Carey, Mrs. G. B. Hull and Mrs. Sid Reed.

Born to Pvt. and Mrs. John Renzema on Dec. 4, a son.

## buy bonds for gifts



### and help bring back our boys

### AHS Boys Urged to Enroll in Air Corps

Seventeen-year-old men in Ashland High School who are planning on enlisting in the Army Air Corps as aviation cadets are reminded by Maj. B. P. Cody, Oregon Army recruiting officer, of the opportunity to complete their enrollment during the Christmas holidays.

Applicants desiring to take the mental and physical examinations are advised to write the Aviation Cadet Examining Board, 614 S. W. Eleventh Avenue, Portland. They will be provided transportation and lodging at government expense. Should a group of men desire to apply together, one should be appointed to request the transportation by indicating the number in the group, listing the names of each and the date on which they want to make application.

Maj. Cody indicated that there is a great need for 17-year-olds who can qualify for aviation cadet training as either pilots, navigators or bombardiers. Accepted applicants will be enrolled in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and will not be called until after their eighteenth birthdays. They may indicate the date on which they desire to be called for training provided that date is not more than six months after they become 18.

Upon the completion of the 17-month course, the flyers will become officers in the Air Force. There are no particular educational requirements; however, physical specifications will not permit the enrolling of applicants with eyesight of less than 20-30 correctable to 20-20.

### ABSENTEEISM—WHAT'S THAT?

Never late for work in his more than 30 years of service, and absent only seven days (when his wife died in 1940) in all those 112,000 days—that's the remarkable record of Mike Rakvitz, General Electric forge worker who has just retired.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Rakvitz became a United States citizen in 1921. Since 1913 he has been employed by General Electric at Schenectady, regulating furnaces in the company's forging division.

### COUNTY RECEIVES BIG O. & C. CHECK

Jackson County received from the Federal Treasury recently a check for \$125,799.20, representing the county's share of receipts from Oregon and California land grant lands for sale of timber and land for the fiscal year ending last June.

The county also received this week a check for \$43,253.33 from the Treasury, for the last half of the 1937 taxes, in lieu of taxes on Oregon and California land. It is the final payment under the old O. & C. land tax refund bill.

The two payments make the total county's receipts from the Treasury this week \$169,052.53.

The \$125,799.20 payment comes under the new O. & C. bill and goes to the general county fund under its provisions. The \$43,253.33 payment will be allocated to the various school funds, as provided under the former bill, the County Treasurer's office reported.

### 'Wallowa' Launched Last Saturday

Swan Island's 42nd Tanker, the S. S. "Wallowa," was launched at 11:30 a. m. on December 4, with Mrs. Arthur E. Peterson as sponsor. The launching of this vessel climaxes a contest held at the yard to secure welding trainees. Mr. Peterson secured 12 persons who have taken welding training at the Kaiser Company's Vocation School, and are now engaged in production welding. This gave him the right to name his wife as sponsor of the "Wallowa."

Runner-up in the contest was Lewis Tahmahkera, full-blooded Comanche Indian of Lawton, Okla., who secured seven trainees, all of them from his tribe in Oklahoma. Mrs. Tahmahkera thus was honored in being chosen matron of honor. Miss Jean Alexander, who was tied for third place in the contest, acted as maid of honor, and Miss Joanne Jenkins presented the flowers. Rev. J. Darlow Johnson of the Methodist Church invoked the blessing of God on the S. S. "Wallowa."

**COURT NEWS**  
Alton Jack Bean was apprehended by State Police for having four persons over 12 in the front seat. He was fined \$7.00.

### Emigrants Enter Lone Tree Valley

After many weary miles of travel a sight burst upon their startled vision which refreshed their tired eyes and cheered the flagging spirits of the emigrants. They had seen nothing like it since leaving the Bear River Valley.

Below them lay a broad, fair valley. In the background rose a spur of the long-looked-for Blue Mountains which reared their snow-covered summits 6000 feet above the valley floor. Tree-lined creeks ran down from their mountain retreats to join a small stream which flowed through the valley. Bunch grass waisted high waved in the evening breeze.

In the center of the valley, a tall, lone pine tree stood in its majesty a beacon toward which the weary travelers hastened for the night. That tree was famous in the annals of western travel. It was named "I o' the seul" (the lone tree) by the French Canadian trappers.

The stream was named Powder River, because of the light, powdery soil along its banks.

The emigrants had read about the Lone Tree in the dairies of early travelers and eagerly looked for it. Those in the vanguard of the 1843 migration saw it as it rose in its picturesque surroundings. However, those bringing up the rear failed to see it, for some vandal had cut it down for fuel. His efforts were in vain, for it was too green to burn. But he had destroyed a desert shrine, a majestic landmark. So the Lone Tree lives in memory alone. It was the one landmark on the Oregon Trail which could not survive the attacks of man, although it had weathered the storms of centuries.

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

### WOMEN'S CLUBS GO OVER TOP IN BOND SALES

The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs has gone over the half-million-dollar mark in its November campaign to sell enough war bonds to pay the \$300,000 cost of one heavy bomber for the fighting forces. Total bond sales reported by Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Portland, campaign chairman, were about \$525,000, with many clubs and counties "still unheard from."

This is enough, says Mrs. Robinson, not only for the bomber but for two or three supporting pursuit planes as well.

### OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

#### MARCH TOWARD SECURITY.

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES MEN SOUGHT SECURITY BY BANDING THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN GUILDS WHICH LIMITED THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AND RESTRICTED THEIR ACTIVITIES AND BY PASSING THE HAT FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS OR ORPHANS OF MEMBERS. THEY SACRIFICED FREEDOM AND HAD QUESTIONABLE SECURITY.



**WAR BOND** **LIFE INSURANCE POLICY** **BANK BOOK**

IN OUR DEMOCRACY MEN ARE FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR WORK AND CAN MAKE DEFINITE AND DEPENDABLE PROVISION FOR THEIR FAMILIES—BY PUTTING PART OF WHAT THEY EARN TODAY INTO SUCH SOLID SECURITY AS IS FOUND IN WAR BONDS, LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.