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

Evidently the O.F.A. has failed to take into consideration the spirit of Yuletide. It has ruled that the family that receives the gift of a basket of provisions must pay for it in ration points.

This ruling is likely to discourage Christmas practice that has grown with the years. It also removes sentiment from a charitable act and puts it on a strictly business basis. Points for charity look like a German trick.

We read that the deal whereby Washington and Oregon are buying two Kentucky distilleries to get 31,000 barrels of whisky each is nearing completion and that Oregon's share of the price would be about \$3,700,000. It's hard to conjecture how booze fits in the program of winning the war.

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.

—Goldsmith

One hundred years ago this month Charles Dickens wrote his immortal Christmas Carol... a brave, bright lesson in kindness which a world dark with intolerance has failed to dim.

December is derived from "decem," meaning ten. In the old Roman calendar the year began in March and December was the tenth month.

Uncle Zeke opines when those Axis war criminals come to trial the world's toughest job will be that of trying to find lawyers to take their case.



Ensign Barbara Sadler, who will be in Ashland, Thursday, December 16, to assist young women in making application for the WAVES in the lobby of the Lithia Hotel, on duty from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., with night interviews available by writing or calling the Hotel at Ashland.

PFC CORTHELL IN CLASS

Private First Class Robert A. Corthell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Corthell, 276 Almond St., Ashland, Oregon, has been enrolled in a special course of instruction at the Signal Corps school at Camp Murphy. Pfc. Corthell was selected for this specialized training on the basis of his aptitude.

1 SHOPPING WEEK LEFT...
...AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A THING FOR THE REINDEER... OR NEW BELLS FOR THE SLEIGH!



Buy Christmas Seals

C. E. HUFFMAN and Companion

Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "NORTHWEST RANGERS" AND "JITTERBUG" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "CHINA"

Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

Choir to Present Cantata Sunday

The choir of the First Methodist Church will offer to the Ashland Community the Christmas Cantata, "The Rose of the World," by Charles Monteyn Manney at 4:45 p.m. Sunday December 19. This is one of the new Russian Cantatas bearing a deep, rich message of the Christmas-tide. The Cantata is in four parts, and in detail is as follows:

Part One:—The Holy Birth
Prelude, Alto Recitative, "Now Joseph Went up from Galilee," Mrs. Wm. Weber.

Chorus, "At the Forest's Edge," Chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest."

Chorus of Women's Voices, "The Shepherds Ran with a Gift of Lambs."

Baritone Recitative, "But when the Babe Was Born" by Allen McGee.

Chorus, "O Far Away, Beyond the Smoke and Fire."

Part Two:—Mary's Lullaby
Tenor Recitative, "But in the Manger Shed" by Paul Byers.

Alto solo, "Cradle Song of the Star," Mrs. Jean Byers.

Alto and Tenor Duet with humming chorus, "Sleep, O Baby, Sleep" by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Byers.

Part Three:—The Adoration of the Kings

Soprano Solo, "And in Time the Three Wise Kings" by Mrs. Wm. G. Reed.

Chorus of men's voices and full chorus, "The Kings Kneelt to the Babe."

Soprano solo, "For unto all People" by Mrs. Mayme Cary.

Chorus, "And the Hut Was Filled with Stars."

Part Four:—The Bells of Fulfillment

Soprano Solo, "And the Bells of the Blossoms," Mrs. Lucille McKay.

Soprano solo with chorus, "Ring out False Pride" by Mrs. Lucille McKay.

Final chorus, "O Far Away, Beyond Smoke and Fire."

Mrs. Annabelle Davis is the organist and Mrs. Wm. Weber is the choir director. The public is given an invitation to hear this lovely cantata.

SOCE Gives Annual Christmas Concert

The 16th annual Christmas Concert of the Southern Oregon College of Education was heard Dec. 12, in the auditorium of the Administration building of the college. Music consisted of numbers by the College Girls Glee Club, College String Quintet, and the Lincoln School Chorus. The concert was directed by Miss Louise Woodruff, assistant professor of music. The program follows:

Processional - O Little Town of Bethlehem.

"Adeste Fidelis", College Choir, Lincoln School Chorus;

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks", Praetorius, 16th Cent.; The Virgin's Slumber Song, Reger; Legen, Tschaiowsky - The College Girls Choir;

"O Holy Night", Adam - Richard Faes;

"Angels We Have Heard on High", French Traditional; "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella, Old French - Lincoln School Chorus with Florence Allen, director and Jerrine Mote, accompanist;

"Joy to the World" and "The First Noel" - College Quintet consisting of Ann Crandall, Bettie Lou McCole, Eleanor McCole, Mary Alice Wolford;

"Alsatian Noel", Harmonized by Mirande, "Pat-a-Pan", Burgundian Melody, arr. by Davis; "Coven-try Carol", Traditional Melody, arr. by Geer; "Lo, How a Rose", 16th Cent. Melody, Harmonized by Praetorius; "Silent Night", Gruber - College Girls Choir consisting of Sue Parkinson, Loisgae Kruggel, Dorothy Riggs, Henrietta Hall, Ann Crandall, Judy Silver, Evelyn Wirostek, Bettie Lou McCole, Mary Alice Wolford, Barbara Terrill, and Mary Patricia Raye.

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Our boys must keep on fighting—we must keep on buying WAR BONDS until victory is won. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.



"THE COMING PEACE AND THE PRINCE OF PEACE"

Painted by Howard Chandler Christy as an artistic symbol for the crusade for a New World Order of The Methodist Church, this picture will soon be displayed as a poster in color in all the churches of the denomination. Post card reproductions will be mailed to service men all over the world.

A Warning to Naughty Citizens

BEING A LETTER OF ADVICE TO NON-ADVERTISERS

A man may have a car accident one time, two or three times and still not be a criminal. Another man will never have an accident and yet should be in jail.

A short time ago we read a vituperative harangue in the Occasional Daily with the 40 watt windows directed against one Edward Wall, a citizen - well at least he lives here, has his office here, spends his money here and sells about as many homes to potential residents here as the other fellow - all because Mr. Wall was the unfortunate two-timer, aforementioned.

Having never met Mr. Wall in either Leavenworth or Sing Sing, we were just naturally curious - why the dirty tirade.

After perusing through "a big bundle of old Tidings for a dime", the mystery was solved! Our bit of Ellery Queening was awarded! We now know why his family tree was climbed and torn limb from limb! We found he had NOT ADVERTIZED.

Now Mr. Wall, that's not at all ethical. You should join the Ashland Business and Professional Interests United in All-Out War Effort" and pay your dues to the somedays Daily. In other words help pay for a full page Ad telling the housewife to "Get in with a Spoonful."

And more advice to you and all motorists - watch your winter driving - and parking. City expenses are higher in winter. All last summer from early morn till night we were restricted the pleasure of watching dainty drivers with shapely legs alight from their cars because local business men found it convenient to utilize the parking space adjacent to our front window.

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Hear Interesting Reviews at Club

The Fortnightly Study Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Nella Rice who served dainty refreshments at 1:30 on last Monday. Mrs. Martha Elhart and Mrs. Hattie Litwiller did the pouring at the lace covered table centered with Christmas holly. Mrs. Ruth King, the president, was in charge of the short business session.

Seventeen members responded to roll call. The short topic was given by Mrs. Martha Elhart using as her subject "Prison Camps in the United States." She stated there are now 40,000 prisoners of war in far flung camps across the United States, from Maryland to California, from Wisconsin to Texas. Within their stockades, Germans, Italians, and Japanese separately lead quiet healthy lives. She told of their differences in likes and dislikes, in religion, work, play etc. The prison camps are all governed by the terms of the Geneva Convention which specifies that prisoners must be protected against acts of violence, insult, and public curiosity.

Mrs. Myrtle Billings reviewed the book, "New World A-Comin'" by Roi Otley. Mr. Otley is a negro journalist who has had special experience in the labor movement. He grew up in the Harlem section of New York City, and "New World A-Comin'" is a study of Harlem life, of political groups and leaders, of community attitudes. It is also a presentation of negro life in America as a whole.

Mr. Otley was inspired to choose this title because of an old spiritual called "Train's A-Comin'." He thinks that it represents something of the hope that negroes have. In spite of how tough things are, they never lose hope.

At the close of this splendid review Mrs. Mabel Bailey read a beautiful poem written by Oliver Dodson entitled, "Black Mother Prayin' in the Summer."

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Putney, 125 Nob Hill on December 29. Mrs. Mabel Bailey will give the short topic and Mrs. Hattie Litwiller will give the book review.

Correction: "Paris Underground" by Etsi Shiber was reviewed at the previous meeting by Mrs. Bessie Elhart instead of Mrs. Ethel Putney.

Youth Honored at Methodist Church

Twenty one of the young men from the Hi-Y with their sponsor, John Koehler, were guests of honor at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. This is one of the splendid groups of young men in Ashland who have as their ideals and aims the building of Christian character. Mr. Koehler, as sponsor and advisor, is doing a wonderful piece of work with and for these young men.

At this same evening service the newly elected officers of the Intermediate Methodist Fellowship Group were installed by the pastor. The officers are, "President, Barbara Messenger; Commissioners, Carroll Powell, Connie Powell, Eldon Durham, Billie Bissel; Secretary-treasurer, Mary Wilcox; pianist, Marjorie Messenger; sponsor, Lois Ann Thompson and assistant sponsor, Mrs. Cora Bruce. These officers with their sponsors, were called to the chancel and the pastor, Dr. G. W. Bruce, officially installed them into office.

The pastor addressed the group on the subject, "The Touch of the Master's Hand." Immediately following the benediction the young folks were taken to the social hall of the church where the Methodist Youth Fellowship Group served refreshments and entertained for an hour.

Local Ministers Entertain Group

The Ministerial Association of Ashland entertained 11 army chaplains and their wives at a desert luncheon in the Methodist Church Dining room on Thursday evening. The rooms were decorated with Christmas candles, Santa Claus, reindeer, evergreens, Holly, and the statue of Mary and the Holy Child. Games led by the Rev. Mr. Ward E. Pratt and Mrs. Howard G. Eddy were enjoyed by all present.

At an appointed hour all were seated at the table where they enjoyed the dessert luncheon served by the families of the Ashland Ministerial Association. The following Chaplains were in attendance, Pauling B. Forrey, Presbyterian; Eugene Skelton, Baptist; Walter B. Jerge, Congregational; John Fry, Lutheran; Cecil E. Ottinger, Methodist; Deans S. Hodges, Presbyterian; E. N. Reese, Episcopal; Leonard DeMoor, Presbyterian; Guy C. Tetrick, Methodist; D. S. Lacquement, Methodist; C. O. Churchill, Presbyterian. The following wives of Chaplains also were present, Mrs. D. S. Lacquement, Mrs. Cecil Ottinger, Mrs. E. M. Reese, and Mrs. C. O. Churchill.

The chaplains said this is the first time so many chaplains have been together in a social function in any town neighboring Camp White, and expressed themselves as being deeply appreciative of the spirit of friendliness shown by the ministers and their families of Ashland. As they departed at a late hour they expressed their hopes that another such gathering might be had in the not too far distant future.

S.S. "Grande Ronde" Launched Saturday

The S. S. "Grande Ronde", 43rd Swan Island Tanker, was launched last Thursday, December 9 at the big Portland tanker-building yard.

"Grande Ronde" is named in honor of the beautiful valley in Umatilla County through which flows the Grande Ronde River. This river first came into prominence in 1827 when Peter Skene Ogden, early pioneer, described its beauties.

The vessel was sponsored by Mrs. Michael G. Fader, wife of the Superintendent of the Riveting and Chipping Department at Swan Island. She was attended by Mrs. John S. Fader, as Matron of Honor, and Mrs. Joseph F. Fader, also as Matron of Honor, Master Mickey Fader, Flower Boy, and Father Louis A. Sander of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church gave the invocation. Mr. A. R. Nieman acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Dwight Patterson is in Los Angeles on business.

Emigrants Reach The Grande Ronde

Leaving Lone Tree Valley, the emigrants crossed the north branch of Powder River at the present town of North Powder, thence over a range of hills and down Ladd Canyon into the beautiful Grande Ronde Valley, so named by French-Canadians voyageurs. Many of the emigrants declared that it was the most beautiful spot on earth.

Camp was made on high ground near the present city of La Grande. Nearby flowed the Grande Ronde river which Captain Bonneville called the "Fouche de Glace", on ice river. Cayuse Indian tepees and herds of Indian ponies added color to the delightful scene.

It was then October and the emigrants were at the base of the Blue Mountains beyond which lay the land of their dreams.

For one in their party, this was the end of the trail. Mrs. Philip Ruby would never see the Willamette Valley, for she succumbed to the rigors of the trail, and was laid to rest beside the singing waters of the river, while the wagons rolled on.

It was a steep, rough climb over the pine-clad mountains, but the axes, picks and shovels in the hands of the men cleared the way, while the women and boys drove the teams. Finally the summit was reached, elevation 4,205 feet. A little farther on, the wagons stopped and the tired teams came to rest at the present Meacham on the banks of a creek where the emigrants found plenty of wood, water, and grass. Camp was made under the towering pines, a welcome change from the dry sage covered hills they had traversed for so long.

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

FTA GIVEN HIGH RATING IN BOOK

The Southern Oregon College of Education chapter of F.T.A. Future Teachers of America) has been given rank among the 12 highest rated chapters in the Nation, according to the National Year Book of 1943.

FTA is a junior branch of the National Educational Association. Notifying the chapter of this distinction, Miss Ethel Blake, secretary of the National Committee of F.T.A., stated "Your chapter has had a fine record for four years and lacks only one year of being the oldest chapter in the country."

Points on which the ranking was made are continuity of strength over a period of years, number of members in relation to total college enrollment and distribution of membership over the four college classes, character of projects undertaken, number of merit points earned, efficiency and promptness as indicated by correspondence with the National Committee of F.T.A., and reports showing achievements of members who have graduated into state and national Educational Associations.

The year book reports as projects of the SOCE chapter, books and magazines reviewed, educational meetings with outside speakers, reading and equipment for teachers.

Membership of the ranking chapter appears in the yearbook as:

Betty Boling, Eleanor and Betty McCole of Grants Pass; Bettie Brown, Ann Lumañ, Medford; Ellen Brown, Klamath Falls; Iah F. Franks, Bayfield, Colo.; Lovilla Gosson, Wasco; Erma Krueger and Nellie McLain, Ashland; Lois Thompson, Talent; Grace Lee, Evelyn Wirostek, Gwen Schriever, Marshfield; Elva Matthews, Days Creek; Bernice McMartin, Red Bluff, Cal.; Maxine Rand, Virginia Smith Holt, Mary Alice Wolford, Roseburg; Nellie Strain, Langlois.

Officers of the current membership are Gloria Cadman, Betty Nichols of Ashland, and Mabel Boggs of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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