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THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:
Use of red and blue ration tokens starts February 27. They will be valid as change for ration stamps and for general ration use. The tokens will be manufactured from special tough vulcanized fiber. They are expected to save the government \$4,500,000, which would be spent for printing new No. 5 ration books.

OWI announces it will send no campaign literature to the soldiers. With this army feeding more sumptuously than any other in history, the baloney seems uncalled for, says Uncle Zeke.

Prior to the infliction of the death penalty on Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito, some one suggests the arch criminals should be caged and exhibited for the benefit of the war debt. However, one country will have to be passed up - Soviet Russia prohibits the exhibition of human freaks.

The Japanese are pretty smart at that - they've picked the biggest ocean in the world in which to successfully hide their fleet.

We don't know who is calling the signals for that Nazi team on the Russian front, but the outfit seems to have plenty of fall-backs.

Young man, don't quarrel with your father-in-law. See what happened to Count Ciano.

Woodrow Wilson's dream of a united world did not die with him.

President Roosevelt again has a cantankerous Congress on his hands.

Economy is no disgrace, but it is mighty inconvenient.

YOUNG ADULTS ENJOY PARTY AT CHURCH

On last Saturday evening the Young Adult Fellowship group of the Methodist Church met in the church parlors for a covered dish dinner-program. Twenty-three young married people sat down at the dinner table which was decorated with holly and other winter greenery. Following the dinner the tables were removed and the party engaged in games which were led by John Billings. During the business session it was decided to adopt the official Methodist name for such groups, and so this group will hereafter be known as "The Young Adult Methodist Fellowship."

The next meeting of this class will be on Saturday evening, February 5, in the parlors of the church. Mrs. Mae Moss is the teacher of this Sunday School class, and each Sunday morning they are discussing many very important matters as related to home building and community responsibility in accord with the teachings of the Bible. All young married couples who are not attending Sunday Church School elsewhere are invited to join this class.

RECORD RETURN MADE ON SMALL PEAR CROP

A record return of \$8,000,000 from an unusually small pear crop is expected by Rogue River Valley growers. They already have sold 85 per cent of the crop. Although it was 33 per cent under last year's and 30 per cent under the 10-year average, prices have ranged two to three times as high as in any year since 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Chew at the Community Hospital at 6:05, Tuesday night, January 11, 1944 an eight and one-half pound son.

W. M. HERBERT
and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the
SOUTHERN OREGON MINER
to see
at the **VARSITY THEATRE**
(Friday and Saturday)
"BEST FOOT FORWARD"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"GIRL CRAZY"
Please call at the Miner Office
for Your Guest Tickets

Fortnightly Club Has Fine Meeting

Mrs. Hazel Crosby entertained the members of the Fortnightly Study Club on Monday afternoon at her home at 590 Euclid avenue with a 1:30 dessert. Presiding at the lovely lace-covered table was Mayme Cary and Martha Eihart. Mrs. Ruth King selected for her short topic, "Indians of the Pacific Northwest Fifty Years Ago." She told of their different dialects, religions and outdoor life and customs. She told the Indian tale, "Wah-Wah-Hoo, the Frog," taken from the book of Indian Fairy Tales by W. S. Phillips.

Mrs. Edna Smith favored the group with two solos, "Prayer," by David W. Guinn, and "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There," by Herbert Mogdson. Mrs. Naomi Mirick presented the book review, "Get Thee Behind Me" ("My Life as a Preacher's Son"), by Hartzel Spence, author of "One Foot in Heaven." The author was born in Clarion, Ia., a town of 2000 population. With his parents he moved from place to place as Methodist ministers' families do. As a minister's son he was benefitted by association with bishops and other church dignitaries. His father's ambition was that he would become a minister. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1930, having majored in journalism.

The book is written in the same light humor as is "One Foot in Heaven." The author tells why Satan tugs hardest at the coat-tails of a preacher's progeny. If it is not Satan who gets them into trouble it's the head usher or the Scoutmaster. The book is full of humor, with plenty of tuggings at the heart.

The next meeting of the club will be in at the home of Mrs. Callie Briscoe, 108 Nursery street, on January 24. The short topic will be given by Mayme Cary, and the book review by Hazel Weren.

Plans Made for War Loan Drive

The Fourth War Loan Drive officially starts next Tuesday, January 18th and closes February 15th. Various committees have been at work to make plans for it.

A county meeting was held at Medford Monday afternoon at which time, Alice Patterson, Sid Reed, and J. G. Anderson of Ashland were in attendance. George Frey, county chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive and Henry Zacharisen, permanent county chairman of war loan drives, had charge of the meeting.

Monday evening the local committee with Sid Reed, chairman, presiding, met at the Elk's Temple to make plans for Ashland's participation in the drive.

The quota for the county is \$2,217,000, of which Ashland's share is \$532,000. The E bonds sales quota is \$902,900 for the county, and it has been pointed out that this amount represents \$300 apiece for each of the approximately 3000 Jackson boys and girls in the service.

96th Division Band To Play at School

The 96th Infantry Division Band, directed by Chief Warrant Officer William G. Krog, will present a program of military and popular music at the high school auditorium for the students and faculty of the school at 2:50 p. m. on Friday, January 14.

This 60-piece band, which is the result of merging the 382nd Infantry and Division Artillery Bands, has established itself as one of the best military musical organizations in the Northwest, and has proved immensely popular since the arrival of the 96th Division at Camp White.

Assisting in the direction is Chief Warrant Officer Orville B. Shetney, who formerly directed the Artillery Band. The band members, like all other members of the Division, are primarily soldiers, and undergo a full program of military training.

Parents and friends of the students are invited to attend this hour of military and popular music.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN NOR HEAT NOR GLOOM OF NIGHT STAYS THESE COURIERS FROM THE SWIFT COMPLETION OF THEIR APPOINTED ROUNDS.



ON NOVEMBER 28, 1873, THE FIRST UNITED STATES POSTOFFICE IN THE COUNTRY WAS OPENED IN NEW YORK CITY AND POSTMEN ON HORSEBACK AND BY COACH BEGAN SERVING THEIR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. TODAY, FROM POSTOFFICES IN EVERY CITY, TOWN AND VILLAGE IN THE NATION, POSTMEN BRING OUR MAIL BY FOOT, BY HORSE AND CAR, BY RAIL AND SHIP AND PLANE TO OUR HOMES. AND THE UNITED STATES MAIL IS ALWAYS READY TO CARRY MORE AND MORE OF THOSE CHEERFUL LETTERS THAT OUR BOYS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE EXPECTING.

Women's Society Has Its Regular Meeting

The Women's Society of the Methodist Church met last Friday in the church parlors for the regular monthly meeting. In the absence of the president, Mrs. George Mason, Mrs. J. R. McCracken presided. The treasurer, Mrs. L. R. Coder, made the annual report and stated that after the apportionment and all other bills were paid that there was a balance left in the treasury.

The society was reminded that the World Day of Prayer would be on the first day of Lent, February 25.

Request was made for pictures for scrapbooks. Mrs. John Billings reported on the Youth Fellowship and expressed the appreciation of the young people to the society for the improvements made in the Green Room.

A delicious luncheon was served at noon with Mrs. George W. Bruce, chairman of the committee.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by Mrs. McCracken. Mrs. Ben Willard led the devotions, using for her topic, "The Lord's Song in a Strange Land."

The Rev. C. F. McCall, who had been a missionary in Japan and the island of Kusal for 28 years, gave an interesting address. For the closing number on the program, Mrs. Lucille McKay sang "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

DAD'S DAY JANUARY 22

All Oregon dads are invited to attend the annual Dad's Day at the University of Oregon in Eugene January 22, it was announced by Robert Wemphill, Portland, general chairman. A luncheon will be held at 1:30 Saturday afternoon honoring the Dads, with Ernest Waycox, Portland, well-known novelist - and Oregon alumnus, as the guest speaker. His topic will be "Dads Belong to the Human Race."

MEDFORD ELKS SET MORTGAGE BURNING

Medford Lodge No. 1168, B. P. O. E., will burn the mortgage" at ceremonies scheduled for February 3.

The original bond issue of \$50,000 was for construction of the Elks' Club Building.

Dedication ceremonies were held September 22, 1915, and the Elks have occupied it since that time.

Dr. A. M. Bilyeu and wife of Albany, Oregon called at the office of J. F. Emmett on Monday.

Supervisor Visits Ashland USO Club

The Ashland USO Council met at noon luncheon Saturday in the clubhouse to hear Mrs. Clara Akeroff, Regional Supervisor of the Pacific Coast area.

Mrs. Akeroff's report was concerned with a study that has been made to determine the greatest service obtainable under a given budget. She stated that the central office rated the Ashland USO from the standpoint of its program as good, and from the standpoint of volunteer service as the best. She discussed the attendance at the Ashland USO, which maintains an excellent average, though the center has one or two days a week of low attendance owing to distance from Camp White and to the Camp White schedules for men.

Council members discussed the methods of securing greatest possible service for the budget involved and made recommendations to the central office.

Council members present were Mrs. Will Dodge, chairman; Mrs. Harold Atkins, Mrs. Earl Leever, Dr. Ralph Poston and Mr. Clint Baughman. Present also were staff members Mrs. Bayonne Glenn, director; Mrs. Jewell Lockhart and Miss Ollie Depew.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MET WITH MISS DEPEW

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Ollie Depew, Tuesday evening. The vice president, Miss Voda Brower was in charge of the meeting. She also led the devotions.

Miss Lurline Brady gave an interesting review of the book, "A Basis for the Peace to Come." Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess during the social hour.

Those present were Mesdames D. M. Brower, Leona Ormand, Alice Willits, and the Misses Lurline Brady, Jeanette Smith, Voda Brower, Cora Mason, Carrie May Smith, Gladys Whitson, and the hostess, Ollie Depew.

DEETER-LYNCH

Miss Ethel Alice Deeter and Edward Francis Lynch were united in marriage Tuesday evening at the Burns residence at 211 Van Ness. Judge Nell Burns read the ceremony.

Mr. Lynch is stationed at Camp White, and the young couple will make their home in Medford for the present.

Women's Association Holds All Day Meet

The Women's Association met in an all-day session Thursday of last week at the Presbyterian Church. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. J. C. Whitsett.

After an attractive luncheon at noon Mrs. Jean Quinn opened the meeting with the afternoon devotions.

Mrs. T. J. Norby presented an interesting and informative report of the work among the lepers. Mrs. Alex Smith gave the benediction.

JUNIORS WIN DOUBLEHEADER

Tuesday night in Medford the Ashland Junior High Varsity basketball team nosed out the Medford Juniors 19 to 18 in a well played game. The Ashland eighth grade team was successful in the preliminary fracas and won easily 13 to 4.

In the main game Ashland dominated play in the first half and had a comfortable 11 to 6 lead. Haynie, Ashland guard, was definitely "on" with his shots and accumulated 8 counters in this period.

Medford came back strong after the rest period and soon tied the score. For the balance of the game first one team was ahead then the other would take the lead. Medford attempted a stall with 45 seconds to play and a one point lead. The locals broke up the stall with Colvin scoring a field goal just 4 seconds before the final gun ended the game.

ASHLAND	MEDFORD
Wade	2 F McNeil
Colvin	6 F Werner
Litwiller	C Stelle
Seaver	G Jones
Haynie	11 G Lindley

Reserves: (Ashland) Krueger and Bennett; (Medford) Dow, Watson, and Coghill.

Report Kent Ashcroft Among the Missing

It has been reported that Kent Ashcroft is missing in action in the Pacific War area.

He is a graduate of the Southern Oregon College of Education and a nephew of Mrs. Eric Weren and Mrs. James Yeo of this city.

A brother, Sgt. Leland Ashcraft, is recuperating in Sicily after being wounded in Italy. Another brother, Dean Ashcraft was killed in a plane crash in Miami, Florida last summer.

COURT NEWS

Arthur Lloyd Hoadley of Ashland was cited for violation of the basic rule. Fined \$10.00 and costs.

Wm. Davidson of the Greensprings, was fined \$1.50 and costs for having no license. Upon payment of costs, the fine was remitted.

Fred Neathamer was cited to appear in court Monday afternoon for having overloaded truck. Fined \$10.00 and costs.

CONNOR-BROWN

Miss Pauline June Connor and Harold Richard Brown were united in marriage January 7 at the Methodist parsonage with Dr. George W. Bruce reading the ceremony.

President's Ball to be January 29

The local committee for the annual President's Birthday Ball, with Vern Smith, chairman, and Alice Patterson, finance chairman, have announced the date for the President's Ball Saturday, night, January 29 at the Elk's Temple.

For those who do not care to dance, the tickets will be honored at either of the theatres that evening. In order that High School students may attend the dance, satisfactory arrangements have been made with the local police for curfew violations.

Wishing Wells will be displayed at the local business houses, where people may contribute as they wish. Also the March of Dimes folders are being mailed to Civic organizations.

The Ticket Sales Breakfast under the direction of Alice Patterson will be held at the Plaza Cafe tomorrow morning (Friday) for the girls selling advance tickets.

In 1942 Ashland cleared \$238.17 and in 1943, \$348.30. In both cases Ashland led the entire county. It is expected that Ashland will again lead the county in this worthy cause.

FIVE AHS BOYS AIR CADETS

In response to a government communication, eleven AHS boys went to Portland at federal expense to take mental and physical examinations for enlistment in the Army Air Corps Cadet Training program.

Jack Newton, Roland Baughman, Paul Cushman, Ed Berninghausen and Lorin Bailey passed their mental and physical examinations and will be sworn in on the sixteenth of January as Air Cadets.

A second chance will be given those who didn't complete the examinations the first time, thirty days from the time they took it the first time.

Major Cody indicated that there is a great need for seventeen-year-olds who can qualify for aviation cadet training as either pilots, navigators or bombardiers. Accepted applications 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 providing that date is not more than six months after they become eighteen.

Upon the completion of the seventeen month course the flyers will become officers in the Air Force.

From the Rogue News

GRAND JURY INDICTS DEATH CAR DRIVER

A Jackson County grand jury Monday indicted Gene Marvin Dawson, 28, Ashland on a charge of negligent homicide in connection with an automobile accident in the Siskiyou Mountains last June 16 in which three persons were killed.

Dawson was the driver of the car, which plunged over a 200-foot cliff, killing James H. Moseley, 17; Rose Kerrigan, 14, and Claudine Peet, 13, all of Ashland. Dawson was injured seriously and still walks on crutches.

He was released under \$1000 bail.

BONDS OVER AMERICA * * *

Home of Freedom

Surmounting the Capitol Dome at Washington stands Crawford's bronze statue of Freedom, symbol of the freedom and liberty our government has guaranteed to immigrant and native citizen alike, since the founding of the Republic.

In the capitals of conquered Europe freedom and liberty are hollow, mocking words mouthed by jackal puppets like Musert, Quisling, Laval, Degrelle or Laurel.

Keep America Free; Buy War Bonds