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THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:
St. Valentine's Day, February 14, is so called after a Christian martyr of the Roman period.

The custom of exchanging missives is believed to have been handed down from a Roman festival, when names of maids and bachelors were put in a box and drawn by chance, some one of the opposite sex becoming for the following year the "Valentine" or chosen companion.

We read that George Washington never celebrated his birthday on February 22. Born February 11, he was 20 years old when the colonists adopted the Gregorian calendar which added 11 days to his age. His first birthday party on February 22 was given by friends and was celebrated at Valley Forge in 1778.

The Germans, says a dispatch, are now using liquid air as an explosive. But when it comes to their radio propaganda the Nazis are still depending on that old-fashioned hot air.

Without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.

—Abraham Lincoln.

A pipe dreamer on the Tokyo radio envisions rocket-driven Berlin-to-Tokyo trains after the war. By that time there won't be either a Tokyo or a Berlin.

Uncle Zeke says the average residents of any big German cities have discovered that to find out how the war's going there's no place like home.

It would be a good thing if those who would defy Lincoln would practice some of his humble virtues.

It looks as though the Russians will be the first to reach Berlin—or what is left of it by Allied bombers.

BI-PARTY TICKET URGED

The fourth-term nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt as a bi-party candidate, with an outstanding Republican as his vice-presidential running mate, was proposed today by the Buffalo Courier-Express, an independent newspaper, in a page one editorial.

Urging a "complete holiday from national party politics in 1944," the editorial calls for Roosevelt's resignation when a European armistice has been signed.

Elect Officers at Presbyterian Meet

The Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church met last Thursday for the regular meeting with Miss Cora Mason as guest speaker. She told of the work of Miss Mary Young, former Ashland resident and a former missionary to Korea, who is teaching at the Sue Bennett College near London, Kentucky. She also spoke of work among the migrants.

Election of officers also took place with the following people elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. J. W. McCoy, president; Mrs. Ella Garrett, honorary vice-president; Mrs. Clyde Smith, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Langtrety, treasurer; Mrs. E. A. Oldenberg, secretary of literature; Mrs. J. H. Edgar, secretary of missionary president; Mrs. Dale Berkheimer, education; Mrs. F. F. Whittle, membership secretary; Mrs. J. C. Whitsett, stewardship secretary; Miss Ninabel Emery, secretary of "Overseas Sewing."

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and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the
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at the VARSITY THEATRE
(Friday and Saturday)
"NAZTY NUISANCE"
PLUS
"THE KANSAN"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"THE GANG'S ALL HERE"
Please call at the Miner Office
for Your Guest Tickets

15 AHS Boys in Army Air Corps

Evidently, the boys of Ashland High are not "draft dodgers." All of our fellows who are eligible seem to be anxious to get into some branch of the service. For example, last week 17 boys took an induction test into one of Uncle Sam's greatest forces, the Army Air Corps.

Upon passing this, which most of them did, they were entitled to a three-day trip to Portland at the expense of the government. Of course; this wasn't just a pleasure trip, for the boys had to take a physical exam and if they passed they were in. Those who are now members of the Army Air Corps Reserve are: Ricks, Deisman, Kerr, Miller, Powell, Richardson, Riddle, Ring, Robertson, Ross, Waybrant, Don Williams, Marvin Williams, Dick Flannery and Fred Kannasto.

(From The Rogue News)

Many Ashland Grads Service Casualties

Although there are but 309 Ashland High School men in the service, 15 of them have either been killed or are missing in action. Ashland's percentage of casualties is over twice the 2 per cent estimate released by Army and Navy officials.

The most recent men to be included in this toll are Lt. James Curtis and Donald Warren, seaman, second class. Lt. Curtis was reported missing in action after a raid made over Germany on January 5. A B-24 bomber pilot, he was serving with the 8th U. S. Air Force in England. Warren was on the USS Lacombe Bay at the time of its sinking.

Kent Ashcraft, George Best, John Harj and Joe Wurzer, all graduates of AHS in recent years, have previously been reported missing. Among the Ashland service men who have given their lives are Dean Ashcraft, George Best, John J. Clark, Wayne Combs, Robert Farlow, John Pratt, Dale Ross, Carl Winkleman and Lee O'Harra.

(From The Rogue News)

Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dickins celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home, Monday. During the afternoon many friends and relatives called extending their felicitations. They received many lovely gifts and cards, including a card from a grandson in the service in England.

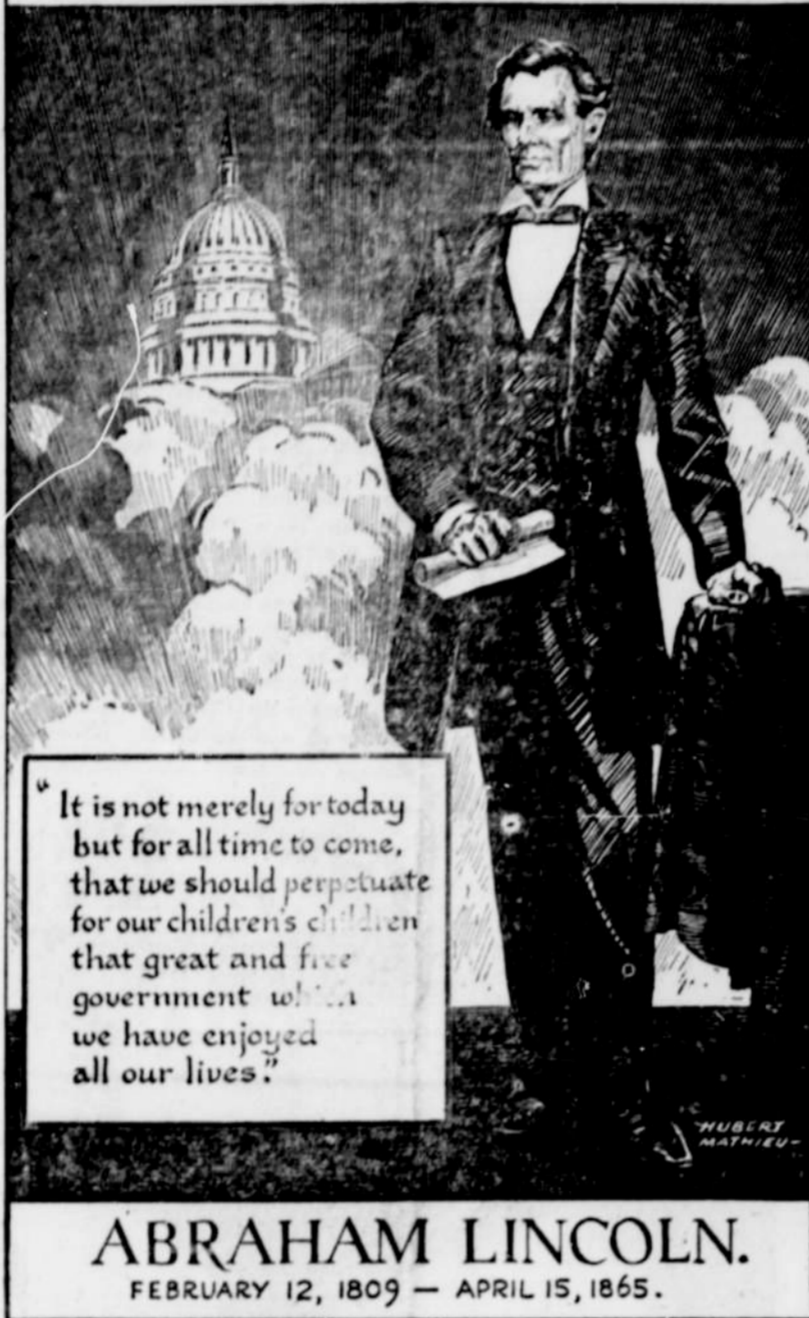
In the evening a special dinner, featuring a large Golden Wedding cake, was served.

Their children, Mrs. Blanch Martin of Los Angeles, Morris H. Dickins, his wife, and her mother from near Eugene, and Mrs. W. O. Frost and two children of Ashland were present to make the celebration an enjoyable family gathering.

Wallace Stearns, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stearns, who is ill in the Norfolk hospital, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. James Lennox left Friday morning for Covina, California to visit her daughter and family for a few weeks.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



Army-Navy Tests To Be Given at AHS

The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15, at 9:00 a. m., will be administered at the Senior High School, Mr. Robinson announced today. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at the Senior High School. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Mr. Robinson in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

The same examination will be taken by both Army and Navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training, and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of service preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

The Army Specialized Training Program is aimed to meet the Army's needs for the specialists and technicians in certain critical fields of study. Academic work is at the college level at govern-

Ashland Gives Shrubs To Camp White

Camp White has recently contacted the local USO in regard to donations of shrubs and plans to help beautify the camp surroundings. Several local people have contributed rose bushes, iris, quince, holly trees, wistaria, trumpet vine, and many others.

Sgt. Lucas, the gardener, and his assistants take care of digging the shrubs and transporting them to camp in an army truck.

Among those donating were Mrs. Lena Phillips, Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Mrs. J. M. Wagner, Mrs. Alice Peil, Mr. H. Hosler, Mrs. Albert Leonard, Mrs. J. Lindsay, Miss E. Cunningham, Mrs. W. S. Stennett, Mrs. W. D. Jackson.

Sgt. Lucas stated that all contributions are greatly appreciated and that he will be in Ashland from time to time with an army truck to pick up shrubs that anyone may have to donate.

Anyone wishing to contribute may call the USO, giving name and address.

Miss Jennie May Conway of Lakeview is visiting friends and relatives in Ashland.

The Navy College Program also enables students to continue academic training at government expense. Successful completion of the prescribed courses may, following further officer training, lead to a commission in the Navy.

Fine Program Given At Local USO Sunday

Pfc. Jack Dickerson, 46th Field Hospital, Camp White, was master of ceremonies at the Ashland USO Open House program, Sunday and introduced the following numbers.

Pvt. Al Velerall of the 96th Division, sang in the Mexican manner "Faper Doll" and "Cielito Linda".

Cpl. Joe Mills of the 80th General Hospital favored with "Pistol Packing Mama" and "Put Me in your Pocket".

Carlos, the magician from the 381st infantry, 96th Division, fooled his audience with quick-fingered legerdemain.

Pvt. Harold Fuhrman of the 96th showed a quick-fingered skill equal to prestidigitator Carlos, in his piano rendering of Vincent Lopez's arrangement of "No. 1" and "Josephine".

A large crowd surged in and out the USO portals as the two programs began and closed.

Present during the afternoon were Mr. Lawrence Johnson, Associate Regional Director and West Coast Mobile Service representative; Dr. Richard P. Saunders, Building Counselor; and Miss Mary Ross, Regional Publicity representative, all from San Francisco.

Mrs. D. S. Lacquement Guest Speaker at Meet

The regular meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service met in the church parlors February 4, Mrs. J. R. McCracken presiding.

The morning session was devoted to reports of the several committees and to the discussion of the various projects which the society has in view for the coming year.

Luncheon was served at noon to a goodly number, and the afternoon session was opened by devotions under the direction of Mrs. Robert Lytle. This was concluded by a solo sung by Mrs. Lucille McKay.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was presented by the presiding officer, she being Mrs. D. S. Lacquement, wife of Chaplain Lacquement of Camp White. Mrs. Lacquement addressed the meeting in a very interesting and impressive way on the subject, "Meeting Life's Adversities." She stated we should be prepared for conditions to become worse and cited the fact that casualties would be greater, shortages more acute, and a disintegration of character. She urged that we should be on the alert preparing ourselves to meet these situations, not trying to evade them. She quoted the editor of the Christian Advocate as saying, "The years are packed with destiny."

In closing she urged that we meet adversities with the spirit of Christ, and she then led the audience in the singing of the Chinese chorus, "I will not be afraid."

Robert Gillmore of Portland, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Dwight Patterson, visited in Ashland several days the first of the week. He reports that his son, Gordon, who has been in a critical condition in a Portland hospital, is improving and can probably be released from the hospital in a couple of weeks.

Fortnightly Club Meets Monday

The Fortnightly Study Club met on February 7 at the home of Mrs. Mabel White, who served dainty refreshments at 1:30, with Mrs. Cora Bruce and Mrs. Ethel King pouring. The tea table was centered with a large silver bowl of red carnations. The Valentine motif was carried out in the way of small favors.

Mrs. Ruth King, the president, was in charge of a short business session. The roll call was responded to with fifteen members present. Mrs. Cora Bruce gave the short topic. She had chosen "Letters from Famous Men to Their Mothers" taken from the book, "Dearest Mother" by Paul Elgagon. She also gave some history of the lives of the parents of these famous men. This volume of letters from famous men and women to their mothers reveals the minds and hearts of their writers. People, who were writing them in times of crises to their mothers, give a most direct and intimate expression of their problems, sometimes seriously, sometimes humorously.

Mrs. Nella Rice reviewed the book, "Thunder in Heaven", by Armine Von Tempaki. The story is of a particular romance, mysterious and passionate, of the Hawaiian Islands. It tells of a young red-headed doctor Graham, a brilliant New York specialist unfairly barred from practice at home of Hanka a half-white plantation doctor, and Wilde, doctor of a rich and powerful island family. While carrying out their plain duties Graham and Hanka work secretly on the cure for a disease which for centuries has been ravishing mankind, leprosy. In the vast shadow of Mana Loa the tale unfolds ranging from lusty humor to tragedy and embracing a whole host of characters. It is a novel of love, sacrifice, and devotion. The next meeting will be at the home of Leah Vale, 285 Liberty St., February 21.

War Bond Premiere Nets 28,000 in Bonds

The War Bond Premiere held at the Varsity Theater last Thursday night was responsible for the purchase of \$28,000 in War Bonds. This is \$1000 more than the amount turned in for the Third War Loan at the theater program.

The film was "Sweet Rosie O'Grady, starring Betty Grable and Robert Young with Adolph Menjou and Virginia Grey. The picture was in technicolor.

CHORAL CLUB SINGERS AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The Ladies' Choral Club of Ashland will sing two numbers at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. Their selections are "Panis Angelicus" (O Bread of Life) from Messe Solemnelle, by Victor Harris; and "Bless this House" by May H. Brahe. Mrs. John Koehler is the director of this group, and Miss Elene Douglas is the pianist. The pastor will give a sermon on the subject, "Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven."

Let's All Back the Attack: Buy More War Bonds.

"We Are Buying Extra War Bonds—Are You?"



Sgt. Samuel Jones, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has been a doughboy for four years. He was wounded during the North African campaign by enemy machine gun fire. Since his return he has aided greatly in the sale of War Bonds and buys plenty himself.



Sgt. Nicholas Miller, Paterson, N. J., won the Silver Star for rescuing two comrades under fire at El Guita. His knee cap was broken and the cartilage torn out and at present cannot move his knee. Halloran Hospital doctors are trying to correct this. He buys Bonds.



Pvt. Louis Dielmeler, 33, of New York, was wounded by arterial shell during the Sicilian campaign. He has a brother in the Marines. Private Dielmeler and his wife and brother are buying War Bonds regularly. Are you doing the same?



Pvt. Clarence Clark, 21, Swampers, La., has two brothers in the service, one in the Army and the other in the Navy. He was wounded in the right leg and both set in the North African campaign and is now at Halloran General Hospital. He buys War Bonds.



Pvt. Pasquale Galeia, New York, went through the North African campaign without a scratch but was wounded during the invasion of Sicily and is now in traction at Halloran Hospital. He has a brother in the Navy and has War Bonds and is buying more.