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THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:
Ben Franklin, we read, invented the rocking chair. But he became a great man by studiously avoiding it.

Those small Balkan nations must realize that it was no Hitler band-wagon they hopped on. It turned out to be a cage.

With 225,000 Lend-Lease American trucks to haul ammunition, the Russians are re-taking a large number of "populated places" and inflicting terrific losses upon the Germans in men and material.

Vice President Wallace, who is some what of a globe trotter, is booked for a trip to China. Mr. Wallace may go down in history as the man who solved the problem of what to do with a vice president's spare time.

Rome was founded by Romulus in 753 B. C. Legend says that on April 21 he yoked a bullock and a heifer to a plowshare, marked out the boundary, and proceeded to build a wall.

If little labor, little are our gains
Man's fortunes are according to his pains.

—Herrick

Tojo tells the Japs they fight alone. Even he admits that Adolf the Awful is about washed up. Incidentally today is Adolf's 55th birthday.

Japs must believe in ghosts since they so greatly fear the navy they claimed they destroyed long ago.

It is said that for four years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock they had no cow.

It appears that some GOP senators are not too keen for Dewey as the presidential candidate.

The true hill-billy, says Uncle Zeke, is the Rocky mountain goat.

April is as fickle as woman.

Youth Rally Held at Methodist Church

One hundred Methodist youths gathered at the Ashland Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon and evening for a Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally. They came from Grants Pass, Medford, Talent, Klamath Falls and Ashland. The Ashland group served dinner at 6 o'clock in the evening, sponsored by the women of the local church, and furnished entertainment.

Dr. John L. Knight, professor of religious counseling at Willamette University, gave the evening address on the subject, "Youth in the Modern World."

Plans were made for this summer's Methodist Youth Conference which will be held at Fir Point in the month of July. All over Methodism there is a marked advance in youth work, with hundreds of youths becoming interested in religion and the church. Rev. Ed. Aschenbrenner, pastor of the Methodist Church in Grants Pass, is the dean of this sub-district group, and was present to confer with the young people.

FAREWELL DANCE AT CAMP WHITE

A "farewell" formal dance was held at Camp White Wednesday evening.

This dance was a very special affair for the 96th Division. Two bands provided music, and dancing was on the floors of both clubroom and cafeteria.

Girls from Grants Pass, Central Point, Ashland, Medford, and other surrounding communities were guests.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see
at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday)
"OKLAHOMA KID"
AND
"GHOST SHIP"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"THIS IS THE ARMY"
Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

Interesting Review Given at Club

The Fortnightly Study Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. D. Elhart, who served dainty refreshments at 1:30 on last Monday, with Mrs. E. E. Vail, Mrs. C. V. Cary and Mrs. R. L. Crosby assisting. Fifteen members responded to roll call from assigned subjects. Mrs. George P. King presided during the business session.

The short topic was given by Mrs. C. V. Cary, using as her subject, "Daniel Arntien," an American who started poor but ended rich. He was born in Chicago and at 18 was driving a taxi. Today, at 50, he runs a fleet of 7000 cabs in New York City, and owns 8000 trucks. It is said he is the only ex-cab driver who officially represented his country abroad. He was sent to China to straighten out the knots on the Burma Road and while he was about it persuaded Burmese officials to abolish a tariff costing China millions of dollars. In China Danny Arntien will long be remembered.

"The Colonel's Lady," by Helen Montgomery, was the book chosen for review by Mrs. C. A. White. Married in 1924 when Lt. Jones graduated from West Point, they spent a short time at their first Army post in this country, then sailed for China. Despite domestic crises precipitated by their lack of knowledge of the Chinese language, they accomplished their high purpose. Returning to America after three years marked the beginning of the life of wandering that is the lot of Army families in peacetime. Her husband is now serving overseas. The story is not only heart-warming, but it is a living example for women who would like to know what a good Army wife has to take.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. E. O. Smith Monday, May 1. Mrs. R. L. Crosby will give the short topic, and Mrs. E. E. Vail will give the book review.

CRAFT WORKERS TO COMPLETE WORK

Craft workers at the Ashland USO should come into the Tuesday evening craft classes and finish the work now begun, according to Mrs. Mabel Wauchope, now in charge of craft classes.

Craft classes will be discontinued after May 1. The craft work instruction at the Ashland USO, originated and conducted there by former director Bayonne Glenn has afforded interest to numerous service men, service men's wives, and a number of civilians. An average weekly purchase of \$40 worth of craft material provided at cost or less by the USO has been evidence of the interest in this USO project.

Now that the work is to be discontinued Mrs. Wauchope is anxious that all who have begun projects in craft should have the opportunity to complete the work, and urges all to take the opportunity offered during April.

Senior High Leads Ashland Schools in Red Cross Drive

With so many of our fathers, brothers and friends in the armed forces at sea and overseas, the Ashland students well know the vital work of the American Red Cross. With this in mind no encouragement was needed for Ashland students to support this year's drive.

The Senior High School lead the drive with a total of \$140.54. Mr. Simpson's sophomore boys A-K should be commended for being the first home room to fill their quota and then to double it.

Junior High School, who usually out shines every one in enthusiasm, came in second with \$102.71. Lincoln School ran a close third with \$101.77, and Washington collected \$64.50.

Several unique ideas were used by the grade school students to raise money for the drive.

(From the Rogue News)

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hays and Elwoodina have moved to Grants Pass for the present. While they are away, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hayes from Napa, California are operating the Plaza Grocery.

Rest Awaits Marines After 23 Days of Fighting



Tired and weary after 23 consecutive days and nights of fighting in the front lines of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, these Marines, being transferred for a well-earned rest, are awaiting other members of their outfit to join them.

U. S. Marine Corps Photo

Seaman Willits Named in Book

Seaman Bill Willits of Ashland, comes in for several mentions in Frank D. Morris' recent book, "Pick Out the Biggest," an account of the prowess of the now famous light cruiser, Boise, previously printed in condensed form in Collier's.

Seaman Bill Willits, son of Mrs. Alice Willits of Ashland, a graduate of the Ashland High School and student at the Southern Oregon College of Education, joined the Boise before she was famous—rather while she was infamously known by sailors on other ships as "the Reluctant Dragon" because in the routine work of conveying, the ship had too frequently chanced to depart from a hot spot only a few jumps ahead of arriving Jap bombers. Reports of the Boise's apparent tendency to duck became widespread and when she put into a port, scraps among sailors on the waterfront increased. Naturally the Boise sailors resented such catcalling as "Hollywood sailors" and "Paint a yellow streak down her stack." But the men on the Boise kept on drilling and when "the day" came her trigger-happy gunners "picked out the biggest" first, and this Reluctant Dragon was in at the kill of three Jap cruisers and three destroyers, but had taken meanwhile such punishment herself that the fleet left her as lost, ablaze, with shell holes below the water line, a hundred dead and many others wounded. But this Dragon was extremely reluctant to give up; her fires extinguished, shell holes stopped with mattresses, she took out after the American fleet, and come morning the admiral of the fleet rubbed his eyes to see a phantom ship approaching, for the Boise was supposed to be snug in Davy Jones' locker.

It is in describing the shambles

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Lt. (jg) Jean Eberhardt is visiting in Ashland, while on leave. He was a former teacher at Southern Oregon College of Education and at present is stationed at Moro Bay, California.

Captain Wm. R. Clary, who has been stationed on the east coast, arrived home for an indefinite visit last week. Although he has been released, he is subject to call.

Rev. Ward E. Pratt arrived home this week from a business trip to Chewelah, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Grow have moved from Ashland to Route 1, Medford.

MARINE VISITS

Corporal Phillip Norby, USMC, a veteran of 2 years of combat in the South Pacific theatre of action, stopped in Ashland recently to visit his brother, Superintendent T. J. Norby. Corporal Norby, who participated in 13 major engagements, wears a special ribbon signifying a presidential unit citation. Because he was on a special mission of which he could say nothing, Corporal Norby was unable to make any statement for publication.

(From the Rogue News)

USO Area Staff Meets in Medford

Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, director of the Ashland USO, attended the area staff meeting held in Medford recently, with luncheon at Rupp's Home Kitchen.

The group heard reports of Mr. Ralph Scott, regional executive of the YMCA. Mr. Scott stated that 136 USO Clubs have already been closed and that a thousand others are undergoing changes. The work of USO Clubs henceforth, he stated, will be less concerned with mass entertainment of groups of trainees with similar background of military experience, but more individualized. Visitors to the USO Clubs will become more and more to be men of varied experiences and problems, including men returned from overseas service and men in the process of reassignment. The problem of USO Clubs in future will be much concerned to meet the needs of these men. Of course, he stated, the duty of providing recreation as in the past will not be neglected.

Present at the luncheon and meeting were Mr. Ralph Scott, regional executive of the YMCA; Mr. George Upton, director of the Riverside USO in Medford; Miss Jane Darland, Mr. Dick Meyers, Mr. C. Holmes, assistant directors of the Medford Riverside USO; Capt. Bob Angell, director of the Salvation Army USO of Medford, and Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, director of the Ashland USO.

Radio Play Scheduled For April 21 Assembly

On April 21, the speech class will present a play pertaining to the conservation of food in war time. It will be in the form of a radio show, using the mike, and the characters will not be seen. A film from the U. S. Department of Agriculture will also be shown. Participating in the playlet are June Ankin, Jack Waybrant, Ned Chapin, Bob Huffman, and Al Straten.

(From the Rogue News)

Three Ashland Boys Take Physical Exam

Recruiting Specialist H. W. Crain of Medford was a visitor at the Miner Office last Friday. He reported that three Ashland boys, Barney Riggs, Dick Kerr and Ben Ricks, were planning to go to Portland Sunday evening for their physical exams for the Navy.

Prom Preparations Nearly Complete

The Juniors are busy putting final touches to the preparations for the Prom to be held Friday evening. They have spent long hours decorating and otherwise planning for the big event.

The Juniors held a special class meeting Tuesday night at which time Pat Bell was elected to reign as queen of the Junior Prom. Princesses chosen from the junior class were June Anderson and Marjorie Lutz. The queen and princesses will be crowned Friday evening.

Mrs. Don L. Lowe is visiting in California with her husband, who is in the Service.

New Hardware Opens for Business

Another new industry for Ashland opening Saturday this week is the Hardware owned by Eldon Scripser and Hugh R. McKeever of Oswego, Oregon. Both have bought homes in Ashland, Mr. Scripser at 108 Nursery St. and the McKeever family at 420 Morton.

Both partners are enthusiastic about Ashland and the business outlook now and after the war.

They are impressed with our famous Lithia Park, the beautiful setting of the city, the advantages of educational facilities and the welcome so far extended them.

Their business will be conducted under the well-known name of Marshall-Wells Stores, associated, owned and operated by Scripser and McKeever. It is located on the Plaza at 11 North Main St.

B. Helm, L. Billings Win Valedictorian, Salutatorian Honors

The students of Ashland High eagerly looked forward to the assembly on March 31, when the announcements concerning the students having the highest scholastic records were made. This selection included naming Barbara Helm and Laura Billings to speak at Commencement as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Both girls had exceptionally high grades, with just a slim margin between the grade averages of 1.1 and 1.2.

Others honored at the assembly were those seniors who were selected as new members of the National Honor Society. Barbara Helm, Laura Billings and Dick Flaharty, members from last year, took turns going by devious routes to pick the victims and pin the characteristic red and white ribbon on them. Those picked from the class were Isabel Green, Mourne Burton, Dick Merriman, Mary Curtis, Annella Converse, Anita Black and Dave Hile.

(From the Rogue News)

Harker—Martin Nuptials May 15

Miss Alice Harker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harker of Ashland and Captain Lorne I. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Martin of Chicago, were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church last Saturday with the Dr. George W. Bruce, officiating.

Mrs. Frank Davis was at the organ.

Mrs. Clifford McLean was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Marion Mann, Huldah Rose of Medford and Nan Goeller SK 2/c of San Francisco.

The best man was Lt. Joseph E. Montgomery III, and the ushers were Capt. James H. Herntzelman, Captain Bernt J. Rogstad, Jr. and Captain David W. Fierke.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony.

Captain and Mrs. Martin are living in Medford for the present.

Mrs. Cliff McLean left Saturday to visit with her husband, who is stationed at San Diego.

Southern Oregon Teacher Group Meets at SOCE

The Finance Committee of the Southern Oregon Division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association met in Ashland at the Southern Oregon College of Education Saturday, April 15.

M. E. Winslow, superintendent of Grants Pass schools, chairman of the committee, was in charge of the meeting. One work of the committee was to lay plans to further a campaign favoring a constitutional amendment to appear on the November ballot, providing for additional state support of Oregon public schools. The passage of the amendment should, the committee believed, lead to substantial decrease in tax levy on real property, since the amendment would enable greater amount of funds levied for school support to be drawn from state sources other than real property, such as income taxes, excises, etc.

The program included a luncheon at the Lithia Springs Hotel. Also of interest was the exhibit of new books in the Southern Oregon College of Education library, meeting place of the group, some 300 new volumes just received, and provided by an allotment of library funds available this year above and beyond the regular library allowance by the State Board of Higher Education.

Members of the committee of schoolmen representing Southern Oregon included Mrs. Winslow, superintendent of Grants Pass Schools; Arnold Gralapp, superintendent at Klamath Falls; C. R. Bowman, superintendent of Jackson County Schools; C. C. Caldwell, superintendent at Lakeview; Anne Sprague, superintendent of Lake County Schools; Glenn Linn, principal of the Medford Junior High School; Wyatt Padgett, principal of the Altamont School at Klamath Falls; Mary Schuler, principal of the Lone Pine School; Joanna Givans, teacher at Bonanza; T. J. Norby, superintendent at Ashland; Dr. Walter Redford and Dr. Arthur Taylor of the Southern Oregon College of Education; Fred Peterson, superintendent of Klamath County Schools; Clifford Rowe of the Klamath Falls Union High School; E. H. Hedrick, superintendent at Medford.

Mrs. Poley Hostess to Ashland Study Club

The Ashland Study Club met at the home of Mrs. W. M. Poley on Monday afternoon, with Mrs. J. M. Wagner giving the book review and Mrs. Gordon McCracken the half-hour topic.

The book reviewed by Mrs. Wagner was "Mama's Bank Account," written by Kathryn Forbes. This book is the story of the Americanization of a Norwegian family living in San Francisco, taking Mama's family through the many disasters and triumphs of childhood.

"Mama's Bank Account" is, however, Mama's story. Mama's goodness, humor, wisdom and her natural feeling for the right thing to do are the qualities that give the book its reality. Mama says when she is specially pleased, "Is good."

The selected topic presented by Mrs. McCracken dealt with worldwide communications system in the global war. She presented magazines and pamphlets on this subject, among them being News Week and Colliers of April 8. She gave much information upon the progress of this branch of the government service recently, as shown by reports from various sources.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. G. M. Frost on May 1.

GEO. WASHINGTON LANDERS

Funeral services for George Washington Landers were held Tuesday morning. Mr. Landers was born in Washington County, Mo., on August 30, 1895, and passed away April 15, 1944, at the Community Hospital.

He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Arlene Hooper, Gerber, Calif.; Kenneth Le Roy, Doris Irene, Georgia May, Jackie Roger; two step-sons, James W. Hylton and Charles R. Hylton, in the service; four brothers; his father, B. B. Landers of Ashland, and two grandchildren.