

THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:
A political party cannot long remain pure where there is not a strong opposition.

Remember the good old pre-Vitamin days when we took only sulphur and molasses in the spring?

In the first days of the war when Hitler was quiet we knew he was up to something. Nowadays when he is quiet we know he is under something.

Residents of Tokyo, we read, are suffering from a fuel shortage. They shouldn't worry too much—before long the Allies will make it plenty hot enough for them.

Willkie's swan song might just as well have been a duet with Bricker chiming in on the final notes.

With Willkie out of the race Bricker's chances as a compromise candidate have faded and Dewey's nomination appears a foregone conclusion.

There are now more than 7,000 full time employees on the state payroll. Thirty-five years ago there were only 1,826. This represents an increase of nearly 400 per cent in the 25 year period since 1919.

State employees now and as of 1919:

Dept.	1944	1919
Highway	1649	81
Higher education	1549	555
Hospitals, pen, etc.	997	555
Industrial accident	320	91
Public Service	113	66
Tax Commission	110	3
New activities since 1919—		
Welfare Commission	416	
Liquor Commission	405	
Unemployment Com.	140	
State Police	224	

Edison showed the first moving pictures April 27, 1896, thus giving birth to a business that since has run into billions. The "talkies" were introduced in 1927.

Having used his last A gas coupon, Uncle Zeke says they should call the big fight, "The War to Make the World Safe for Pedestrians."

It is said that the OPA has 60,000 persons, including 2,700 lawyers on the payroll.

Do all the good you can and make no fuss about it.

Yanks are now headed for the Philippines.

DOUGLAS—NELSON

Miss Elene Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Douglas of Eugene, became the bride of Sgt. Robert T. Nelson, son of Judge and Mrs. A. O. Nelson of Silverton, last Wednesday evening, April 19, at the First Christian Church in Eugene. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the church.

Mrs. Nelson is vocal music supervisor in the local school. Sgt. Nelson has been stationed at Camp White for some time.

KANNASTO IN MARINES

From Ashland, Frederick H. Kannasto, 17, and Jacque T. Ross, 17, enlisted in the Marine Corps April 25. The marines will report for "boot" training at San Diego on completion of the present term in the local high school.

Pvt. Kannasto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kannasto of 219 Grant Street. Pvt. Ross is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gracey of Route 2.

LOYAL M. BATES
and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the
SOUTHERN OREGON MINER
to see
at the **VARSIETY THEATRE**
(Friday and Saturday)
"Riders of the Deadline"
AND
"HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"MADAME CURIE"
Please call at the Miner Office
for Your Guest Tickets

Earl Rogers New AHS Principal

Earl Rogers, junior high school principal, has been advanced to senior high school principal for the coming school year. Mr. Rogers has been connected with the Ashland school system for 16 years. He was graduated from the University of Oregon.

Clifford E. Robinson, present high school principal, has resigned to become principal of the Albany high school, which is a step up in salary as well as size of school.

Succeeding Mr. Rogers as junior high school principal will be Roland Parks, who is at present, dean of men and assistant principal at the senior high school. Mr. Parks is also a graduate of the University of Oregon.

John Koehler succeeds Mr. Parks as assistant principal and continues his teaching in art instruction. Mr. Koehler is a graduate of the University of Washington.

S. S. "Camp Namanu" Launched Tuesday

Over 3,000 Campfire Girls and Bluebirds attended the launching of the S. S. "Camp Namanu", 64th Swan Island Tanker, on Tuesday, at 11:30 A. M. at the Swan Island Yard of the Kaiser Company, Inc. Portland.

The ship, a 16,800 ton Tanker, is named for the nationally famous Campfire Girls' camp located on the Sandy River some thirty miles east of Portland. This camp is the summer scene of Campfire Girl activity in the State of Oregon, and was founded in 1921.

Holman Active in Senate Committees

A bill to grant commissions to students who have completed the civil administration pilot training course before entering the armed forces has been introduced in the U. S. Senate by Senator Rufus C. Holman.



Senator Holman has been active for several years as a member of both the military affairs and naval affairs Senate committees. He has initiated and pushed through many different appropriations building up the defenses of the entire Pacific Coast area and Alaska. At the request of Senator Robert Reynolds, chairman of the military affairs committee, he made a thorough inspection trip through the defense zones in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



"The fate of a nation
was riding that night."
HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

AT PAUL REVERE'S WARNING OUR FIRST
REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS—THE MINUTE MEN—
LEFT PLOW AND BENCH AND STORE AND OFFICE
TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND A FREE NATION.



OUR HEROES OF TODAY, LIKE THE MINUTE MEN
OF 1775 ARE FIGHTING TO RETAIN
THIS LIBERTY AND FREEDOM.
THE ENTIRE NATION IS BEHIND THEM.

DELSMAN BOYS IN WRECK SATURDAY

John Delsman 17 and James Delsman 15, sons of Captain and Mrs. Charles A. Delsman, were injured Saturday in a train-car collision. The boys were in a Chevrolet truck which was struck by the passenger train Saturday evening at 6:30.

James was released from the hospital Sunday, but John, who suffered more serious injuries, had to remain in the hospital.

RICKS ENLISTS IN NAVY

Enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on April 20 was Benjamin Marlon Ricks, Rt. 1, Box 209 Ashland, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ricks. Ben was enlisted and returned to his home on inactive duty until after graduation when he will report to a Navy Training Center for his recruit training. He enlisted thru the Medford Navy Recruiting station according to H. W. Crain, Recruiting officer in charge.

ELSBURY BREWER

Funeral services are being held today in Myrtle Point, Ore., at the Christian Church for Elsbury Brewer, who passed away at his home in Ashland Sunday.

Mr. Brewer was born in the Willamette Valley December 9, 1863.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Belva Lundy, Paisley, Ore.; Mrs. Jennie Santos, Santa Maria, Calif., and Mrs. Leona Thompson, Santa Maria, and one son, Delmer Brewer of Ashland.

Sprague Has Fine Record of Service

Charles A. Sprague will seek the Republican nomination to the United States Senate for the seat held by the late Charles L. McNary, in the May primaries.

The former Governor of Oregon set a distinguished record during his term of service from 1939 to 1943. It was Gov. Sprague who repeatedly warned of the threat to Japan in pre-war years. At the Conference of Governors held in Boston six months prior to Pearl Harbor, Sprague issued a solemn warning of the potential threat of the Japanese empire. Due to his far-sighted, alert leadership Oregon was the first state in America to have an aircraft observer system ready when the war broke out, and Oregon National Guard was the first group to be called into service in 1940.

His reorganization of the State Employment Service was a constructive attack on our unemployment problem in 1939. Advisory committees were appointed and rapid progress was made in reducing the number of unemployed. The Oregon War Industries pool formed on Sprague's request has been responsible for millions of dollars worth of defense business brought to our local manufacturers. In addition to the rapid strides ahead made in defense, and labor conditions during Charles A. Sprague's administration as Governor, is the forestry program developed.

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Full Senior Week Scheduled at AHS

With less than four weeks of school left, the Ashland High School seniors are making plans for Senior Week, climax of the year.

Most of the program and procedures will be similar to those of previous years. However, the class decided by vote not to have tables for flowers or other gifts at the commencement and are asking that friends who may wish to give such remembrances send them to their homes.

Hick Day, traditional program, opens Senior Week on May 10. Jack Newton will act as chairman for this afternoon of entertaining acts followed by a matinee dance. An overnight hike to Mt. Ashland, a skating party, Junior-Senior picnic, and a hay-rack ride and barn dance will be the other social features.

The baccalaureate service will be held Sunday evening, May 21, in the Methodist Church.

Commencement services will be Wednesday, May 24, in the Junior High School gym.

Distribution of report cards and of annuals on Friday, May 26, will officially close the school year.

Local USO Volunteers Invited to State Meet

M. C. Reynolds, USO Associate Regional Executive, has sent notices to the Ashland USO of a Volunteer Conference to be held in Portland May 3. The National USO, according to Mr. Reynolds, is arranging for a one-day conference for all USO volunteers. The Portland USO Council will sponsor this conference.

The meeting will be held at the Young Women's Christian Association, 834 S.W. Broadway, Portland, from 9:30-5:00.

Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, director of the Ashland USO, urges any USO worker who may be in Portland at the time to visit the conference. Highlights of the program are as follows:

- 10:00 - Invocation, Rev. George J. Campbell, member Portland USO council. Greetings, Mayor Earl Riley.
- 10:30 - Chief Speaker, Capt. Douglas McKay.
- 11:00 - "The Returning Serviceman; his Attitude", Comdr. Ernest J. Nitschke and "How to Get Service for Him", Hugh G. Grant, Veteran's Administration, followed by discussion and questions.
- From 12 to 2 o'clock staff people and others will be available for personal conference dealing with problems of individual clubs.
- 2:00 - "Publicity and Public Relations", Speakers: Robert C. Notson, Oregonian Editorial Staff and V. A. Hurley, Chairman USO Council, Albany. Followed by discussion and questions.
- 3:00 - "Problems of Volunteers" "Training of Volunteers", Miss Margaret Milley, Director USO-TA Service, Vancouver
- 4:15 - The Conference members are guests of the Young Women's Christian Association at tea.

Mrs. George Rigby of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, left Monday evening for her home after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Reba P. Kelsey.

TALENT NEWS

SMALL CHILD DROWNED

This community was the scene of a tragic accident when the 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Combs of Wagner Creek was drowned in the Talent Irrigation ditch Sunday, April 23. The mother missed the child shortly before noon and after a search of the premises failed to locate him a general alarm was given and under the leadership of the State Police and county officers a large posse was formed and an intensive search was started.

The water was turned off the Irrigation Company ditches. Many men started the search of the course of these streams. Mr. Ray Casley of Wagner Creek, a member of the posse after traversing approximately three miles found the body of the child at a point near Phoenix. The sympathies of this community are extended to the parents of the child in this hour of great sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hewitt and daughter Helen and grand daughter of Phoenix visited at the home of Mrs. Meda Fox Tuesday.

Bernice Anderson is making an extended visit in Oreville, California with relatives.

Floyd Schmitt, Farmer's Automobile insurance supervisor of Eugene was transacting business in Talent, Saturday.

Mrs. Ora Boyd of Eugene is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nellie Smith on Anderson Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Connor of Medford were business callers here Wednesday morning. They are former residents of Talent.

Mrs. Lawrence Burnett received word that her husband has been transferred from the navy training station at Farragut, Idaho to San Francisco, California, where he is attending radar school. Mr. Burnett was recently home for a 15 day furlough.

Mrs. George Newlun and daughter, Mrs. Velma Colwell were shopping and visiting in Ashland, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hamilton, who have been living at Prospect the past winter, returned to Talent for the summer.

Al Sherard was visiting relatives and transacting business in Ashland, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lathan McDowell and children of near Medford spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark, Friday.

Fred Kerby was called to Portland for a physical examination for the army.

Mrs. Charles Skeeters was admitted to the Community Hospital in Medford for medical treatment.

GRANGE ADDS MEMBERS

Talent Grange met April 20 with a good crowd in attendance. Sixteen applications were balloted on making a total of thirty-four new members since January 1. A degree team has been organized and will initiate in the third and fourth degrees at the second regular meeting in May. Refreshments and old time dancing followed the business. At the next regular meeting, May 4, the program will be in honor of Mothers' Day. In charge of refreshments will be Mrs. C. E. Borg, Mrs. Tom Bell and Mrs. Leaming.

Mrs. Larkin Grubb is in Portland this week attending the state P.T.A. convention.

They Were in the Attack—Are You Backing Them Up With War Bonds?



John B. Oac, 26, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Motor Machinist 2nd Cl., was wounded during the invasion of Sicily. Doctors found 115 pieces of shrapnel when they operated. A brother is a prisoner in Germany. Both are buying War Bonds.



Walter Feirtag, 20, of New York, was also wounded during the invasion of Sicily. He was in seven hospitals in Africa before being returned to the hospital at St. Albans. A brother, his mother and himself buy War Bonds regularly. Do you?



A strafing German pilot wounded Lt. (jg) Hinton E. Kinney, 31, of Carrollton, Ga., during the Sicilian invasion, one bullet going through his right knee. He has just bought a \$1,000 War Bond. Are you buying your share of War Bonds?



Voight W. Baker, 30, of Detroit, Mich., is a Seabee. The ship he was on was torpedoed. His wife, brother and dad all work in the same defense plant in Detroit and buy War Bonds regularly. Baker owns \$1,000 worth. Are you buying your share of War Bonds?



Fire Controlman 3rd Class William C. Wenzel, 18, of Massillon, Ohio, a member of a destroyer's crew, was wounded at Bizerte in the Tunisian campaign. He received shrapnel wounds in both legs. The War Bonds you buy assure him the best hospital care.