

THIS AND THAT (By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:
Wonder how many people will rush into the churches to pray on D-Day?

Voltaire said: "The Lord is always on the side of the heaviest battalions."

Hirohito, observing his forty-third birthday must have wondered what Tokyo would look like on his forty-fourth.

In Los Angeles, Rep. Ford (D. Calif.) who will retire, termed the House of Congress "the dumbest bunch I ever had anything to do with."

Grand Admiral Doenitz tells the German people they can depend upon Hitler. That's the whole trouble they wish they didn't have to.

One university head asserts present-day high school graduates are not overly smart. He'll have to admit they are rather handy with airplanes and machine guns though.

Goering, we read, spends much time gazing into the air. Probably trying to figure out how a little sky can hold so many Allied planes.

The vacation season is approaching and the Japs are jittery over the promised visit to Tokyo by a certain Uncle.

Civic pride in our public schools is much below par, judging by the vote cast Friday on the special tax levy.

Uncle Zeké says there is entirely too much loose talk at the national capital and too little performance.

Congressmen should be 'docked' for time spent on "fence fixing".

There is no Canaan in politics.

California People Buy Twin Plunges

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gragg of Los Angeles are the new owners of the Twin Plunges. They have also bought the Siskiyou Lodge and cabins.

Since Mr. Gragg cannot be released from his work at Lockheed for the present, Mrs. Gragg will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lang of Eagle Point.

The place is being renovated preparatory to the opening this summer.

USO Hostesses for May Announced

Mrs. I. F. Andres, chairman of the USO desk hostess group, announces the following persons will serve the Ashland USO as desk hostesses during the month of May.

Friday, 2-5, Mrs. Wilmer Poley; 5-8, Miss Carrie May Smith; 8-11, Mrs. Alma Stennett.

Saturday, 2-5, Mrs. Gertrude Wilmet; 5-8, Mrs. R. L. Lindner; 8-11, Mrs. A. J. Williams.

Sunday, 10:30-12, Mrs. Laura Pierce, 12-2, Mrs. Bertha Smith; 5-8, Mrs. Gladys Dooms; Mrs. H. H. Mayberry.

The following senior hostesses will be on duty at the Ashland USO during the month of May, according to announcement from the USO office.

Friday, 8-11, Mrs. Roy Frazier, Mrs. Cloma Burton.

Saturday, 5-8, Miss Margaret Page, Miss Cora Barstad; 8-11, Mrs. Sid Reed, Mrs. H. C. Galey, Mrs. C. V. Cary.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stringer on May 2, a daughter.

G. W. ATKINS and Companion

Are Invited to Be Guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see

at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday)

"THE IRON MAJOR" and

"CHEROKEE STRIP" or

(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)

"GOVERNMENT GIRL" Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

TALENT NEWS

Mrs. Weyburn Kenyon and children were snopping and visiting relatives in Ashland Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Elvis Cochran and daughters, Dee and Marsha, of Clatskanie spent the past week in Talent visiting her mother and other relatives. Mrs. Cochran returned to her home Friday. Pvt. Robert Leaning, who had a short furlough home, left Thursday for his base in Tallahassee, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Estes and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks visited Mr. and Mrs. Lysie Tame Sunday in the Dean Indian country.

The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Hungate, whose death occurred last Tuesday afternoon at the Community Hospital in Ashland, was held at the Litwiler Funeral Parlor on Monday afternoon. Rev. Bruce officiated. Interment was made in the Mountain View Cemetery. Mrs. Hungate had been a citizen of Talent for the past 17 years.

Mrs. Bessie Michler of Arkansas was called here by the death of her aunt, Bertha Hungate, and plans on taking her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, to her home in Arkansas on her return.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estes of Crescent City, Calif., arrived in Talent Monday afternoon to visit (Continued on Back Page)

Lithia Theater Sold Last Week

Of interest to Ashland and community is the news of the sale of the Lithia Theatre by H. B. Hurst to Walter H. Leverette, who also owns the Varsity Theatre.

Mr. Hurst had operated the Lithia since 1922. Three years later he purchased the building and did extensive remodeling. Mr. Hurst now plans to take a much needed rest.

Lee Ryan, the local manager of the Varsity Theatre and the newly acquired Lithia Theatre, informs a representative of this paper that the Lithia will be temporarily closed for redecoration.

Smith Interviews Ashland Friends

Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for U.S. Senator from Oregon, was in Ashland Tuesday morning at the Lithia Hotel, meeting friends and interested people. V. D. Miller, prominent local democrat and chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee, arranged for the meeting. Mr. Smith also called on several business houses.

Mr. Smith was born near Pen-



leton High School, attended the University of Oregon and graduated from Cornell University in 1909.

After college Edgar W. Smith began farming near Pendleton. He sold insurance during the second winter on the farm and then moved directly to Portland as manager of Equitable Life Assurance Society for Oregon. With a partner in 1915 he built the first plant of the Astoria Flouring Mills Co. at Astoria as a sideline. In 1918 he resigned from Equitable to enter the military service and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. at Camp Zackery Taylor. He returned home in 1919 and built the second plant of the Astoria Flouring Mills Co. He served as president of this firm for the years 1915 to 1929.

He retired from Milling when the firm merged with Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. He then became Assistant Manager of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation (Continued on page 2)

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



A SALUTE TO OUR MOTHERS MAY 14, 1944.



YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THE CENTER OF OUR LOVE,
OUR EXAMPLE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD,
THE SYMBOL OF OUR FAMILY LIFE —
THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY.
WE THANK YOU FOR THESE THINGS AND
FOR ALL THE EXTRA EFFORTS YOU
ARE PUTTING FORTH TO HELP IN
PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY.

Golden Wedding Couples Honored

It was a happy occasion at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening when eleven couples, who had been married fifty years or more, gathered for the fourth annual program in their honor. Twenty-eight couples were on the mailing list, but many could not attend on account of illness or infirmities. At 6:30 the honored guests sat down at the beautifully decorated tables in the church dining room, where they were served ice cream, cake and coffee provided by the Women's Society of Christian Service. Four young ladies, who also were ushers for the evening, dressed in their beautiful evening gowns, served at the tables. Laura Billings, Marjorie Messenger, Doris Hunsley, and Betty Sue Reed.

The couples were ushered into the sanctuary at 8 o'clock to the strains of "Here Comes the Bride" played on the organ by Mrs. Frank Davis. The choir sang an anthem, and Miss Ann Crandall played "La Cinqtine" (Golden Wedding) on her violin, accompanied by Miss Jerune Mote. Paul Byers delighted the audience by singing, "Our Yesterdays." A trio composed of Mrs. C. V. Cary, Mrs. Colver Anderson, and Mrs. G. W. Bruce sang, "Love Came Calling." John Billings brought greetings from the young people of the church and the pastor made a few remarks on the subject, "The Tie that Binds." The service was closed by the congregation singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by the benediction, and the singing of the "Easterner's Prayer," sung effectively (Continued on page 2)

Young People's Class Enjoys Dinner-Party

The Young Married People's Class of the Methodist Church held their regular covered dish dinner-party last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Billings on North Main Street. A dozen couples gathered at 6:30, placed their dinners on the table and enjoyed their "eats" put on the spacious lawn. Then until time for going home they enjoyed lawn games under the electric lights, such games as croquet, horseshoe, softball, baseball, which had been provided by the host and hostess.

This was one of the nicest parties of the season. The class will meet again for a dinner-party near the first of June. This class is gradually growing in numbers and in interest as they attend the Sunday School regularly.

Sprague Visits Ashland Monday

Chas. A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon, was honor guest at a dinner meeting, Monday evening at the Bob Kit Cafe. Robert Dodge, local chairman of the Sprague for Senator Committee, sponsored the meeting at which time some of Sprague's supporters were invited to be present.

Having served as governor, Sprague has an intimate knowledge of Oregon's needs. His experience as governor added to his understanding of state affairs and national and international problems.

Mr. Sprague expressed himself as particularly interested in the lumber industry in Oregon. It was during his term as governor that the "Keep Oregon Green" organization originated.

At the meeting Mr. Sprague brought up the problem of post-war planning. He realizes the need for men with vision and information to plan for post-war days.

As United States Senator, Sprague will support the vigorous prosecution of the war. He favors full cooperation with other nations to prevent other wars.

He opposes bureaucracy in Washington and urges early restoration of local liberties and responsibilities. He pledges himself to serve the best interests of Oregon and the nation.

Daily Prayer Services Held at Churches

The Ministerial Association of Ashland is anxious to keep it before the people of Ashland and community that when the announcement comes that the invasion is on in Europe the "black-out" sirens of our city will blow. That is the signal for everyone who can to drop his work; or if the call comes during the night to get out of bed, and rush to whatever church he prefers for prayer. We believe that God will hear prayer and have His way for good in these terrible hours of invasion. While our boys are making the supreme sacrifice for us, let us be on our knees in prayer for them.

Each morning between now and the time the invasion comes, people are requested to go to the church at 9 o'clock for prayer. If you cannot stay through the entire hour between 9 and 10, then come when you can, stay as long as possible, and leave when you must. The daily schedule of places for prayer is as follows: Monday, Methodist; Tuesday, Nazarene; Wednesday, Victory Mission; Thurs., Congregational; Fri., Episcopal; Sat., Baptist.

Hold Honor Society Initiation Services

Seven seniors, Mourne Burton, Anita Black, Aneta Converse, Mary Curtis, Isabel Green, Dave Hine and Dick Merriman, received the highest scholastic honor, membership in the National Honor Society, awarded by any high school at the initiation service Wednesday of last week at the Senior High.

Laura Billings, Barbara Helm and Dick Flanarty, initiated last year, presided at the formal ceremony. Marilyn Young sang "I Love You" and "Goodnight wherever You Are." Mrs. Fred Forgas, adviser, and Mr. C. E. Robinson, principal, welcomed the new members.

Parents, faculty and school board members were invited to the program. Appointments in pink and white decorated the table from which punch and cake were served.

Observe Campus Day At SOCE Thursday

Students at SOCE varied their labor of studies Thursday, May 4, by spending a day at manual labor and play. This day was the annual Campus Day when students arrive in the morning carrying hoes, spades, pails, rakes and kodaks, to spend the time in that most perfect activity, working in the spirit of play.

Tennis courts got overhauled, windows were washed, campus benches painted, the picnic pit cleaned and the lowly dandelion was uprooted from the grass.

At noon the laborers laid off for a weiner roast at the picnic pit. In the afternoon the holiday of campus cleaning was forgotten and the campus habitues engaged in serious competition at baseball played by mixed boy and girl teams.

Later the sore-muscled, sun-burned roaster went to Jackson Hot Springs for swimming.

The various activities of Campus Day were run by seven committees, upon which every student had a place assigned for work or play. General chairman was Marie Pocheu. Other committee leaders were Berthel Nelson, Frank Hale, Betty Nichols, Dale Anderson, Mabel Boggs and Phyllis Ansama.

GALLATIN RANCH SOLD LAST WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gallatin of Velley View have sold their fine dairy farm to Verdon Dixon, Henry Dixon, and Levi Dixon of Los Angeles.

The place sold for \$37,000 and E. C. Wall handled the deal.

CRAFT WORK CONTINUES AT MEDFORD USO CLUB

Mrs. Jewell Lockhart and Mrs. Mabel Wauchope were in Medford last Thursday on business of the Ashland USO. They arranged with Medford USO Clubs to transfer craft material still on hand, since the craft classes at Ashland have been closed. Mrs. Lockhart stated that anyone in Ashland wishing to continue the work or to complete work already begun could obtain craft material from the Medford Clubs.

ROBERT DODGE KOG HEAD IN JACKSON COUNTY

Robert Dodge has received word from Governor Snell that he has been appointed "Keep Oregon Green" chairman for Jackson County.

School Levy Wins By 79 Majority

Qualified Ashland residents turned out Friday at the City Hall to vote on the proposed school levy, and carried it to success by a 79 majority. Beginning with July a seven mill levy will be assessed for the next five years, the returns from which will be used exclusively for building and improvement in the Ashland school district. None of it can be used for general running expenses.

The school board members have already expressed themselves as resolved to give attention first to the Washington School needs. This will make available a fund to be used when conditions permit building and remodeling.

Miss Ethel Reed To Lead AAUW

Miss Ethel Reed was elected president of the American Association of University Women, Ashland branch, at the annual breakfast meeting at the Plaza Cafe Saturday morning, May 6. Other officers for the coming year are Mrs. Naomi Grunewald, vice president; Miss Cora Mason, secretary; Miss Ollie Dewey, corresponding secretary; Miss Betty Hileman, treasurer.

The program was devoted to reading a history of the Ashland branch since its organization in 1935. Miss Reed has done extensive research for the records and had organized and written the history which will be filed in the public library and added to from year to year. Members present voted Miss Reed thanks for the labor and their appreciation of the resulting interesting record of their nine years of association.

Mrs. Robert Dodge, the retiring president, reviewed her report for the year to the state president, which included co-operating to organize the Block Leader system in Ashland directed by Mrs. Henry C. Galey; sponsoring a traveling art exhibit from the Portland Art Museum; bringing to the city speakers from abroad; a study of need in Ashland for a recreation hall for teen age youth; a panel discussion before high school seniors on opportunities for the college trained women; and work done by study groups in the fields of child care and international relations; and contribution to a national fellowship and a state fellowship fund, and to a fund for use by a student at the Southern Oregon College of Education.

This being the last meeting of the year, the group voted their thanks to Retiring President Mrs. Robert Dodge for a year of unusually enterprising leadership.

USO WAFFLE SUPPER TOMORROW NIGHT

The usual Saturday evening dance and Sunday activities were in progress at the Ashland USO the past week-end. Director Mrs. Jewell Lockhart states that a new game of darts has been added to equipment ready for summer activities in Lithia Park.

Mrs. Lockhart has sent invitations to junior hostesses to be present at a waffle supper Friday evening, May 12. A convoy of 25 men will arrive from Camp White to be guests of the Ashland USO that evening.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Cooperation



Near Billings, Montana, is the Polytechnic Institute with its many buildings all designed, erected and equipped by student labor, a truly cooperative institution founded in 1908.

Conquer or destroy is the theory of the Nazis and the curse of Europe. Cooperation is the theme that made our country great. Your cooperation is needed now.

Buy War Bonds and Hold Them