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THIS AND THAT

(BY OLD TIMER)
to the Editor:

Good government would be simple if voters and office holders followed this simple rule. It works well in all human activities: Hate the evil and love the good, and establish judgment in the state.—Amos 5:15.

Perhaps some Ashlanders might get around to mowing their parking strips if some scientist could announce that cut grass and weeds could be converted into rubber.

We read that beer was rationed in 17th century Boston - to the tune of seven quarts per person per day. Seven quarts! Shucks, says Uncle Zeke, they were only practicing rationing!

Ashland will soon rival Brooklyn as "the city of churches." With nearly a score of churches now dotting the local landscape, a new edifice on B. Street is nearing completion.

In the old days no one heard of vitamins and no one worried about what they ate. It was what you could get to eat.

After the war, says an item, the Japanese fleet will be turned over to the Chinese. If the Allies can find it.

Here's to the High School graduates: "Be strong and quit yourselves like men." I Samuel 4:9.

Several generals have been White House occupants but nary an admiral.

Liquidation of radio ballyhoo would be the fifth freedom.

As we view it, Dewey, like Barkis "is willin'".

Exercise your civic duty at the primary.

Sgt. Gilbert Serving In North Africa

Allied Force Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater - Transportation history is being written daily by a North African unit of the Military Railway Service which operates one of the toughest stretches of railroad in the world. This unit, the 759th Railway Operating Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Ernest M. Price of Tacoma, Wash., himself a veteran of 40 years' railroad work, operates trains over 300 miles of rugged Atlas Mountain terrain.

And the job is done in big-time style. In one six-month period, these "Casey Joneses" of the U. S. Army hauled 1,032,224 tons of vital war freight in 2164 trains.

A year ago they came to North Africa. During the Tunisian campaign, the men wore steel helmets over their engineers' caps. Pistols and carbines had equal stature with oil cans and coal shovels. Trains were run in blackout conditions as war supplies and troops were rushed to the front—with train crews never certain that enemy paratroopers had not blown up the next bridge or tunnel.

Now, with the enemy gone from the immediate area, tremendous problems still exist. In one 50-mile stretch there are 20 tunnels, one of them two miles long and horseshoe shaped. While 2.2 per cent grades over the Rocky Mountains are the usual maximum on American transcontinental lines, these soldier railroaders face 2.5 per cent grades frequently along their 300-mile run. Impurities in the water means that firemen usually must work like fiends to produce steam in their boilers instead of mere foam.

Many of the enlisted men are veterans—men like Tech. Sgt. Frank (Pop) Gates of Seattle,

ROY FRAZIER and Companion

Are invited to be guests of the SOUTHERN OREGON MINER to see at the VARSITY THEATRE (Friday and Saturday) "AROUND THE WORLD" and "WOMAN AT WAR" or (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "GOVERNMENT GIRL." Please call at the Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

AHS Baccalaureate Lincoln School Sunday Evening Presents Program

As has been the custom for many years the Churches of Ashland will join in a union service in the Methodist Church for the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Ashland High School on Sunday evening, May 21st at 8 o'clock.

The united choirs, under the direction of Mrs. John Koehler will sing an anthem, "The Heavens Are Telling," (From "The Creation" by Haydn)

The graduates will gather in



GEORGE W. BRUCE, D.D.

the Little Chapel and enter the sanctuary of the church to the strains of a beautiful march, played on the organ by Mrs. Frank Davis. Rev. Earl Downing will preside during the program. Rev. Ward E. Pratt will read the scripture lesson, and Rev. A. H. McDonnell will give the benediction. The prayer will be by Rev. Gordon C. Griffin. Dr. George W. Bruce will give the sermon on the subject, "Unto the Heights."

There are eighty members in the graduating class this year and these will occupy the seats of honor in the middle section of the sanctuary.

Sgt. Powell Gives Life for Country

Word was received by local of Sgt. Alden D. Powell. Sgt. Powell was an instructor in the Army Air Corps at Fort Worth, Texas, and death was caused by a flying accident, the details of which have not been learned.

He will be given a military funeral at the Litwiller Funeral Home, the date not known as we go to press.

Sgt. Powell was born October 11, 1921 and was graduated from the local High School in 1939. He enlisted four years ago.

He is survived by his father, Alden Powell, his brother, Eric, sister, Patricia, and grandfather, years ago to the day of his death. D. S. Powell. His mother died two His grandmother, Mrs. D. S. Powell, passed away Saturday upon hearing the news of his death.

SHERE REPORTED MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shere received a telegram Monday that their son, Fred, who was a bombardier, was reported missing over Germany. The Sheres were former residents of Ashland but are now living in Medford, where Mr. Shere works at the Bus Terminal Depot.

Lt. P. H. Stansbury was recently here on short furlough. He was accompanied back to Portland by his wife and daughter and Chief of Police C. P. Talent. Lt. Stansbury was formerly stationed in Texas but is going to New York City now.

Mrs. Charles Bergstrom went to Medford, Tuesday on a business trip.

who began as an apprentice in 1898 when he was 12 and who worked for 22 different lines before he joined this unit. But many have telescoped much experience into a brief time through the stress of war. Engineers include men who have had only a year or two training as firemen. But there have been no fatal accidents on the line since the unit was formed, and the job they are doing is a gigantic one.

Included among these men is Sgt. Arthur D. Gilbert, 477 N. Main Street, Ashland.

Lincoln School Presents Program

The Lincoln Training School of the Southern Oregon College of Education presented the annual afternoon of music and dance, Wednesday, May 10, in the auditorium of the administration building. Pupils performed with the vigor and enthusiasm that indicates pleasure in the act, and with skill that implies careful instruction. The program follows:

1. Song and Dance Group, illustrating "Springtime in the Democracies."

Greeting to Spring, Pippa's SongChorus
Beauty of the Spring, MaypoleRoom 1

Happytimes in the Spring, PioneersRooms 3 and 4

Springtime Joy in Protecting the Community—Firemen to the RescueRoom 2

Spring Fever—Pantomime of pitchers, batters, catchers, shortstops and umpires, Room 3

2. Violin Group, Ann Crandall, Director.

"Happy Dancers on the Green, played by Juanita Silver, Mari-lee Mason, Lester Zimerlee, Lila Devore, Gary Grivas, Elroy Clark, Jackie Mansfield.

3. Instrumental Group, Irving Mirick, Director.

"A Minor Tune".....Clarinet Solo Mildred Williams

"America".....Clarinet Duet Mildred Williams, Leland Silver

"My Maryland"Cornet Duet "Polka"

Pat Solee, Richard Reedy "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," "Rosseau's Hymn" Trombone & Cornet Duet

Jimmie Grossman, Richard Smith "Melody in F"Cornet Solo (Continued on page 2)

TALENT NEWS

Talent high school presented "Spring Revue" program Friday night in the school gymnasium. Featured on the program were several pieces played by the school orchestra and the girls' vocal trio, composed of Ruth Purdue, Yvonne Keith and Norman Work. Baton twirling was demonstrated by Julia Klimet, Natalie Hayse, Alice Wooten and Betty Wooton. "The Hungry Six," with loony tunes and nutty dialogues and "The Three Amazons," Francis Taylor, Maxine Redman and Juan Hoffman provided additional entertainment and the program closed with the band playing several numbers.

The Talent Extension Unit met at the City Hall, Thursday at 10 a.m. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Program was given by project leaders on "Control of Household and Garden Pests." There was a good attendance.

Mrs. Mae Dobbins left Talent, Wednesday after spending a couple of weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. Ruby Minear of Eugene was visiting friends and old acquaintances here the past week. Mrs. Minear was a former resident.

Mrs. Melissa Cameron of Phoenix spent Mothers' Day with her mother, Mrs. Louisa Combest.

Bill Lawrence of Medford was a business caller here, Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Milburn of Ashland were transacting business in Talent, Friday.

F. J. Mitchel of Medford was a Talent caller, Monday.

Frank Mannes left Saturday evening for Portland to spend a week and to attend the Odd Fellows convention being held there.

Perry Skeeters of Prospect was here over the week end with his grandmother, Mrs. Belle Skeeters and other relatives at Talent.

Mrs. Ellen May Hungate and daughter, Caroline, of southern California arrived in Talent, Thursday to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. Blanch Hungate and grand grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer.

Ora Manning, who has been in the hardware and second hand business for the past nine years, sold his business to Mr. J. Cannon, who will take charge, June 1.

Miss Barbara Bates spent last week in Klamath Falls visiting her sister, Mrs. David McComb and family.

Ensign Melvin H. Brantley of Oakland was home again on a short leave, Sunday and Monday. He left Monday night for his new location at San Diego.

Local USO Becomes Extension of Medford

The Ashland USO club has been made an extension of the Medford club, according to Mrs. Will Dodge, chairman of the Ashland USO Council. Mrs. Jewell Lockhart will supervise the Ashland club under the direction of Medford USO officers who will make periodic visits to Ashland to advise Mrs. Lockhart on problems of conducting USO service in Ashland.

The Ashland club will be open Friday noon to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Mrs. Dodge stated that the move to make the Ashland club an extension of Medford was approved by the Council as the best plan available to continue service to soldiers in Ashland. As an extension, the Ashland club continues to have professional directors in charge, and Mrs. Lockhart already well experienced in the work is capable of carrying out the USO directors' plans aided by their periodic visits of supervision.

When the Ashland USO was operating seven days a week, attendance varied from four to eight thousand monthly. Attendance is expected to be even more fluctuating during the operation through Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but attendance will be full at some periods and volunteer service will be needed as much as before.

Robert W. Stearns Receives Promotion

First Lieutenant Robert W. Stearns, 22, Marine Corps fighter pilot from Ashland, recently was promoted to his present rank at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, California.



Lieutenant Stearns attended the Southern Oregon College of Education. He won his wings as a Marine flyer in June last year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stearns, of 137 Oak St.

WSG Hears Report of Nursery Schools

The Wesleyan Service Guild held its meeting, May 9 at the home of Cora Mason. This opened with a social hour in which the hostess served a lovely dessert.

Gladys Billings led the devotions with the theme, "Children's

Following the business meeting, the program was presented by Jeanette Smith on the topic, "Nursery Schools." Several of these, which are being promoted by the Church, were reviewed.

Another most interesting report was that of the Kaiser Nursery Schools of Portland. These were built and are now being operated for the benefit of children, whose parents are both employed. Kaiser schools are open 24 hours a day to accommodate mothers, who work from the day, swing or graveyard shift. They are patterned especially for the children with plenty of sunlight and fresh air. Well balanced meals are also provided for these youngsters, and meals prepared to be taken home by the mother if she wishes to do so at the close of her day.

Children, who attend these schools are happy, having pleasant associations with others of the same age, while at the same time, they are also receiving from experienced teachers, the proper training to build strong, healthy minds and bodies.

Hold Baccalaureate at SOCE Sunday

The eighteenth annual baccalaureate service of the Southern Oregon College of Education will be held Sunday, May 21, in the college auditorium at 2:30 p.m. Speaker of the day will be the Reverend Victor Phillips of the First Methodist Church of Klamath Falls. The public is invited to hear this service. The program follows:

ProcessionalCarolyn L. Rose, Pianist

InvocationDr. George W. Bruce, First Methodist Church

"Ecce Panis"Cyr de Brant

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"Ippolitov-Ivanof

"A Prayer for Peace"Alfred H. Johnson

Women's Choir: Ann Crandall, Elma Simmons Baker, Frances Hardy Cook, Geneva Coulter, Alyce Hansen, Bettie Lou McCole, Mary Patricia Rawe, Dorothy Riggs, Evelyn Wirostek, Mary Alice Wolford, and Louise Woodruff, Director.

Address: "The Years against the Centuries"The Reverend Victor Phillips, First Methodist Church of Klamath Falls

"America"Samuel Francis Smith by the audience

BenedictionDr. George W. Bruce

Recessional

Cordon to Speak Over Radio Tonight

U. S. Senator Guy Cordon will stay on the job in Washington and will not return to Oregon to campaign for the Republican nomination to succeed himself in the U. S. Senate, his headquarters in the Imperial Hotel announced Saturday.

"With world events approaching a climax and with the invasion of Europe imminent, I feel that it is the duty of each of us to stay on the job and direct every effort toward winning the war," the Senator said in the message announcing his decision.

Senator Cordon expressed his regrets at not being able to be in Oregon to make a personal campaign and greet his friends throughout the state, but stated that he felt that the interests of the state and the nation should be put ahead of his personal desires during this period of international crisis.

Arrangements have been made for Senator Cordon to speak by special broadcast wire, direct from his desk in the senate office building in Washington, over a state-wide network of 15 stations on the eve of the primary election. The talk will be broadcast throughout the state at 6:30 P.M., Thursday, May 18.

TUCKER RECEIVES AIR MEDAL AWARD

Sgt. Trenton T. Tucker, Route 2, Ashland, Ore., a waistgunner on a four-engine Liberator bomber, has recently been awarded the Air Medal for participation in bombing missions over Occupied Europe from an East Anglian base. He is a member of the oldest Liberator unit in the Eighth Air Force.

In addition to the latest award, Sgt. Tucker also wears the Distinguished Unit Ribbon—the organization having won a citation from the War Department for its role in the historic Battle of Ploesti on August 1, 1943.

Mrs. Ida Moon of Florence, Oregon is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. W. Wheeler.

Van Dyke Runs for State Representative

Frank J. Van Dyke, local lawyer, is again running for nomination as the State Representative from Jackson County on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Van Dyke is from a pioneer family who came to Jackson County in 1852. He was educated in the Medford schools and was graduated from Willamette University.



He has practiced law in Ashland since 1934. He is active in community affairs. At present Mr. Van Dyke is chairman of the local School Board. He belongs to the Methodist Church, the Masons, Elks, Rotary Club and American Legion. He is a former president of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was formerly City Attorney until he entered the Army in October, 1942. He was honorably discharged from the Army in February, 1943, because of a knee injury.

Mr. Van Dyke served as Representative for Jackson County during a portion of the last session, voting on all major legislation passed at that time. He was rated by the Oregon Voter as one of the outstanding new members of the House.

Mr. Van Dyke's slogan is: "Experienced, conscientious, and progressive."

Citizenship Winners Announced at AHS

Betty Sue Reed and Dick Flaherty have been named as winners of the Walter Citizenship award, which is given each year to the outstanding boy and girl of the senior class.

Both have been active in school affairs, deserving the honor that has come to them.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD HOSTS AT USO

The Wesleyan Service Guild served waffles at the Ashland USO Friday, May 12. Guests were 27 men from the 493rd Military Police of Camp White. Lt. W. M. Miles was in charge of the convoy.

Those serving were Mrs. Alice Willits, Miss Gladys Whitson, Miss Voda Brower, Miss Carrie May Smith and Miss Jeanette Smith. They were assisted by Mrs. Mildred Frazier and Mrs. Cloma Burton, senior hostesses of the supper hour.

O. N. Wray recently attended a meeting of Rotary Club representatives in Victoria, B. C.

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BONDS OVER AMERICA

Devil Dog
G. H. Q.



Since 1805 when Franklin Wharton was Commandant, this residence near the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., has been the home of the man who directs the United States Marines. "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli."

Marines, soldiers and sailors are seeing all parts of the world these days and not through a porthole. We expect them to take strategic positions and hold them. They expect us to buy War Bonds and Hold Them.

Hang On to Your War Bonds