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Severe Electric Storms Put Out Asnland Power

A severe electric storm last Friday evening, struck the power substation of the California Oregon Power company on Nevada street with the result that all of Ashland was plunged into darkness, which continued until early hours of Saturday morning. The lightning burned out a 11000 volt meter with a small fire as a result, and the instrument transformers on the switch that feeds the city lines were also burned out. The fire did no damage, as the rain that accompanied the electric storm soon put the blaze.

Elmer Biegel, city superintendent, stated that an attempt was made to place the small city plant into use, but it was too small and only enough electricity was available for the Southern Pacific section. Mr. Biegel thought there were 25 to 30 transformers, burned out over the city by the storm. Power lines to Talent, Valley View and the Siskiyou also were out.

Telephone officials stated that there was 12 lines out of order the next morning, but workmen soon had them repaired and no great amount of damage resulted from the storm. Toll lines were not affected.

Louis Dodge, local weather man, stated that there was 45 inches of rainfall that evening.

Last week prior to the storm Friday evening, a heavy windstorm did considerable damage in the vicinity of Grants Pass where trees were blown down, power and phone service disrupted and a considerable fall of rain brought streams up.

MASONIC PICNIC AUGUST 8

Invitations are out this week to members of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star members and their families to the annual Masonic picnic, to be held Tuesday evening August 8, at 7 p.m. at the Jackson Hot Springs. The lodge will furnish the rolls, butter, coffee, cream and dessert, and each member attending is asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service. This is an annual affair, with Masons and Eastern Star members in this vicinity and is looked forward to with eagerness each year.

Rev. Geo. Shuman Installed Friday in Impressive Rites

In a most impressive ceremony, last Friday evening, the Rev. George Shuman was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church here at Ashland. Services started at 8 o'clock. Several officials of the church were present in their official capacity to have a part in the program and several out of state ministers were also present.

Among those taking part in the services were Rev. Hugh Mitchell of Klamath Falls, the Rev. Julian Whitsett of Ashland, the Rev. James Edgar of Ashland, the Rev. James Wenman Bell, of Los Angeles, the Rev. Hugh L. Bronson, of Tulelake, California; the Rev. Herman S. Reichard of Grants Pass; the Rev. Thomas I. Nalbach of Van Nuys, California, and the Rev. Morris H. Roach of Roseburg, Oregon.

Despite the heavy thunderstorm which occurred during the services, a goodly crowd turned out for the affair.

Following the installation ceremonies, the Women's association held a reception to which the congregation was invited, to meet the distinguished guests who participated in the program.

Mrs. J. A. Lang try was in charge of the tea table in the Rotunda. Mrs. Wirt Wright presided at the coffee urn and Mrs. Jacob Weitzel at the punch bowl. Mrs. Mark True was general chairwoman in charge of the reception.

Those who assisted were Mrs. R. E. Bell, Mrs. Marcial Stanbury, Mrs. W. D. Jackson, and Miss Stella Hayes. Girls in colorful formals, members of the West minister Fellowship and the Rainbow class acted as ushers and helped in the serving. They were Mary Cortell, Alair Clifton, Patricia Bell, Rosalie Stauffer, Sherry Stanbury, Shirley Weitzel, Marilyn Miller, Mary Alice Woodford and others.

Although it was not planned, most of the services were held by candle light, because of the severe electric storm, which put the electric service out that evening for several hours, but the ceremony was carried on despite the interruption. Most of those who attended the installation ceremonies stayed for the reception and enjoyed a visit until after the storm had passed.

Real Estate Firm Opens Office Here

Opening for business this week at 50 East Main Street, here in Ashland, is the Southern Oregon Land Co. with Mr. and Mrs. Don O'Bleness being the managers. Associated with them are Gordon C. Dolan and H. C. Sherlock, both of Grants Pass, and where Mr. and Mrs. O'Bleness came from. The company also have a real estate office at Grants Pass, where Dolan and Sherlock remain to operate that end of the business, while Mr. and Mrs. O'Bleness will work the Ashland end of the company. Mr. and Mrs. O'Bleness have moved to Ashland to make their home. The company has had a wide experience in real estate work at Grants Pass, and feel that with an office here, they can materially widen their field of operations and can work the two offices to an advantage to their prospective customers.

The Masonic hall is getting a complete cleaning up job this week with new paint and kalsomine being put on all of the upstairs floor which houses the local Masonic offices, club rooms etc. The work has been under way most of the week.

Youths Receive Certificates From Local Reading Club

Vacation Reading Club program on Saturday afternoon brought to a close a most satisfactory season of reading on the theme of homes. Twenty-eight boys and girls received certificates, block-printed in a symbol of the open book as a shield and torch of light.

Those present were entertained by speakers from Camp White, who had seen service abroad. Sergeant Albert DeLong vividly told of the people of Persia, their manner of living, the tremendous heat of their towns, reaching sometimes 186 degrees, and the underground homes necessitated by this heat. He told of the buying and selling customs, the food, clothing and transportation of the people as well as the type of animals commonly seen. He spoke of the confusion between the names Persia and Iran, stating that Iran was the more correct, as Persia was originally only a small part of the state Iran.

His talk was well received, as was that of Sergeant Pierce, who accompanied Sergeant DeLong. Sgt. Pierce told of his experiences in New Zealand, describing in detail the people, their living conditions and the contacts the American soldiers have with them. Both speakers brought a fascinating message and added greatly to the pleasure of the audience.

Others taking part on the program were Marjorie Greer, Neomah Baugh, Joanne Downing, Barbara Riley, Anne Fullerton, Paula Ostrander, Joanne Prevo, Maxine Riley, and Carol Jean Culp. These were club members who descriptions of homes in various places while pictures of the place mentioned were shown on the screen.

Those receiving certificates were: Neomah Baugh, John Beare, Delores Burger, Mary Margaret Burger, Carol Jean Culp, Joanne Downing, Nancy Lou Dunkeson, Carol Ebnother, Mary Ann Elliott, Anne Fullerton, Joanne E. Gardner, Marjorie Greer, Beulah Mae Harkey, Ruth Harkey, Kathleen Hunter, Everett Winston Mitchell, Arthur Ostrander, Paula Ostrander, Joann Prevo, Barbara Riley, Maxine Riley, Patsy Schoenwald, Betty Skinner, Evelyn Smith, Louis Stephens, Donna Jean Travis, Edith Turnbull, and Richard Wilcox. The highest number of books read since the closing of school was Kathleen Hunter with 27 and Richard Wilcox with 20. Those starred were members of more than one year's standing. John Beare was the only one having been a member for the four consecutive years of the organization's existence; his certificate was distinguished by a blue ribbon.

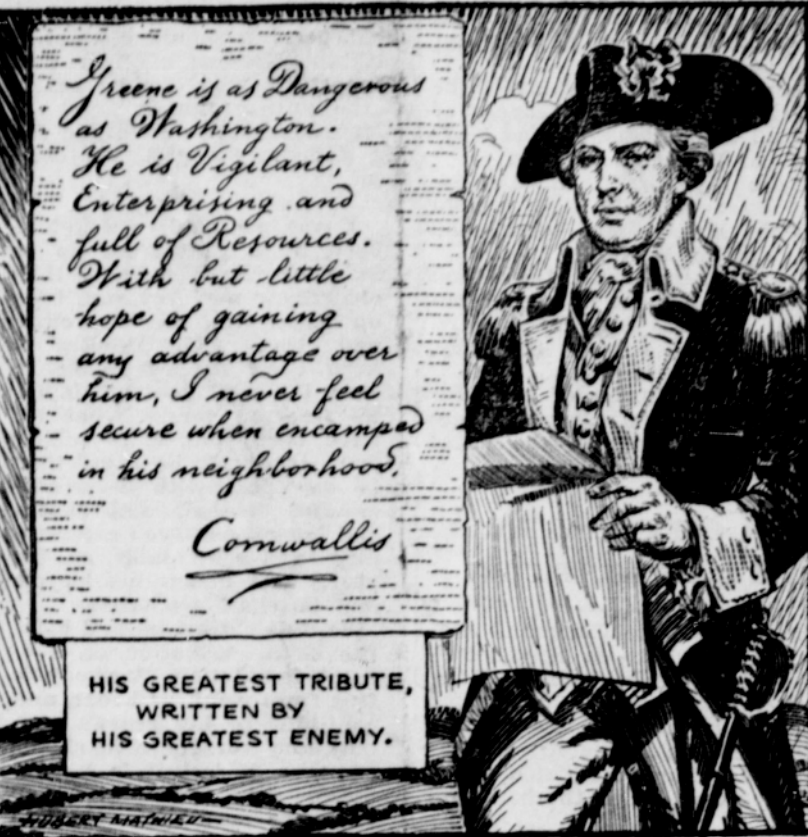
Mrs. Freida Platt furnished decorations in the form of a lovely arrangement of zinnias. Music on the program consisted of Marion Talley's recording of "Home Sweet Home" and group singing of "God Bless America".

Pfc. Joe Lockwood of Camp White was arrested Monday evening by local police. He was charged with being drunk on a public street, to wit: The Plaza. He resisted the local officers when taken to the police station, but was quickly subdued and placed in the city jail. He was later taken in charge by the MP's from Camp White.

Absent from her office for several days this week was Mrs. Nelle Burns, justice of the peace, because of illness.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

GENERAL NATHANAEL GREENE AUGUST 7, 1742 - JUNE 9, 1786



HIS GREATEST TRIBUTE,
WRITTEN BY
HIS GREATEST ENEMY.

SON OF AN ANCHOR-SMITH, SELF-EDUCATED IN ENGLISH, LATIN, GEOGRAPHY, MATHEMATICS AND MILITARY HISTORY, HE ENTERED WASHINGTON'S ARMY AS A PRIVATE, WAS MADE BRIGADIER-GENERAL WITHIN A YEAR - REMAINED IN ACTIVE SERVICE WITHOUT A DAY'S FURLOUGH UNTIL THE FINAL DISBANDMENT OF THE ARMY IN 1783 - TYPIFYING IN HIS RISE TO LEADERSHIP AMERICA'S WAY OF REWARDING INDIVIDUAL EFFORT AND ABILITY.

Ashland Foundry Started Tuesday

A new business for Ashland started Tuesday, August 1 when Bruce Hagerman opened up the former Ashland Iron Works, one of the pioneer business establishments of Ashland. Casting of several patterns was undertaken the past day or so, to get the "kinks" out of the foundry and Mr. Hagerman said he was ready for business anytime now. The first casts made were several sprocket wheels and some grates for sawdust burners for furnaces and the first casts turned out very nicely.

Mr. Hagerman is being assisted by Axel Hall, who is recognized as one of the best in his line of work on the Pacific coast, having been a worker in iron foundries most of his life, starting in the Ashland Iron Works about forty years ago. Mr. Hagerman said that the iron works had not worked for the past five years. Formerly it had served the territory from Roseburg to Weed, California, and as the former owners had made patterns for numerous castings for sawmill equipment, and many other pieces of machinery, owners of the equipment still return to Ashland to get repairs for the machinery. The patterns for the castings are still in the foundry, ready for use and Mr. Hagerman states that they will be used as need arises. Owners of these pieces of equipment are finding it hard to get repairs for the machinery.

Ashland Basketball Stars Receive Their Sweaters This Week

Attracting much attention the past week at the Taxi Depot window, was the display of jackets, which were purchased by the Ashland Merchants with the aid of the Lions club and the Elks club. Ten jackets were bought for the high school team, which was the state high champions in the spring tournaments.

The jackets are white, trimmed in red around the cuffs and neck band. Round red felt emblems with the words, "State Champions of '44" and with the players names on the front right side.

The team, which proved itself sensational in the winter basketball schedules, has mostly broken up. Seven members of the ten of last winter graduated from high school and all have entered the various branches of the service. Three members are still in high school and are expected to be on hand for the opening of the season this fall. They are John Reedy, Jim Jandrea and Jay Samuelson.

The Navy Department announced that PFC Robert M. Walter, U. S. Marine Corps has been wounded in action. He is the son of Milton Walter of Ashland, according to the announcement.

Wanted: Women's Softball Team

Mrs. Alice Patterson, secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, is asking any girl who is interested in softball to contact her right away, as she is attempting to get a softball team together, notably one with the Waas at Camp White.

Gary Newton is coaching the girls' softball team at the high school diamond and is getting together a lively bunch of girls for the coming teams. Several men's teams are playing and some interesting games have been played. Mrs. Patterson asks that interested women come to the ball diamond Monday evening by 8:30 and regular practice will get under way.

16,000,000 Lbs. Candy Free

Troops in areas without army post exchange facilities will receive free issue of approximately 16,000,000 pounds of candy this year, the War Department informed the Ninth Service Command Quartermaster Corps at Ft. Douglas, Utah. The candy is composed entirely of the hard varieties of peppermint, cherry, orange, clove, Lemon and lime flavor.

Local Doctors Open Hospital on August 1

After being closed since about June 19, the Ashland Hospital again was open for business Tuesday morning, two local doctors taking over a lease on the property from the City Council. The two doctors, R. E. Poston and Charles A. Haines, have hired a manager, George P. Smith, formerly of Long Beach, California, but prior to that time, a technician with the Doctor's Clinic Ontario Oregon. He has had a wide experience in hospital work. A full staff has been secured to operate the hospital, with Mrs. Kay Harkins as surgical nurse. A full staff of nurses aides has been secured also.

It appeared Monday that there would be no lack of patients for the hospital at its opening Tuesday morning. Numerous tonilectomies were lined up, and several major operations were on schedule for the opening day or two with the hospital.

There has been a critical need for this institution, as nearby hospitals have been overcrowded with patients from their own vicinity without taking more from other localities. Patients who should have been hospitalized were unable to get accommodations and it is with relief that this community again finds itself with hospital facilities.

The city management stated that the two doctors have taken a lease for a year, when it is hoped that more definite arrangements can be made.

Pfc. Norman L. Leavitt, WPRC Co. 4, Camp White, was arrested at 1:15 last Thursday morning while loitering near the Southern Oregon College of Education, for being in an extremely drunken state. He was held overnight in the local bastille and was turned over to the military authorities from Camp White Thursday afternoon.

Lions Club Picnics Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the Ashland Lions club Tuesday evening was in the form of a picnic, originally scheduled to be at the Jackson Hot Springs, but on account of the stormy weather Tuesday evening, when the rain fell for a short time, the affair was held at the Chateau, well known, former night club spot, near Ashland. Most of the 40 or so members of the club were present with their families to enjoy the fried chicken, ice cream, soda pop and beer furnished by the club and along with the many salads, pies vegetables and other abundant foods furnished by each lion member, a repast that will go down in local Lions club memories was had.

Following dinner, which got under way about 7 p.m., the members heard several songs by the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Irwin and Miss Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Reed, who sang several trio numbers. Also rendering several solos was the smaller daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and Donald Huffman, son of Mrs. Cay Huffman, recently returned from service in the South Pacific with the marines, rendering several greatly enjoyed solos. Later a juke box was brought in and a number of couples stayed to dance for several hours after the dinner, while many stayed to visit and talk with friends and neighbors. It was voted a very enjoyable evening.

Many Attend The Assembly of God Convention Here

About two hundred delegates for Southern Oregon were in attendance at the convention and rally at the Assemblies of God church last Tuesday, July 25 at Ashland, for the Youth Fellowship meetings in the morning and afternoon and the Christ's ambassadors' meetings in the evening. The Rev. Harold Persin, was in charge. The Rev. Gordon Lindsay is pastor of the church. The Rev. Leon Hall of Grants Pass brought an inspiring message. During the service Mrs. J. A. Skinner and daughter of Jacksonville sang a duet.

Miss Mildred Ginn, returned missionary from India, spoke in the afternoon relative to the work in that country. Special music of the clarinet was given in a duet played by Rev. and Mrs. Everett Devine of the Pasadena Bible school.

The evening session was for the Christ's ambassadors, being a young peoples gathering entirely, with the presidents from the various churches of the area on the speaker's platform. Miss Dorothy Pederson, president of the Ashland Christ's ambassadors, presided in charge.

The Rev. William Hageman of Portland was the speaker of the evening. Those present from out of town were: the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Persing, Klamath Falls; Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Skinner, Jacksonville; Rev. and Mrs. Leon Hall of Grants Pass; Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Blay, Trail; Rev. and Mrs. E. Cook, Lorelia; Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Parks, returned missionary from China, now in Mendocino in Bible school, Pasadena, California; the Rev. and Mrs. Everett Devine, Pasadena College; Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Hageman, Portland; the Rev. K. C. Holaday, Lorelia, Oregon and the Rev. and Mrs. Branwick, Eagle Point, Oregon.

USO Donations

Donations for the week for Ashland USO are listed below:—Weslyn Service Guild, Scrap books for Camp White Soldiers; Mrs. Juanita Harris, Cookies, Jr. Civic Club Mrs. Laura Pierce, white plums; Miss Veda Williams, fruit juices; Donuts, Mrs. Mary Ruth, Mrs. Paul Finner, Mrs. G. J. Lindsey, Mrs. A. C. Demers, Mrs. Dunlap of the Red Cross Sewing Group.

Local Power Co. Receives National Award Last Week

The California Oregon Power company was signally honored last week when army officials presented to that company the July national security award, which is offered by the United States office of civilian defense and which has been won by only six companies in Oregon to date.

Colonel Austin C. Matheny, industrial protection officer of the Ninth divisional office of San Francisco, made the presentation to A. S. Cummings, president of the company.

Jack A. Hayes, acting administrator and state plant protection officer of the Oregon State Defense council of Salem, Carl Charles W. Dutreau, of Seattle, and E. A. Taylor, chief deputy state fire marshal and chairman of the state plant protection committee, also took part in the presentation.

Col. Matheny emphasized that the necessity of civilian defense still exists and urged a continuation of the strictest protection of vital properties. He said that we must not let down in our vigilance in order that they would not be any interruption in the supply of materials to our fighters on the farflung battlefields.

Mr. Cummings stated he accorded the award in the name of the hundreds of employes who had participated in the company's program and especially in the name of the 150 employes who are now in the armed services.

Larry Schade, representing the Medford mayor, G. M. Green of Ashland and J. B. Coleman made short expressions of commendation of the recipient of the award which read as follows:

"The U. S. Office of Civilian Defense presents the National Security Award to the California Oregon Power company, in recognition of the maintenance of a superior standard of protection and security. The effective joint effort to safeguard products, employes and property have made this achievement possible, which stands as a mark of distinction in the nation's war effort."

This 'n That

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

Rumor has it that Hitler has a plane in readiness for a quick departure in event of Germany's collapse. He probably will head for the moon as it is not likely any neutral nation will grant him a safe haven.

In World War 1, Kaiser Wilhelm succeeded in taking refuge in neutral Holland and despite pressure brought to bear upon Queen Wilhelmina's government, Holland refused to surrender the Kaiser to the allies. He lived in luxury at Doorn, unpunished for his crime, until her death in 1941. His wood sawing exploits were duly noted by the press.

Napoleon, another would-be world conqueror of modern times, was not as fortunate as the Kaiser. Following his final defeat at Waterloo, Napoleon hoped to take refuge in the United States. He ordered two French frigates to be ready at Rochefort, on July 3, 1815, to bring him to this country. Unfortunately for Napoleon British men-of-war were cruising outside the harbor. Refusing to risk capture as a common criminal, the little Corsican decided on a typically Napoleonic gesture. He demanded an asylum from England and was banished to Saint Helena where he died on May 5, 1821.

World War 1 started on July 28, 1914, when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, the result of the assassination a month earlier of the Austrian archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo. Serbia appealed to her ally and protector, Russia and the German imperial council decided on war against Russia and France. On August 2 Germany invaded France and Russia invaded Germany and hostilities were under way.

Senator "Cotton Ed" Smith has been granted leave of absence by the voters of South Carolina, after over 36 years of continuous service in the upper house. Perhaps they considered him a tired old man.

Don't worry about butter, says Uncle Zeke. You can make it from grass. All you need is a cow and a churn.

Hitler has taken Mussolini under his wing. Verly, misery loves company.

A number of friends gathered at the Peter Garrett home on Terrace street last Thursday evening in a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. Monte Briggs and Mrs. Lou Richardson of Los Angeles, who have been visiting here. A buffet luncheon was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Amos Ninger, Mrs. William Briggs and Mrs. Peter Garrett.