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Boat Collision at Lake of the Woods Injures Ward Croft

A collision between a rowboat and a motor boat on the Lake of the Woods Friday injured Ward Croft, former music teacher of Ashland. He sustained a broken rib and a head injury. Dr. Haines was called and took the man to the Community Hospital, where he is recovering satisfactorily. Mr. Croft has been recuperating at the resort from an accident incurred last winter when he was working in a plane factory at Long Beach. In telling of the accident, Mr. Croft stated that he was in the middle of the lake fishing from a rowboat when he was suddenly run over by the motor boat. The force of the impact threw him violently into the lake and crushed the boat. He was the only person on the lake at the time he started fishing and he did not see the motorboat until the accident. The motor boat was said to have been operated by Gerry Hicks, a 17 year old Klamath Falls youth, who had two women companions with him, to whom he was talking and he did not see the Croft boat.

District OPA Official Schedules Meet Here

Local War Price and Rationing officials have arranged a meeting to be held in the City Hall council chamber Thursday August 17 when R. A. Westerling, consumers durable goods section official from the OPA district office, will be present. He is particularly anxious to meet with all dealers in hardware and furniture and these dealers particularly are urged to reserve this date for the meeting with the district OPA official.

August 10th is Birthday Date of Local USO

Today is local USO's second birthday. Many thousands of military have passed through the portals of the homey little club and there has always been someone there to say "Hello" to the boys as they enter the door and at once that smile and greeting puts the boy at ease and he feels he is welcome and then makes himself at home without another word, as the ice has been broken and he likes to wander around and inspect every room and settle down in the spot that suits him best. Many of the boys have called this their "second home" and it has been just that as some boys come every time they have off and when many have left knowing they were headed overseas have come to the staff and hostess and told them they felt grateful to the USO and it's many fine hostesses and the friends they have made through their contact there and will surely come back to Ashland to visit again after the war.

Regional USO Officials have said this little club offers so much and expenses are so little and the thanks for this goes to the Civic Club members, the city officials and the citizens who have given "what it takes to win the war" by being to nice and friendly to the men who were going overseas to fight for them. Many soldiers come here from communities where they look down on "A soldier, and they appreciate that friendly feeling Ashland has given them, and that has done a lot to make that same soldier feel he is a person instead of a machine.

Oregon Traffic Fatalities Rise in First Six Months

Traffic fatalities in Oregon during the first six months of 1944 totalled 114, compared to 96 for the same period a year ago, Secretary of State Bob Farrell announced today. The toll for the first half of this year is 19 per cent higher than the toll for the comparative period of 1943.

Here is the monthly death toll for the two comparative periods:

Month	1944	1943
January	23	19
February	20	10
March	20	17
April	13	10
May	18	18
June	20	22

The death rate, showing the number of persons killed in relation to exposure to accident thru travel, is 9.3 persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel for the 1944 period, compared to 8.2 for the 1943 period.

Fish Reported Dying in the Rogue River

Fish are dying in Rogue River from fungus infection and warm water conditions, according to biologist Cole M. Rivers who is receiving reports from various points along the stream especially from Hellgate and the Galice district. Fish weakened by fungus infection have lowered resistance to higher water temperatures.

Rivers advises cutting channels at the mouths of the cooler tributaries to give the small trout and salmon easier access to streams so the cooler water can help them recover. He also suggests feeding the fish accumulated in the streams meat scraps (if any) or ground up dead fish after they have been washed in a 3 or 4 per cent salt solution to kill the fungus present on them. Mix with bread, egg mash or meal and water.—Grants Pass Bulletin.

Annual Nebraska Picnic Is Slated For Sunday, Aug 13

Annual picnic of former Nebraska residents is scheduled to be held Sunday, August 13, T. L. O'Harra, president of the Nebraska Society stated the first of the week. The meeting will be held this year in the Helman Grove, and dinner will start at 1 o'clock. All former residents of Nebraska now living in southern Oregon are invited to the picnic. Each is asked to bring a well filled picnic basket, as a number of servicemen guests from Camp White are expected. Coffee and cream will be furnished by the Society, but each family is asked to bring their own table service.

Following the dinner a business meeting will be held and this will be followed by a program of speakers and general discussion and a round of visiting among the neighbors and friends.

The affair is noted for its interesting features. Last year a crowd of three hundred gathered, which is about the average number the Society is expecting and preparing for about that number again this year.

Local Cafe Operators Attend Medford Meet

Berniece Nutter of Pette's Lunch, Sadie Miller of the Dandy Lunch, Jim Grevis of the Lithia Hotel Coffee Shop and Roy McCleary and W. D. Jackson of the Palace Cafe attended a meeting of restaurant owners with OPA officials in regard to the prices and policies of cafe operations in this area.

One operator stated that there would be no change in prices of meals in Ashland by direction of the OPA as all were within the regulation set by OPA. However, a checkup showed most of the restaurants had changed the price of the cup of coffee to 5 cents, after having been 10 cents for some time, although most of them could have stayed at the 10 cent level had they wanted to do so.

Siskiyou Highway Is Being Re-surfaced

Six miles of the Siskiyou highway from the California-Oregon state line north to the Highway Patrol station have received a non-skid seal coat.

Earl Nash, superintendent of the Oregon State Highway oiling gang, with a crew of 30 men completed the job this week. The oiling took less than a week from here the company went to Oak Ridge, Oregon.

—BUY BONDS—

Ashland and Vicinity Prepare for Harvest of Fruit, Vegetables

Harvesting the large crops of fruit and vegetables will get under way in the Ashland and Medford sections of the famed Rogue River orchards and fields, local fruit men announced Tuesday. An above average crop of pears is expected to be harvested while the crops of corn and tomatoes will be about average, it is expected.

Earl Newbry, owner and operator of the fine new packing plant which is nearing completion here in Ashland, announced that picking of pears will start in his orchards next week, probably Monday, the 14th. He has 175 acres of pears in the vicinity of Phoenix, nine miles west of Ashland. Field operations at the orchards will be under the direction of Ralph Cook, and the pears will be brought to Ashland to the new plant for packing and shipping. About one hundred cars of pears will be shipped from his orchard it is expected. He will also buy some pears for shipping he stated.

In connection with the new plant here at Ashland, Mr. Newbry stated that the finishing touches will be made to the new plant and equipment this week. All of the packing machinery is in place, after considerable difficulty has been overcome in securing some of the equipment, because of war priorities, but these have been overcome and the plant will be ready for the handling of the pears when they begin arriving early next week.

The packing plant is new to Ashland and is in a fine new cement building, very modern and up to date, is located between Helman and Oak streets. The Newbry plant has been located at Phoenix since 1926, but operations there finally outgrew plant capacities and the move to Ashland and a new plant was decided upon.

At the Bagley packing plant, it was learned that that well known cannery is preparing to start the annual canning run on corn, and it was learned that the run is expected to run intermittently for the next couple of weeks or so, depending on the weather and the speed with which the corn ripens. About the 20th of August or before the first of September, the annual run of canning tomatoes will begin, to last probably until the first frost of the fall, stops the further ripening of tomatoes. This crop is expected to be about that of last year with the cannery having about 150 acres of tomatoes under contract. These products will be placed on the market under the well known Del Rogue brand.

From over the Rogue river district, it is estimated that the crop will compare favorably with the 10 year average. Bartless tonnage this year will be around 17,250 tons. Estimated Anjou crop is placed at 482,000 boxes, a little under the average of 482,000 boxes. The crop of Bosc is estimated to be about 615,000 packed boxes, with the average being 410,000 boxes goes into the fancy Gift Box sales.

HELP PLENTIFUL

Growers expect more help this year from the Mexican laborers than last year, with the announcement being made the 700 are now in the district, most of them already being under contract to the producers. Some of these will be used in the packing plants, it is understood, but most of them will be used in the orchards as pickers.

At Ashland, both packing plant and cannery estimated that they had sufficient workers to carry on the work of handling the plant, and without the aid of imported labor. About 75 packing plant employees will be used at the Newbry plant.

Good Dance at USO Club Saturday Night

The formal dance at the USO Saturday night was a beautiful affair with the colorful formal gowns of the junior hostesses and the music of Goldie Yorton's orchestra gave life to the party and every one present reported a very pleasant evening. Military Police visited the Club, like they do every Saturday night, and reported that the USO had at least 75 per cent of all the soldiers in Ashland at their dance, which speaks well for the work being done by USO and the credit for this goes to the junior hostesses, senior hostesses, and the many friends that contribute money, fruits, cookies, nuts and flowers, etc., which all goes to make it one of the nicest small USO clubs in the country.

The Miner for Quality Printing

This 'n That

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

An isolated piece of political bad luck turned the scales in more than one presidential election.

A notable one occurred at a republican gathering in New York October 29, 1841 when Dr. Samuel S. Burchard, a protestant minister, referred to the democratic party as the party of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion". Blaine the republican candidate for president, failed in his reply to disavow Burchard's allegation. It was publicized by the democratic organization and presumably influenced enough Catholic votes in New York to lose the state for Blaine. Had Blaine carried New York he would have been elected president Cleveland carried the state by a majority of 1,149 votes over Blaine.

Blaine was also guilty of a bad break when in a senate debate a few years previous he likened Roscoe Conkling to a "strutting Turkey Gobbler". Conkling was rather a pompous individual and Blaine's characterization of him cut him to the quick. He bided his time and following Blaine's nomination for the presidency he entered the political arena as a leader against "The Plumed Knight" and swung his home county, nominally republican, into the democratic column. Conkling must have been tickled pink over the election returns.

With a bonded indebtedness of \$265,000, Uncle Zeke says it is high time to trim the frills and furbelows of city administration and thus get back to normalcy, as President Harding phrased it.

The lad with the whitewash brush shouldn't mark "stalls" for autos close up to the cross walks on the main stem. Such procedure is a menace to public safety. Give the pedestrian a break.

How about a band concert on Sunday afternoon for a change?

Camp White Paper Ceases Publication

Last Friday's issue of the Camp White Grenade was the last for that well known local paper, edited at Camp White for the military and civilian personnel of that post, but printed at the Tidings newspaper plant in Ashland. It was the 80th issue of the paper.

To go into the history of the paper from its beginning would be too long a story to list here. It was first printed in Medford later being brought to Ashland for printing. Pfc. Ben Cooper of the 362nd Infantry Regiment was the winner of a contest to give the paper a name. Five editors have piloted the paper, being Sgt. Kenneth Glascoff, of Chicago, Sgt. Jack Little, Pvt. Don Kellogg, T/3 Jimmy Dunlevy and the last Sgt. Walter C. Taylor.

The paper was always interesting with plenty of pictures, these being made in Eugene. The printing of the paper was handled by T/4 Otis Snider, a linotype operator with experience in St. Louis and other midwestern news paper shops. He came to Ashland each week and after working hours at the Tidings shop, set the paper. Friday evenings, the Tidings pressman, Glen Prescott, ran off the paper in an overtime period. Numerous other military personnel worked as the various editors of special departments, to make the paper the success it was.

Attendance Holding Up Good at USO Club

Surprising, but true! Even the rumor is there are very few men left at Camp White, the week-end attendance remains about the same at the local club. The Club has a lot to offer the military and each week-end more Wacs visit there and the same holds true of sailors from the Klamath Naval Air Station and some Marines are beginning to find their way over also. This attendance of sailors and marines is one reason for the attendance to remain the same. So this should be a challenge to the community to keep interested and continue their fine support and cooperation with the USO as long as necessary.

Safety Division's Play Rescheduled

"The Fifth Cause of Death," the safety broadcast sponsored each week by the safety division of the secretary of state's office, now will be heard over KOIN Tuesday afternoon's at 3:15 o'clock, instead of Thursdays, as in the past.

The broadcast is dedicated to accident prevention in traffic, in the home and on the job. The script is prepared by the safety division and is produced by the KOIN staff of actors, announcers and technicians.

The broadcast has been rated one of the best safety programs sponsored by a state in the nation. Last year, the pedestrian programs were rated the best in the nation in the national Pedestrian Protection contest.

Each program is transcribed and is heard in turn over the following stations: KSLM, Salem; KORE, Eugene; KOAC, Corvallis; KOOS, Marshfield; KUIN, Grants Pass; KFJI, Klamath Falls; KENB, Bend; KODL, The Dalles; KWRC, Pendleton; KLBK, La Grande; and KBKR, Baker.

Fire Hazards Cause Tighter Forest Control

It is only because of the serious fire hazard now, that strict regulations must be maintained in the forest areas according to Karl L. Janouch, forest supervisor.

All lands within the national forest boundary and adjacent areas protected by the forest service are subject to use only upon the conditions that all entrants shall comply with certain definite requirements, which are:

To refrain from smoking while traveling in such areas, except on paved or surfaced highways; to secure a campfire permit before building a campfire except at improved, designated and posted campground; to carry a shovel, axe and water bucket when camp fires are built, except when traveling as a pedestrian or when camping in improved designated and posted camp grounds.

In addition to these general restrictions, a few areas within the Rogue River National Forest are closed to entry except under special permit which will be issued only to persons having business in the area, such as home owners, stockmen and miners.

The only closures of this nature which are in areas generally used by recreationists from Jackson county are: (1) the Ashland loop road which is closed for about seven miles out of Ashland, but which may be traveled as far as Ashland Peak from the Applegate side; (2) on the North Fork of Rogue river between Prospect and Natural Bridge, but excepting the summer home area at Woodruff Meadows, Woodruff Bridge camp ground, and a strip of 100 feet on each side of Rogue river which are open to use; and (3) the Medford Corporation logging area northeast of Butte Falls which includes part of the North and South Forks of Butte Creek.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO MEET AT MEDFORD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

V. D. Miller, Democratic county Central committee chairman announced Wednesday that plans are completed for a meeting of the Jackson county central committee next Wednesday, August 16 at Medford at the Holland Hotel. Porter J. Neff, who was a delegate to the recent convention in Chicago will give a report to the central committee. Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News and Mrs. Mary Kelly will report on the state democratic convention. Following the reports, an open discussion will be held on the forthcoming campaign.

Local Mattress Plant Serves Wide Southern Oregon Area

Maybe most of us don't realize it, but Ashland has a very busy and up to date mattress factory.

Known as the Reed Mattress Company and located at 93 North Main. Upon visiting them Tuesday this reporter found both Mr. and Mrs. Reed "up to their ears" in work. Mrs. Reed running the sewing machine, to make the covers and Mr. Reed filling them and putting in the cords that bind the padding down to make the mattresses. Mr. and Mrs. Reed came to Ashland last fall from Southern California, and have had 35 years of experience in the work of making mattresses. Mr. Reed states it is the only real mattress manufacturing plant in southern Oregon that he knows of. Besides making mattresses, they do considerable renovating and repair, recovering etc. They have all they can handle now and only this

New Locations for Ashland Business Firms Announced

Several moves have been made by business firms the past weeks and arrangements are being made for various others to move soon. First move was made by the Bon-Kit Cafe from the Enders building several weeks ago to 55 North Main. This week, Bert Miller moved his real estate office from the other half of the Enders building to the location formerly occupied by the M. and M. Printers who had moved to Roseburg. The Enders building, thus vacated, will be occupied by aetx store, which have been in the location next to the bank building. This site will be occupied by the Western Auto Supply store, which has been located at 70 East Main street. John Mills is planning to open a plumbing shop in the building now occupied by the Western Auto Supply Co.

Bert Miller moved his office this past week end and workmen immediately started to remodel the building for the Metz store. This space is considerably larger than the former location and gives that store a chance to expand. James Mackie of the Western Auto Supply Company will move as soon as the Metz store building is moved and this will also give him additional room to stock several items, principally furniture, which he has been unable to carry because of the cramped space.

KOG Chairman Asks Berrypickers to be Careful of Fire

Have you a little fire bomb in your camping gear — you berry pickers?

"Several Oregon families who spent the fall months in the forest and wilderness areas of western Oregon searching for wild blackberries and huckleberries last year started forest fires," Robert Dodge, Jackson county chairman of Keep Oregon Green stated today. "I want to warn berry picking families and campers who hunt berries in the woods to be careful with their campfires and do not smoke while in wooded areas."

Forest fire authorities point out that this season may break a five year all-time low record for forest fires because of the lack of rainfall and the extremely dry condition of the forests. Just for example, over an 11-month period, September to July, Portland had its second record dry spell. The rainfall was 26.73 inches, whereas the lowest mark for that period was in 1923-24 when only 25.22 inches fell. Only .09 of precipitation was recorded in that city, which was .52 below normal. With a serious shortage of men in the logging woods, who usually are available for emergency fire fighting, and a complete dependence upon young boys for fire fighting, the condition is dangerous.

"Conditions are just right now for another Tillamook forest fire, unless absolute caution is practiced by those who use our forests," said the fire prevention leader, as he stressed the need for 100 per cent co-operation by the general public in the drive to Keep Oregon Green.

"Don't be a saboteur. Fires that never start don't have to be fought."

"You berry pickers need the berries for food and the government needs our forests for lumber," the KOG chairman stated. "We can both get what we need if you use care while in forest areas."

week put on a young man to help them. They can turn out a dozen or so new mattresses a day.

Mr. Reed states that his clientele is growing and he now has a growing mail order business as well as several merchants who handle his wares, and customers who come to the store. A visit to the plant will convince anyone that they have a real manufacturing plant.

As in so many lines of manufacture these days, many of the articles they use have gone to war. Kapok, which in prewar days was used extensively in the manufacture of mattresses, is no longer available and all mattresses are now made with cotton. The Kapok is used in the manufacture of mattresses for boats for use in war zones because the mattresses made of the material will float for some twenty-four hours and makes an excellent life raft.