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## New Packing Plant Will Hold 'Open House' Friday

In order that the general public may see what makes a packing plant "click" the fine new packing plant of the Newbry Orchards, here at Ashland will hold "open house" to the general public Friday afternoon from 2 p. m. on, Earl Newbry, manager stated this week. The new building, completed in time for the packing of pears which began last week, is Ashland's biggest industry, and there has been widespread interest in the new industry. The general public is invited to go through the plant, which will be in operation with the regular pear packing run, and a conducted tour will be held through the plant, the storage rooms and the cold storage plant, which is operated along with the packing plant. Open house will be held during the evening so that those people who are working until five or after may get a chance to go through the plant.

The industry is new to Ashland, as the Newbry plant has been located at Phoenix, since the Newbry's started operating in the fruit business in 1926. As their operations expanded, they outgrew the plant facilities and this summer decided on the move to Ashland with expanded facilities for the packing and storage of fruit. Purchase was made of the cold storage plant on Water street, and the immediate job of building on the packing plant and fruit storage room was undertaken, and was only completed the week before actual packing operations began. About seventy five people will be employed, and will handle mainly the pears from the Newbry Orchards at Phoenix. Mr. Newbry plans to buy additional pears and some apples to pack out but no peaches will be handled, but the plant has storage room for a large quantity of peaches and other fruit and some peaches will be stored in that part of the plant.

"We cordially invite the public to see our plant," said Mr. Newbry Wednesday, "so that you may get an idea of how the fruit is handled."

## Republican Chairman Returns from Meet

Ralph Koozer, republican county central committee chairman for Jackson County, returned last week end from a trip to Portland, where he had attended the state central committee meeting. He thinks the trend in Oregon politics is republican and is certain of success to the republican ticket in the coming election this fall. Neil Allen, of Grants Pass was re-elected state chairman. Thirty-four counties were represented at the meeting, Chairman Koozer stated.

Miss Elma Baker, left for her home Sunday at Junction City, after attending the summer sessions at the Southern Oregon College of Education. The quarter closed last week. She will return in the fall for a couple of months to complete her course.

## MECHANICAL SPUD HARVESTERS HELD RELIEVE LABOR SHORTAGE

Potato harvesting operations have been rapidly mechanized in Oregon to the point where equipment has been developed which completely eliminates both picking up and sacking potatoes before they are put into storage bins. This bulk method of potato harvesting, as well as other types of digging and sacking, are described and compared in an experiment station circular of information, No. 345, "Potato Harvesting Methods in Oregon," just published by the O.S.C. experiment station.

"Although wartime labor shortages have hastened the development of so-called potato machines and trailer sackers the conventional method of digging and picking up potatoes by hand will probably continue to be the most common method for several years, the authors of the circular believe. One reason is the inability to manufacture enough of the combine units to meet present demand.

The bulk potato handler used

## NEW MANAGER HERE FOR WESTERN UNION

Mrs. B. G. Blevins is the new manager at the Western Union office, replacing C. C. Logan, who has been here the past fourteen months. E. A. Talbott, district manager, was in Ashland Monday to transfer the business to the new manager. Mr. and Mrs. Logan and daughter left the forepart of the week to go to their new assignment at Raymond, Washington.

## PETITIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL CIRCULATED

Petitions are being circulated the past week or more for the three vacant positions on the city Council, being vacated by the expiration of the term of Ralph Koozer, Guy Applewhite and Dr. Redford. The position of the mayor, T. S. Wiley will also be vacant at the end of this term.

Petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified electors of the city and must be registered with the city recorder on or before 45 days before the city election, which will be held the same day as the general election, the second Tuesday of November.

Petitions are being circulated for Ralph Koozer, Applewhite and Redford for re-election. Entering the race are George Andrews, Jacob Wetzell and Harold Merrill, as newcomers. Mayor Wiley has signified his intention of entering the race for mayor by seeking re-election, and has filed his petition this week. Also Ralph Koozer has filed his nominating petition and J. Q. Adams, whose term as city recorder ends, is seeking re-election to the same position and has filed his petitions.

## USO Hostesses for the Month of August

USO Hostesses working for the month of August, Mrs. Laura Pierce, Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Cliff McLean, Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Gladys Dooms, Mrs. Alta Poley, Mrs. Alma Stennett, Mrs. Gertrude Wilmeth, Mrs. W. D. Jackson Mrs. Carrie O'Hara Mrs. Sid Reed, Mrs. Carmel Barnhouse, Mrs. Mildred Frazier, Miss Ethel Reid.

## Hilt Airman Receives Air Medal in England

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station England, 1st Lt. Louis G. Alphonse of Hilt, Cal. has been awarded the Air Medal in an announcement made by the Headquarters of Major General William E. Kepner, Commanding General of Eighth Fighter Command.

The citation for the flier, a member of the P-47 Thunderbolt Fighter Group commanded by Lt. Col. Philip T. Tukey, Jr., of Cape Elizabeth, Me., read as follows: "For meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by the pilot reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

## A Wary Marine



This Marine is shown cautiously approaching a native hut on Saipan his rifle ready, on he alert for any Jap snipers that may be hidden in the area.

## This 'n That

(By OLD TIMER)

With revolt stirring in his captured countries and his armies getting whipped on all fronts, it would be understandable if Hitler jumps every time the phone rings.

Someone remarks that the war has now reached what might be called the seventh inning. Maybe so, but this is no time for any of us to relax for a lazy stretch and a long yawn.

"Vitamins for gray hair," we read. Uncle Zeke says he isn't interested since his head-piece is as bald as a door knob. What he craves is a relief for his pet bunions of the vintage of 1874.

Party platforms should not be taken too seriously. The outstanding plank in the Democratic platform in 1932 was to reduce government expenses by 25 percent. The termites however got at the plank and destroyed it quickly.

We note that President Roosevelt is sending Messrs. Nelson and Hurley to China on a confidential mission. This is in keeping with the policy of the late M. S. Quay, the Napoleon of American politics, whose famous dictum was "Don't write, send word."

Since the public pays the bills, voters should ask candidates for local and county offices what they propose to do about giving efficient government at the least cost. Candidates always campaign on an economy platform, but rarely, if ever, give definite pledges, with regard to expenditures of money. Voters this year should ask for economy, in view of soaring national expenses.

cheery is to pray, to be happy is cheery is to pray, to be happy is the first step towards being pious. —Robert Louis Stevenson

Speaking of labor Gen Grant said: "Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately you occasionally find men disgrace labor!"

When the nations bury the hatchet they should make sure that the handle is not left sticking out of the ground.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN ARIZONA

Ed T. Staples, formerly of Ashland, died at Morenci, Arizona, on August 11, friends in Ashland recently learned. Mr. Staples came to Ashland in 1902 being interested in a sawmill and box factory. Later he became interested in mining and real estate. He bought the Ashland Hotel, then located where the Ford garage one stood. Later he and R. L. Burdick, Senior bought the Oregon hotel, now the Ashland in 1907, Burdick later selling to D. Perozzi.

He was a charter member of the Elks lodge and served as Exalted Ruler. He was the first recorder for the Hillah Temple. He was president of the Ashland chamber of commerce. He was past 86 years of age, being born April 26, 1858.

## Cave Junction Saw Mill Burns

Residents of Cave Junction were startled Saturday morning, at about 2 a.m. by the ranger station siren, to find that the Renfro mill was afire. Howard Bears, Standard Oil distributor in the valley, was apparently the first one to see the mill afire, being awakened by his dog. Flames apparently started near the boiler, followed by an explosion which spread the fire along the entire length of the green chain. In a few minutes the entire mill was ablaze. The flames spread so rapidly that nothing could be done to extinguish them.

The mill was put in operation last April and was run by William Parry. Seventeen men were employed at the mill, which had a capacity of 35,000 feet a day. The company owns about 20 million feet of timber in the Illinois valley.

## PA Hardware Expert Met Local Men

Ralph Westring, durable goods specialist from the Portland OPA district office, met with local hardware and furniture dealers this week to explain the intricacies of the OPA regulations governing their sales.

Practically all local dealers attended the meeting, during which he gave pointers on the methods of pricing merchandise, both new and secondhand and stated that any misunderstandings, either on the part of the dealer or the purchaser should be referred to the local OPA price panel, which is capable of either giving information or procuring information from the district office.

## Annual Methodist Picnic Sunday Noon

Immediately following the morning sermon last Sunday noon a large crowd of Methodists and their friends gathered at Helman's Park for the annual Church-fellowship-dinner. The pastor had spoken on the subject "The Transforming Presence" and the newly organized Sunday School Class of young married couples had led the congregation in worship with special anthem, when the benediction was pronounced, immediately the people gathered at the park where they had fellowship together at the dinner tables. Following the dinner the fellowship continued through visiting until late afternoon. This has come to be a much anticipated annual occasion among the Methodists of Ashland.

This church is at present moment laying plans for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of its organization. This is one of the oldest church organizations in southern Oregon and it has had a great part in the building of the beautiful city of Ashland. In connection with the anniversary program there will be a special service of dedication for the newly constructed fireplace which adorns the room where all social gatherings are held. This fireplace is to be dedicated to God for service to youth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Ashland, on August 17 a girl.

## RECORDS SHOW BIG INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BICYCLE FATALITIES

Bicycle traffic fatalities in Oregon during the first six months of 1944 totaled seven, an increase of four over the toll of three for the same period of 1943, according to Secretary of State Bob Farrell. The increase is 133 per cent.

An analysis of the bicycle-motor vehicle accidents for the first half of the year show a total of 162 riders involved in accidents. Fifty-three percent of these riders were involved in accidents as a result of unsafe riding practices, the analysis showed. These unsafe practices included inattention, attempting a turning or other maneuver under unsafe conditions, failure to give right of way, entering a street without stopping, making a sudden turn and riding two or more abreast.

The six month death toll of seven bicyclists is greater than the annual toll of six killed in 1942 and is near the toll of ten for the year 1943.

## Postoffice Department Lists Dates on Overseas Mailing

Postmaster E. E. Vail suggested that the following article be clipped for future reference for persons desiring to send Christmas packages to men and women in overseas service.

"Save strong string and box material and start to pack shopping" Postmaster Vail advises Ashland residents in announcing dates for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period both for Army and Navy overseas forces is the same. September 26 to October 27, 1944. October 28 to October 29, 1944. Mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

"Postal authorities regret that anyone ever mentioned the subject of a snore box as the appropriate gift mailing overseas. Snore boxes many people become convinced that a snore box is the best possible container. We must be careful that these gifts must travel far, with shipping space crowded," said Postmaster Vail.

Among the more important rules for Christmas mailings to the armed forces overseas are the following:

The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 20 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer. It is stressed that success can be assured with the limited personnel and facilities available, only if the public gives full cooperation through prompt mailings of the overseas gift parcels from the opening of the mailing period.

## CITY POLICE ARREST THREE OVER WEEK

City police had three arrests over the week end with Pvt. Millard E. Thomas of Camp White taken into custody Wednesday last on a charge of being drunk and using profane language. He was turned over to the Provost Marshal of Camp White for punishment. He was back in town again Friday and Saturday nights and police were forced to again send him to the provost marshal's office for punishment and with the threat that if he again appeared in Ashland he would be arrested and turned over to the city court for punishment.

Robert Howard of Epperson of Sacramento was arrested Sunday on a charge of being drunk. He posted a \$10 bond to appear in court, which he failed to do thereby forfeiting the \$10. Ray Snittjer of Grundy, Iowa was arrested on a drunken charge and was fined \$10 and \$2.50 costs, the fine being suspended on the condition that he leave town.

"The fact that so many of these bicycle fatalities were the result of unsafe traffic practices on the part of the riders is evidence that they need not have occurred," Farrell said. "Bicyclists should observe traffic regulations and they should learn the rules of safe riding and observe them in the interests of their own safety."

These rules of safe riding were suggested:

1. Keep well to the right on streets and highways. Never ride in the center of the thoroughfare.
2. When turning, get in the proper lane and give the proper hand and arm signal.
3. Never cut sharply across the path of vehicular traffic.
4. When riding in groups, ride single file so no riders will be forced out into the path of heavier vehicles.
5. When riding into streets or highways, watch for approaching cars and do not ride out into their path.