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A Guest Editorial

Beginning this week, the Miner starts a series of guest editorials in the belief that our readers might wish to read what others in the community think about local and other matters. This week's guest editorial is by V. D. Miller, Jackson county central committee chairman. Other civic, educational, and religious leaders have been and are being invited to write on whatever subject they desire, and these will be run from time to time, each week we hope.

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Back to School

Back to school ye lads and lassies. How fortunate you are that America has a free public school system. Your ancestors, even a few generations ago, had lesser opportunities. School terms were short, high schools were not yet born, consolidated schools and vocational training were only a dream of progressive educators who were placed by some people in the fanatical class.

In America education has always been a means to a career for the individual. In Europe, especially in Germany over a period of many years, careers have been developed mostly for the State, evaluated on a basis of military importance. And that's the reason why the youth of Germany, for example, trained to the rhythm of the "goose step", think only in terms of conquest and selfish aims.

Be happy, therefore, young Americans, that again the school doors swing wide open in this land of opportunity. Take full advantage of the training offered to lay firm the foundations of careers in the line of your choice, be it that of doctor, lawyer, nurse, leader in industry or in any other field. Remember one thing: The world never held bigger opportunities for men and women to serve unselfishly in every sphere of life. Respect your teachers and fall in line with the routine of the day. Your goal can be attained if you have the will to do. School days are the most precious days in a life-time. Don't neglect the golden opportunities they offer to rich and poor alike.

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The Town Band

Under the heading "A Happy Note", the Christian Science Monitor pays the following tribute to the Town Band:

To the numerous agencies which are quietly furthering America's war endeavor, add the Town Band.

The Town Band isn't playing many new pieces this year, since there is scant time for rehearsals. Instead, it is offering the old favorites, including the pulse-stirring Sousa marches. But in a thousand communities these long, torrid summer evenings, it is affording much-needed relaxation.

The Army, by maintaining groups of uniformed musicians for the primary purpose of playing, has long recognized the value of band music as a morale maintainer. During World War Two, the Town Band is performing a similar and highly important service for the civilian population of the Nation.

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Guest Editorial

V. D. "BERT" Miller,
Chairman of Jackson County
Democratic Central Committee.

There are at the present time seventeen employees connected with the Ashland Post Office. Annual payroll being about \$30,000.00. The working facilities such as ventilation, lighting, etc., of the building in which the post office is located is far from being conducive to proper health. No criticism whatsoever is hereby directed against the personnel of our post office. There is nothing more the personnel can do than is being done to improve the physical aspect of their quarters. And no particular criticism is directed at the owners of said building. It is merely a matter of our community having outgrown these antiquated quarters of the Ashland Post Office.

We have every reason to believe that the population of Ashland is close to 6,000. Our trade community is close to 16,000 population. Our trade area annual taxes are approximately \$155,000.00. Our postal receipts for the last tabulated year were approximately \$41,000.00, being larger than receipts of the following post offices in the state of Oregon, of same class: Burns, Bandon, Beaverton, Coquille, Canby, Clatskanie, Cottage Grove, Freewater, Gresham, Heppner, Hermiston, Independence, John Day, Junction City, Lakeview, Lebanon, Molalla, Monmouth, Myrtle Point, Newberg, Newport, North Bend, North Portland, Nyssa, Ontario, Oswego, Prineville, Rainer, Redmond, Reedsport, St. Helens, Seaside, Sheridian, Silverton, Springfield, Sweet Home, Toledo, Troutdale, Vale, Veronia, Warrenton, Woodburn, McMinnville.

Ashland postal receipts are larger than the following cities in Oregon that have Federal Buildings: Burns, Gresham, Lakeview, Newberg, Ontario, McMinnville.

The question is "Why should Ashland be bypassed continually while other smaller cities are allowed Federal Buildings. We suggest that the Ashland Post War Committee should give this matter serious consideration. Securing a new Federal Building on a post war set-up is not an impossibility.

There is a saying that "A person is judged oftentimes by the clothes he wears." Cities are oftentimes judged by the post office they have. This matter should be studied carefully and tactful plans laid in order to remedy this deficiency in our fair city.

We, Too

By Ruth Taylor

It is the habit with the majority in speaking of the minority to comment on how carefully they must be, to say that like Caesar's wife they must always be above reproach, that each and every act must be watched, and that the individual must consider the effect of his actions upon his group. That is plain horse sense I've preached it myself.

But sometimes I wonder if the majority in this country ever realized that this applies to us as well - that we are but a minority in the world, by both race and nationality.

It is up to us at all times to be good advertisements for democracy and the democratic way of life.

We preach to the Europeans of the folly of their national and trade barriers, of the dividing lines between countries. But we don't see anything tragic, only humorous, in the story of the Boston gentle woman who couldn't understand why there should be a fog in San Francisco when it was three thousand miles away from the ocean.

We turn to the East and talk to the Asiatics of the Wonders of Democracy and of how they should conduct their lives. But

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how well do we demonstrate the brotherhood of mankind? How good is our own record? Both national and personal? Are we entirely guiltless?

Every act of discrimination, every outbreak of intolerance, every one of the vituperative cat fights in which we indulge during political campaigns is a black mark against democracy in the eyes of the world.

Of course we know what we mean. We discount half our own talk. But the people of other nations take us at face value and ask - "Is that democracy?"

We are judged abroad - just as we judge our own minorities - by our actions and our speech as individuals. And as individuals we must bear witness for the things in which we believe. And as we would be judged - so must we act.

The Low Down from Hickory Grove . . .

With our U.S.A. being the world's richest and greatest nation, it is hard to fathom why we are such an unsettled lot. Nobody seems to be too happy. Something seems haywire as we keep harking to spell-binders who tell us to listen a little longer and we will emerge improved, and in great shape, and can sit down by a brook and be secure—pretty soon.

Of all the things us citizens in the Land of the Free insist upon, it is our right to be a sucker. So long as it is something like maybe buying a brass watch at the street carnival, it is not so bad, but when you commence to see things like our Supreme Court being undermined and beginning to tarnish, it is time to adjust our specs.

But back to being happy or glum. Over in Russia when the army fetches in a batch of Germans, Uncle Joe Stalin says, "Stir things up boys—have some fun—shoot off a few cannon." But here in our U.S.A. they pull a long face and tell us it is bad form to cheer.

Letting freedom ring is kinda getting out-of-date in our Land of the Free.
Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Capt. Ben H. Brown at Fort Sill, Okla.

FORT SILL, OKLA., Aug. 31
Capt. Benjamin H. Brown, Ashland, Oregon, has been selected to attend the officers advanced course of the Field Artillery School at this post.

Captain Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Brown, Route 2, Ashland, has reported here from Camp Pendleton, Va. He and his wife live at 1715 Gore Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Enlisted men and officers are

constantly returning to the nation's only Field Artillery school for instruction in the latest artillery tactics and techniques.

The accuracy and effect with which artillery fire has been delivered on the enemy by our troops overseas reflects the value of this training.

Dalles Police Hold Boys For Car Theft

Paul Morris of Ashland and Robert Taylor of Phoenix, both about fifteen years of age, were arrested this week by police at The Dalles, Oregon for the alleged theft of three cars and some personal property. First car stolen was the one belonging to William Brown of Ashland, police said, and was found after being abandoned near Prospect. A Chrysler coupe was stolen near Prospect and later was found in a wrecked condition near Bend. At noon Tuesday a Ford was stolen from Bend and discovered near Maupin, north of Bend. Authorities stated that the boys were suspected of burglarizing the tool house of Jake Williams tie mill at Prospect where some \$100 worth of tools were taken.



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