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Knights Templar Elects Officers Last Wednesday

Wednesday September 8, the Malta Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, held their annual election of officers, at the Masonic Temple. The following were elected or appointed for the coming year.

Vivian T. Wilson, Eminent Commander, Medford; Elmer C. Biegel, Generalissimo, Ashland; M. P. Dunn, Captain General, Ashland; George W. Dunn, Treasurer, Ashland; Rufus E. Detrick, Recorder, Ashland; George W. Neilson, Senior Warden, Medford; John P. Daugherty, Junior Warden, Ashland; Oliver D. Frazier, Prelate, Medford; Ralph E. Sweeney, Associate Prelate, Medford; Vernon A. Turpin, Warder, Medford; Joseph A. Langtry, Standard Bearer, Ashland; Fred A. Purdin, Sword Bearer, Medford; and William J. Wallace, Sentinel, Ashland.

Plans were made for a public installation to be held in Ashland Wednesday evening, September 20th at which time several Grand Commandery Officers will be in attendance. H. Herrman Mayberry, the retiring Eminent Commander, has enjoyed one of the most successful years in the history of Malta Commandery.

Central Point Editor In Ashland Saturday

County Commissioner Arthur Powell was in Ashland Saturday, to see about some county property which the county has for sale here. Mr. Powell stated that Ashland has received about \$1500 from the sale of tax delinquent land so far this year. Local schools have also received their portion of the income from these sales, since all taxing bodies received a portion of the sales made. The county has the past several years, sold tax delinquent property for a fair appraised value instead of just the amount of taxes due. In this way the county has disposed of some \$350,000 of property in the last three years, said Mr. Powell.

While here Mr. Powell commented on the coming election, being up for re-election as a county commissioner and stating that he was the only county official with an opponent on the ticket this fall.

L. Pettingell last week opened the Depot Cafe at 552 A street, which was recently operated by Herb Huston, now at Weyerhaeuser Camp 4 operating the camp store. Mr. Pettingell has spent the past week in redecorating and remodeling the building, last week was open for business, which he has also purchased and

Blue Tokens To Be Grouped After Sept 17

Under rationing regulations you can use your blue tokens this week only the same as usual but after September 17th, you will not receive any more blue tokens from the stores and from then on you will have to use your blue tokens in groups of 10, if you do not have as many as 10 blue tokens after September 17th you can pool with a friend to make a unit of 10 blue tokens, rationing officials reminded the public this week.

After September 30th blue tokens will not be usable and will have a value only as a souvenir of one phase of food rationing, officials said.

FRIENDS OF LOST HILT AIRMAN TELL OF HIS SHOOTING DOWN NAZI

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station England—Not long ago at this VIII Fighter Command Station station in England, P-47 Thunderbolt pilot 1st Lt. Louis G. Alphonse of Hilt, California, took at little time, to leave his impression on the Luftwaffe.

While escorting the American heavy bombers over Bremen, Lt. Alphonse spotted an Me 109 some 32,000 feet in the air menacing the rear formation of bombers. He chased the Jerry down, from cloud to cloud, before getting his victim in range of his eight wing guns and then at 8,000 feet, over the outskirts of the blitzed city, the Yankee pilot poured .50 calibre bullets into the unfortunate German until he went into a vertical dive, trailing smoke and flames to finally crash into the ground and explode.

"He tried to get away from me by banking into first one cloud and then another," said Lt. Alphonse, "but I followed him and when he finally broke out into the open I poured lead to him from a range of about 300 yards. I saw my bullets hit his nose and

This week the MINER brings another improvement to its readers with the use of eight pages instead of the four which has been its format for several years. Included in the eight pages will be a serial story, starting this week, "God is My Co-Pilot" a best seller of a couple years ago. This story will run serially for several weeks and then will be followed by another late serial story, also included will be a page of comics, a column written by Paul Mallon, well known Washington newspaper columnist and several other interesting features on current topics.

Last week new type faces were added so that the MINER would present a more readable appearance, and in bringing this new feature this week, is in line with our policy of bringing the best to be had to our readers.

This 'n That

(By OLD TIMER)

To the Editor:

As far back as Shakespeare's day, there was "the whining school-boy, with his satchel And shining morning face, creeping like snail Unwillingly to school."

Uncle Zeke, who is an ardent Jeffersonian, is tickled pink over the announcement that the County Democratic Committee plans to stage a parade. He says he's fed up on cut and dried speeches over the radio and craves a chance to kick up his heels and holler.

Incidentally, he wistfully recalls the days of yesteryear when the lusty crowing rooster and the sly coon were the respective emblems of the Democratic and Republican parties and were proudly borne aloft in torch light parades to the strains of martial music and red fire galore. Furthermore, Uncle Zeke opines that it was a sorry day when these old party emblems were discarded and the donkey and the elephant became the trademarks of the respective parties, Nast, the famous cartoonist, being the inventor.

September was a fateful month for two of our presidents, Garfield and McKinley. On July 2, 1881, President Garfield, while on his way to attend commencement exercises of Williams college, was shot while standing in the railroad station at Washington, D. C. by Charles A. Guiteau. Garfield died on September 19 at Elberon, N. J. — During a public reception at Buffalo, on September 6, President McKinley was shot by an anarchist, Leon F. Czolgoz, and died eight days later. Both assassins were executed.

Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt, meeting at Quebec, have a big job on hand planning the speedy defeat of Japan and Germany.

That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings.—John Ruskin.

The average citizen is doing some bombing too—daytime he swats flies at night mosquitoes.

Germany has been invaded by the Allies. Wonder where Hitler and his gang are hiding.

Politicians throw mud, football players roll in it.

Enrollment Figures on Local Schools Given

Figures released Monday afternoon by Theo. J. Norby, Ashland school superintendent shows that a total of 983 pupils were enrolled on the opening day of school, Monday, September 11. Preliminary figures show that 202 students were enrolled at the Washington school, 243 at the Lincoln, 263 at the Junior high and 215 at the senior high.

In comparative figures, the Washington school shows an increase of 32 over the 1943 figure, Lincoln had an increase of nine, junior high an increase of four and the high school a drop of 41. Mr. Norby stated that the senior class is the smallest in several years. Eighty-three new students entered the first grade Monday, 42 at Washington and 41 at Lincoln.

Lions Club Hears Major Hughes

At the regular meeting of the Ashland Lions Club Tuesday night, the members had the pleasure of listening to a talk by Major H. L. Hughes, recently retired by the army and now making his permanent home in Ashland. Major Hughes, in a long active career as a regular army man, has seen most of the world, but the past two and a half years since the United States has been in the war, was stationed in Iran, where he had an active part in getting lend lease supplies and war material to the Russians first through the Persian Gulf and later by way of the Mediterranean sea. At a seaport, the supplies were unloaded by American soldiers, and then by rail and by truck, sent across Iran to the Russian border, where Russians took over the job of getting the supplies to the place where needed. Major Hughes had an active part in all this work and his descriptions of the activities there were vivid and most interesting. The hour he talked was greatly enjoyed.

Cpl Tommy Laird was a guest of Dick Trites, also.

Robert Dodge, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced that next week, the supervisor of the Rogue National Forest, will continue a talk started on Tuesday, Sept. 5, and several county and city officials are being invited to attend also. Lions are urged to keep the date open.

Portland Woman Dies at Home of Son in Ashland

Rachel Clara Jenks, of Portland died September 10, 1944 at 9 p.m. at the residence of her son, 581 East Main street, where she came two weeks ago to visit.

Mrs. Jenks was born February 15, 1870, in Ohio. The family came to Oregon from Michigan in 1920.

The survivors include, three children: Harvey O. Jenks, Fall Creek Oregon; Mrs. Isa Johnson, Portland; and Jim H. of Ashland; one sister, Mrs. Alice Frye, Carson City, Michigan.

Mr. Jenks died in Michigan January 22, 1938 and a son, Joe died at the age of eight years.

The deceased was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Portland.

The funeral services were held at the Litwiler Funeral Home, Wednesday, September.

Riding Association Hears Finance Report

Members of the Ashland Riding association met Thursday evening at the city hall to hear reports on the horse show held labor day. Finance committee reported a net balance of about \$800 on hand, and it is planned to use the money for repairs, improvements, etc. on the grounds and for the promotion of another show. A committee of Jim Warren, Walter Hamby and C. L. Fiddler was appointed to investigate when and how the next show will be promoted and report their findings and recommendations at an early meeting.

Re-Opening Slated For Copper Mine

MEDFORD—Andrew Jeldness, veteran miner of the Squaw creek district, near the California state line in southwest Jackson county, reports extensive operations toward reopening the Blue Ledge mine, a copper property in Siskiyou county, California. Jeldness reports a large crew s cleaning out the shafts and retimbering them, conducting surveys to check copper available, and operating a diamond drill. The work reportedly is being conducted by government finances and a Los Angeles syndicate.

The mine is reportedly owned by the Guggenheim interests. It

Mexicans Helped Harvest Huge Oregon Potato Crop Last Year



This will be a familiar sight in Oregon's big potato producing areas for the next month or so as approximately a thousand Mexican nationals help harvest the late crop of spuds. This is the second year that Mexicans have been used for the potato harvest. The picker above started down the row with 24 empty sacks hooked on his picking belt. Three Mexican farm labor camps have been established for potato pickers in Klamath county and two opened in central Oregon in October, according to the state farm labor office in the O.S.C. Extension service.

Donald J. McCullach In England with AAF

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England—Staff Sergeant Donald J. McCullach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln McCullach of Route 2, Ashland, Ore., is a crew chief in the Eighth Fighter command's well trained army of aircraft specialists, and is one of the men whose work contributes to the great aerial offensive against Germany.

Assigned to a P-51 Mustang fighter base, Sergeant McCullach and his men help keep the swift combat planes in perfect condition for long range bomber escort missions, ground strafing operations and low level bombing attacks behind enemy lines.

A graduate of Talent High school, the twenty-eight year old logger had been in business with his father until the service called him in March, 1942. He has now been over seas for one year.

Ministerial Ass'n Plans for V-Day

Victory Day services of praise and gratitude is planned and hereby announced by the Ashland Ministerial Association. If the announcement of the European Victory comes during the night people are urged to go to their own churches at 10 o'clock the next morning. If the announcement of victory should come during forenoon people should go to their own churches at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. If the Victory announcement should come during the afternoon every one should attend the union service at the Baptist Church at 7:30 in the evening. Even though there should be a service in each church during the morning or afternoon of the day the announcement comes there will also be the evening union service at the Baptist Church at 7:30 of that same day.

The ministers have a well planned program prepared and ready to present any time the announcement comes. The entire public should be so grateful to God for Victory that every other thing should be laid aside while they attend this service of praise and gratitude. "Let us watch and pray, for we know neither the day nor the hour" when Victory cometh. "Be ye also ready."

Local Army Aviator Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lucas, well known Ashland residents, received word the last week that their son, Lt. Kenneth Lucas, was reported missing in action, when flying his mission over Germany on August 24. He had been stationed in England. He joined battery B. her four years ago in September. He later transferred to use air corps, completing his training in Texas. He was a bombardier and navigator on a Flying Fortress. At the time of his graduation he was the best all-around athlete in the class of 264 boys.

He was a graduate of Modesto Junior college, graduating just before his enlistment. He has been overseas about a month.

formerly was owned by the Towne estate of Boston, and has not been operated for some 20 years.

SNIDER COFFEE SHOP IS BUSY ASHLAND MANUFACTURING CENTER

A visit this week to the Snider Coffee Company, managed by Al Snider, will quickly show one that there is a lot of coffee going through the store. Tuesday, Mr. Snider was roasting coffee, one bag, weighing one hundred and fifty pounds, at a time and running through a batch of coffee every few minutes. Here is a most complete little coffee grinding establishment.

In telling about the work, Mr. Snider stated that he bought about a ton and a half of green coffee beans per month. The beans coming from different parts of South and Central America, are mostly graded on the place where grown. In determining how good coffee shall be, it remains with the owner to blend the different grades and varieties to make good coffee. The best grade comes from Brazil while other, cheaper grades come from Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala and other central American republics.

About five or six different grades are kept on hand and before roasting, are blended to get the best ground coffee from the grades. A modern small roasting oven, heated by gas and very carefully controlled roasts the green beans. After this they are run through the regular power

Civilian Employees at Camp White Given Bond Flag

In a brief, but impressive ceremony at Camp White headquarters last Thursday afternoon, Col. John R. Young, camp commander, presented the treasury department war bond flag to civilian employees as a fitting tribute to their participation in the war bond program.

Of blue and white "Minute Man" design, the flag was formally accepted by Chester L. Thompson, civilian representative, and then flown on the camp flagstaff below the stars and stripes.

Concluding the ceremony Lt. William A. Barrett, war bond officer, reminded civilian workers that by their continued purchases of bonds they can be instrumental in bringing home sooner their sons, brothers and husbands now on the fighting fronts.

In making the presentation, Col. Young said, "It is through your efforts and purchases of war bonds that our campaigns in Europe and the Pacific are being brought about to a victorious conclusion."

The flag symbolizes attainment of 100 per cent participation and of 100 per cent personnel and 100 per cent of gross pay.

OPA Board Urges

MOTORISTS TO FILE GAS APPLICATIONS

Local OPA board is urging motorists here to hurry up their sending in of requests for the new gasoline ration coupons, as they have been very slow to date. The new books will become valid on September 22, but board members indicated that unless more applications are sent in right away some of the applications cannot be filed by that time.

The new application blanks are very simple, but the cover from the former gas coupons and the mileage record are required to be filed with the application.

War Chest Set For Jackson County Drive

MEDFORD—Preliminary plans for the War Chest campaign in Jackson county, in areas outside the city of Medford, were recently made when representatives of the War Chest and Community Chest met with J. E. Larey, general chairman for the campaign.

It was agreed that the Community Chest would raise part of the War Chest quota assigned to Jackson county, as was done last year. The Medford Community Chest will solicit only persons living in or working in Medford. Mrs. Olive Floyd, who managed the campaign in the rural areas last year, will handle that part of the campaign this year. Early plans for the campaign will be perfected to prevent confusion and duplication.

Present at the meeting besides chairman Larey, were Frank Van Dyke and Frank Thompson of Ashland and John Moffat, Elwood Hedberg, Frank Hull, A. M. Cannon, Otto Frohnmayer, Ralph Sweeney, Herb Grey, Tony Manano and Lee Bishop of Medford.

driven coffee grinders, sacked and are then ready for the market. Most of the coffee from the local business goes into the restaurant trade, Mr. Snider delivering his wares as far as Grants Pass and shipping as far as Yreka, California.

The local business was established by Mr. Snider's son, William in 1936. With the outbreak of war, the father took over the business the son and his wife could go into defense work and both are now working at Kaiser's yards at Portland. They plan to return to the business as soon as the need for men abates and they can leave the defense work.

When the business was run by the younger Mr. Snider, a peanut butter making machine was also kept going and the roasting of certain types of fancy nuts was also done. This has been discontinued and Mr. Snider concentrates on the grinding of coffee only.

While Mr. Snider is away from the store delivering, the place is of necessity closed, but during the days when he is there, coffee is retailed over the counter to whoever may want it. Readers will find it interesting to drop in and see the business, and we will guarantee that the smell of roasting coffee will make one want some of it.