

This 'n That

by The Old Timer

Major wars of the United States have always begun in April. The Revolutionary War April 19, 1775; Mexican, April 24, 1846; Civil War, April 15, 1861; Spanish-American, April 21, 1898; and World War No. 1, April 6, 1917.

Declaration of war against Germany was sparked by the sinking of the Aztec, an American merchant ship, near Brest by a German submarine on April 3, 1917.

There have been nine generals in the White House: Washington, Jackson, M. W. Harrison, Taylor, Pierce, Grant, Hays, Garfield, Harrison, but nary an admiral.

If we could only grow things like those pictured in the seed catalogs, a Victory garden would be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

"Jimmy" Byrnes, who ordered the midnight furlow, the horse racing ban and other home front restrictions has quit. President Roosevelt in accepting Byrnes' resignation expressed "heartfelt regret."

Russians are now driving through the Alps to Berchtesgaden, Hitler's hideout. In the opinion of Uncle Zeke it won't be long now when Adolph the Awful will be completely washed up.

In the old days people used to laugh at the village idiot. Nowadays he gets himself a radio program and hires an office force to handle his fan mail.

About time spring was getting out from under the stove and capering on the lawn.

This squaking about delegates to the Peace conference is rather disquieting.

The rattle of the lawnmower's heard in the land. Chief electrical engineer, at the yard and is responsible for the electrical wiring on the boats launched at the yard.

Vets and Widows Get Exemptions

County Assessor Myers will be in Ashland Friday April 6th, at the city hall council chambers from 2 to 5 p.m. to aid veterans and veterans' widows to work out their tax exemption. He will be assisted by Guy Applewhite, of this city who handles similar work for the Legion.

All veterans who have 40 per cent disability and veterans' widows are allowed \$1,000 property tax exemption.

Homer Walker left Tuesday afternoon for Chico, California, on a business trip.

Medford Trucker Killed on Green Springs Hill Wed.

Truck Goes Over Edge of Hill to Kill Medford Man

Leroy Rodgers, an employee for the Tru-Mix Concrete company of Medford was found in the remains of his truck Thursday by Lawrence Nash of Klamath Falls when he stopped to cool his car on the Green Springs hill on the highway to Klamath Falls. Noticing the tire tracks leading over the edge of the road and found the burned out truck some 400 feet down the side of the hill. Investigation by the deputy coroner, C. N. Litwiller, indicated that the man had probably died from shock and exposure, and from the fact that his watch had stopped at 9:37, it was thought that the accident had happened at that time. No cause for the accident has been found, although the night was foggy and the driver may have just missed the road. Tire tracks indicated that the truck turned squarely across the road to go over the bank. Inasmuch as the truck was going uphill and was heavily loaded with gravel and parts of a power shovel, the truck could not have been going very fast. The truck burned after stopping four hundred feet from where it left the road.

Funeral services were held for Rodgers Monday afternoon at the Conger Funeral Parlors in Medford under the direction of the Litwiller Funeral directors of Ashland. LeRoy Rodgers was born in August, 1898, at Peoria, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, and two daughters, Cora and Marcia Lee. Eight brothers and sisters and his mother, Mrs. Cora Rodgers. Interment was made in the IOOF cemetery at Medford.

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ANNUAL DRIVE FOR RED CROSS FUNDS ENDED

Ashland Contributes \$10,305 To Better Last Year's Response For Welfare Funds

Ashland's 1945 Red Cross War Fund Drive closed officially Saturday March 31 with a total contribution of \$10,305.02. This amount exceeds last year's quota by 25% and indicates that the people of Ashland are sensitive to the needs of Red Cross and appreciate the fine work it is doing. Chairman Howard Oden has done an outstanding job in heading this drive.

"We feel Mr. Oden is to be commended highly for his fine work and on behalf of our committee and the community, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation," stated J. L. Fader, Chairman of the Ashland Branch of the American Red Cross.

"I could have done nothing without the splendid support and enthusiastic help of our different chairman and their co-workers. They did the job, and it was a fine one too. I wish to thank everyone of these workers and the people who by their generous contributions made our Drive a success," Oden stated in commenting on the Drive.

Space does not permit comments from individual chairman but they were all high in their praise of their fellow workers and the attitude of the community toward the Red Cross. The following concerns conclude the 100% honor roll: Metz's Store, Copeland Lumber Yard, Community Hospital, Dr. Haines Office, Dr. R. L. Burdick's Office, Parkview Convalescent Home, Harrison Auto Parts, Palace Cafe, Chipman's Newstand, B & E Sporting Goods Store, Coin & Daily Taxi Stand, Ashland Bowling Alley, Drive In Meat Market.

Harry Chipman Jackson Chairman of KOG Committee

Ashland Man Named To Head Jackson County Organization The Past Week

Governor Earl Snell this week announced the appointment of Mr. Harry Chipman, of Ashland to serve during 1945 as Jackson county chairman of Keep Oregon Green, and has asked the new chairman to select at once a strong committee of citizens to work with him in the all important work of preventing farm and forest fires this year.

"As the war draws to a close," Governor Snell stated, "we can expect desperate last minute efforts by the Japanese to wreak their spite on us. Such fiendishness might take the form of incendiary attacks on our forests. We must be ever on the alert to make certain that such attacks fail."

Governor Snell pointed out that during the 1945 summer season and even now, it is the duty of every citizen to take an active part in the publicly sponsored Keep Oregon Green program, and see that man-caused fires just do not get started.

Edmund Hayes, chairman of the state executive committee of KOG, was asked by the Governor to perfect the strongest possible fire-prevention organization for the critical 1945.

"Of great importance this year," the Governor stressed, "is the formation of strong county committees of citizens who will work the season through in keeping fire loss to the lowest possible point."

Charles Ogle, newly named executive secretary, stated at Salem headquarters of KOG this week that he would very shortly start on a tour of the state to work out local fire prevention programs with each county committee.

Betty Sue Reed Bride of Weldon Heard

At a wedding ceremony at the First Baptist Church Saturday evening, Miss Betty Sue Reed and Weldon Heard were united in marriage, with the Rev. Gordon Griffin pronouncing the marriage vows. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Reed of Ashland and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Heard of Ashland. The double-ring ceremony was used.

Laura Billings and Gemmy Lee Cooper lighted the tapers, and Miss Marilyn Young sang, "Because" and "Always," accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Peters, who also played the wedding march and the processional and recessional.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, A. H. Veith, matron of honor was Mrs. Patricia Roberson, Marlene Heard, flower girl and Carlos Heard, the ring bearer. Wayne Heard was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the social rooms at the church. The bride and groom cut the first slice from the three-tiered wedding cake. Cutting was continued by the bride's mother.

The couple left on a short honeymoon, and will then be at home on Laurel street. Both the young people are Ashland school graduates, and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Ashland Business Buildings Are Sold

Sale of two Ashland business buildings this week was announced by the Billings Agency, which handled the deal. The buildings involved the two known as the Meikle property and sale was made to W. D. Jackson and C. O. Sears and is reported to be one of the largest real estate transfers in late years. Mr. Jackson owns the Palace cafe which is in one of the two buildings in the sale and the occupants include the Miner Office, the A & B. Sports shop, the Standard Cleaners, the Western Union office and Harry Chipman's confectionery store. New owners have stated that there is no immediate changes contemplated. The building was constructed by the Mickle family a number of years ago when they resided here and of late has been owned by Mrs. Mary Mickle of Berkeley, California.

Local Scout Officials Attend Medford Meet

Dick Trites, Ashland chairman, Hugh McKeever and Theo Norby attended a meeting of the Crater Lake Council committee in Medford Monday evening. They are members of the Executive Board, and the meeting was held in the Jackson Hotel.

Of the 28 members on the board, 25 were in attendance, coming from Yreka, Mt. Shasta and most of the other points where scouting is held. Featured speaker on the program was O. D. Sharpe, new regional director, who spoke on subjects of interest to scouts.

Theo Norby tendered his resignation at the meeting, as he will leave with the close of school for California.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce received word last week that their son, Sgt. Myrl Clark had landed last Tuesday at Miami, Florida, being invalided home from the India-Burma-China theatre of operations. He has been hospitalized the past three months because of a recurrent attack of stomach ulcers. In his message to his parents, he expected to be home in a week, but no further word has been heard from him since. His home and family are at Dallas, Oregon, and he will return there when released. Sgt. Clark has been away from home for three years, most of that time with a Signal Corps unit in the CBI theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. William Briggs moved the past week to their home at 167 Church street. They purchased the property some time ago and have been renovating and repairing the property prior to moving in. They have been living on Granite street.

A/S and Mrs. Richard K. Flaharty will leave this week to return to Sheppard Field, Texas, after spending a short furlough in Ashland with friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Flaharty will take them to Redding.

Earl Newbry Will Again Head Local C of C Directors

First Meeting Of New Board Of Directors, Chooses Officers For Coming Year Activities

Earl Newbry was re-elected president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting of the board of directors held last Wednesday noon. It was the first meeting of the fiscal year. Mr. Newbry has been president the past year and he, as presiding officer of the meeting Wednesday welcomed the new director, Jacob Weitzel, Robert Dodge, Howard Oden, Ivor Irwin, Welter Weller and Frank Van Dyke. In the election of officers for the board of directors, Earl Newbry was re-elected president, Gerald Wenner, re-elected vice president and Alice Patterson re-elected secretary-treasurer.

At the meeting it was decided to again have the annual banquet, to be held in the immediate future, but date as yet undecided. Appointed as the committee to make arrangements for the banquet were Harold Merrill, Ray Spalding, Harry Travis, Arch Barksdale and Robert Dodge. Howard Oden was appointed special chairman for the bond drive to get under way this week.

Jacob Weitzel was appointed chairman of a committee to work out a new folder advertising Ashland. The folder will give pertinent facts regarding Ashland's industries, educational and church advantages, etc. Mr. Weitzel has appointed several members to help with this work.

Central Point Mill Burns Monday Morn

Fire destroyed the planing building at the Southern Oregon Planing Mill company at Central Point early Monday morning, with a loss estimated at \$15,000, state police reported. The mill is operated by Harry G. Dowson and A. W. Lingas. It had been operated about an hour Monday morning when it was shut down because of a broken conveyor chain. A workman noticed a fire in the 100 hp motor. The blaze spread rapidly soon engulfing the mill. The Central Point fire department was called but the blaze had gained too much headway to be put out. The office building and filing shed were saved as were the three railroad cars on the siding. There was a partial loss of stock. The loss was partially covered by insurance on the building.

Owners could give no explanation for the motor catching fire. Plans for rebuilding the mill have not yet been discussed.

Taxi Stand Moved to New Quarters

Headquarters for the Bus Depot Taxi has been moved the past week and now occupies quarters at Harry Chipman's confectionary. Former location was at 131 East Main, occupying the room with the Ashland Sporting Goods. The space which the Taxi stand used will be taken over by the sporting goods company.

Rail Lines, Shippers War on Waste

Seeking to reduce tragic wartime waste in damage or loss to freight in transit, which last year in the United States reached an estimated \$60,000,000, shippers in Western states will join in support of the Regional Shippers Advisory Boards' ninth annual campaign for "perfect shipping" to be conducted throughout the nation during April.

According to E. W. Powers, superintendent of freight protection for Southern Pacific, purpose of the campaign, which also is being sponsored by the Association of American Railroads, will be to intensify interest in improved packing, loading and handling of freight. "Everything accomplished in that respect is a contribution to the war effort," he said.

Powers pointed out that the \$60,000,000 estimated loss was up 36 per cent from 1943.

"Loss and damage to freight represents an economic waste through the destruction of scarce materials," he said, "and any corrections that can be accomplished will be to the advantage of the entire nation."

Texas Lady Lands Huge Salmon Sunday

Mrs. Raymond Ridley, who came to Ashland the past week from Texas, landed a huge Salmon Sunday when she and her husband accompanied Howard Oden, local sportsman to Savage Falls, near Grants Pass. The salmon weighed in at 28 1/2 pounds. This reported that Mrs. Ridley has caught fish before, but nothing like this one, she having said that a ten-pound was the largest she had ever caught. The catch was made with a regular salmon rod with a 75 pound test line and a 120 pound test steel leader. Mr. Ridley and Mr. Oden both landed smaller fish. Of the six caught that afternoon at the falls, the Ashland party thus had three of them. The fish was on display at Mr. Oden's sporting goods store Monday and attracted a good deal of attention. It was a beauty!

SPONSORS BOAT LAUNCHING

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Emmett received a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Zereta Reed at Oakland, that she had been the sponsor at a boat launching at the Alameda navy yard on March 7th. The boat officially known as an ARF 21. In the traditional manner, Mrs. Reed broke a bottle of champagne over the prow of the ship. Mr. Reed works at the navy yard and is

Tuesday Meeting Starts Off Ashland Bond Campaign

Several representative leaders in the community met at the Elk's temple Tuesday evening to discuss ways and means of meeting Ashland's quota in the seventh war loan drive now under way. Speaker of the evening Forrest Cooper of Portland, a member of the Oregon Bond Committee, who spoke at length on the need of the drive, and plans which have been made for this particular campaign. He pointed out that this drive will last for 90 days, or until July 7th and in the fore part of the campaign at least, will be aimed at getting working men and women to sign up on the payroll deduction plan of buying bonds. "Not only does Uncle Sam need the money, but we must combat inflation," stated Mr. Cooper in his talk. He pointed out that the sale of bonds is a safety valve for the huge amount of money being stored up in the banks, savings accounts and other such institutions over the nation as a result of the high wages and comparatively few articles for sale over the counters of the nation. The investment angle of the bonds will be stressed in the forth coming drive.

Earl Newbry, Chairman

N. H. Zacharisen, Jackson county chairman was also present and took part in the discussion. Mrs. Alice Patterson of Ashland is sub-chairman and she has appointed Earl Newbry as chairman of the Ashland drive. Mr. Newbry will appoint committees in the next day or so to work on the drive. A committee meeting will be called in a few days to discuss further plans.

ORCHARDISTS PROTECT FRUIT FROM FROST

Orchardists of the Rogue river valley lit their smudge pots for the first time Monday morning as the temperature dropped to 22 degrees, Frost Observer Roy J. Rogers reported at Medford. A heavy pall of smoke covered the valley as a result of the smudging.

S 1/C Robert Baker came in Saturday from San Francisco, to visit until Monday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Baker and his brothers and sisters. Seaman Baker is a member of an Armed Guard on a troop transport out of San Francisco, and has made three trips to the South Seas, carrying troops out and bringing the wounded back. The last trip was to Leyte in the Philippines, where he saw a "hot" time of it from Japanese bombing. Seaman Baker left Monday night via the midnight plane from Medford to return to his duty at San Francisco.

The appointment of Arthur Y. Alcorn, at present District Freight Agent of the Southern Pacific Company at Portland to position of Assistant General Freight Agent to succeed the late B. C. Taylor has been announced by F. C. Nelson Freight Traffic Manager.

One Killed One Injured in Auto Wreck at Redding

Earl Wooldrige Dies And Charles Walters Seriously Injured Monday

Earl Wooldrige, former Ashland chef was killed and Charles Walters, local restaurant owner was seriously injured early Tuesday morning in a wreck near Redding, California, reports circulated in Ashland early Tuesday morning indicated. The accident occurred when the Wooldrige car struck a Mitchell Brothers truck, loaded with airplane engines on the hill two miles north of Redding.

Conflicting reports were circulated regarding the accident all day Tuesday, but it was learned Wednesday morning from Virgil Walters brother of the injured man, who with Mrs. Charles Walters and Mrs. Geise, Walters partner in the Plaza Cafe, left Tuesday noon for Redding and who returned Wednesday morning, that the accident had occurred when the Wooldrige car attempted to pass the truck, striking the truck on the outer corner of the body and overturning the car onto its top in the road. Both Walters and Wooldrige were thrown out of the car, and it was not known which one was driving. Wooldrige died from a severe blow on the head, dying before he could be gotten to a hospital. Walters sustained severe gashes about the head and a leg injury, but when Virgil Walters and Mrs. Geise returned attending physicians gave them hopes that Mr. Walters would recover. He had not gained consciousness so that his testimony could be secured.

On Way To Salt Lake

Wooldrige and Walters had left late Monday evening on their way to Salt Lake, via Reno, where they were to pick up Mrs. Wooldrige and three children who had been east visiting. From what could be learned the two men had been in Redding and were driving north when the accident occurred. No explanation for this has been learned as yet and will await recovery of Walters.

Wooldrige was well known in Ashland having been the chef at the Plaza Cafe for a number of years. Of late he has been interested in a Medford cafe, Walters has been a co-partner with Mrs. Geise in the Plaza cafe for a number of years. Both men are widely known here and it was a good deal of a shock to their friends when the accident was reported in town.

Easter Program by United Choirs Thrills Audience

Capping a full day of Easter observances in the Ashland churches, a capacity audience filled the Methodist Church Sunday evening, to hear the evening of music by the combined choirs of the Ashland churches. Long and patient rehearsals during the past several weeks brought the entertainment to a peak of enjoyment. Miss Nora Lunde, vocal director of music in the Ashland schools, directed the work. She and the members of the choir are to be commended for the excellence of their presentation.

Solos were sung by Florence Allen, Jeanne Joy, Nora Lunde, Mrs. Hattie Litwiller and Mrs. Helen Merriman had solo parts in two different numbers. The prelude was played by Mrs. Annabel Davis at the Organ and Miss Margaret Ramsay at the piano. This was followed by the processional, and then the Rev. W. R. Wise pronounced the invocation. Three numbers by the choir, was the next feature on the program, announcements and offertory prayer was given by the Rev. George Shuman and the benediction given by the Rev. George W. Bruce.

From beginning to end of the musical program, the choir held the deep attention of the several hundred who gathered to hear them. The numbers were well arranged and excellently presented. About fifty members of the choir took part.

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