

Early in the morning of August 3, 1923, Calvin Coolidge, in his father's house in Plymouth, Vt., learned of the death of President Harding. By the light of a lantern, the presidential oath of office was administered by his father, a justice of the peace, and he left immediately for Washington.

It was Sunday, March 4, 1840, when President Polk, with a sigh of relief, signed the last bill his secretary handed him. "This," remarked Polk, "closes my official duties as President of the United States".

President-elect Zackary Taylor had not yet arrived in Washington for his inauguration. In fact, he did not take the oath until the next afternoon.

A law of 1792 provided that in case the President or Vice President could not serve, the President of the Senate should act as Chief Executive.

This man was Senator David R. Atchison of Missouri. He probably did not realize what power he had for those few hours.

One writer has called him "the President who slept through his term". At any rate, for almost 24 hours there was no other President.

No biography of him has ever been written. But he does have two lasting memorials. For after him are named Atchison county, Missouri, and the city of Atchison, Kansas.

Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration was in a wartime atmosphere, somewhat similar of that of today.

President Truman enters upon his duties with the confidence and best wishes of all his fellow countrymen.

Big three immortals—Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

"Earth loves a shining mark".

Several Speakers on PTA Program Thursday

Karl Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River Forest, will head the list of speakers on the program at the Junior-Senior PTA meeting to be held Thursday evening in the Junior High school cafeteria. Harry Chipman, Jackson county chairman of Keep Oregon Green Committee and Roland Parks chairman, are also slated to talk on the program. Mrs. R. I. Flaharty is in charge of the program. Mrs. Eldora DeMots, district field supervisor of the Camp Fire girls is on the program also.

Mrs. C. M. Litwiller will supervise special music for the occasion, and the social hour will be in charge of Mrs. Mildren Harmensen. Souvenirs from overseas, will be on exhibition.

Pvt. Kenneth Madden Gets Infantry Badge

WITH THE 32d INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES—Private Kenneth J. Madden, 63 Pine St., Ashland, Oregon, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary behavior in action.

In the service since March, 1944 Pvt. Madden has been in action in the Leyte Battle. He is fighting on Luzon at present with the 32d "Red Arrow" Division.

His wife, Mrs. Norma A. Madden lives at 143 Van Ness St., Ashland.

Memorial Services Sunday for Two Local Servicemen

A memorial service will be held in the Methodist Church at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, in memory of Cpl. Lewis Setchell and Cpl. Donald Chapman. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Setchell who formerly lived in Valley View, now are living on a ranch near Phoenix; and Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chapman who home is on a ranch near Phoenix. Lewis was with the 11th Armored Infantry Battalion in Germany when he was killed in action Feb. 22, 1945. Donald was with the 10th Armored Infantry when he was killed in action in Lorraine France, November 19, 1944.

The memorial service will consist of organ music by Mrs. Anabelle Davis, a solo by Paul Byers, the folding of the flags by two men from the Armed service, and a memorial address by Dr. G. W. Bruce, pastor of the Methodist Church.

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Walton League Met in Ashland Tuesday Evening

About seventy enthusiastic sportsmen were present at the Parish House Tuesday evening at first meeting of the Isaac Walton League to be held in Ashland. A large delegation of Medford members and one carload from Central Point were among those present.

On the speaking part of the program were T. E. Daniels of Medford who spoke on the aims and purpose of the Isaac Walton League. He is a well known Jackson county sportsman and his informal talk proved interesting. Main speaker of the evening was Kenneth Denman of the state game commission, who gave a detailed discussion on the new game laws of Oregon, spoke at length on that portion of the law regarding the new requirement for screening irrigation ditches, and talked on the pollution of streams. He pointed out that the Rogue river and its tributaries were well protected in this respect as every city and town in this area has sewage disposal plants and the streams are thus comparatively free of pollution. Mr. Denman comes from Corvallis and he stated that the Willamette and other streams in that area are not thus protected as few disposal plants are in operation there.

Mr. West, Crater Lake park superintendent, was present and spoke briefly, also.

Following the talks, two reels of pictures were screened with fishing scenes as the subject. As a windup of the evening a feed of chili, followed by ice cream and cake was enjoyed. The evening has been pronounced a success by those attending. Considerable enthusiasm for the League has been expressed. A membership drive has been in progress and it was reported at the meeting that about 125 members have joined in Jackson county.

Next meeting of the Waltonians will be held in Medford, at the Medford Hotel basement dining room, where a feed will be enjoyed. Meeting is scheduled for the 15th of May.

Ministerial Ass'n To Hold Evening of Prayer on April 24

Congregational Church Will Be Scene of Service Night Before Frisco Conference

Ashland Ministerial Association is sponsoring an evening of hymns, scripture reading, and prayer for the International Conference which is to meet in San Francisco. This service will be held in the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, April 24th, at 8 o'clock.

If ever there was need for prayer it is now. When the great leaders of the world meet in San Francisco on the 25th of this month every Christian should be praying for them, and for the plans which they are to make for the world.

In this program at the Congregational church the ministers are suggesting three focal points for prayer: first, that the Presence and guidance of Sovereign Good may be given to the leaders in conference that they may plan wisely for the future. Second, that the leaders in conference may give full recognition to all human values and rights, and that all mankind may be benefited by the peace program which is built. Third, that peace Christians everywhere may be faithful in the discharge of their Christian responsibilities and privileges toward all mankind.

Ministers and laymen from the cooperating churches will take the lead in this meeting. It ought to be one of the most outstanding meetings of this nature during these spring months. The public is invited. The program begins promptly at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Mary Louise Sander was cited to appear in justice court on a charge of having but one license plate. Tuesday, April 10, Mrs. Sanders was assessed costs of the action. On April 12, Claire Donovan Crosby appeared to answer to a charge of passing a truck with insufficient clearance. He was fined \$25.00.



HARRY S. TRUMAN, thirty-second President of United States.

Bert Mottner of Medford Is New Theatre Manager

Medford Man Named Manager of Two Local Theatres by Interstate Theatre Group

Albert R. (Bert) Mottner has assumed management of the Varsity and Lithia theaters in this city, two of the group of theaters in the Walter H. Leverette group of theaters which was enlarged recently by the purchase of the theaters in Medford.

Mr. Mottner went to work for the George A. Hunt theaters in Medford August 1942 as doorman at the Craterian and was also in charge of bond sales as conducted by the theaters in Medford.

In February 1943 Mr. Mottner became the manager of the Holly theater in Medford and also assumed part of the advertising duties of the Hunt theaters. This



was followed by his appointment as manager of the The Rialto theater in May 1944 and he is now the resident manager of the local units of the Leverette Interstate Theaters which also include those in Weed and Yreka, California.

Before entering theater employment in Medford, Mr. Mottner had been connected with the Mason Ehrman wholesale grocery firm there.

He is a member of the American Legion, the DAV, the Military Order of Purple Heart and the F. O. Eagles.

In the interim, between his resignation at Medford and his assumption of new duties here, Mr. and Mrs. Mottner attended a family reunion in Denver where he had the pleasure of meeting a brother who had just returned from 32 months of overseas military service.

Mr. and Mrs. Mottner have two children, Banna Ann, six months and Daniel Albert 22 months.

Many Parents and Friends Enjoy the Junior Open House

Large Crowd View Exhibits Of Work And Efforts Done By Junior High Students

A large number of parents and friends of the Junior High school students, were present Friday evening at the Junior high school, to view the work done by the various departments and classes at the junior high school. Open house started at 7:30 when visitors were conducted by guides, through the various rooms of the building, to see first hand, what the students have accomplished. Teachers were all present to explain the work and to visit with the parents and to show the work done. A fine exhibit of work was shown in the woodworking department, work that had been turned out on the lathes by the boys, models of buildings, etc. The print shop next door was also a popular visiting place, and here the boys taking printing showed how the work was done and some of the work they had done in their classes.

A tour of the main building, from the cafeteria in the basement through to the top floor, was interesting, in giving a picture of work accomplished in history, English, geography, math, social studies, etc. There are too many to list here. Teachers were most obliging in explaining the work done by their pupils.

About 8:45 all present found seats in the auditorium to enjoy an hours entertainment. First on the program was several numbers by the Junior High swing band, under the direction of I. A. Mirick. This was followed by the Junior High Chorus, directed by Miss Nora Lunde. Several tumbling and acrobatic acts followed by boys of Coach Roberts athletic classes. Final numbers on the program were musical selections by the Junior High orchestra, again under the direction of the instrumental director, Mr. Mirick. The audience was appreciative of the efforts and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.

Capt. Malcolm Clark Awarded Bronze Star

With V Corps in Germany. Captain Malcolm V. L. Clark of General Delivery, Butte Falls, Oregon a member of 17th FA Observation Bn, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy during the period 8 June 1944 to 15 December 1944, in France Belgium and Germany.

He is the husband of Mrs. Virgil L. Clark of General Delivery, Butte Falls, Oregon.

School Board Hunts for Superintendent

The School board of District Five have been considering candidates for the position of City Superintendent of schools the past couple of weeks, and Monday evening met to interview three local men, who have made application for the position. Mrs. Etta Schilling, chairman of the board, stated Tuesday that the board has a large number of applications from possible candidates, and at future meetings of the board, these written applications will be carefully considered. "We plan to meet with several of the most likely candidates soon, for a personal interview," said Mrs. Schilling.

No action has been taken, she stressed, except to consider the qualifications for the position.

Forest Men Talk Before Lions Club

Guests of the Lions club Tuesday evening, were three men of the Oregon and California Land Administration, who talked on the subject of policies, past, present and future of the administration. Present were Harry I. Nettleton, forester with the O. & C., and he was accompanied by F. W. Scott Medford district forester and F. Jacquemin, assistant district forester. Mr. Nettleton discussed the policies in the past of the O. & C., explaining that the administration of the lands which had reverted to the Department of the Interior as a failure of a railroad company to fulfill their contract with the federal government when the grant was made, had been necessary, for there are some 2 million acres of lands in this area under control of the O. & C. Every individual has an interest in the administration of the land for a considerable revenue to the cities, counties and other units of this area is derived from the administration. Mr. Nettleton touched briefly on some of the future policies of the O. & C. administration. The talk proved interesting and very instructive to the members present. Following the Lions club meeting, the guest met with the City Council, where a further discussion was held along the same lines.

Jackson County In Race for Right to Name Kaiser Ship

Counties With More Than a Million Bond Quota in Contest To Name Ship at Portland

Jackson county will contest with nine other Oregon counties, each with an E bond quota of more than \$1,000,000 for the right to launch a ship. The winning county will be the first one to make its E bond quota, according to county chairman N. H. Zacharisen and will be guests of the Kaiser company at a special complimentary luncheon following the ceremony.

Counties which will take part in the contest and their E bond quotas are:

Clackamas \$1,326,000; Clatsop 1,102,000; Jackson 1,067,000; Klamath 1,538,000; Lane 2,100,000; Linn 1,163,000; Marion 2,270,000; Multnomah 30,660,000; Umatilla 1,206,000 and Washington 1,122,000

Telephone Company Makes Announcement

N. R. Powley President of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. made the following announcement today.

"Our company deeply mourns with the entire nation the passing of the President of our United States. In deepest reverence we are at our posts in order that we may be of all possible service in this sad hour in which we are all engulfed.

"Immediately following the flashing of the tragic news, telephone traffic, as would be expected, surged in crescendo wave for the first hour and then flowed to a more constant volume which was most effectively handled by our well engineered equipment and efficient operating force. The sympathetic understanding and cooperation of the public was inspiring to our entire personnel and we gratefully acknowledge this splendid aid and assistance in the great grief-stricken emergency in which we all were suddenly plunged."

Endeavor Union Spring Meeting Set For Ashland

Church of Christ Will Be Host to Young People from Churches in the Vicinity

Annual spring conventionette of Crater Lake Christian Endeavor Union, embracing all affiliated Christian youth groups in Jackson and Josephine counties, will be held at the Ashland Christian church April 20, according to Lowell Hall, president of the organization.

Among special leaders of the sessions will be Vernon L. Fishback, Portland, executive secretary of the state union. Local leaders will be the Rev. Earl Downing, host pastor; the Rev. Delbert Daniels of the Medford First Christian church, who will deliver the convention address at 8 p.m. on the theme: "Christ Calls"; Miss Joyce Fraley, secretary; Miss Jean Lydiard, president of the local Presbyterian young people and a member of the program committee; the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Cays, of the Central Point Church of Christ the Rev. Milo C. Ross of the Friends church, Medford; Everett McGee, Ashland; the Rev. Gordon Hypes of Grants Pass, and the Rev. Harry Hansen, Medford Presbyterian pastor.

Sessions begin at 2 p.m. Friday and the afternoon will be given over to a series of six study groups and conferences, of which the delegates may choose a possible three. "How to Study the Bible," "Prayer Meetings and Devotional Life," "Social Committee Work," "Extending the Societies," "Youth Problem Discussion," "Union Work" are subjects to be discussed. Later in the afternoon there will be a period of recreation, led by the Ashland youth.

The banquet at 6:30 will be a no-cost carry-in affair in which the host church ladies will provide the service, covered dishes, and drinks, the delegates bringing the salads and desserts. Jim Fraley of Medford will act as toastmaster.

Closing service will convene at 8 p.m., with special musical numbers and incidental features, a talk by Secretary Fishback, and address by the Rev. Mr. Daniels.

All youth of the valley are invited to attend the convention, which is interdenominational in character, and the work of which can be adapted to he needs and service of any Christian group. Delegations are expected from Grants Pass, Eagle Point, Central Point, Talent, Medford, Phoenix and Ashland.

A. M. Rodriguez a Mexican laborer, was arrested by the police Monday morning about 1 a.m. and booked on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. In city court he plead guilty to the charge and was fined \$10 and costs, which were paid. Also Monday Stephen Wright Agee was arrested for being drunk and disorderly, and in city court Tuesday he plead guilty to the charge. This being his second offense, he was fined \$15 and costs.

Services for Mrs. Stearns Wednesday

Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at the Litwiller Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Mabel McCoy Stearns, who died at her home suddenly Saturday evening. The Rev. George Stearns, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at the final services.

Mrs. Stearns was born August 8, 1882 at Albany, Oregon, was a member of the Presbyterian church and was active in church work, as a teacher in Sunday school and other activities. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ashland Study club, was a past president of the PTA and had served for a number of years on the Ashland Library Board.

Survivors include her husband Harry A. Stearns, two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Brockman, of San Francisco; Mrs. Jeannette Barkley (Palo Alto, California); and two sons, Wallace A. Stearns, serving with the SeaBees, now in Maine and First Lieutenant Robert W. Stearns in the Marines Fighter Squadron 212 in the Philippines.

Burial was made in the Mountain View cemetery.