

TALENT NEWS

TALENT, April 17—The Firemen's Ball which was to have been Saturday night at the City Hall was postponed until a later date because of the President's death.

Reverend Herman H. Macy, pastor of the Highland church in Salem conducted a week end evangelistic rally at the Talent Friends church, Friday and Saturday nights also Sunday morning and evening.

Bill Lawrence of Medford was a business caller in Talent Monday.

Mrs. Tillie Balstead of Eugene arrived here last week to make this her home for a while. She is now living in the Talent Camp ground.

Billie Breese is a patient at the Community hospital in Ashland where he is receiving medical treatment for a back injury while working at a mill.

Theodore Ryal Jr. who was in the Philippine prison for several years arrived home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ryal Sr. reside south of Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dry and family who have been living in the Methodist parsonage the past winter are moving to Selma, Oregon this week.

Mrs. Harold Straus spent part of last week with her sister Mrs. Evelyn Christian at Medford who has been ill.

Forest Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ward who returned from overseas some time ago has been in a hospital recovering from a wound he received while in action. He is now visiting his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conley and family formerly of Ashland have moved into their new home recently purchased of R. F. Park, on 1st Street, in Talent.

Old Talent Church Being Refurnished

Talent, April 16—Workmen have completed remodeling the Friends church here and work of painting the furniture and exter-

ior is scheduled. The structure, built in 1871 and used as a Baptist church for many years, had fallen into disrepair. Improvements started 10 months ago, include rebuilding chimneys, leveling foundation, adding porch and vestibule, re-wiring, installing new heater, pulpit rail, Sunday school screens and tables, lowering ceiling and finishing ceiling and walls with Celotex.

SOCE Honor Pupils Named This Week

April 10, 1945—The following students at the Southern Oregon College of Education are on the honor roll for work done in the winner quarter, having achieved a grade-point average of three to four, from a possible range of one to four point average.

- 4.00 to 3.50
- Boggs, Mabel, Las Vegas, Nevada, 3.94; Billings, Laura, Ashland, 3.87; Smyth, Kathleen, Ashland, 3.83; Crisman, File, Vale, Oregon, 3.82; Walker, Ruth, Ashland, 3.79; Wooten, Alice, Talent, 3.70; Parkhurst, Rachel, Roseburg, 3.56; Burdett, Jean, Medford, 3.50; Whiting, Esther, Ashland, 3.50.
- 3.50 to 3.00
- Parman, Hezel, Port Orford, 3.44; Riggs, Dorothy, Klamath Falls, 3.41; Clark, Ila, Butte Falls, 3.37; Sedlacek, arjorie, Ashland,

3.30; Dyer, Jeanne, Myrtle Creek, 3.22; Church, Doris, Camas Valley, 3.12; Cooper, Gemmy, Ashland, 3.00; Jacobs, Barbara, Ashland, 3.00; La Clair, Joe, Ashland, 3.00; Schaefer, William, Portland, 3.00; Steward, Betty Jean, Grants Pass, 3.00.

Junior Hi Notes

By VIRGINIA LUTZ

In memory of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt Rev. Earl Downing spoke to us in assembly Friday.

Another ninth grade meeting was held Tuesday morning to plan a party next Friday.

School was dismissed at 3:00 Friday for Open House.

License Examiner Coming Monday

A Traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Ashland Monday, April 23, 1945, and will be on duty at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive care are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

George Whelpley from the Siskiyou was in Ashland Wednesday.

Monuments and markers. See Burns Memorials. On the Plaza.

Mrs. George Larder who has been ill for some time is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn of San Francisco are in Ashland on business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Huffman of Bonanza are spending a few days in Ashland.

Mrs. Gertie Hoefs and mother, Mrs. Abbott were transacting business and visiting friends in Ashland and vicinity the past week end.

Miss Agnes White spent the past week end here with her mother, Mrs. Charles White. Miss Agnes is attending Willamette University at Salem.

Chief of Police Charles Talent was back on the job Monday morning, after spending several days in Portland at a conference of peace officers and FBI men.

Choir directors and officials of the United Choirs met at the Frank Davis home on Scenic drive Sunday morning and enjoyed a nine o'clock breakfast. Mrs. Litwiller and Mrs. Davis were co-hostesses.

A new shingle roof is being put on the Neighborhood Congregational church, beginning Monday of this week. Robert Taylor, local carpenter is the contractor.

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S. P. Names Peterson to New Post

Claude E. Peterson, who started railroad work as a junior clerk has been appointed vice president in charge of system passenger traffic for Southern Pacific, according to announcement by A. T. ercier, president of the company.

Peterson, 43, succeeds the late Felix S. McGinnis, and moves up from assistant vice president in the passenger department, a post he has filled since 1942. He will maintain offices both in San Francisco and Houston, Texas, as head of the railroad's system passenger traffic.

From his start as junior clerk, Peterson advanced through various positions to become chief statistician in the passenger department. He went to Chicago in 1937 as assistant chairman of the Transcontinental Passenger Association, and returned to San Francisco the following year as assistant to the vice president of system passenger traffic.

Peterson, one of the youngest high-ranking railroad executives in the United States, is widely known in transportation circles.

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Brake Testing Program Gets Started This Week

Statewide Program to Check Brakes on Cars Gets Under Way The Past Week

State, county and city law enforcement officers this week began checking brakes on all private passenger cars stopped during routine traffic enforcement activities as the nation-wide brake emphasis program, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police got under way April 15.

In Oregon, the program has the written endorsement of Governor Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, and Mayor Earl Riley of Portland.

The purpose of the program is to focus the driving public's attention on the importance of brake maintenance in the interests of accident prevention and motor vehicle conservation.

"Traffic accidents have been on the upgrade since late in 1943," Secretary of State Farrell said today. "Speed trends throughout the United States are upward and the average motor vehicle today is twice as old as the average vehicle on the roads in pre-war days. With these facts before them, the IACP decided to sponsor the nation-wide campaign to call attention to the need for good brakes."

"Brakes are involved in nearly every accident and in many moving traffic violations. If brakes are adequate for safe stopping, there is less danger of accidents. For that reason, law enforcement officers in every town, city, county and state in the nation, are conducting the brake check during the period April 15-June 1." The brake check consists of placing the check-block, a one-inch thick block, under the brake pedal. The pedal is depressed and if it strikes the block before the brakes start to take hold, it means the brakes are inadequate and the driver is advised to have them adjusted.

A series of district meetings with law enforcement officers was held in Oregon during the past two weeks, with representatives from the safety division of Mr. Farrell's office acting as field representatives for Harry M. Niles, chief of the police bureau, Portland, state coordinator for the

program. These meetings were held in Bend, Klamath Falls, Medford, Eugene and Salem. Final plans for the program were discussed at these meetings.

Sgt. John Batcheler Being Treated at Arkansas Hospital

Returned Prisoner of Japs In Eastern Hospital for Treatment of Arthritis

Hot Springs, Ark., April 17.—Tech. Sgt. John F. Batcheler of Ashland, Oregon, recently liberated from the Japanese prisoner of war camp at Cabanatuan in the Philippines, has arrived at Army and Navy General Hospital for treatment of arthritis, it was announced by the Public Relations Office.

Sgt. Batcheler, a veteran of nearly ten years' service in the Army, was stationed at Nichols Field in the Philippines as a mechanic with the Army Air Forces when the Japanese inva-

sion began. He fought with the retreating American - Filipino forces on Bataan and Corregidor, and was taken prisoner when the island fortress surrendered.

During his three years as a prisoner of war he lost much weight as the result of being forced to do heavy labor on a starvation diet, but he believes that he soon will be recovered.

His wife resides at 363 Beech St. in Ashland, Ore. His mother, Mrs. Ellen F. Batcheler, resides at 39 Billings Park, Newton, Mass.

At Army and Navy General hospital, the Rheumatism Center of the Army, Sgt. Batcheler will receive highly specialized medical care and the benefits of an extensive reconditioning program.

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