

This 'n That

by The Old Timer

It was a fadeout for Mussolini, the sawdust Caesar. He was shot Saturday by patriots in Northern Italy with other Fascist leaders.

Mussolini really seemed a fairly decent chap in his early career as a newspaperman and a budding economist. Back in the days when Italy urgently needed a big dose of liberal economics he administered it not incompetently, until he went cuckoo.

The last time the Russians took Berlin was in October 1760. Keys of the city of Berlin are safely kept in Moscow's Kremlin. Russian occupation of Berlin lasted only a short time. Russia had only entered Prussia to stop Frederick the great's career of conquest which had begun by carving Silesia out of Austria and was starting a new venture in Saxony, headed for Bohemia.

The automobile has brought new worlds of pleasure to mankind. But it has brought new sorrows. Its speed, its power has unsettled many a mind in the matter of care and prudence. Many drivers filled with greed on the road toot a horn and go hurtling along mindless of the rights and presence of other drivers. Whirling around curves they dare the chance that a part of the machinery may give way. The story of it all is told in hospitals and cemeteries.

Calvin Coolidge said: "Our government rests upon religion. It is from that source that we derive our reverence for truth and justice, for equality and liberty, and for the rights of mankind. Unless the people believe in these principles, they cannot believe in our government. There are only two main theories of government in the world. One rests on righteousness; the other rests on force."

In the United States women had their first important places in radio programs in 1934. One or two of the major chains did not admit them until two years later.

When the war is over and sugar is no longer rationed, Uncle Zeke opines that life will be much sweeter.

We read that more than three times as many husbands as wives disappear from home. Why?

"Community Eyesores" would afford a lively topic for discussion by our service clubs.

That Stockholm rumor factory is working overtime.

How many are going to church on V-day?

Local Girl Weds at Church of Christ

At an impressive ceremony Saturday afternoon, at the Church of Christ, Miss Thelma Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Frances Thompson of Ashland became the bride of Anthony J. Kanelier, of St. Clairsville, Ohio. The Rev. Earl Downing read the double-ring ceremony.

Aletha Edsall of Vallejo, California was maid of honor. Henry Van Prooyen was best man and Marvin and Charles Gettling were ushers.

Before the ceremony Mrs. R. L. Burdic played "Always" while Miss Jean Willard of Seattle, Wash. and Miss Ruth Foster of Portland, Oregon, both in pink, lighted the candles. Just before the bride entered Miss Eunice Hager sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, following the ceremony. Miss Dorothy Riggs of Klamath Falls poured, and Mrs. Everett McGee continued cutting the wedding cake. Assisting were the maid of honor, Eletha Edsall, Miss Jean Willard, and Miss Ruth Foster.

The young couple left Monday for Gary where the groom is employed as guard at a Gary steel mill.

News came the past week of the death of Arthur L. Carter, formerly of Ashland, but living in Eugene at the time of his death. He was a conductor for the Southern Pacific railroad. He died on April 19. The deceased was born May 17, 1886 in Ashland. Survivors include the wife Alice two daughters, Mrs. Artha Metz of Eugene and Mrs. Gertrude Beecher of San Francisco; a son Robert of Seattle; two grandchildren; his mother Mrs. Mary Carter of Ashland; a brother, Clyde Carter of Duinmuir and a sister Mrs. Audrey Kelby of Duinmuir.

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Fruit Prospect Good So Far, Damage Light

Crop Survey Shows Little Damage as Yet to Fruits and Berries of Rogue Valley

Strawberry patches of the valley are now in bloom, although in some areas they have been nipped by frost. The crop will not be as large as last year, due to reduced acreage, according to Assistant County Agent Clifford B. Cordy.

Little of the local crop will be on the market before the first of June, and a week or ten days later in the hill sections. The fifth smudging of the season has occurred in the pear orchards. The firing and the frost were light. Temperatures ranged from 28 to 34 degrees.

The pear orchards are now in full bloom with the exception of a few Bosc. The warm weather has brought them out in a hurry.

So far, the frost has not damaged the pear crop to any great extent, fruitmen report, and with the sunny weather of last week, it is felt the pears were well pollinized. Unless a killing freeze should reduce the crop during the coming month, fruitmen believe there should be a generally good crop throughout the valley.

The early sprays for scale and scab are pretty well completed, but some of the orchards are being given additional scab sprays due to heavy infection last year, or, inability to get on the earliest sprays. Scab has become more of a problem here during the past few years, and intensive spray programs are necessary to give complete control.

Rotary Club Invited to Church Services

The Methodist Church of Ashland will have as its special guests of honor at 11 o'clock service next Sunday the members of the Rotary Club with their wives. The choir will provide special music. The pastor will speak on the subject "A Time for Greatness." Dr. Bruce, the pastor of the Methodist Church, has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Ashland Rotary Club ever since its organization for years ago.

College Will Have Playday for Nearby High Schools Fri.

Selected Group of Girls from High Schools in Vicinity Will be Guests

With the aim of promoting fun, good fellowship, and to get those participating better acquainted with Ashland, has prompted the Women's Athletic Association of the Southern Oregon College of Education to have a playday this Friday, May 5th, at the college, with a selected group of girls from high schools at Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Eagles Point, Medford, Klamath Falls, Talent, Phoenix and Ashland participating. All of the schools except Talent and Phoenix have accepted the invitation and will be represented Friday.

Those attending will be divided into four groups, according to the announcement, and at 9:30 will be registered and announcements made. From 10:00 to 12 o'clock the girls will participate in relay races, tennis, ping pong, shuffleboard and softball. From 12 to 2 o'clock a luncheon will be held with several stunts planned during that time. From 2 to 2:45 more games will follow, with the morning's teams broken up, to give the girls a chance to play with other representatives. At 2:45 a songfest will be held at which time there will be ribbons presented for the winning teams.

Members of the W. A. A. will serve on the various committees to handle the days events. Ruth Walker is general chairman; Kitty McShane, of Grants Pass is chairman of the registration committee; Hazel Parman, of Myrtle Point is chairman of the equipment committee; Lolla Buckles, of Ashland, chairman of the food committee; and SOCE team hostesses will be Francis Mekemsem, Arnita Black, Jeanne Dyer, Mary Cortwell.

Those in charge of the affair stated that should the day prove successful, others may follow.

Cpl. Jacob P. Lahr Serves in Philippines

BACOLOD, NEGROS—Cpl. Jacob P. Lahr of Ashland, Oregon missed by 15 minutes March 29 being the goat of a Japanese penetration through 40th Infantry Division defenses on the southern outskirts of this Visayan city in the Philippines.

Cpl. Lahr, a truck driver for a team of forward observers in 40th Division field artillery, at night-fall decided to move his truck 200 yards to the rear.

Japanese troops of the once formidable Bacolod garrison cut behind 40th Division front lines, slipped across the pulverized airstrip along the beach and attacked in the exact spot Cpl. Lahr had vacated.

Cpl. Lahr previously had landed at 9:30 a.m. with 40th Division assault forces and joined the American doughboys in their blitz-krige drive on Bacolod, where the Japanese offered their first serious resistance on Negros.

Cpl. Lahr, a veteran of 51 continuous days of fighting on Luzon, also participated in the invasion of Panay, an operation which required only nine days.

Junior High Students Hear of S. F. Meeting

Mrs. Rex Cooper gave an interesting and informative talk on the San Francisco Conference, Wed. April 25 to some of the students of the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

She gave the background of the conference, and traced the progress of men's development through history. She gave an insight behind the causes of war and the steps that have been taken during the centuries to bring about the ultimate victory and world peace—that for which the United Nations are endeavoring to bring about in the present conference in San Francisco. During the last 15 minutes of the hour, questions pertaining to the conference were brought up and the children were allowed to express their opinions.

Other classes also had talks and quizzes on the San Francisco Conference.

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

Newbry Packing Plant to Expand

Present Plant Will Be Doubled in New Addition To Start May 7

Earl Newbry, president and operator of the Newbry Packing Plant here in Ashland announced the past week that the plant capacity would be doubled in an expansion to be started May 7th. The addition will be at the rear of the present building and will be the same size as the present building. The lower floor will be an extension of the cold storage room, and will provide an additional 15-ton refrigeration capacity. The upper floor of the addition will be used as packing plant for the fruit and produce handling business and will double the present space.

The present building was completed last fall in time for the handling of the peach, pear and apple crops, and is a large industry in Ashland. The plant has been storing eggs the past winter, and at times have had a huge number of cases of eggs in cold storage.

Mrs. Grubb Returns from Frisco Meeting

Mrs. Larkin Grubb returned to Ashland the past week end after attending the United Nations conference in San Francisco. She represented the educational organizations of this county at the meeting.

In commenting on what she observed at the conference, Mrs. Grubb stated that she had attended five meetings and had heard 27 delegates from the various nations talk. She found it very interesting and was most certain that workable plans for maintaining world security could be worked out, as all delegates seemed most willing to co-operate.

Mrs. Grubb's son Milo went to Sacramento to accompany his mother home. While in Sacramento, they visited with relatives.

Robert Gillmore, who has been assisting at the Litwiller Funeral Chapel, left there Tuesday, and will go to Paisley, Oregon, where he will enter logging work. Mr. Gillmore had been engaged in that type of work prior to entering the work with Mr. Litwiller.

Methodist Church to Honor Couples Wed 50 Years or More

On Sunday evening, May 6th the Methodist Church will for the fifth consecutive year hold a service honoring the couples who have been married fifty or more years. Invitations have been sent to 28 couples, most of whom have attended in past years. The Ladies of the Church will serve refreshments in the Fellowship rooms of the church at 6:30. At 7:30 the couples will be ushered into the sanctuary where a program of music will be offered in their honor. The Male Quartet consisting of T. F. Tilton, Robert Lytle, Harry Yeo, and J. F. Emmett will sing two numbers, "Come Out, My Love", by Hall; and "Much Better" by Brooke. Mrs. Frank Davis will play the Loehngren wedding march and an organ solo. John Billings will give greetings from the youth of the Church. The choir, under direction of Mrs. Bill Weber, will sing, "Great Is Thy Love", by Bohm; Mrs. Cora Bruce will sing the benedictory solo, "The Easterner's Prayer."

The public in general is invited to this service at 7:30 to pay respects to these honored couples who have turned the experiences of fifty years into the gold of happiness.

Schools Prepare for Paper Drive May 8-10

The boys and girls are working feverishly on the forthcoming paper drive to be conducted Tuesday through Thursday May 8, 9, 10.

There are many prizes and awards being offered in the various schools: skiting passes, swimming passes, theater passes, and best of all, a special vacation from school.

Townpeople are urged to get their paper ready and not to wait until the opening day to contact the schools.

If your paper has not been spoken for, call your nearest school as soon as possible. This will facilitate collection.

Poultry netting 4, 5, & 6 foot. Also hog and sheep fence, 26, 32 and 39 inches high. Marshall Wells Store on the Plaza. Phone 21231.

Plaza Project To Get Highway Commission Funds

State Highway Commission Earmarks Sum For Street Straightening in Ashland

A recent report of the Oregon State Highway Commission, has allocated \$55,000 for the completion of the straightening of Main street from Water to Oak Streets. The program is a three-year project for post war highway construction.

The project was started prior to the declaration of war, when the highway commission bought the buildings on the Plaza over which the straightened street would go. The buildings were removed but the war stopped all construction work, and the project has thus laid idle since that time. Left to be purchased as a part of the project is the Culp Motor building and the service station adjacent.

The three-year program as announced by the highway commission did not list in what order the local project will come in the post-war construction work. But inasmuch as the project has actually gotten under way it is felt by many people that the project will be among the first undertaken when construction work is resumed.

Pacific highway 99 was allocated a total of \$2,258,000 including the money for the local project and \$1,710,000 for the Wolf Creek project.

Baby Taken to Seattle Monday for Burial

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Edenshaw, who have lived the past several months at 192 Sherman street, died at Eugene while the parents were returning from a trip to Seattle. The couple had come to Ashland for the baby's health several months ago, but were advised to take the baby to a specialist at Seattle last week for treatment. They found that nothing could be done for the baby and were returning to Ashland when death occurred.

Local services were held at the Litwiller Funeral home Monday and the parents then took the body to Seattle where it was planned to have burial services.

The baby Dorothy May, was born March 11, 1943 at Sitka, Alaska. The parents were Alaskan native Indians. Several other brothers and sisters survive.

Fight Begins on Highway Shift

Possibility of Naming of Dalles-California Route as Interstate Road Brings Fight

Jackson county, together with other counties on Highway 99, the Pacific Highway is preparing for a stiff fight to keep the Pacific Highway as an inter-regional highway.

Necessity for the fight come up when Arthur Scaupp of Klamath Falls, a members of the state highway commission, proposed at a commission meeting that the Dalles California highway be made the inter-regional highway with the Pacific Highway to be relegated to a secondary position.

As an inter-regional highway the Pacific Highway would be accorded federal funds that would not get otherwise. For state has been asked to cooperate with neighboring states to designate the inter regional highway through the state, so they will link up at state lines. The state highway commissions of each state are to make the decisions.

So far as is known, two members of the Oregon state highway commission favor the Pacific Highway as the inter-regional highway, with one member, Scaupp, favoring the Dalles-California highway. It is to give the two members the support and the data they need to maintain their position that a meeting was held in Medford Wednesday by representatives from Northern California and Southern Oregon.

The data is being prepared by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and will be presented on May 15, when the state highway commission has its next meet meeting.

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SENIOR PLAY CAST—back row: Roscoe Smith, Bob Wallis, Richard Woodcock, Upton Van Etten, Marguerite Grunewald, Sharon Schofield, Clarice Homes. Front row: Virginia Hammond, (director) Charles Gettling, Pauline Ulstad, Bette Golden, Shirley Hutchinson, Frank Dietrick, Dorothy Hampel, Gene Bishop.

Marguerite Grunewald

Judging by the hilarious response of the cast members and the few privileged characters who have attended rehearsals, the senior play, "Junior Miss" under the direction of Virginia Hammond, will be a decided hit. The curtain will rise for the main performance at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 4.

Undoubtedly a sophisticated story it depicts, with clever remarks and funny situations, the happy and sometimes not-so-happy chaos of the Graves family life. Said chaos is largely attributed to fat little Judy, 13 year old renegade of the household, played by Bette Golden.

Judy manages to mix things up to the point where her father (Gene Bishop) loses his job be-

cause the "little monster" married off the boss' daughter (Marguerite Grunewald) to Mrs. Graves' (Dorothy Hampel) black-sheep brother (Upton Van Etten). Naturally she manages to untangle the cobwebs in time to save her pretty sister Lois' (Pauline Ulstad) self-respect and numerous boy friends, to pacify papa's boss (Frank Dietrick), and in general to redeem herself and her accomplice in crime. (Shirley Hutchinson). However, the manner in which all this is brought about is slightly unorthodox.

Although most of the funniest lines are spoken in scenes between Judy and her pal, Puffy Adams, the droll humor of Mr. Graves, the ranting and raving of J. B. Curtis, and the classic observations of Sharon Schofield as the maid all add spark and

color to the production. There's never a dull moment.

Members of the cast not previously mentioned include Blair Crosby, Roscoe Smith, Bob Wallis and Charles Gettling as Lois' assorted boyfriends, Richard Woodcock as Judy's one and only hope, and Della Hughes as a Western Union messenger. Several other minor parts have not yet been cast.

Class members chosen to head production staffs are Clarice Homes, promptress and property manager; Marjorie Lutz, publicity chairman; Faith Warnock, costume mistress; and Arthur Phillips, business manager.

Between act entertainment will quartet, and, tentatively, Doris sextet, and, tentatively, Doris Miller at the piano.