

TALENT NEWS

TALENT, May 16, 1945 Perry Skeeters of Prospect spent the week end in Talent visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Griffith have sold their apartment house on the old Pacific highway to Mr. and Mrs. James Purdue. Mr. Griffith has purchased a ranch near Hornbrook, California and plan on making that their future home. The Griffiths have been residents of the Talent district for several years and will be missed by their friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvan Coats of Phoenix were calling in Talent Sunday morning.

Miss May Dry returned to her home Friday after undergoing an appendicitis operation in the community hospital in Ashland.

Roland Parks of Ashland visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey sold their property, one west of Talent school to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Conner of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Tillford of Prospect were business callers here Saturday afternoon.

Warren Barr of Prospect a former employee of the Skeeters logging outfit left Wednesday evening for Alaska to work in the logging industry.

Mrs. Donald Walden was a Medford shopper Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle Skeeters spent last week in Ashland at the Livingston home on Lincoln Street.

Mr. Jackson Owens and family have purchased a home near the Methodist Church. Mr. Owens is employed at the Talent saw mill.

According to principal Roy Parr of Talent plans are being made to light the athletic field with work to start soon. The job is being sponsored by members of the student body who have

raised about one half of the amount necessary through popular subscriptions. The field will be lighted by 45,000 watts on six poles will be used for sixman football, softball and other nighttime activities. The sign will be leveled and will be if possible ready for use next fall. It is the first six-man football field in the county or state to be lighted.

Mrs. Boyd Hamilton of the Applegate country spent last Wednesday visiting Mrs. Charles Skeeters.

Safety Broadcasts Made by State

Two new regularly scheduled safety broadcasts are being aired over Oregon radio stations, according to Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state. The safety division of his office is cooperating in one of the broadcasts while the other, a national program, is sponsored by Portland Safety agencies.

A weekly program on farm and rural safety goes on the air each Tuesday during the farm hour beginning at 12:15, over station KALE. This program features information on safety in connection with transportation of emer-

gency farm labor, rural traffic hazards and general farm safety.

On Sundays, over station KEX, The Portland Traffic Safety Commission and the Oregon Safety Association are sponsoring the broadcast of a series of 12 transcriptions, featuring the music of a group of negro singers and a short safety message by Paul Jones, director of publicity for the National Safety Council. These broadcasts are aired Sundays at 9:55 p.m.

Pfc. Donald Reed in South Germany

With the 100th Division of Seventh Army in Germany.—Pfc. Donald E. Reed of Rt. 1 Ashland Oregon has recently been assigned to the 397th Infantry of the 100th Infantry Division and is now serving with that organization on the Seventh Army front in southern Germany.

With his new assignment he has become a member of the famous "Century" Division, commanded by Major General Withers A. Burress of Richmond, Va.

The 100th entered combat in November and cracked the proposed German winter defensive line in the Vosges Mountains after only two weeks front line experience. It then followed through to open up the key Saales Pass leading to the Alsatian Plain and Strasbourg.

Later, at the strongest point in the entire Maginot Line, the area around the town of Bitche, the Century Division pounded German troops in famous Fort Schiesseck for a full week and finally captured the heavy fortifications only to be forced to give them up again when the German counter-attack in Belgium caused a regrouping of Allied forces.

Three months later, after the 100th had earned a special commendation from the Sixth Army Group Commander, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, for withstanding the major brunt of the Nazi

January Counteroffensive on the Seventh Army front, the division again attacked Bitche and is surrounding fortifications. This time the famous fortress city fell before the smashing attack—the first time the citadel had ever been taken in its 200 year history.

Following the capture of Bitche, the 100th went through the Siegfried Line, and made a two-day 100-mile dash across the Palatine area to the Rhine River and Ludwigshaven. Crossing the famous German river, the 100th again took up the chase and, after the most bitter, fanatical fight the Germans have made on their home soil, captured the key rail and communication center of 100,000 population at Heilbronn. It is now helping to drive the Germans back through the Bavaria in southern Germany.

Budget Hearing Set for June 8th

A public hearing on the Jackson county budget for the 1945-1946 tax year, starting July, will be held Friday, June 8, starting at 10 a.m. in the court house auditorium. This date was fixed following the formal certification and signing of the budget at a budget committee meeting last Friday.

The budget provides for the raising of \$366,841.05 by tax levy. This is \$16,718.77 less than for the current tax year, totaling \$383,560.28.

Due to war conditions road building is limited in the 1945-46 budget. County officer salaries are increased, where ordered by legislative action at the last session. Pay in the county health department is increased modestly also in the district attorney's office and juvenile department. County offices and departments are given operating funds the same as this tax year.

The budget was completed in a week, something of a record for this county. The budget committee was composed of the county court members and Ben Harder, Medford, W. W. Robison, Ashland, and Arnold Bohnert, Central Point.

Ashland High track team placed fourth in the state track and field meet held in Corvallis Saturday, with Jefferson high of Portland first, Grants of Portland second and Klamath Falls third.

Forty-four schools, including 233 athletes, took part in the meet, with 33 schools scoring points.

Gandee placed second in the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes, being defeated by only inches in the 100 yard dash and by a stride in the 220 event. Edmundson, of Corvallis, was the winner in both of these events.

Fullerton placed second in the mile, but was unable to run the half-mile because of a badly sprained leg. He recorded the fastest time in the state in the half mile at the district meet in Medford.

Tison placed fifth in the qualifying round Friday, but failed to place Saturday. Merriman, who was expected to score a second in the 440 yard event, suffered ill effects from the trip north and failed to qualify.

Junior Hi Notes
By VIRGINIA LUTZ

In honor of V-E Day, Reverend Shuman from the Presbyterian church spoke in assembly Friday.

Mr. Rogers spoke to the 9th grade classes Tuesday morning on what subjects could be taken in their Sophomore Year in high school.

The paper drive was a real success with Junior High again the champions. We were closely followed by the Washington and Lincoln schools.

Our band plays Thursday in the contest in Medford, leaving at noon and staying for the concert in the evening. Both Grants Pass and Medford are entering only high school bands.

Friday those that brought over 400 pounds of paper to school will be excused.

Brake Check Shows Many Faulty Brakes

Brake checks made by Oregon law enforcement officers during the last two weeks of the brake emphasis program disclosed 10 per cent of the brakes checked were inadequate, according to Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell. The safety division of Farrell's office serves as field agent for Chief Harry M. Niles, Portland, state coordinator for the program.

During the first two weeks of the program, which started April 15 and continues till June 1, state county and city traffic officers checked 3,281 cars. Of that number, brakes on 491 vehicles were found inadequate. The percentage of inadequate brakes for the first two weeks of the campaign is slightly higher than that reported for cars checked during the first week alone, when the percentage of inadequate brakes was two points lower.

Cities reporting during the first two weeks of the brake check included Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Bend, Eugene, Salem, Albany, Astoria, Portland, Corvallis, Hillsboro, Tillamook, and Newberg.

GOP Women Form Organization Here

Mrs. Will Dodge was elected president of the "Council of Republican Women, Inc.," first organization of republican women in Ashland. Assisting Mrs. Dodge will be Mrs. J. L. Grubb, vice-president; Mrs. H. C. Galey, secretary; Mrs. Bert Freeman, treasurer and Mrs. Arthur M. Peters,

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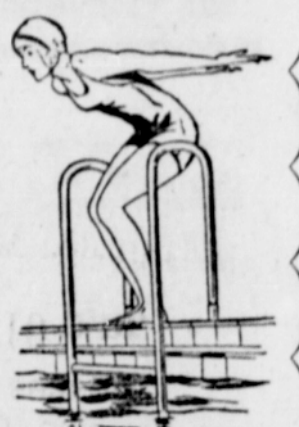
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