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This 'n That

by The Old Timer

With the end of the war in Europe the Statue of Liberty, erected on Bledsoe's island in New York Harbor, has been re-lighted. The statue is the work of Bartholdi, the famous French sculptor.

On October 26, 1886 the great bronze monument, the gift of the French people, was unveiled with ceremonies participated in by representatives of both nations. The French people raised upward of \$700,000 to have the statue made and to place it upon its pedestal. The citizens of the United States raised \$300,000 to construct the foundation and the pedestal.

The statue, emblem of American liberty, weighs 450,000 pounds, the bronze alone weighing 200,000 pounds. The height from the base to the torch is 151 feet, and over 305 feet from the foundation of the pedestal to the torch. The distance from the heel of the figure to the top of the head is 111 feet. Forty people can stand in the head of the statue and twelve in the torch.

Urging the public to buy bonds to hasten VJ-Day, Morgenthau gives the following comparative costs of past wars:

- Revolution—No estimate, but \$70,000,000 in pensions.
- War of 1812—\$133,000,000.
- Mexican—\$166,000,000.
- Civil War—\$15,000,000,000.
- Spanish—\$2,000,000,000.
- World War 1—(Total to June 30, 1934) \$41,700,000,000.
- World War 2—(to date) \$275,000,000,000.

The first steamship to cross the Atlantic ocean was the Savannah which sailed from that Georgia port on May 22, 1819. Records show that "steam age" on the ocean was slow in coming and that sailing vessels crowded the ocean lanes until the close of the nineteenth century.

Post-war automobiles, we read, will be so light that the heaviest thing about them will be the down payment.

And those post-war homes, will the payments on them also be streamlined?

If living costs are higher isn't the excitement worth something?

Eyes of the world are now focused on the setting of the Rising Sun.

Buy a poppy—the blood-red symbol of service and sacrifice.

Alvan Van Curler a Casualty at Okinawa

A telegram from the War Department last Friday brought the sad news to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Van Curler of the loss of their son, Alvan A. Van Curler, who died April 28 from wounds received in the fighting on Okinawa. Pvt. Van Curler would soon have been 19 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Curler had received a letter from their son a few days previously, in which he stated that he had been in the battle at Okinawa, and that the battle was tough going. He had also seen service at Iwo Jima.

Pvt. Van Curler entered the service last August, took his 17 weeks of basic training in a California camp and was sent overseas as an infantry replacement. Besides the parents, he is survived by his wife who lives at Weed, California.

Lions Club Hears Army Doctor Tuesday

Guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lions club Tuesday evening was Dr. Kenneth Hiatt, chief of the Medical Service at Camp White. Major Hiatt went overseas to the South Pacific in 1942, landing first in the New Hebrides and later going to Guadalcanal. Here he contracted malaria and was invalided home. He gave a very interesting and vivid account of problems confronting the armed services in the early days of the fighting in the South Pacific and told how these problems of protecting the American service men in the tropics was handled.

Also guests at the meeting were Emil Kroeger, Legion commander Post 14, Dr. Carl Lambert, a guest of Dr. Weller, W. R. Wise, former minister of Ashland, but now of Everett, Washington and Tom Carter of Ashland. Next week's meeting will be taken up with nomination of officers for the coming year.

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

Chamber of Commerce Set For Governor's Visit

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Will Bring State Official As Main Speaker

Big event of the year with the local Chamber of Commerce, is the annual members' banquet, which will be held tonight, May 24, at the Elk's temple. As a special feature of the evening's entertainment, the Governor of Oregon, Earl Snell, will be the guest speaker of the evening. The banquet will be held at 7:30 in the dining room at the Elk's temple, with the ladies of the Belview Grange supplying the dinner.

Several affairs are scheduled for the day in honor of the distinguished guests. The governor will be the guest of the Rotary club at their regular noon luncheon meeting at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Earl Newbry, wife of the president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, will entertain Mrs. Snell at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the Newbry home at 120 High street. Several other informal affairs are planned for the afternoon, with the two making a visit to the dry ice plant, Ashland's latest industry.

In the evening a reception is planned for Mr. and Mrs. Snell at 7 o'clock. On the program for the banquet is the invocation by Rev. A. H. MacDonnell, a musical selection by the Hillbillyettes, the welcome address by Mayor Wiley. President Earl Newbry will introduce guests and directors of the local Chamber, and will then introduce the governor, who will give the address of the evening. The banquet will end with group singing by the audience.

Arch Barksdale, chairman of the ticket committee reports a good advance sale of tickets, with about two hundred sold up to Tuesday evening. There has been considerable interest in the event, and a large number is expected to attend the meeting.

Committees named
The Chamber of commerce board of directors has announced the recent appointment of committees for the coming year and will include: Legislative committee: Frank Van Dyke, Chairman, Bob Ingle and Dr. R. E. Poston; Road and Highways: Frank Koozer, chairman, Frank Culp and Clyde Caton; Industrial committee: Harry Morris, chairman, Ray Spaulding, Lloyd Selby and O. N. Wray; Real estate committee: Don O'Bleness, chairman, W. W. Robison and V. D. Miller; Reception committee, Harold Merrill, chairman, Gerald Wenner, Ivor Erwin, Paul Finnell, Frank Van Dyke; Retail merchants committee, John Daugherty, Henry Metz, Jim Mackie, Bill Dodge, Bob Ingle, Dolores Guise, Dave Kerr, Frank Culp, Melvin Kaegi; membership committee, Henry Metz, chairman, Don O'Bleness, O. N. Wray, Homer Elhart and R. L. Crosby.

Invited guests will be wives of the directors and will include Mrs. Clyde Caton, Mrs. Robert Dodge, Mrs. Ivor Erwin, Mrs. Paul Finnell, Mrs. Harold Merrill, Mrs. Howard Oden, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Mrs. Walter Weller, Mrs. Jacob Weitzel, Mrs. Gerald Wenner and Mrs. Alice Patterson.

Ashland Student Gets Magazine Award

Marguerite Gruenwald, valedictorian of the graduating class at the Ashland High School, has been given the Sixth Annual Award of the Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community, it was announced today by Earl Rogers, Principal.

Miss Gruenwald will receive an honorary subscription to the Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the Editors, "in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

Since 1937 the Reader's Digest Association has presented these awards each year in senior high schools throughout the United States and Canada to the highest honor student of the graduating class.

Wallpaper, paint, glass and oil at Marshall-Wells Store on the Plaza, Phone 2-1231.

Ashland Man Aboard Famed USS Franklin

The country was thrilled this week as the news was released regarding the heroic fight made by the U. S. carrier Franklin, in getting the gallant ship home under her own power, after two jap bombs made a lucky hit on her flight deck, setting off tons of explosives and setting fire to the big flat top.

Monday in New York 97 members of the crew were lined up on the twisted and torn flight deck to receive decorations which were presented to officers and men who led the heroic fight to save the ship. Twelve Navy crosses, 16 silver stars and 69 Bronze Stars were presented by Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, who said, "only by outstanding skill, stamina and heroism of the officers and the crew would the Franklin, against what seemed insuperable odds, have traveled the 12,000 miles from the scene of the disaster to her berth at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Among those to receive the Bronze Star was S 1/C Benjamin M. Ricks of Ashland.

Legion Auxiliary Met Monday Evening

The Auxiliary to the American Legion, met at the Legion Hall, Monday evening, May 21st with a good attendance.

Mrs. Betty Adams, President, opened the meeting. The minutes were read reports given. The decision was made that the Auxiliary buy two bonds, during the 7th, War Loan.

Arrangements for the Memorial Day Program were completed. The Auxiliary and Legion will attend the Memorial Services at the Presbyterian Church, May 27, the members to be at the church, promptly at 10:45 A. M.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day, are being made by the Ashland Unit of the Auxiliary here under the leadership of the senior Unit President, Mrs. Betty Adams and the Poppy Chairman, Mrs. Celia A. Berninghausen. The committee has appointed chairmen for the different booths, each chairman will have her assistants.

The Headquarters, will be at the J. C. Penny store, with the Poppy Chairman in charge. Volunteer workers are needed, if any can help an hour or so at any time selling Poppies, phone Mrs. Frazier, 7161 for work of the downtown district or Mrs. Kroeger 8961, for the south east district.

The guest of the evening was Mrs. Jean Mallette of Junction City, who gave a talk on their Unit and activities.

Ashland Men Released as Prisoners of War

The Jackson county Red Cross has received news of the release of two Ashland men, who were prisoners of the Germans, and were found to be safe and well in German prison camps. Among other Jackson county men, the two Ashland men were Pfc. Wilbur Austin, wife, June Austin of Ashland, and T/Sgt. Richard Demers, parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Demers of Ashland.

Mrs. Ralph Gillmore of Medford was notified that her husband, Pvt. Ralph Gillmore was liberated from a German prison camp. Pvt. Gillmore's father H. C. Gillmore received the glad news by phone Tuesday.

Legion Met Tuesday

Ashland Post No. 14 American Legion held its regular meeting Tuesday evening May 22, with a good turn out of members. Several things of interest were brought before the members and the commander appointed comrades Bert Freeman and J. Q. Adams on a committee to handle all details in regards to the Memorial day program and parade. After the meeting the membership enjoyed a nice lunch by the kitchen committee.

T. J. Norby spent last week end in Palo Alto, and other points in California, in regard to his school work. He has not yet made a definite decision as to where he will be for the coming year.

Heavy Rains Are Helpful to the Crops of the Valley

Rains Of Past Two Weeks Brings Seasonal Precipitation Above Normal

Heavy rains of the past two weeks in this area have brought more than three inches of rainfall to the Rogue river valley, and according to the U. S. Weather Bureau has brought the seasonal rainfall above normal. Here at Ashland, Louis Dodge, local weather reporter, rainfall totalled 1.65 inches for the week ending Saturday night.

The rain saved the spring grain crop here, according to County Agent R. G. Fowler, who said early last week that unless it did rain, the spring grain crop would be a complete failure. The rain was also a boon to early planted corn, melons and tomatoes.

Only a small part of the hay crop of the valley had been cut before the rain, so damage to the hay was fortunately held at a minimum.

A generally good pear crop is in prospect for the valley, fruitmen report, with the exception of D'Anjou pears, and this variety seems to be dropping badly. Other varieties, including Bartlett's, Bosc, Comice and Winter Nellis, seem to be headed for a good crop.

Frost damage this year was held to a minimum, as there were no heavy frosts during the critical weeks during the bloom period and later. Although smudging was general on five nights, growers declare there was no commercial damage even in the unheated orchards.

Services Saturday for Mrs. Everton

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10:30 at the Litwiller Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Roberta Everton, who died Wednesday, May 16, at the local hospital after a long period of illness. The Rev. A. H. MacDonnell officiated with the Order of Eastern Star assisting with their ritualistic work. Interment was made in the mausoleum.

Mrs. Everton was born in Sams Valley, Oregon, August 23, 1878, but spent most of her life in Ashland. She attended the state normal school here. She was married to Walter Everton in Ashland, February 1, 1902. He preceded her in death by fifteen years.

Before her marriage she was a teacher in the Oregon grade schools and since the death of her husband has been employed much of her time in the Ashland library. Because of ill health she resigned her work in December last.

Mrs. Everton was a member of the Trinity Episcopal church and was an active member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was a Past Worthy Matron of that Order.

She is survived by two brothers, Wilbur Potter of Albany and Fay Potter of Lakeview, Oregon; two nephews, Capt. Dwight Potter of the Air Service and James Potter in the Navy; and a niece Paulin Burns of Lakeview.

Methodist Vacation School Starts June 4

There is to be a Daily Vacation Bible school in the local Methodist Church this summer. It will begin on Monday morning June 4th, and will continue each forenoon for two weeks. There will be classes for beginners, juniors, and primaries. Last Monday Miss Sherlock, director of religious education for the Methodist Church in Oregon, spent the entire day in conference with teachers and leaders who will work in this school. Plans are being made to make this a Bible-centered school, with a diversion of related activities. The school will begin at 9 o'clock each morning and close at 11:30. Allen O. McGee is the Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school.

Mrs. Helen Restad, who was to leave last Wednesday evening for Albany New York to join her husband Norman, received a telephone call from him just before she was to leave, telling her not to come that he was coming here. To date he has not arrived but is expected soon. Mrs. Restad is still in Ashland.

Legion Commander Thanks Contributors

In behalf of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, of Ashland; Commander Emil Kroeger, wishes to take this opportunity to thank the people of Ashland and vicinity, for the great generosity shown in contributing clothing, to the United National Clothing Drive, just recently finished, that you have donated. 11396 lbs. of good serviceable clothing, bedding, and shoes that will be of great service in helping the people in the over run countries in rehabilitating, themselves.

This clothing comprising 502 large cartons, sacks, and boxes, will be sent to the Portland Warehouses. Then sent to the destitute civilians in the War area.

We of the American Legion & Auxiliary wish to thank the City Employees for helping in the transportation of the vast amount of clothing Emil B. Kroeger, Chairman.

Local Voters Approve Extra School Levy

A small turnout of voters of Ashland voted their approval of the special school tax levy at the election Monday to permit the local school to levy taxes above the six per cent limitation. Vote was 156 to 14. Approval of the measure will permit the school board to increase wages and bonuses to the teachers for the 1945-46 fiscal year, and for increased maintenance costs.

Accident Takes Life of Harry Stearns Saturday

Bus-car Wreck at Palo Alto, Calif. Takes Life of Well Known Ashland Man

Friends here received telephonic word Monday of the death of Harry W. Stearns of Ashland, in a bus-car accident at Palo Alto California last Saturday. Mr. Stearns had gone to Palo Alto to visit his daughter and family, Mr and Mrs. William Barckley. In the message it was learned that Mr. Stearns had been riding with his daughter and family when struck by a bus. Mr. Barckley was seriously injured in the accident also.

The body arrived in Ashland Tuesday and services will be held today, Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Litwiller Funeral Chapel. The Rev. George M. Shuman will officiate.

Mr. Stearns had gone to California for an extended visit with his daughters, Mrs. Barkley and Mrs. Elizabeth Brockman at San Francisco and with his son, Wallace, at Camp Parks, California. The younger son, Lt. Robert Stearns is on duty with the army in the Philippines. Mrs. Stearns died five weeks ago, on April 15.

Homer Kelly of Pinehurst was fined \$10.00 and \$2.50 costs in city court Tuesday morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Fines were paid.

Commencement at SOCE

Baccalaureate address at the Southern Oregon College of Education will be delivered by the Rev. George M. Shuman of the First Presbyterian church of Ashland, Sunday, May 27. His subject will be "A Plan for Living." Services will be held in the auditorium of the administration building at 2:30 p.m. The program follows:

- PROCESSION**
- ProceSSION College Instrumental Ensemble
 - Arnita Black Joan Millard
 - Mary Corthell Geneva Moore
 - Vietta Garrett Hazel Parman
 - Joyce Henspeter Elaine Sutherland
 - Irving Mirick, Director
 - Invocation The Reverend A. H. MacDonnell
 - Trinity Episcopal Church, Ashland
 - "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" Mendelssohn-Arr. Geer
 - "Lord, Hear Our Prayer" Verdi-Arr. Aschenbrenner
 - "Beautiful Saviour" Crusader's Hymn-Arr. Riegger
 - "Panis Angelicus" Cesar Franck-Arr. Harris
 - The Treble Clef Choir
 - Soloists—Elaine Sutherland, Marilyn Young
 - Accompanist—Catharine Lee Hufman
 - Director—Louise Woodruff
 - Address—"A Plan for Living" The Reverend George M. Shuman
 - First Presbyterian Church, Ashland
 - "America" Samuel Francis Smith
 - Audience
 - Benediction The Reverend A. H. MacDonnell
 - Recessional College Instrumental Ensemble

The Commencement address at the Southern Oregon College of Education will be delivered by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam, Friday, June 1. His subject will be "So You Are Educated." The State Board of Higher Education will be represented by R. C. Groesbeck of Klamath Falls. Commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium of the administration building at 3 p.m. The program follows:

- ProceSSION, "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
- College Instrumental Ensemble
- Arnita Black Joan Millard
- Mary Corthell Geneva Moore
- Vietta Garrett Hazel Parman
- Joyce Henspeter Elaine Sutherland
- Irving Mirick, Director
- "The Star-Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key
- Audience
- Invocation The Reverend Ward E. Pratt
- Church of the Brethren, Ashland
- "White Swans" Gustav Klemm
- "Schir Eres" (Ancient Palestinian Cradle Song) Arr. Levenson
- "Spring" Albert D. Schmutz
- The Treble Clef Choir
- Accompanist - Catharine Lee Hufman
- Director - Louise Woodruff
- Address, "So You Are Educated" Rex Putnam
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Greetings from the State Board of Higher Education, R. C. Groesbeck
- Member of the State Board of Higher Education
- "Ho-la-li", Bavarian Folk Song Arr. by Luvaas
- "Star Lullaby", Polish Folk Song Arr. by Trehaar
- "Oh Pray for Peace" Brahe-Howarth
- The Treble Clef Choir
- Awarding Diplomas Dr. Walter Redford
- President Southern Oregon College of Education
- Recessional, March from "Athalia" Mendelssohn
- College Instrumental Ensemble