

This 'n That

by The Old Timer

School closing time is here again. It is a significant occasion, as it has always been. To perhaps the greatest number of pupils it means the beginning of a three-month holiday. To others it means end of grade school work and passing into high school. To another group it brings goodbye to high school days and life begins in earnest, or college days loom ahead.

An observer notes that a new type of dictator appears on the scene at this time of year. She wears a large hat, slacks, and directs, so she thinks, friend husband about the vegetable and flower garden.

Remember the old-fashioned cook book which told the housewife how to bake a cake with a dozen eggs, two pounds of sugar and a pound of butter?

Eureka!

While waiting on my customers One busy day last week, We all were startled past belief To hear a piercing shriek! 'Twas Mrs. Jones; she loudly cried, "Oh, goodness! Am I glad! I just found 20 extra points, I didn't know I had!" —Rays of Sunshine

Perhaps some of the tall uncut fringing our main thoroughfares might be utilized to fodder the steeds of the local Riding Association.

It appears that the only German who made a profit out of fighting was a fellow named Max Schmeling.

Naze war criminals visioning the hangman's noose, are checking out by the suicide route. Good riddance.

Uncle Zeke opines the reason that modern girls are such live wires is that they have so little insulation.

Ashland paid fitting tribute to her heroic dead.

Two down, one to go, rush the war to Tokyo.

Huge Enrollment For Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Over 750 registrations have been received to date for the Red Cross "Learn to Swim Campaign" which is to be held here the last two weeks in June. Because of this unprecedented large number, Mr. Robert Dodge Water Safety Chairman, announces that registration has been closed since Monday evening.

Mr. Dodge said "I have called San Francisco to get another instructor and Helman's Pool owners will co-operate to the fullest extent to handle this extraordinary response to our offer to teach Jackson County children to swim. We will do all in our power to meet this need. If we can secure the two instructors then classes can be held in both Twin Plunges and Helman's."

Analysis of the registration shows that 83 per cent of the applicants do not know how to swim at all. If we can make the arrangements we will also be able to offer the Combat Swimming Course in the evenings to about 40 young men graduating from high schools in the county who will be in service by fall.

Transportation arrangements which are in charge of Mr. Seth Bullis, chairman of the Jackson County Red Cross will have to be changed to meet the new situation.

Adult volunteers to supervise registration at pools, locker rooms and between swim periods are urgently needed and are asked to contact Mr. Dodge at J. P. Dodge and Sons by phone, 8771 as soon as possible.

Full details of plans and schedules will be announced later.

Rogue Valley Transit Has New Terminal

Beginning last week, the Rogue Valley Transit company has changed its Ashland bus depot from the Greyhound Bus Terminal and headquarters are now at the Steak House, 397 East Main street. The bus lines operate between Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and on to Camp White. Officials of the company stated that since the franchise to pick up passengers between Ashland and Medford, they had been asked to procure a different bus terminal.

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

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Hiway Commission Okeys No. 99 for Inter-regional Road

Local Highway Designated As Main Road Between Washington And California

A hotly contested fight which has been brewing for several weeks was definitely closed Tuesday evening when the Oregon highway commission unanimously designated U. S. Highway No. 99 through Ashland, as the inter-regional highway, connecting points in Washington, with points in California. The contest was brought about by the bid of Klamath Falls to have highway no. 97 designated the main route.

A hearing before the state commission was held a couple of weeks ago, when proponents of both highways appeared before the commission to present the facts which they thought should justify the designation of the main road. For the proponents of highway No. 99, twenty-five men appeared, five of whom were from Ashland. Those from Ashland were Ralph Koozer, president of the Pacific highway association, Earl T. Newbry, senator from Jackson county, and president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Frank Van Dyke, representative of this area, Wm. Briggs, Ashland attorney and Thornton Wiley, mayor of Ashland. The committee had carefully drawn up all the facts and figures which they thought would well present their case, and each of the twenty-five was called on to give his views.

The commission, in designating Highway 99 as the main route, gave full recognition to the advantages of the Klamath route, and pointed out that the decision in no way detracted from the importance of the route. In a prepared statement, Chairman Banfield stated that at present the federal government had no funds available for work on the road and the whole thing is only in the "talk" stage. The completion of both highways are necessary for the proper development of the highway system, and the naming of either highway as the inter-regional road in reality gives no advantage to either route. When funds are available for further construction, the only difference, he said, would be that the main route would have a 24-foot road way with five-foot shoulders on either side, while the secondary route would have a 22-foot road with five-foot shoulders.

Scout Campfire Will Be Held This Week End

Annual Ashland District Meeting Will Be Held Saturday And Sunday

An event long looked forward to in Boy Scout Circles will be held this week end, when the annual Campfire of the Ashland district will be held Saturday and Sunday. Location for the camping out trip for the boys will be the Austie Barron Mine 10 miles northeast of Ashland. Dick Trites chairman of the Ashland district committee, and scoutmaster of Troop 12, will be in charge of the camp, and he will be assisted by Allen Burt, scoutmaster of troop 14 and Larry Basey, scoutmaster of Troop 13. Tuesday evening about 80 scouts from the three Ashland troops had signed up to attend the meeting.

The boys will be taken in three trucks to the camp site, and will leave the Junior high school about 1 o'clock. The afternoon will be spent in getting the boys settled in their camp, and in the evening the big event, the campfire. Sunday morning, church services will be held with one of the Ashland ministers going out for the services. During the time the boys are out, scouting will be taken up, with advancements, merit badge tests, tracking, cooking and the many other varied activities scouts generally have. Camp will be broken up during the afternoon, and the boys will be back in Ashland about five in the afternoon. Patrol leaders will take charge of their patrols and are responsible for the well being of their patrol members. Each patrol leader must arrange for the food and the cooking for his boys, and must see to it that they are made comfortable for the night. He must plan what the boys will eat during the three meals and will allocate what each must take on the trip.

Sixty-Two Seniors To Receive Diplomas at High School Tonite

Culmination of a year's school activities will be held tonight, Thursday, May 31, at the Junior high school auditorium, when 61 members of the graduating class of the Ashland senior high school will receive their diplomas. The past week has been one of crowded activities for the seniors, with many affairs and socials in which they were the honored guests.

On the program tonight will be an address 'How Little We Know' by the class salutatorian, Paul Travis and an address, "Our Heritage—War or Peace?" by the class valedictorian, Marguerite Grunewald. Music will be furnished by the high school band, the Girls' Sextette and the high school choir. Commencement program.

Program

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance	Elgar
Invocation	Rev. Geo. Shuman
"How Little We Know"	Paul Travis
Class Salutatorian	
Carmena	Wilson
Girls' Sextette	
"Our Heritage—War or Peace?"	Marguerite Grunewald
Class Valedictorian	
Blessed is the Nation	Tkach
Battle Hymn of the Republic	Steff—Ringwald
High School Choir	
Address—"It's Up To You."	Judge James W. Crawford
Circuit Court of Oregon 4th Judicial District, Portland	
Poet and Peasant Overture	Von. Suppe
High School Band	
Presentation of Graduates	Earl Rogers
Principal Ashland High School	
Presentation of Diplomas	Etta L. Schilling
Chairman of School Board, District No. 5	
*Benediction	Rev. George W. Bruce D. D.
Recessional	Auld Lang Syne
High School Band	

Pictures of the graduates appear on the back page. These are the pictures as used in the Rogue Annual.

speaker for the class will be Judge James W. Crawford, of the Circuit Court of Oregon 4th district, who took Judge Hanna's place on the local circuit court during the Judge's recent illness and is recognized as an outstanding speaker. Earl Rogers, principal of the high school will present the graduates and Mrs. Etta Schilling, chairman of the Board of district No. 5 will present the diplomas.

Following is the official program.

Two New Scout Units Formed Past Week

Crater Lake Council of Boy Scouts announced the past week the formation of two new Boy Scout units in the Ashland district. Thirty-five boys have registered for the new Cub Pack at Lincoln School, under the sponsorship of the Lincoln school PTA and with James C. Miller as cubmaster. The Pack committee consists of Richard Trites, F. C. Crosslin and Hugh McKeever and Den Mothers are Mrs. H. S. Ingle, Mrs. Floyd Selby, Mrs. J. C. Smythe, Mrs. Nellie Richardson and Mrs. F. C. Crosslin.

Also a Boy Scout troop has been formed at Talent and will be known as Troop 10, and is under the direction of the Rev. George Bales as scoutmaster. The troop committee consists of Harold Stars as chairman, Ralph Jennings, Harry Cook, Sr., and Clarence Holdridge. Twenty boys have been enrolled.

LT CURTIS RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON

Relatives and friends have received word the past week that Lt. James E. Curtis had been liberated from a German prison camp and was returning to his home. Lt. Curtis was a member of the army air force and was shot down Jan. 5, 1944. He was a prisoner in the German Stalag Luft 1, his wife, Mrs. Lavina Curtis of Oregon City was notified by telegram. The fliers parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis of Ashland.

Annual Banquet of Ashland C of C Well Attended

Governor Snell Gave Inspiring Talk on Oregon Post War Plans and Readjustments. Before some 225 people at the

annual Ashland Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday evening in the Elk's Temple, Governor Earl Snell gave an interesting and inspiring talk on the post war plans of Oregon and what may be expected in the way of readjustments. Those who heard the governor's talk have been unanimous in declaring it one of the best in many years, and the entire affair has been declared successful.

A reception was held for the governor between 7 and 7:30 p.m. after which the banquet was enjoyed. Roland Parks was master of ceremonies for the occasion and introduced numerous guests from Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Medford and Yreka. Mr. Parks introduced several other prominent guests, Mayor and Mrs. Wiley and others. The program was under the direction of Earl T. Newbry, president of the chamber of commerce. He introduced the recently elected directors and then introduced the guest of honor, Gov. Snell.

In his talk the governor particularly brought out that plans are quite complete for the post war period when returning veterans will be home from the war fronts. He mentioned the establishment of the Veterans Service Bureau and praised the efforts of the last legislature in passing legislation for the welfare of the returning veterans. The governor mentioned the funds derived from the unemployment compensation taxes and stated that there was about 70 million dollars now in the treasury which might be used during the reconversion period following the end of the war with an additional 60 millions on hand to provide work through public works.

In spite of the great problems to be met in the future, the governor was optimistic about the future of Oregon. He especially mentioned a recent meeting in Reno, Nevada, at which the governor's of ten western states and Alaska were in attendance, to discuss plans and developments for the Pacific Northwest.

Pvt. Kenneth Burns has notified his wife and his parents here that he was being shipped out, overseas with an APO number, presumably bound for the Pacific areas. Mrs. Kenneth Burns, who was at Camp Beale with him, returned to Ashland for a week, not knowing that he was to be shipped out. While she was in Ashland, Pvt. Burns received his traveling orders, and Mrs. Burns was unable to see him again before he left. Pvt. Burns is in the transportation branch of the army.

Caton Garage Was Burglaried of Tools Thursday Night

Two Soldiers Arrested With Tools Taken in Burglary of Ashland Garage

State police quickly solved the theft of some \$2,500 worth of tools Thursday night or Friday morning from the Clyde Caton Garage in Ashland. Arrested by state police were Pvt. John R. Anderson Friday afternoon, with part of the tools in a car which proved to have been stolen in Arkansas. Pvt. Anderson, 21, was an escapee from the stockade at Camp Livingston, La. Anderson was stopped near Rogue river by state police to investigate the ownership of the car. Also in the car were some tools which Anderson admitted were stolen in Yreka, and he stated the car had been stolen there also. He implicated another soldier and a girl in the theft, who had gone on ahead of him with the remainder of the tools in the other car.

The case was solved Monday when Jack H. Allen a 24 year old soldier was arrested on the Tiller Trail road. He had been granted an emergency furlough from Camp Maxey, Texas, to attend the funeral of his sister and was AWOL at the time of his arrest since he was supposed to have returned to his base by May 13th. He was driving a Chevrolet car which had been stolen in Ashland the night of the robbery, and later proved to belong to G. Wannberg. Accompanying Allen was Alice M. Messer, 25. In the car were the balance of the stolen Caton tools and about a thousand dollars worth of precision tools stolen at Mt. Shasta last week.

Sen. Earl Newbry Lions Club Speaker

Senator Earl T. Newbry was guest speaker before the weekly meeting of the Lions club Tuesday evening, dividing his talk between a resume of the referendum, which comes up for a vote of the people of Oregon on June 22 and the efforts of the local men in the fight to have highway No. 99 designated as the main inter-regional route. His talk was interesting and instructive especially on the referendum. He urged voters to vote yes on the questions as presented on the ballot, and urged voters to carefully study the pamphlet recently mailed out by the secretary of state.

Nomination of officers was held and election will take place at the June 11 session. For next week, Robert Dodge, chairman of the program committee stated that several reels of captured German army films will be screened, presented by the Union Ail company. Also on the program will be the official start of the annual Boy Scout drive, which will be sponsored by the Lions club again this year.

Lt. Zupan on the Way from Prison Camps

John Daugherty received a telegram this week from the sister of Lt. Leo Zupan that the lieutenant was on his way home after being released from a German prison camp. Lt. Zupan was a pilot of a B17. He and his crew of ten men were shot down over Czechoslovakia on August 29, 1944. No word was received from him until just before Christmas. Lt. Zupan will be remembered as the genial young man who was in the shoe and men's department at Fort Miller's prior to his enlistment in 1943.

Memorial Day Was Quiet in Ashland

Memorial day Wednesday was observed quietly in Ashland. At ten o'clock a short parade was held, led by a color guard from Camp White, followed by the Ashland senior high band, the Boy Scouts, the Camp fire Girls and American Legion members. A memorial day address was given at the cemetery by Earl T. Newbry, senator from Jackson county.

Inasmuch as the day was a legal holiday, most of the business establishments, the bank, post office and other offices were closed for the day. Due to the stormy weather prevailing very little activity was evident.

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

ANNUAL SCOUT FUND DRIVE WILL START NEXT WEEK IN ASHLAND

Ashland District Will Attempt To Raise Funds For Boy Scout Council Work

The Ashland Lions club will again sponsor the annual drive to raise funds for the Boy Scout work, and at the meeting of the club Tuesday evening, Dick Trites president of the club, and also district chairman of the Boy Scout committee, announced that the drive will get under way next week, with the kickoff to come at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday evening.

In commenting on the annual drive, Mr. Trites stated that it is hoped to raise some \$1200 in the Ashland district this year. A committee was appointed at the meeting Tuesday evening to map plans for the drive, which it is hoped will thoroughly cover the district.

To those who may be unfamiliar with the work the Scout Council and the reason for the annual drive for funds, it was pointed out that the funds raised in this campaign go to the Crater Lake Council, with its office in Medford. At the annual meeting in December the Council committee approved a budget of something like \$12,000 to carry on the scout work in the Council, which covers all Scout activities from Grants Pass to Dunsmuir. Included in this budget is wages for the two scout executives, Gordon Gilmore and Harold Ylivasaker, and a clerk in the office full time. Also about \$6,000 of these funds go to the upkeep of Camp McLoughlin at the Lake of the Woods, which provides camp facilities for all the scouts of the Crater Lake Council and is recognized as about the best camp facilities for scouts in the entire west.

Getting back to the Ashland district, last year about seventy boys from this district took advantage of the facilities at Camp McLoughlin by attending sometime during the four periods when the camp is open. Registrations are now open for the camp which will open July 4th and already about 80 boys have signed up to go this summer.

The Ashland district now has four Boy Scout troops and two Cub packs all of which benefit from the work carried on by the Council headquarters. In the past

year scouting has been pushed vigorously in the district, and the Ashland district is among the leaders of the Crater Lake Council, in activities and in numbers. "The Boy Scouts of the Ashland district have received an immense amount of worthwhile work in the scout movement," stated Dick Trites, in commenting on the work. "Without the funds derived in the annual campaign, the coordinated work of scouting cannot be maintained. The boys in their troops are eager for more scouting, and we cannot let them down. They are the citizens of tomorrow."

Piano Students in Recitals This Week

Miss Margaret Ramsay will present three groups of piano pupils in recital at her residence studio, 135 B Street, on June 1st, 4th, and 8th.

The first recital on the evening of Friday, June 1st, at 7:30 o'clock, will be given by the following children: Marlene Heard, Bobby Basey, Nancy Weitzel, Lanora Kyker, Barbara Wray, Robert Kramer, Patsy Edwards, Marsha Clary, Wanda Oden, Phyllis Walker, Sandra Clary, Ruth Smith, Colette Perrine, and Alan Schneider.

On Monday evening, June 4th at 8 o'clock, eleven older girls and boys will play a program of solos and two-piano numbers. The following names appear on this program: Robert Fredinburg, Dolores Coulter, Henry Metz, Gail Barnum, Janet Campbell, Roy Rogers, Evelyn Smith, Patti Shaffer, Kay Dudley, Chloe Stevens, and Janet Corry.

The series will end with the recital on Friday evening, June 8th, at 8 o'clock, given by a number of older pupils including Junior High, High School, and College students. A varied program of solo and ensemble work will be played by: Doris Litwiller, Paula Ostrander, Jacqueline Wolcott, Margaret Wagner, Carla Sears, Earline Rogers, Barbara Williams, Irene Welch, Alda Smith, Faith Warnock, Frances Mekemson, and Elizabeth Metz.

Interested friends are cordially invited to attend any of these programs.