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## This 'n That

by The Old Timer

Next Sunday is Father's Day

Daddy never wonders when he opens up a box. He knows it will be a necktie or a pair of socks.

On June 14, 1777, the American Congress formally adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

Why our meat supply is seriously low. U. S. exports of meat products increased from \$99,000,000 in 1941 to \$535,000,000 in 1944

Ben Franklin, we read, invented the rocking chair. But he became a great man by studiously avoiding it.

Uncle Sam would have some dollars in his wallet if Commodore Perry hadn't opened the door to Japan in 1854.

Never give up till the chance be gone!

Up with the chin and carry on! Doubtful the struggle, but see it through!

Other may falter, but fight on, you!

Edgar A. Guest

Here's welcome news to housewives. The house Republican food committee is urging a six-month's ban on sugar shipments overseas, thus making available 170,000 tons a month for canning and industrial use that other wise would be exported.

Statistics show that a soldier eats 1,079 pounds more food in a year than he does as a civilian. When he is a civilian he has to worry about paying for it, says Uncle Zeke.

Senator Morse is after Chester Bowle's scalp and advises that he resign for the public good. Morse charges the OPA under Bowles with causing agricultural processors "costly losses through stupid mistakes."

The Navy has more candy than it needs, so WFA is offering 11-250,000 candy bars for sale. Nice Sweet mess!

Japan is on the receiving end of a lot of scrap iron.

## Rev. Gordon Lindsay Retained as Minister

The Semi-Annual Fellowship dinner and business meeting of the Assembly of God church was held last week. A large number gathered in the lovely new Christ Ambassador room for the dinner which was served under the direction of Mrs. Ben Pederson.

The new kitchen in the basement was utilized for the first time and expedited the serving of the dinner.

At the business meeting Rev. Lindsay was elected unanimously to serve the church for the ensuing year. All reports mark a steady growth in the church.

Eighty boys, 16 to 18 years of age, from various parts of the state, have left Medford for blister rust control camps in the Siskiyou national forest, Floyd Scott O and C, administrator has announced.

Work will continue at the camps until fall when the boys are called back to school. Tom Schollenburg will be foreman of Spalding Mill camp No. 1, and Dale Reeves, foreman of Swede Basin camp No. 2.

## Elks to Present Medals of Valor

Ivor C. Erwin, exalted ruler of Ashland Elks Lodge, No. 944, states that a special part of the annual Flag Day ceremonies to be held at the lodge Thursday, June 14, at 8:00 p.m., will be devoted to presentation of the Elks Medal of Valor to the next-of-kin of the following members who made the supreme sacrifice during the war:

Sgt. Leland Ashcraft, Lieut. Dean E. Warren, Capt. Henry F. Phelan, and Charles W. Yoder.

Presentation will be made by Gordon Pickell, esquire of the lodge, and it is desired that any close relative of the above named, be present at the meeting.

The Elks War Commission reports that the Medal of Valor will be presented in many other lodges throughout the nation in similar programs to be held on Flag Day.

The traditional Flag Day ceremony, an annual service held in Elks lodges throughout the nation to honor the American flag and to outline its history, is open to the public. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Frank Van Dyke.

## Fourth of July Celebration Plans Are Taking Shape

Full Days' Entertainment Is Scheduled For Local Observation of Day

Enthusiasm for the Fourth of July celebration, is evident on every hand, as plans are made. Tuesday Chamber of Commerce committees were appointed to handle most of the affairs of the day, except the Rodeo and races which will be under direction of the Ashland Riding Association. At the meeting Tuesday Chamber of Commerce committees appointed were parade committee; Howard Oden, Chairman, Harold Merrill, John Daugherty, Henry Enders and C. P. Talent. Children's prizes and awards committee, Ivor Erwin chairman, Gerald Wenner, Jake Weitzel, John Daugherty, Walter Weller; Dance committee, Paul Finnell, chairman, Frank Van Dyke, Clyde Caton and George Chew. Band, Irving Mirick; Publicity, George Green, Chairman, Earl Newbry, C. P. Talent, Bob Dodge and Alice Patterson. Bond auction committee, Howard Oden chairman, Earl Newbry, Wm. Briggs, Ed. Dunn.

Present plans for the celebration will be a parade beginning at 10:00 in the morning to start at the Junior High school, and which will be held at the bandstand in Lithia park. From 11 to 12 a bond auction will be held and from 12 to 1 there will be sports and activities for the kiddies in the park. The rodeo is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. at the practice field at Walter Phillips field at the high school, and this will last most of the afternoon, with several horse races scheduled as the last part of the afternoon's program.

At eight o'clock a band concert will be held in Lithia park and as a windup for the days events, there will be a dance.

Much enthusiasm for the day is in evidence, everyone feeling that this is a good opportunity for a good old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. Most of the plans are still in the tentative stage, but committees are working on them.

Neighboring cities have been asked to bring rodeo contestants etc. Camp White has been asked for a color guard, a few jeeps and other equipment for the parade and may possibly furnish a band. Business houses of Ashland will be asked to enter floats or other units for the parade. Also there will be a kid's section in the parade and prizes for the best of the kids entries will be awarded.

## Dr. Weller Elected Head of Lions Club

At the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Lions club, election of officers was held, officers to hold office for a year beginning July first. Nominations for the various positions were made two weeks ago. Elected president was Dr. Walter Weller, A. A. Snider will continue as secretary, Paul Finnell will continue as treasurer, Bert Kimsey was elected first vice president, Robert Dodge as second vice president, C. M. Litwiller as third vice president, Clint Baughman as Lion Tamer, Wm. Kerr as Tail Twister, and Hugh McKeever and C. H. Wines as director for a two year term. Following election a picture was shown, brought by Harry Chipman as secretary of the KOG committee, and filmed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. The picture was scenes from the Logging industry and showed the various steps from forest to finished homes. Milo Grubb was a guest of the club and to operate the projector.

Program chairman Robert Dodge announced that an educational film on Frozen Foods by the General Electric company will be the entertainment for next week.

## New X-Ray Installed

William Gross of Standard X-Ray Company, Portland, Oregon has just installed the latest type X-ray fluoroscope in Doctor Walter W. Weller's veterinarian hospital in Ashland. Mr. Gross states that with this latest type X Ray, it enables a perfect diagnosis of all small animals.

Auto King motor oils and spark plugs at Marshall-Wells Store on the Plaza. Phone 2-1231

## Flag Day Exercises

June 14, 1945



Ashland Lodge No. 944, B. P. O. E. at 8 p.m. Elks Temple

### PROGRAM

1. Instrumental Selection Ensemble, directed by Irving A. Mirick
2. Introductory Exercises Exalted Ruler Ivor Erwin and officers of 944
3. Vocal Solo William Alves
4. "America the Beautiful" Audience Director, Henry Enders, Accompanist, Mrs. Cay Huffman
5. History of the Flag Past Exalted Ruler Harold Merrill, Boy Scouts of America, Mrs. Cay Huffman, Accompanist
6. Vocal Solo William Alves
7. Patriotic Address Frank J. Van Dyke, Past Exalted Ruler 944
8. Instrumental Selection Ensemble, Irving A. Mirick, Director
9. Pledge of Allegiance Audience led by Exalted Ruler Erwin
10. "America" Audience Henry Enders, director; Mrs. Cay Huffman, Accompanist
11. Closing Ceremonies Exalted Ruler Ivor Erwin

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On this flag day our thoughts will be with the men and women on the far flung battlefronts of the world, where Old Glory is being raised as an emblem of Liberation. The flag raising scene on Iwa Jima gives us an idea of the story of hardships and sacrifice that is being given to keep the stars and stripes flying.

## Five Local School Instructors Resign Positions Tuesday

Five Teachers of Present Staff Turn In Resignations at Meeting Tuesday Evening

Holding its last regular meeting of the school year, the Board of Directors of Ashland School District No. 5 Tuesday evening accepted the resignation of five instructors and took care of routine business, especially relating to the usual summer renovation of the buildings.

Alf Mekvold has accepted the superintendency of the Rogue River schools for next year and has resigned his position as head of the industrial arts department of the Ashland High School.

Irving Mirick is to be in charge of band work in the Medford public schools starting in September. The people of the community will be pleased to know that Mirick will be in charge of the city band here this summer.

Miss Jere Simmons is leaving her position as instructor of home economics in the Junior High School to accept another teaching assignment. Miss Cora Barstad, of the Washington Elementary school is also taking a new position. Miss Jerinne Mote, for the last two years on the Lincoln School staff, has resigned to enter a new field.

The Board regrets to have to lose such a strong group of teachers but wished them well in their advancements.

The annual school audit will be done by E. M. Wilson, C.P.A. of Medford as soon as the books are closed for the school year.

The summer maintenance program was outlined by Supt. T. J. Norby. This work has already been started so that the buildings will be ready by the fall term.

School election plans were completed for the annual election next Monday June 18. Mr. Paul Finnell is running for the five year term and Mrs. Mern Provost is the candidate to fill out the unexpired term of one year.

A resolution expressing the Board's appreciation for the high type of educational leadership and service on the part of Supt. T. J. Norby was adopted. It was carried out by Supt. Norby and the Board expressed the thanks of the Ashland community for his fine administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Samford of Bellview were hosts at a Sunday dinner. Guests included Mrs. William Ford, and Billy and Judy of Vingtmoir, Sgt. and Mrs. Jerry Vogt and Don of Medford, Sgt. and Mrs. B. J. Krug of Medford, Grandma Dills, and Mrs. Nelle Burns.

## Ashland Makes Bid for Vets Hospital Here

Officials Present Advantages Of Climate, Elevation as Main Arguments

Telegrams were sent last week by Mayor Thornton S. Wiley and by the Ashland Postwar Planning committee to the Oregon senators and representatives, setting forth Ashland's advantages for the new Vet's hospital, which was announced was to be located in southern Oregon or Northern California. The telegrams requested the representatives to present the facts to the Veteran's administration and that the organization be asked to investigate the possibilities here. An ideal climate, healthful elevation and other advantages were stressed in the request.

Medford, Klamath Falls and other places are also bidding for the veterans' hospital, but Ashland leaders feel that, since Roseburg has a Veterans Hospital, Klamath Falls the Marine base and Medford Camp White and since Ashland has all the elements required for such an institution that the Veterans' hospital should be located in or near Ashland.

Redding is the main applicant from California for the Hospital, with a site near Shasta lake having been proposed for the hospital.

Ashland was once before considered as a site for a hospital, but nothing was done at that time. A list of the many suitable sites will be submitted to the proper authorities before the site is decided upon.

## Services Tuesday for Reuben E. Thompson

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 12, at 10:30 for Reuben E. Thompson, who died at Pasadena, California, on June 4th. Dr. George W. Bruce, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Interment was made at the Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. Thompson was born at Creston, Iowa, September 10, 1862. As a young man he went to Colorado, and her was married to Minnie F. Haptonstall. Three children were born to this union, Ella R., Ralph H., and Arthur W. now all living in Los Angeles. His family, a brother and a sister survive.

Mr. Thompson was a farmer most of his life. He came to Huntington Beach, California in 1910. From there he and family moved to Ashland. Because of property interests he returned to California in 1939.

## Ashland Captain Decorated in Italy

TALY—Captain George V. Gillette, 37, of Ashland, Oregon, recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat on the Fifth Army front during the Italian Campaign.

He is a battery commander with the 604th field artillery battalion of the 10th Mountain Division.

In defense of a newly won mountain peak, Gillette relieved an artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion. When the enemy commenced on artillery barrage in preparation for a counterattack, he personally manned a forward listening post, detecting the approaching hostile troops and directing artillery fire which broke up the enemy attack.

By his bravery in manning a dangerous post throughout heavy fire, and his coolness and quick thinking in critical times, Gillette has won commendation and praise of all who know of his accomplishment.

He attended Oregon State College, Oregon University and Southern Oregon Normal college. His wife, Mildred, lives in Eureka, California.

## Swim Campaign Starts Monday

Final dates and hours for the Red Cross Swim Campaign to be held June 18th to 30th were announced today.

"All those who have registered for the classes are requested to come to the Twin Plunges one half hour before the time scheduled for their particular group," Bob Dodge, Walter Safety chairman for the County stated, "for instance, if you are a girl, age 9 you should be at the pool promptly at 10:00 to give enough time to register and get your swimming suit on and be ready to enter the pool at 10:30 sharp."

"All swimmers should bring their dollar, which covers the pool charge for the entire campaign, on the first day," he continued, "this will save considerable confusion and simplify our records."

Volunteers to help with the registration and supervision, which is in charge of Mrs. E. E. Stearns and Mrs. Robert Stough are still needed and any people who can help are asked to contact Mrs. Stearns and Mrs. Strough immediately.

During the hours of the classes, 9:00 to 12:00 Noon the Twin Plunges will not be open to the general public. From 1:00 on during the campaign the Twin Plunges will be open as usual.

### SWIM CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

- Twin Plunges June 18th to 30th
- 9:00 a.m. Intermediate boys Swimmers boys
- Junior & Senior lifesaving boys 9:30 Intermediate girls Swimmers girls
- Junior & Senior lifesaving girls 10:00 non swimmers, boys ages 7 to 9 inclusive.
- 10:30 non swimmers, girls ages 7 to 9 inclusive.
- 11:00 non swimmers, boys ages 10 and above.
- 11:30 non swimmers, girls ages 10 and above.
- For residents of Ashland, Bellview and Talent or adjacent areas only.

## Pfc. Floyd Skinner on the Way Home

Normandy Base Section, France—Recently released from a Nazi prisoner of war camp by American forces, Private First Class Floyd K. Skinner, of Route No. 2, Box 18, Ashland, Oregon, has passed through the camp for Recovered Allied Military Personnel operated here and is enroute to the United States.

At the camp, "RAMP" camp number one, liberated soldiers are given medical examinations, issued new clothing and have their records put in order before being embarked as swiftly as possible on a ship bound for America.

Mrs. Nelle Burns was notified by phone Sunday that her son, Charles was recovering from an emergency appendix operation, performed Saturday. At latest word he was getting along nicely. Charles works at Oregon Ship building company in Portland, and is a reserve member of the Coast Guard.

## Local Co-Op Buys Medford Dairy Plant Saturday

New Business Will Manufacture Butter, Ice Cream And Cheese

At a meeting held in the Court house in Medford Saturday, members of the Southwest Oregon Dairy Co-Operative voted unanimously to purchase the Lost River Dairy plant in Medford, for the purpose of making butter, ice cream and cheese. Included in the deal was the building next door to the dairy plant on South Riverside, which will be used as the cheese factory part of the new business.

The co-operative is made up of the owners of some 1800 head of dairy stock and the owners have pledged \$10 per head to finance the new business, it was reported. Investment in the new plant is about \$85,000, which will include the new machinery needed for the cheese factory. The new business is incorporated for \$95,000, with preferred stock representing some \$45,000 of the total. A campaign is planned soon to sell some of the preferred stock to financiers and business men in the county.

## Services Monday for Mrs. Jurjen Dykstra

Services were held Monday, June 11, at Litwiller Funeral chapel for Mrs. George de Ross Dykstra, who died at the home of her daughter Mrs. George W. Goldy, at 531 Scenic drive, Friday. The Rev. Joe Brown officiated at the services.

Mrs. Dykstra was born in Walvega, Netherlands, Sept. 13, 1854. She was married to Jurjen Dykstra in 1878. The family came to America in 1880, homesteading near Springfield, South Dakota. On Memorial day, 1893, Dr. Dykstra died, leaving the widow with seven small children. In 1913 she and four of the children moved to Montana, where they took up homesteads. In 1921 she came to Ashland with her son Randolph and his five motherless children.

Survivors include the seven children, Dory Dykstra of Springfield, South Dakota; Rudolph and Henry of Thompson Falls, Montana, Mrs. Ed Collins of Salem, Oregon, Mrs. Hayes Pierce of Grants Pass, Mrs. George W. Goldy of Ashland and Mrs. Anna Renzema of Ashland. There are 41 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Interment was made in the IO-OF cemetery, with Roy Nye, R. E. Key, Charles Pipes, Charlie Debusk, William Corcoran and Emil Kroeger as pall bearers.

A Traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Ashland, Monday June 18, 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 to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

## SOCE Announces Spring Honor Roll

June 5, 1945—The following students at the Southern Oregon College of Education are on the honor roll for work done in the spring 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 Smyth, Kathleen, Ashland, 4.00 Billings, Laura, Ashland, 3.94 Riggs, Dorothy, Klamath Falls, 3.83
- Peck, Edna, Ashland—3.76 Parkhurst, Rachel, Roseburg-3.75 Clark, Ila, Butte Falls-3.71 Walker, Ruth, Ashland-3.56 3.50 to 3.00 Boggs, Mabel, Las Vegas, Nev.-3.47
- Crisman, Filo, Vale, Oregon-3.44 Osborne, Virginia, Jacksonville-3.43
- Millard, Joan, Medford-3.38 LaClair, Joe, Ashland-3.32 Jacobs, Barbara, Ashland-3.31 Burdette, Jean, Medford-3.27 Steward, Betty Jean, Grants Pass 3.20
- Parman, Hazel, Port Orford-3.11 Sumerlin, Lavonne, Ashland-3.09 McKinnis, Ralph, Ashland-3.06 Cooper, Jemmy Lee, Ashland-3.00 Hamm, Peggy, Klamath Falls-3.00 Renzema, Doris, Ashland-3.00