

CITIZENS HAVE ACTED BETTER, POLICE REPORT

Very Few Real Crimes In Record So Far In 1945, Chief Talent Reports To City Council

Ashland citizens, and visitors too, have acted more exemplarily during the last six months than they did in the same period in 1944. Chief of Police C. P. Talent stated to the city council last week in his semi-annual report.

\$1,356.50 in fines were collected, which was approximately the same as in the same 1944 period, with the total income amounting to \$2,315.70 in the police department, according to the report, which further summarized conditions that have confronted the department during the half-year as follows:

"The number of actual arrests and Court convictions were somewhat less than the first period of 1944, but the fines were about the same. Most cases handled were of minor nature, these being few cases of real crime committed or called to our attention. Our main trouble has been petty offenses such as the theft of bicycles, and most of those were deserted in or near the city and later recovered and returned to their rightful owners.

"We had no serious motor vehicle accidents, no deaths or injuries; and all of the 24 accidents were of a minor nature. We had only five cars reported stolen within the city, and all of them were recovered.

"There were 641 dogs licensed through the department, 489 of which belonged in the city proper. We picked up and destroyed 64 unlicensed dogs during this period. The revenue from the sale of licenses was \$331.20.

"Our new 'Petty Offense' Ordinance, passed on April 17th, 1945, is working out to great advantage, and we are receiving fine cooperation from the citizens of Ashland. According to the Lithia Park Superintendent, C. E. Corry, our new 'Park Patrol' is obtaining good results and violations are few and far between.

"I wish to thank Mayor Wiley and the Councilmen, also other departments, the local press and the citizens for their fine support and cooperation during this period, and to assure you we will continue to give you the best service possible under present conditions."

Talbot Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services of the late Delbert LeRoy Talbot of 1193 Siskiyou boulevard, whose death took place at 7:30 o'clock the evening of July 17, 1945 at his home, after a three months' illness were held at the Litchfield Funeral Chapel at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The deceased came to Ashland in June of 1928 and has been the proprietor of the College Inn and tourist camp since November 22, 1929, 16 years.

He has been a member of the Modern Woodman for the past 40 years.

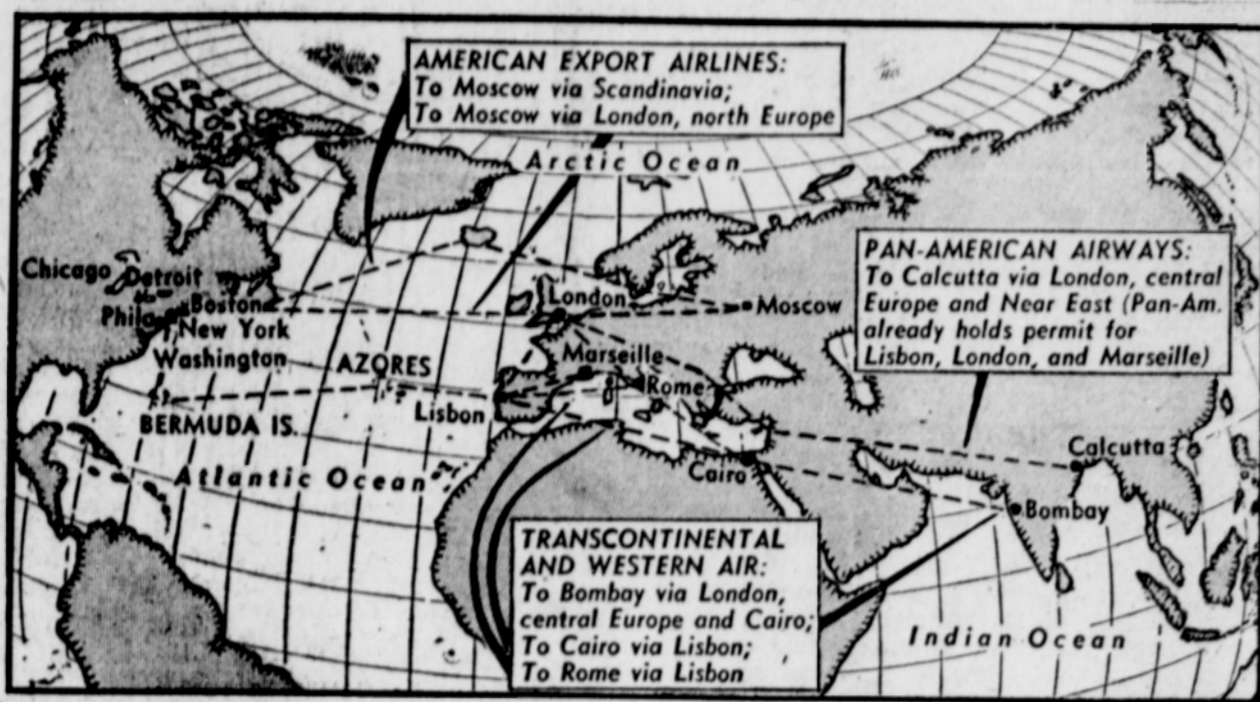
Mr. Talbot was born at Rio, Ill., on April 6, 1873 and was aged 72 years, three months and 11 days at the time of his death.

The survivors are his wife, Mrs. Cora Talbot, their daughter, Miss Lola Talbot, a sister,

TO OUR READERS:

This issue of the Miner is being printed at the Daily Tidings office which explains its different appearance and makeup. The editor and family are taking a week of to go to Idaho on business and through the fine cooperation of the Tidings, this issue of the paper is being printed there while we are away. Last week this editor and wife worked at the Tidings on the line types while Mr. and Mrs. Lindner and Glenn Prescott took a week's vacation. Next week the regular format of the Miner will be resumed.

Start Saving Up for That Flight to India



Map above shows tentative postwar international routes of three U. S. airlines, approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board. Lines which will make America's bid for a share of air commerce on transatlantic routes are Pan American Airways, Transcontinental and Western and American Export. Their routes will connect U. S. cities with all the major cities of Europe, the Near East, North Africa and India, if landing rights are obtained.

AIRPORT ACROSS BEAR CREEK RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

"The Ashland Area needs a Class 1 airport, with a landing strip on a general NW/SE alignment, preferably on a site permitting future extension of that strip to approximate Class 2 size and standards," J. R. Peavy, district airport engineer of the Department of Commerce Civil Aeronautics Administration, in his report following an examination of the local situation several months ago.

"Site F, the Balfour-Guthrie site, is the best of those examined and is a good airport site for this difficult topographic area. It provides for comparatively easy development of Class 1 airport and extension to Class 2 size and standards is feasible without too excessive obstruction, removal or construction costs. It also provides a secondary crosswind landing direction if such should ever be found to be necessary. It is within 2 miles of Ashland, with access on existing county roads and would serve the area very nicely," he continued in summarizing the report on the Ashland airport situation.

"This Site F could be approved by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as being suitable for either a Class 1 or Class 2 airport and as being eligible for Federal aid if Congress makes it available in the future," was Mr. Peavy's recommendation.

Lane W. Wilcox, supervisor on airports for the CAV, transmitted this report, as well as various maps showing the location of a possible airport on the site approved to City Attorney Wm. Briggs and City Supt. Elmer Biegel.

The report calls attention to the difficult topographic conditions in the Ashland area, but after stating that the city needs a small airport, states:

"Ashland has a mild, equable climate and meteorological conditions are favorable for airport use, construction and maintenance. Wind conditions in the Ashland area should be quite favorable for airport development and use.

"The following CAV standards were considered: Class 1 airport, 300 feet minimum width by 2300 feet minimum length landing strip; 2 per cent maximum longitudinal and transverse grades and 20 to 1 glide path clearance in the approach zone.

FRUIT WORKERS BADLY NEEDED

Many fruit growers in this area face a loss of part of their crop unless additional pickers and thinners are procured within the immediate future, it was reported today.

One grower has tons of cherries on the trees which he can not procure persons to pick, while he is weeks behind in his pear thinning.

Persons who are interested in aiding in the present emergency should contact the Chamber of Commerce which will assist in bringing the workers and the growers together.

Various sites were considered, as follows:

(A)—Old airport site used partially now by sawmills.

(B)—Golf Course Site.

(C)—Locations farther up in valley, not so good.

(D)—In the much wider part of the valley near Talent, sites far enough away from the hills are too rolling with high development costs or are located on expensive cultivated improved lands.

(E)—The area immediately across Bear Creek from Ashland ground is entirely too rough and rolling.

(F)—On the Balfour-Guthrie lands in Sections 32, about 2 miles NW from Ashland — not subject to smoke or bad fog conditions. This site is the one recommended, because of numerous advantages over other proposed sites.

Secure Lumber For Necessary Home Repairs

A new method whereby home owners may secure lumber for absolutely essential residential repairs (except farmers) was announced today by C. T. Mudge, district priorities manager, Portland office, war production board. The new procedure makes unnecessary the filing of application forms for lumber required for essential repairs and is covered by direction 8 to the lumber order L-335, and was effective July 16.

Under the new procedure Mudge states that the home owner may go to his lumber dealer and sign a simple certification to the effect that the lumber is required for the emergency repair of damage to his dwelling caused directly by fire, tornado, earthquake, storm or similar disaster.

Tomato Crop Seen Lighter This Year

This year's crop of tomatoes will be lighter than that of last year, Ralph Koozer, manager of Bagley Canning company, said today. The lighter crop, brought on mainly by lesser acreage, will be about two weeks late, Koozer said.

The cannery is now shipping out all of the government tomato juice pack which constitutes 13 cars or about a million pounds of juice. This completes the contract for last year's pack.

Canning and freezing of Freestone peaches will be carried out this year to make up for the shortage of tomatoes. Some apples, if obtainable, will also be frozen for pie stock.

Stuart M. Good Among Wounded

Stuart Marion Good, Ship's cook, 3/c, USNR, has been wounded, according to a press release received from Office of War Information. His wife, Mrs. Irene Kirkendal Good, resides at 70 Bush street. No further particulars were contained in the official release.

MEATLESS FRIDAY AT RESTAURANTS

Fish, Chicken And Other Unrationed Foods Make Up Menus

Ashland restaurants had their first "Meatless Friday" July 20, with every restaurant cooperating in this plan to conserve ration points so that all of the restaurants might be able to continue operations throughout the critical summer months when their rations are reduced.

Fish of many kinds, chicken, turkey, salad and other dishes that did not require ration points made up the menus and apparently the venture proved a success in its first trial. Meatless Fridays will be continued by all restaurants for a month, when a meeting of the operators and the OPA will be held to determine whether the plan will be continued.

Naturally, there were many statements of surprise when patrons viewed the menus and did not find their favorite meat dishes offered. However, in practically every case the idea was accepted in good spirit by the patrons.

The restaurants have not been serving butter this week, using substitutes, such as jellies, preserves, fruit butters, etc. This too has been accepted in the spirit of knowing that the change was made to adjust the menus to current rationing and food supply conditions.

OREGON LED IN 'E' BOND SALES

Oregon outdistanced the nation in per capita E bond sales during the 7th war loan, state war bond officials say. The people of Oregon purchased an average of \$49.96 a piece in E bonds.

Iowa was second and northern California third in the per capita E bond sales race.

War bond officials say it's not the first time for Oregon, but just a custom—for the state has been in the leading bond selling position ever since Pearl Harbor.

Urges College Delay Opening

Jackson county fruit growers league has asked postponement of the opening of Oregon's colleges from September 17th to October 7th so that Medford area processing plants may be able to keep fruit moving.

The league says more than 300 skilled workers and many less skilled will be lost through the early college opening.

League President Alfred Carpenter says chambers of commerce in Portland, Eugene, Salem, Hood River, The Dalles and Pendleton have supported the request to the State Board of Higher Education.

Bill Fields, U. S. Army, flew home from France recently because of his mother's illness.

ASHLAND MAN PAYS FINE ON MORALS COUNT

Walter John Baxter, 48, was fined \$150, \$2.50 costs and sentenced to 20 days in jail in city court yesterday. He was charged with making improper advances to an 11 year old girl at a local amusement place July 15. He was arrested yesterday when he returned to Ashland from confinement in a Medford hospital. According to the girl's statement made to city police, Baxter offered to show the girl and her five-year-old companion through the amusement place and while doing so kept his arm about her and kissed her several times, over the girl's objections. The smaller child was not molested, according to the report.

The jail sentence and \$110 of the fine was suspended on condition of future good behavior.

4-H Camp Starts At Lake O' Woods

4-H Camp at Lake O' Woods will be attended by 90 Jackson County club members. Monday was opening day and the camp will end Saturday, July 28th, according to Earle Jossy, 4-H club agent.

A program of work for the Junior Red Cross, sports and swimming interspersed with a few talks on more serious matters has been planned. A campfire program each evening is expected to be popular with the club members.

The camp staff will include Maryvive Snarr, assistant state club leader, instructor; Mrs. Marvin Poyer, Ashland, instructor; Mrs. Henry Padgham, Medford, nurse; Mrs. Eva Kite, Central Point, water front direction and life guard; Mrs. John James, Medford, head cooks; Mrs. Bill Ferns, assistant cook, Miss Betty Sue Glover, Medford dining room adviser. The camp will be under the supervision of the county 4-H club agent, assisted by Mr. Perry, 4-H club agent at large. H. C. Seymour, William Langan and Dan Robinson all of Oregon State College will be at camp a few days to help out with the programs.

Organizations and individuals who are awarding free trips to club members for outstanding club work are:

Ashland Rotary Club, Bellview Parent-teachers Ass'n, Bellview Extension Unit, Wade Wallace, Sams Valley Grange, Bellview Grange, Anepole 4-H Club, Bellview 4-H Club, Fern Valley 4-H Club, Valley View 4-H Club.

Refresher Course Conducted At SOCE

A refresher course for teachers, called "The Work Shop," is being conducted at the S. O. C. E. The course started Monday and will continue through August 3.

The number of teachers wishing to take the course was so large that it was necessary to acquire the assistance of a third instructor to take care of the group. Those now instructing are Miss Bertha Stephens, Miss Florence Allen, and Miss Jerrine Mote.

The entire summer session being held at the college started July 19 and will end August 24. There was the difficulty of getting housing accommodations for those taking the course, but the problem is being nicely settled and the program is going ahead as previously scheduled, college officials said.

Herb Moore Buys Jacks Fixit Shop

Jacks' Fixit Shop, owned by Lewis H. and Lydia E. Jacks since April, 1921, has been sold to Herb Moore. The sale went into effect July 18.

Moore expressed that he intended to follow the same line of operations now used by Jacks, and some time in the future expects to add refrigeration service.

Jacks is working with Moore until he gets started with the business.

Portable Version of Big Field Gun



Bazooka-like weapon in top photo is the Army's new M18, a 57-mm., recoil-less rifle which infantry is using. Sixty-one inches long, it weighs only 45 pounds and has the striking power of the field artillery's 57-mm. anti-tank gun on wheeled carriage, seen in lower photo. The new weapon fires a three-pound high explosive shell a distance of two miles, with a telescopic sight, giving almost sniper accuracy. It was used for the first time on Okinawa.

HUGE FARM DEVELOPMENT IN ROGUE VALLEY BASIN POSSIBLE

An intensive survey of the Rogue River Valley which shows the possibilities of additional farm development through reclamation has been made and filed with the Reclamation division of the Interior Department, F. C. Hart, engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation, Medford, told the Rotarians at their weekly luncheon yesterday.

R. W. McNeal, professor of geography at the Southern Oregon College of Education, was inducted as the newest Rotary member yesterday, with President John Daugherty welcoming him and telling him of the ideals of the club.

Will Osborn, Oakland, and Laury Nigard and Al Lantis, Medford, were Rotarian guests at the luncheon.

Mr. Hart stated that investigations of the reclamation potentialities in this valley were begun in 1938, covering seven potential projects, which he listed as follows:

Project	Irrigated Acres	Irrigable Acres
Medford	13,500	36,700
Sams Valley	0	10,000
Talent	11,500	15,100
Evans Valley	1,400	6,400
Merlin	1,000	9,300
Applegate	10,000	19,600
Illinois	5,000	22,600
Totals	42,900	120,100
Thirty-one dam sites have		

Fishing Good In This County

Jackson county reports good trout fishing in most streams, with some limit catches by trolling and still fishing in Fish Lake. Trout fishing is good in the tributaries of the upper Rogue in the vicinity of Prospect and Union Creeks, and Hyatt Lake is good for catfish, bass and crappies.

JUSTICE COURT NEWS

Frank R. Close was arrested July 13 because of no operator's license and no muffler on his car. He was fined \$1.50 and costs. And costs only because of no muffler.

Albert Wesley Calhoun posted \$6 bail for appearance July 20 on the charge of no taillight on his car.

Cited to appear: Elsworth Lee Garland of Talent, charged with having one headlight only.

Mary Elizabeth Merkle of Yreka, charged with having four in the driver's seat.

been checked in regard to water supplies for these projects, most of them on the Rogue River, he stated. He added that recognition has been given to sports-fishing possibilities and that adequate protections are provided for the preservation of these facilities.

Summing up, he concluded: "The 64,000 acres of presently irrigated area in the Rogue River basin comprises the backbone of the agricultural economy which, according to the 1940 census, provided a direct income in 1939 of \$5,645,000 to the farmers of Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties. Processors' income and wholesale and retail trade derived directly from this farm income amounted to several million dollars. An additional 78,000 acres, one and a fourth times the present irrigated area, is suitable for irrigation. Sufficient water is available to provide a full irrigation supply for these new lands as well as badly-needed supplemental water for the present irrigated areas. Flood control and power also can be provided by the multiple-purpose development of the water resources of the Rogue River valley. It is our firm belief that the problem of securing these benefits without destroying the sports-fishing resource can be solved."

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Building permits were approved as follows:

House and cabin, \$500, W. J. Collins, 371 Mountain Avenue. Garage, Laurel Street, R. E. Holman, \$200.

Double garage, \$500, L. L. Sumerlin, 55 Granite street. Dwelling, \$500, R. A. McDermott, 129 Granite street.

FREAK ACCIDENT DAMAGES TRUCK

A Greyhound bus, Oregon-Nevada-California freight truck, and a 1941 Chevrolet light truck operated by Gladys McCulley, route one, Box 174, Medford, were involved in a freak accident near the intersection of Clay street and Siskiyou highway, at Ashland's south city limits, about 9:30 o'clock last Friday night.

According to city police, who investigated the accident, all three vehicles were going south on the highway when the McCulley truck started to pass the freight truck, being driven by Ellis Shaw, Redding. The bus, driven by Bert Klinefeter, Redding, started to pass the light truck at the same time, squeezing the McCulley vehicle between the freight truck and bus.

Considerable damage resulted to the front fender of the McCulley truck and minor damage to the bus but no one was injured, police stated. The freight truck was not damaged.

COUNCIL CHECKS PRIORITIES ON ASHLAND CREEK

May Want To Acquire Some Of These Water Rights; Lithia Water, Zana Trust Discussed

The city council last week discussed the advisability of procuring prior water rights in Ashland creek which other parties and agencies now control.

These include rights held by the Southern Pacific, and the Helman, Billings and Million ditches, all of which must be taken out of Ashland creek before the city can use any of the water flowing down Ashland canyon. These rights cover a considerable part of the flow, particularly in dry spells.

City Supt. Elmer Biegel was authorized to purchase 2,000 feet of cast-iron pipe for possible use on the Lithia supply line from the Lithia springs to the city. The city ditcher has been used in checking this supply line and many leaks and small-breaks have been found, which are reducing the flow of Lithia water to the city fountains. The present pipeline was laid in 1929. The flow at the city fountains has been very inadequate lately and this is in connection with the council's check to insure plentiful supply at the fountains.

The Zana trust fund was discussed by the council. This fund amounted to approximately \$8,000, with half to be left to the city hospital and half to the city library. The city recorder was requested to make a full report on the fund at the next council meeting.

City Attorney Wm. Briggs read the CAV report on Ashland's airport needs and possibilities. This report is covered in a separate story in this issue.

Supt. Biegel reported that water is still running over the dam in Ashland canyon, but that this overflow would probably cease today and water would then have to be used out of the lower reservoirs. This is the latest that the overflow has continued at the higher dam.

A letter from the Ashland Ministerial association, which was read last week, asked that the city prohibit future carnival operations in this city. The council felt that such a ban should not be decided upon.

Various reports, including those from the water, electric, police and street departments were read and accepted.

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Jacksonville May Be Scene Of Movie

A representative of Walter Wagner Pictures Incorporated is expected to visit Jacksonville, Oregon next week to survey the country—presumably as a site for the filming of the novel "Canyon Passage" by Ernest Haycox, prominent Oregon author.

The scene of the novel is laid in Jacksonville and Rogue River Valley.

Florence Resigns Patrolman Duties

L. F. Florence who has been employed as a patrolman by the Ashland Police Department since April 1945 has tendered his resignation effective at once. His resignation was accepted, and Asst. Chief of Police C. C. Williams stated today that he is no longer connected with the Police Department in any capacity. Florence did not state what field of endeavor he intended to enter.