

World War I started in Europe 31 years ago. Austria-Hungary declared war on the Balkan country of Serbia, the result of the assassination a month earlier of the Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo.

Serbia appealed to her ally and protector, Russia, which ordered a partial mobilization on July 29, the same day the German imperial council decided on war against Russia and France.

On August 2 Germany invaded France and Russia invaded Germany and hostilities were under way.

U. S. Senate has ratified the United Nations Charter 89-2, the charter will become operative when the rest of the Big Five, Britain, Russia, China and France and a majority of the 45 other signatory states ratify it.

The bomber that struck the Empire State building in New York Saturday caused 13 deaths—10 office workers and three in the plane. Damage to the building is estimated at \$600,000. It was a costly catastrophe for Uncle Sam.

Nazi Bigwigs, herded behind barb wire, are reported going to pieces morally and physically. Why delay their war crimes trials? Petan, the alleged betrayer of France, meanwhile, is being given a lively frisking in a French court.

We have come a long way. Thirty-six years ago, July 30, 1909, Orville Wright put his flying machine over a measured 10 mile course in 14 minutes 42 seconds.

A Portlander who should have been in church, lost \$9 last Sunday while standing in line for cigarettes. He told police that an unidentified woman took his billfold from his pocket.

Aunt Mattie says she remembers when girls were so modest that they went behind the door to change their minds.

Churchill and his cigar has faded out of the Big Three picture.

August receives its name from Emperor Augustus.

Services Held for Ashland Man Monday

Funeral services for George W. Crews, a resident of Ashland since 1906, was held in Medford Monday. For several years he operated a grocery store at Fourth and B. streets, one of Ashland's early business districts.

He is survived by four children O. E. Crews, Medford, Mrs. H. H. Wardrip, Vallejo, Calif.; A. C. Crews, Toledo, Oregon, and Mrs. Allen McGee, Ashland. His wife preceded him in death in 1917. He also is survived by 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

PICKING OF PEARS WILL START ABOUT AUGUST 15 IN ROGUE VALLEY

Picking of the Rogue River valley pear crop is scheduled to start August 15, according to decisions made in Medford last week by the labor committees of the Fruitgrowers League and the Rogue River Valley Traffic association. Some orchards, it was pointed out, might start August 13.

Latest estimates of the crop for this year indicate a larger crop than last year. The combined estimates of the different fruit packing houses indicate that there will be 2,209,000 boxes of pears of all grades this year, compared to a crop of 1,942,000 last year. There is a possibility that the crop this year will be further increased if the pears size up well.

The Bosc pears are the only ones which appear to be under last year. The Bosc packed out 582,826 boxes last year, and the crop this year is estimated at 562,028. Other varieties are all over a year ago, with Bartlett's estimated at 980,900 compared to 817,124 a year ago; Howells estimated at 9400 compared to 8041 a year ago; Comice estimated at 85,700 compared to 60,220 a year ago; Anjou estimated at 475,700 compared to 434,394 a year ago; Seckles at 13,000 compared to 12,210 a year ago; P. Barry estimated at 11,000 compared to 7094 a year ago, and Winter Nellis esti-

New C. of C. Secretary Takes Over Wednesday

Mrs. Alice Patterson Resigns From Position Held For Four Years

A new secretary for the Ashland Chamber of Commerce took over the reins of office Wednesday morning, August 1, with the resignation of Mrs. Alice Patterson, becoming effective on that date. Mrs. Patterson has been the efficient secretary there for the past four years and is being succeeded by Mrs. Marshall Stansbury.

In commenting on her resignation this week, Mrs. Patterson stated that she was resigning to take up her household duties again, which she finds had suffered some under a full time job. She and her husband have recently purchased a home in town after living on their farm north of Ashland. They own the producing part of the Silver Crest Dairy, now milking some 42 head of cows.

Mrs. Stansbury is not new to the position she will fill. She was secretary for three years from 1933 to 1936, and while the work has undergone some changes since her time there, she finds that she can get back into the swing of the work easily.

"I want to thank all the members of the Chamber of Commerce and the business men for the splendid co-operation given me," said Mrs. Patterson Tuesday. "I have enjoyed working with you and all of the merchants, business, and professional men of Ashland."

Christmas Mailing Dates Announced

The Post Office Department has announced the mailing dates for Christmas packages to members of the Armed forces to be from September 15, to October 15. During this period requests from the addressees are not required in connection with parcels to the Armed Forces. Patrons should plainly mark each gift parcel "Christmas Parcel."

Special effort will be made to effect delivery of all Christmas parcels mailed during that time. Christmas parcels shall not exceed 5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and girth combined. Not more than 1 package will be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the same person to or for the same addressee.

BASKETS—We have a new stock of Clothes Baskets, Lunch Baskets and Work Baskets. Marshall-Wells Store on the Plaza, Phone 2-1231.

Permanent Farm Labor Camp Eases Milton-Freewater Needs



The most forward step in Oregon in meeting farm labor difficulties, this year as well as in the future, has been taken at Milton-Freewater where, through cooperation with community interests and the state farm labor office in the O. S. C. Extension service, a permanent farm labor camp has been built. The camp at present represents an investment of nearly \$25,000. The development committee hopes to expand it eventually to about a hundred frame structures plus outlets for 50 trailer houses. Shown above is the \$12,000 administration and camp utility building containing two large offices, shower, laundry, toilet and furnace rooms. It is modern in every respect. Below are a few of the neat camp tents which have concrete foundations and floors, ready for construction of permanent quarters later on.

Lions Club Enjoys Annual Picnic Tues

Grants Pass and Medford Club Members Attend Party At Jackson Hot Springs

A huge turnout of local Lions and their families was in evidence at the annual picnic held Tuesday evening at Jackson Hot Springs, with some sixty members from Grants Pass and 15 from Medford Lions clubs being guests. The local club was host and furnished big kettles of fried chicken, beer coffee ice cream and watermelons for any who wanted them. Each family brought a covered dish and the result was that the long tables were groaning under the weight of food.

The picnic was scheduled to start at seven o'clock, but because of a delay, did not get started on time. Ashland Lions club challenged the Grants Pass club to a ball game to take up the half hour delay. A hilarious ball game followed, stopped every now and then for taitwisters Howard Oden and Bill Kerr to collect fines for the large number of errors made. Since none of the players could by any stretch of the imagination be called professional players the fines were numerous and at times threatened the course of the game. In the excitement of the game, no score keeper was appointed and the final outcome of the game remains in doubt.

Many of the members brought their children and they and several of the parents enjoyed a swim in the plunge during the evening. Since Grants Pass club

Local Petition Asks for Truck Re-Rout

Petition to City Council by People on Main and Siskiyou Asks for Rerouting of Trucks

Ten petitions, including a total of 361 names, were filed Tuesday with the city recorder, asking that the city council arrange for rerouting of through trucks from the main highway in Ashland.

Most of these signers were procured on East Main and Siskiyou boulevard, but it is understood that North Main residents are practically as unanimous for the change as those on the balance of the main highway through Ashland.

The petition will be considered by the city council at its first August meeting.

Two routes have been proposed for the rerouting of the trucks. One via Van Ness, which it is recognized would leave the noise and other alleged disturbing elements for residents of North Main to the north city limits and also switch the said objectionable features to residents on Van Ness.

The second route, which would eliminate switching to any residential street, would be along the railroad tracks from near the north city limits to A street and then back to the highway near the south city limits on the Pacific highway.

has a wide reputation for their singing ability, they were called on for several numbers and once started, filled up the balance of the evening with all the old favorites. A good time was had by all present.

Reclamation Bureau Seeking Personnel

With the objective of accelerating the investigation of proposed irrigation and multiple-purpose projects in the Rogue River Basin by enlarging the Bureau of Reclamation staff in Medford, F. Russell Sparks, Regional Employment Officer from Boise, Idaho, will confer Wednesday and Thursday (August 2 and 3) with F. C. Hart, local Bureau engineer, the latter said today.

Hart declared that engineering and economic studies in this region are being retarded by lack of adequate personnel.

Sparks, whose headquarters are in Boise, Idaho, regional office for the Bureau, will hold a similar two-day conference on employment matters on August 6 and 7 at Salem, Oregon. Investigations in the Willamette River basin are also being delayed because of lack of an adequate staff to handle the work load.

Oden's Sports Shop in New Location

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oden were open for business Wednesday morning, with their Ashland Sporting Goods Store, in their new location at 279 East Main street, in the location formerly occupied by the Pancake House. They have spent considerable time in remodeling the premises since the Pancake House was closed some weeks ago, and now have a fine new quarters for their stock of hunting and fishing equipment, leather goods, harness, luggage, etc. These genial Ashlanders invite everyone in to see them and exchange hunting and fishing experiences.

Talent Woman Takes Own Life Saturday

Myrtle Agnes Finker, 53, a resident of Talent for the past year and a half, committed suicide early Saturday evening, according to Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiller of Ashland, who was called to investigate.

According to Litwiller, her husband, Harry, left the house about 4:15 p.m. to irrigate his crop and did not return until about 10 p.m. when he discovered the body lying on a bed. There was no known reason for the act, the husband reportedly told Litwiller, although Mrs. Finker is said to have voiced suicide threats to neighbors on several occasions.

Litwiller attributed death to a 22 calibre automatic pistol which had been fired through the mouth. Three shots had been fired into the ceiling before the death shot, the deputy coroner said.

Funeral services were held in Ashland Monday, after which the body was shipped to Glendale, Calif., for interment. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by a sister in Los Angeles.

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

New Band Director Here This Week

Former Air Force Man Here Hunting Home Prior to Opening of School in Sept.

Ashland's new Band Director, Lieutenant Jack Francis and his wife are in town to find a home for the coming year. The election of Lieutenant Francis was completed Monday as he has just become available for a civilian position since completing his 65 missions with the 9th Air Force in the European Theater with the United States Army Air Corps.

Lieutenant Francis played in the State Championship band at Aberdeen, Washington under Louis Wersen. He received his college training in music at the Washington State College in Pullman, Washington and was graduated from that school in June, 1940.

Beside his directing experience as an assistant at W.S.C. he had had charge of the bands at Wilbur and Wapato, Washington. His success was outstanding in both of these places.

Lieutenant Francis expressed himself as pleased with the Ashland band situation. He is a man 28 years old and expects to make music education his career.

He wears the European Theater ribbon with 5 battle stars, The Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Ashland Young Folks at Church Camp

Fifteen young people from the Church of Christ were enrolled as students last week in the Christian Service Camp at Firpoint, near Glendale, Oregon. They report a record attendance of 155 students enrolled.

Those going from Ashland were; Beverly Hall, Louise Hall, Marie Gresham, Mollie Gresham, Roger McDonald, Juanita McDonald, Betty Myers, Arlis Youngs, Wanda Jean Parker, Betty Lou Cays, Phyllis Downing, Joanne Downing, Edith Turnbull, Earline Rogers and Marbeth McKeever.

Earl F. Downing, minister of the Ashland Church of Christ and Everett McGee, Ashland and minister at Phoenix were members of the faculty. Mr. Downing was also Business Manager of the camp.

Mrs. F. G. Helms was headcook. Assisting Mrs. Helms from Ashland were Mrs. J. A. Youngs and Mrs. Lucille Brickey.

Visitors from Ashland at the camp during the week were Margie Hunsley, Lowell Hall, Bob Phillips, Mrs. Myron Miles and daughter Myra Jean.

The young people who attended the camp had complete charge of the evening service at the church last Sunday night. They brought reports and presented the message of the evening.

WAR RATION BOOK FIVE TO BE ISSUED TO PUBLIC IN DECEMBER

War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book issued, will be distributed through the public schools from December 3 through 15, McDannell Brown, Portland district OPA director, announced today.

At the same time, the new "A" gasoline ration book will be issued to go into use December 22, the War Ration Book Five will be used soon after the first of the year for food rationing and for rationing shoes, Brown explained.

The new book will be just as long as Book Four, but only one-half as wide. The numbering and arrangement of stamps is better, too. All the housewife and the grocer will have to remember is that stamps of certain numbers are good. The new stamps will not have both a letter and a number as the present stamps do.

The book will contain 48 red stamps numbered from 11 thru 58 for use in the meat-fats program. There will be 48 blue (processed foods) stamps, also numbered from 11 through 58. There will be 12 sugar stamps, numbered from 23 through 34, and 12 shoe stamps, numbered from 11 through 22.

The book will also contain 72

"spare" stamps—24 of them green stamps numbered from 35 thru 58, and 48 of them brown stamps numbered 59 through 106. These spare stamps will be available for use in extending the life of the book to approximately 15 months if needed.

The last full set of five blue stamps in Ration Book Four will become good on September 1. The final set of five red stamps will be validated a month later on October 1.

Since War Ration Book Five, containing the new red and blue stamps, will not go into use before January 1, 1946, it will be necessary to use other stamps in Book Four as substitutes for processed food and meat-fats stamps during the interim period.

Interim period use of shoe and sugar stamps will not be necessary since the stamps provided for these items in Books Three and Four will carry the programs without resort to substitutions.

The new "A" gasoline book, the third issued under rationing, will differ from the present book only in color. The book will contain five sets of coupons six coupons to a set numbered A-18 through A-123. Each set of six will cover a different validity period. The first set—the coupons numbered A-18 become good December 22.

BAND CONCERT

Thursday—August 2, 1945

ASHLAND MUNICIPAL BAND

I. A. MIRICK, DIRECTOR

Lithia Park—8:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

1. The Billboard March John N. Klobr
2. Cowboy Melodies - Selections Arr. George F. Briegel
3. The Men of the Merchant Marine Fred Waring
- 4: The Song of Songs Moya
5. Colonel Bogey - March Alford
6. Grand Russian Fantasia J. Levy
- Cornet Solo - Director I. A. Mirick
7. Josephine G. Kahn & Wayne King
8. (A) Will You Remember from "Maytime" Sigmund Romberg
- (B) The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise E. Seitz
- Elaine Sutherlin - Soloist
9. Cadiz - March Chueca Y. Valverde
- The Star Spangled Banner