

Next Monday is Labor Day.

Agitation for the celebration of Labor day was begun by the Knights of Labor who in 1882, 1885 and 1884 paraded in the city of New York.

In 1884 the organization adopted a resolution that the first Monday of September should be considered Labor day and steps were taken to have it recognized as a holiday.

Workmen of all organizations joined in the movement. Oregon on February 21, 1887, passed the first law recognizing the day. Other states soon followed.

On June 23, 1894, a bill passed Congress making Labor day a legal holiday throughout the union.

We read that President Truman expects to ask Congress to put the country back on Standard time after the legislators reconvene.

Early in the war, clocks were advanced an hour to conserve electricity and fuel, but the need for this conversion has lessened.

Daylight saving was first used in America in 1918, and in Europe in 1914-1918. The movement was started in England in 1907 by William Willett.

But the idea originated with Benjamin Franklin. In 1784, while he was minister to France, Franklin said in an article that if the people of Paris wished to save millions of dollars a year in candles they could do so by changing their clocks.

Stronger labor leadership in holding unions to their no-strike pledge continues to be required in spots.

The Eastern approach to the Hargadine cemetery would be a good place to try out that \$10,000 steam shovel.

Census bureau says the average father is 44 years old. Average wife's age (confidential).

That Community center project has apparently gone with the wind.

Those crime broadcasts are becoming nauseous.

Joshua originated daylight saving.

Californian Here To Buy Cull Pears For Dry Packing

Phil Baker from Watsonville, California, has been in Ashland the past several days, coming to the Rogue Valley to buy all the cull pears possible from local packing plants. He stated Tuesday that he had contracted for all the culls in the valley, estimated to be about 3000 tons, and these will be shipped out to Watsonville, California, where his plant will dry them, pack them in 60 pound wooden cases and then wholesale them out to the grocery stores. In commenting on the work, Mr. Baker stated that the new method of handling pears was started two years ago in California, and the product proved popular in the retail markets. Insufficient quantities in California, has caused his company to look for a wider source and knowing of the commercial pear orchards in the Rogue Valley, he came here with the result that he has contracted for the entire cull tonnage. In the past years, the culls from Rogue Valley packing houses has been a drug on the market; in fact there has been no market and the three to four thousand tons has just simply been dumped out to waste, with no financial return to the grower. Under the new setup, with Mr. Baker's company taking all the culls, the orchardists will realize some return from them.

Mr. Baker stated that his company is looking to this field for a future site for a drying and freezing plant, as they are definitely interested in the freezing of berries and fruits, a business they are already in, with a wide market already established, he has been here but a few days, and was not prepared to make any statement regarding definite plans, but did say that his company was definitely interested in locating in the Rogue Valley.

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Ashland Laundry Sold This Week to California Man

Former Owners have Owned And Operated the Plant For The Past 23 Years

A deal was completed last week in which the Ashland Laundry was sold to Joe E. Gentry of Riverside, California and Arthur Fredericksen of Klamath Falls. The new owners will take possession from Wirt Wright on September 3, according to the announcement made Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have been in Ashland the past several days to make final arrangements and to attempt to secure a home here. They have a daughter who will be in high school. Mr. Gentry will operate the plant, with Mr. Fredericksen as "silent" partner.

Mr. Gentry has had a wide experience in the laundry business, having been the Riverside manager for the Southern California Laundry Service Company, which operates a string of laundries throughout Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have operated the laundry since September 1, 1922, thus completing exactly 23 years of service in the community. They have not announced any plans for the future, except that they plan to catch up on some of their visiting with friends and relatives this summer. They will continue to make their home in Ashland, they announced.

Auxiliary to Give a Farewell Party Friday

The Auxiliary to the American Legion, plans a farewell party and dinner for Mrs. Mildred Harmsen. It will be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Frazier, 107 Fork Street on Friday evening Aug. 31st with a covered dish dinner.

Mildred Harmsen has been a very active worker of the Auxiliary. She has been the State Child Welfare Commission Chairman, the Units, Child Welfare Chairman past president, also has held different offices, while a member of the local unit. Members regret her leaving Ashland.

All members are invited and are asked to bring a covered dish and own service. Dessert will be furnished.

Sailor Killed Saturday on Crater Highway

PhM. 2/c Bryan Milton Yorton, 23, was instantly killed about 2 a.m. Monday when the coupe he was driving sideswiped a car driven by Hollie Alvin Rhoads, 8 Berrydale avenue about a mile north of Medford on the Crater Lake highway.

Yorton had been home on leave from the navy for the past three weeks and was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Yorton, route 3.

Ashland Man to Return Soon to States

Assembly Area Command, France, First Sergeant Laurence F. Rude of 142 B. Street, Ashland, Oregon is on the first leg of his return to the United States after four months overseas. He has completed processing for redeployment at Camp Brooklyn, near Suippes, France.

First Sergeant Rude, a member of the 767th Field Artillery Battalion, will receive a furlough at home prior to departing for the Far East.

His records, physical condition, personal clothing and equipment have been checked and appropriate corrective measures applied as part of the processing given every man being redeployed in the Assembly Area Command. The 17 tent camps in the area, each named after an American city, process about 8,000 men daily.

The 767th landed at Le Havre, France, on March 11, 1945, and proceeded by way of Deippe, where the outfit stayed for two weeks, to Trier, Germany. Assigned there to the 23 Corps in the 15th Army sector, the unit engaged in occupation duty over a wide area until ordered to Camp Brooklyn.

Big Oregon Hop Harvest Calls for 40,000 Pickers



With the harvest of a hop crop that is expected to be at least a million pounds greater than last year in full swing, Willamette valley hop yards are still in need of additional pickers, according to reports received by the state farm labor office at Oregon State college. Forty thousand pickers will be needed in hops alone. Additional thousands will be necessary to finish up snap beans and harvest the western Oregon prune crop which is expected to be almost double that of a year ago. Two girls are shown above spending their vacation—earning good money and having a pleasant time—in a hop yard. Below is a picking scene of a typical Willamette valley hop yard. Housing facilities are available at practically all yards.

PFC. JOHN GRUBB TELLS OF WORK OF HIS 1306th ENGINEER REGIMENT

Pfc. John Grubb, who has been with the 1306th Engineers in the battles through Belgium, France and Germany, wrote his parents here this past week and enclosed a list of the things accomplished by his battalion. The list of accomplishments is long and interesting and we are pleased to print it herewith, to give our readers a view of what was accomplished.

From August 5, 1944 to May 8, 1945, this regiment assigned to Third US Army, and in support of XX, III, VIII, or XIX Corps, operated in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria, carrying on mine clearing, road reconstruction and maintenance, general construction and bridging every important river including the Seine, Marne, Meuse, Moselle, Nahe, Rhine, Danube, Isar and Inn rivers 35 bridges were constructed.

The following are the highlights of the record:

Longest bridge (Budenheim, over the Rhine), 2320 feet. This is one of the longest military bridges built in world history.

Longest fixed bridge (Scharding over the Inn), 1100 feet.

Most important bridge (Thionville, over the Moselle), 24 hours before completion, the XX Corps bridgehead position was critical, 48 hours after completion, troops who crossed on this bridge entered Metz. The letter of commendation received from XX Corps and Third U. S. Army is a rare tribute to a General Service Regiment.

Longest Bailey bridge in European Theater of Operations 2220 feet Budenheim. Probably the world's longest, 1540 feet of double-single Bailey launched as a unit.

Longest single span Bailey in France (Thionville, across the Moselle) 190 feet.

Quickest construction (Arnaville, across the Moselle) 70 feet. Class 70, in 5 hours (including removal of Bailey).

Most bridged city: Metz, nine bridges.

Largest barge bridges—over Seine, at Fontainebleau and Montreaux.

Outstanding road work. Rebuilding and maintaining N-4

from Arlon to Houffalize, Belgium, main lateral road in the Battle of the Bulge, in spite of snow, rain, thaw, tank retrievers, tanks, and the lack of a road base. At one time only 5 divisions of the 45 on the Western Front were able to continue their attack—all used N-4.

Fifty decorations: 1 Silver Star 1 Soldier's Medal, 23 Bronze Star Medals, 20 Purple Hearts, 1 Croix de Guerre avec Palmes, 2 Croix de Guerre avec Etoile d'Argent, 2 Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Bronzes.

Battle participation Credit. This regiment has received and is eligible for 4 Bronze Stars for battle participation credit in the campaigns of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Meritorious Service Unit Awards. Plaques for meritorious service have been awarded by the War Department and Headquarters. Third US Army, to Company B and to the Medical Detachment.

We all can be proud of the accomplishments of this regiment. Its reputation stands high among Third Army units.

Engineer Regiment to Leave Europe Soon

With the U. S. Forces in France—After two years' service overseas in Great Britain, France and Luxembourg, the 398th Engineer General Service Regiment has arrived at Camp Chicago, near Reims, France, for redeployment, out of the Theater.

Engaged in camp construction in England before D-Day, the unit was rushed to France when Cherbourg was captured and stayed working on reconstruction of the harbor during the summer and fall of 1944. It later moved into combat position with infantry units along the Moselle River on the German border when Von Rundstedt attacked. After the Nazi drive was reversed the engineers returned to construction work and rebuilt several hospitals.

Members of the unit are: Pfc. Joseph M. Peterson, 520 Terrace Street, Ashland.

KOG Funds Sought for Fire Prevention

Application forms for membership in the Keep Oregon Green association have been received by Harry Chipman, Jackson county chairman. Anyone desiring to contribute funds to carry on the work of forest fire prevention is asked to telephone Chipman at Medford 2141 or Ashland 6432 and a form will be mailed upon request.

There will be no other form of solicitation in the county, the chairman said. All monies received will be sent to the association's headquarters in Salem to be used to carry on the statewide fire prevention program.

Local Men Pack Into Sportsman Paradise

Frank Neal of Ashland and Col. John Davidson of Medford, returned last week from a rugged fishing trip, which took them back into the real primitive areas on the headwaters of the Rogue River. Mr. Neal explained that they went to the Imnaha Ranger Station by car and from there packed their belongings on a pack mule and then hiked into the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Rogue river. Staying for a few days to enjoy the superb fishing, they then packed up their belongings and hiked in to the Seven Lakes Basin country, where they spent a week in fishing and enjoying the scenery. One clear day while there, they hiked to the top of a nearby mountain, nearly eight thousand feet up, just to view the scenery. Mr. Neal stated that it being a perfect, clear day, they could see Mt. Ashland, Pilot Rock, and the other high points around this section of the country, although they were fifty miles or more away.

Asked if the fishing was good, Mr. Neal stated that it was exceptionally so as there are few people in that area. They had all the fish they wanted and smoked a few to bring out, the only way they had to bring them out.

VICIOUS DOG BRINGS FINE TO LOCAL MAN

Arrested last Wednesday by city Police, Cadwallader Ellis of Siskiyou Boulevard, was fined \$25 and \$2.50 costs in the city court on a charge of allowing a vicious dog to run at large. Numerous complaints had been received by the police throughout the past 12 years and investigation proved that it was the same dog, which has belonged to Mr. Ellis for the past 15 years. The person bringing the complaint had had the misfortune to be bitten by said dog! Mr. Ellis pleaded guilty in city court and \$20 of the fine was suspended on condition that the dog be taken care of, and not permitted to run loose.

County PTA Council to Meet on Sept. 19

At a meeting held in Medford last Friday, plans were laid for the September meeting of the County Council of Parent Teachers Association. The meeting will be held September 19, and the topic under discussion will be "Compulsory Military Training."

Among Ashland women on the executive committee are Mrs. Phil Stansbury, treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Crosby, past county president; Mrs. C. L. Wolff, Ashland PTA council; Mrs. C. M. Frazier, and Mrs. Frank Van Dyke.

Sugar Stamp No. 38 Valid on September 1

Sugar stamp 38 in ration book four will become valid Sept. 1, office of price administration announced today.

It will be good for five pounds of sugar until Dec. 31, 1945.

The current sugar stamp, No. 36, becomes invalid August 31.

OPA is continuing the current ration rate of five pounds of sugar every four months because of the shortage of supplies. No improvement for civilians is expected this year. Stocks are lower now than they have been for ten years.

Blue Hummingbird, full-blooded Cherokee Indian, pleaded guilty to a charge of threatening to commit a felony and was sentenced to a term not to exceed 18 months in the state penitentiary in circuit court in Medford Thursday.

Local Church Observes 70th Founding Date

Presbyterian Church Has Week End Program Commemorating Its Founding

In observance of seventy years of work in Ashland, the Presbyterian church Saturday and Sunday, held special services, and brought several noted speakers to the program. Outstanding speakers were Dr. O. LeRoy Walter, executive secretary of the Synod of Oregon and Dr. Charles E. Koehler, former minister of the Ashland church and for the past 20 years pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church of Spokane. The Rev. George M. Shuman, present pastor of the local church presided over the Saturday afternoon program and the Sunday observances. Other former ministers present were the Rev. Hugh T. Michelmore and wife of Klamath Falls, and the Rev. James H. Edgar and Mrs. Edgar of Ashland. Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Mitchelmore of Jacksonville were present as well as the Rev. H. M. Roberts of Medford.

Saturday afternoon's program was in recognition of the charter members none of whom were alive to take part in the ceremonies, but whose families have been and still are active in church affairs. Mrs. Bertha Winters, oldest member in point of years service, read the names of the charter members and introduced the descendants present. Mrs. William Van Dyke gave personal reminiscences of Father Williams, founder of the church. The former ministers present were introduced.

Following the banquet Saturday evening, Dr. Walters gave the address of the evening, "Yesterday and Tomorrow," outlining the function of the church in the past and its responsibilities in the future.

In the Sunday morning service, Dr. Koehler gave the anniversary sermon, "The Victorious Church." Mrs. J. W. McCoy was organist and several appropriate hymns were sung under the leadership of Miss Florence Allen, director. "Open the Gates of the Temple" was sung by Robert C. Wright of Medford and provided an introduction to the sermon by Dr. Koehler.

Three Inches of Snow Falls at Crater Lake

Three inches of snow fell on the rim of Crater lake Friday night and Saturday morning, E. E. Leavitt, park superintendent, reported this week, and some rain reportedly fell in the park area. Visitors to the park have been advised to travel equipped with tire chains during the remainder of the season.

Applegate Girl Shoots Self with Rifle Wed.

Violetta Beatriz Harrington, 21, shot herself through the right temple at the family home, a ranch house on the Circle G. Ranch in the Little Applegate district last week according to Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris, who said death was instantaneous. The girl's mother, Mrs. Viola Ruff, told Morris the girl had been in ill health all of her life and was confined to a wheelchair.

Morris said the weapon, a 22 calibre automatic rifle, had been borrowed from C. V. Moody, a neighbor, last spring. The girl's little brother had found three old shells and loaded the rifle, later placing it in the girl's closet, Morris said he was told.

The family was having their evening meal on the back porch and did not hear the shot, they told the deputy coroner.

Ashland WAC Is Released from Service

Camp Beale, Cal. August 27—T/5 Mary M. Becken, 200 Gresham St., Ashland, Oregon has received an honorable discharge from the Women's Army Corps.

Corporal Becken enlisted in December 1943 and has served as a medical technician.

Her son, Lt. Richard L. Becken of 820 Oak St., with the Sixth Armored Infantry, has seen action in both North Africa and Italy.