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Pioneer Here To Observe Birthday

A visitor in Ashland the past week was J. B. Russell, a pioneer of Southern Oregon, who came here to observe his 89th birthday with relatives in Ashland, his sisters, Miss Nellie Russell, Mrs. Bertha Winter and Mrs. Mabel Lowther. Mr. Russell was 89 on September 7.

While here he attended the regular weekly meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge Thursday evening, he being the oldest living member of the Ashland lodge and a member for the past 68 years. A special observance in the lodge was held in his honor.

Saturday Mr. Russell left for Salem where he planned to visit with his daughter, Mrs. Marie Ling and will then go on to Portland where he will visit with a son, A. H. Russell.

New School Law Affects Children

A new law dealing with public school attendance was passed by the last session of the Oregon Legislature. Until now, a child could drop out of school if he had completed the eighth grade. The new law states that a child between the ages of 16 and 18 must be in school or legally employed, but if employed he must have completed high school or attend part-time school.

Parents, guardians and employers of children are legally responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the act. The school board, however, may excuse a child who has completed the first eight grades if the board determines that further attendance in school would cause hardship in the child's family, or would be educationally unprofitable to the child.

Visitors at Lake See Movie Layout

Among attractions at Diamond Lake for the Labor Day vacationists were the buildings being constructed at the south end of the lake for the filming of "Canyon Passage," the story written by Ernest Haycox and laid around Jacksonville.

Several of the buildings, made of logs, bark and rocks, were already completed, in the area of the CCC camp and nearer the lake.

Filming of the story is expected to take about three weeks, if the weather is right. Several stars including Susan Hayward, Brian Donlevy, Andy Devine, Ward Bond and Dana Andrews, have arrived. Jacques Tourneur is directing the filming, and Richard Riedel is art director.

The picture will not all be 'shot'

at Diamond Lake, as plans call for taking part of the pictures in Jacksonville, where the main action of the story took place.

Marines from the Klamath Falls Marine base are scheduled to serve as Indians, and there will be more than 100 extras.

In charge of general arrangements for the filming are Harry Spitz, Fritz Collings and Dick Riedel, all of the Universal staff.

Blaze Destroys Rural Jacksonville Home

Fire, believed to have started on the roof, completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Killingsworth and family, on Jacksonville Star route, about 6 p.m. Friday. Cause of the fire was not definitely ascertained.

Most of the furniture was carried out by neighbors, it was reported. A garage and two barns were unharmed. The house was owned by R. G. Bardwell, 1002 S. Oakdale avenue, Medford.

Higher Speed Limit Ups Bus Service

Lifting of the 35-mile speed limit will have virtually the same effect as a substantial increase in the number of highway buses serving the West's transportation needs. This was the assertion today of F. W. Ackerman, Vice-President of Pacific Greyhound Lines, the bus system that provides local and long-distance service in seven Western States over a network of highways. The bus executive stated that Greyhound is revising schedules on the time-saving basis now permitted by the Office of Defense Transportation.

"When the wartime speed limit was reduced to 35 miles per hour in September, 1942," Mr. Ackerman explained, "it meant a mark-perating time, and this will intrips a bus could make, and a corresponding decrease in the number of passengers each bus could carry in a given period. The effect on intercity transportation was much the same as though a part of our total number of buses was withdrawn from service."

"Schedules are rapidly being readjusted to normal pre-war operating time, and this will increase the service to all the points where Greyhound operates."

Although the bus lines of the nation are faced with the big job of helping to bring home millions of military personnel, Mr. Ackerman expressed the optimism of the bus lines when he said:

"Complete victory enables Pacific Greyhound Lines to continue and expand its plans to provide a finer highway transportation service in the West than has ever been known before. More new buses will be coming off the as-

sembly lines, and Greyhound will rush completion of the luxurious new Super-Coaches that have long been planned. With the new buses we are getting now and the lifting of the wartime speed limit, Greyhound is able to increase bus service for hundreds of communities throughout the West."

Hobart Handsaker in Army in Austria

United States Forces in Austria—Corporal Hobart Handsaker, was among the first Americans to enter the city of Vienna as a member of General Mark W. Clark's United States Forces in Austria.

Corporal Handsaker, whose wife Mrs. Azalia Handsaker, and son, Kelton, live at Ashland, and whose mother, Mrs. Eppersam, lives at Junction City.

USFA, their new organization, will function under General Clark as an army of occupation in the American Section of Austria, exercising military control over governmental agencies during the rehabilitation period.

The USFA Headquarters was formed from American personnel of the former 15th Army Group, an organization which, during the Mediterranean campaign, was composed of the American Fifth and the British Eighth Armies. Under the command of General Clark, they fought their way through Italy and forced the unconditional surrender of the German Armies in the Mediterranean Theater several days before the complete collapse of the enemy in Europe.

Corporal Handsaker, a driver in the 4523 Quartermaster Car Company with Headquarters, US

FA, entered the army in October 1942, and has been overseas since December, 1943. He saw front-line duty with the 88th "Blue Devil" Infantry Division in Italy and wears the Good Conduct Medal and the Europe-Africa-Middle East Campaign Ribbon with two battle stars. Engel, and Mr. Nichols.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Detrick and daughters, Barbara and Julia and son Bob, were week end guests last week at the parental R. E. Detrick home. They came from LeGrande, where Mr. Detrick is manager of the Pay-Less drug Store in that city. They left to return to their home last Tuesday. Mr. Detrick is well known here, having lived here for a number of years.

H. L. Moore was a business visitor in Medford Saturday. John R. Pittenger, constable of Ashland spent a ten day vacation with his daughter Mrs. Edsell and family in Klamath Falls and his daughter in law, Mrs. Riley Pittenger and family in Portland. While visiting with his daughter in Klamath Falls he had a chance to ride to Portland, so extended his intended three days vacation to a ten day one by going on. He returned to Ashland Tuesday.

Dr. Charles Haines had his Chevrolet car quite badly damaged last week near Drain, when he hit a large truck, as the driver cut across the road in front of him, the driver failing to make his intention of turning left clear. Dr. Haines was uninjured but the front end of his car was quite badly damaged.

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

Lt. Dyer S. Huston, only son of Herb S. Huston, Elks Club Secretary, flew in from Camp Hood, Texas, Monday to visit for a couple of days with his father. Lt. Huston is an instructor at Camp Hood. For about two years he was with the Lend-Lease program and was stationed in Arabia and Egypt. He returned home to go into the service. He returned to his base, leaving via train early Wednesday morning, to go to Camp Hood. It was the first time father and son had been together for more than two years.

Two Local Men on Battleship Alabama

On the USS Alabama in Tokyo Bay—Clifford McLean, radarman third class, USNR, whose wife, Margaret, lives at 117 Almond St. Ashland, and Dick L. Merriman,

musician, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Merriman, 384 Helman St., Ashland, is serving on this battleship, which is part of the powerful Pacific fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan.

Under the operational control of Admiral William F. Halsey, USN, the Alabama, with 11 other battleships, 17 aircraft carriers, six escort carriers, 20 cruisers and more than 290 other U. S. ships, is helping take over control of the Nip's big naval bases.

The explorer, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, USN retired, was on board temporarily during a shore bombardment near Tokyo shortly before the end of the war. He called this bombardment "a milestone in warfare" because the ship was "able to hit the target so accurately without being able to see it."



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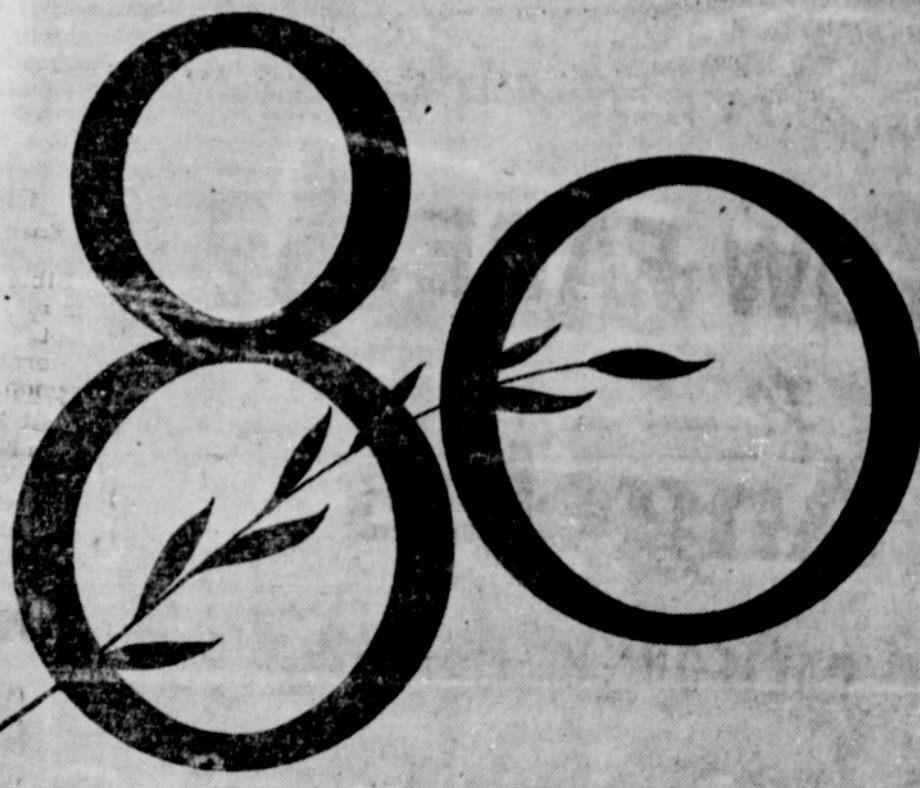
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