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## Tower Erected for Radio Station Here

Towering over Ashland today is the 200-foot steel antenna for the new radio station, the Rogue Valley Broadcasting Company, a license for the station being granted several weeks ago. The tower is located at the foot of Heiman street and Tuesday was completely installed with red blinker lights for warning signals being installed and complete. The tower erection was under contract to C. H. Fisher of Portland, with most of the electrical work being done by local concerns.

Work is progressing on schedule, Roy Peck, manager stated Wednesday, John Simpson, local contractor and who has the building for the station under contract, has the most of the walls of the station up. Much of the broadcasting equipment is in storage here and with the completion of the building, installation will be under way soon.

Mrs. Floyd Price of Leavenworth, Washington arrived in Ashland Tuesday morning to look for a place. They are former residents of Ashland having only sold their home on Weightman St. a few months ago and are now homesick to get back here to live.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanel of Sacramento, California were business callers in Ashland Thursday.

W. J. Hughes of Oakland, California was in Ashland Saturday looking for a location.

Mrs. Perl Kerby and Mrs. H. L. Moore were shopping in Medford, Friday.

Luke Davis of Colsten was in town Monday attending to business.

Neighbors of Woodcraft met Monday for the usual banquet which they hold once a month. Mrs. Mabel Roberts and Mrs. Beth Wimer were the committee in charge. After lodge, Mrs. Wimer and daughters gave a short Mother's day program, presenting each mother present with a corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leverich of Klamath Falls were in Ashland Wednesday while here they purchased a home and expect to move here about May 14.

Attending the all day conference of Jackson County's Chapter of the American Junior Red Cross in Medford on Saturday, April 27 were - Miss Hattie Elder, Sponsor of Lincoln School Junior Red Cross and eight children of the Lincoln School; Miss Bertha Stephens of Lincoln School who spoke to attending teachers on "How to Organize Junior Red Cross Programs"; and Otto Wilda Southern Oregon College representative on the Jackson County American Junior Red Cross Committee.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Bruce has as their week end guest Walter E. Rouch of Joliet, Illinois. Mr. Rouch is a brother of Mrs. Bruce. This is the first time Mr. Rouch has visited the West Coast, and he was deeply impressed with Ashland's scenery and fruit and gardens. He hopes to return for a longer visit.

Mrs. Nelle Burns is expecting her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Krug soon, from Reading, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Krug moved there when Mr. Krug received his discharge from the army, but finding that they like it much better in Oregon than in Pennsylvania, decided to come here to live.

## Early History On YMCA In Ashland Noted As New Organization Formed

With the new Y.M.C.A. organization being perfected in Ashland, the early history of the organization has been recalled by Homer Billings who has been active in the work of the organization. He points out that the first organized work was on a County basis during the period of 1920 to 1923. Cash Wood was secretary and most of the activities were in Medford and Ashland, although groups met in some of the smaller towns. When the county organization disbanded, Ashland hired Weston R. Henry on a part time basis and he sponsored a summer camp and other activities. Henry was followed by Cleo V. Howell, who worked as the Ashland secretary for the next two years on a half-time basis, as he was also in the employ of local schools. He did an excellent job in both fields.

Mr. Billings says that the Ashland Association then decided to put on a full time man and in 1926 a budget of \$3700 was raised. W. P. Walters, who was the Boys' Secretary at Eugene, was hired as the first full time man for this community. At present Walters is one of the key men in the Los Angeles Association. After working in Ashland three years he resigned and was followed by Matt Thompson for three or four years and later by Percy Bullock. The depression made a Y secretary impossible and since then the Hi-Y and Tri-Y clubs at the Senior High have been carrying on with the aid of the Field Representative from the Northwest Area headquarters.

That there is need for a full time man in Ashland is the opinion of Mr. Billings. He is much interested in the revived organization and believes that it will be a worthwhile community project.

## City Band Starts Practice Monday

Regular band practices of the Ashland city band started Monday night, with Jack Francis, director of the high school band in charge. Rehearsals will be held in the music room at the high school, instead of the city hall, as has been the custom.

Mr. Francis emphasized that rehearsals will start promptly at 8 o'clock and members are requested to be present in time to have their instruments and music arranged.

Elmer Biegel, Jr. has been elected librarian and general aide to the director.

## Sheriff Candidate to Talk Over Radio

Vern Smith, Ashland candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket, is scheduled to make a five minute talk over KMED on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 5:55. Mr. Smith has had a long and active career in peace officer's work, and only at the beginning of the present primary campaign, resigned from the sheriff's office, where he served as Chief of Criminal investigations, in order to make the race for Sheriff. He has a wide circle of friends in Ashland, and they are being urged to listen in on his talk.

## Eugene Men Buy Garage Building

Newcomers to the Ashland business district are Walt DeBoers and Maurice Aird, who came here from Eugene. They have bought the building at 30 South First street, and took over May 1 to open an agency for Plymouth and Chrysler cars. The building was under lease to the Swartz Motor company, and the new concern, to be known as the Lithia Motors, besides buying the building have taken over the business from the Swartz Motor Co. The upper floor of the building is leased to the Selby Chevrolet company, which uses the space as a body shop and storage, and this lease will be continued until its expiration.

In speaking of their coming here, Mr. DeBoers stated that they had a chance to get the Chrysler agency here and decided to buy the building to take care of the agency. They have installed a large amount of shop equipment, also and will feature complete automotive service.

Cases in Justice court this week include Dean Albert Ellwanger who paid \$1.00 and costs, no muffler. Orlando Guy Sheperd, improper license \$1.50 and costs. Alfred Larsen, no muffler \$1.00 and costs. Robert L. Lewis, oversize load \$2.50 and costs and no PUC license \$10 and costs. Wm. Delaney, improper lights, \$2.00 and costs, and a charge of not having a registration card was dismissed. Robert Leland Tayler, violation of basic rule, cited to appear. Chas. Frank Chambers, no vehicle license 5 and costs and no Operator's license \$1.50 and costs. Hollis Poston paid \$10 and costs on a charge of larceny and was given a 15-day suspended sentence, pending payment of fine and good behavior.

Mrs. G. Bromley of Klamath Falls was in Ashland Wednesday looking for a location.

## MANY EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ASHLAND DURING MUSIC WEEK

Miss Louise Woodruff Music week has always been a very vital part of things in Ashland. This year for many reasons there are not many public concerts but almost every organization, has honored music week at its nearest meeting. Most of the churches have recognized music in notice, sermon, or special music. The schools have done a great deal for the advancement of music although most of their activities have of necessity taken place before or after the actual "music week".

Washington began by giving a lovely concert on April 23, Lincoln school will have a special assembly program, Thursday, May 9, with upper grade and primary choruses and solos. The high school has more than done its part by winning four firsts in District contest held in Ashland. The boys' quartette, Maurice Baily, horn; Gloria Wenner, twirler, and the band. In the N. W. competition in Eugene the same boys' quartette, Maurice Baily and Gloria Wenner won superior rating. The band which has done outstanding work under the direction of Jack Francis won a rating of good in the Northwest competition at Eugene in which they chose to enter class A where the music was more of a challenge to them. Their classification according to size of H. S. is class B. By voluntarily putting themselves in class A they were in competition with the largest high schools of the state. They did not win as high a place as they would have in class B but felt that they got more out of it.

They will give the town's people a chance to here these well-trained groups in a concert which must be postponed until May 14. In addition to the band under Mr. Francis, there will be choral groups under the direction of Miss Wilma Froman a very talented young Ashland musician and director of the now famous boys quartette.

The College is busy building up its choral and instrumental groups after the war-time slump. Its contribution to music week is special assembly music.

The Clubs giving special attention to music week at their nearest meetings were two on April 29th, The Ashland Study Club under the direction of Mrs. Imogene McCoy had group singing. The Fortnightly Club in-

stead of its usual roll-call had group singing also, directed by Mrs. R. L. Crosby with Mrs. Litwiler at the piano. The Ashland Civic Club at the instigation of its president Mrs. Celia Berninghausen, presented a delightful program under the direction of Mrs. Carrie Winkler. There were group singing, piano numbers by Mr. R. Berninghausen and Mrs. Stella Corthell, and Songs by Mrs. Sara Peters.

On Saturday, May 11th Chapter A. C. of the P.E.O. sisterhood gave their annual Mothers' Day party. In celebration of music week the entire program will be musical. On May 14th the Alpha Chapter O.E.S. will have their Mother's Day tea with a musical program planned by Mrs. Sara Peters.

The Service Clubs meeting this week are having special music.

The churches have always cooperated in music week activities by special mention, by sermons on music or with special music. This year in two churches the sermon dealt with the subject of music in the church. The Rev. Mr. Downing of the Church of Christ used as a sermon topic 'The Ministry of Christian Music' The Rev. A. H. MacDonnell of Trinity Episcopal Church will preach on a similar topic May 12th.

Special music was used in honor of music week in the Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and other churches.

The music teachers have held student recitals as close to music week as possible. Mrs. Frieda Hartley held two piano recitals just before music week.

Mrs. Kay Huffman presented her son Donn Huffman and Suzanne La Marre in vocal recital April 25. This week on May 8, Marilyn Young, soprano was presented in a recital at the college, assisted by Franc Snyder a pianist and very talented young composer. This was the only concert given in music week. Mrs. Huffman had planned to present Elaine Sutherland in recital this week also, but due to the many events scheduled for the week unconnected with music week, she has postponed Miss Sutherland's recital until May 16. These singers, altho' young have given their listeners a real musical treat each time they have sung.

## Elks Club to Hold Mothers Day Program

MOTHERS DAY PROGRAM  
MAY 12, 1946  
2 P. M.  
ELKS LODGE ROOM

Exalted Ruler	Howard W. Oden
Tribute to Mother	Dr. Elmo Stevenson
Address by Chair Officers	
Esquire	Stanley Robbins
That Wonderful Mother of Mine	Goodwin
Joan Wyant	
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Gordon Pickle
Rock-a-bye Baby	Anonymous
Joan Wyant	
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Roland Parks
Mother Machree	Olcott and Ball
Donn Huffman	
Esteemed Leading	Ralph McCulloch
Mother of Mine	Tours
Donn Huffman	
Mrs. Cay Huffman at piano	
Exalted Ruler	Howard W. Oden
Chaplain	Rev. A. H. MacDonnell

## Army Paper Tells of Waterbury Exercises

A new-style physical fitness program for army ground forces was developed recently at the infantry replacement training center at Camp Robinson, Ark., by physical training experts under the direction of Col. Preston B. Waterbury of Ashland, according to an article appearing recently in the Army Times.

Aim of the Waterbury course is to develop "in the soldier the physical and mental efficiency essential to utmost military health, strength, endurance, agility, coordination and self-reliance through a program of progressive training marked by variety and interest."

The course is divided into five sections with the objectives of strength, aggressive spirit, teamwork, confidence and endurance. The article stated, Chief asset, a club,

used by the training center, is that it seeks to develop confidence by encouragement and not by force. Instructors seek to develop the exercise along the lines of a friendly, competitive game with little "regimentation." The one rule of the course is "keep moving."-Medford Tribune

## History Club at SOC Elects Officers

At an election held Saturday, May 4, at the Southern Oregon College, the following officers of the Oregon History Club were elected for the Spring Quarter: Beth Stelle, President, Shady Cove; Alita Luchterhand, vice president, Ashland; Anna Leona Honts, Secretary, Medford; Mrs. Foster, Treasurer, Ashland, Dr. A. S. Taylor of the History Department serves as advisor to the club,

## Shirley Wilcox Receives DAR Award

Miss Shirley Wilcox high school senior was last week presented with the annual DAR award at an assembly program by Mrs. J. H. Harker, regent of Mt Ashland chapter.

The award is made to a student chosen by faculty and students on basis of qualities of citizenship, leadership loyalty, patriotism and dependability. Shirley has been active in all school affairs, she received the Walter Christian citizenship award and song queen, member of band, Quill and Scroll student council representative, member of International honor society and editor of the Rogue News.

Charles P. Talent and daughter, Mrs. Machal Stansbury returned to their home here Tuesday evening. Mr. Talent had been in a Portland hospital for treatment. He has returned much improved but will be confined to his home here for some time yet.

Mrs. F. L. Robison of Oakland, California, came last Friday to spend a week with her son, Will, here. She is contemplating moving to Ashland to live and is looking for a location here.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 3 for Melvin J. Bronson, who died Tuesday, April 30. Dr. George W. Bruce of the Methodist church was in charge of the services. Interment was made in the IOOF Cemetery.

## Toastmasters Club Met in Ashland

Twenty-three members of the Medford Toastmasters club met at the Lithia Hotel Monday evening with several Ashland men, with a view to forming such an organization in Ashland. The Ashland group was headed by Dave Whittle as chairman. The Medford group was under the direction of C. E. Hedburg with Dr. J. S. Heatherington as toastmaster, Lynn Cram, Frank Hull, Jr. and Jack Frost were the main speakers.

The Ashland group included Mr. Whittle as chairman, Price Hennis, Angus Bowmer, Don Hinthorne, Dick Trites, Lyndel Newbury, John C. Collins, Howard S. Wiley, Bob Hardy and Ken Robbins.

In commenting on the club, Mr. Whittle stated that it was the hope of the local men to get a charter for a Toastmasters club in Ashland, affiliated with the national organization. The club is purely social, he stated, with the aim of improving a man's ability to talk before dinner parties, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Skidmore of Weed, California, were up Tuesday afternoon and visited with Mr. Skidmore's mother, Mrs. Helen Skidmore. Mr. Skidmore manages the theatre at Weed.

## State Police Traffic Enforcement Men. to Hold Safety Check Program May 15

Oregon state police, traffic enforcement officers of Oregon cities, and sheriffs will participate in the nation-wide Police Safety Check program, starting Wednesday, May 15. It was announced today by Chief Harry M. Niles, head of the Portland bureau of police and state coordinator for the police safety program.

This is the second annual police traffic accident prevention campaign, staged in every town, city and state in the nation with law enforcement officers in many Canadian provinces also participating.

Assisting the state coordinator in directing the campaign in Oregon will be the Safety Division, office of Robert S. Farrell Jr., Secretary of State.

Beginning May 15, law enforcement officers will conduct a safety check on all motor vehicles stopped during routine law enforcement activities. The check will consist of an inspection to check the condition of the tires, brakes, lights, windshield wipers, horns and other conditions that can be seen by the officer.

A check list will be made out and one copy will be given the operator while police keep the other copy.

## High School Band Gets Three Rating

Boys Quartet and Horn Soloist Also Take Top Honors At Eugene Meet

Ashland high school band received a three rating in the annual music competition held at the University of Oregon at Eugene last Friday. The local band, under Jack Francis as director, elected to place in the "A" schools, and came into competition with much larger schools.

Also receiving top ratings were the boys quartet, directed by Miss Wilma Froman, and composed of Harry Kannasto, Bill Bissell, Arnold Wilkinson and Jerry Mitchell, with the quartet a one rating and Maurice Bailey, horn soloist, who also received a one rating.

While in Eugene the quartet and Maurice Bailey was asked to sing and play over the Eugene radio station.

Medford high school band, directed by I. A. Mirick, former director of the Ashland band, placed first in the "B" class, besides winning several other first place ratings.

## Rotary Club Elects Officers

The Board of Directors and the Chairmen of the several committees of the Ashland Rotary Club met in regular monthly business session on Monday evening in the home of J. H. Hardy on Siskiyou Boulevard. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the coming Rotary year.

The following were elected officers, to be installed July first. President, Will Dodge; Vice President, O. N. Wray; Secretary, Treasurer, Dr. G. W. Bruce.

There was much discussion of Rotary projects, and it is likely that in the near future the Rotary Club of Ashland will enter into some projects of interest to the community of Ashland, Boys and girls seemed to be deepest interest of the Rotary officers, and they are seeking ways and means of contributing to the pleasure and improvement of young life.

Following the business session Mrs. J. H. Hardy served lovely refreshments to the men. The next meeting will be held on the first of June at the home of Steve Zarka.

Jack Bearss a member of the state police force, was an unofficial visitor in Ashland Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Abbott and five daughters of 786 Ashland street, left Thursday for Elkhart, Indiana to visit with Mr. Abbott's parents and other relatives. They plan to be gone several weeks, driving down through Arizona to visit other relatives enroute to Elkhart.

"The chief purpose of the police safety check is to emphasize in the minds of motorists the importance of keeping their vehicles in safe operating conditions," State Coordinator Niles said. "The check is not intended to be a thorough vehicle inspection. Rather it is intended to disclose the more obvious defects and to call them to the attention of the driver, while the officer explains the dangers of operating vehicles with such defects."

"With vehicles on the average eight years of age, and with little prospects for new cars in the immediate future, it is highly important that drivers keep their cars in good mechanical condition."

Secretary of State Farrell reports that traffic accidents soared skyward to new highs during the first three months of 1946. The first 90 days of this year saw 94 traffic deaths, he reported.

"The record for the first quarter of the year thus is about 25 percent over the fatality record for the same period of 1945," Farrell said. "The police safety check is one of the first nationwide programs inaugurated to carry out the program discussed at the President's highway safety conference in Washington early in May."