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City Council To Inspect Hospital

Requesting that the city take over and operate the hospital at the earliest possible moment, Dr. Charles Haines, speaking to the City Council, Tuesday evening, on behalf of the doctors of Ashland, invited the council to visit the hospital Tuesday afternoon and study the situation. Haines pointed out that the responsibility of hospital operation had fallen on the physicians and surgeons of Ashland, and that this interfered with their actual professional duties to their patients.

"The present hospital is 35 years old and the equipment is 57 years old," Haines pointed out in speaking of the bath, toilet, and kitchen facilities.

He also mentioned that the present X-ray equipment was out of order and indicated to the council the type which would meet the approval of the local doctors.

At present the hospital is leased to Dr. Haines and Dr. Ralph Poston. Other doctors are participating in the utilization of the facilities.

Dr. Poston has stated that present conditions with regard to getting and retaining help also make it hard to operate the hospital.

The city council plans to visit the hospital on Tuesday afternoon. Mayor Thornton Wiley in a prepared statement, Wednesday said that the policy of the city has been to support the hospital in every possible way and that the city of Ashland had invested in the hospital \$25,000 for improvements and equipment.

Wiley emphatically stated that he and the council are well aware that the city must have a hospital and that they are willing to cooperate with the physicians and surgeons of Ashland.

Wiley also pointed out that just recently the hospital had been modernized and renovated at a cost of \$3,000 and that during the period when the city obtained a monthly rental all receipts from the hospital had been turned back into the hospital plus thousands of additional dollars from the city treasury.

Jail Suicide's Body Sent To Mississippi

The body of Thomas B. Baggett, 42, was shipped to Mississippi this week after he was found dead Friday in his cell at the city jail.

Baggett was picked up by local police Friday night at Merrill's Confectionery, after Mrs. T. R. Merrill reported that he was causing a disturbance there.

Baggett was placed under arrest and taken to the city jail. He was very calm until around 11 p.m. when he became violent and around midnight he was found dead on the floor. He had tried to hang himself with his belt but the belt had broken and he had fallen and hit his head on the iron bed.

The body of Baggett who was divorced from his wife, was sent to the home of relatives in Mississippi.

J. F. CHAMPION, LAPIDARIST CREATES BEAUTY FROM STONE

By Verne Athanas

It's really a breath taking scene, an under-water fairy tale in color. The water is a clear blue and exotic plants grow from the sandy bottom. There are coral ironas and delicate anemones, strange grasses, and plumes. One almost expects to see a rainbow striped fish to pop out from behind, or to catch a glimpse of some sunken treasure dark complete with chests of treasure. It is a masterpiece that any artist could brag about.

But Mother Nature was the artist. And she didn't fool around with anything as perishable as paint or canvas. She put this scene in a nodule of stone so hard that only a diamond edged saw could cut it. Outside she placed a rough coating of wrinkled mud and aged the whole thing for some millions of years. Then J. F. Champion of 153 Third Street, Ashland, dug it out of its bed. He cut it, ground it, polished it. If you are fortunate, perhaps he will show it to you at his shop back of his home.

Mr. Champion took up the hobby of cutting stones some five years ago, after spending most of his life as a mining engineer. While he delights in the "scenics" as he calls the stone just described, he also cuts and polishes everything from local agates to Brazilian jade into beautiful jewelry. He makes ring sets, brooches, pendants, anything in short to be decked in milord or milady,

SORORITY PLANNING HAMBURGER PARTY

Ashland's chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha at the Wednesday meeting held at the Civic club, planned a hamburger and slumber party for Saturday evening at Neil Creek.

Rosalee Stauffer, president of the club, presided at the business meeting and eight members were present: They were Pauline Ustad, Donna Frasier, Gayle Morris, Gladys Mack, Phyllis Caton, Betty Smith, Rosalee Stauffer, and Dorothy Morris. Ice cream, cake and punch were served after the business meeting.

Frank Tries to Get Friend Out; Gets In

William Frank Rt. 1, Box 345, Central Point, Oregon, was upset Saturday night about the fact that Ashland Police had put his friend, "Blackie" Smith in jail on a drunken driving charge. Frank became so incensed about what he evidently thought was a miscarriage of justice that he finally went down to the city jail to get Blackie out.

Frank ended up in jail with "Blackie".

Churches Planning A Public Directory

All churches with permanent pastors or permanent places of worship are requested to notify the Rev. A. J. Edwards, 811 Iowa Street, Ashland, Oregon, in order that a listing may be made of these churches.

According to the Rev. G. M. Shuman, pastor of the Presbyterian church, the Ashland Ministerial Association is planning on printing a directory of churches which will be placed in hotels, auto courts and other business houses. The information which the Rev. Edwards is collecting is needed for this directory.

College Will Get Federal Bldg. Aid

SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE—Orders to proceed have been given on the F.P.H.A. veterans project, No. 35358, on the Southern Oregon College campus. Twenty-eight family dwelling units and sixty-four dormitory units will be erected within the next sixty days. The completion of these units will come too late to relieve the fall quarter housing load. All units have been applied for and additional housing has been requested.

Ashland citizens have responded generously to the call to open their homes to student use. Spare bedrooms are being rented for from \$7.50 to \$12.50 a month and many citizens are providing room and board for \$35.00 to \$45.00 per month. It is hoped that many more will provide housing facilities. Housekeeping accommodations for veterans and their families are urgently needed.

Mrs. Stanley Church entertained Mrs. Norman Porritt, Mrs. Josephine Tuhey of Aberdeen, Washington and Mrs. Nell Sloggy at a bridge foursome Friday afternoon.

Baldock Says Plaza Project Not Shelved

RIISING COSTS MAY FORCE ROAD CONTRACTORS OUT

If contractors can be found who will be willing to bid on the Plaza project, in spite of continually rising prices of materials and shortage of help and equipment, there is a good possibility that the project will be completed this year.

State Engineer H. H. Baldock informed city officials Wednesday that although the state highway commission would not visit Ashland this week that the Plaza job was still on the list of projects which were to be submitted for bids.

It has not been advertised as yet, Baldock stated, however plans are to do so in the near future. There has been some rumor that the project would be shelved but this evidently is but error.

The state highway commission, including T. H. Benfield, chairman of the commission; A. W. Schaupp, commission member; M. R. Chessman, commission member; R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer; K. D. Lytle, division engineer; J. M. Devers, chief counsel; H. B. Claisyer, secretary; H. G. Smith, construction engineer; G. W. Neuner, assistant counsel; Manley F. Robinson, director of travel information department; W. H. Lynch, Public Roads administration division engineer; A. R. Lindbeck, Oregon Journal representative, have been touring western, central and eastern Oregon sections to check up on contracts which have already been let.

The commission had originally planned to visit Ashland on Wednesday to inspect the Plaza project as part of their duties while on tour, which include studying projects which have been authorized.

In addition to the Plaza project the state highway department plans to widen the railroad overcrossing at Tolo. Correction of the slide conditions on the Pacific highway are also on the scheduled plans of the highway commission.

Oregon now has approximately \$53,000,000 available for the three year highway program.

Legion To Consider Many Plans Tuesday

Members of the American Legion will have a great deal of important business on the slate when they meet in regular meeting next Tuesday evening, according to Legion officers.

Business which will be brought before the group will include the feasibility of building a memorial hall, and change in meeting time. Plans will also be made for a joint installation of 1947 Legion and Auxiliary officers of both Medford and Ashland to be held here, September 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Bond were hosts to the following guests for dinner Saturday evening: Mr. and Mrs. George Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Church, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Porritt, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kaegi, Mrs. Grace Bogue and Herman Ackerman.

Mrs. L. O. Anderson of Riverside, California spent this week in Ashland attending to business. She stayed at the Lithia Hotel. She plans to visit in Klamath Falls, Merrill and Tulle Lake before returning to California.

It's the TALK of the Town

TOM CARTER sporting a full grown beard a la Klamath Falls Rodeo . . . GORDON PICKELL worrying about plaster for his new house on Liberty street . . . MILTON MORRISON and DON WOLFF inviolated home with poison oak after fighting fire in Siskiyou County, California . . . FRANK VAN DYKE demonstrating his best courtroom demeanor for the women's Civic club . . . DR. GEORGE HULL studying Gertrude Stein's obscure poetry . . . PERRY AYRES and EVERETT MCGEE looking at heating units . . . R. H. WILSON staying on the shady side of the street while down here from Ruby's Kitchen . . . The OAK STREET TANKERS redeeming their playing status . . . JIM HARKER anticipating cold winter weather . . . JOHN COLLINS with a swell new office . . . Attendance at local auctions continuing to increase . . . C. of C. Sec'y Healy's enthusiasm at high pitch.

RED HEADED TWINS BLESS HOME OF LESTER PRICE

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Price of Ashland are the parents of red-headed twin boys born Saturday morning. The first baby, Gerald David weighed six pounds four ounces and the second baby, Thomas weighed five pounds twelve ounces.

BABY BOY BORN TO MR. AND MRS. R. MEDLOCK

A baby boy, Roger Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Medlock Wednesday morning. He weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Bellview 4H Beef Club County Champs

The Bellview 4H Beef Club under the leadership of J. F. Engel judged themselves to the championship in the Jackson county livestock judging tour held Saturday throughout the county. Members of the winning team are Ted Willoughby with a score of 502, Don Kerr with a score of 498, Don Nichols with a score of 491 and Bob Willoughby with a score of 467 as alternate.

High scoring individual of the contest was Betty Williams of Valleyview with a score of 554, second place was won by Mary Ann Birdseye of Westside with a score of 547. Walter Cahail of Antelope won third place with a score of 516.

Second high scoring team was the Antelope Beef Club led by Elbert Bigham with the following scores: Walter Cahail 516, Jean Kincaid 488, Jan Freeman 478, Bernice Bigham 468, alternate. Third place was won by the Bellview Pig Club led by C. P. Gassoway with the following scores: Maryann Gassoway 469, Mary Lou Willoughby 466, Vernon Tenny 465.

Classes judged included Jersey cows provided by Delbert Mongold, Angus heifers provided by Leonard Freeman, Polled Hereford cows provided by Ralph Cook, Hereford hogs provided by George Kirby, Gpernsy cows by H. R. Westberg, Southdown ewes by George Nichols.

Official judge for the contest was Jens Svinth, Josephine county agent.

Lease Renewed for Civic Clubhouse Lot

An assemblage of 45 ladies from the Women's Civic Improvement Club who were led by the President, Mrs. Mae Russell were present at City Council meeting Tuesday night to receive the 25 year renewed lease which was unanimously consented to by members of the city council.

Members of the Civic club were prepared for a battle on the subject of the renewal of the lease because an erroneous impression had been made that the council did not favor renewing it. Frank J. Van Dyke, represented the civic club members at the council meeting and pointed out the worth to the city of the club and the use to which it had been putting the clubhouse.

Because of the housing shortage at Southern Oregon College the clubhouse had been recommended as a potential site for a dormitory. In the new lease club members will have the privilege of subletting, if they so desire, the club house to the board of education of the state of Oregon for student housing.

Members of the civic club will discuss and take action on this potential use of the building at their meeting Friday night.

Local Contractors Urged to Make Bids

Contractors in the Ashland area are being urged by civic leaders to bid on the Plaza highway improvement project.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock has indicated that the state anticipates a lack of bids when the road project is advertised sometime in early September.

Everett McGee Will Sneak at Vespers

The Reverend Everett McGee, pastor of the Church of Christ at Phoenix, will deliver the sermon Sunday at Union Vesper Services held in Lithia Park.

The Reverend Gordon Lindsay spoke last Sunday on the subject, "The Drama of the Gospel." Phyllis Downing played the organ for the services and accompanied "The Christian Harmonizers Quartet from the Christian Church, who sang, "Saved by Grace."

LOCAL CONTRACTORS URGE CODE ADOPTION

Ashland building contractors met with the city council Tuesday night and urged that a uniform building code be adopted, and on Wednesday night the contractors met again to discuss organization of a contractors association.

The contractors are planning to meet again next Wednesday to study the present city building code and to continue discussion of the association.

Borden & Downing Ministers by Radio

Ashland's Ministerial Association's radio program titled "The Church In Your Home" at 9:15 A. M. for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; August 29, 30 and 31 at 9:15 a.m. will be under the direction of The Reverend Evart P. Borden, pastor of the Neighborhood Congregational church of Ashland.

The program for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26, 27, and 28 will be conducted by the Rev. Earl F. Downing, pastor of the Church of Christ of Ashland.

Bellview Anschluss To Be On Ballots

Annexation of Bellview to the city of Ashland will appear on the ballots in the November elections. The City engineer is preparing a proper description of the territory to be annexed in order that council action may be taken at the next meeting.

Residents of Bellview have requested that the annexation take place.

DA Calls Turn On Gambling Devices

Local pinball and slot machine athletes will have to get their exercise elsewhere as Wednesday morning the rattle of the clicking balls and the whir of the slot machine no longer was heard on Ashland city streets.

Chief of Police C. P. Talent, acting upon orders from George Neilson, Jackson county district attorney, notified 21 Ashland houses Tuesday evening that the state's attorney general, George Neuner, had issued a letter stating that the operation of slot machines, one armed bandit, and pin ball machines when used as gambling devices was in violation of state statutes.

Many complaints throughout the state had brought about the enforcement of the ruling. Any gambling device that pays off directly or over the counter is illegal. Pin ball machines which are used for amusement alone are not included in the ruling.

Chief Talent stated that the reaction among establishments which had the machines in operation here in Ashland was very good. All businesses notified immediately complied with the order, and have removed the machines from the premises.

Former GI's Get Leave Pay Blanks

Ashland this week became one of the first cities in the United States to issue applications for unused leave on the part of former soldiers and sailors.

Through the efforts of the Ashland post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Chamber of Commerce obtained approximately 200 of the applications, which were issued to former servicemen within a matter of a few hours.

Y.M.C.A. DIRECTORS STUDY JOB APPLICANTS' RECORDS

Selection of a secretary to head up the Y.M.C.A. is the big problem that is presently confronting the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. Members of the board announced this week that they had been studying the credentials of a number of men since the close of the Y drive which took place earlier in the summer.

The Board which includes: John Billings, Roland Parks, Eric Weren, Leland Linn, Carryl Wines, Roy Peck, Les Grant, Homer Billings, Joe Fader, the Rev. George M. Shuman, the Rev. George Bruce, Allen McGee, Clarence Litwiller and Frank Van Dyke have rated the applicants for the positions from "best" on down. After rating the applicants, efforts have been made to secure all possible information on them and to make arrangements for hiring the proper one.

Many other cities, including Klamath Falls, are starting Y programs with the result that Ashland is bidding for the few well trained men on a high-

Retail Merchants Will Meet Again on Bureau Problem

Plans For Noon Meeting On Monday Are Quite Extensive

All retail merchants of the city of Ashland are urged to attend the meeting of the newly organized Retail Trades Bureau, Monday at noon, August 26, which will be held in the city hall, William E. Healy, secretary of the organization, stated this week.

Sandwiches and cold drinks will be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce. This will permit the entire noon hour to be devoted to the business at hand.

The first item of business which will be brought before the members of the retail trades bureau, is the election of a chairman of the bureau. Other business includes: Clearance cards issued to solicitors; ban on window cards; uniform opening and closing hours; appointment of committee to compile statistics on wages; discussion of proposal to appoint secretary as labor relations representative of retail merchants; appointment of a committee to draft recommendations for spring opening and Christmas celebration; appoint committee to recommend plan of "dressing up" business section. Discussion of methods of adding to facilities of local stores in order to reduce traffic to Medford. Appoint a committee to recommend plan of vocational training in high school to assist students desiring to enter retail work, appoint committee to study proposal for establishment of retail credit bureau in Ashland.

In addition Healy stated that complete details and exhibits of the Dollar days for the Harvest festival will be made a part of the meeting.

Ashland School Men Attend Conference

Ashland schoolmen who attended the conference of school administrators in Salem Monday and Tuesday were President Elmo Stevenson, C. R. Bowman, and Leland P. Linn. The meeting was called for the consideration of current school problems. Speakers included Governor Earl Snell, Senator Wayne Morse, Supt. Rex Putnam, Dr. Harold Benjamin of the U. S. Office of Education, and Jerry Saylor of the Public Employees Retirement System.

Tire Theft Involves Two Ashland Youths

Five tires and four wheels which were recovered here Sunday are the evidence which is retaining Joseph E. Harroun, and Duane A. Franklin both of Ashland in the city jail here. The tires were taken Saturday night from a state car in Klamath Falls.

Harroun and Franklin made statements admitting the theft of the tires and are awaiting disposition. Charles Norman Johnson, a hitchhiker, was picked up by Harroun and Franklin and was found to be AWOL from Ft. Lewis Washington since April of this year.

Mrs. Lillian Reibel who recently sold her home, will take a trip to California then go to Tacoma, Washington where she will make her home.