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## Church Of Christ Burns Wednesday

### Ernest Haycox's Life Reads Like A Story

AUTHOR OF "CANYON PASSAGE" WILL SPEAK HERE  
AT ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET MON.

Ernest Haycox, prominent Oregon writer, who is to speak here at the Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night at 6:30, at the Elks Temple, is a native of Oregon. According to Haycox, he was born in Portland in 1899 and was reared in the West.

In speaking of his early life, Mr. Haycox said:

"My early experiences were in logging camps, shingle mills, and on ranches. I did various jobs for a living when young: newsboy, bellhop, dishwasher, peanut butchering on trains, and trucking burlap bales in a warehouse. Joined the National Guard in 1915 and was on the Mexican border with my outfit in 1916. I was in France (14 months), with my regiment, 102nd Infantry, in 1918-1919. Fished commercially in Alaska, 1919. Went to Reed College, Portland, for one year, and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1923. Honorary degree, Doctor of Literature, 1930 Lewis & Clark College. Worked on a newspaper as a police reporter in 1923. I sold my first story while still at the University. In 1923 I went to New York, thinking that the best place to be for a beginning writer, and remained on the inane edge of starvation for two years before moving back west. I was married to an Oregon girl while in New York, Jill Marie Chord, of Baker, Ore.

"Settled down in my home town of Portland, in 1925, and have remained here since. Two children, Jim, 15, and Mary Ann 18. I've written 22 novels and roughly 300 short stories, which have appeared in various magazines. Most of these have been western and historical. I have a fairly good library on the west and do a great deal of research, in addition I have covered the west by all means of locomotion practically since birth. My parents began the traveling and I continued it. I think the record now stands, insofar as motion pictures are concerned: Canyon Passage, Union Pacific, Stage Coach, Abilene Town (name of book Trail Town) and a few others I have not kept record of.

"In addition James Cagney has purchased Bugles in the Afternoon for picture purposes and I have just finished two new stories directly for pictures. I am at the present moment beginning a novel of Oregon, laid in the period of the late Sixties.

"I am a member of the Methodist church, Rotarian, Delta Tau Delta, member of Selective Service Board No. 1, Multnomah county since 1940 and trustee of Oregon State Library. Eleven books of mine have appeared in the Armed Services Edition with something over a million circulation. Represented in some short story anthologies. President, University of Oregon Alumni Association."

Tickets for the banquet are \$1.50 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson of the Southern Oregon College will act as Toastmaster at the function. He will be introduced by Robert Dodge, who is general chairman of the banquet.

The banquet is being prepared by the ladies of the Bellview grange.

"Canyon Passage" the movie about Jacksonville and Southern Oregon will be shown at the Varsity theatre during the period of time that Haycox is here. According to Bert Mottner, manager of the theatre, "Canyon Passage" will begin Sunday, September 15 and will close on Wednesday.

### Sept. 24 Date For Plaza Project Bids

Bids will be accepted for the Plaza improvement project in Portland on September 24th, according to an announcement made by the Federal Bureau of Roads and State Highway Commission.

George Knox and H. L. Claycomb are both rushing the construction of their building which will front on Highway 99 in the area between Oak and Water streets.

There is a possibility that no bids will be made on the grading and paving job of highway 99, because of the continually increasing construction costs.

If no bids are received the Plaza Project will be further delayed. City officials hope that this delay will not be necessary.

### Fischborn Names Festival Aides

Herb Fischborn, general chairman of the Fall harvest festival, this week named the members of the eight major committees which will handle the festival arrangements and keep the show running October 3, 4, and 5.

The Festival is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and is being presented this fall as a good will gesture on the part of the community of Ashland toward the surrounding farm area. It will emphasize the agricultural resources of this region.

Competitive contests of fruits and vegetables, various farm exhibits judging of exhibits and awards will be part of the program. A harvest parade is being planned, and windows will be decorated in the harvest motif. Earl Newbury was appointed to take charge of the judging.

John Daugherty, Charles Talent, and Ben Lombard will be the committee in charge of the parade.

The committee which will be responsible for the exhibits will be headed by Mayor Thornton Wiley. Members of the committee include Mayor Thornton Wiley, Dr. W. W. Weller, Ralph Koozer, Harry Morris, Lyn Newbury, Edwin Singmaster, G. H. Wenner, and Larkin Grubb.

Exhibits will be displayed in the Ashland Armory. The committee which is in charge of the exhibits includes Herb Huston, Bob Lugar, John Collins, Ken Robbins and Lee Burns.

Streets of Ashland will be decorated in keeping with the Festival spirit. C. C. Williams, Eldon Scripser, and Eric Lefeldt are members of the street decoration committee.

**Dollar Day Special**  
In charge of merchants activities during the Festival is Hugh McKeever, recently appointed head of the Retail Trades Bureau. Assisting McKeever will be Paul Fennell and Henry Metz. Dollar Day specials will be available to the town's visitors during the Festival. According to William Healy, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, 500 one dollar bills will be placed in circulation prior to the opening of the Festival. These dollar bills will be redeemable at the stores in Ashland at greater than face value, or on special merchandise. Each store will be allotted so many of the bills and those particular bills will be redeemable only at that particular store.

An exhibit of photographs of and about Ashland will be displayed during the celebration. This exhibit will be under the direction of Wilbur Bushnell. Photographs that are displayed will be the prize winning first, second, and third place photographs in the contest which is currently being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, honorable mention and runner up photographs will also be shown. Photographs for the contest can be left at Bushnell Studio, The News Review office, or the offices of the Chamber of Commerce in the city hall. Winners will be announced during the Festival. The first three prizes and ten of the honorable mention prizes will be cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Weller Jr., arrived at Morgantown, West Virginia recently to make their home. Mrs. Weller is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Redford and was just recently married. She is teaching Home Economics in the University of West Virginia and her husband is attending Law School there.

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### Festival Chairman



HERB FISCHBORNE, general chairman of the Fall Harvest Festival, named the committees for the festival this week.

### Lincoln Students Quarters Found

Lincoln school students will meet at the college auditorium, Monday, September 16, and will receive their room assignments at that time.

Definite plans have been made for housing of the Lincoln school students during the remodeling period which will be going on during the fall months.

Frank Fairweather, Medford contractor, is going to handle the reconstruction of the recently burned building, and during the phase of reconstruction it will be necessary to house the students elsewhere. Reconstruction has already begun and is well underway at present.

Until construction is completed the Primary classes, which formerly met at the school are scheduled to meet in the Church of the Nazarene on Fourth and B. streets.

Intermediate grades from Lincoln will meet in the Junior and Senior high schools.

Members of the school board and the administrative section of the schools expressed appreciation to the Nazarene Church board and to the Rev. A. J. Edwards for the cooperation which will make it possible for the primary classes to meet in the Sunday school suite of the church.

The Primary rooms of the Lincoln school were slightly damaged by the fire and it is hoped that it will not be too long before the building can be used.

### Mrs. Archie Million Dies In Portland

Miss Cora Baldwin, aunt of Mrs. Archie Million of 7025 North Portsmouth, Portland, received word Wednesday of Mrs. Million's death.

Mrs. Million is a former resident of Ashland. Her husband was an employee of the Southern Pacific railroad and the Million family is one of the pioneer families of Ashland.

The funeral and burial will be in Portland, unless present plans are changed.

## ASHLAND AND MEDFORD LEGION POSTS HAVE JOINT INSTALLATION

Officers of Ashland's American Legion Post No. 14 and officers of the Legion Auxiliary were installed Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Women's Civic club. In a joint installation, Medford Legion and their auxiliary officers were also installed.

District Adjutant, Fritz Nissen of Portland with Mrs. Emily Kellett, district president of Kerby, Oregon, installed the following Ashland American Legion officers for the coming year, 1947:

Incoming Legion officers are: Phil Stansbury, commander; Don Hinthorne, First Vice Commander; Emmett Whitham, Second Vice Commander; Emmett Whitham, Third Vice Commander; Richard G. Berninghauser, Chaplain; Ben T. Lombard, Adjutant and Guy Applewhite, as Service Officer.

Auxiliary officers are: Mrs. Neva Wood, president; Mrs. Cloma Songer, 1st vice president; Mrs. Nancy Fieguth, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Shirley Berninghauser, Secretary; Mrs. Grace Cramer, Chaplain; Mrs. Ora Duffield, Historian; Mrs. Helen Loomis, Sergeant at Arms; Mrs. Betty Fraier, Junior Past President.

Outgoing Legion officers were: Jake Lahr, Commander; William Woods, First Vice Commander; Emmett Whitham, Second Vice Commander; John Billings, Chaplain; C. M. Frazier, Adjutant, and Guy Applewhite, Service Officer.

Outgoing Auxiliary officers were: Mrs. Betty Frazier, President; Mrs. Neva Wood, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Ann Kroeger, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Hanorah Francis, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Stella Corthell, Chaplain; Mrs. Celia Berninghauser, Historian; Mrs. Ruth Cushing and Mrs. Mary Hughes, Sergeant at Arms. Mrs. Betty Adams, Junior Past President.

Legion members from Medford, Central Point, Grants Pass, Kerby and Cave Junction posts were present for the installation. Also District Commander Phil Otterbein from Klamath Falls was here.

After the installation of officers a dance was held with the orchestra from Merrill's Dreamland playing. Mrs. Mary Hughes, Mrs. Stella Corthell and Mrs. Lura Applewhite served on the entertainment committee.

## Fire Leaves Only Walls Standing; Is Total Loss

### McCALLS ARE LEAVING ASHLAND THIS WEEK

The Reverend and Mrs. Clarence F. McCall left this week for Claremont, California, where they will visit Mrs. McCall's sister. From Claremont they will go to Mississippi to visit their daughter. They will visit their son at Rapid City, South Dakota, where he is pastor of the Congregational church.

The McCalls sold their home in Ashland to a Californian and do not plan to return here. McCall was pastor of the Congregational Church for four years here and interim pastor two years.

The Reverend McCall spent thirty years as a missionary to Japan and Marshall Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hughes and family of Burbank, California returned to their home Sunday after a weeks visit with his brothers, Mr. D. J. Hughes and family of East Main Street and J. J. Hughes of B. Street.

### Active Club Will Charter Saturday

Activian club of Ashland will have charter night on Saturday, September 14 at the Women's Civic Club house, according to Earl Schilling, president of the club.

Frank Van Dyke will act as Toastmaster and will introduce Harris Ellsworth, Oregon legislator, who will speak on "The place of young men in community affairs."

Among the Ashland young men who will receive the insignia of the Activian will be Schilling, Lyn Newbury, Ernest Warren, Ken Harris, John Collins, Wendell Lawrence, Gordon Miller, Charles Warren, Vern Johnson, Ken Jones, Ken Robbins, Roy Peck, Bud Silvers and Ewing Y. Mitchell.

### Toastmasters To Attend Banquet

Members of the Ashland Toastmasters club unanimously voted Monday night to forego their next Monday's meeting and to attend the banquet which is being given by the Chamber of Commerce in order to hear Ernest Haycox speak.

The Toastmasters plan to study the speech given by Haycox and will discuss his speech at their next regular meeting which will be held Monday, September 23. Some members of the Medford Toastmasters club are expected to be present at the banquet on Monday.

The Ashland club is at present working on plans for a Charter night. Robert Hardy is handling the arrangements.

### School Registration To Begin Thursday

Registration of high school students will begin Thursday evening and continue into Friday and Saturday evening, it was announced this week by Leland Linn, superintendent of Ashland schools.

Usually registration for high school classes is the week preceding the opening of school, however, this year, due to the educational conference which is being held for the teachers the registration of high school students will not start until Thursday evening.

Linn pointed out that an increased enrollment in high school this year will crowd many classes to full capacity. In order to make sure that all seniors get the required classes for graduation it is necessary that they register first.

The complete registration schedule is as follows:

Seniors, Thursday evening, Sept. 12, 7:00 - 10:00 P. M.  
Juniors, (and Seniors not already registered) Friday afternoon, Sept. 13, 2:30 - 5:00 P. M. and also in the evening from 7:00 - 10:00 P. M.

Sophomores (Also Seniors and Juniors not previously registered) Saturday evening, Sept. 14 from 7:00 - 10:00 P. M.

Mrs. Ilda Chindlund of Los Angeles is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don MacWhirter and the Robert and Bill Sniders.

### MEMBERS OF CHURCH TO CONTINUE TO MEET

Three fires started in separate places in the Church of Christ at Second and C streets by pyromania-minded children were the cause of a fire which burned the building to the ground Wednesday afternoon.

One child, Jack Hall, 4, who was trapped in the belfry of the church was saved by Fire Chief Clint Baughman. The little boy was uninjured but was unable to tell who had set the fire other than to say that it was a boy who rode a blue bicycle and who weighed about 50 pounds.

Firemen were preparing to run hoses into the attic of the building when the Hall child was seen by spectators at the window of the minister's study which is in the belfry. Ladders were rushed to the window and Baughman broke out the glass and lifted the frightened child to safety.

The Hall child told how the other boy had set a robe on fire in the choir loft, and of another fire which was started near the front of the church. Firemen found matches and paper scattered near a side entrance, indicating plans to start a third fire.

Frank Hall, father of the child, is an edger for Robin and Gordon and arrived home after the fire had burned itself out. Mrs. Hall was in Medford, and the four year old boy was being taken care of by his older sister.

Fire Chief Baughman and the city police department are tracking down leads in an attempt to discover the other boy or boys involved.

The children gained entry into the church through the front door which always has been unlocked.

**Loss to Exceed \$30,000**  
Fire Chief Baughman in looking at the ruins, said that the loss would well exceed \$30,000. Insurance on the building and the contents amounts to \$12,000. The building was completely gutted by the fire which worked from the upper stories downward.

The church was 47 years old, the rear addition had been made, however, in 1924. During the past five years the entire auditorium had been remodeled. A fireproof ceiling had been added and other work had been completed. The church was clear of all indebtedness.

**Will Meet Sunday**  
According to the Rev. Earl Downing, minister of the church, Sunday services will be held, probably the morning services will be the junior high school and the evening services at the Seventh Day Adventist church. Ashland churches responded generously to the needs of the congregation, Downing said, as many ministers offered the use of their churches.

Everett McGee, George Andrews and Mrs. John Schownwald are members of a committee which is investigating potential meeting sites. Trustees of the church include McGee, Andrews and J. A. Putman. T. L. O'Hara is chairman of the board of elders.

Among the things which were lost were all the notes and the library of the Rev. Downing.

The house of Mrs. Emma Ahlstrom, 338 C. Street was saved by the fire department. The house is not over four feet from the east wall of the church. One roof fire at 109 Fourth Street, was caused by the blaze but was quickly extinguished.

Town Talk  
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Reporters



BOB LUGAR, THE REV. LEO C. WINE, VERN DECKER, E. H. SINGMASTER, HOWARD ODEN, and several other getting themselves well smoked up while fighting fire at the Church of Christ. . . I. R. FRIDEGGER discussing the price of Turkish raisins. . . KEN MILLER policing the carnival grounds. . . DR. RALPH POSTON driving around in a brand new automobile.

Harley Stevens and sister, Miss Mertie, of Oregon City, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden this week.