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FIRES

Though the rain of the past weekend has partially alleviated the fire hazard, August will soon be upon us and August is notoriously the month of bad burns in the forests of the Northwest. Here in Ashland, where a large portion of the prosperity of the city is directly allied with forest industries it is only fair that every member of this community be extra careful about fires when in the woods area.

Carelessness in the forests has destroyed millions of acres of valuable timber. This has caused a loss of millions of dollars, in wood, and in vacation and recreational sites.

In August the forests often become tinder dry, and under certain conditions are actually, highly explosive. The major share of forest fires are caused by careless hunters, fishermen, campers, and picnickers.

The most extreme care must be taken in disposing of cigarette butts, matches, and other inflammables. Campfires should be drowned, then buried.

If we are to keep Oregon green, and Ashland's major industries operating we should all take care not to be careless when in the forests.

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FIRE DISTRICT

The fire at Emigrant lake last Friday brought out an interesting comment from J. R. Bilderback, state forest fire warden at Lincoln, when he stated that farmers in the Ashland area, should make some effort to get an organization together to fight fire. He pointed out that the stated forestry fire crews have been called on several times to put out fires on privately owned land, and inasmuch as the pumper trucks and their crews must come from Lincoln or Medford, it takes considerable time to get to the scene of the fire.

The state laws permit, farmers to organize in a fire district and the state will then put one of the pumper crews in the area, so that they can be on the scene of a fire in a few minutes.

If such a plan had been organized in the area east of Ashland, a station would be installed in Ashland and a four-man crew with a pumper truck would be on duty at all times during the fire season. Under the state law, a small acreage tax would be levied against the farms, which would provide adequate funds for the fire prevention work. "It certainly would be cheap fire insurance for those living in the rural area, at least," said Mr. Bilderback.

He also pointed out that those using the forested areas surrounding Ashland, should at all times carry an axe, a shovel and a pail in their cars. All of the state forest land is closed because of the fire hazard, and a permit must be obtained to get into any area off the main highways. These implements are required before a permit will be issued, he stated.

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Letters to the Editor

It is very amusing to me how long one can live in a community and know so little about the things that go on. For the last two years I have been primarily interested in our Community hospital, by listening to all comers and condemn the doctors, nurses and management of our hospital, but it was not until recently that I was forced to go there that I made it my business as all taxpayers should, to find out just what is wrong. Yes, there are lots of things wrong but they are not the doctors, nurses, or the way the hospital is run.

To begin with, the biggest fault is us, after all its our hospital but do we try to do anything about it? No! The building is over 37 years old. The plumbing is bad, wiring is old, the floors are loose and many more things that would fill page after page, and putting money into this old Big is like trying to make a 47 model out of your 32 ford.

The cost to maintain each room is almost \$7.00 per day that's before all other expenses are paid. Trying to make money out of that old cracker box is like trying to get blood out of a turnip.

We talk of building a new bandstand, how about building nurses quarters. They have to live you know.

I think the hospital director, Robert Lugar, is doing a wonderful job with what he has to do with. How much more wonderful it would be to meet our friends and say that our taxes were going to be a little higher next year because we were going to have the best new hospital in Southern Oregon in 1949 or 50 instead of crying about the things most of us are not interested enough to do anything about.

John von Kuhlman

Dear Sir:

Two things about Ashland stand out in our memory through-

many years, beautiful Siskiyou Boulevard and far-famed Lithia Park. Now with the renewal of the Shakespearean Festival three attractions set the city apart from any other municipality in the state.

However, we are concerned about rumors coming from certain quarters of a movement to narrow the center park-strip in the boulevard thus making a six instead of a four-lane street. Some of us who use this highway very much and own property on it are very much opposed to this change for the following reasons:

Creating a six-lane street will in no way solve the present traffic problem on this thoroughfare but instead will only tend to speed up traffic in an effort to pass trucks and cars. This will surely increase the accident danger to those attempting to cross at the various intersection. Much speeding, in spite of the best efforts of the traffic officers, takes place upon this highway at present. What will happen by adding two more lanes of traffic? Everyone knows that it is easier to cross four than six lanes of traffic. Then, there are several schools and churches on the street.

The second reason is that at the present time the park area is wide enough to protect a car from damage either front or rear while waiting to take its place in the oncoming line of traffic. Narrowing this area will remove this safety factor.

Again, what will be the use of widening the south entrance to the city while leaving the north entrance from the railroad overpass to the city center as narrow as it is. Surely something should be done to improve North Main St.

The fourth reason is that the beauty of the street will be greatly injured by such a move. And

after all, beauty does enter into city planning. No street in any city of this state can compare with our boulevard. We think anyone favoring this change should visit some of our other Oregon cities and look the situation over before becoming too enthusiastic about this change.

Would not the money used in widening by cutting off some of the park strip be put to better use in making a second through street to be used by log trucks and other large commercial vehicles, except those serving city business houses? This would immediately remove the congestion, noise, confusion and greatly reduce the hazard of accident on this beautiful street. Then when we are in foreign parts and speak of Ashland, we can still hear said, "O yes, that is the city in Southern Oregon with beautiful Siskiyou Boulevard."

Sincerely,
Evert P. Borden
167 Harrison St.

To the Editor

The Chamber of commerce is a voluntary businessmen organization and should remain in that category.

There are many reasons why it should not be put on the tax rolls, its a dangerous experiment to guarantee any organization a living from the tax rolls. It's special privilege, shifting the tax from those most able to pay, on those least able to pay, for instance the widows' mite, those people with small fixed incomes.

In 1917 the chamber became reactionary and opposed the eight hour day, later around 1930 the shemmer went defunct, the city took them under its wing, gave them 500.00, and fixed up a home in the city hall. The city is collecting plenty of money from the people to help out any time.

The chamber personnel should work hard to make the business a success, the same as every other businesses in the city have to do. Every man should be worthy of his hire. They should gander around, and get acquainted, the writer has never seen any of the officials around the industrial part of the city.

Ashland never was an industrial town, never will be, nature gave us a beautiful setting for schools, homes, religion, art, literature, and all that goes to make home life beautiful.

There are thousands of people

Wednesday Swim Party For Kappas

Alpha Kappa Chapter, Ashland, and Alpha Lambda Chapter, Medford, enjoyed a joint swim and eats party held Wednesday, August 13, at Jackson Hot Springs. This was the first joint meeting with the Medford chapter.

After the closing of the regular meeting, refreshments of cake, cookies, ice cream and soft drinks were served to members by Dorothy Morris, Gayle Morris, Phyllis Leigh, and Rosalie Stauffer. During the refreshments, gifts were presented to Betty Smith, whose marriage to William McMullen takes place in the near future.

Members present for the meeting were: Rosalie Stauffer, Phyllis Leigh, Gladys Mack, Gayle Morris, Betty Smith, Doris Bergstrom, Pauline Wadley, Eugenia Moore, Donna Dunn, and Lois Inman.

LICENSE EXAMINER HERE MONDAY

A Drivers License Examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Ashland Monday, August 18, 1947, at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Congregational

Evert P. Borden, Minister
717 Siskiyou
Sunday School, 9-45, Marjorie Barker, Superintendent. Every one invited to attend.
Subject of sermon: THERE WILL BE A TOMORROW. Special music.

There will be no choir practice or Pilgrim Fellowship during August.

pensioned in the country every year, the chamber should get busy and sell the advantages of this community to those people, and earn the gratitude of all, the eventual destiny of Ashland will be the Berkeley of Oregon.

This is the 4th special election in a year. Time to call a halt.

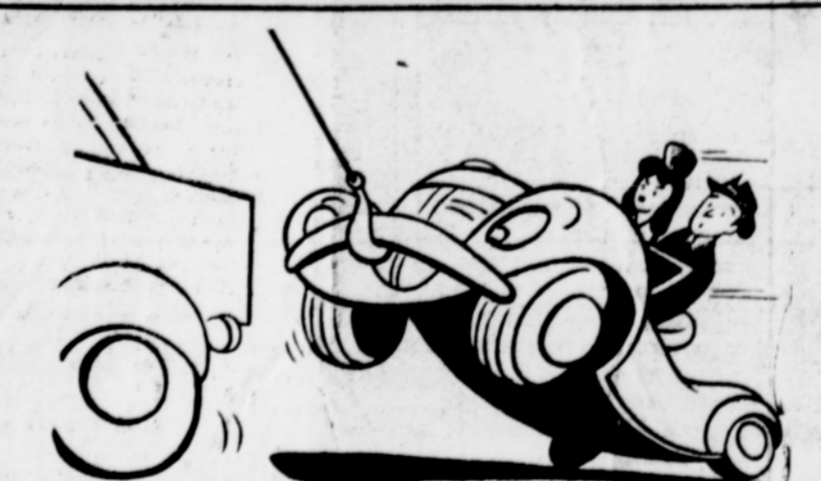
S. S. Davies, Sec.

Builder's Bargains

2x4's and Boards	\$27.00 thousand
6" Kiln Dried Siding	\$69.00 thousand
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1x3 Kiln Dried Casing	2c Lineal Foot
Dry Pine 1 x 2's	\$59.00 thousand
Roofing—45 lb., 55 lb., 90 lb., 105 lb., Certaineed Roll Reg. Shingles—Certaineed Hexagonal & Thick Butts, Red, Green Green Blend, Brown Blend.	
Windows and Barn Sash	10% reduction
3/4x6 and 3/4x8 Clear Dry Fir Finish	14c a foot
Outside White Paint - Fuller's Pure Prepared	4.95 gal.
Masonite Hardboard	12c sq. ft.
Paint - Odd Lots of Enamel and Varnish	33 1/3% off
Red Barn Paint	\$3.00 gal.
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Clyde N. Caton GARAGE

(Siskiyou Boulevard and Indiana Street) AT THE KLAMATH JUNCTION

Mr. and Mrs. John Dougherty and Mrs. Wilson of Fortmiller's, are in San Francisco this week on a buying trip. They are attending market week and viewing the Fall style shows. They left Sunday and plan to return Thursday.

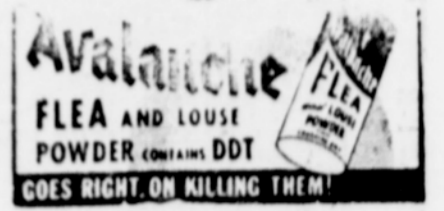
Dr. C. F. Tilton is now taking his vacation. He will return to his work about August 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Paulstick of Port Angeles, Washington are in Ashland for an indefinite stay. They may decide to live here permanently as they find the climate healthful.

Miss Barbara Carey, an employee at the Mart, has returned after a week's vacation spent visiting in San Raphael, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Roberts of Klamath Falls visited Mrs. Mary Higgins last week. Mr. Roberts is a brother of Mrs. Higgins.

MRS. JOHNSON BUYS AN INTEREST IN SANITARIUM
Mrs. Olive Johnson of Medford is now co-manager with Mrs. Edith Schrumack of the Jacksonville Sanitarium, having purchased her interest in the Sanitarium during the past week from Mrs. Frank Chase. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase have moved to Gold Hill and Mrs. Johnson with her family will soon make their home in Jacksonville.



SHAKESPEARE

This Week

At the Shakespearean Stage in the Chautauqua Shell

Sponsored by

Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association

Ashland, Oregon

Macbeth	Friday, August 15
The Merchant of Venice	Saturday, Aug. 16
Hamlet	Monday, August 18
Love's Labour's Lost	Tuesday, August 19
Macbeth	Wednesday, August 20
The Merchant of Venice	Thursday, Aug. 21

Curtain at 8:30 p.m. Adm. \$1.50 plus tax
Tickets on sale at box office & Ashland Chamber of Commerce

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