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HUGH MCKEEVER and EL-DON SCRIPPER, soaking wet, and wishing aloud, like everyone else in town, that there was something constructive which they could do to aid MR. and MRS. JAKE WEITZEL recover their losses.

BOB BURDIC heading the staff of amateur and professional photographers who are recording for posterity the damage caused by Ashland creek. . . BILL REAGAN wearing boots, just in case. . . JEANNE HESS direly prophesying famine, has already had fire and flood.

Lithia Bubbles

Among the backwash and debris which Ashland creek coughed up this week was this bit of poetry, brought to our new office by our two most eloquent contributors, Pearl Button and Violet Wray. It's titled:

STOP THE PRESS

A truck backed up to the News Review, And carried the joint away. At first we thought the cops should know, But it seems they planned it that way.

People gathered from miles around Upon that fateful day To witness the utter confusion And Wines' muscle display

If Wines had studied physics The job would have been a cinch, But as it was, he had to resort To the common, lowly winch.

The incendiary editorials Which used to frighten us all Lawrence will sound in a manner efficient Down next to the fire hall

We wish you well in your moving We think it very nice You'll now have room for your press And space for your little type lice.

Testing Program Seeks New Fruit

Fruit and nut varieties from every section of the nation and from Canada, England, China Japan and Asia will be tested at the Oregon State college experiment station beginning this year as part of the station's expanded fruit and nut research project.

The purpose of the long-range project is to improve Oregon's fruit and nut crop, valued at more than \$90,000,000 in 1946, by introducing, breeding and testing promising new varieties here from other states and countries. Dr. Quentin B. Ziellinski, associate horticulturist, is project leader.

Miss Mary Cisco of the Ashland Laundry has moved from 21 4th street.

What They Are Reading

This Week

KINGSBLOOD ROYAL
Sinclair Lewis

FORETASTE OF GLORY
Jesse Stuart

TATOOSH
Martha Handy

BEYOND THE GARDE GATE
Sophus Keith Winter

NOTHING SO STRANGE
James Hilton

THIEVES IN THE NIGHT
Arthur Koestler

The

MART

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Nellie Dickey Ashland Lawyer Dies Wednesday

Death took Nellie Estelle Dickey, one of Ashland's most prominent citizens and dean of the Ashland Bar Association, at her residence, 614 Siskiyou Boulevard at 5 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Born in Wisconsin, Miss Dickey came to Oregon at the age of two. She was graduated from high school in Grants Pass and then attended the Oregon Normal School in Ashland. Following her graduation at the Normal she attended the University of California for two years.

Returning to Ashland Miss Dickey worked and studied with Judge Calkins until Calkins was appointed Circuit Judge and moved to Medford. Miss Dickey took over his practice and has remained in that location since. She was admitted to the Oregon Bar Association in 1913.

Miss Dickey is survived by her brother, Floyd, Ashland and two aunts: Mrs. Fannie McMillan, Vancouver, B. C. and Clara Payne Albany, Oregon.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Litwiller Chapel with the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell conducting the services.

The casket will not be opened at the services on Friday but the remains will lie in state between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Litwiller Chapel in order that friends may call to pay their respects.

Interment will be in the Ashland cemetery.

March of Dimes Committee Given Responsibilities

**MACWHIRTER & HUSTON
SELECTED BY SMITH
FOR 1948 CAMPAIGN**

First meeting of the 1948 March of Dimes Committee for this area was held Tuesday night, January 6, at the Lithia Hotel with Verne A. Smith, Jackson County head for the National Polio Foundation, meeting with Herb Fishborn, 1947 chairman for the Ashland District, and the co-chairmen for this 1948 season, Don MacWhirter and Dyer Huston.

Stating the policies of the campaign from both national scope and local case histories, Smith emphasized the nature of the contributions by terming them as "insurance premiums paid on a policy which no person could afford to be without, as polio is the worlds most expensive disease". He concluded that "the cost for adequate treatment of this hidden danger is almost out of the question for families of average income."

MacWhirter and Huston were then shown the National Foundation brochures and pamphlets and had the use of each explained to them, with Fishborn explaining the possible pitfalls which could be avoided.

Concluding the meeting, the group expressed their thanks to Roland Parks, principal of the High School, for his acceptance of the newest motion picture on this subject for showing in school. Dates for this year's campaign were set from January 15th through January 31st.

R. Gardner Elected To State AVC Office

Royal Gardner, Ashland Senior High school industrial arts instructor, was elected state vice chairman of the Oregon American Veterans committee at a convention held in Portland last weekend.

Reports on the convention were given to local AVC members by Stanley Legett and Duane Franklin at the regular Tuesday night meeting of the Ashland committee.

Jesse Hill, 485 Mountain Avenue left by bus Monday for his former home at Coldwater, Kansas on a two weeks business trip.

SWOLLEN CREEKS CAUSE DAMAGE

Ashland Creek Washes Through Floor At Weitzel's; Fire Truck Dunked

EMIGRANT CREEK AND BEAR CREEK OVERFLOW INTO FARMLANDS

Flooding Ashland creek caused extensive damage to Weitzel's department store and the loss of a fire engine to the city Wednesday morning when the upper reservoir of the city's water system became full during the night and the entire drainage of the Ashland water shed raced unchecked down the stream.

City Councilmen John Daugherty, Walter Redford and city employee Howard Oden confirmed reports that the reservoir had reached capacity but stated that it's filling was not entirely responsible for the flood condition. Firemen and volunteers worked during the night to save stock in the store room and basement of Weitzel's department store and at about 2:30 a.m. it was believed that everything was under control.

At approximately 6 a.m. Wednesday morning the concrete floor of the store room section gave way to the pressure of water which rushed in with such force that Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller, who were working there, scarcely got out in time.

The city fire department responding to a call for assistance went to the scene with the city's new Ford fire truck for the purpose of dropping a suction hose into the basement to pump it out. Driven onto the wooden bridge beneath two feet of water the bridge collapsed leaving the engine suspended on the concrete sidewalk by the back end of the chassis. Fireman Walter Wolford, who was driving the truck, escaped narrowly but managed to salvage about \$600 worth of equipment from the truck before it settled beneath the water.

Following the collapse of the basement floor at Weitzel's, water filled to the level of the main floor causing damage to an extent as yet unestimated. Some alarm was caused early this morning when the basement floor gave way and residents were warned to vacate until the seriousness could be determined. It was feared that the waters cutting away at the foundation would cause a sagging or possible collapse of the rear of the building.

Bear Creek Floods Too
Flood conditions along Bear Creek were also serious on Wednesday morning when Emigrant Dam reached its capacity at about 4 a.m. and water began pouring over the top down Bear creek.

Underpinning of the bridges at Jackson Hot Springs gave way to the torrent, both bridges were closed and traffic was detoured onto the old highway. Other bridges damaged by the water included the Nevada St. bridge, the Hershey St. bridge and the Mountain Avenue bridge.

Jamboree Opens 1948 B B Season

Friday night in the Junior high school gymnasium the Ashland Grizzlies take on the Medford Tornado in the first conference game of the season. To properly open the season the annual basketball jamboree will be presented that evening with the Ashland and Medford Junior High school teams also tangling.

Other events during the evening will include selections by the AHS band and a majorette drill, a stunt by the Junior High school students, and a stunt by Ashland businessmen.

The Grizzlies, coached by Bob Sheridan have won four game and lost one.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Ridenour, Modoc Point, Oregon are expected to spend the week end with Mrs. Ridenour's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conner and son, Donald. Mrs. E. Pierce, 1041 E. Main street left Monday for Los Angeles, California, to visit her three sons and their families and her mother.

SOC Raiders Win One & Lose One

The Southern Oregon College Red Raiders split with Chico State in the first two conference games of the season for the Raiders.

Sparking the Raiders to victory in the first game was Charles Jandreau scoring 22 points. High point man for the second game was Bobby Hoefs with 13 points.

The Chico State team, which now holds the highest standing in the conference, gained the lead by two victories over the Cal Aggies previous to the game with SOC.

Jr.-Sr. PTA To Meet Thursday, January 15

Next meeting of the Junior Senior Parent Teachers Association will be held at the Junior High school cafeteria Thursday January 15.

The program will be arranged by Mrs. William Healy, program chairman.

Mayor Wiley Makes Annual Report on State of the City

To the Common Council and the Citizens of Ashland:

It is a pleasure to present this annual report for the year 1947, as required by the City Charter. There have been many problems to face, but it has been a year of development and advancement.

General Financial Condition:

The City of Ashland enjoys next to the lowest tax rate for municipal purposes of any city of comparable size within the State of Oregon. Our City levy is only 14.7 mills for the 1947-48 taxes. When we remember that our City levy was 27.2 mills in 1936, we can readily realize the administration has kept the tax levy as low as is practicable. It is my belief that due to the many additions, improvements and new buildings which have been constructed during 1947, that a careful check of valuations should be made in order to insure equitable payment of taxes by all taxpayers. I believe we can continue to keep city taxes down without detracting from our policy of progressive development, and thus attract newcomers to our city. Our bonded indebtedness, which was over \$750,000.00 in 1919, has now been reduced to \$202,500.00 as follows: Auxiliary water bonds, \$36,000.00; water bonds, \$162,000.00; Sewage disposal bonds, \$4,500.00. These bonds are not callable, but funds are set aside for their retirement as they mature. The auditor's report, as of June 30th, 1947, shows investments in the various funds in Government Bonds of \$299,974.56. These include the Cemetery Trust Fund, Bond Sinking Fund, Electric Sinking Funds, Fire Station Fund, Sewage Disposal Fund, Project Sinking Fund, and the Library Fund.

Electric Department: Our municipal electric system has had the same problems which have confronted all electric systems, public and private, and that is lack of materials. Our electric load has increased over one hundred per cent in two years. We realize, of course, that more transformers and more transmission lines are needed; and we are taking care of this difficulty as rapidly as possible. A new sub-station in the west part of town, at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00, is contemplated in 1948. Our electric department reflects the growth of our city. In 1940 we had 1671 electric connections, in 1944 we had 1895, in 1945 we had 1949, in 1946 we had 2025, and on January 1st, 1947 we had 2238 and on January 1st, 1948 we had 2451 electric connections. This indicates that our population has increased approximately 46% since the 1940 census. The above figures do not include the new annexed Bellview territory. Our overload condition will be partially relieved by the construction of a new sub-station, now in progress, by the California Oregon

AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday evening at 7:30 a special service will be held at the Presbyterian church to dedicate the Winter Memorial amplification system. In addition to the formal dedication service a program of sacred music selected by Oscar Bjorlie will be presented.

The amplification system was recently given the church by Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Brown, Glendale, California, in honor of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Winter, who were long time residents of Ashland. Mr. Winter having been president of the Ashland Board of Trade, and Mrs. Winter a daughter of the Russell family, who were charter members of the Ashland Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Lee Conner was an Ashland shopper last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Prewitt, 137 N. Pioneer, returned recently after spending the holidays in Portland with friends and relatives, and friends in Salem and Junction City.

Power Company from whom we purchase a large portion of our electric supply. We shall endeavor to maintain our policy of keeping our rates on a parity with the rates in other cities. I believe the Council should study and perhaps institute a project for the installation of our electric lines in underground conduits, as I feel this would be a progressive and economical improvement.

Water Department: The Council has adopted two recommendations of our consulting engineer relative to the water supply, the first being the installation of meters, and the second the covering of Crowson Hill Reservoir. Meters are being installed as received, and the covering of the reservoir will be undertaken as soon as steel and materials are available therefor. We expect to have the new main to the sawmills east of Ashland constructed during the early part of 1948, and this will insure better fire protection and sustained payroll. The water department has laid approximately two miles of new pipe during 1947; and we need to lay several additional miles during the year 1948, and expect to get pipe for at least four miles of water main. The Council intends to adjust meter rates so costs will not be prohibitive or oppressive. Talent Irrigation District water will not be metered, and will continue on a flat rate. We intend eventually to supply more Talent Water through pipe lines, rather than through open ditches. I hope the city will realize the need of increasing our water supply by an additional reservoir as recommended by Mr. Harvey, our consulting engineer.

Street Department: We are proud of the fact that, with our own employees, we have laid over six miles of oil-granite pavement during the past year at a very low cost to the property owners. We have requests for many other streets to be paved during 1948, and we will try to care for these requests. We have acquired equipment for any type of work, mostly from the War Assets Administration, at a great saving to the taxpayer, and we still need one or two more pieces of equipment which we are endeavoring to procure. With relation to the parking problem, the City has established three free-parking lots which are extensively patronized, and which help considerably to relieve the traffic congestion. We have also installed parking meters, and even those that were opposed to the meters are now ardent supporters of this system which provides rotation of parking space. We have had some criticism of the One dollar fine for parking violations, and I recommend that the minimum fine for over-time or illegal parking be reduced to fifty cents. We have a good street committee

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Grants To Steer Mariners In 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grant will be Skippers of the Presbyterian Mariner's club for 1948 it was announced this week by the Rev. George Shuman. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lindsay will be first mates and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Langer will be Log-Keeper and Purser, respectively.

Netting officers are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sikes.

Mrs. David Block Enters Hospital

Bellview, Jan. 7.—Mrs. David Block, mother of Beldon Block, Bellview Super Service, this week entered the Community Hospital in Ashland.

Mrs. Block, who has recently been on vacation in California with her husband, was sent to the hospital upon the recommendation of the family physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Block operate the O. K. cafe in Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo O'Harra, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Harra, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Travis are among the Ashland residents who recently returned after seeing various bowl games on the coast.

YMCA To Hold Its Annual Corporate Meeting Jan. 11

**BILLINGS TO ADDRESS
MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER
INTERESTED PEOPLE**

The annual meeting of the Ashland Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the social room of the Y.M.C.A. building Sunday afternoon, January 11th, at 3:00 o'clock, according to Ray Fletcher. The program for the meeting will include the message to the Corporate Membership by President John Billings, and a recognition program during which tribute will be paid to the fine work of the Y.M.C.A. Committees, Club Leaders, and Club Officers.

The Business session will consist of the annual reports of the Treasurer and the General Secretary and the election of eleven new members of the Board of Directors.

Board members whose terms expire at this time include: Roland Parks, Joseph Fader, C. M. Litwiller, Rev. G. M. Shuman, Leslie Grant, Dr. G. B. Hull, C. R. Eliason, Mrs. Edith Good, P. H. Stansbury, Dr. G. W. Bruce, and Henry Van Prooyen.

"Although this is the regular annual meeting of the Corporate Membership of the Y.M.C.A. the general public is invited to attend," Fletcher said.

Jane Simpson Is Fellowship Prexy

Jane Simpson was elected president of the High school society of the Presbyterian Westminster Fellowship at a meeting held at the Manse last Sunday evening.

Helen Rykken was elected vice president, Eileen Michael, secretary-treasurer. Michael Hayes will lead the group next Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsors are the Rev. and Mrs. George Shuman.

C. E. Mitchell has returned to Longview, Oregon after spending the holidays with his children on Helman St.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. March of Jacksonville, Oregon were business callers in Ashland Wednesday.

Gene Hastings has moved into his new home on Walker Avenue. Ray Ramsey returned to work again this week after a short absence.