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DOING The TOWN

MRS HAROLD THOMAS and MRS. ELMO STEVENSON, of the Parent Teacher's association planning a Monday evening meeting of civic groups to organize a comprehensive recreation program. . . . DON WRIGHT and ED BARNETT getting together on WRIGHTS recreational plan . . . and COLONEL PRESTON B. WATERBURY all fired up over a location for an archery range and playground area. With all these folks out to do something for the youngsters the only question that comes to mind is: What are the youngsters doing for themselves?

Add items to recreation: Did you know that the YMCA sponsored church basketball league finished up the season last week with the Congregational Church's and the Y's team finishing first in the two leagues. TED TENNEY led the Y men and GEROLD DAVIS and RICHARD BRUSH led the Congregational. . . meanwhile VERN DECKER's Jr. Riflemen are going great guns down in the Armory every Wednesday night. . . VERN says one of these days there'll be a girl's rifle team and that they'll shoot as well as the boys. . . Right now that's a good spot for your son to spend Wednesday nights. Training down there today might keep him from shooting holes in someone's clothes at a later date, that could be embarrassing you know, especially if someone were inside the clothes.

Toastmasters To Hold Meeting

MEMBERS TO CONVENE FOR SPEAKING CONTEST

Eightyfive Toastmasters and their guests will meet to listen to contest orators at the annual Southern Oregon annual meeting of Toastmaster's International which will be held in Ashland Saturday evening according to Don Hinthorne, president of the local group. Bob Edwards will represent the local club in the contest.

Members of the clubs at Klamath Falls and Medford will attend the affair. Roger Rath, Ed in charge of the meeting, Lyndel Singmaster, & Dave Whittle are Newby will toastmaster the affair.

Harold Thomas, Clarence Williams, and Howard Wiley will act as judges for the contest. Earl Schilling will be the timer.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS ARE COLLECTING CLOTHING

Talent, March 1—Clothes were collected at the Monday night meeting of the Campfire girls. To date the girls have collected four boxes of used clothing.

In addition to the clothing project the girls are selling chances on a radio to raise money which will go for uniforms.

Masterpieces on Records

This Week

- DOROTHY MAYNOR—Sacred Songs.
- JAMES MELTON—Irish Songs
- LILY PONS—Paris (Sung in French)
- JASCHA HEIFETZ—Modern Violin Transcriptions.
- ANDRE KOSTELANETZ—Musical Comedy Favorites, vols. I and II.
- FRANK SINATRA—Conducts Music by Alec Wilder.

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Ashland High School Debators Plan For Another Meet



Further plans for the Ashland high school debate squad are being made this week as the local debaters prepare to enter the Grants Pass meet during March which will determine the Southern Oregon speech division championship for high schools. This is the first year since 1943-44 that Ashland high school has had a debate squad.

Mrs. H. B. Collins, whose offi-

cial school duties are to teach United States history and speech, has been coaching the debate squad as an extra-curricular activity.

The first debate the students entered this year was held at McMinnville, February 6 and 7. The Ashland squad is composed of two varsity teams and two junior varsity teams. Members are, reading from left to right: Rosemary Ring, Mickey McKeever,

Emma Redbird, John Vance, Ruedi Vest, Eileen Michael, and Bruce Smith. The two varsity teams have met Medford and Grants Pass twice and hold one win over each school.

Shirley Weitzel has represented the high school in the serious declamation division. Charles Eliaon in the humorous declamation and Sue Pearson in the oration division. (Cut courtesy of Rogue News)

ATHLETIC CENTER

Ways and Means Committee Plans To Study Athletic Center Fund

Further plans for the Athletic Center in Ashland, which has been suggested by Don Wright, progressed another step this week with the selection of a Ways and Means Committee headed by V. D. Miller.

Members of the Ways and Means committee have been selected from various organizations within the city. Mayor Thornton Wiley represents the city; Dr. W. W.

Weller, the Chamber of Commerce; Ewald Bosshard, Kiwanians; Mrs. W. P. Wright, the P. T.A.; Winston Marks, the Lions club; Robert Reinholdt, Rotarians; G. H. Wenner, school board of District 5; H. G. Enders, the Elks; Jack Williams, the Activians; and Colonel Harold Jordan, the American Legion; Don Lewis, Don Wright and Keley Smith make up the rest of the committee.

Total amount needed for the Athletic center has been estimated by Wright at approximately \$50,000. This will include \$10,000 for equipment. Wright, who has built a scale model of the center, is the sponsor of the plan. He has been active in various types of athletic enterprises for several years.

The center, once it is built, would be self supporting, Wright claims; he bases his conclusion on the fact that the boxing matches which would be put on by members of the athletic association would produce revenue and that the roller skating rink, which would be a part of the center, would show a profit which could in turn be put back into the center.

Miller, who is head of the Ways and Means committee, stated today that the group would meet sometime during the next two weeks for a planning session on the fund raising project.

Dr. R. L. Burdic has been appointed a member of the Oregon state board of dental examiners. He succeeds Dr. B. R. Elliott, Medford.

GRIZZLY OIL PAINTING GIVEN TO SCHOOL BY 1948 SENIOR CLASS

Grizzly Bear, a 30x46" framed oil painting has been presented to the student body of the Ashland high school by the members of the class of 1948. The senior class has arranged to have the painting hung over the clock in the front hall.

Ralph Ernest Downre, who painted it; first hand etches his work and then shades it with pen and ink and then paints it in oils. His studio is in Seattle, Wash.

This is the first time the seniors have made any presentation in many years. The last gift was the sun dial which is now by the front walk.

The Grizzly Bear is particularly appropriate because the school had no picture of its emblem in the halls.

Kiwanis Members Set Up Gum Project

Every member of the Kiwanis club has been appointed to a committee which will contact all the Ashland merchants about placing Ford candy ball gum vending machines in local business establishments.

According to Oekie Sabin, chairman of the committee, the commission which the Kiwanis club will receive from the gum vending machines will be used for a youth fund to aid in youth recreation. Help for under privileged children and boys and girls activities, which are regular club projects, will be emphasized.

Cooper Becomes Lake o' the Woods District Ranger

Robert L. Cooper, formerly of the Snoqualmie National forest, will assume the duties of forest ranger of the Lake o' the Woods District in April according to Karl Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River forest.

Cooper, replaces John Sarginson who has requested a transfer to the Snoqualmie National forest in the state of Washington. Cooper is 1938 graduate of the school of Forestry at Oregon State college; he is particularly well qualified for work in the Lake o' the Woods area.

Airport Problem In Voter's Laps

Voters will decide the fate of the Ashland airport at a special election which is being called for March 15, members of the city council decided last night. The vote will not be for a bond issue but will authorize the city to finance the purchasing of the \$13,000 field as the city council sees fit.

The field, which contains a 2300 foot runway, an administration building and a hanger, is located on 57 acres of land which is owned by W. B. and W. P. Hamby, Elmer Ayers, who has been operating the field, and W. W. Brahs, have exhausted their financial reserve after having paid \$3,000 down on a purchase price of \$20,000 and spending \$13,329.00 on improving the field. Ayers has not been operating the field for the past few days, and it is closed to flight traffic.

The Federal government will pay 56% of any further improvements should the city acquire the field.

Should the city acquire the field it will probably be leased to a private operator. Max Guley, Medford, has already requested a lease.

CONSOLIDATION PROBLEM

Election Date Is Tentatively Set For March 17 in Five Districts

The proposed consolidation of the Ashland School district and the five districts that transport students to Ashland was discussed Tuesday evening by Leland P. Linn, superintendent of the Ashland school, at a meeting of interested citizens at the Bellview Grange.

Linn stated that the members of the District 5 school board found it impossible to renew the tuition contracts for either elementary or high school students due to the 33 per cent increase in school census in four years.

Linn pointed out that the new rural school law is just going into operation with an estimated blanket levy of 40 mills for current costs on all school districts in Jackson county outside of Medford

and Ashland. Under consolidation the levy for operating expense is figured at approximately 31 mills, Linn stated. In either case building costs would be in addition to the levy.

The tentative date for the election has been set for March 17. The Jackson County Boundary Board will this week set the time when the petitions for an election are to be filed.

The five districts who will be affected in case the election to consolidate is defeated include Bellview, Valley View, Neill Creek, Soda Spring, and Siskiyou.

Petitions were circulated this week and have been filed with the county boundary board.

The election will determine the size of the building program which is considered essential to carry on school activities in Ashland. Before funds can be allocated to replace Washington school the members of the school board of District 5 feel as though they should know approximately just how many students the school will serve and how much money is available for building purposes.

The election, which may be held March 17 will not determine anything about the building plan, but will give the members of the school board an opportunity to plan for the size and type structure needed. If the school districts in the proposed consolidated district decide to join the Ashland district a means of replacing Washington school and the addition of several classrooms to Lincoln school will be considered in order to take care of the pupil load.

Red Cross Drive Now Under Way

Red Cross workers this week began canvassing the residential section of Ashland according to Dr. Walter Redford who is leading the campaign in this city in 1948. Though no quota has been set for the community Redford indicated that the Red Cross workers hoped to exceed the \$3,000 which was gleaned last year.

Mrs. Harvey Woods is operating the Red Cross drive headquarters which is located at the California Pacific Utilities company.

Residential area workers who have been soliciting the residential region include: Mrs. Lloyd Selby, 383 Avery; Mrs. Walter Redford, 427 Palm; Miss Victoria Tavener, 912 Siskiyou boulevard; Mrs. Mable Mapes, 927 A street; Mrs. Mildred Frazier, 372 Iowa; Mrs. Robert Van Vleet, 74 Third street; Mrs. William Snider, 180 Harrison; Mrs. William Beare, 128 South Pioneer; Mrs. Slade Songer, 45 Helman street; Mrs. Howard Oden, 77 Granite street; Mrs. C. L. Wolfe, 31 Church street; Mrs. Jack Walker, 139 Wimer street; Mrs. Erla Edwards, 191 Oak street; Mrs. George Spencer, 691 Oak street; Mrs. P. R. Williamson, Mountain avenue; Mrs. Edwin Dunn, Bellview; and Virginia Whittle.

Business district canvassing will begin the end of this week. Redford stated that complete list of solicitors of the business district had not been made. At present Bob Hardy, Mrs. Wendell Lawrence, Dutch Schreiderter, and Jean Eberhardt have been selected to work the business area.

The drive will close along toward the end of next week Redford said.

Mrs. Howard Oden was the first solicitor to report to headquarters with results from her area.

Joe Fader is in charge of the Red Cross drive in the Ashland schools.

Easter Concert Rehearsals Now Well Under Way

Rehearsals for the Easter concert of united choirs are showing good progress under the leadership of Oscar Bjorlie, director. Representatives of six Ashland churches are participating. Those who have heard their previous programs state that the audience members look forward to an equally satisfying and inspiring performance this season.

Now in its eighth year, the organization has given not only several of the classical cantatas, including "The Seven Last Words," and "The Holy City," but also varied programs of short choral works, always with the themes of Holy Week and Easter predominating.

This is Mr. Bjorlie's second year as director of the group. Mrs. Harriet Koehler, former director of vocal music in the Ashland schools, and Miss Louise Woodruff, until recently of the college music department, have directed in previous years. This year Mrs. Wilma Sheridan is acting as accompanist, and special organ numbers will be played by Mrs. J. W. McCoy.

Basey Sells Floor Covering Business

The linoleum and floor covering business previously owned by Larry Basey, located in the Stevens building at Water St. & North Main was sold this week to William T. Dodds, Grants Pass.

Dodds is the owner of a business of the same kind in Grants Pass. Mrs. Louisa B. Tyron is currently managing the Ashland business for him.

State Forest Service is building a new fire guard station on the Flag ranch on Bear creek. Work was started recently.

K. R. Burns of Dunsmuir visited his mother, Mrs. Nelle Burns, last Friday.

Mrs. Don Wilder visited Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, 11 Beach Avenue, last week.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Unknown Benefactor Might Give \$2000 to Local Ball Club

With the opening of the Southern Oregon baseball league set for April 25, hot stove ball fans found themselves discussing latest developments on the home front.

Possibility that a local lumberman might come through with a \$2000 grant to the ball club has been stated by Tex Harris, who has been in contact with the individual mentioned. Harris, in an interview this week, named no

names, but did say that he was going to have a further conference with the potential benefactor. Harris stated that the money would go for lights, uniforms and field upkeep.

Officers of the Ashland ball club are Harold Jordan, president; Bert Larson, vice president; and Sid Reed, secretary-treasurer; directors are Fred Homes, Ted Schopf, Carl Dalenberg, Bert Miller, and Ivor

Erwin.

Tony Kanciler, a pitcher, has been selected as player-manager of the Ashland nine.

If the \$2000 gift from the unknown lumberman falls through, members of the board of directors and officers of the club plan a meeting with local merchants to attempt to raise funds for uniforms.

No name has yet been selected for the local nine, Jordan stated today. In years past the Ashland

Lodge B. P. O. E. No. 944 has sponsored the club and it has been known as the Ashland Elks.

Ten Teams Slated

There will be 10 teams in the circuit this year according to Southern Oregon League directors who met Sunday in Medford. Each of the clubs will play nine league games at home and nine away.

J. Q. Adams, Harry Chipman and Bill Askwith are presently drawing up the league schedule.