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Visitors at the DON O'BLEN-ESS Pontiac agency outdoing themselves with "Oh's" and "Ah's" last weekend when the open house to celebrate the opening of the showrooms and garages took place. . . . DAVE WHITTLE, ROGER RATH, and HOWARD WILEY politicking for the Toastmasters who will begin a new year with a new slate of officers April 5. . . . CLINT BAUGHMAN and HARRY McNAIR rapidly becoming cognizant of the possibilities of two way radio, its either that or else fire truck telephones or more men or less city according to the fire laddies. . . . RALPH QUINNETT speaking highly of Arabic business methods. . . . RALPH "POP" REED seceding from the Ashland Lions club. . . . JIM BUSCH wondering how a slogan such as "A Busch in the hand is worth two birds," might work in case the peepul should ever call on him to fill a public office of great import. . . .

Washington School

Nancy Middleton and Linda Lorton of Room 1 have returned after being absent for several weeks with illness. Patsie Jean Reeder has been absent for several days. Margaret Spiller and Sharon Self are new girls in Room 2. Margaret came here from Washington school in Medford and Sharon from Sacramento, Calif. Sally Mackay came here from Gilcrest School. Henry Ziegler is here from Reno, Nevada.

Gary Childress and Ronald Copeland will have their seventh birthdays in March.

Margaret Hull of Room 3 brought some daphne and big violets to school one day. Linda Smith brought some jasmine to the boys and girls are hoping spring is just around the corner.

Donald Bullis Room 3 has moved away and will attend the Central Point school.

Benny Watrus room 5 is vacationing in Southern California.

Spring has arrived in room five. Donna Faler and Carol Peters brought jonquil bulbs for pot plants.

New officers for Room 6 took their places last week. They were Roberta Pruitt, president; Errolyn Afring, secretary; Barbara Williams, housekeeper; Jack Eberhart and Marcia Hedrick, hall monitors; and Gordon Oeser, door monitor.

Robert Ayres, has been visiting in California with his parents.

Several students have twin names in Room 6. There are 2 Roberts, 2 Jimmys, 2 Ronalds, 2 Barbaras, and 4 Judys, Judith Heinzman, Baker, Feeler and Wallace.

Six 4 H Club boys came to each room during the week and gave very interesting talks concerning their work and displayed their ribbons, scrapbook and record book.

Robert Lytle, President of the Valley View Club had earned

City Wide Coordinating Committee Will Plan Recreation Program

Members of the recently formed committee for summer recreation will meet Monday night at the library to formulate a planned program for this summers recreational needs.

The group, which was elected last Monday night at a meeting sponsored by the city council of the P. T. A. includes: Jean Eberhardt, Mrs. Elmo Stevenson, Marjorie O'Harra, Rodney Keating, Leland Linn, Ray Fletcher, Owen Gragg, Mrs. William Reagan, John von Kuhlman, Bert Miller, Dorothy Bunger, Mrs. James Christleib Wade, Roland Parks, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Mrs. W. Wright, Dr. Walter Redford, Mrs. George Shuman, and Frank O'Neil, also serving on this committee are representatives from the park board and each of the city's civic and service groups.

The next meeting of the committee will find the group making plans for this summers recreational program, which it is estimated will cost from \$1800 to \$2000, and working out plans to organize a year round program of recreation for both children and adults.

This summer's program will include swimming, skating, and dancing, in that order, which are the three types of recreation most desired by the children of the community. This information was obtained by a poll taken in the four schools in the city.

The planning committee, which is headed by Mrs. George Shuman, has recommended already that two supervisors be hired for this summers program and that they be selected from the Ashland school's physical education department, one to be a man and the other a woman, and that student aid be secured from Southern Oregon college to aid these supervisors.

It is estimated that the salary cost for this summer's session, which would run from June 14 through August, would be about \$600. Other expenses would run about \$1200.

Two recreational centers would be set up, one in eastern Ashland and the other in western Ashland, and in addition to these the Red Cross swim campaign at Twin Plunges would take place.

The members of the Finance Committee who will study ways and means to raise funds for the program include Dr. Walter Redford, Walt Bosshard, and Ralph McCullough. There is presently in the city funds a surplus of \$200 left from last years program. This, plus whatever else can be raised, is expected to be enough for this summer's program.

ribbons for judging as well as Grand Champion ribbon on his calf. Kenneth Bigham, Vice President of Valley View Club had a Grand Champion ribbon for his lamb as well as a number of other ribbons.

Clifford Bigham could not be present but Doyce Lemley showed his scrapbook and ribbons.

Ralph Witt, Secretary of Valley View club, Andrew and Robert DeKorte showed their ribbons and told about their projects.

Chamber To Elect Officers Next Week

Election of officers of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will take place at the noon luncheon of the members of the Chamber next Tuesday, Victor Richardson, Chamber secretary said today.

Voting will be done by mail ballot. Candidates who have been nominated include Bert Miller, Phil Stansbury, John Cotton, Don O'Bleness, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, A. W. Woodward, Winston Marks, and Jim Busch.

BELLVIEW UNIT WILL MEET WED. MARCH 17

Bellview Extension Unit will meet Wednesday, March 17, at the Grange hall for a noon luncheon. Mrs. Pearl Koble and Mrs. Rozella Roush will be in charge of the luncheon.

Mrs. Fred Engel will give a report on the subject, "Clean as you go."

Mrs. John Cherny of 137 5th street is still ill at her home. Mrs. Maude Marskey of 125 1/2 Oak returned last week from Portland.

BILL TO OPEN O & C LAND PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, D. C. March 10—Harris Ellsworth, member of Congress from the 4th District in Oregon, announced this week that the House of Representatives had passed his bill to open all the re-vested railroad grant lands, presently known as O and C lands to mining entry and exploration.

There are some 2 1/2 million acres of the O and C lands. Most of this area is mountainous, and according to the Oregon Mineral Survey, is rich in minerals. Since the O and C Act was passed in 1937, these lands have not been open for entry. After the bill becomes law, the minerals in them will again become available.

O'Bleness Has Grand Opening

"The response to my opening exceeded all my expectations and I am certainly grateful to the people of Ashland and vicinity for their interest."

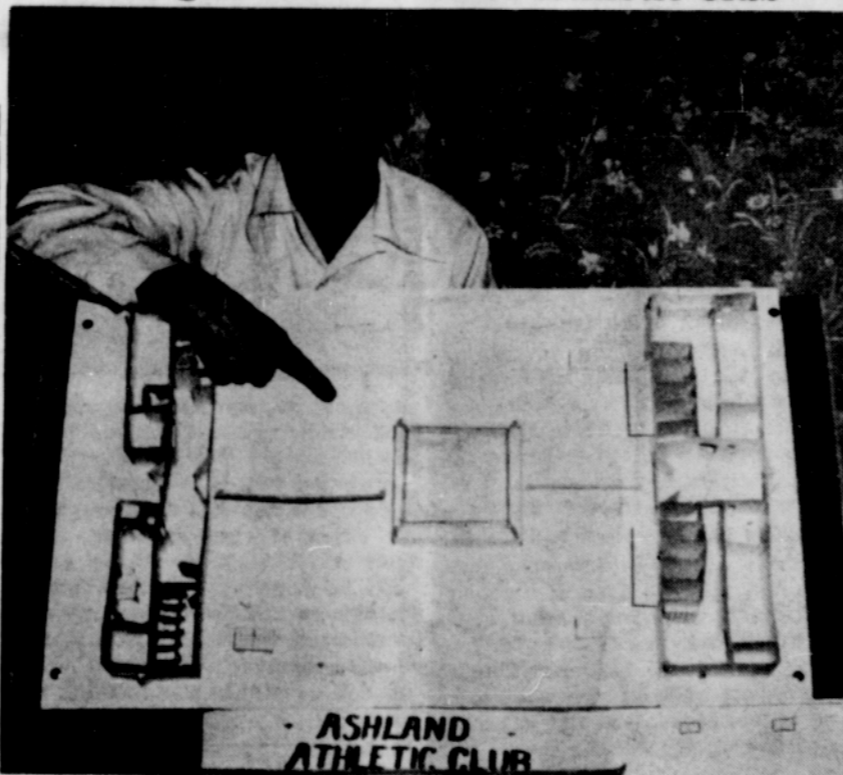
This statement by Don O'Bleness reflected the success of his opening of his new Pontiac Agency at 550 Siskiyou Boulevard. Highlighting the occasion were his new and modern building, new equipment and three 1948 Pontiacs on display.

O'Bleness stated that his agency has complete servicing and automotive overhaul equipment and he will add a body and fender section soon.

The agency is staffed with 3 mechanics, one lubrication expert and a sales and office staff.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Steel and family returned Tuesday from spending a week in Seattle, Washington, with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tinsley, who will leave soon for Hiawili. Tinsley is in the U. S. Navy.

Wright Shows Plan of Athletic Club



Don Wright, who is sponsoring the Ashland Athletic club, is shown here with a scale model floor plan of the recreation building which he states should be an essential part of such a program. Wright, a former California athlete is pointing to the removable ring which would be the central feature of the club.

On each side of the ring are volleyball and badminton nets. In the lower left hand corner of the picture is a ping pong table. Striking bags and heavy bags are also in place in the model. All of the equipment is removable allowing 1000 spectators to crowd into the club for a fight program, or permitting a skating night at the club.

Wright's plans call for a mixed recreational schedule. Monday night will be ladies' night, Tuesday night will be sent aside for boxing and wrestling, Wednesday night will be a night for both ladies and gentlemen, Thursday night will be tournament night, Friday night will be men's night and Saturday night will be skating night.

Sports which the club will be equipped to handle will include boxing, wrestling, skating, weight lifting, volley ball, hand-

VOTERS TO BE BUSY THIS NEXT WEEK

Byrd Buys Ashland Auction Yard

B. W. Byrd, Ashland contractor, this week bought the Ashland Auction yard from Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sloger who have been operating it for the past four months. Byrd opened Wednesday night with W. D. Hershey auctioneering.

Byrd stated that he plans to do the auctioneering himself in the future. Jos. W. Burns, now of the Medford Auction company organized the Ashland Auction yard in 1937.

Classes Will End At SOC March 15

Classes will end at Southern Oregon College for the winter term on Monday, March 15, to be followed by final examinations on the 16, 17 and 18. Preregistration for the spring term for Southern Oregon College students will take place during the week of March 8 to 13. Regular registration for the spring term will take place on Monday, March 22, with classes beginning on the 23.

CIVIC THEATRE WILL SHOW IN BELLVIEW

Members of the Medford Civic theatre group will present a series of three one-act plays at the Bellview Grange, Tuesday, Mar. 16, according to Mrs. Charles Worth, who is arranging the program.

The three plays will be "The Valiant," a drama; "George," a light comedy; and "Weiners on Wednesday" a farce.

Admission for the plays will be 60c and 30c.

Jackson Guiger was operated on in the Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene last week, and is in a critical condition. Mrs. Guiger spent last weekend at his bedside and reports a slight improvement in his condition.

Two Elections This Coming Week On Airport And School Problems

Two elections this coming week will keep the voters of Ashland and vicinity busy. The first election to take place during the week will be the airport election which will be held Monday, March 15. The vote is merely to authorize the city to purchase the field from W. B. and W. P. Hamby for the \$18,000.00 remaining to pay on the purchase made by Elmer Ayers and W. W. Brahs.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce have gone on record as favoring the plan, pointing out that this may very likely become the air age and that the community will need the airport facility.

Negro Artist To Appear at SOC

Frankie Fambro, gifted dramatic soprano, will appear in the Southern Oregon College auditorium March 22. Miss Fambro started her career singing in the church choir, where parishioners noticed her unusual voice. Making monthly concerts in the church, Miss Fambro obtained sufficient funds to hire a professional tutor.

In 1937 she sang the role of Pitti Sing in "The Swing Mika-



Negro Soprano to Appear Soon do", and followed this performance with the principal role in "Chimes of Normandy". In 1939 and 1940, Miss Fambro was soloist with the choir of the Monumental Baptist Church. The soprano has had the distinction of appearing on the Magic Key program over Mutual Broadcasting System from station WOR in New York.

As a soprano, Miss Fambro has great understanding and feeling for music and her personal attractiveness has made her one of the outstanding negro artists of the day.

Miss Childers Weds Eagle Point Man

Miss Clara Ida Childers, 126 Nursery street, Ashland, was wed to Bob Leon Walch, Eagle Point, in a ceremony which took place the evening of February 28 at the Chapel of the Rocks and Roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pierce were the young couples attendants. The bride wore a light gray pin-striped suit with green accessories. She graduated from Ashland High school in 1947. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Childers, China Lake, California.

The groom was discharged two years ago from the Coast Guard as a Seaman 1st. Class, after almost three years in the service, most of which was overseas, in the Alaskan Theatre of Operations. He graduated from the Medford High school, with the Class of 1943. He is engaged with his father, W. B. Walch, in the logging business.

After a Honeymoon trip, the young couple will make their home in Eagle Point.

School to Present Spring Band Concert

Spring band concert of the concert band of the Ashland schools will be presented Friday, March 19 at the Junior high school gymnasium according to Ervin Lesser, conductor.

Lesser stated that the spring concert would consist largely of light music with several solos and ensemble numbers. Among these will be solos by Lesser, a cornet solo by Harry Kannasto, and selections by the clarinet trio and the drum quartet.

Gus Mitchell Jackson has moved to 137 Oak at the Larson Rest Home.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown have moved to their new home at 407 N. Main.

Voters who live on the West side of Gresham and Third street will vote at the city hall, and residents of Ashland who live east of Gresham street and Third will vote at the library.

School Election Too

The second election will be the school consolidation election which will take place Thursday, March 17. A public meeting will be held Monday evening at the Bellview grange to discuss the problem. Stated briefly voters of Valley View, Bellview, Neil Creek, Soda Springs, and Siskiyou school districts are to determine whether or not they desire to consolidate their districts with District No. 5 of Ashland.

The consolidation will permit the building of a school plant adequate to handle students from all five districts.

Obituaries

Robert L. Keith

Robert L. Keith, 25, orchardist of Rt. 2, Box 91, died Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Hospital following a very brief illness which neither he nor his family had considered serious.

Keith succumbed to pneumonia only three hours after he was taken to the hospital. Although he had been ill for several days he was up and about the house the day before and had played with his two children Larry and Judy.

Keith was born in Talent, Oregon on May 14, 1922 and has lived here all his life with the exception of the time he spent with the Armed forces. During the war he served with a medical detachment of the 91st Division as a Tech Sergeant. He went overseas in January 1945 with the 70 Division and returned in 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Juanita Keith; two children, Larry and Judy; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keith, Talent; a brother, James R. Keith; and two sisters, Virginia and Yvonne Keith both of Eugene.

Funeral services will be held at the Litwiler Chapel at 1:30 p. m. Friday with the Rev. Milo Ross of the Medford Friends church conducting. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Medford.

Nellie Maude Van Curler

Funeral services were held Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. at the Litwiler chapel for the past Nellie Marie Van Curler, 53, Rt. 2, Ashland, who died at her home on March 7 at 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. Van Curler, who has been in ailing health for the past 4 1/2 years, was born Nellie Burden in Cora, Idaho on January 25, 1895.

She was a member of the Adventist Church of Ashland and has resided in this vicinity for the past 17 years.

Mrs. Van Curler is survived by her husband, Fred Van Curler, Ashland; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Smith, Spokane, Washington and Mrs. Gertrude Ferguson, Bonta, California; and a brother, Walter Burden, Moscow, Idaho.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Eldon Strieve, Coos Bay and interment was in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Elton Kerby, Barney Garrett, Noel Heard, Shelby Wilcox, Roy Hays and Jess Townsend.

Mrs. Ross Harden returned this week from Myrtle Creek after spending a few days with her Uncle, T. R. Dunnaston. Mr. Dunnaston returned home with her for a few days visit.

What They Are Reading

This Week

Raintree County by Ross Lockridge Jr.

Gentleman's Agreement by Laura Hobson

Journeyman by Erskine Caldwell

Dirty Eddie By Ludwig Bemelmans

The Vixens by Frank Yerby

Bell Timson by Marguerite Steen

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