

DOING THE TOWN

The story going the rounds that there will be no business man in Ashland who will dare run for council in case Herb Fischborn, John Nosler and John Daugherty are recalled is so much eyewash.

In the first place, why should a man be a businessman to run for a council seat. We can't remember having read that qualification anywhere in the charter.

In the second place, there are many qualified men, businessmen and others who will run for council seats.

The story which was told us when we were asked to sign the anti-recall petition, "that the anti-recall group was for the councilmen but desired a change in city attorney" has a flaw in it. It's eyewash, too.

The councilmen have indicated in writing that no other attorney in Ashland is competent and qualified to advise them on city procedures except William Briggs. Are they going to change their minds immediately another attorney is appointed to that position?

Judge Millard's decision stated that the council's attempt to pass an ordinance hog-tying the Mayor was invalid. This ordinance was passed by the council in good faith and out of loyalty to City Attorney William Briggs and Chief of Police Clarence Williams.

Loyalty is a good trait. But it has in this case put three councilmen out on a limb.

The two men responsible for the recall election of the three councilmen are William Briggs and Clarence Williams. Had those two men followed normal political procedure January 1st, and placed their resignations on the desk of the newly elected mayor this sad state of affairs would never have come about.

All of the council, we feel, are responsible for having brought about this situation, but of loyalty to two men, holding appointive offices.

Judge Millard's decision indicates that the council, acting on advice from one of the men whose political appointive job was under fire, attempted to railroad through a charter amendment without going to the people.

Whatever is said henceforth about this situation is merely so much eyewash.

William Briggs and Clarence Williams have by their actions jeopardized the political future of three men, who have undoubtedly attempted to serve to the best of their ability but who have been led by the nose.

Fletcher Speaks To Auxiliary

The local American Legion Auxiliary No. 14, met in regular session, Monday evening at the Log Cabin Legion hall on Winburn way.

Guest speaker was R. N. Fletcher, general secretary of the

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Sample Ballots For Recall Election Present Both Sides Of Controversy

Sample ballots for the recall election Thursday, March 17 of City Councilmen J. P. Daugherty, H. B. Fischborn and John Nosler were distributed this week. In conformity with state regulations concerning recall elections the sample ballots carried a 200 word statement from each of the councilmen in defense of their position and a statement from the Civic Betterment league giving the reasons demanding the recall.

The Civic Betterment league stated that in the case of all three councilmen that they in connection with other members of the City Council, had flagrantly defied the wishes and will of the people of the City of Ashland by insisting and demanding that the Mayor re-appoint William M. Briggs as City Attorney of Ashland and Clarence Williams as Chief of Police of said city. Said Councilmen, together with other members of the Council, have thereby attempted to confer upon the council the power of appointment of City officials which is vested by the City Charter of Ashland in the Mayor. To that

end said Councilmen, together with other members of the Council, has refused to confirm any and all appointments to said offices other than those of the incumbent officials aforesaid. Said Councilmen, together with other members of the Council, has thereby attempted to deprive the Mayor of his rights and duties under the Charter and to appropriate to the Council the rights and duties vested in the Mayor.

J. P. Daugherty, said, in justification of his course in office: "My attitude in this controversy, and the positive action I have taken, has not been easy, rather the difficult and sometimes embarrassing side, leading to criticism and an undesirable situation. I still stand firmly for the best interests of the citizens, and the further promotion of Ashland, and its best interests. I have not been against any particular appointment, but I have definitely been for the continued service of proven employees who have given of their best in the interest of Ashland. If the Mayor

were allowed to hire and fire at pleasure, with no approval being necessary from the people's representative body, the council, the city's government could get in serious condition ultimately leading to a dictatorship. The training and experience necessary and required of the foremost appointments of the city is an expensive and slow process, and the taxpayers should not be burdened with that expense, simply because one man wants to exercise his granted power. Having been a councilman for several years I know how the mayor and council must rely on worthy, dependable department heads with experience and judgment, gained through years of performance."

H. B. Fischborn's statement was as follows: "I deny that the council, individually or collectively have, at any time intended to deprive the Mayor of his right and duties or have attempted to appropriate these to themselves. However, when the mayor took office he indicated he would be out of the city the greater part of

the time. During the first two months of his term of office, the mayor has failed to attend two regular, and five adjourned meetings. The council has therefore had to conduct the business of the city and perform also those duties which would ordinarily have been performed by the Mayor. During the brief stays of the mayor in the city he has failed to contact any of the city officers to acquaint himself with the details of actions taken during his absence and thereby demonstrated a complete lack of interest in city affairs. Under the circumstances the council has been fortunate in having experienced department heads at its side. None of the implied accusations of inefficiency or dereliction of duty against the officers was proved and I believe that they should remain in office for the good of the city. I also join in the justification given by my fellow councilmen."

John Nosler made this statement in defense of his stand: "I recognize in the mayor the right of appointment. I also recognize the council's right to re-

fuse appointments which is as it should be. This demonstrates the American way of life. It would have been the easy way out to have accepted the appointments regardless of the expense to the city. I believed then and still do, that I acted to the best interest of the community. Mayor Williams recommended that some of the city jobs be given his supporters. No doubt he felt he owed them something for putting him in office. I do not agree to giving public jobs as payment for public office, especially under our present circumstances. Since the war we have been engaged in a betterment program which has taken much planning and many meetings. The city is spending a large sum for improving our water system. We have purchased more adequate equipment for street improvements. The city personnel has seasoned experiences which to my belief is of value to the city. The new Mayor and the two new Councilmen should have support of city employees familiar with these new projects at this important time."

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Circuit Judge Rules in Tom's Favor

C. of C. To Elect New President

New directors of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will meet in the near future to elect a president and vice-president. Bill McGee, secretary of the Chamber said today that the meeting might be held Monday.

New directors who were elected Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Chamber are: Walt Bosshard, Bert Miller, Abe Neslin, Lynn Newby, Chet Thompson, and Emmett Whitham.

Holdover directors include John Cotton, Jim Busch, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Phil Stansbury, Don O'Brien, and A. W. Woodward.

The president of the Chamber will be selected from this group. Ed Singmaster, retiring president of the Chamber thanked the members of the Chamber for their work during the past year, and in turn was given a rising vote of thanks for the work he had done.

The new board of directors will be responsible for the advertising brochure which the Chamber is producing. The Chamber has on hand and promised a total of \$2326.25 which will be used for promotional purposes.

local YMCA who spoke on "Leadership." Mrs. Fletcher was a special guest.

Mrs. R. L. Burdick, essay chairman, will present prizes of Ten dollars and five dollars, respectively for the two best essays on "Americanism" to be entered in the local contest.

Mrs. Pat Lawrence was appointed publicity chairman of the league and Mrs. Lona Dameron was appointed program chairman.

Speakers at the Friday night meeting included Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Vivian Britenbaugh.

Speaking to the 135 people who attended Mrs. Britenbaugh suggested that friends and guests who attended the meetings of the league would be considered as having been vouched for by the member who brought them. Membership cards will be presented by the members at future league meetings.

Mrs. Lawrence stated that

feelings in Ashland were present at a high pitch and that angry words were being tossed about. "We must control our feelings," she said, "and despite the fact that members of our opposition have indulged in name calling we can't lower ourselves to do the same."

Mrs. Lawrence continued by saying that despite arguments, names, and mud throwing the strength of the Civic Betterment group would be in playing fair.

"There is a right way to solve every problem," she continued. "We have kept ourselves above reproach so far in our conduct, and we must continue to act like ladies and gentlemen, despite what actions our opponents take. We have attended meetings where we have been called names but we don't plan to retaliate in the same fashion."

J. Q. Adams suggested that the Civic Betterment league have an educational director who would keep the members informed of

all events which were deemed of interest to the members.

Dr. T. H. Schutte, 759 South Mountain, former member of the faculty at New Mexico State Teachers college, was appointed chaplain.

Speaking for himself at the close of the meeting Dr. Schutte stated that the group could do a lot of good.

"After this mess is over," Schutte said, "the League can continue to help the city. I'm not a military man nor a pugilist and I didn't want to get into any fight but I feel that it is important."

talent Grange to Meet March 17th

Talent, Mar. 9—Talent Grange met in regular session Thursday, with Master Lloyd Lacy presiding. Several resolutions were adopted and sent to the State Legislature. Mrs. Edna Swartzlander was elected to the office of Ceres and duly installed.

The March 17th meeting will be preceded by a pot-luck supper starting at seven o'clock. Guy Waddell who has recently returned from Alaska will show movies during the lecture hour.

The ladies of the H.E.C. will meet Tuesday, March 8, at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Bates, of Table Rock road, for a covered dish luncheon and business meeting.

Sunday, March 20, has been designated as Church Sunday.

Madisons Buy Ken's Jewelry

Mr. and Mrs. James Madison of Sacramento purchased Kents Jewelry Shop from Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peabody last week. Mr. and Mrs. Madison have two girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Peabody and daughter left Tuesday for a two weeks trip to Elgin, Illinois. They plan to return to Ashland to live.

SMALL FRY STAG HAVE LUNCHEON THURSDAY

Ingenuity was the keynote for the hot dog luncheon given on Thursday, by Mrs. Clifford Culmer, honoring her young son, Pat Culmer, on his eighth birthday.

Since all of the guests had to be in school Thursday afternoon they assembled at the Culmer home at nine o'clock for a morning of games and contests, topped off by a very masculine hot dog luncheon at noon, served by Carita Culmer and Marcene Robison.

Guests honoring young Culmer were Mike Moser, Johnny Culp, Loren Macklin, Denny Robison, David Housel, Larry Haines, and Keith Kramer.

Legion Committees Work on Flagpole

Committee chairmen for the American Legion flagpole memorial have been selected by John von Kuhlmann, commander of Ashland Post No. 14, American Legion.

They are: Publicity, Colonel Harold Jordan; Finance, Guy Kuhlmann; Commemoration, Guy Applewhite; Construction, Emil Kroeger; Reception, E. A. Harris; Solicitation, Orvil Mayfield; Program, Dr. Arthur Taylor, and Parade, Colonel Preston B. Waterbury.

The post commander, von Kuhlmann, emphasized this week that the flagpole, which will be placed in the Plaza area, is a community project. It will be a memorial to Ashland's war dead. Men from Ashland, who have fought and died in any of America's wars will be honored.

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Wasson Appoints Precinct Captains For Civic Betterment League Vote

Precinct captains to work for the "Get out the Vote" movement of the Civic Betterment league have been appointed by A. A. Wasson, president of the league. It was decided to take the action Friday night at a meeting of the League held at the Women's Civic clubhouse.

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Vern Smith of Ashland, was re-elected chairman of the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at the annual meeting, recently held in Medford. The meeting date was moved forward to coincide with changes in the fiscal year, adopted by the national foundation. Arden Pinkham of Central Point was elected secretary as the one new member.

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Ordinance Which Hamstrung Mayor Declared Invalid by Circuit Court

Judge Orville Millard, Josephine county circuit court judge, Wednesday ruled on the judgment case brought by the city council of Ashland versus Mayor Tom Williams and the City of Ashland.

Judge Millard's decision stated that Rule 16A of Ordinance 1094 which was passed by the council in December immediately prior to the mayor's taking office, was invalid. The rule had stated that the mayor could not suspend any city official.

According to the mayor's attorneys, Ben Lombard and Harry Skerry, this represents a great victory for the people of the city of Ashland and Mayor Tom Williams. Judge Millard also indicated that the Mayor's suspension of city officials, William Briggs and Clarence Williams, would have been legal had they been suspended for a definite period of time rather than an indefinite period.

The judge did not rule on the power of the council to confirm the mayor's appointments, stating that it was a legislative matter and not a judicial.

William Briggs, attorney for the council, said: "Since the council was sustained in all particulars except as to the validity of Rule 16, Ordinance 1094 relating to hearing on suspensions, I naturally feel pleased. Attorneys on both sides worked hard on this case, the court's determination of the respective rights and duties of the mayor and council were clear, and it certainly would seem that all parties should be satisfied thereby. No object would be gained by appeal, and as far as I am concerned, the court issues are settled."

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HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER WORKERS TO MEET

The dates set for the Volunteer hospital workers school at Camp White have been set for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9th and Friday, March 11th, and Saturday, March 12th at 1:30, according to Miss Kathleen Silver, the president of the local American Legion Auxilliary.

Transportation will be arranged for those wishing to attend, states Miss Silver. Auxilliary members are asked to meet at the Plaza cafe at 6:30 p.m. for the evening meeting and at 12:30 Saturday for the afternoon class.

Athletic Letters Awarded to 26

A special pep assembly was held March 4 at the Ashland Senior High School in appreciation of the work of the basketball coaches and teams. Coaches Ken Schilling and Marlen Yoder awarded 11 letters to varsity team members and 15 to the jayvee team.

Ken Schilling commented that each letter represented over 200 hours of practice and playing time as he gave them to the following boys: Don Mayfield, Don Ellsworth, Vernon, Loren Graham, Frank Hile, Phil Klingsheim, Eldon Durham, Don Stuckey, Wasley Clark, and Walt Byrd, and Ken Williams, managers.

Jayvees receiving letters were Bill Wines, captain; Jerry Langer, Dale Landing, Carlos VanVleet, Garold Davis, Dick Smith, Stanley Hanscom, Wayne Wiley, Sam Bell, Ted Weitzel, Herman Ghea, Henry Metz, Stan Adams, Jim Grossman, and Ernest Engstrom.

Roland Parks called on Don Ellsworth, Vern Carlson, and Don Mayfield to lead a yell to thank the yell squad for their efforts.

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