

G. D. Mason Returns To Fight

City Council Makes Official Report On Resthaven Mausoleum Court

Members of the City Council submitted the following report after viewing the Resthaven Mausoleum Court in Mountain View Memorial Park last week:

The undersigned in accordance with a motion made at the Ashland City Council meeting, April 5, 1949, and acting as a committee of the whole investigated the Ashland Resthaven Mausoleum by reviewing plans, discussing the mausoleum with the contractor, the cemetery superintendent, and representatives of the Siskiyou Investment Company, and viewed the mausoleum presently under construction. Said committee herewith reports as follows:

1. Contractor The True-Mix Concrete Company, Medford, Oregon, is the contractor for the construction of said mausoleum. The contractor has had considerable experience in the construction of mausoleums in this area having constructed the mausoleum Ashland built in 1924 and the two Medford mausoleums. Said contractor is under \$25,000.00 surety bond for completion of work according to contract.

2. Benefit of Mausoleum to Ashland... We feel the mausoleum fills a real need and is a benefit to the City financially and from the standpoint of beauty. The City ultimately by its contract with the Siskiyou Investment Company will receive \$43,000.00 total receipts on sale of the crypts and for opening and closing the crypts. The City Cemetery superintendent informed the committee that if such space utilized by the mausoleum were used for grave purposes the city would receive the sum of only \$15,453.00. It has been reported to the committee by the city cemetery superintendent that the upkeep of the mausoleum will be very substantially less than if the space were utilized for graves. Thus the members of the committee are of the opinion that financially the city will receive a more favorable return from the use of the land as a mausoleum rather than grave space.

3. Sale of Mausoleum Space. All sales of crypts in the mausoleum are to be handled by representatives of the Siskiyou Investment Company and the city will incur no expense in this respect.

4. Quality of Construction. From information furnished by the contractor and representatives of the Siskiyou Investment Company it appears that the quality of construction is in accordance with the highest standards.

5. Ventilation. In viewing the premises the committee found that each crypt is to be ventilated and were further informed that the mausoleum has a greater capacity for ventilation purposes than any other mausoleum on the Pacific Coast.

6. Design. After viewing the architect's plans the committee found the design of the structure to be very attractive and believe that it will be an ornament and splendid addition to the Mountain View cemetery.

7. Prices. We find the prices charged are lower than the charge in Medford and have been reliably informed that they are lower than in any other city on the Pacific coast for the type of construction.

8. Obligation of the City. The city has no obligation regarding the mausoleum except to attend to the perpetual upkeep. At the present time the city collects \$15.00 on each grave to pay for the perpetual care of lawns, gardens and landscaping. From the mausoleum the city is collecting approximately \$150.00 for the same space as is occupied by a normal grave space, and the upkeep is negligible. The city has, however, an obligation to see that the structure is properly built, and the building is under the inspection of the city superintendent at all times.

9. Profits and Internal Affairs of Siskiyou Investment Company. The Siskiyou Investment Company. Continued on back page

Mr. and Mrs. Weyburn Kenyon spent Sunday in Grants Pass.

YMCA CHURCH LEAGUE PLAY TO START SATURDAY

Regular league play in the Y.M.C.A. Church Soft Ball League will start next Saturday afternoon, April 30th with five teams entered in the Soft Ball League this year. Games will be played each Saturday afternoon on the Junior High School Play Field.

Schedule of games for Saturday include: Congregational vs Talent Friends; Nazarene vs Methodist. Presbyterian draws bye.

Senior Hi-Y Club Elects New Officers

Officers for the next school year were elected at the regular weekly meeting of the Senior Hi-Y Club held in the Y.M.C.A. Monday evening, April 25. Included in the list of officers for next year are: President, Bob Simpson; Vice-president, Bill Wines; secretary, Norman Wyers; treasurer, Ted Weitzel and Chaplain, Craig Canfield. The newly elected officers will be installed in office at the first meeting of the Club when school resumes next September.

For the past two years the Club has been under the direction of Mr. M. D. Yoder who was just recently accepted as the Y.M.C.A. in Roseburg.

BOB SNIDER HEADS LIONS

At the regular meeting of the Lions club Tuesday evening new officers for the coming year were chosen as the principal item of business. Elevated to president was Robert Snider; Don Lewis, first vice president; Price Thomas second vice president; Winston Marks, third vice president; Chet Squires, lion tamer; Jack Reed, treasurer; Price Hennan, secretary and directors Sid Reed and Roland Parks. Holdover directors are Hugh McKeever and Wayne Mirick.

On the evening's program for entertainment were two solos by Miss Allene Owens of Ashland High School; and two solos by Vic Meiser of Southern Oregon college. Kay Huffman was pianist.

Alpha Long and Mrs. Charles Long, Sr., attended a stork shower for Mrs. Long's daughter, Iris Frazier in Medford Wednesday.

Edward Hussong Is Buried In Medford

Edward Hussong, father of Mrs. C. L. Wolff, died Thursday at his home at 1017 North Riverside, in Medford, at the age of 84. Mr. Hussong was well known in Ashland.

Hussong was an instructor in biology in the Medford school system from 1920 until 1944, when his sight failed him and forced his retirement from teaching.

He was an active member of the Presbyterian church in Medford and was affiliated with the Triangle, Alpha Chi Rho and Agacia societies. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, the University of Utah and the Nebraska State Normal school. He held two Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Science and a master's degree in Arts.

Services were held Sunday at the Perl Funeral Home with interment in the Medford IOOF cemetery.

H. J. Stiner Looks for Ghost in Fort Klamath

If being a lover of all things relating to pioneer history is wrong, then the Mrs. and I had our recent disillusionment coming.

One of my first acts in coming to a new place is to make a bee-line for the museum, if there is one. And pester heck out of every old timer I can back into a corner. Occasionally I buttonhole the wrong one and am asked if I "can't let the dead sleep."

So we came here and I started my pestering. And wound up taking Jacksonville apart. And saw Crater Lake, tho I couldn't take it apart. And I prowled the hills, wondering about this and that.

But I had one special goal I'd had in mind since a kid. I was afraid I'd never see it. Then I moved near it. To Ashland. It was the Lava Beds, scene of the Modoc War. That was to be tops in my history book. I watched my chance to go. It came. And I saw it. And marveled.

I had visualized that battle ground as covering miles in area. It was fought over a very few rugged acres. In places I could almost have thrown a stone across it. And one didn't need the signs to read the intensity of that fight. The slow crawl from hastily thrown up lava rock breastworks. Some a scant fifty feet apart. So we took pictures. And I sat down and thought: "Somebody gave somebody a run for their money." It was all well worth seeing. And well worth the trip.

And the Mrs. remarked on the old, wooden, weather beaten cross we'd visited back down the road and said: "So all this happened because they killed Gen. Canby!"

I said: "No." Well, we'd complete the thing while we were at it. We'd go north to this Ft. Klamath where Captain Jack and three of his fellows had been hung and see what was there, and complete the series of pictures related to the incident. And on the drive we speculated: Surely there would be traces of ruin, if not a complete reconstruction of the old post - like Fort Lincoln. And traces would be fended in, like at Deadwood and so many other places. Oh, Boy!

Swinging to the left at a junction we came to a marker on the left. We stopped. We never pass up markers. "This is the site of Ft. Klamath," etc. The "site" was on the neatly trimmed shoulder of a smooth highway. The surroundings were as bare of evidence of an old fort as any other place along the highway. We drove on. That wasn't a town up ahead. Looked like some small village. But the road sign had said Ft. Klamath.

At the edge of town on the left stood two huge, ancient barns. Directly ahead the highway made a sharp right turn to the one business street. Two business places on the right, about a

half dozen on the left. The place seemed asleep.

I drove back to one of the barns. An elderly fellow and a youngster were fooling with a truck. I walked over to get some information. They were very courteous. (I found this trait everywhere in Ft. Klamath.) I asked the elderly man a couple of questions.

He said: "I expect you saw that marker down the road. About those graves now, there used to be markers there, too. About a hundred yards tother side of the big marker and maybe fifty yards back in the woods."

The boy stayed busy and didn't look up. But he spoke off hand and casually: "Paw said he went through there day before yesterday and the markers wasn't there no more."

The older man pointed diagonally across lots to the main street. "If it was me," he said, "I'd go over there and ask for Charley. He knows about those things and he's right nice fellow."

Charley was Big, blunt, gravel voiced, friendly. Minded me a little of Wallace Berry. Getting acquainted was a short chore. On the subject in hand he ruffled up, but not at me. "Mister," he said, "we just can't keep count of the number of people comin' here from all over day in and day out and year in and year out and asking the same questions you ask. Then see them look let down we can't show them a thing, except that big marker, not tell them a thing."

"But the Historical Society, some group of local citizens; it looks like they'd—" Charley grinned. "Things are like this and it looks like they'll stay like this. There is one thing though that might be done to kind of level things off and save tourists getting excited."

"Yes?" "Tip that big marker over and run a bulldozer full of dirt over it." He was ruffled again.

A man had been standing by just listenin. Now he walked over and spoke, like a fellow passing the time of day: "I guess the reason nothing is done about those graves is because the Modocs murdered Canby. Anyway those signs down around the lava bed say they did."

Charley agreed. "Yup, they double crossed Canby. And under the same flag of truce that the Indian Agency used to double cross the Modocs. Canby was their friend. And they knew it. What Jack should have done was tell Canby: 'We're whipped if we go back to the reservation and we're whipped if we stay here. This is closer and will save a walk. Go back to your army and lets get started fighting.'"

I had my canvas half painted. The other half will never be painted But Ft. Klamath is a quiet town and a friendly town. And not bothered by any ghosts.

Parents Will Be Briefed on 1st Grade

Parents will go to school next week to get instruction on how to prepare their first graders for next fall's entry into schools. Information on the preparation of the child for school will be given at three meetings. Superintendent of schools, Leland P. Linn, invites all parents who have a beginning child to attend the sessions.

Washington Tuesday evening May 3, Bellview Wednesday, May 4 and Lincoln, Thursday, May 5.

Firemen Have Wives As Guests

Talent, April 28—Talent Volunteer Firemen entertained their wives Monday evening in the City Hall. They served cake and ice cream to all present.

Among the firemen and wives present were Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McAbee, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Long Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coghill, Mr and Mrs. Perdue, Mr and Mrs. George Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Redmon, and Mayor Harold Strauss and wife.

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Ousted Mausoleum Builder To Petition Council For Additions To Present Memorial Court

MRS. MEADOWS HONORED WITH STORK SHOWER

Talent, April 28—Dorothy Meadows was honored with a stork shower by Norma White at the home of Mrs. Mae Newlun, Tuesday afternoon.

YMCA Group Go To Statehouse

More than 150 high school students, members of Hi-Y (boys) and Tri-Hi-Y (girls) clubs from all sections of the state are preparing to go to Salem Friday where they will convene in the Statehouse for the second annual YMCA-sponsored Youth and Government legislative session.

YMCA members who will attend this session from Ashland will include Bob Simpson and Craig Canfield of the Senior Hi Y, who will represent Southern Oregon as Senators; and Grace Williams and Sally Yates from the Senior Tri Hi Y; and Nancy Arney and Anne Fullerton will represent the Beta Tri-Hi-Y club. Marlen Yoder and Ray Fletcher will accompany the group to Salem as advisors. The group will leave for Salem Thursday morning and return to Ashland Sunday.

First on the agenda of the two-day session is the address to the legislature by Oregon's boy governor, Jim Cooke of Arthur Cotton Hi-Y club of Salem.

Other students to top legislative posts are Rod French, LaGrande president of the senate; Dan Boyd, of Lincoln high school, Portland, speaker of the house; Carol Winslow, West Linn, clerk of the senate; and Barton Adams, Klamath Falls, clerk of the house.

Dr. U. G. Dubach, head of the department of political science at Lewis and Clark college, is chairman of a statewide YMCA committee for the Youth and Government program. Governor Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl Newby, and State Treasurer Walter Pearson head an advisory committee.

Four members of the state legislature have taken on a major responsibility, agreeing to be on hand during the two-day session to aid in directing the youthful legislators so that regular legislative procedure may be followed. The four are Senator Dean Walker, Independence; Senator Howard C. Belton, Canby; Representative Frank J. VanDyke, Medford; and Representative Rude Wilhelm, Jr., Portland.

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G. D. Mason, Santa Ana, California, who built the Ashland Mountain View Mausoleum, plans to petition the city council Tuesday night for permission to place two wings on each end of the present mausoleum.

Mason, originally was brought into Ashland last July to superintend construction of Resthaven court, which is now being constructed by the Siskiyou Investment corporation. Mason presented the first plans for the Siskiyou Investment corporation's mausoleum to the city council last July 6.

At that time Mason had a contract with William Briggs, which Mason says, Briggs has attempted to break. According to Mason the agreement with Briggs could not be terminated except the construction of the mausoleum was not practicable from a money making standpoint or that it was not possible to secure a site.

Mason states that if he is permitted to have an option to build additions to the present mausoleum the plan to finance it will be on a cooperative basis, the same as on the 1924 building. Money for the building will be obtained the first one third when the foundation is laid, the second one third when the building is completed up to the square, and the final one third after the building is completed.

The people who subscribe will own the building after it is completed, Mason said. They will elect their own trustees. The additional wings will have room for 200 more crypts. They will be sold for from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

Mason, who has built 15 mausoleums in the West during the past 35 years, was the builder of the Medford mausoleum, the new Boise, Idaho mausoleum, and assisted in building Forest Lawn. His partner, Vernon Ladd, an attorney, is expected to arrive here before next Tuesday night when plans for the proposed new additions will be laid before the city council.

Jackson County To Raise \$269,000.00

Salem, April 20—An Opportunity Bond drive quota of \$269,000 was assigned to Jackson county at Salem last night at a governor's banquet climaxing a day of preparations for Oregon participation in a six-week campaign.

Quotas and preliminary plans were discussed at a round table session preceding the dinner at Salem's senator hotel at the close of Patriot's day, the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord.

Diners heard a broadcast of President Truman's bond drive address to a group of several hundred notables in Washington, D. C. Then Governor Douglas McKay took the rostrum, sounding a call to all Oregon citizens to participate in the savings effort which has been set for May 16 through June 30. C. Thompson is Jackson county savings bond chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parr spent the weekend in Crescent City, California.

Truckers To Meet April 30

The Southern Oregon Truckers League will hold its April meeting at the Cave Shop in Grants Pass, Saturday evening, April 30th. This will be a dinner meeting with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Explanation of the legislation enacted by the last session of the Legislature effecting trucks will be made and other important business of the League is to come before the meeting. Entertainment will be furnished by some of the members of the Eve Prentice Accordion Band.

Any trucker, even though not a member of the League, who wishes to attend this dinner is asked to notify the office of the League at room 27, Goldy Building, Medford, phone 7481 in order that reservations may be made.

Lions Club Prepares for 3rd Annual Track Meet

Plans are being completed for the third annual Lions Club Track and Field meet, which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th, starting at 1:30 in the afternoon. It will be held at Walter Phillips Field.

Frank O'Neil, heading the Lions club committee, has announced that a full afternoon of events is scheduled, with three teams competing. Medford and Roseburg

high school will send a full complement of track and field men to Ashland to compete against the local thinculds. A group of University of Oregon runners and field men will also be present for an exhibition.

O'Neil stated that those coming from the University will include four from the freshmen class, who have made outstanding records at the University. Among

these is Missvelt, who stars at throwing the javelin. He placed fifth in tries for the American Olympic team. Jerry Leslie, 1948 Ashland graduate, who also tosses the javelin, placing it around 185 feet; Jones, a California youth, who runs the 100-yard dash in 9.9 and Backlund, a Roseburg freshman, who is a middle distance sprinter, and who has been showing up particularly well this

spring in field events. A Canadian 1000 meter runner who placed fifth in the Olympics last year, and who is now a freshman at the University of Oregon may possibly attend.

Tickets for the annual event can be obtained from Lions club members, O'Neil stated. He urged local field and track enthusiasts to secure their tickets for the event.