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Dear Driver: Please Read This

We are indebted to J. B. Austin, Ashland City Recorder, for the following letter. J. B. clipped it from his home town paper, The Sargeant County Teller at Milnor, who took it from the Box Elder News, who in turn clipped it from the Hillsboro Argus, who got it from the Standard Oil of Indiana who didn't say where they got it.

It isn't particularly important who wrote the letter, but it's awfully important that you read it, if that "Dear Driver" means you.

Dear Driver:

A few days ago my son started to school as usual. He wore a dark blue suit with white shirt and his collar on the outside, black shoes and a cap on his brown head. He is only seven years old. His cocker spaniel stood on the porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as my boy waved goodbye and started off to the hall of learning.

Tonight we talked about school. He told about the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces. He told me about the big girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things and then we studied spelling, arithmetic, reading and then to bed. He is back there now, back in the nursery sound asleep with his little dog cuddled at the bedside.

You wouldn't hurt him, would you? You see, I'm his mother and he is the only child I have. When he breaks his little trains and cars, when he bumps his head or cuts his finger, I can fix it. But when he starts school, when he walks across the street, there he is in your hands. He is a nice little boy. He can run like a deer and darts about like a chipmunk. He likes to play with other boys and girls. But we just can't be with him at all times. His daddy has to work and I have to take care of the home. Please drive slowly through our town and past his school. Please don't hit or run over my little boy, and please remember that children dart across streets and roads without looking. Look out for them — and him, please.

Award Winners, Pioneer Journal Share Program

The March meeting of Mt. Ashland chapter D.A.R. held on last Friday evening at the home of Miss Lydia McCall on Oak St. was one of the most enjoyable events of the organization. It took on an unusual significance in that both the past and the present were given recognition in the program.

Two Good Citizenship certificates were awarded, one to Venita Robertson of the class of '49 Ashland high school and the other to Anne Fullerton of this year's graduating class. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was impossible to make the presentation of the recognition pin in 1949, so the two girls were honored at the same time. Both won their awards through merit based upon "dependability, leadership, service and patriotism" as voted by their teachers and classmates. Each girl has been outstanding in student activities while in high school and has been a leader in both social and scholastic lines.

The Good Citizenship awards are made annually throughout the whole country with each community eligible to enter. Local winners then compete for the state honors, which at the present time takes the form of a \$100 prize. Prior to the war travel restrictions, each state Good Citizenship girl was given a trip to the national Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution held in Washington, D. C. with all expenses paid for a nation-wide tour of famous spots, this practice has been discontinued for the past nine years but there is strong agitation for resuming the "Pilgrimage" as it was called.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Arthur Taylor of Southern Oregon College who gave excerpts from the journal of the late Dr. Vining's pioneer grandfather who journeyed from Indiana to the Rogue River valley 97 years ago. Dr. Taylor added much to the fascinating diary with his commentary and was supplemented by the questions and comments from several of his hearers whose ancestors had come across the same trail during the pioneering days of the northwest.

Jonquils were used together with other spring decorations throughout the rooms and on the tables, as well as for the corsages presented to the honor guests, Miss Robertson and Miss

Fullerton. Miss McCall was assisted by Mrs. I. T. Robinson, Miss Depew and Mrs. W. B. McCullough.

Chapter Delegates Leave For Corvallis

Three members of Mt. Ashland chapter, D.A.R. expect to leave on Saturday for the state conference which is being held in Corvallis March 26 to 28. The chapter regent, Mrs. I. T. Robinson will represent the local unit and give the annual report, while Mrs. Grace Andrews and Miss Lydia McCall are acting as official delegates. The business sessions will be held at the Benton Hotel but the opening memorial service is to be in the Good Samaritan Episcopal church. As this is the year for election of both state and national officers there is keen interest in the outcome of the Oregon state conference. The present State Regent, Mrs. Archie McKeown, who is nationally famous as a novelist, will preside over the 1950 meeting and will go to the national Congress in Washington, D. C. in April, after which she expects to concentrate on the next two books in the trilogy of the Northwest country which have already been contracted for by Macmillan Co.

31st Legion Birthday Celebrated Monday

The thirty-first birthday of the American Legion was celebrated by Post No. 14 and the Auxiliary on Monday night with a family pot-luck dinner at the Pioneer building on Winburn Way. Blue and gold candles centered the long tables and the birthday cakes carried out the same Legion colors. The evening was spent in reminiscences of the early days of the organization. Roy Hartley was the only Legionnaire present who had been a member for the entire thirty-one years. He had the honor of blowing out the candles and cutting the official birthday cake.

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Orders Placed By S. P. For 36 More Diesel Engines

Southern Pacific has placed orders for another \$17,500,000 worth of new diesel locomotives, President A. T. Mercier announced yesterday. This raises the railroad's postwar equipment program for new cars and engines to more than \$275,000,000, he said, and with this purchase Southern Pacific will become one of the few railroads with more than one million horsepower of diesel locomotives.

The latest orders are for 36 locomotives, of which 24 will be of 6000 horsepower, each, and 12 of 1500 horsepower, each, Mercier explained. Deliveries are scheduled to start in July and be completed by end of the year.

Deliveries on previous diesel orders were completed by the builders early this month, the railroad president reported, giving Southern Pacific a total of 406 diesels in service at the present time.

Of the 24 new 6000 horsepower locomotives just ordered 22 will be built by Electro-Motive Division of General Motors Corporation for freight service, and two by American Locomotive Company for passenger service. The 12 new 1500 horsepower locomotives will be built by Baldwin Locomotive Works for freight service.

Postwar purchases of Southern Pacific also includes 31,630 freight train cars, Mercier said, of which 28,064 are in service and the rest coming by about year's end; 185 passenger train cars of which 66 are in service and the rest scheduled for delivery before the end of August, and half ownership of 8000 new Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator cars, all in service.

SOC Night Classes Offer Variety

Southern Oregon College will offer several very interesting night classes at the college Spring Quarter, according to Mrs. Mabel Winston, Registrar. Beginning Monday, March 27 and continuing each Monday evening through Spring Quarter, Dr. McAuley will teach the course Ed 450, Elementary School Principal. This course will be a discussion of the problems of the elementary school principal in the finance, school legislation, building maintenance, equipment, and other problems of the organization and administration of the elementary school. This course gives 3 credit hours.

Ed 408a, Methods and Materials in Teaching Ceramics, will be taught by Mr. Irwin Whitaker, instructor in art. This course also gives 3 hours credit, and will include methods and discussions for setting up a kiln, the operation of same, and the practical application of various skills needed in creating ceramic works.

Starting Tuesday, March 28, there will be a class in Photography taught by Mr. Lloyd Pennington, Assistant Professor of Science. This course will include the taking of pictures, the developing, printing, and enlarging, as well as a discussion of other photography problems and techniques. The Photography course will offer lectures along with a laboratory period each week.

Five night classes offered during past quarters that will continue are: Monday nights, Orchestra under Mr. Matthews

The Phoenix News

By Mrs. A. C. Lewis

"Adams Evening" is a very amusing 3 act play, since, it could happen in any household. The tight spots Adam Adams finds himself in and tries to get by the close scrutiny of his mother-in-law, who is visiting at the time, and all the complications it involves should keep the audience interested. Friday March 24th at the old gym in Phoenix the Little Theatre Guild present the play as their contribution to the building

College Honor Won By Miss Margaret Wagner

Word has been received that Margaret Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner, 154 Oak St., has been elected president of Roblee Hall at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. As president of the Hall she will hold one of the highest elective campus positions and will be a member of the student legislature.

Golden Wedding Reception For Reynolds

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reynolds of 148 Van Ness are being honored at a 2 to 5 reception at the home of their daughter Mrs. C. L. Morehouse on Crowson Road next Sunday afternoon, March 26th.

The occasion is the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds who were married in 1900 in Grants Pass. As Elva Culp of Applegate, the bride was a native Oregonian, and the groom had come to the west from Indiana. They have made their home in Ashland for many years.

and Business Law under Mr. Miller; Tuesday nights, Shakespeare Tragedies under Mr. Bowmer; Wednesday nights, Contemporary Problems under Mr. MacDougall; and Thursday nights, Advanced Federated Folk Dance under Miss Stockham.

Other new classes offered will be Group Leadership and Parliamentary Problems on Tuesday nights under Mrs. Pafford, and School Organization and Law on Thursday nights under Mr. Bowman.

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fund of the Community Club and Youth Center. The cast is as follows: Adam Adams, Rex Nicodemus; Arma, his wife, June Nelson; Mrs. Bean, his mother-in-law, Peggy Glascock; Casper, his man servant, Harry Thompson; Gertie, the Maid, Hugh Bell; Dr. Fragoni, Cecil Clafin; Rosta, Dorothy Clafin; Mr. Cokes, Mark Norton; Mrs. Cokes, Louise Norton; Elmer, Norman Glascock.

Harland Glascock is directing the play and Mrs. C. A. Stothers directs the varieties.

All parts are very well cast and a good performance is assured.

Before the play begins at 7:30 p.m. the Medford Chapter of Barber Shop Quartett's will sing in a chorus, numbering about twenty two men, also numbers by individual quartetts, then between acts there will be dance routines directed by Mrs. C. A. Stothers. Included in the chorus girls are Evelyn Freeman, Virginia Roberts, Mary Lou Lind, Betty Hendrickson, Dolly Waggoner, Donna Crawford, Melba Barnes and Delia Good.

The sale of tickets for the 24th has been so great the play will be given on the 25th also. It is hoped the holders of the 24th tickets will attend that show but these tickets will be received on the 25th also.

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Phoenix May Festival has been set for May 13 and 14 and the site chosen will be the building site of the Community Club and Youth Center.

The club held the regular monthly meeting Monday night, March 20th at the Grange hall with a good attendance. Date of the Queens Ball set for April 29th by the Queens Committee.

Twelve clubs have voiced their wishes as to sponsoring Queens and the type of booths they wish at the festival, many also are entering floats in the parade. A general discussion of festival and building plans composed most of the meeting.

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