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NAVAL RESERVE RECRUITS... Four young Ashland men were among recruits who recently joined the volunteer composite unit 13-11 of the U.S. Naval Reserve. From left to right, Pat Sollee, Dale Dieckman, Ted Weitzel and Ted Willoughby, all of Ashland, and Harold Holloway, Medford, are sworn in by Lt. Cmdr. Rodney Keating, Ashland, commanding officer of the unit. The reserve group consists mostly of World War II veterans and high school students who have received parents' permission to join. The unit meets each Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Federal building, Medford. A training cruise is planned for sometime in February. —(Courtesy Medford Mail-Tribune)

Voluntary Enlistment of Draftees Now Permitted Under New Ruling

Voluntary inductions of draft registrants between the ages of 18 to 26, if acceptable to the armed forces, are now being permitted by the Selective Service system.

This makes it possible, a report said from Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state director, for "any registrant to be physically examined with the next group being forwarded by the local board, and then inducted under the next call."

State Payrolls Reach New High

Oregon's payrolls may pass the billion-dollar mark for the first time in history this year, the state unemployment compensation commission reported this week. Payrolls for the first half of 1950 were nearly 12 million dollars over the same period of 1949.

Preliminary reports from 17,000 employers since July 1, 1950 indicate that wages for the last half of the year are also well above previous totals.

Weekly earnings declined in October for the first time this year, but were still ahead of the same month a year ago, the commission report said. Less work by loggers and sawmill workers as well as reductions in machinery and miscellaneous manufacturing was said to account for the month's decline.

Increased business in most fields during the last two months is expected to more than offset the small October decline. Multinomial county payrolls—accounting for nearly half of the state's total—were slightly behind 1949 for the first six months, but 26 counties have reported increases.

Douglas county again led in actual monetary gains with an increase of over 2 million dollars. Josephine county was one of nine counties reporting increases of over 10 per cent. Jackson county's wages for the first half of the year totaled \$14,834,687—an increase of 7.2 per cent over the same period the year before. Klamath was one of 10 counties showing losses from 1949.

'Y' Groups Ready Winter Programs

The mid-winter series of the YMCA adult crafts group will begin next Thursday, January 4. Sessions will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Girls Craft club will meet on the same day at the YMCA from 4 to 5 p.m.

The "Y" square dance group will meet tomorrow, December 29, at the YMCA social hall from 8 to 12 p.m.

Added to this, the Colonel said, is the waiving of the 21-day waiting period between the mailing of the acceptability notice and/or the 10-day period between the mailing of the order to report to induction, and the actual date of induction.

This move makes it possible for young men who would ordinarily be without work during the processing period to be placed in the service with a minimum of waiting time.

It makes it possible, Col. Mason said, "for a young man to enter the Army immediately without having to sign up for a full three-year enlistment." It was also pointed out that this new procedure would not interfere in any way with the registrant's opportunity to enlist in any other branch of the service before he is ordered to take his examination.

Any registrant desiring such a speed-up of the induction procedure should make a written request to his local draft board.

SP Reports New Freight Record

Southern Pacific set a new operating efficiency record with more ton-miles of revenue freight movement in 1950 than any other 12-month period with the exception of 1948 and the war years.

A. T. Mercier, president of the line, announced the new record today in a year-end review of the company's achievements.

High nation-wide demand for goods brought on a heavy volume starting in March, Mercier said, and to this was added the increased movement of materials and goods brought about by the Korean crisis. "Never in Southern Pacific's history had business activity attained such high levels in the territory served by the company's lines," he said.

The company president declared, however, that in spite of the heavy freight traffic, net operating income of the system for the year was inadequate for proper maintenance and improvement.

Strides were made during the past year in the improvement and expansion of passenger service the review stated. More streamlined passenger train cars were placed in service by the company in 1950 than in any other year.

It was also pointed out that a total of 4,116 new freight cars were placed in service during the year in addition to many old cars which were rehabilitated. Since V-J Day the railroad has ordered 28,630 freight cars, of which 23,511 are in service.

Drinkers Advised To Avoid Driving

Paper hats, horns, whistles and cocktail shakers are standard devices for celebrating the arrival of the New Year, but Oregon motorists were warned today that if drinking is part of the celebration, driving a car should be left out of any plans they might have.

The warning from the secretary of state's traffic safety division pointed out that thoughtlessness under the wheel due to drinking might ruin any plans for seeing-in the New Year.

Traffic deaths this year, the division said, are now nearing 400, and a heavy December accident toll could push the fatality toll well above that figure. Last year, 50 persons died in December traffic mishaps.

Here's what the division had to say to weekend celebrants:

1. If drinking is part of your plan, get a non-drinker to drive the car or use some public conveyance.
2. Highways will be heavily congested with the usual three-day holiday traffic so be alert at all times for the other drivers as well as yourself.
3. If you plan a long trip, get an early start and drive slowly, using even more caution if the highway is wet or icy.

Installation and Queen's Ball Are Holiday Events for Jobs Daughters

Job's Daughters, Bethel 22, held their open installation of officers last Saturday, December 23, in the Masonic temple.

Officers installed for the next term were Kay Dudley, honored queen; Barbara Bugbee, senior princess; Mildred Zittercob, junior princess; Barbara Hild, guide; Sandra Clary, marshal; Wanda Oden, chaplain; and Rosemary Stevenson, treasurer.

Barbara Van Vleet, recorder; Nancy Dunkeson, musician; Kathleen Hartley, Carol Culp, Shirley Dudley, Barbara Wray, and Kathleen Reagan, messengers; Carolee Van Vleet, junior custodian; Mary Hillberry, senior custodian; Collette Perrine, inner guard; Maxine Champion, outer guard; Marlene Heard, soloist; and Carolyn Erwin, assistant soloist.

Pat Austin, robes and Bibles; Marsha Hunt, hospitality; Barbara Allen and Nancy Weitzel, daughters of sociability; Marcene Robison, reporter; Marlys Elhart, assistant recorder; and Leanne Leach, historian.

Honored guests escorted and introduced were Col. and Mrs. Dudley, parents of the honored queen, and her brother, David. Past Honored Queens Venita Robison, Shirley Weitzel, Darlene Hale, Barbara Phelan, Shir-

Rev. Paul Harms Named to Board Of County Chest

The Rev. Paul Harms received a plaque from the Jackson County Community Chest for outstanding service last week. He is the director of Ashland's chest drive this year.

The Rev. Harms also was appointed for a three year term to fill a vacancy left on the Chest's board of directors by C. M. Litwiller. Other directorships filled were the reappointment of Walter Leverette, the appointment of Ward Hamlin, Moore Hamilton, and Frank Rowe.

The board of directors decided at their meeting last week to continue their present drive after the first of the year until it can be successfully concluded. According to F. C. Bash, president of the Chest, only \$56,705 of the county \$75,000 goal has been reached. Bash has urged all people contacted and not contacted to mail their contributions into the county office as soon as possible.

So far, Ashland has contributed \$8,352 which is 60.5 per cent of its goal. The small towns have contributed only 11.7 per cent of their goal, and the county's granges have contributed 27 per cent of the goal set for them. Jackson county as a whole has contributed \$56,705 or 75 per cent of its goal.

Apportionments to the Red Feather agencies will be made on a pro-rata basis in quarterly allotments based on campaign contributions.

Marine Corporal Gets Purple Heart

Cpl. William M. O'Keefe, USMC, 28, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Muri O'Keefe, 552 Beach street, was recently presented the Purple Heart during ceremonies held at the U.S. Naval hospital, Oakland, Calif.

While serving with the First Marine division at the Changjin reservoir in North Korea, O'Keefe received frostbite in both feet. He has been a former student of the Peacock Military academy.

FORGERY SUSPECT HELD FOR HEARING

Redding, Cal., police have notified Ashland Police Chief Vern Smith that they are holding William Nelson, Ashland, who is to be returned here to answer charges of check forgery. The charges involve five checks totaling \$280, Smith said.

Queen



Miss Kay Dudley

Redford to Head Realty Board

Walter Redford was elected president of the Ashland realty board at a recent meeting of that group.

Harry Pinkerton was elected vice-president; V. D. Bert Miller, secretary-treasurer; Harry Moore and Jack Reed, directors. Also, at the meeting, plans for a new constitution and by-laws were made with the following men on the committee: Henry Galey, Walter Redford, and Harry Moore.

A new plan was presented by Miller which would allow affiliate members to belong to the organization such as property owners, bankers, attorneys, and the like. Such affiliates would have the privilege of bringing up tax problems, values of real estate, appraisals, real property loans, legislation, promotion of industry, Rogue river valley reclamation projects, and the rights of property owners.

Adoption of the proposal will be taken up at the next meeting of the Ashland realtors. It is noted that the Ashland board will be glad to assist any property owners with their problems.

Precipitation is Weather Forecast

Valley residents may expect a damp New Year's week-end, according to the U.S. weather bureau station in Medford.

Western Oregon's forecast for the period ending Sunday is for moderate amounts of precipitation the latter part of the week and over the week-end with near-normal temperatures.

The northern California forecast for the same period is also for moderate precipitation in the north and central portions with temperatures near or slightly above the seasonal normal.

A pleasant note was sounded, however. Precipitation may help to relieve the fog which has blanketed the area in varying degrees for the past week, a weather spokesman said.

Paper is thought to have been invented in China about 105 A.D.

Talent Doll Brings Joyful Christmas

One Talent doll warmed three hearts on Christmas. It all started when Mrs. Roy Estes won the doll and wardrobe at the Wa tu hi yi Camp Fire girl's drawing last Friday night. She gave her prize to Ethel May Culver.

But it didn't stop there. Ethel May turned right around and gave the doll, complete with wardrobe, to a little orphan girl in Gold Hill who didn't have a doll for Christmas. The little girl said that this was the "best Christmas she had ever had."

'Operation Sign Up' Bolsters Civil Defense; Local Plans Advance

Operation Sign Up week gathered some 450 volunteers to bolster Ashland's civilian defense corps to 575 as a result of an unofficial count late yesterday.

Prior to the sign up drive sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, there had only been 125 persons on the defense lists. Col. P. B. Waterbury said yesterday that he was "highly gratified with the results of the drive. Despite the discouraging weather conditions the men handling the booths did a fine job."

Col. Waterbury, Ashland's

civil defense director, stated yesterday in a letter to Oregon's civil defense director, Louis E. Starr, the condition of Ashland's defense program.

Ashland's defense director wrote that he would comply with the state-wide plan for air raid warnings. He added, however, that "this service will of necessity have to be a part of a larger network and I have not as yet undertaken it and will not do so until I get some sort of higher echelon plan."

The nerve center for the whole local defense plan will be the YMCA building. Col. Waterbury said that the local police company is now composed of 90 men to augment the present force and will be under Police Chief Vern Smith's direction. He added, "The plan in this connection is complicated due to the introduction here of a movement to enlist a state guard unit."

According to Col. Waterbury, the local volunteer fire force has a strength of 60 men under Fire Chief Harry D. McNair's direction. He also asked the state director for a clarification of the division of authority which allows the state fire marshal power to withdraw elements of city fire equipment and personnel.

Harold Thomas, local forest ranger, is in charge of the Woods Patrol. A platoon will be operating in the Siskiyou area south and east of Ashland. Another will be in the Dead Indian area to the north and east. And one in the Ashland canyon area to the south. Deputies have also been appointed in these areas by Howard Gault, Jackson county sheriff.

Col. Waterbury described the medical service during an emergency. Dr. Harvey A. Woods will be in charge with all medical people cooperating. The victims that are a part of the local hospital overflow will be taken care of in the buildings of Southern Oregon college. The college's faculty will help on the medical staff. Dr. Walter Weller, local veterinarian, and a small detachment are in charge of water purification and food decontamination.

In his letter, Director Waterbury asked for additional iron bunks for emergency use. He asked for "at least 100 folding iron bunks with mattresses."

Delbert Jones was listed in charge of supply and evacuation. "Church buildings would serve as relief centers if needed," the director added. He also noted that a labor pool of 200 men has been amassed and organized into work detachments under the direction of Elmer Biegel, city engineer. The individual sawmills, he said, are being organized for plant protection as well as other establishments.

A traffic plan which diverts through traffic around Ashland has been agreed on. The proper signs to form the emergency pattern are now on hand, Col. Waterbury reports, and "ready for instant placement."

The local director stated that "all civic groups are cooperating fully."

Council to Begin New Term Jan. 1

Next Tuesday's council meeting will feature a newcomer to the city's government, Councilman-elect Arthur Kreisman, and new terms for several of the old members.

Mayor P. H. Stansbury will begin a full term. Councilmen Mark Hamaker and Richard L. Neill will take on four year terms, while Fred Taylor, the new budget director, and Dr. Walter Weller will take on two-year stanzas.

Also re-elected are John B. Austin, city recorder; Gertrude Easterling, city treasurer; and A. B. Freeman, Jake Weitzel, and Eldon Scripper as park commissioners.

Bellview Grange Names Officers

The Bellview grange has elected its officers for the coming year. Ralph Mickle was re-elected master and Henry Lind-say elected overseer.

Whitey Eckhart, lecturer; Mrs. Ed Gettling, chaplain; Ed Gettling, steward; Mrs. Nell Dunn, secretary; Laurence Jacobs, gatekeeper; Frank Malin, assistant steward; Mrs. Frank Malin, lady assistant steward.

Ross Applegate, Ed Dunn and Henry Enders, trustees; "Three Graces," Mrs. Ralph Mickle, Mrs. Laurence Jacobs, and Miss Aileen Jarvis; Mrs. Alta Nichols is the pianist.

A joint installation for all Jackson county granges was held in Central Point. William Howes, Gold Hill, was the installing officer for the mass ceremony.

The Bellview grange will meet January 2 at the Grange hall with the newly-elected officers in charge.

Copco Declares Stock Dividend

Quarterly dividends payable January 15 to stockholders of record December 31 were announced Friday by the board of directors of the California Oregon Power company.

Dividends of \$1.75 per share on the 7 per cent preferred stock, \$1.50 per share on the 6 per cent preferred and \$1.17½ per share on the 4.7 per cent preferred were declared for the fourth quarter.

A dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock for the fourth quarter, payable January 20 to stockholders of record December 31, was also declared by the company directors.

License Service Again Available

Automobile and driver's license renewals can again be obtained at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce after January 1, according to Mrs. Maxine Caldwell, secretarial assistant.

This public service was stopped after the recent resignation of William McGee, chamber secretary. After January 1, Mrs. Caldwell will be in charge of the service.

AF Team Due to Examine SOC Men

An air force officer candidate selection team will be at Southern Oregon college January 8 to interview men interested in going into the air force training programs. The team will select men for the aviation cadet program and for navigator training.

Men must be citizens, unmarried, be between the ages of 20 and 26½ and have at least two years of college. The selection board will administer physical and mental examinations and those men interviewed will be immediately informed whether they have been selected or rejected.

Those men selected will be given a four-month deferment to allow them to complete the current school year. Men not successfully completing either of the two courses will be returned to civilian life.