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"Not until printing came could learning knock at every man's door."

This quotation, from the Latin of Cardellius, written in 1546, sums up the importance of significance of printing down through the centuries of man's development. Printing has moved hand in hand with progress and enlightenment—it has contributed to advancement in all things cultural, social, economic and political. Printing immortalizes in black and white, the finest thoughts, the clearest prose and poetry, the most impassioned feelings of every age, every time.

Since Johann Gutenberg first conceived the printing press in 1440, printing has set the tempo for the achievements of every era. And if Gutenberg is the father of the printing industry, certainly the patron saint of our own American printers is Benjamin Franklin. Therefore, it is fitting that Printing Week, designated as January 15 to 21, should incorporate the birthday of Franklin—January 17—and honor him, as well as commemorate the art of printing throughout the United States and Canada.

Dependent as we are upon printing in every phase of our thinking, planning and living, it is appropriate to pay tribute to those honored by Printing Week, for through their efforts the words of freedom, truth, inspiration and wisdom are poured out in an unending stream, so that "learning can knock at every man's door!"

Council Asks for Reappraisal

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Easterling said, "as no interest had been collected."

Both she and Austin reported that Leland Knox, public accountant, audited the city's books and found them to be in perfect order. Austin said at the council meeting that both Miss Beswick and her sister were allowed to go through the bond issues and were about half way through when they left his office. He stated he has not heard further from them. A special council meeting had been called January 10 to discuss the matter.

Committee Reappointed

The mayor reappointed last year's city recreation committee to office for 1951. This committee is composed of Jean Eberhart, chairman, Mrs. Elmo Stevenson, Rodney Keating, Roland Parks, and Frank Barnhouse.

Councilman Arthur Kreisman declared that "a religious revival program was conducted on the side" in the park last summer. He stated he had checked a report of this practice for its validity and found it to be true. In reference to the committee's reappointment, he said that recreation should be "stuck to" and a religious program should not be forced upon the children. He added that several people had complained to him about the matter.

The council accepted the bid of R. E. Jett to re-paint the council chambers for \$112.50. Councilman W. W. Weller stated that, in the future, it should definitely be the city's practice to specify whether a job was to be brush or spray.

It was also voted, upon recommendation by Councilman Taylor, that enough paint be supplied the fire hall to paint the men's quarters. The painting will be done by the men, themselves.

Taylor reported that Chet McCoy of the Toastmaster's club had approached him about use of the council chambers for a high school recreation club to be held one night a week. Dick Scott, a member of the club who was present, told the council that he had regularly attended the club's meetings and knew of no such program being sponsored by them.

Mayor Stansbury related that City School Superintendent Leland Linn had encouraged the use of school buildings for such purposes. Kreisman commented in the same vein saying that a school building should be used. "In the future," the mayor said, "we will refer people to the recorder, because we never know when the building is in use."

The matters brought up at the council meeting on January 2, concerning \$318.15 of hospital repairs and raising the grave opening charge to \$35, were approved by formal action.

The council voted a membership in the Oregon state interment association for Frank Davis, cemetery superintendent. The fee was \$10.

Keating to Head Festival Group

Three Ashland men were elected to positions in the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association last week.

Heading the association will be Rodney Keating, president; John Snider, vice-president; Medford; Harry A. Skerry, Jr., secretary; and Ralph Burgess, treasurer. Besides these men, the executive board will be comprised of John Cotton, retiring president, and Marshall Woodell.

For the 11th season, beginning in 1935 and interrupted during the war years, Prof. Angus L. Bowmer, Shakespearean actor and authority from Southern Oregon college, will direct the productions at the Ashland Elizabethan theatre.

Sennatt to Head State Committee

George Sennatt, Ashland attorney, was appointed state chairman of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce civil defense committee last week.

The appointment was made at last week's Jaycee meeting by Byron (Doc) Henry, state Jaycee president. Henry spoke to the group on national activities and the war memorial planned for Tulsa, Okla.

He stated that "Americanism" will be the national Jaycee theme for 1951.

Ashland, Phoenix Report TB Cases

One case of tuberculosis in Ashland and one in Phoenix were among the 26 cases of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department for the week ending January 15, according to Dr. E. A. Merkel, public health officer.

Talent reported one case of measles, four cases of chicken pox and one of infectious hepatitis during the week. Four cases of chicken pox were also reported in Phoenix and one in Jacksonville. Medford reported one measles case.

Other diseases reported during the week were mumps, Medford, Eagle Point, Ruch and Jacksonville, one each; Lone Pine, two; strep throat, Jacksonville, one; Vincent's angina, Medford, two, and pneumonia, Medford, one.

John von Kuhlmann Buys E. Main Service Station

John H. Von Kuhlmann recently purchased the Mobilgas service station at Main and Gresham streets in Ashland.

Von Kuhlmann, who purchased the station from Don George, has operated the service station at 1305 Siskiyou boulevard in partnership with George Ward. The latter will now manage the Siskiyou boulevard station.

Our Town and Country

Who's kidding who?

The following comment was recently made regarding observance of Ashland's centennial celebration in August of 1952, to wit: "There was some discussion among Chamber of Commerce program committee members about the centennial, but they were a year early."

It's never too early! It's never too early for advance organization and planned publicity. Time and again this has been proven by progressive cities and business concerns. It would need no further comment here, if a word to the wise were sufficient.

But, unfortunately, this is not the case.

This paper ran an editorial last week regarding the shocking facts of Ashland's funnelling effect to our northern neighbor, Medford. The facts proved that Siskiyou boulevard and Main street are nothing but a nice attractive approach to the county seat.

When the truth is, we have got the county seat beat all the way around for nice sitting places. We have one of the nicest parks of its size in the United States. Our perch on the slope of the Siskiyou range gives the town a beauty that truly makes it the "Gateway to the Land of Greenness."

We are unique in having a civic-owned Elizabethan stage and an actor and authority like Angus Bowmer to direct and act in it. We are just beginning to scratch at the possibilities of such a world-wide attention-getter.

City Attorney Harry A. Skerry told this writer that he has long advocated the merging of the Chamber of Commerce directorship with the publicity directorship of the festival. This would be an excellent step in the right direction. The principal reason is that the festival is our number-one drawing card. And—to top it off it takes place in August, the same month as the city's birthday.

We've also got a live-wire rodeo organization headed by the Ashland Riding association. And if we really get in a pinch there's always the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Let's take stock of our merchandise. We've got something to sell. What do we do next? Have people sit on our seats or the county seat?

We've read so often lately about the fighting soldiers in Korea wondering why and for what they were fighting. This writer received a letter this week from a draftee who is now being knocked around in his basic training in Kentucky. His attitude was interesting, it follows in part:

"The army is a state of mind. To a draftee it is absolutely nothing more than that. My interests remain what they always were. I am deprived of the time to pursue them. Yet, I am not unhappy here and have no great fault with the army. It is a period of suspension—as it were.

"I've three more weeks in basic training. Then what shall happen to me is a great mystery. "We get up very early and go to bed late. I haven't been so busy in my life. The past two weeks I've been a squad leader—a sometimes provoking job which demands the aid and obedience of 11 other men, plus 15 more when we are in the barracks. Most likely at least some physical good will come of such exertion."

What will be the attitude of this man and many more like him in the midst of battle? He will influence the many men that he associates with because he can't be fooled. (For references he was a crack reporter on the late crusading Phoenix, Ariz., Times.)

Many men like him must be given a reason for what they do. Basically, we are not a militaristic nation—the army is not a part of our lives—as it has been to so many other nations in the past and present.

With the impending possibility of a universal military training program in the offing, it would seem that somebody should get squared around and produce a real live propaganda program to satisfy unsatisfied minds.

The title of a Christian war has recently been mentioned. . . . this is the best start that this writer has heard yet—and the worst for the Communists.

BRAVOS: To Frank O'Neil and his new physical progress test which grades the individual child on self-improvement rather than comparison with other children.

BOOS: the weather. —HAN

Letter From Washington . . .

By Hon. Harris Ellsworth
Congressman, 4th District

It always takes three or four weeks for a new Congress to get organized and ready for business. Indications are now that this new 82nd Congress will get committee assignments made and legislative work started just a little speedier than usual. As a matter of fact, the house armed services committee is already in action. It has reported a bill authorizing a naval expansion program at a cost of \$2,000,000,000 (billions, that is). This program calls for the conversion of 291 ships to strictly modern standards and the construction of 173 new navy ships. The biggest item in the naval expansion program is \$253 millions for a super air-craft carrier which will take probably three years to build. Congress previously authorized the construction of such a giant carrier which was started in 1949. Several millions were spent on it, and thrown away, when construction was cancelled by the then Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson. Now the ship will be smaller, but will cost about sixty millions more.

Incidentally, the armed services committee of the house is headed by Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia, who is beginning his 20th term of continuous membership in the House of Representatives. Twenty terms is forty years.

New political definition of the word "unity": "If we make a mistake, or are about to make one, don't say anything about it."

Nobody here knows or can really make an intelligent guess as to what the future holds in store for us. Many of us are depressed because our course in international affairs is still being laid out by the same people who insisted upon making the blunders that have brought us to the brink of disaster. But we cannot go back and undo things which have been done. We simply face the grim reality that we must arm and get ready for what may happen.

The national production authority (NPA), present counterpart of the war production board of World War II, is getting organized rapidly. In fact, it is already in action.

Production of needed military requirements is being speeded by plant expansion loans as provided for under Section 302 of the Defense Production Act, which was passed last fall. Procedure for obtaining such loans is entirely different than in WPB days. Small manufacturers, who can produce something needed for the Department of Defense, should acquaint themselves with the details. The set-up looks to me like a field day for the "five percenters"—people who offer to take care of such things for a fee of five per cent or more.

Legislative News Notes

Salem, Jan. 17—The first week of the 1951 legislative session got off to a better start than any in the memory of many old timers.

Perhaps the best saving device adopted by President of the Senate Paul L. Patterson and Speaker of the House John F. Steelhammer is division of state departmental bills between the senate and the house.

By following this plan, which is an innovation in the Oregon legislature, committees of both houses can be working on bills instead of waiting for one house to pass on all the bills of any one department.

Joint action by committees of both houses is planned, as far as is possible. Senator Dean Walker, chairman of the senate taxation committee, favors holding several meetings with the house tax committee, of which Rep. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., of Portland, is chairman, in order that the members of the two committees can discuss plans for the tax program of the session.

A total of 37 bills were introduced to carry out the recommendations of the T. C. Holy report on education. Dr. Holy, an Ohio State university education expert, who with the aid of a legislative advisory committee, the state board of education and educational experts from Oregon, Washington and California, carried on an extensive study of the educational structure



The Great White Desert Ghosts

By R. M. DeMILLE

(Continued from last week)
It is the stroke of seven; the rush to and fro, the cracking of the bull whips, the loud commands to oxen, and what seemed to be the inextricable confusion of the last ten minutes has ceased. Fortunately every one has been found and every teamster is at his post.

The clear notes of a trumpet have been sounded in the front; the pilot and his guards mount their horses; the leading divi-

sion of the wagons move out of the encampment and take up the line of march; the rest fall into their places with the precision of clock-work, until the spot so lately full of life sinks back into that solitude that seems to reign over the broad plain and rushing rivers. The caravan draws its lazy length towards the distant El Dorado.

Each man, woman and child fix their eyes far ahead watching the beautiful sunsets far beyond, they lavishly traveled on within their strength and what their thoughts could be, no tongue could tell. Some of their clothes are worn beyond repair; boots and shoes mark the trail. Hardships Prevail

The last resort was given to the barefeet—the last of all to finish their journey. This was a jar of grief to some of the people in the outfit. It was no turn back, even with sickness and torture. Some didn't move

camp for days on account of sickness, wagons breaking down, oxen with yoke sores, a dozen and one things that can tie up a desert train. And besides, they always had to be on the alert for trouble with the Indian tribes, which infested the country.

After the wagon train troubles were all over to a certain extent and things patched up again, the settlers would make a new start for western country. After a few days journey things began to toughen up again—rivers to cross; hills to climb; ravines to bypass, adding miles of travel; getting mired down. Advance guards were always ahead picking out a desirable trail for the wagons and the best crossings of streams and rivers. And they were always on the look-out for renegade outlaws of some Indian tribe.

These renegades were very troublesome. They would invade a small camp, maybe a wagon or two, but never a large outfit. The chief of a tribe sometimes had no control over his warriors and they would break away to plunder and murder as they saw fit. These young Indian devils plundered, killed, and burned the settlers' homes; killed the settlers' cattle and stole their horses.

The lower and upper Rogue River valley here in Oregon can give a very good picture and a history of what happened in the 1840's and 1850's.

Chest Directors Elect Rev. Harms

The Rev. Paul W. Harms, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Ashland, was elected second vice-president of the Jackson county Community chest at a board of director's meeting last week.

The Ashland minister was recently awarded a service plaque for his work as chairman of the Ashland division of the current chest drive.

The county drive has now reached 78 per cent of its goal. Ashland has achieved 60 per cent of its quota with contributions totalling \$8,353. The smaller county towns have contributed 13 per cent of their goal, and the granges 27 per cent.

Other officers for the 1951 chest are Joe E. Lester, president; Ward Hamlin, first vice-president, and Richard C. Isaacs, treasurer. All these men are from Medford.

The last human sacrifices in the Hawaiian islands occurred in 1807.

of Oregon.

His recommendations call for wholesale reorganization of the school system, including enlarging school districts, making members of the state board of education elective and the state superintendent of public instruction appointive instead of elective.

Lawmakers in the 1951 session are, without doubt, faced with more complex problems than have been before any previous Oregon legislature, but the leaders feel that by adoption of all time saving plans possible, the 1951 legislature will be able to solve the many problems, and still avoid a session any longer than the record 97-day session in 1949.

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