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# 80TH BIRTHDAY ASHLAND WOMAN IS CELEBRATED

ASHLAND, Jan. 18.—A delightful anniversary observance occurred on Monday afternoon and evening, Jan. 16 at the home of Mrs. Christina Mathes, 115 North Main street, when a gathering of near acquaintances assembled under auspicious circumstances to join in celebrating her eightieth birthday anniversary. The ideal home surroundings reflected an atmosphere of hospitality both liberal and figurative, and from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon the following company of intimate friends were made doubly welcome, the mutual interchange of greetings being most heartily expressed on the part of both the hostess and her guests those present including Mesdames Atkinson, Wick, Russell, Dunn, J. W. Mills, Kentner, Giddings, Walrad, Van Sant, and Day, also Mrs. Alice Baldwin, of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Mathes' ancestors were not only from auld Scotland, but she herself is a native daughter of the land of the heather and the "bonnie brier bush." The family is a pioneer one of southern Oregon, having for years lived in the vicinity of Phoenix, the Mathes name being synonymous for the term implying industry, frugality and good works. In time, retirement to Ashland was in order, where in a fine home and surrounded by relatives and a wide circle of friends, Mrs. Mathes is enjoying the typical fruitage of a life devoted to service incorporating the crowning virtues of religious, educational, and industrial development. Following the afternoon reception to invited guests, a family reunion of the home circle was held later, an elaborate spread having been served at the banquet board during the twilight hour. A neighbor of the family, whose habitat is supposed to be not far removed from the Presbyterian manse, penned the following happy sentiment so appropriate to the auspicious birthday anniversary event:

The rounded tale of years fourscore  
Life measures out to me,  
And love and hope still fill my days—  
The best is yet to be.

And so to crown the happy time,  
Let birthday guests come in;  
I bid you, friend, to greet and meet  
With neighbor, kith and kin.

Rev. W. L. Evans, Baptist pastor, has resigned and will leave Ashland. Special benefit assessments are being levied against property owners on Meade street who will be benefited by contemplated sewer improvements. Five residence lots are involved, one being assessed \$25.56, and four \$71.11 each. The initial one mentioned is owned by a non-resident now living in Los Angeles.

Income tax schedules, with all the information which the same imply, will be available at city hall, Ashland, Feb. 11-16 inclusive, George Hewett, federal deputy collector, to be present in an advisory capacity. These taxes must be forthcoming early in March under government requirements. The county is in the market after wood, 50 cords being wanted at the poor farm, and 100 cords at the court house, Jacksonville.

Relatives and numerous friends were surprised on Monday to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. W. H. Leeds, at Los Angeles the day previous. Formerly Miss Nettie Wagner, the deceased was the wife of the late W. H. Leeds, familiarly known hereabouts as a former publisher of the Tiddings, who died in this city about a year since. Mrs. Leeds was the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Wagner, of Ashland, and a sister of Marsh and Fred Wagner and Mrs. A. E. Kinney, of this city, and Mrs. T. W. Miles of Medford. Three sons survive the parents. The remains will be brought to Ashland for interment, and funeral services will be held in the Methodist church, probably Thursday afternoon, the exact time not being definitely fixed.

Next week Rev. P. K. Hammond goes to Portland as representative of Trinity church to the annual Episcopal diocesan convention in the metropolis. Mrs. Lulu Howard succeeds the late Mrs. Ella White as secretary of the local W. C. T. U. organization. Banquet schedules included a chamber of commerce luncheon at Hotel Ashland, on Tuesday, with Ben Seovell noted lecturer, as orator of the hour. The big annual affair, however, of the commercial organization is reserved for Tuesday evening, Jan. 24.

The Grants Pass basketball team visits here on Saturday evening this week, where it will meet the Epworth League squad at Junior High gymnasium. "Glad to get back to Ashland" is the refrain from prodigals returning home from vacations in other climes. But still the exodus continues. No sooner do Mr. and Mrs. F. E. French arrive from Los Angeles, than Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dodge leave for Long Beach. The French family motored home all the way from the south, encountering California's ideal roads good, bad and indifferent.

A householder on Laurel street recently had some home-canned corn ferment, feeding it to chickens, extra fino pullets of the crop of 1921. Result, fifteen dead fowls, a postmortem having determined that ptomaine poisons are not to be considered standard food for chickens. The local post, American Legion, and its auxiliary, are to give a party at the armory, Friday evening this week.

Jan. 20. There will be a substantial supper, supplemented by an entertaining program, literary and musical, title roles to be assumed by ex-service men and auxiliary co-workers exclusively. All soldier boys and their families invited. An "area" conference has summoned several Methodist workers to Eugene this week, including Pastor Edwards, also Homer Billings and John Rigg, prominent among city activities. Will Miller, of Portland, past grand master of Masons of Oregon and prominently identified with Masonic Home building matters, was an Ashland visitor on Tuesday, investigating affairs of the Home as locally applied.

# CHICAGO POLICEMEN TO HAVE WIRELESS PHONES

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Chicago policemen soon will be provided with wireless telephones, according to William G. Keith, superintendent of the city department of electricity who said today that every patrolman will be provided with an outfit by the end of the year. As now adjusted the device for patrolmen merely can receive messages, but it is planned to perfect the instruments so that later messages can be sent.

# The Screen

Chaplin Closes Tonight Crowded houses have been the rule at the Page theatre since the showing of "The Idle Class" started a run there Sunday and which closes tonight. For "The Idle Class" is Charles Chaplin's latest two reel comedy attraction, and it has demonstrated that this talented comedian has about as many followers in this city as there are citizens, as the box office cashier and the ushers can testify.

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