

DATER OUTLINES ROAD WORK BY FOREST SERVICE

Philip H. Dater, district engineer of the U. S. Forest Service, was the principal speaker at this noon's Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon at the Hotel Medford. Mr. Dater quoted a large number of statistics dealing with the financing of public roads by Federal appropriation and by state tax.

In illustrating the advantage of a state gasoline and license tax Mr. Dater said that in driving on good roads a motorist saves at least one set of tires per year. The cost of a set of three exceeds the amount of money which he pays in gasoline and license tax. There fore a motorist saves money by paying the tax and driving on good roads instead of eliminating the tax and with it the good roads.

He spoke of the difficulty encountered in the financing of road building and repairing. Instances of this difficulty were cited when he spoke of counties in this state which have a limit of less than \$100 per mile for road construction and improvement. He stated that Oregon has approximately 49,000 miles of road and to pave all of it would cost one and one-half times more than the assessed valuation of the entire state.

What amount of work will be done in this state this year and where it will be done has not been definitely decided as it has not yet been determined whether the state or the forest service will be placed in control. However, states Mr. Dater, the forest service and the state highway commission agree on more than 80 per cent of the work outlined.

He outlined briefly some of the projects which have been planned for next year and before doing so reminded the audience that the statements were not to be construed as promises because of the yet uncertain question of administration. However, he said that he was reasonably sure that a

large amount of improvement work would be done this summer on the Trail to Prospect section of the Crater Lake highway, on the road from Crater Lake to Diamond Lake and on the upper Rogue river road leading to Diamond Lake.

In closing his speech Mr. Dater urged the people of this community to come to a fuller appreciation of the value of good roads and the outdoors in this vicinity. He compared the 13,000,000 acres of national forests in our state to the cramped forest districts of the east covered with private estates reserved for hunting and fishing by the owners exclusively.

Jerry Walther, who presided at the meeting, thanked Mr. Dater for the address and assured him that the forest service, which has already done a great deal in this vicinity would find the heartiest co-operation here.

In the absence of song leader Mil-lard, Secretary Frohbach led the assembly in several songs. No new members were added to the honor roll of the "Two Toes."

Little Miss Barbara Mayhew Gives a New Dance Elk's Minstrels

As an added feature to the 5th annual Elks Minstrels to be held in the Page theatre, Monday and Tuesday nights, March 13th and 14th, Miss Barbara Mayhew will appear in a specialty dance. Miss Mayhew will be remembered as the little "Himbo" in last year's show. Something new and startling in feminine costuming is promised by this talented young lady who dances to one of the newest and jazziest song hits "Folks Turn Round to Bare at Her, She's a Mean Glob."

At the Willamette valley Elks' convention, held in Eugene a few weeks ago, Miss Mayhew was a decided sensation.

OPPOSITION TO NEW BONUS BILL IS DEVELOPING

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—After weeks of work and worry, the house ways and means committee majority has evolved a soldiers bonus bill on which it apparently intends to stand pat.

Despite some criticism of the measure in and out of congress, Chairman Fordney and his co-workers believe it will encounter only temporary and feeble opposition in the house.

In the senate the measure will be open to amendment and unlimited debate and it is regarded as more than probable that it will be subjected to change in some important particulars.

Since President Harding advised the house committee to pay the bonus with a sales tax or postpone the legislation, it is possible the sales tax proponents in the house will renew their fight for that kind of a levy. Framers of the measure appeared to be fairly confident that it would not meet with the executive disapproval.

The opponents of the measure in the house predicted the bill would be unsatisfactory to both the house and senate. They contended that it would not enable the men to get as much in three years as they would have received under the original cash plan and that the proposed advances by the banks, if made, would inflate credits to the extent of half a billion or more dollars over the period of the bank loans, thus increasing living costs.

Proponents of the bank loan plan argued that through this provision the men could obtain immediately a far larger sum than they would have received under the cash installment payment plan, originally proposed, and this without the imposition of any additional taxes on the country. They contended also that when the treasury would have to begin paying out money it could reasonably be assumed that there would be funds to meet the payments through reduced government receipts in the funded foreign loans.

The time of the calling up of the bill in the house will not be definitely fixed until Chairman Fordney returns to Washington from a trip to the middle-west on which he started yesterday.

GREER IMBROGLIO ASHLAND, BOOSTS C. OF COMMERCE

ASHLAND, Mar. 8.—The chamber of commerce primary election is over with, the selections for director being as follows, on a sliding scale from a choice as between highest and lowest: Fred Homes, 121; E. V. Carter, 100; V. O. N. Smith, 99; J. W. McCoy, 98; W. H. McNair, 68; Amos Nininger, 67; A. L. Lamb, 61; L. F. Ferguson, 60; J. H. Dill, 59; Louis Dodge, 58; O. O. Holman, 54; Homer Billings, 11. These 12 are the nominees to be voted for later on, the six receiving the highest vote to be directors for the coming year, in addition to the six hold-overs, an even dozen constituting the official board.

From present appearances, with one exception, bankers led the ticket in primary developments. The regular election will be held on Tuesday, March 14. Quite a little interest has been manifested over results, and due to this interest the chamber of commerce roster has been reinforced to the number of 79 new members, in addition to some who have been reinstated, a gratifying incident in connection with considerable civic excitement through which the community has of late been passing. In other words, it pays to boost things up, both sides of a controversy being given credit for emphasizing the negative as well as affirmative phases of leading municipal problems.

A belated winter, or rather early spring, trip to southern California is being taken by Frank Nelson, of the Loomis & Nelson firm, Fourth street grocers, who accompanied by Mrs. Nelson left for that section recently in the family car.

The Plaza confectionery, under the new management of Minard & Taylor, is manufacturing a large share of its own confections, the display along leading varieties being an imposing and very sweet one.

Floyd Dickey, Southern Pacific employe, has purchased the Clapp residence property on East Main street.

Ladies should beware of the atid auto truck. Even if at a standstill, like the passenger cars, sometimes have their motors left running. In a neighboring town, two girls were crossing a street when a truck backed just as they passed the exhaust pipe, with the result that their dresses were covered with smudge, Gladys being arrayed in white, and Millicent wearing a dainty pink creation. The accident was witnessed by a traffic cop, and with this corroborative evidence, the girls have brought suit against the owner of the truck for damages caused by the soot.

Among relics in the Pioneer cabin, deposited subsequent to the reunion last summer is a white blanket made in 1834 by Mrs. Rollins, grandmother of G. S. Butler; also an illustrated supplement to "West Shore," an ancient Portland periodical, depicting initial construction work and motive power on the old Oregon & California Railroad, these pictures being presented by Mrs. Ann Russell, early pioneer of this vicinity. Another relic in the cabin's safety deposit vault is a reminder of the 1861 period, being a fire shovel made by William Merriman, one time resident of the locality where the ancient Nash hotel in Medford now stands, an epoch in history beyond which the memory of natives of the present generation runneth not to the contrary. Gradually the Pioneer structure will be well represented in the way of these mementoes of former days.

Ashland Masonic lodge will meet on Thursday evening, March 9, a prospective visit officially from Grand Master Baillie, of Portland, having been announced.

Three out of town clergymen officiated in Ashland churches last Sunday, this mention referring to Rev. Chas. King of Medford, at the Nazarene place of worship; Rev. H. H. Kernahan, a "singing evangelist" from Portland, at the Baptist church both morning and evening; and Rev. M. C. Webb of Glendale, at the Presbyterian kick.

Departing from customary routine, the Civic Improvement club gathering on Tuesday of this week was in the nature of a most cordial greeting to its president, Miss Grace Chamberlain, lately returned from California.

Under auspices of the Farm Bureau and county agent, activities of which will be pooled in behalf of the occasion a meeting of farmers will be held at the Ralph Billings place, near city limits, on Friday, March 10, at 1:30 p. m.

Soldiers and widows of such are notified that the county assessor will meet them at the armory, Saturday, March 11, in the afternoon, extending the privilege of testifying as a preliminary to exemption from taxation as by law provided.

Real live oranges which escaped the frost in southern climes and still clinging to natural foliage, have been distributed among friends hereabouts by Mrs. Bertha Denton, who accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Clara Borah, has lately returned from California, having driven the family car homewards after an extended tour.

Not a censure reminder is implied by the ringing of the Presbyterian church bell daily at 10 a. m., but it is a call for the faithful to engage in revival services now progressing in several places of worship respectively, aside from the presbyterial headquarters. A majority of church edifices in this burg are minus bells in the old church tower, hence this thoughtful act of the

ASHLAND METHODISTS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Methodists 6 5 432
Presbyterians 6 3 500
Christians 6 3 500
Baptists 5 1 166

The Methodists won out in the junior Y. M. C. A. league which was concluded Saturday. This was a 12-game schedule, running through a period of six weeks without interruption, two games being played each Saturday afternoon at the high school gymnasium. The series has been hard fought. Despite the fact that the Baptists are cellar place-holders, they have contested every match with the utmost gameness and sportsmanship. Both the Presbyterians and the Disciples have made a strong bid for first place.

The series have been a real success. Good clean play and wholesome recreation have been afforded a group of boys, who would otherwise have had little opportunity to engage in basketball at all in any organized and regular way. A league properly conducted and with common basic principles of eligibility is always much to be preferred over "bush" games with "effee lanes" teams. The Y. M. C. A. has, of course, long been known for its facility in organizing and handling community athletics in this way. While the schools, athletic clubs, etc., give opportunity to the athlete, the Y. M. C. A. gives special effort to the work of offering the same chance to the "bench warmer" and the fellows in the bleachers. No doubt one of the greatest weaknesses of American athletics is that it is largely for the few who need it the least, while it should be lending its beneficent influence to the masses instead, or at least in addition.

Appreciative mention should be made of the Ashland high school authorities, who so kindly opened the gym for the use of the league and to Mr. Eric Waren and Prof. I. C. Wilson, who have assisted in the organization and conduct of the series.

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