

### ASHLAND CHURCH HOLDS BANQUET, PROGRAM GIVEN

ASHLAND, Dec. 7.—The Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian church will meet at the church parlors on Monday night to enjoy their quarterly banquet. At this meeting the nite boxes will be emptied of their contents for their missionary cause. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion.

John M. Call, postmaster at Klamath Falls, made a short visit to his sister, Miss Lydia McCall, as he passed through Ashland on Friday on his way home from Portland to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. W. O. Smith of Klamath Falls and her daughter, Miss Margaret Harp of Klamath Falls, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Smith's mother and sister, Mrs. Applegate, and Mrs. Emil Pell on Granite street.

Coach Walker, Hughes, Virgil Gillette, Henry Thomas, Roland Coal, Yelma Clapp and Lois Hanson returned Sunday afternoon from Eugene where they were in attendance at the high school conference held at the State University. The group are most enthusiastic over the results of the conference and the fine treatment that they received on the University campus.

The Eastern Star officers met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Van Sant on Friday night and completely surprised Mrs. F. E. Whittle, the outgoing worthy matron, in whose honor they had gathered. Mrs. Whittle has been a popular presiding officer and the esteem in which she was held by fellow officers of the order was evidenced by the gift of a handsome silver tray. The evening passed most happily and came to a close with the serving of dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Pipton who has been making a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Duncan on Targaline street, has gone to Salem to spend the winter with another daughter, Mrs. Snelling, at the Hotel Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. George Icenhauer left Ashland on Friday for a ten days' visit in San Francisco.

Mrs. John Turner has gone for a two weeks' stay at various California points.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoos of Hornbrook were Ashland visitors Friday.

The membership of the Congregational church was busy Sunday afternoon making the annual; every member will canvass for funds for the year 1926. Committees had lunch at the church building after the regular morning services and organized for the afternoon's work which included a call upon each of the members.

Mrs. Mary Matthews of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Andrews of Logan, Kansas, were week end visitors in Ashland at the Aaron Andrews home on Fairview street.

Mrs. Donald M. Spencer of Iowa

street returned to Ashland on Thursday from a visit to Corvallis and Lebanon where she was called by the death of her father, Mr. James Archibald.

Rev. J. C. Mergler, of the Presbyterian church, was elected president of the Ashland Ministerial association at the regular meeting on Friday afternoon. Other officers elected at the same time were Rev. J. R. Rodman, pastor of the Nazarene church, for vice president and Rev. W. Judson Oldfield, pastor of the Congregational church, for secretary and treasurer. The Ministerial association went on record as favoring the world court.

Mrs. Will Dodge arrived Sunday afternoon from Portland.

Mrs. E. A. Woods went to Corvallis Friday to visit her son, Chester Woods, who is a student in the Agricultural college, and planned to go on Saturday to Eugene to visit her two sons, Harvey and Marcus, who are students at the State University.

The Ashland Study club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred E. Engle on the Siskiyou boulevard. Mrs. Gordon McCracken and Mrs. P. J. Malgren appeared on the program.

### GLORIA SWANSON AT CRATERIAN TONIGHT

Like a million and one other girls of the same age, Jenny Hazen, waitress in a little middle west town on the Ohio, dreams of the days when her name will blaze forth in bright lights in theater lobbies the country over. To that end she is taking a correspondence course in acting, the course, however, being more to make an impression on one Orme Wilson, who also works in the restaurant, than anything else.

So we find Gloria Swanson at the Hunt's Craterian theater today and tomorrow in her newest Paramount starring picture, "Stage Struck," an Allan Dawn production.

The picture opens with a gorgeous natural color sequence as Gloria dreams herself in the banquet hall of a king's palace. Everyone's eyes open mouthed as she is escorted in by the king himself. The scene fades and in the very next shot Gloria is brought to wit ha bang by the shrill cries of the proprietor's wife as we find her, tray in hand, in a trance in a one-arm lunch room. It is apparent that a girl is considered something of a dumbbell.

In the window cooling flapjacks is Orme Wilson. It is apparent that his chief interest in life is actresses, while Jennie's chief interest is Orme. An actress from one of the many floating theaters that play the Ohio river towns, arrives on the scene and Jenny is in dire danger of losing her boy friend, so she takes a long chance at winning him by applying to the manager of the theater for a job, calling all about her correspondence school learning, of course. The manager senses some fun, signs her up then and there and what doesn't happen to the poor girl on the floating theater isn't worth mentioning.

### SECY. AGRICULTURE GIVES PLANS FOR FARM BETTERMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(A.P.)—An overhauling of agricultural freight rates, revision of farm taxes, government encouragement to cooperative farm organizations, and proper utilization of the public domain for agricultural purposes were the outstanding recommendations made today by Secretary Jardine of the Agriculture department in his annual report.

The secretary said that while there has been a general improvement during the past year, farm conditions are not yet satisfactory. Declaring for a general overhauling of all freight rates, he proposed that revision should take into account the market value of farm products as reflected over a reasonable period of years, and "likewise the influence of freight rates on the economic development of different regions and of the country as a whole."

"In relation to pre-war conditions," said the report, "the prices of farm products are not yet on a par with freight rates. The level of farm commodity prices in September was 144 per cent of the pre-war average. Moreover the prices of agricultural products fluctuate greatly from year to year whereas freight rates are stable and are not frequently changed."

It was added that farm freight rates should be based on a continuing set of general conditions, not on those of any given year. "Unless freight rates can be made more flexible, being raised when prices are high and lowered when they decline, within reasonable limits,"

Pointing to the greatly increased taxes per acre the farmer is required to pay now over the amount several years ago, the secretary expressed a view that it would be impossible to restore the tax rates of 10 years ago, but declared that unless a more equitable distribution of the tax burden can be brought about, "the agricultural industry may expect recurring periods when taxes will consume an undue proportion of farm income."

"Farm taxes," the report said, "are chiefly general property taxes levied by the states and the local units on the basis of capital value, and they bear little or no direct relation to current farm earnings."

"One of the most important factors which contribute to the excessive taxation of agriculture is the tendency of many states to improve the public schools and public roads largely at the expense of the local districts."

Natural development of cooperative organizations as a specific need in agriculture, the report asserted, makes it seem obvious that government supervision and control are not desirable. Excessive regulation, it is said, will smother the movement.

"What the department is already doing," the report stated, "indicates the nature of the service it can give to cooperation. It is studying marketing problems, examining the causes of success and failure in cooperation, advising farmers, aiding them to extending their markets, giving market services, and in general is helping producers correlate their production plans."

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#### A Word About the Community Hospital

The Community Hospital is not a new institution. In 1922, when people of Medford felt a desire for an institution of this kind, the Community Hospital was established and the patronage during the past three years has more than fulfilled all expectations.

The Community Hospital has not been, and is not intended to be made a General Hospital. It is a hospital of private rooms only, and does not accept any cases of contagious diseases, venereal cases, insane or mental cases, or cases of addiction to liquor or drugs. Adequate facilities in an institution of this nature are needed in every community the size of Medford.

In the three years during which the Community Hospital has been open to the public, it has won an enviable place in this community, because of its high standard of service with consistently reasonable charges. Personal touch to the service has been the aim at the Community Hospital.



#### A NEW ADDITION

### To the Community Hospital Necessitates an Expenditure of \$20,000

Because of the fact that the present facilities of the Community Hospital are inadequate to meet the demand for hospital services, the directors have deemed it advisable to build an addition, which, when completed, will bring the bed capacity up to about thirty beds. Sufficient space will be allowed between the two buildings for air and light, and the buildings will be connected by an enclosed runway on both the first and second floors. The new building will face on East Main Street, and the architectural plans of the exterior will conform with the present building.

#### One-Fourth Already Subscribed

The sale of \$20,000.00 worth of preferred stock in Medford and vicinity places the Community Hospital on a real community basis. About one-fourth of this amount has already been covered by subscriptions and gifts from several interested people. The preferred stock will have a par value of \$100.00 per share, with a preferred dividend of five per cent to take preference as to dividends and assets. Subscriptions are being taken with the understanding that they become valid when one-half of the preferred stock has been subscribed. The present plant, which is entirely free of incumbrance, will be taken over by the new company, Community Hospital, Incorporated.

#### Present Quarters Overcrowded

For over a year during the busy seasons the present building has been wholly inadequate. It has been necessary to crowd the patients together unduly (two patients in one room). Also been necessary to house part of the nursing staff at some distance from the building. Even then it was not possible to accept all patients who applied for care.

For Full Particulars See Any Members of the Soliciting Committee