

# GRIZZLIES GRAB STATE CROWN

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### Welcome Home, Champions



Ashland's Fighting Grizzlies—Oregon's No. 1 Team. Back Row - Riggs, Guskenbusch, Bartelt, Roberson, Landing. Front Row - Garrett, Samuelson, Reedy, Kannasto. Not in Picture - Waybrant, Jandreaan.

### Ashland Boys Swamp Lava Bears In Final Clash of State Tourney

By Tommy Newton

A vastly under-rated bunch of boys from Ashland HI, figured to finish 6th or 7th in the 25th annual Oregon State High School Basketball Meet by the pre-tourney dopsters, roared over an outclassed Bend team, 55-35, to capture the first state crown to come to Ashland in 22 years.

The scarlet-shirted Grizzlies were really champions Saturday night, coming from behind in the second quarter and setting a pace that the Lava Bears were unable to keep. It was Jay Samuelson who led the fighting Ashland team with eight field buckets heaved in at the right time. Every time the Easterners started closing the gap, Samuelson would loop in a one-hander from the side to keep the Grizzlies' lead safe. Then in the second quarter, Samuelson and Winnie Roberson got red-hot, scoring 16 points in five minutes. From here on the boys from Bend were never in the ball game.

The second half was all Ashland, with Bend's biggest threat, towering Howie Smead, being completely smothered by Jim Bartelt. Ashland's ball-hawking center, Bartelt, who scored 8 points, turned in one of the neatest performances of the entire tournament. The Grizzlies really poured it on in the last two stanzas and proceeded to break the scoring record set by Klamath Falls last year. Though the Bears were a rugged bunch, with 6 ft. 3 in. Smead and a pair of 6 ft. 1 in. forwards, they were no match in the roughing department for Barney Riggs and Del Landing, who along with keeping Bend's big boys in line, collected 10 and 6 points respectively.

#### LIONS NEARLY TIP AHS

Though it was all Ashland in the championship tussle, the job of getting to finals was not so easy. The Grizzlies opened their tournament play on Thursday afternoon against a tough St. Helens outfit.

The underdog Lions fought hard and for a while it looked as though the Ashland boys would be eliminated before they got started, but they managed to keep in the ball game and the regular playing time ended 28-28. In the overtime Del Landing sank a lay-in to give the game to the future champs.

#### PORTLAND TEAM FAVORED

The next night the Lithians met (Continued on page 4)

### AHS Opens Yearly Red Cross Drive

When every student in Ashland HI is seen wearing the lapel button which designates him as a contributor to the Red Cross, AHS will have done its part in filling the quota of \$8,000 set for the city of Ashland in this campaign, the greatest in the history of the organization.

The drive was officially opened at the student body meeting on March 17, when the AHS pledged \$50.00 to the cause, and will continue until March 24.

Acting-President Bob Huffman named Barbara Heim general chairman and appointed Marilyn Young and Lucie Morrison to assist her. This committee has set up an attractive tally sheet on which the donations will be recorded according to homeroom quotas.

### Juniors Decide Upon Exclusive 1944 Prom

After much discussion and controversy, it has been decided that the annual junior-senior prom will be exclusively for upperclassmen of Ashland HI. This event, scheduled for April 21, is the outstanding affair of the year, and the juniors are working hard to make it the best in the history of AHS.

### Seniors Make Final Preparations For Gay Nineties Revue March 31

"Bertha the Beautiful Typewriter Girl" or "His Heart and Hand at Her Feet" is gradually shaping up as a show, in spite of the lost practices which had to be canceled due to the basketball conferences. The success of the team, however, has been a stimulus to the cast, who are determined to put on as good a show in their way as has the team on the basketball courts.

#### WILLIAMS NEW TO CAST

First casualty of the cast was Winfield Roberson, who was forced by the press of outside activities and his position on the first string to withdraw from the company. Don Williams has been assigned to the part of Bridget in his place.

#### INVOLVED PLOT, HAPPY END

The story tells of the lush and lovely Bertha (Betty Sue Reed), who is forced by circumstance to work as a typewriter girl for (Dirty) Daniel Desmond (Jack Newton); said circumstances being the death of her father (Bud Gettling) and the stealing of her fortune by aforementioned Dirty Dan. There to stand by her and to fall in love with her is young David Desmond (Jack Waybrant), whose nobility and goodness shine like a beacon throughout the play. He, however, is pursued by the possessive Clarice Claybourne (Bess Warren), and only escapes her clutches by chance. Skeets (Puss O'Harris) and Sally (Jeanna Stillman) bounce through the play as light comedy characters, although at the end Skeets proves to have lived a double life. Bridget (Don Williams), an FBI man in disguise, hounds Dirty Dan relentlessly, and brings him to jus-

tice, while Glenwood Garfield (Bob Huffman), aide-de-camp to Dirty Dan, repents in time to be forgiven instead of punished. Quiet little Mother Bancroft (Gummy Lee Cooper) suffers throughout the play, but has her own surprise and happiness in the final scenes. In fact, all ends happily for everyone except Bertha's pappy and the villain of the piece.

#### CHILDREN'S SHOW WED.

Children's performance of the play will take place at 3:00 p. m., when grade school and junior high school students will be admitted at a most of 15 cents each. This special performance will also contain the same old acts which will be featured during the evening adult performance. High school students are asked to attend the evening show on Friday evening.

### Air Corps Examiners Interview Enrollees

Captain Allshouse and Sgt. Frouty representing the Aviation Cadet Examining Board of Portland interviewed the high school boys now enrolled in the army air corps reserve about the formation of a "Silver Wings Club." These clubs are being organized throughout the state. Each school in the county belongs to a Wing, such as the Jackson Wing. Each high school constitutes a Flight with its local officers.

There are two purposes of this organization, the paramount desire and need for increasing the number of aviation cadet enrollments and the passing on to these cadets of information and advice that will benefit them during their coming training period.

### U. of O. Symposium Presents Program

Two vivacious blondes and a pretty brunette representing the U. of O. spoke to the AHS assembly, Monday, March 20, on the subject, "Juvenile Delinquency." Fay Pettis, freshman from Eugene, Alice Harter, junior of Eugene, and Louise Fletcher, freshman from Portland, introduced by Mr. R. B. Clark of the speech and dramatic department of the university, presented three phases of this very timely topic, how Oregon handles her cases, and how other communities are meeting local situations.

"Less than 2% of American school children become delinquents," stated Miss Pettis, "but of this group 75% become adult criminals." She continued by stating that it is a misconception to think of delinquents coming from below average groups of young people. They do tend to come from poorer homes as is shown by the numbers in the detention house in Woodburn, not because the poor are delinquent but because poverty lends itself to delinquency. War and poverty aggravate but do not cause this situation."

Oregon's lack of facilities in court procedures, in providing adequately trained personnel, and in planning for segregation of new and old offenders was criticized by Miss Harter. Other states have gone far ahead of Oregon in establishing rehabilitation programs rather than detention or punishment programs for young people.

From Ashland this symposium team is going to Grants Pass and then to Medford. Nearly all sections of Oregon have been included in their itinerary. They have spoken before high school groups in Seaside, Salem, Portland, Bend, Klamath Falls, and in the Coos Bay area.

### Our Coach—

"Render unto Caesar, therefore, the things that are Caesar's . . ." To Coach Jumbo Simpson goes much of the credit for the winning ways of the 1944 Grizzlies.

Out of a school with a Student Body of only 263 students, Simpson has molded a team that has taken just about every honor possible. Press releases from Portland papers had the Grizzlies marked down for defeat. When the final blow had been struck and the smoke had cleared, Al and his boys were State Champions. Schools like Washington HI of Portland with 1440 students fell to the Grizzlies as neatly as did Klamath with their 1200. Though the Oregonian and its able sportswriters didn't seem to think much of this feat, the fact remains that two of the largest schools in Oregon have felt the cuff of the Grizzly and both the squad and the Coach are to be highly praised for doing so well. State Champions are such because of the boys themselves, but without the guidance of coaches like Al Simpson, teams would never reach the heights of success that the 1944 Grizzlies have.

