



## The Editor Speaking

The man who thinks too well of himself seldom advances. His mind is so filled with himself he has no room for additional knowledge.

Time conquers all things—especially the fellow in a hurry.

Luck is something that always sees you first when you're looking for it.

The truth will always out, but it's strange how the truth shuns the courtroom filled with criminal lawyers.

That it never pays to point in public was the lesson learned this week by a Phoenix resident, who was fined \$10 and costs for pointing a pistol.

Printers loathe the Chinese wars because of the difficult spelling they involve, but pity the poor radio announcer who has to try to pronounce 'em.

Another venture into the stratosphere is planned this spring. However, if the Townsend old age pension is turned down, the air will be pretty crowded.

January may be the worst month for resolution-breaking, but then we always have garden-planting time, too.

Listening to a home-grown, threadbare economist tell how to save the country, somehow, is reminding of a bald-headed barber selling hair tonic.

Nothing seems quite so homey as the muffled ticking of an alarm clock.

It's great to watch a magician pull a rabbit from a hat; nice idea. But level-headed people always remember the rabbit had first to be placed in the hat.

One thing can be said for the Hauptmann trial, anyway. They're certainly making a darned good show out of the murder of a tiny baby.

A busybody, alas, seldom is on the list of unemployed.

## DAM BACKERS TO MEET THURSDAY APPLGATE HALL

An important meeting of the Applegate Valley Improvement district has been called for Thursday evening, February 7, to be held at the Applegate hall starting at 8 o'clock.

According to Edwin Taylor, prominent Applegate rancher, the meeting will discuss incorporation of the group and possible appropriation by the federal government of funds for the construction of a dam on the Barr ranch which would conserve winter runoff of the Applegate river and supply the district with ample water during dry summer months. The movement had been contemplated for some time by residents of that valley, but it was not until recently that sentiment crystallized into formation of the improvement district. Taylor has asked all ranchers to be present at the meeting January 7 for a complete discussion of the project and possible further action tending toward realization of the dam, which has been proposed as a 100-foot high structure at a point in the river said to be an ideal location.

## Senator Dunn Back At Legislative Duties

Senator George Dunn, Jackson county member of the upper house of the 1935 Oregon legislature from Ashland, was able to return to his desk at Salem early this week, after being confined to his hotel room for several days as the result of an auto accident during the first week of the present session.

Senator Dunn, a political tradition here, received head injuries at first reported as slight, later proving to be of a more serious nature.

## ASHLAND C OF C FAVORS 15-MAN COUNTY BOARD

To facilitate cooperation with the county's several districts, the board of directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce Monday night went on record as favoring formation of a 15-man development committee to further the interests of the county as a whole. "In union there is strength" was the underlying principle involved in the proposed combine with other chambers of commerce and communities.

Under the plan, Medford would and other sections of the county have six members, Ashland four, five. There has been a move afoot for some time to combine efforts of the Medford and Ashland chambers for their mutual benefit, and it is to this end the approval was given.

The board also favored the provision of a two-day tourist angler license which would give those passing through a \$1 license for a short period without the necessity of purchasing a \$3 annual permit. Legislation toward this end is being encouraged at Salem through Dr. James A. Best, according to Gordon MacCracken, secretary of the Ashland chamber.

A new building to house the commerce office was talked, to be financed by the city with SERA labor. The building would be located on the plaza. Director J. E. Thornton stated that a delegation of Valleyview residents are seeking a new connecting link with the Pacific highway, eliminating the dangerous junction at the Southern Pacific underpass just north of Ashland.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS POUR INTO MINER OFFICE; IDEA TAKES WITH TOWNSPEOPLE, STAFF

Subscriptions to the Southern Oregon Miner have poured into the newspaper's new Ashland office in an unending stream since publication of the first issue here last week.

Miner staff said yesterday, however, that all comers would be cared for, and should money pour in too fast, a money-funnel will be purchased. Art Cooper, special circulation worker and advertising man, will continue to spend much of his time soliciting subscriptions in and near Ashland, and it is with real appreciation the Miner acknowledges its wide reception into homes of this section.

More than 2700 copies of the Miner were printed and distributed to readers last week, who are urged to have their names placed on subscription lists of the paper soon as possible so as not to miss a single issue.

## BUSINESS MEN'S MEET TO BE HELD DURING COMING WEEK

A special meeting of the Ashland Business Men's association will be called for some time next week, at which time several subjects of importance to the organization will be discussed. The meeting will be in the form of a dinner, and such subjects as development of Pompadour springs with private capital, the increasing of the output of the Ashland granite quarry and other civic matters will be chief topics.

Meeting for tonight was postponed till then, due to conflicting engagements elsewhere. The Miner will carry a complete story concerning the meeting in its next issue.

## TUNNEL PLAN IDEA TALKED

Proposal for construction of a combined rail and highway tunnel through the Siskiyou mountains at an estimated cost of between three and a half to ten million dollars, depending on the length desired, was the chief item in a long list of projects laid before C. C. Hockley, state engineer for the PWA in Oregon, at a hearing held in Medford Wednesday.

According to C. C. Hockley, state engineer for the Oregon PWA, the meeting called at the city hall was primarily an explanatory one, for the purpose of hearing the needs of Jackson county. The projects submitted today were not applications, he explained, but actual applications must be in the state PWA office before February 11.

At the meeting Wednesday many important needs in this county were submitted for Hockley's examination, chief of which was the plan to construct a tunnel through the Siskiyou mountains, to accommodate both rail and auto travel, at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 per mile. The plan states that the benefits would be the approximate saving of three hours by train and one hour by auto between Portland and San Francisco; elimination of 28 complete circles in a distance of 10 miles; lessening of danger from auto accidents incurred on the winding road, especially during the winter months; lowering of highway maintenance costs; reduction of cost for railroads, resulting in a great saving to this community in the shipping of products; possible increase in tourist travel; encouragement of faster train service, and possible use of new high-speed stream-lined trains on this route; increase of value of Pacific highway as a military highway and defense measure.

The estimated cost of the tunnel depends upon the length, which in turn would depend upon the el-

## COUNTIES SEEK O-C MONEY AID SAFEGUARDING

### Commissioner Billings At Salem to Meet With O-C Land Group

Ashland's member of the Jackson county court, Commissioner Ralph Billings, left for Salem early this week, where he met with other members of the executive committee of Oregon and California Land Grant counties to consider special legislation. Billings is secretary of the group.

The meeting, called for Wednesday, seeks legislation in the form of a memorial to the national congress to provide that, in case any transfer of O-C land is made, counties will be protected in an amount equal to that being paid on the land to the counties by the federal government. Eighteen counties of Oregon west of the Cascade mountains are included in the group.

Early in the settlement and building up of Oregon, railroads were given every odd section of land within 20 miles of their track as a special inducement to build up the country and in 1915 much of this land reverted to the federal government. Railroads had been paying taxes on this land to the various counties, and the transfer of title cut off payment of taxes on considerable acreage until the O-C land grant refunds were authorized a comparatively few years ago.

Billings and other members of the special representation will seek to safeguard payment of these moneys, in the event the land is transferred. Commissioner Billings expected to return to his home here late this week.

Another project which would directly benefit Ashland is a \$40,000 gymnasium for the Southern Oregon Normal school, the application for which has been filed with the PWA for some time. It was included in the list of needs introduced at the meeting.

Guy Applewhite, relief chairman of Ashland, is working out the local projects in detail, getting them ready for submission.

When Mussolini met Cantor it was a case of seeing I to eye.—Weston Leader.

## He's Head Man!



By BILLY HULEN

Folks, get acquainted with Mr. Wardlow Howell of Ashland, who does a fair bit of country centering for Howard Hobson's swash-buckling Southern Oregon Normal school basketball outfit.

Mr. Howell is strictly a local product, athletically speaking, assimilating the rudiments of the court game under two coaches, Russel Cripe and Jack Bliss, in his four years at Alma Mater, Ashland high. Mr. Howell is rated by all, the greatest chunk of basketball flesh to ever be graduated from that institution.

In describing the maple court antics of Mr. Howell, it can best be said that he resembles nothing so much as a mountain having a landslide. Mr. Howell stands six feet six inches high and weighs 217 pounds. He wears a number twelve shoe. And, he's plenty tough.

Mr. Howell, if you take university of Oregon's Billy Rhinehart's word for it, is the best center on this entire Pacific Coast. And, Billy Rhinehart should know because it was Mr. Howell who blazed the way for his team, in their three out of four wins over Mighty Oregon.

Mr. Howell is what the baseball playing boys call a "money player." He is at his best in the old pinch. Or crises. For instance; in the second Willamette game down here the count was knotted up tight at the end of the game. An overtime period was necessary. So Mr. Howell went out and caged a field bucket and a free throw for the only points scored. Second instance; with the score tied in the second Union Oil affair in Portland and about forty seconds to go, Dick Jockisch let one go from the center. He missed. But, Mr. Howell was there under the basket to take the rebound off his number twelves and lay it in. For the ball game.

Mr. Howell has accounted for a few points in all the fifteen games the SONS have played. To be exact, 192. Which is an average of 12.8 per battle. Which is not bad. Against opponents like Oregon, Willamette, Multnomah club, Union Oil, Irish Cash Stores and New York Harlemites.

Mr. Howell is 22 years of age. This is his third year under Howard Hobson. He is unstoppable on the basketball floor and likes to be called, "All American." Which may not be so far wrong at that if the SONS attend the National A.A.U. tournament at Denver in March. Which they most likely will do.

## EAGLES WILL HOLD SECOND SMOKER FEBRUARY FIFTH

Tuesday night, February 5, the Eagles will hold the second of their series of smokers. This event is to inaugurate eliminations which will lead to finals.

The winner of each bout is to have a succeeding bout with his challenger and among the foremost fighters in the coming card will appear Buddy Jacks, who challenges Harold Wright, the Chilquin warrior, Frank Redke versus Red Handsaker, both local boys, and Chuck Abel, Ashland's favorite, against Bill Hawkins. Several other bouts have been arranged for and fight fans predict one of the best cards in this section for some time.

## FOOEY ON MINE CAVE-IN HOOEY SAY J'VILLIANS

That some people are inclined to make a grand canyon out of a mole hill was the opinion expressed by several Jacksonville residents and city officials who gazed with amusement at stories and photos plastered over newspapers of the Pacific coast last week-end.

The "misunderstand" all started when a few vacant lots with mine holes in their bowels sagged downward and caved in due to excessive moisture which has softened overburden. At one place a sidewalk had settled about six inches, but the mine shaft under the street had been backfilled and city officials removed danger signs after an investigation underground. Small areas at the Oscar Knox place, the R. M. Johnson home and the Severance filling station had caved, but were refilled within a couple of days.

It was pointed out by G. W. Godward, Jacksonville gold buyer, that approximately \$75,000 in placer gold had been taken out of yards and lots there during the past 12 months and that \$250 at the outside would repair all damage that has been done.

One development of the sensational news treatment given the cave-ins was the arrival of one family from southern California, who drove to Jacksonville to view a town which had "caved in." Although they were disappointed in finding the town still quite normal and unperurbed, they found their trip to be worthwhile after visiting the Museum of Southern Oregon, and other old landmarks of the famous town.

Frequently, when pushing tunnel into the earth, miners suddenly come upon old workings which release a flood of water and mud into their shafts, but so far no accidents have resulted, save recently to Oscar Knutzen, who suffered back injuries when attempting to change timbers without first setting up his replacements. Miners there sell gold to Buyer Godward at the rate of about \$1500 a week, while several quartz operations have been under steady production for some time.

## Oiling 10 Miles Road Awaits Good Weather

The Jackson county court, in accordance with its 1935 road program, expects to oil surface ten miles of county roads as soon as weather conditions permit and expects communities desirous of securing quicker action, by paying half of the oiling, to bring the total road oiling for the year to the 20-mile mark, according to an announcement issued from the county seat this week. The budget provides funds for the road oiling and it is the plan to oil ten miles each year until all main roads on the floor of the valley are treated. Some oiling may also be done on market roads, if funds are available, it was said.

County Judge Day said Tuesday the oiling was "practical and cheap, and was necessary to save the original investment of roads," some of which are now sadly corrugated by four years of travel. The county judge said no new roads would be started, but "efforts and funds would be devoted to saving and bettering those already constructed." County Engineer Paul Rynning said "practically no grading would be done this year."

## Alpha Tauri Will Present 'Hay Fever'

The Alpha Tauri, dramatic organization of the Southern Oregon Normal school, presents under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. Angus L. Bowmer Noel Coward's "Hay Fever." The cast includes many people who have entertained audiences here in Ashland before. They are: Sunshine Walters as Judith Bliss, Jack Frost as Simon Bliss, Helen Edmondson as Sorel Bliss, Bob Stedman as Sandy Tyrell, Dorothy Jackson as Myra Arundel, Wanada Aldrich as Richard Greatham. The scenery has been designed by Mrs. Bowmer and is being built by the play production group of the Sons, under the direction of Mr. Bowmer and Bob Stedman.

Judging by previous experiences, Ashland may well look forward to a very successful production.

## S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne

