



The Editor Speaking

The machine scarcely knows its own strength. Automobile windshield have become birds' greatest ally in destroying insects.

If the Townsend plan can spout wealth half as freely as its disciples can gush, then prosperity will come in an abundance never before imagined.

Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy
and wise
To the fact he's missing a lot of fun.

We like our new name of Southern Oregon Miner, but fear it will appear as too much bother for check-writers.

He who criticizes quickly learns slowly.

We suppose it remains for the Miner to point out that it is the chap who knows all the ropes who gets hemp to a city's ways.

There's been much talk of need for a rich uncle lately, and it's beginning to look like his name is Sam.

People are so slow to learn. Already we are laughing about the folly of a war to end war, but it probably won't be long till we lend another war debt to end war debts.

After all, paraphrasing sometimes seems a hopeless business. The world is so full of folly it is folly to point it out.

Politicians marvel that a constant rise of the national deficit elicits little more than breakfast conversation from the citizen who accepts as commonplace the once miraculous introduction of autos, planes, radios and suffrage.

When oratory is whetted to a keen edge, too often justice is stabbed in the back with it.

Kansas has applied for a navy, but no doubt the state will be able to store it in an ordinary two-car mirage.

It would be news, too, if scandal would get off the front page and back into the closet.

It is to a man's credit to be half right, unless he's trying to be witty.

INCOME TAX EXPERT TO BE AT COURTHOUSE MARCH 4

According to an announcement by County Assessor J. B. Coleman, D. Scarborough, auditor of the state tax commission, will be at his office Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5, to assist income taxpayers in making out their state income tax returns for 1934.

WHAT-NOT INCORPORATES

Articles of incorporation were filed with the Oregon corporation commission early this week by O. F. Carson, V. O. N. Smith and Mary S. Graham as "The What-Not 10 Cents Store," Ashland. Capital stock was set at \$5000.

SEEN In A Daze

By OUR KEYHOLE EXPERT

FRED SCHUERMAN padding his pockets at the Miner office, along with several hundred others.

NATE BATES playfully throwing snowballs at the girls, using a California automobile fender as his source of supply.

POKE NININGER all agrin as the Ashland five pulled into the lead against Klamath Friday night.

A MEDFORD MERCHANT remarking to a customer, "Come on in, OUR roof's safe."

Sleuth GORDON MAC CRACKEN, chamber of commerce secretary, looking for republicans to attend the Lincoln day banquet.

PAUL MERRIAM and a broom going places.

COUNCILMAN BOB INGLE and GROCER CHET WOLTERS bullfisting.

MARGE HENSLEY and ERNIE ROSTEL waiting for pips that never come in.

OREGON'S MILK PRODUCERS SEE BRIGHTER DAYS

New Trucks, Equipment Show Confidence in Dairy Future

That dairymen of Jackson and Josephine county are in higher spirits, economically speaking, than for many years past was the observation made by John Billings, field representative for the Oregon Milk Control board for the two counties.

"Because of the stabilization of prices and grades, the Oregon milk producer today is far better off than producers in neighboring states, and the dairyman finds himself facing a much brighter future," said Billings this week. "This brightening of outlook for the milk producer—and the butterfat producer too—is being shown in new trucks and other equipment, and in a decidedly optimistic attitude towards conditions in general," continued Billings, who is just completing a checkup of all milk dealers' licenses in Jackson and Josephine counties.

"As a direct result of the milk control laws passed in 1933 which stabilized prices and established dependable grades of products, Oregon milk producers are second to none when it comes to having their business established on a firm, sound foundation," explained Billings, son of the county commissioner from this city. "For example, the United States department of agriculture recently reported that Portland, Oregon, ranks second in cities of the nation in quality and price of their product. Price-slashing competition has been entirely eliminated by the Milk Control board's measures, and the producer has been a direct beneficiary of the restrictions.

"Although retail milk prices may be somewhat lower in some California districts because of price wars, the producer has been paying for all the fun, low prices invariably chiseling down the original producer's revenue to below cost.

"Although, of course, all the kinks haven't been ironed out of the Oregon method of safeguarding the public and the producer, still this state is well in the lead of milk producing regions, and as a result butterfat producers can reflect this healthy condition, too," concluded Billings.

In addition to control of milk prices, the Oregon Milk Control board is helping the producer to improve the quality of his product and the efficiency of his herds. At present a state-wide drive to eliminate Bang's disease—often known as abortion—is underway. Under

Million Bucks from Liquid Wallop To State Unemployed

Oy, vot (hic) percentages! A profit of 1860 percent—a dream in any merchant's life—was made by the Oregon liquor control commission during its first year of operation, according to a recent announcement from Salem.

The commission started with an appropriation by the legislature of \$4,000,000, but used only \$107,000 to get the stores and agencies open and bottles on the shelves. A profit of \$1,152,947 on the original investment was made.

Unemployment in Oregon benefited directly from the profit to the extent of \$1,100,000, all because of bulbous noses and raspy throats.

SERVICE CLUB TO BE ACTIVAN

The Ashland Service club will join forces soon with the International Active clubs, according to plans set at a special luncheon meeting of local officers at the Plaza cafe last Saturday which was attended by Glen Fabrick, William McAllister and Kenneth Denman, Medford Activans.

The proposed installation is to be held at the Lithia hotel in the form of a banquet, followed by a formal dance with several international officers of the Active clubs to be present. Those serving as officers of the local group are Frank J. VanDyke, president; Rolla Reedy, first vice president; Bill Eberhart, second vice president, and Gordon MacCracken, secretary-treasurer.

The Lithia hotel installation banquet and dance will be held Saturday evening, the dinner to be a stag affair, starting at 6:30, followed by dancing in the hotel ballroom.

Lower Applegate Cattle Association Now Reorganized

Clarence Buck was named president of the Lower Applegate Cattle association at a meeting of stock owners held here Sunday for the purpose of reorganizing the group. Claus Kleinhammer was named secretary-treasurer, and the following board of directors appointed: Harold Crump, Charles Dunford and Louis Straube.

Probable transactions in connection with grazing lands was the reason for reorganizing the association which had been void for several years.

The direction of County Agent R. G. Fowler, Dr. G. A. Gitzen will test hundreds of animals, and those found infected will be separated from milk producing herds and used for meat.

YAH, COPYCATS HOOT JEALOUS J'VILLITES NOW

Medford Building Collapse Steals Thunder from Old Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE—With their smoke-houses papered with glowing and exaggerated accounts of how Jacksonville was settling down after all these years due to a network of underground mine tunnels, local residents were reading with amused interest accounts of how Medford went them one better last Saturday night when the Scott-Davis building collapsed.

"Medford would have to go us one better," cynically remarked one prominent resident. "We extracted \$75,000 from under our buildings and homes here during the past year with about \$250 damage suffered when rains softened earth, but when Medfordites attempted to extract a few yards of worthless dirt from under one of their buildings, down came walls, roof, flooring and all, with a probable damage set at \$25,000."

It is little wonder, then, that Jacksonville suffers from an inferiority complex when every publicity gesture the famous little town makes is promptly topped by Medford's urban comeback. Although Jacksonville's brick buildings were built in years when the Medford townsites was nothing more than a jackrabbit course, still the pioneer masons had such a poor nose for news they erected walls that refuse to topple, even when goaded by cave-ins.

Unfortunately, too, pointed out a city official here last night, the Scott-Davis building was east of the railroad tracks in Medford. Had the structure stood a few feet west of the Pear City's dividing line, the cave-in would have been described as happening "on the Jacksonville highway."

"However," boasted one loyal citizen of Jacksonville, "we thought of it first."

ARTHUR GRUBB RITES HELD IN KLAMATH FALLS THURS.

Funeral services for Arthur Grubb of Klamath Falls, brother of Mrs. Grace Spannaus of this city, were held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at Klamath, with burial in the local Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. Grubb was a son of William B. Grubb, who died here a number of years ago, and is a cousin of Millard W. Grubb, Larkin Grubb and Mrs. Beecher Danford of Ashland.

"A busybody, alas, seldom is on the list of unemployed," observes the Ashland Miner. And is glad to work overtime.—Weston Leader.

Miner Gives Away 50,000 Sheets Paper To 489 Studes Here

That it is far easier to start giving something away to youngsters than it is to stop was an experience of the Southern Oregon Miner last week-end when a news story announced free scratch pads would be given away. Nearly 500 of the pads were handed over counter of the paper Saturday and Monday, and a continual stream of willing school students has been filing into the office since seeking their share.

However, after padding up everything in the office but the staff's old love letters, end of the supply was reached late Monday and only disappointment was handed the late comers. However, soon as more "scrap" stock accumulates at the Miner office, another block of scratch pads will be made up and offered "free for nothing."

The 500 pads given away in the two days averaged about an inch in thickness, or about 100 sheets, and totaled 50,000 individual pieces which, if laid end to end on Main street, would make any white wing leap under the next northbound local.

115 DINE, TALK LINCOLN MEET

Jackson county's republicans, 115 strong, dined and talked at the Lithia hotel in Ashland Tuesday, February 12, honoring the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The republicans also observed the 21st annual meeting of the Jackson county Lincoln club.

Earl T. Newby was elected president of the organization during the early part of the session, taking the place left vacant by the retiring president, Ralph Cowgill, who called the meeting to order. Other officers chosen were Frank VanDyke, first vice president; William McAllister, second vice president, and Harry G. Moore, secretary and treasurer.

A masterful address by J. W. McInturf, city attorney of Marshfield, faithfully followed the life of the Great Emancipator from his birth in a small Kentucky log cabin until his death, and covered present conditions. A highlight in his speech was reached when he declared, "Perhaps no president was more severely and continuously criticized than Lincoln. Even some northerners criticized him for freeing the slaves."

Resolutions were passed during the meeting in memory of William Gladstone Steel and William T. Grieve, whose deaths occurred during the past years. With Bert Anderson, deceased several years ago, Mr. Steel organized the Lincoln club in Medford in 1914 and since that time it has held regular meetings.

Joseph Bowdoin, student at the Southern Oregon Normal school, presented Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Other program numbers included invocation by Rev. D. E. Nourse of Ashland, report of nominating committee by George Carter, violin numbers by Miss Lucy Landen of the Normal school, accompanied by Alice Holmbach of Medford, and a report of the resolutions committee by William McAllister. Music was furnished by Ward Croft's orchestra. Poems on the life of Lincoln were presented by Miss Grace Chamberlain, former president of the club, and one of its ardent workers.

Programs for the evening, having a picture of Lincoln on the cover, were furnished through the courtesy of the First National bank of Ashland in memory of E. V. Carter, late president of the bank and a charter member of the club.

MASON CHOSEN NEW TALENT COUNCIL MEMBER TUESDAY

TALENT—At a regular council meeting here Tuesday night V. Mason was appointed to fill vacancy left by the resignation of Joe Spitzer. Glen Withrow was appointed chairman of the council; Harry Lowe and Glen Withrow members of the finance committee; Harry Hamilton and Vic Mason members of the street and lights committee; Clarence Homes and Claud Jones members of the water and sanitation committee.

Mayor Hart presided over the session, which also included appointment of a planning commission to survey needed improvements and other civic matters of local interest.

NEW PARTNERS BUY E.R. ISAACS STORE MONDAY

C. W. Fortmiller, John Daugherty in New Store Combine

Charles W. Fortmiller, until a few days ago local manager for the J. C. Penney store, and John Daugherty, his associate, this week completed negotiations for the purchase of the E. R. Isaacs' department store in Ashland. The new partners took possession of Isaacs' Tuesday, and are preparing for an extensive opening sale Saturday.

Name of the store, operated for a number of years by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Isaacs, will be changed to "Fortmiller's," according to the new owners. Fortmiller will take charge as manager in the new partnership, which has stirred wide local interest.

C. W. Fortmiller had been manager of the Ashland J. C. Penney store since its inception here in 1927, and had been connected with the Penney organization for the past 15 years. His partner, John Daugherty, was a business associate and the two well-known men have become a popular team here.

Temporary management of the J. C. Penney store, located in the Elks building on East Main, was temporarily placed in charge of H. G. Dingess of Chico, where he was assistant manager of the company's store there.

The change in Ashland's retail business setup early this week is but one of several recent developments, and reflects a growing confidence in the commercial future of this city, according to observers.

Mr. Isaacs said yesterday he would "retire and take it easy" for the next six months. Both he and Mrs. Isaacs spent a number of years in the employ of J. C. Mann, Medford department store operator, before coming to Ashland about seven years ago, purchasing from J. H. McGee.

\$45,000 GRANT ALLOTTED SONS FOR GYM HERE

Forty-five thousand dollars—\$9000 more than was asked for—was allotted the Southern Oregon Normal school yesterday by the PWA for the construction of a gymnasium, according to a telegram received from United States Senator Frederick Steiwer.

The wire read, "Delighted to advise PWA today approved allotment \$45,000 for gymnasium for Southern Oregon Normal regards." Signed, Frederick Steiwer.

Another dispatch from Senator McNary stated that the work would provide employment for 30 men for 90 days. Actual work will not begin for some time but, according to Dr. Redford, Southern Oregon Normal president, the gym will be ready for use by the beginning of the 1935-36 school year.

Through the cooperation of Burt Brown Barker, vice president of the University of Oregon, and the state board, an application for only \$36,000 was forwarded to Washington, D. C., and the sum allotted came as a great surprise to Redford, as he said that there had been no attempt to raise the ante asked for in the original application.

According to present plans, the gym when completed will provide a seating capacity of 2000 and will be 110 feet long. It will house two handball courts, a nurse's office, first aid room, a large class room, separate dressing rooms for men and women, and offices for men and women gym instructors. The plans call for the building to be constructed on the west side of the present school structure and are drawn to provide for additional wings and a swimming pool in the future.

Mayor Thornton S. Wiley, Gordon MacCracken, chamber of commerce secretary, and Howard Hobson, normal coach, were all greatly enthused over the allotment and the good that will come from the work in providing employment, adding to the attractiveness of the school and Ashland in general and in giving the normal basketball teams a place of their own in which to practice and play games.

More houses would be built, no doubt, if they could be put on wheels.—Weston Leader.

S'MATTER POP By C. M. Payne

