

The Editor Speaking

MARRIED STUDENTS at University of Oregon have organized to demonstrate that two can live as cheaply as one. Heh heh heh heh heh heh heh!

The recent festive holiday opened the eyes of one young member of a large family here, who discovered, for the first time, that a turkey isn't shaped like a snake after all.

If Art (Hic) Powell of the Central Point American is ever involved in a sit-down strike, it will be in a Morris chair position.

Revenge may be sweet, but not when the family cook is getting it.

And now approaches the season when Oregonians will spend \$2, an entire Sunday afternoon and the family temper to hike into the hills after a lop-sided, 10-cent Christmas tree. But think of the fun—and the poison oak.

Usually this department is interested in the tales told by returning wanderers to "the city" but when they start oh-ing and ah-ing about the bay bridge we prefer their operations.

Seems like the great Lindbergh is having a pretty hard time now getting English mobs to annoy him to a page one degree. He and Garbo have found it increasingly difficult to shyly maintain a firm grip on box-car type.

Court records go to show that even the lowest form of traffic nuisance, the hit-run driver, can command a certain amount of sympathy while his victim lies a-moulding in his grave. Often running down a pedestrian is pure accident, but running away without giving aid never is.

PERHAPS WERE NOT UP ON DIPLOMACY. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ON HIS ARRIVAL IN ARGENTINA TO ATTEND A PEACE CONFERENCE, WAS WELCOMED BY WARSHIPS, AND TRAVELED ON ONE HIMSELF.

Whenever we see an ad in a big city paper that claims "any terms within reason" experience has taught us to remember that they will do all the reasoning.

If King Edward is like any other human, this constant insistence that he not marry Mrs. Simpson is going to be too much temptation for him, and there he'll be, hitched.

The modern girl needs more business sense. Too few of them appreciate the value of having a few little income tax exemptions along about this time of year.

THE NEW ENGLISH CHEER: LONG LIVE THE KING, BUT NOT WITH THAT WOMAN!

Chances now are pretty good that Art Perry's gulps in the M-T will take on a little bite for a change. The Medford smudge-potter installed a new set of store teeth over the week-end and already has adopted a tooth-paste smile.

Sons Plan Christmas Program December 13

Southern Oregon Normal school's annual Christmas carol vesper services, under the direction of Miss Louise Woodruff of the music department, will be held in the school auditorium Sunday, December 14, at 4 p. m.

The combined men's and women's glee clubs will present a program of yuletide songs, accompanied by Caroline McNeil, and the public is cordially invited.

By the Way

3 MORE WEEKS TO SHOP



DON'T FORGET TO FEED THE BIRDS

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS



YULE OPENING DRAWS CROWD OF SHOPPERS

Ashland Business Houses Bright With Displays Of Holiday Wares

ALL ASHLAND entered into the Yuletide season last night as the many local business firms, in their annual Christmas opening, pulled wide the curtains from sparkling window displays featuring gifts for every member of the family.

Hundreds of Ashlanders felt their purse-pockets burn as up and down the street they walked, gazing in admiration at the brilliance of the displays presented by almost every store.

And for the very numerous kiddies out in full force, there was excitement. Santa Claus himself, riding up and down Main street—not on his reindeers, but in an automobile because reindeers are not very good on pavement—passed out noisemakers for every youngster.

And loud was the noise as Ashland's youngest generation took full advantage of their good fortune.

Ashland's Klittie band was out in full regalia rendering their Scotch music, and the city band also played on every street corner.

Three huge Christmas trees, erected by the city at the Plaza, Main and Pioneer streets and at Main and First, added a holiday touch. The trees were decorated with colored lights.

DODGE CONCERT DRAWS MANY TO MUSIC FESTIVAL

The concert by Robert Dodge, vocal soloist, and Lawrence Hubert, violinist, Wednesday evening in the auditorium on the Normal campus drew a full house of music lovers warmly receptive to so artistic performance by Ashland artists.

The program opened with a program of Italian numbers, which Mr. Dodge sang in a well-trained voice of flexibility and range, interpreting particularly well "Seben Credele" by Caldera. The selection from the ever-favorite



"Messiah," "He Shall Feed His Flock," sung with fervor, and the delicate rendering of the Liszt arrangement of Heine's classic lyric, "Du Bist Wie Eine Blume" were particularly well received, as was the Beethoven "Hymn of Peace," interpreted with the high dignity and sublimity of the theme.

Lawrence Hubert held the audience entranced with his masterly playing of the violin, exemplifying as always his exquisite touch on the instrument, with the apparent ease of a master of the medium of his art. He played "Serenade du Tsigane" by Valder, and "Scene de la Scerdes" by Hubey, and in response to the audience's enthusiastic expression of appreciation played a lively Gavotte.

Mr. Dodge's closing number was a group of lighter modern songs, and his generous responses to the expression of the audience's pleasure were of similar nature. Mrs. Rosa Dodge Gayley accompanied him and Miss Flossie Thompson accompanied Mr. Hubert, both showing themselves assistants of quick sympathy with the interpretation of the soloists.

The concert was sponsored by Pro Musica, a music loving fraternity at Southern Oregon Normal school.

PAST 60 DAYS BONE-DRY The months of October and November, for the first time in local weather record history, failed to produce a drop of rain, according to Weather Observer Louis Dodge. Only once before, in 1929, has November remained completely arid.



Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

CAR PERMITS UP 300 PER CENT

Business is good at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, in fact so good that out-of-state auto registrations for the month of November increased nearly 300 per cent over the same month in 1935 and 1934.

A total of 1038 non-resident permits were plastered on windshields of cars from other states. In November, 1935, 383 were given out and in 1934 384 were released.

The current year, 1936, appears to be the largest ever recorded, and is ascribed to the fact that now, through the cooperation of the city police force, 24-hour service is given.

Figures for the first 11 months of the year show a total of 19,427 in comparison to 13,923 for the same period last year. The extent of nation-wide travel through Ashland is shown by the fact that in one week of November, 24 different states were represented by auto tourists.

Old Sturgis Mine To Be Reopened Soon

With equipment valued at \$40,000, and plans calling for a drag line plant having a daily capacity of 2,000 cubic yards, the B-H company Wednesday started preliminary work in the development of the old Sturgis gold mining property west of Jacksonville.

Serious operations will start at the fork of Forest and Poorman's creek near Ruch soon after the first of the year if sufficient water is available. With 12 to 14 men employed in three eight-hour shifts daily, the payroll will amount to about \$2500 per month.

Forest and Poorman's creek are famous for the gold production of past years, millions of dollars having been taken from the area with crude equipment.

Directing preliminary operations is W. H. Horner, and equipment being set up is under the supervision of T. M. Gerety, engineer.

RENTER SELLS FURNITURE, DRAWS ARREST AND FINE

Virgil Burnett, 22, accused of taking articles of furniture from the house he was renting and selling them to a second hand dealer, was fined \$10 and costs in Justice of the Peace L. A. Roberts' court Friday.

In addition, he was ordered to return the articles to the house and repay the dealer \$11.

LITHIA PARK COMMENDED IN LOS GATOS LETTER

Lithia park received another fine tribute to its beauty and planning early this week in a letter to the local chamber of commerce from W. W. Clark, secretary of the Los Gatos, Calif., chamber.

In the letter Clark remarked on the beauty of the park and asked for an account of its history and method of planning.

BANTA CALLS TOWNSEND MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY

A special Townsend meeting has been called by District Manager C. W. Banta for 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, December 9, with a special request for an early attendance, as the hall will be used for another meeting following 9:30 o'clock.

Dr. Ralph Shaddock, state manager, will be the speaker, and will deliver an important message.

EASTERN STAR ELECTS

Election of officers of the Eastern Star was held last Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall. The officers elected follow: Mrs. Margaret Biegel, worthy matron; Frank Jordan, worthy patron; Mrs. Martha Elhart, associate matron; Hal McNair, associate patron; Mrs. Lead Caldwell, secretary; Miss Lydia McCall, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Newbury, conductor; and Mrs. Hazel Redford, associate conductress.

BOIVIN PUTS SPEAKERSHIP 'IN THE BAG'

SALEM—The house speakership now appears to be definitely "in the bag" and in the possession of Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls democrat. A democratic caucus called by Representative J. F. Hosch of Deschutes county ostensibly to "beat Boivin" has been declared off following a conference between Hosch and Rep. Ellis Barnes of Multnomah.

"What's the use," opined Barnes on a visit to Salem Monday. "Boivin has the votes. That seems to settle it."

Simultaneous with the announcement calling off the caucus Boivin announced that the number of recruits in his camp had increased to 40, or nine more than the requisite constitutional majority. It is understood that this number includes 19 of the 21 house republicans and 2 of the 38 democrats.

Chief concern of Boivin's opponents for the speakership seems to have been summed up in the statement by Hosch who charged the Klamath county candidate with selling out the democrats in exchange for republican votes. Close friends of Boivin declare that this charge is entirely unfounded and that Boivin if elected speaker, as now seems certain, can be expected to deal fairly with all house members in the apportionment of committee assignments.

With Franciscovich of Clatsop assured of election to the senate presidency and the house speakership fight out of the way, the stage practically is all set for prompt organization of both branches of the legislative assembly when it convenes on the morning of January 11. The lawmakers should be ready to meet in joint session to hear Governor Martin's message by noon of the opening day.

PROPERTY TAX TO GET RELIEF HERE IN 1937

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State Capital News Bureau of the Southern Oregon Miner

SALEM—Property owners will be asked to contribute only \$1,032,323.86 toward the support of state government in Oregon during 1937, it was revealed in the annual levy just released by the state tax commission. This entire amount is accounted for by special levies approved by the voters outside the six per cent constitutional limitation for support of higher education and payment of principal and interest on irrigation district interest bonds. The entire state levy within the constitutional limit will be raised through income taxes, inheritance and gift taxes and miscellaneous revenues including fees and licenses paid by corporations and insurance companies.

This is the second time in the history of Oregon that property owners have been relieved of any contribution toward the ordinary expenses of state government. In 1932 the entire property levy, both inside and outside the six per cent limit, was waived but experience proved that the tax commission's estimate of income tax revenues was too optimistic, resulting in a material increase in the general fund deficit. For the current year property owners are contributing \$884,640 toward the support of state government within the six per cent limit. Not only has this levy been waived in the 1937 levy but the customary one-half mill levy for the World War Veterans State aid commission, also has been eliminated, at the request of the commission, affording additional tax relief to property owners in the amount of approximately \$450,000.

The 1937 levy includes \$458,333 as the second instalment of the state's contribution toward the cost of the new capitol. Levies for state institutions are slightly increased over those for 1936 due to higher commodity costs and increased wages. The state relief committee is provided for to the extent of \$1,200,000 for aid to the blind, direct relief funds depending entirely on profits of the state liquor control board. The levy for old age pensions, incidentally, is based upon the present set-up limiting assistance to needy persons 70 years of age or over.

Tota appropriations for 1937 to be financed by taxes and miscellaneous revenues, are estimated in the levy at \$7,026,242.39. Revenues from income taxes alone are estimated at \$4,000,000, an increase of \$500,000 over the estimate. (Continued on Page 2)

SHE "TALKED BACK"



Here is a recent photo of Miss Florence Horsbrugh, conservative member of parliament from Dundee, Scotland, who shattered a British tradition by becoming the first woman to make the opening reply to the king's speech on the opening of parliament. Miss Horsbrugh was chosen for the role because of her striking personality and popularity.

HIT-RUN DRIVER IS SUSPENDED

Not to exceed three and one-half years in the state penitentiary was the sentence meted to Jack Lane, a transient cook, after pleading guilty to forgery charges in the circuit court late last week. Lane was arrested in Ashland.

At the same time, Albert Varner, who pleaded guilty to attempting to burglarize the Southern Pacific depot here, was sentenced to a two-year indeterminate spell in state prison.

Lester J. Messal, 28-year-old resident of the Lake Creek district, whose auto struck and killed Everett J. Thompson of Talent on the evening of September 13, was placed under a six months suspended sentence by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton Monday.

A petition asking for leniency, signed by 45 neighbors of Messal, was presented to the court and, coupled with the fact that evidence showed Thompson, blinded by the lights of another auto, jumped in front of Messal's car, led the court to hand out the suspended sentence.

Sons To Stage Play Thursday, Saturday

Southern Oregon Normal's comedy, "The Late Christopher Bean" will be staged for local drama fans the nights of December 10 and 12. Two performances will be given, one Thursday evening and the second performance the following Saturday.

Mr. Van Aver, head of the normal dramatics department, had hoped that the two performances could be scheduled earlier, some time just prior to Thanksgiving, but several members of the cast were ill and rehearsals were postponed.

The cast now is continuing rehearsals and the play will be given as scheduled. Despite a severe handicap which the cast has suffered, indications point to a good performance and everything is being put in readiness for the presentation.

Van Aver is well satisfied with his cast selection and, he stated, the players will do their very best in next week-end's production.

GABBY GERTIE



"When a possibility becomes a fact, the fact can be driven home."

LOCAL SCOUTS TO COMPETE IN RALLY TONIGHT

Troops 12, 13 To Compete At Junior High Gym For Trophy

Troops 12 and 13 of Ashland Boy Scouts will hold their fifth district rally tonight at the Junior high gym with Commander M. W. Hanel of the Ashland district in charge. The general public is invited to attend.

The two troops will compete in scout activities, with 3100 points being given for 14 events. All scouts must be present by 7:29, the starting time of the rally, in order to win the trophy given to the troop scoring the highest number of points during the evening.

The events that will count toward points are: Punctuality, attendance of troop, attendance of visitors, opening ceremony, flag display, knot tying, signaling, song contest, fire-by-friction, fire-by-flint-and-steel, undressing race, skin the snake, yell contest, and the closing ceremonies. Also, the troop with the largest percentage of visitors' attendance will be given 1000 points.

The "kickoff" address, immediately following the flag display, will be given by the Rev. D. E. Nourse, local scout chairman, and Prof. I. E. Vining will present a trophy to the winning troop at close of the events.

Willis Ausland is scoutmaster of troop 12, and H. C. Rude is head of troop 13.

Cooperating in the staging of the rally is Irving P. Beesley, scout executive of the Crater Lake area council.

CITY BUYS PLYMOUTH FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT USE

Bids opened by the city council Tuesday night for the purchase of a police car found that of the Leever Motor company low at \$432.50 for a Plymouth sedan. The bid, which mentioned refund of a federal tax, was 75 cents below that of the Claycomb Motor company. Although federal tax refunds were not mentioned in other bids, it was pointed out later that the city always has been refunded the tax on previous purchases.

The reported lack of adequate lighting at the East Main street rail crossing was referred to the Southern Pacific company, according to a report.

An advertising contract calling for \$480 expenditure during 1937 was tendered the city by the Ashland Daily Tidings and was referred to committee. The city had budgeted \$500 for this purpose, and objection was raised by councilmen to contracting most of the sum to one newspaper.

T-B MACHINE PURCHASED

One of the most modern methods for combating tuberculosis—the pneumothorax machine—was purchased by the Jackson County Public Health association this week.

The machine, which collapses the lung to force it to rest, will be operated at the health department by Dr. C. I. Drummond, county health officer, and will be loaned to other physicians of the county when needed.

SEEN in a DAZE



A new country being HURD from.

BUTCH PETERSEN and C. A. HAMLIN getting together on a little deal involving hides, tallow and pelts for a 'Frisco outfit.

HELEN GRENBEMER wrapped up for cold weather like an exposed water pipe.

LELAND KNOX beseeching the city council for an audition.

BILL GRENBEMER hurrying home with a couple of warm sandwiches.

CLYDE NELLIS dry cleaning the Shell service station with GORDON MAC CRACKEN acting as supervisor.

J. J. DEAKIN boarding an uncoupled coach while his train pulled out on another track and having to catch the thing at Siskiyou Summit.

SNUFFY GANDEE being bribed with a cracker.