

ASHLAND BRICK YARD DEVELOPS LOCAL PAYROLL

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feeder hopper. He plans installation of a larger hopper and different tram system as soon as the present rush of business subsides enough to permit. Also contemplated is a motor driven grinder and shaker screen to be located at the pit to eliminate small roots and foreign objects which constitute the chief trouble at present. A previous bout with dry clay has been won by installation of a pipeline to the diggings.

From the hopper the clay is watered and run through a mixer, similar to a meat grinder, and is forced through dies onto a belt and cutter under tremendous pressure. Different types of dies are used in the head of the mixer to determine shape of the product. Bricks come through at such a

rate that two and three men are required to "back" them away at top speed. The, being larger, are produced more slowly. Average daily output is 8,000 hollow tile or 20,000 brick.

"Green" bricks are carted to a drier for seasoning, after which they go to the kiln where they are baked—or burned. The kiln acts much the same as a huge chimney, bricks being placed on the inside and fires outside at the base. The fires are started slowly and, as the bricks dry out, are increased to white heat and pushed under the kiln, the burning process taking from seven to nine days. Out of a recent average batch of 68,000 bricks, less than 100 were discarded as culls when they came from the kiln, something of a record for efficiency.

Smith has filled orders in northern California as well as southern Oregon and, due to cost of shipping, has practically no price competition in this area, nearest plant to the south being in Stockton and, to the north, Willamina.

Besides the theater order and a small job for the Standard cleaners, Smith has sold bricks for several residences here and in Medford, also making wholesale deals with lumber yards of the vicinity. In prospect is another to furnish hollow tile for construction of a de luxe auto court south of Medford. The dealer involved decided on the material because of a saving in price over frame construction, permanence, freedom from insect invasions and imperviousness to weather. In addition, the hollow construction offers made-to-order sound proofing, and air conditioning which lowers temperature in summer and fuel costs 20 per cent in winter.

Smith now is figuring on several new products for his plant, including fire brick, face brick and popular colored pottery dinner ware, for which an abundance of proper high grade clay is available in the Dead Indian district.

"I won't be satisfied until my plant is operating perfectly and our products are absolutely flawless," Smith said this week.

"We can serve the small home owner and the contractor to their financial advantage, at present, with an entirely local product, and we will do our best to develop every resource in our field, ultimately serving the community in that manner."

LITHIA'S PICK OPPONENT NINE

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picked without exception for the shortstop post.

In the outfield several players were switched from their regular position to one which seemed more strategic in the opinion of the individual Ashland player filling out the blank. For that reason, Chuck Ostrom of Grants Pass and Orv Framsted of Crescent City, both heavy hitters and both fine fielders, were not unanimous choices for any one outfield post, although their names appeared on each ballot returned.

The listing of selections follows, with popularity rated on a percentage basis:

PITCHER	
Koll, Crescent City	800
Deo, Crescent City	200
CATCHER	
Malinverno, Crescent City	600
Drolette, Grants Pass	400
FIRST BASE	
Pierce, Glendale	600
Smith, Medford	400
SECOND BASE	
Avery, Glendale	600
Matson, Crescent City	400
THIRD BASE	
McCarthy, Grants Pass	400
Donovan, Medford	400
Miller, Crescent City	200
SHORTSTOP	
Lewis, Medford	1,000
LEFT FIELD	
Framsted, Crescent City	400
Ostrom, Grants Pass	200
Baker, Crescent City	200
Machado, Grants Pass	200
CENTER FIELD	
Ostrom, Grants Pass	600
Framsted, Crescent City	400
RIGHT FIELD	
Ostrom, Grants Pass	200
Framsted, Crescent City	200
Balcovic, Medford	200
Reynolds, Crescent City	200
Donovan, Medford	200

Hunting Out Sports

By LARRY HUNTER

THE REGULAR 1937 schedule for the Southern Oregon Baseball league is all over now but the proverbial shouting and, believe me, although Ashland did not cop any flags, there is plenty to shout about!

It would be fun just to describe the season as it has been to that fickle fellow, Joe Fan, leaving out nothing, putting in a razzberry here and a word of praise there, but it is a lot more practical and startlingly graphic to dish out a bunch of very pertinent and likely-to-be-forgotten facts.

First, and most important to the man in the street and local businessmen, the Lithians batted 1,000 per cent financially. An early summer sale of season tickets assured outfitting and temporary running expenses. A few bad days for gate receipts at the start of the sked quickly gave way to better than average sales and for the rest of the season fans backed the local nine as well as in any town in the league.

A \$50 loan received from the Chamber of Commerce in mid-season was repaid in full a week ago when the club president laid the 50 smackers cash on the chamber barrelhead. To top off the entirely pleasant situation, the 1937 Lithians will leave a variety of equipment for use of next year's team, including an expensive catcher's outfit, a pitcher's rubber, bats, balls and a set of uniforms which will need only a few replacements for service in 1938. All of these items were bought and paid for out of funds earned this year.

Second big item in the success of the club was the fact that, despite a skeptical public opinion that it was impossible to keep enough players together in Ashland to fill all positions, the Lithians boasted a roster of regulars and reserves for every game which was comparable to any team in the league and, in most cases, superior.

Undoubtedly the mid-season acquisition of the services of Hardy and McLean gave the team a battery which was second to none, but the successful season also was due in great measure to the other members of the club who worked hard and received no remuneration other than the fun of playing. In some cases part-time jobs were secured for those players so they could stay in town, some of them attending normal school this summer. Incidentally, for the edification of Bill Hulen, a guy named Leonard Hall—not Bob Hardy—managed the Lithians and was instrumental in getting jobs for several of the boys so that strength of the team would be intact for each game, besides being flunkie-in-chief and official wiper of noses all season.

Together, the boys got into a condition of ability which enabled them to come up from a tie with Medford for third place with three games won for a percentage of .375 in the first half of the slate to an undisputed hold on second place in the last session with a percentage of .714 for five wins and only two losses.

The Lithians were the only outfit to beat Crescent City, the leaders in either half. They were the only team besides Crescent City to beat the home-loving Medford Craters on the Medford turf. They were the only team to finish the season without replays, forfeits to any other team, or omission of games

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IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby summoned and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause and answer the complaint of the plaintiff herein against you, within 10 days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, or within 20 days from the date of its service upon you, if served within any other county of the state of Oregon, but if served upon you by publication, then within four weeks from the date of the first publication of summons; and if you fail to appear and answer within the time as above specified, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to wit:

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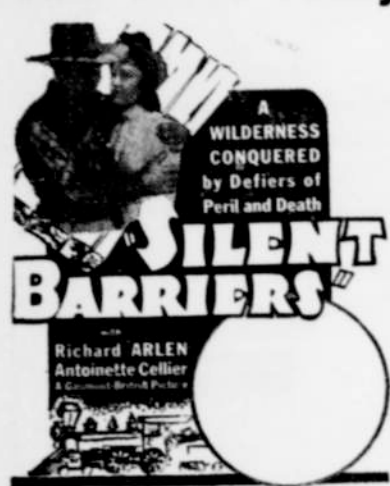
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