

NOTABLES DUE FOR HIGHWAY OPENING

The Editor Speaking

JUDGING from current "keep us out of war" talk, one might think Americans are afraid to die, until he glances over week-end automobile fatality lists.

The best way to understand geography is to go over it afoot.

A cynic is a person who has learned almost everything but his own unimportance.

The American Bankers' association in convention this week was told that "No price is too high to pay for democracy." And next day they growled about government expenditures.

Already benefits from Bonneville's potential power development are being felt by Oregonians, with private utilities upstate announcing reduction in consumer rates.

It is hoped that today's opening of the season on China pheasants is kept quiet, lest the outside world think Oregonians are taking sides in the Oriental difficulty.

Today the world seems to be made up of two kinds of countries—those busy at warring and those busy at warning.

Tuesday was anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America, but about half the people didn't discover it was Columbus day until they tried to do their banking.

Oregon's mobile scenery is giving the state a lot of trouble. Just about time we got Crater Lake back from California, along comes a New York paper moving Mount Hood into Washington.

There are two ways of passing the buck—procrastination and legislation.

ASK HUNTERS TO RETURN BANDS

Hunters who enter the fields of Oregon in search of China pheasants during the coming open season from October 15 to 31, inclusive, in most sections of the state, can help to maintain or increase the supply of birds for future years by taking the slight trouble to return any leg bands that may be found on birds they kill to the state game commission, says A. S. Einarsen, associate biologist of the Oregon research unit of the U. S. Biological survey, located at Oregon State college.

The state game commission, which cooperates with the biological survey, the American Wild Life Institute, and Oregon State college in carrying on research work in this field, liberated some 20,000 pheasants following the close of the hunting season last fall. This season they are anxious to learn just how many of them are killed, how, where and when, Einarsen says. Instructions for returning the bands are simple, and are printed on each band.

A check-up of these records shows that man is indirectly responsible for most of the deaths so far. Automobiles have probably accounted for the greatest number, others have met death through flying into telephone lines, buildings and other man-made structures. A few have frozen to death, some have starved to death, some have been killed by cats or dogs, and others by predatory birds or animals. Einarsen has a perfect skeleton of one bird killed by a horned owl, which laboriously picks every particle of meat from the bones without destroying the skeleton. The horned owl is a persistent killer of game birds.

BIRD IN HAND IS WORTH \$25 TO JUSTICE ROBERTS

Jumping the opening gun for pheasant season, which starts today, Roy L. McCoy, 31, and Don A. Nosler, 15, both of Ashland, were arrested Sunday by state police and Monday received fines of \$25 and costs each in Justice L. A. Roberts' court.

Their guns were confiscated and will be sent to the state game commission.

SONS-OREGON FROSH TO MEET AT NORTH BEND

THE SONS footballers take to the road again this week headed for the coast and North Bend, where they will meet the University of Oregon Ducklings Saturday afternoon.

Originally scheduled to be played nearer Ashland, the tilt was changed when the Coos Bay chamber of commerce offered to sponsor the game, first collegiate exhibition in that district, so that the gridsters could go through their paces before a home town crowd, many players on both teams being from the bay region. Two high school games near there have been set at non-conflicting times to give full sway for a capacity crowd at the SONS game, Coach Jean Eberhart said this week.

Probable starters for the SONS will be Schilling and Sether, ends; Johnson and LaBranch, tackles; Brace and Butler, guards; Plaep, center; Esselstrom and Simpson, halfbacks; Redke, quarterback; and Barnes or Hudson, a standout star last week, fullback. Plaep, LaBranch, Barnes, Butler, Esselstrom and Hudson, as well as Cary, Barton, Sandburg, Boyle and Nelson, all hail from the county which is named in pigeon English.

JUNIOR HIGH WILL MEET ALTAMOUNT ON ASHLAND GRID

The Ashland Junior high school Cubs, only Ashland football team not to adopt a gadabout policy this week-end, will play host at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon on the high school field to the Altamont Junior eleven from Klamath Falls.

Coach Earl Rogers' team is bent on balancing the defeat suffered at hands of Don Norlin's youngsters in Klamath Falls two weeks ago and undoubtedly the two teams will put on a melee which will rival the high school and SONS contests for wide-open, thrilling football.

Starting for the locals will be Rush and Alves, ends; Garrett and Fowler, tackles; Ormand and Hall, guards; Smith, center, and the four-star backfield combination of Bob Adams, Bob Weaver, Ardis Warren and Warren McNeely. Ayers, Randles, Provost, Williams, Icenhower, D. Adams, Davis, Nourse, Burkstom, Hawks and Monroe will be on the bench.

A first team from Klamath Falls averaging 132 pounds to the man will oppose the Cubs. It includes Anderson and Nelson, ends; Edmunson and Pomroy, tackles; Stewart and Sabo, guards; Becker, center; Jones, quarter; Shurline, full, and Fenwick and Mann, halfbacks.

PARKING VIOLATION

John Walker, Trail, drew a reprimand from city police Wednesday when he turned in his second ticket for improper parking. Officers said Walker was unaware of regulations so no fine was levied.

UTOPIA!

By LARRY HUNTER

Now, I am not a guy
Who could grin at life and bear it,
While starving, way up high
In a dusty, mouldy garret!

Then, on the other hand,
I would not become too rapt
With a life "en manner grande"
In a swanky penthouse apt.!

I wouldn't want a home where the buffalo roam,
Or a damp be-ivied cottage in the valley.
I can do without the mud from a Swanee river flood,
Or the palm trees on the beach at Bali Bali!

But here's a thought that's good,
Of a place I'd like to go,
Where there's no "Bring in some wood"
When the lawn's just ceased to grow!

Siskiyou Barbecue Entree Yet On Hoof

UNLESS Herschel Claycomb, Fred Taylor and W. M. Walls get their sights adjusted and their noses to a fresh trail this week the highway dedication throng is likely to have to eat white-faced mooley venison, according to a late dispatch from the Ashland Chamber of Commerce expedition to the wilds of eastern Oregon.

Rumor has it that the message was tersely worded, signed by Taylor and said, "No luck yet, better start shopping for beef!"

Between the words in the message could be read the pitiful plight of the nimrods—tramp through the woods all day, sleep on a pile of rocks all night and eat sow-belly and beans at every meal. It's probably particularly hard on Claycomb, who prides himself on his cunning with a basting spoon and carving knife where wild game cookery is concerned.

Still confident that the foraging party will bring home some underbrush bacon, Marchal Stansbury, chamber of commerce secretary, indicated yesterday that the purchase of a steer would be delayed pending a definite retreat call from the volunteers.

JUNIOR HI JINKS SET FOR TONITE

High jinks will be in order tonight at the junior high school gymnasium where students will open doors at 6 o'clock for a four-hour fun-fest of their annual carnival.

Bright spot of an evening of varied entertainment will be occupied by a continuous showing of Mickey Mouse motion pictures in the study hall.

To take the edge off appetites, candy, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream and cider will be served all evening in the school cafeteria and, in addition, a popcorn stand will be operated in the gym, which is to be uniquely decorated.

At 9 p. m. will come the coronation of Carnival Queen Marjorie Newton and a general program of dancing, hillbilly music, singing and specialty acts.

Slight Damage From Fire At Davis Home

An overheated pipe from a stove in which drafts had been left open ignited paper at the chimney hole at 4:30 p. m. Thursday at the residence of Mrs. May Davis, 773 Siskiyou boulevard. Quick thinking on the part of Mrs. Davis' daughter, Fay, in calling the fire department resulted in extinguishing of the blaze after but slight damage.

Fire Chief Clint Baughman, in commenting on the blaze, warned householders against carelessness with overheated stoves, a common cause of disastrous fires during the winter season.

Our 'Representative' City Government!

All residents of Ashland want to see their city get ahead. They want to see a sound, conservative and fair administration of their city's affairs and they want to progress.

However, there are a number of views on how these ends can best be attained. That, in part, is why law provides for appointment of a representative citizens' advisory budget committee to meet with the city council each year. The idea is to get as representative thought as possible on the apportionment of expenditures and tax levies for the coming year.

Last week Ashland's citizens' budget committee met with the city council and mayor to discharge that obligation. During the meeting several questions arose about which there was disagreement between some council members and the ideas as outlined by the budget committee. Well, that is what the group meeting was for—to get together, compare notes, and then decide what should be done.

But the council had held an informal meeting previous to the joint budget affair to decide what the council would and would not do regardless of recommendations of the citizens' committee. THE COUNCILMEN PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO VOTE AGAINST ANY SALARY INCREASE FOR ANY CITY EMPLOYEE BEFORE THIS JOINT MEETING! The citizens' budget committee, after going over figures in the departmental requests, favored wage increases, particularly for Ashland's underpaid police department and minced no words in saying so. But the council, pledged to a pre-arranged course, had already rejected the joint committee's recommendations before they had been heard!

In other words, the citizens' budget committee might just as well have stayed at home and not bothered their heads about the whole affair, for their voice was stilled hours before being heard. The budget committee, appointed by Mayor Wiley, merely went through technicalities to legalize the council's actions.

Led by one outspoken councilman and followed by two or three Caspar Milquetoasts who have never, in their several years as members of the council, contributed one representative or concrete idea to the city's management and who have been nothing more than ayes and rubber stamps—Ashland's government has become too much like a closed corporation—self-satisfied with its habits and intolerant of outside criticism and suggestions.

Ashland is fortunate in having a good mayor and several fine councilmen, but it also has its share of seat-warmers and yes-men who serve no purpose for the city and who lack either convictions or the courage to do something about them.

Saturday night, October 30, a public budget hearing will be held in the council chambers. At that time all citizens are invited to be present and speak their minds on matters of city business. Of course there won't be a handful of townspeople in attendance, and of course the city's council will mumble along in its accustomed manner. But if Ashland is ever to take full advantage of its possibilities as a city, residents have got to take a little time off for sizing up their representatives. Most of them are a credit to the town, but some are not.

It is getting along about time for voters to start finding out for themselves which is which.

Funeral Home Alters Name To 'Litwiler'

The change in name from Stock and Litwiler Funeral home to Litwiler Funeral home recently marked completion of two and one-half years of service to Ashland by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Litwiler.

Many improvements have been made to the business since the present owners took over the establishment March 1, 1935. Prior to that time the funeral home had been operated since 1897 by H. C. Stock and heirs.

LICENSE EXAMINER HERE

Today, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., Ward McReynolds, state examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will conduct examinations at the city hall for persons wishing licenses or permits to operate automobiles.

Greensprings Curve Demolishes 8 Cars

A new coupe owned by Elray C. Jacobsen, Petaluma, Calif., went out of control and overturned several times about 3 p. m. yesterday at a point a quarter-mile this side of Greensprings mountain summit. Three young men in the badly damaged automobile were uninjured.

Thursday's accident was the eighth this week at the same spot, the result of a combination of slippery pavement and a poorly engineered curve. Although six of the vehicles were total wrecks, no passengers were seriously injured.

RELEASED FROM JAIL

Bennie Weeks, Klamath Indian, was released from the city jail Sunday after "laying out" a \$10 fine assessed in city court on drunkenness charges.

COMMISSIONERS, VISITORS WILL GATHER OCT. 20

DEDICATION of the new Siskiyou highway south of Ashland will be celebrated Wednesday, October 20, with a venison barbecue at 1 p. m. and impressive tape-breaking ceremonies at 2 p. m. at the Siskiyou station junction of the old and new roads, and by a banquet in the Lithia hotel at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Hundreds of out-of-town visitors and numerous state, county and city dignitaries will speak at the events.

Norman Kerr's fete committee, aided by the Chamber of Commerce, has enlisted the aid of numerous communities served by the new road in making the event a success. In addition, Frank Van Dyke, chairman of the program committee, has contacted several notables for the dedication speeches, including R. H. Baldock, chairman of the state highway commission; Henry F. Cabell, state highway engineer, P. P. Whitmore, resident engineer who charted the new route and supervised construction, and County Judge Earl B. Day. It also is hoped that Tom Stanley, president of the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association, may be induced to act as master of ceremonies at the dedication and as toastmaster at the banquet.

Neither Governor Martin nor Governor Merriam of California will be able to attend, due to the press of state affairs, but will send representatives.

Selection of the dedication site was made by Van Dyke, Captain Lee Bown of the state police and Whitmore this week. In the event of rain, facilities of the auditorium at Southern Oregon Normal school have been offered.

Musical selections as well as speeches will highlight the functions and tentative arrangements have been made for the appearance of the state champion American Legion drum corps from Klamath Falls. The day of celebration will come to a close with dancing in the evening at the Chateau, roadhouse just north of Ashland.

HAD WRONG PLATES

Charged with operating a car with void foreign license plates, LeRoy T. Wilson, 27, of Harrison street, drew a \$2.50 fine plus court costs in L. A. Roberts' justice court Monday afternoon.

MINER TO GIVE SCORE

Quarter-time scores on the SONS-U of O Frosh game, called for 2 p. m. Saturday in North Bend, will be posted in windows of The Miner during the encounter.



LOGAN NININGER threatening the highway department with a letter denouncing impossible banks on the Green Springs.

UNCLE SAM'S local force cringing at the sight of EMERSON EASTERLING bearing down to buy a Spanish money order.

MURRAY DAUGHERTY passing out grapes that needed a haircut.

MA TAYLER and VIC PIEFER exploring meat prices on the other side of the fence.

ANN JORDAN hayfoot-strawfooting it down the street with a shootin'-arm carried handy-like.

GENERAL GREEN directing excavation for his newest fortification.

AUBREY MILES rendering a lovely little one-man baritone discussion on the birth of the nation, vo-do vo-di-o-do!

AL JORDAN trying to sell a customer pheasant salt.

ELLEN MERRYMAN declining to loan her "bible" to CLARK THOMAS.

JACK FORSYTHE borrowing a pair of mittens to wear in the Klamath Falls game tonight.