

YULE SHOW TO ATTRACT CROWDS

Basketball Inaugural Set for Tonight

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REPUBLICANS have expressed enthusiasm for the administration's proposed encouragement of housing. The GOP's like something over their heads too—especially a White House roof.

Smoking has become such a universal habit that about the only way for embalmers to really recreate that "natural look" is to stick a cigaret in a corpse's mouth.

A British humane society is complaining that gas masks for dogs make them uncomfortable. It is a beautiful thing to know that someone always looks out for the bodily welfare of dumb animals, even though a few miles away, without interference, human beings are being gassed and slaughtered with Old World abandon.

We've finally discovered what became of that pest who sat back of us in school and who was continually having the whole class pass notes for him. He grew up to be a diplomat.

And speaking of pests naturally reminds The Miner of Clark Wood again. That Weston Leader helmsman is said to be nuttier than a bin of bolts.

Labor disputes, in the long run, increase activity. There isn't a jaw resting in the whole state.

A night club singer was seized with an unending fit of hiccoughs this week. We knew this new song, "Veni Veni," would be hard to stop.

Everything seems to have some virtue, even a manure-spreader. At least, you can't back one of them up to a microphone and turn it loose.

And the reason so many goofy laws are passed is because politicians are so busy battling the breeze legislators sit in a daft.

Absorbable metal screws have been developed to fasten broken bones together and now, perhaps, there is a chance for Earl Fehl's cracks to be mended.

"New Resident Gathers Relics" says headline in the Daily Twiddings. Well, he came to the right place.

Texas Jack Garner shot himself a buck the other day, but somebody probably passed that to him.

California's Golden Bears have decided to let Alabama and (oh boy, some pun) the Forty Thieves steal into the Rose Bowl.

ANNUAL TREE IS PROMISED

The annual Christmas tree party slated for some later date this month brought forth a plea from the American Legion and auxiliary and other organizations cooperating, recently for cash, toys for repairing by city firemen, and nuts to fill the Christmas packets. Mayor T. S. Wiley will donate his customary apples for the year's banner event for juvenile Ashland.

Each year the city lights and decorates a huge tree in the Plaza and all kids in the city are invited to gather to greet Santa Claus, sing carols and enjoy a real community Christmas party.

Guy Applewhite of the Legion, Mrs. Roy Frazier of the auxiliary or Mrs. R. L. Burdic should be contacted by donors willing to help.

BASKETBALL REFS TO EXAM

An examination will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the high school for persons contemplating work as basketball officials during the coming season, according to B. C. Forsythe, who will conduct the compulsory state athletic association test.

AHS, SONS HOOP SQUADS TO SHOW IN FREE GAMES

BOTH of the SONS basketball big guns will boom tonight at the Southern Oregon Normal school gymnasium when the varsity team will tangle with the crack CCC quintet from Camp Prescott and the Frosh five will go to grips with Coach Skeet O'Connell's Ashland high school hoopers. The Frosh game is set for 8:30 p. m. and the varsity contest an hour later to avoid interference with the plans of Christmas opening celebrants who are invited to take in the games, for which no admission charge will be made.

Besides being a combination display of court strength by Jean Eberhart's SONS basket aces and the always popular high school netmen, the two-game melee will introduce the most powerful aggregation in the 400-square mile area of the Medford CCC districts. All of the Camp Prescott players either are former college players or have shone on high school or strong independent outfits. They came to Oregon from Mumford, Ala., and have played as a unit for two years.

Lieutenant Wilson, former star at the University of Florida, is player-coach and other "brush marines" who are rated high are Robinson, six foot two-inch center; Kaylor, former player at Alabama Poly, and a forward named Kauroupoluis. The SONS mentor says the latter name alone would make him a cinch for a first-string berth on the normal squad. Starters for the SONS will be picked from the following 10 players: Scroggins, Hoxie, Leavens, Sether, Schilling and Hess, all lettermen, and Kenmitzer, Hansen, Towne and Jungwirth.

However, all of the local squad of 18 or 20 men will be used during the evening.

Most important change to be made in basketball rulings in several years will get its initial try locally tonight when the games will be played with no center jump except at the start of the first and second halves. After each score, the scored-on team will put the ball into play from the end-lines under their own basket.

First regularly scheduled game for the SONS in their newly furnished gym will come next Friday, Dec. 10, when they meet Rubenstein's Eugene, one of the strongest independent teams in the state, according to Eberhart, who knows and vouches for the powerful organization of ex-college stars.

LICENSE EXAMINER WILL BE IN ASHLAND DEC. 10

Furnished for information of Miner readers is a recent bulletin from the secretary of state's office which states that Ward McReynolds will make his regular bi-weekly visit to Ashland to conduct examinations for all persons desiring permits or licenses to operate motor vehicles.

McReynolds will be at the city hall between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., Friday, Dec. 10.

ON THE HOUSE!

By LARRY HUNTER

'Tis the night of the opening,
And all through the town
Are nose-tracks on windows
As we're hunting down
The prizes and plunder
The merchants donate.
(And there's one six feet high
As I find what I rate!)
I skip by the dress-shops
And such hoop-de-day,
For fear that my ticket
Adorns lingerie!
But I linger near restaurants,
And just dream how it feels
When a fortunate ticket
Deals a brace of free meals!

Santa Sends Call For Toy Shop Aid

EVERY WORKMAN is satisfied and pleased with his job at Santa Claus' Toy-makers' union, local No. 1, located at the Ashland fire station. In fact, labor trouble has never cast a cloud on the Christmas horizon there, but unless the smoke-eaters receive some more repairable toys soon the Yule season will be dreary instead of merry for some poor kids.

Firemen are willing to devote all their spare time for the next month at making and repairing toys. However, they must have materials. Any old wagon, tricycle or small toys will be appreciated and, particularly, the need for wheels is great.

Around town somewhere—in a dusty closet, behind the garage, on an outgrown and discarded toy—there must be hundreds of wheels in a fair state of repair. Please find them and take them to the fire hall! With plenty of wheels the repairmen can replace ones that are missing and even make new wheel toys from matched sets.

Donors are asked to not bring toys which obviously are in such a sad state of destruction that even "Shampoo the Magician" couldn't make them useful, because the station is too crowded to store such unnecessary junk.

If there is some public-spirited citizen who can lend a hand saw (14-inch size) or a cut-off saw (10 inch) for the balance of the month, he may be assured that it will receive excellent care and he will be amply repaid when he sees the fine work turned out by Santa's local helpers. Better yet, is there an Ashland philanthropist who will dig down a little to help furnish a permanent shop? (At present the work is being done with hand saws and other tools of too limited possibilities.)

Anyhow, every person in Ashland—especially the kids—can help a lot by bringing in all those old unused toys and, by doing so, can make Christmas better for children whose holiday joy otherwise will be pretty lean.

Los Angeles Resident Admits Oregon Awe

James J. Strobel, executive for a large paint company, probably will go down in history as the only citizen of Los Angeles who did not claim that city to be a training farm for the delights of heaven. He isn't the first to shout the praises of Oregon and, particularly, southern Oregon. But when Strobel spent half an hour at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce recently in unsolicited admiration of this locality as compared to the southern California terrain, he at least laid claim to local approval.

Strobel, who has traveled in every state in the union and in many places abroad while with Harry Lauder productions, stated he was certain that he had never seen so beautiful an area as this Oregon country.

FEHL REFUSES EXAM BY STATE MENTAL EXPERT

EARL H. FEHL, former Jackson county judge and defendant in insanity proceedings in circuit court, yesterday morning held up the hearing by his refusal to allow Dr. R. Lee Steiner, alienist and former state hospital head, to examine him for mental condition while he was on the witness stand. Examination was to have been made by observation. However, the court and counsel decided later to allow Dr. Steiner to testify in the case.

Fifty witnesses, 37 of them for the defense, have been subpoenaed in the case which is an outcropping of trouble originating in the famous ballot theft scandal of 1933 and recent suits brought against alleged "conspirators" by Fehl following his release from the state penitentiary a year ago.

The hearings have attracted capacity crowds to the Jackson county court house this week.

SEND LETTERS TO SANTA CARE OF MINER PAGES

TO the children of Ashland The Miner extends an invitation to write their letters to Santa Claus in care of this paper so that efforts may start right now to find the old gentleman at the North Pole and tell him of their Christmas wishes.

Besides trying its best to help jog Santa's memory, The Miner will print the letters each Friday until Christmas if the messages are sent in promptly and are not too long.

Just address your letters to Mr. Santa Claus, in care of the Southern Oregon Miner, Ashland, Ore., or bring them in yourself.

GRIFFITH TELLS OF RELIEF DROP

Although declaring that future WPA work will proceed under decreased quotas, E. J. Griffith, regional WPA administrator, told 30 Ashland business men at a dinner meeting in the Ashland hotel Tuesday evening that projects planned for a later date will be undertaken wherever possible and pledged his personal assurance that every consideration would be given to local undertakings.

Figures quoted by Griffith show that the 1937 relief rolls in Oregon have been reduced from a 1936 peak of 22,500 workers to 11,000, and appropriations cut throughout the nation from \$2,215,000 to \$1,500,000.

Griffith pointed with pride to the progress made by his department since the early experimental stages of "alphabetical" emergency measures. He listed hospitals, roads, public buildings and many other tangible and permanent results of the work and stressed the fact that such employment is not relief or dole but, rather, honest labor for which a fair rate of pay exists.

Three Projects Under Way
At the meeting were discussed new projects which put 30 men to work in Ashland Wednesday and which will call for the services of 20 more as winter continues. They include street surfacing, park improvement and excavation under the SONS gym and construction of chemistry laboratories, additional physical education and recreation rooms, and storerooms there, in addition to landscaping and seeding of the normal school campus. Chester Corey, Lithia park supervisor, drew plans for the landscaping and is in charge of the work.

Ivan E. Oakes, state deputy administrator, and F. E. Thompson, Medford area engineer, were with Griffith at the meeting and both responded to a call from Toastmaster J. H. Fuller by expressing appreciation and approval of Ashland cooperation.

Mayor T. S. Wiley, Dr. Walter Redford of the normal, Ralph Billings, county commissioner, Guy Applewhite of the city council and D. R. L. Burdic of the Chamber of Commerce each spoke briefly on the benefits received in their particular fields by the life-saving new deal measure.

SWIFTEST FLYER



Establishing an unofficial 1,000-kilometer record for women pilots, Jacqueline Cochrane flew her plane from Burbank, Calif., to San Francisco and return at an average speed of 203.89 miles an hour. The metric measure for the round trip is equivalent to 621.37 miles. Miss Cochrane made it in three hours, two minutes, fifty-one seconds.

SONS SMOKER TO BE SPORTS FEATURE DEC. 9

ACTION, thrills and spills galore will be furnished sports fans next Thursday evening, December 9, when the SONS Letterman's club will stage its first smoker of the year in the normal's gym. The event will get under way at 8 p. m.

A fine card is being arranged, with many local Ashland and normal boys taking part in wrestling, boxing and stunts.

All bouts will be conducted under amateur rules with plenty of good, clean, fast action. Approximately six boxing and five wrestling matches with special stunts and music between events will be scheduled. Always a special attraction will be a free-for-all wrestling match with the ring crowded with heavyweight football players.

Although Matchmakers Al Simpson and Ken Schilling have not yet announced pairings, it is rumored that several grudge fights will add fire to the mixup.

Committees in charge are, besides the matchmakers, LeRoy Clarke, publicity; Everett Sandberg, tickets; Harry Johnson, ring; Virgil Jackson, music.

Admission prices will be low and comfortable seats will be provided. Proceeds will go to the school athletic fund to be used in bringing basketball teams to Ashland.

HILTS MILL CLOSES WITH 2,000,000 FEET INCREASE OVER 1936

HILTS—(Special)—The sawmill of the Fruitgrowers Supply company closed operations here for the season Nov. 24, completing an output of 3,000,000 feet more lumber this year than cut in 1936. The recent decrease in lumber sales leaves a large stock of lumber on hand, much of which will be absorbed by the company's planing mill and box factory during the winter months.

The entire plant recently went on a 35-hour per week basis, in order to give employment to 20 additional men.

Winter improvements provided for by the company's budget will give employment to a number of additional men and will include installation of a new steam feed for the sawmill, a wood hopper with conveyor system at the planing mill, two new lumber handling gasoline tractors for use in the yard and one power transfer at the green chain.

The improvements will be completed during the winter shutdown.

NO LICENSE, IN COURT

Chester A. Mitchell, truck driver, arrested by state police for lack of PUC license, is scheduled to appear in justice court Saturday to answer to the charge.

PLANS have developed without a hitch for the grandest Christmas opening ever staged in Ashland starting at 7 o'clock this evening, according to C. M. Litwiler, general chairman. Nearly 100 merchants will display valuable prizes in their show windows for claiming by holders of lucky tickets.

The tickets—6000 of them—have been distributed this week throughout the city and the adjoining area. Mrs. Marchial Stansbury, chamber of commerce secretary, contacted school heads at Wagner Creek, Neil Creek, Talent, Bellview and Lincoln, and Santa Claus in person delighted students there Wednesday when he distributed tickets and told of the fun fest in store for tonight. Also contacted was the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company camp at Hayden mountain and a promise of tickets to employees was given. Today Santa will make the rounds of local schools on the same mission.

Unveiling at 7 P. M.

Windows will be unveiled at 7 p. m. for perusal of the many holiday shopping specials offered by merchants. The city band will play for a half hour, starting at the Plaza and continuing at intervals in the various parts of the business section. Noisemakers and toys will be distributed to children at 7:30 p. m. in the Plaza by Santa Claus with the compliments of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

A special feature in continuance of the opening fete will be a free morning matinee for children at the Lithia theater at 10:30 o'clock Saturday.

In addition to the prizes offered by individual firms, six fine turkeys have been purchased from funds solicited from merchants and will be on display, a number on each bird, in windows of the city recorder's office.

Ask Winners to Register
Each holder of a lucky ticket is asked to register with Mrs. Stansbury at the chamber office. Prizes may be claimed from donors at any later date.

Although some merchants had not indicated what gift would be offered in their window at a late hour yesterday the following list records most of the awards, with a few to be added today:

Ashland Laundry, \$1 credit; Harrison Parts, car mirror; Claycomb Motor company, defroster; Litwiler Funeral home, live turkey; Texaco, five-quart oil change; Amos Swap shop, decorated letter box; Madden's Tire shop, tube repair; West Side grocery, fruit cake; Nutter and Moore real estate, sack of potatoes; Mary's (Continued on page 6)

SEEN in a DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

ELLIOTT MAC CRACKEN taking his mattress apart to see what makes it tick.

GUY LEWIS going rah-rah in a Joe College porkpie hat.

CARL (Butch) HENDERSON beaming into the transmitter and DOC COOK explaining that it was a call to the girl friend.

PARKER HESS plugging AL PRESCOTT with phoney phone calls.

CLARK THOMAS telling GENEVIEVE SANDER "Your violets are sweet and so are you."

CHET WOLTERS showing signs of growing up by his changing voice.

VERNETTA SWARTSLEY filling a page full of hieroglyphics in lieu of handwriting.

HAROLD BOOTHBY doing a Santa Claus act in a papier-mache fireplace.

W. D. (Gorilla) JACKSON losing on straight falls and skinned kneecaps to AUBREY (Meanie) MILES.

SADIE MILLER explaining her choice of Christmas joys.

ROY (Pavlova) CRAFT going into a dance quicker than you can say Bill Robinson.