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ASHLAND HI 'CINCHES' TOURNEY TRIP



NATIONS of the world are engaged in a new armaments race, because they well know that the hindmost catches the devil.

Then there's always the pacifist who thinks everything should be sweet and light until it's time to buy another sack of sugar and pay the power bill.

The horseless carriage may be a great improvement over the horse, but we have yet to see one tramp a hole in the watering trough ice to quench a parched radiator.

Americanism: Engaging in strong-arm labor racketeering and violence and then, when caught, claiming confessions were gained under press of third-degree tactics.

The mayor of Klamath Falls has ordered the "lid down tight" on local vice, and our hat will be off to him if he can keep it from getting shot full of holes.

As Moore Hamilton of the Medford News now well knows, when a candidate throws his hat in the ring he seldom realizes what he's putting his foot into.

It's getting to be a small world since the advent of the automobile. Can't tell who you'll run across next.

Strong men of Europe use the business end of cannon to show off their muzzles.

Perhaps the reason it takes Editor Clark Wood of the Weston Leader so long to mailably reply to our pointed peeks into his care-less character is because he's so slur thinking.

And then there is Art (Hic) Powell, Scotch editor of the Central Point American, who claims he's as close to his distant relatives as anybody.

With embattled coast farmers organizing, labor intimidators might get the point better if the tillers took their pitchforks to meeting.

While in Ashland this week, Jesse Owens suggested that the world might be better if diplomats would discard armaments for settlement of differences and adopt athletic contests. They'd certainly be long-winded enough for it, at least.

RUSH WORK ON MEDIC BUILDING

Construction of the new medical arts building between Kay's Chevrolet company and Fortmiller's department store on East Main street halted late last week long enough for green concrete foundations and basement structure to season, was resumed this week and late yesterday most of the studding, sub-flooring and hollow tile walls were in place.

R. A. Berry, architect and designer of the new building which is being built for G. S. Butler by F. L. Smith, contractor, said Wednesday that, unless weather prevents, the roof will be on by the end of the week.

Drs. C. A. Haines and E. G. Everett, physicians and surgeons, and Dr. R. L. Burdick, dentist, will occupy the building when it is completed. Offices, laboratories, consulting rooms and a surgery will be included in the attractive modernistic structure which will occupy the last vacant business site on Main street between Gresham street and the Plaza.

John Mills, Lithia Plumbing and Heating shop, was awarded contract for all plumbing, heating and air conditioning equipment which will be of the latest type.

Hollow tile for walls came from the Ashland Clay Products company owned and operated by Smith, contractor for the job.

Figures released yesterday by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce revealed nearly a 100 per cent increase in the number of out-of-state automobiles registered for the first 15 days of February over the total for the same period in 1937.

Democrats Eye Local Field For Legislative Candidate

Lithia Park, Turned Mobile by Oregonian, Returned by Medford

ENCOURAGING news from Medford was received in this city Wednesday when A. H. Banwell announced the decision of Pear City citizens that, in spite of statements recently published in the Portland Oregonian, Lithia park is in Ashland instead of Medford.

Considering the fact that Ashland built the park, advertised it, cares for it within the city limits of Ashland and welcomes all and sundry to enjoy its natural beauty, many people here long have harbored the suspicion that this city has some claim to it but the belief was cinched with Medford's courteous denial of the assertions contained in the Portland news story.

In the Pacific Northwest progress and development edition of the Oregonian Medford was described as having "a population of 11,000, near the southern border of Oregon, the center of a large fruit packing and canning industry." Lithia park, with its medicinal springs, attracts many visitors.

Banwell fixed that all up. He said, "Lithia park is in Ashland, it always has been, and always will be."

OUTLINE PLANS FOR B LEAGUE TOURNEY HERE

PLANS for the 11th annual B league high school basketball tournament to be held in the Southern Oregon Normal school gym March 3, 4 and 5, as outlined by Dr. Walter Redford, SONS president, met with hearty approval of an unexpectedly large group of Ashland business men who met at luncheon in the Lithia hotel Thursday at invitation of the normal school to discuss financing the affair and hospitality for students who will compete in the meet.

Mayor T. S. Wiley, Frank Van Dyke, J. Edward Thornton, W. H. McNair, P. R. Hardy, Walter Levette and J. W. McCoy were among citizens who expressed the general wish of the community to cooperate with the school in every way possible to make the tournament a financial and civic success. All speakers brought out the fact that they share pride in the tournament and in Southern Oregon Normal school, and indicated they and the organizations they represent will vie for the honor of helping most.

Dr. Redford, in expressing appreciation for the generous support, emphasized that the tournament means much more to the community's merchants than the actual money spent by visitors during their three-day stay here.

Norman Kerr was named chairman of the drive to sell season (Continued on page 6)

I'VE GOT MY FINGERS CROSSED!

By LARRY HUNTER

When I write about the weather or the climate (And by now I really ought to know much better)

If I say it will be fair I'll bet a dime it will be windy, dark and wet, or even wetter. But if I should drop a hint it will be gloomy, Then the sun will do its best to ruin my day, For the weatherman thinks it means nothing to me

And this ditty can't be published until Friday. So I'll simply say without ifs, buts or maybes, While a biting, frosty tang is in the air, That I hope it doesn't get much worse in Hades—

For I'm often told I'm apt to wind up there!

GEORGE W. DUNN TOSSES HAT INTO SENATE RING

WITH closing time for filing candidacies little more than a month away, Jackson county political circles were astir this week with a number of aspirants eyeing possibilities and pressing their ears to the wet loam.

Democrats of this legislative district yesterday were scanning horizons for prominent Ashland possibilities for one of the two house of representatives posts to be filled from Jackson county next fall. With Ralph O. Stephenson declaring himself definitely out of the picture for reelection, Bourbons were seeking to place a full list of candidates in the field for nomination in the May primaries.

Most prominent among those being considered from the Ashland district was Hal McNair, well known citizen and business man who, it was conceded, could win in a walk. It was not known last night, however, whether McNair would consider the candidacy.

Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News, who served a successful term in the lower house two years ago but who declined to rerun in 1936, indicated yesterday that he might become a candidate for nomination to the senate in May.

On the republican side of the picture, Senator George W. Dunn of Ashland Thursday announced his intention to become a candidate for the GOP nomination for the Jackson county senatorial post again in the May primaries. Dunn has served four full terms in the state senate and, prior to that, one as representative.

Dunn's other political activities have included a term as Jackson county judge from 1904 to 1908 and, in private life, for some time was a director of the First National bank here and held the presidential chair until the recent purchase of the local bank by the First National bank of Portland.

William McAllister, Medford attorney elected to the house in '36, will be another republican candidate for nomination in the coming primary.

Attorney William M. Briggs of Ashland said last night that he would not oppose Senator Dunn for the republican nomination to the state senate, and that he had given no consideration to seeking a house post.

Ashland Battery B Gets Gunnery Honor

Battery B, Ashland national guard unit, was one of four in the state to receive "excellent" ratings from the war department for work in big gun firing at Fort Stevens last June, according to announcement by Maj. Gen. George A. White.

Other Oregon batteries to get the honor—all units of the 249th coast artillery—are Battery D, Klamath Falls, Battery G, Marshfield, and Battery E, Cottage Grove.

MARCHING ON TO SALEM!



CHAFED by a humiliating defeat in Klamath Falls recently by the Pelicans of that city, Ashland high school's Grizzlies Friday and Saturday night became hostile hosts to the bucket-billed invaders when they overwhelped the Klamathites 36-30 and 32-19 in one of the fastest exhibitions of prep school casaba circuses to take undisputed lead of southern Oregon conference standings. In the picture above, snapped by Photographer Jack Forsythe during Saturday's display, Nance (4) has just sent one of the many offerings hoopward that made the tall Ashland center high-point man of the evening with 11. In the immediate foreground is Forward Charlie Warren, one of the most consistent players in this part of Oregon. Under the basket and to the immediate left of Warren is Harold Baughman, who was outstanding in defensive play. The previous night, Friday, the Ashland quint started its avalanche of points when Forward Buzz Roberson piled up 16 points to be top hero. Following the two-game series, the Grizzlies are definitely out in front as odds-on favorites to win District Nine and conference championships and to be the Salem-bound participants in state championship battles.

MT. ANGEL-SONS COUNCIL DROPS LICENSE PLAN WILL SHOW HERE IN TWIN SERIES

BACK again in the good graces of the Amateur Athletic union, SONS hoopers will carry on in the last games of their regular schedule, facing the Seraphs of Mt. Angel college in the Normal gym tonight and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19. Differences between the "terrible" Teachers and the AAU were ironed out Sunday when SONS representatives met with union officials in Portland. The SONS admitted unintentional violation of regulations in playing the House of David five, apologized and were reinstated.

Tonight's main game against the strong team from St. Benedict will start at 8 o'clock with the Frosh playing Oregon-California Fast Freight of Medford an hour earlier in a preliminary. Saturday's main game will start at 9 p. m. to allow attendance of business men and will be preceded by a fast prelim contest. Unusually low admission prices will be in effect for both games to insure a good crowd for the last local performance of Eberhart's flashy team.

Darrell Leavens is the only regular not likely to start. The clever veteran forward is recovering from an attack of flu and his place probably will be filled by Tommy Hansen, ex-Franklin high all-state man from Portland. At the other forward post will be Bill Hoxie, lanky local boy. Big Walt Sether will be in at center and Jack Kemnitz and Howard Scroggins will handle the back court.

Big guns for the visiting Cherubs are Al Haener, 6 foot 6-inch veteran and one of the highest scorers in Oregon; Chris Christensen, four-year man at forward; Jim Nolan, another long-time veteran, and Marx, natural leader of the team.

Mrs. Ted Schopf of Glide, Ore., arrived in Ashland this week to make an indefinite visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Crandall.

Maxine Nichols of Sacramento is visiting friends in Ashland this week.

Dr. C. A. Haines left Wednesday night on a business trip to San Francisco.

WIN OVER 'PASS QUINT BOLSTERS SALEM CHANCES

ASHLAND high school basketballers let Grants Pass get away to a first-quarter 9-6 lead at the Ashland Junior high school gym last night but tightened up the defense so well in the next two stanzas that the bewildered Cavemen were unable to find the hoop and then allowed them only three points on free throws in the final session to end the game winners by a 21-12 score.

By their win the Grizzlies cinched a tie for the District 9 championship and right to go to the Salem state championship tournament next month. One win over Medford will send the locals upstate for the fifth consecutive year.

Kenny Harris, Ashland guard, was the flashiest player on the floor, snaking away many one-handed passes to his teammates and flicking the hemp for six points to tie for high honors with Buzz Roberson and Everett Nance, locals, and Quentin Burden, Grants Pass.

The removal of Harold Baughman, Ashland guard, from the game on fouls in the final canto was the signal for Skeet O'Connell to replace his regulars with an entire new team including Silver, Schilling, Ardie Warren, Weaver and Jessel. Not to be outdone, Coach George Hibbard of Grants Pass replaced his first string also.

Should Ashland lose both remaining games to Medford—one next week-end here and another in Medford in a fortnight—they still will have a piece of the crown. Should Grants Pass beat Medford two games yet and the Tigers take Ashland the tie will be a triangle. One loss for Grants Pass will put them out of the running and one win by Ashland will knock Medford into the discard.

Merchants' Group To Confab Monday Eve

Letters are in the mail today addressed to more than 100 local merchants asking their attendance at a meeting in the city council chambers Monday evening to discuss various problems concerning local trade. The notices, authorized by Melvin Kaegi, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce merchants' committee, are being handled by the secretarial staff at the chamber office but, other than that, are not sponsored by that organization. The meeting will be closed, with press representatives barred.

Word has been received from San Francisco that Mrs. Stuart Hensen, who underwent a goitre operation there Saturday, is recuperating rapidly as possible.



DAVE WHITTLE worrying about the play dates of a theme song.

EBE DUNN being saluted as one dirt farmer who never let college book learnin' spoil him.

CLARK THOMAS hoping hot-house daisies won't tell.

PARKER HESS declaring the happy date has been set for Feb. 29. Oh, you 1940!

AUBREY MILES extending himself.

BILL KAEGI exhausting his Boy Scout lore and matches trying to build a fire during a snowstorm.

VER NETTA SWARTSLEY having gutter trouble Saturday night.

PAT DUNN saving PARKER (One Born Every Minute) HESS from embarrassment by counselling him against accepting a check as payment of bail from a rubber-check artist.

FLOY MILES being so stern and forbidding as to cause a group of Medford students to bring back all the souvenir salt shakers they had collected for the last five years.

J. A. RILEY and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner
To See Their Choice of the Following
Varsity Theater Programs:
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and
"Navy Blue and Gold"
(Saturday, Feb. 19)
"The Firefly"
and
"Murder in Greenwich Village"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
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