

Southern Oregon Miner

Published Every Friday
at 167 East Main Street
ASHLAND, OREGON

Entered as second-class
matter February 15,
1935, at the postoffice at
Ashland, Oregon, under
the act of March 3, 1879.

TELEPHONE 170

Leonard N. Hall
Editor and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION
RATES
(In Advance)
ONE YEAR.....\$1.50
SIX MONTHS.....80c
(Mailed Anywhere in the
United States)



"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

A FEEBLE GESTURE, TO SAY THE LEAST!

Great is the majesty of the Oregon liquor control commission, this week in session to "abolish the two-bit fortified wine jag."

That august body has decreed that, come Sept. 1, no fortified wine shall be sold in containers of less than 24 fluid ounce capacity. Which raises the ante from a pint to about one and one-half pints.

That fortified wines are used mainly as cheap drinks there can be no doubt. Police records show that most sodden stumble-bums and adolescent tipplers are packing hopped-up vintages in lieu of more expensive and better controlled liquor.

Just what the liquor commission hopes to accomplish by decreeing that the thirsty shall buy their fortified wine binges by the pint and a half instead of by the pint, The Miner fails to grasp. If the liquor commission really is desirous of reaching their objective—the elimination of alcoholic abuses—they will be well advised to classify all fortified wines with whiskies and other spiritous liquids and restrict their sale to state stores for holders of liquor permits. Then the souses and kids and bulbous-nosed indulgent could be better sifted.

Of course, no system of control will be perfect. But if liquor stores are practical for whisky, then they also will be the proper outlets for spiked wines.

Telling a man he has to go on a two-fisted gargle instead of a puny tittle won't get sober results.

Sometimes the liquor commission reasons like it was under the influence of its own wares.

★ ★ ★

SIZE IS SUCH AN OVERESTIMATED THING!

A small town is a place where everyone knows everyone else, and a body can call all the dogs by their first names.

Which is a neighborly, heart-warming quality in any community. But then, every silver cloud dumps rain on somebody, and miniature metropoli are a little too small for anonymity. You know—everybody knows your business.

But when some dope tells you that village folk are the worst gossips, give 'em a hard look. They've got it coming for making such a silly crack. For although your neighbors in rural Ameriac know a lot about you, their knowledge is only the natural consequence of community interests and close association.

It is not in the small towns of the nation that one can do as he pleases and disregard public opinion. He cannot hide his vices behind a crowd. But, too, a man's virtues are known in the smaller town.

Perhaps your neighbors do notice what time you retire and when you have company till a late hour. But your small town neighbors also know when you have grief in the family, and when misfortune has struck. They laugh, they cry and they suffer with you.

And, more than that, fellow residents who see you every day lend a hand when they can.

People aren't very smart who scoff at "tank towns."

★ ★ ★

BELIEVE IN YOUR COUNTRY!

Whenever chronic grippers run out of anything else to crab about, they frequently dig up the old argument-clincher which goes something like this: "Now, you take it over in England, things are a lot different, blah blah blah."

Yes, "they" do everything better somewhere else than here in our own country. Everybody knows grass attains a deeper emerald across the border.

While business leaders and politicians yelp about the American government, and refuse to spend or improve their properties during the New Deal's tenure, they forget that if things are as bad as they say in this country, even so we are far better off than most nations.

For years England and Canada have been held up as glowing examples of model governments. But look

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

Bubbles says—AND THERE IS THE FELLOW WHO TOOK A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT COLLEGE.



at England today. She owes us about a billion dollars in defaulted war debts, and income taxes there are several times what earnings are assessed in the United States. Cabinet members and even a king have become "fed up" with public affairs and have resigned. And England has had to kiss her enemies on both cheeks and polish apples like never before for swell-headed European dictators.

Who knows? Perhaps one of these days tables will be turned, and Americans will beat a path to England on lecture tours telling the blooming Britishers what's wrong with the Isles. But first, it would be a patriotic gesture if our supposed industrial leaders would do some flag waving at home.

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE GAS?

Carbon monoxide gas is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas, somewhat lighter than air, which is formed by the incomplete combustion of gasoline in the engine. This gas is always present in some degree in the exhaust from the motor although the more efficiently your engine operates, the less carbon monoxide will be formed.

This gas enters the lungs along with the air that one breathes, and when it gets into the blood stream it destroys the oxygen-bearing red corpuscles. Robbed of the activating power in the blood, one becomes weak and dizzy, one's heart begins to pound, and eventually one's nerve centers become paralyzed. Unconsciousness and death follow unless one can immediately obtain a generous supply of fresh, pure air. For this reason it is important that you always permit air to circulate through the car while you are driving, and that you always start your car with the garage doors open.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY AUTOMOBILE IS STOLEN?

You should be prepared for such an emergency by having a notation in your wallet or notebook as to the license number and motor number of your automobile, which you should communicate immediately to the police department if the theft occurs inside a city, or to the sheriff's office or a state patrolman if the theft occurs outside the city. The more information you can give concerning the circumstances of the theft, and the more accurately you can describe your car, the better will be your chances of having it recovered.

You can best guard against



what sort of home could you re-build after a fire?

Better check up with

Billings Agency

REAL ESTATE and REAL INSURANCE

Phone 211 41 East Main

LETTERS to the Editor

To the Editor:

I beg you will allow a small amount of space to refute a statement made in your paper Friday, May 13. The Ashland Townsend club No. 1 sent no representative to the convention held in Corvallis Saturday, May 7. Also Mr. C. W. Banta is not a member of Ashland Townsend club as he resigned of his own free will from our club during the first week of January to join the Phoenix club.

CHARLES I. HOMES,
President Ashland Club No. 1.

TALENT

● Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hart of eastern Oregon are guests of Mrs. Hart's mother, Mrs. Kitty Haines and sister, Mrs. Walter Davis and family.

● Mrs. Ada Nore of San Francisco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hackler and other relatives here.

● Mrs. Charles Estes of Crescent City is visiting in Talent this week.

● Mrs. Edith Cochran and daughter Estes are having a new restaurant building erected on the Main street in Talent on a lot between the meat market and Long's pool hall.

● Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and Mrs. Gale and son were calling in Talent Sunday afternoon.

● Baccalaureate sermon was held Sunday at the Methodist church with Dr. Thomas Temple officiating.

● The high school baseball team gave a dance at the city hall Saturday night which was well attended.

● John Schuler of Klamath Falls visited his brother George and family over Sunday.

● Irene Alcocks, after spending a month in California with her parents, returned here Thursday evening and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Tame.

● A large crowd enjoyed "The Glad-to-Meet-You" club gathering Thursday evening in the city hall.

A covered dish luncheon was served, following which a program was presented. Speaking, music, skits and a one-act play entitled "A Romance in Alphabet," were included in the entertainment, and Mr. Coward of Medford, 4-H club leader, gave an interesting talk on his organization. The get-together meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month and all are invited.

Laurel Morris Named SONS President For Associated Students

Laurel Morris of Medford was chosen president and Ray Hawk of Talent vice president at the election of officers of the associated students for the coming year held recently.

Other officers elected were Roy Carothers of Medford, secretary; William Westfall of Ashland, treasurer; Leah Etta Evans of Medford, editor of the Siskiyou, and Jack Kemnitzer of Portland, pep promoter.

Retiring officers include Laurence Kaiser of Applegate, president; LeRoy Clarke of Prospect, vice president; Frances Strohecker of Roseburg, secretary; Katherine Anderson of North Bend, treasurer; Mark Seeley of Coquille, pep promoter and Roberta Wertz of Central Point, editor of the school paper.

theft by leaving your car locked and the brakes set at all times when it is unoccupied. Promptness in reporting a theft is the chief factor in a quick recovery.

Past Post Commander Club Holds Meeting

About 45 past post commanders of the American Legion enjoyed turkey dinner Monday evening at the Legion hall. The bird and trimmings were served by the past commanders' club.

The meeting drew members from Kerby, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland. Dr. Arthur S. Taylor was in charge of the evening's program.

HOMES ELECTED DELEGATE FOR TOWNSEND CONFAB

Charles I. Homes recently was elected delegate and S. S. Davenport chosen alternate to the third national Townsend convention in Los Angeles June 19 to 23.

The club, following a drive which started late last month, has added more than 70 new members.

NEW HOTEL MANAGER

Management of the Oregon hotel apartments was assumed by Mrs. Katherine Neil Tuesday on a three-year lease from the owners, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bergner, who will live in Klamath Falls.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS COUNT UP!



That's Why We Feature the **SAVINGS** You Make When You Insure With

OREGON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

TIME-TESTED DEPENDABLE FIRE PROTECTION AT A SAVING OF

20 to 25%

SEE US ABOUT YOUR NEXT POLICY

I. C. ERWIN

240 EAST MAIN STREET PHONE 21

TEACHERS IN RECITAL
The Ashland branch of the American Association of University Women Monday night presented the Jackson county teachers' chorus at SONS under the direction of Esther Church Leake. Miss Norma Zinser was accompanist and Floy Young, Miss Elizabeth Clement and Rolla Reedy were featured artists.

EXAMINER COMING
Ward McReynolds, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Ashland at the city hall between 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Friday, May 27. Those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars should contact him at that time.

THE EYES OF YOUR HOME ARE YOUR WINDOWS

Are They Inviting?
House Cleaning Time Is Curtain Cleaning Time
Send Us Your Curtains for Laundering

We wash them carefully in net bags and stretch them on adjustable rigid frames to make them hang correctly at your windows. You'll like them if they are done by the

ASHLAND LAUNDRY CO.

Phone 165 31 Water Street
"For the ideal wash way, Just call, That's All."

IS YOUR PRESENT LIFE INSURANCE ADEQUATE?

See **STEVEN R. SCHUERMAN**
Phone 334-R
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

TIM TELLS 'EM

NED, I'D LIKE TO IMPROVE MY HOUSE THIS SPRING, BUT I GET ALL MIXED UP WHEN THEY TELL ME WHAT THE MATERIALS FOR A JOB WILL COST. I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT



GOOD AFTERNOON GENTLEMEN!
ASK ASHLAND LUMBER CO.
AND YOU'LL GET UNDERSTANDABLE INFORMATION



CONSULT US FOR FULL INFORMATION ON NEW FHA FINANCING

ASHLAND Lumber Co.
PHONE 20
OAK ST. at RAILROAD

A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE, moderate in cost—reverently and efficiently conducted.

Funeral Service Since 1897
LITWILLER FUNERAL HOME
(Formerly Stock's Funeral Parlor)
We Never Close—Phone 32