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DOC TOWNSEND would like to see everybody behind his pension scheme or the eight-ball, and we sometimes suspect the latter has more to offer.

Movieland homes have been besieged by flames, and for once something besides temperament has the stars hot under the collar.

The Dionne quintuplets will not be exhibited at the New York world's fair, with is quite a blow to the rising hope that something would take 'em out of the papers.

Clark Wood in his Weston Leader declares "Be broke and you won't be lonesome." Tell us quickly, Clark, where do you find friends like that?

One reason talk is cheap is because so many phrases are poorly coined.

Whenever Europe is asked to kick in on war loans, she comes across, alright. Double-across.

Jurists are arguing whether state liquor control laws apply at Crater Lake, and anybody knows that's one of the best places in the state to get high.

University of Washington coeds rebelled at an edict banning strapless evening gowns and some concern is being felt over their attitude toward apron strings for the next generation.

Cities and counties worrying over the tax problem may forget their troubles; The Miner has devised a revolving tax plan which—like pensions—will be paid by nobody and benefit everyone.

In Ashland, the question of what to do with Lithia springs resolves itself around the proposition of whether it is better to wet our whistles with the stuff or blow factory whistles. Powers that be refuse to determine whether both could be accomplished.

If humor seems to have departed this column, it is because Editor Wood done us wrong. He went and misspelled our best pun last week.

To the Rose, Sugar, Orange and Cotton bowls of football fame has been added the Coal bowl by Charleston, W. Va., which seems to be a misnomer. Bin or scuttle might be more to the point.

The secretary of state is considering the discontinuance of out-of-state registrations in Oregon, claiming folks regard the formality as a nuisance. Probably California tourists—from the land of the bug shake-down stations—who are howling the loudest.

Because new medical blanks are not available, marriage licenses cannot be issued in Oregon, and a lot of husbands are wailing "Why couldn't that have happened to me?"

District CCC News Enters Fifth Year

The Medford District News, official publication of the Medford district Civilian Conservation corps, entered its fifth year of existence this week when volume 5, number 1 was delivered from the presses Dec. 1.

Printed by The Miner since its first issue, the District News has been awarded top rating for CCC newspapers in the United States on several occasions, most recently following the taking over of editorship by George H. Fields, district educational adviser. Editorial and typographical excellence were considered in making the awards.

Seven thousand copies are printed for distribution among officers and enrollees of the 30 camps in the Medford district once each month.

'GLAD' CLUB TO MEET

The Talent Glad-to-Meet-You club has set Thursday, Dec. 8, as its next meeting date, at which time everyone will be invited to come and bring a covered dish to the city hall for the evening's entertainment, which will feature a program but not lectures or speeches.

P. R. Finnell made a short business trip to Portland this week.

ASHLAND STORES WILL RAISE YULE CURTAIN AT 7 TONIGHT

COF C TO CALL SPECIAL MEET TUESDAY NOON

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DIRECTORS and members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, and all other interested citizens, will be called into a special session at the Lithia hotel at noon Tuesday to discuss a proposed dissolution of the out-of-state car registration system now in use in Oregon. The meeting will take the form of a forum session, at which time the importance of auto checking to Ashland and the state will be fully explained.

Directors of the chamber have pointed out that the car registry furnishes both an important local source of revenue and opportunity for contact with visiting motorists. It is hoped that the meeting will result in the formulation of some plan of action to counteract the sentiment in favor of abandoning the registration of tourists' cars.

According to reports reaching Ashland, Secretary of State Earl Snell has lent an ear to those who seek a change in the statute which now requires foreign cars to be registered, objection to the requirement being that it causes inconvenience for travelers.

Said C. P. Talent, director, "Real estate sales in Ashland have never been greater than during the last two years while we have registered more cars than any other portal in the state, and loss of this contact with tourists would mean a definite loss of business to the city." That Ashland persons interested in promoting their town's welfare should band together into a coherent front of objection was the opinion of Talent, who urges that every person attend the meeting, whether members of the chamber body or not. "We must keep the tourists stopping in Ashland," pointed out Talent.

Tuesday's meeting will supplant the regular gathering set for a week hence.

LIONS HOLD MEETING

Ashland Lions club met in regular session Thursday evening in the Lithia hotel to dine and discuss several important business matters. The membership voted unanimously to give a dinner for 21 local high school football players next meeting night, Dec. 8.

PLAN POT-LUCK SUPPER

Talent Townsendsites are planning a pot-luck supper for 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Talent city hall.

What's the Answer?

By EDWARD FINCH



FROM WHERE DID THE EXPRESSION "HOBSON'S CHOICE" COME?

TOBIAS HOBSON was an English livery stable keeper. From his famous stables he hired out horses by the day or hour. In hiring a horse you could look them all over and make your own selection but by hook or crook, Hobson would contrive to get you to take the one nearest the door. As that horse was sent out the rest were moved up and the next customer would be inveigled into taking Hobson's choice of horses while being blarneyed into thinking he had made his own. It became the joke of the town and the expression came down to us meaning a choice with but one course to choose.

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Lions Club To Dine High School Football Team Here Thursday

TOUCHDOWNS aplenty will be scored—with forks—Thursday night, Dec. 8, when the Ashland Lions club dines the high school Grizzlies' football squad. Twenty-one strong, the lads will don napkins and open countenances instead of traditional helmets and pads for an evening of tricky plays from the one-reach line.

"We believe Ashland's football squad—regulars and subs alike—deserve special recognition for their efforts on the gridiron," declared President R. E. Poston, "and we mean to see that the boys get a busy evening with no penalties called."

The dinner will get under way at 6:15 p. m. in the Lithia hotel banquet room. The Lions club, Ashland's newest service group, has pledged its support for local sports activities.

BASKETBALL TO GET UNDER WAY AT AHS DEC. 9TH

CHANGEOVER from gridiron to the indoor wintertime sport of basketball was being made by Coach Skeet O'Connell and his corps of athletes this week, with the first regular game set for Friday evening, Dec. 9, with Yreka on the Junior high court.

With workouts just getting under way at the high school, O'Connell was hesitant about predictions this week, but intimated that his squad is expected to do big things until end of the fall quarter late in January, at which time three of his first string players will become ineligible for further participation. The retiring cagers will include Buzz Roberson, Charlie Warren and Everett Stance, key men on last year's varsity. Both Roberson and Warren were named on the 1938 district all-star team and their loss will place heavy responsibility on remaining members of the Grizzly quintet.

With Nance, Roberson and Warren will be Bud Silver, fleet flash reserve last year, Kenny Harris, dead-eye regular from last season, Jules Powers, Ardie Warren, Bob Weaver and Joe Jessel to form the top-ranking eligibles.

The O'Connells will play Bend here Dec. 16, Yreka Dec. 21, Weed here Dec. 23, Klamath Falls here Jan. 6, Grants Pass here Jan. 13 and there Jan. 19, Grants Pass here Jan. 20, and Medford there Jan. 26. Medford will come to Ashland Jan. 27, and the Grizzlies will travel to Klamath Feb. 9. Beyond these dates, games tentatively have been arranged as follows: Feb. 10, Klamath Falls there; Feb. 17 at Grants Pass, Feb. 24 at Medford and Mar. 3 Medford here.

Talent Firemen Plan Hard Times Ball For Benefit Fund Bolster

Sponsored by the volunteer firemen of Talent, a hard times dance will be given in the Talent city hall Saturday night, Dec. 3, as a benefit affair, proceeds to be used in purchasing a siren for the fire hall.

A prize will be offered for the hardest looking couple, according to Chief Bert Simmons. Mayor Hart has oked use of the new Talent fire truck for fires located beyond his city's limits as well as local blazes.

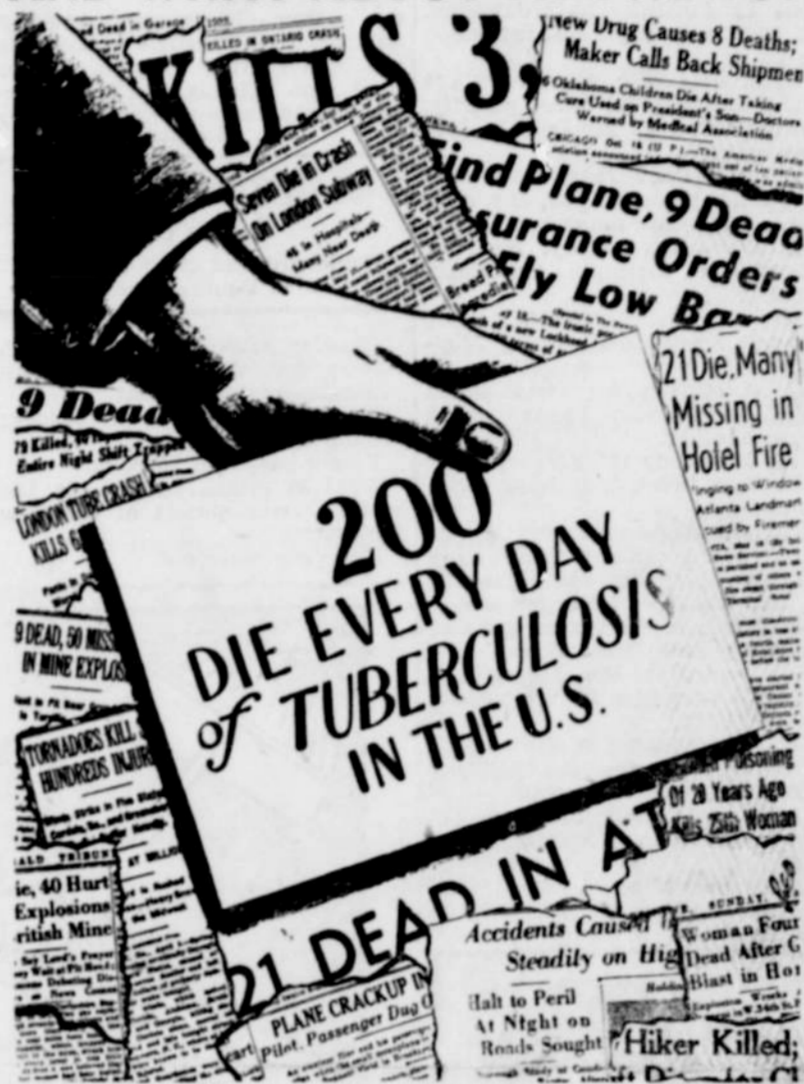
EXAMINER COMING

Ward McReynolds, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Ashland city hall between 11 a. m. and 5 p. m. Friday, Dec. 9, to issue permits and licenses to drive cars.

FIRE DAMAGES HOME

Flames, starting from a chimney spark, caused an estimated \$300 damage to roof of the Harry Silver residence at 823 Siskiyou boulevard early Wednesday. Firemen fought the blaze made stubborn by a high wind for an hour.

AND WHAT ABOUT THIS NEWS?



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS! Costing but a penny each, these little tokens of mercy and generosity are making steady progress in the national fight against tuberculosis. They will be on sale in Ashland Saturday at special booths in the postoffice, the Groceteria and J. C. Penney company, according to Mrs. Paul Taylor, chairman of the local committee of volunteer workmen distributing the seals.

NORMAL WILL GIVE PROGRAM

For the 10th season glee clubs of Southern Oregon Normal school will present special Christmas vesper services, this year at 4 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the SONS auditorium. The occasion will feature special music under the direction of Miss Louise Woodruff and will be open to the public without charge.

The program will include carols and hymns of many lands by girls glee club, boys glee club and by the combined chorus. Normal students taking part in the program will include the following:

First sopranos—Joyce Young, Marie McLaren, Doral Mallory, Cherokee Seiler, Dolly Matney, Flora Stokoe, Janis Blackman; second sopranos—Betty Dano, Evelyn Johnson, Jewell Mayea, Helen Westfall, Evelyn Bentley, Dorothy Page, Jeanne Burton, Mariece McLaren, Betty Horne, Lorraine Stevens; altos—Phyllis Miller, Eileen Barry, Almata Day, Mary Vie Cramblitt, Dorothy Siemann, Louise Harr, Ethelmae Thompson, Jeanette Thatcher, Kay Bergstrom; first tenors—Dick Hannon, Leo Moulton, John Gregory, Warren Foster, Roy Carothers; second tenors—Vernon Kilpatrick, John Barker, Norman Carother; baritone—William Westfall, Escoc Fuller, Jack Pearson; bass—Byer Putman, Frank O'Conner and Ralph Lamb.

Jack Balding and Companion

Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner To See Their Choice of the Following Varsity Theater Programs:

(Friday and Saturday)
"ALWAYS IN TROUBLE" plus
"THE LAW OF THE PLAINS"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"THERE GOES MY HEART"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets.

LEGION PLANS YULE TREE HERE

Santa Claus is said to have a special warm place in his heart reserved for kiddies at Christmas time, and in Ashland this year Kris Kringle's generosity will reach fruition at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, Dec. 24, when the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary stage their annual Christmas tree party for youngsters at the plaza.

The Legion tree will be the scene of Santa's presentation to an expected 600 kiddies of sacks loaded with fruits, nuts, candies and presents. Community singing will take part in the occasion and Christmas eve will get under way here in grand style.

To offset heavy expense of the yearly project, the Legion and auxiliary will solicit contributions of coins and articles for the party with the cooperation of both Ashland newspapers. With about three weeks in which to gather together funds, presents, fruits, nuts and candies, local residents are asked to bring in their contributions—whether large or small—soon as possible. Legion women will make the sacks and prepare the gift bags for the occasion.

Toys gathered by Boy Scouts and being repaired and repainted by firemen will form part of the tree's load of gifts, and Mr. Claus is being instructed to again make his usual call at the hospital following the downtown affair.

In charge of the work for the local American Legion post is Ivor Erwin, aided by Guy Applewhite, Charles Deisman, Everett Acklin, H. M. Gilman, Roy Hartley, Ebe Dunn and Paul Taylor. Mrs. Roy Frazier is committee chairman for the auxiliary ladies, who already are working on preparations. Contributions for the tree may be left at The Miner office for the Legion, or a phone call (170) will bring a representative to your door.

FINED FOR FLUID FUN

Wallace Reeder was fined \$10 and \$25.00 costs by City Police Judge C. O. Presnall Monday as the result of a drunk and disorderly charge Sunday evening, and John Landers skipped appearance the same day and left behind a \$10 bond after being arrested Saturday afternoon for being drunk on a public street.

HUNDREDS OF FREE PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN

PRELUDE to Christmas will be Ashland's annual Yule opening set for 7 o'clock tonight, Dec. 2, when hundreds of folks will enter into the spirit of the season and watch business houses put their "best foot" forward with free turkeys, dozens of prizes, free noise-makers for the kiddies, music, bright window displays and building decorations.

Sponsored by the merchants' committee of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce headed by J. P. Daugherty, the event will formally open the holiday shopping season for this area and will bring into sharp focus the many offerings of Ashland firms.

Each participating business house—and there are more than a hundred—will give a free prize to holder of the lucky number displayed in his window tonight. Special Christmas opening coupons—among them the winners—were distributed to every house in Ashland and to school children of the city and surrounding areas by Camp Fire girls early this week, and holders of coupons have but to inspect winning numbers displayed in shop windows, compare them with numbers on their coupons, and claim winners at the Chamber of Commerce office, which will be open during the evening.

In addition to the many window prizes, free turkeys will be given to holders of lucky coupons during the opening, winning numbers to be posted at the Chamber of Commerce.

Noisemakers will be distributed to children at 7 p. m. from the plaza, and the Ashland city band will enliven streets with music while store fronts glitter and shine with new holiday merchandise.

Window shopping with a purpose will be the keynote tonight, and streets are expected to be thronged with people glad for the season and keyed with anticipation and excitement as they tour windows for the numbers that will entitle them to handsome gifts "on the house." Last year's Christmas opening was a most successful occasion, sidewalks being packed with shoppers and youngsters until a late hour.

City employees already have placed holiday decorations in the business district, and city firemen will display toys being repaired for distribution to underprivileged children in the old Tidings building on East Main street.

SEEN IN A DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

JACK HALFHILL playing special delivery postoffice.

Crimson-cheeked BETTY RYAN running from a curtain call. BILLY ROSS carrying coals to Newcastle by giving JOHN B. GRIFFIN, southern Oregon's most famous bear hunter, a supply of bear steaks.

REBA TENNYSON, after endlessly answering questions as to who made a certain cabinet, writing the creator's name across it.

CURLY CRESSE planting Christmas trees on lamp posts. CARL BROWER worrying about credit in Alaska.

RAY FRISBIE discouraging an "onward-to-Mount-Ashland-through-the-snow" movement.

MIKE HARKINS declining a spiffy cosmetic box for Christmas.

STEVE ZARKA worrying about two rival produce dealers in conference, fearing a rise in the price of eggs.