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CHRISTMAS, among other things, is that perplexing occasion when you receive fine gifts from those whom you mailed greeting cards, and get cards from those you sent presents.

The Americas seem to be finished with a "hands-across-the-sea" attitude toward Europe. Too hard to keep 'em out of our pockets.

War is the result of a difficult problem, not its solution.

And while Europe and Asia are having just the opposite, it looks like most of us will enjoy a white Christmas.

Along about Sunday morning it'll look to father like Santa got a hard knot caught in the g-string of his pack.

Just who is losing their freedom as a result of the New Deal might be explained by the news item that President Roosevelt and his family will be denied their customary candle-light tree in the White House by secret service agents.

Nothing is sacred to swing music fans. Next thing, we'll probably hear it sung "Jitter Bells."

A cue to vulnerability of dictator countries was given this week when a federal judge, in denying transmission of American coin to Germany, broke the exchange embargo which had been levied by nazi officials against this country. Turn about was fair play until our turn came.

Governor Charles H. Martin has declared that only "dirty, rotten politics" will remove Oregon's new anti-picketing law. Why Governor, there are some people who are convinced that's just how the law got onto the statute books. Tsk, tsk!

Peace on earth and good will toward men should not encourage prejudice, but it seems to for the family man, who hears nothing but bias this and bias that during Christmas season.

## SISKIYOU BID GOES TO BLAKE

Low bidder early this week for construction work on the new Siskiyou highway from the California line to present work was Harold Blake, Portland, who is completing the Bear canyon sector of the mountain relocation and will move his equipment the short distance to the new job, which will place under contract all but 2.3 miles of the Siskiyou highway project.

Blake's bid was announced as \$80,322 by the state highway commission with second low bidder being Roy L. Houk, Salem, with \$80,360, and Burke Brothers, Inc., Portland, third with \$82,217.

The uncontracted section of the highway includes the summit portion from Siskiyou station (south terminus of new pavement) to the north end of the job now being completed by Blake, while the contract awarded this week will continue the grading from Blake's present job to the California line, where California highway authorities plan completion of their junction with the new road by 1941.

## Political Chairs To Get New Tenant In County in New Year

Turnover in city and county office holders will be light the first of the year, with but one change in the county court house when Otto Caster of Phoenix will retire as county commissioner in favor of William Perry of Eagle Point. Perry will officially assume his new duties Jan. 3.

In Ashland, councilmen Bob Ingle and Lew Hansen will have completed their terms, Ingle not having been a candidate for reelection and Hansen suffering defeat in the November election. They will be replaced on the council by Charles H. Delsman and O. F. Carson. Other city office holders appearing on the ballot were re-elected.

In the Ashland justice district, M. T. Burns will take over as justice of the peace to succeed L. A. Roberts Jan. 3. Burns will maintain his office in the plaza building formerly occupied by the State bank.

## ASHLAND TO SEE QUIET DOUBLE YULE HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS, 1938, will be observed in Ashland quietly and with little public fanfare as all churches feature appropriate services Sunday and the legal holiday will be continued Monday, Dec. 26, marked by the closing down of practically all business operations in the city.

Prospects of a white Christmas for Ashland were intermittently good and poor, with snowfall occurring both Monday and Tuesday nights. Hills surrounding town have held their blanket of snow, while the seasonable covering in the city has melted away into wet slush during the day.

Christmas eve, Saturday, an annual American Legion and Legion auxiliary tree party will be held for all youngsters in the plaza, with free sacks filled with candy, fruit and gifts to be given away, while toys repaired by the local firemen will be distributed throughout the district to needy families by American Legion volunteers. The Elks lodge will distribute several hundred baskets of foodstuffs and toys to persons in need, the work requiring several days for completion by Christmas morning.

Ashland stores were anticipating an unusually heavy late shopping rush today and until late Saturday night as the result of a slow-starting Christmas season, and most merchants will stay open late tomorrow night to accommodate patrons. The Ashland post-office, according to Postmaster J. H. Fuller, has enjoyed an outstanding season, with clerks and carriers working until early morning hours for more than a week, with the bottom of piles of parcels and mail sacks yet to be reached.

Mail will not be delivered in the city or on rural routes either Sunday or Monday, although parcel and special deliveries will be maintained over the two-day holiday. The local bank, city light department and recorder's offices will be closed Monday.

Influx of college students for the holidays has been heavy, and many family reunions will be held in Ashland over the week-end, while most out-of-town students at Southern Oregon Normal school have returned home until resumption of classes in January.

Both The Miner and the Daily Tidings will follow their usual custom of printing no paper Monday, the legal Christmas holiday.

## Motorists Warned To Avoid Yule Tragedy

Death must not repeat its harvest of 11 lives on Oregon's highways during the Christmas holiday this year.

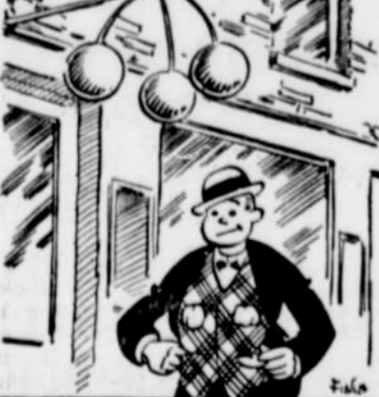
The yuletide week-end last year was this state's worst holiday period in three years from the standpoint of traffic fatalities, Secretary of State Earl Snell said this week.

"Winter throws a host of pitfalls in the path of the motorist, but safe, sensible automobile operation can overcome them," he declared. "One must drive slowly in fog, in rain or upon icy pavement; one must obey the rules of the road unflinchingly; one must keep his automobile in good condition; one must not drive when he is fatigued or otherwise unfit to take the wheel."

No Christmas can be happy when death or injury strikes!

## What's the Answer?

By EDWARD FINCH



WHY ARE THREE BALLS THE SIGN OF A PAWNBROKER?

THE first pawnbrokers were from the famous Italian family of the Medici. The name Medici was derived from the medical profession and the family coat of arms was three golden pills. When the first loan office was opened for the purpose of lending money on goods which the banks would not accept as security, the Medici coat of arms was used as a business trademark and it has been maintained in its somewhat corrupted form of the three gilded balls.

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# SONS DROP YUBA GAME 42 TO 24 IN 'JINX' TOUR

## OVERTIME GOAL WINS GAME FOR AHS FROM WEED

FORCED into an overtime period by a tenacious Weed high basketball team, Ashland high's Grizzlies made it 19-17 in their favor when Bud Silver took a pass in the keyhole from Charlie Warren to sink the deciding basket in the junior high gym last night, Dec. 22.

(Under new rules, tie games are won by the first team to score a field goal or, if after a three-minute overtime period, one team has a one-point advantage.)

In the exciting extra session, which came after Charlie Warren, Everett Nance and Buzz Robertson had entered the game in the third frame with the score at 10-13 in favor of Weed to put Ashland back in the running, the ball went to tipoff, where Ashland gained possession, only to have the hustling Weedmen take it away from them. The Californians lost the ball out of bounds near their goal and, rushing to the Grizzly end of the court, Warren fired a pass to Silver as the latter cut through the keyhole to sink a close one and end the game.

The starting aggregation—Coach O'Connell's mainstays after Jan. 20—consisted of Weaver, Harris, Smith, Silver and Ardis Warren. The boys found difficulty in penetrating a tight Weed zone defense, although their team work was greatly improved and ball handling on passes was smooth and effective. Quarter-time score stood at 4-4, while the final score was 8-10 in favor of Weed. In the third quarter, with the count at 10-13 against them, the Grizzlies found new life when O'Connell sent in Robertson, Charlie Warren and Nance. The Weedmen potted a field goal immediately after their entry into the game, but Ashland cut loose, with third quarter score at 12-15, and final gun at 17-17. It was then that the rushing play of the Grizzlies pulled the game from the grab-bag.

Jessel worked during the second quarter in place of Silver, who came back into the game in the third frame. Ashland's nine players worked uniformly well while for Weed Joel Fletcher, colored center, was the strong man.

Thursday night's game was the last home appearance of the Grizzlies until Jan. 6, when the Klamath Falls Pelicans will come over the mountain in a district encounter. The Ashland boys will bundle into cars next Thursday to depart for Garfield and North Bend, where games will be played Thursday and Friday nights. They will return Saturday, according to Coach O'Connell.

## Lions Club Endorses Claycomb Ad Plan

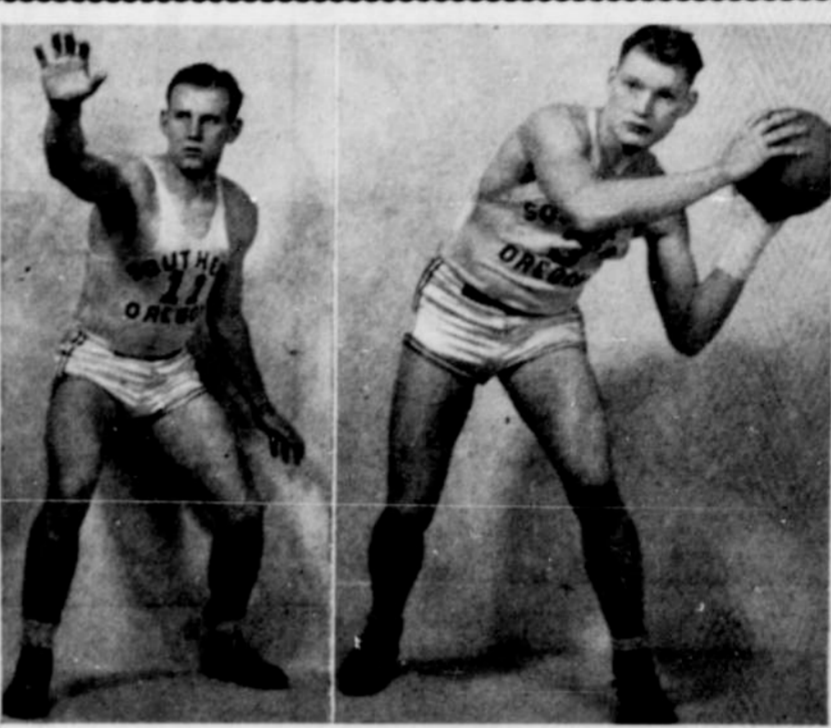
After listening to an outline of his plan, members of the Ashland Lions club Thursday night voted an endorsement of the contract submitted to the city council by Gordon Claycomb, San Francisco advertising man. The plan, as explained by Claycomb, will seek coastwide publicity through magazines, radio contacts, news buildings and exploitation of the Shakespearean festival motif. The proposition already has received endorsement of the council, which will appropriate \$1000 toward the agreement.

Lion Bob Flaherty outlined briefly plans for entertainment of members' wives, guests and local blind people next Thursday night when the club will give a year-end party in the Lithia hotel dining and ballrooms. President R. E. Poston announced that Earl (Pete) Nutter would be initiated into the club at that time.

## Methodists Plan Plays For Christmas Vesper

Special Christmas features at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday will consist of a church school play, "The Little Brother of the Blessed" at 10 a. m. A Christmas sermon and Christmas music will follow at the 11 a. m. worship service and another Christmas play, "Mimi Lights the Candle," at the 5 p. m. vesper hour.

## Hexed?



AT the left, above, is ponderous Jack Kemnitzer, forward and floor captain of the barnstorming SONS basketball team which last night dropped a 42-24 decision to the Yuba City town team in Yuba City, Calif. At right is Walt Sether, key man of Coach Eberhart's casaba crew who jumps center, works the backboard, pots all manner of shots and consistently remains high-point man, besides other accomplishments. It has been Sether, always an outstanding player here, who has starred and sparked his teammates on the present jinxed tour, which has seen the SONS yield in seven straight games. The pair above and the entire traveling squad will return to Ashland Saturday following tonight's final game at Chico State.

## COUNCIL OKEHS CLAYCOMB PLAN FOR PUBLICITY

CONCLUDING a drawn-out argument, Ashland's councilmen—with the exception of Ralph Koozer—voted Tuesday night to allot \$1000 of the city's advertising funds toward the \$1500 contract offered by Gordon Claycomb, San Francisco advertising man, to submit publicity and stories featuring Ashland to magazines, newspapers and radio stations of the western states.

The publicity campaign would particularly exploit news value of the annual Shakespearean festivals here, and Claycomb has assured councilmen that the expenditure would provide tens of thousands of dollars worth of publicity during the year. The agreement will be signed with the understanding that Angus L. Bowmer, producer of the Shakespearean plays here, would guarantee the additional \$500 to complete the contract.

Koozer objected strenuously to the plan on the basis that it was entirely "visionary" and offered no tangible evidence of value to the city. Koozer was the lone dissenter when the issue came to a vote.

## Lars Eliason Buys City Delivery Route

Lars Eliason, well known Ashland man, has purchased trucks and business franchise of the city delivery system from Herb Moore, deputy sheriff and Bellview rancher who has owned and operated the business here for several years.

## Genevieve Farmer and Companion Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner

To See Their Choice of the Following Varsity Theater Programs:  
(Today and Saturday) "PROFESSOR BEWARE" plus "RENEGADE RANGER"  
(Sunday and Monday) SHIRLEY TEMPLE in "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"  
(Tuesday and Wednesday) "THE AMAZING DR. CLITTERHOUSE" and "AFFAIRS OF ANNABELLE"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

## Lithia Theater Will Give Free Kid Party

Children of Ashland will be treated to a free show Saturday when the Lithia theater, following a yuletide custom, will offer a morning matinee starting at 10:30 o'clock Saturday, Dec. 24, according to Harry Hurst, owner and manager of the playhouse.

## GROCETERIA IS BURGLED VICTIM

Apparently the favorite target for theft during recent weeks, the Ashland Groceteria suffered its second looting Tuesday night when burglars broke into the building through a bakery skylight to obtain \$9 in cash from a till.

Although Chief of Police C. P. Talent has made no announcement as yet, it was thought last night that local officers were near a solution of the case, several young lads having been questioned. Evidence at the store indicated that small boys had broken into the place, where they left fingerprints, footmarks and squeezed through the narrow skylight after lowering a rope for descent.

## Writers Uncover History of J'ville

By WPA WRITERS' PROJECT  
Life in the early days of Jacksonville and Umatilla Landing is portrayed in historical sketches of those towns which will appear in the January issue of the Commonwealth Review, University of Oregon quarterly.

Material for the sketches has been gathered and prepared by the federal writers' project of the works progress administration under the direction of Verne Bright, state editor. The articles lay emphasis on early legal battles over the location of county seats and other organizational problems. Many prominent early settlers are mentioned.

## NAZARENE YULE PROGRAM

The annual Christmas exercises will be given in the church of the Nazarene at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 23, in charge of Mrs. C. R. Foster, chairman of the program committee.

## SETHER LOOMS AS TRIP STAR OF TRAVELERS

JINX might be keeping Coach Jean Eberhart's Southern Oregon Normal school SONS touring basketball team out of the win column, but it has been unable to keep the barnstorming trip from being a gold mine of experience for the boys, according to the tall mentor's comments to The Miner late yesterday from Marysville, Calif., where the outfit stopped for the night after dropping a game with the Yuba City town team 42-24.

It was the SONS' seventh straight defeat, although the 32-30 loss at the hands of the San Francisco Dons in Kezar stadium Wednesday night came after a debated referee's decision voiding a tying basket by Jack Causey in final seconds, claiming that George Bullion had purposely missed a free throw to set up the play.

In the Yuba City game, the Ashland travelers were showing effects of the rigorous tour, said Eberhart, and although playing an excellent floor game with a good passing attack, they were badly off on shots, being unable to pot the simplest crumples. Out of 17 foul shots, 13 were muffed by the SONS, who seemed unable to relax and get into their best form.

Tuesday night the SONS were overwhelmed 52-26 by Golden State Creamery in San Francisco, and Monday they bowed 52-43 to Marin Junior college at Kentfield.

The SONS will meet the strong Chico state aggregation in Chico tonight, Dec. 23, and will return here Saturday. A determined effort will be made to break their hard-luck string at the expense of the northern Californians. Regardless of the outcome, declared Eberhart, his team—principally green first-year men—has gained valuable experience for their regular conference season, and has benefited by being on the courts with some fine teams.

Throughout the entire trip big Walt Sether—he with the half-acre hands—has been the outstanding player, showing the best form of his three years experience at the Normal school.

## Seven SONS Grads End Schooling Here

The last to secure diplomas at the completion of seven semesters, seven students at Southern Oregon Normal school have met graduation requirements with the close of the fall quarter. They are Mrs. Ione Martin and Mrs. Lois Fretwell of Medford, Mrs. Helen Kaser of Grants Pass, Mrs. Julia Williams of O'Brien, Mrs. Ruby J. Wise of Klamath Falls, Miss Margaret Petersen of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Mae Harris of Ashland.

The additional semester ruling for graduation, which recently inaugurated in Oregon higher education, henceforth will require eight semesters of work, including summer sessions.

## SEEN IN A DAZE



CULVER ANDERSON and JOE KING worrying about the tastes of grandma.  
DALE WILLIAMS marveling at the way printing ink spreads.  
MARIAN WOLCOTT accepting a radio and not even offering to play a tune for the house.  
DR. R. E. POSTON blushing red and LEONARD HALL with a dark look.  
PAT DUNN addressing CLARK THOMAS as "J. EDGAR."  
BUD SILVER quipping he doughnut want any more, after eating a dozen.