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## The Editor Speaking

A GROUP of philanthropic Medford business men are considering ways and means of keeping their youth out of the toils of the law. It is believed by some that a foray into a willow thicket with hatchets might produce results.

Jack Benny, the comedian, has been indicted along with a number of other prominent persons for smuggling activities. Apparently the jovial Jack was helpless in court without his "applause" and "laughter" cue signs.

Americanism: Coupon-clippers fussing because WPA workers are said to take it easy on the job.

Hollywood seems to have started remaking a lot of old films, only its just that they've quit changing the titles.

Oregon's new marriage law is getting results. During last few weeks 22 couples from this county sought marriage licenses in Yreka.

If we don't say it, Clark Wood will: Felix Frankfurter seems to have been the winner in the supreme court appointment race.

A legless Seattle man pilots a plane, and why not? He has less to lose than most aviators.

Poetic justice will be dealt at Salem Jan. 20 when a bandit who killed a gas station attendant during a stickup will die in the state's new gas chamber.

An optimist is the fellow who believes that some day a group of lawmakers will convene intent on saving money instead of spending it.

One home industry prospered in Ashland during 1938 when births far outnumbered deaths.

A Portland legislator is said to plan the introduction of a bill taxing all bachelors over 25 years of age \$1000 a year. What a houseful of spinster daughters he must have!

Charles Sprague took over as governor of Oregon this week and made an impressive inaugural speech, proving that if anybody can make things sound good, it's an editor.

Legislators are planning a 10 per cent hike in liquor costs to raise pension funds but they ought to know that liquor is better going down.

## BURGLARY GETS QUICK SOLUTION

Monday morning Ashland police were given an apparently clueless robbery case and by Wednesday noon they had recovered more than \$100 loot taken early Monday from Cook's Reception pool hall and had jailed the thief and secured his written confession.

The admitted burglar, George E. Hibbs, 24, of this city, Thursday morning was arraigned in justice court of Judge M. T. Burns and was bound over to the grand jury. Hibbs indicated he would waive further hearing and would appear in Circuit Judge H. D. Norton's court for sentence soon as possible, probably Saturday or Monday.

In his signed statement, Hibbs admitted attempting to loot pockets of Nick Rossi while the latter slept in his home on Lincoln street and, after being routed by Rossi's awakening, entered rear of Cook's pool hall where he took a small metal strong box containing about \$126 in cash and checks, one of which he had written for \$15 that was worthless. Police unearthed the metal box in Hibbs' back yard where it had been buried, and found most of the stolen cash in Hibbs' clothing at his home.

Hibbs' father, Marvin I. Hibbs of Oakland, Calif., was expected to arrive in Ashland last night.

**GAME POSTPONED**  
According to word received from Coach Jean Eberhart last night, the Thursday night game scheduled with Oregon Normal's Wolves at Monmouth was postponed until Saturday. The Friday night game will be played as scheduled. Eberhart gave no explanation for Coach Al Cox' alteration which necessitated the SONS' layover an extra day in Salem.

# LEGION POST MAY OPEN UP MOUNT ASHLAND SKI AREA

## BOX FACTORY POURS \$32,000 INTO PAYROLL

DURING eight months of existence Ashland's newest industry, the Pine Box company, has poured \$32,000 in salaries into the community and purchased more than \$89,000 worth of box lumber while employing a crew varying from 34 to 57 employes, according to R. I. Flaharty, manager and owner of the firm.

Besides an average of \$4000 per month in payroll checks which found circulation in all branches of local business, the Pine Box company has paid the city of Ashland more than \$1200 for electric power. The box manufacturing plant will continue 12-month operation, with output limited only by the quantity of box lumber available, declared Flaharty.

The \$89,000 of box lumber used in the plant represents an approximate timber cut of \$200,000 by mills in southern Oregon and northern California. The Pine Box company has been forced to buy lumber from Yreka, Grants Pass and other distant points because of a shortage of box grade available in the immediate vicinity.

Practically all of the plant's output is shipped to California points, the Ashland concern bringing in its payroll and operation funds from outside. The more than \$120,000 handled by the business in the eight-month period represents money which would not have been diverted to the Ashland area had not the Pine Box company been in operation.

Wages paid by the company are current box factory scale, ranging from a minimum of 40 to 90 cents per hour, with but five of the present crew drawing the smaller figure. The plant, located on East Main street at the railroad tracks, has brought more than a dozen families to Ashland for permanent residence as well as employing a number of local men.

## Seattle Graduate To Succeed Woodell At High School Jan. 23

Hollis D. Beasley, University of Washington graduate, this week was appointed successor to Marshall Woodell, Ashland high school social science and speech instructor. Woodell recently resigned to accept the position of registrar at Southern Oregon Normal school, and his post will be taken over by Beasley Jan. 23, start of the next school term.

Beasley, 29 years of age, was completing master's degree work at U of W when selected by the school board, and will come here inexperienced at teaching but well recommended, having been active in drama, editor of his school paper, member of an annual staff, yell king and student of political science, history, speech, sociology and science.



**What's the Answer?**  
By EDWARD FINCH  
WHERE DID THE EXPRESSION "KICK THE BUCKET" COME FROM?  
THIS expression originated when a man named Bolsover literally kicked a bucket out from under him in order to commit suicide. He climbed onto a bucket, slipped his head into a noose on one end of a length of rope, tied the other end to a rafter above his head and kicked the bucket away thus strangling himself to death. Someone took up the expression and popularized it into present-day slang.

## Grants Pass To Open District 9 Race Here

### CAVEMAN QUINT, GRIZZLIES ARE RATED EQUALS

WITH hopes running higher than at any time for three years, Grants Pass' Cavemen will step onto the Ashland junior high floor at 8:30 o'clock tonight, Jan. 13, to face the local high school Grizzlies in the opening game of District 9 play. Each team last week-end dumped Klamath Falls' Pelicans, Ashland besting them 34-20 and Grants Pass emerging victors by a 39-26 tally.

It was since 1935 that the Cavemen have been able to defeat the Klamath Falls quintets and, with a better looking five than that of last year which ended in third place, Coach George Hibbard is expecting to see his boys become a real factor in the district battle.

Facing Coach Skeet O'Connell's ace starters will be Forwards Stinebaugh and Gray, Center Mooers, Guards Lanning and Dully, with Thomas, Davis, Bormuth, Gabehart and Newman as reserves. The Climate City lads average five feet 11 inches in height, according to dope, and Gene Dully has developed a surprising accuracy for swishers while his teammates are turning in a faster, smoother ball handling performance.

Ready for the challenge will be Ashland's Forwards Charlie Warren and Roberson, Center Nance and Guards Silver and Harris, with Ardis Warren, Weaver, Smith and Jessell as ready reserve strength.

A new innovation in local basketball will be the introduction of the "honor system" for calling of fouls in which the player committing the offense will direct the referee's attention to the breach, with usual penalties following. The system has gained some popularity in the east and will be tried here tonight as an experiment. Referee Clyde Young will officiate.

In the preliminary contest the second string outfits of both schools will clash at 7:30 p. m.

Ashland and Grants Pass will meet three times in eight days, the Grizzlies traveling to the Caveman court Friday, Jan. 19, and the Cavemen coming here the following night, Jan. 20. After the third Grants Pass game C. Warren, Roberson and Nance will become ineligible for further play.

Saturday night, Jan. 14, Medford will entertain Crescent City on the Medford floor as a breather following their defeat last Saturday at the hands of the Salem high Vikings 26-9.

**ADDRESSES LIONS CLUB**  
Dr. Dan Gilbert, young lecturer from Washington, D. C., spoke to Ashland Lions club Tuesday night on communism and collectivism in the main address of the dinner meeting in the Lathia hotel. Dr. R. E. Poston presided at the session which was marked by attendance of all but one member.

**Max (Birdseed) DeMille and Companion**  
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"FOUR DAUGHTERS"  
plus GENE AUTRY in  
"GOLD MINE IN THE SKY"  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
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plus  
"TORCHY GETS HER MAN"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

## How Long Must We Suffer?

If the recent flourish of thievery and robbing in and around Ashland is a criterion, then the impression must have gained wide acceptance that it's little risk to break and enter.

Too many youngsters and older men who should know better have been getting into trouble. There is but one reasonable conclusion to draw, and that is that mild remonstrances being given the wayward are not accomplishing the desired end of discouraging pilfering. Obviously crime waxes fat on mercy.

More than a year ago winking at lawbreaking became the fashion in this section and now nothing is safe that isn't nailed down and picketed 24 hours a day. Perhaps the time has arrived when we should start bleeding for victims instead of the dishonest. Leastwise, it wouldn't hurt to try a little vigorous punishment once—results couldn't be worse.

Of course, special circumstances seem to surround every case and each guilty person has his friends who intervene and plead in his behalf. But if we're ever going to protect the public we've got to start cracking down on lawbreakers regardless of who they or their families and friends may be.

Either we have laws or we don't. The police do their part by apprehending guilty parties, but get little help or cooperation from there on. We've got to quit sobbing on shoulders of sticky-fingered nuisances or continue to pay high bounty in loss of valuables, money and community reputation.

As long as everything can't be under lock and key, the most practical thing to do is to place under lock and key those who help themselves to other people's property.

## C OF C TO NAME NEW DIRECTOR

Directors of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon today in the Plaza cafe to elect a successor for Director C. P. Talent who has resigned his post at the recommendation of his physician following a breakdown in health.

Directors also will consider endorsement of the Pacific Highway association which was organized to boost interests of the auto route, and to consider financial backing of the association. Out-of-state car registration figures will be reported at the meeting, and directors will hear letters sent by Mrs. Marchial Stansbury, secretary, in endorsement of Huron Clough, Canyonville, to succeed F. L. TouVelle of Jacksonville, resigned, on the state highway commission.

Nineteen new applicants signed up for membership in the chamber will be voted on by the executives. They include the following:

Hugo Reinbold, Woodcraft shop (F. M. Rush), H. L. Moore, Silver Crest dairy, Ashland Egg and Poultry company, Charles H. Delsman, Ashland Ice and Storage company, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Nims, Hiram's Ice Cream parlor, Ted's Feed and Seed store, Elks Barber shop, Wick's Furniture company, Dr. Clyde Dunham, Guy Applewhite, E. C. Walls, Pete's Lunch, Western Auto Supply company, Kent's cafeteria and the Colonial auto cafe.

**RECORD GOLD OUTPUT**  
Oregon set a record for gold production during 1938, according to the federal bureau of mines, producing 77,100 fine ounces. Silver mined totaled 105,000 ounces, while 92,000 pounds of copper and 46,000 pounds of lead were produced for a total mineral value of \$2,778,000.

## Cotton Pickin' Guest Shows Classy Pair Of Heels When Loosed

THEY'S cullid fo'ks and cullid fo'ks, according to Assistant Police Chief Pat Dunn, and Wednesday he encountered a "cotton pickin' gen'mun fum Texas, suh!"

The richly-pigmented fellow was in a state of enjoyment usually referred to as intoxication by report-scribbling sleuths, and Dunn jostled the visitor toward the town tank for processing. Following a brief but refreshing snooze, the prisoner remembered his breeding and was at once both genteel and humble.

Following the pattern of usual police station banter, Pat asked the man whether he was democratic or republican. After rolling his eyes cautiously from Dunn to Chief C. P. Talent, he answered "Ah's whatever you white fo'ks is, suh. We niggers down in Texas done learn' we's what told to be."

Asked how long it would take him to get started back to cotton country if released, the darky grinned, "Jest as long as it takes fo' me to git mah feet goin'!"

Which turned out to be a classic of understatement.

**RESIGNS HEALTH POST**  
Mrs. J. H. Fuller, vice president of the Jackson County Public Health association, has resigned her post because of recent illness and will be succeeded by Mrs. F. Corning Kenly of Medford.

**START CONSTRUCTION**  
Basement excavation is under way on a new bungalow-type residence being built for Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Schuerman on Sherman street by Contractor R. A. Berry. The modern white frame home will be completed in April.

## MEMBERS WILL SURVEY WAYS TO OPEN ROAD

THAT something should be done to open up the Mount Ashland ski area to enthusiasts of southern Oregon and northern California was the opinion expressed by members of the Ashland post of the American Legion Tuesday night, according to Commander P. P. Whitmore. The organization plans to investigate probable expense of opening up the area to automobile traffic during winter months and will consider ways and means of accomplishing that end.

Although no definite plans have as yet crystallized, it was brought out at the meeting that Ashland is missing an opportunity to become a minor winter sports mecca by permitting this area's best and closest ski slopes to remain neglected because a half dozen miles of good mountain road are not cleared of snow. With a forest service shelter constructed at a prepared slope, and with thousands of acres of mountain top unusually well suited to the snow sport six months of the year, Legionnaires are interested in devising some plan whereby the area may be made accessible. The Legion commander has invited all persons interested in having the area opened to be present at the organization's next meeting night, Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Pioneer hall.

It was believed that city or county equipment might be loaned for the work, with expense limited to cost of fuel and salary of an operator. Snowfall on much of the road normally averages from but two to four feet and, with two or three clearings, should be traversible with chains during the entire winter season.

Hilt, Medford and Ashland ski enthusiasts have declared that Mount Ashland slopes are superior even to those found at Crater Lake, only drawback having been that it is necessary to hike in for several miles. Snowfields on the summit, at an elevation of about 7500 feet, are suitable for skiing from mid-fall to late spring.

## INGLE DRUG COWBOYS DEFEAT TALENT TWICE

Ingle Drugstore Cowboys Saturday night defeated Talent high school basketball 55-14 in the SONS gym and again bested the boys of Coach Roy Parr jr. on the latters' home court Tuesday 40-19.

In the first contest Leonard Warren was high with 15 points, while in the Tuesday game Headrick Baughman and Howard Mayberry each potted 12 markers for the soda squirts while Dick Skeeters led his teammates with 6.

## SEEN IN A DAZE



JASPER REYNOLDS having his week-end tub without water. M. T. BURNS explaining "That was no stenographer, that was my wife!"

CLARK THOMAS writing that first day in Washington, D. C., he got lost in the catacombs of the FBI building and PAT DUNN allowing that, with three months of hard police schooling under his Sam Browne, Clark'll be able to find his way out.

IKE FRIDEGER crossing the street at the approach of DR. C. A. HAINES following a "stolen car" incident that sent DOC and a state police flying to the California line.

JOE KING challenging JOHN BALDWIN and PARKER HESS to a pinocle game.

NICK ROSSI wearing his pants to bed as the best form of burglar insurance.