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**PORTLAND** legislator has requested that bottled water be furnished in the new capitol in lieu of Salem's faucet output, which is taken as significant evidence that our lawmakers have actually tasted the stuff.

About the only time modern man wants to be his brother's keeper is when there's a good job open as prison guard.

A grinning reception will be accorded visitors to the Treasure Island fair by business men of the west this year who figure to open a fat oyster when tourists shell out.

The quickest way to learn how a friend feels is to give him a touch.

Editor Moore Hamilton of the Medford News has been fussing about poker games running in his town. We warned him a long time ago about those friendly little sessions with Paul Luy.

Police are using toy balloons to test drivers' breath for alcohol, giving inebriated motorists something to stretch besides the truth.

The probable reason civilization has never taken any giant strides is because human beings are too small.

One thing you can say for nudists—they make life bearable.

A proposal is now current to bar fish eggs from sportsmen's bait and it probably won't be long before the fish will be barred, too. We are rapidly approaching the day when they'll be sacred, like monkeys in the temples of India.

Electric razors are said to lessen the pain of shaving, and that isn't all, according to Junior. There's no leather strap hanging on the bathroom door.

Another 20-year-old college football star has been given a berth with the Oregon state police. What a foot-flattening place the gridiron must be!

Clark Wood hints that Westonsites have asked him to sing "Asleep in the Deep." Aw shucks, Clark, that was a wish, not a request.

## MT. ANGEL, SONS TO PLAY TONIGHT

Southern Oregon Normal school basketball representatives—Forwards Leavens and Hoxie, Center Sether and Guards Marchi and Cady—will greet their first college opponents on the local floor this year at 8 o'clock tonight in the SONS gym with a will to win that should produce an outstanding battle. Mount Angel's Seraphs will be the opponents and, incidentally, will bring to Ashland the best outfit in the school's history, according to Coach Frances Coghlan.

The Seraphs already have dumped Portland U, Gonzaga, Pacific U and Monmouth, and will start forwards Jimmy Nolan and Schaffer, Center Al Haener, Guards Aldrich and O'Halloran in tonight's game. The visitors from Mount Angel will appear on the SONS floor again tomorrow night, Saturday, following a preliminary game between Ingle's Cowboys and Copco of Medford starting at 8 p. m.

Coach Jean Eberhart's starting five will include three veterans, as will the Seraph crew and, following steady improvement in recent weeks, the Normal outfit is expected to open the college season with a performance on a par with SONS outfits of recent years. But one college opponent—Chico State—has bitten the dust at the hands of the local Teachers. "But you ain't seen nothin' yet," forecast the boys yesterday.

Ingle's Cowboys probably will play a Medford independent team as a preliminary in tonight's fare, it was indicated yesterday.

**SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT**  
The American Association of University Women will hold a bridge benefit in the Parish house at 1:30 p. m. today, proceeds of which will be applied toward a scholarship at SONS.

**SAMUEL HUFF**  
Funeral services for Samuel Joseph Huff, 79, who died Saturday at his home here, were held at 11 a. m. Tuesday at the Litwiler Funeral home with interment in Phoenix cemetery.

## LOCAL BOX FACTORY WORKERS JOIN IN BAG PROTEST

**BOX FACTORY** employees of Ashland this week joined with those of 67 other northwest plants in protesting an announced plan of the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation to use 8,000,000 cotton bags for shipment of oranges instead of using wooden boxes as has been customary for many years past.

The orange surplus, it is understood, will be shipped from the west coast to CCC camps and to eastern centers for relief distribution. The plan to use bags instead of boxes for transporting the fruit met with immediate and widespread objection from lumber districts of the northwest which will lose an estimated \$1,026,750 worth of shooik business if the proposal is carried out.

What the cotton bags would cost Ashland—in proportion—was explained by R. I. Flaharty, manager of the Pine Box company, yesterday. "Ashland's proportionate share of the box business which would result if the oranges were packed in the usual way would total about half a million board feet of shooik, or about a month of capacity run here.

"One of the characteristics of lumber is that manufacture of wooden boxes is about 80 per cent labor, from faller to boxmaker, and every million dollars worth of box shooik business makes an appreciable decrease in unemployment. Inasmuch as the surplus commodities corporation is operated by the government for the benefit of the people as well as the growers affected, we feel that the FSC would be overlooking one of its fundamental reasons for existence in using cotton bags. The bags would not appreciably help the cotton industry, as the fruit would use but 400 bales of the fiber and a minimum of labor.

"Sixty cents of each dollar paid in wages in Oregon comes from the lumber industry, so it is evident that the present issue is of vital importance to all of us here," continued Flaharty in explaining reasons for his employees—some 35 men—in unanimously joining with other lumber workers in bombarding their senators and representatives with protests.

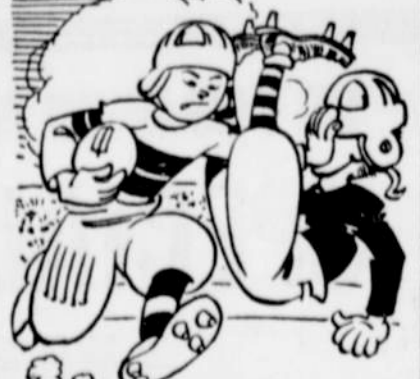
Interested persons are addressing protests to Jesse W. Trapp, president of Federal Surplus Commodities corporation, Washington, D. C., and to Senator Charles H. McNary, Washington. The expressions of disapproval are being prompted by the Wooden Box committee, an association of manufacturers and employees of the wooden box industry which has pointed out that although cotton sacks might save from one to three cents a box on packing costs, fruit damage resulting from shipment in sacks will much more than offset the saving.

## Hibbs Awaits FBI Report for Action

George Hibbs, Ashland man being held in the county jail in Medford charged with robbery of cook's Reception early Jan. 9, will await arrival of reports from the FBI in Washington and the California authorities in Sacramento, it was indicated by sheriff's office last night.

Hibbs has entered a plea of guilty to the charge and Circuit Judge H. D. Norton will review his record, if any, before passing sentence. It was believed that the information would arrive either today or Saturday, at which time Hibbs will face Judge Norton.

## What's the Answer?



WHERE DID THE GAME OF FOOTBALL ORIGINATE?

**MOST** of us today think of football as strictly an American game and will be very much surprised to learn that it was conceived and first played in Japan as early as the Seventh century. It was very popular among court circles and was limited mostly to those enjoying high royal rank. It was called football to distinguish it from the Roman national game of handball.

## Battle of Century Goes Floppo When Talent Pair Meet

**THE** Talent fire department's smoker held in the city hall Wednesday night drew a packed house to witness 15 rounds of fast boxing and two outstanding wrestling matches and one or two matches not so outstanding.

The wrestle between Big Chief Simmons and Bone-Crusher Gleims was a very dry affair and Talent sport fans are looking forward to a rematch between the two Talent meenies which should be worth going far to see. Referee Joanis spent a busy evening keeping the contestants within the bounds of human decency.

The Talent fire department has expressed appreciation to local citizens and those from out of town for their whole-hearted support and promise a bigger and better entertainment to be announced soon.

## FRANK NEWMAN PENS POSITION ON 'GAMBLING'

**FRANK NEWMAN**, Jackson county district attorney, this week asked that the following letter be printed in The Miner explaining his views on "gambling" which is said to exist in the county. His words follow:

To the Public:  
In last week's issue of the Medford News there appeared a partial report of a brief interview between the undersigned and the editor of the News relative to permitting gambling by card games to continue to be carried on in this county in the future as it has been in the past. The interview arose out of a question put to me by Mr. Hamilton of the News about as follows: "How does it come that poker games and other gambling games with cards are permitted to run openly and pin-ball games, punchboards, etc. are shut out, and will you prosecute people operating such gambling by card games if complaint is made at your office, backed up with proper evidence, or just what would be your attitude in that regard?"

I very promptly informed Mr. Hamilton that I am opposed to gambling in any form, and that I would not hesitate to issue a criminal complaint to anybody applying for same, if the party would furnish me with sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction in case any arrest was made upon such complaint, and that it would make no difference whatsoever to me who the party or parties complained about were. I further informed him that I would welcome such a prosecution any time, and that I would assure him, or anybody else, that the case would be vigorously prosecuted, without fear or favor, if and when any such complaint were made at this office, supported by such evidence. I meant exactly what I said.

**A Difficult Problem**  
I realize, of course, that the evil of gambling has always been a difficult problem to solve, and that the law enforcement officers and agencies cannot accomplish a great deal toward its solution without the support of the general public. I also know that there is a tendency on the part of quite a considerable portion of the people in every community to close their eyes to the violation of our laws along the line of gambling, on the

## ASHLAND C OF C AGAIN LEADS IN CAR REGISTRY

Ashland's Chamber of Commerce again led the state's motor vehicle portal registration of out-of-state cars when a total of 30,618 vehicles were stickered here. The record surpassed the previous high here by 2300.

Cave City was second with 13,117, Brookings next with 11,898, and Grants Pass fourth with 10,874.

**Howard Rose 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)  
MARX BROTHERS in "ROOM SERVICE"  
plus SMILEY BURNETT in "UNDER WESTERN STARS"  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
"VALLEY OF THE GIANTS"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

## We Gambled and Lost!

With an opening on the circuit court bench probable in 1940, Jackson county's usually demure district attorney has decided to be a table-thumping crusader.

"Sin must go!" he murmurs, with an "I'll-write-and-open-letter" gleam in his eye.

And forthwith card games of the county silently fold their table covers and steal away into the night (and the nearest rooming house). Evil flourishes no more in Jackson county. There is to be a new Policy; the Devil may now consider himself in the dog-house.

Just how much District Attorney Frank Newman will accomplish in a practical way remains to be seen, however, because there's a great difference between a letter to the editor and a courtroom presence.

Newman's assurance that he will personally prosecute violators of the gambling statute is equivalent to protection. Guilty persons have never been in safer hands than those of the timorous D-A.

And as for gambling, Jackson county made a bad bet when we moved Frank Newman into the courthouse and the people have been losing ever since.

## Mayor's Report Shows Condition of City To Be Good During Last Year

**ASHLAND'S** city councilmen met Tuesday night with Mayor T. S. Wiley to hear his report covering the condition of the municipality, together with his suggestions for 1939. The meeting also resulted in the reappointment of all department heads, renewing all salary schedules except that of the city superintendent, who received a \$15 monthly increase, and finished with a short business session.

Department heads continued include Chief of Police C. P. Talent, Fire Chief Clint Baughman, City Supt. Elmer Biegel, City Attorney Frank Van Dyke, City Judge C. O. Presnall, Water Supt. Earl Hosler, Street Supt. Frank Davis and Cemetery Supt. C. E. Clement. F. E. Russell and Roy Hughes were given renewal of their yearly contracts for operating the city power plant.

**Gives Detailed Report**  
Mayor Wiley's complete report, as submitted to the council, follows:  
It is gratifying to note that the general fiscal condition of the city of Ashland improved during 1938. The bonded indebtedness has been reduced by approximately \$16,237.50. The city has continued its policy of purchasing its own bonds whenever possible in order to save

## BENEFIT BALL PLANS ADVANCE

Saturday, Jan. 20, all Ashland will dance that some victim of infantile paralysis might walk when the annual President's birthday ball will be held in the Elks temple, according to General Chairman John Fuller. Dancing will start at 9:30 p. m. and continue until 12:30 a. m., with more than 60 sponsors already having signified their support of the charity affair. A varied program, in addition to fine music, will feature the evening.

P. P. Whitmore is acting as chairman of sponsors for the dance while Dr. R. E. Poston is ticket sales chairman. Proceeds from the ball will be used for local and national relief of sufferers from the limb-withering disease.

## J'ville P-TA Meeting Draws 14 Ashlanders

An all-day meeting of the Jackson County Parent-Teachers association held in Jacksonville Wednesday drew 14 workers from Ashland's three units, as well as George A. Briscoe, city school superintendent, as one of the main speakers.

Briscoe, who had spoken before the first P-TA meeting in the county 15 years ago, talked on "What I Think of the P-TA." Others giving talks were Mrs. Myron Root, Miss Leah Inch and E. H. Hedrick, all of Medford. Mrs. Hoey, county president, was appointed delegate to the state convention to be held in Klamath Falls in April. The meeting was featured by a noon luncheon served by ladies of Jacksonville.

## ASHLAND DUMPS 'PASS 26 TO 19 IN DELAYED RALLY

**PULLING** out of a 17-17 tie with Grants Pass high cagers in the Climate city last night, Ashland's Grizzlies ended the district battle with a whirlwind rally that netted nine points while the Cavemen potted but two, with two starting players for each side sitting on the bench as the result of a 38-four game.

First quarter ended with Ashland leading 7-2 and half score stood at 10-6 for the Grizzlies. Third quarter was at deadlock, 17-17, and it was the final two minutes of the game that saw Bud Silver, Ashland guard, get hot with a pair of swishers to ice the contest. In the third frame both Nance and Roberson went out on personals, being replaced by Weaver and Jessel with Ashland squirming to hold a one-point lead. In the fourth Moore and Lanning retired via the error route and Ashland fans took a deep breath. Eighteen fouls were called on the Cavemen while 20 were blamed on Ashland by Referee George Harrington.

The win tied the district series between the two teams one-all, Grants Pass having taken a victory from the local lads here last week-end 18-17. The tie will be broken on the local Junior high floor tonight when the Cavemen and Grizzlies renew the district title race and Forwards Charlie Warren and Buzz Roberson and Center Everett Nance play for the last time for AHS. The loser of tonight's game will be eliminated from a chance at the district title.

In Thursday night's contest, Harris and Silver tied for scoring mention with seven points each, while Warren was next with four. Nance three, Roberson and Jessel two each and Weaver one. Both Weaver and Jessel looked good on the floor while Charlie Warren and Kenny Harris turned in exceptional performances. Coach Skeet O'Connell was pleased with his team's work and indicated that several new plays would be ready for the Grants Pass lads tonight after an afternoon skull session today.

## Ski Party Will View Mount Ashland Road

Members of the Ashland post of the American Legion and others interested in opening up the Mount Ashland ski area to auto traffic, will inspect the mountain road Sunday, it was indicated this week by P. P. Whitmore, commander.

Interest has been developing here during recent weeks for the formation of some plan whereby the road could be kept open for winter traffic as far as Trail camp, or the summit if feasible, and the ski party Sunday will survey possibilities.

**MARY BELL**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Bell, 73, who died Wednesday at her home on Hargadine street, will be held at 3 p. m. today at the J. P. Dodge and Sons chapel with Dr. D. E. Nourse officiating. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

## SEEN IN A DAZE



**DR. W. J. CRANDALL** learning that the best way to a councilman's heart is through his stomach, at a milk shake per stomach.

**STANLEY JOHNSON** showing a sanitary inspector behind his ears.

**MARSHALL WOODDELL** declaring DR. R. E. POSTON is such a cut-up he keeps him in stitches.

**W. L. BAKER** conducting a group of tourists through his room, Ashland's tower of jewels.

**JACK FORSYTHE** avowing that the most important thing to studying IS studying.

**A beautiful friendship** springing up between CARL McCUNE and CARL SMITH.

**BETTY DAVIS** cancelling an order for a ham sandwich.

**BILL WIMMER** and **BILL BROMLEY** wanting to go to work for the unemployment office.

**JOHNNIE HUGHES** involved in a mistaken identity plot and missing by inches the toils of the law.