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The Editor Speaking

CAUSE contractors read seven inches below ground level as feet. Oregon's recently completed state capitol is in the hole, along with the rest of us.

American preparedness seems to be a little more than an ever willing willingness on the part of politicians to make a football out of our military needs.

That this country needs a tax system that can be shoved off onto the people.

It's the four hours after time that's the best for sleeping.

Being put in the dog-house has its compensations. You meet a lot of nice people there.

A skull estimated to be some 30 million years old was found near Portland recently, and if hardness tests for permanence, scientists believe some future age will be puzzled by Clark Wood.

The surest way to stick your nose into somebody else's business.

Most airline hostesses marry within a year, according to our All Things editor. Proving, of course, that marriages are made in heaven.

Through fasting, Mahatma Gandhi has won another victory in India. For centuries shapely men have let diet help them get what they want.

CHURCHES WILL OBSERVE WEEK

Members of the Ashland Ministerial association meeting Monday voted unanimously to observe Passion week April 3 to 7 with special services, and to hold Easter morning sunrise services, probably in Lithia park, weather permitting, according to Rev. E. Wordsworth, secretary.

The Passion week services will start on Monday and continue through Friday, with no services being held Saturday, April 8. The sunrise services will be worked out in detail later by a special committee, of which the Rev. M. T. Deal is chairman, assisted by Rev. Wordsworth and Rev. C. E. Dunham.

The Passion week services will commemorate the crucifixion and resurrection during the last eight days of Christ's life.

At the Monday meeting, the fair introduced E. F. Atchley, superintendent of the Anti-Cigarette League of Oregon, who spoke briefly concerning his work.

Spencer Arson Case Set for April Sixth

Trial of Ray Spencer, Ashland, charged with arson in connection with the burning of his home on city dump ground property Jan. 14, was set Tuesday for April 6 in circuit court. Spencer entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned this week, and was remanded to the county jail to await trial.

Spencer's son-in-law, Joe Barbeau, implicated in the case, already has entered a plea of guilty, having received pay from Spencer for saying nothing about the burning of the house, in which he admits having taken part.

An outgrowth of the case was the filing of a \$10,000 damage suit against Bertha L. Stevens, Central point woman, who Spencer is said to have married just prior to his arrest a week ago, by Anna Spencer, who married Ray Spencer in 1937 and who was living with him at the time of the destruction of their home early this year. Mrs. Spencer charges the new Mrs. Spencer with alienation of affections.

Lions Stag Party Is Success Financially

The stag jamboree party held in the VFW hall Wednesday night by the Ashland Lions club was declared a financial success yesterday by Treasurer I. F. Andrus. Featuring games and entertainment, the party attracted a large number of Ashland people as well as many from Medford and Grants Pass. Proceeds from the affair, exact amount of which was not determined yesterday, will be used in the club's sponsorship of an Ashland guide service.

COMMITTEE WILL EYE ASHLAND AS EMIGRES' HOME

ASHLAND, as the possible site for a modern health resort, an infantile paralysis sanitarium, and the future home of approximately 12 Jewish emigre families to be resettled on farms in this community will be studied by a special San Francisco and Portland committee headed by Alfred Weinkrantz of San Francisco, according to word received here today from Gordon Claycomb, Ashland representative in the Bay City.

"I conferred with Mr. Weinkrantz and his co-workers in San Francisco, last week," Claycomb stated. "They are immediately interested in resettling a number of families on orchard farm property in this county and through combining their funds will undertake to operate a packing house and cannery as well," he said.

"Not all the refugees are farmers. Many of these men held responsible medical, business and hotel positions in Germany before the crisis. These men are particularly qualified to organize and operate health farms, 'dude' ranches and an infantile paralysis sanitarium such as Ashland hopes to secure. By coming to Ashland they will not only bring new wealth and business to the community, but a rich cultural heritage as well. Ashland will have every reason to be proud of its new citizens."

According to Claycomb, the committee will visit Ashland early this month.

In reporting on his activities for Ashland, Claycomb pointed out that he has interested Robert Grey, patent engineer, who has closely associated with the "Dry-Ice" Corporation, largest producers of dry-ice on the Pacific coast, in the possibility of manufacturing dry-ice for the northwest at the Lithia springs. "I have been asked to secure more detailed information regarding this project and the Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to secure the data," stated Claycomb.

A feature story and pictures regarding Ashland and the Oregon Shakespearean association will appear in the March 12 issue of the Sunday Oregonian, Claycomb reports.

In contacting the major oil companies regarding the placement of material about Ashland and the Shakespearean Festival on their road and pleasure maps as well as in other printed material issued by the companies Claycomb has secured definite commitments from the Shell, Standard and Associated companies to publicize this city.

"We were too late to get our information on the road maps issued by these companies, but they will play up Ashland and the festival in other folders and magazines published by them. However, we have their assurance that our material will receive every consideration for next year's edition of road and pleasure maps," Claycomb said.

The contemplated auto-caravan from Ashland to the exposition is considered an excellent idea by Ted Huggins, chairman of the Golden Gate International Exposition promotion committee. Mr. Huggins in a letter to Claycomb writes: "In reference to the auto-caravan from Ashland, let me say that as chairman of the fair's promotion committee, I will do everything possible to cooperate in and help publicize this very worthwhile program." The caravan idea proved of interest to Harold R. Deal, advertising and sales promotion manager of the Associated Oil company. Mr. Deal turned over the material submitted to him by Claycomb to the company's publicity department for a "story and pictures of the Ashland caravan's anticipated trip to San Francisco."

BIKE THEFT ARREST

City and state police Monday arrested James Ray Ruddell, 18, of Seattle following his sale of a bicycle to a local man who notified police after his suspicions were aroused. The lad was returned to Medford, where the wheel was reported to have been stolen.

Ross Tilley 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) "DOWN ON THE FARM" plus GENE AUTRY in "PRAIRIE MOON"
(Sunday, Monday) "SUBMARINE PATROL"
(Tuesday Thru Thursday) "TAIL-SPIN"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

End Season On the Upbeat!



ASHLAND high school's 1938-39 basketball aggregation, shown above, ended a moderately successful season last Friday night with a sensational upset surprise over Medford high school when they outplayed and outscored their most bitter foes to cap a 29-27 season finale. The game was a district conference battle and moved Ashland into second place honors. The entire squad is as follows: Back row, left to right—Coach Skeet O'Connell, Earl Warren, Jack Bentley, Joe Burdick, Jack Hanel, Jules Powers, Richard Ormond, Bob Weaver, Dale Williams and Max Young. Front row, left to right—Ardis Warren, Stanley Davis, Kenny Harris, James Smith, Joe Jessel, Bud Silver, Buzz Roberson and Charlie Warren. (Engraving courtesy Rogue News.)

BUTTE FALLS AND J'VILLE WINNERS COVETED TITLES

CLIMAXING the 12th annual Southern Oregon College of Education's invitational class B high school basketball tournament Saturday night, the Butte Falls Loggers of Coach Ken Schilling copied the coveted championship bracket title and right to enter the state meet in Salem next week. In the president's cup division Jacksonville's Miners were tournament champions.

Nearly 3000 persons packed the Ashland college's huge gymnasium for final playoffs, which were marked by close competition and interest on the part of fans, townspeople from successful schools flocking to the tournament for deciding games. The Saturday night games, concluded with the awarding of 11 handsome trophies by Chamber of Commerce president Frank Van Dyke. The tournament got underway Wednesday evening and was in full swing Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, the SONS gym and Junior high gym being used for playoffs.

In the championship bracket, Coos River won second place honors following their defeat at the hands of Butte Falls. St. Mary's of Medford won third place with Keno fourth, while Chiloquin, last year's tournament champions, captured fifth place. Consolation was taken by Rogue River.

In the president's cup race, Jacksonville topped Phoenix, giving the latter Jacksonville county team second place, while third spot went to Kerby and fourth to Talent. President's cup consolation was won by Sutherland.

A popular feature of the tournament was the appearance of the Jacksonville band, which furnished musical background for the games. Gate receipts topped a new high for this year, according to Jean F. Eberhart, athletic director of SOCE in charge of the event. Thirty-seven teams from district 14 entered the meet.

Camp Fire Birthday Week Events to Start With Sunday Service

The national Camp Fire Girls organization is celebrating its 26th anniversary this month and the local Camp Fire Girls are celebrating their 14th anniversary. The program for birthday week starts Sunday morning, March 12, when all Camp Fire Girls will wear their service costumes of middies and skirts and attend the Methodist church in a group.

Monday will be "middy" day and all Camp Fire Girls will wear their middies to school. Tuesday after school, from 4 until 5:30 p. m., there will be a skating party, each girl bringing her own skates. The block on B street where the army is will be closed to traffic and the girls will skate in the street.

The week will be climaxed by the annual Dad-Daughter banquet to be held at the Junior high cafeteria at 6:30 p. m. Friday, March 17. The theme for the banquet this year is "Americana"—or how a Camp Fire Girl can contribute to Americana. Miss Peggy Whitte will be toastmistress.

D. W. Moon of Okanogan, Wash., visited here for a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Moon.

Results, If Any, Count!

Back in the good old days of Jackson county a district attorney was a man who committed himself to the task of prosecuting guilty persons for the protection of society. Since the election of District Attorney Frank Newman, however, a new system has been used which attacks law enforcement from a novel angle.

As prosecuting attorney, Frank Newman's record is one that would do credit to any defense counsel paid to keep his clients out of jail. Newman's record is one of hesitancy, uncertainty and bombastic uselessness.

It was only last summer that a thoughtless Ashland youth speeding down a city street struck and killed a man on a bicycle. It was an unfortunate tragedy, and none felt animosity toward the badly scared lad who drove the death car, although he admitted reckless driving.

The case was taken over by the district attorney's office with the final result that the young motorist was set free without so much as losing his driver's license.

This week the SAME boy on the SAME street was seen driving a truck at breakneck speed—estimated at ABOUT 50 MILES AN HOUR near the scene of his tragic carelessness!

Which, in one more instance, is a regrettable example of the poor results being obtained by the district attorney's office.

EXAMINER COMING

Ward McReynolds, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in the Ashland city hall from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, March 17, to issue permits and licenses to drive cars.

WILLIAM THOMAS WHEAT

Funeral services for William Thomas Wheat, 73, who died March 5 at his home on North Pioneer street, were held March 7 at the Litwiller Funeral home with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

What's the Answer?

By EDWARD FINCH
HOW DID THE CUSTOM OF TIPPING THE HAT ORIGINATE?



IN OLDEN days it was required of the common people when in the presence of their ruler to strip themselves of their clothing as a symbol of laying down all they possessed for their superior. From this was evolved the act of a gentleman tipping his hat to a lady which action merely says: "I take off my hat to you who are my superior."

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PAPERS DRAWN FOR GOLF DEAL

Legal documents for the sale of the Ashland Golf club's property to Emil W. Martin and interests of Eugene were drawn yesterday, March 9, according to William M. Briggs, attorney, and club directors have approved a membership expansion drive by Martin. The contract for sale of the golf club's real property, at an unrevealed figure, will require payment of full purchase price by Sept. 1, and will fully protect interests of present playing membership, it was explained.

Under the arrangement, management of the golf course will continue under its present set-up, with perpetual upkeep of the grounds assured, the course to be leased to the player group on a \$1 per year basis with taxes paid. Following consummation of the sale, improvement of the golf course will get under way. Actual work probably will not be undertaken before 60 days, according to Briggs. The real property involved would become the basis for a health and resort development by Martin if promotion efforts are successful.

REMODELING UNDER WAY

Work was started early this week on remodeling of the East Main street building occupied by the Selby Chevrolet company (successors to Kay Chevrolet) and Contractor E. O. Smith was busy tearing out walls and office preliminary to installation of a drive-in front and new car display room, as well as relocated offices and parts departments.

Harry Osburn of Portland was a business visitor Wednesday.

COUNCIL FAVORS DRIVE FOR NEW POSTAL BUILDING

THE Ashland city council Tuesday night went on record as favoring the adoption of some plan aimed at securing a federal building for this city during 1939 as the major project of the local chamber of commerce. The idea was advanced by Councilman W. J. Crandall and city dads took up the suggestion with enthusiasm.

According to Marchial Stansbury, secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, the proposition probably will be considered by the board of directors of the booster group at today's noon meeting. "The chamber is wholeheartedly in favor of a continued and vigorous effort to secure a new federal building here," said Mrs. Stansbury last night, "and there is no doubt but that a renewed effort to this end will become a major activity of the chamber."

In connection with the possibility of securing a new federal building, Postmaster John H. Fuller said yesterday that J. E. Fitzgerald, Seattle postal inspector in charge of federal building construction for the northwest, spent some time in Ashland Tuesday looking over the present quarters and inspecting other sites. Fitzgerald is in Medford in connection with expansion construction on the postoffice building there, and was gathering information to be used in determining action on expiration of the present 10-year lease with the Masonic body early next year. "With the present lease to expire in less than a year, some action will be necessary toward leasing, or erecting, postoffice quarters," said Fuller.

The city council Tuesday night, in addition to handling routine matters, heard committee reports which recommended granting of conditional options on use of lithia water to Emil W. Martin, Eugene man interested in promoting the Ashland golf course and development of a health spa.

The council also heard suggestions for correcting duplication and confusion among some street names and numbers, and a discussion of granting of a garbage collection franchise revealed that the city has not promised such a contract, but will perfect details concerning the problem when bids are opened.

Fred Tayler, former councilman, was nominated to replace Dr. W. E. Blake, resigned to move to Albany. Tayler was unanimously acclaimed to the position. Mayor T. S. Wiley and councilmen expressed appreciation for Dr. Blake's many years of service here.

SOCE Will Launch Play Series Tonight

Third of a series of winter plays, "Dangerous Corners," will be presented tonight and Saturday evening in the ballroom of the Lithia hotel by Director Angus L. Bower and will feature a cast of players from the Southern Oregon College of Education's dramatics class.

The play will be presented at 8:30 p. m. this week-end, March 10 and 11, in the intimate manner, and other presentations will be made in two-night series for the next three succeeding week-ends.

SEEN IN A DAZE



SAM JORDAN, determined to greet spring with translucent store windows, getting caught, squeegee aswipe, in a snow-storm.

FRED TAYLER ordering a ham sandwich, stumped on.

LARZ ELIASON falling into a 75-cent seat at the Monday night wrestling match.

AUBREY MILES championing the merits of fun.

GEORGE GREEN taking bows for "writing" canned editorials.

L. I. MOON complaining about the rude manner in which photographs treat his nose.

PETE NUTTER barking about hot dogs and later wishing he'd eaten a few.

LYNN NEELEY finding himself in the wrong automobile.

W. D. JACKSON driving HOWARD WILEY'S coupe down a steep bank during a moment of hair-raising confusion.