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PURCHASE OF THE ASHLAND GOLF COURSE WOULD BE A SAFE, USEFUL INVESTMENT!

When Ashland voters are given special election ballots in the May 17 primary for acceptance or rejection of proposed city purchase of the Ashland golf course they should be prepared to cast their votes on a basis of correct information and a clear understanding of the proposition.

Municipal purchase and ownership of the 97-acre property is not necessarily a subsidization of golf only for benefit of local players but rather would assure Ashland, as an up-to-date city, continuance of an attraction which has definite civic value for all residents, whether they play or not. Like Lithia park, the schools, hunting and fishing resources, the golf course is a definite asset and an attraction. It is worth keeping.

As to cost, the tract can be acquired by the city at this time for an approximate outlay of \$5500. The acreage, as farm land alone, easily is worth the full amount and would represent a safe and useful investment of funds now on hand as real estate. But as an addition to our municipal recreational facilities, the golf course is of much greater value.

Should voters authorize purchase of the course, the property would be acquired as a self-sustaining venture. Any time, at the discretion of councilmen, the land can be disposed of in any way thought advisable. Only cost to taxpayers would be the original investment of \$5500.

In addition to the nine-hole course, sufficient acreage is included in the tract to provide Ashland a valuable industrial site adjoining the Southern Pacific tracks, and it is easily possible that such a site might be used as inducement to persuade new industrial development to locate here.

Purchase of the golf course can in no way be considered a financial risk. Ashland can lose nothing and will have everything to gain by acquisition of the golf course. Failure to take advantage of this opportunity might mean the end of the course and loss of an investment in excess of \$20,000.

(Editor's Note: No member of The Miner's staff is a golf club member or player, and our interest in municipal acquisition of the Ashland course is actuated only by a desire to serve this community's best interests.)

IF AMERICA IS UNSAFE IN VOTERS' HANDS, THEN IN WHOSE ARE WE SAFE?

A lot has been written and said about the third term and perhaps these paragraphs neither will add to nor help dispel confusion surrounding the subject. Chief concern, as arguments put it, is expressed in fear that three terms for any one president would be a violation of the principles of democracy. Especially if President Roosevelt were that man.

But, on a basis of democratic principles, The Miner is convinced that if voters should express a majority desire for Roosevelt, democracy would best be served by his acceptance of the will of the people.

Because the new deal and the President are unpopular in some circles is not justification for emasculation of ballots by an unwritten "tradition" that came into being because predecessors lacked the desire or popularity to break it.

If voters want Roosevelt for a third term, then their majority wish IS democracy. And, judging from primary returns in several states, voters want Roosevelt to become a candidate.

Election of any man to the presidency for three terms not only would be an expression of highest confidence in his ability, but also proof that democracy is a flexible, virile and self-confident form of government that adapts itself to realities.

Legion to Send Trio Of Boys to 'Model State' in Portland

Ashland post No. 14, American Legion, will send three Ashland boys to Beaver Boys' state at Hill Military academy in Portland Aug. 3 to 10, where they will be taught organization of city governments, election of officers and formulation of "state" legislation. Boys' state will be a miniature political entity for educational purposes.

Cost per boy has been estimated as \$23, including transportation, board, room and other incidentals and will be paid by the Legion post.

The three youths, with two al-

ternates, will be chosen by a committee including Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman; Theo J. Norby, Dr. W. J. Crandall and Oscar Silver.

VEHICLES COLLIDE

Bob Flagg, driving a truck owned by Ted's Feed and Seed store, and Bob Avery, driving a sedan, collided Monday afternoon at the intersection of Iowa and Morton streets, badly damaging both vehicles. Neither driver was injured.

EXAMINER HERE TODAY

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in the Ashland city hall from 1 to 5 p. m. Friday, April 26, to issue licenses and permits to drive cars.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

DREW PEARSON & ROBERT ALLEN

VITAL SCANDINAVIA

WASHINGTON.—Boiled down to the most brutal fundamentals, the Norwegian war amounts to this: If the British lose it, they also lose the World war.

This may seem like harsh and hasty deduction, but it is based upon the fact that all the other nations of Europe, particularly Italy, are watching the outcome of this battle to see on which side they will jump.

If the Germans succeed in holding Norway, every small nation in southeast Europe will figure that the might of the British empire is broken, that the time has come to cuddle up to its successor.

But more important, you can write it down as certain that unless Britain wins in Norway, Italy will come into this war within approximately one month.

Almost every dispatch which the state department lays upon the White House desk indicates that Mussolini is getting ready for this plunge.

Real fact is that the Italian people are by no means in love with Hitler. Nor are they in love with the allies—though they probably like Hitler less. However, Mussolini never



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was a man to worry about the Italian people, and regardless of popular sentiment, he can take Italy into the war any time he wants to.

U. S. observers are confident that he will do so, probably jumping first into North Africa the minute he sees that Hitler is victorious in Scandinavia.

Note—What many people do not realize in gauging this war is that Italy and Russia were on the side of the allies in the last war, but even so it took four years plus the very powerful help of the United States before Germany surrendered—with her troops still on French soil. In this war, the alignment is far different, which is why Italy can tip the balance.

Senate School Teacher.

High school students who are flocking to senate galleries these days wish that teacher might be as lenient with them as Senate Chief Clerk John Crockett is with his school-room of 96 members.

At high noon, the gavel falls in the presence of less than a dozen members. The bells ring, and Crockett begins his chore of rounding up enough senators to do business.

"Mr. Adams . . . Mr. Andrews . . . Mr. Ashurst . . ." calls out the veteran clerk in a booming voice. For every six names he calls, only one "Here" is heard. He gets through the Bs, the Cs, and the Ds. Then he slows up.

"Mr. Gerry . . . (long pause) . . . Mr. Gibson . . . (longer pause) . . . Mr. Gillette."

Clerk Crockett, who lacks the schoolmaster's power to punish the tardy, looks hopefully at the swinging doors to the senate cloakroom. But still he has only a score of scholars, and he needs 49 before the session can begin. If he gets through Wheeler, White, and Wiley before that number is reached, he must find the absence of a quorum, and start to call the entire list again.

It takes only seven minutes to run the roll call at fast pace, but Clerk Crockett consumes 15 minutes this time, just to give the boys a break. He pauses as long as 10 seconds between names.

At the end of the list he makes a hurried count, and whips the tally back to the vice president, declaring that 49 members have answered to their names. Actually, there are only 30 members on the floor, but Crockett knows another 20 will pop in soon, and he gives them a liberal leeway that they never got in school.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Chester Thompson, genial new head of the government-owned Inland Waterways corporation, doesn't believe in remote control. He has moved his agency's headquarters from its flimsy offices in Washington

PEN PORTRAITS of OREGON

DRAWN FOR THE MINER BY MAC PHERSON



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TEST FOR AN AUTO DRIVER

("New York plans to require applicants for auto drivers' licenses to pass a written test.")

1. In the following sentences check the clause which properly completes each sentence:

When the car ahead hesitates a second after the red light has turned to green, the proper thing to do is, (a) Turn purple; (b) give a terrific blast on the horn; (c) yell bloody murder; (d) show a little patience.

The white line painted in the middle of the highway is put there to (a) decorate the highway; (b) give painters employment; (c) divide lines of traffic; (d) denote longitude.

A sign "School Crossing" is placed in a road to indicate to drivers that (a) the community has a school; (b) that saloons are not allowed in the neighborhood; (c) some degree of caution is expected.

2. What's wrong with these sentences:

The automobilist came to a full stop to let a pedestrian cross safely, and smilingly called out: "That's all right; fair is fair."

What America needs most is not more parking spaces, but smaller cars.

The lady driver, before stepping on the gas and turning abruptly from the curb into traffic, looked carefully around to see if it was a safe thing to do.

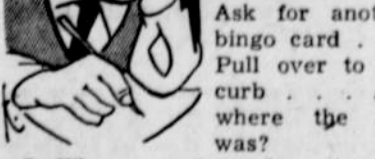
3. Define these types of drivers and state to what class you belong: The mutterer type. The glarer type. The starrer-downer type. The epithet tosser type.

4. State whether or not you ever heard of the law which requires that a driver hold out his hand before making a sudden turn.

5. Upon running into three red lights at successive crossings, state whether you bark, growl, bite, snap or howl.

6. If you were driving down the street and heard fire sirens behind, which of the following things would you do? . . . Telephone to mother . . . Ask for another bingo card . . . Pull over to the curb . . . Ask where the fire was?

7. When a motorcycle policeman asks, "Do you know how fast you are going?" which is the proper answer: . . . "No, but I think I can find out for you." . . . "Who wants



to the river docks at St. Louis . . . National Youth Administrator Williams is one New Dealer who has Republican defenders. When he was criticized by Democratic congressmen, a number of G. O. P. members leaped to their feet and lauded him plus his NYA.

to know?" . . . "Your guess is as good as mine, officer."

8. Complete this sentence: A mirror is put above the windshield to . . . give the driver a chance to shave without cutting himself . . . To help the driver get his hat on straight . . . To show whether any car is behind . . . To show how many people are in the rear seat . . .

9. What is considered a reasonable speed limit in China?

10. Don't you know what it is in this country, either?

AN IDEA!

Bill Hillman, European manager for Collier's, says that the removal of 12 statesmen and leaders would bring peace to Europe. In other words he sees the wrong people in the wrong spots. And this column is with him. Assuming it to be impossible to give the hook to Hitler, Stalin and Chamberlain just now, this department nominates for the other nine places of power the following men: George S. Kaufman, Al Smith, Mahatma Gandhi, Olsen and Johnson, Anthony Eden, Bugs Baer, and Walt Disney. Imagine such a group in complete charge of Europe for a week . . . everything would be settled peacefully, and with even Adolf, Joe and Neville joining in the laughter.

ALL DONE BY MIRRORS "What? Fewer people out of jobs? Absurd." New Dealers jeer; "We never could confess to that In an election year!"

"Huh? Idle rolls have been cut down?"

The G. O. P. says: "Phew! We wouldn't want that spread about; 'Twould hurt our chances, too.'"

Men's hats this summer will reflect Rhett Butler influence, showing broad brims. But if you insist on making that battered and faded 1937 model do another summer you can just explain that it is a "Grapes of Wrath" model.

Neville Chamberlain says Hitler "missed the bus." It wasn't so much a miss. What he did was to take the Chinatown bus instead of the one that would carry him straight to work.

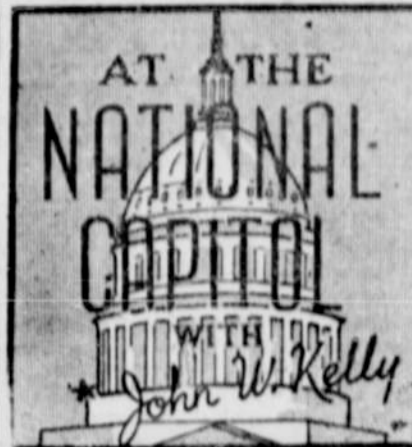
JAMES PARSONS WILL BE ACTOR IN RADIO DRAMA

James Parsons, Ashland, played the part of Antonio in a radio presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" over the University of Oregon program over KOAC April 18. The play was under the direction of D. E. Hargis, instructor in speech.

Parsons, a graduate of Ashland high school, is a sophomore majoring in speech at U of O. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Parsons.

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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL WITH John W. Kelly

(Continued from page 1)

ment of commerce reports that in 1939 Brazil nut importations (in-the-shell basis) were 23,488 short tons, and England then was in the market.

Senator Schwellenbach, Washington, is waiting for Gov. Clarence Martin to come to Washington, D. C., in a few days, at which time, after a conference, Schwellenbach will decide whether he will seek another term in the senate. Washington's senators, Bone and Schwellenbach, have not met this session; have had but one conversation—on the telephone.

What burns up the Idaho senators is a report stating that a project in Cabinet gorge would be feasible, but should not be constructed because of the availability of electric energy from Grand Coulee and Bonneville. Idaho senators now regard extension of transmission lines from Bonneville into the Inland Empire as a step inimical to Cabinet gorge.

Washington Scene—Some Indian land in the Columbia basin is needed for the Grand Coulee development and Rep. Charles H. Leavy, Spokane, has introduced a bill for the government to purchase the land . . . Toughest fight Oregon's McNary had as a conferee on the supply bill for the department of agriculture was to keep anything in the bill for forest fire protection. Five of the seven conferees were from the southern states and McNary was the only member from the west or north . . . Rep. Walter M. Pierce inserted in the Record an article on "Capitalism," written by a former resident of Bend, Ore., Dr. John Barr. The doctor does not favor balancing the national budget . . . Representatives of millers, cannery, pulp mills, lumbering, wool producers and other commodities are in the national capital from Oregon and Washington asking the maritime commission to release some of the 109 government ships now in the hazyard so the northwest can ship its products to the Atlantic coast by water. Scarcity of vessels, due to the war, is increasing unemployment in those states, the commission is advised.

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