

NOW, when politics rears its ugly head, it promptly starts ducking the vegetables. The rough-and-tumble days are here, with a bushy forelock.

Most of Oregon's daily papers have gone over to support of Willkie in the presidential race, which means nothing more significant than that the journals' business offices have been heard.

The Japanese accuse Canada of fostering anti-Jap sentiment, but as far as most folks can determine, the neighbors to the north will have to get up early to beat the Japanese at that.

Congress is planning a series of short recesses instead of adjournment "because of the national emergency," which is the reason most folks who've watched the legislators' antics wish they'd go home and stay there.

Clark Wood boasts that Weston hunters have never yet mistaken a man for a deer, but what is almost as bad, one once mistook Clark for an editor.

Dictators, ignoring America as though we didn't count, forgot this is a census year.

With a majority of the daily press endorsing Willkie and glibly forecasting his success at the polls in November this little weekly's advice is "Brothers, remember the Literary Digest!"

If Powerhouse Willkie continues to show voters a busy pair of tonsils until election day Roosevelt then certainly will show him a clean pair of heels.

Windy Wendell, during his campaign tour, has made every promise but the one that would get him some votes—a pledge to keep his mouth shut for four years.

Present-day conditions drive home the realization that people prefer wishful thinking to the inconvenient truth.

VOTERS RUSH TO REGISTER

Cognizant of the fact that after Saturday evening registration of voters for the general election Nov. 5 will close, more than 150 persons have qualified to cast their ballots during last 10 days, according to Homer Billings, registrar for the Ashland area.

Voters wishing to qualify for the presidential election must register before close of business Saturday evening, Oct. 5. The Billings Agency office will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., with the exception of the lunch hour, both today and tomorrow to enable as many voters to register as wish.

Persons who must register to entitle them to vote include: Those who will have reached the age of 21 on election day and are not already registered.

Those who failed to vote in 1938.

Those who have moved since the last election.

Those who will have established a six-month residence in the state on election day.

Newly naturalized citizens.

RALPH W. SWARTSLEY
Funeral services for Ralph W. Swartsley, 58, who died Oct. 1 at his home here, were held at 3 p. m. Oct. 2 at the Lätwiller Funeral home with the Rev. J. C. Whitsett officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

KATHERINE POTTER
Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Potter, 85, who died Sept. 29 in Dunsmuir, were held at 2 p. m. Oct. 2 at the Lätwiller Funeral home with the Rev. Claude E. Sayre officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Marion Mann 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)
"SAFARI"
"CHARLIE CHAN AT THE WAX MUSEUM"

(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"VIRGINIA CITY"

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

BATTERY B GETS FAVORABLE NOD IN FIRST REVIEW

By JACK BENTLEY
BATTERY B's 101 guardsmen came through their first show-down inspection with a near perfect record at Camp Clatsop Saturday morning as Col. Clifton M. Irwin, commanding officer of the 249th Coast Artillery inspected the kitchen, the tents and the soldiers for any deficiencies he could find.

Except for three files found in the kitchen and minor deficiencies in the ranks the boys were perfect in every way. Captain Bentley was very well pleased with the inspection and believes that a little experience by the recruits will iron out the wrinkles and produce one of the best units ever to come out of Ashland.

Most of the time last week was spent in getting settled and brushing up on infantry drill. The first regimental parade was held Sept. 26, but the weather has prevented further parades.

First guard duty for many of the boys came Saturday and Sunday. Battery B had to furnish six sergeants, six corporals, one bugler and 51 privates and privates first class. Two sergeants and eight privates were detailed to military police duty in Seaside and Astoria, while the rest of them walked post in camp.

Except for a few who went to town Sunday night the boys spend most of their spare time washing clothes, reading, and doing bunk fatigue over the week-end. Several are expected to go to the surrounding cities this next week-end providing guard duty misses us.

Infantry drill and instruction on the management and firing of the six-inch disappearing rifle is expected to occupy most of the time this week. As soon as possible it is hoped that the boys will be able to go over for dummy drill on the gun in order to gain more practical experience in the line of work which will occupy their time for the next 11 and one-half months.

Ashland Soldiers Get Promotions at Camp

Members of Battery B, 249th Coast Artillery, receiving promotions this week include the following Ashland men:

Private, first class, William A. Hoxie to sergeant; private, first class, Steve M. Fowler, to sergeant; private, first class, Howard H. Smith, to mess sergeant; private, first class, Kenneth E. Schilling, to corporal, and private, first class, Paul W. Garren, to corporal.

POSTMASTER URGES PEN ACTIVITY DURING WEEK

John H. Fuller, Ashland postmaster, yesterday sought to remind Ashland people that starting Sunday, Oct. 6, national letter-writing week will get under way, to continue through Oct. 12.

"The occasion is an appropriate time for those who have put off answering or writing personal correspondence to make written amends to their friends and relatives," declared the postmaster. "We of the Ashland post office are anxious to see local patrons make fullest use of the postal facilities and we know that personal correspondence during this week—or at any time, for that matter, will bring very gratifying results in warmer friendships and associations."

"COLLEGE STUDENT" SALESMEN CLASSIFIED

Magazine salesmen will be given closer scrutiny in Ashland in the future, according to Chief of Police C. P. Talent, who this week stated that prosecution awaits any salesman of that type or solicitor misrepresenting himself or herself to have local sponsorship in house-to-house canvassing for the purpose of sales.

Thursday the chamber of commerce reported to police, upon complaints of householders, that a crew of young women has been working Ashland this week, representing themselves as relatives or proteges of prominent Ashland men and women, in an effort to sell magazine subscriptions and "establish themselves in hospitals as nurses" or otherwise gain some prestige by their method of sales. No provision is made for penalizing honest and straightforward salesmanship, Chief Talent said, but every effort will be made to apprehend anyone playing on the sympathies of residents by false tales of local acquaintanceship and sponsorship, he concluded.

EXAMINER COMING

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in the Ashland city hall from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, Oct. 11, to issue licenses and permits to drive cars.

Hilt Man Is Held In Death of Yreka Lad Victim of Hunting

Donald F. Rosecrans of Hilt, employe of the Fruit Growers Supply company, is being held in Yreka to face manslaughter charges following verdict of a coroner's jury Sept. 30 charging him with criminal negligence in the hunting accident which cost the life of Andrew Nelson, 17, of Yreka Saturday morning. The tragedy took place in the Bogus mountain region. Rosecrans was with his hunting partner, Floyd Miller, also of Hilt, and Nelson was hunting in company with his father, George Nelson, of Klamath River, employe of the Klamath National Forest service.

Andrew Nelson was a senior at the Yreka high school and a member of the football squad. Funeral services were held Monday with his teammates as honorary pall bearers.

SOCE GETS \$8400 GRANT WPA COIN FOR NEW WORKS

WORD has just been received from the Works Progress Administration in Washington, D. C., indicating that approval has been granted for an allotment of \$8400 for the Southern Oregon College of Education, according to Dr. Walter Redford, president.

It was indicated that work would start within the next two weeks and that 29 men would be employed on the project which would last for three months.

The bulk of the allotment will be used for the completion of the basement in the physical education building. New additions to be completed will include the following: A new office and dressing room for the women's physical education director; a new and completely furnished issue room for women; a substantial increase in the size of the chemistry laboratory; a shower room for men and three new dressing rooms for men, a new and well equipped laundry room to handle all work of the gym suit service; a boxing and wrestling room for men; an activity room which will be used for corrective dancing and recreational games for women, and one large general store room for college use.

In addition to the work in the gymnasium, extensive landscape work on the upper part of the campus will be undertaken. This will include excavation for two new tennis courts, grading a road to the proposed site for the new girls' dormitory and a leveling of the landscape at the site of the proposed dormitory. T. F. Lockhart, superintendent of grounds and buildings on the campus, will be general supervisor of the new project which will fill a long felt need on the part of the college, according to Marshall E. Woodell, registrar.

FOOTBALL!

Scores Last Week
Medford junior high 13 at Ashland junior high 0.
Ashland 0 at Grants Pass 0.
Corvallis 0 at Medford 25.
Eugene 0 at Klamath Falls 32.

Games Tonight
Grants Pass at Medford.
Lassen Junior college at Klamath Falls.

PEAKS REVEAL EARLY SNOWFALL IN VICINITY

While the valley was enjoying copious showers Wednesday, the higher regions experienced winter weather. Snow fell on Mt. Ashland and other high points in the vicinity, reminding residents that "Old Man Winter" is just in the offing.

Highway travelers coming into Ashland Wednesday reported passing through snow flurries on the Siskiyou, the fall being heavy enough at times to make driving difficult. In the Lake o' the Woods and Applegate areas snow and hail storms were reported for the first time in U. S. forestry bureau records for any October 2.

● Hiram Osterman made a deer hunting trip to the Greensprings Thursday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Dick Neill visited recently in Myrtle Point with relatives.

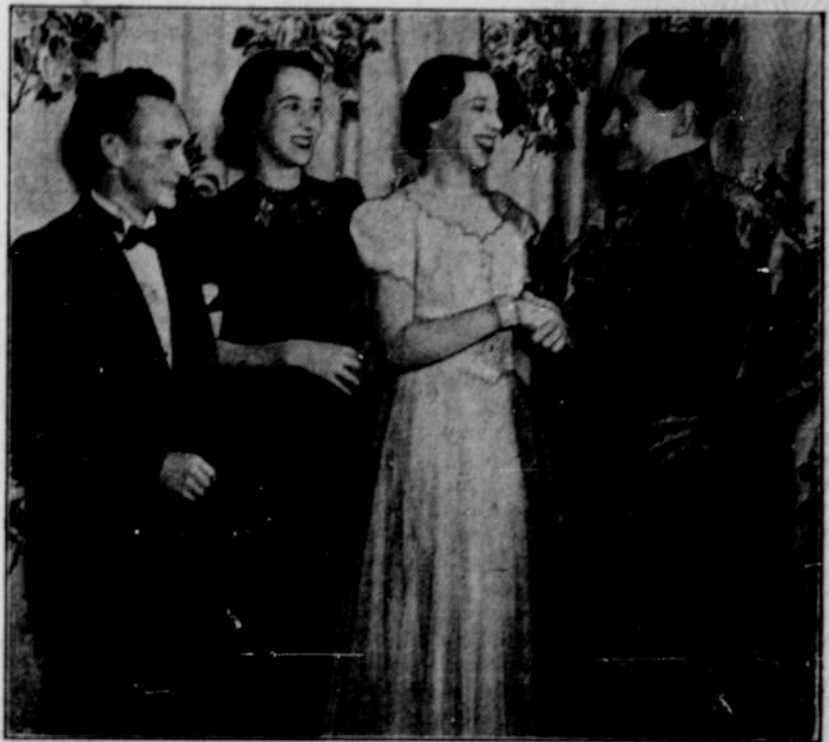
● Lowell Ager of Weyerhaeuser visited here Wednesday with his family.

● Mrs. Freddie Beck of Medford visited here Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Waive Enders.

● Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clause of Medford visited here Wednesday with friends.

● Norman and Richard Lamb of Dunsmuir visited here Tuesday at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Powers.

So, You're Going To China!



THE young lady whom Lowell Thomas, famous radio commentator, is congratulating has just won a nation-wide essay contest and embarks shortly for a trip to Chungking, China, via the China Clipper, with a check for \$1,200 (part of the prize) tucked into her purse. The other two smiling in the rear are second and third prize winners.

It was fitting that Thomas, one of the distinguished judges of the China Essay Contest, should lead the vanguard of congratulations, dressed in the ceremonial robes of a Chinese gentleman. The awards took place at an exotic banquet in the Ford Motor pavilion at the New York World's Fair, attended by eighty men and women notable in American life including Pearl Buck, Rear Admiral H. E. Yarnell, Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Anna May Wong, Dr. James Rowland Angell, Contest Director Phyllis Thomas Thornburg, and the sponsor—William D. Pawley, president of the Intercontinental Corporation, a long-time resident of China. Pawley

holds the record for crossings on the China Clipper, chalking up 14 trips to date.

The Oriental note of the evening was carried out from the decorations (a formal Chinese garden at Autumn Festival time) to the favors and programs bound in Chinese brocade and valuable pieces of treaty silk. The winners and invited guests of the China Essay Contest were greeted by Fred L. Black, director of the Ford Exposition.

The happy top winner here is Minerva F. Desing of Collingswood, N. J., graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania. The other winners were Richard E. Curl of Edison, Ohio, graduate student at Ohio State University, who took second place with a prize of \$750; and Helen Averitt of Pasadena, California, a junior at Pasadena Junior College, who took third prize with an award of \$500.

The contest was open to all students of American colleges. Seventy percent of the accredited colleges participated. Essays came in from 45 of the 48 states.

CITY EMPLOYEES GET PAY BOOST; BUDGET IS CUT

SWEET MUSIC to taxpayers' ears was played in Ashland by a joint citizens and council budget committee Wednesday night when approval of a \$7089 slash was voted. The estimated needs of the city for 1941 were set at \$42,029, with tax rate reduced from 19.3 mills for the current year to 16.54 mills for the next 12 months. Retirement of bonds and consequent savings in sinking fund were largest single factor in contributing to the lower tax schedule, while traditionally capable administration of the city's business affairs on the part of the mayor and councilmen also played an important part, budget committee members said.

Included in the budget figures are pay restorations for all city employes, which were championed by M. E. Kaegi and voted for by other committee members, including Chairman H. G. Enders, George W. Dunn, Wirt Wright, J. P. Daugherty and J. H. Hardy. Councilman Ralph Koozer opposed the pay boost, which in effect was a restoration of cuts made

Old Timers' Night To Honor 40 Hillah Men

Friday evening, Oct. 4, has been proclaimed "old timers' night" at Hillah Temple. The proclamation was issued by Illustrious Potentate R. D. (Hod) Eller, who states that the 40 oldest members of the temple in point of service will be honored.

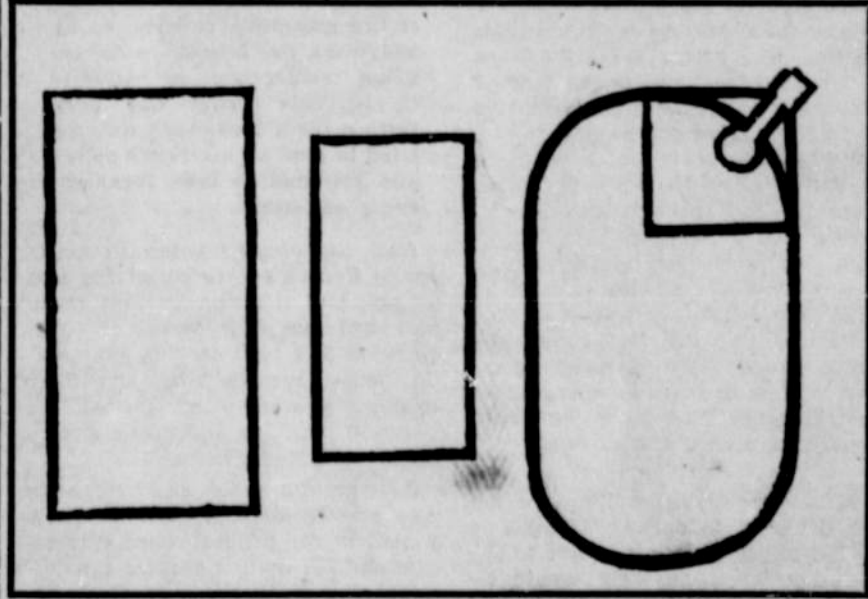
Ashland's Masonic temple will be the scene of the gathering, where at 6:45 p. m. a chicken dinner will be served. This will be followed by a program of special entertainment including a band concert, reception of honored guests and other features.

Several years before during worst of the depression, while Councilman W. J. Crundall did not vote.

Another item recommended by the council and citizens' budget committee is appropriation of \$250 in addition to the regular band fund to provide salary for a band leader. Total band department budget as shown Wednesday evening is \$1520.

Increasing living costs was given as a basis for restoring the original salary status. This item and the band salary were the only increases noted in a budget that had tentatively shaved approximately \$6,000 through reductions in the various city departments.

Layout of New Field Plan!



ASHLAND'S new athletic plant, as outlined by the school board over the week-end, will be arranged as shown by the above sketch. Left is outlined the present gridiron between Mountain and Blaine, which will be turfed, while the center rectangle indicates where the new grandstand will be erected. To the right (which will be due west of the football field) is indicated layout of the track and baseball infield, with a 300-foot turfed outfield. The entire property will be fenced. (Linoleum block courtesy the Rogue News.)

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

THEO J. NORBY, Ashland school superintendent, late last week announced school board approval of plans for a \$20,000 athletic field improvement. Plans include turfing the present football field, construction of a 1000-seat covered grandstand where the former grandstand stood, addition of a banked quarter-mile track, full size turfed baseball field, outfield of which will serve as practice area for football.

Of the \$20,000 estimated expenditure, \$12,000 will come as a WPA project, Norby said, while the school district will be obligated for about \$8000. Work of grading school board property extending from Mountain avenue to Morse street is expected to get under way within a month, with completion planned in time for the 1941 football season. Planting of turf next spring will suspend softball play on the football field next summer while the grass develops, it was explained.

The present gridiron will be covered with suitable earth and turfed, and the grandstand recently destroyed by fire will be rebuilt to include locker and dressing rooms, showers and restrooms for the public and will be of frame construction.

The track, to be located in back of the grandstand site, will include a 100-yard straightaway and will surround the baseball diamond, which will measure 300 feet to outfield boundaries from home plate. A 60-foot foul area will extend back from home plate, and portable bleachers will be constructed for use along the baseball foul lines, for seating during track events and for additional seating during football season.

The athletic plant will be one of the most complete and comprehensive in southern Oregon or northern California and will provide for every possible need of the community for many years to come. The announced plans came as the result of school board promises that development of athletic facilities here would be made on a large scale. Three years ago field lights were added to the football gridiron as the first step in modernization.

Howard Perrin of Klamath Falls has been engaged to draw plans for the field house, grandstand, and athletic directors, school authorities and faculty members from here and outside schools and colleges have been consulted in outlining the improvements.

KEEP GUTTERS CLEAR

Mayor T. S. Wiley has issued an appeal to residents of the city to refrain from raking leaves and other refuse into the gutters. Such practice results in clogged drains, which makes added work for the street cleaning department and gives the city an untidy appearance. "I appeal to the pride of residents to keep up Ashland's high standard of appearance," the mayor stated.

SEEN IN A DAZE



ELDON CORTHELL letting his hunting partner, GEORGE SHAFFER, slit throats of two bucks because, as a barber, he's had practice.

MAX (Birdseed) DE MILLE awakened from a resting snooze while on a hunting trip by a big four-point buck, which wouldn't wait for a shot.

CLINT DUNLAP claiming to be the only democrat living on Granite street.

SGT. LAWRENCE RUDE and SGT. HARRY HOXIE being shocked loose from their hashmarks when a female impersonator invaded an Astoria men's sanctuary.

PVT. EMERICK JONES so nervous when a colonel stopped in front of him during regimental review he was unable to answer the query, "Are you scared?"

JOHNNY DAUGHERTY devising a two-faced campaign button with remote control to avoid customer-irritation.

RAY MARKS, gas truck driver, giving extra service to a kerosene customer.