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OPENING SET FOR 7:30

IN BOASTING of daily newspaper circulation, a Portland sheet claims "You can't fool 40,000,000 subscribers." Nope—just 22,000,000 of 'em.

The Italians claim a new rocket plane that will exceed 600 miles an hour proving that the intrepid Roman warrior will find a way to win the retreat.

And word goes out that Mussolini is requiring his soldiers in Albania to wear their shoes backwards so they can leave heroic-looking footprints in the sands.

Poetic justice results, even in war. The nation that stabbed a neighbor in the back now is exposing its own.

Editor Clark Wood admits that fog sometimes gets so thick in Weston folks mistake it for his Leader column.

Reason most people in a rut stay there is because they've worn it so deep they can see nothing else.

With the Irish being famous as lovers of a good fight, the strange passiveness of Eire can only be explained by a possible lack of brickbats, or a shortage of police uniforms.

The Vatican now is pleading for an armistice over Christmas, which is a noble wish, as far as it goes. Representatives of God, lately, are having to do a lot of rationalizing.

The real test of popularity of signs reading "It's Great To Be An American" will be their sale during license and income tax paying time.

The German luftwaffe has been bathing Britain in bombs and American veterans who were in France when the first World war armistice was signed now are doubly angry at not being sent on to Berlin when it was possible to get there. The truth is gradually dawning, even on the pacifists, that sometimes the humane thing to do is to be inhumanly brutal in the right places.

The President is off on a cruise in the Caribbean and, as a strange contrast to pre-election days, his departure was not showered with a barrage of criticism and ridicule. The fact that his fishing on this trip may be for additional air and sea bases has quieted everyone except the isolationists who would lock themselves in a closet and feel safe until the closet door were torn down, as well as the house.

As an espionage investigator, it now develops that Martin Dies is a remarkable publicity director.

The anonymous gent too illiterate to write an unsigned letter to the editor generally calls on the phone and hangs up without giving his name, and such bores crop up occasionally, even in a small town. However, we wish Charlie would call us again sometime, when he gets another brainstorm. He has such a nice voice.

Some readers wondered why The Miner wasn't more profuse in its praise of the new type installed by the daily last week and all we can say is that, beside the Twiddlings' self-appraisal, our compliments would be dwarfed like Dr. Gallup's betting average.

PAYROLL EXPERT HERE
James E. Keys, field representative for the state unemployment compensation commission, will be in the Medford district for the next few days to meet with employers with regard to payroll reports. Special attention is being given late contributions on wages previous to 1939, as the government will not collect penalties if payments are completed before Dec. 7. While here Keys is making headquarters at the state employment office in Medford.

Charles Fritze 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)
"THE GAY CABALLERO"
"RIVER'S END"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"ANDY HARDY MEETS DEBUTANTE"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

MEDFORD NEWS SEES 'SNUB' AT HIWAY OPENING

THE MEDFORD NEWS, democratic weekly, last week editorially charged that the one man in southern Oregon who did most to promote completion of the new Siskiyou highway—Judge F. L. TouVelle of Jacksonville—was not asked to take part in the ceremonies. The News editorial follows:

AN OVERSIGHT
Tuesday, southern Oregon civic leaders, state officials and California highway officials, dedicated the new section of highway across the Siskiyou, that part of Highway 99 known as the "Corkscrew of the Siskiyou."

It is interesting to note, but not surprising, that the man most responsible for completion of the new Siskiyou highway at this time—F. L. TouVelle of Jacksonville—was not asked to take part in the ceremonies, nor was he even invited to be present.

Judge TouVelle, as a member of the state highway commission under Governor Charles H. Martin's administration, fought tooth and nail for immediate completion of the Siskiyou section of the Pacific highway. It was Judge TouVelle's "baby". When the commissioners talked of development in other places, Judge TouVelle's stock stand was "how about the Siskiyou?" He fought steadily for four years and he won. Completion of the Siskiyou section of Highway 99 is a memorial to Judge TouVelle's interest and love for his own southern Oregon.

So now, with the highway completed, and dedication ceremonies held, Judge TouVelle isn't invited to take part. Lesser fry from all over the district are asked but not the man most responsible. Strange thing, this politics; but you can bet your shirt that if Judge TouVelle had been a republican, instead of a democrat, Jacksonville officialdom and the chamber of commerce would have thought to invite him.

It is natural that democrats all over the county feel the slight and resent it. It is such incidents that cause disunity in Jackson county, and cause Jackson county to be forever "missing the boat" in developments of all kinds. Democrats might be, in the minds of Jackson county leaders, very nauseating and odorous, and a most unwelcome and repulsive tribe, but they will work, and do work, and they have just as much pride in their community as anyone else.

It would be better if one could feel that Judge TouVelle's slight were an oversight but one cannot. It could have been nothing but intentional.

LIONS CLUB IS HOST TO GRIZZLY GRIDMEN

Members of the Ashland Lions club Tuesday evening were hosts to 26 members of the high school football team at a special dinner and program given in the Lithia hotel dining room. Coaches Leighton Blake and Gerry Gastineau, the high school girls' sextet—Sally Rice, Marilee Erwin, Caroline Rose, Agnes White, Veda Williams and Lela Griffith, with their director, Harriett Hill—were among special guests at the banquet.

Medford guests of the club included Lions District Governor Leland F. Knox, Dr. C. L. Perkins of Medford, B. C. Forsythe, Ashland high school principal, O. G. Crawford and Rudy Nichols.

COUNCIL EYES ROUTINE BUSINESS TUESDAY EVE

Ashland's city council members Tuesday night reviewed routine business matters and authorized call for bids for a new truck. Discussion was held concerning stop signs at A and Oak streets and at the Mountain avenue railroad crossing.

Liquor licenses were renewed for the Greyhound Tavern, Elks club, Harris Grocery, A. E. Jordan's Old Vintage shop, the Plaza cafe, Hicks' grovery and the Log Cabin for sale of beer.

Pre-Registration For SOCE Winter Term Now Is Being Urged

Students may now pre-register at the Southern Oregon College of Education for work to be taken during the winter quarter 1941, which will begin Thursday, Jan. 2. Those who are planning to attend the college are urged to pre-register before that time in order to avoid delay on registration day.

A complete program of beginning courses will be offered during the winter quarter so that students who have never attended college may begin at that time. Beginning students should have a transcript of their high school record on file at the college offices prior to registration.

Several new courses are scheduled to be offered during the winter quarter. These include stage costume and design, junior high school, and genetic psychology. Among the advanced courses to be offered are social science in the primary grades, story telling, and geography of South America.

Students who are planning to enroll in the aeronautics course, spring phase, which will begin sometime in February, should contact college officials immediately to ascertain whether or not registration at the college for the winter term will be necessary in order to enroll in the Civilian Pilot Training course, according to Registrar Marshall E. Woodell.

MILLER, MOORE UP FOR POSTAL JOB IN ASHLAND

ACCORDING to a story published in a Medford daily Thursday evening, executive committee of the Jackson county democratic central committee Wednesday night voted to recommend V. D. (Bert) Miller for the position as acting postmaster of Ashland to succeed Postmaster John H. Fuller who, the committee had been informed, is resigning.

When asked about his reported resignation, Fuller this morning declared that he has as yet tendered no resignation as postmaster here, but that he was considering such a move some time in the spring. Fuller's appointment expired last April, and his continuation as postmaster probably would involve qualifying under civil service examinations. However, explained Fuller, family affairs in the east will require his presence there and he plans to leave in several months after the post office department has completed examination of other candidates for the position.

Concerning the recommendation of Bert Miller, the Medford daily continued:

"The appointee, it was understood by the committee, would serve as acting postmaster until a regular postmaster had been selected through a competitive civil service examination. Miller is in the real estate and insurance business in Ashland and is secretary of the democratic central committee.

"It was understood that Miller and Herb Moore, a deputy sheriff, are definite aspirants for the Ashland postmastership. Fuller has held the position during the Roosevelt administration.

"In a competitive examination of this sort, it is customary to certify the three highest contestants. The appointing authority then usually makes a selection based on local recommendations. If this procedure is followed out in the case of selecting a regular postmaster for Ashland from the three highest in the examination, the democratic central committee would make the recommendation.

"The committee would be confronted with a choice between Mr. Miller and Mr. Moore, both stalwart democrats, in the event both were among the three highest in the competitive examination. It was understood the executive committee made no commitments last night regarding its recommendation. Observers point out, however, that if Miller receives a temporary appointment he would have an advantage in procuring experience that would be helpful in a competitive examination.

"Scott Hamilton, central committee chairman, presided at the meeting."

MEETS OLD FRIENDS!



SANTA CLAUS, popular friend of old and young alike, tonight will greet his Ashland friends and will distribute free "surprise grab-bag assortments" and oranges at the Plaza preliminary to the annual Christmas opening which has been scheduled for 7:30 to 9 p. m., when several thousand persons are expected to join in the window-shopping tour seeking many valuable free gifts being offered by business houses.

QUARTERBACKS YULE PROGRAM WILL BE HOSTS TO 94 PLAYERS AT JUNIOR HI TO USE NEW IDEAS

ASHLAND'S Downtown Quarterbacks club Monday night, Dec. 9, will be hosts to perhaps the largest banquet ever to be given in this city when they fete and feed members of the Ashland Junior high school football squad, the Ashland high school team members, the high school girls' drill team which has spiced games here under the direction of Miss June Brasted, and the high school band and instructor Gordon Tripp. The huge banquet, to which more than 310 guests are expected, will get under way at 7 o'clock in the junior high gym.

A full and varied program including many surprise features has been arranged by the Quarterback committee in charge, including J. H. Hardy, chairman, I. C. Erwin, I. F. Andres, Theo J. Norby, Bert Miller, Clyde Caton, Leighton Blake and J. P. Daugherty.

Members of the club will furnish all food, with each bringing selected covered dishes, and 25 girls from the Junior high school will serve the banquet in "church social" style.

ASHLAND SOLDIERS GIVEN PROMOTIONS

By JACK BENTLEY
Several members of Battery B received advancement in rank this week. They are the first promotions which have been made for several weeks. Several of the men have been acting non-commissioned officers in order to find out if they would be suitable for the job.

The following listed men received recent advancement: Corp. Kenneth E. Schilling promoted to sergeant; Pvt. First Class Delbert E. Jones to supply sergeant; Pvt. First Class Victor V. Andersen promoted to corporal; Pvt. George W. Wimer promoted to corporal; Pvt. Ralph Lamb promoted to private first class; Pvt. Robert Strickland promoted to private first class, and Pvt. Joseph M. Wurzer promoted to private first class. Although the battery is now at full strength as far as the advanced ratings are concerned, it is expected that there will be several more openings as soon as the draftees arrive.

It was learned over the weekend that Battery B will receive an 11-day leave of absence during the Christmas holidays. The leave will be effective on Dec. 21 at 12 noon and will continue until Jan. 2, 1941 at 6 a. m. It is thought that the whole battery will be able to make the trip except possibly for about 10 who will carry on the routine duties of the camp.

The first touch of winter was apparent here as practically the whole regiment came down with the flu. Several times during the last week Battery B has had only about 10 men available for duty.

WITH several new ideas being incorporated into this year's Christmas program, preparations are under way at the junior high school for a musical show even exceeding last December's outstanding success, which drew more than 1000 persons. The program, to be presented at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 19, will be the Ashland public schools' treat to the public, and admission to the impressive event will be free although those attending will be asked to bring some gift of food or other useful item which will be distributed to underprivileged families by school groups, according to Supt. Theo J. Norby.

In charge of the program, which will include 100 voices and the school orchestra, will be Miss Harriett Hill, supervisor of music at junior and senior high schools, who is general chairman. Gordon Tripp, director of instrumental music, will assist, as will Cornelia Hulst, dramatization; Dorothy Witcher and Ora Lea Vannice, costumes; Elliott MacCracken, lighting; John Koehler and L. M. Kathan, setting and decoration; Frances White, program, and June Brasted, Virginia Jepson and Lois Hogan, ushers and gifts.

Special lighting effects are being arranged which will make the Christmas musical program doubly effective, and elaborate backdrops and other scenery will add to the occasion.

Last year's music program, which included a number of songs appropriate to the season, was acclaimed by the large audience as one of the best ever presented by the schools.

There have been no serious cases as yet and it does not appear likely that there will be any. All of the men are sent to Fort Stevens hospital as soon as any symptoms are noted. As soon as they are on the road to recovery they are sent to a barracks building in Fort Stevens where they are kept under close watch for two or three days. As soon as they are released from Fort Stevens they are placed in the Theatre building at Camp Clatsop, where they are again kept under close supervision for another three days. After that they are allowed to return to their own quarters where they are confined for three days after which if they show no relapse symptoms they are released for duty. Although this seems like a lot of drawn-out nonsense it is probably one of the main reasons that the epidemic is no more serious than it is and in the long run will probably get everyone well and on their feet again faster than if they just rushed them through and took a chance on their getting well.

Most of the schools which started about two weeks ago have been suspended until the epidemic is over. They will be resumed as soon as it is thought advisable by the medical department.

KIDS' GRAB BAGS AND MANY GIFTS TO MARK EVENT

AT 7:30 O'CLOCK TONIGHT, Dec. 6, Santa Claus will formally open the Christmas shopping season in Ashland, ably assisted by business men of the city, the Chamber of Commerce, city officials and employes. His arrival will be announced by distribution of free noisemakers to children gathered at the Plaza, to be followed by unveiling of specially decorated windows in the downtown area.

Again this year Ashland merchants will each give special window prizes to holders of tickets bearing numbers to be posted this evening. Tickets, five to an envelope, have been distributed throughout Hill, Greensprings area, Bellview, Valleyview, Talent and Ashland. Holders of numbers will compare theirs with posted winning numbers and then may claim prizes at that time, if the store is open, or during the following day.

In addition to window prizes, the Ashland Chamber of Commerce also will give away a number of free turkeys during the evening, to be claimed by winning number holders.

The Ashland street department has decorated streets in holiday attire and this, added to the special effects arranged by business houses, will transform the downtown area into a Christmas wonderland. Openings have become traditional here and have met with ever-increasing success from year to year. Thousands of persons have braved storms and cold weather on this occasion and this year's Christmas opening is expected to be one of the best ever presented.

Christmas opening committee of the Chamber of Commerce, besides Secretary Dean Pieper and Assistant Secretary John Murphy, includes P. R. Hardy, H. S. Ingle, Bill Snider, J. P. Daugherty, T. H. Simpson, Paul Fennell, Henry Metz and Dom Provost. This year's event comes a week later than usual because of other community activities, notably the Talent-Ashland banquet held in Talent last Friday night.

● Mr. and Mrs. Dick Trites visited with friends in Grants Pass Sunday.

● Ross Tilley of Siskiyou shopped and visited with friends here Monday.

● Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnold of Dead Indian were Ashland visitors Tuesday.

SEEN IN A DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER
HIRAM OSTERMAN with the nickleodeon blues. GERTRUDE BROWER trying to choose between good vision and a sense of balance after being fitted for a pair of glasses.

ART HAMILTON having his pocket picked. LARRY HUNTER and ARCH BARKSDALE sking down Garfield peak in a local cafe.

LEIGHTON BLAKE outwitting DR. R. E. POSTON in an initiation gag.

CLARA PEDERSEN thinking longingly of the southwest climate and claiming that friendship has nothing to do with it.

KARL NIMS fooling a necktie sniper by wearing an old one.

JOHN MURPHY trying to talk DOC HAINES into giving an appendectomy as his Christmas opening special.

CORPS. HAROLD RUSSELL and JAMES COOMES crying to high heaven because they had to walk a buck private's post while on guard duty.