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## CHRISTMAS OPENING IS TONIGHT— LET'S GET IN THE SPIRIT!

This evening all Ashland business men will unveil their special Christmas windows and will offer a number of prizes as well as distributing free noisemakers to youngsters through the Chamber of Commerce. The opening will be in the traditional manner and probably will be one of the best of many successful events.

Be sure to come downtown tonight and join the hundreds of window-shoppers. The spirit of holiday good fellowship will be contagious and you'll get an inner glow that always makes Christmas the best-loved of all the holiday seasons.

## LET'S LAY OFF NAGGING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR A WHILE, AT LEAST!

A week ago, when Oregon's Gov. Charles A. Sprague formally opened the new highway over the Siskiyou mountains, he declared that the state highway commission was pushing road improvements in all parts of the state and "will go as far and fast as funds will permit."

Lest the meaning and logic of his words be lost on local folks, perhaps it would be well to point out that other sections, as well as this, have highway improvements badly needed and that continual nagging of the state highway board to "do this first" is useless and, if anything, tends to hamper and obstruct the highway program.

Every few months a drive is made to bring about enough pressure to force the highway department into immediate straightening of the Plaza bottleneck and chests are beat, letters written and delegations appointed to nudge Oregon's roadbuilders.

But whereas Ashland's one bottleneck is a source of motoring irritation, for example Klamath Falls has two miles of bottleneck that really is bad. The highway running north out of the business district is so narrow and crooked it makes Ashland's plaza turn look like the Indianapolis speedway by comparison. Which should illustrate the complex problems facing the highway department, and the futility of each community selfishly insisting that its particular problems should be given preference.

Naturally, The Miner is just as anxious to see all possible and plausible improvements come to this area as any one of the hepped-up humdingers haranguing state officials, but we believe that patience, faith and humility would be particularly becoming, especially now that we've finally realized the dream of a super-highway over the Siskiyou.

Let's give the Oregon state highway department credit for the many good things it has done for roads in southern Oregon and let's quit bawling our eyes out for more long enough to give the boys up at Salem a moment's peace. Sure we need the Plaza bottleneck removed, but then there are hundreds of projects equally worthy over the state and we feel certain that all will be attended to as rapidly as is possible or practicable.

Listening to the highway association squawkers, one might think the state was ignoring its roads!

## A SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR PAYROLL FOR PEOPLE OF OREGON!

A note from J. A. Ormandy of Portland points out the expenditures of the Southern Pacific company in Oregon during 1939 and we believe the figures are important enough to be brought to the attention of all readers:

More than \$7,000,000 was paid in salaries and wages to its 4000 employes; about \$1,000,000 was paid in state, county and local government taxes, and millions of dollars were spent for materials and supplies produced in Oregon.

The importance of the Southern Pacific company to Oregon, as indicated by these figures, speaks for itself, and emphatically.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### OVER HERE



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### OVER THERE



A DICTATOR'S SO-CALLED CONGRESS PROVIDES APPLAUSE FOR HIM.

CRITICISM? INVESTIGATION? A DICTATOR IS THE BOSS OF ALL THE COURTS, JAILS AND FIRING SQUADS.

## PRESS AND POLITICIANS ALWAYS ARE BUSY SINGING THEIR OWN PRAISES!

All newspapers take themselves far too seriously, but the daily press particularly seems to excel at overdoing.

Newspapers—whether once-a-weeks, six-a-weeks or full dailies—all become just so much waste for starting fires, wrapping up garbage or for outhouse use after they've been scanned. Nothing in a newspaper ever becomes immortal and why it is that those of us in this business should pat our shoulderblades in self-praise so persistently is hard to understand. We're all in this racket to earn what we can and bulldoze the rest. Service becomes a newspaper policy only when it is fruitful of greater profits.

Being just a weekly newspaper, naturally The Miner is among the lesser offenders against the communities on which publishers feed. The daily papers—peace to their souls, if any—are the more malevolent of the fungi, and they are the most vain.

## What Other Editors Are Saying!

### KLAMATH'S AWFUL RECORD

Klamath county motorists should be downright ashamed of the record they have been making this year. As this is being written the total number of automobile deaths in this county in 1940 is 26. But at the rate these fatalities have been happening the past few weeks, the number will probably be increased by the time this is printed and still further increased before it is read.

Motoring is a risky business. The combination of high speed, human weaknesses, and imperfections of machinery is bound to result in a certain number of accidents. But Klamath's number is fast mounting above that necessary number. So far this year right in this one county we have had 26 fatalities and numerous lesser injuries, and we still have more than a month to go. And that month, with snow and icy roads, is one of the most dangerous of all.

It is generally admitted that this traffic record is appalling, and it is also admitted that something must be done about it. What to do, of course, is a hard question to answer. But we can be more careful. And those motorists who refuse to be careful and are convicted of drunken driving or reckless driving or other serious traffic violations should have the book thrown at them when they go before the judge.

That is a drastic remedy, but maybe it will work. Valiant efforts have been made to tell the motoring public of the need for more driving care, and the accidents continue at a still greater rate. Now we should try the one remaining alternative and make traffic violators suffer by paying heavy fines and sitting in jail. Then maybe they will be convinced that driving a car is a serious business and should be done with the maximum amount of care—Klamath Basin Progress.

● Mrs. Buster Tutter of Mount Shasta is visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chipman.

● Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Black are the parents of a son born Wednesday at the Community hospital.

## TWO-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IS UNDER WAY

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and its subsidiaries will spend in gross construction in 1940 a total of \$46,000,000 and it is now anticipated that in 1941 the gross construction expenditure will run well in excess of \$55,000,000 throughout the Pacific coast, in keeping pace with the public's requirement for telephone service and in meeting effectively and patriotically the company's responsibilities in the national defense program, it was announced today by N. R. Powley, president, according to H. S. Aikins, Ashland phone company manager.

This two-year construction program of approximately \$100,000,000 is one of the largest in the history of the company. The expenditures are in general in the following classifications: Land and buildings, \$3,800,000; central office equipment, \$25,000,000; station equipment, \$41,500,000; exchange lines, \$18,000,000; toll lines, \$10,200,000; general equipment, \$2,200,000.

● Mr. and Mrs. Earl Neeley left Tuesday on a business trip to Reno.

● Miss Nellie Dickey was a business visitor in Medford Tuesday.

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## Obituary

### BETTY JEAN NEWBRY

Funeral services for Betty Jean Newbry, aged nine months, who died Nov. 26, were held at 1:30 p. m. Nov. 29 at the Litwiller Funeral home with the Rev. J. R. Turnbull officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

### MARGARET E. PENTER

Funeral services for Margaret Elizabeth Penter, 82, who died Nov. 26, were held at 3 p. m. Nov. 29 at the Litwiller Funeral home with the Rev. George W. Bruce officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

### HENRY FOX

Funeral services for Henry Fox, 63, who died Nov. 30, were held at 9 a. m. Dec. 3 at the Litwiller Funeral home with Father Meagher officiating. Interment was in IOOF cemetery.

### JULIUS F. WOLF

Funeral services for Julius F. Wolf, 74, who died Dec. 2, were held at 9 a. m. Dec. 5 at the Our Lady of the Mountain church with Father Meagher officiating. Litwiller Funeral home was in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Mausoleum.

### FERMIN ZANA

Funeral services for Fermin Zana, 80, who died Dec. 1, were held at 11:30 a. m. Dec. 4 at the Litwiller Funeral home with the Rev. George W. Bruce officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

### JOHN BOYD LANE

Funeral services for John Boyd Lane, 76, who died Nov. 30, were held at 2 p. m. Dec. 3 at the Litwiller Funeral home with the Rev. Brostrom officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

● Mrs. Arthur Rose is visiting in Grants Pass for several days this week.

● Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Slack left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Iowa. They plan to be gone until after the holidays.

● C. R. Bowman Wednesday returned from a business trip to Portland.  
● LeRoy Hill of Talent underwent a minor operation at the Community hospital Wednesday.  
● Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pittman visited in Prospect last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peterman.



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