

ALL ROADS lead to Rome, as the saying and the Italian army go.

Although unable to visit much suffering on little Greece, the retreating Roman legions have been merciless with newspaper-reading neutrals, who've had to wade through columns of restaurant and word-for-it puns.

Children, at this time of year, wonder how it is that portly Santa Claus can squeeze through a little chimney, little knowing that it's always father who gets stuck.

A new year is just around the corner and 1941 will have an unprecedented opportunity to look good without even half trying.

According to Ashland's amateur military strategists the world can be saved if, while England and Greece are knocking out Italy, we tear into Japan and complete the cleaning out of the small fry in preparation for tackling the main dish, Hitler. The belief that America should get into the fight while we still have stubborn fighters like the English and brave warriors like the Greeks to help us is being held by those of military age who would be called on to do our fighting.

War is said to be the means to an end but, if the savagery of present bombings continues, it soon will be the means to everybody's end.

Art (Hic) Powell, Central Point American editor who will assume his duties as county commissioner early next month, already is writing paragraphs about the cold weather. We knew it would be a cold day in January when voters made him a commissioner.

As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined, according to an old quotation, and if the twig is bent around limbs of the errant child he'll be inclined to mind.

Clark Wood, in his Weston Leader, claims nine per cent of all women are bowlegged, and then joins the "but-don't-quote-me" club by crediting the figures to a biologist.

A plea recently was voiced that an armistice be called during Christmas but, on the other hand, if the allies succeed in driving out Hitler, every day will seem like Christmas.

Holy wars are said to be the most vicious, and the present one boisters the belief, for it is wholly destructive.

Users of Christmas seals, when affixing them to letters, are giving both the little windows of hope and tuberculosis a licking.

The belief in Santa Claus originated in Germany, where distressed parents this year probably will be explaining to their children that he was non-Aryan.

The Nazi military machine, being experienced at underhand methods, naturally excels in submarine warfare. Where the Germans have been careful never to show their hand, their axis partners, the Italians, have been anxious to show their heels.

In England, early to bed and quick to rise makes a man healthy and safe from the skies.

Man's only monument to progress seems to be a bomb-proof shelter, built on hell's side of the earth's surface.

An appeasement group in the United States is preparing an extended campaign to keep us from giving more effective aid to Britain and more and more Americans, with a deep sense of moral honesty, are beginning to understand how a fifth column goes about its business. And as one of the leading appeasers, Charles A. Lindbergh is regarded no more as the Lone Eagle but rather a different kind of bird gone a-flocking.

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Varsity Theater Programs:  
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"THE ROAD TO GLORY"  
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(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
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GRUBB URGED FOR POST JOB BY PETITION

MILLARD W. GRUBB, for 21 years assistant postmaster in the Ashland office, was being supported for the postmastership by petition being circulated by friends this week. The Jackson County Democratic Central committee already has gone on record as endorsing V. D. (Bert) Miller for the position which will be made vacant by the announced retirement of Postmaster John H. Fuller.

Grubb, who has made many friends here during his many years of service, is republican and, for that reason, has received no encouragement through regular party channels. It has been the custom, during both major party administrations, to appoint only members of the party in office to postmasterships and no reason has been given to expect an exception here.

The petition being circulated on behalf of Grubb reflects the high regard with which he is held by all residents, however, and reads as follows:

"To the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.:

"We, the undersigned qualified voters and patrons of the United States Post Office at Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, do hereby respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the following facts:

"Millard W. Grubb, who is one of the applicants for the postmastership at Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, has been a postal employee at Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon since 1915, and has been the Assistant Postmaster in said city for the past twenty-one years during all of which time he has given eminently satisfactory and pleasant service to all the patrons of said Post Office.

"Millard W. Grubb has actively participated in the civic life of the community and is widely and popularly known throughout southern Oregon for his participation in civic enterprises.

"By reason of his experience, good citizenship and proved qualifications, we would respectfully urge your consideration of the application of Millard W. Grubb for the postmastership at Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, upon his fulfillment of your technical requirements.

Besides Miller, a number of other prominent democrats are expected to take civil examination for the postmastership, chief among whom are Herb Moore, present deputy sheriff and well known Bellview rancher. Moore also is commander of the Ashland American Legion post. Applications for examination must be on file with the United States Civil Service commission at Washington, D. C., not later than Jan. 3, 1941. Application forms may be procured at the Ashland post-office.

The Ashland postmastership carries with it an annual salary of \$2800.

Snake Demonstration Keeps Collegians At 'Very Polite' Distance

By MARY JEAN BARNES

"Pigs is pigs" and snakes are just snakes to the average person. But the students of the Southern Oregon College of Education learned in assembly Monday morning that snakes are not mere creatures of abhorrence. Nathan Gale, a student of the Ashland high school, demonstrated to the assembly how to take the venom from a rattlesnake. He released a four-foot rattler onto the table, picked it up with his bare hands and forced it to bite over the edge of a glass. By massaging the mouth of the struggling snake he extracted into the glass three or four drops of the deadly venom, enough to kill two ordinary persons.

Nathan and his two assistants showed several other snakes found in southern Oregon but rarely seen by people other than snake fanciers. After the demonstration, Nathan told the audience about the deadly snakes found in both North and South America. It seems that the farther south one goes, the more vicious the snakes become and that the most deadly snake of all is isolated on an island inhabited only by this snake and some small birds on which it must rely for food.

Nathan had a most appreciative audience; there was hardly a soul there who would have cared to pick up and handle those squirming snakes, especially the formidable-looking rattler. Each was eager to see it done but was perfectly willing to let an expert do it.

Few of Ashland's College Casaba Craftsmen!



Southern Oregon College of Education's Sons will face Rubenstein's Oregonians at Medford tonight, Friday, and Multnomah College on the SOCE floor Saturday. Pictured above are some of the local casaba artists who probably will see action in both games. They are, left to right: Chuck DeAutremont, Frank Mohs and George Bassman; bottom row: Gene Crites and Coach Jean Eberhart. It was these players, together with other regulars, who opened their collegiate schedule here last week-end with a pair of rousing victories over Don Faber's hustling Albany college quintet.

DELEGATION IS URGED ATTEND HIGHWAY MEET

REPRESENTATIVES of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce have issued an appeal for local representation at the Oregon-Washington meeting on the development of the modernization program on Highway 99, to be held in Portland Friday, Dec. 27.

A "substantial" local delegation is sought to supplement groups from Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg who are assisting in pushing the bottleneck elimination program. Frank Hull, manager of the Medford chamber, classified the Portland meeting as "the most important yet held" and urged a well-rounded southern Oregon group for the sessions.

A special railroad car is leaving Medford Thursday evening, Dec. 26 and will return here the morning of the 28th. The Ashland chamber is handling local reservations and those who are able to make the trip are requested to contact the office as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Chamber representatives have advocated adoption of a new city ordinance covering the methods employed by house-to-house canvassers and magazine solicitation crews who assertedly "insist upon forcing sales after customer refusals." The proposed ordinance has been referred to a special committee for additional study and advocates are expected to be given an opportunity to appear before the committee in support of the move.

In connection with the non-solicitation program adopted by the Chamber itself, this ordinance would be designed to provide additional control over the activities of solicitors and solicitation crews.

NAME BILLINGS, LEVERETTE TO SHASTA COUNCIL

COMPLETING the annual schedule of the election of new county councils by the membership of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, A. H. Gronwoldt, president of the association, announces that 114 men have been selected from 29 communities to "streamline" the future program, select new directors and to push the work of development and advertising of the area in their respective counties.

"It is most encouraging," said President Gronwoldt, "when one looks over the type of men that were selected by the 52 percent of the membership who voted, since they contain the names of many of the outstanding civic leaders in every county. The membership may be assured of fair representation and the association also can be assured of a program essential to growth and prosperity of the Wonderland region of nine counties."

These groups will meet early in January to organize, elect officers and lay out programs to follow, announced Tom L. Stanley, general manager. With the work of the past two years of intensive drive at the Golden Gate exposition where over 4,000,000 people were exposed to the attractions of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland and with the added attraction of the construction work on Shasta dam as a magnet to draw people into the area, the future travel and development work should prosper.

Those selected from Jackson county for the 1941 council include the following: Ralph Billings, S. M. Bullis, Wm. H. Fluhrer, W. A. Gates, Herbert Grey, Glenn L. Jackson, Karl Janouch, W. H. Leverette, Emil Mohr and Larry Schade.

Travis' Tavern Will Take Over Sales Of State Game License

Representatives of the Oregon State Game commission this week informed the Ashland Chamber of Commerce that the bond covering their issuance of game licenses had been discontinued and that "an account had been opened with Harry G. Travis of Ashland."

In line with the Chamber's October announcement that after Dec. 31, 1940, game licenses would not be issued through the Chamber, the Game commission inferred that 1941 licenses—available as Christmas gifts—are now obtainable at the Greyhound Tavern. The Chamber expects an auditor here some time this month to officially close the records.

Ben Gibson of Klamath Falls was a business visitor early in the week.

Large Crowd Hears Special Yule Music In Junior High Gym

Choruses and orchestra of the junior and senior high schools captivated an audience of some 800 people at the junior high school gymnasium last night in their presentation of the annual Christmas program.

The junior chorus and the senior a capella choir, under the direction of Miss Harriett Hill displayed a type of musicianship that would have been a credit to older and more experienced groups. Supplementing the choruses was the high school orchestra directed by Gordon Tripp.

The program was arranged to raise contributions for charity. Admission was free, but everyone was asked to bring some item of food, clothing or toys to be turned over to a local charity.

One of the outstanding features of the program was a "stained glass" window depicting the history of the Israelite nation from the captivity to the birth of Christ. This was prepared by the high school commercial art department under the direction of John Koehler, art teacher.

Numerous tableaux were presented showing the Manger and Nativity, the Shepherds, the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child.

At the conclusion the audience joined in singing "Joy To The World," Christmas carol by Handel.

NEXT SOCE TERM TO START JAN. 2

Registration for the winter quarter at the Southern Oregon College of Education will begin Jan. 2. A full program of work for advanced students will be offered as usual during this term. Students wishing to begin their study of lower division or junior college work or those interested in enrolling in teacher education for the first time will find beginning classes offered.

Men or women between the ages of 19 and 26 who have had one year of college work will be eligible for the first, or private, course in the Civilian Pilot Training program. Individuals interested in this aeronautical training should contact college officials at once, as the quota for the spring phase is nearly complete. Individuals who are interested in this program who have had two or more years of formal college work need not be actually registered at the college in order to be enrolled. Students who have less than two years, however, must be regularly enrolled in the college in order to receive the 72 hours of ground school instruction and the 35 to 50 hours of actual flying experience, according to Registrar Marshall E. Woodell.

Tom Gettling recently left for Grants Pass where he will be employed.

RUBES TO TRY TRIUMPH OVER SOCE TONIGHT

SOUTHERN Oregon College of Education's hoop varsity will have a tough game on their hands tonight when they tangle with Rubenstein's Oregonians on the Medford high school floor. The Rubes have had only one game this season, beating the University of Oregon.

The Rubes boast a lineup of some of Oregon's best basketball talent. Heading the club is Max Rubenstein, a teammate of SOCE Coach Jean Eberhart in both high school and college. Bobby Anet, coach of the Rangers who took two games from the Sons here and an all-American from Oregon; Ted Sarpola, all-coast from U of O; Ford Danner; Jack Butterworth of Oregon College of Education; John Dick, all-American who tied the Pacific coast conference field goal record of 75 while playing for Oregon, and Matt Pavulunas, member of the national champion U of O team.

Eberhart has not announced a starting lineup since Lowery and Bassman are out with the flu and Scheidreiter and Spayde, reserves, have not been in uniform all week. Practice schedules have been hampered by flu and examinations.

The Little Sons will endeavor to get even with Medford high in the preliminary game.

Ashland Students Off For Holiday Vacations

Students of Ashland's four public schools this afternoon will start their holiday vacation, which will continue until Monday, Jan. 6, when regular classes will resume.

At the Southern Oregon College of Education vacation days will be more limited, with the holidays starting this afternoon and continuing until Jan. 2 registration day for the winter quarter. Classes will resume Friday, Jan. 3 at the college.

ASHLAND MAN HELD FOR DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE

Joseph Struthers, of this city, early Wednesday was arrested by city police and charged with driving while intoxicated. Struthers pled not guilty in city court and trial was set for Dec. 27.

Struthers was being held in jail in lieu of \$100 bond yesterday.

BLACKOUT DRAWS FINE

H. D. Morris, Ashland, this week was fined \$4.50 plus \$2.50 city police court costs for driving a car without lights. Arresting police found car tracks on park lawns after Morris had narrowly averted a collision with the prowling car.

Claycomb to Show Complete Line New Pontiacs Saturday

A special showing of 10 models—weather permitting—of new 1941 Pontiac cars will be held at the Claycomb Motor company's sales room on North Main street all day Saturday, Dec. 21. It will be the first showing of the complete line of body styles, colors and types for Ashland. H. L. Claycomb said yesterday in announcing the event, to which the public is invited.

Because all cars available had been delivered to buyers as rapidly as they arrived, the Claycomb firm was unable to give a complete showing, but with arrival of a full carload of 1941 models this week, the special display was made possible. Every model, including sixes and eights and the new torpedo styling will be on display.

WOOD THEFT GETS FINE  
Leslie W. Duncan of this city was arrested by state police on a petty larceny charge filed by Carl Henry and was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence for alleged theft of wood. He also was fined \$20 and costs for lack of PUC plates on his truck.

SEEN IN A DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

CLARENCE SHAVER claiming an extra 15 cents was extortion.

MARY ANN DELSMAN explaining she whipped the flu germs by eating some of Papa's carrots.

NORMA WILLIAMS happily gathering Yuletide greenery which later turned out to be poison oak.

PORTIA ANDERSON showing some original models.

SLADE SONGER claiming a sweet disposition on accounta Santa.

PATRICIA SIMPSON proudly telling about her twins' first words, "Ah-Goo."

DOROTHY CHAPLE going out and coming in again in order to test the odor of a pine candle and deciding that it smelled more like a candle than a pine forest.

Judge M. T. BURNS thinking himself well qualified to be the new Ashland postmaster, considering the number of gifts people have tried to mail in the Justice of the Peace office.