

As the Roman legions fight on they again demonstrate the importance of the Italian race.

The new year is about at hand and residents are busy climbing out of their piles of Christmas cards to thrust heads of their resolutions above water for a few brief hours. Any good resolution deserves to see the light of day at least once a year.

And the boys who felt they were too old to go around ringing doorbells on Hallowe'en saved the tour for Christmas eve and ended up feeling unusually young.

Habit is a dangerous thing. While grinning a "same to you" to the happy holiday well-wishers, we almost slipped and extended greetings of the season to Editor Clark Wood, who trails the weekly field with his Weston Leader.

Along with the job of trying to keep the resolutions, a lot of folks now will be busy reading the fine print on back of the easy-payment contracts that were so alluring before Christmas.

The new year promises to be a repetition of the old so far as politics and government are concerned. According to figures, we're getting along nicely and making important progress in national defense and aid to England, but according to die-hard obstructionists in congress we will continue to make a hell of a mess of everything. Perhaps the quickest way to give the defense program a push in '41 is to push the defeatists and appeasers in this country into the nearest river.

One of Christmas' tragic touches is that Germany, inventor of Santa Claus and so many other fine old customs, should have fallen into such evil repute among rest of the world because of her equal ability to develop customs of opposite intention.

The coming twelve-month won't be so bad if the word "war" can go in one year and out the other.

While severe storms have been lashing the coast and other areas, southern Oregon has been nesting among its usual seasonal quota of warm raindrops. Natives, supposedly well-footed, have survived their flu and sniffles, the holiday rush and jostling at the exchange counter to eye their woodpiles and marvel at their slight depletion. Pussywillows will be coming in off creek banks before many more weeks and school kids will be counting the days until spring vacation. Even members of the local Battery have completed a third of their one-year training in the regular army and are agreeing that camp life isn't so bad. If it weren't for the ominous news from abroad, this would be an unusually cheerful and promising new year just ahead. There's always one fly can get into the ointment, and this time the fly is a nazi bomber.

National defense orders have boomed railroading until the lines' business future looks as bright as their shining rails. Ignored in quieter times, the iron horse becomes an industrial hero when the need arises.

Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News, laments the lack of words that rhyme with "Merry Christmas" adding another reason, besides a lack of ability, which keeps this department from committing poetry.

Probable reason why gabby people seldom excel at anything else is because nothing else sounds as good to 'em.

Something tells us that Congressman Martin Dies belongs to the old school which believed in sneaking up on the bank bandits with all sirens screaming.

EXAMINER COMING
An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in the Ashland city hall from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, Jan. 3 to issue licenses and permits to drive cars.

Mrs. C. H. Brown and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the Southern Oregon Miner
To See Their Choice of the Following
Varsity Theater Programs:
(Saturday)
"THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH"
"CARSON CITY KID"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"BRIGHAM YOUNG"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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80 ASHLAND MEN ENJOY HOLIDAY FROM CAMP LIFE

By JACK BENTLEY
APPROXIMATELY 80 soldiers from Battery B, Ashland's National Guard unit stationed at Camp Clatsop, Ore., pulled into Ashland Saturday night and Sunday morning. The boys will be home for 11 days beginning with Dec. 21 and ending Jan. 1. They must be in camp by reveille Jan. 2.

It is the first opportunity that many of the boys have had to come home although some enjoyed the privilege over the three-day Armistice week-end. According to Clifton M. Irwin, commanding officer of the 249th Coast Artillery, this probably will be the last leave any of the men will have until their year of service is up. About the only chance anyone will have of making the trip to Ashland will be on a three-day week-end and then it is doubtful if they will be allowed to come.

We again want to mention the names of those men who are remaining in camp. All of them stayed voluntarily so that those who really wanted to come home could make the trip. Those who remained in camp are as follows: Pvt. 1/CI Wayne G. Brown, Pvt. 1/CI Kenneth L. Evans, Pvt. 1/CI Lewellyn E. Peachey, Pvt. James Potter, Pvt. Erwin Hickey, Pvt. Howard Lockwood, Pvt. Hugh Sprull, Pvt. Arthur Struve, Pvt. Donald Crouch, Pvt. 1/CI Clarence Childers, Pvt. Victor Sondreal and Pvt. Gerald Vogt.

Just before leaving Camp Clatsop, it was learned that Battery B would have to complete approximately 100 rounds of sub-calibre practice and 16 rounds of service fire by Jan. 11. It will be the first time that many of the men have ever seen actual service on the six-inch gun.

The sub-calibre practice will be held first in order to give the men an idea of what to do under actual service fire. Sub-calibre practice is conducted under the same principle as service fire but a one-pound shell is used instead of the 108-pound shell. If weather permits, service fire probably will be conducted Jan. 11 or as soon after as weather permits. Sub-calibre practice is held at Battery Pratt at Fort Stevens and service practice is conducted at Battery Allen, Fort Canby, Wash.

Foursquare Church to Launch Revival Series Here Next Tuesday

A city-wide revival will be conducted by the Reverend and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, nationally known evangelists, at the Foursquare Gospel church located at Fourth and B streets, starting Dec. 31.

The gospel is presented very vividly and in a unique manner and is to see and hear Rev. Johnson is to see and hear the late Billy Sunday in action.

Meetings at 7:30 o'clock every night, except Monday and Saturday, with good music and singing. Everybody is welcome regardless of creed or belief, rich or poor.

New Year's eve will be a special watchnight service with different speakers and special numbers for each hour until midnight.

BASKETBALL

Games Last Week:
SOCE 31, Rubenstein's 38 (at Medford).
Little Sons 33 at Medford 35.
Roseburg 18 at Klamath Falls 34.

Games This Week-end:
Dec. 27 Battery B at Ashland.
Dec. 27 Grants Pass at Myrtle Point.

TWO OF US, CHUM!
It's okeh to hunt or trap skunks in Oregon without a license, an official rules. Warning should be taken by a certain occupant of the Ashland Miner's noisome den.—Weston Leader.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Dr. Claude E. Sa, re, Vlear
Holy Communion 8 a. m.
Church school 9:30 a. m.
Sermon and morning prayer 11 a. m.
Wednesday, Jan. 1 there will be a service for the New Year with sermon and Holy Communion. This service will begin at 9:30 a. m. and the public is cordially invited.
Choir meeting Friday, 7:30 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Miner Today Ends 9 Years of Service As Upstart Paper

WITH today's issue the Southern Oregon Miner will complete nine full years of service in Jacksonville and Ashland. The paper was first issued Jan. 1, 1932, as the Jacksonville Miner and in February, 1935, was moved to Ashland, where the name was altered to its present form.

Launched upon the uncertain seas of journalism during one of the nation's worst depressions, the Miner has steadily grown from a four-column, four-page newspaper to its present size. First three years the paper was printed in a Medford shop by its present editor-printer until, as the publication grew, it was able to install its own equipment. Since that time the physical being of the publication has continued to expand until today the Miner also encompasses the most modern and completely equipped commercial printing department in Ashland, pioneering in bringing many mechanical improvements to this area.

For its steady growth, the Miner is deeply indebted to its tolerant friends and patient readers and to them it feels a gratitude for which words are inadequate. With their help, the Miner will strive, during the coming year, to be more and more an asset to the community which has mothered it.

Bicycle Licenses For 1941 Ready Jan. 15th

To allow time for clearing usual year-end rush for automobile licenses, Ashland police will defer issuance of bicycle licenses here until Jan. 15, at which time the officers will start dealing out the miniature metal plates to owners of wheels.

License plates will cost but 15 cents each this year, same as last year when the licensing system was introduced, while titles will cost 10 cents each. Owners who now hold titles to their bicycles will be out only the 15 cents for license, Chief Talent explained, while new titles must be obtained by new owners of new or second-hand wheels, same as automobile titles are handled.

Vacation Will End For Scholars Soon

Christmas vacation, looked forward to with enthusiasm and plans, all too soon will end for Ashland students, although no classes will start for another week.

College students at SOCE will take up winter quarter registration Thursday, Jan. 2, while high school, junior high school and grade school students will be masters of their time until the following Monday, Jan. 6, when studies will resume.

GET SMALL FINES

Lawrence Ritzinger punted \$1 and \$4.50 justice court costs recently for failing to dim headlights to an approaching car, while other contributors to Justice of the Peace M. T. Burns' county coffers included Ernest F. Koble, who paid \$1 and costs for faulty brakes. Roy Russell Miller paid \$2.50 and costs for improper license plates and Charles James Martin of Keno appeared for passing with insufficient clearance.

Marie Mitchell of North Bend is visiting until the New Year here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mitchell.

Oregon Children Have Best Chance to Live First Year

CHILDREN born in Oregon stand a better chance of living through the first year of life than children born in almost any other state in America, according to data released by the public health research department of the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company.

Official records of the state board of health show that in the first 10 months of this year there were only 499 deaths of infants under one year of age, a rate of 34.0 per 1000 live births.

The rate for Oregon in 1939 was 36.6, the fourth lowest in the country. The national infant mortality rate for the year 1939 was 48 per 1000 live births, in 1938 it was 51.0 and in 1937 it was 54.4. New Mexico had the highest infant mortality of all the states, reporting 109.3 for 1939, compared with Minnesota's rate of 35.4 for the year, the lowest in the country.

The Miner Staff Wishes You



O. G. Crawford Harry Chipman
Mrs. R. F. Parks Mrs. W. A. Gran
Louise Martin Jack Bentley
Jane and Leonard Hall

SNELL URGES CAR DRIVERS USE CARE IN '41

"LET'S begin Forty-one without a one!"

Urging Oregon drivers and pedestrians to exercise care in order to avoid traffic accidents on New Year's eve and on the following day, Earl Snell, secretary of state, suggests this slogan.

Last year, four persons were killed in traffic accidents in Oregon on the last day of December. This year, Snell and others working in the interest of traffic safety in Oregon hope they can reduce this toll so that the state can start the new year with a clean slate.

In view of the fact that statistics show that pedestrians are the heaviest sufferers during the holiday period, the traffic safety division has distributed several thousand pedestrian-driver cards, designed to acquaint both drivers and pedestrians with the situation regarding pedestrian accidents in this state and containing suggestions for avoiding such accidents.

These cards have been sent to every city and town in Oregon with a population over 200 persons. There they are being distributed by members of local traffic safety councils, service clubs and other civic organizations interested in traffic safety, police and county sheriff officials. Those who receive these cards are urged to give them thoughtful consideration and to remember the safety suggestions they emphasize.

BAROMETER TAKES DIVE

Lending barometric sympathy to storms general over the coast, official barometer in Ashland Tuesday morning dove to 28.70, a probable low record during last 10 years here. Other points in Oregon also recorded unprecedented lows, but rain was the weather's only consequence in this vicinity.

LEEVE COMMISSIONED

William Leever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leever, has been commissioned second lieutenant in the US army reserves. He is a graduating ROTC senior at Oregon State college.

REDFORD TO PORTLAND

Dr. Walter Redford, president of Southern Oregon College of Education, was in Portland last week-end to attend a council meeting of the state teachers' association which arranged details of the state meeting to be held during the holidays.

Four Attend Highway Meeting in Portland

Four Ashland business men left for Portland Thursday, where they will attend the northwest regional meeting to consider ways of pushing earliest possible completion of Pacific highway modernization.

Those making the trip from this city included Mayor T. S. Wiley, City Attorney Frank Van Dyke, Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dean Pieper and G. M. Green. Large delegations are expected to attend from Medford and Grants Pass, as well as other points along the Pacific highway.

Quarterback Dine Battery B Quintet

Members of Battery B basketball team and commissioned officers of the outfit Thursday night were treated to a banquet in the Plaza cafe by the Downtown Quarterbacks club, Ashland athletic booster organization. J. H. Hardy, Quarterback president, was in charge.

Officers invited included Lieut. Col. Clyde G. Young, Capt. Charles Deisman and Lieut. William Clary. Team members dined included Charles Warren, Ardis Warren, Delbert Jones, Bill Hoxie, Walter Lee, Kenneth Schilling, Harold Baughman, MacKenzie Roberson, Jack Weaver and Bob Strickland.

Rubes Pummel SOCE 38 to 31 on Medford Court Friday Night

A veteran lineup of all-Americans and all-coast basketball talent from Eugene, Rubenstein's Oregonians, eased themselves into a 38 to 31 victory over Southern Oregon College of Education at Medford high gymnasium last Friday night.

The game between Southern Oregon and Multnomah college, scheduled for the SOCE gym Saturday night, was called off when flu prevented the Chiefs from making the trip.

The Rubes made a ball game out of it in spite of the advantage of experience and the Sons were leading 7 to 6 at the end of the first period. The Rubes had forged ahead 18 to 13 when the teams went to the dressing rooms at halftime and were out in front 24-20 when the final 10 minutes started.

Ted Sarpola, ex-University of Oregon flash, led all scorers with and even dozen points while Jack Butterworth, former OCE star, tallied 10.

Chuck DeAutremont, turning in a game of a game for the Sons, led his team with 11 markers.

Medford high showed possibilities when they eked out a thrilling 35-33 win over the Little Sons in the prelim. The game was deadlocked several times and it was only in the closing seconds that Frank Dixon, seeing his first year of Medford action, sank a field goal to pull the game out of the fire.

The Sons are idle this week-end.

ELKS DANCE IS EVENT

Ashland Elks furnished Ashland celebrants their one social center Christmas night when they opened their ballroom for a yule dance which was well attended. Dancing was from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. and entire proceeds were used for charitable work by the benevolent organization. Barney's orchestra furnished music.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elmke of Phoenix were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks Christmas day.

BATTERY MEN TO PLAY AHS QUINT TONIGHT

IT will be a homecoming event for Battery B basketball team members tonight when they meet Ashland high's Grizzlies on the junior high court, the preliminary beginning at 7:15. The gate receipts, less expenses, will go for the Battery mess fund benefit.

All of the squad, coached by Ken Schilling, are veterans of Ashland athletics and will be gunning for a win over their alma mater.

The Battery lost one to the Astoria coaches, consisting of Wally Palmberg and company, in three overtime periods and won their first AAU game, taking Battery A of Klamath Falls 31 to 13.

The first five men on the regiment team are from Battery B. They hold a 51 to 38 win over Westport who previously had beaten Albany college, coached by Don Faber.

The soldiers from Camp Clatsop who will probably be in uniform tonight are Charley Warren, Ardis Warren, Buzz Roberson, Ken Schilling, Tiny Jones, Jack Weaver, Bill Hoxie, all Ashland high stars of other years, and Bob Strickland and George Bullion, former SOCE players.

The probable starting lineups for both teams follow:

Ashland	Pos.	Battery B
Provost	F	C. Warren
Jandreau	F	Roberson
Smith	C	Jones
Weaver	G	Schilling
Fowler	G	Hoxie

A preliminary game that will rival the main fracas for action and interest is the Southern Oregon All-Stars-Southern Oregon coaches affair scheduled to get under way at 7 o'clock.

The tentative starting lineups for both teams boast an array of ex-Ashland and Medford prep talent. The probable starting fives for these two teams will be:

All-Stars	Pos.	Coaches
Marris	F	Gastineau
Stead	F	Simpson
Jessel	C	Eberhart
Crosby	G	Hess
McLean	G	Nance

Since the All-Stars are anxious to schedule games, anyone with a team wishing to play them is asked to contact Joe Jessel at 1122 West Fourth street, Medford.

Gastineau's Hoopmen Will Tour Willamette Valley Coming Week

Ten Ashland high school basketball players and Head Coach Jerry Gastineau will head north early Monday morning, Dec. 30, for their annual barnstorming trip into the Willamette valley.

At 7:30 o'clock that night the Grizzlies will face Albany high there and then will head on north where they will meet Chemawa Indians in a two-game series. The first will be at 2:30 p. m. Dec. 31 and the next one the next night at 7:30.

Gastineau stated that he was trying to line up a game for Jan. 2 but so far had been unsuccessful. The Grizzlies will play Vancouver high there Jan. 3 at 8 o'clock and then head home for the start of school Jan. 6.

SEEN IN A DAZE



I. C. ERWIN buying a New Year's greeting ad and inviting his friends to come in and hear the story that goes with it.

BILL BROWN, a confessed gadget buyer, purchasing a pair of colorful suspenders although he has worn a belt for 20 years. DON BRACE being robbed of two celebrations by having his birthday come on Christmas.

BOB PINSON'S window and pane being shattered by a snowball thrown by PHIL KEATON. ERIC WEREN describing his cat as a weather vane.

JACK FORSYTHE allowing as how mid-western sub-zero weather isn't so bad—from indoors.

LAWRENCE RUDE declaring army life isn't so bad, especially during furlough.