

THE COLUMN this week probably will sound like a swan song to everybody but a swan, which has no ear for music anyway. The editor, who's been speaking from up-in this corner every week, has been lured by the Catching of a Fish, and henceforth will be known to the trade as a commercial fisherman.

That is, we hope to be able to put fishing on a commercial basis, if you follow the thought... having purchased a deepsea trawler, an admiral's hat and a pair of waterwings, soon this department will be out on the briny trying to yank hooks into shark, salmon and, probably, the seat of his pants.

The difference between a commercial fisherman and a sport-fisher, they tell us, is that commercial fishermen never get to go inland and bore their friends with details. Commercial anglers are content to land their prey with ballbats, pitchforks, nets, persuasion or trickery, while the gentler brothers who go at it honor-bright like a little finesse and fancy flourish. We'll be a George Shafer gone professional.

Commercial fishermen, too, smell like fish instead of a bar-room after a day's catch. So we're told.

At any rate, this scribe is going to plunge into the business headlong, and we hope we don't miss the boat and just get all wet. For our shakedown cruise, the vessel will be taken from Reedsport down the coast to Harbor or Crescent City... That is, one place or the other will be the announced destination, but don't be surprised if you hear a lot of coast guardsmen muttering something about why didn't that dope stick to printing. Won't be so bad being blown off course if the flagship ends up in Hawaii, but if not, well, we always wanted a crack at them Japs anyhow.

The new venture would be complete if we could lure Editor Clark Wood over to the coast and take him out to sea. Should be able to do well at passing the hat in Weston if he got lost overboard.

Clark ought to be glad to go, at that. They say the ocean's full of suckers and he might be able to sell a subscription to some poor fish. He'd probably be feeding 'em anyway, and that stuff he dishes out would put 'em out of their right minds for sure.

And every time we gaff a shark and beat it over the bean with a club think of the fun that can be had just picturing Hitler.

WANTED—Daisy air rifle in good condition for chasing home any Italian war vessels found poaching on coast fishing grounds.

For a distress signal, we'll just run up a back copy of The Miner upside down and then watch the succors stand on their heads.

There's only one detail about fishing which worries this department. Commercial fishers get up about 4 a. m. and are out to sea long before sunup. What a change that's going to be! And by the way, mates, does the sun really come up in the east like the books say?

This, perhaps, will be farewell for your Eager Angler, and here's hoping he doesn't have to start eating fish for breakfast before the spring thaws. However, the flagship which we probably will rechristen Webfoot or some such silly thing includes living quarters, a galley and a crying towel for the lean seasons. (We also intend to look into that old seafarin' song about "Yo-ho and a bottle of rum." Suppose that's some kind of ditty about nautical smelling salts, maybe?)

MARY T. BENTLEY
Funeral services for Mary T. Bentley, 28, who died Dec. 24, were held at 2:30 p. m. Dec. 28 at the J. P. Dodge and Sons chapel. Cremation took place in Grants Pass.

Ralph Billings 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)
"BROTHER ORCHID"
"CHARTER PILOT"
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"RHYTHM ON THE RIVER"
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

C-C DIRECTORS TO COORDINATE DEPARTMENTS

ASHLAND'S Chamber of Commerce directors will meet next week in their first session of 1941 to inspect and pass on a new internal working policy, designed to bring about closer coordination and to more evenly distribute the program of chamber operation. While no definite date has been set, the meeting probably will be called for the latter part of the week.

Under the proposed policy, 12 departments will be set up. These will comprise executive, finance, industrial development, roads and highways, tourist promotion, membership, legislative, rates and taxation, agriculture, civic affairs, transportation and recreational. Each department will be headed by one director, appointed by the president.

Directors will have charge of and be responsible for the operation of their departments. Subcommittees will be appointed to carry on the work within the departments. Through this method, the various phases of chamber operation are expected to be more evenly segregated and the work itself more evenly proportioned.

Meanwhile, the chamber is pushing its sponsorship of a new city ordinance covering the methods employed by so-called "high pressure" house-to-house salesmen and magazine solicitors. Chamber representatives are to appear before a city council committee within a short time and explain the purpose and anticipated results of the ordinance. At the present time there is no local statute providing jurisdiction over the sales methods of transient solicitation crews.

Representatives who attended the inter-state meeting in Portland last week, called to stimulate further interest in the modernization of sections of the Pacific highway, have reported that the large delegation emphatically endorsed resolutions calling for speedy action and indicated that additional support from California is expected. Representatives from the Portland meeting will appear before the annual convention of the Redwood Empire association in San Francisco, this month for their endorsement. Washington highway booster organizations also are favoring the project, insuring three-state support when the matter is brought up for attention in the nation's capital soon.

Trucker Escapes Hurt As Rig Overturns

Howard Payne of Phoenix luckily escaped injury Tuesday morning when the cattle truck which he was driving overturned at the foot of Billings hill north of Ashland.

The accident was due largely to fog and the icy condition of the road. Payne reports that the truck, a large semi-trailer, skidded as he slowed for another car and turned over as it left the road. Since he was traveling slowly, the truck was not seriously damaged.

Ashland Shriners To Entertain Guests

Potentate R. D. "Hod" Eller in closing a successful year at the helm of the local Shriners, at the annual election tonight of new officers, he and his Shrine club will banquet all out of town guests promptly at 6:30 in the banquet room of Hillah temple.

Hillah temple has initiated 50 new members the past year. A large number of visitors are expected to participate in the festivities.

ALFRED WILLIAM HENNING

Funeral services for Alfred William Henning, 40, who died Dec. 29 at the Veterans' hospital in Roseburg, were held at 3 p. m. Dec. 31 at the Episcopal church with the Rev. Claude E. Sayre officiating. Interment in the Ashland cemetery. Litwiler Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

- Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lockhart recently returned from Alaska and Seattle.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Barnum of Bremerton recently visited here with relatives and friends.
- Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mayberry recently left for Pollock, Calif., where they will make their home.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walker visited with relatives in Portland during the Christmas holiday.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hawley of Lake City, Calif., visited here recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chrisman.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Swartsley are the parents of a son, born Tuesday at Community hospital.

Name 'Miner' Draws Newcomers' Wonder

WE'VE WONDERED why Leonard Hall hung the name "Miner" to his publication. At first we thought it was a typographical error and should read "Minor", considering its standing in the community, but that idea was soon dispelled, leaving us yet in doubt of the name's origin until we learned that there are really honest-to-goodness mines where Hall first stuck his fingers in printer's ink.

Yet, while that angle has been cleared there still remains the puzzle of the "Coat of Arms" at the head of his column—a pick, a shovel and something that resembles a Navajo Indian wedding basket. Upon inquiry, Hall told us the basket affair was a gold pan. It doesn't look like gold to us, but if it is we will keep it, though we had decided to throw the whole shebang in the scrap heap. We are beginning to understand why he used the other two implements—they represent his instruments of trade—diggers for fish bait.

UTAH MEN TAKE OVER MINER FIRST OF YEAR

MANAGEMENT of the Southern Oregon Miner changed hands Wednesday, Jan. 1, when Leonard Hall sold the newspaper and equipment to Chas. M. Giffen and William Savin of Marysville, Utah.

Hall disposed of The Miner in order to devote his full time to commercial fishing out of Harbor and Crescent City. He already has purchased a deep-sea trawler, but Mr. and Mrs. Hall will remain in Ashland for several days caring for their business interests here.

Giffen and Savin come to Ashland from southern Utah where Giffen has been publisher and editor of the Plute County News for the past three years. Prior to this, he was connected with several weekly papers in Arizona. Mrs. Giffen is remaining in Utah for the present, but will shortly join The Miner staff.

The Miner will continue under the same name and will be similar in make-up, policies and aims to that of the previous management.

Wonderlanders Will Seek Coordination of Events in Counties

The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association soon will inaugurate a region-wide campaign to include Jackson county for the purpose of co-ordinating all festivals, fairs, regattas, rodeos and other civic events of Wonderland counties into a sequence of attractions to be widely publicized as the 1941 "Fun Festival" of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland, according to Tom L. Stanley, association general manager. The association also will conduct a campaign to select some young lady of the region to be titled "Miss Shasta-Cascade-1941 Alice in Wonderland" to serve during the year as Wonderland theme girl and official hostess. She will be featured in various ways in an intensive publicity campaign about the scenic and recreational attractions of the Wonderland and events of the "Fun Festival" in this and other counties of the region.

"The Wonderland association has devoted 10 years to developing and advertising resources of this region," said Stanley. This was climaxed by our building and exhibits at the 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International expositions, seen by millions of people from all parts of the country. Now we propose to capitalize on this work by an intensive follow-up, augmenting the pulling power of our scenic and recreational attractions with the lure of the many fine events which will compose the "Fun Festival."

"An important part of this Wonderland region publicity drive will be the selection of a theme girl as a means of dramatizing our publicity and advertising crusade in newspapers, magazines, pictorial services and publications and news reel movies throughout the country. Young ladies in this and other counties of the region are invited to take part in the campaign to select "Miss Shasta-Cascade-1941 Alice in Wonderland." Those interested, who desire advance information may obtain it by writing to the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, Box 151, Redding, Calif.

"The campaign will be in the hands of Trefle La Senay, association publicity director and details soon will be available."



—or are we a bit hasty in the use of such a salutation? We think not, judging from the friendliness and welcome extended to us by the few Ashland people we have met thus far. We hope in the next few days to greatly enlarge the number of our acquaintances here, for it is only through personal contacts and interests that the weekly newspaper may best serve the community. So stop in and say "hello"—as always, you will find a welcome at The Miner office.

It is our desire that The Miner may continue as "The Paper That Has Something To Say and Says It," and we hope that we may be able to continue the high level of newness, interest and purpose that has been a characteristic of the paper under the editorship of Mr. Hall. In looking back through the files of The Miner, it is evident that Mr. Hall has been a constant supporter of progressive civic organizations, and we wish to say that the progress of Ashland and this section of southern Oregon will continue to be the primary purpose of The Miner and all groups and organizations with this common aim will be given our enthusiastic support.

Chas. M. Giffen and William Savin

Soldier Found Dead in Passing Car Here

Private Rex Mason, 18, was found dead in the rear seat of a car driven by Private Hollis Brownson, 234th Quartermaster corps, when Brownson stopped in Ashland for gasoline, Thursday morning. Brownson reported that his partner had been sleeping throughout the night, and investigation showed that Mason had been dead but a very short time. Coroner's Deputy Will Dodge made plans for an autopsy and said that it was possible that the death was caused by pneumonia.

The men have been stationed at March Field, Calif. and were returning from a Christmas vacation at Anacortes, Wash., and a visit with Mason's father who is critically ill at a hospital in Seattle.

New Ashland Folders Ready for Handout

Ashland Chamber of Commerce has ready for distribution a series of attractive folders, portraying a few of the many advantages and resources embraced in this community.

The folders are drafted in clear, concise phrases backed up with local scenes to substantiate the written facts.

Chamber officials are preparing to distribute thousands of the folders in other states through hotels and civic bodies.

Visitor Registration Highest in Ashland

According to reports from the Secretary of State's office, Ashland has registered more out-of-state vehicles than any other point in the state for the year 1940, which officially closed Dec. 1.

The report reveals 26,000 vehicles registered here, which is slightly under the number for 1939 it is claimed.

There seems to be some controversy in higher circles as to the desirability of discontinuing compulsory registration of out-of-state cars and some action upon the matter is anticipated in the coming session of the state legislature.

MARRIED IN BAKER

Miss Ruth Dunham and Harold Gillmore were married in Baker Thursday, Dec. 26. The ceremony was performed at 10:30 o'clock a. m. in the First Baptist church. Rev. C. E. Dunham, father of the bride, officiating. The young couple will reside in Baker, where both are employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hunger Wednesday returned to their home in Corvallis following a visit here at the home of Captain and Mrs. Charles Deisman.

Dr. and Mrs. George Hull have as their guests this week Mr. Hull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hull. The senior Hulls spent part of the holidays in southern California and are returning to their home in Chehalis, Wash.

COORDINATED EFFORT TO PUSH HIGHWAY WORK

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS from the California state line to the Canadian border are settling down to a definite schedule of progress in conjunction with efforts to modernize sections of the Pacific highway in southern Oregon and central Washington, following conclusion of a two-state meeting in Portland last week aimed at emphasizing immediate action.

Approximately 150 representatives from communities bordering Highway 99 through Oregon and Washington favored "more speedy action" on the re-vamping program and urged officials in Washington, D. C. to recognize the importance of realigning the highway from a national defense standpoint.

Representatives of the Portland sessions will appear before the annual meeting of the Redwood Empire association in San Francisco this month to solicit their official endorsement and approval of the action. Little difficulty is expected in this maneuver as full support has been officially assured.

From remarks that "if the western coast of the United States should be invaded, the first line of defense would be the Rocky mountains," the Portland assembly pointed out that rapid movement of defense measures would be vital to the communities along the seaboard. It was indicated that the coast highway, while a valuable connecting link, could not be definitely considered because of its proximity to potential landing forces.

The two primary bottlenecks are located between Grants Pass and Roseburg, Oregon and Kelso and Chehalis, Washington.

ROY HAMAKER PASSES

Roy Hamaker, 61, pioneer resident of Klamath Falls, died in Vallejo, Calif., Dec. 23, according to word received here by friends. He was born in Linkville, before it became Klamath Falls, while Klamath county was still a part of Lake county. He attended schools in Ashland and for several years was editor of the now defunct Klamath Express. He left Klamath Falls about 25 years ago and had resided in California since then. Survivors include his widow and two daughters.

- Bill Van Vleet and Viggo Lassen made a business trip to Hornbrook Tuesday.
- Earl Canfield returned this week to Portland where he attends medical school.
- Charlotte Short, Stan Davis, Barbara Kay and Lyndal Newbery are among OSC students who returned to Corvallis this week following holiday visits here with parents and friends.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rutter visited last week-end with relatives in Roseburg.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Newton of Coquille are visiting here at the home of Mrs. Emma Hager and other friends.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING HERE TO AID DEFENSE

ASHLAND'S school superintendent, Theo J. Norby, this week is launching a survey of out-of-school youth available here for special preemployment courses which may be launched within a few days in cooperation with the federal and state departments of vocational education. The studies would help prepare out-of-school young men for future employment in national defense industries.

Superintendent Norby has distributed application blanks for interested young men and blanks are available at The Miner office, as well as at several other points. Should 10 or more applicants express interest in one or more of the four courses which are being made available as part of the national defense training program, classes will be formed here, local instructors hired and studies begun. Courses available include operation, care and repair of tractors, trucks, automobiles (gas and diesel); metal work, simple molds, tempering, drilling, shaping and machinery repair; woodworking; elementary electricity including operation, care and repair of electrical appliances.

Superintendent Norby stressed the need for immediate response by those interested in such studies to facilitate early determination of number of classes which can be formed, and rapid procurement of tools, equipment and locations for the work. Only local instructors qualified in the four subjects will be in charge of the classes and a minimum of 10 to 15 students must sign up for each course to justify its formation.

An urgent demand is anticipated for pre-schooled industrial employees to help push the defense industries and the present canvass of available out-of-school young men will be Ashland's first step in active participation in the work. All young men are being urged to sign applications in their own interest as well as the interests of national defense.

Blanks and further information will be available at the Miner office at any time, and application blanks also may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Classes Will Resume Here on Monday

Ashland schools will reopen Monday morning, Jan. 6, after a two weeks Christmas holiday marked somewhat by a widespread but decreasing influenza epidemic which threatened to force postponement of the original date.

Both the high school and junior high, together with the grade schools, will resume classwork, clearing the way for the end of the first semester. The Southern Oregon College of Education now is taking registrations for their new term opening and students planning to enter are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Registration for the civilian pilot's training program under the local jurisdiction of the college also is being made. Detailed information may be secured from the registrar's office, it was stated.

OTTO HENRY CONE

Funeral services for Otto Henry Cone, 68, who died Dec. 27, were held at 2 p. m. Dec. 30 at the Litwiler Funeral home. Interment in the IOOF addition of the Mountain View cemetery.

SEEN IN A DAZE



HARRY CHIPMAN and LEIGHTON BLAKE traveling south to see first hand if a Rose Bowl by any other name would smell as sweet.

TED LOCKHART coming back to the great closed spaces after a try at Alaskan mud and shivers.

JERRY BRUCE SWARTSLEY hustling in a day ahead of 1941 to make his papa JOYE glad he's in the laundry business.

DOROTHY STRATTON and load of hay falling to the ground together.

BUD GANDEE, in a generous Christmas mood, giving twice to the collection plate.