

The Editor Speaking

A gentleman stopped in The Miner office Tuesday and inquired about "Commodore" Hall. Informed that the "Commodore" had left the uncertainties of printing for the certainties of deep sea fishing, the gentleman left his card and stated he would probably see the erstwhile editor before long. The card bore the legend of the Nook case of Brookings, "owned and operated by the Pages." On the reverse side of the card was the following: "Behold the Fisherman—He ariseth early in the morning and disturbeth the whole household; mightily are his preparations; he goeth forth full of hope, and when the day is long spent, he returneth smelling of strong drink and the truth is not in him."

Time is a big factor in war; given mechanized support a month ago the Greeks would have finished the fight with the spaghetti eaters. After driving them steadily back the poorly equipped Greeks now find themselves in dire need of the equipment promised from the United States last month.

It's quite amusing to see what loyal supporters President Roosevelt now has in the many dailies who harangued him at every turn before election. That's "freedom of the press"—free to change our minds at every turn of the weather vane. What corkscrews some editors would become if elections were held every year.

Public sentiment is gradually lending its support to the President's defense movement. Many who formerly opposed furnishing arms and war materials to the besieged democracies also are looking upon the matter with more favorable consideration.

Strange as it seems, while driving through the valley last Sunday we saw trees in bud. This with the green hillsides is very different from other parts of the country with sub-zero weather and many long cold months ahead before the robins appear.

The Front Pages: An Italian newspaper recently claimed that Paul Revere was an Italian. The editor probably figures that anyone who goes around frantically screaming, "The British are coming" must have come from Italy.

One movement of great importance is being presented to congress at this time by the WCTU—to abolish liquors from the proximity of all training camps.

THE Lindberghs again are on the "wave" of unpopularity. Mrs. Lindbergh's book "The Wave of the Future," appears to be more the "Wave of the Fuehrer."

A card from the Halls out on the coast informs us that the former editor of The Miner was painfully blistered while trying to spread a jellyfish on a sandwich.

In spite of their defeat at the hands of the Nazis, the French still maintain their heroic right to change their cabinet whenever they feel like it.

That the heart of Italy's soldier is not in this fight is clearly seen when we read of eight Australians capturing 2,000 of them.

There is the editor who heads his column "The Editor's Last Word," and we thought him a married man.

OREGON PRESS CONFERENCE ELECTS HOYT PRESIDENT

At a meeting in Eugene Jan. 11, Palmer Hoyt, publisher of The Morning Oregonian, was elected president of the Oregon Press Conference, succeeding Vern McKinney, publisher of the Hillsboro Argus. George S. Turnbull was re-elected secretary.

Several good speakers held the spotlight during the session and many vital questions were discussed. It is reported.

The summer conference will be held June 26, 27 and 28 at Gearhart.

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GRIZZLIES MEET RANGY INDIANS AGAIN TONIGHT

Conference basketball will make its second local appearance tonight, Friday, before an expected capacity crowd at the junior high gym when the rangy Roseburg Indians invade the lair of the Ashland Grizzlies. Roseburg took a 36 to 40 win on their own floor earlier in the week and Grizzly Mentor Gastineau and his squad have promised victory tonight.

The Indians boast the tallest prep team on the Pacific coast and are paced by Royal Denton, six-foot, seven-inch center. Each coach will employ all the tricks in the bag to win tonight. Roseburg needs the margin of victory to remain the only unbeaten conference team while Ashland must have the win to stay in second place.

A preliminary game at 7:30 p. m. will start things going and the Ashland high school girls' drill team will perform during the half-time intermission along with the pep band which will be on hand throughout the evening.

Fans who are planning to attend this outstanding conference clash between two teams which have been selected by Portland papers as possible state championship material are advised to get there early to secure good seats.

A probable starting lineup follows:

Ashland	Pos.	Roseburg
Provost	F	Willard
Jandreau	F	Goodlow
Smith	C	Denton
Weaver	G	Finlay
Fowler	G	Hughes

P. M. EXAM SET FOR SATURDAY

Don Spencer, secretary of the local board of civil service examiners, has announced that the examination to fill the position of Ashland postmaster will be held in the city hall Saturday.

It is reported that there are seven candidates for the position, but it is not known how many actually will take the test. Leading contenders are Millard W. Grubb, assistant postmaster for many years; V. D. "Bert" Miller, real estate and insurance man; Herb Moore, deputy sheriff; Mrs. Lew Reynolds and C. B. Adams.

61 Car Drivers Lose Licenses In State

Revocations of drivers' licenses following conviction for driving while intoxicated totaled 61 during the month of December in 1940, an increase of eight percent over revocations for the same offense during December of 1939, according to a statement from the office of the secretary of state issued this week.

Revocation in such cases is mandatory under state law, said Earl Snell, secretary of state, explaining that apparently there existed a misunderstanding in the minds of many persons on this point. He stressed the fact that revocation was not discretionary on the part of the convicting judge nor the secretary of state, the law clearly stating that the license must be revoked upon receipt of the record of conviction.

In actual practice, Snell revealed, this revocation usually runs for a period of three years. Ninety-four percent of the drivers who lose their licenses in this manner, are unable to regain them before the three-year period expires. If, during the first year, the convicting judge so recommends and the driver can furnish proof of financial responsibility, he may apply for reinstatement. Without the judge's recommendation, he is not entitled to apply till after one year. At that time and any time during the ensuing two years, the driver may apply for reinstatement providing he is able to file proof of financial responsibility.

Proof of financial responsibility may be given by the following alternate methods, according to Oregon law: either by filing proof that a policy of liability insurance for \$5,000 to \$10,000 has been obtained; that a bond for this amount has been executed; or that a deposit in this amount has been made in cash or certain securities with the state treasurer.

CALIFORNIA WOMAN INJURED IN CRASH

Mrs. F. F. Wall of Winton, Calif., was injured Thursday afternoon when the car in which she was riding crashed into a large freight truck on the icy Siskiyou road. Driving was hazardous because of a blinding snow storm and the icy road condition which was reported to have caused several other minor accidents.

Mrs. Wall is being treated at the Community hospital, but the extent of her injuries has not been made known.

"Help the Youngster Around Your Own Corner"



Under new slogans—"Help the Youngster Around Your Own Corner"—and—"Enlist in our National Defense Against Infantile Paralysis"—this boy and girl are marching forward in the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. Known to millions, this picture is again being used by the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday on posters, birthday cards, coin collectors and buttons as the emblem of the appeal for funds to fight the crippling disease, infantile paralysis.

Many Stars Pledge Support In Fight Against Paralysis

Many national celebrities have pledged their active cooperation in the 1941 fight against infantile paralysis, according to word received by Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Oregon state chairman, from Keith Morgan, national chairman of the committee for the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday.

As in previous years, one of the most spirited features of the drive will be the "March of Dimes of the Air," under the direction of Eddie Cantor, supported by scores of celebrities of the stage, screen, radio, musical and literary worlds. The drive also has full support of business organizations, industry, labor, churches and institutions of all kinds.

Among the "big names" who already have pledged support are Bing Crosby, Ezra Stone, Fred Allen, Amón 'n' Andy, Clifton Fadiman, Edward G. Robinson and Kay Kyser.

"Year after year, we have watched the 'March of Dimes' grow into one of the great humanitarian movements of America," Morgan wrote Hedlund. "Millions of people in every field of our national life have learned to look forward to it as one means of helping the afflicted boys and girls of our own country. The card coin containers and coin boxes of the campaign have become familiar in every city, town and village."

COMMITTEES AT WORK ON PLANS FOR POLIO BALL

Plans for Ashland's polio ball got underway at a luncheon Monday noon attended by representatives of various local organizations.

Purposes of the President's birthday ball were reviewed by the county chairman, Dr. A. E. Merckel, who also stressed the fact that 50 percent of the money realized from the ball will remain in the county for local cases.

The following committees were named with Frank Vanlyke acting as general chairman: general—Henry Enders, R. W. McNeal, W. W. Robinson, Jean Eberhart, Mrs. Earl Leever, Karl Nims, T. J. Norby, Mrs. Elwood Hedberg, Mrs. H. M. Schilling, Mrs. Sam McNaair and V. D. Miller; program committee—T. J. Norby, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Leever, Mrs. Hedberg, Mrs. McNaair, Eberhart and Robinson; and the dance committee—Karl Nims, Hollis Beasley, R. W. McNeal, H. G. Eenders, Mrs. Hedberg, John Murphy, Bert Miller and Dr. H. A. Woods.

DRAFT CALLS ASHLANDER

Ralph McCormack will leave Jan. 21 as the first Ashland man to be drafted under the selective service act. Among others completing the quota of 13 for Jackson county were four volunteers.

Battery B Guardsmen Train With Big Gun

By JACK BENTLEY
Actual firing was carried on by Battery B guardsmen this week for the first time as they began their sub-calibre practice on the six-inch disappearing rifle. This is the first time that many of the men have had the opportunity of firing the gun.

It is not definitely known when service practice will be held, but it probably will be soon after the 100 rounds of sub-calibre practice is completed. The sub-calibre practice differs from service practice in that only one-pound shells are used, whereas in service practice the shells weigh 108 pounds. This sub-calibre practice, which is conducted first in order that the men may become acquainted with the working fundamentals of the gun, is carried on at Fort Stevens where the shots may be fired into the Columbia river. However, in service practice the gun range is about 10 miles; so it is necessary to fire from Fort Canby into the ocean.

Everyone in Battery B is still in good health with the exception of Bennett Loftsgaard who is confined to the hospital with measles. A daily check is kept on the rest of the company in order to catch any new cases that might develop.

All maneuvers now are carried on in the battalion phase of training which will continue until the regiment is transferred to Fort Stevens. There the training will progress to the regimental phase. The whole regiment was involved in dummy warfare last Thursday afternoon and several of the boys had a good cry when tear gas bombs exploded near them.

FOOD STAMPS IN USE BY JAN. 31

Work on many fronts, preparatory to ushering in the US department of agriculture's food stamp plan into southwest Oregon by the latter part of January, is progressing rapidly according to a statement made today by Blanche D. Lyman, Jackson county welfare administrator.

"We have begun to compile record cards for all families in the county eligible to purchase food stamps and according to word received today from M. Louis Belangie, area director of the surplus marketing administration at Portland, organization of a county coordinating committee of food retailers will be completed within the next week or two," said the administrator.

It was pointed out that after full instructions have been sent public assistance families, and food stamps have been purchased by them from the welfare department, the next step in the successful operation of the plan rests entirely with the grocers.

Belangie stated that the county committee would work with the state surplus foods committee in getting information to the county's retailers through folders, merchandising material and a county-wide mass meeting to be held just prior to the inauguration of the plan.

"With the extension of the plan to southwest Oregon more than 15,250 persons receiving public assistance will be entitled to obtain one-third more of healthful, wholesome foods through their regular neighborhood stores," said the welfare administrator.

"Studies have been made to determine just how much cash public assistance families spend for food. Under the stamp plan the same amount of cash is used to buy orange colored food stamps and for every dollar so spent the purchaser receives 50 cents in blue surplus food stamps free. Foods bought in local markets with stamps are the same in quality, brands and price as when bought for cash."

Foods which are surplus at the present time—such as eggs, butter, apples, potatoes, pork and 14 other commodities—have always been stocked by food stores. Under the stamp plan the food retailer continues to purchase these foods from his wholesaler in the same manner as he always has been doing. However, the added demand for these surplus foods through the blue surplus food stamps, moves increased quantities from over-laden farm to wholesaler, to retailer, to under-consuming family.

It is estimated that food purchasing power among public assistance families in the six southwestern counties will be increased more than \$274,000 annually through blue stamps alone.

VIOLATORS PAY FINES IN LOCAL JUSTICE COURT

George Schlatter, interstate trucker, charged with speeding his semi-trailer; \$12 bail for Jan. 20 appearance.

Luke Erwin Lange, Medford and Edward Leonard Morgan, Klamath Junction, fined for using void license plates. Each paid \$1 fine plus \$4.50 costs.

FRANK JENKINS TO BE SPEAKER AT C OF C DINNER

Preliminary arrangements for the annual chamber of commerce forum dinner opening the new fiscal year are being started early next week, according to an announcement from C. M. Litwiler, president.

Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Klamath Falls News and Herald, has accepted an invitation to appear as principal speaker. Litwiler said Jenkins is known as a versatile and pleasing speaker and has gained wide-spread prominence for his ability.

Tentative date of the dinner is March 14, probably with the Bellview grange. Committee appointments will be taken up at the next meeting of the directorial board, which probably will assemble within the next few days.

Meanwhile, Litwiler urged all members who have not done so, to complete their "suggestion sheets" and return them to the chamber office before Jan. 20. A number of chamber members already have complied but still others are outstanding. From the complete list of ideas will come the new work program for 1941.

Chamber officials will meet shortly with a committee from the city council in connection with the proposed ordinance designed to check the activities of house-to-house magazine and solicitation crews. With no existing ordinance in effect, solicitors are allowed to canvass un-curbed at the present time and the new statute is slated to define examples of "nuisances" whereby control can be exercised.

Junior, Frosh Fives Win By Low Scores

Something of a scoring record was made at Grants Pass Monday night when Al Simpson's junior high basketballers defeated Grants Pass high Frosh 11 to 7 and the Frosh reserves won over the junior high reserves 8 to 6.

The junior varsity jumped into a quick 4-0 lead and for the rest of the game they kept the ball and stalled as much as possible. According to Coach Simpson, the Frosh were so much bigger than the juniors that any other type of ball playing might have resulted in defeat.

Dick Kerr played a fine floor game for Ashland and took high scoring honors with six points. Riggs, who also turned in a good account of himself, scored four points while Winfield Roberson accounted for the only other junior tally when he converted a free throw.

The juniors missed enough free throws to give them a good margin of victory, they converting one out of nine attempts.

Ahead 4 to 3 at the half, the Freshmen reserves went on to win over the Junior reserves in an exceptionally close-checking fray. Talbot took high honors for the game with four points and Griffith was top scorer for Ashland with three corners.

Rev. Meade Slates Lecture for Sunday

Evangelist L. A. Meade, who is holding meetings at the Methodist church, will give a free lecture in the church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. His subject is "The Persecuted Jew in the Light of the Bible."

Rev. Meade has given much thought and study to this subject and will offer something worth while.

Is the persecuted Jew responsible for his present position in the world? Is the Jew only a shrewd, grasping person? Will the Jews be finally restored to Jerusalem? Who should offer the Jew a homeland in these present days of trouble? Are the Jews really the chosen one of God, favored above all other people?

You are invited to come and hear what the evangelist has to say on this subject. No admission charge, but a silver offering will be received.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS OFFER WORKMEN JOBS

The United States civil service commission announces the following open competitive examinations: Boatbuilder, copper-smith, instrument maker, joiner (ship), sailmaker, shipwright and tool maker.

These examinations are for the purpose of filling existing and future vacancies at the Puget Sound navy yard, Bremerton, Wash. Applications may be filed with the Recorder, Labor Board, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, until further notice.

Ellis Linger underwent an operation at the Community hospital Monday morning.