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## IMPROVED HIGHWAY PROPOSED

### PLAZA CORNER IMPROVED IF PLAN ADOPTED

REPORTS brought back by the local delegation which attended the highway board meeting at Portland Tuesday, indicate that prospects are good for straightening the dangerous Plaza corner.

The original plan called for making a straight road from Oak street to Water street, but it was decided at the board meeting that a modified plan leaving a slight curve would stand a better chance of being adopted because the right-of-way costs would be much smaller. According to the original plan, a large part of the Ford Motor company building and some of the Claycomb service station would have been included in the right-of-way, whereas the new plan will include only a small part of the Ford Motor building and none of the service station. Other buildings affected by the project are those occupied by Harrison Parts, J. D. Mars and Son, Postal Telegraph, Billings Agency, Log Cabin, Laughlin Printery, Mitchell's barber shop, Herbert's grocery, the Westfall variety store and Baird's cafe.

There will be no definite action taken on the project until a careful survey of the modified plan is made.

The local delegation attending the commission meeting was headed by Mayor T. S. Wiley and included city Attorney Frank Van Dyke, Councilman Ralph Koozer and G. M. Green.

### Soloists To Appear On Music Club Program

Miss Louise Woodruff, head of the music department of the Southern Oregon College of Education and program chairman for the Ashland Music Study club, has announced that the club will present three vocalists on the Monday evening program at the civic club house.

Mrs. Hugo Reinbold will give a short introductory talk on "The Art Song," after which Mrs. Stephen Epler, soprano, Mrs. E. O. Smith, soprano and Mrs. Frank Wenzel, contralto, will be heard in the program of vocal solos.

Mrs. Wenzel, a newcomer to Ashland, has had a wide range of training and experience, having sung on the radio, in churches, recitals, concert and opera. Mrs. Epler has been a member of the choir in the Riverside church and has been soloist in other New York City churches. Mrs. Smith is already well known to Ashland audiences for her interest in and contributions to music here.

### ACTIVITIES ADD TO POLIO FUND

The local "March of Dimes" progresses with the continued activity of the various committees in charge of the celebration of the President's birthday.

The program committee announces that card parties and other entertainments have been planned and the cooperation of various organizations has been gained to help add to the funds.

Steve Whipple's eight-piece orchestra will provide music for the President's ball which will be held at the Elks temple Saturday night, Feb. 1. Admission will be one dollar for adult couples, and students with student body cards will be admitted for 50 cents per couple.

### Play-Writing Contest Slated for Clubbers

Four-H club members throughout the state again have been invited to participate in the seventh annual radio play-writing contest sponsored jointly by the state station KOAC and the club department of the OSC extension service. Oregon has been one of the leading states in radio play-writing, says H. C. Seymour, state club leader.

A manual containing the rules and suggestions for the contest and a copy of the winning play last year have been prepared for free distribution by James H. Morris, member of the KOAC staff, in charge of this activity.

John Watkins of Washington county won first place in last year's competition with a play called "A Lesson in Applied Veterinary," which dramatized the experiences of a club boy whose calf became seriously ill.

The contest is in three divisions again, including the state-wide and county contests, and the special traffic safety state contest in which Earl Snell, secretary of state, offers a summer school scholarship for the best 4-H club radio play dealing with traffic safety.

**SAMUEL F. EDWARDS**  
Funeral services for Samuel F. Edwards who died in Dunsuir, Calif., were held in Ashland Thursday afternoon at the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral chapel, with the IOOF lodge in charge of the service.

**FRANK E. SMITH**  
Funeral services for Frank Ernest Smith who died Jan. 20 were held Wednesday afternoon from the Litwiller Funeral home. Interment was made in the IOOF addition to Mountain View cemetery.

**JOHN DAVEY MCKINNEY**  
Funeral services for John Davey McKinney who died Jan. 20 were held Wednesday afternoon from the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral chapel. The services were in charge of the Elks lodge and interment was in the Mountain View cemetery.

**AMS SEMESTER ENDS**  
Classes at Ashland high school were dismissed today (Friday) as the first semester came to an end. Studies will be resumed Monday morning as the second half of the school year gets underway.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Ashland spent the week-end visiting relatives here.

### AHS-MHS FIGHT FOR 2ND PLACE

#### District Four Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Roseburg	5	0	1.000
Ashland	2	2	.500
Medford	1	1	.500
Grants Pass	0	5	.000

The curtain will ring up tonight on the annual four-game basketball series between Medford and Ashland high schools when the two teams tangle on the Medford court, a 7:30 preliminary starting time.

A win is badly needed by both teams since they are tied for second place in the district standings. Roseburg leads with five wins and no defeats while Grants Pass has failed to win a conference game in five starts.

If one is to believe in comparative scores, Ashland is many points better than Medford but anything can happen in a ball game. Medford has been set down 52 to 35 by Roseburg and Ashland has dropped two close tilts to the Indians. The Grizzlies have won two from Grants Pass while Medford has taken one.

Coach Jerry Gastineau is expected to use the same starting lineup that has been on the court for Ashland most of the season and probably will consist of Jandreau and Provost at forwards, Smith at center, with Weaver and Fowler at guards.

The two teams tangle on the Astoria court in the second of the series Tuesday, Jan. 28.

### CHECK ARTIST SENTENCE

Mrs. D. A. Sloan who recently was arrested in Ashland for passing bad checks has been sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed one year in the state prison. Sentence was passed by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna. Dr. Merkel, county physician, told the court that Mrs. Sloan was addicted to use of a strong opiate and that she would receive required care and cure at the state prison.

### BONNEVILLE POWER JOBS UP FOR EXAMINATION

The US civil service commission announces the following open competitive examination:

Power line foreman: This examination is for the purpose of filling existing and future vacancies in the Bonneville Power Administration throughout the states of Oregon and Washington.

Applications must be on file with the Manager, Eleventh US Civil Service District, Post Office Bldg., Seattle, Wash., not later than Feb. 10, 1941. Information may be obtained by writing to this address or from the secretary of civil service examiners at any first or second class post office in Oregon or Washington.

### Tax Auditor To Help On Income Returns

The state tax commission announces that it will have an income tax auditor at the court house in Medford from March 6 to 14 for the purpose of assisting income tax payers in preparing their 1940 state income tax returns.

Single persons (or married and not living with husband or wife) must file a return if his total net income is \$800, or more or if his surtax (intangibles) net income is \$500 or more during the year. Married couples living together must file a joint return or two separate returns, if their combined net income is \$1,500 or more or their combined surtax net income is \$800 or more during the year.

Every person or married couple regardless of the amount of their net income must file a return if their gross income from all sources is \$4,000 or more. Every partnership and every corporation authorized to do or doing business in Oregon (not specifically exempt) must file a return.

Returns for the calendar year 1940 must be filed on or before April 1, 1941, to avoid delinquency charges provided by law.

### CALLED TO BAKER

Dr. C. C. Dunham left by train Thursday evening for Baker where he was called by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Dunham. Mrs. Dunham recently returned to Baker from a Portland hospital where she submitted to an operation. Her condition is reported serious.

The Miner for prompt, proficient printing.

### 300 Draftees Due At Ft. Stevens This Week

By JACK BENTLEY

CAMP CLATSOP, ORE., Jan. 20 —Approximately 300 draftees are expected to arrive at Fort Stevens this week to begin their year of military training. The draftees will spend four months in preliminary training and will then be transferred into separate batteries throughout the regiment. Battery B expects to get about 40 of these men.

Nearly 30 men from the 249th Coast Artillery have been assigned to train the men until the regiment is transferred to the fort. Supply Sgt. Delbert E. Jones and Pvt. 1st Class Kenneth L. Evans, cook, are the only men from Battery B detailed to help in this training program, and they will probably continue at the same type of work after their transfer.

Sub-calibre practice has been slowed up somewhat by the bad weather, but probably will be concluded within the next few days. According to present plans, the service practice will not begin until the first of May.

A bad storm struck the camp Thursday night and continued Friday with the wind velocity reaching 60 miles per hour at times; however, very little damage occurred because of the quick action on the part of the men. The cook's tent in the Battery B area did rip open, but quick removal of beds and personal belongings kept the loss at a minimum.

Either on Monday night or Tuesday morning the second battalion is scheduled for a four-day bivouac which is to leave upon 20-minute notice. Upon the return of these units, the first battalion of which Battery B is a member will leave on a similar bivouac.

Sickness has been at a minimum this past week with only Vernon Rush and Benny Loftsgaard confined to the infirmary. Rush with the flu and Loftsgaard with the measles.

### FOOD STAMPS SENT BY MAIL

Food stamps, when the US department of agriculture's plan is extended to this county the latter part of January, will be handled on a mail order basis, according to announcement made today by Jack Luinh, chairman of the state public welfare commission and M. Louis Belangie, area director of the Surplus Marketing administration.

Jackson county is one of many counties in the new Oregon area to receive the stamp plan. All families receiving public assistance will be eligible to purchase food stamps by mail after they have been declared eligible by Mrs. Blanche D. Lyman, county welfare administrator. Records already in the welfare department's office permit making up the list of eligibles without requiring personal interview.

### PORTLAND CHAMBER TO SPONSOR HAWAIIAN TOUR

The Portland chamber of commerce expresses the desire that Oregonians from all sections of the state will join the Trade Development Tour of Hawaii, sponsored by that body and scheduled to leave San Francisco March 20.

The 21-day tour includes round trip steamer fare, tour of Oahu, taxis between steamer and hotel in Honolulu, room with private bath and all meals. The all-inclusive cost varies from \$320 to \$356, depending on the hotel accommodations selected.

Persons desiring reservations should write direct to the Portland chamber of commerce.

Picks and shovels sold for \$10 each during the California gold rush.

### First Baptist Church

J. R. Turnbull, Minister

Bible school 9:45 a. m. Robert Gilmore, superintendent.  
Leonard J. Eilers, cowboy evangelist, will speak on "The Round-up for God Goes On" at 11 a. m. Ralph Gilmore will sing "Lead Me to Calvary."

At 7:30 p. m. Leonard J. Eilers will speak on "Roll Out." Music by booster choir.  
Meetings nightly except Monday.

Tuesday: "The Cowboy's Main Purpose"; Wednesday, "Lost Horses and Lost Men"; Thursday, "Lights Along the Trail"; Friday, "Life is Like a Movie"; and Saturday, "Hitting the Bull's Eye."

### \$34,775 GRANT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD OKEHD

Theo J. Norby, city school superintendent, received a wire from Senator Rufus Holman last Friday telling that the \$34,775 WPA grant had been approved, thus making the proposed athletic field for Ashland a certainty.

The school board will provide approximately \$12,500 as its share and the actual work will be started sometime in February, Norby stated. Preliminary arrangements have been under way for some time but no definite operation schedule has been followed. The new facilities will include a grand stand to replace the one which burned last summer, a turfed football field, both softball and baseball diamonds, dressing rooms and a quarter mile track.

It is expected that the work will progress rapidly enough to permit play on the turf field in September, but complete details of the project are not yet available.

### DISASTER SQUAD SEES ACTION

The practice drill of the Legion's well-trained Disaster Relief company cause considerable excitement here Monday night. Blasts of the city fire siren quickly sent the fire department, Legionnaires, state and city police, city employees and the Litwiller ambulance to the scene of the "disaster."

The problem for the drill was a supposed wreck of a southbound passenger train which had crashed into the Union Oil company tanks. The resulting explosion had trapped the passengers in the flaming wreckage. Quick action and coordination of the various groups spoke well of the organization.

The drill was staged in honor of the visit of Albert C. Kelly, state department commander of the Legion.

### Dairymen Advocate Bang's Law Change

A change in Oregon's Bang's disease control law to permit the use of calfhood vaccination as well as the present test-and-slaughter method, will be advocated before the present Oregon legislature by the Oregon Dairymen's association as the result of action taken at the recent annual convention held in Grants Pass. The disease-control committee, headed by E. L. Peterson, Coquille, considered all angles of the Bang's disease problem, including the newest findings on calfhood vaccination, and then submitted a report agreed to unanimously by all concerned.

The proposed law changes would permit the use of the calfhood vaccination method under definite restrictions as outlined recently by Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the federal bureau of animal industry. It was pointed out that calfhood vaccination will apparently be a valuable supplement to present highly successful control methods, but that it involves close supervision.

### WELFARE COMMITTEE GIVES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REPORT

The December public assistance report of the Jackson county public welfare committee shows a slight decrease in the number of cases handled and in total amount expended as compared with the same month in 1939. There also was some shifting in the types of cases—the biggest change being in old age assistance cases. Here the December 1940 total was 707 which is 33 less than the 740 of 1939.

Totals for the various types of cases were reported as follows: 275 general assistance cases, \$4,467.98; 707 old age assistance cases, \$13,937; 84 dependent children cases, \$2,539, and nine blind assistance cases, \$251.

### EXAMINER COMING

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be at the city hall in Ashland from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, Jan. 31. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars should get in touch with him at this time.

Henry Currie had a sudden attack of appendicitis Sunday morning and was taken to the Veterans' hospital at Roseburg for medical treatment.

BEING Scottish, we often wonder why the whole world picks on us. Last year, in need of a car, we followed with eager interest the Gilmore Economy Run and pounced with pride upon the winning car, plunked down our cash—with reluctance—drove it up to the present time completely happy at gaining the extra four miles per gallon it saved us. Now with lower gas consumption etalon shrd this year's "stingy driver's contest" a whole flock of cars finished with lower gas consumption. Can it be that the automobile manufacturers are in cahoots and playing a "my year, your year" sort of game?

According to the New Yorker, Bulgaria really is in a spot, for she must decide between defiance and appeasement. Just to make it hard, both methods have been tried and failed.

Headline—"Fuehrer and Duce Agree". Sounds more like one of those marital compromises with Duce playing the role of the henpecked husband.

In a recent "Strange as it Seems" article by John Hix, he pictures "The Loving Plate." A Kansas couple, according to Hix, has eaten for 30 years from one plate, an equal share to each; but upon close scrutiny we discover the lady has the only visible coffee cup. Knew there would be a catch somewhere.

Women are the strangest people! A delegation of them is reported to have disturbed a recent meeting of the Washington state representatives by crying "We want peace!" They'd probably scream at the quietude of a cemetery.

The German consul, Fritz Wiedemann, has been asked to move from the headquarters he occupied in San Francisco when the two OS sailors grounded the nazi flag that flew from the building. The German said he had no idea where to go. We would suggest Germany.

Leaders of the American rescue ship Mission became a little too enthusiastic in their communist agitation and as a result lost their license to collect funds. It seems that the plight of the poor Spanish Loyalist refugees in France was becoming secondary to the promotion of communistic ballyhoo over here.

Contributed tongue-twister: If there were one fewer fuehrers there would be fewer furors.

We have always contended that it was unmanly to drive in front of the girl's home and summer her with a blast of the automobile horn. We are wondering if Al Jenkins, mayor of Salt Lake, has read our mail or whether it just that the "minds of great men" and something about "channels." Anyway, we see where Ab has told the young men of his city to "get out of the car and call to the young lady as a gentleman should." That's taking undue advantage of us—we thought of it first.

Propaganda note—Facts in Review, published by the German Library of Information, comes to this office each month to keep us enlightened as to the "true" state of affairs concerning Germany. On the cover this month is a photo of Hitler happily reviewing a group of workers. The picture caption is: Adolf Hitler, photographed when he is happiest: with his workers for peace in a Germany rid of class divisions. "It has never been my intention to wage war, but rather to build up a state with a new social order and the finest possible standard of culture. Every year that this war drags on is keeping me away from this work." (From Hitler's address of July 19, 1940). We still think actions speak louder than words.

### SECRETARY TO VISIT

Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, plans to be in Ashland over Sunday and Monday for the purpose of conferring with local chamber of commerce officials. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds.

### AL SIMPSON 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)  
"CAPTAIN CAUTION"  
"FATHER IS A PRINCE"  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
"UNTAMED"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets



RED HAMMOND putting up a magnificent fight to keep his stove from being cleaned.

EMMET CLINE admitting that vacations can be postponed—at 10 dollars per day.

C. M. LITWILLER bemoaning the high cost of high bricks.

The ELKS CLUB planning an addition to the basement hall way.

MILDRED HERMISTON returning from P-TA—with first prize.

BERT MILLER disrupting the business men's luncheon with a post mortem of a civil service examination question.

JEAN MOORE sporting an impressive eye bandage and sticking by her story of a fall on the stairs.