

The Editor Speaking

Another cradle of international relations: Thailand and French Indo-China fight the war, but Japan comes out the winner.

The drunk who deposited himself on the court house steps in Roseburg the other evening evidently was a believer in prompt delivery. It seems he swerved his car from the street, sped up the broad walks, banged up the steps and came to rest at the entrance. However, the judge was little influenced by the delivery service and said \$100 and 30 days.

Isolationists who talk about a "negotiated peace" with nazism are at least refreshing, says the Christian Science Monitor. They bring back memories of that childhood limerick:
There was a young lady of Niger
Who went for a ride on a tiger.
They returned from the ride
With the lady inside,
And a smile on the face of the tiger.

Life is rather dark for the postmen, for the house defeated the "biting dog bill" yesterday which would make dog owners liable for their pets' toothsome fun.

The big "back to the home base" movement of Benito's army can well be attributed to the fact that many of his cabinet ministers were in active service.

The Roosevelt-Wheeler feud reveals the fact that dinners attended by our senators et al serve something so potent that conversations are forgotten.

Windy Willie went to Europe to stop a war. The only thing he stopped was a bus driven by a woman and she gave him a bawling out for being slow in entering her vehicle.

Speaking of Mr. Willie, he does have some bright new ideas. He suggests we furnish England with planes that fly and guns that will go boom!

'40 Auto Registration Nears 400,000 Mark

Oregon fell just 187 short of registering 400,000 motor vehicles during the year 1940, it was revealed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, when he announced that motor vehicle registration for the year totaled 399,813 vehicles. This was the first time in history, however, that automobile registration in this state came so near the 400,000 mark.

The 1940 registration is an increase of 24,375 vehicles, or 6.54 percent over the total for 1939. Fees for 1940 totaled \$2,961,636.83, compared to \$2,738,036.33 in 1939.

There were 326,992 passenger cars registered in the state at the end of 1940, or one passenger car for every 3.3 persons living in Oregon. Only two states top Oregon in the ratio of passenger cars per person. California with a rate of 2.7, topped the nation, with Nevada second with 3.1 and Oregon third with 3.3. Lowest on the list is Arkansas with a ratio of 11.3. The ratio of all registered motor vehicles embracing passenger cars and commercial vehicles is one vehicle for every 2.7 persons living in Oregon, one of the highest ratios in the United States. The ratio for the nation as a whole in 1939 was one vehicle for every four persons.

Registration of light delivery trucks for 1940 totaled 31,547 vehicles, an increase of 8.28 percent over 1939 while trucks totaled 38,749, an increase of 5.41 percent.

Corresponding with the total motor vehicle registration increase of 6.54 percent in 1940, was the increase in gasoline consumption in this state, Snell's figures disclosed. There was an increase of 7.4 percent in the amount of gasoline consumed in the state, the gallonage for 1940 amounting to 260,121,736 compared to 241,169,975 in 1939.

In the face of this increase in vehicles and their use on the highways and streets of the state, the traffic death rate, as expressed in persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel, dropped from 12.3 in 1939 to 11.9 in 1940.

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PLANS FOR NEW FIRE STATION

Plans are being drafted by City Superintendent Elmer Biegel for an \$8,500 fire station which is tentatively placed on the city's building program for this year.

The new building will be located on the corner of First and C streets, one block east of the Lithia hotel. According to plans it will be of two-story design, the upper floor containing the living quarters for the department and a recreation room while the ground floor will house the fire-fighting equipment, heating plant and chief's office.

Unemployment Fund Reaches 11 Millions

Oregon's unemployment compensation fund went over \$11,000,000 for the first time on the last day of January as contributions for the final quarter of 1940 reached a peak. The \$11,063,473, a figure expected to go slightly higher during February, compares with \$9,235,552 a year ago, \$6,248,546 two years ago, and \$6,294,654 in 1938, when first benefits were paid.

Indicative of prospective 1941 demands on the funds, officials believe, is the drop of more than 25 percent in initial claims filed. Of the 64,931 claims last year, 34,158 were on file before the end of January. So far this year 25,697 initial claims are in, indicating fewer than 50,000 for 1941 under existing conditions. Payments last year were \$4,099,925.

Ashland Youth Plays Rubinoff's 'Strad'

"This is the first time I've ever done this—but here's my 'Strad'—give me a number." With these words the famed violinist, Rubinoff, handed his \$100,000 Stradivarius to Harialee Wilson who then played "Czardas" by Menti, accompanied by Pianist Solito de Solis.

Wilson had just been presented the gold medal for winning first place in the contest for violinists of his class held previous to Rubinoff's concert in Medford Wednesday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson and pupil of R. H. Cooke.

Good Drivers to Get Scholarship Prizes

The Ford Good Drivers league recently announced details of its 1941 good driving contests, in which \$25,800 in scholarships will be awarded boys and girls of high school age throughout the country.

The league was started last year to promote better driving and increase motoring safety among youth, and this year it is expected to more than double its membership for girls also will be allowed to compete. The girls will have their own division and there will be no mixed contests.

As awards for the national winners, Mr. Ford revealed that 98 Good Drivers league scholarships would be presented as follows, with identical awards for both boy and girl divisions: first prize, \$5,000 university scholarship; second prize, \$2,000 university scholarship; third, fourth and fifth prizes, each \$500 scholarships, and the next 44 winners, \$100 each.

Contests are open to boys and girls between 14 and 18; however, all entrants must be qualified and legally authorized to drive a car in the state in which they reside.

Each state will have its own elimination contest to select the boy and the girl state champion driver, as well as a runner-up in each division. This state competition will be between the 12 best drivers of the two divisions as chosen by the league board of judges on the basis of a road test under a qualified observer, a letter on the subject of safe driving, and their answers to a questionnaire on driving.

Each state winner, accompanied by a sponsor, will make the trip to the final contest at Dearborn as a guest of the Good Drivers league. In the finals more comprehensive tests will be given both in day and night driving.

Registration blanks may be obtained from Ford dealers or by writing to national headquarters of the Ford Good Drivers league, Dearborn, Mich.

SOCE To Offer 4th Year College Work

The Oregon board of higher education announced last Saturday that the Southern Oregon College of Education along with the state colleges of education at Monmouth and La Grande will be granted the right to offer fourth year college work.

This ruling will permit Southern Oregon College of Education to offer work leading to a bachelor degree in education.

Battery B Quartered At Fort Stevens Now

FORT STEVENS, Ore., Feb. 10.—The long awaited transfer from Camp Clatsop to the new barracks at Fort Stevens was at last realized by some 95 Ashland National Guardsmen when the last of their equipment was moved Thursday.

Since the men have been busy getting settled in their new surroundings, there has been little drilling the past several days. Much of the time has been spent in cleaning up and policing the area, but everything should be in readiness for intensive drilling by next week.

Battery B does not drill any of the draftees and it is expected that it will be some time before they have any actual contact with the unit. However, about 40 of the draftees now mess with the outfit.

Second class gunners examinations will be awarded to those who make the grade. Promotions for the following men were announced Monday: Stanley B. Coleman and LeRoy A. McNeil from corporal to sergeant rank; James L. Beebe, Fred C. Shere Jr. and John S. Weaver from private first class to corporal rank, and Wayne C. Brown, Robert L. Burdick, Howard V. Parker and George R. Engel from private to private first class.

SONS DUMP OCE; PLAY MT. ANGEL FIVE TONIGHT

The Sons meet Mount Angel college in another Oregon intercollegiate basketball contest on the SOCE court tonight, Friday, and again Saturday night with a preliminary preceding each contest.

Southern Oregon College of Education basketballers dumped Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, two straight games on the local court Monday and Tuesday nights. The wins gave the Sons a three out of four advantage in their four-game series.

Monday night the local collegians turned the trick 55 to 45 with each coach sending 11 men into the fray. Bassman of the Sons was high for the game with 12 counters and Spayde. Crites, Fisher and Hoefs accounted for nine each. DeAutremont added seven to the cause. Scott was high point man for the Wolves with 10. Halftime score favored Sons 34 to 24.

Tuesday's game was closer with the local merging victorious 41 to 39 after the Wolves led at the half 25 to 17. Shaw of the Wolves and DeAutremont tied for high scoring honors with 12 apiece. Other Sons scoring were Spayde with one, Bassman eight, Hoefs 10, Fisher eight and Scheidreiter two.

J. H. Williams Dies After Struck By Car

J. H. Williams, well known longtime resident of Bellview, was fatally injured Sunday night near his home on the Pacific highway by a car driven by Francis Slingsby of Weed.

Williams was returning home from a Bellview store and after waiting for one car to pass, evidently thought the road was clear and started to cross. Slingsby swerved his car in an attempt to miss him and overturned in the Williams yard, but the aged man was struck by the side of the car and died shortly after in the Ashland Community hospital.

Crop and Feed Loans Available to Farmers

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1941 now are available to farmers in Jackson county and applications for these loans now are being received at Eugene by V. N. Freeman, field supervisor of the emergency crop and feed loan section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to the applicant's necessary cash needed in preparing and cultivating his 1941 crops or in purchasing or producing feed for his livestock.

Borrowers who obtain loans for production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crop financed or, in the case of loans for the purchase or production of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

Application forms and full information are available at the office of the county agent.

LINCOLN WOULD FAVOR BRITISH AID, SAYS HOYT

Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Morning Oregonian, in an address before the 27th annual meeting of the Jackson County Lincoln club held at the Lithia hotel Tuesday evening, stated that Lincoln would favor the lend-lease bill were he alive today.

Taking as his subject, "Lincoln Was Talking to Us," Hoyt gave a descriptive word picture of Lincoln and suggested his reactions to the vital problems facing this country today. "Were he alive today," the journalist said, "he would tell the 'apostles of appeasement,' 'You say I want war. I want no war. But I say to you that the peoples of Holland, Belgium, France and England wanted no war.'"

Club officers for the coming year were announced as follows: Mrs. Curtis Hopkins of Medford, president; Homer Billings of Ashland, first vice president; Miss Bertha Coy of Gold Hill, second vice president; Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini of Medford, third vice president, and Douglas Gardiner of Medford, secretary-treasurer.

Many messages received by the club from high ranking republicans included telegrams from Wendell Willkie, Gov. Charles A. Sprague and Senators Charles McNary and Rufus Holman.

High School To Make Occupational Survey

Plans for an occupational survey of Ashland high school graduates were announced Wednesday by Theo J. Norby, school superintendent.

Purpose of the survey will be to contact graduates to learn of their present occupations and of other work they have done since graduating and also to discover the relation of their high school training to the jobs they now hold. Material thus compiled will perhaps be used later in planning courses of study and in advising students in selection of courses.

The first group to be contacted will be graduates of the last five or 10 years and when this is completed the survey may extend to Ashland and community will be contacted personally and the earlier classes. Those living in others by correspondence.

LIONS OPPOSE SENATE BILL 7

Considerable sentiment in opposition to an amendment to senate bill No. 7 which would rob this section of a \$4,000 monthly payroll from one trucking company alone was shown at the Lions club dinner at the Plaza cafe Tuesday night. The club voted in favor of sending a telegram to Salem in opposition to the bill in its present form.

Al Schneider of the California-Nevada-Oregon Fast Freight lines briefly explained the nature of the bill which would reroute heavy trucks over highway 97 and the effects it would have should it be passed. The original bill was a step towards standardizing regulations for heavy trucks, but the amendment calls for a definite route across the state and would shift Ashland's income from the trucking industry over to the Klamath Falls territory. The bill also would discriminate against several small companies who do not have reroute privileges over No. 97.

Business Men Pledge B Tournney Support

Ashland business men pledged their support to the coming class B basketball tournament at a luncheon meeting at the Lithia hotel Monday noon.

Dom Provost announced that the ticket sales campaign would get underway at once under leadership of ticket teams named at the luncheon.

SIX-DAY WEEK FOR ESPEE SHOPS TO AID IN DEFENSE

To keep ahead of growing transportation needs of the national defense program, Southern Pacific has established a six-day week in all of its locomotive, freight and passenger car repair shops, it was announced today by J. H. Dyer, vice president in charge of operations for the railroad.

The move, which became effective Feb. 1, will further speed the company's program of getting additional new and modernized freight and passenger equipment quickly into service, he said.

Nearly 13,000 employees of the mechanical forces, including about 500 shopmen brought back onto the payrolls, will benefit by the extra day's work, Dyer stated.

Men's Church Council Entertains Hi-Y Boys

Members of the men's council of the First Baptist church were hosts to the Hi-Y boys at a banquet in the church basement Monday evening.

V. D. "Bert" Miller acted as toastmaster in presenting the program which was highlighted by talks by Mayor T. S. Wiley, Chief of Police C. P. Talent and Frank VanDyke. Chief Talent told of the police department's work towards crime prevention and of their splendid record in handling the cases that have come before them, but stated that Christianity was the only true foundation for the prevention of crime. Mayor Wiley also paid tribute to the church for its contributions to a better life. VanDyke gave a short character description of Lincoln as revealed by stories of little personal incidents in his life. "A round-up in review" was given by Pastor Turnbull and others who were in attendance at the recent revival meetings.

Musical numbers were furnished by the high school quartet and the Ashland male quartet. J. Manning was easy winner in a religious quiz which was an interesting feature of the program.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR B TOURNEY

The state B basketball tournament and the Southern Oregon College of Education tournament will be held here March 6, 7 and 8. Plans already are under way by Ashland business men and college authorities to handle the 32 to 35 teams which are expected to participate.

This year for the first time the state B school championship tournament will be held on the college campus. The championship flight, composed of eight of the strongest B school teams in Oregon, will run parallel with the President's Cup division, composed of other B school basketball teams from Coos, Curry, Douglas, Deschutes, Crook, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Jefferson and Josephine counties. Jean F. Eberhart, tournament director, is now registering the various basketball teams, and plans are being made to accommodate 350 visiting players.

This year the college has completed a new building program in the college gymnasium, which will better accommodate the visiting basketball teams. Additional dressing rooms and shower rooms have been provided and a more adequate system of equipment distribution has been developed. A large number of extraordinarily fine trophies have been ordered by the tournament committee and they will be awarded not only to teams in the championship division but also to winners in the President's Cup division.

Associated Men Students of the college will act as hosts to the visiting teams and players and an elaborate program of college social and recreational activities have been planned.

Redford Leaves For Eastern Meetings

Dr. Walter Redford, president of Southern Oregon College of Education, left Tuesday for Atlantic City, N. J. where he will attend meetings of both the American Association of School Administrators and the American Association of Teachers Colleges.

President Redford plans to return to the campus in about three weeks.

Selby Leads List In C-C Primary

Lloyd Selby, Ashland garage operator, leads the list of nominees to be considered for expiring directorial positions of the Ashland chamber of commerce, a tabulation of the primary balloting has revealed. Returns were completed by an election committee Wednesday night and general ballots will be mailed to the membership within a short time.

Also nominated have been Paul Beare, Bob Flaharty, H. S. Ingle, Elwood Hedberg, W. A. Snider, Frank Van Dyke, Ralph Kooser, Henry Metz, Walter Leverette, Karl Nims and I. F. Andres. Six directorial posts are to be filled within the next two weeks. New officers also will be selected.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Elton Lloyd Aaron of Hitchcock, charged with driving without an operator's license. Forfeited \$5.50 which was posted.

Ely Chrystal Minton of San Francisco found guilty of driving with void license plates, received fine of \$2 and costs.

Amos Franklin DeVore, Greensprings, fined \$5 and costs for dumping refuse on highway.

In the case of Charles Rugg vs. State of Oregon, complaint was cleared by court order and Rugg found guilty of driving without red tail light. One dollar and costs with fine remitted.

AHS TRIMS G-P; TITLE TEST NEXT

Team	W	L	Pct.
Roseburg	8	2	.800
Ashland	6	2	.750
Medford	5	4	.556
Grants Pass	0	11	.000

The Grants Pass Cavemen put a third-quarter scare into the Grizzlies on the junior high court last night but Ashland jumped into a dangerous threat to Roseburg's league leadership when they finally came out on the big end of a 42 to 31 score.

It looked like just a workout for the Gastineau men in the first half and the Grizzlies led 13 to 5 at the end of the first period and were out in front 23 to 8 at the half.

In the third stanza the Cavemen turned on the heat and ended the quarter eight points behind, 30-22. Then in the fourth period the visitors had the Ashland boosters on the edge of their seats as they crept to within four points of the Grizzlies, but a quick basket by Provost and another by Weaver put the Grizzlies in a safe margin. The Cavemen put up a constant threat to the lead but in the closing seconds of the final quarter the Grizzlies went out in front.

Leighton Blake's Barbarians evened up the count with the Grants Pass Reserves when they won the preliminary 31-26.

Main game:

Ashland, 43	P.O.S.	Gr'ts Pass	31
Jandreau, 10	F	5	Davis
Provost, 17	F	3	Strowbridge
Smith, 4	C	8	Bornmuth
Weaver, 9	G	11	Gray
Fowler, 2	G	11	Everton

Officials: Hod Turner, George Harrington.

Ashland's chances to take the district championship were upped yesterday with the report that Earl Wiard, key man on defense for the Roseburg Indians, had taken down with the mumps. The Grizzlies meet the Indians on the Roseburg floor Saturday night in the final game between the two teams.

C-C HEADS ACT ON TRUCK BILL

Favoring passage of senate bill No. 7 minus the proposed amendments, directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce have wired Jackson county's representatives at the state legislature to throw their support behind this action, following the regular board session earlier this week.

Under the terms of the proposed statute with its present amendments, commercial truckers would be unable to use the Pacific highway from Eugene south, and also a portion of the Columbia gorge, it was stated. A number of trucking concerns now using this route would be seriously handicapped if the proposals and its amendments were passed, directors believe.

The board also favored re-establishment of the former non-resident angler's license fee, \$1 for two days, and recommended that the balance of the schedule be proportioned similar to the charges assessed in adjoining states, namely Washington, California and Idaho. County legislators also were informed of this action.

Adoption of the proposed departmental classification was deferred until the new board has been inducted into office. Six new directors are to be selected, with nominations having already been completed. Final ballots are going to the chamber membership this week and will be counted within a short time.

Administrative officers are to be re-elected for the coming fiscal year, prior to the end of this month. C. M. Litwiler, retiring president, has indicated that he will not seek another term.



SEEN IN A DAZE
GEORGE GOSWICK enjoying himself at a Plaza Cafe dinner. AL SNIDER taking a bow when his son BILL introduced his (Bill's) friend AL SCHNEIDER to the Lions club.
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD BAUGHMAN claiming there was dirty work afoot when he was suddenly awakened from a comfy snore by choking concoction of alkai pester, shaving cream, tooth paste, soap and water.