



SOUTHERN OREGON MINER

The Paper That Has Something To Say--And Says It!

THIS AND THAT

By OLD TIMER

To the Editor:

We are pleased to note that there is a campaign now on to eliminate the abbreviation "Xmas" for Christmas. When we substitute the unknown quantity (X) we lose the reason for our observance of Christmas. We need more than ever to realize the true import of Christmas.

By the time we have joined the Red Cross, bought Christmas seals and donated to the Christmas party fund, some of us will be lucky to have a nickel left for a Christmas cigar.

We again rise to remark that the parking of automobiles so close to the street crossings, thereby obstructing the view of traffic, is a menace to public safety and should not be tolerated.

Our prisons are hardly more than retreats, sanitariums, country clubs, where the tired criminal recuperates for new projects.

It is reported that enough silk stockings will be given for Christmas to keep skirts short another year.

We used to send missionaries to the Hawaiian Islands. Now we send football players.

Credit Is Given for Navy Enlistments

Secretary Knox of the navy department has announced that local communities are given credit for each naval recruit and that local selective service quotas are reduced accordingly.

Every young man who joins the navy or naval reserve thus helps to fill the local selective service quota. Young men within selective service age limits who have not been deferred would do well to consider the opportunities the US navy offers for specialized training and advancement while serving their country in its emergency.

Age limits for the regular navy are 17 to 31, and for the naval reserve the limits are 17 to 50. All applicants under 21 must have the written consent of their parents or guardians.

Many Players Report for Basketball Squad

Nearly 40 prospective basketball players have reported to Coach Jerry Gastineau for the Ashland high Grizzlies' 1941-42 squad. Practice is being held every night in the junior high gym. Gastineau and his assistant coach, Frank O'Neil, do not plan to cut the squad for at least two weeks. Under this plan, every player will have an equal chance to make the varsity team. Those not qualifying for the main squad will be taken by O'Neil and have a schedule of their own arranged.

The Grizzlies open their season against Redmond there Dec. 11 and play Bend there Dec. 12 and 13.

Sons Prepare for Season Opener Dec. 12

Basketball practice has started at the college gym for seven regulars and three reserves of last year's Southern Oregon College of Education team under the direction of Jean Eberhart.

The Sons open their 1941-42 campaign here Dec. 12 and 13 with Eastern Oregon providing the competition. Last year the SOCE and EOCE teams tied for the Oregon Intercollegiate basketball crown.

Eberhart also was greeted by six new men and is expecting others when the winter quarter starts.

MRS. W. R. TAYLOR

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Mabel Hildreth were held at the J. P. Dodge and Sons Funeral chapel Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Virginia May Taylor, 67, who passed away Saturday morning. Mrs. Taylor was born in Missouri but had lived nearly all her life in Ashland. Survivors include her husband and six children: Mrs. A. R. Harden and Ethel Miller of Ashland; Mrs. E. R. Butler of Portland; Mrs. Fred Wolcott of Grants Pass; Mrs. R. V. Gentry of Nampa, Ida., and Mike Taylor of Roseville, Calif.

EUNICE HAGER 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)

"CITIZEN KANE" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)

"SUN VALLEY SERENADE" Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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XMAS OPENING TONIGHT

ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY NO. 99

Another fatal accident occurred on the Pacific highway south of Ashland Wednesday evening when Mrs. Etta Florence Burns, 41, a nurse in the Shasta Dam hospital, was instantly killed when the car in which she was riding overturned.

There was no other car involved in the accident. The report of the state highway patrol indicated that the road surface was wet but not icy. Chester Royce, of the U. S. bureau of reclamation at Redding, Calif., who accompanied Mrs. Burns, escaped without injury. The car, a 1941 Chevrolet coupe, was badly damaged.

Funeral arrangements are being cared for by the Litwiler Funeral home.

Last Saturday four persons were injured in accidents caused by slippery pavement on the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains south of Ashland. Three of the injured were members of the 30th Infantry, U. S. Army, en route in a convoy of 250 vehicles to Fort Lewis from the Presidio in San Francisco.

The army truck skidded and nosed into a ditch, but the victims were not seriously hurt and were placed in an army ambulance which proceeded north with the convoy.

John Stilianos of Portland suffered a fractured leg and chest injuries when his north bound car skidded and overturned twice on the highway.

Women's Bowling League Under Way

The first games of the recently organized women's bowling league were bowled Wednesday night and resulted in wins for the Silver Crest Dairy and Palace Cafe teams. The Silver Crest team won two out of three from the Bagley Cannery team and the Palace bowlers won two out of three from the Ashland Hotel Beauty Shop team.

Honors for high single and high series for the evening were taken by Ruth Aldridge with scores of 154 and 411.

The women's league was organized Monday night. Alice Patterson was elected president, Norah Gaudet vice president, Lucille Williamson secretary-treasurer and Shirlee Enders and Alice Harker directors.

Holly Gift Shipments Need no Inspection

The individual who wants to include some cut holly in Christmas gift packages or who wants to send a package of cut holly or other Yuletide greenery need not worry about getting inspection on the shipment.

The state department of agriculture points out that this year, as in the past several years, all gift shipments of cut holly may be made to any point without inspection, certification or license. No inspection stickers are needed for such shipments and the department is informed by the post office officials that such shipments may be labelled properly as merchandise.

Christmas trees, salal, huckleberry, fir, cedar boughs and other cut greenery may be shipped also without necessity for inspection.

Only commercial shipments of holly are handled through the department of agriculture and any commercial shippers who have questions to ask should get in touch with the nearest department inspector.

HOME BUILDERS MEET

The Home Builders class of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. O. N. Wray last week. The party was in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Mills, a former member, and daughter of Portland. The afternoon was spent in Red Cross sewing. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Henry Newton and Mrs. Frank Culp. Next meeting will be the annual Christmas party on Dec. 19 at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Powell. Following the program the members will exchange gifts.

Miss Carry May Smith spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Silverton and Portland.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

WAR ON WASTE IS AID FOR DEFENSE.

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THIS:

EVERYBODY WHO PREVENTS A FIRE —



EVERYBODY WHO AVOIDS AN ACCIDENT —



EVERYBODY WHO CONSERVES OR PRESERVES

— IS DOING HIS BIT OR HER BIT.

QUARTERBACKS STAGE BANQUET TRUCK SURVEY NOT COMPLETE

The Ashland Downtown Quarterbacks club will be host to the members of high school and junior high football squads, basketball squads, high school drill team and orchestra at a huge banquet which is scheduled to get under way at 7:15 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the junior high school gym.

It is estimated that there will be an attendance of 320 at this annual banquet which is a highlight of the year for the school athletes and other guests and which is one of the biggest and gayest dinners to be given in Ashland each year.

The program committee headed by J. H. Hardy promises plenty of fun with group singing, introductions and an address by Irving E. Vining.

Bert Miller, Quarterback president, has announced that the balconies at the junior high gym will be open to the public in order that those who wish may join the program.

C-C Directors Meet In Business Session

Members of the board of directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce will meet this noon at the Plaza cafe for a short business session, according to an announcement from President R. I. Flaharty.

It also was announced that a joint meeting of the Ashland and Medford chambers' directors will be held in Ashland Friday noon, Dec. 5.

Clearing up an accumulation of routine business is slated for this noon's meeting, Flaharty said.

HILT AND LIONS SHARE LEAD IN BOWLING LEAGUE

The Hilt team moved up to share top place with the Lions bowlers in Monday night's games. The Lions took two and lost one to the Elks while Hilt took three straight from the Greyhound Tavern team. Provost and Selby's did not bowl their scheduled match.

John Vannice took high single honors with 210 and Bob Bisehoff had the high series score of 537.

Next week's competition will find Greyhound vs. Elks, Hilt vs. Provost and Lions vs. Selby.

TRUCK SURVEY NOT COMPLETE

Truck and bus owners who have not yet filled out and returned national defense inventory questionnaires received a second card this week from the secretary of state's office.

Accompanying the second questionnaire was the reminder that immediate completion of the survey is essential to national defense plans, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell, who is in charge of the inventory in Oregon. Government plans for the mobilization of highway transportation in case of emergency depends upon segregation and analysis of the information sought in the survey.

Seventy percent of the questionnaire cards sent out in Oregon have been returned to date, Snell said, declaring this was one of the best returns reported in the nation. The second mailing of questionnaire cards went to the remaining 30 percent.

Light delivery and pick-up trucks are included in the truck and bus inventory and owners of these vehicles are asked to fill out the questionnaires, the secretary of state said. Many owners have thought their vehicles were not included in the category of trucks, but for the purposes of the defense inventory, these vehicles are to be considered as trucks.

Snell stressed the fact that the government is not intending to take vehicles out of commercial use at a time when they are needed for private service, nor does it intend to use privately owned vehicles without giving adequate compensation. All owners whose vehicles are desired will be asked to hire or lease them voluntarily at a time when they are not needed by the owners.

AAUW IN GENERAL MEETING

Mrs. Elmer Byrd entertained a general meeting of the AAUW at her home Tuesday. Mrs. Emil Berg of Medford assisted by Miss Marie Loosley, Mrs. Wilbur Rushnell, Mrs. James Briggs and Miss Cora Mason, conducted a round table discussion. Mrs. Frank Van Dyke presided over the meeting.

FANSTEEL—MELL

Mrs. Lillian Patterson Fansteel, former resident of Ashland, and

Firemen Again Plan Toy Repair Work

Fire Chief Clint Baughman reports that old toys are just being trickled into the firemen's repair department where they are reconditioned to make a happy Christmas for needy children.

All old toys or dolls or parts of toys are welcomed by the firemen who have repaired hundreds of toys in the past several years. Just call the fire station and your contributions will be collected. Chief Baughman stressed the importance of getting the toys in now in order to allow sufficient time for their renovation for use this Christmas.

The ladies of the Legion auxiliary again are repairing dolls under the leadership of Mrs. Guy Applewhite.

STRING QUARTET TO PLAY HERE

The well known Roth String Quartet will give a concert at the Southern Oregon College of Education at 8:15 Monday evening, Dec. 8.

The Roth quartet is recognized as one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in the concert field today and has been much in demand all over the United States. Some of their recent appearances have been at the 18th Festival of the International Society for Contemporary Music held in the United States for the first time this year and at a series of concerts at the University of Southern California, Stanford university and the University of Kansas City.

Recently Erno Balogh composed a new work for them which they are including in their programs this year. During the summer they were in Hollywood where they appeared in a picture based on Schubert's life directed by Alexander Korda.

Those in charge of the arrangements for the concert state that this is really a rare opportunity for residents of southern Oregon to hear in person an organization that they have enjoyed many times on the radio. Since Monday evening happened to be an open date on the quartet's western tour, the concert will be presented at popular prices. It also was indicated that public response to this concert may pave the way to securing similar music treats in the future.

Early Morning Fire Burns Garage, Truck

The Ashland fire department was called to the residence of H. R. Magnus on Walnut street about 4 o'clock Thursday morning to extinguish a garage fire. The blaze had gained too much headway to be stopped but the department succeeded in preventing it from spreading to the nearby house.

The garage and a Willys pick-up truck housed there were a complete loss. It was indicated that some insurance was carried on the building.

Jr.-Hi Quint Opens Basketball Season

The Ashland basketball season will open at the junior high gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, Dec. 1, when Al Simpson's junior high varsity and grade school squads tangle with Sams Valley high school.

A preliminary game will be played between the seventh and eighth grade teams of the two schools. The regulars of Sams Valley high will meet the junior varsity in the main game which will immediately follow the preliminary.

Simpson has cut his squad to 22 players. Those who will probably see action in the prelim are Childers, Landing, Provost, Jandreau, Fowler, Merriman, Kanasto, Miller, Lambert and Frazier.

The varsity will be chosen among Samuelson and Kerr, only returning lettermen; Garrett, Coulter, Quackenbush, Marquess, Wilson, Smith, O'Hara, Starnes, Flaharty, Morris and Arant.

SANTA'S DEBUT SET FOR 7 P. M. PRIZES OFFERED

The stage is all set, details are complete and Ashland merchants will ring up the curtain on the 1941 Christmas opening here this evening, offering a preview of new Christmas merchandise and starting what is expected to be a new record for local Christmas buying.

Highlighted by the appearance of Santa Claus at 7 p. m., coming direct from his North Pole workshop and bringing a large variety of free noisemakers for the youngsters of the Ashland trading area, the affair is expected to draw a capacity throng of 10,000 persons. Windows are to be unveiled at 7:45 p. m., after old St. Nick has given the youngsters their favors.

The high school band, under the direction of Gordon Tripp, will be on hand during the evening, providing Christmas music for the occasion. Ashland street decorations were being completed late yesterday.

More than 115 Ashland merchants are cooperating this year in offering window prizes to holders of winning tickets. These tickets were distributed throughout the Ashland trading area this week in a comprehensive coverage including Camp 4, Lincoln, Klamath Junction, Siskiyou Summit, Hilt, Calif., Bellview, Talent and Ashland proper.

Those persons holding tickets with numbers corresponding to those in merchants' windows, may claim prizes anytime Saturday or thereafter.

Grand prizes will consist of both cash awards and large, luscious turkeys, on display at the chamber of commerce offices. These also will be available on Saturday.

Chairman Henry Metz of the retail merchants committee of the local chamber of commerce commented late yesterday that from all appearances this year's opening will be one of the best yet held. He said that already, advance buying of Christmas merchandise is gaining momentum and while shortages have been experienced in some lines, an expansive variety of stocks appeared to be available.

SPRAGUE FAVOR OF SEAL SALE

Governor Charles A. Sprague added his voice this week in support of the 35th annual Christmas seal sale, which opened Monday and is being conducted over the state by the Oregon Tuberculosis association and affiliated county public health associations.

In pointing out the progress which has been made in control of the disease Governor Sprague commented:

"Fifty years ago tuberculosis was considered incurable. It now is common knowledge that the disease can be prevented and cured.

"Yet the chances of becoming a victim of tuberculosis are still great, when approximately 400 citizens of our state leave their homes every year to seek care in our three tuberculosis hospitals. And there are about 2000 others ill of the disease. Probably half are unaware that they have it."

Oregon is attempting to raise \$90,000 through seal sales this year, according to Lewis H. Mills, Oregon Tuberculosis association president. Ninety-five percent of this sum will remain in Oregon to be used by the Oregon Tuberculosis association and the county public health groups. Five percent will be sent to the National Tuberculosis association.

Mrs. Phil Stansbury is seal sale chairman for Ashland and is being assisted by Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Robert Dodge.

New Dentist Leases Woods Equipment

Dr. L. L. Sumerlin, dentist, has announced that he has leased the office of Dr. Marcus Woods in the Swendenburg building and that he will begin his dental practice here Monday, Dec. 1. Dr. Sumerlin comes from Myrtle Point where he has been in dentistry for the past 14 years.

Dr. Woods, whose equipment and office will be used, is serving as a captain in the army.