

Townsend, father of the pension plan stated before a congressional committee recently that at least Hitler provided work for his people which was more than this country was doing.

The Tokyo press declares that war is inevitable; so why do the Japs go to the needless expense of sending a special envoy over here.

THIS AND THAT By OLD TIMER To the Editor:

College football season used to end on Thanksgiving day when a bunch of the pigskin artists were "graduated."

Hitler said he wouldn't take off his uniform until the war is over. Wonder how he managed to get into his red flannels for the Russian campaign!

And to add to the tribulations of the school board, nocturnal visitors raided the high school pantry!

Maybe if the Salvation Army kettle plan was adopted some loose change could be garnered for the Christmas tree fund.

The small boy looks with askance on Governor Sprague's advocacy of a lengthened school term.

Moscow has the largest bell in the world. Hitler must be wondering now for whom it will eventually toll.

About time to hand the Japanese envoy his hat and bid him goodbye.

Elks Memorial to Be Held Sunday P. M.

The annual Elks memorial service will be held at the Elks temple at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Rev. George W. Bruce will speak and a fine musical program, including numbers by Mrs. Stephen Epler, the college orchestra under the leadership of Lucie Landen, and by the highschool boys quartet, has been arranged for.

Records Indicate Driving Improvement

Despite a substantial increase in the use of motor vehicles in Oregon this year, the traffic deaths at the end of the first 10 months was exactly even with the rate for the same period in 1940.

The rate is 11.1 persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel.

Since this death rate indicates the number of persons killed in relation to the exposure to accident, and since increased traffic volume means greater exposure to accident, the fact that the rate is no higher than it was last year when the exposure was less is an indication of the improvement in Oregon driving, Snell declared.

The October death rate this year was 12.7 while for the same month in 1940 it was 14.3. This improvement was effected in the face of an 18 percent increase in travel during the month.

BISHOP DUE SUNDAY

The Right Reverend Benjamin D. Dagwell, Bishop of Oregon, will be present and officiate at all services at Trinity Episcopal church Sunday morning.

CLIFTON A. SHUTTS

Funeral services for Clifton A. Shutts, 84, will be held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday at the Litwiler Funeral home.

A. O. McGee 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) "SON OF MONTE CRISTO" "PARSON OF PANAMINT" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "YANK IN THE R. A. F."

Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

SECESSIONISTS DEDICATE STATE OF JEFFERSON

Thirty-eight miles south of Ashland in the southern slopes of the Siskiyou mountains, they dedicated a new state yesterday.

A delegation of smartly garbed townspeople, mixing with be-whiskered miners, two brown bears and five newsreel camera men, heard Superior Judge John W. Childs of Crescent City proclaim the new state of "Jefferson," to be known and recognized as the 49th state in the Union.

Representatives from as far south as Sacramento and as far north as Roseburg gathered on the courthouse lawn in Yreka to hear protests that both Oregon and California had neglected the border regions of the two states, while newsreel camera men representing Fox Movietone, News of the Day, Universal News, Paramount News and Pathe News merrily ground away, recording the history-making event.

Shocked by the untimely death of Gilbert Gable, late mayor of Port Orford who started the movement, secessionists nevertheless agreed to carry on his work under the leadership of Judge Childs. Moreover, even though the boundaries of the new state have been tentatively set up as "larger than the New England area," they promised to put additional pressure on Klamath, Lake and Jackson counties to join their movement.

It was a mixed crowd of astonishingly serious and sheepishly grinning people on hand for the inauguration. Even the photographers from national picture magazines, admitting that it made good copy, did not quite know what to think.

Just how far the movement will be carried is not known. The state of California has recognized the plea of the section by ordering a two-day hearing on the mineral resources later this month.

At any rate, they had a good time. As one old miner put it, "By dang, it's the best crowd since they lynched those guys, six years ago!"

DEC. 18 SCHOOL CONCERT DATE

The annual Christmas concert presented by the junior high school chorus and the high school a cappella choir, accompanied by the high school orchestra, will be given at the junior high gym Thursday evening, Dec. 18.

Consisting for the most part of sacred numbers, the program will include several classics and a group of Christmas carols. The two groups will sing several numbers separately and will then combine to make a huge chorus of over 125 voices, one of the largest home talent choruses to ever appear in Ashland.

A cantata presented by this combined chorus will climax the program and special decorations and lights will add to the beauty of the music.

There will be no admission charge to this concert, but those attending will be asked to bring whatever they can in the way of food which will be distributed to the needy.

Jr. Hi Hoopers "Hot" 'n Season Opener

The Ashland junior high varsity basketballers looked in mid-season form on the local maple boards Tuesday night as they trounced the Sams Valley high school quintet 55 to 17 in the Ashland basketball season opener.

Little Jay Samuelson was "hot" and his teammates continually fed the ball to him. He accounted for 21 of his club's points during the time he was in the game. Kerr, the only other letterman on the Simpson five, tallied 10 points. Coach Simpson used 12 men in the clash.

The junior high seventh and eighth graders, after trailing the first three quarters, made a clean sweep for Ashland when they turned back the Sams Valley graders 20 to 16 in the preliminary. Lambert, Jandreau and Provost tied for high scoring honors of this game with six apiece. Milkowski was high for Sams Valley with 11.

Mrs. T. S. Wiley visited in Klamath Falls, Tuesday, with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Miller.

OUR DEMOCRACY PROTECTION. by Mat



AMERICAN MEN WILL PROTECT WOMEN AND CHILDREN AGAINST PHYSICAL AGGRESSION.



OUR WOMEN STAND BEHIND OUR MEN--AS GUARDIANS OF MORALE AND THRIFT, SO REQUISITE TODAY-- IN JOBS, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL, THEY AID NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND MORE AND MORE ARE STANDING ON THEIR OWN FEET ECONOMICALLY, AS EVIDENCED BY 4,000,000 WOMEN HAVING TAKEN OUT LIFE INSURANCE LAST YEAR ALONE.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM TOLD

There have been over 200,000 reported accidents in the state of Oregon since 1935 resulting in some 40,000 injuries and 2,000 fatalities, stated Stanley R. Church, director of the traffic safety division of the office of the secretary of state who spoke at the Lions club Tuesday evening.

This startling accident record has come about as a result of the tremendous increase in the number of motor vehicles which today total over 200,000 and which will consume more than 250,000,000 gallons of gasoline in Oregon this year, according to figures released by the secretary of state's office.

Church pointed out that in combating this rather black picture of increasing accidents, the traffic safety division has set up a three-fold program of engineering, enforcement and education which seems to be showing evidences of success. Last year Oregon held first place in traffic safety in the western division and was second in the country for pedestrian safety.

The speaker emphasized the importance of education in the safety program and told of the work of the department through the press and radio, in the schools and in service clubs and rural organizations. The effectiveness of this program in the schools is indicated by the fact that the school child fatality rate is down 50 percent this year.

In concluding the program, Church showed several reels of traffic safety films such as he had been showing in the Ashland schools throughout the day Tuesday. The reels shown dealt with pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, "greater courtesy-greater safety" and better driving as a means of conserving valuable defense materials.

Arrangements for Church's appearance in Ashland were made by School Supt. Theo. J. Norby and Police Chief C. P. Talent.

Over 3,500 Elk Taken During Recent Season

A total of 3,557 elk were killed in the eastern Oregon area during the recent elk season, according to figures released by the Oregon state game commission.

Records compiled at checking stations maintained by the commission showed that 8,733 hunters checked into the hunting area, and considering the duplications, it was estimated that approximately 8,000 hunters engaged in the elk hunt.

Of the 3,447 elk killed, 1,169 were bulls, 1,727 were cows and 667 were calves.

Late last August, an elk hunt was held in portions of Coos and Douglas counties. A total of 972 hunters checked into this area and brought out a total of 184 bulls. The western Oregon season was confined to bulls only.

Pocket Knife Brings Sailor To Ashland

Fate in the form of a pocket knife quivering in a wall map on a battle cruiser hundreds of miles from Ashland was responsible for the arrival of Jack "Rocky" Hunt, first class seaman in this city, Sunday.

In true story-book fashion, Jack and several companions decided to let fate determine where they would spend their 15-day furloughs; so they hung a map on the wall and let their knives select their destinations. Jack's knife landed in Ashland—and so did Jack, Sunday.

Hunt has made many friends already and reports that he is enjoying his furlough. He also assisted in the flag presentation at the Quarterbacks' banquet Wednesday night.

SLIPPERY ROADS CAUSE CRASHES

One injury and considerable damage resulted from two accidents which occurred in the Ashland area due to slippery road conditions the past week.

Mrs. Paul Sparks of Medford received a scalp injury and minor bruises when the car in which she was riding skidded and turned over on the Klamath Falls highway. Mr. Sparks and four other passengers in the car escaped injury.

The other accident, involving two trucks and a passenger car, occurred Tuesday morning on the Pacific highway near the north city limits. The two big trucks driven by Don Kerby of Talent and Louis Ramirez of Turlock, Calif., met head on when the semi-trailer driven by Ramirez skidded into the left traffic lane in the path of Kerby's truck. The Ramirez truck turned on its side in the ditch at the south of the highway and although the impact practically demolished the front of Kerby's truck, it still remained on the highway.

A passenger car driven by Mrs. Earl Anderson also was damaged in the accident. Mrs. Anderson was following the Kerby truck when the head on crash drove the truck back into the front of her car.

Drivers of all three vehicles luckily escaped injury.

BOY KILLED BY GUN ACCIDENT

Harvey Henry Zemke, 18, of Talent accidentally shot himself with a .22 calibre rifle last Saturday morning while looking for a pitch tree. His body was found Sunday morning by his brother, Leslie, when the barking of Harvey's dog attracted him to the scene of the tragedy.

Young Zemke had told his parents of his plans to leave early Saturday morning and when he failed to return it was thought that he had gone to a friend's home; so it was not until Sunday morning that a search was started.

No inquest was held since an investigation by Deputy Coroner Litwiler indicated that death was purely accidental. It appeared that Zemke was making his way through heavy undergrowth of manzanita which caused him to bend forward with his gun in front of him. Then the gun discharged as he was crawling over it, sending the bullet upward through his left chest.

Young Zemke lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave H. Zemke, on Anderson creek near Talent. Funeral services were held from the Litwiler Funeral home Wednesday afternoon and burial was in the IOOF addition to Mount View cemetery.

All-Star Selections Name Two Grizzlies

Although Bud Provost, Ashland high's ramming fullback, was the Southern Oregon conference's leading scorer, he failed to make the first team in all-star selections released this week. However, Ashland had some consolation in the placing of Chet Fowler and Charles Jandreau on the first string.

Balloting was done by sports writers and coaches of the team making up the conference. The selections follow:

First team: Curt Copkins, Medford, end; Bill Wall, Medford, end; Bud Mayfield, Medford, tackle; Chet Fowler, Ashland, tackle; Jack Mitchell, Klamath Falls, guard; Jack Rich, Klamath Falls, guard; Phil Blohm, Klamath Falls, center; Eugene Love, Klamath Falls, back; Charles Jandreau, Ashland back; Cato Wray, Medford, back, and Ike Orr, Medford, back.

Three Ashland players, John Bell, Martin Herrin and Bud Provost, made the second team and LaMar Ormond and Russ Hawk received honorable mention.

QUARTERBACKS' FEED FEATURES BIG PROGRAM

More than 300 members of the Ashland Downtown Quarterbacks club and guests enjoyed a well prepared potluck dinner in the junior high gym Wednesday night and applauded the fine program that followed. The occasion honored the high school and junior high football squads, girls' drill team, high school band, basketball squads, coaches and school directors.

An impressive highlight of the after-dinner program was the patriotic ceremony honoring the memory of Bobby Farlow, former grid star and popular high school student, who became Ashland's number one sacrifice in the country's present defense effort. After Toastmaster J. H. Hardy spoke a few words of the popularity and achievements of Bobby, the audience stood in silent tribute and a flag presentation was made by Capt. Charles Delsman, Pvt. Jack Bentley and Jack "Rocky" Hunt, first class seaman. Following the presentation the group sang "God Bless America."

Another highlight of the evening was the awarding of the Charles White trophy to Chuck Jandreau. This award is made each year to the senior selected by a secret vote of the team members as the most inspirational player.

Introduction of coaches and players of both high school and junior squads provided an entertaining bit to the program. Several of the quarterback members also were introduced and spoke briefly of the successful grid season with many references to the coveted Medford win. In regard to this particular game, Principal B. C. Forsythe presented some statistics which provided an interesting background to the many years of Ashland-Medford rivalry.

Irving E. Vining, main speaker of the evening, referred to the banquet as "... not so much a feast of food as a feast of glorious memories." In his brief remarks he particularly emphasized the "will to win" which paved the way for gridiron success and expressed the hope that the students would carry the same spirit, mental alertness and initiative with them in their every day living.

Opportunities for the audience to enter into the festivities were provided for by group singing and a serpentine serenade for the honored guests. The high school orchestra furnished music throughout the evening and the girls' drill team paid tribute to the Quarterback club in a short drill introduced by their leader, Miss June Brasted.

The evening's fun ended in a wild scramble for colorful balloons released from the ceiling.

Medford and Ashland C-C Directors Meet

Directors of both the Ashland and Medford chambers of commerce will meet at the Plaza cafe this noon to discuss problems of mutual interest to the two communities. All Ashland directors are urged to make special effort to attend.

Purpose of this meeting, the first of a series to be carried on during the next several months, is to provide closer cooperation on problems of mutual interest in the Rogue River valley.

Exams for Typists At Medford Saturday

About 700 qualified stenographers and typists from all parts of Oregon will take examinations Saturday, Dec. 6, for positions with the state unemployment compensation commission.

Under direction of Prof. William E. Griffith, supervisor for the board of examiners, tests are being given in eight cities—Portland, Salem, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Medford, Ontario, Pendleton and Marshfield.

The positions, varying from \$80 to \$140 a month in pay, are in four classifications, from junior clerk-typist to senior clerk-stenographer. Because of many recent changes due to emergency conditions, permanent appointments are expected soon with the central office in Salem or with one of the 23 offices over the state.

YELL LEADER, SONG QUEEN NOMINATED AT COLLEGE

Nominations for yell leader and song queen were held at the Southern Oregon College of Education last week. Nominees for yell leader were Mildred Bowerman of Hood River, Marie Pochelu of Paisley, Bernice McMartin of Red Bluff, Calif. and Walter Enders of Medford.

Nominees for song queen were Betty Lee Walters of Altadena, Calif. and Esther Carter of Elwood, Neb.