

No blackout in Ashland last Tuesday morning—instead an all-white blanket of snow.

Although it appears that some one was asleep at his post in Hawaii, the U. S. Marines seem to be keeping a Wake.

The American-trained Filipino evidently are doing their share to hasten the setting of the Japanese Sun.

We still think the prize come back of the week was the Wake defenders' answer to the anxious query, "Is there anything you want?"—to which they were reported to have replied, "Yes, send us more Japs."

Isolationist Wheeler talked "too much" last week when he denounced the navy for being asleep—had we become disciples of Wheeler we would have all been asleep.

YULETIDE REFLECTIONS

By OLD TIMER To the Editor: "Christmas! Bah!" said Old Scrooge. Scrooge hated Christmas because he neither gave nor received in the right spirit.

The Christmas tree, now an almost universal symbol, is derived from the Egyptian use of a palm branch of 12 shoots to signify the complete year, a custom that prevailed long before the Christian era.

The present significance of the Yuletide tree is said to have originated in Germany. The use of evergreen decorations, particularly mistletoe, has been observed since the time of the Druids, an order of priestcraft of the ancient Britons, who claimed to possess curative powers and held mystic rites with the mistletoe in the deep forests at night under the light of the moon.

We have commercialized the day; we have, as we thought, grown blasé and thrust the forms of religious observance out of our lives. But when Christmas comes, we sing its songs and therein Christmas lives for us.

The spirit of Christmas hasn't changed a whit. Let us all echo the toast of Tiny Tim—"God bless every one!"

Court Proceedings

Cases coming before the court of Justice M. T. Burns this past week included the following:

Robert D. Foster was arraigned and bound over to the grand jury under \$1,500 bail on a check-forging charge.

William Henry Breeze, Talent, paid \$1 and costs for driving without a tail light.

Gene Virgil Tice, Ashland, was fined \$2.50 and costs for driving too close to another car.

Seeley Fedrick, Klamath Falls, paid \$2.50 and costs for having an operator's license.

Robert B. Slagle, Talent, was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of driving without a warning device.

Schools Give Air Raid Instructions

The Ashland public schools issued a letter to parents last week informing them of plans to be adopted by the schools in the event of an air raid alarm during school hours.

According to the plan, students would immediately be sent to their homes where they are to remain until the "all-clear" signal. Then if more than one hour of school time remains they are expected to return to their classes. During an alarm the students will be instructed to avoid business and railroad districts as far as possible.

PLAZA ACTION SOUGHT

Mayor T. S. Wiley, City Attorney Frank Van Dyke and G. M. Green appeared before a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Thursday afternoon. The group sought action on the pending Plaza corner project.

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) "GREAT GUNS" "HIGHWAY WEST" (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) "THE THIEF OF BAGDAD" Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

CIVIL DEFENSE WORK PROCEEDS

The local civilian defense organization headed by Harry McNair reports a continued registration for civil defense work, but that there is still a great need for more volunteers, particularly for air raid observation service.

Although there have been no blackouts this past week, the air raid warning service is still maintaining a 24-hour watch at several points in this section and the shortage of observers has worked a hardship on the present staff. McNair pointed out that with additional volunteers, shorter watches may be maintained and the difficulty in securing substitute observers will be lessened.

Effective today, Friday, the civilian defense office which has been in the armory will be located in the welfare office at the city hall. Harry McNair, who will have charge of this office, has also been hired by the city as a regular member of the fire department to insure the presence of a man on duty when the department is out on night calls. He will still be free to continue his volunteer work for civilian defense during the day, but will be required to remain at the station nights prepared to go on duty whenever the department is on a call.

Considerable carelessness and laxness on the part of certain business houses in regard to night lights has been brought to the attention of the civil defense office since the discontinuance of the blackouts last week. According to blackout regulations no lights are to be left on signs or in business houses that cannot be turned off within 10 minutes of an air raid signal. Should these lights be found on during an alarm, the owners will be held responsible.

Present plans call for the moving of the observation post after the Lithia hotel to a more favorable location—possibly to Hargadine and Pioneer streets where traffic noises will not hinder the effectiveness of the watch. No move can be made, however, until a new site receives the OK of the officials in charge of this corps area.

College Offers New Subjects Next Term

The Southern Oregon College of Education will begin offering for the first time a secretarial science course beginning the winter quarter.

Students desiring to enroll in this secretarial science course will find no difficulty in entering on Jan. 5, as beginning courses include stenography, English composition, orientation, business psychology, public speaking and typing. In addition to these offerings students who previously have had some training in stenography or typing will be able to get applied stenography and advanced typing.

A standard Red Cross first aid class will be taught by Jean F. Eberhart, certified Red Cross instructor in first aid. It will carry two hours of standard college credit and will meet problems every Thursday evening for a period of three months.

The college also is planning to offer additional evening classes in physical science and zoology. Additional particulars can be received about these classes from the registrar's office.

AHS Quint Downs 2 Teams on Road Trip

The Ashland high basketball team made a clean sweep of its central Oregon road trip last week-end when they trounced Redmond 26 to 11 and won a pair from Bend, 19-18 Friday night and 31 to 26 Saturday night.

In the first game at Bend, Marcus Balfour, a transfer from North Dakota, suffered an injured knee which will keep him on the bench for about a month. Barney Riggs, playing his first year of high school ball, saved his club from possible defeat when he stepped to the free throw line with the score tied 18-all and sank a gift shot in the closing seconds of the Friday night encounter.

The Grizzlies' next game will be at home when they meet the Chemawa Indians in a two-game series Dec. 29 and 30.

ROTARY CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ashland Rotary club held its Christmas party Thursday noon at the Episcopal parish house. Each member stopped at one of the schools and picked up a young guest to accompany him to the party.

A Christmas tree was featured at the party and a small gift was presented to each student guest.

HARRIS GROCERY SOLD

Mrs. Fay Harris has announced sale of the Harris grocery store on Fourth street to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Frazier of Greeley, Colo.

OUR DEMOCRACY by Met



THEIRS TO BUILD, OURS TO PRESERVE.



OUR SYSTEM GIVES US ALL A BREAK...WE HAVE THE WORLD'S MOST WIDESPREAD, BIGGEST INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP OF WEALTH,—AS SHOWN BY SAVINGS, MOTORS, LIFE INSURANCE, HOMES. WE HAVE LIBERTY...WE WILL PRESERVE IT.

CAMP PLANS CAUSE ACTIVITY

Frank J. Van Dyke again is busy with his duties as cantonment coordinator as the present emergency indicates the possibility of early construction.

Van Dyke left for Portland Wednesday to confer with army officials and government agencies in regard to problems arising from camp construction.

Earlier in the week the coordinator organized a housing survey in Medford at the direct suggestion of the construction quarter-master's office in San Francisco. The coordination board was urged to make the survey as soon as possible because indications pointed toward an early authorization on construction.

Since Ashland is cooperating with the coordination board, the survey probably will extend here.

Telephone Calls Hit All-Time Record

Telephone calls handled by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Oregon Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week soared to all-time highs, with local calls generally being up between 30 and 40 percent and long distance calls being up from 20 to 30 percent.

The normal number of originating calls per day handled by the company in Oregon before the emergency was approximately 1,100,000.

In practically all exchanges, off-duty operators reported for work voluntarily as soon as they learned of the emergency, and scores were needed.

Many of the long distance calls were concentrated on long haul routes to the east, north and south. As a result of advance engineering and construction work, underway for several months in anticipation of just such an emergency, a large project was rushed to completion which added a large number of circuits to the east. Half of these circuits were placed in service last Wednesday and the rest were cut in before the week was over.

CHRISTMAS TREES CAN BE TREATED TO RESIST FIRE

Christmas trees may be rendered highly fire-resistant by a simple process worked out by the United States bureau of agricultural chemistry, points out T. J. Starker, professor of forestry at Oregon State college. The material used is ammonium sulphate, a common fertilizer obtainable at most feed and seed stores.

The amount of ammonium sulphate to use is one-fourth of the weight of the tree. It is dissolved in 1 1/2 quarts water for each pound of material, and then the freshly cut butt of the tree is immersed in this solution, after which the tree is left in a cool place away from direct sunlight until most of the solution is absorbed.

Church of Christ To Give Cantata

The choir of the Church of Christ will present the Christmas cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem" by Bernard Hamblen, at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. The cantata tells the story of the nativity with text from the scriptures. The program is as follows:

Pastorale and chorus, "Through the Night"—Mrs. Sias and choir.

"And the Angel Said Unto Them"—solo, Arden Hall.

"Glory to God in the Highest"—choir.

"Now When Jesus Was Born"—solo, Harlalee Wilson.

"Far Across the Desert Sands"—choir.

"And Lo, the Star"—solo, Arden Hall.

"O'er Bethlehem City"—choir.

"And They Came with Haste"—solo, Betty Jo Burns.

"In a Humble Cattle Shed"—quartet, Betty Jo Burns, Dorothy Farr, Harlalee Wilson, Raymond Renzema.

"And They Fell Down and Worshipped Him"—solo, Dorothy Parr.

"Gifts for Lord Jesus"—womens chorus and trio, Mesdames Alta Payne, Carrie O'Harris and Mildred Rogers.

"And Being Warned of God"—solo, Mrs. Alta Payne.

"Princes Three, Their Mission Done"—choir and male quartet, Arden Hall, Milton Renzema, Harlalee Wilson and Raymond Renzema.

"Once Again the Bells Are Ringing"—choir.

Mrs. Stephen Epler is director of the choir and Mrs. C. Adrian Sias is pianist. The public is invited. The church is located at Second and B streets.

SOCE Seeks Reopen Pilot Training Class

The Southern Oregon College of Education is attempting to ascertain the number of men between the ages of 19 and 26 who are American citizens; who are in good physical condition; who have had at least one year of college, and who might be interested in a new primary course in civilian pilot training. This course would begin early in February.

Any young man who fills the above-mentioned requirements should contact Marshall E. Woodell, coordinator of civilian pilot training, at the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland at once.

MEDFORD MAN TO HEAD COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr. E. R. Durno was elected to head the Jackson County Medical society at a meeting of the group at the Medford hotel last Saturday.

Those attending from Ashland were Dr. Harvey A. Woods, retiring president; Dr. Gordon MacCracken, Dr. Mattie B. Shaw, Dr. E. A. Woods, Dr. R. E. Poston, Dr. G. W. Gregg and Dr. C. A. Haines.

Backout Traffic Precautions Issued

A list of blackout traffic precautions, approved by national safety authorities, was released today by Earl Snell, secretary of state. Warning Oregon citizens that three traffic fatalities already had occurred in the state during blackouts, he urged the observance of these rules:

1. Pedestrians who are abroad after dark should carry or wear something white so they can be seen by drivers with blacked-out lights.

2. Drivers with blackout lights should observe special speed limits established for blackout driving. Restricted vision due to such lights makes slower speed imperative, Snell pointed out.

3. At intersections, drivers should keep alert during blackouts because traffic signals will be off. Pedestrians also should bear this fact in mind and proceed with due caution in crossing intersections.

4. Pedestrians should under no conditions jaywalk under blackout conditions. Always go to the nearest intersection or crosswalk where motorists will be expecting pedestrians.

5. Pedestrians on highways in rural areas should display a flashlight covered with two thicknesses of blue cellophane.

FORUM MEETS AT NOON TODAY

December forum luncheon for the local chamber of commerce is slated for today noon at the Plaza cafe, according to Dr. Walter Redford, chairman. The meeting is to be in the form of round table discussions on subjects pertinent to chamber activities in the war emergencies and a cordial invitation has been extended to all businessmen to attend.

Chamber directors, meeting Wednesday, voted to ask the transportation committee to probe further into a request that the organization officially endorse the application of the Oregon-California-Nevada Freight Lines to extend direct service to Ashland. The transportation committee is to meet Monday, Dec. 29 at the Lithia hotel to consider the action and has extended an invitation to all interested persons or firms to be present.

The directors also authorized an expenditure for a partition in the chamber offices and considered other routine matters Wednesday.

Hilt In Top Place In League Bowling

Hilt's bowlers held their lead Monday night and finished in first place as the first half of the Ashland major bowling league ended. The standings were: Hilt, Lions, Elks, Greyhound, with Provo and Selby tied for cellar position.

Harry Travis took scoring honors for the evening with a high single game of 220 and a high series of 546. The league competition will be resumed after the holidays.

Basketball Jamboree In Medford Tonight

The Medford high school gym will be the scene of the first annual southern Oregon conference jamboree tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, when all basketball teams in the conference: Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Klamath Falls will be seen in action.

Each team will play the other in a 10-minute game and the winner will be decided for the evening on a percentage basis. Awards will be made to the various teams for their skill in different departments of the game. During the intermission there will be a foul-shooting contest with one player from each team competing.

It is planned to hold this jamboree each year with the honored host rotating among the various towns in the conference.

Boy Scout District Committee Meets

The district committee of the Ashland district of the Boy Scouts met at the Plaza cafe Monday evening for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Election of officers and routine business were quickly cared for and a considerable portion of the meeting given over to the discussion of advancement of Ashland scouting.

Officers elected were R. I. Flaherty, chairman; Henry Enders, vice chairman; Theo J. Norby, district commissioner and Gerald Wenner, finance chairman. Members of the committee are C. J. Baughman, Norman Kerr, Walter Redford, W. C. Savin, W. A. Snider, E. S. Corthell, Homer Billings, A. O. McGee and W. E. Cook.

CLASSES OFFER TRADE TRAINING

Defense training classes will be made available for young men between the ages of 17 and 25, according to an announcement made by Supt. Theo J. Norby.

The purpose of these classes is to provide a background of practical training in trades important in national defense production. At present classes are planned in auto mechanics, metal work, electricity and woodworking; however, whether or not all four courses will be given will depend upon the response. The classes, to be instructed by local men, will provide 15 hours of instruction for eight weeks and probably will be held evenings.

Supt. Norby requested that all those interested call at his office in the high school building personally or phone 8301 by Saturday of this week. No educational requirements are set up for enrollment.

Three-Inch Snow Blankets Ashland

Ashland found itself blanketed with three inches of snow Tuesday morning and flurries continued throughout the forenoon, followed by rain. The mountains received as much as a foot of snow which has been added to as rains continued to drench the lower levels of southern Oregon and northern California.

Telegraph service over the Siskiyou and Greensprings routes was temporarily disrupted and trouble with power lines caused brief periods without current in Ashland.

Northern California experienced her worst storm of the winter with a nine-inch rainfall bringing flood conditions to the Sacramento river.

Young People's Choir To Present Cantata

The young people's choir of the Methodist church will present a Christmas cantata and candle lighting service entitled "The Light of the World" at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening in the specially decorated church auditorium.

The cantata will include many Christmas carols to be sung by the choir and the congregation interspersed by scripture readings and anthems by the choir, which will carry out the theme of the program, "The Promise of Light" is pictured in a scripture reading and the carol, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks." The coming of the Light is portrayed by "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and additional readings and songs carry through the thought of the spreading of the Light and the Christmas message. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will take part in the "Service of Lights," becoming a mass of shining candles in honor of the Savior's birth.

To add to the Christmas atmosphere, the scene of the Nativity will be depicted by Biblical figures grouped around a straw-covered stable.

Price Ceiling Set For Flashlights

Flashlights and batteries were among the first products upon which ceiling prices were established.

Leon Henderson, OPA administrator, issued the following explanation:

"I call upon every patriotic manufacturer, distributor and retail store handling flashlights to comply strictly with the price levels provided in the OPA emergency schedule. (The schedule forbids manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers or retailers to sell at prices above the highest prices quoted to them during the two months ended Dec. 1, 1941.)

"We are at war with foes that any night may dump their bombs on American coastal cities and towns. Flashlights are urgently needed by civilian defense aids and citizens. They mean more than light—they mean lives."

College Cagers Show Power in First Games

The Southern Oregon College of Education basketballers remained undefeated in Oregon intercollegiate play when they stole a close game from Eastern Oregon here Friday night, 57-55, and won more easily Saturday night, 63-48, from the Eons.

Monday night Don Faber, former Ashland high basketball coach, brought his Albany college team to town and was trimmed by the Sons, 45-20, and again Tuesday night to the tune of 39 to 26.

Coach Jean Eberhart was well pleased with the way his ball club stacked up against the strong Eastern Oregonians from La Grange, and hints that his team could be expected to go well up the ladder in conference play.