

# The Editor Speaking

Price control took added impetus with appointment of Byron Price director of censorship.

The government has not only increased the draft age limits, but has requested a registration of males of military age—guess that takes in about all of us.

Stirring war news and the anxiety of the general public to read it is the main factor in "conditions beyond control" of some of our Big Dailies raising the price of their sheets.

After paying taxes and Christmas bills, some of us think we have been hit pretty hard—but at least the government isn't asking us to give up our winter underwear for the soldiers.

Brauchitsch, ex-nazi field marshal, now claims a "heart ailment" as the cause of his dismissal by Adolphus. The way the Russians have been chasing him we'd say he was merely short of breath.

This writer firmly believes that for years small Japanese vessels and the large Japanese fishing fleet have been smuggling oil from the coast of California and storing it in accessible places where subs could refuel near our shores.—Could be.

Most Americans, justly proud of our might, look to a successful termination of the war, yet we should not lose sight of the fact that Japan has been expecting and preparing for a conflict with us for years, and anyone who thinks of them as a weak adversary needs must think again.

## YULETIDE REFLECTIONS

By OLD TIMER  
To the Editor:  
Somehow or other we can't enthuse over the modern styling of a Christmas tree with artificial gadgets of various designs. To our old eyes it doesn't look Christmasy. Remember the Christmas tree of yesteryear? We decorated it with strings of popcorn and cranberries and with walnuts wrapped in tinfoil. And what a chorus of ohs and ahs went up when the candles were lighted! Yes, verily, the old-time Christmas tree in its pristine simplicity was a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Winter has Hitler on the run. Adolf can always alibi: "I was going along fine, see?—when all of a sudden—bang!—everything went white!"

In the old days people used to laugh at the village idiot. Nowadays he gets himself a radio program and hires an office force to handle his fan mail.

Exchange of Christmas gifts is now underway at the stores.

## Home Town Papers Are Held Best Read

Home-town papers are read more thoroughly by rural people than any other publications and hence they are the most valuable medium for disseminating farm news, according to AAA committeemen attending the annual conference at Oregon State college. One farmer serving on the education committee of the conference stated that, although his group is always glad to get news in the metropolitan dailies, the news that really counts in reaching a large proportion of the farmers is that used in the country weeklies.

The farmer committeemen recommended that close contact be kept between those dealing with the various agricultural programs and the local editors in order that each may be of the greatest help to the other, to the benefit of the rural population as a whole. The community committeemen were urged to see that local correspondents obtain prompt and accurate reports of local happenings relating to the farm programs.

**GEORGE YOCKEL 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)  
"LADY BE GOOD"  
"ROBBERS OF THE RANGE"  
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)  
"THAT HAMILTON WOMAN"  
Please Call at The Miner Office for Your Guest Tickets

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## PLAZA PROJECT RECEIVES OK

Willingness of property owners affected by the proposed Plaza improvement to accept a reduction in their right-of-way prices to meet with requirements set up by the highway commission assures reconstruction of the Plaza corner. A local delegation met with the commission in Portland last Thursday at which time the commission committed itself to the project if property owners would agree to a reduction of not less than \$5,000 in right-of-way prices. The property owners were called together Friday afternoon and agreed to accept the necessary reductions. When the highway commission was notified that their requirements had been met, they assured the committee that purchase of the properties would be completed as soon as possible. It was indicated that actual work on the project would not start until about April.

## Telephone Official Praises Public Aid

N. R. Powley, president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, commenting on the Pacific coast increased telephone demands as a result of the war situation, stated today: "Never in its history has our company handled, in a similar period, the tremendous volume of telephone traffic which the extraordinary demands for telephone service have placed on our system in the last 10 days. We deeply appreciate the fine cooperation and understanding of the telephone-using public and their splendid assistance in not making other than the most urgent calls, which greatly aid us to get the message through for telephone calls important for defense. Our organization is doing its level best to render the best possible service and to play its full and patriotic part in this great national emergency. It is traditional in our business that our people always rise to the height of any emergency. They have shown again in a glorious way that spirit and will-to-do which are of such vital importance in these tragic and critical times. Calmly and effectively our men and women are serving the great cause of human freedom."

## Annual Charity Ball Held at Elks Temple

Ashland Elks were hosts to a large crowd at the annual public charity Christmas ball held at the temple last night. Music was furnished by Gordon's orchestra of Klamath Falls and all proceeds will go for local charity work. Another outstanding event of the holiday season will be the New Year's Eve ball for Elks, their families and invited guests, which also will be held at the Elks temple.

## Sons End Quarter With Straight Wins

The Southern Oregon College of Education basketball team shares conference leadership with the Oregon College of Education at the conclusion of fall quarter competition. The Sons have won all six of their games played this season, four of which were conference tilts. Teams to fall before the SOCE cagers were Rubenstein's Oregonians, Klamath Falls All-Stars, Eastern Oregon college and Albany college.

## HOLIDAY ALERT STRESSED

Harry McNair, supervisor of Ashland's civilian defense, reports that warnings have been issued by the Interceptor Commands that all air-raid observers be especially alert during the holidays. Betty Boling is visiting her parents in Grants Pass during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rector and Mrs. Henry Stenrud.

## C. of C. to Consider Truck Application

The transportation committee of the Ashland chamber of commerce will meet Monday noon at the Lithia hotel to consider whether or not to lend its support to the recent application of the Oregon-California-Nevada Fast Freight for terminal facilities in Ashland. Several interested parties will present arguments for and against the truck company's application which will receive a hearing before the PUC in Medford Jan. 6. Mr and Mrs. E. S. Robbins and son, Kenton, were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harwood in Medford.

## OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat



JUST AS REGULATIONS REQUIRE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES TO BE WELL-GROOMED, SO WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE NOW PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THEIR LOOKS.



APPEARANCE AND MORALE GO TOGETHER... IN 1917-'18, THE 1ST AND 2ND DIVISIONS WERE FAMOUS FOR BEING WELL TURNED OUT.— BOTH DIVISIONS WERE DECORATED FOR BRAVERY.

## ARMY REQUESTS HORSE SURVEY

In view of America's preparation for an all out, long war, the headquarters of the Western Remount area has issued a request for registration of all horses and mules between the ages of three and 10 inclusive. In explaining this request the officer in charge stated: "Experience of the present war shows the horse and mule still essential for a variety of uses in modern armies. Germany has thus far employed something like a million. Japan has used large numbers in China and Russia currently is winning large scale successes with mounted units or units otherwise employing horses."

## SOCE Offers Evening Classes Next Term

The Southern Oregon College of Education is planning to offer certain evening courses during the winter quarter. Three such classes have already been scheduled. One of the most popular classes will be first aid, which will be taught by Jean F. Eberhart, a certified Red Cross first aid instructor. This class will carry two hours of college credit. The other two classes will be zoology and physical science. Dr. W. W. Wells will teach zoology and will cover two terms of work in one term. The class will carry six hours of credit. R. W. McNeal will handle physical science, which carries three hours of credit. The state board of higher education has made it possible for any person interested in these courses to carry six hours credit or less for \$8.50. Registration for the above-mentioned courses will be held from 7 to 9 p. m. Jan. 6 in the college offices.

## BELLVIEW NEWS

The Birthday club had a Christmas party Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenrud. The evening was spent in singing Christmas carols, playing games and the exchange of gifts from the beautiful Christmas tree. Light refreshments were served and the guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gowland, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Pankey Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, Misses Marie Walker, Lyda Catherine Davis, Gladys Whitson, Eunice Kincaid, Minnie Worden, Mrs. Haynes, Guy Plummer, Mrs. Sorenson and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Stenrud. Miss Alma Miller from Los Angeles arrived Wednesday to spend several days with her mother, Mrs. Sorenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stenrud. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rector and Mrs. Henry Stenrud. (Continued on Page 8)

## Cantonment Office Reopened in Medford

Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster who handled preliminary planning for the camp at Medford, reopened his offices at the Medford armory Monday, but refused to give out any statement in regard to the proposed cantonment. Capt. Bean and his staff had closed the Medford offices on Dec. 4 and returned to San Francisco. All construction work on the proposed camp has been transferred to army engineers and it was stated that any information would have to clear through the Portland office of the corps of engineers.

## Educational Drive For Bonds Planned

A committee of 14 business men headed by R. I. Flaherty will meet at the Lithia hotel for a 7:30 breakfast Tuesday morning prior to a city-wide educational drive aiming to increase the sale of defense bonds and savings stamps to employees. The plan is to suggest a system of regular investment in defense savings by those who receive pay from wages and salaries, or as Secretary Morgenthau has suggested, "to make every pay day Bond Day." The plan is entirely cooperative, but it has been emphasized that the purchase of defense savings has the two-fold purpose of financing the war and combating inflation.

## GRIZZLIES FACE 1ST HOME TILTS

Ashland basketball fans attending the junior high gym Monday and Tuesday nights, Dec. 29 and 30, will get their first home town look at the 1941-42 edition of Jerry Gastineau's Ashland high basketball team when the Grizzlies face the Chemawa Indians from the Chemawa Indian school on those dates. The Indians, having only a mediocre team this year, will really be gunning for the Grizzlies since Gastineau coached at Chemawa before coming to Ashland. Ashland, with the exception of Marcus Balfour, will be at nearly full strength for these tilts. Charlie Jandreau, fiery little sparkplug for the Grizzlies, has just about recovered from the broken fibula sustained in the last football game of the season and will play probably most of the two games against the Indians. So far, Ashland has no other contests booked during the holidays.

## Traffic Fatalities Show Decrease

November traffic fatalities in Oregon were 31 percent under the November traffic toll last year, figures compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state, disclosed today. The traffic toll this November was 29 lives, compared to 42 a year ago. Pedestrian deaths accounted for 38 percent of the November fatality list, leading all other types of fatal accidents. For the first 11 months of this year, however, pedestrian deaths show a decrease of 28 percent, the only type of fatal accident to show any decrease at all, Snell's figures indicated. Pedestrian fatalities constitute 24.5 percent of the fatalities to date, compared to 37 percent of the toll for the comparative period of 1940.

## K. F. Quint is High Scorer in Jamboree

The first annual southern Oregon basketball jamboree, held at Medford last Friday night, was named a success by officials in charge. Klamath Falls went through four games without a loss and took honors in that department. They also won high scoring honors with a total of 34. Ashland was second with 24. Alan Weir of Medford won the foul throwing contest with 18 out of a possible 20, with Johnny Gray of Grants Pass second with 15. Ashland's Grizzlies won but one game, that against Medford with a final score of 7 to 5. The evening's scores, all in six-minute games, follow: Roseburg 8, Grants Pass 3. Klamath 9, Medford 0. Roseburg 6, Ashland 3. Klamath 10, Grants Pass 5. Medford 8, Roseburg 3. Grants Pass 9, Ashland 8. Klamath 6, Roseburg 4. Ashland 7, Medford 5. Grants Pass 5, Medford 1. Klamath 9, Ashland 6. Miss Hettie Mae Parsons of Marysville, Utah is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Giffen.

## RED CROSS ASKS RELIEF FUNDS

Co-chairmen Ralph Billings and Theo J. Norby of the local Red Cross chapter have announced that Ashland is joining in the nationwide mobilization of disaster relief units and have requested all-out support in the raising of \$2,000, which is Ashland's quota of the \$50,000,000 fund for American war relief. Billings pointed out that since the war has come to America the work of the Red Cross disaster service looms bigger every minute. Word has come, he said, that chapters in Hawaii during the recent raids were right on the job, carrying out rescue work and giving extensive relief to the wounded and homeless. Red Cross personnel and volunteers removed civilians from danger zones. Ten emergency medical stations, established there by the Red Cross some months ago, have given valuable service during this emergency. In the Philippines, thousands of trained volunteers were ready and were quickly mobilized. "Its disaster service," Billings stated, "is just one Red Cross service which must be enlarged to meet our great crisis. More thousands of volunteers must be trained into its ranks. Welfare and medical services for our armed forces must undergo vast expansion, and every branch of the Red Cross enter the field of battle with flags flying. That is why a minimum of \$50,000,000 is needed to finance the program. Let's not wait another day. Let's make our contribution right now and show that Ashland is one hundred percent strong behind its Red Cross and the service of its country." Contributions may be made at the Ashland branch of the First National Bank of Portland, The Miner office, Daily Tidings office, chamber of commerce, McNair Drug store and Ingie Drug store.

## Kiddies Meet Santa At Christmas Party

The annual community Christmas tree party held at the large decorated Christmas tree in Lithia park Wednesday evening gave the Ashland kiddies a chance to meet Santa and receive treats of Yuletide goodies. In addition to the kiddies' fun, group singing of carols was led by H. G. Enders.

## Large Attendance at School Music Concert

Nearly 1,000 persons were in attendance at the musical program, "The Star," presented by the junior and senior high schools last Thursday evening. This is the third annual evening of Christmas music combining the talents of the two schools and it has come to be an outstanding event of the holiday season. Vocal numbers were directed by Harriet Koehler, vocal music supervisor and the student orchestra was led by Gordon Tripp. The high school a capella choir made its first appearance in new maroon robes furnished by the P.T.A. Donations of food, contributed by the audience for charity work, were valued at about \$150.

## Ban on Publication of Selectee Names

All local boards have been ordered not to release to the press any lists of men called for induction because publication of such lists would give military information to the enemy, according to word received from state selective service headquarters. Quotas of selectees are to leave here in January but under the new ruling no information about them will be given out. Miss Martha Ady is spending the holidays in San Francisco.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

All outside illumination not attended must be turned off every evening after Dec. 22, 1941, unless easily accessible outside switches are provided and certified suitable by city police, state police, or sheriff's office.

All other lights must be made ready for turnoff within 60 seconds after the blackout signal, whenever it is given in Ashland for any emergency.

Besides business places, lights affected include home Christmas trees, window wreath lights, porch lights, night lights or other such illumination.

**The BLACKOUT Signal is:**  
Two 60-second blasts of city siren, Sugar Pine mill whistle and Southern Pacific roundhouse whistle, in conjunction.

**The ALL-CLEAR Signal is:**  
One long blast of same whistles.

(Signed) CITY OF ASHLAND.  
By C. P. Talent, Chief of Police and Ashland Civilian Defense, by Harry McNair.  
(Chief Talent has requested that this notice be clipped and posted where it may serve as a constant reminder of necessary regulations for air raid emergencies).

## THE CALL TO THE COLORS IS A CALL FOR DOLLARS!



Dig deep. Strike hard. Our boys need the planes, ships, and guns which your money will help to buy. Go to your bank, post office, or savings and loan association. Tell them you want to buy Defense Bonds regularly, starting now.