

Former Douglas Resident Authors Juvenile Book

NEW YORK—(Special)—Alfred Powers, former Douglas County resident, is author of a leading juvenile book of the fall of 1948—"Prisoners of the Redwoods," a story of a swift action, conflict and suspense, has its main setting among the big trees of the Northern California Coast. It is the first time that a robust adventure novel for young people has presented an exciting narrative over against the dramatic backdrop of the enormous trees.

Mr. Powers has previously written seven books. It will be published at the same time by Longmans, Green & Company in Canada.

Mr. Powers, who for several years was principal of schools at Oakland and has later lectured extensively in the county

on educational and literary subjects, is on the faculty of the State System of Higher Education and now lives in Portland. "Prisoners of the Redwoods," a story of a swift action, conflict and suspense, has its main setting among the big trees of the Northern California Coast. It is the first time that a robust adventure novel for young people has presented an exciting narrative over against the dramatic backdrop of the enormous trees.

OSC REGISTRATION
CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Registration at Oregon State College for the first day of registration totaled 7,059 and college officials said it forecast a total enrollment for the fall term of about 7,500.

The first day total was 2.8 per cent under the same day last year. Men numbered 5,427 and women 1,632. Of the total, 3,486 were veterans. Both the women and veteran totals were slightly below last year's first day registration.

Dr. Brougner To Speak at Baptist Church in Roseburg



Dr. James Whitcomb (Dad) Brougner, above, known by local people and nationally known as the "Will Rogers of the American pulpit," will be the guest speaker for the "Fall Round-up" at the First Baptist Church in Roseburg Sunday. Dr. Brougner was formerly a platform lecturer and had several humorous debates with the late Will Rogers. He conducted Mr. Rogers' funeral. Dr. Brougner has been pastor of some of the largest churches in America, including Tremont Temple, Boston; White Temple, Portland; and Temple Baptist, Los Angeles.

The Boston Post recently said: "Dr. Brougner walks on the sunny side of the street. He loves life, he likes people, he enthuses over his job."

Dr. Brougner gives a brief message at the opening of the Sunday School at 9:45 on Sunday. "Going Places and Doing Things" is his topic at 11:00 a. m. "A Man's Curiosity—Is it greater than a Woman's?" is Dr. Brougner's topic at 7:30 p. m. He stays over for Monday evening and gives one of his most popular humorous lectures, "Keys and Keyholes."

Rev. H. P. Sconce, Baptist pastor, announces that Prof. Wendell Johnson, new director of music in the Roseburg Senior High School, has accepted the position of director of music in the local church. A new Hammond organ and chimes will be dedicated as a part of the music program next Sunday.

British Warships Being Refitted for Service

LONDON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Britain considers the international situation so grave that it suspended commercial work in the Royal dockyards yesterday in order to refit about 100 warships for service.

An official Navy announcement said the ships are to be made ready for duty before April. An Admiralty spokesman said, however, the work can be done very quickly—perhaps within two months.

The announcement of the big naval preparedness move came soon after the government slowed down demobilization of the armed forces, stepped up recruiting of new troops, began doubling the production of jet fighter planes and started readying civilian defenses.

The overhaul and refitting of the naval vessels will involve smaller ships chiefly. The Royal Navy's big battleships, cruisers and aircraft carriers, though not all in use at any one time, are kept in a comparative state of readiness.

Plea Dated for Four In Marijuana Smoking Case

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Robert Mitchum, glowering screen hero and three co-defendants will plead Sept. 29 to narcotics charges.

They were arraigned yesterday in Superior Court, and remain at liberty under \$10,000 bond.

Named with Mitchum are starlet Lila Leeds, dancer Vicki Evans and Robin Ford, real estate dealer, all arrested three weeks ago in a raid on a secluded cottage in Lauren Canyon where police said a marijuana cigarette smoking party was in progress. They were indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of possessing and conspiring to possess marijuana.

Oregon Church Council Cites Help to Vanport

SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—The Oregon Churches raised \$4,915 to buy books, Bibles and baby furnishings for Vanport flood victims. Dr. Chester W. Hamblin, Salem, council president, said. The Council spent \$1,904 for baby beds, buggies, high chairs

and other baby furniture. Other items included replacement of books lost by Vanport ministers, Bibles lost by families, bedding, furniture and rent payments.

Oregon-Nabbed Man Gets 10 Years On Kidnaping Count

JOPLIN, Mo., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Cowboy John H. Bugg—who was identified for police by Seaside, Ore., teenage crime radio program fans—has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by Circuit Judge Walter E. Bailey.

Bugg pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of kidnaping Walter Cozad, taxicab operator of Carthage, Mo., Nov. 26, 1945. Earlier in the day he had pleaded innocent to the charge and also to an armed robbery count, but he later changed his plea in the kidnap case.

Trial has been set for Sept. 27 on the robbery charge. He also faces a kidnap charge under the Lindbergh act in federal court at Tulsa, Okla., next Monday. This involves the charge that Bugg kidnaped Sheriff Hugh Wilkerson, who later was left tied in Oklahoma. The sheriff allegedly was taken to Oklahoma from Dade County, Mo., in the taxicab. Bugg was returned here from Seaside, Ore., where he was employed at a beach riding academy. Police were put on his trail by a teen-age boy and girl who suspected correctly that he kept his fingers taped because of tell-tale tattoo marks spelling "L-O-V-E."

Greek Rebel Forces Mauled, Athens Reports

ATHENS, Sept. 22.—(AP)—A Greek Army communique said yesterday rebel forces were badly mauled when they tried a surprise attack Monday in the Vitsi sector.

The report said 294 guerrillas were killed and 59 captured when four Communist-led brigades launched a powerful thrust against government-held positions north and west of Kastoria.

There are 800 fires in hospitals and institutions each year in the United States.

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