

Fine Variety of Comedy, Drama, Intrigue and Human Interest at Shows

SMITH LOOKS BACK ON 12 YEARS WORK

Veteran Official Retires to Private Life; Has Seen Big Changes

James Smith, Marion county commissioner, wound up his term of office late yesterday at the courthouse and admitted that he quitted the job with some reluctance after 12 years of service to the county. He was not a candidate for re-election. Tomorrow LeRoy Hewlett, republican, elected in November, will succeed Smith as the third member of the county court.

"In my time in office I have seen relief needs—both for indigent poor and for persons temporarily out of work increase ten times," he commented. "Yet we must continue to give our best efforts to get worthy work for these men. I favor a national program which will give these men useful work to do."

Another need for Marion county is the early completion of the North Santiam highway, Smith said. With the county already a \$200,000 investor in this important through road, every effort should be given now to securing needed state and federal road funds to complete the job, Smith commented.

He observed that Marion county's road program had developed in outstanding degree in the last 12 years. Whereas there were only 62 miles of county-paved roads in the entire territory in 1923, there are now 187 miles of county roads which are paved. Market roads, of which none had been constructed when Smith took office, now total 263 miles in Marion county. Smith said that the future road needs of the county would call for less capital outlay but he said the maintenance work on the roads should be kept up to the best of the county's ability so the money already invested in roads would be preserved. He favors the building of principal roads as the most economical means of maintenance now available.

Smith commented that Marion county during his 12 years of work had never failed to meet its warrants with cash when presented and that no warrant holder had ever been compelled to take a discount. The \$350,000 road bond debt voted before Smith took office, was entirely retired during his term of office. At one time during his service, the county operated five separate paving plants.

The three-term service Smith gave the county was as long as that of any commissioner on record, county officials said yesterday. At the close of the first year he was in office Smith was named secretary of the county commissioners' state organization when that group met in Salem. Since that election, Smith has been re-elected secretary ten consecutive times.

Mr. Smith yesterday praised the work of his associates saying it has been a constant pleasure to work with other officials at the courthouse. He mentioned in particular the excellent work of Hedda Swart, county road engineer, who was in office prior to Mr. Smith's election in 1923. The plans of the outgoing commissioner are uncertain. "I'll look after the farm a bit more," he opined and—laughingly—"I guess I'll rest."

Many friends of Mr. Smith are urging him as an excellent candidate for state highway commissioner saying that his knowledge of roads and of road work is unequalled in the state. He has also been suggested as a man whose close experience with relief work makes him valuable in any works program the government may undertake. When relief work was started in Marion county three years ago, Smith did excellent work in the volunteer organization which was set up. In the past year he has cooperated closely with federal authorities in

Scene from Comedy at State



A group of the principals of "She Loves Me Not" including Bing Crosby and Miriam Hopkins now showing at the State.



Jimmy Dunn and Shirley Temple appear together in "Bright Eyes" now in its second week at the Grand.

'SHE LOVES ME NOT' AT STATE THEATRE

Paramount's grand new starring combination, Bing Crosby and Miriam Hopkins, got off to an auspicious start in the hysterically funny and audacious film version of the season's smash stage hit, "She Loves Me Not," which opens at the State theatre today.

Without losing one whit of the delightful speed or humor which characterized the original stage production, the film details the

Radio Program

KGW-PORTLAND-630 Kc.
Sunday, January 6
8:00—Tidbits, NBC.
8:05—Ray Heckerling, NBC.
8:15—Roger B. Whitman, NBC.
8:30—Radio City Concert, NBC.
9:00—Road to Romance, NBC.
9:10—High and Low, NBC.
9:15—Merry Gardens orchestra, NBC.
9:25—Edna Mae Jacobs, pianist.
9:30—Martha Mearns, NBC.
9:35—American Album, NBC.
9:40—NBC program.
9:50—First Presbyterian church—singers.
10:15—Bridge to Dreamland, NBC.
10:30—Press Radio News, NBC.
11:05-12—Bal Tabarin Orchestra, NBC.

Monday, January 7
7:00—Harvest of Song, NBC.
7:15—Holmes Sisters, NBC.
7:30—Ronald Buck, pianist.
7:45—L. S. Nary Band, NBC.
8:00—L. S. Nary Band, NBC.
8:15—Edna Mae Jacobs, pianist.
8:30—Martha Mearns, NBC.
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KEX-PORTLAND-1130 Kc.
Sunday, January 6
8:00—Sacred music.
8:15—Popular concert.
8:45—Portland Council Churches.
9:15—Christian Endeavor Union.
10:00—National Youth Conference.
10:15—Sacred music.
10:30—Glen Shiley, organist.
10:45—Boy Scout Troop.
11:00—Orchestra.
11:15—Piano.
11:30—Paul K. Hutchinson.
11:45—Orchestra.
12:00—Abe Berovitz, violinist.
12:15—Madam's Guide, NBC.
12:30—Dance Frolic.

Monday, January 7
6:30—Concert.
7:45—Bands on Parade.
8:00—The New World, NBC.
8:10—Ronald Buck, pianist.
8:15—Paul Wilber, orchestra.
8:20—Ted Fio Rito's orchestra.
8:30—Old Numbers.
8:45—Dance Frolic.
8:50—Edna Mae Jacobs, NBC.
9:00—Pyrum Luncheon.
9:10—Financial and grain report.
9:15—Better English Talk.
9:20—World Bookman.
9:25—Musical Gems.
9:30—Friendly Chat.
9:35—Ben Bernie's orchestra.
9:40—Blue Moonlight, NBC.
9:45—Press Radio News, NBC.
9:50—NBC program.

KOAO-CORVALLIS-560 Kc.
Monday, January 7
9:00—Home Economics Observer.
9:10—Noon Farm Hour.
9:20—KOAO School of the Air.
9:30—Oregon Literature.
9:40—"Planning an Economical Water System"—Clyde Walker.
9:50—Opera Stories—"Wagner's Life."
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TELEPHONE RATES TOPIC OF PARLEY

Ten Years Estimated Time Before Courts Decide Cases Says Thomas

The rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are too high and should be reduced.

This was the opinion expressed by a dozen municipal officials who were called into conference here Saturday by Charles M. Thomas, state utility commissioner, to discuss the telephone rate situation. Orders reducing the rates of the telephone company eight per cent but that this was not a solution of the rate question. "It will be 10 years before this case finally is settled in the courts," Thomas declared. He said the saving under his order would aggregate \$360,000 annually.

It was decided to appoint a committee of municipal officials to cooperate with the utility commissioner in a study of the statewide telephone situation. The personnel of the committee will be announced later.

Thomas pointed out that the rates of the West Coast Telephone company, outside of the city of Portland, were materially lower than those of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. He suggested that in event the Pacific Telephone company does not reduce its rates without years of litigation that the West Coast company be asked to extend its operations into the territory now served by the Pacific corporation. "I am of the opinion that such a move would go far toward reducing the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company," Thomas continued.

Data was presented at the conference showing that the case brought by the state of New York against the telephone company there had been in litigation for 10 years while the state of Illinois recently had completed its case after 13 years.

Thomas said the municipal officers would have tremendous influence in bringing about a reduction of telephone rates.

'BRIGHT EYES' TO HOLD OVER, GRAND

"Bright Eyes", starring that adorable little mix, Shirley Temple, is being held over through Wednesday at the Grand theatre this week. Many have been turned away so great have been the crowds thronging to see this really fine picture so the management decided to hold it over.

"Bright Eyes" was conceived as a Shirley Temple vehicle by David Butler, who directed the film. The story was suggested to him, it is said, by a real-life incident occurring at a commercial airport near Los Angeles.

Once more James Dunn is cast as Shirley's leading man—a father which is said to have enchanted the young star. Jimmy appeared as her daddy in "Stand Up and Cheer" and "Baby, Take a Bow," and Shirley has eyes for no one else, they say, when he is on the set.

Plays to Be Given by Dramatic Club

PIONEER, Jan. 5.—The dramatic club which was organized by Mrs. Forest Martin, met Thursday evening for its first real meeting. The group of seven members started work on the plays which they plan to give in the near future. There is much interest shown in the work.

The Ellendale Community club met at the home of Mrs. John Martin Wednesday afternoon and organized a sewing class under the leadership of Mrs. Delbert Hays. The group will meet every Wednesday afternoon for three hours of work. The ladies of Pioneer are invited to have a part in this project. It comes under the S.E.R.A.

A large fir tree on the Mark Blodgett place fell across the road during the wind storm the other night. The men who had to go to work early had to saw it out before they could get by. The rain is making the snow leave fast.

Old Resident Dies at Hubbard

HUBBARD, Jan. 5.—Frank Fish, 76, of Hubbard, died Wednesday at his home. Funeral services will be held at Miller's chapel in Aurora Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Fish is well known in this vicinity, having lived here for over 20 years. His death follows a long period of illness.

Surviving are his widow, Alice; two sons, Ray and Ivan, and three daughters, two living in Portland and one, Mrs. Alvin Thompson, residing at Needy.

CLUB PIECES QUILTS
TALBOT.—The Talbot Women's club was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Calavan Wednesday with an all day meeting. New Year's verses were used for roll call. Mrs. Nancy Davidson presided over the meeting. At noon a potluck dinner was served. The afternoon was spent piecing quilt blocks. Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, N. S. Nave, Charles Taylor, A. Davidson, Mac Van Buskirk, Delmer Davidson, G. M. Belknap, John Zehner, A. C. Turnidge, Claud Johnson, Loyal Johnson and the hostess, Mrs. Calavan.

'Arless Plays Old Millionaire



George Arless has the role of an eccentric old duffer in "The Last Gentleman" current attraction at the Hollywood.

'LAST GENTLEMAN' IS AT HOLLYWOOD

Perhaps the most unusual comedy to reach the screen since the inception of talkies is "The Last Gentleman," George Arless' new 20th Century starring vehicle, which starts at the Hollywood theatre today.

The story, which depicts the amusing and eventful efforts of an eccentric but lovable old millionaire to choose a worthy heir among his various and colorful relatives, offers Arless, another great role and the brilliant artist achieves another characterization as rich and complete as, if in a lighter vein than, his recent triumph as Nathan in "The House of Rothschild."

Edna May Oliver, Janet Beecher, Charlotte Henry and Ralph Morgan head the imposing supporting cast which includes Donald Meek, Frank Albertson, Edward Ellis and Joseph Cawthorn, while Sidney Lanfield directed the comedy in association with Maude T. Howell for United Artists release.

Bill for Costs Of Session Will Be Passed Early

State department officials announced tonight that they already had prepared a bill authorizing an appropriation of \$25,000 to defray part of the costs of the 1935 legislature.

This bill will be one of the first to be considered by the two houses. The law prohibits the secretary of state from issuing any warrants covering legislative costs until such time as an appropriation has been approved.

Other appropriations will be authorized from time to time during the legislative session.

William Slater Rites Expected To Be Tuesday

SILVERTON, Jan. 5.—William Francis Slater, 70, was found dead in his home here today after neighbors had reported he had not been seen for a couple of days and an investigation was made. Death was declared due to natural causes.

Funeral services probably will be on Tuesday at the Ekman chapel. Mr. Slater had lived here a number of years. He is survived by his widow.

The Call Board...

GRAND
Today—Shirley Temple in "Bright Eyes".
Thursday—On the stage, "The Arizona Wranglers" and on the screen, Tim McCoy in "The Prescott Kid".
Saturday—"The White Parade" with John Boles plus "Walt Disney's latest Silly Symphony, 'The Flying Dog'."

ELISINORE
Today—Katherine Hepburn in "The Little Minister" and a Ted Fio Rito short subject.
Friday—W. C. Fields in "It's a Gift".

CAPITOL
Today—Double bill, "I Am a Thief" with Ricardo Cortez and Tim McCoy in "Straightaway".
Tuesday—Double bill, "One Hour Late" with six stars and Warren William in "The Case of the Howling Dog".

HOLLYWOOD
Today—George Arless in "The Last Gentleman".
Wednesday Double bill, Anna Sten in "Nana" and Frank Craven in "That's Gratitude".
Friday—Double bill, "Money Means Nothing" with Wallace Ford and John Wayne in "The Star Packer".

STATE
Today—Bing Crosby in "She Loves Me Not" and first run comic color cartoon, "The Brave Tin Soldier".
Tuesday only—Double bill, "Blind Date" plus "Throne of the Gods".
Wednesday—Marlene Dietrich in "The Scarlet Empress".
Friday—Lee Tracy in "Advice to the Lovelorn".

GUESTS AT BRUSH CREEK
BRUSH CREEK, Jan. 5.—Among the recent holiday guests at the William Maurer home were their daughter, Pauline, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Neuwanger of the South Silvertown district; Mrs. Emma Werner, Clara, Esther and Amy Werner of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurer and their daughter, Ruth, were also recent visitors at the home of Miss Martha Conrad of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Maurer and Mr. and Mrs. Neuwanger were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Werner at Salem also.

'I AM A THIEF' IS AT GRAND THEATRE

If any actress on the screen should, by disposition, be qualified to play a woman detective convincingly, that actress is Mary Astor, which is one reason why she was selected to play the role of Odette Maclair, gifted operative of the French Surete, in the Warner Bros. production, "I Am a Thief", which comes to the Capitol theatre on a double bill today.

Miss Astor's abundance of feminine charm is augmented by a keenly analytical mind that would be worthy of a first-rate criminologist.

From the moment the famous Karantina diamonds are sold at auction in the opening sequences of the drama, it is a continuous battle of wits between Mary Astor and Irving Pichel, on the one side, and the cleverest ring of international jewel thieves on the other.

It is set in the colorful background of Paris and the Continent. There is an all star cast which includes besides Miss Astor, Ricardo Cortez, Dudley Digges, Robert Barrat, Irving Pichel and Hobart Cavanaugh.

Keizer Considers Community Hall; Committee Named

KEIZER, Jan. 5.—A fine audience was in attendance at the Community club Friday night for the first meeting of the new year. Mrs. M. S. Bunnell presided at the business session. Royal Keizer reported a successful meeting of the Garden club at the Roy Nelson home. The February 7th meeting will be at the C. C. Cole home.

Mrs. Minton reported splendid cooperation on the part of the parents in providing for the hot lunches.

Mrs. Arthur Cummings and Mrs. Paul Pierce were named as program committee for next meeting; on refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stratton.

Ten minutes were given to a general discussion of the building of a community hall in Keizer. The sentiment was heartily in its favor.

Harvey Hansen, Albert Minton and Hal Keizer were appointed a committee to investigate plans. Miss Lois Keizer read the program.

Group numbers by the Coursey string orchestra.
Piano solo—Zillah Frogley.
Howard Saucy, representing the junior high school assembly, gave two selections in song.
Community club double quartet

HORSES INCREASE, REPORT OF LYTLE

Horses in Oregon are on the increase.

This was indicated in a recent report of the state agricultural department showing that twice as many stallions were licensed in 1934 as in 1933.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the division of animal industry, said it would take approximately 10 years to reach the normal horse quota in the state.

"It is my opinion that farmers should shut the tractor cranes and adopt federal crop control methods," Lytle continued.

Lytile said the material decrease in the number of horses over a period of many years was partly responsible for the plight of the farmers.

"If we had the normal number of horses there would be no difficulty in consuming our surplus grains," Lytle declared.

He said the 12,000,000 horses and 500,000 mules of today are overaged.

Ness Is Deemed Guilty But Fine May Be Remitted

SILVERTON, Jan. 5.—Harry Ness was found guilty in city court today of a violation of a city ordinance forbidding maintenance of hay racks inside the city limits, in such condition as to annoy neighbors.

He was fined \$5 and costs, the fine being suspended until February 1 at which time it may be suspended altogether provided Ness has remedied the condition. The charge was filed by Ernest Boesch.

The case was heard by Ronald Hubbs, deputy police judge. A large crowd was present.

Clarke Anderson was fined \$2 and costs for overtime parking but the fine was remitted, costs being assessed.

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