

VLT's 'Laura' Opens Run at Playhouse

Vera Caspary's mystery-drama "Laura," known to American audiences as a play, movie and a novel, came to the Very Little Theater stage Thursday night, opening an eight-performance run.

The VLT production will be repeated Wednesday through Sunday, with curtain time at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the playhouse boxoffice, 13th and Monroe.

Director Kaye Loomis brightened the three-act murder mystery with an outstanding setting designed by Claude Loomis. The modernistic apartment of Laura

Police Seek Missing Springfield Youth

SPRINGFIELD — Patrick Dooley, 14, Deerpark Park, was reported missing Saturday. Richard Dooley, the boy's father, told police his son left home Friday morning and failed to return.

Police said a man telephoned from Cottage Grove Saturday noon and said he had seen a boy heading south toward Roseburg who answered the description of the missing youth. The man said he heard a report of the boy over the radio and immediately called in.

The boy was wearing red and black leather jacket, a red-green plaid shirt, and full buckle overalls, police said.

He is described as being five feet three inches tall, blue eyed, blonde, weighing 106 pounds, and slender in build.

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Council to View City Petitions

Eugene's city council Monday night will be presented with several petitions for improvements in the South Willamette area, City Manager Deane Seeger said Saturday.

One petition, signed by Leon J. Hatch and others, asks for installation of street lights along 30th Ave. E., near Willamette St.

Another, also signed by Hatch and others, is a renewed petition for sewer improvements. It probably will be referred to the City Engineer's department, which is making an overall study of improvements in the area, Seeger said.

A planning commission report favoring requests for certain reclassifications and rezoning ordinances will also be considered by the council.

Chief Jones Speaks On Crime History

SPRINGFIELD — Keith Jones, Eugene chief of police, this week told members of the Kiwanis Club that crime was a barometer of economic unrest.

Speaking at a regular noon meeting of the club, Jones said armed robberies were much more numerous in the depression years of 1933 and 1934 than they were in 1935. "Only 259 robberies were recorded in 1935 as against the 516 recorded in 1934," Jones said.

The police chief also discussed the development of police work through history explaining the gradual evolution of modern police methods.

Jones explained the importance of training good officers and gave what he considered the qualifications that an efficient policeman should possess. "He has to be a person who likes people," Jones said. "He has to accept great responsibilities and be prepared to make quick and weighty decisions in the course of protection of society."

Jaycees Honor Baker Member

Bert H. Dennis, retail sales manager of the Oregon Lumber Co. and member of the Baker Junior Chamber of Commerce, was presented Saturday night with the state distinguished service award for being named Oregon's Junior First Citizen of the year.

The award was made at the Jaycee state convention banquet at the Eugene Hotel. John Sandmeyer, state Jaycee president, made the presentation.

Delegates from 30 state Junior Chambers heard Jim Aiken, University of Oregon football coach, deliver the main address.

John Luvans, president of the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce, said the convention would wind up with a special business session Sunday. Saturday morning and afternoon convention business, he added, was devoted to instruction clinics which analyzed subjects as leadership development and civic project activity.

19th St. Bus Route Altered

The East Nineteenth bus route has been altered slightly due to impassability of 28th Ave. from Kincaid to Harris St. Frank Foster, resident manager of City Transit Lines, said Saturday.

Where the route previously went south on Kincaid from 25th Ave. to 28th Ave, east on 28th and north on Harris to 25th, the bus now will travel east on 25th, bypassing the jog down Kincaid and up Harris.

Foster said the surface of 28th Ave. had become too soft and broken for his busses to drive over.

Drunken Driving Charge Brings \$150 Fine

SPRINGFIELD — G. Severance, 4055 Highway 99 S., who was charged with driving under the influence of liquor, was found guilty and fined \$150 in Municipal Court Friday. Judge Robert Carmichael also suspended his driver's license for one year. Severance pleaded guilty to the charge in court.

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Enlistment Reductions Told for Army, AF

Reduction in Army and Air Force recruiting quotas in this area for the month of February were reported Thursday by Major Carl Hornsby, station commander.

Previous quota was 35 and the present quota is 30.

Hornsby stated that the quota for three-year enlistments in the regular Army has been reduced to four, for men with no prior service. The quota for non-prior service men desiring three year enlistments in the Air Force has been cut to six.

February's quota for 18-year-olds desiring one year enlistments in the Army has been set at nine, and for the Air Force, one.

Open quotas are still in effect for men 19 to 25 who desire enlistment in the Army for 21 months, and prior service men desiring to reenlist in the Army.

New recruiting orders are also raising the standard for men to be accepted, Hornsby said. For three-year Army enlistments, non-prior service, the recruit must score 90 points on the general mental test instead of the 70 points required previously.

If the recruit falls into the "Profile B" category on his physical test, he must score at least 110 on his mental test. Those with a grading of "Profile C" on physical tests are now disqualified.

Quota for the entire district, which includes Western Idaho, Southern Washington and all of

Cannery Workers Plan Monday Discussion

Junction City members of Cannery Workers Local 656 and others interested will meet Monday at 8 p.m. in Greenwood Hall, Junction City.

The company proposal for a five per cent reduction in labor costs will be discussed.

If you want fewer products — increase taxes



1. Every time a new person is added to the population of the United States it takes \$110 worth of refining equipment, distribution facilities, oil wells, etc., to supply him with the petroleum products he needs. * It's up to the oil companies in this country to see that those additional facilities are provided.

* Statistics based on period 1941-1947.



2. On top of this, the amount of petroleum products that the average American needs has been increasing each year. Between 1940 and 1948 the annual per capita consumption in the U. S. increased 39%. So it's up to the oil companies to see that additional facilities are provided for this increased consumption as well.



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4. Approximately 156 million dollars of this money came out of earnings of the company and from funds that had been set aside for replacement of facilities (depreciation). But the rest had to be secured through outside financing—either by borrowing or by the sale of preferred stock.



5. In other words, when all our costs of doing business were met, our employees paid and our stockholders given a reasonable dividend, there wasn't enough cash left over—in spite of our so-called high profits of the last two or three years—to finance the facilities that had to be added. We had to go outside the company to get the money—a process you can't continue forever.



6. The moral of all this is that at today's costs you have to have high profits if the increasing requirements of the American people are to be met. For most of those high profits are being used to finance the facilities that have to be added. Right back into increased facilities. An attempt to "redistribute the wealth" by taxing those profits will only end in fewer facilities, less products, higher prices and shorter lives.

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UO Programs to Feature Poet Verne Bright

The unofficial poet-laureate of Oregon, Verne Bright, will be on the campus for the weekly Ethel R. Sawyer Browning Room hour Tuesday at 4 p. m. in the University of Oregon library, according to Miss Bernice M. Rise, readers' consultant and circulation librarian.

During the hour-long program, Miss Rise said, Randall V. Mills, assistant professor of English, will read Bright's "Mountain Man," a poem-novel done in the vernacular of the pioneer. Bright is the author of over 1000 published poems and also is a feature and juvenile story writer.

"Mountain Man" is a story about an adventurer-pioneer who came West before the land migration began. Bright is the author of the poem, "Mountain Man," which is now a feature in the "Mountain Man" column. He is a graduate of Pacific University and took courses in literature and history at the University of Oregon.

The weekly Browning programs are free and open to the public, Miss Rise said.



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