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PORTLAND — Anthony S. White, a Portland mail carrier, Thursday won top prizes in the croquet exhibition at the Multnomah County Fair.
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A Policeman's Lot Is Not A Happy One - Just Routine

By DON BROWN
Of the Register-Guard

Things were routine at the Eugene police department Thursday.

There was hardly an item on the entire log Friday morning worth writing about in a single story. But, considered in total, it looked as though the law enforcement officers of the city were keeping pretty busy.

A chef, at a local hotel reported at 9 p.m. that a woman had wandered toward the kitchen entrance from an alley, asking him if he had seen her children.

"No," he told her.
She told him she "must have locked them in the baggage room" of a nearby bus depot, and she wandered away. The chef called police. On investigating, they found no further evidence.

"STOLEN" CAR CASE

About the same time of night, police recovered a "stolen" late-model yellow convertible.
Its loss was reported by a man who parked it near E. 7th Ave. and Oak St. He left it unlocked, but took the ignition key with him, intending to attend a meeting for about an hour.

Forty-five minutes later he stepped outside the meeting place for a smoke and noticed the vehicle missing. He notified police and signed a comprehensive theft report, including authorization to use force and firearms if necessary to recover the convertible.

Investigating in the area of the loss with a policeman, the citizen

noticed his car parked near N. Park St. and Oak a few minutes later. The case was cleared. Here's what had happened: The man's wife had used her set of keys, thinking her husband would not be outside the building until 10 p.m. She took the car, intending to pick him up at that time.

SCREAMING WOMEN

These are the routine events which occur in almost any 24-hour period in a department the size of the Eugene police. Some are humorous perhaps to outside observers, but all are of great importance at the time they happen to the persons involved.

For example, there were several women screaming in the city overnight. A report was made that one woman on Lawrence St. was making a lot of noise. Investigation proved that it was a husband and wife fighting, but the officer noted that "all was okay by early morning."

Another woman was yelling, "Help, help, help," at 1:10 a.m. Thursday near W. 15th Ave. and Washington St. The officer assigned to the case could hear no noise nor find evidence that anyone was in trouble.

VACATION CHECKS

Another woman told police she was receiving obscene phone calls every few minutes over her telephone.

And among the more routine events were receipt of several requests to make vacation prowl checks. The department annually makes hundreds of regular

checks to residences of persons who are away from the city.
One such routine check Thursday revealed that a door on the west side of a house was open. Owners were away and had requested a check. The officer found the building otherwise intact, and locked the door.

At 3 p.m. Thursday a San Francisco sign painter toppled from near the top of a 15-foot ladder while trimming a sign at 605 Willamette St. He injured himself and splattered a great deal of paint over himself and the sidewalk.

ASSORTED HAZARDS

One of "Eugene's finest" made a report to headquarters that tall grass in vacant lots on both sides of High St. at 18th Ave. is causing a traffic hazard. The officer said it obstructs vision of motorists.

Two 12-year-old boys were reported to be roaming a neighborhood with BB guns and eight-inch hunting knives. An officer notified the mother of one of them and she promised to keep the boys (cousins) from handling them any more in the city.

An elderly man reported he was knocked unconscious on the street near W. 7th Ave. and Grant St. by a collision with an auto. The victim at first refused assistance upon recovering, and the driver drove away. Neither the victim nor a taxi-driver and a cab passenger obtained the car license number. Police could be of little help.

ABDUCTION

There were reports of missing persons. And a Los Angeles mother telephoned police that her 26-year-old daughter had been abducted by her lover, 36. The girl had telephoned the mother from Red Bluff, Calif., stating she was his unwilling hostage and they were headed for Eugene by auto. He had forced her to accompany him Tuesday in Pasadena, Calif., the mother said.

Larceny of \$4 in \$1 bills was reported by a resident on Jefferson St. Before discovery of the theft, a neighbor had observed a strange man in the house which was robbed. She said he had given her a "dirty look" when she looked at him. Police suspect a vagrant.

Local police were alerted Thursday by the Oregon State Police for six escapees from McLaren School at Woodburn. One of them, 17 years old, has escaped 21 times from reformatories in the nation.

The usual share of peeping toms cropped up during the night.

"MILITARY" BATTLE

And four men engaged in a paired brawl at a drive-in cafe. When a policeman arrived, he noted that two of them were still arguing with the other two, but they were otherwise orderly. Evidently, he said, they had fought: "Clothes were torn and the eyes and lips were busted on some of them."

He ordered them to take it easy, and overheard a remark that two of the men were going to "get a few more friends" and go to a bus depot and "even things up" with the other two. One of the fighters was an armed forces serviceman, on his way to catch a bus.

The officer headed to the bus station, arriving before the batlers. He reported to Chief of Police Ted Brown that he stood by at the send-off, which was effected without further incident but which could have gotten out of hand if the police were not on the scene.

CIVILIAN BATTLE

Another battle took place during the day. A custodian at a city park notified police that a 13-year-old boy had been badly beaten by a 16-year-old as the result of an argument which the older boy started during baseball practice. The younger boy was still crying when police arrived, with bruises on his mouth, and a large knot on the base of his skull from the beating. The 16-year-old was arrested for disorderly conduct.

During the day there were other arrests, for drunk driving, drunk on the street, and other violations.

Just another routine day for police.

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THE HOME OF HUNDREDS of post-war student-veterans was fast disappearing from the University of Oregon landscape this week as crews dismantled the emergency housing Veterans Dormitory on Alder St. The building is being replaced now by a permanent addition to John Straub Hall. The structure was erected here shortly after the war to house the huge influx of GI Bill students, and later was used as a regular boys' dormitory. It came originally from a government project in the Portland area.

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Fire Threatens Alaskan Area

Blaze Uncontrolled In Fairbanks Area

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—An uncontrolled forest fire threatened homes and chased buffalo in a vast area just south of the Big Delta junction on the Alaska Highway Thursday.

More than 200 firefighters succeeding in preventing destruction of homes and other installations in the area.

The flames are burning in buffalo grazing range and many of the big animals transplanted to Alaska several years ago fled ahead of the fire.

All available men from the Army base at Big Delta, many citizens residing in the area and 27 Division of Forestry firefighters were battling the fire. The blaze broke out Tuesday in the Jarvis Creek area southwest of Big Delta, which is southeast of Fairbanks.

The fire was about 15 miles long and a mile wide Thursday on both sides of the Alaska Highway.

The flames posed a definite threat to installations of the Army Arctic training center at Big Delta.

Bridge Construction Bids Asked Thursday

Bids for construction of a bridge over Delp Creek, about 25 miles east of Lowell on the Fall Creek Road, and grading of 1.8 miles of the same route, were called Thursday by the Bureau of Public Roads in Portland.

F. E. Andrews, acting division engineer, told the Associated Press that the grading will be an extension of the Fall Creek route. The bids will be taken at his office until Aug. 27.

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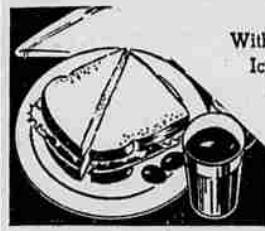
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