

# OUT OF THE WOODS

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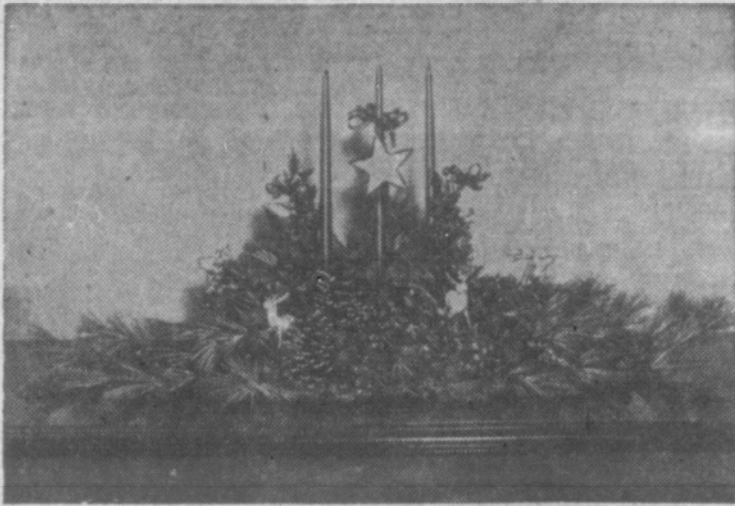
**War Story...**  
 Scrub Samson was an old head with the Lemolo Logging Company. In his prime he could never quite inch to five feet, even in his calked boots. Scrub lacked the cockiness that is common with many good good little loggers. At fifty he seemed a gray, wizened rabbit of a man. After a long record of such jobs as flunkie, whistlepunk, bullcook, woodbuck, snipe, he seemed settled as a camp night watchman. Then came December 7, 1941.

A few other Lemolo old-timers knew that Scrub had dreamed for some years of a tractor-driver's job. He had spent many of his spare day-time hours tinkering and helping around the machine shop. Ever so often he was allowed to try his hand at breaking in a reconditioned tractor. At last, with the war taking so many men out of the woods, Scrub got his chance with a bulldozer, grading a new logging truck road.

**The Snake Ranch...**  
 The new trail forked into the Lemolo River road where stood "The Snake Ranch," a joint conducted by a Bulbarian called "Herman the Hog." He and his gang were rotgut bootleggers, gambling sharks, and, some sad, aliens at heart as well as by war rating.

On a certain week-end Scrub

## Happy Holiday



**Cocktails for Three**—When a close friend drops in for cocktails, this gay floral arrangement above sets the mood for pleasant relaxation. Three candles atop a cluster of evergreen boughs and pine cones light the way to good times. Designer Alyn Wayne of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Ass'n adds color and charm with holly and juniper berries. White styrofoam star, toy bells and reindeer lend a holiday note.

For V-neck gowns, the evening corsage of white orchid and ribbon makes a move from the left shoulder to the center of the neckline. The change recommended by Alyn Wayne, stylist for the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Ass'n is intended to give greater balance and symmetry with the long flowing lines of a hostess gown.



## Extension Class At Myrtle Point

parked his dozer in a clump of river-bank alders alongside the Snake Ranch. It was with grim purpose. This Saturday night, he vowed, he'd live up to his family name of Samson or bust something a-trying.

Scrub had a particular bill of complaint against Herman the Hog. Back in the depression years the two had been in camp together. During the shut down in forest fire weather, Herman had somehow snagged a bottle of lemon extract from the kitchen and gone to the woods to drink it. Drunk, he started a fire near the donkey where Scrub was on watch. Scrub got water on the blaze and licked it, but in the fight a shower of coals hit him from behind and set his shirt on fire. The looks of him when he came in to camp were a big laugh to the whole outfit, and most of all to Herman.

Scrub Samson remembered all that on this Saturday night, as he packed the line from the dozer's drum in among the posts that supported the rear of the Snake Ranch joint on the river bank slope.

But Scrub remembered most of all how many good men of the woods had been doped and robbed by Herman the Hog these past weeks; how many had been snared in the Snake Ranch by man catchers for big-town jobs; how many loggers had been gypped with loaded dice and stacked cards.

Back in the tractor seat Scrub eased the power into the drum. Cold beads of sweat popped out on him and chills ran up and down his spine as timbers groaned and cracked through the midnight shadows ahead. Scrub could imagine stone walls and steel bars around him the rest of his days for this, but he grimly poured in the power. Then suddenly—

The line slackened and raced in, things crashed, the boozy uproar inside the joint lifted in whoops and yells of panic, and the bulk of the old Snake Ranch shack in the darkness leaned and slid for the shadowy water. The crash of splintering wood and the yells were muffled by a giant splash. The lights of the Snake Ranch were out, but Scrub could see that the shack was in water up to its windows.

He skipped off the tractor and unhooked the line from the foundation posts, which had been pulled to the alders. Three minutes later Scrub was rolling back to the woods. He felt safe now. No one would ever dream that such a rabbit of a man had pulled the pillars out from under the Snake Ranch. He was happy. At last he'd lived up to the family name.

## Police Report Pistols On Boards

City police officers were told to inform all local punchboard operators that pistols on punchboards would not be tolerated by the local police. In a report to the city council Monday night Chief Athel Dudley reported, some punchboards carrying pistols and other small firearms. He said it made the job of the authorities much more difficult in case a crime was committed if guns were won on punchboards and no hardware records available.

## GRAVEL, GASOLINE BIDS ASKED BY CITY

Bids for gravel and gasoline for the city for 1951 are being advertised for this week in The Coquille Valley Sentinel.

## Lutherans Plan New Church

At a special meeting of the congregation, the members of Faith Lutheran church planned to build a new church and parish unit. The proposed building plan, as prepared by the building committee, was approved.

The new structure will be a cross-shaped masonry building. The nave and chancel unit will be 65 by 30 in dimension. The interior of the nave will be open from floor to roof, and open laminated arch trusses are in the present planning. Present plans also specify a glass brick cross in the chancel end. The parish unit will be 60 by 25 in dimension with two stories. This unit will include a kitchen, social room, individual Sunday school rooms, and a special sound-proof mother's room facing the main sanctuary.

The congregation hopes to obtain the services of the Mission Builders team of the American Lutheran church. This team is composed of six young men who give one year of free service in helping to build mission churches. The final arrangements for a builder have not yet been completed.

Location of the new edifice will be the corner of E. 10th and North Taylor streets. The main sanctuary unit will be built in the north-south direction, with the chancel end facing East 10th street. The parish unit will form the T of the cross, facing east and west.

It is hoped that construction will get under way in January.

## Legion Auxiliary Celebrates Xmas

A beautifully lighted tree and holiday greenery decked the junior auditorium on Tuesday evening when the American Legion Auxiliary members held their annual Christmas party.

A program of delightful Christmas games and carol singing was arranged by Miss Ida Oerding. Seasonal refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mrs. Guy Kelley.

The "Gifts to the Yanks" campaign report showed the sum of \$260 collected to date in this city.

Members were reminded that dues become delinquent after December 31.

A drive for clothing and toys for people in the Pacific area will be started by auxiliaries and Legion posts after the holiday season.

## Pastime Cafe Has Party

The staff of the Pastime Cafe had their Christmas party and gift exchange at the cafe on Tuesday evening. Participating were Mr.

## Extension Class At Myrtle Point

Word has been received from David Stewart, field representative for the general extension division that the extension service will offer Sc. 202 Foundations of Physical Science at the high school in Myrtle Point beginning at 7:00 p. m. January 4 in Room 14. This is a course that several teachers have requested, however it is open to townspeople and high school graduates. It will offer three hours of college credit. It is necessary to have approximately twelve enrolled in this class for it to carry through the term.

Anyone interested should notify G. B. Goddard at the high school immediately of his intention as to this class.

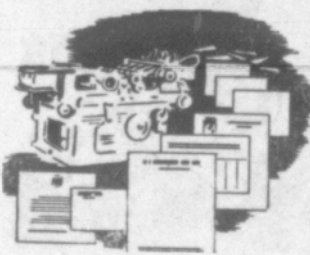
Other courses to be offered in the Coquille Valley are: Art, Myrtle Point high school, Room 13, January 2; Biological Science Survey, 102, Bandon, January 8; Conservation of Natural Resources, Education 507G Coquille high school, Room 204; Oregon School Law, Room 201, Coquille high school.

## Ruble Sidewalk Again Discussed

On the advice of City Attorney Tallant Greenough, a formal legal letter will be sent the property owners of the lot on First street between Taylor and Willard giving them five days to start work on building a new concrete sidewalk to replace the broken down walk now there.

Greenough stated that it was his opinion that the letters sent last spring were not technically legal, and that a new letter should be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Ruble who own the land.

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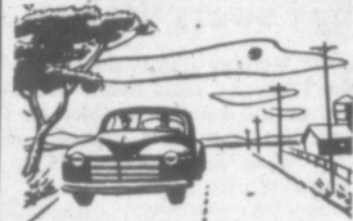
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