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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

HE ASKED FOR IT!

Several weeks ago a young ruffian from Rogue River, after being reported to Ashland police as driving in a dangerous manner, attempted to pummel and kick his way from arrest. His behavior resulted in a fine of \$10 and \$9 costs being levied by Justice of the Peace M. T. Burns, and jail sentence of 150 days on charges of drunken driving and resisting an officer.

Now, following a few days in jail, friends of the Rogue River man have repeatedly attempted to obtain his release. They insist that the assailant's family is in need of the income he could earn if he were freed. They promise that he could earn the money to pay his fine, were he released, and claim that no good can come from continued serving of sentence.

In all instances, Judge Burns has rightly pointed out that no extenuating circumstances exist to justify clemency, and has said that if friends wanted to make a sincere gesture to secure release of the husband, they might raise the money to pay his fine. "Then," explained Judge Burns, "perhaps there would be some slight reason to take a more lenient attitude toward the roughneck who boasted he could 'lick any cop.'"

Judge Burns is quite correct in maintaining his adamant position regarding the case. The young smarty pouted, kicked and cursed peace officers who were attempting to protect the public from drunken driving which already had crowded several cars off the road. He started another fight in jail and showed a belligerent attitude throughout his detention here. There is no reason why the law should look with benevolence at such young men who are old enough to know better.

In the case of the prisoner's family, perhaps friends who profess to be trying hard to help might better spend their time doing something for the family more tangible than making frequent trips to Ashland. The shame is that the family must suffer most for a foolish husband's folly, but that is not the law's fault. If Rogue River people are really anxious to secure release of their townsman, perhaps they might post the fine. If they are so filled with compassion, let them hold the sack instead of the court.

Time was, not so long ago, when misguided justices all but pinned medals on men who attacked peace officers. It is good to know that M. T. Burns has assumed the responsibilities of his office in a manner that will be a credit to himself and a benefit to law enforcement.

In the case of the Rogue River pugilist, he committed a far more serious crime than making himself a traffic hazard—he insulted the public and defied the law. The prisoner should serve every day and every hour of his sentence and be thankful that the punishment is not greater.



ARE THE CAVEMEN SHOWING US UP?

Community booster clubs of other Oregon cities are rolling emerald-eyes at Grants Pass' Cavemen for the neat publicity job performed in San Francisco and on Treasure Island a few days ago.

News camera shutters filled the air with steady clicking and the fur-clad Cavemen got suntanned from flashlight globes. Every newspaper in the country has been running interesting stories and swell pictures of the pre-historic palaver, and Grants Pass has been deluged with publicity as no other community ever achieved.

Medford's Craters, with mothballed pioneer suits and wooden muskets feeding the termites, are casting jaundiced looks down the valley and here in Ashland the Lithians, with ice-cream pants and sailor straws hanging on forgotten closet hooks, are beginning to wonder.

Grants Pass folks have a good thing and are making it pay real dividends. They are making it pay because they MAKE it pay. They didn't meet once or twice a year, tell one another of the great things they were going to do and then go back into their ruts with

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

REALLY—I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHERE YOUR HUSBAND GETS SUCH BEAUTIFUL INSPIRATION!



a feeling of having completed a great civic service. The Cavemen worked out a plan, and then they worked AT it.

Medford's Craters have been an interesting, potent possibility and Ashland's Lithians at times have displayed a quick flash of hope. But unless a fun-and-booster outfit does a consistently outstanding job of planning and executing stunts they are better off dormant.

Grants Pass' Cavemen have pointed the way clearly and convincingly. Although their idea cannot be copied verbatim, there is nothing to keep an alert, spirited community from matching thought with the Cavemen. We can't all be fur-garbed funsters, but we can copy their spirit and enthusiasm.

OF ALL THINGS! By MINER STAFF WRITER

OUT of Hollywood comes the following yarn. (Limited knowledge of conditions down there prevent us from giving a competent opinion whether it is a gag or a serious commentary on the power that the unions have attained in the m-p industry):

At the end of a Civil war battle part of the picture, "Gone With the Wind," the field was covered with dead soldiers. A representative of the screen actors' guild, labor union of the players, took a look and found the "dead soldiers" to be only dummies and went to headquarters about it. Hereafter slain soldiers will be played by live extras and the union is presenting a bill for \$8.50 a day back pay for the dummies that should have been played by flesh and blood extras. They laid out there all night too but so far we haven't heard whether they are asking overtime or not.

A year ago the Pittsburgh zoo borrowed a two-ton elephant from a circus and now they can't locate the circus. The zoo is tired of having the pachyderm around and offer the animal to anybody who will take it away.

Seems like the GOP could stand a new elephant and we wonder if they have been contacted.

The town of Willows, Calif., has built a \$13,000 athletic field which will be known as "Taxpayers' field."

August 15 the republic of Panama celebrates the 25th anniversary of the passage of the first ship, the Ancon, through the canal.

The Rev. Robert A. Jardine, who defied church authorities by sealing Wally and the P of W, isn't getting on so well down in H'wood where he now lives. Says that America has turned out to be a land of promises, not promise.

Hitler will die on a Jewish holiday, one guy cracks... if it isn't one it will be.

The West Point graduating class this year numbered 456, largest group in its 137 years of history.

Los Angeles has become the aviation manufacturing center of the US with 18,500 people employed in that industry there and that figure will be upped to 30,000 when the plane companies get into full swing on the \$110,000,000 worth of orders they have piled up.

Scarcity of trained personnel has caused one company to institute a training plan of 36 hours weekly in the factory and four hours a week in the public schools of Burbank, Calif. Pay starts at 43 cents an hour, raising to 80 cents at end of four-year period.

A new midget car, the Crosley, now is on the market and can be purchased at \$350 fob Richmond, Ind. One hundred twenty inches

LETTERS to the Editor

LACK OF CIVIC PRIDE!

To the Editor: There appears to be a regrettable lack of civic pride in some quarters.

When the average housewife expects visitors she sees to it that everything about her premises is spic and span.

By the same token when Ashland will be thronged with thousands of folk from the countryside it ought to engage the consideration of all citizens and particularly those who hold positions of civic responsibility to see that the city presents an inviting and attractive appearance.

The editorial in your issue of June 9 calling attention to the neglect of weed control in the city limits was most timely and should have induced the city council to take prompt action to remedy this nuisance, but the solons probably were concerned with more weightier matters and paid no heed to your appeal for a general cleanup.

We are afraid some of our visitors will carry away with them unfavorable impressions of Ashland's civic pride.

Residents who freely spend their money and time in beautifying their premises and making the city more attractive would be well justified in demanding a better cooperation on the part of the authorities.

PROPERTY AND CLASS RILE

To the Editor: Jesus, the misunderstood, said "The squirrels have holes, the birds have nests but the son of man has not where to lay his head." This is the cry of the dispossessed everywhere. To get him the tax eaters levied a poll tax for which He had His disciples to catch a fish from which he paid tribute or poll. This is or was the last resort of the extortionist forcing something from the one who had nothing. It was the whole bitter struggle of the haves with the have-nots. Beginning with Babel and founding of Babylon by Nimrod, the struggle is still on taxes and war, alternating under which and by which the weak fall under the strong. The trap to catch Jesus laid by His enemies

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FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

AN appeal for residents of Oregon to join a statewide drive to reduce traffic accidents during the coming July 4 holidays was voiced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, who issued a statement pointing out that during the first four days of July last year five persons were killed and 118 injured in traffic accidents in the state.

The first four days of July, 1938, saw 475 traffic accidents on the highways and streets of the state, 17 per cent of the total accidents reported for the entire month of July, Snell said.

July traffic accidents last year claimed a toll of 36 lives; in the year before that took 41 lives and the year before that 38 lives. Approximately one-fourth of all traffic accidents during each July of these three years resulted in injuries or deaths.

"This year July 4 comes on Tuesday and many Oregon residents again will have a three or four-day holiday with the consequent heavy travel on the highways and streets of the state," Snell's statement said.

Unless every driver in Oregon takes upon himself the definite feeling of responsibility for the safety of those using the highways and streets during the period of congestion, we may expect to see lives lost each day of that holiday period.

"There is no valid excuse for this tragic toll of death and injury. No real purpose served by that extra speed which may cause an accident, or by that impatience in getting around the car ahead which may result in a collision, or by that reckless disregard for the rights of others that may cause property damage, injury or loss of life.

"By being careful and considerate of others we can reduce this useless toll and bring the light of happiness into hundreds of homes otherwise darkened by sorrow.

"On this holiday Americans celebrate the birth of our independence. Every citizen should remember that it is not only ironic but abhorrent to celebrate the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by bringing about death, disability and enduring grief."

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sander and daughters Roseangela and Caroline spent Sunday visiting in Yreka at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sander.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Haines and children returned Sunday from a trip to San Francisco.

fell through. With forgery and mob law His enemies got Him later. Perjury, deception, mob law and servile conduct of deceived ones has ever prevailed in favor of the haves. What good is a man who has no property? His strength is only in his virtue. When that is overridden it is the cross for him.

His crucifixion comes soon, his nails are driven by the haves—will it ever be thus? God and the future only can say. If a deceived humanity can throw off their deception the answer is yes. Will the bitterness and disappointment of the disciples of righteousness have to be repeated? Will class or self-interest be forever preferred by them to the detriment of the general welfare? Since the incident of Babel divided, or class interest, has been the common lot. Since that event a confusion of tongues and a scattering of the people resulted. Will the radio bring to pass a common tongue? There is a hope that it may. Is it too much to hope that general welfare will displace class welfare or class interest? Such an event is to be hoped for. Civilization, which is city living plus, has taken long strides in the last half-century with promise of longer strides in the near future. If the plus should be for righteousness the promise should be a certainty. Property interest which Jesus disclaimed both by word and example might result.

D. M. BROWER.

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New Land Draws Oregon

WASHINGTON Opposition is being made in Oregon against the offices and authority of the interior department of the interior state lines. Fear is if the measure department would offices in Boise.

The bill also provides for the registration and deputy civil service. Oregon at Lakeview department of eastern Oregon increase the cost of making long land office.

Greyhound Open Enrollment

Ashland's Greyhound will open its enrollment to the public in completion of the Jordan's Cabinet Travis, owner, will be enabled to larger crowds and booth space and cony formerly the building has been polished floor has doubled. New and the present but a start modeling plans continued during Travis indicated.

Mr. and Mrs. Los Angeles, arrived here recently home.

Mrs. Kennedy is here at the moment, Mr. and Mrs.

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