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Police Clear Up Series of Petty Stealing This Week

Local police have cleaned up to their satisfaction, a series of petty thefts and small deceptions which have been occurring the past couple of months in and about Ashland when they arrested Lester Lee Price, Robert A. Miller, Donald Ray Farmer and Frank James Muscott, all of Ashland. The petty thievery consisted of the taking of tools and equipment and other small articles from parked cars and the stealing of gas from cars, tractors, trucks and logging equipment in and about Ashland for the past couple of months. All four have confessed to the crimes and have located many of the stolen articles, which the police are attempting to return to their rightful owners.

In City court Tuesday morning Price was assessed a fine of \$200 and costs of \$2.59, \$100 of which was suspended on good behavior, and provided the articles were all returned, and that he pay for those not returned, including all of the gasoline which he admitted stealing. Robert Miller was given a similar sentence of \$200 and costs, \$100 of which were suspended pending good behavior. It was stipulated that he is not to drive a car for a year except to and from work and drive his father's truck in his work, providing the local OPA board approves gasoline for his car. Muscott, the youngest member of the group was given a fine of \$15 and costs and he was to pay \$8.50 for the articles which he admitted stealing. Donald Farmer is being held for further investigation but was expected to receive sentence in city court Wednesday or Thursday.

The youth's activities had covered a wide circle. They admitted taking parts from various parked, unlocked cars about town. Of taking gasoline from numerous cars as well as from logging trucks, and from gasoline powered equipment at the Jansen mill. Another time gasoline was pilfered from a truck at the Sugar Pine Lumber company, and from a tank at the May mill on Dead Indian. The signed statements brought to light the stealing of numerous rear view mirrors, spotlights, hub caps, etc, most of which was found on the youths cars.

The police have known of the thefts for some time, but were unable to get a definite lead on who were the participants. A break came this past Saturday when two boys saw a youth take a battery and a jack from the car which was wrecked near Jackson Hot Springs Thursday. The number of the car was given to local police and the boys were able to identify the person taking the battery and jack. By questioning and further investigation, the police were able to get the confession from the others involved in the thefts.

In commenting on the affair this week, Police Chief Talent stated that he would recommend to the city court the full sentence of \$200 for any further gas thefts and the payment of all charges to the owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weitzel and two daughters and son, went to Portland last week end to spend Thursday, Thanksgiving with Mr. Weitzel's mother, Mrs. Grosnick. Subscribe for The Miner today.

AAA CROP GOALS WILL BE SET FOR 1945 AT PORTLAND MEETING

Oregon's 1945 farm production goals to be worked out at a conference of farm leaders and agricultural officials in Portland December 1 and 2, are expected to call for a total planted acreage about the same as this year, reports R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state AAA committee.

Information on the estimated 1945 requirements for crops and livestock for all military and civilian needs will be brought to the conference by a delegation from the War Food administration in Washington headed by G. F. Geissler, director of AAA's western region. On the basis of these requirements and of the capacity of Oregon farms and ranches to produce under expected conditions, the goals will be worked out by Oregon people invited by the state AAA committee to assist with the job.

Goals suggested for Oregon have been checked by the Oregon production capacities committee, appointed by Dean William A. Schoenfeld, of which E. L. Potter, head of the agricultural economic division at Oregon State college, is chairman. This com-

Lt. Robert Stearns Awaits Assignment



An Ashland Leatherneck, 1st. Lieutenant Robert Warren Stearns, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Stearns of 137 Oak Street, recently completed basic aviation ground officer's training at Quantico, Va., and is now awaiting assignment to an administrative post with a Marine air unit.

Lieutenant Stearns was a pilot with a flight squadron at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, Calif., before entering ground officers school.

A graduate of Ashland High School, he entered the Marine Corps in June, 1942.

Christmas Seal Sale Starts Mon.

Mrs. Will Dodge, Ashland chair man of the annual Christmas Seal Sale, announced over the week end that the sale of the seals would begin Monday of this week. The work will be carried by Mrs. Ernel Stearns, Mrs. Henry Metz, Mrs. Robert Stough, treasurer with Mrs. Gerald Gastineau directing the school sales. The sales directed by these ladies will include all of Ashland and the Pinehurst and Bellview districts. The Junior Civic Club and the Ashland Civic Club are also helping with the sale this year.

Public health agencies are uniting with the Oregon Anti-Tuberculosis Association in the effort to eradicate the disease. In the past 37 years since its founding, the organization has carried on a vigorous campaign in the effort to free the country of tuberculosis and to aid those who have the dread malady. Practically all of the finances for the work comes from the sale of the tiny seals. The organization has set out to give an X-ray examination to all the people in Oregon. Most of the funds for this must come from the seals. Hospitalization is furnished by tax-supported organizations.

About 15,000 persons have already had their chest X-rayed at the new City-County Tuberculosis Survey Center in Portland. As the mobile X-ray unit gets under way, this service will be offered county-by-county throughout the state. Christmas Seals paid for this equipment. The Seals now being prepared for the mails will keep that equipment busy serving the people who supplied the funds.

Ashland Civic Leader Dies Mon.

The community was saddened late Monday by the death of James Edward Thornton, prominent Ashland citizen, death coming very unexpectedly at his home on Almond street. Mr. Thornton had been prominent in Ashland Civic affairs for many years, having served as Mayor for several years. He was a charter member of the local Elks Lodge and was secretary for 28 years, being responsible in a large measure, for its sound financial condition today. He was also secretary of the State Elks Association. He was a Spanish War Veteran, serving as a lieutenant with Co. B, 2nd Oregon Volunteers. He was later placed in charge of Col. Young's Scouts, serving with distinction and being cited for bravery in action.

Mr. Thornton was born in Ashland November 14, 1869, son of James and Elizabeth Thornton, and a member of a pioneer Ashland family.

He is survived by his wife Marian Thornton; two sons, Carvel E. Thornton of Riverside, California, and Merrick Thornton of Ashland, one brother, Sheridan Thornton of Grants Pass and two sisters, Mrs. T. A. Hayes of Portland and Mrs. Ella Garrett of Ashland.

Funeral services are being held today, Thursday, at 2 p.m. under auspices of the Elks Lodge at the Elk's Temple.

Auxiliary Card Party

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a card party for American Legion and Auxiliary members and their friends on November 30 at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall, Pineochle, bridge and Liverpool rummy will be played during the evening. A door prize and score prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will follow at the end of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKeever and daughter, Miss Marbeth, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Scripser and family on Thanksgiving day.

This 'n That

(By OLD TIMER)

The cost of electing a 1944 president and congress is estimated at 50 million dollars.

Everyone must do his bit, but so far no man hereabouts has started knitting socks for the Wacs.

Old-fashioned parents taught their children to eat what was placed before them, thus anticipating rationing by many years.

Uncle Zeke is sighing for the old fashioned pumpkin pie—that good old thick pie covered with ginger and spices of various kinds - and of a consistency permitting a wedge-shape section to be conveyed to the port of entry by hand.

Abraham Lincoln was famed for many quaint and expressive terms. On one occasion exasperated at discrepancy between the aggregate of troops forwarded to McClellan and the number of men the General reported as having received, Lincoln exclaimed, "Sending men to that army is like shoveling fleas across a barn yard—half of them never get there."

Uncle Sam has 334,548 prisoners of all nationalities in POW stockades. Germans lead the list with 297,438. Italians are second with 50,000, of which 38,388 are in Italian service units. Japanese prisoners number 2,024.

More than 74,000 prisoners were employed in October by contractors, mostly in agriculture and earned 4 million dollars for the U. S. treasury. This brings the total they have produced for the treasury to \$16,000,000. The contractors pay prevailing wage rates, the money going to the treasury. Prisoners working are paid 80 cents a day in canteen scrip in addition to their regular allowances.

An up-state sheriff who has served in that capacity for 30 years has been reelected for another term. A few more years of service should entitle him to a pension.

In his appeal for public support of the sixth war loan, President Roosevelt said the current fighting was costing this country \$250,000,000 per day. Evidently, war is what Sherman said it was.

Dropping of bombs on Tokyo has quickened the tempo in the Pacific war zone.

Army Camps to Honor 'Gold Star' Families

Memorial services, dedicated to Western families who have suffered World War II casualties, will be conducted at all Ninth Service Command installations Sunday, December 3, Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general, announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Services will be non-sectarian, the general said, and will be held for all families irrespective of creed, race or nationality. Friends of "Gold-Star" families as well as residents in the vicinity of Ninth Service Command posts, camps and stations are invited to attend, he added.

A request to pledge "Dedication of Our Lives" so that the sacrifice of American youths was not in vain will be made by Army chaplains during the service.

Civilian clergymen in areas adjacent to military installations will be asked to conduct similar memorial services for the families of war casualties residing in their respective locales, Colonel J. L. Blakeney, NSC Chaplain,

SAFEMANAGER TO GRANTS PASS

John Mitchell, manager of the Safeway Store here at Ashland, announced that he will leave this week for Grants Pass, where he has purchased a part interest in the Petry market. C. D. Campbell, recently manager of a Safeway store at Castle Rock, Washington, is taking Mr. Mitchell's place here. Mrs. Campbell and their three children will come to Ashland as soon as suitable living quarters can be secured.

Mrs. Emil Kroeger stated this week that boxes for the wounded in the hospitals and rest camps are still being accepted and that she would like to have more than has been donated to date. Friday, December 1 is the deadline. These boxes of cookies, tobaccos stationery, etc. are being sent to the wounded veterans of this war who are in the hospitals in Oregon. Should anyone have boxes ready they may call Mrs. Kroeger at 8961 and she will have arrangements made to get the boxes.

TALENT NEWS

TALENT, November 28—Lt. and Mrs. John Childers left Friday by plane for Lincoln, Nebraska after spending a couple of weeks with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bates and family spent the week end in Klamath Falls with relatives.

Miss Barbara Terrill who is attending Pacific College at Newberg, Oregon spent Thanksgiving at home with her parents and returned to that place Sunday evening.

Sgt. William Mason returned to Kelly Field, Texas, after spending a 15 day furlough with relatives and friends in Jackson county. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Mason.

Mrs. Mary Wilkonson of Ashland spent Thanksgiving with her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones.

Mrs. Mary Furrier and daughter Marie were shopping in Medford Saturday.

Fred Combest of Jacksonville spent Thanksgiving day with his mother Mrs. Louisa Combest.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis left the valley several days ago for San Francisco and Los Angeles and from there continue by plane to their home in the Panama canal zone. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and two daughters Claudia and Patsy have been in the states the past four months and were guests of Mrs. Davis Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ward and other relatives and friends. Mr. Davis is employed by the locks division of the canal by the government.

Mrs. Charles Rowe of Central Point spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Carroll of Trail and their son Sgt. Hatler Carroll of Sacramento, California and their daughter Pvt. Esther Carroll of Brooklyn, New York were visiting friends in Talent Friday and Saturday. They are former residents of Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wilson and Ernest Shoemaker of Valley view were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paul and daughter south of Talent.

Mrs. Alice O'Byrne and Mr. and Mrs. George Thruston of northern California were in Talent and Ashland over the week end Mrs. O'Byrne and Mrs. Thurstons teach in California.

Mrs. M. M. Crystal left last Thursday for Merrill, Oregon, where she plans to operate a restaurant. Mr. Crystal is employed by the Southern Pacific and left Wednesday for Merrill. Mrs. Crystal has been working at the Ashland Hotel Beauty shop while living here.

EDUCATOR TALKS AT LIONS CLUB TUESDAY

R. C. Grosebeck of Klamath Falls, a member of the State Board of Higher Education was the speaker at the regular Tuesday meeting of the Lions Club at the Luthia Hotel Coffee Shop. Mr. Grosebeck talked for nearly an hour on some of the problems facing the universities and colleges of Oregon and some of the plans for the future. A large number of Lions were present at the dinner and the speaking afterwards. Several visitors were also present.

Next week, no formal program will be presented, but a regular business meeting held.

Services Monday for Thomas A. Morris

Funeral services were held Monday, November 27th for Thomas Allen Morris, who died November 24, at his home on 8th Street. He has been a resident of Ashland for the past 50 years, having come to the Rogue River along with the older pioneers of Southern California. Mr. Morris was born in Lancaster, Texas, June 8, 1854. His marriage to Etie Frances Kincaid took place November 22, 1896. Surviving are the wife, three daughters and a son. The daughters being, Mrs. Edna Avent, Fruitdale, California, Mrs. Ethel Spannos, Westport, California, and Audrey M. Morris of Oakland, California.

Granges to Back Bond Drive to Raise Farm Quota

Jackson county's 16 granges will be responsible for this county's farm quota in the Sixth War Loan, it was announced by county chairman N. H. Zacharisen.

Granges of eastern Oregon are competing in selling bonds in this campaign for registered Aberdeen Angus bull and a purebred Duroc Jersey sow, while in western Oregon granges are in competition for a registered Jersey bull and a pure bred Romney ram, according to Morton Thompkins, master of the state grange.

Grange quotas for this county as announced by Wm. G. Howes, master of the Jackson county Pomona grange are: Enterprise \$13,500; Gold Hill \$55,500; Live Oak \$45,500; Eagle Point \$82,500; Sams Valley \$41,500; Lake Creek \$17,500; Central Point \$112,000; Talent \$58,000; Jacksonville \$33,000; Belleview \$75,500; Applegate \$47,500; Phoenix \$65,500; Roxy Ann \$49,500; Upper Rogue \$47,000; Upper Applegate \$40,000; Griffin Creek \$46,500.

Methodist Organist Surprise Recipient

Last Friday evening the Choir of the Methodist Church gave a surprise birthday party to the organist, Mrs. Annabell Davis. The choir met for the weekly rehearsal, and while this was in operation a committee was busy in the Fellowship Room arranging tables, and making coffee. When the rehearsal was finished the honored guest was taken to the Fellowship Room, and refreshments were served at a table decorated with lighted candles, chrysanthemums, and a lovely white birthday cake glowing with tiny candles. During the evening the choir presented to Mrs. Davis a gift of appreciation for her services as organist of the church, and wished her many many happy returns of the birthday anniversary.

Commerce Officials At Interesting Portland Meeting

Mrs. Alice Patterson, secretary and Earl Newby, President and Mrs. Newby of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce returned last Wednesday from a two-day session of the Oregon Chamber Executives Association meeting held in Portland, November 20 and 21. Monday morning's session was taken up with a study of the GI bill of rights and Handling Returning Veterans. Speaking were W. D. Dodson, Portland; E. K. Oppenheimer, of the Veterans State Aid Veterans Service Committee and Fred Brenne, manager of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. John Standish of the United Air Lines gave a talk on postwar aviation outlook and Wm. E. Hammond, manager of the western division of the United States Chamber of Commerce talked on New U. S. Chamber Services.

Following the luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel, Lars Carlson talked on C.E.D. and How to Appraise It; Labor Peace in Oregon by Kelly Loe, public relations representative of the Oregon Federation of Labor Retail Activities of Chambers of Commerce by E. N. Weinbaum, of the Portland Chamber; Preservation of Specific Highway Beauty Areas by Arthur Kirkham, of the Portland Chamber and Legislation by Frank Hull, of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

Dinner was held at 6 p.m. with Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian as the speaker.

Tuesday morning was taken up with a talk by Lyle Janz on Current Rackets and Robert McKean manager of the Columbia Empire Industries talked on social security legislation at the coming session of the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Newby and Mrs. Patterson found the discussions interesting and instructive.

Lt. Maurice Williams Graduates at Brooks

BROOKS FIELD, TEXAS, November 20th—After many months of intensive training, another class of Army Air Forces twin-engine pilots graduated today at Brooks Field, Texas, advanced flying school of the AAF Training Command.

The large group of students who today completed their education as Aviation Cadets had the advantage of five weeks' additional instruction over the normal period required to become a full-fledged AAF pilot. Under a recent Training Command order, the pilot trainees were transferred from their respective advanced flying schools, where they had "checked out" in small, training craft, to Brooks Field, for a course of instruction in the TB-25, modified Billy Mitchell bomber.

Addressing Class 44-I at its graduation ceremony was the field's Commanding Officer, Col. C. H. Childre, who stressed the responsibility now falling on the men as leaders of combat teams.

Representing this area in the class was, 2nd Lt. Maurice D. Williams, son of Mrs. Dott Williams and husband of Mrs. Jeanette B. Williams, both of Ashland, Oregon.

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—BUY BONDS—

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT URGES EARLY CHRISTMAS MAILING

Public response to the Post Office Department's "Shop Now! Mail in November" campaign is good but needs to be better, according to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

"Extraordinary wartime conditions face us," Mr. Walker said. "Unless more people buy and mail this month the Postal service cannot do its job of delivering all Christmas gifts on time."

"It is not pleasing to us to have to ask the American people to mail packages so far in advance of the delivery date. We do so only because it has to be done. The job is a tremendous one, but we are confident it will be done because we know from experience that given sound reasons Americans cooperate magnificently."

"Unprecedented shortages of man power and transportation facilities growing out of the war compel early mailing. The postal Service has given 50,000 experienced employees to the armed forces and 800,000 railroad work-

ers have gone to war. Equally serious is the fact that rail and other transport facilities taxed to the limit with the great burden of war traffic which all of us know must take precedence.

"In a great number of our 43,000 post offices the man power situation is critical. The 200,000 extra workers whom we normally recruited to handle the swollen Christmas volume of mail were able to work long hours of overtime and to do heavy work. This cannot be expected from the women and high school boys and girls to whom in large part we must look this year to meet the situation.

"The way in which everyone responded in making it possible for us to handle a volume of 70,000,000 parcels for the armed forces overseas leaves no doubt in my mind that the November Christmas mailing will be equally successful. I ask for the help of the press, radio, business advisers, civic groups and all Americans in making it possible for the Postal Service to do its work."