

### TALENT NEWS

#### Services Held For Mrs. Charles Estes

Talent, Aug. 14—Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ 1053 Court street in Medford for Mrs. Charles Estes, who passed away in the Crescent City Hospital, Friday at 5 a.m.

The Reverend Maurice Tisdell, Pastor of the church, officiated and Conger and Morris had charge. Interment was made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Estes had lived in the Rogue River valley and Southern California for the past 62 years and were well known and had many friends and relatives here.

Mrs. King Bremerton, Washington is visiting her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bell this week.

Mrs. Vince Pope and daughter left last week for Los Angeles, California to visit her parents.

Robert E. Lowe of Williams Field, Arizona, is in Talent visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lowe, and other relatives. "Bob" is a P-50 jet plane inspector and specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hart who have been spending the past three months in Portland have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mason of Portland who have been visiting relatives and friends in the valley the past week returned to their home. The Masons are former residents of Talent.

Mrs. Belle Stevens who has been traveling in California for some time returned to Talent Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and son, Richmond, California, left for their home after visiting several days with Mr. and Mrs. Forest Steiger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson of the Talent Market are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday at the Community Hospital in Ashland. The boy has been named Robert Lee.

### New Addition Will Be Ready This Fall

JACKSONVILLE, August 13.—The new addition to the Jacksonville Public schools is nearing completion. Stuccoing the outside of the building will be done this week and there is some finishing to do on the inside of the rooms. It will be completed in time for the fall school term.

This new addition includes showers and dressing rooms, music room and three class rooms and will greatly expand facilities for the grade school.

### TALENT TOPICS

Frank Reed, Mrs. Wayne Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wisner and John went to the huckleberry mountain Sunday. Don't rush over to the Wisners for Huckleberry pie, you'll be out of luck for they got very few berries and report they are very scarce.

### COVER TO COVER

Lewis Cuts Swath with Latest Novel, (Kingsblood Royal by Sinclair Lewis, Random, \$3.00)

Being a person of great literary perception I cannot allow my natural modesty to keep me from admitting that I have discovered a great Sinclair Lewis novel. I am not a Lewis fan, but I have read and enjoyed several Lewis novels. I'm not sure I enjoyed KINGSBLOOD ROYAL.

For one thing it draws too clear and grim a picture of life as it is. True, most writers emphasize by exaggeration, and Lewis is not exception. BUT, his story of man's inhumanity to man is just as pointed and deadly as any "All Quiet On The Western Front."

The story concerns one Neil Kingsblood, a typically innocuous red-blooded American boy with a fairly responsible position in the local bank. He is happily married, father of an adorable blonde daughter, and all in all

the picture of the successful young American. He is moderately tolerant, meaning slightly intolerant — even, as you and I, an ex-G. I., member of the usual lodges, and clubs, well-known, etc., respected.

Out of a clear sky he discovers he is 1/32 Negro. He is physically a typical admixture of the Scotch-English-Welsh-French-Irish- etc., etc., of which 100% Americans are made. From here on the plot becomes obscure. The discovery of his Negroid ancestor becomes an obsession to him and his character undergoes a change that makes it hard for the reader to follow. The question: Is Kingsblood a complete fool—or a hero?

Being all to human, he cannot keep quiet for long, and admits publicly that he is "colored." That tears it. He finds himself eventually an outcast and pariah, for no other reason than that he has disclosed his "disgrace" in public. In order to satisfy his own curiosity, he makes a full-hearted attempt to meet and understand Negroes of his own town. There, as a white, he meets the same rebuffs that he is getting from the whites as a black. It seems that never the twain shall meet.

Mr. Lewis' solution to the problem of Kingsblood is an involved solution, and perhaps the only possible way to end his book. At least, in the last dozen pages of his book, he for the first time in the novel allows a few of the truly heroic attributes of his characters come to the fore.

As Neil Kingsblood finds himself a victim of race violence, he is permitted to find a pitifully few reasoning beings among his friends and acquaintances. Lewis offers no solution to the race question—he would be a fool if he did—but he does allow a ray of hope to enter. I predict that his novel will cause a few heads to roll, I also think it will make a few people fighting mad. If this novel is not burned in at least one town square during the next six months I will be very surprised.

George Harpham and family have returned from Coos Bay and are building an apartment on Beach street.

### NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Carrie Jersey, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed her final account in said court and the court has fixed Monday, September 15, 1947 at ten o'clock a.m. in the court room of said court at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any objections there may be to said report and settlement thereof.

Grace H. Chamberlain, Executrix.

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### NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth D. Palmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account in said court and the

court has fixed Monday, Sept. 29, 1947 at 10 o'clock A. M. and the court room of said court at Medford, Oregon as the time and place for the hearing of any objections there may be to said report and settlement thereof.

Grace H. Chamberlain, Executrix.

8.14.47.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keyser of Portland are here for a week attending the Shakespearean festival. Mr. Keyser is with the Park Department of that city and Mrs. Keyser was active in the former Shakespearean Club there.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Robert McIvanna, Pastor  
9:45 Church school.

11:00 A. M. Morning worship. Theme, "A Religion Adequate". Music in charge of Mrs. McGee. 5 p.m. Vespers at the park. Wed. 7:30. Prayer and study led by L. P. Linn.

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