

MERCY OF COURT STUNS YOUTHFUL PRISONER AT BAR

Judge Norton's court was the scene of a little drama, which had fair to be a tragedy, had not the judge thrown in a surprise and given it a happy ending.

G. E. Shell, 22, had confessed to robbing the Music Box store of \$50 February 20, and pleaded guilty. He came up for sentence yesterday surrounded by his parents, his young wife and some loyal friends.

Knowing his guilt, and being in the midst of all those who loved and trusted him most, was a hard situation—far harder than being sent to the penitentiary. So he set his jaw, frowned and looked neither to the right or the left.

The judge asked Assistant Prosecuting Attorney George Nelson if he had any recommendation. He had none. He then asked if the father of the boy had anything to say.

The father couldn't say much—except that his boy had never been in any trouble before, and he didn't know what had gotten into him. He did say that his son had an unmovable temper, and accredited his act partially to that.

The judge then asked if anyone else had anything to say. A friend stepped up to the bench, and told how the prisoner had been like a brother to him—how he had always been thoroughly honest and sincere in his dealings.

"Your sentence will be that you will be confined to the penitentiary in the state of Oregon for an indeterminate term, not to exceed one year," he said, and paused. The prisoner moistened his lips.

"And I parole you to the district attorney of Jackson county, to whom you are to report—etc., etc."

There was a hushed atmosphere in the court room. The jailer arose and led two other youthful prisoners, who had just had a hearing from the room. Shell turned and automatically followed—then the door and out into the hall.

"Where are you going?" asked Jailer Ike Dunford. "Go back—don't you understand? You're free. You're out on parole."

The prisoner who couldn't understand his sentence, walked gratefully back into the court room, where he found his wife, his family and his friends—all in tears.

CLYDE HIGGINS HOME FROM SERVICE SCHOOL

Clyde R. Higgins of the Copeco warrentment department has returned from Corvallis where he attended the Rural Electric Service Men's school held at O. S. C. last week.

Mr. Higgins who is an associate member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers reports a most interesting and educational course of study at this year's school.

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Gifted Writers to Furnish Features for Mail Tribune



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Two others, "Talks to Parents," by Alice Poole, authority on children, and "Menus of the Day," by Mrs. Alexander George, home economics expert, also will appear. "In Broadway Theaters," by G. D. Seymour, and "Scanning New Books," by Richard G. Massock, the stage and literary reviews, will be featured.

In expanding its service to readers, the Mail Tribune has obtained another distinctive feature which is expected to attract wide attention. This is "Not Passed by Censor," a series of graphic, exciting stories from the notebook of

EXCHANGE PLANS STORAGE OF EGGS

The Farmers' Co-operative Exchange, through Manager Clay D. Barker, is making arrangements for the annual egg storage and egg pool. Eggs are now selling at from 28 to 30 cents a dozen.

A brisk demand for land plaster and sulphur is now under way among the farmers of the valley, the exchange finding it difficult to keep a supply of sulphur and land plaster, commodities finding high favor for orchard and farm fertilization.

BRINDISI, Italy. (AP)—The development of air lines from here to Athens and other points has revived hope in a prosperous future rivaling the Brindisium of Roman days. Brindisi's last boom was when the crusaders swarmed through here on their way to the Holy Land.

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THE DAWN OF TOMORROW



REV. JOHNSTON TO CONDUCT REVIVALS FOR REESE CREEK

REESE CREEK, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Special.) Rev. J. M. Johnston is to begin revival services at the Reese Creek school house Friday evening, March 1st.

Rev. Johnston hails from California where he has engaged in revival work for many years in connection with "Faith Home," a work founded by faith in the Word of God along the lines of the George Muller orphanages in England. It is a work where hundreds of homeless children are cared for who otherwise would be without a home.

A family by the name of Hatfield have recently secured a tract of land near Charley Humphrey. Willard Hall was busy one day last week hauling rocks, getting ready for the spring sowing.

J. Arnold who formerly was employed by W. Hummel has purchased a tract of land near Rebe Johnson from the Eagle Point Irrigation district and is building a house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, former residents of Reese Creek paid a pleasant visit last Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Commins.

The Sunday school text for last Sunday dealt with CHRISTIAN growth. The golden text which is the keynote of the lesson tells us to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 3:18).

Rev. John Stille preached a very able sermon from Luke 24:49. All are welcome to these services. Rev. J. M. Johnston will bring the message next Sunday. Come and hear this great man of faith and be convinced that there are those who still live by faith in God. No collections.

SHADY COVE, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Special.) The crowd here put in an appearance, also the rolls, a sure harbinger of spring, and many of the neighbors are plowing and putting in crops.

The community was very much surprised this week to learn of the wedding of Bert Conner and Miss Smith, and to show them that they couldn't get away without being found out, missed together and gave them a surprise.

Our school gave a nice entertainment Thursday night in honor of Washington's birthday. It was much enjoyed by a nice crowd.

Mrs. Frank Johnson is still in very poor health, but Mr. Johnson is a lot better and is able to be about. John Able is home again. He did not stay long in the training camp. We did not learn the reason.

Mrs. John Liden was very sick last week but is better at present.

Radio Program KMED

Mail Tribune-Virgin Station

2230 Meters 1210 Kc. Tuesday, February 26 P. M. 8 to 9—The Pig Tail Meat Market. 9 to 10—The California Oregon Power Company. Wednesday, February 27 A. M. 10 to 11—Mamm's Dept. Store. 11 to 11:30—Beck's Bakery. 11:30 to 12—Merchants' Chevrolet Company. P. M. 12 to 12:30—City Cleaning and Dyeing Works. 12:30 to 1:20—Bebe & Kinzie Service Station. 12:30—The Mail Tribune News Flashes. 5:30 to 6:15—Ye Towne Crier. 6:15 to 6:30—The Main Tribune News and Markets.

Vitaphone Officials In Medford Today R. C. Hill, Portland branch manager of the Vitaphone corporation, and Wm. H. Byars of Portland, division manager of the company, are in Medford today transacting business with George Hunt.

They both praise Medford as one of the most progressive cities on the coast today and say the people of southern Oregon should be proud of the high class pictures the George Hunt company is presenting in the Craterian and Riatio theatres in Medford and the Rivoli in Grants Pass.

Daily Meteorological Report

Tuesday, February 16 Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Moderate temperature. Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably rain in northwest portion. Slightly warmer in east central portion tonight.

Table with columns: Local Data, Temperature (Dogs), Highest (Last 12 hrs.), Lowest (Last 12 hrs.), Rel. humidity (Per.), Precipitation (Inch.), and State of weather.

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L. W. DICK, Meteorologist.

COPCO SYNCOPATERS OVER KMED TONIGHT

A musical treat is in store for local people, who enjoy good snappy dance music over the radio. During Copco hour, from 9 to 10 p. m. tonight, the "Copco Syncopaters" will offer a high-class program, featuring all that is new in popular song and dance numbers. Specialties and solo selections will be interspersed throughout the orchestration and a most enjoyable hour's entertainment is assured all who listen in at 9 p. m.

Advertisement for Fletcher's Castoria, featuring the text 'Always Safe! Fletcher's CASTORIA Children Cry For It!' and 'A pure vegetable preparation to relieve common baby ailments, such as constipation, colic, gas, colds, etc. Genuine Castoria bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.'

Large advertisement for Ward's Mid-Winter Sale. Features 'NATION WIDE EVENT' banners, 'LOW PRICES' text, and lists of tires (Riverside, Wardwear), batteries, radiators, and moto-meters with prices. Includes contact information for Montgomery Ward & Co. in Medford, Ore.

Large advertisement for a dance event. Features the text 'DANCE TO ANDRUS And His Original Blue Jackets' and 'A Real Dance Band, Featuring GEO. KING. Paul Whiteman's Former Piano Player'. Also mentions 'WALKER'S PAVILION Wed. Nite, Feb. 27'.

Advertisement for Dr. Jud Rickert, an optometrist. Text includes 'Athlete and Sportsman', 'Orthogons are the "Last Word" in Corrective Lenses', and '222 E. Main St. Medford'.

Advertisement for 'The Superlative Gift' by Larry Schade, a jeweler. Text includes 'In purchasing a Diamond, quality should be the paramount consideration' and 'LARRY SCHADE THE JEWELER'.