

'TOM' THOMPSON AND SWEETHEART OF 55 YEARS WED

The course of true love doesn't always run smoothly, but it endures for a long, long time—when the lovers come from old Virginia. O. H. "Tom" Thompson of the Slusser barber shop will verify that statement anytime. He married his sweetheart of 55 years, Lucy Ford, last week.

The two were little colored folks together that many years ago in Christianburg, where they went to the same school. They were engaged when "Tom" ran away to avoid a thrashing. Courtship by mail didn't prove satisfactory for him, as he kept moving westward, although he kept right on loving the same gal, and Lucy married another man.

In 1891 their paths almost crossed again. They were in New York at the same time but neither knew the other was there. Lucy was a widow at the time, and Tom still regrets the incident. She married again and in 1924 Mr. Thompson visited her and her husband. The latter died a few years later, and Tom resumed his courtship by mail. Last Monday morning Mrs. Ford arrived from Redlands, Cal., on the 10:30 train. An hour later they were married, the Rev. W. R. Baird of the First Christian church solemnizing the ceremony. They are now at home at 715 Welch street.

During all the years "Tom" had never found another girl like Lucy. He had one lady friend, he stated today, who was almost a sweetheart, until she invited him out to dinner. "Then, well," he stammered today, "I wouldn't want to say anything about it, but folks who come from Virginia know good cookin'."

Asked about the present Mrs. Thompson's qualifications, Tom replied with pride, "Say we had chicken dumplings yesterday!"

PLAN PUPPET SHOW PHOENIX WEDNESDAY

Phoenix branch of the Health unit will sponsor a puppet show at the Phoenix Grange hall Wednesday evening, January 24 at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced today. Proceeds will be used for equipping the school kitchen.

Mrs. Golden, fifth grade instructor will be in charge of the show. A small sum will be charged.

STANDARD OIL FACES CODE SUIT



Because of a children's premium contest conducted by radio by Babe Ruth (right), famous Yankee baseball player, the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and subsidiaries face a court action for alleged violation of the oil code. The action filed in behalf of Secretary Harold L. Ickes (below), oil administrator, and the attorney general, sought an injunction to halt the giving of prizes. W. C. Teagle (left) is president of the oil company. (Associated Press Photos)

MAN HELD HERE IN AUTO THEFT

Jean Angelo Grove, 28, alias Jack A. Clark, George W. Wilson and George Wilson, is being held in jail here, on charges of auto theft, for which he was returned from Yreka yesterday by state officers. Grove has a long criminal record, the files show. Grove was apprehended Saturday night at the California checking station by Deputy Sheriff Charles Calkins, according to officers here, driving the automobile belonging to Paul Shaffer, route one, Medford. As the

automobile belonging to E. L. Hitt of Phoenix had been stolen from the Adventist church here, and found a short time later near Ashland, officers were checking to see if Grove had also stolen that machine. According to records showing Grove's criminal activities from November 33, 1919, to November 11, 1926, he has been convicted of grand larceny, petit larceny, forgery and auto theft.

MIRIAM HOPKINS STARS IN NEW HOLLY PICTURE

Miriam Hopkins and Fredric March play the leading roles of the madcap Americans in Paramount's presentation of Noel Coward's "Design for Living." Produced by Ernst Lubitch, it is playing at the Holly theatre.

ROGER COWLES, 32, FORMER RESIDENT, IS SUICIDE IN S. F.

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possible, he had been steadily improving and devoted himself with considerable success to literary efforts. A few years ago he published his first book, "The Young Pelopians," which was of decided merit as a maiden effort and gave great promise of his making his mark as an author. Recently the family moved to San Francisco, and at the time of his death, Roger had about completed his second novel.

It is believed that hard work, coupled with a temporary setback in his long fight for health, induced a period of despondency, which was the cause of his desperate action.

According to reports from San Francisco, Roger left his home early Saturday morning, and sent a telegram to his father, apprising him of his purpose. The wire was received only a few minutes before the police informed Mr. Cowles of the findings of the body.

Roger leaves, besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cowles, a sister Barbara, art student in San Francisco, and several relatives in the east. Information regarding funeral arrangements had not been received at press time.

SOCIETY Card Clubs

Golden Links Class to Meet
The Golden Links class of the First Baptist church will meet Thursday afternoon, Jan. 25 at the home of Mrs. L. B. Thurman, 722 West 14th street. All members and friends are cordially invited.

In Medford Sunday—Captain Sam Kirkpatrick and Inspector Fred By of Eureka, also Captain Ed Huffman of Crescent City, were visitors in Medford Sunday at the state police office, en route to their homes, following a meeting Saturday at Yreka of inspectors and enforcement officers of southern Oregon and northern California.

BRIDGE TEAMS COMPETE IN TOURNEY



The Pacific Coast bridge champions and a team from Albuquerque, N. M., were two of the western representatives in the nation bridge association tournament in New York City. Top, left to right: William Stusman, James Hefty, Ralph Caldwell and E. S. Thomas, all of Portland, Ore. Lower, left to right: Dr. J. E. J. Hams, L. Jerome Lippett, C. H. Fulwiler and Clinton P. Anderson, all from Albuquerque, N. M., and representing the tenth district. (Associated Press photos)

GASSERS VISITS PROVE MYSTERY

FINCASTLE, Va., Jan. 22.—(AP)—A series of stealthy attacks with gas on widely scattered homes in this section—made by a person whose identity is a mystery—is baffling officers of two counties today. The "gasser" has released a nauseating gas in at least six homes, caused illness to several persons, and given the residents of this mountainous section a case of "nerves," during the past month or more.

A woman is believed to be linked with the series of attacks. Investigators have found the imprint of a woman's foot in two instances. But that is all the officers know about the strange gas attacks. Even the motive and the exact nature of the gas used form part of the mystery.

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TICKETS FOR BALL, READY TOMORROW

Tickets for the Birthday Ball for the president, to be held in Medford January 30 at the Oriental Gardens, will go on sale tomorrow. It was announced today. They will be at the chamber of commerce and in the hands of the ticket committee, headed by C. L. Hopkins.

Posters, painted by Howard Chandler Christy, announcing the nationwide celebration were appearing about the city this afternoon, advertising the ball. A reprint of the poster appeared in last Friday's Mail Tribune.

BROKEN LEG HAS OWNER BAFFLED

Elsworth Coleman, 34, of Central Point, is in the Sacred Heart hospital

today with his leg in a cast, and according to city police did not remember all the details which caused the break in his leg.

Coleman, according to police, broke his ankle when kicking the door at the A. F. Mansfield residence at 59 Rose avenue about 2:30 o'clock this morning, and when officers were called to the Mansfield home, they took Coleman to the hospital.

Coleman told police he had been thrown from an automobile shortly before he went to the Mansfield house.

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