

DISTRICT DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP TO G. PASS ENTRANTS

Three-Way Tie Between Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass Broken by Decision of Prof. Carrell

By John Snider

Upon the decision of the judge, Professor James E. Carrell of the University of Oregon, the Grants Pass high school debate team was awarded the district title last night.

With all teams tied at two wins each, the choice of the winning team rested entirely upon Professor Carrell. Yesterday afternoon, the Medford negative won the decision over the Grants Pass affirmative but the Medford affirmative lost to the Grants Pass negative here last night.

Elimination debates between Ashland, Medford, and Grants Pass have been held for the past three days in all three cities. In each case, the negative teams have been victorious over the affirmative teams. The question debated was:

"Resolved: That the federal government should adopt a policy of equalizing educational opportunities in the United States by means of annual grants to the several states."

Billy Bromley and John Hayman were members of the Grants Pass negative which defeated the Medford affirmative last night. Members of the Medford affirmative were Carrol Cook and Jeanette Thatcher.

The decision, according to Judge Carrell, was given to the Grants Pass squad because of their debating skill and because the two members of the negative team were excellently paired.

George Hall of Ashland was rated as the best speaker. Mr. Carrell also stated that the Grants Pass team was chosen because they had the two debaters that would most likely go the farthest in the state elimination contests.

"The Medford teams have possibilities for future development and the cases presented by Medford were more logical than those offered by the other teams," stated Mr. Carrell shortly after the Grants Pass-Medford debate.

"We started out with practically inexperienced people and I considered all the way around that they did very well," said Rex E. Robinson, Medford coach.

No ill-feelings were expressed over the decision and all schools were apparently satisfied.

Where Basement Digging Caused Collapse



Workmen have nearly cleared away the tons of debris that half-filled the newly-excavated basement of the Scott Davis building, formerly the Hutchison Mercantile Co., when an adjoining wall of Mann's Department store caved in Saturday night, followed soon after by a large section of the ceiling and roof. After closing for three days to batten the side of the building laid bare when the brick wall crumbled and to clear away billows of dust, Mann's Department store reopened. Debris from the cave-in knocked out part of the east wall of the stock room of Swann's Gift shop, which is now also nearly repaired and braced against further cave-in. A brick wall left standing along the alley will be completely torn down before workmen begin reconstruction of the buildings, which, although the east wall of Mann's was to have been removed anyway, were damaged to an estimated extent of \$50,000.

HITTSOON'S MINING ACTIVITY HALTED BY COURT ORDER

A hearing on preliminary legal matters in connection with the suit filed in the Jackson county circuit court Wednesday for an accounting and restraining orders in the affairs of W. E. (Jed) Hittsoon, miner, who reputedly wrested \$16,500 in gold from the Ruby mining claims in the Siskiyou, was under way today in circuit court at Yreka, Cal.

A receiver was appointed Tuesday by the California court, and he is now in charge of the mining property and on the ground. The property is located in the Elliott Creek district, a short distance from the state line. The complaint, filed against Hittsoon and others by George M. Roberts, George P. Barton, Ed Hughes and Edwin Marshall as plaintiffs, alleges that Hittsoon, "surreptitiously and without authority extracted and removed" the gold from the Ruby mining claim.

Two suits are pending in the litigation—one in Jackson county and the other in Siskiyou county.

A restraining order prohibiting the First National bank of Medford from permitting Hittsoon to remove the \$16,500 deposit has been signed by Judge H. D. Norton. Ten days were allowed for Hittsoon to show cause why the restraining order should not be made permanent.

An order prohibiting Hittsoon from sale or removal of 25 sacks of gold ore, allegedly taken from the Ruby mine, is also in effect. The gold ore is claimed to be stored in Yreka.

VERLINDA V. CANTRALL, FORMER SO. OREGONIAN PASSES IN LOS ANGELES

According to word received here today, Mrs. Verlinda V. Cantrall, former well-known resident of southern Oregon, passed away Feb. 8 at a hospital in Los Angeles, after a short illness.

Verlinda Buck was born in Ukiah, Cal., Jan. 1, 1869. After spending her early childhood there with her parents she moved to Jackson county, where she was a teacher for many years. She later married James Cantrall and to this union four children were born: James E. Cantrall of Dunsmuir, William Cantrall of Jacksonville, Leona D. Reise and Mercedes Cantrall of Los Angeles.

She is survived by four brothers: W. J. Buck, M. Buck and Charlie Buck, all of Jacksonville and Canby; and one sister, Mrs. M. C. Cantrall of Hamburg, Cal.; also four grandchildren.

Mrs. Cantrall was an active person in the community in which she lived and was greatly loved by both young and old. Interment was in San Gabriel cemetery, Feb. 11.

In addition to the program provided by the past rulers, H. N. Butler, present exalted ruler, said that in the past these programs have always provided some very entertaining features.

The following past exalted rulers will be in the chairs designated: Exalted ruler, C. C. Lemmon; E. leading knight, Gus Newbury; E. returning knight, Ralph Koozer; E. loyal knight, O. O. Alenderfer; secretary, Leon B. Haskins; chaplain, C. E. "Pop" Gates; esquire, "Jerry" Jerome; inner guard, Lewis Ulrich; outer guard, W. H. McGowan.

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PAST ELK RULERS TO CONDUCT MEET

Past Exalted Rulers of Medford Elks lodge will hold away Thursday night, February 28, in what is planned as one of the outstanding meetings of the year.

Initiation is expected to be held.

ENRIGHT RULING EXPECTED SOON

The state supreme court is expected to take action soon, the district attorney said today, on the motion of Jackson county for an order of the supreme court affirming the conviction and sentence of T. J. Enright, attorney, found guilty of driving an auto while intoxicated and sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail and pay a fine of \$100. With the arrival of the supreme court mandate affirming the judgment, the next step will be the issuance and enforcement of an order of commitment, the district attorney said.

Enright served notice of appeal to the high court but the time for filing it expired January 22 last, whereupon ten days later the district attorney asked for an order affirming the lower court judgment.

Tuesday of each week is the regular time for the supreme court to hand down rulings, orders and opinions.

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CARROLL HEARING EARLY NEXT WEEK

Rosier P. (Red) Carroll, service station employe, charged in a coroner's verdict with responsibility for the death last Saturday night of June Rose Hanson, 18, in an auto crash on West Main street, will be given a preliminary hearing early next week, District Attorney George A. Coddling said today. Preparation of the transcript of the evidence given at the coroner's inquest is now under way and, as soon as it is completed, the preliminary hearing in justice court will be called. The district attorney said he anticipated the hearing would be called "not later than Tuesday."

Under Oregon law, the coroner's jury verdict automatically acts as a complaint in an involuntary manslaughter charge.

Kusba Conducting Economy Market

John Kusba, of Ashland, took possession of the Economy Meat market at 206 East Main street today, having leased the business from Nichols and Ashpole.

The new proprietor succeeded George Nichols who has operated the market for the past three years. The People's Meat market at 105 West Main street which is owned by Nichols and Ashpole and managed by Roy Guyer will continue under the same arrangement.

3 RECRUITS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Capt. Carl Tengwald announced that three new recruits are needed in Company A, and should report immediately at the armory.

Drill will start Sunday at 9 a. m., he said, in preparation for federal inspection, which will be held next month.

Thompson Creek

THOMPSON CREEK, Feb. 15.—(Sp.)—H. R. Bliven has been on the sick list the last several days.

Blake Beck is working for Mrs. Gillis on Thompson creek.

Mrs. Ella Bingham from Gold Hill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Kendall.

Rev. D. D. Randall, Sunday school missionary, showed his moving picture machine Monday evening at the Thompson creek school house. The pictures consisted mostly of Bible pictures and songs.

A telegram from Colusa, Calif., saddened the many relatives and friends with news of the death of Edgar Knutzen of heart attack.

148 FRENCH SOLDIERS DIE FROM INFLUENZA BRINGS HEAVY FROST

PARIS, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The deaths of 148 soldiers during an influenza outbreak in the past six weeks were reported in the chamber of deputies today by Sulpice Dewice, communist.

Louis Felix Maurin, war minister, did not challenge the figures. He said measures were being taken to fight the epidemic but declared "you can't close barracks as you can close schools."

The mercury shivered to 26 degrees last night, the weather man reported, to reach the lowest mark since Jan. 18, when a temperature of 22 degrees was recorded.

W. J. Hutchinson, meteorologist, said today that similar freezes may be expected until the first of March, although forecast for cloudy weather Saturday indicated higher temperatures over the week end. The valley was covered with a fairly heavy frost during the night, with the lowest temperature coming about 6 a. m.

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