

### HARRY KAPLAN IS ALMOST VICTIM OF FAKE JEWEL DEAL

#### Tri Guilty Of Vagrancy, Paid Fines And Depart—Delay In Getting \$1000 Causes Flight.

Harry Kaplan, proprietor of the Medford Bargain House here, has a non-day bank crowd to thank for \$1000, when he came within an ace of losing that amount to three swindlers on a "phony diamond deal" on Monday, April 8.

The first of the three phony jewelry artists, calling himself Levine, arrived in this city on April 3, striking up an acquaintance with Kaplan, and announcing the intention to start a restaurant in Medford. He lobbied about the Bargain House for almost a week, at which time a second confederate, calling himself Schapiro, blew into town with an aspirin box containing 12 "diamonds," which Schapiro claimed to have bought from a sailor who had smuggled them into this country.

Schapiro announced that the stones were of great value, but that if he could raise \$1,000 he could get them at that figure. This soured Kaplan to the state police, but Levine pretended caution, drawing Kaplan to one side and warning him against taking a stranger's word as to the stone's value, suggesting that he contact a jeweler that he knew in Grants Pass.

This seemed good advice, Kaplan said to the police, so Levine seemingly departed to fetch the jeweler from Grants Pass. During his absence, Kaplan said, Schapiro stayed at the local store, and the two allegedly devised a plot to defraud Levine, the state police report asserts.

An hour and a half later Levine arrived with the supposed jeweler, introducing him as "Mr. Saltzman." Saltzman examined the stones, pronouncing them genuine, and of a value not less than \$4,800. He counted out \$500 in \$20 bills, for a share in the profits, Levine, pretending to be convinced, produced \$200 of his own money to get in on the "gravy," but Schapiro demanded \$1,000 more. He said that he would let the others hold the diamonds, while he went to pay the sailor.

Kaplan agreed to furnish the needed \$1,000, and departed for the bank, where a noon day crowd delayed him until 2 o'clock. When he returned to his store, the three conspirators, becoming convinced thru his long absence that he was summing the police, had fled, the state police report disclosed.

Harry Rubenstein, partner of Kaplan's, returning from Portland saw Levine in Junction City, in conversation with a second-hand dealer. He remarked upon this incident when he returned yesterday to his partner, Kaplan. Kaplan immediately notified the state police, who sent out notices about the "phony" deal.

Yesterday the district attorney's office, deciding that there was no charge to be filed in the attempted swindle, in that no money had changed hands, booked the three on charges of vagrancy, in justice court. Through their attorney, E. E. Kelly, they pleaded guilty to those charges, and were each given a fine of \$50, and six months in the county jail. Costs of \$4.50 were assessed the three, and the jail sentence was suspended upon their promise to leave Oregon, and stay away.

The warrant for their arrest read: Sam Gold, 48, alias Levine, native of Russia; Joe Kaminski, 50, alias Schapiro, alias J. Kamen, native of Russia; and Abe Werbel, alias Saltzman, alias Sam Bloom, native of Austria.

### PLAN REMODELING CARGILL COURTS

The Prudential Insurance company, in charge of the Cargill Court apartment building in this city, had a man in Medford most of last week drawing up specifications for contemplated repairs and remodeling of that building, it was learned yesterday.

The repairs, which would cost in the neighborhood of between \$4,000 and \$10,000, would make the apartment house one of the most modern in southern Oregon. Bids on the actual work contracts will be offered as soon as the specifications are complete, it was learned.

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### TWO WOMEN HELD AS SHOPLIFTERS

Two women, Mrs. Viola Winters, 46, and Alina ("Babe") Boggs, both of Arcola, Ore., are in the city jail today, having been arrested yesterday on charges of shop lifting filed by Al Pichie, local sporting goods store owner, who caught the two stealing a pair of roller skates from his place of business shortly after noon.

The woman giving her name as Boggs at first stoutly denied that that was her name, insisting that her name was Jessie Smith. This was disproved by her own driver's license, Chief of Police McCredie stated yesterday.

The two told police officers that they were hitch-hikers, but the police believed this to be untrue. A thorough check-up of all the service stations in the city revealed that the women had arrived in Medford in a 1930 DeSoto "B" sedan. This car was later found parked on a down-town street, loaded with new suitcases, dresses, children's clothes, and other articles of wearing apparel. Investigation is being made into the possibility of this being stolen property, McCredie stated.

The women are slated to appear in justice court Monday on a charge of petty larceny.

### ASHLAND, PHOENIX FIRST IN TYPING

Ashland high school placed first in the class A typing contest and Phoenix first in the class B typing event of the Southern Oregon Typing and Shorthand contest held in Ashland Saturday. The event is held annually in preparation for the state meet.

In the shorthand competition, Grants Pass won in class A and Phoenix in class B, giving the latter school a clean sweep of the contest in its division.

Virginia Dodson turned in the outstanding shorthand paper, with 100 words per minute, and a 100 per cent grade.

Eight schools of southern Oregon participated, Medford high school did not enter this year's contest.

### POLICE PLAN BAN ON DOG ROAMING

Drastic action is contemplated by the Medford city police in the enforcement of the city ordinance against dogs, whether licensed or unlicensed, running loose in the city during the months of April, May and June, according to Chief of Police Clatous McCredie.

Announcement was made last week that the humane society would have a man patrolling the streets, picking up loose dogs. This has been done, and the chief of police stated that if necessary another man would be put on duty. Complaints have been pouring into the police station about dogs running in newly made gardens, and the nuisance must stop, McCredie emphatically stated.

Dogs apprehended running loose will be impounded, and a fine will have to be paid to free them. Only two days will be allowed for this, and then the dogs summarily dispatched if not rescued. The drastic action has become necessary, McCredie stated. One man was severely bitten by a dog last week.

### BOY CRAFTSMEN STAGE BANQUET, ENTERTAINMENT

Medford chapter of the Future Craftsmen of America played host Friday evening to employers, the apprenticeship commission, members of the school board and high school faculty when nearly eighty enjoyed a fine banquet and program at the high school.

J. L. Campbell, superintendent of Medford chapter, welcomed those present in behalf of the boys of his organization and outlined the program prepared for the evening. Following the dinner, Leland A. Metzger, high school instructor, who is medford co-ordinator for the craftsmen, introduced D. E. Wiedman, educational co-ordinator for the local district of the CCC, as speaker of the evening.

Mr. Wiedman sketched the development of education down through the ages, stressing the fact that only in comparatively recent times had the idea of teaching been set aside in order to give young men the foundation for careers as master craftsmen. The crafts, he pointed out, now offer equal opportunity for young men with most of the overcrowded professions.

Dwaine Amens, superintendent of the Grants Pass chapter, was present with W. W. Morris, co-ordinator, and George Warren and Bob Phelps, chapter members. Amens spoke briefly regarding the state conference to be held in Corvallis.

Educational and amusing films were shown by H. L. Bromley of the Copco in the high school auditorium following the banquet.

As the climax to the evening's program, the boys of the Craftsmen's chapter staged a clever "robot" stunt with William Goodman in the role of robot performing many of the tasks such as metal work, electrical repairs, etc., now being learned by members of the chapter. Initiation stunts concluded the evening.

The banquet was prepared by members of the high school foods department under supervision of Mrs. Gates, instructor, assisted in the dining room by Miss Carroll.

### GROCERIA BUYS HERD OF STEERS

A fine herd of 46 white-faced steers, raised on the Bybee ranch near Jacksonville, has been purchased by Gates and Lydard for their meat markets in Economy Groceries numbers one and two in this city, according to an announcement Saturday by W. A. Gates. The fine herd personally raised by Frank Bybee, will be butchered soon and served to Groceries patrons after a period in the aging rooms.

"We were delighted in securing this splendid herd from Mr. Bybee," W. A. Gates said yesterday. "It has been our aim to sell only the finest beef at our markets and the Bybee steers are an example of the high standard of quality we have set in standards for our patrons. The last seventeen steers, specially raised on the Lodiard ranch for our markets, are now undergoing the aging process in our coolers and the Bybee herd will nicely fill our requirements for the next few weeks."

It is estimated that an average of twelve steers are used each week to

fill the needs of beef eaters who patronize the two Groceries Super Food markets.

**Dental Society Elects**  
BAKER, April 13. — (AP) — Dr. Frank Eames and Dr. Leslie Mc-

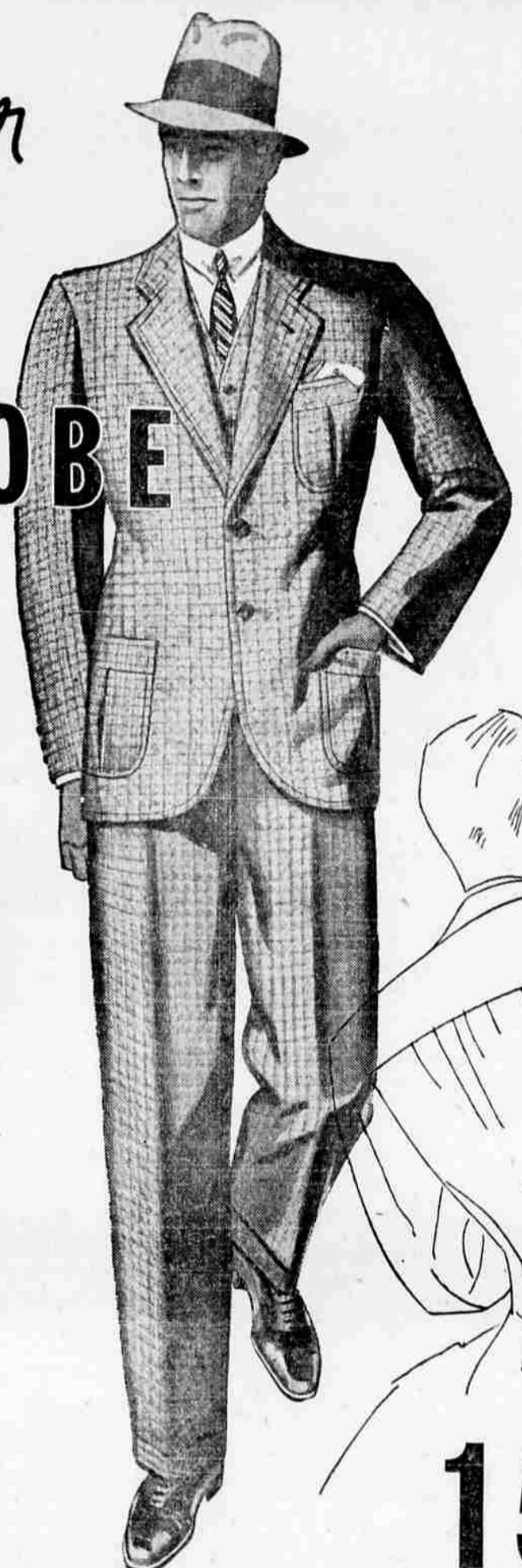
Pherson, both of La Grande, were elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the eastern Oregon Dental society at the annual spring meeting of the organization here this morning. Dr. H. S. Branton of La Grande was elected historian.

**Tammany Scores**  
ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—(AP)—Hurling defiance for a third time at President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman, Tammany forces in the New York assembly today defeated the Democratic administra-

tion's proposal to reapportion congressional districts. The vote was 67 ayes, 76 noes.  
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**Buffalo Bill Kin Passes**  
DENVER, April 13.—(AP)—Death has closed the career of Louis E. Decker, 71, brother-in-law of "Buffalo Bill" and for two decades manager of Cody's famous wild west show.

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