

MYSTERY DRAMA BY SENIOR CLASS WELL RECEIVED

A highly responsive audience that nearly filled the high school auditorium witnessed last night's premiere performance of the senior class play, "The Leavenworth Case," which is to be presented again this evening at 8 o'clock at the high school.

The fast-moving mystery drama, written by Basil Ring from the famous novel of that name by Anna Katherine Green, presented events surrounding a baffling crime lightened by comedy effects.

Rose Ellen Slineaker and Janice Shreer portray warring members of the same family, both with motives for committing the crime and both eventually suspected. Jack Denton and Jean Culy play the police inspector and his assistant who add comedy to the entire situation. Robert Sage and Dale Sims also play important roles. Fred Beck, Corinne Harwood and Carlin Platt are seen as Irish servants whose comic roles serve as relief from the seriousness of the plot.

Betty Mae Childers, Warren Bayliss, Dorothy Thomas and June Cook are seen as other characters who become involved in the complicated plot unrolls, with solution of the mystery successfully concealed until the final curtain.

No signs of nervousness or stage fright were seen among the young actors, who carried the exacting roles with ease. The fast pace of the drama was maintained throughout and held the entire attention of the audience.

The play was directed by Kenneth Scott Wood with other faculty members and students assisting in the annual production.

Music preceding the opening of the play was by the high school orchestra, directed by F. Wilson Wait. Members of the cast received flowers at close of the performance.

News Behind the News

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price ceiling, but authorities who value their record for accuracy will wait a few weeks before saying so in print.

For one thing, the reversal of the price trend started in a peculiar way. Immediately after President Roosevelt announced that heavy goods' prices were too high, some of the heavy goods' values started easing off. At the same time weakness was noted in foreign markets. Down since April 3 are copper, rubber, cotton, wool, silk, lead, rubber, rye. Copper is off 2 1/2 cents from 17 to 14 1/2; cotton is off 1 1/3 cents; rubber off 4 from 27.

But commodity prices generally failed to follow this trend. The index of all commodities, except farm products and foods, kept going right up from 84.4 on February 27, to 85.8 on March 27 and 86.5 on April 25. Also going up are textiles, metals, building materials.

Until these still-increasing prices decide what they are going to do, the general trend will be in doubt. But there are indisputable indications that the sensitive speculators have lost some of their enthusiasm. Their ardor is cooling, both here and abroad.

Note—Of course, few of these price decreases have reached the consumer yet. All cited are wholesale prices.

The business chart, which follows, shows employment and wages in the factories are still going up beyond the recently announced official figures. It shows the wage earner is in a relatively a better position than 1929, with his wages at 102.5 and his prices around 87.4. It likewise indicates that, at the time when Mr. Roosevelt was asking congress for another billion and a half dollars for relief, factory employment and payrolls were above the 1923-25 "normal."

Each figure in the chart represents the percentage of 1923-25 as normal for the period stated. Most of the figures are adjusted for seasonal variations and are official, except those of April, which are privately estimated.

What General Franco is trying to do is to clean out Bilbao before turning back again on Madrid. He realizes at last the danger to his communications by the sizable force of loyalists in the rear. Military men think he had better hurry. Each passing day gives the loyalists strength while Franco is entirely dependent on the arrival of fresh aid from outside forces.

Those new secret treasury tax revision recommendations were prepared by Under-Secretary Magill, instead of Treasury Counsel Ophiant, although both worked on them. They will not be submitted unless the treasury changes its mind about tax needs.

That Anglo-French pact guaranteeing a free Belgium merely made the best of a bad situation for Britain and France, when Belgium announced she would be neutral in the next European war, she practically forced her two ex-allies into renewing their fealty. They cannot afford to leave Belgium open.

It has not been brought out, but the state department had a prowl through files for days before establishing the American citizenship of Helmut Hirsch who has been sentenced to death in Hitlerland for high treason. There was some doubt about Helmut and his father, Siegfried, but the department finally decided the Grandfather Hirsch had claims to citizenship, which makes Helmut a citizen, but not a very close one.

Representative Warren of North Carolina keeps in his pocket a constant budget reminder, a clipping from J. M. Weaver's recipe for happiness to David Copperfield: "Annual income 20 pounds; annual expenditure 19 pounds, 19 shillings, 8 pence; result: happiness. Annual income 20 pounds; annual expenditure 20 pounds, 0 shillings, 6 pence; result: misery." There are reports, not emanating from Warren, that he is preparing a gold embossed duplicate for Mr. Roosevelt to hang in the executive office.

ENDURING SUPPLY OF TIMBER SEEN IN NEW PLANNING

PORTLAND (UP)—Without reformation the vast stands of pine timber in the western United States would supply lumber for 130 years, but with conservation methods used at the time of cutting they will last forever.

That, in substance, is what the Western Pine association attempts to prove in a 24-page booklet designed to show that pine areas are being logged in a way that will provide a stable yield in the future.

The association, which draws its members from pine loggers working the territory from the Rocky mountains west to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico, has taken photographs showing cut-over lands to prove the point.

The forest management of the association has set up rules of practice including: selective logging, relentless war on fire and insects, maintenance of clear right of ways along railroad tracks; slash burning only under proper weather conditions and preferably after the first snow; roadside conservation of beauty and seed trees; protection of young trees during logging; no logging on ridge crests as a measure of erosion control and preservation of seed trees in all forests.

Pictures in the booklet show that while second growth timber is growing to maturity a third crop is being seeded. It is also shown by annual rings that selective logging results in faster growth than is possible in primeval forests.

Clyde S. Martin, forest engineer for the association, pointed out that trees and forests of trees have a life expectancy just as do all living things. He declared that by cutting only mature trees and saving the younger ones, and by that method only, can forests be preserved for future generations.

CRAMER SPEAKER AT BANKER MEET

T. P. Cramer, Jr., secretary of the Oregon State Bankers' association, addressed the monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon Bankers' association last night in the Hotel Medford. Twenty-nine bankers from Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass were present.

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PROTEST COQUILLE AS POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Marshfield and North Bend officials plan a joint protest against the proposed transfer of state police headquarters for the area to Coquille. A joint resolution of protest was to be forwarded to Governor Charles Martin and Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police.

The first wire fencing for farms in the United States was sold in 1874. Steel statisticians say so.

The sun shown in the lower Rio Grande valley 2,486 hours in 1936, or 55 percent of the possible total, according to the federal weather bureau.

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Editorial Comment

Both Quoting Dr. Jordan, "A few years ago," recalls the Bend Bulletin, "the question which set fishermen by the ears was that of the identity of the steelhead. Some said it was a salmon, and some maintained that it was a trout. It was settled both ways, and fishermen quit arguing and resumed angling." Further to identify the period, it may be added that many anglers then supposed the sea-run trout or salmon trout, to be another species than the cutthroat. This also was a fruitful source of disputation, and for that matter you will yet discover here or there a stubborn soul who remains unconvinced.

Twenty years ago, or something less—for it was when the patriot hue and cry was raised against Dr. David Starr Jordan, foremost of American ichthyologists—the scientist who begat the confusion over the identity of the steelhead mildly confessed to his fault while visiting in Portland. In the heat of the times there were those who were calling the kindly old scholar an enemy of the republic, a friend of Germany, and demanding that his degrees be revoked. The evidences of his hurt were visibly etched in the tired countenance. But he and his interviewer, instead of speaking of national and international matters, fell to talking of fish. They drifted, you might say, into a quiet backwater.

"Dr. Jordan," the reporter said, "some books classify the steelhead as a salmon, while others call it a trout—a sea-run rainbow trout. The first are the older reference works. The latter are the newer ones. How did this come about? And what is the steelhead?" Dr. Jordan smiled reflectively. "Well, it is truly a trout," he answered, "and there is nobody better able to explain the confusion of identification than I am. You see, I wrote both references, the old one and the new. A scientist must be of open mind. I took the privilege of changing mine."—Oregonian.

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1937 Jan.	97	89	74	70	81	61	80.6	
Feb.	116	99.7	95.8	80	95	62	86.8	
March	118	100.8	101.2	83	92	55	87.8	
(Est.) April	121	101.5	102.5	82	91	58	87.4	

UPP FIRST WITNESS IN AUTO CRASH SUIT

The defense in the damage suit of C. D. Vroman against Louis J. Upp, for injuries ascertained sustained in a three-car accident at Central avenue and Fourth street last December 16, started this morning in circuit court. Upp was the first witness in his own behalf. Vroman claims as a result of the accident



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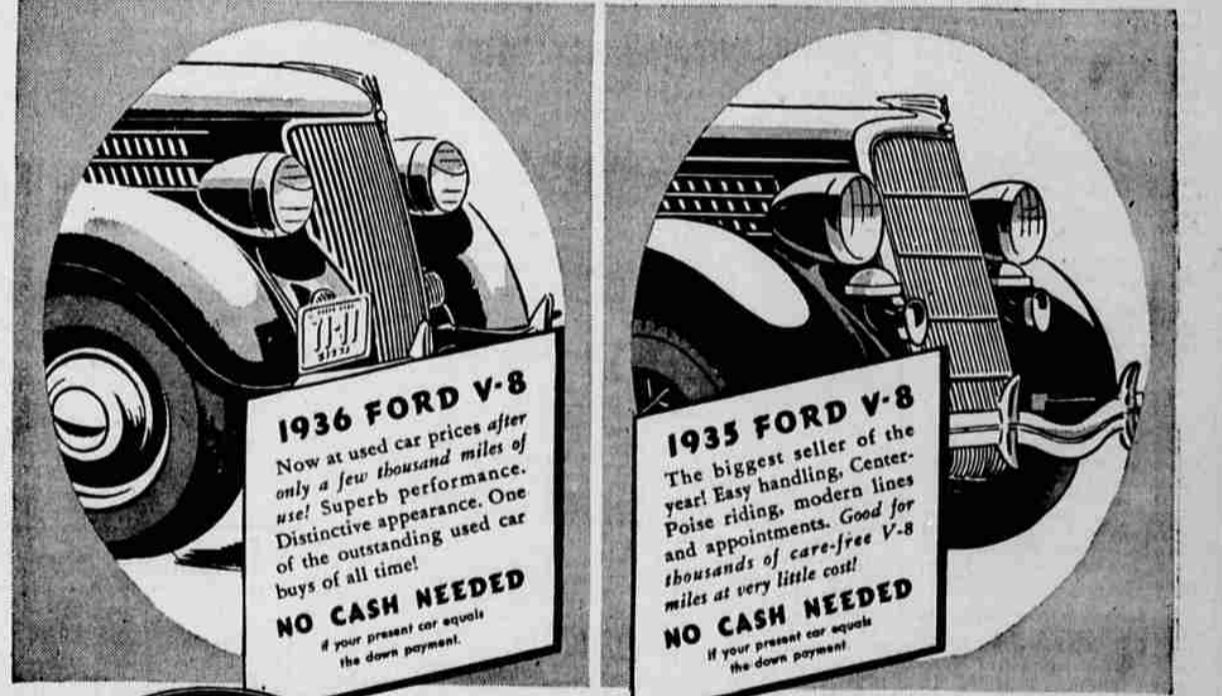
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