

# 400 EAT CHICKEN, VIEW STEERS AT LAKE CREEK MEET

### 4-H Club Fair and Fat Stock Sale Opens Thursday — Grange Exhibits Please.

Many Medford people were among the 400 or more who enjoyed the chicken dinner and observed the exhibits at the Lake Creek Grange hall yesterday.

Following the dinner, G. A. Gates announced the 4-H livestock fair and fat stock sale which is to be held in Medford, Thursday and Friday.

Twenty head of baby beef which will be in Medford for the fair were on display by the Lake Creek boys and girls. Two of the beef club members, Merton Bradshaw and Louis Welch, demonstrated to the crowd the mixing of feeds and fitting of beef animals for the show ring.

4-H achievement pins were presented to all members of the three Lake Creek clubs for completing their work this year. The clubs each completing 100 per cent were the clothing club led by Mrs. Myrtle Charley, the health club led by Mrs. Beth Zundell, and the beef club led by Floyd Charley.

A very creditable exhibit of farm crops which were grown in the community was on display and included nearly all kinds of forages, cereals, and garden produce.

A display of handsome, silver mounted bridges and spurs and an exhibit of mounted specimens of reptiles, squirrels and birds added interest and variety to the exhibit.

### TAYLOR ORCHARD TRIAL RESUMED

Trial was resumed today of the circuit court action testing the constitutionality of the state law empowering officials to remove diseased trees from orchards. Judge H. D. Norton was presiding.

### Two Die in Crash

LODI, Calif., Sept. 19.—George Noel, 29, Lodi newspaper employe, was dead and Ward Smith, 25, Lodi airplane pilot, injured today from an air show crash at the Lodi grape and wine festival.

## Brief Review of European Crisis

(By the Associated Press) LONDON—Britain and France approve letting Hitler absorb Czechoslovakia's Sudeten areas in deal to save Europe's peace.

PRAGUE—Cabinet studies proposal to hand over Sudeten areas to Germany amid increasing nation-wide resentment.

BERLIN—Nazi-controlled press hails annexation of Sudetenland as virtually accomplished.

PARIS—French government behind plan to dismember its Czechoslovak ally, halts military preparations.

ROME—Mussolini plans second world-wide broadcast; his stand to be with Hitler in event of war.

SELB, Germany—Sudeten German "free corps" mobilizes 40,000 armed men on Czechoslovak frontier.

CHRISTAVIA, near German-Czechoslovak frontier—Thousands of Czechoslovak soldiers are massed in formidable fortifications in readiness against war.

GENEVA—Spanish government minister blames France, Britain for Czechoslovak crisis.

## GOLF BALL HITS MORRIS LEONARD

Morris B. Leonard, manager of the Leonard Electric company, was painfully injured on the Rogue Valley golf course Sunday afternoon, when he was struck in the forehead by a ball driven by D. M. Boyd.

The peculiar accident occurred on the fifth hole. Leonard was standing to the right and about 12 feet from Boyd as the latter hit his ball. Apparently the ball was struck by the extreme toe of the club, for it shot off at a right angle and struck Leonard squarely in the forehead.

The injured man was not knocked unconscious. Boyd and Leonard were members of a threesome, the other player being Morris Leonard, Jr.

## Dolores Ray Honored By Roosevelt Pupils

The first student body meeting of the year was held in the auditorium of Roosevelt school Friday afternoon at which time the following officers were elected for the coming semester:

President, Dolores Ray, vice president, Betty Kay; secretary, Martha Robinson; yell leader, Joan Franklin.

The 5-B boys gave a resume of the story of the forming of the constitution. These were extracts from recent history lessons. Following this they led the school in the salute to the flag.

At this same assembly, Mrs. Hunsaker presented the writing certificates that were won at the close of the spring semester.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

## QUARTET HELD BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR CRIME WAVE

### Two Ex-Convicts and Girl Companions Held for Cabin, Store and Auto Thefts.

A long series of home, store and automobile burglaries and thefts was believed definitely solved today with the arrest of two men and two girls. It was announced by the sheriff's office.

The two men were to be arraigned on burglary charges and the girls will probably be returned to Eugene for a morals delinquency investigation, Deputy Sheriff William Grenbemer said.

The four, held today in county jail, were listed as James S. Hammond, 24, of Bristol, Me.; James Rhoden, 38, of Gold Hill; Susie Jane Howell, 14, and Hazel Bradley, 20, both of Eugene.

The four were arrested at their hideouts in Illinois valley after some clever detective work by the sheriff's office uncovered clues leading to the coup.

Large quantities of loot were found at the hideout, Grenbemer said. A load of it was brought to the sheriff's office yesterday and two more loads were to be brought in today by Sheriff Syd I. Brown and State Police Sgt. H. W. Howard, who also were to search the hills for additional loot, Grenbemer related.

For weeks the sheriff's office had been investigating a series of burglaries. Deputy Sheriff Herb Moore produced the first substantial clue last Thursday when he became suspicious of switched license plates on a car under his observation. It was the switching of plates that finally led to the lair, Grenbemer stated.

The four arrived here from Eugene about July 1 and established a camp about July 1 and established a camp on Foola creek, Grenbemer related, coming in a car bought in Eugene with a down payment. They moved to Thompson creek, then to Forest creek and finally to the Illinois valley, leaving robberies behind them in each instance, Grenbemer stated.

They are accused of stealing four automobiles which they stripped to sell the parts and of burglarizing the Borland home near the Same Valley store, the O'Brien home near the Applegate store, the Shoemaker ranch home on Kane creek, the Lewis brothers cabin on Forest creek and the Hammer store at Selma. Other robberies also were committed, Grenbemer said.

"We are positive we have cleared all the robberies of country homes and stores since July 1," Grenbemer declared. "Hammond has confessed to all the burglaries on which we have definite evidence."

Hammond cleared the girls of complicity in the burglaries, the deputy sheriff stated.

Rhoden and the Bradley girl were arrested in a cabin in Illinois valley Saturday night, being surprised in their sleep. Hammond and the Howell girl were arrested Sunday morning in a hill camp among the brush.

Hammond was released from the Oregon state penitentiary last March 30 after serving 18 months for burglary. Grenbemer said. Rhoden was released from the prison in 1936 after serving ten years for armed burglary, the deputy sheriff said.

Both men, he added, are also wanted in Eugene on charge of contributing to the delinquency of the two girls. The men were armed when arrested, Grenbemer said.

## BELL FILES SUIT FOR AUTO CRASH

Robert H. Bell, 55, of Eagle Point is plaintiff in a suit on file in circuit court in which he seeks \$10,000 general and \$500 special damages from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sullivan of Chilquin as the result of an automobile accident August 19.

The complaint alleges that while Bell was walking across the Same Valley road to fill the radiator of his truck with water from an irrigation ditch, he was struck down by the Sullivan car, operated by Mrs. Sullivan. Bell suffered compound comminuted fractures of the tibia and fibula bones in both legs and as a result was permanently crippled or impaired, the complaint alleges.

The accident happened on the Same Valley road a mile east of the Crater Lake highway.

The firm of Roberts & McAllister is counsel for the plaintiff.

## CATFISH TOURNAMENT GIVEN PUBLICITY

Medford's annual national catfish derby is described in the current issue of The Sporting Goods Dealer which goes to sports and hardware stores all over the country.

The article is illustrated, the photographs showing Queen Jewel Deter and her attendants, association officials, crowd scenes and residents of Medford and Grants Pass among the spectators.

The article explains the operation of the catfish derby and tells of the success of the first two derbies in southern Oregon.

The story was written by L. C. Fox, under his pen name.

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## RAINS, WET WOODS CUT FIRE HAZARD FOR DEER SEASON

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Butte country, around Anderson Butte, at the head of Glade and Yaye creek, along Elliott Creek ridge, at the head of Cougar creek and on Steve fork.

"Improved forest camps that are conveniently placed in the deer country are Wrangle Gap on the Ashland peak loop drive, Yake Creek up the creek from its junction with the Little Applegate and Cook and Green in California.

"In the Union Creek district deer have been reported in the following places: Anderson mountain, Jackson creek and Yellow Jacket camp, all of which can be reached only by hiking or horseback; Henderson mountain country, Pourbit mountain, Rabbit Ears, Abbott Butte and Butte Butte are accessible by automobile.

"In the Lake O' Woods district deer have been seen around Brown mountain, Brush mountain and Cox Butte. The Brush mountain country is accessible from the South Butte camp; the Polderidge camp on the Deadwood road is near Cox Butte, and for Brush mountain, Moon Prairie or Fredenberg Springs camps can be used.

"In the Butte Falls district deer have been seen in both high and low elevations. Forest camps are widely distributed in this district and camp fire permits are required at most all camps.

"One fire last week spread in the dry grass and brush area over 600 acres in one afternoon—be careful with your cigarettes and campfires."

Two Hunters Die KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 19.—Oregon sportsmen prepared to open the deer season at dawn tomorrow with two hunters—one a woman—dead in week-end tragedies a few miles south of the state line in Modoc county, Calif.

Mrs. Barbara Thompson, 35, wife of a Malin farmer, died en route to the Lava Beds, Calif., CCC camp Saturday, the victim of a companion's gun.

W. O. Vincent of Santa Rosa, Calif., succumbed to a heart attack several miles from his camp.

John Stewart of Malin, who was hunting with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, mistook the woman's white sweater for the buck he had wounded. He fired and the bullet struck Mrs. Thompson in the abdomen.

Fellow hunters carried her on an improvised stretcher over an mountain trail and through the rough Lava Beds country to a truck. She died several hours later as the car

## SOUTHERN OREGON GAS IN MERGER

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Merger of the Southern Oregon Gas company, the California Utilities company, the Needles Gas and Electric company and the Weaverville Electric company, now separate subsidiaries of a holding company, was proposed in a petition filed with the California railroad commission today.

The petition said the proposed merger was in line with federal holding company act and that eventual elimination of the holding concern, the Republic Electric Power corporation, was contemplated. The four companies would merge under the name of the California Pacific Utilities company.

Southern Oregon Gas company serves Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Medford in southern Oregon.

## Howard District

HOWARD, Sept. 17.—Howard P. T.A. met at the school September 16 at 2:30 p. m. The meeting was opened by the president, Sally Puhl, Bertha McGonagle sang a solo and Pauline Miller played two accordion solos. A panel discussion of new standards for family living, was led by the program chairman, Mrs. C. C. Sater, assisted by Mesdames Arthur Brown, Joe Crawford, Bud Stammen and Paul Gerber. The P-T.A. voted to sponsor the tuberculosis tests in the school and to raise at least 30 dollars for X-rays. This meeting was also a reception for the teachers. Each teacher and officer of the P-T.A. were given a lovely corsage. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. M. J. Swing and Mrs. Golden, assisted by the seventh and eighth grade mothers. The executive committee will meet at the school October 5 at 7:30 p. m.

Democratic Filing SALEM, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The Democratic candidacy of William Kuper of Helix for state representative from the 23rd (Umatilla county) district was filed today with the secretary of state.

## CCC YOUTH ROBS, SLUGS PASS MAN, CITY POLICE SAY

Marion Erwin Johnson, 36, of Henderson, N. C., an enrollee of CCC Camp Wineglass, was lodged in the county jail early Sunday morning following his arrest by city police upon the complaint by C. L. Baynes of Route 3, Grants Pass, who alleged Johnson had slugged him over the head and robbed him of \$100. Johnson was to be arraigned in justice court this afternoon on a charge of assault and robbery, city police said.

Johnson allegedly confessed to city police that he struck Baynes in the head, knocking him down, and then stole his wallet. When arrested at the corner of Front and Main streets at 1:30 a. m. Sunday, Johnson had \$76.79 in his possession, police stated.

According to Johnson's alleged confession, he joined the CCC in Henderson, N. C., April 13, 1938, and was sent to Camp Prescott, being transferred to Camp Wineglass last July. He told police he hitch-hiked into Medford Saturday morning, and met Baynes Saturday night at a local dance. Baynes, Johnson and G. W. McLean of Grants Pass, a friend of Baynes', drank several glasses of beer, the alleged confession stated.

The asserted attack occurred in the alley back of the Safeway store on Sixth street. Baynes told police he was slugged on the head with some-

thing hard, and that he felt his wallet being taken out of his pocket while he was lying on the ground. Johnson allegedly confessed that he took the wallet, and after extracting the money, threw the purse away.

City police were pursued by Baynes of the asserted attack, and a search was instituted for Johnson, Baynes riding in one police car and McLean in another. Johnson was arrested when McLean identified him among three CCC enrollees standing on the corner at Front and Main streets. The two other CCC boys were released when Johnson absolved them of being mixed up in the asserted attack.

## BETTE DAVIS SAYS THERE IS A RIFT

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Screen Star Bette Davis admitted today she and her husband, Harmon O. Nelson, agent and former band leader, were having domestic difficulties.

"There is no use denying reports of a rift," she said. "I am not the coy type that tries to hide what is true. However, I hope sincerely there will be no separation. Just now, I don't believe there will be."

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