

NAB ASHLAND BOY ON SUSPICION OF PROWLING AUTOS

H. A. Marx Identifies Lad As One Who Broke Away When Found Near Car.

Edward Carlisle Blackwell, 21, of Ashland was being held by Medford city police today for questioning on suspicion he attempted to prowl the automobile of Homer A. Marx, 16 South Orange street, a few minutes before 1 a. m. today.

Blackwell, police said, was caught by Homer A. and Raymond E. Marx near the Marx car, when they heard a noise and investigated, but the youth broke away from the two men and ran before police could be summoned.

Officers, searching the neighborhood, were unable to find Blackwell but they discovered his automobile, a 1928 Ford convertible, parked nearby. The car was taken to the police station and about an hour and a half later Blackwell arrived at the station to get his automobile. He was immediately placed in custody.

Identified By Marx Blackwell, under questioning, denied he attempted to prowl the Marx car and told police a story of having, instead, chased away somebody who was prowling the automobile. This afternoon Blackwell was identified by Homer A. Marx as the youth near his car this morning.

In Blackwell's car were discovered three hacksaw blades, two containers and a funnel, police said, and near the Marx car were two one-gallon jugs and a siphon hose.

LIGHTING CONTEST JUDGING SATURDAY

Judging in the annual Christmas lighting contest will be accomplished Saturday evening by members of the Medford Garden club, it was announced today by the contest committee. The Garden club is cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce in the annual event.

It was announced that one prize will be given in the shrubbery and house decoration classification, one prize for decorated door entrances, two prizes for window decorations and two for decorated outside trees.

Mrs. Elmer Wilson, representing the Garden club plans to appoint a committee tomorrow to do the judging and designate prizes for the various classifications. Seth Bullis is chairman of the committee which obtained the attractive electrical prizes from Medford merchants.

Mean temperatures in North Carolina range from 48.4 degrees at Linville (in the Blue Ridges) to 64.7 at Southport on the coast.

First Canadian Contingent Arrives



The first contingent of Canadian combat troops to arrive in England since the war began is shown disembarking at an unidentified English port after crossing the Atlantic. The Canadians are to undergo intensive training before being sent to the western front. Picture radioed from London to New York.

GLEASON AWARDED BILL GATES CASH GRID SCHOLARSHIP

Ted Gleason, second string guard and tackle on this year's Medford high school football squad, was this morning awarded the W. A. (Bill) Gates educational and athletic scholarship of \$50 cash. The award was made at the school's Christmas assembly.

Selection of the player to receive the scholarship was made on a basis of cooperation with other members of the squad, inspirational qualities and all-around value to players and coaches, alike. Gleason, it was pointed out by Coach Bill Bowerman, wasn't a regular, but learned the assignments of four positions so that he could step in when and where needed. His morale, the coach stated, was of the very highest at all times.

Gleason, a senior, is an A and B student, and plans to attend Oregon State college and major in forestry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gleason of Midway road.

This year's scholarship was the first to be awarded by Mr. Gates, a loyal Medford fan, and he has indicated it will be an annual honor to the player selected.

Ponder Strike Peace. San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(AP) Decision of 300 Western Union workers, on strike here since last September 7, to return to work under a plan proposed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, was promised today by officials of the C.I.O. American Communications association.

Whipsnakes of Malaysia are so-called because they coil their tails around a tree branch and lash out their bodies at their prey.

Meteorological Report

December 21, 1939.

Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday but with morning fog and increasing cloudiness Friday; little change in temperature.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday but fog and increasing cloudiness in west portion Friday; little change in temperature; light northerly wind off the coast.

Local Data.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 41; lowest 32. Total monthly precipitation, 5.65 inches. Excess for the month, 3.85 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1939, 8.11 inches. Excess for the season, 1.73 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 78 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 99 per cent.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:36. Sunset tomorrow, 4:43.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

CITY—	High Temp	Lowest Temp	Wind	Clouds	Precipitation	Weather
Boise	46	29	T.	P.	Cl. dy	
Boston	57	35	34	Cloudy		
Chicago	32	23	03	P.	Cl. dy	
Denver	53	25		P.	Cl. dy	
Evreka	55	44	05	Clear		
Havre	43					
Los Angeles	80	41		Clear		
MEDFORD	51	37	01	P.	Cl. dy	
New York	62	35	49	Clear		
Omaha	23	17	T.	Snow		
Phoenix	74	38		Clear		
Portland	53	42	01	Rain		
St. Louis	50	16		Cloudy		
Roseburg	53	42	34	Foggy		
Salt Lake	44	18	T.	Snow		
San Francisco	61	39		Clear		
Seattle	60	41	T.	Cloudy		
Spokane	42	35		P.	Cl. dy	
Washington, D.C.	53	33	47	P.	Cl. dy	
Wenatchee	45	36		Clear		

Texan Appointed Agriculture Aide

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP) Grover B. Hill of Gainesville, Tex., was appointed by President Roosevelt today to be assistant secretary of agriculture

in place of Harry L. Brown, who recently resigned to take a position with the TVA.

Hill, who is 50 years old, came to Washington in 1936. He has been in charge of the southern region range program of the agriculture department.

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



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EAGLES TO HELP SALVATION ARMY FINANCE BASKETS

Lodge Also Gives \$25 For Toys — Legion Pledges \$25 For Christmas Toys.

Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles today turned

over its Christmas basket list to the Salvation Army, it was announced by both organizations.

The Eagles will provide the money for the baskets plus \$25 for toys for poor children and will assist in the distribution. Capt. Reginald H. Vincent, Salvation Army head here, said. The Salvation Army, he explained, assumed the task of checking on the families whose names were turned in by the Eagles and the work of packing and distributing the baskets.

With the Eagles list included, the number of families to receive baskets of food from the Salvation Army this year will total at least 120, Captain Vincent stated. Last year the Sal-

vation Army provided 82 baskets.

Legion Gives \$25 The captain also announced that Medford post of the American Legion today pledged \$25 to the Salvation Army for toys.

The Salvation Army's Christmas charities are financed by money deposited in the street kettles and individual contributions. Contributions of staple food commodities are just as good as cash, Captain Vincent said, pointing out the money would be used for food anyway. He indicated that direct contributions of cash or groceries, as well as deposits in the kettles, would be exceptionally welcome to insure a measure of joy for

all poor families this Christmas.

The Salvation Army also would be glad to receive help from anyone who can donate use of a car to aid in distribution of the baskets, the Captain said. Distribution will start at 10 a. m. Saturday.

Young people of the Salvation Army will give a program of Yule carols at the annual Christmas party for Eagles' children at the lodge hall tomorrow night.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—(P)—British Columbia today mourns the loss of Hon. J. A. Macdonald, 81, former chief justice of the Provincial Appeal Court who died last night after a lengthy illness.

GIFT UNDIES

Last minute gift buyers will find in this group of \$2.98 Underwear the perfect personal gift. Lovely silk, satin and rayon gowns, slips and pajamas in trimmed or tailored styles. Many beautiful shades to choose from.

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