

## SMITH HELD FOR K. F. GRAND JURY IN GIRL'S DEATH

Medford Man Positively Identified As Accosting Young Student On Street.

Klamath Falls, Nov. 8.—(Spl.)—Eugene Hugh Smith, 29, Medford service station operator, was bound over to the grand jury following his preliminary hearing Friday afternoon. Bond was set at \$10,000 property or \$5000 cash, which defense attorneys claimed to be "excessive". Justice of the Peace Mahoney stood on his bond and Smith was returned to the county jail.

"He was looking in my direction and I never could forget that face."

In this manner Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose, of Klamath Falls, identified Smith as the man he saw stop in front of his home, pick up a young girl on the afternoon of Saturday, October 25.

Smith, his nerves raw as his hearing progressed in connection with the death of Marie Russell, 17-year-old Klamath Union high school student, raised from his seat near his attorneys and shouted: "And I could never forget yours either."

Smith is formally charged with failure to stop at the scene of an accident following the finding of Miss Russell, lying unconscious on the shoulder of highway 97 near Wocus in mid-afternoon Saturday, October 25. She died without recovering consciousness.

Ambrose said he was seated in his living room listening to a football game when he heard a call outside and saw a Ford sedan stop at the curb and the driver motion to a girl on the sidewalk. The car carried Oregon license No. 79-676. The machine drove slowly on and stopped at the crosswalk, Ambrose said, and the girl walked to the machine after a moment and put her foot on the running-board.

Ambrose later made a trip to Medford where he identified Smith as the man he saw the afternoon of October 25 near his home.

Dr. Warren Hunt was called and told of Miss Russell's injuries at the time she was ad-

mitted to Klamath Valley hospital. He said, under cross examination, that "to my knowledge the girl was not criminally assaulted."

First to be called to the stand was Esper Claris Highley, who told the court he found the girl lying on the right hand side of highway 97, "her clothes striped and torn."

Highley said he and two others in the car were enroute to the camp where they were engaged in woodcutting. They noticed several cars pass them and then a fourth car going by at a high rate of speed. The machine disappeared around a bend in the road and within a few moments they noticed the girl. No other cars passed going the other way, Highley stated. He stopped the car and spoke to Miss Russell.

The girl raised her head and motioned up the highway, Highley testified, and attempted to cover herself. He described the condition of her clothing and said he stopped a motorist and asked them to send the sheriff or an ambulance.

The small justice court was filled to capacity with standing room only in the hallway of the courthouse basement. As the hearing got underway, a small dark woman, later identified as Ann Smith, wife of the defendant, took a chair in the front of the room. She was accompanied to the courthouse by her husband's brother, Ted Smith, of San Francisco.

Smith, visibly nervous as the hearing continued, was garbed in a white shirt under a brown crew-neck sweater, brown trousers and shoes. He was seated with his attorney, Otto Frohn-mayer of Medford, and Assistant Counsel D. E. Van Vactor of Klamath Falls.

### STUDENTS PLAY HOST AT ROGUE RIVER PROGRAM

Rogue River, Nov. 8.—(Spl.)—Junior high school students of Rogue River played host to their parents Thursday when the class, under supervision of Mrs. Lovell Berg, served dinner in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p. m. and presented a program consisting of singing, instrumental numbers, and a "Miniature Daily Schedule of Classes." Vinton Snyder directed the music.

### PARKED CARS CLASH

Cornish, N. Y.—(P)—Police investigated an accident in which one car damaged another although both were parked. The complainant explained the door of the other car, opened by the wind, swung all afternoon against her machine, scraping the paint.

## LADY LIONS MAKE FIRST CALL FOR DISCARDED TOYS

Firemen Are Ready To Begin Task of Rebuilding Old Playthings For the Poor.

First call was issued yesterday by the Lady Lions for old, discarded toys that will be made into bright, new, shiny playthings by the city firemen for distribution among underprivileged children at Christmas.

The firemen, now expert as Santa Claus toy shop operators, stood ready yesterday to start their annual work of converting what appear to be hopelessly broken toys into playthings as good as new. Now set up in their new shop, which they built themselves as an addition to the ground floor of fire department headquarters, the firemen are better equipped this year than ever before to handle a large volume of discarded wagons, tricycles, scooters, automobiles, airplanes, dolls, buggies and smaller playthings of all descriptions.

**Old Project**  
Carrying out a plan they originated many years ago, the firemen contribute all their time gratis. From their own welfare fund and from proceeds of the annual Firemen's Ball, they have accumulated a shop of power-driven tools that are used in remaking the old toys. This year's ball will be held Thanksgiving night, November 20 at Oriental Gardens. Proceeds will be used to purchase paint and other supplies needed in the toy project.

**Pickup Service**  
Cooperating with the firemen, Lady Lions will pick up contributions of old toys if donors will telephone Mrs. C. C. Proctor, general chairman, at 3634 or Mrs. Lyle Thurman, president of the Lady Lions, at 4379. Contributions may also be left at fire department headquarters, North Front and Third streets.

In addition to its other work of assistance, the Lady Lions purchase many new dolls and dress those re-made by the firemen. Because at least 200 will be needed this year, Mrs. Proctor appealed for donations of new dolls. The club itself raises

## Armistice Day Line of March

The annual Armistice Day parade will be formed on West Main street at Medford city park at 11 a. m. Tuesday, November 11th. All who are to take part are requested by Col. W. H. Paine, chairman, to be at their assigned places for assembling before that time.

The parade will move on Main street to Riverside, to Sixth, to Bartlett, to Main, and return to city park.

All patriotic, social, fraternal, educational and civic betterment organizations and activities are invited to take part in this parade.

It is desired that veteran organizations and societies having military origin form at city park.

Bands to report on Library lawn.

Religious and relief organizations on North Ivy street near Main.

Civic clubs and societies, granges and schools, North Oakdale, near Main.

Fraternal and social societies, South Oakdale in front of court house.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on library lawn.

Costume and Pet Division on North side of court house on West Main street.

All entries not provided for above, or cases of doubtful classification, Main Street west of Oakdale.

Representatives of the American Legion will be at the above mentioned places to guide and assist.

money to buy dolls and carry on other charitable work through card parties and rummage sales.

### Rogue River Plans Scout Organization

Rogue River, Nov. 8.—(Spl.)—Sponsors of the Boy Scout organization will meet with parents Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 p. m. in the high school assembly room for the purpose of selecting a committee and further developing plans, it was announced by Walter V. Dennis, temporary chairman.

Members of the school board have given assurance that a suitable room in the elementary school building will be made available for a meeting place and that the board of education will give wholehearted support.

Already 12 boys have made application for membership and others are expected to apply.

## SPOKANE YOUTHS BOUND OVER ON CAR THEFT CLAIM

Four Spokane, Wash., youths accused of a series of six car thefts were bound over to the grand jury under \$1,000 bail each when they waived a hearing before U. S. Deputy Commissioner Victor A. Tengwald yesterday on a removal complaint charging them with transporting a stolen car over a state boundary, from Spokane to The Dalles, October 28.

The youths, held in the county jail here since their arrest recently when they were sleeping in an assertedly stolen car on the Siskiyou mountains, were listed as Don Gurske and Ray Turnbow, each 16 years old, and Robert Cooper and Frank Buyanovich, each 15. Included in the six cars assertedly stolen by the boys in their attempt to get to Los Angeles were a Medford and an Ashland auto, police stated.

A complaint charging the youths with transporting the allegedly stolen car over the Oregon border was filed in Spokane November 5 and a warrant was issued for the arrest of the youths, the records show.

The removal complaint was subsequently filed in Portland by J. Mason Dillard, chief assistant U. S. attorney for Oregon, and it was on this complaint that the boys appeared before Commissioner Tengwald yesterday.

## FIREMAN INJURED ANSWERING PHONE

Claude Stevens, city fireman, suffered a sprained left ankle about 6:30 p. m. Friday when he slipped in dashing from the fire department headquarters dormitory to answer a telephone fire alarm call. The call turned out to be the wrong number.

Mr. Stevens, his attending physician said, will be confined to his home at 20 Lincoln street for several days. The ankle sprained had once been broken. Despite the sprain, Mr. Stevens completed the telephone call, from someone who was trying

to get the West Side Pharmacy whose number is 3330, Chief Roy Elliott said. The fire alarm telephone number, to be dialed only in case of fire, is 3333.

Chief Elliott, pointing to Mr. Stevens' injury and consequent incapacitation, pleaded with the public again to be extremely careful not to dial the fire alarm telephone number unless there is a fire. He declared that statistics show that more firemen are hurt answering false alarms than in actually fighting fires.

The chief explained that when the fire alarm telephone rings every man on duty must dash to his station and the man charged with the responsibility of taking the call must get to the telephone with the utmost haste. It is a serious matter, therefore, when the fire alarm telephone rings and everyone

should take care not to dial the emergency number carelessly in trying to get some other number.

"We can perform our duty to the public best when the public cooperates," Chief Elliott stated. "The public has always cooperated splendidly with the fire department and I'm sure it will in this matter of telephoning."

For some time, the chief added, a little girl has been dialing the emergency number just to see what happens. An investigation has been under way and the next time the child calls her identity will probably be established definitely, he asserted.

**KEEPS CITIZENS THIRSTY**  
Fairmont, W. Va.—(P)—Mayor Fred T. Wilson believes the best way to deal with habitual drunkards is to "dry up" the source, so he ordered Fairmont

dispensaries not to sell beer to "blacklisted" citizens.

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