

## Coon Pups Keep 15-Hour Vigil For Boy Captive in Hollow Tree

Brazil, Ind.—(U.P.)—Two coon hound pups stood a storm-swept 15-hour vigil at the foot of a 40-foot hollow tree while a third dog raced to get help for his 14-year-old master trapped inside the tree.

Roger Kerr was bedridden Thursday with nothing more serious than a cold to show for his hair-raising imprisonment inside the giant beech tree about a mile from his Asherville, Ind., home near here.

### Went Coon Hunting

Roger set out to go coon hunting Monday afternoon. With him were two beagle hound pups and "my old shepherd dog."

Late in the day he spotted a raccoon in the beech tree. He went up after him, intending to capture the animal by hand. He never reached the top.

A limb broke and he plunged down into the hollow of the dead tree. Half-way down, however, his drop was broken by a jutting piece of wood that caught his clothing.

Dazed but unhurt, he picked himself up. It was dark inside the trunk except for what light came in through a small hole near his feet.

### Cried for Help

At first he cried out for help, but there was no one to hear. Through the hole near his feet he could hear the dogs sniffing and yelping to him.

Roger said he grew calmer after awhile. He decided to send the dogs for help.

"Go home, Shep. Go home!" he shouted to the oldest dog.

Shep streaked off across the field. The two pups remained, however, yelping encouragement to their young master.

Night came and with it a storm broke. Lightning flashed down into the woods and rain poured into the hollow tree. There was just room enough for Roger to stand, and he was drenched by the rain.

### Pups Frightened

Outside, he could hear the pups. They were frightened by the storm, too. But they stayed and even moved closer to the tree, sticking their muzzles through the hole and licking Roger's feet.

Shep, meanwhile, had run across the fields to the Kerr home.

Roger's brother, Rod, sensed

that something was amiss and he set out with Shep to find Roger.

Hours later, Rod and Shep arrived at the tree. But Rod was unable to free his brother. Rod left to get help.

Once again Roger was left alone with the dogs. A searching party headed by Roger's father, Gilbert, set out this time. They had to cross several fences, and they were counting on Shep to show them the way.

But the old dog was tired, and when they reached the fences he just couldn't jump

over them as he had before. The party misinterpreted his directions and spent hours searching vainly for the right tree.

Finally, however, the barking of the sad-eyed little pups guided them in the right direction.

While members of the rescue party reassured Roger, a rope was rigged through the upper portion of the tree and dropped down inside the hollow trunk.

Roger fitted it around his shoulders. The rescuers tugged and hauled him out wet, hungry and near exhaustion after 15 hours inside his wooden prison.

## SOC Student Body Election Has Record Candidate List

Ashland — Campus political activity at Southern Oregon college indicates that there will be a major change in administration of student body affairs next year, according to Dean S. Nichols, Medford, retiring president of the Associated Student Body.

At an assembly meeting yesterday, 39 candidates were nominated from the floor for election to student offices, Nichols reported. Of that number, only two are currently members of the 16-man student council.

### Said Healthy Sign

"It's a healthy sign," commented Dr. John A. Schulz, faculty advisor to the student body. "The large number of nominees indicates a vital interest in the conduct of student affairs."

Two seniors and one junior were nominated for the top campus office, president of the student body. They are Peter G. Soderlund, Medford, a junior, and Richard B. Thorpe and Ralph W. Wood, both Ashland seniors.

Nominees for first vice-president are Richard L. Carter, Medford; Keith F. Johnson, Coquille; and Dale M. Smith, Grants Pass. Second vice-president candidates are Robert A. Gouley, North Bend; Dean R. Haggard, Cave Junction; Morris S. Jiminez, Klamath Falls; and Max A. Larson, Lakeview.

Six women were nominated for the position of secretary, including Claire M. Cross, Medford; Anne Q. Fullerton, Ashland; Peggy A. McCurley, Jacksonville; Gloria June Robinette, San Jose; Carol L. Wikstrom, Medford; and Marilyn J. Wurn, Kerby.

Candidates for treasurer are Alexander A. Austin, Ashland; Norma Rae John, Roseburg; James H. Jordan, Grants Pass; and Ronald S. Tieg, Talent. Three will be vying for the yell leader position, including James S. Cyphert and Phyllis Sabin, Springfield, and Darel J. Verley, Tulelake.

A record number of 16 candidates were nominated for election as one of four representatives-at-large to the student council. They are Durward L. Boyles, Roseburg; John J. Cady, Ashland; Lester E. Cingade, Oakland; Wesley E. Clarke, Ashland; Ralph E. Ettel, Medford; Donald L. Ferguson, Ashland; Bruce A. Friend, Grants Pass; Kenneth D. Humphreys, Eastside; Leon R. Keefe, Eugene; Ronald J. Maurer, Cave Junction; Arthur N. Ostrander, Ashland; Leah L. Peabody, Medford; E. Glen Roby, Cottage Grove; Joseph W. Sherron, Oakland; Raymond L. Smith, Medford; and Delora J. Wade, Klamath Falls.

Candidates were to appear before the student council at its regular meeting this afternoon and either accept or reject the nominations, Nichols said. Campaigning will begin immediately and will be concluded next Wednesday at the campus day picnic to be held at Jackson Hot Springs. Balloting will take place on Friday, May 16.

## Oregon Librarians Convene in Ashland Tomorrow Evening

Ashland — Registration for the Oregon Library association's two-day meeting here will start at 6 o'clock Friday evening in the Ashland Elks dining room. It was announced today.

Registration will be followed by a public banquet at 8:35. Speakers will include Dr. Laurence E. Tomlinson, Dr. Arthur Kreisman and a reader will present a talk by Miss Lesley Heathcote. Mrs. Pauline C. Howard, association vice-president, will act as toastmistress.

Section breakfasts will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday morning in the Elks dining room for persons taking part in the college and reference, public libraries and school libraries sections. A business session will be held in the Ashland Methodist church at 9:30 o'clock.

Speakers at a 12:30 o'clock luncheon at the church will include Angus Bowmer, Southern Oregon college, and Miss Claire Hanley, Jacksonville. A business session will follow the luncheon. Speakers during the afternoon will discuss "What's Going on in Our World", New Library Buildings, New Reference Tools and Public Relations Councils.

Those taking part in the association meeting will make a tour of the Rogue valley starting at 3:30 o'clock. Points to be visited include the Southern Oregon college campus and library, the Jacksonville museum, the Jacksonville county library and Lithia park, where a box supper will be held starting at 6:30 o'clock.

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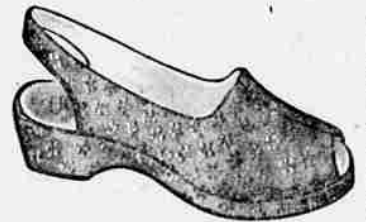
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