

Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you slammed through traffic and escaped the consequences

Table Rock

Table Rock—Earl Peffley, Sams Valley farmer, seed grower, orchardist and Democratic committeeman was transacting business here Tuesday.

According to reports Miss Betty Blackwood, local girl, and Bud Thompson of Wenatchee, Wash., were married recently in Grants Pass and are now living in Wenatchee.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doran of Redding, Calif., visited here last week with relatives at the Ray Doran home.

The Aubrey Taylor combine has been doing some grain threshing in this section and Taylor reports grain yields better than last year.

Like a little boy who had

at Klamath Falls suspended regular American Legion auxiliary office hours for two days, the cigarette distribution to "non-comp" vets was conducted as scheduled Monday afternoon.

The fishing club chose Elk creek for their angling this week while the wheel chair club goes to the Gladiola parade at Grants Pass Friday.

Dorothea Glass, librarian, has an interesting four weeks in prospect. She left Saturday for Portland where she will meet a friend and together they will go by way of the Alaskan highway north as far as Fairbanks. After an extended visit throughout the territory they will board a vessel at Seward and return home by sea.

found his lost teddy bear, Moore Hamilton, the dignified Medford postmaster, stopped in last Sunday and joyfully reported that he had found his lost bear. It was hidden in some brush on the south side of the river which the searchers had passed without seeing, but the sharp eyes of Robert, the youngest Hamilton offspring, spied it.

At the election held at the school house last Monday to vote on the formation of a rural fire control district and directors for the same, 39 votes were cast, 30 in favor, six against and three blank.

Mrs. M. H. Goodlin is spending the week visiting relative at Cocoran, Calif.

Our many song birds which have been doing such marvelous singing all through the spring months are now passing the hat so to speak. The linnets, orioles and robins are taking their pay in Black Republican cherries, while the spring hatch of robins are taking their toll in the strawberry patch.

Miss Maxine Gordon, a missionary with the Berian Mission Inc., who has recently spent several years in the Belgian Congo showed pictures taken in the missionary field there and many of the crude utensils used in their way of living, at the school house one evening last week.

We have just received a statement in detail of the financial condition of Jackson county up to June 30, 1952, from the present treasurer Ralph Sweeney, who is the first treasurer in our remembrance who could give the county's financial condition on a moment's notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers and niece, Miss Carol Myers left Saturday on a motor trip north that will take them as far as Seattle where they will visit relatives before returning by the coast highway.

Bugs and insects of which there seems to be countless numbers this year, took a beating here early Thursday when dust was poured on by airplanes flying over the clover and alfalfa fields while the big orchard blowers were shooting great quantities of dust upward from the ground.

Delmer Smith the Central Point bee man was in this section Friday placing some of his

Man 'Hears Call of Lord'; Slays Wife, Four Children

Waterville, Wash. (U.P.)—A 27-year-old carpenter who killed his wife and four children because "the Lord wanted me to" said Tuesday, "I only wanted them to be happy."

Matthias Swenson, who said he "learned the word of God" only two weeks ago, told officers

he shot his three-year-old daughter, Peggy, with a .22-caliber rifle. He then used a butcher knife to slash his wife, Joyce, 23, daughters Kay, 4, and Karen, 2, and his son, Matthias Jr., six months.

Better World Sought
"I only wanted them to be happy," he told Bridgeport Police Chief Lyle Prothro. "I killed them so they could all be together in a better world. I killed our dog, too, because the children would like to have it with them."

When arrested after the slayings Sunday, Matthias was nude to the waist and was suffering from self-inflicted knife and gunshot wounds—none of them serious. He was found four miles from Bridgeport, and told officers he was "going to church."

Insanity Hearing Planned
He was treated at the Brewster, Wash., hospital, and then taken to the Douglas county jail here. Prosecutor Robert Hensel said no charges would be filed until an insanity hearing could be conducted.

Prothro said neighbors informed him that, as far as they could recall, Matthias went to church for the first time last Sunday. They said he enjoyed a good reputation and was a "fine man" who seemed to love his family. He had no criminal record, and he owned a new house and two automobiles.

French 'Weddings' Carried Too Far

St. Nazaire, France — (U.P.)—Twenty teen-agers faced trial Tuesday for carrying a game of "make-believe marriage" beyond the verbal "I do" stage.

A conscience-stricken girl participant said boys and girls aged 14 to 16 took the roles of bride, bridegroom, minister, mayor and witnesses for the overly-realistic game last month.

Following a mock wedding ceremony, she said, the entire wedding party repaired to the bridal chamber for consummation of the "marriage."

All 20 were summoned to appear August 7 before a police court on delinquency charges.

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By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Marvin Kahn has returned to his desk, tanned and rugged from his encounters with the wild country of northern British Columbia.

Attractive bookmarks are available in the library, made and furnished by the Junior Red Cross.

Commander James Almond of World War II Veterans plans to go to Grant Pass for ceremonies in connection with the chartering of the auxiliary of the only other post of this organization in Oregon.

Clarence Bryan, canteen manager, knows something about publicity and advertising. He has obtained a stock of neat book matches in blue and gold with the legend of Camp White Domiciliary on one side and an etching of the front offices on the other.

This is a heavy week of game parties. Events are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, sponsored by the VFW auxiliary, the Cooties and Trench Rats, Gold Star Mothers and Del Rogue Post, VFW.

Although convention business

Chaplain Henry W. Anderson will be on military leave at Ft. Lewis, Wash., between August 3 and 17, and in his absence, the Rev. Perry Johnson of Temple Baptist church, Medford, will officiate.

News of the fatal collapse of Sergeant Charles A. Smith at an off station party Saturday night was a shock to domiciliary members. Smith had charge of details and was well liked by the men.

Assistant Manager Roy W. Anderson is motoring through California on his two-week's vacation.

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