

OLD CURTAIN SHOWS "MEDFORD IN 1957"—The drop curtain shown above was found hanging in the fly loft of the Craterian theater last week during preparations for the installation of a big new screen. Many of the names painted on it as advertising are recognizable as firms in business today. The picture is an artist's conception of Medford two years from now—or about 30 years in the future at the time it was painted. It will be on display during the showings of "Vera Cruz," the first Cinemascope production to be shown on the new screen at the Craterian.

Oid Drop Curtain Found in Theater; Lists Local Firms

An old drop curtain, believed to have been painted about 28 or 30 years ago, was discovered last week in the fly loft of the Craterian theater. It bears the advertising of a number of Medford firms of that period, many of them still in business here.

The painted drop was found during preliminary work on a remodeling and renovation of the new sound equipment.

Bob Corbin, manager of the Oregon-California Theaters, happened by as workmen were taking down all the old drops, under orders to destroy them. He was so taken with the painting that he immediately called the stores advertised on the drop which are still in business.

The curtain will be shown to theater audiences when the theater opens with its first Cinemascope motion picture, "Vera Cruz," slated.

The first attraction will be "Vera Cruz," starring Burt Lancaster and Gary Cooper, Corbin announced.

Actual age of the curtain is not known, but it is estimated to be about 30 years. It was the custom at the time for advertisers to rent advertising space on a curtain, but this went out of style with the advent of the depression in 1929.

New Uranium Rush Expected at Baker

Baker — (U.P.) — Residents of this eastern Oregon city were anticipating a second "uranium rush" after Friday's announcement of a possible uranium strike close by.

Four prospectors recorded two uranium mining claims and staked out two more Friday. Noble J. Knight of South Baker showed samples of radioactive ore which showed the familiar yellow stains of uranium. The samples gave strong geiger counter and scintillator readings.

Knight said the samples were from a vein in a flat area under overburden, and would have been difficult to detect from the air. Samples have been sent to the Atomic Energy Commission for analysis.

The first uranium rush was started several months ago in the same general area after a group of Los Angeles businessmen filed extensive mining claims.

DISTRICT COURT SEES MANY VARIED CRIMES

3,155 Cases Filed During 1954; Truck Violations Top List

One hundred and sixty nine different types of criminal cases, ranging from wilful destruction of a street lamp to second degree murder, were filed in Jackson county's district court last year.

Altogether, 3,155 cases were filed. Truck overloads topped the list with 528. Others well up the list were failure to stop at stop sign, 283; violation of basic rule, 177; overwidth loads, 157, and no motor vehicle license or failure to display license tabs, 138.

These were the common cases, but down at the bottom of the list were some rather unusual charges.

For example, there was wilful destruction of a street lamp, 2; defrauding an innkeeper, 1; driving while in the embrace of another, 2; foul hooking game fish, 1; spreading a communicable disease, 1, and using profane language near or upon a public highway, 1.

More than half the cases, amounting to about 54.3 per cent of the total, involved liquor or highway law violations.

Leading this list was failure to stop at stop sign, 283, and violation of basic rule, 177. Others included driving while intoxicated, 44; drunk on public highway, 39; drunk in public place, 39; illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, 37; furnishing liquor to a minor, 10; furnishing liquor to an intoxicated person, 1.

Reckless driving, 39; passing with insufficient clearance or vision, 48; failure to operate on proper side of highway, 51; failure to yield right of way to pedestrians or cars, 31; truck speeding, 9; passing school bus while unloading children, 4; driving while operator's license suspended or revoked, 55.

Driving while in the embrace of another, 2; failure to obey highway traffic signs, 9; following too close, 26; failure to signal, 12; improper left turn, 1; driving wrong way on one way street, 1; passing on the right, 1; racing on a public highway, 1; posting signs within limits of public highway, 1; failure to remain at scene of accident, 3.

License offenses: No operator's license, 91; no chauffeur's license, 11; no motor vehicle license or failure to display license tabs, 138; only one license plate, 19; void foreign motor vehicle license, 16; improper license, 1; switched license, 31; concealed plates, 2; no trailer license, 6; improper use of dealer's plates, 4.

Altering operator's license, 1; permitting unlicensed minor to operate vehicle, 8; failure to comply with regulations on operator's license, 1; failure to

transfer title, 16; depositing injurious or burning material on public highway, 5; using vehicle without permission, 1; parking in prohibited area, 3.

Parking on paved portion of highway, 5; no registration card, 25; inadequate muffler, 91; defective brakes, 35; inadequate emergency brake, 45; defective lighting equipment or clearance lights, 52; operating without lights, 7; no tail light, 33.

Failure to dim headlights, 9; improper use of spotlight, 1; no red light or flag on extended load, 10; four in driver's seat, 6; defective horn, 18; illegal horn, 1; inadequate fenders, 1, and no rear view mirror, 1.

Truck or Load Violations: Approximately 31.9 per cent, or almost one third of the total number of cases filed, resulted from infractions involving trucks and loads.

In addition to overloads and overwidth loads, these included overheight load, 98; overlength load, 53; no oversize permit, 33; no log hauling permit and hauling during prohibited hours, 14; exceeding declared weight, 5; no declared weight receipt, 2; leaking and sitting load, 12; overhanging load, 6; refusal to weigh, 3; no safety chains, 8; insufficient binders, 22; exceeding special permit, 2; no mud flaps or splash apron, 33; no PUC permit, 30; no flags or flare, 1, and operating motor vehicle without pneumatic tires, 1.

Few Forest Complaints: Forest law violations were comparatively few, numbering only 20. They were, operating logging equipment without a permit, 7; operating forest products truck on forest roads without required fire equipment, 1; failure to maintain fire fighting equipment on forest site, 2; failure to provide fire extinguishing equipment at logging operations, 1; failure to extinguish a fire, 1; burning without a permit, 4, and wilfully and maliciously setting fire to forest lands, 2.

Twenty four different types of game cases were filed. Leading the list was an angler's license or improper angler's license, with 17 cases. Second was hunting during prohibited hours, 10 cases.

Other Game Violations: Other game law violation cases were spotlighting deer, 4; hunting deer during closed season, 1; hunting with prohibited methods, 2; hunting without a license, 4; possession of untaxed venison, 3; failure to tag venison, 5; borrowing deer tag, 1; shooting from public highway, 7; killing deer during closed season, 7; illegal possession of parts of carcass of deer, 3; no trapper's license, 1; exceeding bag limit of dark geese, 1; possession of valley quail during closed season, 1; possession of silver grey squirrel during closed season, 1; possession of pheasant during closed season, 1; possession of salmon during closed season, 1; angling during closed season, 3; angling in closed area, 1; angling with prohibited methods, 3; foul hooking game fish,

1; exceeding daily bag limit on trout, 2; and false application for angler's license, 5.

Animal, trespass and livestock cases filed in district court included failure to procure dog license, 2; cruelty to animals, 2; unlawful entry on land, 1; trespass to real property, 5; larceny of livestock, 7; accessory after the fact of the crime of larceny of livestock, 3; keeping dog with knowledge it has injured livestock, 1, and allowing bull to range at large, 1.

More serious crimes included second degree murder, 1; threatening commission of a felony, 4; assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, 2; assault with a dangerous weapon, 4; robbery while not armed with a dangerous weapon, 2; possession of a concealed weapon, 4; unlawful possession of a weapon, 4; possession of a stolen vehicle, 10; robbery, 2.

Aiding in escape from an officer, 1; escape while under arrest, 1; non-support, 23; deserting and abandoning, 3; defrauding an innkeeper, 1; fugitive from justice, 19; burglary not in a dwelling, 13; burglary, 6; larceny, 2; larceny by bailee, 13; larceny from a store or building, 5; larceny from a motor vehicle, 3.

Entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal, 1; concealing stolen property, 4; receiving stolen property, 2; larceny by embezzlement, 1; grand larceny, 21; petty larceny, 37; contributing to the delinquency of a minor or minors, 13; rape, 2; sodomy, 2; first degree arson, 1; malicious destruction of personal property, 4; malicious injury to property by explosives, 4; injuring personal property, 1.

Obtaining money by false pretenses, 22; obtaining property by false pretenses, 1; uttering and publishing a forged instrument, 17; altering a check, 1; forgery, 2; disorderly conduct, 19, and assault and battery, 10.

Miscellaneous offenses cases filed included sale of misbranded food, 2; sale of adulterated food, 1; selling milk without a dealer's license, 1; spreading a communicable disease, 1; practice of dentistry without a license, 1; engaging in business as a real estate broker without a license, 2; disturbance of the public, 2; vagrancy, 11; dumping debris, 14; using profane language near or upon a public highway, 1; hitchhiking or soliciting a ride, 6; violation of curfew law, 6, and willful destruction of a street lamp, 2.

In addition to the criminal cases, 956 civil cases and 161 small claims cases were filed in district court. A total of \$17,093.46 in civil and small claims money was handled, and bail handled for district court and other courts amounted to \$26,386.

A total of \$78,634.25 was taken in by the court. Fines amounting to \$38,615 went to the county treasurer, and fines totaling \$23,196.50 were turned over to the state treasurer.

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Approximately 70 per cent of the salt produced in the San Francisco Bay area is sold as crude salt for industrial purposes.



TAKES SPECIAL TRAINING—Young Douglas Daniels (center above), who has a serious visual handicap, is being prepared for admission to the state school for the blind in Salem when he becomes old enough. He is attending a nursery school on King's highway, run by Mrs. Floyd Mode (shown in picture) and Mrs. James Edge. The training he is receiving will assist him in learning the skills necessary for further training later on. Other youngsters at the school get along well with the visually handicapped youngster. In the picture are Deanna Ross (left) and Paula Minicar (right). A description of some of the work done in the county on behalf of those with visual handicaps is given in the accompanying article. —(Photo by Zenda Sanders.)

Visual Handicaps Many in This Area; Work is Described

Work of the Red Cross Grey Ladies with blind and visually handicapped people in Jackson county was reviewed last week, as the annual Braille tournament, sponsored to raise funds for the work, neared.

The tournament will be held next Saturday. Mrs. George Goodrich, chairman of the Grey Ladies, said that help and service to the visually handicapped is one of her group's more important projects.

It is hoped to establish some way to find employment for the physically able but visually handicapped people in the county.

Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Chris Zink, who is a volunteer worker with the Oregon State Commission for the Blind, work together here toward the rehabilitation of those thus afflicted.

Council Established: The Jackson County Blind Council was established with the proceeds of last year's Braille tournament. The event is sponsored by the three duplicate bridge clubs of the county, and the entire proceeds go for this purpose.

The council, among its other projects, furnishes a meeting place for those with visual handicaps, where they can discuss together their physical and psychological problems, and ways of coping with them.

The percentage of people with eye troubles is rising, according to Mrs. Zink. This is true all over the nation, she said, and it has become necessary to find effective methods of rehabilitating those with such handicaps if these people are to be kept in the ranks of productive citizens.

Many Handicapped: In Jackson county, it is estimated that there are about 125 adults with visual handicaps. Among pre-school children, local eye doctors estimate there are as many as a dozen who are so visually handicapped that they will not be able to attend regular schools.

A few of these may never see at all, most of them suffering from an eye ailment not uncommon in premature children.

Tangible needs of those with serious eye trouble include white canes, talking books, Braille typewriters, ruled paper, and so on, Mrs. Zink explained. But in addition, there is much need of psychological counseling, particularly in the cases of the newly-blind.

Helped Girl 'See': "Recently," she went on, "we had a small girl who lost her sight through an accident. It was part of my job to talk to her in the hospital, even before she knew she was blinded, and to try to prepare her for her loss of vision. I took statuettes and various commonplace objects for her to handle to try to help her to see with her fingers."

Generally, those who have been handicapped from childhood have made satisfactory adjustments to their condition, but those who lose their sight later in life present more of a problem of adjustment, as one might expect," she said.

Mrs. Zink cited the case of an adult who is losing her sight, and is trying to prepare herself by learning to do handicraft, such as knitting and crocheting, perfectly, and without using her eyes. She still has enough vision left to correct her mistakes.

Need Help: Mrs. Zink also told of work with a small boy, now going to nursery school, who will soon be able to enter the state school

for the blind in Salem because of early training. "It takes so much more work and effort for these children to maintain their proper school level that it does seem right that they get a bit of help from someone who is trained to give it," she said.

Talking books are a great comfort to the people the group works with, Mrs. Zink reported, "particularly the Bible to older people. We are fortunate in being able to have some records of old hymns and other favorites taped here at radio station KXJC," she said, and John Duffy will make records from the tapes, and the records will be distributed through the public library.

Jobs Greatest Need: But the crying need, she went on, is for employment. Some of these people are physically able to work, and are so eager to do so that it seems a shame to make "second class citizens" out of them because of their handicap, Mrs. Zink stated.

Factories and businesses in the larger cities have tried using blind personnel, and she said these firms are so enthusiastic about the workers' efficiency and conscientiousness that they are eager to hire as many others with visual handicaps as possible.

"We do hope to find some work here in Jackson county that they could be trained to do," she said. "If we could get the opportunities, the Commission for the Blind could train them in a short time. Although they do not send down a handicraft trainer, they also have all sorts of other training available for those who need it.

Asks Cooperation: "I do hope that the people of Jackson county realize the importance of the work we are doing, and will cooperate with us in our search for suitable jobs for our people. A man really has a right to work, I think, if he can and wants to," she concluded.

Tickets for the Braille tournament can be purchased by calling Mrs. Al Gilhausen, at 3-2823, or by contacting any member of the duplicate bridge clubs. The tournament will be at Camp White at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

ing cooking club member. A junior 4-H club leader, Miss Bohnert was president of the Jackson county 4-H council. She is now a student at Oregon State college.

Jackson county 4-H leaders association was recognized as one of the top leaders' groups in the state. It received honorable mention for the leaders' trophy, which went to Benton county. Other runners-up were Lake and Deschutes counties.

Miss Bohnert Wins Another Coveted 4-H Major Trophy

Doreen Bohnert, 19, Central Point, received the Governor Snell achievement cup for girls at the state 4-H club leaders' annual banquet Jan. 26 at Oregon State college.

The awards is one of four major trophies given each year to outstanding 4-H club members of Oregon.

Among her earlier accomplishments was a national 4-H award

in the meat animal project. She earned a trip to the National 4-H Club congress in 1953 for her livestock work, and then became one of six in the nation to receive a \$300 college scholarship as a national winner. Miss Bohnert also earned a \$350 Standard Oil scholarship.

Many Projects: A 4-H club member since 1945, she has carried projects in beef and swine, in addition to several in home economics. Her first 4-H championship was on a steer. Since then her beef cows have been junior or senior and grand champion for six years, and two years topped all eight classes she showed in at the county fair. Her stock placed high at state fair, too. She had two grand champion cows, first in production and twice won young breeder's herd.

With her sewing she won grand champion trophy in the county style review twice. For three consecutive years she received the trophy for outstanding

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New Clue, Prize Added to MOD Mystery Man Contest

A new clue and another prize were added to the March of Dimes Mystery Man contest last night when he was again not identified.

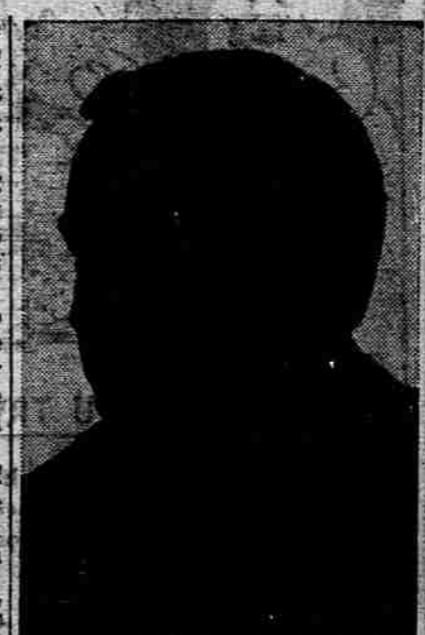
The new clue is: Something about a tree reminds one of my business. The new prize is two chicken dinners from Mary's Casa.

Other clues are: He came to Medford in 1928 and left the valley only to serve in the navy in World War II. It might be said I'm a corny character. In a way, I never move.

Other prizes are a quart of milk for each member of the family for 30 days from the Milk Producers League and a gown from Pick's Apparel.

Bob Smith, county March of Dimes chairman, said the contest will end Monday night when telephone calls will be made over station KXJC until the Mystery Man is identified.

Tonight's call will be made over station KXJC at 5:15 p.m. Persons desiring to enter the contest may send their name, address and telephone number to March of Dimes Mystery Man Contest, PO Box 531, Medford. A coupon for convenience of



POLIO'S MYSTERY MAN Something About a Tree

those desiring to enter the contest appears on page 11.

Plans for Forest Conservation Set By Rogue District

Forest conservation plans for three Rogue Soil Conservation district members have been set up, according to Clean Ault, district technician.

Included is timberland on the farms of C. W. Jensen and Willis Steinh, Rogue River, and Carl Mason, Wagner Creek.

Bill Sauerwein, Soil Conservation service forester for western Oregon, has been in the district for the past week working on the planning, Ault continued.

It is tentatively planned to qualify each of the properties as certified tree farms, the technician said. If they qualify, they will be the first certified tree farms in the Rogue district.

To Inspect Area: It is anticipated that Harry Glascock, district forester for the Industrial Forestry association, and Dale Prentiss, district forester for Western Pine Forestry association, will visit the area to inspect the land involved and recommend for certification.

Ault pointed out that, although most of the timber involved is second growth, a careful survey has indicated that the trees have considerable value for minor harvest or cleanup cuttings. Besides value from cuttings, proper management practices contribute to the area's flood control and watershed protection, the official added.

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