

Mr. Peepers' Act Not Good Enough For Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — An act that started Wally (Mr. Peepers) Cox on a career in show business isn't good enough for Las Vegas.

The Dunes Hotel fired Cox after three shows because its owners said the act was more suitable for a Bible society than a gambling casino's nightclub.

The shy entertainer, who has been living at the hotel, showed up last night at the casino and said he was willing to go on. But the management substituted a musical-novelty act, the "Four Tunes."

Material Responsible

Al Gottesman, one of the owners of the Dunes, blamed Cox' discharge on the material he prepared for the \$44,000 engagement which was to have run for four weeks.

"If he had appeared before a Bible society meeting with that material, he might have lasted. But not here," Gottesman said. "You can't come here with a nothing act."

Cox said the act he put on was the same one he had been doing for several years with slight modifications on the stage, in New York and Hollywood night clubs and on television.

"It's the same act that started me in show business," he said sadly. "But they didn't like what I did. They asked me to leave and I feel terrible."

Gottesman said the management decided to terminate Cox' engagement because "people walked out in the middle of it." He said Cox failed to live up to his promise to do a special act written for the appearance.

Session of Federal Court Stated Here

A session of federal district court will open in Medford on Aug. 8, it was reported last week.

The presiding judge will be James Alger Fee, former Oregon district judge now on the 9th circuit court of appeals in San Francisco. He is assisting to clear the dockets of the Oregon district court this summer before returning to his regular position.

The southern Oregon session of district court will open in Klamath Falls at 10 a.m. Aug. 3, and jurors called for duty have been instructed to report there at that time. Jackson county people on the federal jury panel include Gilbert Elder, Trail; James R. Foster, Ashland; Guy Garrett, Talent; Pete Gertson, Ashland, and G. C. Perry, Eagle Point.

Law Officers Seek Escaped Prison Inmate

Salem — (U.P.) — A state prison convict who walked away from a work gang north of here yesterday was hunted by state and prison law enforcement officers Saturday.

The escapee was identified as Harold Walter Poirier, who was serving a 10-year sentence from Deschutes county for larceny.

State police said several of their patrol cars and several from the prison cruised all roads in the area last night in the hunt, as well as providing stake-outs in downtown Salem areas.

Poirier was a member of a crew working at a bean harvest at Kelsier, just north of the Salem outskirts. He was discovered missing at a regular head count. Prison officials said he was wearing regulation jeans and a work shirt carrying his prison number.

Poirier entered the prison in 1950.

Third Division Society Elects Portland Man

Portland — (U.P.) — The Third Division Society, holding its annual convention in Portland this week end, Saturday elected Joe Southworth, Portland, national president.

Veterans of the World War II fighting unit also elected three new vice-presidents: Morris Kropky, Du Pont, Wash., Ed Butler, Chicago, and Jim Brant, Washington, D. C.

Delegates included Screen Actor Audie Murphy. The convention saw a special showing of Murphy's semi-autobiographical film, "To Hell and Back."



MASKED HOPEFULS—Miss "X", incognito candidate for queen of the Jacksonville Jubilee, and her two masked assistants will appear at several public events in the near future under the sponsorship of the Medford Exchange club. Their identities will be concealed till the dance at which the Queen is announced.

'Miss X' Entered In Jubilee Contest

Miss "X" has been announced as the Medford Exchange club's candidate for Queen of the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee, Aug. 6 and 7. She and her two assistants will appear at various public events during the next few weeks, their identity concealed by black masks.

A sealed envelope will be deposited with the Jubilee committee containing the name and vital statistics of the mystery candidate. Her identity will be revealed at the dance when the queen is announced.

Anyone buying 100 votes for Miss "X" for 25 cents will be entitled to participate in a contest or (1) a beef steer, (2) a \$75

wardrobe, and (3) an electric coffee pot.

Only information offered by the Exchange club is that Miss "X" is 17 years old and attends Medford Senior High school.

Ashland Man Dies

While Watching Auction

Lee F. Conner, 67, of route 1, box 152, Ashland, died suddenly at 2:20 p.m. Saturday while watching an auction at the Southern Oregon Auction company, Phoenix, according to Coroner Carlos Morris. Death apparently came from natural causes.

Dead time Sunday. Classified as at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.



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