

### Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH  
The Veterans Administration is having "movie" troubles. This is due to the advent of the new visual features necessitating the use of a wider screen and a different type of lens from the one provided in standard equipment for the old films.

"There is no difference in the width of the film proper which is 35mm, and the sprocket on the film remains the same," Al Birman, special services technician explains.

"The picture itself, however, is wider because the actual height on the film is slightly narrower, requiring a different lens and a wider screen to be shown."

All of this trouble is occasioned by the growing popularity of new dimensional projection features embodied in several types of pictures being released. The inevitable result is a shortage of the regular "flat" subjects.

Considerable expense is involved in the switch-over if it is made, both in rental cost and the installation of the wider screen, together with the adaptation of the projector itself.

One of the largest donations of books has been received from Gresham Post of the American Legion of Portland. Miss Rae Boyle, domiciliary librarian, made selections from the assortment of titles, some of which were duplicates of existing works for which there is no space in the library at present. About 100 of the 250 volumes received, were sent to Miss Webster of the Medford library.

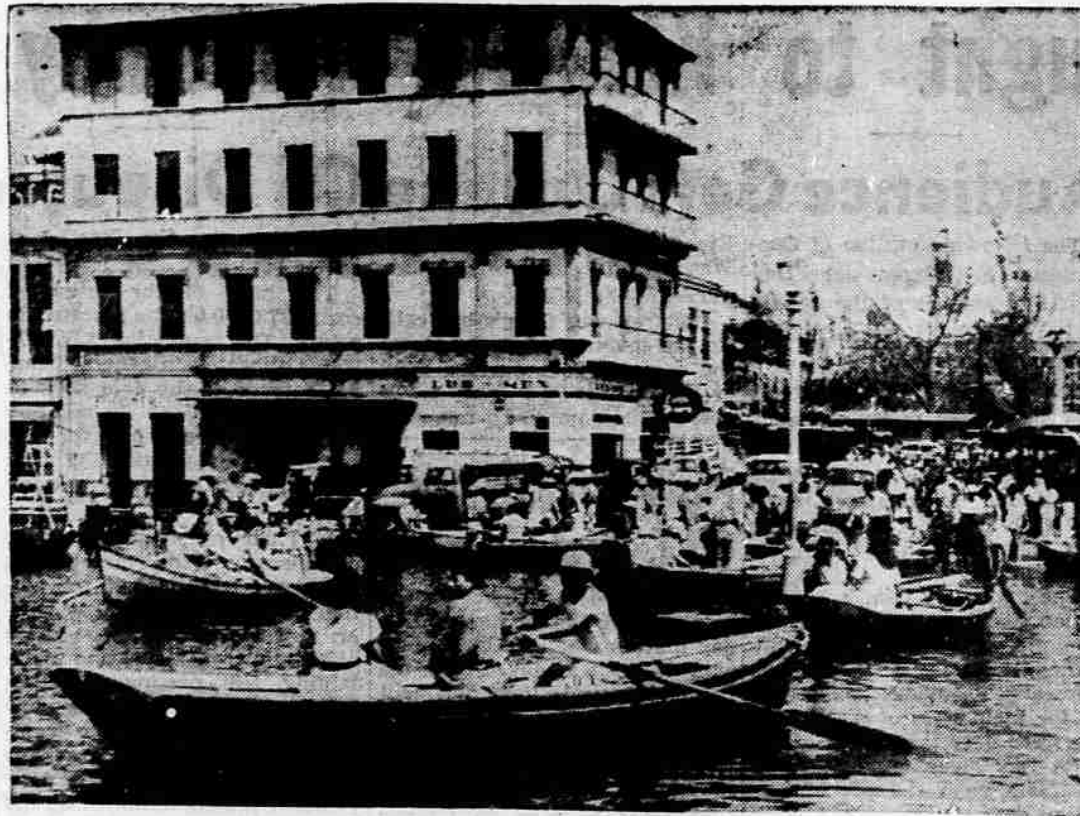
Jack London represents to the writing world the most conspicuous example of achievement of literary style by sheer determination to gain fame through mastery of the English language.

In his brief but adventurous life, the "Sailor on Horseback" from Oakland, Calif., ran the gamut of life at the crossroads of empire, facing westward across the Pacific. He told of these experiences in bold but eloquent terms.

Something of his battle in the formative years is told by Cliff Barry, who grew up in Oakland and knew Jack London before he became famous. Barry now lives at Camp White and claims Oregon as his voting residence, where he has lived in later years.

"I met Jack London through his first wife Bessie Mattern, who was a tutor of English, both written and spoken. She gave private lessons and rode to the homes of her pupils on a bicycle."

"Jack became acquainted with her and she taught him the rudiments of writing, such as grammar, sentence structure and the use of words, which enabled



**TAMPICO STILL UNDER WATER**—Streets of Tampico, Mexico, carry heavy water traffic as people are evacuated from flooded homes. Tampico has been hard hit by hurricanes that have left hundreds dead, thousands injured and large areas flooded. (U. S. Navy photo made by member of relief mission)

him to express the stories and thoughts that moved him to write for magazines and publishers," Barry recalls.

Barry is familiar with the struggle London made from obscurity and his lack of education which came to life in his story "Martin Eden." He also knew of his romantic inclinations and how his first love deserted him, after which he married Bessie Mattern.

It was a sudden proposal, she told Barry. "He asked me if I would marry him, and I said 'Yes.' That's all there was to it," Mrs. London told him in relating their courtship.

Barry was invited to their home and was introduced to Jack, who was only a writer of short stories at the time.

"He was most affable and smiled as we shook hands. It was a strange smile which did not have any special feeling about it."

"Of course, he went on to do his great work after that, and after he divorced Bessie to marry Charmian, who went adventuring with him on the high seas," Barry relates.

But it was "John Barleycorn" rather than the "Call of the Wild" which dominated the restless spirit of this remarkable American author, he believes.

### 16 Mining Claims Filed in County

Sixteen mining claims were recorded Wednesday in the Jackson county recorder's office.

J. M. Vashbinder, Alta L. Vashbinder, Betty L. Maupin, and Glenn C. Young have located claims named Rocky Point Lode Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. No mineral was specified.

George W. Grigg, Ashland, has located Carey Hill claim in the Greensprings Mining district, for any precious metals or strategic ores. Grigg and W. McLaughlin, also of Ashland, filed location notices for claims named Miner's Playground, Green Springs, Cathedral Rock, Apple Green, and Devil's Rockpile, all located in the Greensprings Mining district, for any precious metals or strategic ores.

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### Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part series on the tragedy of Jimmy Dean.

HOLLYWOOD—(U.P.)—James Dean would be alive today, his close friends believe, if he had not decided to buy a lighter, faster sports car.

His old white Porsche, car experts say, would have withstood his collision with a heavier Ford. But recently he bought a new Porsche Spyder, made of aluminum, and it crumpled like a piece of tinfoil in the accident.

"I begged him to tow the car to the races," his good friend, insurance agent Lou Bracker, said today. "That Spyder is not for driving on the streets. It's a racing car. Even if he bent a fender getting out of the city he would be disqualified from the race."

In eight years of covering Hollywood, I never have seen a celebrity's death rock Hollywood as did Dean's. Since the crash near Paso Robles, his friends, acquaintances and the usual Hollywood hangers-on who want to cash in on the tragedy have talked of nothing but 24-year-old Dean.

Some acquaintances think Dean's last-minute decision to drive the aluminum car on the highway instead of towing it was an unconscious urge toward death.

Bill Hickman, who was driving with photographer Sanford Roth in Jimmy's station wagon behind Dean, thinks Jimmy seemed depressed and "when we stopped for coffee on the way he had a strange look in his eye." Other friends agree "Jimmy hadn't been in a good mood lately."

But Bracker pointed out "Jimmy always was nervous before a race."

"Jimmy once said, 'I've got to do things fast. I haven't got much time.' But he didn't mean that as a premonition of death, but that he wanted to do so many things in his life," said Lou.

"He wanted to become a bust-

ness tycoon. We were planning to open a Porsche agency. He wanted to give up acting in a few years and be a director. After doing the Rocky Graziano movie, he wanted to do 'Billy the Kid' as his own independent production."

"He was learning to sculpt and play tennis."

**Wary of Reporters**  
I knew Jimmy briefly. He was wary of reporters. When we were introduced on the set of "Rebel Without a Cause," he grunted and looked away. Then he saw my sports, an MG, parked nearby. He asked if he could drive it, so with Jimmy at the wheel we roared around corners while I tried to interview the actor.

I saw him at every sports car race. He would run eagerly from turn to turn, watching the cars screech and sway.

He was well-informed on modern classical music, but he also



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### Grange

JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
Jackson County Grange council will convene at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Phoenix Grange hall. All Grange members are invited.

liked to talk about be-bop and rock 'n' roll. He wore glasses and appeared studious. He wanted to become an "intellectual."

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**Unusual Surgery Changes Ex-Soldier Into Sweater Girl**  
New York—(U.P.)—Charlotte McLeod could compete favorably today with Marilyn Monroe or Jane Russell in a sweater girl contest.  
This was considered rather unusual because only a year ago Charlotte was Charles McLeod, a former soldier from Dyersburg, Tenn.  
But Charles wanted to become a woman and following the course set by Christine Jorgensen underwent a "sex-change" operation in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1954.  
**Not Satisfied**  
Charlotte was not completely satisfied with the metamorphosis, however, and underwent further surgery two months ago at the hands of a woman plastic surgeon in New York, Dr. Elsie LeRoe.  
Using a technique to replant natural tissue, a method developed during World War II for treatment of wounded soldiers, Dr. LaRoe made a breast implant of polyesteron, a plastic.  
Dr. LaRoe's husband said Charlotte underwent breast surgery because "she was trying to find herself, to get a body to match her mind and feelings."  
**Operation Successful**  
From all appearances, Dr. LaRoe's husband said, the operation was successful. Charlotte's bust now measures 38 inches, her waist 26 and her hips 37. She is six feet tall in high heels.  
Charlotte said she never had any intention of following Christine Jorgensen's night club trail, but may change her mind. She said she had been fired from two jobs because everyone stared at her and employers obviously considered her a disturbing factor.

### Dirksen Reveals Reelection Plan

Pekin, Ill.—(U.P.)—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) formally announced Thursday night that he will run again for the Senate next year.

Dirksen has been mentioned as a possible GOP presidential candidate if President Eisenhower does not run for a second term. But he made no mention of this possibility in his speech at his home town here.

He asked for the voters' support on the basis of his record and said he has tried to "follow a fine, sound middle road" at Washington.

Dirksen is not expected to meet major opposition among the Republican ranks. Democrats, who hold Illinois' other senatorial seats, are undecided about who to run against him, although the names of former Sen. Scott Lucas and of Reps. Melvin Price and Peter F. Mack Jr. have been mentioned.

**HERE'S DAVY AGAIN**  
Bridgeport, Conn.—(U.P.)—A teen-age baby-sitter rushed out of the house after Dr. and Mrs. John Gulash just as they were leaving for a night out. "There's a strange animal in the bathroom and I'm afraid to go in," she told them. Dr. Gulash calmed the girl by explaining that the "animal was a Davy Crockett hat."

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