

Kiwanians Slate Audition Party For Yearly Kapers Show

Residents of the Rogue River valley, who sing, dance, play musical instruments or perform novelty numbers and who have stage ambitions, will have an opportunity Friday, Feb. 3, to try out for one of the big local productions of the season.

Medford Kiwanis club is holding a tryout party on that date to review prospective talent for its annual Kiwanis Kapers variety show. The party is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the senior high school band room.

Solo or group specialty acts particularly are wanted for the show which will be presented Feb. 29 and March 1, 2 and 3. All persons interested who are junior high age or over may turn out at the party for auditioning. There are no openings in the cast for younger performers, Kiwanians said.

Refreshments Served
Refreshments will be served at the party. The band quarters are in room 32 at the high school. Kiwanians suggested that those coming for auditions enter the building by the rear entrance.

Dr. Abner Clark is in charge of the tryout party. Don Hanson of Lassen Productions, a professional director, will arrive here Feb. 2, to begin work in the all-local talent show. A casting and tryout session for Kiwanians and their wives will be held Saturday, Feb. 4.

The Kapers, annual and major fund-raising project of the service club, will have a holiday theme this year. Performances will be in the senior high school auditorium.

Former Residents Here Featured in Article

A former Medford couple, Floyd and Ella Price, are featured in an article appearing recently in a trade journal. The Prices own and operate the Elkhorn cafe and service station, one of the landmarks of the tiny community of Sumpter, Ore.

The community, high in the Blue mountains of Whitman National forest, was once a bustling mining city of 10,000 residents. Price was a logger in Medford before leaving for the mountain town.

Committee To Study Recreation Formed

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon recreation committee to study and promote recreational facilities in this state organized here last night and elected Don January of Eugene as chairman.

Miss Dorothea Lensch of Portland was named secretary. The committee was created after the 1955 legislature discussed a study of the state's overall recreational situation.

Writer Learns of Earlier Hillbilly Life While Under Spell of Hypnosis

By ALFRED LEECH
United Press Correspondent
Chicago—U.P.—It seems I was a hill billy in a "previous life."

At least that's what my session with hypnotist Arthur Ellen would indicate.

I don't believe a word of it, and told Ellen so. He smiled, but wouldn't commit himself, either way.

Ellen, now appearing at the Black Orchid, is the fellow who hypnotized a girl on television in a \$100,000 showdown. This tidy sum, stacked on a table within arm's reach, was hers if she could pick it up. But under his spell she couldn't.

One of the few nightclub performers paid to put his audience to sleep, Ellen works fast. Within seconds, I was under. Ellen's voice seemed far away. I was standing at the time, and he told me I was falling backward. I recall his catching me as I rocked back on my heels.

Seated in an easy chair, I could not arise. I remember struggling to get up, finally falling back breathless.

Story of 'Earlier Life'
My colleague, Bruce Johnson of United Press, said I was red in the face from the exertion.

After that I don't remember too much, but a tape recording told the sketchy story of my "earlier life." It was a weird experience listening to the recording of what I had said under hypnosis.

The first scene I "recalled" was a bear emerging from the mouth of a cave. The year was 1870 and I was 21. It was somewhere in Kentucky. I didn't know exactly where.

There were men and women standing around, and there was

Literature of County Distributed At Shows

Attractions of Medford and Oregon are being shown to some 100,000 visitors from the midwest during the nine-day Kansas City sports, travel and trailer show. Jackson County Chamber of Commerce literature is being distributed showing vacation possibilities of this area.

Representatives from the state also encouraged Oregon vacations at the San Francisco automobile show which closed Jan. 18. Jackson County Chamber publicity and promotion displays will appear in eight major promotional events throughout the midwest, Texas and California through its affiliation with the Pacific Northwest Travel association.

Mrs. McKay Slated To Leave Hospital

Washington — (U.P.) — Physicians at Walter Reed hospital said Saturday that Mrs. Douglas McKay would be allowed to return home early next week.

Mrs. McKay was reported in excellent condition following an appendectomy last Saturday night.

a fat man with an axe over his shoulder.

I lived in a cabin by the fork of a river, and I died in bed at the age of 30. I knew I was going to die because I had a fever.

But there were a couple of important items I failed to recollect. I didn't know my name, and I couldn't tell exactly where I lived.

Just a Picture
"The scenes you recalled may have been bits of a story you once heard and forgot," Ellen said. "Perhaps the locale was from a picture or painting you once saw."

Officials Of Ashland Discuss City Levies, School District Tax

Elmer Biegel, city superintendent at Ashland, and Dr. Marshall Woodell, professor at Southern Oregon college and a member of the Ashland school board, were guest speakers at the weekly tax study meeting Friday morning of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Biegel reviewed the city's budget, pointing out that the city's chief source of revenue is from its electric utility, and that general fund levies represent only a small portion of the city's income.

The total budget for the year is some \$960,000, Biegel said, with revenues of about \$869,000, leaving a tax levy of somewhat more than \$90,000. But, he explained, much of this is in the form of special levies for the support of the band, and park and the cemetery, leaving a general fund levy of only about \$49,000.

Lower Electric Rates
As a result, he stated, the annual 6 per cent increase available to the city for raising its budget is small. A recent raise in electric rates was approved to boost city revenues, he said, but pointed out that even with the increase, the electric rates in Ashland are still below those of the California Oregon Power company in Medford.

Dr. Woodell spoke of the problems of the school board in general terms, pointing out that the rapid increase in school population is the reason for most of them. The school population increase in Ashland is virtually the same as the national average, he said, and the trend is strongly up in the foreseeable future.

The Ashland school board has been engaged in a building program since 1939, and finds it must construct an average of two classrooms per year just to keep even with the increase, he declared. But the major cost in school operation, about 80 per cent of the budget, is in salaries, Woodell reported. There is a shortage of teachers, he said, and there is a competitive mar-

ket for them, forcing salaries up.

Realistic Budget
Because of the rapid increase in school population and costs, the school budget long ago outstripped the permissible 6 per cent increase, and as a result approval of the voters has been needed for each year's budget. He said this is a good thing, forcing the board and the citizen's budget committee to present a realistic and economical budget.

The committee will continue its series of meetings next Friday at 7:30 a.m. at the Medford hotel, with representatives of School District 6C and the city of Central Point as guests. The final report of the committee will be prepared only when the series of study meetings is completed.

Recommend Purchase Of Mobile Radios

Another move to give Jackson county more civil defense protection was made this week when civil defense officials recommended to the county court that the county procure two mobile trailer radio stations.

The units, which would cost approximately \$1,125 each, would function in fires, floods, or other disasters by making possible the coordination of all radio systems in the area. These would include the Roxy system of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association and those of the forest service and state and county law enforcement agencies.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county civil defense head; L. L. Simpson civil defense fire marshal; and Dwight Albright, chief of the control center, made the proposal.

Simpson said the tree farm association has agreed to operate and maintain the mobile units for civil defense.

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Minerals Course To Start Here Tuesday

A three-hour college course in rocks and minerals will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday in room 25 at Medford Senior High school.

Max Shafer, field geologist of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industry, will be instructor for the course, which is being conducted under the direction of the Oregon state system of higher education.

The course was scheduled to start last Tuesday, but Shafer was unable to get here from Grants Pass. Enrollment was held last week, and those interested may enroll Tuesday night if not already registered.

No Progress Made In WAL Labor Dispute

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Four days of separate conferences conducted by the National Mediation Board have failed to develop a basis for resuming negotiations to settle the 18-day strike by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks against Western Air Lines, it was disclosed today.

Board Chairman Leverett Edwards said he was unable to make any headway in meeting separately with union and management and was returning to Washington.

More than 850 clerks struck the company Jan. 9 in a dispute over wages and a union shop. The airline suspended operations on its 5525-mile system in 12 Western states and Canada.

Russia, Yugoslavia Sign Nuclear Pact

London—(U.P.) — Russia and Yugoslavia Saturday signed an agreement on cooperation in nuclear science development, official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Belgrade. The agency, in a broadcast monitored here, said the accord was on "cooperation in the development and research in the field of nuclear sciences and utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes."

Meeting To Discuss District Consolidation

A meeting of residents of Oak Grove school district will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school to discuss the possibility of consolidation or annexation of the district with Medford district. The meeting was called by the school board of directors according to H. Bruce Metzger, principal.

The Medford school board previously voted to undertake a joint study of the possible advantages and disadvantages of the proposal at the request of the Oak Grove board.

DEFENSE MINISTERS MEET

San Salvador—(U.P.)—The defense ministers of the five Central American republics will meet here Monday to discuss common defense problems. The Organization of Central American States called the meeting at the request of Guatemala.

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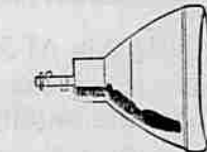
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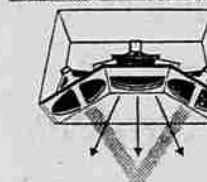
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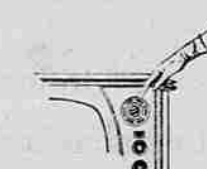
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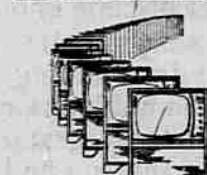
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