

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A BIG BROADWAY STAR had been fighting a losing battle with the Demon Rum for years, was finally warned by his doctor that if he didn't climb on the wagon he'd be a gone goose in six months.

"I know you can't stop completely in one day," added the doctor, "so I'll let you take four ounces of whisky a day—no more and no less—for three weeks as a tapering-off process."

At the end of the three weeks, the star staggered into the doctor's office fried to the gills. "You disobeyed my instructions," exclaimed the doctor angrily. "Honest I didn't," contradicted the lush. "Just four ounces of whisky each day—no more no less."

"Then how," demanded the doctor, "did you get so intoxicated on so little whisky?"

"My dear fellow," blustered the actor, "do you think you're the ONLY doctor I consult?"



Jeremy Jones was locked out of the house by his irate wife the other night. He tried to pull the wool over her eyes with the wrong yarn.

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Cities Faced With Providing Better Transportation

(Editor's note: Medford Mayor John Snider returned Thursday night from a convention of the American Municipal Association in Denver, Colo. Following are his comments concerning the AMA's highways committee, of which Snider is a member, in relation to problems facing southern Oregon communities.)

By JOHN W. SNIDER
Medford Mayor

The American Municipal Congress, which just ended in Denver, was attended by more than 1,000 municipal officials who gathered to exchange information on traffic, parking, street use, transit, finances and other aspects of "Better Transportation for Your City."

The AMA Highways committee, of which I am a member, met in advance of the Congress to consider changes in policy regarding AMA Highway resolutions to the general membership.

Because the trend indicates that 4 out of 5 citizens will live in or near an American city, municipalities are faced with the absolute need for providing better transportation.

Cost of Delays
The cost of delays in the movement of people and materials by failure to provide adequate transportation facilities is a cost that can never be recovered. It is also noted, of extreme local interest, that industrial development follows only where communities have provided good street and highway systems.

A good transportation program must be based on the metropolitan complex, rather than just on a city, because autos are not respecters of imaginary city limits. Planning must be done with extreme consideration for the projected planning of our sis-

ter cities in the valley, the county road department and the state highway department.

There must also be a balance, and this is highly important, between the need for rapid transportation through direct routes and the economic impact of street and highway location and relocation. Pleas With Progress

In comparing the Medford area with many others throughout the country, I am well pleased with the progress we are making in both the abatement and prevention of traffic problems. We are extremely fortunate in having a progressive and cooperative state highway department, so evidently lacking in some other states.

In summary, the problem is how to incorporate all the facets of transportation into an integrated, workable, practical, cohesive whole, each in its proper place, and each given the means and opportunity to function at its maximum.

The area with such a master transportation plan is almost assured of a prosperous, healthy, thriving future. I believe that such a cooperative program can and will be developed in southern Oregon and that we may reasonably expect to be ready for the transportation problems resulting from a tremendous population growth.

Libraries to Close Over Holidays

All Jackson county libraries will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Library officials have announced.

The libraries will be closed from noon Dec. 24, until their regular opening hours the following Monday, and from 6 p.m. Dec. 31, until the following Monday.

BIOLOGIST DIES

Salem — (UPI) — Dr. Morton E. Peck, founder of Willamette university herbarium, died Friday at his home here. He was 88. Dr. Peck, author of "A Manual of Higher Plants in Oregon," served as professor of biology at Willamette until 1941 when he assumed full time duties as curator of the herbarium.

ALERT ON FOR GUNMEN

Salem — (UPI) — State police said Saturday that although the alert continues for fugitives who took some potshots at a state policeman near Albany early Friday, roadblocks have been discontinued.

Lease Signed for Use of Oak Knoll

Ashland — The Ashland city council last week passed a resolution to execute a lease between the city and the Oak Knoll Golf club, Inc., for use of the Oak Knoll golf course.

The lease, to be effective as of Dec. 1, stipulates rental of \$1 per year for an initial period of 10 years. An option to renew for an additional 10

Salem — (UPI) — Salem real estate broker Roy T. Todd, 54, died in his downtown office Friday, victim of a heart attack.

years provides for payment of 10 per cent of the net profits to the city.

The lease was signed in behalf of the corporation by Walter L. and Ted Porterfield of Grants Pass.

The agreement covers construction of buildings incidental to operation of the course, with the city retaining the right to approve plans and specifications. Construction of a golf driving range, which is to be completed within three years, is not included.

Oak Knoll Golf club, Inc., has operated the course for

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Deschutes Sheriff Named Assoc. Head

Portland — (UPI) — Deschutes county Sheriff Forest Sholes was elected president of the Oregon County Sheriff's association here Friday at the group's annual convention.

County, was named vice president; and Charles Strawn, Coos county, secretary-treasurer. Carl Bondetti, Clatsop county; Ernie Mosier, Wasco; Ira Byrd, Douglas, and Joe Walsh, Jackson, were named to the executive committee.

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