

## Trial Held to Determine If Man Is Mentally Ill

By BESSIE BOYD FRASER  
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Yreka—A jury trial was held here Wednesday to determine whether a Dunsmuir man is mentally ill. It was the first such trial in Siskiyou county in 12 years.

Judge James M. Allen of superior court reminded jurors that it was not a criminal proceeding, that they were to consider the definition of the court regarding mental illness, not what they personally believed it to be. Only by preponderance of evidence must the case be proved, he said.

The man was born in the Philippines, the son of an infantry major in the U. S. Army. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the Army. He served one year and one month and was given a medical discharge. He has been a railroad employee for 10 years.

Several doctors testified that they had examined him and that in their opinion he was a paranoid-schizophrenic.

Although he denied ever having been a patient in a mental hospital, Dr. Loehen, assistant superintendent of Mendocino State hospital at Talmadge, Calif., said he had examined him and recommended hospital treatment.

Dr. Loehen explained that schizophrenia was a mental

## GH Swim Sessions To Start July 18

Gold Hill—Youngsters of the Gold Hill area who have registered for the July 18 session of swimming lessons at the new Jackson swimming pool will be taken to Medford for their lessons by a District 6 school bus, according to Mrs. Charley Plummer who volunteered her services to make detailed arrangements so that children of this area would have an opportunity to take advantage of the swimming program that Medford offers.

Children who plan to go are asked to meet the bus at 8 p.m., Monday, July 18, on Second ave. in Gold Hill near the Chevron service station. The bus will travel to Jackson pool in Medford from Gold Hill by way of the Old State road to Scenic ave.

The schedule will be continued Monday through Friday during the swimming sessions of the week of July 18.

## CP Scouts Raise Funds for Camp

Central Point—Boys from Scout troop 104, under Scout leader Alan Bishop, worked hard this week end on their fund raising project for 20 boys to attend Camp McLoughlin at Lake of the Woods July 17.

Watermelons donated by Faber's store and pop were sold last Saturday at the shopping center with a profit of \$50. David DeArmand, member of the troop council, will accompany the boys to camp.

## Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock—The Fourth of July passed very quietly here, with no early morning shooting blasts or evening fire works, and few flags displayed, and those displayed being of the 48 and 49 stars. Back when we had more energy and daring than we possess now, we used to load a half dozen sticks of dynamite, tie them to a tripod on a hard wood, one stick in each place, about 30 feet apart, start at one end, light each one, and run.

Back a good many years ago, before the consolidation of schools was thought of, nearly every community that had a school had a baseball team. The big drawing card to any Fourth of July celebration was the baseball game. We remember attending a celebration at Jacksonville when the main event was the ball game between the home team and the Eagle Pointers who, with Joe Vanhorenburg, their left-handed pitcher, had trounced nearly all the teams in the valley.

The game started off close, with neither side scoring for several innings. Then an Eagle Point boy straightened out one of "Dobbie" Dow's curves for a two-base hit and the Eagle Point routers on the sidelines went wild. They had no bleachers or grandstands those days. Rooters stood in lines or sat on the ground.

During the excitement, Elie Orm, county sheriff, walked over to the Eagle Point line with five \$20 gold pieces in the palm of his hand, which he jingled under the noses of the E.P. fans, and dared them to put up or shut up. We didn't notice anyone putting up, or very many shutting up. We don't remember how the affair ended, as those times we traveled by horse, so had to leave in time to do the many chores on a diversified farm.

Betting on a ball game evidently wasn't considered an offense those days.

Millon Skank, the Sams Valley repairman, informs us that he is sole owner of the Sams Valley welding and repair shop, having bought his partner's interest.

Rattlesnakes have been more numerous here this season than for many years. One man who does much irrigation work has killed 15 of the reptiles with a .22 caliber pistol which he carries with him. There have always been rattlesnakes here, but so far as we know, and checking with others that have spent many years here, the recent biting of Lewis Lathrop was the first in the history of the district.

Peter Sage, 10-year-old son of the Bob Sages, was telling us that he gets 50 cents an hour for pulling weeds out of his dad's Christmas tree plot. This reminds us of work we did when a boy of 12. Clarence Gunn operated a grain binder here some 60 years or so ago when practically all the farm crops grown in the community were hay, grain, and corn.

Most of the hay was fed to work horses and milk cows and much of the corn and small grains was fed to hogs. Many of these were made into bacon and cured in the farm smoke houses like Jerry Neuman of Jacksonville, to pay the store bill which was paid once a year. William Bybee drove his herd of from 200 to 300 hogs to Happy Camp, Calif. Some wheat was sold to local mills and some made into flour for home use. Most of the farmers had large families and it took a lot of produce to keep the larders filled.

To go back to our job, we rode the lead team on the five horse rig, from sun up till as long as we could see in the evening, for 50 cents a day and board. At the close of the long season, Gum offered us a double-barrel muzzle loading shot gun, in payment for our summers work, which we thought was quite enough, but when we told father about our "wind fall" he said that would be a foolish trade, and to ask for our pay in money, so we could get a suit of clothes, which we did. We got an all wool suit for \$7 which was our pride and joy for a long time, the only drawback being that when we put the suit on, we had to wear shoes, and mother was sure to ask if we had washed our neck and ears.

At a luncheon program July 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nealon, Mrs. Clara Gardner, of Medford, recited the Declaration of Independence in a very pleasing and forceful manner. Visitors at the luncheon were Mr. and

Mrs. Fredric Rode and two young children of Redwood City, Calif. Mr. Rode, a photographer for several California newspapers, is a grandson of Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Richardson and son, Johnny Milas, and Sally of Oswego, Ore., were visiting relatives Wednesday at the J. S. Richardson and R. E. Nealon homes. Mr. Richardson is music supervisor for the Oregon City schools.

Other holiday visitors in the community were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Robinson and three children, and Elgin Robinson, all of the Bay area, Greg and Claudia Robinson are spending a vacation with the Claud Rays in Medford and at the Ed Robinson home.

The Bud Robinson family spent the holiday at the coast.

The many friends here of the Milford Vanderpool family were grievously shocked by the recent sudden and tragic death of Mr. Vanderpool. The family lived in this community for several years, taking an active part in its social and religious affairs. We join with other friends in expressing sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

## Lights To Go On In Prospect Tomorrow

Prospect—A street lighting ceremony during which four new street lamps will be turned on for the first time will be held here at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

The lighting project was made possible by the Prospect Lions club with the help of local businessmen. Club member Duane Paine was chairman of the project.

The Prospect Garden club plans to install planters at the bases of the light poles.

## 1,000-Pound Man Dies in California

Northridge, Calif.—(AP)—A man weighing an estimated 800 to 1,000 pounds died Thursday at his sister's home where he had been confined to bed for several months, police reported.

Police were called in when the coroner's office was unable to find stretchers to support the body of Arthur Knorr, 46. His height was 5 feet, 10 inches.

It took nine policemen and firemen about three hours to remove Knorr's body. They had to take a solid wood table, cut off its legs, strap Knorr's body to it and then slide it out the door.

A doctor said Knorr's death was of natural causes, but that his run-away gain of weight apparently came about because of a glandular condition. He had gained more than 200 pounds this year, the doctor said.

## Greeters Asked To Support Program

The Medford Chamber of Commerce greeters committee was encouraged Thursday by Mayor John Snider to support Medford's sister city program.

City Librarian Omar Bacon, chairman of the service division, reported that the deadline for contributions to Medford's first friendship mail pouch will be Aug. 1.

Dr. Orville Eaton also announced that the date for the second trek to Forks-of-Salmon by the greeters will be July 23 and 24.

## Wheels of Truck Fatal To Worker

Portland—(AP)—Tom J. Bertoch, 45, a bridge and building gang employee for Union Pacific, was injured fatally Thursday afternoon when the rear wheels of a truck came to rest on his chest.

Officials said Bertoch parked his truck close to a track in the Albina Yard. He was behind the truck loading barrels and a road switch engine passing on the track struck the truck driving it back a few feet and the rear wheels came to rest on Bertoch's chest.

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## Residents Reminded Of Public Hearing On Copco's Rates

By MARY KELL  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Gold Hill—The Gold Hill city council reminds residents of this area of an important public hearing slated for this Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in circuit court room No. 2 at the Jackson county court house in Medford. Issue to be discussed is in regard to Copco's request to the PUC asking for a residential rate increase. The council recommends that all persons who are opposed to power rate increases should plan to attend the hearing.

Acting Mayor Fred Lester conducted Tuesday's council session. At this meeting, the council accepted the auditor's contract which is in compliance with new state requirements for an inventory audit of all city assets. During the council session, city officials made a study of the estimated valuation of city property and utilities.

The council granted Bill Zander, owner of the Sportsman's Tavern, permission to operate an outside beer garden on his premises providing there is no opposition from the state liquor commission.

Action was taken by the council to have fire restriction signs posted under the bridge, along the river in the area which is within the city limits. The city recorder was authorized by the council to order a new fire hydrant for installation in the alley between Second and First avenues. Three new fire hydrants have been installed on Sixth avenue and 750 feet of cement asbestos pipe has been laid by city workmen, according to city officials.

## Business Good at Jacksonville Library

Jacksonville—Business at Jacksonville library has been on the upswing since the library began its 30-hour-a-week schedule, reports Librarian Mrs. Helen Roberts. Mrs. Roberts said 73 books were checked out last Tuesday and 901 have been borrowed since inauguration of the new hours.

A new shipment of books and periodicals recently arrived. Mrs. Roberts added, and she urged local residents to take advantage of the new hours. The library is now open Saturday morning and Monday evening as well as during daytime hours other days of the week.

## Local Girl Held As A Delinquent

A 16-year-old Medford girl was lodged in the county jail early Wednesday on a charge of being a delinquent juvenile.

Medford police had arrested the girl on a charge of reckless driving in the downtown area about 1 a. m. Police said the girl had apparently been drinking, and had only a learner's driving permit.

The girl was quite belligerent when taken to the police station, police said, and attempted to run away at one time. She was handcuffed in order to keep her under control.

Police called the county juvenile officer, who informed them that the girl could not be arrested on the reckless driving charge, and that she was to be taken into protective custody on the delinquent juvenile charge.

She was lodged in the county jail since the juvenile detention home was full.



## Petition Asking Annexation Put Before CP Council

By VIOLA COOK  
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Central Point—A petition presented by Frank Bruce for annexation of a piece of land was placed before the Central Point city council at its meeting Tuesday night.

The land is a V-shaped plot between First and Second streets, just west of the new Osteopathic hospital on South Bush st.

During the meeting open bids for a new police car were accepted with the bid by Courtesy Chevrolet being accepted. Lyle Paul, city manager, said that as soon as the radio and other police equipment is installed and the car delivered, the 1955 model car now being used will be sold on bids.

Streets in process of being paved this year include curbs on First, to be paved from Pine to Oak, and Third, to be paved from Pine to Oak. Second street has been paved from Pine to the new Osteopathic hospital. Hazel street is ready for base rock and will be the next street on which work will take place.

## Five 30-Year Pins Awarded by Legion

Hornbrook—At a meeting of Hills Post 327 of the American Legion held at Hills last Thursday, five 30-year membership pins were awarded.

Two of the five, Orson Coleman and Florent Van de Weghe, are from Hornbrook. A 28-year pin was awarded to Percy Rines of Hornbrook.

Attending the ceremony from here were Mr. and Mrs. Orson Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Van de Weghe and daughter, Mrs. Agnes Clark and son Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. (Doc) Rines, Mr. and Mrs. John Shinar, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gessler, Bob Burns and Carl Pickard.

Presentation of the pins was made by "Skip" Shinar of Hornbrook, commander of the Hills post, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shinar.

## Dam Causes 'Boom' in Hornbrook's Population

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Hornbrook—As work progresses on Copco's Iron Gate Dam project, more and more families are moving in to this community.

Occupying the A. A. Protsman cottages on their ranch up the river are the superintendent of construction and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wicks and three children from Klamath Falls; Mr. Cook and Roland Davis, also Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. James Dickinson and three children from Hayward, Calif., and

Ben Phillips reports that his Hornbrook Trailer park is filled to capacity, with most of the residents being employed on the dam project, and the Swallows Trailer park and motel reportedly has been sold to an executive of the Morrison-Knutsen Construction Co., who is at present living in his house trailer on the grounds, with all other available spaces being occupied by his employees on the dam.

## IV Athlete Takes Honors at Meet

Illinois Valley—Versatile Illinois Valley athlete Mike Hanby was among the top winners at the recent "all comers" track and field meet at Southern Oregon college. He won seven certificates and ribbons.

Hanby took the high school class pole vault with a leap of 12 feet, 4 inches and tied with Phil Paquin of Grants Pass for first in the open class with another 12-4 effort.

In the open class 100-yard dash, Hanby finished second with a time of 10.2. He also took second in the 180-yard low hurdles, third in the high school class discus event, second in the open discus throw and third in the high school javelin throw.

## IV Boy Scouts To Attend Jamboree

Illinois Valley—Greg Petsch will represent Boy Scout troop 20 at this month's National Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs. He will leave with other Scouts by bus from Medford this Tuesday.

Scouts will visit points of interest in California, Arizona and New Mexico before arriving in Colorado. They will spend a week at the jamboree and will return home by way of Salt Lake City and Reno, arriving in Medford Aug. 3.

Young Petsch took his pre-jamboree training June 25-26 at the Elk picnic grounds near Medford.

## Collectors' Club Has Good Turnout

Illinois Valley—Seventeen collectors attended the initial meeting of the Illinois Valley Coin and Stamp club held here recently.

After discussing by-laws and procedures, those attending elected acting officers. Named were Mrs. Mary Rood, president; Mrs. Howard Yarbrough, vice president; Bob Lafranco, treasurer; Herbert Gage, secretary; and Miss Glenda Stana, junior vice president.

Next meeting will be held July 13. All persons interested in stamp and coin collecting are invited. Mrs. Yarbrough said.

## IV's Demo Club Postpones Meeting

Illinois Valley—The Illinois Valley Democratic club will not meet this month although the executive board will meet late in July, club Secretary Herbert Sage has announced.

Sage said several members plan to attend the party's convention in Los Angeles and that the club decided to postpone its next regular meeting to August.

## Six Persons Injured Fighting Salem Fire

Salem—(AP)—Six firemen were hurt, none seriously, Thursday while battling a house fire in northeast Salem that caused more than \$12,000 damage.

Fireman Ray Tompkins was hit on the back by a falling beam and other firemen suffered minor injuries.

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