



**PIRATES**—What looked like a band of buccaners bent on plunder when they arrived in Medford last week, turned out to be an amiable squad of Coos Bay Pirates on a mission to stimulate interest in their city's International Trade Fair Aug. 10 to 14. The group dropped in at the Medford Rotary club luncheon at the Rogue Valley country club before going on to Ashland. The forthcoming Trade Fair will include exhibits of

imported goods from all over the world. The "old salts" above are, left to right, Dean Sheldon, chief skull of the organization, Don McEniry, Ernest Kennedy, and Ralph Moe. Kennedy, now a resident of Medford, and manager of Richfield Oil company here, used to be a member of the organization when he lived in Coos Bay. The sword bit is all in fun.

### Group Taking Pack Trip to Agness

Gold Beach—Several legislators, newspapermen, lumber men, and other interested Oregon residents left Selma Friday morning for Agness on a three-day pack trip down the Illinois trail promoting the Gold Beach-Selma rd. The group will arrive at Agness today and continue to Gold Beach by boat Monday. The existing route through the Illinois canyon begins with a poor-standard forest service administration rd. 18 miles from Selma with 30 miles of trail from there to Oak Flat, about five miles from Agness. The trail climbs to 3,800 feet to cross Bald mountain, leaving the Illinois river. A low grade road leads from Oak flat to Agness. According to the promoters, a road through the Illinois canyon down the Rogue river to Agness would shorten the distance to Selma about 70 to

80 miles, making Grants Pass about as close to Gold Beach as Coos Bay is now. Presently the most feasible route from Gold Beach to Grants Pass is through northern California and is about a five-hour drive to cover an air line distance of 56 miles. A road through the Illinois would also open up vast areas of timber presently untapped by any road as well as many miles of the Illinois river, presently unreachable, to fishing, and more recreational area. The road would also form an all-Oregon route to the sea for lumber and other products from the upper Rogue area. Among those making the pack trip are Representative Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.); Representative Robert Duncan (D-Medford); and Marcus Norton, Phoenix lumber dealer.

### Activities of Boy Scouts at Jamboree Reviewed by Mills

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Boy Scouts attending the fifth national jamboree near here have had "many things to do" since their arrival here, according to Scout Bill Mills, acting correspondent to the Mail Tribune. His latest dispatch tells of the unusual weather, church services for some 56,000 youths, a rodeo, and statistics about the national jamboree. The church services Sunday included Protestant, Buddhist, Roman Catholic, Quaker, Jewish, Lutheran, Episcopal, Mormon, and Christian Scientist services. In speaking of the weather, the Scout reports, "The sun here has been quite fierce at times and many of the boys have suffered fainting spells from the intense heat, but no one has been seriously hurt from it." **Rain Storms** "At other times we have had rain storms and 40-mile-an-hour winds. Friday before the big arena show we had a torrential downpour which dampened the ground but not the spirit of the jamboree. Sunday night just before dinner we suffered a wind storm with winds averaging 40-50 miles per hour. A few tents were blown down but there was no reported damage to any of the equipment of troops 68 or 69, the southern Oregon - northern California Scouts."

Monday, was "a big day" at the jamboree as in the morning and evening the scouts were entertained by the largest rodeo held in the U.S. this year. Many of the great names of the rodeo circuit were present, according to Mills. Included were Tom Neasmith, Tater Decker, Buz Thompson, Jim Miller, and Earl Davis. Later that night sectional campfires were held. At the Region XI campfire, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and part of Montana, the guest star was Herb Shriner. As a guest speaker the Scouts heard Baden Powell, the son of Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell—the founder of the Boy Scout movement.

### Horse Pre-Fair Set In Eagle Point

Jackson county's first scheduled horse pre-fair will be held at the James Dunn ranch, Eagle Point, starting at 1 this afternoon. All 4-Hers in Jackson county are eligible to participate. The horse pre-fair will include four classes, the halter class, Western and English horsemanship and the trail horse class. Vic Stewart of Ashland will judge, and 4-H'ers will have a chance to compete under actual fair conditions. All 4-H horse club members are encouraged to participate in the pre-fair which will use the same obstacles that will be used at county fair.

**CALL A POLICEMAN** Savannah, Ga. — Members of a male chorus in a minstrel show returned to their dressing room to find that the pockets of their street clothes had been rifled. That was bad enough, but even worse considering who sponsored the show — the Police Athletic League.

"Tuesday at breakfast we were all sad to hear that R. E. Johnson, the owner of the Reverse J Diamond ranch, had died Monday after many years of planning with the Boy Scouts for the greatest of all jamborees," Mills reported.

### 10,000 in Area Get Benefits From Social Security

There are more than 10,000 beneficiaries receiving social security payments in the area serviced by the Medford district office, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager. These beneficiaries, residing in Jackson and Josephine counties, receive more than \$7,500,000 annually. At the end of 1959, as Federal social security was starting its 25th year, old-age, survivors and disability insurance monthly benefits were being paid in Jackson county to 7,060 persons at the rate of \$431,431 a month. This is an increase in the number of Jackson county beneficiaries of about 9 per cent since February, 1959. Nationally, about 13 1/2 million persons were receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits at the end of 1959 at an annual rate of more than \$10 billion, Jacobson said.

At the close of 1940 — the first year in which monthly benefits were payable — beneficiaries throughout the nation totaled 200,000. Almost half a million disabled-worker beneficiaries and their dependents receiving benefits at a yearly rate of more than \$400 million are included in the figures for 1959. The number of wives, husbands, and children of disabled worker beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits increased sharply in 1959. Such benefits were first payable for September, 1959. Nationally, from February to December, 1959, the number of these beneficiaries more than doubled from 60,000 to 126,000. Payments to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits averaged \$69 a month nationally at the end of last December; to a retired couple, both of whom were receiving benefits, the average payment was \$121. The average for a widow with two young children was \$169. By contrast, Jacobson said that when benefits first became payable in 1940, the average monthly payment to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits was \$22, and to a retired couple the average payment was \$36. As social security celebrates its Silver Anniversary (the original act was signed into law Aug. 14, 1935) about 74 million working people are in covered employment or self-employment in the course of a year. They are building old-age, survivors, and disability protection for themselves, and for the entire state of Oregon, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance payments at the end of December, 1959, were being paid to 160,259 beneficiaries at the rate of \$10,213,440 per month.

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