

Arrests Made by Ashland Police for Park Incidents

Ashland—City police are combating a problem in Lithia park which they say is far worse this summer. The problem consists of several reports of indecent exposure and similar offenses.

Police Chief Herb Hays said this week his department has received eight reports, usually from women or small children, of indecent exposure in the park during the past three months. Three arrests have been made during the period and Hays said he believes they have cleared at least five of the cases.

The first of the arrests was made Aug. 4 when Ashland officer observed Keith E. Lockard, 25, of 307 Genessee st., Medford, performing such an act.

Lockard, a Southern Oregon college graduate who now teaches school out of state, was charged with disorderly conduct (committing an indecent act) and appeared in Ashland municipal court the same day he was arrested.

Municipal Judge Richard C. Cottle found Lockard guilty and fined him \$50. He also ordered him to seek psychiatric care and report back to the court on the 15th of each month for one year.

Lockard was residing in Medford temporarily while attending summer classes at SOC.

Other Arrests
Tuesday afternoon, city police arrested Marvin D. Mathewson, 32, Spokane, on a charge of indecent exposure. Mathewson, who listed his oc-

cupation as a carpet cleaner, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Charles E. Jerome, 40-year-old Hood River man who is living in Ashland temporarily while working on a construction project, was arrested Aug. 9 on a disorderly conduct charge. Jerome pleaded innocent and requested a jury trial.

Judge Cottle appeared before the city council Tuesday night and reported on the overall problem. He said such individuals must be discouraged from using the park for their activities and indicated he would be tough on them when they appeared in court.

Cottle also requested the council to appoint a judge pro tem to hear the Jerome case as he said he had heard so much about it that he did not believe he could render an unbiased verdict.

The council appointed Sam Davis, Ashland lawyer, to hear the case. Defending Jerome will be Robert H. Grant, Medford lawyer.

Chief Hays told the council his department has intensified its efforts to prevent such cases and officers are now keeping the park under close surveillance during daylight and evening hours. The judge and police chief made it clear, however, that none of the reports have involved violence of any kind.

The council agreed with Cottle and Hays that stronger efforts are necessary to discourage such individuals from frequenting the park.

Opposition to Activating Housing Authority Noted

"I am unalterably opposed to reactivating the Jackson County Housing Authority," A. R. Manno, Medford hardware merchant, stated in a letter to the Jackson county court Wednesday.

Manno said he was opposed to the proposal of "a special interest group" as reported in the Medford Mail Tribune on Aug. 7. This is "way out left-wing socialism," Manno emphasized.

"This would place an undue burden on my children and succeeding generations of taxpayers," Manno wrote.

"I have complete compassion for the oldster who has met with adversity and firmly feel he should be cared for in the manner already provided via the agency of the welfare commission.

"Let us teach our children the reasons for thriftiness and providing for a rainy day is as important and true today as they were when you and I were children," Manno concluded.

Ashland Teacher Granted Certificate

Ashland - Mrs. Frances Klein, supervisor of special education in Ashland public schools for the past nine years, has been granted a certificate and license to serve as school psychologist in the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Klein's undergraduate work was done in the field of psychology and work for her master's degree was done in the area of special education, the basic courses of which are also in the psychological field.

After earning her master's degree in 1951 from the University of Oregon, Mrs. Klein continued her graduate work under the direction of Dr. Gerald Patterson of the Psychology department of the university.

She is the first Oregon public school educator to earn her certificate under the new program set up by the state department of education, which provides for a clinical practice period of internship in a public school situation.

Deckhand, Wiper Positions Available

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Further information and application forms may be obtained from any first or second-class post office.

City of Medford Slates Pet Show Wednesday

A city of Medford-sponsored pet show will be held at the Washington school playground Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 9:30 a.m., according to Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth.

Haworth said all pets may be entered. Prizes will be given for: best looking dog, best costume, largest dog, largest pet, smallest dog, most unusual pet, most comical pet, best trained pet, best tricks, most spots and largest family.

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