

### Two-Car Accident Reported in Ashland

Ashland - Two teenagers were involved in a two-car accident Thursday afternoon on Lithia Way in Ashland.

About 4:20 p.m. a car driven by Barbara K. Lees, 18, of 992 Ross lane, Medford, ran into the rear of a car driven by John Arlie King, 18, of 3450 Crest st., Klamath Falls, police report. King was stopped for a traffic light at Second st. and Lithia Way when the Lees car was unable to stop, and ran into the rear of the King vehicle, police said. The Lees car was damaged extensively, according to police. No injuries were reported.

Miss Lees was cited for faulty brakes, police said.

#### SEEK MORE AID

Ankara, Turkey - Turkish President Gen. Cemal Gursel said his government will start negotiations with West Germany next month on additional aid, Gursel said normal aid from Germany will continue. The German promise of aid was believed in line with Bonn promises to lighten the American foreign aid burden by extending further help to Greece and Turkey.



**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES** - Mayor John W. Snider (left to right, front) John Moffat; Mayor Snider; H. J. Field; Glen O. Taylor; W. J. Warner, president of the board of directors; E. H. Singmaster; and John Pletsch, secretary-treasurer. (Brainerd Photo)

## Letter Reminds Residents of Confidence Man's Activities

By GREG KOKES

**Mail Tribune Staff Writer**  
Could you be deceived by a confidence man?

Most readers will immediately think: "Who me? Why of course not. I could tell a confidence man as soon as he opened his mouth."

But, several "very" prominent Medford citizens will disagree, because they were taken in by just such a confidence man - lock, stock and barrel.

The incident took place three years ago this month when a Canadian ex-convict named Robert Arthur Meunier came to Medford. Meunier represented himself as the founder of a non-existent, "Canadian Boy's Town" near Toronto.

#### Addresses Congregation

Meunier was eventually arrested by Medford police. But before he was, he had addressed the congregation at a Medford church; become quite well-thought of at the local YMCA; and spoke to the entire Medford High school student body on youth problems.

The Mail Tribune was reminded of Meunier last week when a letter was received asking that the Tribune send Meunier clippings of news stories written when he was arrested here. A New York publisher is planning to do his life story.

Meunier has apparently been continuing his "conning ways" since leaving Medford, because the letter was sent from the Ontario reformatory (prison) in Millbrook, Ontario. But, being behind there is nothing new to Meunier as he has, by his own admission, spent more than 18 years in various prisons.

Meunier is now 36 years old; he is dark and stands at only five feet, two inches. But what he lacks in height, he makes up for in his gift of gab.

**Hitchhikes Ride**  
Meunier's Medford escapade began on Jan. 11, when he hitchhiked a ride near Roseburg with a logging truck driver from Central Point.

Although he had been released only several weeks earlier from a prison in New Brunswick, he had no difficulty in convincing the driver that he represented a Canadian youth camp and was on a tour to find out how similar institutions operated in the United States.

Much impressed, the logger transported Meunier to the YMCA where he was introduced to several YMCA officials. Also impressed, the officials introduced Meunier to a number of persons, including several influential citizens.

**Invited to Meeting**  
One of these citizens was a minister who invited Meunier to address an evening meeting at a local church. Meunier was only too glad to accept, and when he made his talk, a more reverent man was not to be found.

From the church Meunier was taken the next day (Monday) to Medford High school where he was introduced to the faculty and was taken on a tour of several classrooms. Later the same day he spoke on youth problems before an assembly of the entire student body.

That night he was a dinner guest at a prominent Medford attorney's home. Following the dinner he was taken to a bus depot by a group of high school students who intended to see him off on a trip to Los Angeles.

**Becomes Suspicious**  
In the meantime, however, a clerk at the Holland hotel, where Meunier had been staying, became suspicious because Meunier had checked out without telling anyone. Also, the clerk was holding a \$40 check written by Meunier on a Canadian bank, and he began to doubt its validity.

The clerk contacted Medford police who went to the bus depot and apprehended Meunier for questioning just prior to his departure for Los Angeles.

Meunier agreed to go with police to the station and straighten everything out. Police and the confidence-man were followed to the police department by an indignant crowd of high school students who were sure there must have been some mistake.

But, upon questioning, Meunier admitted that the check was a phony, and he was arrested on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper (hotel clerk). He then told all.

**Inmate at Prisons**  
He said he had been in an inmate at prisons in New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Idaho. In addition, he told police he had escaped from prisons twice and once had even set fire to a jail.

Since his release several weeks earlier from the New Brunswick prison, Meunier said he had been transporting heroin from Canada to the U.S.

He indicated that his reason for being in Medford was to set up a "home-base" which would afford him good references and friends to aid him in future illicit activities in Chicago.

He nearly succeeded. A YMCA official here had already written a YMCA official in Chicago telling him what a fine person Meunier was.

**Many Professions**  
Posing as a youth camp director was only one of the many professions adopted by Meunier during his career. Others include a doctor, a doctor of psychiatry, an Earl, a Duke, a Member of Parliament, a lawyer and a scoutmaster.

When Medford police nabbed Meunier they found on him forged documents and papers attesting to various college degrees, letters of recommendation, wills and documents indicating power of attorney.

**Capsules of Dope**  
Meunier told police later that between the time he was brought to the station and the time of his arrest, he had flushed three capsules of dope down the police station toilet. Meunier was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail on the defrauding an innkeeper charge. He was later turned over to the U.S. Immigration service and was sentenced to 20 months on McNeil island prison on a charge of illegal entry into the U.S.

Shortly before his release from McNeil island, Meunier wrote a letter to the police department in which he apologized for the trouble he caused the city and said: "I miss so much the many friends I made..."

It is doubtful, however, that his many friends miss him.

### Christmas Tree Lift Set in CP

Central Point - A Christmas tree lift in the Central Point area will be sponsored by the Lions club today, according to Bill Colley, chairman.

Residents are asked to place the trees near the curb in front of their homes, and donations attached to the tree are to be used for community improvement and youth programs by the Lions.

Trees will be picked up between 1 and 3 p.m., according to Colley. If missed, residents may telephone NOrmandy 4-1248 to have their trees taken.

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## Oregon Supreme Court Decisions

Salem - The Oregon Supreme Court Thursday ruled in favor of the publisher of the Central Oregonian after Crook County Judge Harry Fowler sought a \$50,000 judgment for a satire printed about the judge.

Publisher Edward A. Donnelly was cleared and Circuit Judge E. H. Howell was upheld. Judge Fowler had appealed Howell's verdict.

The high court in a decision written by Justice George Rossman said the Central Oregonian, a Prineville newspaper, published a "humorous but somewhat derogatory satire" regarding the judge with respect to a hearing which the county court had conducted in connection with a bond filed by the county sheriff.

Donnelly was one of the sureties on the bond.

**Nothing Improper Hinted**  
The court said that although the article said Judge Fowler was "ready to wheel - and deal - right off the bottom of the deck" it did not say the judge on this or any other occasion had done anything improper, unlawful, irregular or unethical.

"Assuming that the words implied a readiness to engage in sharp practices," the decision said, "yet the article did not intimate that this culminated in anything except the judge's impartial discharge of his duty."

Fowler had charged Donnelly intended to defame him and sought \$25,000 general damages and \$25,000 punitive damages.

The high court added that the complaint made no allegation that the article was false in any particular and that in the absence of special circumstances, a defamatory publication in order to be actionable must be false.

Justice Kenneth O'Connell filed a dissenting opinion.

**Judge Sloper Affirmed**  
Butte Motor Co., appellant vs. Delfred J. Strand and Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.; appeal from Marion county; opinion by Chief Justice William McAllister; Judge Val D. Sloper affirmed; action against a used car dealer and his bonding company for value of three cars converted by the dealer, judgment for the bonding company affirmed.

**Warner Motor Company, appellant vs. Delfred J. Strand and Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company;** appeal from Marion county; opinion by Chief Justice William McAllister; Judge Val D. Sloper affirmed; action similar to that involving Butte Falls Motor above but court held the bond not sufficiently broad to cover conduct of the defaulting used car dealer and affirmed a judgment for the surety company.

**State Highway Commission, appellant vs. Charles W. Parker, et al;** appeal from Lincoln county; opinion by Justice George Rossman; Judge Richard Anderson reversed; appeal by the commission from a judgment for Parker for \$1,000 in a condemnation action, new trial ordered.

**Judge Main Reversed**  
Marilyn W. Chambers for the estate of Grayce G. Wilson vs. Charles Zipper, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; opinion or curiam; Judge James R. Main reversed; decree granting specific performance of a property settlement after a divorce reversed.

**Oswego Police Subdue Logger**  
Oswego - Eight officers used tear gas Thursday night to capture a 44-year-old logger who shut himself inside an Oswego woman's residence and refused to surrender to police.

Officers said John Willis Thompson was subdued after police smashed the glass from a rear door of the downtown residence and tossed five rounds of tear gas into the house.

The capture came shortly after Greta Nan Swartzfager, 34, fled her home and told police Thompson had threatened her. The women said she had seen the logger several times in recent weeks.

Oswego Police Chief Russell A. Thorn said Thompson apparently was provoked by "jealousy."

Thorn said Miss Swartzfager managed to leave the house and run to the police station when a neighbor boy stopped by.

**Homer Suitler, cross-appellant vs. Ivan Thompson and Mary Thompson, appellants, and National Industrial Products Corp., et al;** appeal from Baker county; opinion by Justice William Perry; Judge W. F. Brown affirmed; decree to determine the rights of various claimants under two mining claims in Baker county affirmed.

**Floyd K. Dover, appellant vs. Calvin Clark Harger and Elizabeth Harger;** appeal from Multnomah county; opinion by Justice Gordon Sloan; Judge William L. Dickson affirmed; an order refusing to admit a will for probate affirmed.

**Carl D. Miller and Flora D. Miller vs. E. A. Engelson and Marion A. Engelson, appellants;** appeal from Linn county; opinion by Justice Kenneth O'Connell; Judge Victor Olliver reversed; an order approving an accounting filed by purchasers on a foreclosed mortgage reversed, case remanded for further proceedings.

**City of Eugene, appellant vs. Warren C. Wiley and Gene B. Wiley, et al;** appeal from Lane county; opinion by Justice Kenneth O'Connell; Judge Alfred T. Goodwin reversed; judgment for the Wileys for \$1,500 in a condemnation action reversed and case remanded.

**Property Division Affirmed**  
Dora Prince, appellant vs. Paul Prince; appeal from Marion county; opinion by Judge Joseph Felton affirmed; divorce decree dividing property between the parties affirmed.

**State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Elwood M. Brown of Brown's Barber Shop, appellant;** appeal from Washington county; opinion by Justice pro tem Dal King; Judge Glen Heiber affirmed; action by the commission against a Tigard barber to recover payroll contributions, judgment for the commission affirmed.

**Harold Carpenter vs. L. D. Kraninger of Business Sales Co., appellant;** appeal from Multnomah county; opinion by Justice Pro Tem Dal King; Judge James R. Bain reversed; action against a real estate broker to recover a \$1,000 deposit, judgment for the depositor reversed and new trial ordered.

**Winter Hours Set For Claims Offices**  
Salem - New winter hours were announced today for regional unemployment claims offices of the state employment department throughout Oregon.

In the Shady Cove area the school band room will open Wednesdays of even numbered weeks at 1 p.m. The community hall in Prospect will be open the same days beginning at 1:30 p.m. until work is finished. Unemployment offices for residents in Cave Junction will be open at the American Legion Auxiliary hall Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The offices are placed in operation not only as a convenience to the unemployment compensation claimants, but as a time and expense saver in serving the increased number of claimants during the winter months, employment officials stress.

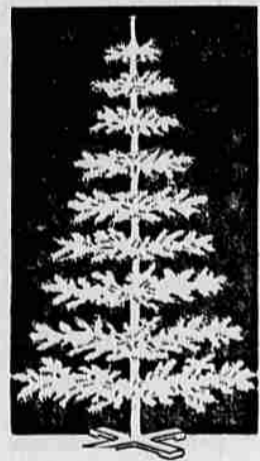
**Reter Reappointed To Reserve Bank**  
San Francisco - Raymond R. Reter of Reter Fruit company, Medford, was recently reappointed director of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve system.

The announcement came this week after the Board of Governors met here to name officers for the coming year. F. B. Whitman of San Francisco was also redesignated as chairman of the Board.

Reter will hold the office for a two-year term beginning Jan. 1.

**HUGE CRATER**  
Phoenix - Meteor crater, west of Winslow, Ariz., is large enough to provide playing space for 20 football games at one time and two million spectators could watch from its sloping sides.

# MOOSE CHRISTMAS TREE LIFT Monday, January 2



Benefit for  
**SACRED HEART HOSPITAL**  
Let's Keep Sacred Heart Open!

Place your donation in an envelope and attach to your tree. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Hospital or Medford Moose Lodge. Have tree on or near front porch in plain sight. The trees will be picked up tomorrow starting at 1:00 p.m. until dark. The pick-up will be made by Crater Lake Motors, Courtesy Chevrolet, City Sanitary Service, Medford Motors, Jay Allen Co., Darrell Miller, Huffman Truck & Auto Parts and many individuals!

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