

## Out of the Woods

By JIM STEVENS

### DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY

One morning in the year of old 1909, I entered the Carnegie Free Public Library in Boise and found it to be the door of opportunity for me. In that winter I attended the library mornings and afternoons, then in the evenings I attended the Silver Bell, a huge hall of learning with sawdust on the floor and rows of chairs in which old miners, loggers

and cowhands sat around, drinking terrible whisky and telling wonderful lies. Both were educational institutions for me in the way of the writer.

A prime winter it was for a free and footloose lad of 16. I had been out alone and making my own living for three years. The writing of books had been but a daydream all the while. The dream found substance in the Boise library, and it found substance in the tall tales heard in the Silver Bell Saloon. The combination was—not bad. It unlocked my particular door of golden opportunity.

The library, of course, was the real thing, an American glory. **Hobo Genius.**

In 1909 the name of Jack London was famous among hobo workers of the West. At that time I had only read his "Call of the Wild." In the Boise library I looked up his works and found a new novel by him—"Martin Eden." It was autobiographical. The novel was read as a book of revelation.

Like Jack London himself, "Martin Eden" was a child laborer, hobo, social rebel, in the era of the 72-hour week and the going wage of 15 cents per hour. In the gray and dim depths of this life he miraculously harbored the gem-like flame of creative spirit. At the public library he fed it. There he received education that was simple and genuine—the kind of education that produced a Whitman, a Mark Twain, a Dreiser, a Sandburg—all non-university men.

Jack London was a fighter. He fought his way into the University of California. There his associations with people of wealth snuffed out the flame of art in him and set him burning with a fighting desire for money. So he wrote for money, except in "Martin Eden" and a few other books and short stories. He came to a tragic end. **Too Much College.**

People automatically think of high school, the college, the university as the doors to what is called getting an education. Yet in business, in the professions, in the arts, even in the sciences there are very, very many leaders whose education has come in libraries and home study.

Authorities have been arguing for a long time that the university, as an American institution, has grown to be too weighty and bulky. At the same time, the free public library is underfed, under-housed, under-everything that makes for the educational services needed by ambitious young

people who are compelled by circumstances to remain in the woods, on farms, or in small towns.

One authority has termed the typical American university a "rolling mill of learning." He sees much of their output as junk unalloyed. He calls much of the education it offers waste. I do not disagree. Journalism and story-writing, for example, are taught in all universities and colleges—why only the Lord knows. The majority of the enduring American novels and short stories were written without benefit of college education—by the like of Mark Twain and Edgar Allen Poe. These two were also great in journalism. So was Walt Whitman, never a collegian, once a carpenter.

There is revenge in me for what is good in the university. The worst to be said for the institution is that it is in danger of becoming another monstrosity of centralization. The worst to be said about the public library as an institution is that it remains the poor relation of education in America.

## Elkhorn

By JEAN ROBERTS

Harold Fisher of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Newport, Rhode Island was an unexpected guest at the Ray Roberts home Wednesday. Harold was accompanied by Mrs. Oral Varley and Sandra of Buxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metzger and Kyllis, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinney and Bill all from Gresham, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hooper and family from Texas arrived at the Bill Bickett home Friday. They expect to stay until next Thursday.

A horde of pickers, 27 in all, men women and children descended upon the blackberry patches up this way Monday. They were transported via Bill Bickett's truck. A good time was had by all even if the weather was a little damp.

Mr. May Quier and Mrs. Fannie Howard were week-end guests at the Ray Roberts home. Mrs. Howard is spending the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Newsome of Mill City visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Knox and family of near Mill City were Elkhorn visitors Sunday.

## Mill City

Mrs. Ethel Collier, past president of the Willamette Presbytery and now vice-president of the Synodical, was speaker at the missionary meeting of Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herbert Schroeder. Mrs. Ralph Scott had the Scripture reading.

The Christian Endeavor rally of the First Christian Church will hold its next meeting at Holly, Sunday July 31.

Glass jars to receive patrons' donations to the Chin-Up club, an organization of Oregon's handicapped persons, are this week being placed in all taverns in Marion and Polk counties.

The Stanley Walzak property has been sold this week to Mr. and Mrs. Langhoff of Wisconsin according to local real estate office.

Miss Josephine Wolverton of Chicago, arrived Wednesday morning to visit her brother, Charles and to plan for the return of her mother, Mrs. W. I. Wolverton to Chicago.

Miss Wolverton is professor of music at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois and is also supervisor of music in the Evanston public schools.

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Miss Wolverton is one of the co-authors of "The American Singer", a music book for grade schools.

Robert Veness, secretary of the Mill City Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting of the Canyon Commercial Club at Detroit Tuesday evening. Plans were completed for the North Santiam Highway Opening Celebration to be held August 14 at the Breitenbush bridge.

DIVIDE et n

The Long Range Planning Commission Tuesday approved a new subdivision on the south shore of the North Santiam.

The addition was developed by Leo Cain, Cecil Lake and Gladys Lake on property between the Silver Saddle station and court and the river. It was surveyed by Al Geddes.

A street leads from the highway to the development, which has over 20 large lots, each with frontage of 100 feet or more, most of them on the river on the north boundary.

The application was reviewed Wednesday night by the City Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Galbraith are leaving soon by plane for Dayton, Wyo., to visit the Ted Dorothys.

Oscar Brown of St. Helens visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Blazek, and family over the week end.

Mrs. Johnnie Pruitt and Darlene Davis of Lebanon were in Mill City Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. Ada Leedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farnen went to Crater Lake over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart went to Lebanon Sunday to watch the marathon between Paul Smith and the horse.

Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery and daughter are moving to Alban.

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They will then take a two weeks' vacation at the coast.

Frederick Rugh was in Mill City Wednesday. The Rugh's plan to return Aug. 15. Mrs. Rugh and son are in Eugene.

Bert Turnidge will return to the hospital soon for further treatment for an injury to his arm, received last year.

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