

**The Gun Store Legend Recalls Unsolved Mystery**

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day, adding a bit of gloss here and there and rolling the fact and fiction together until it finally emerges into a tale typical of this country.

Barney Chambers came to Klamath Falls 40 years ago. He was a native of Flint, Ohio, but talk was of the early Texas and the part he played in the cattle country of that state, his young manhood in Colorado.

Barney, (his Christian name... James Barney) started in business here with a little card room on Main. He rented bicycles and in some way started buying and lending guns. It was a fertile field. Everybody wanted guns. Soon he opened The Gun Store and chose as the model the huge wooden gun shop still is, today, the sign.

Meeting Place It was the pot-bellied stove, as much as the close, companionable conversation of long winter days, that made The Gun Store the meeting place for the town. Loggers jokingly referred to "coming to town" as "spending the winter at Barney's." Indians were made welcome and they brought hides and skins to Barney for trade. The basement was a well-perfumed cellar with whiffs of leather and fur seeping through the floorboards for all comers to sniff.

We used to go into The Gun Store for news some 21 years ago. Barney always knew everything. We used to see that detective of the old school, Fred Morley, in there around the stove. Looking back, the thing that immediately comes to mind was—that smell of hides, bobcat, coyote and mink. The Indians and trappers probably were not too particular as to the degree of the finished product. Barney didn't seem to care, either. He would ring the cash register and business was from hand to hand.

There was a little banking going on, too, as we remember, like the Brick Store of a still earlier business generation here.

Murder! Near that old pot-bellied stove took place one of the big murders of the 20's. Johnny Ansel had worked for Barney for 17 years. It was a Saturday morning, the last day of the year, 1927, and Johnny Ansel was opening the safe for morning business when a bullet crashed through his head and he was dead.

The bullet that killed Ansel came from a 38-40 pistol and Barney told officers that only three of these guns existed in Klamath county. One belonged to John Meek, a logger in the Odezza country on the west side of Upper Klamath lake.

The manhunt was on. There went up a hue and cry for John Meek. Pictures of the woodsman, standing by a huge log and with a cross-cut saw in his hand, were circulated throughout the nation. There was a reward of \$5000. Neat money even in these days.

John Meek has not been seen from that day to this. Rumor and theory still fly today, even 20 years later.

Still in Business The Gun Store is still in business. The window displays can't support the atmosphere of the old days. They're neat now,

and rather foxy. The loggers' shirts have a dash, but there's something of the old flavor gone. Maybe it's the absence of Barney's early collection of relics of the frontier country, stuffed birds and animals, rusty muzzle-loaders and knives; the prize pair of horns from a now extinct longhorn species of cattle which, as the story goes, disappeared one winter night nearly a century ago in a Texas storm.

Maybe it's the absence of that newly killed odor of marsh rats. But the gun hangs high.

**Slide Cleared From SP Tracks**

MEDFORD, Feb. 2 (AP) — Southern Pacific trains again were rolling between here and Roseburg today after a slide on the tracks near Glendale was cleared.

Thursday night, train passengers transferred to a bus between Grants Pass and Roseburg.

Yes, it's "fallor made" to fit you when you insure with Hans Norland, 123 N. 6th.

**Winners of Preliminary Auditions for Klamath Falls "Klamath County Kapers"**

1. Charles "Bud" Selby, vocalist, 1945 Mansanita St.
2. Irma Ruth McBride, vocalist, 407 N. 9th St.
3. Patsy Young, vocalist, 2148 Home St.
4. Elwood and Dick Tracy, instrumentalists, 2525 Applegate Ave.
5. Thirsa Elizabeth Glidden, vocalist, 4505 Denver Ave.
6. Barbara Jean McMahon, vocalist, 1202 Division St.
7. George E. Willis, vocalist, 109 Broad St., No. 5.
8. Girls' Trio: Mary Vandenberg, Harriet Lavenik, Vivian Kierns, Sacred Heart Academy.
9. Clarence Oppgaard, fiddle, 2122 N. Oak St.
10. Patty Lou Meyers, vocalist, 621 N. 11th St.
11. Danelle McDonald and David Ross, tap routine, Isa Dorah Moldovan Dance Studios.
12. Susan Gans, recitation, Sacred Heart Academy.
13. Mrs. Juanita Hornsby, imitations, Box 323, Klamath Falls.
14. Alyce Wells, vocalist, Lakeshore Drive, Klamath Falls.

**Semi-Finals Start Thursday, Feb. 21**  
At Pelican Theatre  
Plan Now To Attend And Boost Your Favorite!  
Broadcast Over KFJL 8:00 to 8:30 Each Week

**BOYS MEET GIRL**  
SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 2 (AP) — When a centenary college class in freshman English met for the first time, the instructor found the class consisted chiefly of veterans—and one girl. The instructor, undaunted, introduced each boy in turn to the girl.

"Now," said one vet to the teacher, "make the married ones stand up, so she'll know which is which." The teacher obliged.

20 different owners' brands. They plan to sell the animals at auction Monday unless owners redeem them by paying feed bills and roundup "charges."

Officers roped 25 head bearing Classified Ads Bring Results.

**PINE TREE**  
FOR INFORMATION DIAL 4567 OR 4367

**★ Starts Sunday!**

**JOAN CRAWFORD**

**JACK CARSON**  
**ZACHARY SCOTT**

SHE had more to offer a man in a glance than most women give in a lifetime!

**Mildred Pierce**

**EVE ARDEN**  
**ANN BLYTH**  
**BRUCE BENNETT**

And You'll

**THRILL! To His Deeds of Daring!**

**'Call of the PRAIRIE'**  
with **WILLIAM BOYD**  
A PARAMOUNT RELEASE

**LAST ROUNDUP**  
HAVRE, Mont., Feb. 2 (AP) — Tired of residents' complaints of horses roaming the streets, police here staged a "last roundup."

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**RAINBOW**  
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Continuous Show Sat. - Sun. — Box Office Opens 12:30 — **ENDS TODAY!** —

**OUTLAWS OF SANTA FE** DON "RED" BARRY

**THE TOWN WENT WILD** IT'S WILD & WOOLLY! YOU WILL GO NUTS!

**★ SUNDAY and MONDAY! ★**

**SOCKO ACTION!**

**SUNSET CARSON**

**ROUGH RIDERS OF CHEYENNE**

with **Peggy STEWART - Mira MCKINNEY - Monte HALE**

PLUS! Terrific 2nd Hit!

**A Bell for Adano**

starring **GENE TIERNEY**  
**JOHN HODIAK**  
**WILLIAM BENDIX**

with **Glenn LANGAN**  
**Richard CONTE**  
**Stanley PRAGER - Henry MORGAN**

Saturday, Feb. 2, 1948 **HERALD AND NEWS**

Not one of the famous pyramids, escaped plundering by mids of Egypt, tombs of pharaohs, ancient tomb robbers.

**ENDS TODAY!** Stage 8:30— "Shoot the Works"

Screen: "Muggs and "Border Bandits" "Rides Again"

**TOWER**  
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**★ Starts SUNDAY! ★**

**WANTED!**

**FOUR MEN AGAINST A NATION!**

**DEAD OR ALIVE**

UNIVERSAL presents

**THE DALTONS RIDE AGAIN**

with **ALAN CURTIS LON CHANEY**  
**KENT TAYLOR NOAH BEERY, Jr.**  
**MARTHA O'DRISCOLL JESS BARKER**  
**THOMAS GOMEZ JOHN LITEL**

CONTINUOUS SHOWS SUNDAY—12:30 P. M.

*As violent as their first embrace... as dangerous as their last!*

**WALTER WANGER**  
**FRITZ LANG**

**Starts TODAY!**

**EDWARD G. ROBINSON** **JOAN BENNETT**

**Scarlet Street**

with **DAN DURYEA**  
Jess Barker • Margaret Lindsay  
Rosalind Ivan • Samuel S. Hinds

Produced and Directed by **FRITZ LANG**  
Based upon the Novel "La Chienne"  
Screenplay by **DUDLEY NICHOLS**  
Art Direction by **Alexander Golitzen**

A DIANA PRODUCTION, A UNIVERSAL RELEASE.

*"Hello, Lazylegs..."*

*The great stars and director of "Woman in the Window..."*

See It From The Start:  
1:34 - 3:37  
5:40 - 7:43  
9:46

**ESQUIRE**

Continuous Today  
**SUNDAY 12:30**

Telephone 4567

**Starts Saturday Midnite!**  
— DOORS OPEN 11:30 P. M. —

**"...just guys from Broadway and Main Street"**

*This is their story!*

Sometimes tender...  
Often funny...  
But always human!

Lester Cowan presents

**ERNIE PYLE'S "STORY OF G.I. JOE"**

Starring **BURGESS MEREDITH as ERNIE PYLE**

with **Robert Mitchum as The Captain**  
**Freddie Steele as The Sergeant**  
**Wally Cassell as The Private**

You'll love "Linda" the songbird of this picture

Ends Today! 2 Terror Hits!  
"House of Dracula" and "Pillow of Death"

Continuous **Sunday!**  
Doors Open 12:30!

**PELICAN**

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Feature SUNDAY:  
1:35  
3:34  
5:33  
7:32  
9:31