

# Robin Hood Sentenced To Prison

Arthur John Ward, the "Robin Hood" had check passer, was sentenced to two years in the Oregon State Penitentiary Tuesday morning by Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Ward, 41, 914 Pine Street, could give no reasons for passing six bad checks in Klamath Falls late in November and early in December. Police detectives said he purchased groceries with some of the checks, kept the change and deposited the groceries on the doorsteps of needy-looking homes.

Robert Kerr, Ward's court-appointed attorney, said Ward was from Medford, where he did construction work. He is a partner in a drilling company in Ashland. Ward had a previous sentence of two years probation for forging a government check. He later violated parole and served six months.

Two of five men involved in the Feb. 9 burglary of Tomlee's Tavern in Bonanza were sentenced Tuesday morning. Dewey Warren Thompson, 37, Chiloquin, was given a one-year term in the county jail. Thompson had other ideas.

"Your honor, could you make that the penitentiary?" Thompson asked Judge Vandenberg. "I couldn't spend another year in that jail," Thompson spent nine months in the county jail last year on a worthless check conviction.

Owen Charles Riddle Jr., 23, Beatty, was placed on probation for three years after recommendations by the defense and the district attorney. Although Riddle had no previous felony convictions, he has a string of common drunk arrests in both the city and county jails.

Sentencing of Hawley H. Hood, 22, Chiloquin, the third man who pleaded guilty to the tavern robbery, was deferred until Tuesday afternoon when a question arose as to his previous record. Defense attorneys Donald A. W. Piper and Richard Beesley recommended probation. Hood has previous convictions for assault and battery and taking a motor vehicle without the owner's permission.

Thompson, Riddle and Hood admitted stealing some cases of wine and beer from the tavern after a prolonged drinking bout. All had been drinking for at least 24 hours prior to the burglary.

Richard Earl Guy, 18, 2133 Ogden Street, who pleaded guilty to the Oct. 3 burglary of a home at 412 Michigan Street, owned by Paul S. Dumvill, was placed on probation for three years. A camera, a wrist watch and a box of candy were taken in the burglary.

Guy's attorney, John Thomas, said Guy's schooling was "unsuccessful." One of the terms of the probation was that the young man be admitted to a private school.

# Boy Travels To Coos Bay

A 16-year-old Klamath Falls youth was in Coos Bay Tuesday morning after taking his father's car Monday morning without his permission.

The boy is said to have grabbed the car keys from his mother's hand and jumped into the car, locking the doors and rolling up the windows. The mother notified police and they broadcast a bulletin, but the youth drove to Coos Bay.

Juvenile Counselor Gene Olp said the boy was on probation and had family problems. He has relatives in Coos Bay and may be allowed to stay there. In any case, Olp said the car will be returned to the boy's father.

# Lighted Horses Not Required

PATERSON, N. J. (AP) — Horses clapping along highways at night need not be laden with tail lights, says Passaic County Judge Stanley J. Pollack.

As a result of his ruling Monday, horse owner Martin Hup Jr., will collect \$1,400 and horse rider Jess Tyson will collect \$2,000 from motorist William Rodgers.

In January 1960, Tyson was riding a horse along Marshall Street here.

Rodgers, driving his automobile, ran into the horse from the rear. Tyson testified he was knocked off the horse. The horse then fell on him. The horse later was destroyed. Tyson and Hup sued Rodgers for damages.

Rodgers' lawyer, John Hand, argued the two had no case because the horse's rear end was not illuminated.

Judge Pollack noted that the law says cars and horse-driven wagons needed lights in the rear. But, he added, horses did not.

