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BURGLARS tore up things behind the bar at Pitch's before they finally found the change cache in a beer carton under the bar. Approximately $220 in change and small bills was taken.

Pitch's Burglars Are Captured In Springfield

Two men who are alleged to have burglarized Pitch's Tavern early the morning of January 20, and a third man traveling with them, are in custody after being apprehended in Springfield Jan. 21. The trio was picked up by Lane county deputies on information furnished by the Curry county sheriff's office. Two of them, Martin Lloyd Strachan and Tony Derryberry are being held as ex-convicts being in possession of firearms capable of being concealed. The third, Billy Ray Lail, was held for Washington state on a burglary warrant.

Curry county has felony warrants for Lail and Derryberry on charges of burglary not in a dwelling, and for Strachan on receiving and concealing stolen property. The trio is alleged to have broken into Pitch's through a rear restroom window and taken $220.00 in coins and small bills, part from a change cache and the rest from game machines that were broken open.

City police chief Harold Hight was notified of the burglary when the tavern opened at 9 a.m. and called the sheriff's office to assist with the investigation. Subsequent inquiries led officers to determine the mens' activities during their time in Port Orford and disclosed that they lived in Springfield.

Assistance from officers in that area led to their apprehension and arrest on the Lane county and Washington charges. About $50, still in a bank bag, believed to be from Pitch's, was found in the Strachan home.

It has not yet been determined whether the men will be returned to Curry county to answer charges, or be retained by Lane county, according to the sheriff's office.

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SEWER MEETING NOT CONDUCTED

The special meeting to hear another report on the city's sewer planning program was called off late Tuesday afternoon at the request of engineer R.H. Erichsen. And it may as well have been, only two citizens showed up at city hall to hear it, but maybe they were the only two that didn't get the word.

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Cleaners Has New Owner

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders, former residents of Gold Beach, are the new owners of Port Cleaners. They will be open for business Monday, Feb. 1.

Mrs. Sanders has approximately twenty-five years of cleaning experience. She has been employed by Carson's Cleaners in Gold Beach for the past year and previous to then, worked eight years with the Lincoln Cleaners in Grants Pass. She also has worked in the cleaning business in Yakima, Wash., and San Francisco.

Mr. Sanders is employed at U. S. Plywood in Gold Beach. They will make their home in Port Orford.

They have three sons, two married and one is a grade school teacher in Oakridge, Oregon.

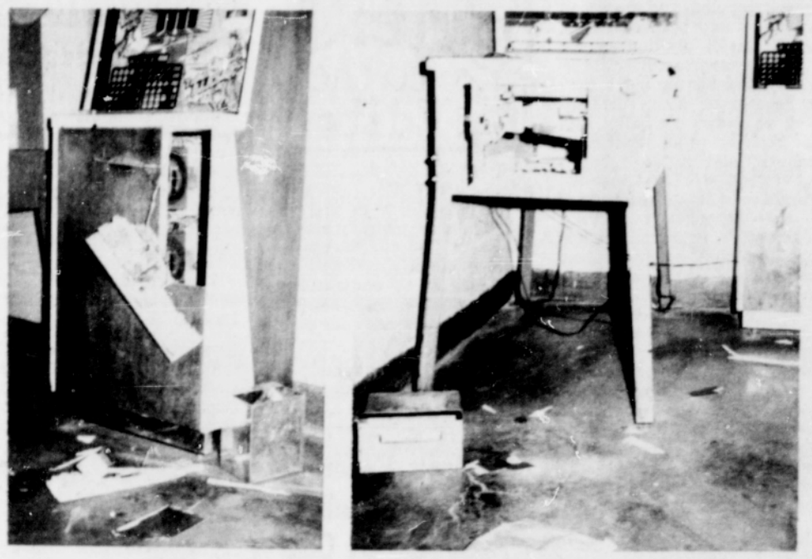
FSP Closes Down

FSP sawmill ceased operation here Monday following a decision of the board of directors Friday. The closure will effect about 75 mill employees and reduce the annual area payroll by approximately $500,000. Several small logging operations will also be effected by the move.

Poor economic conditions in the industry and loss of a large burner during the Christmas week storm were given as partial reason for the shut-down. The mill operated two shifts.

As far as the management is concerned, it was learned Wednesday, the shut-down under the present operation is permanent. The mill property is expected to be put on the market for a complete unit sale, or liquidated in some other manner.

The closure of FSP is the fifth wood products operation to cease production here in the last two years. The others include Port Orford Plywood, Cape Blanco Studs, Kronenberg Mill and a planer mill, both of which burned.



Two of the machines broken into during Pitch's burglary.

Chamber Studies Land Possibility

A committee to study the possible purchase of a building and five acres of land on the old Agate Beach road was appointed Monday by chamber president Dal Weir. The group, Red McWilliams, Gil Rush and Paul Peterson, will investigate the Coos Head Timber Co. holdings with the view toward utilizing a mess hall building for community recreation purposes and the ground for a city park.

There are several other outbuildings included with the property; formerly used as bunk houses, wash rooms, etc., but all of them small and in need of repair. A full report on the property is expected to be made at the next chamber meeting.

At the request of the Save Our Lakes, Ass'n., Gardiner, Oregon, the chamber agreed to furnish information to them about weed life in Garrison Lake. The association said it has been determined that infestation of Brazilian waterweed is in lakes of Coos, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln and in Garrison. The information was requested to help substantiate a bill now being drafted for presentation to the legislature seeking state aid for control and research on this problem. They said the weed growth has become acute enough in some areas to threaten the recreational use of the lakes.

TO SEND CRAB

A box of crab, about six dozen, will be sent to Senators Morse and Neuberger and Congressman Duncan through the joint efforts of the chamber, port commission and Cape Fisheries, who will also handle the arrangements. The local delicacy, running to between 125 and 140 pounds, will be iced and shipped air express to the Oregon delegation in appreciation for their quick introduction in congress of the local harbor bill.

In other business the chamber learned that Minnie Jolly had resigned as president of the Celebration Association; president Dal Weir appointed Herb Thage, a new member, and Delbert Neal as the program committee; and approved a motion to contact the Job Corps for information about establishing a Job Corps Camp in this area.

Sub Sighted Off Coast

Sub, Troller, UFO Reported Locally Said "Unofficial"

Recent sightings of a submarine off the coast at Humbug Mt. and north of Gold Beach have not been recognized officially by any government agencies, but it is believed that the Thirteenth Naval District conducted an investigation the day after the sightings were reported on January 14. They further requested the story be held up until late last Wednesday night—too late for inclusion in the News.

Three separate reports of the submarine sighting were made at different times, according to information furnished the News. The first is said to be from Mrs. Merle Boice of Gold Beach, who noticed it from the highway near the old Rogue Lanes bowling alley.

The second sighting was made by Dr. C. O. Boots from a vantage point just north of the bridge at Humbug Mt. Dr. Boots first saw it about 7:30 p.m. and viewed it through binnoculars as it moved slowly in a northwest direction without running lights.

It was seen for the third time by night patrolman Bob Montague at about 10:25 p.m. Montague watched it moving in the same direction, still without lights, until it went out of sight behind rocks in the harbor edge. The clear, moonlit night made it possible for Montague and Dr. Boots, both, to see the submarine clear enough to make drawings of its superstructure later. The drawings were made separately and were said to match.

Whether the submarine was foreign has not been officially determined but the immediate coastal area was observed for several hours by air following the report to the 13th Naval District.

TROLLER VIEWED

Also on the evening of January 14, Montague and Mrs. Ruth Wahl reported seeing what appeared to be a large fishing troller in the same area, running without lights inside the normal sailing lanes.

PREVIOUS SIGHTING

Montague further reported the sighting of another submarine setting in the southern part of the harbor about three and a half months ago, also late at night and without lights. He was on the point at Coast Guard hill that time and when he returned from reporting it, it had disappeared. Montague said it appeared to be the same type of sub.

UFO WITNESSED

Just two days prior to the sub sightings here, at least four people in the Bandon area reported seeing unidentified objects traveling at high speeds in a westerly direction about 6:30 a.m. Two of the witnesses said the object was low in the southern sky, moving fast, and that they watched it for several minutes.

The object was said to be not perfectly round but ragged in shape and left what looked like a trail of grey vapor with a glow on the lower edge. No sightings of it were reported from this area.

REPORT SIGHTINGS

Police chief Harold Hight said it has been suggested by the 13th Naval District that anyone seeing subs, ships, or hearing radio messages of a peculiar nature, make a positive identity of the object, then make a drawing of its shape, record its physical details, where seen, time, etc., and turn the report in to the chief at Port Orford every fourth Tuesday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the city hall.

Two Bridge Bids Asked

Bids will be received by the Oregon State Highway Commission on Feb. 2 in Salem for two bridge projects estimated to cost approximately $390,000. The two projects were made necessary by damages caused in the recent floods.

The project for Jackson County involves the erection of a 330-foot prestressed concrete beam bridge over the Rogue River on the Shady Cove Bridge Section of the Crater Lake Highway about 20 miles north of Medford. Plans call for a 40-foot roadway and one five-foot sidewalk. The structure replaces the old bridge that was washed out. It is scheduled for completion June 15, 1965.

The Linn County project involves the erection of an extension to an existing overflow bridge near the Santiam River near Jefferson on the Jefferson Secondary Highway. Plans call for 25-foot prestressed concrete slab sections, two lanes in width. One end of the bridge was washed out by flood waters. Completion date is set for April 15, 1965.

TV Meeting This Friday

Tomorrow night's meeting of North Curry Recreation, Inc., may decide the fate of the television translator system operated by the group, a member said the week. In announcing the re-scheduled annual meeting, a member of the board of directors stressed that it will depend on the member turnout whether the translator is put back in operation. Only four of the 90 paid members responded to the regular annual meeting, the board noted, which was too few to conduct business or hold election of new officers. This apparent lack of member interest, and support from new members, may be an indication that people just aren't interested in continuing the translator operation.

The system receives channels 3 and 6 from Eureka and rebroadcasts them locally on channels 8 and 13 with increased power that permits home reception with "rabbit ears" in most cases, eliminating the expense and constant repair of outside antennas.

North Curry was formed several years ago as a non-profit corporation to improve local TV reception, starting with one channel then increasing to two. From the inception it has been plagued with a shortage of operating capitol and lack of a licensed serviceman in the area to maintain uninterrupted broadcasting and a "perfect" picture on home receivers. Other transmitting problems not controlled by North Curry have also been a constant source of criticism against the group.

These points, plus the many FCC regulations have to be met, such as maintaining a minimum amount of cash for repairs, have added to North Curry's worries, a board member stressed, and demand an increase in the membership to insure a continued operation. We are seeking a good turnout at Friday's meeting so these points may be explained.

SYSTEM OFF

The translator was turned off the air last Thursday, January 21, because Channel 13 was said to be interferring with the reception of Channel 11 from Coos Bay and Channel 8 was too "snowy". If repairs can be completed by Friday night, and sufficient members show an interest in keeping the system in operation, it will be turned back on following the annual meeting.

Annual Election To Be Held At Meeting

Nominated are: president, Burrell Babb, Jack Rose, vice president John Campbell, secretary-treasurer Dorothy Knoke, Jean Samudio, four board members: Floyd Keeler, Delbert Neal, Frank Morris, Knud Jensen, Mr. Pearson, Wesley Spencer Sr., and Lawrence Miller.

Nominations can also be made from the floor.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Coos-Curry Electric office.

Seal Returns Top Last Year

The local seal sale campaign is running ahead of last year's final results according to Connie Numie, campaign chairman. Receipts as of Jan. 20, amount to $2,039.00 compared to $2,014.30 on March 31, 1964. The association is highly gratified with the increase so far. It is their hope that those who have not answered their Christmas Seal appeals will do so promptly and make this a banner year.

Seventy three per cent of the total receipts will remain in this county to further the work for tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. This year the state X-ray unit will be in the county a total of nine days so that all may have an opportunity for that yearly checkup. The first date will be Feb. 16, 17 and 18 in Brookings, followed in June at Port Orford and in October at Gold Beach. Exact location and times will be in your local paper prior to the date.

You may further the work by sending in your contributions now, the chairman said.

The jewel for the month of January is the garnet.

Over 45 Thousand Licenses Suspended By Oregon in 1964

Oregon courts reported some 271,558 traffic violation convictions to the Department of Motor Vehicles during 1964. The figure is 5 1/2% higher than in 1963.

The department also reported that it suspended 45,644 driver licenses during the year, an increase of 3,037 over 1963. More than 39,000 of the suspensions were mandatory under Oregon law. The remainder (6,610) were invoked through discretionary authority of the department or upon recommendation of courts.

Driver license suspensions range from 30 days to several years, as in the case of a third or subsequent conviction for driving while intoxicated. The department says, however, that the greatest number of suspensions are for short periods of time and licenses are reinstated when provisions of the law are complied with.

Of the 6,610 suspensions meted out under discretionary authority of the licensing agency, 2,629 were given to drivers with repeated accidents or violation convictions on their records.

These drivers, the department report indicates, are far from average motorists. Studies reveal that the average Oregon driver (male) has one traffic conviction every 4 1/2 years and one accident every 6 3/4 years.

WEATHER

Date	Max	Min	Rain
Jan. 19	52	49	.18
Jan. 20	50	48	.46
Jan. 21	50	47	.14
Jan. 22	52	49	.14
Jan. 23	54	49	1.88
Jan. 24	50	46	.59
Jan. 25	51	43	.49

Mary Helmken Wins Contest

Mary Margaret Helmken, a Pacific High School senior, was winner in the girls' division of the Elks Youth Leadership contest and was presented a $50 U.S. Savings Bond at a meeting of the Coquille Valley Elks last Tuesday evening.

Mary competed for the high honor against girls from Myrtle Point, Coquille, Bandon and Pacific. Many things are taken into consideration before a winner is chosen. Mary's activities, which include 10 years as a 4-H club member, a 4-H club junior leader, past honored queen of Jobs Daughters, have been assets in winning this award. At Pacific, she has taken part in the Girls Athletic Association, Future Homemakers of America, Drama club, Varsity cheerleader, and National Honor Society.

Jim Johnson, senior at Coquille High, was winner in the boys' division. Second place winners included Claudia Dobney of Bandon and Gary Cook of Coquille.

First place winners will compete in the Elks district contest for possible further honors in the Elks Leadership contest. They will enter their brochures in competition with winners in the other 11 Lodges in the district.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ren Rundberg of Sixes.

Port Officers Are Named

Ray Reinke was re-elected for another term as president of the Port of Port Orford Commission at a special meeting held last Tuesday night.

Other officers are: J. B. Kosta, vice president; Ira Tucker, secretary; Roy Enlund, treasurer. Frank St. Clair, new port commissioner, and Reinke and Tucker also took the formal oath of office at the meeting.

Court Holds First Local Session

MEMBERS of the county court, Judge Fel Campbell, center, and commissioners Ryce Wilson, left, and Heck Timeus, right, held their first scheduled monthly meeting at the local city hall Tuesday afternoon. The court instituted the meetings to make it easier for county citizens, living in the southern and northern extremities of the county, to confer with the court without having to drive to Gold Beach. They have scheduled these meetings, also held in Brookings,

COMING EVENTS

Thursday
P. O. PTA, 7:30 p. m.
Monday
School Board, 8 p. m.
Jobs Daughters, 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday
Rotary Club, 12:10 p. m.
B. P. W., 7 p. m.
Wednesday
Lions Club, 7:30 p. m.
Back Acres, 8 p. m.

ANNUAL GRADE SCHOOL CARNIVAL IS SLATED

The annual Grade School Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, February 13.

dates TO REMEMBER

Birthday wishes go out this week to Cyrena Mills, William Shook, Jr., Susan Kreutzer, Laura Marstall, Conrad A. Johnson and Patty St. Clair.