

**Roughish
Rambblings**

by Normajan

Now that Thanksgiving is past we will get into the spirit of the coming Christmas season. We wish to inform our readers in other areas Central Point city crews did NOT begin putting up our seasonal decorations until AFTER Thanksgiving, and we thank them for it. It is our thought that too much commercialism on Christmas is not proper before the Thanksgiving turkey is in the oven! But now we will get in the swing of things. . . has everyone noticed the lights in our downtown section? And we hear our tree for the city should arrive soon, maybe even before we get to press! Oh the wonders and joys of the Christmas season! We love it!

Speaking of Christmas, please remember the deadline for mailing packages to our boys in Viet Nam is December 11 and all packages posted now MUST go airmail in order to arrive in time.

Heard a good report last week that citizens in the United States are swamping the boys in Viet Nam with wonderful letters, thinking them for what they are doing over there. No one seems to be able to find out where complete strangers to the boys are getting their names and mailing addresses, but those who have them have been doing something certainly worthwhile. We go on record as urging all citizens of Central Point and everywhere the Times reaches to at least send a card or letter to the boys you know personally who are overseas. It sure gives them a boost to hear from home. Let the Creeps, Commies, Pinkos and Beatniks march to their hearts content. . . we're weary of them! Let's tell our boys we appreciate what they are trying to do for us!

Now, on the lighter side of life. Other day two Irishmen were out at the cemetery laying a wreath on the grave of a friend when a young Chinese man was seen sprinkling rice on the grave of a countryman. "When do you expect your friend to come eat that rice?" they asked the Chinaman. "When you friend come to smell the flowers" was the reply.

Something curious going on about this town. In trying to get some Thanksgiving news Monday I asked one well known gal in town if she had company for Thanksgiving. She said she had, so I asked her the names of her guests. Know what she said?? She didn't know!

Shades of the Old West! That robbery and exchange of gunfire last Saturday was something all local residents are still talking about. This was the second of such instances in the city of Central Point in recent months. And you always thought it couldn't happen here??

One reminder from the police department. . . . please folks, let's not chase armed bandits about town. You are merely taking your life into your own hands. These guys are hardened criminals, some have

murdered before and since there is no death penalty for murder in the State of Oregon, why should they care what they do? So they get a few more years in the pen. . . so what? Usually that is their home anyway. The police know how to handle the situation and 9 times out of 10, will recover the loss. If not, the insurance company will.

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Mt. Ashland Ready But Snow Needed

All lifts at the Mt. Ashland winter sports area will be in readiness for operation this weekend if there is enough snow on the ground, it was announced today by Manager David Keiser.

Keiser said final parts for the new Pomalift were to be shipped from southern California today and that if they arrived by Thursday, the lift would be in operation. Both T-Bar lifts, the chair lift, and rope tow are ready to go, Keiser said. Minor difficulty was experienced last week on the T-Bar lifts because of water condensation in the mechanism, Keiser said, but added that this had been corrected.

Keiser also said more than 10,000 colorful new brochures were now being distributed along the west coast to advertise the ski resort.

Keiser said season tickets for both individuals and families were still on sale at the office of the Mt. Ashland Corporation in the Mark Antony Hotel. He said more season tickets had been sold this season than were sold all last year.

Medford Site Of Democrat Pre-Primary

William Davidson, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee, has announced that a pre-primary election convention of the Democratic Party of Oregon will be held in Medford.

Davidson, accompanied by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. George H. Schwieger, attended the meeting of the executive committee in Corvallis Sunday as delegates. They invited the convention to Medford and the invitation was accepted.

The convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27, Davidson said.

The Jackson County pre-primary convention was held in Medford prior to the last election, but this will be the first time that the state convention has been in Medford.

Pine Street Christmas Decorations Up!



Lamb Joins Credit Banks

W. Scott Lamb, formerly editor of Oregon Agriculture and for eight years director of member and public relations for the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation has been named assistant to the director of information of the Farm Credit Banks of Spokane.

Fred A. Knutsen, chairman of the presidents committee of the Spokane banks, said Lamb will assist in handling publicity, advertising and public and member relations programs of the Federal Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and Bank for Cooperatives. The Spokane banks serve the 12th Farm Credit District, comprising the states of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

A native of North Dakota, Lamb attended Southern Illinois University after serving five years in the Navy Air Force during the World War II period. Prior to going with the Farm Bureau at Salem, in 1957, he served as farm director of Radio Station KIOA in Des Moines, Iowa, and as radio and TV director of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, also at Des Moines.

AND UP THEY GO. . . . Vern Capps and Leonard Olson braved the freezing weather this week to put up the Christmas lights on Pine Street. The city tree should arrive shortly.

Christmas Spirit Vanishes With Trees

Christmas spirit may come a little slowly this year to William Blunt, 3854 South Pacific Highway, Phoenix, after unknown persons stole 200 Christmas trees from the back yard of his home sometime during the night.

Blunt, owner of Blunt's Ranch Market, 3832 South Pacific Highway, Phoenix, told Jackson County Sheriff's officers he had stored the trees at his home prior to putting them on display at the market.

SOC Wrestlers Travel

Southern Oregon College's wrestling team, under head coach Ralph Walters, travels to Seattle, Wash., Saturday for an all day meet.

The Red Raiders are entered in the University of Washington Invitational wrestling match, comprised of schools from all over the northwest.

Christmas Tree Sales Told By BLM

The Medford District Office of the Bureau of Land Management has announced that two areas have been selected on which they will sell Christmas trees this year. This announcement was in line with a previously announced bureau program of making trees available to individuals at specified locations for a fee of \$1 per tree, with not more than three trees being sold to one permittee.

One of the two areas selected by the Medford District is located west of Medford on the ridge between Jackson Creek and Galls Creek. It is in an area where a timber sale is planned for next spring and many of the small trees are expected to be destroyed in the logging operation.

The other area is located on upper Grave Creek in an area that was logged originally about 20 years ago. In this area natural reproduction has come in sufficiently to allow removal of some of the small trees without harm to the future forest crop. Christmas tree permits will be issued at the Medford District Office at 1133 S. Riverside. Maps showing the location of the cutting areas are also available.

Robbery and Assault Suspect Arraigned

Houston Leroy Jones, 47, was arraigned in Jackson County District Court Monday on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Bail was set at \$1,500.

Jones was arrested Saturday by Sgt. Jim Corliss of the Central Point Police Department on a complaint signed by Harold (Pete) Mitchell, owner and operator of the Time Oil Station at 131 Front Street, Central Point.

An escaped convict from the High Rock Camp, Weott, Calif., Jones was accused of robbing the local service station of \$80 in cash after threatening the operator with a gun. He was captured by a group of citizens after an exchange of gunfire.

Jones, according to the local Police Department, has spent most of his adult life in prisons in the states of California and Washington. He escaped from a work detail on Sept. 20 after receiving a sentence of five years to life for armed robbery in Sacramento.

Garden Club Sparks 8th Annual Show

The annual Christmas and dried flower show of the Central Point Garden Club will be held this year for the first time in Central Point. In previous years it has been held in Medford. The new location is the Central Point Grange Hall on Pine Street. Theme of the 1965 show is "Ideas Galore for Winter Decor".

According to Mrs. Marie Shere, publicity chairman for the event, opening day will be next Wednesday, December 9. Doors will open at 2 p. m. and remain open until 8 p. m. On Thursday, December 9, the second and closing day of the show, doors will open at 10 a. m. and stay open until closing time which will be 4 p. m. All entries must be in by noon on opening day.

Mrs. Shere said "As a community project for Central Point and an unjudged show, the public is cordially invited to participate in any or all classes."

This year an added feature will be the Christmas section, using fresh materials such as trees, door swags, wreaths, candles and Christmas scenes of any type.

Boy Scouts to Organize

Troup 40, Boy Scouts of America, is being organized in Central Point. Boys interested and not presently registered in Troup 40 are invited to

Attend an organizational meeting at Jewett Elementary School in the cafeteria at 7:30 p. m. in the cafeteria. Parents please attend.

Accessories will be permitted in all classes such as driftwood, figurines, cones, and colored sprays. There will also be six niches for Christmas scenes or arrangements 32 inches high, 28 inches wide and 18 inches deep. This will be an advanced entry. For further information on this class call Mrs. Lester Gorden at 664-2219.

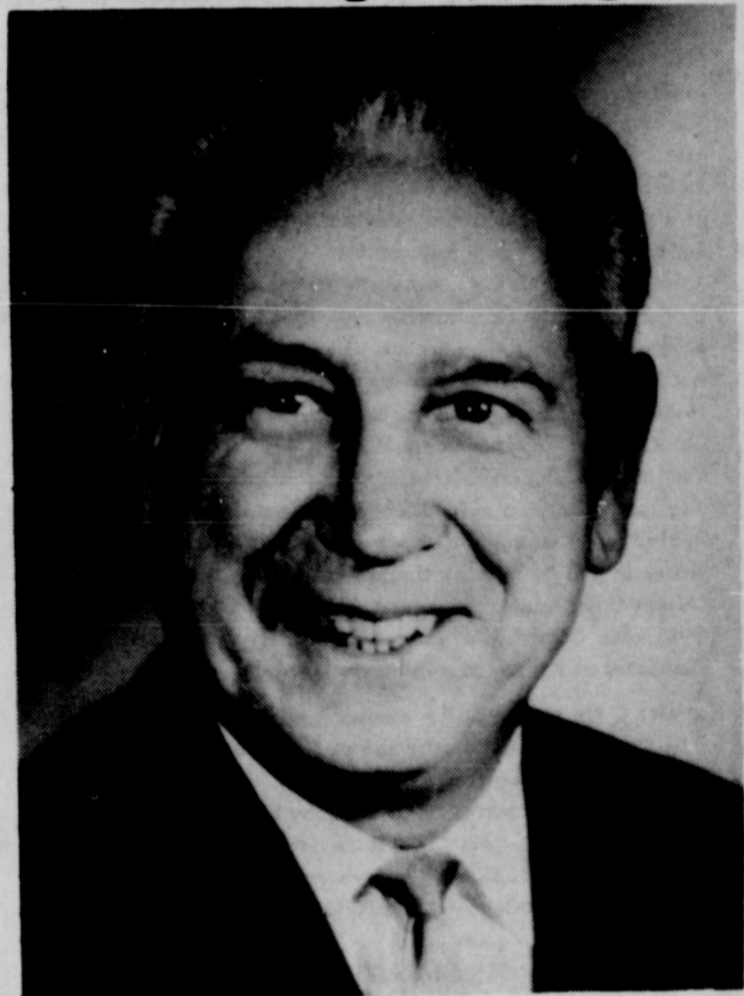
In the program "All Through the House", selections will be shown for the entry hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, the nursery family room, bedside table, coffee table and patio.

A section for horticulture will be used for house plants, berries, shrubs, branches, Christmas roses, fresh cones and many other decorative items.

Mrs. Shere explained that many persons who admire the cured waxed and dried leaves pods, cones and grasses in the finished arrangements which will be on display do not always recognize them in the fields. Hostesses will answer questions and explain methods of curing and drying these materials.

A special treat will be a Silver Tea served during the show.

Jack Creager Retiring



Jack Creager, telephone company manager in Medford and Ashland for the past 17 years, will retire on Dec. 21, closing a 38-year career with the Bell Telephone System.

Creager, who plans to continue to live in Medford, is retiring at his own request.

Long active in community affairs, Creager has served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Medford Chamber Commerce. In 1959, he headed the Jackson County Centennial Association during the celebration of Oregon's 100th anniversary of statehood.

Creager has also served on the Board of Directors of the United Crusade and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. He has been a member of Medford Rotary since 1949 and is a past vice president.

He began his career in the telephone business in Febru-

ary, 1928, as a night watchman for Pacific Telephone in Eugene while attending the University of Oregon. From 1930 to 1932 he worked in the plant department in Eugene, Portland, Albany and Salem.

Creager filled assignments in the company's commercial department in Portland from 1937 to 1936 in residence, business and directory sales.

In 1936 Creager came to the Rogue River Valley as outside representative in the Medford business office. He was promoted to assistant manager in 1941, and transferred to Grants Pass as manager there in 1946.

Creager was promoted again to Medford manager in 1948, a post he has held since.

While December 21 will be Creager's last day on the job, he will officially retire on February 2 because of vacation schedules.

Creager's successor has not been announced.

Foreign Exchange Students Saluted



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. . . . Honored at the International Relations Club meeting at Crater High School recently were (left to right): Orallina Vessa from Italy, representing Grants Pass; Ann Larsson of Sweden representing Phoenix High School and Crater's Hortensia Zebeta from Costa Rica.

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Handel's 'Messiah' Dated Dec. 5

The Southern Oregon College music department will present the eighth annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 3 p. m. Dec. 5, in the college gymnasium, Dr. Herbert Cecil, head of the SOC music department, announced this week.

The oratorio will be performed by the Southern Oregon Little Symphony Orchestra, the Messiah Chorus, four soloists, and a narrator. Soloists will be Virginia Cecil, soprano; Marguerite Armstrong, contralto; Ray Tumbleton, tenor; and Maynard Hadley, bass. Narrator will be the Reverend Joseph A. Dubay of Ashland's Episcopal Trinity Church.

The narrator's part consists of the texts from selections usually omitted in modern performances of the Messiah. Rather than leave these portions out entirely, Dr. Cecil felt it would be better to have the texts read by a narrator, thus preserving the continuity of the text as was conceived by Handel.

The public is invited to attend this traditional performance of Handel's famous work. There will be no admission charge, although an offering will be taken for the benefit of the SOC Music Scholarship Fund.

Visit Fruit Packing Plant

Cub Scout Pack 40, Den 13, took a very early and enjoyable trip to Harry and Davids Bear Creek Orchard Packing Plant of Wednesday Nov. 24.

While waiting for the guide to come the Cubs were all given Candy Cones.

It was very fascinating to see all the beautiful Christmas baskets filled with delicious fruits and candy traveling on the conveyor belt above our heads. All of the Baskets are woven in the plant and this alone takes six months out of the year to do. During the busy Christmas Season the packing plant fills around 6000 orders a day.

The Cubs watched workers making pretty ribbons, flowers made out of candy pieces, basket weaving, box making and fruit sorting.

Scouts taking the tour were Billy Bowers, David Magruder, Jamie Muir, Bill McKibben, Duane Olson, Brian Polindexter, Bradley Poindexter, Shawn Sullivan and Lucille Olson, Den Mother.