

# \$4000 STUDIO VALLEY SCHOOL SOON FINISHED

With a program of construction nearing completion, the Valley school will soon present its new \$4000 studio being erected west of the present school building in Bishyau Heights. The building measuring 40 by 24 feet will be used for art work, the presentation of plays, assemblies and the various activities of the pre-tertiary groups. It will be constructed of hollow tile, the same material used in the main buildings.

A stage, measuring 10 by 14 feet will be installed in one end of the auditorium and equipped for dramatic productions. The building fund which has been raised by contribution is in charge of Alfred Carpenter.

Mrs. Floyd Hart has contributed a flag pole to the school which will soon be erected in front of the building with appropriate dedication ceremonies. The studio building will be completed shortly after the New Year, according to Mrs. Isabel Mosher, principal.

# CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE CAUTION IS SOUGHT BY CHIEF

With the chances bright at the present time of Medford getting through this year with the smallest fire loss in its history, Fire Chief Roy Elliott, in hopes of attaining this great goal last night issued a warning to the public to exercise unusual care to prevent fires starting from Christmas tree decorations, and also to have their chimneys cleaned out as soon as possible, if that matter had not been attended to already.

He especially advises that candles not be used in decorating Christmas trees, and that diligence be taken to see that all Christmas trees or other decoration electric wiring be properly done, both in homes and business places.

"Old sooty chimneys are open invitations for fire to start," says the chief. "Every chimney which has not been cleaned within a year, or for that matter in much less time, should be cleaned out, for much burning of pitchy wood, coal or bituminous since the chimneys were last cleaned leaves a residue of soot in them, ready to break out in a fire fit."

"True it is that we have had less fire than for years past, but this is due to the lack of wind during that time. Why take last night, if it had been windy, the wind would perhaps have started many a fire, despite the heavy rain falling. The trouble with a flue fire is that it usually starts inside the chimney, breaking through it into the wood work of the upper house when the flames are unable to escape properly at the top of the chimney. That is why, when we are called to a fire we always examine the attic first."

"Citizens who desire, as a matter of safety, to have their chimneys cleaned, and do not know where to obtain a chimney sweep, can easily learn where chimney sweeps can be found, by calling up the fire department headquarters."

"Then, too, in the way of fire precaution citizens should clean all leaves and such trash off the roofs of their homes, as wind sparks and embers fly in all directions when the wind blows and ignite such roof refuse."

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# TEN DIE IN NEW YORK FIRE



This Associated Press telephoto was taken during a fire at the Manhattan studios and Pathe film exchange in New York in which ten lives were lost. Seventy-five persons were trapped in the building.

# SCANT HOPE FOR JACK FLOREY TO SURVIVE HURTS

At midnight the Community hospital reported no change in the condition of Jack Florey.

Jack Florey, injured in an auto crash Friday night on the Crater Lake highway near Trail, was no better last night and was growing weaker. Little or no hope is held out for his recovery, according to relatives, who are with him at his bedside in a local hospital. He sustained injuries in a head-on collision with a car driven by W. B. Olivey. Both machines were wrecked beyond repair.

A more detailed report of the accident last night revealed that George Holmes was driving the car of which Florey was an occupant and that Florey was thrown through the windshield when the crash came with the Olivey car. Holmes was rendered unconscious for ten minutes, and through artificial respiration brought Florey back to momentary consciousness, and revived lapsed heart action. He also gave first aid to injured occupants of the other machine.

Holmes said he was on his own side of the road and had stopped when he saw the Olivey machine coming on off its side of the road. Olivey claimed his lights were poor and that his windshield wiper was not functioning in a downpour of rain.

# COUNTY COURT INVESTIGATE ROAD OILING EQUIPMENT

County Judge Alec Sparrow, Commissioners V. Hursell and George Alford, County Surveyor Paul Kenning and Tom Roseberry, chief mechanic of the county road department, are home from a trip up-state where they investigated roads that had been oiled by two counties and road oiling machinery.

The county court have made provisions in their budget for machinery for oiling county roads and will purchase the same in time to begin this work next spring. This system of maintenance of roads is said to prove very satisfactory under county control.

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# DIAMOND LAKE SURVEY ORDERED

At the annual joint meeting of the state highway commission, the forestry service and bureau of public roads officials held in Portland Friday it was decided to make the official survey of the Diamond Lake road, which leaves the Crater Lake highway at Union Creek and goes to Diamond Lake, then out east connects with The Biddle-Columbia highway at Beaver marsh, a distance of 45 to 50 miles.

The survey will be cooperated in by Klamath and Jackson counties and the Forestry service, will be started early next year and completed next summer. Funds to be constructed will no doubt be allotted by the joint meeting of the same organizations next year and started in 1931.

This will be one of the best recreational roads in the state and will furnish a loop road to Diamond Lake instead of a one way road.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Dec. 14. (AP)—Vilhelmur Stefansson, famous Arctic explorer, now in New York, telegraphed here today, urging speedy departure of Charles "Punch" Dickins, Edmonton pilot, to Nome in search for Carl E. Johnson, noted Arctic flier, and his mechanic, Earl Borland, last seen flying over the Bering sea, 45 days ago.

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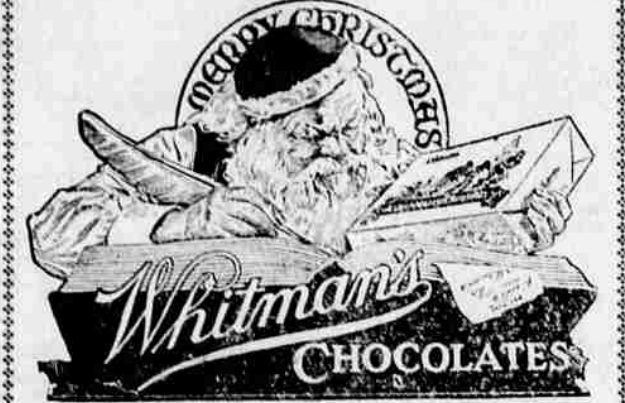
# YULE KETTLES OF ARMY ON STREET

The old familiar Christmas kettle on its tripod was placed on the street corner Saturday, by the Salvation Army for the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on its Christmas program in furnishing Christmas baskets for the needy and also to get the things needed for the poor children's Christmas trees. Kettles will remain out until the 24th and they will be on Main and Central by the Medford National bank and on Central, by Mann's Department store and one on the west side by the Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank. It seems as if there will be plenty to do, quotes Ensign J. R. Pack, officer in charge, for already over 50 names have been turned in. There will be no duplication of efforts for all names will be checked with other organizations.

Any one knowing families in need will please turn in names and address at once so that all cases may be investigated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Secretary Adams is inquiring into recent remarks credited to Major-General Smedley D. Butler of the marine corps in an address in Pittsburgh, concerning American machine activities on foreign soil during elections.

The assumption in official quarters is that General Butler has been asked to give his own account of the speech to the navy head.



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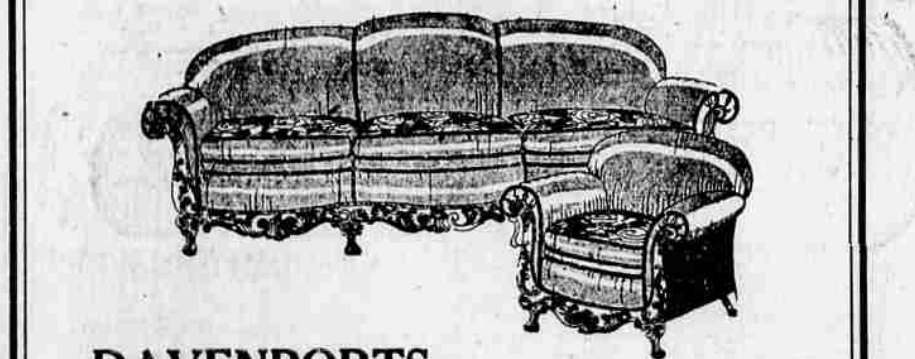
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