

# SEARCHERS SPEND DAY LOOKING FOR CRASH NEAR HERE

Rogue River National Forest service officials and crews from Medford army airbase spent one whole day last week in search of a plane crash and fire after receiving reports from several residents who said they saw a fire on Baldy Peak, five miles east of Medford. The calls were received last Tuesday evening after an article was published in the Mail Tribune Tuesday about a plane being down in this area.

An aerial search, led by Capt. Star of the airbase, Wednesday revealed no sign of a plane crash in the area. Forest service and state police personnel made a ground search of the area Thursday. A burned pine snag was found in the location where the blaze had been seen. Evidence indicated it had burned about the time the crash and fire were reported, forest service workers stated. The snag apparently had been set afire sometime Monday as a "warning fire" or "just to see it burn," it was surmised.

Forest Supervisor Karl Janouch and Major Frank J. Raso of the air search and rescue unit of Medford Airbase pointed out signal fires are often set by lost or injured persons to direct assistance to them. Major Raso requested that any person seeing anything that might indicate a crashed airplane or a lost or injured person to report it immediately to him at the Medford air base or to the state police.

Janouch also pointed out that setting of indiscriminate fires is prohibited by state law on private land and by federal law on federal land. Such fires also greatly handicap any search made for a lost or injured person and cause considerable lost time and effort in the search, Janouch said.

# SCHOOLS LAUDED FOR SEAL SALE

The sale of Christmas seals in the Medford senior and junior high schools was praised yesterday by Mrs. Glenn A. Gibbons, Jackson county chairman of the annual campaign. Volunteers at both schools are doing a grand bit of work, she declared, with the Junior high school group reordering. An effective educational program is also being carried on in the Medford schools under the leadership of Miss Olive Curry, school nurse, she stated.

Seal sale returns are pouring in, according to the report of Mrs. Robert Emmens, treasurer of the Medford campaign. She reported receipt of \$1090 to date in the mail sale yesterday and \$105 for the first two days of the booth sales, Mrs. Gibbons announced.

Christmas is just 17 days away, Mrs. Gibbons reminded the public in urging those people, who have not answered their seal sale letters to do so soon.

# Bickler Resumes Market Operation After Army Duty

Former Cpl. Jack Bickler who was awarded the bronze star in Germany "for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Holland," has returned to civilian life, operating his Medford Meat Center at 231 East Sixth, which he left 2 1/2 years ago.

Bickler served 16 months overseas with a combat medical unit. He returned to Medford two months ago wearing the European theater ribbon with five battle stars, the purple heart and a presidential unit citation.

Since returning Bickler has spent most of his time hunting building materials for his new home. Mrs. Bickler and their daughter resided in Medford during his absence overseas.

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