

Police Department Report Indicates 1954 Was Best Year in Clearing of Cases

During 1954, the Medford city police department had its best year in history in the percentage of cases cleared, according to Police Chief Charles Champlin.

Out of 603 reports of major offenses, 44.9 per cent were actually cleared by arrests. This is considerably above the national average, which for 1953 was about 25 per cent.

Last year's list of major offenses included 2 rape, 6 robbery, 97 burglary, 62 larceny over \$50, 415 larceny under \$50, and 21 auto theft. Of the total reports, 67 were unfounded, Champlin reported.

The percentage of all cases cleared in 1954, including the unfounded ones, was 51 per cent, compared to 41 per cent cleared in 1953.

Other Offenses
Of miscellaneous offenses, the following major categories were reported: 20 assaults, 29 forgery and counterfeiting, 90 embezzlement and fraud, 30 offenses against family and chil-

dren, 33 liquor law violations, 567 drunkenness, 59 disorderly conduct, 130 vagrancy, 55 driving while intoxicated, 554 violation of road and traffic laws, and 2,603 violation of traffic and motor vehicle laws.

There were 429 vehicle traffic accidents during the year, involving 89 injuries but no death. The number of accidents was fewer than the year before.

There were eight attempted or actual suicides.

Speeders topped the list of traffic citations, with 497. Fifty-seven persons were cited for reckless driving, 49 for failure to yield right of way to pedestrians, and 85 for failure to yield to vehicles.

Personal Report
Champlin explained in an accompanying personal report on the department's year, the first of its kind to be issued here that traffic enforcement during the past year "has been directed at reducing the number of accidents." Comparative records for the past two years show that there were 191 fewer in 1954 than the year previous. He added, "while this is encouraging, the department feels that there definitely is room for greater improvement and the plans are that every effort will be made to secure this improvement during the year 1955."

In another section of the summary, Champlin noted that the department has instituted a system for hiring officers, which includes a complete investigation of their background, including clearance with the FBI and other references. There is no officer now working on the department who has had any type of criminal record, he added.

Treatment Policy
The chief pointed out that it is the department's policy to not place any person in jail who shows any visible sign of being either injured or ill, without first having such person checked by a doctor.

Discussing public relations, he concluded that "all of the public relations activities of the police department are directed toward the aim of convincing the public that police officers are their servants and must render them every assistance possible in solving their problems. It is an acknowledged fact that the day of the 'bully policeman' either did or should have passed out of existence with the horse and buggy."

Perfect Records
The purpose of the meeting was to organize into a more effective GOC post. The post was first started on March 15, 1954 and five observers have never missed their watch periods. Included are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dengler, Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier and Bill Hart.

A meeting-time was set for the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall. Any persons interested in doing GOC work in the area or desiring a change in their present GOC watch should contact Stella Miller at Juniper 3266.

Lieutenant Ayres commended the post on its work and urged others to join in to man the post 24 hours a day.

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9 Is	39 Strengths	69 For
10 Ways	40 Need	70 Today
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13 Good	43 And	73 Seclusion
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16 Impulsive	46 Trust	76 Let
17 Worthwhile	47 Those	77 Assist
18 Surprises	48 Relaxation	78 Assist
19 Advantages	49 And	79 Friendly
20 Spending	50 Win	80 Sharp
21 News	51 Decisions	81 Contacts
22 Through	52 Keep	82 You
23 Your	53 Wish	83 You
24 Of	54 Evening	84 Interesting
25 Cause	55 To	85 Of
26 You	56 Politeness	86 Lookout
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In and Around Table Rock

Table Rock — Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Dille, Ore., visited relatives here last Sunday on their way to New York City to visit their daughter and son-in-law.

Mrs. Rose Coapsee of Eugene was a week end visitor at the Ray Doran home here.

Desie Dell Hodson, a teacher of the primary grades in the Table Rock school when the late John Barker was principal, back in the early forties, was a recent visitor here.

At last Sunday's session of the local Sunday school Robert Sage was elected superintendent; Doris Nealon assistant superintendent; Jessie Robinson secretary; Ruth Bishop, assistant treasurer; and Inis Pierce treasurer for the year 1955. Teachers and musicians will be selected later.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Edgecomb and son Jerry of Susanville, Calif., were guests of relatives at the R. E. Nealon home during the holidays. Mr. Edgecomb is superintendent of the Susanville schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Day of Bremerton, Wash., were holiday guests at the Aubrey Taylor home. Mrs. Day and Mrs. Taylor are sisters.

The continual noise following a regular pattern heard over local radio sets is said to be caused by signals going out from landing aid stations in this vicinity.

The David Doran family is spending some time with home folks at the Ray Doran home. David is getting so he can manipulate his crutches fairly well and was a welcome visitor at the local Sunday school last Sunday.

News of the passing of Leon Taylor recently in Medford was received with sincere regrets by his friends here who had become acquainted with him through his long tenure as a plumber. He was a workman whose main purpose it seemed was doing a good job of all work undertaken and helping people with their plumbing difficulties. Pay in money was a minor consideration, a rare virtue at this day and time. Sympathy of the community is extended to the relatives here.

Dr. Eugene Ray and wife and children accompanied by Dr. Ray's father and mother all of Medford visited relatives here during the holidays.

A twelve degree early morning temperature was the lowest recorded so far this winter by Ray Wyatt's weather gadget at

the Table Rock store. The Bigham clan, some 43 in number, met for their Christmas get-together at the Everett Brown home on Bigham Lane.

Robert Sage accompanied by Ronald Griffith, a teacher in the Gold Hill schools, were in Klamath county last week hunting ducks.

Since Santa Claus managed to get down the Richardson chimney with at television set at Christmas time the Richardsons report they have had plenty of company.

The Bert Pierce family returned Sunday from a two weeks vacation spent with relatives in Arkansas and on the road going and coming.

Among those from other parts visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays were: Kenny Wyatt from Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edmonds and son of Walnut Creek, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Milo Hardin and son Jonnie of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson and children of Fairfield, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn of Central Point; the Harold Sharp family and Mrs. Margaret Williams of Medford; the Everett Young family of Willow Springs; the Dick Wyatt family of Central Point; Delmar Dooley and wife of Lakeview; the John Bunt family of Carson City, Nev.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brood of Corvallis.

Don Grissom for a Christmas gift from Santa Claus was the good fortune of your correspondent so we have been making inquiries about how to operate it, as using it might do us a lot of good as well as those who try to read what we try to write. Bob Sage says just put your two hands on the second row look up toward the ceiling and go ahead using the touch system and you will soon get so efficient that your hands will bypass your brain, in other words your hands will have the paragraph finished, correctly spelled, before your brain catches up.

Similar to what they told us in the training camp when we were put through endless drills day after day which they said would enable us to go ahead and do our stuff even if we were scared or knocked on the head, our legs in this case bypassing our brain.

During 1954 many changes were noted here in the usual pattern of the weather. A frost of great severity struck May 1, followed by a long dry spell which prevented growing crops from making the usual recovery from such a setback. This resulted in a short yield of grain and hay crops and a total loss of all fruit except where heavy smudging was carried on.

A cold summer kept melons, tomatoes and other truck crops from maturing before frost struck again in the fall.

From a general farming standpoint it was not a financial success, with restricted yields, lower prices for farm products, especially at harvest time, with operation cost the same and taxes the highest ever known here.

From a population angle we about held our own except the school census which was a little under 1953. There was one birth, three marriages and no deaths.

Workmen from the Columbia Utilities Co., are putting in phones here and making the changeover from the Central Point switching service to the White City quarters, and at the present time some homes are on the Central Point line and some on White City, causing some people to have to pay a toll charge to talk by phone to their next door neighbors.

The change is expected to be completed soon.

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Rogue River

Rogue River — Rogue River Hobby Club met Jan. 4 at the home of Mrs. Charles Babcock on Highway 99 north. Luncheon was served to the following members: Mrs. Walter Kasworm, Mrs. Walter Shock, Mrs. Harry Condray, Mrs. Frank Stamm, Mrs. Halden Williams, Mrs. James Whipple and the hostess Mrs. Babcock. After the luncheon exchange of gifts was enjoyed. Mrs. Sam Bunch of Cave Junction was unable to attend as there was too much snow at her place. Mrs. Richard Hargett and Mrs. Harold Hargett were also present. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Stamm on Feb. 22.

Mrs. Mae Shults returned Saturday from a visit of several weeks over the holidays at the home of her daughter Mrs. R. C. Cummings and family. Mrs. Cummings and son Ray brought Mrs. Shults home but returned to their home the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown were Medford visitors one day last week.

Mrs. Allan McGregory is spending a few weeks home from Anchorage, Alaska, where she is employed. Mrs. McGregory has been in Alaska for several years. Her daughter Joan and son Allan Jr. are also in Alaska.

Tom Wilson has returned home from Medford where he spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Frank Foster and husband.

About 20 members of Live Oak Grange met at their hall Dec. 31 with a covered dish dinner and after dinner played games and danced until the New Year arrived.

Wash meetings were held at both the Assembly of God and Church of God churches on New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith were dinner guests New Year's of Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple.

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Corbin were held Tuesday at Hope Community Presbyterian church with the Rev. D. F. Barnett in charge. Mrs. Corbin had lived in Rogue River several years. She is survived by her husband, Henry, and several other relatives. Mrs. Corbin was a member of Live Oak Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dengler and daughter Phyllis and son Lynn, of Portland, were visitors here Jan. 1 at the home of Mr. Dengler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dengler and other relatives.

Laurel Garden Club did not meet this month on account of the bad weather and snow on the meeting date, but will meet as usual on Feb. 2.

are putting in now for what it may be worth at this later date: Santa Claus was well received by the kids who literally climbed all over him as he handed out treats. Many thought Santa didn't look a day older than a year ago except maybe his stomach had grown a bit in fact so much that Dick Morris had to help the old fellow get down the chimney and out of the fireplace.

Among delicacies distributed were popcorn balls made by Mrs. Myers and so eagerly looked for by those who have tasted them on previous occasions.

We love to get the beautiful Christmas cards that began arriving some three weeks ago, but what an arm ache trying to answer all of them, and what a disappointment when we try and fail to beat some one to the "draw" and then have to send them a New Year's card wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Downey, Calif. — (U.P.) — A woman who lost both legs and an arm in an auto-train accident 18 years ago and a lumberman from Oregon began their honeymoon here Saturday.

Clover Kerr and lumberman Merle Malone, of Roseburg, Ore., exchanged nuptial vows here Friday night. It was Miss Kerr's second marriage.

She was a Huntington, Calif., schoolgirl at the time of her crippling accident. But she quickly adapted herself to artificial limbs and her cheerful acceptance of her condition proved inspirational to thousands in similar condition. She even wrote a book about it.

Miss Kerr said she had known Malone as a neighbor in Oregon for several years. He was so helpful, she said, she just "couldn't give him up."

She said her handicap was not responsible for breaking up her first marriage. "We were incompatible," she commented.

HAT TRICK
Spokane, Wash. — (U.P.) — F. M. Collingwood of Trail, B.C., told police he was walking along a street when a young man approached, whipped the hat from Collingwood's head and ran away with it.

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