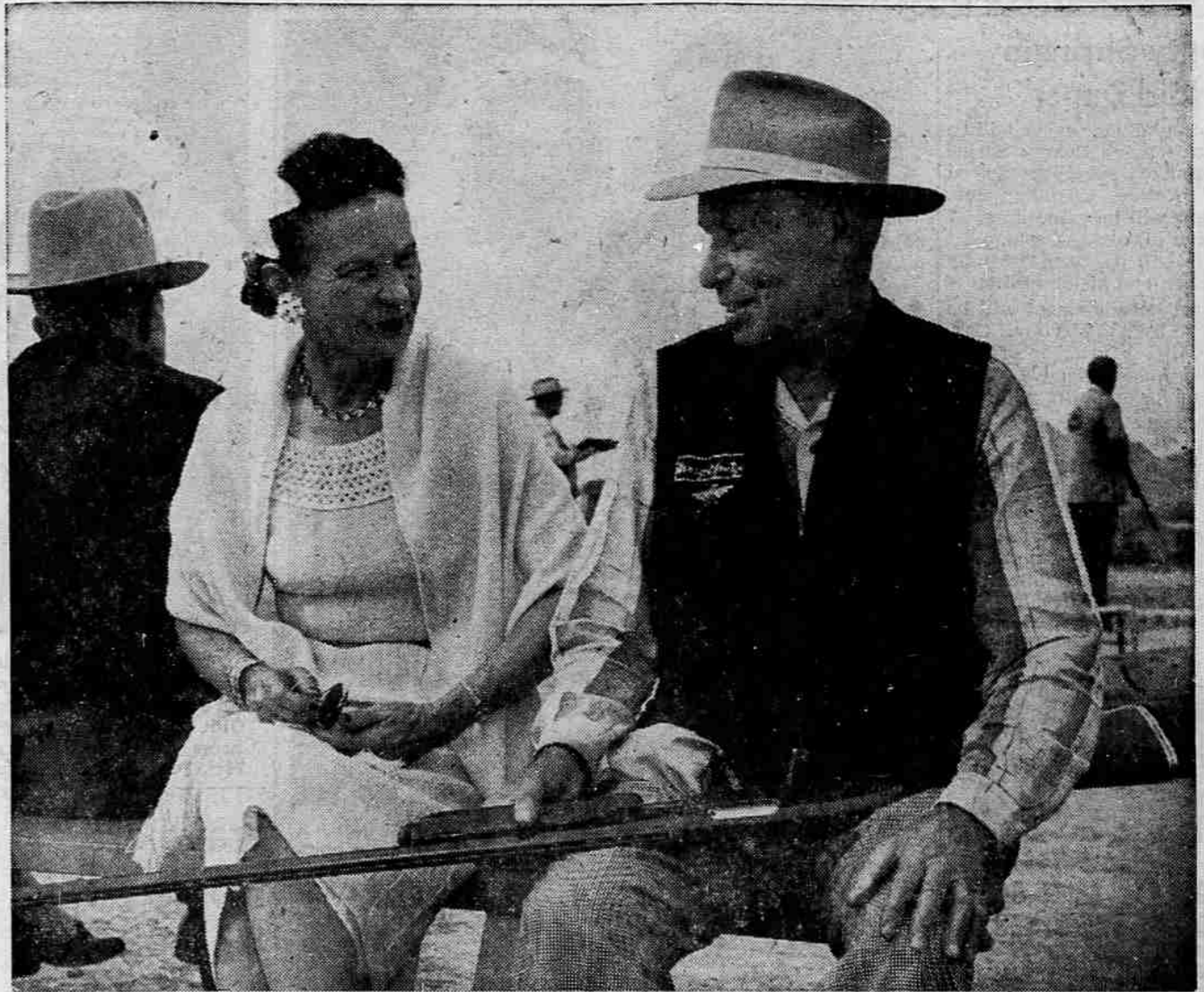




Mr. and Mrs. Marrs G. Gibbons, Old Military road, sailed last week on the SS Lurline for a stay in Hawaii. They will spend some time at the Halekulani hotel in Honolulu and later will visit other islands, including Kauai, Hawaii and Hana. Mr. Gibbons plans to do some fishing while staying at the Hana-mai hotel on Hana. The Gibbons are accompanied on the trip by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brown of Cleveland, O. (Matson photo)



Mr. and Mrs. George Jantzer, 537 Spencer avenue, are among Medford couples spending winter vacations in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Jantzer, one of Jackson county's best known trap shooting enthusiasts, is shown here during a round of shooting at a Phoenix gun club. The Jantzers often spend the winter months in Arizona, and this year are making a stay of two months. (Phoenix Chamber of Commerce photo)



Two Medford women, Mrs. George Handy (at left), 2145 Crestbrook road, and Mrs. Sidney Blood, 701 South Oakdale avenue, try their hand at panning gold during a month's stay in Phoenix, Ariz. The two couples were among those attending the annual Gold Rush Days in nearby Wickenburg where gold panners may keep all the nuggets they find. (Phoenix Chamber of Commerce photo)

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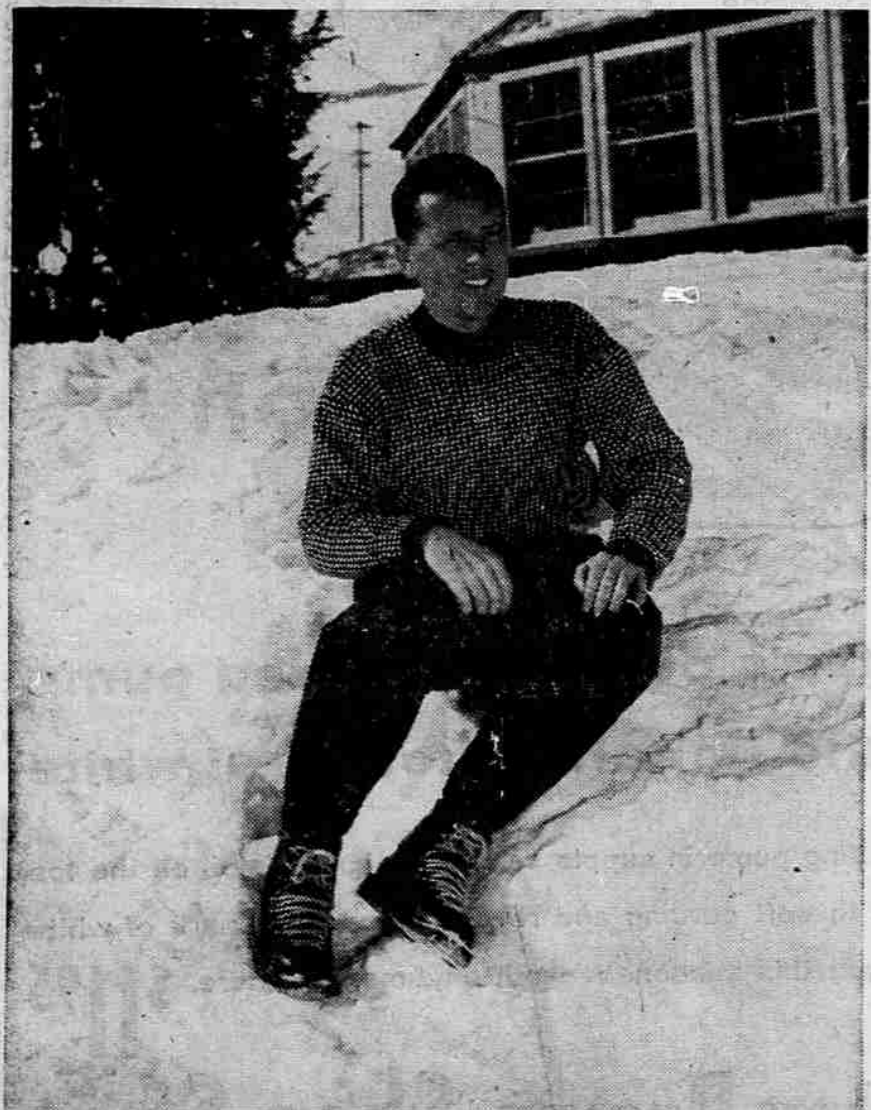
By Olive Starcher

February is a popular month for winter vacations, and many Rogue valley residents have been on the list of travelers. Some go south or on cruises in search of sunshine and interesting new places, while others visit winter resorts to indulge in such sports as ice skating or skiing.

In addition to today's pictures of winter travelers, The Mail Tribune presents a newcomer who arrived a short time ago from her native Japan. The newcomer, Mrs. Chester Ernst and her husband, a Navy veteran, flew to San Francisco where he was discharged from the service and they are now living with relatives at 2991 Springbrook road.



Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Balcomb are shown shortly after arriving by plane in Hawaii. Dr. Balcomb, pastor of Medford First Methodist church, was chosen to participate in an evangelistic mission to Hawaii by the National Council of Churches of Christ; will preach at Wakiawa on Oahu, and the Philippine church, Lahaina on Maui island.



Carl E. Wimberly Jr., 30 South Barneburg road, has returned to Medford after spending a few days at Sun Valley, Ida., famous ski resort. Mr. Wimberly is shown here outside the Roundhouse on Baldy mountain where he stopped to relax before continuing down the mountain-side. (Sun Valley News Bureau photo)



Mrs. Chester Ernst, Medford newcomer, is pictured here in her native Japanese kimono with the decorative silk obi on the back and flowers in her black hair. Mrs. Ernst, who describes the United States as "so big," is rapidly adjusting to life here and has acquired some text books in order to learn more about her adopted country.



Mrs. Ernst is pictured here wearing typical western clothes. Mr. Ernst, discharged from the Navy with the rank of aviation structural mechanic first class, spent about three years in Japan. Mrs. Ernst, the former Tami Suzuki, worked in a Navy store at the Atsugi Naval Air base. (Brainerd photo)