

ILLINOIS VALLEY Liquor Consumption Down

By FRANK STRICKLAND
Cave Junction — Retail liquor sales in southern Oregon are off almost 50 per cent this year. After all that has been said and done to prevent people from buying and consuming intoxicating drinks, this section of the state apparently has unwittingly stumbled upon the surest way to accomplish the seemingly impossible task, namely: do away with jobs so the people will not have money to buy liquor.

The no-job effect is working like a top here in the Illinois Valley but the remedy is worse than the disease. It is punching holes in our economy. It is generally understood, however, that the people are not worrying too much about the sudden slump in liquor traffic, but they are worrying considerably about the county's 1,100 unemployed breadwinners. As much as many of the people here would like to see intoxicating liquor done away with entirely, they do not believe that mass unemployment is the best way to do it. They believe the scarcity of jobs here in southwest Oregon is not the result of something someone has deliberately done, but something the people, themselves, have failed to do, and that is to recognize and promote this region as a resort area.

It is the considered opinion of some of the valley's leading citizens that if local people would band together and think out ways and means to create work for unemployed persons the present situation would be improved. They say when all the people of a community the size of Cave Junction put their minds to it most any kind of public project within reason can be accomplished.

It was pointed out at a meeting of a few local citizens last week that for the first time in the history of Cave Junction the combined efforts of the town's civic, fraternal and social organizations were used in the promotion and staging of the annual jubilee this year and it turned out to be a grand success, socially as well as financially. It served, they said, as a striking example of what can be accomplished with region-wide cooperation.

Reference was made to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival at Ashland, a highly successful project started by ambitious citizens and built with region-wide cooperation.

It was also pointed out that through similar collective efforts, parks, lakes, streets, sidewalks, swimming pools, bridge paths, zoos, and playgrounds have been constructed all over the United States, creating temporary employment for local people and paying out handsomely in increase revenue to the city, county and state governments involved.

The consensus here is that the people of the Illinois Valley, by and large, would as soon have full employment, and leave the job of reducing the consumption of liquor to the experts.

Quite a few unsigned letters severely criticizing the administration's Hungarian refugee splurge have been received recently by Cave Junction people. The letters, which have no return address on the envelopes, and which were mimeographed on plain sheets of white paper, open with two questions, "Do you and your fellow workers all have jobs?" then continues, "If not, you should be Hungarian DPs."

Bearing Portland, Ore., post marks and apparently addressed with an addressograph, it indicates that mass distribution was carried out.

The writer claims that this country is bringing from Hungary only the elite or "Big landlord crowd" while the working class of the ill-fated country are busy convincing the USSR that it should start withdrawing its troops from Hungary.

The writer, while touching on many phases of the refugee program, fails to state specifically what he would have the recipient do about the administration's Hungarian airlift, except for stating "It's time we American workers started fighting for our interests."

The writer may have been moved by press photographs showing many Hungarian DPs arriving in America seem to be better dressed and better fed than some American wage earners. On the other hand, the letters could be Communist inspired. It's up to the recipient to interpret it as he pleases.

Christmas of 1956 marked a big event in the lives of a young Cave Junction couple. Amidst the usual holiday gaiety and the comings and goings of neighborhood friends, the paternal grandparents-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dietrich, arrived on the scene from Bayard, Neb. Then came Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Edgar, the maternal grandparents-to-be, from Alliance, Neb., followed by their son, Maynard, who arrived a few days later to round out a family reunion. After exchange of greetings and Christmas presents the biggest gift of all arrived, 8-pound Jimmy, born Dec. 17 to the young couple, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dietrich, who moved here from Oxnard, Calif., where young Dietrich served in the U.S. Navy. Little Jimmy was brought home from the hospital the fourth day after Christmas to find two grandmas, two grandpas, one uncle and a mama

and papa waiting to greet him. What greater reception could a fellow who has just arrived in a new and strange world expect?

By HELEN BOTTEL
Mr. and Mrs. William Raines of Cave Junction and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Carter of Kerby Chamber of Commerce home Christmas decorations contest. They were awarded turkeys last week for their displays.

The Raines front portico on River street has been transformed into a fairy land by Raines who has brought in carloads of moss, ferns, greenery, even toadstools, to make a sanctuary for the tiny animals that hide in its depth. Three outside Christmas trees add color and brightness to the effect, which is further enhanced by another tinsel tree framed in their picture window.

Simplicity is the keynote of the Bethlehem scene, on display in the Carter garage at Kerby. Life-sized paper mache figures made by Mrs. Carter and her daughter Betty depict Mary, Joseph and an angel grouped around the manger.

Bill Carter is part-owner of the Illinois market in Cave Junction, while Mrs. Bill Raines is employed there as a clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Preston, owners of the O'Brien Store, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Christmas day by giving boxes of candy to their friends. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rogers.

Services at Immanuel Methodist church in Cave Junction had special meaning Sunday when members and friends worshiped for the first time in the new church building.

Nearly completed are the social hall and educational building, which will be used as a temporary sanctuary and class rooms until the other wing of the church can be erected. The new church was made possible through contributions of money, services and materials by Valley people.

Presentation of awards, and introduction of the new Cub committee were highlights of Illinois Valley Pack 20 Christmas party held Friday evening, Dec. 21 at Kerby grade school.

Members of the pack committee are Ralph Millard, chairman; Wayne Petch, secretary; Howard Yarbrough, program; Bob Breckenridge, cubmaster; Palmer Lovejoy, assistant cubmaster; and Ralph Messenger, institutional representative. Introduction was made by Cubmaster Breckenridge who gave a report on the charter review held Thursday evening at Evergreen school. Kerby Parent Teachers associa-

tion is sponsor of the group.

Unique and valuable chairs, fashioned by hand from moose and elk antlers were described by their owner, Dewey Piersall, to Illinois Valley Troop 20 Boy Scouts at their Christmas party held Thursday night in the rumpus room of the Tommy Owens home here.

Boys and their leaders gathered about the Owens fireplace to roast wieners and hear of Piersall's experiences on the Alcan highway, as well as Owens' description of hunting trips, trophies of which are hung in the den of his newly-completed home on the Illinois river.

Receiving first class neckerchiefs and special slides were Dan DeMerseman and Mike Hanby, who passed their requirements at Camp McLaughlin this summer. Stainless steel slides, made by Scoutmaster Gene Pulley, are given to each boy in the troop when he achieves his first class award. Presentations were made by Scoutmasters Ralph Huber and Pulley.

Christmas gifts from the troop were four light-weight trail tents, one to each of the four patrols.

Special recognition was given to new Eagle Scouts Loren Meredith and Carl (Trip) Hammer, who passed their requirements before a board of review last week.

The newly-formed O'Brien fire department fought its first local fire, a small chimney blaze at the Ellis Ballard home, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20. Volunteers Karl Preston, Vibert Kirk and Vestor McDonald suppressed the fire with the aid of the O'Brien pumper. Damage to the wall behind the wood stove was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Phillips of Rough and Ready Flats spent Christmas with their daughters and families. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stevens of Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milton of Wolf Creek, at the Stevens home in Grants Pass. Homer's birthday was also celebrated during the holidays.

At the Phillips home Saturday was Fred Drake of Turlock, son of the former owner of the Siskiyou Daily News, on which Homer worked for several years as shop foreman. The elder Mr. Drake is now district judge at Turlock, Calif.

Husbands were guests at a turkey dinner given Tuesday, Dec. 18 by the Civic Women's League at the O'Brien home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodbury. A Christmas party and gift exchange was held during the evening.

Former residents of O'Brien Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Bud) Wieting and their children, Marilyn and

Ricky, arrived last week from Phoenix, Ariz., to spend Christmas with Bud's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wieting at Siskiyou Mountain Camp resort.

With them came Mrs. Wieting Sr. who had been visiting at Phoenix. The family will be here until Jan. 1. Also guests for Christmas dinner at the Wietings were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Johnson of Siskiyou Mountain Camp.

Six of Mrs. B. F. Robinson's ten children and their families were with her at Cave Junction this year for Christmas. Dinner guests at the Robinson home included Mr. and Mrs. William Woodbury of O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stow, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robinson, and their families, all of Cave Junction.

Eldo Swift left this week for Hayward, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swift, and four sisters and their families, all of whom live in the Bay area. Eldo, a senior at Illinois Valley high school, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rausch. His parents were former residents of the Valley.

Mrs. Jessie Parsons of O'Brien has been staying at a Grants Pass rest home with her husband who has been a patient there for more than a month. She hopes he will be able to come home this week.

At the Jimmy Quinn home in O'Brien for Christmas were Mrs. Quinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Versteegen of Medford, who will stay all this week; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cameron, Mrs. Quinn's aunt and uncle, a friend, Josie Widner, all of Medford, and Quinn's parents, Esther and Lionel Quinn of O'Brien.

Geologist Not Paid For Taking Maps

Pittsburgh — U.P. — A mild, bespectacled geologist who stole valuable survey maps from Gulf Oil Corp. because he was dazzled by promises of wealth was not paid "one red cent" for his theft, an attorney said Saturday.

Alexander Cooper, counsel for Thomas B. Smith, 47, who admitted stealing the maps for a New York racket ring, said his client was victimized by the smooth talk of a confidence man.

"Smith was taken in by some fast talking and got nothing in return," Cooper said. There's a lot more to this thing than what has come to the surface."

Smith, who was fired last January from his \$8,600-a-year job as a Gulf regional geologist, was a trusted employee for 25 years. He escaped federal grand jury indictment because the government credited him with helping

Move Starts to Have Alaskan Governor

Ketchikan, Alaska — U.P. — Sen. Robert E. Ellis, Ketchikan, Saturday confirmed that a move was under way by Alaska legislators to have an Alaskan appointed governor.

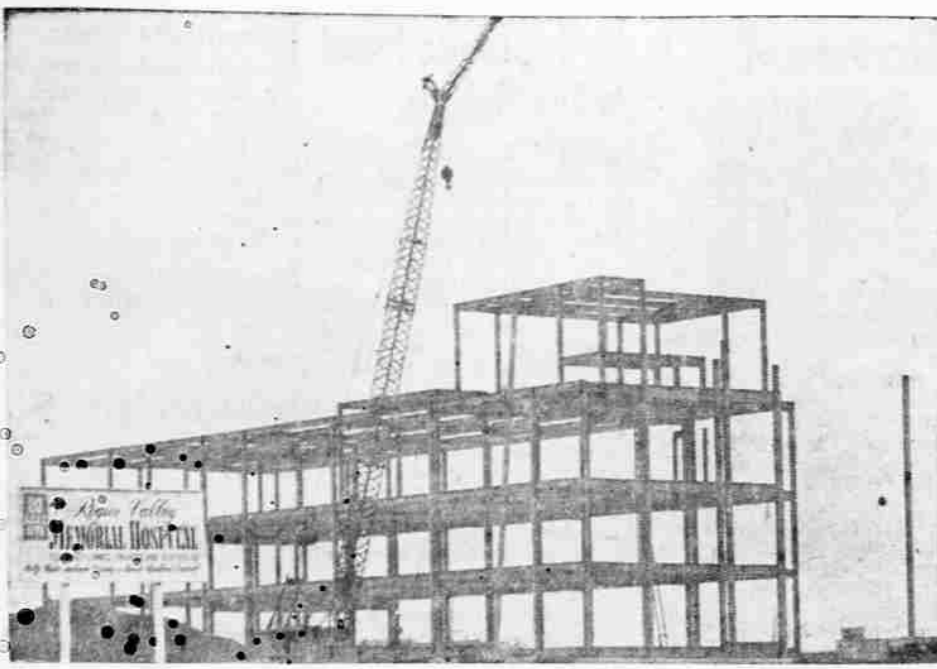
Ellis predicted leaders of the next Territorial Legislature session would issue a statement promising more cooperation with a native governor than an "outsider."

Democrats are in control of both houses of the Legislature and the next governor is expected to be a Republican. Ellis' statement was seen as a tacit warning to the administration to give an Alaskan first consideration for the governorship.

Salém — U.P. — Frank Ramsey, Corvallis contractor, was named by Gov. Elmo Smith Saturday as a member of the Governor's State Committee on Children and Youth. Ramsey is the chairman of the Corvallis Citizens for Youth Committee.

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reported... Rat problem shows increase in city... Chamber approves job evaluation study... Medford again fog bound... Sheriff's deputies promoted... Youth ordered to get haircut... Car pulled from Rogue river... County road program work starts.

DECEMBER

Fifteen youths involved in illegal "car borrowing"... Body of William S. Larch recovered from Rogue river... Medford pear district storage facilities increased... County gets \$219,256.65 in national forest land receipts... Local contributions taken for refugees... City manager authorized to negotiate for property for Medford's arterial street program... Safe burglarized at Rogue River school, Gold Hill school entered... Radio system installed by PT&T at Crater Lake... Elk creek swells during storm, other small streams rise in county... Fourth police case reported here, 15-year-old Central Point girl... LeRoy E. Wells named juvenile counselor... Mental patient escapes from hospital for short time... 16-year-old Central

Point boy arrested after armed robbery at sport shop... Laundry association to clean clothing for refugees... Woody Smith stalled here by truck trouble with load of Christmas trees... M. M. Huggins elected Chamber of Commerce president... Medford exceeds United Medford Crusade quota and Red Cross tag day quota for refugees... Donald E. Day resigns as physical director at YMCA... school district buys Oak Grove property for yard expansion... UN collects ton of clothing for refugees... Eugene man admits Rogue River, Gold Hill school burglaries... Patents on 23 Al Sarena mining claims filed... Hearing called on Kenwood-Grandview annexation plan... Rogue Valley hospital area rezoning plan referred to city planning commission... State to design Bear creek bridges... Outgoing mail sets new record in Medford... Ashland cab driver robbed of \$13.85... Snow, freezing conditions make driving hazardous... Medford school census shows 29.3 rise... Holiday sales under '55 record... 1,578 calls made to Santa during Kiwanis project... 40 enter yule lighting contest...

U.S. court upholds Jensen death sentence... Free polio vaccine campaign planned in county... LeRoy V. Krieger, Albany, dies here from accidental gunshot... Catholic church parish house damaged in blaze... Mrs. Deana J. Hughes, Wolf Creek, dies after truck plunges over Highway 99 overpass north of Central Point.

New System Processes Hungarian Refugees

Camp Killmer N.J.—U.P.—Hungarian refugees hustled through a newly-streamlined processing program Saturday but relief officials predicted it will be "at least a week" before the new system picks up full speed.

Under the new system, refugees will remain at this reception center a maximum of four or five days before being sent on to new homes and jobs across the nation.

A total of 13,355 Hungarians have arrived here to date, with 6,727 already settled in new homes and 6,628 remaining in camp.



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