

## Bright Takes First In Speech Contest

Salem — Lewis Bright, son of Philip S. Bright, 1797 Minear rd., Medford, won first place cash prize in the annual State Experimental Speaking contest held Thursday at Oregon State college.

Bright is a junior speech major at Willamette university and represented his school in the contest.

Speaking over a closed circuit television hook-up, Bright used as his topic "Robert G. Ingersoll, Orator." In the State Peace Oratorical contest held in the evening, Bright received third place speaking on "In Defense of Israel."

This is the third type of speaking contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic association of Oregon to be held so far this year. Willamette has won first place in both after dinner and experimental speaking divisions.

Bright, a 1954 graduate of Medford high school, competed with representatives of seven other colleges and universities in Oregon.

The winter wheat acreage seeded in the United States for 1958-57 is the smallest since 1913.

## TUBES GONE

Jackson, Mich. — Ida Beyette turned on her television set Friday, after she returned home from shopping, but nothing happened. A thief had taken all the tubes out of the set during her absence, Mrs. Beyette said.

## Salesman Club Elects New Officers Friday

New officers of the Southern Oregon Salesman club were installed at a meeting in the Rogue Valley Country club Friday, Feb. 15.

Installed were Paul Mitchell, president; Larry McConnell, vice president; Wayne Wright, secretary; Maynard Paup, treasurer; Art Woods, chairman; and Milt Evans, sergeant-at-arms.

Rex Sweeney, outgoing president, was presented with a gift by other members of the club. After a short business meeting, members danced in the Crest room. In charge of arrangements were Art Woods and Bill Sweet. Approximately 50 members and their wives attended.

## SEATON ON INSPECTION

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton plans to leave Sunday for a two-week inspection of Hawaii "to get current information" on the territory's bid for statehood.

## TABLE ROCK Car Hits Telephone Pole

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock — An automobile traveling at a high rate of speed, went out of control Friday evening, Feb. 8, near the corner of Modoc road and Table Rock road where it struck and snapped off a telephone pole. The damaged car was pulled from its entanglement with the pole by a farm tractor and later taken away for repairs. If this heavy pole had not been in the path of the car, it would very likely have crashed into the house only a short distance away which is occupied by the Arthur Sharp family.

According to Jack Sharp, line foreman for Columbia Utilities, the broken pole was one of the most important in the line, carrying the cable terminal dead ending from both ends. The repairs, running into considerable expense in money and labor, are just being completed.

A letter from Mrs. William Bishop in Kansas City, Kan., states that a relative at Ontario, Ore., in a telephone conversation, told her that on Jan. 26 the temperature went down to 16 below zero in Ontario and 20 below in Medford. This report caused Mark, who is excited about ice skating, to want to get

back to this valley, so he could skate up and down the length of Rogue River.

The other evening about dusk our otherwise reliable water pump stopped percolating and, with it being the only means of getting water for the house and livestock, we were faced with a rather serious problem.

A check of fuse plugs, switches and contacts failed to find any breaks or shorts, until our neighbor Jim Fleischer, the sharp-eyed jack-of-all-trades, discovered a maple bug sandwiched in between the contacts in the pressure switch. The small bug in a tight place was large enough to break the contact, and stop the works.

Earl Bigham, the Beagle farmer, has decided to follow the example of some of his neighbors by putting in an irrigation reservoir on his farm. He has plans made for constructing a dam and ditch that will impound enough winter rain water to irrigate some seven acres. He expects to have the work completed in time for the next irrigating season.

The Rev. S. W. Pleasant and wife and son William Jr., of Priggott, Ark., arrived here in January, and are living at Modoc orchard, where Pleasant is employed.

The friendly little dog that has been visiting at the home of the Sr. Allens, has returned to his home at the W. J. Gebhard farm near Central Point. A news item in our last letter telling of the dog's whereabouts was noticed by Mr. Gebhard the owner, who quickly retrieved his lost pet.

Word was received here recently by Dad Doran telling of the death of his brother, John Doran, at Boise, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Carter of Arizona were recent visitors with old time friends at the E. E. Robinson home. Carter lived in the Gold Hill area some 50 years ago and did much gold mining in many sections of Jackson county, working at one time in the Cinnabar mine, now called the War Eagle mine in the Meadows district. Mrs. Carter, before her marriage, taught school at Gold Hill, when A. J. Hanby was principal there.

Mrs. Clara Gardner and brother Chris Richardson, of Medford, were Sunday dinner guests with relatives at the R. E. Nealon home.

Mrs. Ronald Shope of Sams Valley, who, with her family, visited recently with friends and relatives in Arkansas and adjoining states, stopped in the other day with a delicious sample of Arkansas molasses made at her father's farm.

The next meeting of the local community club will be held Friday night, Feb. 22, when a vote will be taken on the future plans and dates of carrying on or not carrying on the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Chapman of Medford, were recent visitors with friends and relatives in Phoenix, Ariz., Los Angeles and other California cities. The Chapmans have relatives in Arizona and the Morris' in California.

Mrs. Ruth Wyatt arrived home Friday evening from a several days visit with her son, Kenneth and family in the Bay district, where he is a member of the school faculty.

## Fire District To Be Discussed

Ashland — Residents of the Valley View district of Ashland will discuss formation of a rural fire protective association at a meeting in the Valley View club house (formerly known as the Valley View school) Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m.

Move to organize a fire protection association followed a series of fires in the district, according to women of the Valley View Community club, sponsors of the meeting.

Speakers for the evening will include W. P. Roble and Mervin Gilson, deputy state fire marshals from Salem; Curtis Nesheim, district forestry warden; Charles Davis, Ashland fire chief; Gordon Barker, Medford fire chief; and Sidney Ainsworth, Ashland city attorney.

A round table discussion on the proposed association will be held and questions answered. Committee in charge of the meeting includes Mrs. Philip Hoyland, chairman, Mrs. Dee Newton and Mrs. James Gilson, president of the club.

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