

## Mercury May Be Observed In West Soon After Sunset

By FAY BENTLEY  
The starry heavens are featuring an attractive visitor during the present month. Mercury, most elusive member of the sun's planetary family, is now winging its way through the twilight sky and may be observed low in the sky, almost due west, for about an hour after sunset.

From April 8 to 21, Mercury will make its best evening appearance of the entire year, reaching a magnitude of -1.2 during its first days of visibility. At its brightest point the "littlest" planet will be nearly as brilliant as Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, now shining low in the southwest with a magnitude of -1.58.

**Remain in Sky**  
On the evening of April 15, Mercury will remain in the sky for about 1 1/4 hours after sunset, but its brightness will have dimmed considerably by this time. After this date the planet will fade as it nears the sun and soon becomes completely invisible.

About 13 times in each 100 years, Mercury passes directly in front of the sun. Such an event, called a transit, will occur May 5 this year. If Mercury were near enough to the earth this would cause an eclipse of the sun.

However, 52 million miles will separate us from this tiny world whose diameter is only 3,100 miles. At this distance Mercury compares in size to a 50-cent piece one-third of a mile away from the observer.

Only through a telescope can this transit be seen. A six-inch reflector or a three-inch refractor will be adequate, but a smaller instrument may serve.



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Projecting the sun's image upon a screen placed about a foot behind the eyepiece will protect the eyes and enable several persons to observe the transit at the same time.

**Inverting Telescope**  
On Sunday, May 5, at 3:56 p.m., PST, Mercury, looking like a tiny black dot, will appear just to the left of the lowest point on the sun's circumference, if an inverting telescope is used.

From there it will travel upward and to the left in a short straight line until it again touches the edge of the sun's disc and disappears about 6:29 p.m. PST. The path of the transit is near the edge of the sun's surface.

The last transit of Mercury occurred Nov. 14, 1953, and the next one will take place in 1960.

## Teachers Reelected At Ruch School

Boyd Gibson, principal of the Ruch elementary school, announced Friday that all teachers in that system have been reelected by the school board for the coming school year.

All teachers have given written notice of their acceptance, which is required by Oregon law, stated Gibson.

Teachers returning to Ruch are Marvin Throne, eighth grade and music; Kenneth Nivens, sixth and seventh grades; Lucile McKemie, fourth and fifth grades; Cleo Shannon, second and third grades; Ruth Granby, first and second grades; and Mr. Gibson, principal.



SMILING as Parisians cheer, England's Queen Elizabeth drives to gala performance of opera. (International)

## Harris to Head Principals' Group

Lester Harris, principal of the Medford High school, was recently elected president of the newly formed Jackson County Secondary Principals' association.

Charles (Dutch) Meyers, Central Point Junior High school, was elected secretary to the group.

"The purpose of the organization is to provide the secondary principals with opportunities to discuss problems of common interest, and work together to provide a better education on the secondary level," stated Harris.

Those attending the organizational meeting were Harris; Arthur Straus and Clarence Melby, Crater High school; Glenn Linn, McLoughlin Junior High; Vincent P. Bevis, Hedrick Junior High; Charles Meyers, Central Point Junior High; William Hunter, Rogue River High; Ernest Skipworth, Phoenix High school; Shy Callaghan, Eagle Point; Stanley Jobe, Ashland Senior High; and Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

## Institute Application Forms Available

Central Point — Announcements and application forms of the second annual Oregon State College Junior Engineers' and Scientists' Summer Institute have been received by Crater High school.

Tenth and 11th grade students from Oregon and southwest Washington high schools may apply for admission. The two-week session will be held June 9-22.

Total per capita cost of the science-engineering orientation course is \$90. The fee includes board, lodging, tuition, field trips, supplies and incidental costs. Students pay transportation from home to the campus and return.

Applications must be submitted by April 30. Enrollment in the course is limited to 250 students.

Sponsoring organization of the institute is the Scientists of Tomorrow. The organization helps students finance the summer session through contributions from business and industry.

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## ILLINOIS VALLEY Day Camp Staff To Meet

By HELEN BOTTEL  
Cave Junction—First planning meeting for the Illinois Valley Girl Scout Day Camp staff is set for April 23 at St. Matthias Episcopal church in Cave Junction.

The camp will be held this year at the new Girl Scout grounds near Grayback park, a site leased just a year ago from the U.S. Forest Service. Formerly known as the old CCC camp, it will acquire an official title this summer when one is chosen from a number of names suggested by the Girl Scouts.

According to Mrs. Ben Spaulding, a member of the camp committee, the new picnic and camping area has proved extremely popular with both girl and boy scout groups throughout the Crater Lake area. It is booked ahead for nearly a month.

Although the Girl Scout organization is responsible for reservations, the camp is open to any qualified group. The ancient CCC buildings were torn down last fall.

On May 10, Troops 92 and 88 of the Illinois Valley plan an overnight at the campgrounds, when girls will complete their camp craft badge. They will be accompanied by leaders Iol Colpitts, Betty Pierson, Carol Costello and Emma Castleberry.

The completion of this requirement will entitle the girls to attend the Camporee, to be held June 11, 12 and 13 at the Grayback site for Girl Scouts from all over the Crater Lake area.

Illinois Valley Girl Scouts and Brownies, with the exception of the O'Brien Brownie troop, will participate in a Court of Awards May 24 at the Eagles hall in Kerby.

A Brownie fly-up and several first class awards are planned in addition to the usual pins, badges and advancements in rank.

The O'Brien troop will hold its fly-up next Thursday, April 18, following the Parent Teacher Association potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Fourth grade pupils, Brownies and Cub Scouts will present a varied program at the Evergreen Parent-Teacher Association meeting Monday night, April 15.

A potluck dinner will precede the entertainment. Election of officers is planned during the business session.

Early Elmore and Bob Steimer are this week getting sign-ups for the possible formation of a flying club in the valley. Those interested are asked to contact either of the two men.

Word has been received by Mrs. Vivian Deaton of the arrival of a new nephew, born March 26 to her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Milliken of Lac Du Flambeau, Wis. Mr. Milliken lived in the valley in 1947 and was a member of the local American Legion post.

The little boy has been named Miles Lee, after his grandfather, the late Miles Milliken.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Tucker and family of Crescent City spent last week end at the Paul Lewis home in Kerby. The two families dined on Sunday with the Frank Jordans in O'Brien.

A trip to the Jacksonville museum is planned for Girl Scout Troop 92 Saturday, April 20. Leader Iol Colpitts and her assistant Carol Costello will accompany the group.

The Oregon Caves Bowman meeting planned for April 12 has been postponed until May 3 because of the rush of Easter activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holten are to be the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bow-

man of Santa Cruz, Calif., visited Mrs. Bowman's sister, Mrs. Saidee Smock and her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd of Holland over the weekend of April 7. They left Tuesday morning to return home by way of Eureka, Calif., where they stopped with Alice and Mildred Lovelace, former residents of Wilderville.

While in southern Oregon, the Bowmans attended the wedding of a friend, John Koch, at Saturday evening ceremonies in Grants Pass, and spent the night with his mother, Mrs. Armita Koch in that city.

At the Southern Oregon Community church Missionary Alliance convention in Coos Bay Wednesday, April 4 were four representatives of the Cave Junction Community church, Carlita Hussey, Nora Piersall, Clara Dick and Tracy Cross.

Members of the Illinois Valley 4-H Dairy club who appeared on KUIN's 4-H hour Saturday, April 6, were Dan DeMersseman, George and Roger Martin, Judy and Bob Prather, Norma, Roberta and Carole Martin.

Unable to attend were Sharon Prather, Cheri Hadley, Sandra Buchendahl and Billy DeMersseman.

Mrs. Wilma Willis of Kerby left by air Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., where she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Tom Stringer.

In the San Francisco area over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Abner Castleberry, who visited her brother and family, the Keith Browns at Oakland; and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Castleberry, who stayed with her daughter in Richmond. The two couples drove south together.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith of Independence, Ore., arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mr. Smith's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith of the Illinois Market.

Attendance was good at the World War I Veterans meeting Tuesday night, when members gathered to discuss further plans for the big Fourth of July event here.

An auxiliary will be formed as soon as the required quota of charter members are signed.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Willis and daughter have returned from a six-months sojourn in Maryland. They are staying with Rick's parents in Selma until they locate somewhere in southern Oregon.

First presentation of "The

Dawning," a pageant of the Resurrection by Lyman R. Bayard, will be given on Palm Sunday, April 14, at the Provolt Grange hall, by a cast of near

50 members and friends of the Cave Junction Community church. A Central Point performance is planned Thursday, April 18,

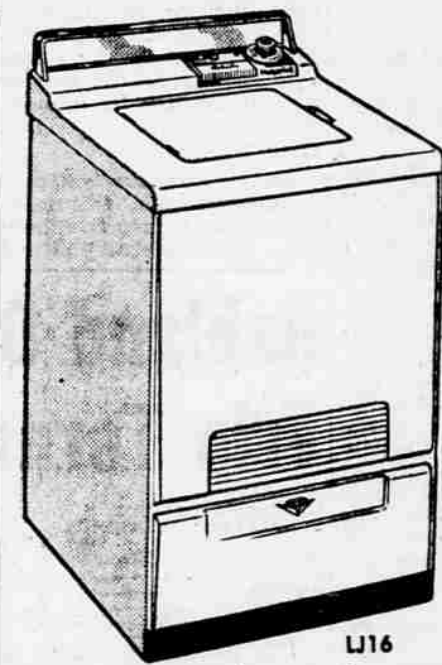
at Community church, while the pageant is to be given at the Cave Junction Community church at 8 p.m. on Easter, April 21.



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