

Moscow — U.S. Embassy employee John A. Baker of Westport Conn., Saturday became the first American diplomat admitted to Moscow University as a student since before World War II. Baker, a second secretary who speaks fluent Russian medieval history. Until this year university authorities turned down applications of Americans to attend courses.

Edinburgh, Scotland — Scotland's libraries reported Saturday they have recently started exchanging books on a small scale with their Moscow counterparts. So far two books have been sent to Moscow — "The Dialect of Robert Burns as Spoken in Central Ayrshire" and "Fraser's Law of Parliamentary Elections."

Large Increase Seen In Visitors to State

Salem—Oregon has had a 92 per cent increase in number of out-of-state visitors during the past 10 years, according to figures released by William M. Tugman, Reedsport, chairman of the advisory committee of the state's tourist promotion agency.

Tourists increased from 1,839,000 in 1948 to 3,539,000 in 1957. Total number of visitors this year established a record for the industry in Oregon.

Surveys made by the traffic engineering division of the Oregon state highway department are similar to those used by the widely recognized studies done yearly by the Curtis Publishing company.

Contrasts Oregon System

"In contrast to the Oregon system, which counts only out-of-state cars staying here three days or longer," Tugman said, "some states project their total on the basis of all out-of-state vehicles, even those staying one day, whether or not they carry tourists. They make no distinction between business and pleasure travel."

"Still others regularly include in their annual figures the travel within their states by their own people," Tugman said.

It was a contrast of Oregon's "conservative" system with the less-conservative system of other states which made it appear that Oregon was not "keeping up" with other states in tourist travel, in a recent dispatch from Washington, D.C., quoting the department of the interior, according to travel experts here.

Higher Increase

A much higher increase in tourist traffic could have been registered by counting every out-of-state car to enter Oregon, and intra-state travel as well, Tugman explained.

While this survey indicates a big increase in tourist traffic, the budget of the highway department's travel information division has gone up only 19 per cent since 1948. The division, since 1935, has been promoting travel to Oregon through its nationwide advertising campaign and public relations program.

Tugman said the travel division's advisory committee, of which he is chairman, the division itself and its advertising counsel keep in close contact with all types of communication media to obtain the best buys available, particularly in regard to securing editorial support of the division's campaign and in joining with other western states for sectional promotions.

PIN HEAD

New York — Which would you rather do, look for a needle in a haystack or 7,000 needles in a garbage pile? Several persons chose the latter Friday when a garbage collector accidentally carried off a shipment of imported Swiss needles. About two-thirds were recovered after nearly a day of frantic searching.

MOORE MOORED

South Bend, Ind. — Using initiative, skill and special equipment, R. R. Moore launched an enterprise in the center of the business district Friday. He dropped a fishing line into the St. Joseph River which runs through town and landed more than six bass, which exceeded the limit and cost him \$29.

Bethels Hold Inspection For Officials

Medford Bethel 55, and Ashland Bethel Job's Daughters held a joint inspection meeting, October 22, in the Masonic temple in Ashland. Mrs. J. W. McGill, Beaverton, grand guardian of Oregon was the honored guest.

Other state officers present were, Mrs. C. D. Elhart, past grand guardian of Oregon and past guardian of Ashland Bethel; Mrs. Ione Goodnoe, vice-grand guardian of Oregon, and past guardian of Coos Bay Bethel; Lem Manning, grand outer guard of Oregon, and past associate guardian of Bethel 14 and Bethel 55 of Medford.

Bethel 55 was in charge of the opening, business and closing portion of the meeting and the Ashland Bethel was in charge of the initiation ceremonies. There were six candidates from Ashland initiated.

Queen Marcia Spence of Bethel 55 introduced past honored queens, Lucille McCabe, Whitier, Calif., and Phyllis Leigh, Ashland. Also introduced were Sharon Blickenstaff, junior princess, Bethel 14; Nell Daily, past senior princess, Ashland; and Pat Roach, Ashland, who is grand Bethel representative to the state of Pennsylvania.

Past guardians present were Mrs. Adelaide Clary, Ashland; Louise Daugherty, Ashland; Evelyn Sult, Bandon. Mrs. Bob Morris, guardian Medford Bethel 14, and past honored queen, of her Bethel was also introduced. Mrs. Ed Grimm, guardian, Ashland and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Medford Bethel 55, welcomed the guests and members present. Associate Guardian R. Holland, Ashland, and Herb Sampert of Medford Bethel were also present.

Grand Guardian Mrs. McGill presented the Bethel queens from Ashland and Medford with gifts from the grand officers.

After the meeting a short address was presented in honor of Mrs. McGill. Refreshments were then served in the dining hall. Decorations and refreshments were in the theme of the birthday and the Ashland Bethel was also honoring.

NEW CASE DEVELOPED

Washington — The Navy has developed a lightweight, low cost plastic cartridge case which may replace conventional brass and steel artillery shells. The case has been successfully tested at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory by scientists working under an Army contract. The announcement said the plastic case weighs only half as much as the metal case.

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Veterans Urged to Study Life Insurance Policies

"World War II veterans holding term GI life insurance might do well to ponder the experience of nearly 20,000 veterans of World War I who didn't convert their term policies to permanent GI insurance," S. T. Brannock, officer in charge, VA office, Medford, has urged veterans.

Term GI insurance, Brannock explained, must be renewed every five years at an increasingly higher premium rate. Having carried their term GI policies through as many as seven renewals, about 20,000 World War I veterans now face an almost insoluble problem, Brannock said.

Averaging 62 years of age, with their earnings generally declining, they are finding renewal cost of term policies so high that many of them are being forced to drop their GI insurance. Even those who can afford to renew currently may not be able to do so in another five years, Brannock pointed out.

World War II veterans can avoid the dilemma by converting to permanent GI insurance. The initial cost of permanent insurance is higher than term, but the premium rates do not increase.

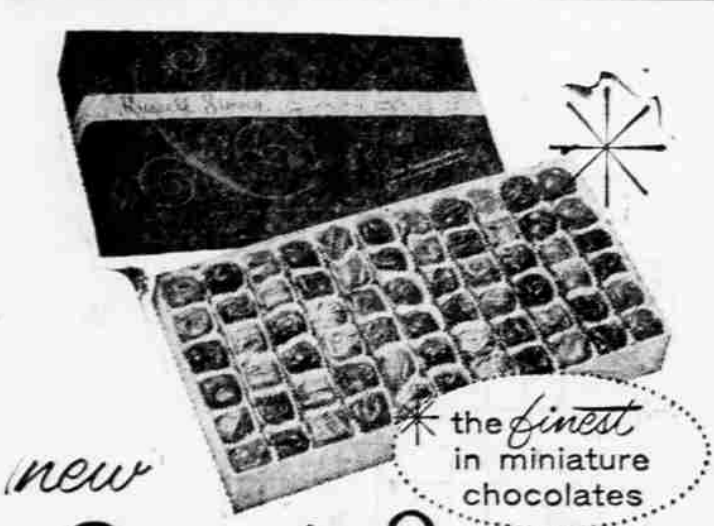
In addition, Brannock explained, permanent GI insurance has

IF SHOE DOESN'T FIT?

Toledo, Ohio — When Mrs. Eileen Roesler's keys didn't fit the door of her car she had it towed to a garage and the lock changed. The ignition key didn't fit either, so that lock was changed. It was only later that Thomas G. Harvey got his car back and Mrs. Roesler got the right one.

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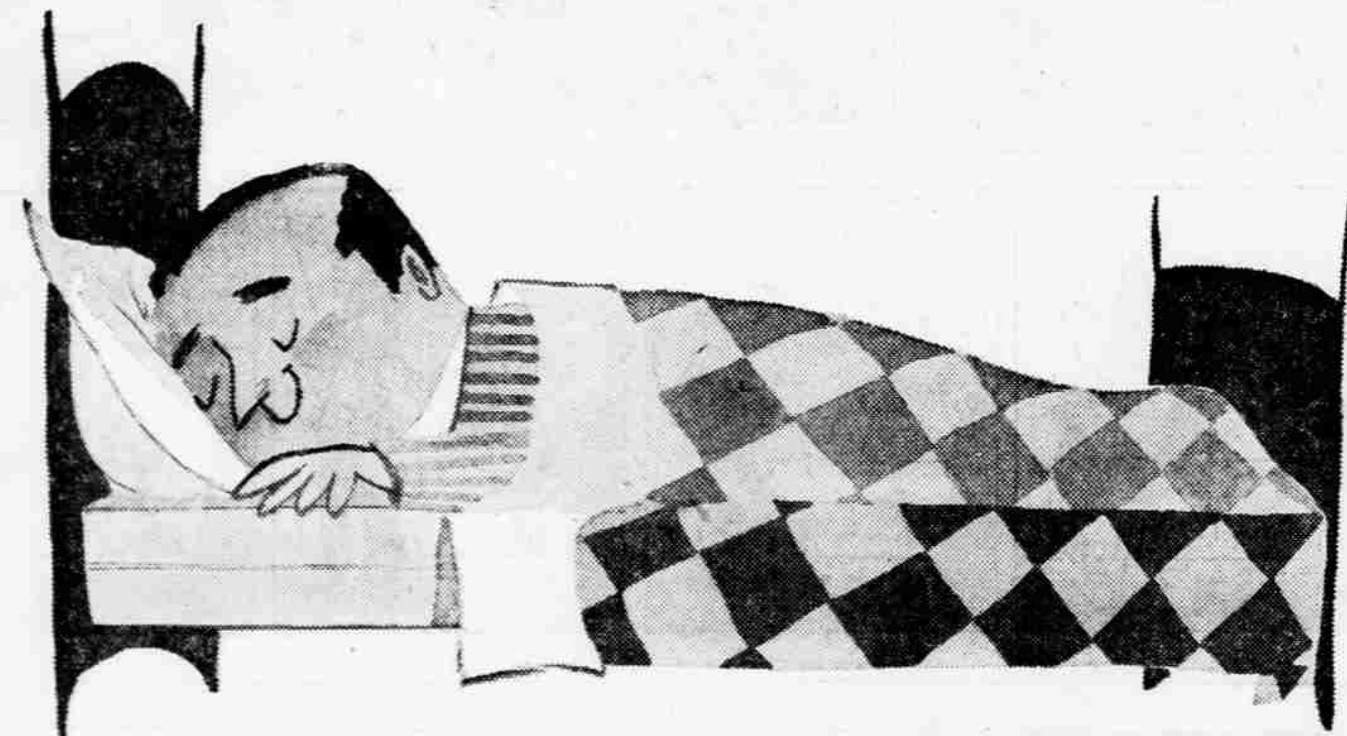
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