

Local and Personal

Mattress Burns—Firemen were called by police at 1:10 p.m. yesterday when a mattress was found burning in an alley in the first block of North Grape st.

Cat Removed—A cat caught in the attic of the Ralph Cutshall residence, 216 South Barneburg rd., was removed by firemen about 5 p.m. yesterday.

Window Shattered—Kathleen Kerns, 76 and wife, Mable Elizabeth Hittle, 71, of box 545, Gold Hill, were taken to the Rogue Valley hospital Tuesday after the car in which they were riding was involved in a collision with a tractor operated by Patrick Henry McCabe, route 1, box 380C, Gold Hill, according to state police. Police said Hittle was held overnight at the hospital suffering from lip cuts and chest injuries while his wife was treated for a cut lip and released. McCabe was cited for operating a vehicle without lights, police said.

Time Changed—The beginner's class in baton work scheduled to start Saturday, Jan. 4, at the Thurston School of Dance will begin at 2 p.m. rather than 12:30 p.m. as was originally planned for the studio announced today. Mrs. Don Miller will teach the class.

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Patient—Mrs. Earl Scheble, route 1, box 413, Medford, is a medical patient at Osteopathic hospital.

Supper Planned—The Jacksonville Rebekah and Odd Fellows lodge have scheduled a combined potluck supper and installation practice Friday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Window Broken—William Richard Padgett, 40 Crater Lake ave., reported to Medford police two windows were broken at the Padgett Auto building, 345 North Central ave., New Year's eve. Police said the windows were broken by beer bottles.

Accident—A car operated by Laura T. McMurdo, San Mateo, Calif., left the road and struck a fence about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday on Scenic ave., near Old Stage rd., according to state police. Police said the driver attempted to avoid hitting a car operated by Jack Paul Germann, route 1, box 596, Central Point, which was stopped to make a left turn.

VALGRANDE PRACTICE—Bolzano, Italy — Two young German climbers said today they were going to try a mid-winter climb of 15,781-foot Mount Blanc, Europe's highest mountain. The two mountaineers, George Ekman and Hubert Baumgartner, both 20, said their unprecedented winter climb of the 10,500-foot Valgrande tower in the Vetteva group of the Dolomites this week was "just practice" for the Mount Blanc climb.

Brilliant Object Possibly Russian Sputnik Satellite

Springfield, Ill. — A brilliant fireball was sighted early today in northeastern Missouri and central and southern Illinois.

A moonwatcher said it was possible the object was Russia's Sputnik 1 satellite, but only if calculations on its orbit were "off."

At Cambridge, Mass., Dr. Donald Lautman, senior scientist of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory's computation division said he was "quite confident" the object was not the satellite. Lautman said the first satellite's only recent U.S. crossings were at 7:30 p.m. (PST) Wednesday and 4:30 a.m. today. But he said the rapidly accelerating Sputnik 1 has reached a "very unpredictable stage."

Seen Around Midnight—The bright object was seen around midnight at St. Louis, Ferguson and Afton, Mo. A short time later, scores of persons called police and newspaper offices to report sightings in Illinois.

Most callers described the object as a "blinding flash of light." Among the observers were three state police officers.

In St. Louis, Stuard L. O'Byrne, a moonwatcher, said the light could have been the fall of Sputnik "if calculations were off as much as 20 to 25 degrees."

American scientists recently reported that Sputnik 1 was dropping lower in its orbit and was expected to crash to earth like a flaming meteor within a few days.

Police Report Two Break-Ins in City

Medford police reported two break-ins in the city during the New Year's holiday, one at the Medford Clinic, 1025 East Main st., and one at the residence of Donald Hansen, 1116 Stewart ave.

Police said about \$200 in cash and several small items were taken from the clinic. Entrance was gained by breaking a window and releasing a lock inside.

The money was taken from a money bag in a drawer in Foster's Pharmacy in the west end of the building. A check of the building was made about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday morning by police but everything was all right, they reported. The break-in was discovered Wednesday afternoon.

About \$75 in cash and a number of small items were taken from the Hansen home sometime between New Year's eve and Wednesday evening, according to police. They said entrance was made by breaking a window after cutting a screen near the back porch.

Police said items of clothing, jewelry and a watch were taken.

Oregon Counties To Aid GOP Fund Drive

Salem — Several Oregon counties are planning to participate in the nationwide series of United Republican fund-raising dinners Jan. 20, State Republican Chairman James F. Short said today.

Short said that Crook, Jefferson, Benton, Washington, Yamhill, Coos and Hood River counties will participate while several other counties are still discussing the possibility.

The United dinners will serve as a Republican kickoff for the 1958 Congressional elections.

Highlight of the evening will be a televised talk by President Eisenhower at 9:30 p.m. p.s.t.

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ILLINOIS VALLEY Grange Holds Meeting

By HELEN BOTTEL
Cave Junction — Clark England, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. England, will receive his third and fourth degrees at the Illinois Valley Grange meeting Thursday, Jan. 2.

Jon Collman, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Collman of Cave Junction, is home from Redding, Calif., for the Christmas holidays. He plans to enter Chico State college after Jan. 1.

Christmas guests at the Collman home were in addition to Jon, Mrs. Collman's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cloyd Risse of Roseburg, and Risse's mother, Mrs. Charles Anderson, of St. Paul, Minn. Also visiting the Collman's during the holidays were former valley residents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baumbarger, of Seattle.

Beverly George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed George of O'Brien, was home for the Christmas holidays from San Francisco. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyer and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Koch at Woodburn.

At the home of Mrs. C. G. Morris for Christmas were her daughters and sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morris of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leonard, Mrs. Harry O. Smith, and Miss Margaret Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith had Christmas dinner guests Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Smith, and Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Hazel Halm, of Grants Pass.

The Illinois Valley Ministerial association will meet for a potluck dinner and planning session Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown in Selma.

Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Maurer in Holland were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudson, Mrs. George Maurer, Kenneth Maurer, Eileen Woodcock, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lewis, Martin Lewis and Douglas Lewis.

Holiday visitors at the C. Y. Arnold home were their son David, who is an air cadet at Pensacola, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Arnold Jr. and three children of Philomath, Ore.

A group of teenagers from the Cave Junction Community church entertained the Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Mikkelson, the church pastor and his wife, and the Rev. and Mrs. Art Drews, founders of the church, at a turkey dinner Sunday evening at the Todelope Cafe.

Cecil Arnold and his son, Jerry, returned late last week from a California vacation which was cut short by news that their home had burned during their absence.

At the Sam McKillop home on Rockydale road for Christmas were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell St. John of Hermiston, Ore.; a son, Walter, of Huntington Park, Calif.; another son, Dan, of Travis Air Force base; Mrs. Mickey's mother, Mrs. D. J. Shough of Grants Pass and another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard of Cave Junction.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John (Tex) Clifford at Oregon Caves were Mr. and Mrs. Les Basham and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burns and families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bunch entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Combs, of Rogue River, and George Anderson of Grants Pass, for Christmas dinner.

Here for the holidays visiting friends and relatives were

Colorado Seeks Denver Escapee On Trucker's Tip

Craig, Colo. — The Colorado Highway Patrol threw up road blocks here and at Meeker, Colo., today in an effort to intercept a California automobile suspected of carrying Albert Kotal.

The road blocks were put up after the Utah Highway Patrol reported an incident involving the car and a truck near Vernal, Utah.

The truck driver, Cliff Jamesson, Greeley, Colo., said a man carrying a gasoline can near a parked car tried to flag him down. He said he passed the man.

Then, according to the trucker, the car pulled onto the highway and picked up the man carrying the can. Jamesson said the car then tried to force his truck off the road.

Utah patrolmen said the trucker gave a description of the automobile fitting one Kotal was believed to have been driving at one time after his escape from a Golden, Colo., jail.

Kotal has been the object of a nationwide search since he broke out of jail with a companion and kidnapped a man in Denver, Colo.

Kotal was in custody on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of a merchant policeman in Golden.

He was also an escapee from Folsom prison in California.

Less Western Pine Shipments Expected

Portland — The Western Pine Association said today that lumber shipments from the western pine producing region for the first quarter of 1958 are expected to run about three per cent below shipments for the same period of 1957.

W. E. Griffie, assistant secretary-manager of the association, estimated first quarter shipments at about 1,600,000 board feet from the 12-state region which produces about one-fourth of the softwood lumber in America.

Shipments for the quarter just completed were 1,693,000 board feet, off 10.4 per cent from the same quarter in 1956, according to preliminary figures. The full year's shipments were estimated at 7,556,000,000 feet, 8.5 per cent below the 1956 total.

Fire Losses Top Record During 1957

Boston — Fire losses in the United States hit a record high last year with damage estimated at \$1,275,000,000, according to the National Fire Protection association.

The NFPA said 11,300 persons died in fires, an increase of 700 over the 1956 total.

The worst loss of life by fire in 1957 occurred in a nursing home at Warrenton, Mo., where 72 persons perished.

Ben-Gurion Works On New Cabinet

Jerusalem, Israel — Premier David Ben-Gurion was reported forming a new cabinet today which would omit the rebellious, left wing Mapam and Abud Avoda labor parties.

The two parties led to the downfall of Ben-Gurion's old coalition cabinet when they balked at his pro-western policies and then leaked important state secrets — plans to send an arms buying mission to West Germany.

Ben-Gurion is expected to ask the Knesset (parliament) to approve the new cabinet next week.

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