

Banquet Room at Hotel Remodeled

Remodeling of the banquet room in the basement of the Medford hotel has been completed according to Harry Watson, hotel manager.

The room, which will accommodate about 175 persons, has been redecorated and air conditioned. Two new rest rooms have been installed off the banquet room, and a serving room is planned in the future.

The work includes re-carpeting the lobby and the Rogue room, Watson said. Ben Todd, formerly of Medford, was architect, and Stan Parish, Medford, was contractor.

London - (UPI) - An underground explosion and fire blacked out famed Piccadilly Circus in the heart of downtown London Tuesday night and cut off electricity in a row of west end theaters and cafes. There were no injuries.

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A LAST LOOK—The body of Pope Pius XII is shown in his coffin during the final ceremony of the late Pontiff's funeral at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Professor Galeazzi (right), doctor to the Pope, and an unidentified guard take their last look before the interment.

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
The lapidary shop has a number of new faces with "nose to the grindstone" and the accompanying enthusiasm for collecting and working over the variety of gem stones found nearby.

The new rock hounds were escorted on a trip to the Bar Low ranch near Eagle Point by Mrs. Marie Rehling, of the Red Cross gray ladies corps at Camp White recently at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cunningham, owners of this "rock farm."

With their material picked up on this trip and the distribution by Stan Sears, of special services, of thunderegg, agates, obsidian and petrified wood donated by Mrs. Jansson, of Grants Pass, to members of the Rock club, a busy season of sawing, grinding and polishing is in store.

Since a considerable number of veterans living at this domiciliary have migrated from points in California, notably San Francisco and Los Angeles, it may be of interest to them to receive a report based upon recent "findings of fact."

The most notable fact in both cities is the availability of transportation by bus to

any point of the compass. You learn at once never to run for a bus. There is another one along in a few seconds.

Natives of San Francisco are grumbling about certain basic changes taking place in their beloved city. They saved two of the cable car lines, but the view of the ferry building has been "ruined" with an overhead freeway. The last ferry has been replaced by buses that now operate to the East Bay over the bridge and the electric service is no more.

Most of the people in the heart of town are visitors stopping at the numerous hotels in the downtown district. Nearly all the "slaves" of business commute either across the bay or down the peninsula.

People spend money liberally in San Francisco, especially for food and drink. And due to the amount of travel necessary to get any place, this item eats a hole in the budget. You need to figure always in pennies owing to the pay as you go tax.

The big change of front is noted in Los Angeles where heavy industry has moved in to crowd out Hollywood as the mecca and "spectacle" as the theme of the largest continuous mass of people and cars on earth.

There is one virtue in size in the fact that the city runs itself. This eliminates the furor over who does run the town. For there is no one quite big enough to do that job in Los Angeles. The county has a perpetual sheriff, and they let it go at that.

The people have learned to regulate their lives in order to live and the result is that accidents decrease and a spirit of neighborliness pervades. Their one enemy is smog which seems to be creating a special type of human being, moving about as if he or she were wearing chain mail.

The one outstanding mark which identifies Los Angeles proper is the topsy turvy effect of residences, stores, factories and churches sprinkled all over the place with no sharp line of division. But this is characteristic from an architectural point of view of all of California.

There are only two VA domiciliaries on the west coast. One is at Camp White and the other is in Los Angeles as part of the hospital center there. They call it Sawtelle because that is the name of the town where the soldiers' home was located a long time ago.

The VA Center there is one of the largest in the country. Today, if you have not been out to West Los Angeles along Wilshire Blvd., you would not know how to get there. Bus drivers never heard of the place.

For the information of the men here who know where Sawtelle is, they may like to learn that two fine new buildings have been built and are now in operation. There is the wing of Wadsworth hospital where the manager's office is now located, and a large out patient clinic is conducted.

Then there is the new building for the post office and the canteen service which is like a shopping center. The old post office barn is gone. Another significant change is the installation of cafeteria service for domiciliary members, similar to Camp White.

Nellis Team Holds Weapons Test Lead

Nellis AFB, Nev. - (UPI) - The Air Training Command's team from Nellis Air Force Base was still out in front today in the U. S. Air Force worldwide fighter weapons meet.

Col. Bruce H. Hinton from Stockton, Calif., and his Nellis teammates have recorded a total of 7,818 points in both the special and conventional weapons tests.

The team's lead is more than 1,800 over the second place 18th Tactical Fighter Wing from Oklahoma. Third is the 31st Fighter Wing from Turner AFB at Albany, Ga., with 5,741 points.

The teams, competing in air-to-air gunnery, skip bombing, dive bombing and other events, began competition Monday. The meet, open to the general public, will end Friday.

Boy Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 8, Den 11 Members of Cub Scouts, Den 11, Pack 8, Jackson school, were taken on an autumn field hike Tuesday, Oct. 14. While on the hike, they practiced woodcraft and Indian signs to mark their trails. The boys attending were Stephen Wilcox, John Lynch, Michael Clark and Gary Custance. They all are working toward their Bear badge in Cub Scouting.

4-H Members Are Awarded Cards

Ken Stewart and Phil McCulloch were recognized as outstanding 4-H club members at the Siskiyou achievement program at the Bellview Grange recently. Ken was awarded a county medal in the national awards program by International Harvester company for his work in boys agricultural projects. Phil was recognized by the fairboard with a county medal for the outstanding record book in his forestry project.

Emmett Witham of the First National Bank of Oregon, Ashland branch, spoke to the club members about his interest in the 4-H program and presented the pins and cards that are awarded each year by the bank.

Club members receiving pins and cards were: First year, Stan Billings, Bruce Westberg, Billy Retter, Denny Retter, Tom Hamilton, Monte Bradshaw, Carol Bradshaw, Karen Wood, Elaine Taylor, Eugene Taylor, Bill Holtgrave, Tom Reid, Dan Merriman, Ted Kinney, Larry Farmer, Diana Spalding, Phillip McCulloch, Tony Baalman, Sharon Roderick, Harry Toney, Lucinda Wright, Sharon Neslin, Sue Winkler, Nancy Johnston.

Second year, Steve Chapman, Joyce Gunther, Gordon Loegel, Kathy Herlein, Lynn Merriman, Jim Waddell, Clifford Bradshaw, Kathleen Goddard, Janis Torrey, Sandra Waddell.

Third year, Karen Felter. Fourth year, Anne Carter, Edith Williamson, Ken Stewart, Steve Stewart, Nancy Lusk, Patricia Gillette, Cynthia Holtgrave, Faye Chapman.

Fifth year, Charlene Peterson, Joyce Kerr, Betty Kerr, Bill Herlein. Seventh year, Nelda Chapman. Eighth year, Annette Draeger, Robert Rosenbaum.

STING KILLS MAN
Muskegon, Mich. - (UPI) - Doctors said 28-year-old Louie McPherson died from shock Tuesday after a bee stung him.

ARREST APPLE PICKER

Kokomo, Ind. - (UPI) - Donald P. McDermott, 52, arrested for picking two bushels of apples from an orchard, told police, "I thought I might as well get them before the frost did."

Dublin - (UPI) - Irish dramatist Lennox Robinson, 72,

whose play "The White Head Boy" was translated into several languages and performed in many parts of the world, died in a Dublin nursing home Tuesday night.

HOUSE SHOTS YOUTH

New Tazwell, Tenn. - (UPI) - Phil Greer, 19, was shot by a house Tuesday. The house was on fire. Flames caused a bullet to explode and a piece of the casing struck Greer in the shoulder.

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