

## Subscription Rates For Mercy Flights Will Be Increased

Family subscriptions to the pre-paid air ambulance service of Mercy Flights, Inc., will be increased \$1 per year—from \$4 to \$5—effective Jan. 1, it was announced today by the board of directors of the non-profit air ambulance corporation.

Rising costs of operation and maintenance were cited as the reason for the increase. At the same time, subscription costs for single persons will go from \$2 to \$3.

Mercy Flights, the only organization of its type in the United States, was organized and started service here nine years ago next month. Its first plane was purchased through donations, but within a few years it was found that gifts and at-cost fees for transport-

now has three planes in service, a light twin-engine Cessna, used for short-haul flights, particularly into small airfields, and two twin-engine Beechcraft planes, used for longer or bad-weather flights.

The service also has its own hangar, built largely with donated materials and labor. Its pilots serve voluntarily, and receive only token expense payments for their time.

The corporation is governed by a 12-member board of trustees. George Milligan, principal founder of Mercy Flights, is its chairman.

## Destructive Winds Lash So. California

Los Angeles—UPI—Destructive winds of up to 75 miles an hour lashed across southern California Monday, felling trees, toppling loads from trucks and pitting car exteriors.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said strong desert winds would continue today.

The hot, dry winds sucked the humidity from large sections of forest and brush lands and caused extremely dangerous fire conditions in the southland which already has had two disastrous fires this month that blackened more than 80,000 acres of brush and destroyed upwards of 50 homes.

Two separate fires raged out of control in the Santa Paula area about 80 miles north of here.

## Prineville Man Dies Of Auto Crash Injuries

Prineville—UPI—Robert Toney, 34, Prineville, was injured fatally Monday night in a two-car collision in downtown Prineville.

Neither Benjamin Brookings, 23, Bend, driver of the second car, nor his passenger, Mike Larson, Bend, was injured.

Toney is survived by his widow and three children. He has been employed at the First National Bank here for the past 2½ years.

## Court Records

Otto Cox, box 205, Talent, drunk in public, \$10.  
Jockobuvnst Solokas, transient, vagrancy, 5 days.  
Harry Artis Allan, 30 South Central ave., drunk in public, \$10.  
Ernest Hall Williams, Camp White, drunk in public, \$15.  
Frank Lee Johnson, transient, drunk in public, \$10.  
William Foster Doak, 847 East Ninth st., drunk in public, \$10.  
Mariland Jane Doak, drunk in public, \$10.  
David Russell Monia, 47 Laurel st., Central Point, operating a vehicle while operator's license suspended, \$75.  
Richard Clarence Clark, disobeyed red light, \$5.  
William Harvey Walker, disobeyed red light, \$5.  
Richard Clarence Clark, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
John Jackson Harding, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Charles Preston Labe, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Lloyd Mortensen Miles, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Allen Leroy Whitehead, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Henry Alan Dahlke, excessive tire noise, \$5.  
Clem B. Rose, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Paul Bradley Newcomb, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Barrell LaVerne Farias Jr., disobeyed red light, \$5.  
Richard Eugene Salter, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Robert Lewis Taylor, wrong way on one way street, \$5.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Dwight H. Findley, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.  
Walter R. Speare Jr., no horn, \$10.  
Edmond R. Birge, sitting and leaning loads, \$15.  
Raymond G. Hilton, overweight, \$15.  
Charles Bowe, route 1, box 164F, Eagle Point, drunk on public highway, \$30.  
Melvin H. Lewis, Camp White, domesticity, drunk on public highway, \$30.  
Alva F. Muse, switched license tabs, \$30.  
Herald C. McCollum, failure to yield right of way, \$15.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
May Louise Van Hoesen vs. Merle E. Van Hoesen, divorce complaint.  
Iris L. Hurd vs. Robert L. Hurd, divorce complaint.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION**  
Jerry Wayne Turner and Verda Louise Conner, both 1013 North Central ave., Medford.

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## Abbot to Teach Underwriters Class

C. W. (Bill) Abbott will instruct a local class of the Life Underwriters Training Council's course in accident sickness insurance, the Rogue Valley Life Underwriters association, sponsors of the course, has announced.

Enrollment is open to all qualified insurance men who have been licensed to write life insurance for one year or more. The course will consist of a 12-week period of training with classes to start in February. The final examination will be held in May and a certificate will be awarded those who successfully complete the course, the association said.

Purpose of the course is to better equip life insurance agents to advise their clients concerning their need for all forms of health and accident insurance coverage. The February class will be the first organized by the Rogue Valley association.

Abbott will attend a two-day regional instructors conference in San Francisco early next month.

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## Dance Scheduled At Medford YMCA

A dance will be held at the Young Men's Christian association on New Year's Eve for high school and college students.

Sponsored by the YMCA youth council, it is one of the regularly scheduled dance activities at the YMCA. Chairman for the dance will be Miss Dewanda Winchell. Adult advisor is Mrs. Edith Baker.

Dance activities will get underway at 8:30 p.m. Music will be supplied by record.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A GAMBLING GAG had it that the kiddies in Las Vegas learned to count was, "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king." Now they've shifted the scene to Cape Canaveral. There the bright young things recite, "Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, zero—oh darn it to hemlock!"



A customer bought a copy of John O'Hara's new novel, "From the Terrace," but when he got home he found that it was some mechanical error, it was the pages of "The Memoirs of Casanova" that were bound into the O'Hara cover. The bookseller readily exchanged the defective copy for a perfect one, and assured his customer, "This isn't the first time Casanova's been found under the wrong covers!"

## CENTRAL POINT Holiday Celebrated

Central Point—A White Christmas was celebrated by the Central Point elementary and junior high school Tuesday.

The 850 students marched around the 16-ft. Christmas tree, placing beneath it their gifts of wrapped canned food for the needy. All tree decorations, including many unusual ornaments as well as the traditional chains and stars, were made by the students.

The assembly sang, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." The Junior High chorus sang special numbers and each class sang Christmas carols as students from another room placed their gifts beneath the tree. Mrs. Mary Gardner led the singing accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lorna Meyer.

Charles A. Meyer, principal, commended the children on their unselfish desire to give to others in preference to a gift exchange among themselves.

Don Denning, Crater Future Farmers of America reporter, announced that a special project at the agriculture shop was being constructed by Pete Melsted, Melsted, who is the Chapter treasurer, is constructing a utility trailer 8 feet long and 4 feet wide. He has been working on the trailer two weeks. His late start on the project was due to the fact that he was preparing a speech for the District Soil Conservation Public Speaking contest. He placed third in the contest. He will use the trailer to haul implements around the farm.

Mrs. John Blackford reported that her daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mrs. Don Morgan and daughter Cynthia, are visiting here over the holidays from Davis, Calif. Morgan, who is in his final year at the veterinary school there, will be here for New Year's day. He remained at the school to be on duty at the vet barn during the Christmas holidays.

John Blackford is recuperating from an injured elbow. Last week while sawing a limb from a tree, Blackford slipped and fell from the roof of the house. He was knocked unconscious in the fall. Boys, who were passing by, saw the accident and reported it to state police who were near and aid was summoned. Blackford escaped serious injury in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Meyer and daughter, Charla Jo, are spending the Christmas vacation visiting Mrs. Meyer's folks in Salem and Meyer's mother at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Clark and son of Seattle were holiday guests at the home of Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark. This was the first trip for the Clark's grandson, David, to Central Point. He was born Oct. 21.

Celebrating Christmas eve at the home of Mrs. Millie Johnson were her five children and their families. Present were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson and Elaine and Larry of Central Point, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Simmons and sons, Elwin and Terry, of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Johnson of Eureka, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes and sons,

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## Banning New Car Sales Included in Anti-Smog Plans

Los Angeles—UPI—City officials smarting under the combined effects of eye-irritating smog and citizen complaints about air pollution, have unleashed a series of anti-smog proposals including banning sale of new autos in this sprawling car-dependent city.

Councilman Everett G. Burkhalter, who took the lead Monday in an attack on the auto industry, announced he would investigate the possibility of stopping the sale of new cars in the city until an anti-smog device is developed.

**Progress Report Asked**  
In other anti-smog actions:—Three leading auto manufacturing representatives will be asked to appear before the county board of supervisors to report on progress the auto industry is making in developing anti-smog devices for autos.

—A study of downtown traffic policemen was proposed to see if smog-caused exhaust emitted by autos affected officers' health.

—Burkhalter will seek funds and the use of city-owned cars to test anti-smog devices now being developed.

Mayor Norris Poulson started the present wave of anti-smog action when he refused acceptance of a large Cadillac last week and chose instead a small Rambler. He said big cars with their heavier engines are among the major causes of the area's smog problem.

Burkhalter was named head of a special city council committee appointed to go before the county board of supervisors to get action in the fight against smog. The supervisors direct the smog fight through the Air Pollution Control District.

## Methodist Homes Plans Hospital

Portland—UPI—Oregon Methodist Homes, Inc., announced Monday a \$3 million hospital and health center for the chronically ill will be built. The Methodist group also built Willamette View Manor.

Willamette View Manor, in preparation for construction of the hospital, has been transferred to a new corporation, and Oregon Methodist Homes will devote its full effort to building and operating the Riverview hospital and health center. Site of the hospital and health center is near Willamette View Manor, a retirement home for the elderly.

The new hospital will have a maximum capacity of 300 beds. First unit to be built will have a capacity of 140 beds. Construction will start next fall.

## Vermont Boy Top Cherry Pie Baker

Burlington, Vt.—UPI—Philip Gasset, 17, a farm boy, won the state cherry pie baking contest. His prize was a string of pearls.

## Former Phoenix Resident Dies

Phoenix—Word has been received here of the death of Robert E. Fowler, 68, former Phoenix resident, in the Veterans administration hospital in Portland recently.

He is survived by a son, David; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Rutter, both of Klamath Falls.

Mr. Fowler lived in this area about 12 years. He entered the Veterans hospital Nov. 1.

## Assault Charges Bring Six Years

Portland—UPI—Pvt. Alfred Gust, 21, Houston, Tex., Monday was sentenced to six years in prison for assault with a deadly weapon.

Gust was arrested in August after three women were slashed on downtown Portland streets with a knife. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., at the time of the attacks.

One of the victims was 19-year-old Patricia Grimes who later told police she was in love with Gust.

Gust's attorney announced Monday that Miss Grimes and the youth are engaged to be married. After hearing of the sentence the young woman said she would wait until he is released and then marry him.

## Turkey Talk

LAST CHANCE for fresh-killed Turkeys! We are killing the last of our hens for the New Year... now is a good time to order for your New Year's dinner or to put in your freezer.

We Will Deliver FREE in Medford & Central Point.

We also will have smoked Turkeys for your New Year's Party... Only 85c a pound.

Turkeys may be picked up at Savage Turkey Farm, Village Dairysmith, Quality Market or Rose Grocery.

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## National Airlines Has Strike Threat

By United Press International  
Federal mediators moved today to forestall a threatened strike of 1,500 administrative workers which could cripple a third airline during the January back to work travel rush.

Officials of National Airlines announced Monday in Miami that a government arbitrator would be asked to help settle a dispute over a National ticket agent's firing in New York.

Meanwhile international representative Pat Cain, Air Line Agents association, said about 1,500 agents and other clerical workers would walk out in the next two weeks unless a settlement is reached.

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## New Year's Eve Party

Reserve A Table Now

Sparkling entertainment—dancing, delicious drinks—your choice of steak, prime rib, chicken or prawns.

Complete dinner—fun, favors, hats and noisemakers at \$5.00 per person.

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