

### \$25,000 House Damaged by Fire

Portland - (UPI) - A vacant house valued at \$25,000 was damaged by fire here Friday when a box of damp ashes rekindled in the basement and sent flames sweeping through the interior.

Damage was estimated at \$10,500. The house had just changed owners, firemen learned, and the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Marshall, had cleaned the house and burned rubbish in a basement fireplace.

Mrs. Marshall told firemen she placed ashes in a cardboard box and wet them down. However, the heat rekindled and set fire to papers and other articles which had been set aside for collection by the Salvation Army. The property was insured.

The wind tunnel testing time for a modern jet bomber came to 8,000 hours—33 times more than was required for a World War II bomber.

### American Cancer Society Film to Be Shown in Area

Jackson county physicians will be available to answer questions when an American Cancer society film, "Time and Two Women," is shown free at local theaters March 24 and 25, according to Mrs. C. B. Collins, educational chairman of the Jackson county chapter of the Cancer society.

The film will be shown at the Holly theater, Medford, at 10 a.m. March 24, and at the Varsity theater, Ashland, at 10 a.m. March 25. Mrs. Collins pointed out. A showing is also being arranged for Gold Hill.

The film and medical panel discussion are part of the Cancer society's drive to make valley women aware of the part they can play in early detection of cancer of the cervix and uterus. The film demonstrates how every woman can guard against uterine cancer, one of the most curable forms of cancer if detected and treated in time.

Theater facilities and projectionists' services are being donated in the public interest, Mrs. Collins emphasized.

Physicians who will participate in discussion after the Medford showing of "Time and Two Women" include Dr. Thomas J. Tinsley, pathologist; Dr. R. W. Schwahn, obstetrician and gynecologist; Dr. F. T. Burich, general surgeon; Dr. June Byers, general practitioner; and Dr. Allen S. Markee, radiologist.

The Ashland panel will include Dr. John R. McLaughlin, obstetrician and gynecologist; Dr. J. R. Reynolds, diagnostician and internist; Dr. A. M. Hill, general practitioner; Dr. Tinsley and Dr. Markee.

Mrs. John Garner is film chairman for the local Cancer society, and Mrs. L. Scott Ellis is printed materials chairman. Mrs. Earl Lawson serves with Mrs. Collins as co-chairman of the educational committee.

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JOHN SINDERSON Named Chairman

### Sinders Elected Group Chairman

John W. Sinderson, chief of personnel division at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, Camp White, was elected chairman of the Jackson County Committee for the Employment of the Physically Handicapped at a recent meeting.

Sinders, who succeeds Eric A. Allen, who recently moved to Eugene, has been a member of the committee since his transfer to the VA Domiciliary in July, 1956. As part of his duties with the VA he serves as coordinator for the selective placement of the physically handicapped.

Sinders is a disabled person, having suffered a visual disability in World War II while serving with the Marine corps in the Philippine Islands.

He is a member of the Blind Veterans association and the Society for Personnel Administrators, both of Washington, D.C.

Following Sinderson's discharge from the Marine corps, because of disability, he attended college and graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1952. He practiced law until he assumed his duties in the personnel field with the Veterans administration.

Dr. Thomas Rutter are co-chairmen of the society's speakers bureau.

### Buried Treasure by Pinkney Gage

### 1859 Walch Revolver Modern Gun Forerunner

Maximum firepower rather than accuracy is one of the main objectives of handgun manufacturers today, but despite the benefits of modern technology, their advance beyond where they were 100 years ago is not astounding.

The machine pistol, for example, can fire a little faster than its counterpart of a century back, but if one disregards improvements in reloading time, the net gain isn't great.

Take the Walch Navy revolver as a case in point. This weapon, patented in 1859, was built to fire 12 bullets without reloading.

It was a .36 calibre, single action job with a six-inch, octagonal barrel that was blued and had a brass front sight.

There were only six chambers in the cylinder, but they were so constructed that each held two charges which were

fired separately through two different cones that transferred the ignition.

The piece had two hammers and two triggers, a different set for each of the two sets of six rounds. Loading was handled by means of an attached lever and rammer that lay along the underside of the barrel.

The piece, manufactured by a New York firm, was practical so far as it went. What presented it from becoming an important weapon in Navy annals was probably the continual development of the metallic cartridge which speeded up reloading time.

As to the value of the piece, one that I saw recently had sold three years before for \$150. It was in only fair condition. In good working order, however, such a handgun would normally bring around \$300.

### CARRIER STAMPS MADE TO CURB PRIVATE BUSINESS

A "carrier" stamp is a special kind of U. S. postage stamp that has such a special value it is well worth remembering.

It is easy enough to recognize one because most of them have the word "carrier" conspicuously displayed. That is true of all those issued by the Postmaster General, and is probably true of most of those issued by individual postmasters.

Typical of the majority is the kind brought out in 1851. It was of a blue and rose color with an oval portrait of Benjamin Franklin as the chief feature of its design.

Across the top was the word CARRIERS. Below, in the same kind of type, was the word STAMP. Though no denomination was given, the item was sold to the public for one cent.

Main purpose of the stamp was to pay for the cost of delivering mail from the post office to the addressee. It was not to be used for paying postage on a letter from one city to another.

The stamps were issued by the government in one of its earliest moves to put private mail carriers out of business. Over the years, the latter had developed a highly competitive operation that prevented the expansion of the government's handling mail, which was regarded as especially desirable for political purposes.

The "spoils system" of rewarding party workers, for example, depended greatly on an expanding postal system.

In any case, this stamp, used or unused, is a worthwhile find. It is more valuable cancelled, by about half as much again. One that I saw recently brought \$200 even though the cancellation marks were fairly heavy.

### MARSDEN HARTLEY HAS VARIED PAINTING CAREER

As a struggling artist who usually had difficulty in making both ends meet, Marsden Hartley sold an enormous quantity of work and much of it for absurdly small sums.

But if you ever come across a painting signed with his name, don't expect it to be cheap in price. It won't be unless the owner simply is unaware of who the artist was.

Hartley, a native of Maine, painted throughout the greater part of his adult life that ended in 1943 at the age of 66. He painted in a variety of styles—cubist, post-impressionist and realist to name only three.

Oil was his favorite medium. He used it on canvas, fibreboard, wood, as well as several other materials—that in one case, at least, it is said to have included brick. But since he also went in heavily for pastels and painting on glass, one is just about as likely to find his name on something in that line also.

As to the subject matter of his work, his liking for variety shows there, too. He is famous for his paintings of Mt. Katahdin, in Maine, and for Mt. Popocatepetl, in Mexico. He is also well known for his seascapes and pictures of the sea shore and marine life, but not more so than for some of his extraordinary paintings of people.

During his lifetime, though his work was admired by part of the art-minded public, that admiration resulted in very little money for him. In 1921, for example, when some friends auctioned off 117 of his works to finance his forthcoming visit to Europe, the total receipts was only \$5,000—around \$43 per picture.

But prices for his works have risen substantially since his death. Two of his pictures last year sold for \$900 and \$400. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate, Inc.)

### Merit Certificate Presented Farra

Robert Farra, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farra, Brownsboro rd., Eagle Point, a senior at St. Mary's High school, has received verification that he still is a finalist in the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship program.

He has been awarded a certificate of merit, according to Principal Sister Gerard Mary. Young Farra is one of 10,000 finalists. Some 700 of the finalists will be named merit scholars this spring.

He is president of the senior class at St. Mary's, an active member of the student council, and a charter member of the local chapter of National Honor Society. He is chairman of the school's visual aids committee which orders and projects films for all classes.

### 92 Measles Cases Reported in County

A total of 92 cases of measles were reported in Jackson county last week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, has announced.

Sixty-seven cases were reported in Medford, 10 in Phoenix, 9 in Jacksonville and 2 each in Ashland, Central Point and Butte Falls.

Thirty-nine cases of influenza were reported in the county, 14 of them in Medford, 11 in Central Point, 7 in Phoenix, 5 in Ashland and 2 in Shady Cove, Dr. Merkel said.

Other communicable diseases reported last week include pneumonia, Medford, Talent, Eagle Point and Jacksonville 1 each; mumps, Ashland 2; chicken pox, Central Point 13, Ruch 14, Medford 4; whooping cough, Shady Cove 1; pink eye, Ashland 3; scarlet fever, Central Point 1; strep throat, Ashland, Central Point, Butte Falls, Eagle Point, 1 each; German measles, Medford 11, Central Point 2, and Ashland 1.

### New Action Listed By College Board

New York - The trustees of the College Entrance Examination Board have announced that two courses of action, one immediate and the other long range, has been authorized.

One is the introduction of a new test, the preliminary scholastic aptitude test, designed especially to assist schools in advising college preparatory students early in the junior year.

The second action is creation of a permanent committee on entrance procedures "to study the problems in the area of college entrance procedures, to initiate and oversee the collection and dissemination of information relating to these problems, and to develop for consideration possible solutions."

The actions were taken in response to concerns expressed by schools and colleges over the rapidly growing problems of college admission, the trustees said.

The college board is a non-profit association of school and college members estab-

### Carlton Appointed Jaycee President

Don Carlton has been appointed president of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce to replace Art Van Leeuwen, who recently moved to Eugene.

Other recent appointments in the Jaycees are Henning Haydall, Del Landing and Don Lue as directors replacing Carlton, Jim Anicker, who moved to Portland, and Ray Bostwick, who resigned because of business commitments.

Other officers are Cal McKibben, first vice president; B. H. Gilbert, second vice president; and Al Carpenter, director.

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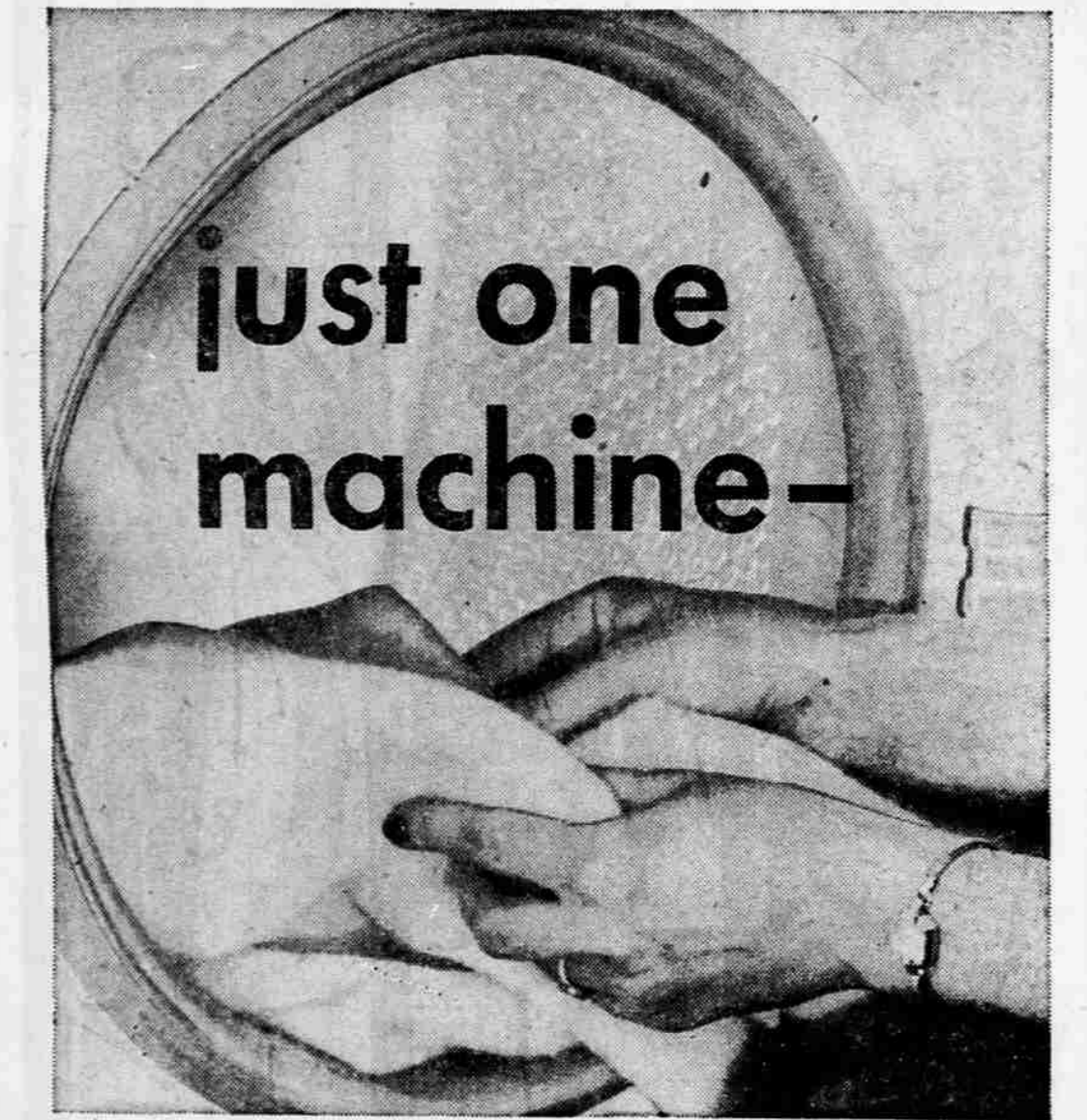
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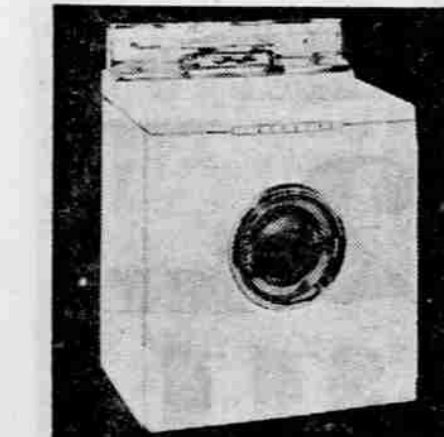
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