

Oregon Minerals Make Good Contribution to Gem World

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Tourists coming to Oregon along Highway 99 will be met by numerous gem and mineral shops along the way, telling of an interest in California and the northwest in the varieties of bright colored stones collected by thousands of "rock hounds" in this part of the country.

The interest is not confined to this area. Rock hunting is a national pastime, and lapidary art is the second largest hobby in the United States, according to recent estimates. Oregon agates, jaspers and multi-colored mineral specimens are a distinct contribution to the world of gem stones. This is due to the strange geologic formation which produces an infinite variety of shapes, sizes and blending, the most unusual being the "picture" agates and jaspers found in southern Oregon.

Scenic Effects
These vary from dendritic "silhouettes" of trees and figures, to beautifully blended scenic effects resembling mountains and the sea shore. It is as if nature had planted photographic equipment in the soil to capture the surrounding landscape.

Leland Green, Camp White veteran, whose home is in Idaho, has been a rock hound since his forest service days in Montana. He has a rare collection from all quarters of the northwest.

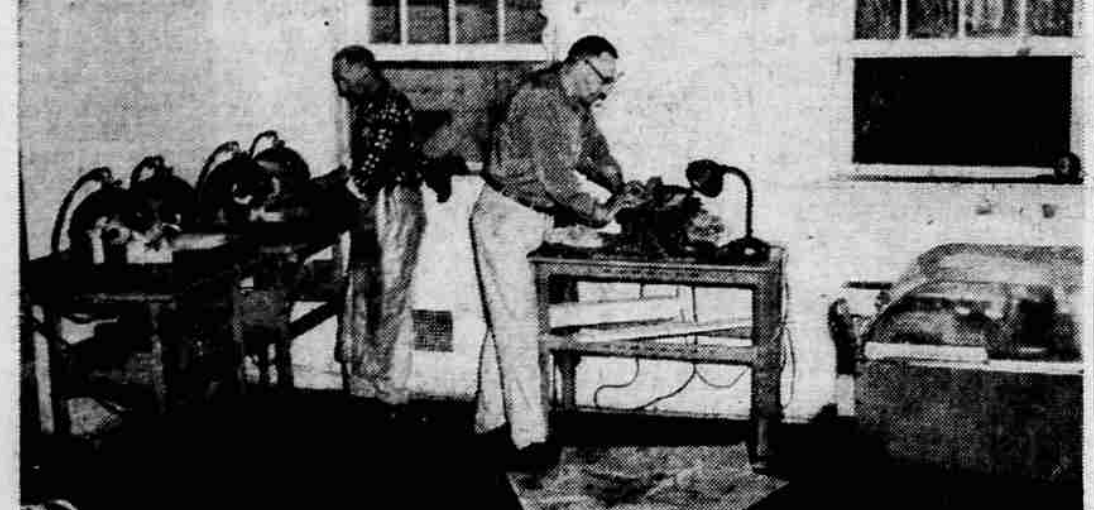
His prize specimens are in the pictorial realm. One is a perfect likeness of Crater Lake. The other is a replica of a pear in agate.

Three Varieties
Southern Oregon has three varieties of stones named for the region. One is Oregonite, found only in a spot near Grants Pass. Another is Rogite, resembling bloodstone with white markings added. The third is Medfordite, a white stone with green trimmings.

The fascination which lures many to this region and which captivates the interest of the inhabitants, including school children as well as parents and grandparents, also intrigues a little army of veterans who have come to stay for a time at the VA domiciliary at Camp White, which was the "agate desert" before the soldiers discovered it during the war.

Another special interest is shown in at least two clubs in industry - Boeing in Seattle, and Taktronix employees in Portland.

Choice Stones
There are still hundreds of choice stones to be found in the agate desert region, after a heavy rain or a bull dozer brings them to life.



NEW EQUIPMENT - With their new equipment provided for them by the Veterans Administration, Camp White veterans can do expert finishing of gem stones in the lapidary in the arts and crafts building.

Three Attend Tax Collector School

Representatives of the Jackson county sheriff's office attended the recent tax collector's school in Salem.



DISPLAYS AGATE - "Rocky" Farlinger, veteran collector and lapidary artist at Camp White, displays his prize agate find of the year. It is solid and streaked with color suitable for gem stones. Weighing about 175 pounds, it has been acclaimed the largest quality agate found in the region. Farlinger brought the stone in from the Eagle Point area. "Rocky" cuts and finishes his material, which has amounted to a considerable pile of rare specimens of southern Oregon stones. His interest also extends to myrtle wood bowls, plastic work and metal craft.

Man Fined Following Accident Here Sunday

Ira Herschel Imhausen Jr., 19, of route 4, box 398C, was fined \$100 in Medford municipal court Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

Police reported arresting Imhausen Sunday after an accident in which his car struck a curb and overturned at Oak and Second sts. Police said the car was a total wreck, but according to officials at Sacred Heart hospital Imhausen was not injured.

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Reserve Officer To Attend College

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Like Considering 'Going To People'

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower is considering going directly to the people in a personal campaign to get action by Congress on some of his major legislative proposals.

PARATROOPER DIES

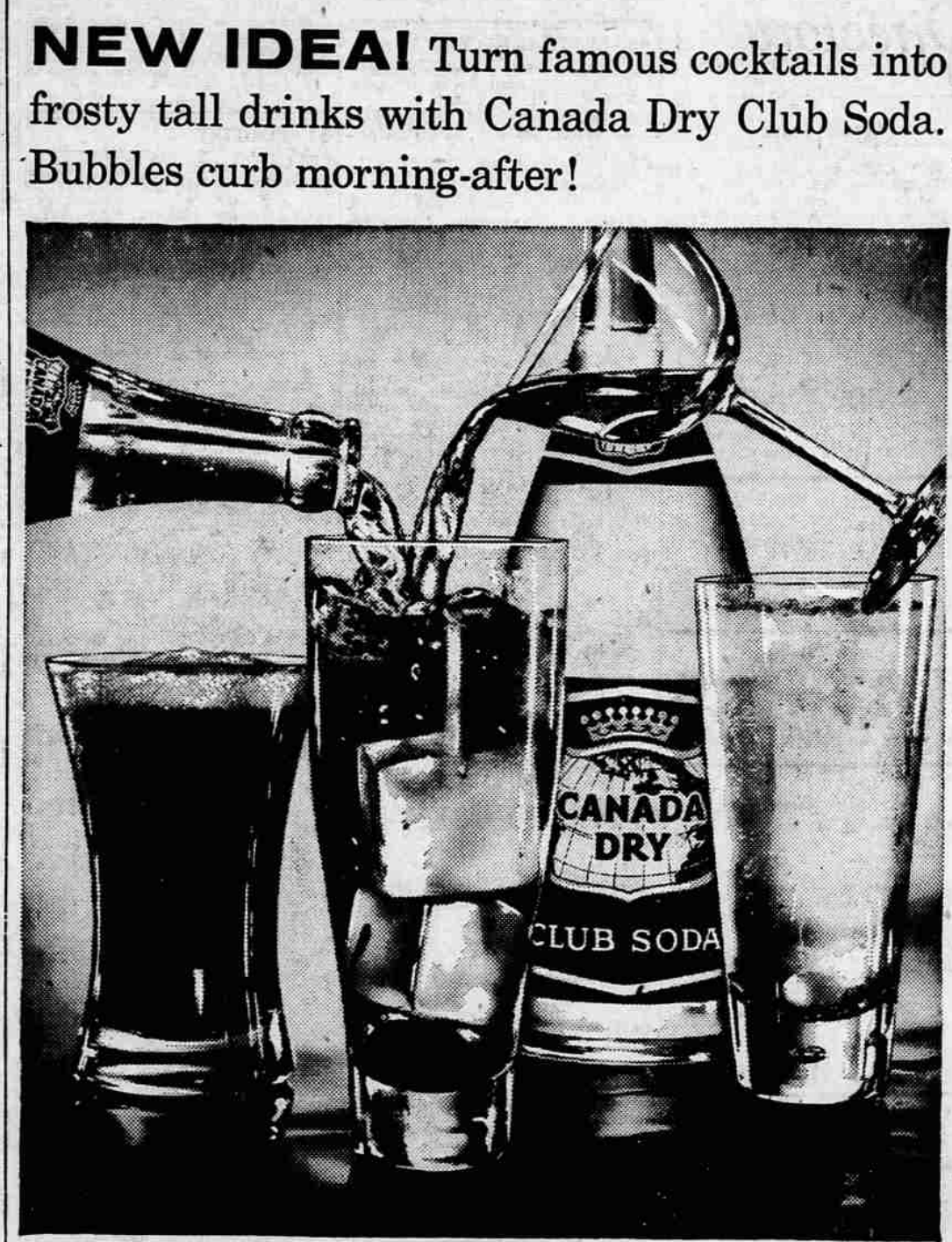
Ft. Campbell, Ky.—(UPI)—A Lancia, N.H., paratrooper died here Monday of injuries received while making his fifth and final qualifying parachute jump. Pfc. Robert J. Andrews, 19, suffered head injuries in the jump last week. His chute functioned properly, officials said, but he made no effort to free himself of his harness when he landed.

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Largest Club Area
The heaviest club membership in the northwest federation is found in the Portland area with three groups aggregating over 400 rock pa-

Three area officers returned from a conference at Vancouver, Wash., recently. They were Lt. Col. Manville M. Heisel, commander; Capt. Ota D. Biegler Jr., assistant training officer, and Maj. Carl C. Walter, commander of the flight at Grants Pass. The three men represented the northern California and southern Oregon Air Force Reserve.



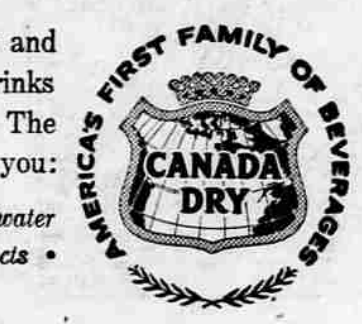
BIG BLOODY MARY: Recipe 2 oz. vodka, 2 oz. tomato paste, several drops of Worcestershire, 2 drops tabasco, dash salt, pepper, lemon juice. Chill with ice, stir well adding Canada Dry Club Soda.

MOUNTAINOUS MANHATTAN: 2 oz. of whiskey, 1/2 oz. dry vermouth, dash bitters, add ice, stir 'til frosty cold. Top with Canada Dry Club Soda. Garnish with cherry or curly lemon peel.

MARTINI TALLBOY: Recipe 2 oz. dry gin, dash bitters, cool with plenty of ice, topping drink with light, dry, fizzy Canada Dry Club Soda. Garnish with onion.

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