

Chamber Warns Gift Buyers of Schemes Used by Promoters

Don McNeil, manager of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, has warned Christmas gift buyers against "opportunistic promoters who seek to capitalize on giftgiving by offering supposedly high priced perfumes at alleged bargain prices."

McNeil cited the National Better Business Bureau, with which the local chamber is affiliated through membership, as stating that a variety of schemes employed during previous shopping seasons are making their appearance again.

Scout News

Jacksonville - Jacksonville Cub Scout Pack 35 held their regular meeting at the Presbyterian church Dec. 14.

New Cub Scouts initiated into the pack were John Bean, Jeff Welch, Jeff Griffin, Clifford Holden, John Snow, Mike O'Grady, Mike Igo, Deny Heyerman, Gene Backes, David Hueners and Charlie Legg. The new Scouts received their Bobcat pins after participating in the candle light ceremony and giving the Cub Scout promise.

Awards were presented to the following boys: Gary Worden, gold arrow and bear badge; Dave Johnson, gold and silver arrow and bear badge; Bruce Hueners, silver arrow; Pat Owen, silver arrow; Gail Allen, silver arrow; Tommy Tolle, gold arrow; Billy Ray King, lion badge.

Special 50th anniversary awards were given to David Johnson and Tommy Tolle. Denner badges were awarded to Brian Stone, Den 1; Tommy Tolle, Den 2; Dan Davis, Den 4; and Bob Glatthar, Webelo den.

Assistant denner badges were awarded to Rick Cabler, Den 1; Henry Johnson, Den 2; Gail Allen, Den 4; and Dave Johnson, Webelo den.

The Barneburg cup was presented to Glenn Gilman, den chief, by Harry Barneburg. Gilman had the most parents of Cubs from his den present.

Mrs. Don Stoner was presented a certificate of appreciation for acting as den mother for two years.

Webelo badges were awarded to Henry James, Bill Hinkle and Bob Glatthar. In return, each boy presented his mother a gold Webelo badge for her three years of encouragement to him in Scout work.

Duncan Says Fiscal Conference To Result In Better Legislation

Salem—House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) said at the close of a five-day legislative fiscal conference here late Friday the meeting may cut length of the 1961 Legislature by a week to 10 days.

The average for recent legislative sessions has been 115 days. "It was a very, very valuable meeting and I'm sorry we didn't have enough funds to have the entire legislature participate, particularly the new members," Duncan said.

He emphasized that while the session may be shortened, the fiscal meeting should also result in better legislation.

Thirty-five of the legislature's 90 members attended the meeting. Several others who were not officially delegates to the conference attended anyway, paying their own expenses.

The 35 are expected to make up the ways and means, tax and fiscal committees of the regular session. Idea was to give these key people a preview of the state's financial picture.

Duncan said he hopes to see enough funds provided so that in 1963 all legislators would be able to attend a similar advance meeting.

The afternoon was devoted to Gov. Mark Hatfield's government reorganization program calling for a partial cabinet system.

'Bold Program' State Finance Director Freeman Holmer termed it a "bold program" but one which takes a businesslike approach.

He said about 20 bills have been drafted to implement it and are in the hands of affected state agencies. When these bills are returned, they will be re-drafted and submitted to the legislature.

Holmer noted that not all agencies affected by the reorganization are in sympathy with the governor's recommendations. All indications are that many are not.

Rep. Grace O. Peck (D-Portland) said one of these is the Oregon Commission for the Blind, which strongly opposes Hatfield's plan to put the commission under a new division of vocational rehabilitation.

The commission would be retained as an advisory body. Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) noted that Hatfield's plan makes no recommendation for a full-time parole board.

Holmer said the governor will mention this in his message to the legislature. Called Major Surgery State fiscal officer Kenneth Bragg described the reorganization plan as "major surgery" and added that "ultimately, there must be a choice between boards and commissions and a full cabinet system."

Hatfield's plan takes away the policy-making power of several agencies and leaves them with appeals or advisory functions. Bragg said if Hatfield's plan is adopted a "rigorous follow-

Foresters Receive Incentive Awards

Four foresters of the Medford district bureau of land management were granted awards last week for their management improvement suggestions. The awards of \$25 each were granted by the Area I Incentive Awards committee with presentations during ceremonies in the Medford district office.

Bernard J. Mayer and William E. McLaughlin received awards for suggestions they made jointly with Francis J. Horak of Roseburg pertaining to the radial line method of establishing permanent plots for forest type maps.

Hugh R. Shera was rewarded for his suggestion that a photographic process be used to copy timber cruising data written on plastic tally card.

L. Douglas Morrison suggested a new method for establishing and maintaining records of permanent inventory sample plots.

Morrison, who also received an incentive award in April, is a graduate of Oregon State college. Shera graduated from the University of California. Mayer is a graduate of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology.

McLaughlin received his bachelor of science degree from the University of New Hampshire and a masters degree from Syracuse university.

Mayer and Morrison are foresters in the Glendale unit; Shera is in the Trail unit and McLaughlin is in the Applegate unit of the Medford district.

All four men are members of the Siskiyou Chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Car Not Stolen; Owner Is Cited

A car reported by its owner to be stolen turned out not to have been stolen and was involved in a hit and run accident, Medford police reported Saturday.

James Willis Griffith, 609 Oak st., told police Saturday morning he had parked his car near the Eagles lodge, 217 West Main st., about 8:30 p.m. Friday. When he came out of the lodge, the car was gone, he said.

Later that morning police received a call that a damaged vehicle was in the ditch near 205 Taft st., Medford. Upon inspection the car appeared it had struck the rear of another vehicle.

Another report had come in that morning that a car belonging to Alice Hancock, 173 Wilson rd., Central Point, had been struck in the rear on Central ave. and Third st. The right rear fender was damaged, the tail light broken and the trunk dented.

Police put the reports together. Then, they called Griffith in for questioning. He admitted that he had struck the car, failed to leave his name and address at the accident scene and had falsely reported his car stolen. Medford police charged him with failure to leave his name and address at the scene of an accident.

Ghana's national colors - red, green, yellow and black - appear on the new stamps issued in Accra to mark the third anniversary of the new country's independence.

In making a dollar's worth of nickels, the U.S. mint uses 12 cents worth of metal.

Ex-Con Questioned In Eugene Slaying

Eugene—An ex-convict arrested in California Friday was brought here for questioning in connection with the murder of seven-year-old Alice Louise Lee of Dexter, the Lane County Sheriff's office said Friday night.

The sheriff's office said Donald Orrie Northey, 35, was living in nearby Trent when the child was brutally slain last August, but left soon afterward.

Alice's nude body was found half-buried in the area more than two weeks after she disappeared from a bean field where her parents were working. Investigators believed she was strangled.

Northey was picked up in Delano, Calif., on Oregon warrants charging non-support, larceny and parole violation.

Twenty-seven cases of influenza were reported in Jacksonville county last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Ten cases were reported in Medford. Other influenza cases were reported in Jacksonville, 5; Ashland, 8; Rogue River, 2; and Applegate, 2.

Other communicable diseases reported include mumps, Medford 6, Phoenix 4; whooping cough, Medford 3; pink eye, Evans Valley 4; pneumonia, Ashland 1, Medford 3; measles, Medford 2, and German measles, Medford 1.

One Dead, Four Hurt In Portland Accident

Portland—A 14-year-old Portland area boy was killed and four other persons hospitalized in a two-car accident here Friday.

Killed was Jerry Lee Mehrlich. Hospitalized with serious injuries were Robert Mehrlich, 19, the brother of the victim and the driver of one of the cars; Mrs. Marjorie Roberts, 42, of Portland, the driver of the other auto, two of her children, John, 8, and Joan, 4.

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through" study of Oregon's fund structure will be necessary. Some of the governor's proposals, he said, are not new. Some were studied by legislative interim committees in 1952 and 1956. The general reaction to the fiscal conference among attending legislators was favorable. Rep. W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg) said it might be better to conduct it the first week of the regular session. Most agreed it would be better if all 90 legislators could attend.

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