

Two Accidents Reported in Area

Two accidents on Highway 99 were reported to state police Friday night.

One accident occurred about 9:15 p.m., south of the Rogue River junction on Highway 99. A pickup truck driven by Clyde Jay Slatter, 38, Fools Creek, was parked three feet onto the pavement with the door open.

A truck driven by Albert Thomas Moore, 38, Sacramento, Calif., hit the door and bent it forward into the fender and broke the windshield on the Slatter pickup, police said.

State police said apparently the motor in the Slatter truck stalled, and he attempted to pull all the way onto the shoulder before the motor died. No citations were issued.

In the other accident, about 10:30 p.m., cars driven by John William Johnson, 22, of 9 Lewis ave., Medford, and Julian A. Maxey, 40, of 304 East Main st., collided on Highway 99 in front of the Tally Ho restaurant.

State police said Maxey apparently had attempted to pull out of the restaurant parking lot into the outside lane to head north in the same direction the Johnson car was travelling. The Maxey and Johnson cars sideswiped, officers said. State police said they may attempt to seek a complaint against Maxey.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Editorial Criticized

To the Editor: Your editorial "Grab for Power" files in the face of two men you have editorially admired - former Oregon Governors Holmes and Sprague. It contradicts your endorsement of Bob Holmes in 1958 when he had suggested several of the reorganization plans included in the suggestions made by Governor Hatfield to which you now voice objection.

As with Governor Sprague's readers, I believe yours have a right to expect writing based somewhat on the experience you had when you served as an assistant to a former Oregon governor. But your article indicates no allowance for how the legislature has added several dozen boards and commissions to the roster since you were directly involved here 12 years ago.

What you fail to recognize is that the present system calls for about 1000 appointments directly by the Governor. For instance he has made 550 in the two years he has been in office. The new plan would sharply reduce that number over which he has appointive control but the talents of laymen would continue under reorganization. In other words the system of "rewards and patronage" you fear is inherent in the old, the likelihood is lessened in the new.

Governor Hatfield had the wisdom to appoint an advisory committee of top-level people, several of them recent political opponents, and a meeting of minds resulted. It is strange that you should prefer to "lie at anchor" in state government when you were so recently calling for a national course of moving ahead. In short you are going counter to the thinking of political personalities as far apart as Jack Kennedy (his new administration proposals) and Herbert Hoover (his reorganization commission), Bob Duncan (this summer column for the United Press International) and Bob Elstrom (a member of the Governor's committee), Walter Pearson and Mark Hatfield.

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Illinois and Red Herring
To the Editor: After reading about the proposed high dam on the Illinois, near Buzard's Roost, I wondered where the Red Herring would appear in order to shut public opposition from that operation until the foundation was laid.

Now it comes, not one but two proposals to build a high dam on the main stem of Rogue.

Is the Illinois to be dammed with little opposition?
William Doernbach,
143 Mace rd.,
Medford

Light Thieves
To the Editor: In answer to Mrs. Sterton's letter in Thursday Mail Tribune, reference to lack of home Christmas lights display, true, it would be appropriate and desirable thing to do. So you won a prize! You were fortunate!

We have in the past years lit up our entrance with Christmas lights, only to have some night thieves take them, so decided this year not to. But finally did; not to win a prize, but particularly to aid drivers to "see" in the fog, only to have them again taken by night thieves, loose after midnight and it wasn't dogs

either, but someone who should know better.

I noted in the Tribune some teen-agers were questioned for such tricks. At that hour they should be home.

Mrs. Everett E. Cuffel
909 North Central ave.
Medford.

Qualified

To the Editor: Many veterans at White City feel that they are qualified to hold down one of those U.N. observer positions in the Congo, especially since they have just learned that it is not necessary to be very bright.

According to reports in the newspapers, one does not even have to be able to tell an Irishman from a Swede, and they believe they, too, have those qualifications.

That is ALL.
Malemute Slim
White City, Ore.

Toward Socialism

To the Editor: What better testimony for capitalistic free-enterprise than the fact that since 1946 we have carried most of the nations of the world on our backs (foreign aid), not to mention the increase in bureaucrats, social security, and all the other welfare programs with their various facets.

Socialism, down through the ages has been unable to even feed its own, and our leaders today would lead us into socialism under the guise of "New Frontiers" and "National Goals."

Bonnie Fleming
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Cat Care Questions

To the Editor: The Cat Care Society, a group of residents interested in all phases of humane work, would like to have answers to questions we have been asking since 1959, namely:

1. Why doesn't Jackson county (one of the wealthiest counties per capita in the state) have pick up and holding facilities for ALL unwanted animals?
2. Why doesn't the Southern Oregon Humane Society provide such a service? (Their charter states they are to concern themselves with the welfare of ALL animals.)

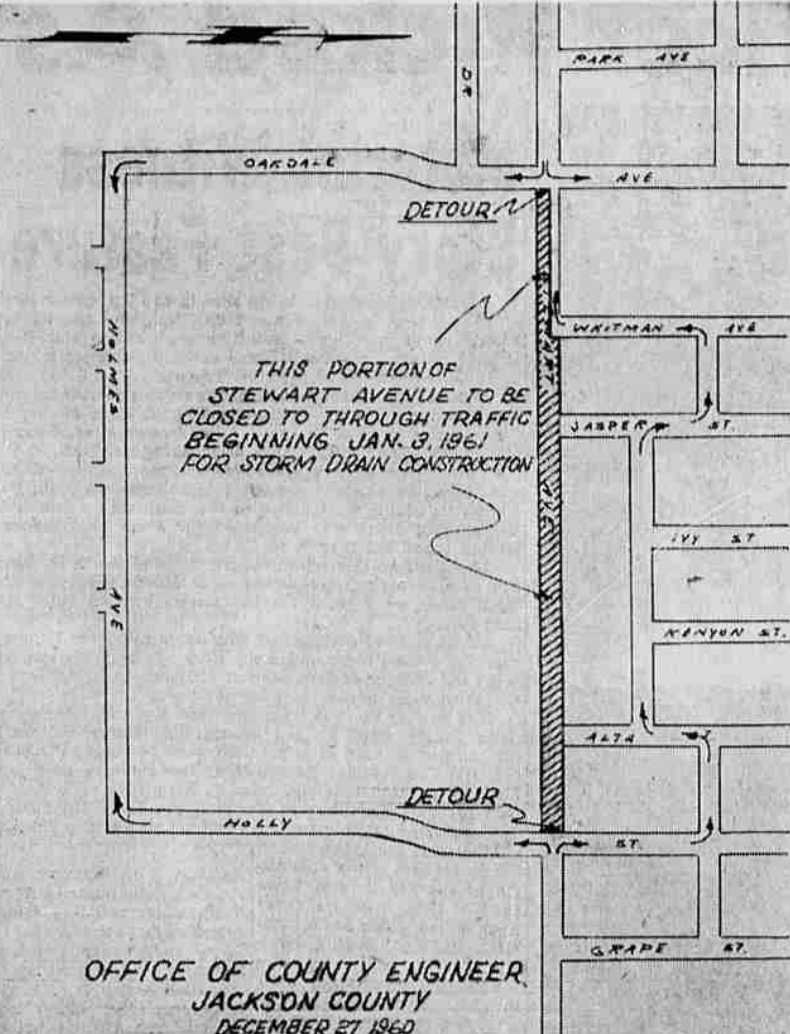
Both of these organizations will care for dogs. Why not all animals? Why the discrimination?

The usual procedure is for the county or city to work in conjunction with the Humane Society to provide adequate service. Here in Jackson county, each goes their own inadequate way with neither of them doing the job. Who is mad at who?

Our inquiries to both organizations have given us answers from the County Commissioners, "You workers don't like to handle cats because they are afraid of ring worm." From the Southern Oregon Humane Society the answer was "insufficient funds" - and yet our society's offer to pay for the gasoline if their officer would help us pick up unwanted cats was refused. WHY?

We feel that if all the residents of Jackson county were aware of the situation and knew that a group of individual residents have been trying without adequate facilities, to do the work that is the responsibility of the county, that they would raise their voices in protest and urge that the county court take their eyes off of "monied interests" and accept the fact that they have a moral obligation to the residents of the community to take care of the less spectacular but no less important phases of community life.

Because many people have identified themselves as being spokesman for the Cat Care Society we would like to make it clear that any statement of policy should be obtained from our secretary, Mary Schwiager, P.O. Box 3, Medford, Ore., or by calling the Cat Care Society's number, SPring 3-2335.
Rita B. Shogren,
President
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STEWART AVE. DETOURS—Stewart ave. (left); or traffic will be allowed on O'Gara st., from Holly st. to Whitman ave. Stewart closed to through traffic beginning Jan. 3 to construct a storm drain. County engineers have announced two possible detour routes for the four-month construction period. Motorists may by-pass the area by travelling on Holly st., and Holmes and Oakdale aves.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN MARY PICKFORD was one of the controlling factors in United Artists, she found herself in frequent disagreement with one of the more forceful of her fellow directors. She passed him one morning in her limousine on the United Artists lot, and deciding to let bygones be bygones, hailed him warmly, "Hi, there, Old Warrior!" The gentleman thus addressed mullered over the salutation a moment, then shot back, "YOU'RE the old WORRIER; not me!"



The fellow director had occasion another time to request a little incidental music for a picture he was readying for release. "Now don't take too long with this job," he warned his composer. "For this music I want nothing fancy; just miscellaneous."

A rash bridegroom recently boasted, "I'd like to see MYSELF washing dishes every night!" So his wife hung a mirror over the kitchen sink.

They've just invented a pen with a meatball point. It writes under GRAVY.

Organization May Seek Members in This Area

Don McNeil, manager of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, said last week there is a chance that an organization known as the Anti Inflation League may solicit membership in this area, if it already has not.

McNeil said little is known about the organization, although it was incorporated in February, 1960. The Portland Better Business Bureau, in a circular to McNeil, noted that it has had little success in obtaining factual information about A.I.L. Inc.

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88 Species Recorded During Annual Bird Count in Area

Medford area bird watchers took advantage of good weather Friday and tallied a record number of 88 species on their portion of the 61st annual Christmas nation-wide bird count.

Fourteen observers participated, dividing into seven different parties and covering many segments of the 15-mile diameter circle whose center was on Crater Lake highway, one mile south of Gregory rd. Species seen for the first time in the count included the rough-legged hawk, great horned owl, least sandpiper, and Cassin's finch. The owl was found perched in a cedar tree on Groveland ave., Medford, and 19 burrowing owls were observed by Betty Jo Hicks in a field south of Hoover school. A total of 7,007 birds were recorded.

Participate in Count
Taking part in the count were Orville B. Odure, Ralph Browning, Mrs. Howard Bush, Ron Fields, Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, Betty Jo Hicks, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas McCamant, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson, Mike Teeter and Tom Turpin.

Sponsored by the National Audubon society, New York, the national count is the world's largest wildlife survey involving more than 8,000 persons in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, Canada, and coastal islands off Newfoundland.

The count was started in 1900, and each year since lo-

cal teams are urged to survey the same areas to determine population trends of birds.

Covered in One Day
Each of the 800 local census areas is laid out within a circle 15 miles in diameter, roughly 176 square miles. Each area is covered in only one day, preferably in a dawn-to-dusk operation. The national count started Dec. 21 and extends until Jan. 2.

Species and kinds of birds found Friday in this area are: Pied-billed grebe, 7; great blue heron, 7; black-crowned night heron, 7; whistling swan, 24; Canada goose, 1; mallard, 181; gadwall, 6; pintail, 2; green-winged teal, 5; American widgeon (Aidpate), 4; shoveler, 2; wood duck, 2; redhead, 1; ring-necked duck, 40; canvasback, 7; lesser scaup duck, 2; bufflehead, 4; ruddy duck, 64; and common merganser, 8.

Goshawk, 2; sharp-shinned hawk, 2; red-tailed hawk, 24; rough-legged hawk, 2; marsh hawk, 3; sparrow hawk, 38; California quail, 152; mountain quail, 4; ring-necked pheasant, 61; American coot, 108; killdeer, 98; common snipe (Wilson's snipe), 5; spotted sandpiper, 1; least sandpiper, 6; mourning dove, 205; barn owl, 2; great horned owl, 1; burrowing owl, 19; belted kingfisher, 8; red-shafted flicker, 72; and acorn woodpecker, 52.

Lewis woodpecker, 2; yellow-bellied sapsucker, 3; hairy woodpecker, 1; downy woodpecker, 3; horned lark, 1; stellar's jay, 4; scrub jay, 72; black capped chickadee, 22; mountain chickadee, 3; chestnut-backed chickadee, 4; plain titmouse, 15; common bushtit, 66; white-breasted nuthatch, 10; brown creeper, 4; winter wren, 3; Bewick's wren, 6; robin, 151; varied thrush, 10; hermit thrush, 7; western bluebird, 334; and golden-crowned kinglet, 19.

Ruby-crowned kinglet, 24;

water pipit, 51; cedar waxwing, 25; loggerhead shrike, 1; starling, 618; myrtle warbler, 3; Audubon's warbler, 10; house sparrow, 114; meadow-lark, 395; redwinged blackbird, 43; tricolored blackbird, 48; Brewer's blackbird, 1,105; brown-headed cowbird, 10; purple finch, 4; Cassin's finch, 1; house finch, 81; and American goldfinch, 521.

Lesser goldfinch, 69; rufous-sided towhee, 66; brown towhee, 18; Savannah sparrow, 186; lark sparrow, Oregon junco, 1,122; white-crowned sparrow, 48; golden-crowned sparrow, 369; fox sparrow, 5; and song sparrow, 63.

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49 Flu Cases Are Reported in County

A total of 49 cases of influenza in Jackson county was reported to the health department during the past week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Medford and Shady Cove each had 21 cases, Central Point 4, Rogue River 1, and Ashland 2.

Medford residents also reported a case of meningitis, and three cases of mumps. Phoenix had one case of pneumonia and five cases of mumps. Ashland had one case of mumps, and Jacksonville reported one tuberculosis case. Shady Cove had two cases of chicken pox.

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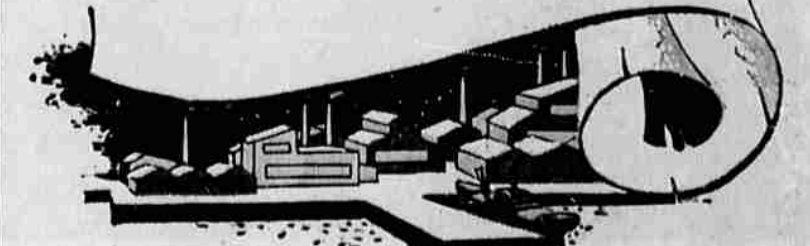
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Cabs Drive 3,457 Miles in Dense Fog

Local Yellow Cab company drivers traveled a total of 3,457 miles in dense fog during a three-day period last week without an accident.

Carl F. Kellenberger, company owner, said 1,281 calls for service were received Friday, Saturday and Christmas day, and drivers handled 1,459 passengers.

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