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EXAMINES HOLE—Off-duty Medford police officer Gerald Butler is shown examining the lower of two holes found dug in the side of a hill in the Foothills canyon area recently. Something, maybe gold, was taken from the lower hole.

Mystery Surrounds Holes Blasted Near Foothills Creek

By GREG NOKES
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Foothills Creek - A mystery possibly involving gold and a mining robbery of 30 years ago, has unfolded in this little roadside community that rivals in skull-duggery the century-old tales of Captain Kidd and his buried pirate's treasure.

Little is known factually other than two men and a woman took "something" out of the side of a hill near here, and that something is probably worth a lot of money—maybe a fortune. But, where these facts end, speculation begins.

The town of Foothills Creek is located 20 miles west of Medford on Highway 99, in the heart of once-prosperous gold mining country. A small stream that gives the town its name is known to have produced more than \$3 million worth of gold in the late 20s and early 30s.

The mystery started in early November when two men and a woman approached Tom Boone, owner of a ranch along Foothills Creek rd., and asked permission to cross his property in order to do some mining in the hills in back of his place.

They also asked Boone for the location of an old donation land claim in the area. Boone gave them directions, said it was all right to cross his property as long as they didn't disturb anything, and then went back to his work.

Occasional prospectors and fortune-hunters are still common in the area so Boone didn't give the matter much thought. He did notice, however, that the trio had with them a pickup truck and a small foreign car, both bearing California license plates.

For three days the two men made trips back and forth into the hills, while the woman waited in the car. Boone and his neighbors heard

a number of dynamite explosions during this time. On the third day one of the men came up to Boone, thanked him for the use of his land, said their search had proved futile, and then drove off with his companions.

The story could have ended there, had it not been for several curious neighbors.

Roland Lloyd Miller, box 371, Gold Hill, who is one of the old-timers in the area, was one of these. He decided to see what it was all about.

Miller started walking up a dry-creek gully that runs up

the side of a wooded hill in back of his farm. When he had gone about a quarter-mile he discovered two deep holes dug right at the bottom of the gully. Something had been taken from one of them.

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Central Point Man Named to Board

C. William Abbott, Central Point, has been appointed to the Jackson county board of equalization, the county court announced yesterday.

Abbott, representative of J. Henry Helsler and company, is one of two lay members of the board. He replaces E. H. Singmaster, Ashland insurance man, who has resigned.

He will serve on the board with Arnold Bohner, Central Point, county budget committee representative, and County Commissioner Chester Wendt, who represents the county court.

First meeting of the board will be April 16. The first meeting will be in review of the ratio assigned by the county assessor. This is the ratio of true cash value to assessed value. The board's work this year will vary from previous years.

Previously the assessor's ratio could be adjusted to equalize variances in valuations. This year, however, the new assigned uniform ratio of 25 per cent set by statute by the 1959 legislature will apply. If there are variances, then the values will have to be changed by blanket application.

Wiretap, Fraud Arrests Climb To 15 in Portland

Portland—UPI—The number of persons arrested in connection with federal indictments charging wiretap law violations and mail fraud was at 15 today.

Two more arrests were made Tuesday. It was understood three other persons were being sought.

George James Barnard, 47, Portland, submitted to arrest by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents here after saying he drove from Boise to turn himself in.

Mrs. Patricia Ann DePlois, 27, former Portland resident, was picked up in San Francisco. She was charged with mail fraud.

Barnard was indicted on charges of interception of radio communications and mail fraud. His bail was set at \$10,000, highest of any of the defendants.

Thirteen other persons were arrested Monday. The mail fraud indictments charge use of mails to defraud insurance companies in alleged "Marmory" violations.

Kennedy Reviews Defense Readiness With Joint Chiefs

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy today reviewed the nation's defense readiness and added to his top State Department team as he continued an intensive examination of the U.S. position in the cold war with Russia.

Kennedy started a busy day at the White House by calling in the Joint Chiefs of Staff for his first conference with the military leaders.

Afternoon Conference
The chief executive also held an unannounced conference on federal fiscal policy and his forthcoming economic and budget recommendations to Congress. He also scheduled an afternoon conference on the U.S. economic position with special emphasis on the balance-of-payments problem.

Kennedy made these State Department appointments: James Harlan Cleveland, dean of the Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, to be assistant secretary for international organizations affairs.

Assistant Secretary
William J. Crockett, a career foreign service officer and recently deputy assistant secretary of state for budget and finance, to be assistant secretary for administration.

George C. McGhee, Dallas, Tex., oil producer and 1951-53 ambassador to Turkey, to be assistant secretary for policy planning.

At the same time, the White House announced that Frank Morcy Coffin, former congressman from Maine, and recently in private law practice in his home town of Lewiston, has been named as director of the development loan fund.

Special Assistant
Kennedy also named the noted historian, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., as a special assistant to the President with varied duties which will include speech writing.

Carl T. Rowan, a reporter for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune since 1959, will be named by Secretary of State Dean Rusk as deputy assistant secretary for public affairs under Roger Tubby. Rowan, a Negro, is the author of four books.

Objectors - Rep. Edward Fodeley (D-Eugene) said repeal of a constitutional provision relating to the militia would remove provisions exempting conscientious objectors from peacetime service.

Fiscal - Senate Democrats, aided by five Republicans, passed a bill to enlarge the legislative fiscal committee from 11 to 13.

County To Get Recreation Area
Emigrant lake recreation area will be turned over to the county April 1, according to James Callan, project engineer for the Talent project.

Work will be completed on the control house and outlet works, and rock fill by then, he said.

Bids will be opened soon at the bureau of reclamation office at White City on the west lateral rehabilitation and extension, Callan added.

The Howard Prairie lake recreation area was turned over to the county court for operation and maintenance in November.

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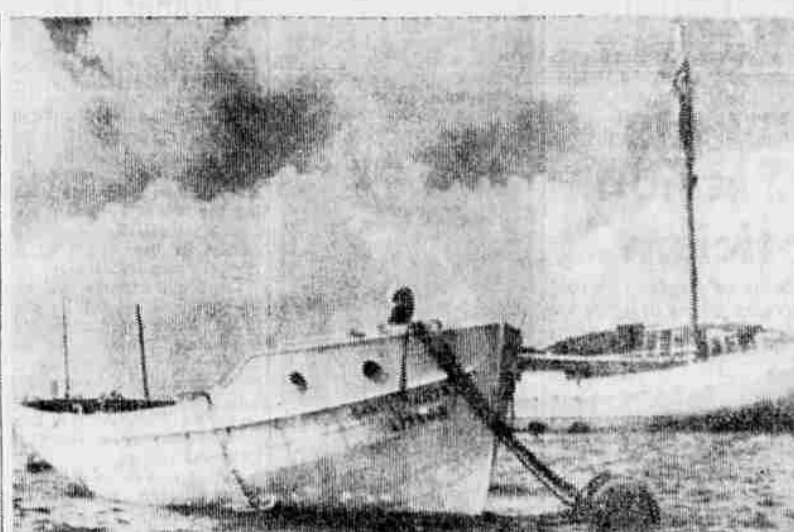
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LIFEBOAT ASHORE—In one of the first on-the-spot photos, a lifeboat of the liner Santa Maria is shown in the harbor at Castries, St. Lucia, Windward Islands, Tuesday. Crewmembers of the Portuguese liner were put ashore by a desperate band of

rebels who seized the ship Monday. In a radio broadcast Tuesday, the insurgents said the 600 passengers, including 26 Americans, were safe and would be allowed to land at some undisclosed port.

(UPI Telephoto)



DR. JANET TRAVELL Considered 'Genius'

Kennedy Selects Woman Doctor For White House

Washington—UPI—Dr. Janet G. Travell, a silver-haired lady doctor considered a medical "genius" by President Kennedy, has been chosen White House physician - the first woman ever to hold the post.

Dr. Travell's appointment as official guardian of Kennedy's health was expected to be announced soon. She will be the first civilian White House doctor since the Harding administration, breaking a long line of military physicians.

Two Daughters
The mother of two married daughters will succeed former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's White House doctor, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder.

Kennedy credits the robust, 50-ish Dr. Travell with being largely responsible for curing the back ailment which plagued him for years and put him on crutches at one point.

Discovers 'Short' Leg
The woman doctor discovered that Kennedy's left leg was slightly shorter than his right leg, placing an added strain on his back. She prescribed a quarter-inch lift in the heel of his left shoe.

Dr. Travell and Dr. Eugene J. Cohen examined Kennedy recently and issued a statement on inauguration Day pronouncing the new President's health as "excellent."

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Hatfield Appeals For Effort Toward Cabinet System

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield, making a rare personal appearance before a legislative committee, appealed to legislators Tuesday night to suppress personal or political feelings in a unified effort to achieve a modern, cabinet-style government for Oregon.

Testifying at a hearing crowded with some 200 legislators and spectators, Hatfield called upon the legislature to begin passing reorganization laws this session - even if the lawmakers choose to postpone the actual changes until after he leaves office.

"It is important this session to enact legislation that will move us toward the cabinet system," Hatfield declared. "... set your effective date whenever you wish."

The hearing was held by the joint State and Federal Affairs committee.

Holmes Backs Plan
Former Democratic Gov. Robert Holmes, defeated by Hatfield in 1958, appeared to urge support for the plan.

Hatfield spoke crisply of a hodgepodge of some 170 boards, commissions and semi-independent agencies he said have thwarted and plagued his efforts to carry out programs and campaign promises.

"Some agencies have been unresponsive and even arrogant," he said.

Hatfield denied, however, any "grab for power" on his part.

"When a governor is elected, people give him a mandate," he said.

The governor testified on a bill that contains the master plan for reorganization. Most agencies would be grouped under seven major departments whose directors would

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Portuguese Ship Claimed Heading Toward Africa

U. S. Destroyer In Hot Pursuit

San Juan, Puerto Rico—UPI—The U.S. Navy today located the hijacked Portuguese ship Santa Maria 930 miles east of Trinidad and heading across the Atlantic toward Africa.

The rebel crew which seized the 20,000-ton liner at gunpoint Sunday morning had eluded search vessels and planes for three days and was halfway to Portugal's Cape Verde Islands off the African Coast when spotted.

Possessions Alerted
Portugal already had alerted her Atlantic possessions against a possible landing by the rebel forces. It dispatched additional destroyers and frigates today to those areas including the Cape Verde.

The U.S. destroyer R. L. Wilson was reported in hot pursuit of the Santa Maria but was 500 miles behind and the Navy said it probably could not overcome this lead. Two other U.S. destroyers were dispatched from African waters.

The Santa Maria can cruise at 20 knots and a destroyer at nearly 30.

It was assumed the Portuguese navy would order its own destroyers to try to intercept the big liner with its 600 passengers, 28 of them Americans, and its 350 crew members. But the rebel leader aboard said today he would not surrender the ship.

A Navy announcement said the Santa Maria was on a course which "if continued" would take her south of the Cape Verde Islands and to the coast of Liberia. Portugal has three major possessions in Africa.

Destroyers Dispatched
The Navy said in Washington it was dispatching the destroyers Vogelgesang and Gearing from the port of Abidjan on the Ivory Coast in the hope of effecting an interception. But what the destroyers would do when they caught the liner was still not clear.

The rebel captain, Henrique Galvao, said he would scuttle the luxury liner if a warship approached. And today he renewed the threat when he said "we will not surrender, nor will we stop."

Committee Names Working Groups
The steering committee of the Jackson county delinquency prevention program has appointed six working committees to carry out the program, it was announced today.

The committees, suggested by the steering committee under Shelby Tuttle, chairman pro tem, were established for early detection of delinquency, family counseling, coordination of agencies, employment needs of youth, youth participation in delinquency prevention and resources for youth.

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WEATHER
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Higher Yesterday 51
Lowest This Morning 34
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:34 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:52 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 3:22 a.m.
Full Moon Jan. 23
PROMINENT STARS
Aldabaran, follows the Moon, dim, low in north-west
Deneb, low in north-west
VIBRANT PLANETS
Venus, low in west 8:15 p.m.
Mars, high in south 9:33 p.m.

