



## Ashland Student Named Honorary Merit Scholar

Evanston, Ill. — (UPI) — Eight students from Oregon were among nearly 1,000 from throughout the nation to be named as winners of four-year merit scholarships to colleges of their choice.

In addition an Oregon student was among 140 named honorary merit scholars in recognition of high achievement. The 140 will not receive financial assistance from the merit program.

### Year-Long Competition

The awards climaxed a year-long, nationwide academic competition in the nation's schools. About 550 students received merit scholarships sponsored by more than 130 business corporations and foundations, professional associations and individuals. Also, about 400 merit scholars received scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corp., which conducts the annual competition.

Those from Oregon, their schools and colleges they have picked include:

Robert F. Siengenthaler, Eugene, University of Oregon, physics.

Jack R. Barnes, McMinnville, Stanford, geology.

Michael J. Davis, Myrtle Creek, Oregon State, electrical engineering.

Oceanlake Girl Named

Karen E. Monaco, Oceanlake, Shell merit scholar, Oregon State, mathematics teaching.

Peter S. Buck, Grant of Portland, Stanford, mathematics.

William L. Crabtree Jr., Jefferson of Portland, Portland General Electric merit scholar, Reed College, chemistry-mathematics.

Gilbert B. Shaw, South Salem, Carleton College, physics.

Kay A. Vasey, Tigard, College of Holy Names, foreign languages.

Honorary scholars included: Peter J. Kreisman, Ashland, Stanford, physics.

Ashlander Sentenced To Three Day Term

Ashland — (UPI) — Edward Alan Renie, 52, of 576 Indiana st., Ashland, pleaded guilty to charges of petty theft in Ashland municipal court yesterday and was fined \$25 and sentenced to three days in jail.

Renie was arrested April 19 at the request of an Ashland grocery store.

UDALL TO SPEAK

Salem — (UPI) — Interior Secretary Stewart Udall will be main speaker at a Democratic fund raising banquet in Portland in June. Exact date has not been set.

Fluoridation Receives Boost

Chicago — The new surgeon general of the Public Health Service has affirmed his agency's continuing support of water fluoridation.

Dr. Luther L. Terry declared, "I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of fluoridation as a means of improving the dental health of children."

He further urged every community without the protection of a fluoridated water supply to "adopt this safe and effective public health measure for the reduction of dental decay."

The surgeon general said that fluoridation's effectiveness in preventing two out of every three dental cavities has been "amply demonstrated."

Dr. Terry cited endorsements of the measure by the nation's leading health and scientific groups, including American Medical association and American Dental association.

The Public Health Service went on record as supporting fluoridation in 1950 and has been one of its strongest proponents during the succeeding years.

Five Valley Firms Presented Progress Awards by Chamber

Five Medford and Rogue valley firms received progress awards from the Medford Chamber of Commerce at Monday's roundtable luncheon in the Jackson hotel.

The awards were presented by Ken Cook, manager of the Medford branch of United Air Lines, who serves as the chamber's progress awards committee chairman. The awards were presented both to new valley firms, and to firms which have recently remodelled.

Receiving the awards were the Dumas Domestic laundry, 30 North Riverside ave.; the Thunderbird Market on West Main st.; the Thunderbird Lodge on South Riverside ave.; the Grange Co-op of Central Point; and Bill Brooks, Medford, a general contractor.

Murray Dumas received the award on behalf of Dumas Domestic laundry. The laundry recently rebuilt and expanded following a fire which almost completely destroyed the plant last year. Dumas said the laundry had intended to expand anyway, but the fire "expedited our plans."

Accepts Award

John R. Hatfield, office manager, accepted the Thunderbird market award. He said

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