

Junior Highs Admit Variety of Crimes

A group of about 13 Medford junior high school students admitted to city police Friday they have been responsible for a variety of minor crimes in Medford during the last four months.

The youngsters, who were friends but did not operate as a gang, according to the officer who handled the investigation, confessed to shoplifting, setting several small fires, throwing things at passing cars, breaking into about five different Medford residences, breaking windows at the YMCA, and stealing tailights from a number of automobiles.

An 18-year-old Medford youth admitted complicity with some of the youngsters in at least one incident, the police officer said.

The boys were allowed to return to their respective schools to take their final exams, but juvenile authorities are expected to take action in the matter as soon as school is out, it was stated.

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BECKMAN HOME OPENED—Jack Sutton, (on steps) Grants Pass history teacher and president of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation, gave a brief historical sketch of the C. C. Beckman home Wednesday. The home of the early day Jacksonville banker was opened to the general public for the first time on Memorial Day. Standing in the background on the front porch next to the door are three members of the Medford Junior Service League, who are hostesses. The home is open every week end until school is out and then will be open daily during the summer. More than 400 persons toured the home during the holiday.



Small Worlds Around Us
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Going Mushroom Hunting? Better Be Very Careful

So closely does the poisonous morel mushroom resemble the harmless, edible variety that it can be easily mistaken for it. It is called the "false morel." It even grows in the same places, and may be there among the harmless ones.

The edible, and much sought-after morel mushroom looks like a cone-shaped sponge three or even four inches long. It is tan colored and wrinkled, with irregular convolutions. Connoisseurs consider it the very best of the wild mushrooms. It comes up overnight in the rich forest floor after heavy rains.

The false morel, which may be growing alongside the true morel, is also wrinkled and deeply convoluted, but the cap is of a more irregular shape, not so cone-like, but flatter and more globular. The cap of the false morel is dark brown, four or five inches in diameter at the top of a short, thick, chalky white stem.

The stem is usually a distinguishing feature of the false morel, for the edible morel usually has a slender stem.

Caution Needed

The true morel mushroom is the one most fungi gatherers consider safe to eat, as it is shaped and colored unlike the majority of toadstools. But inasmuch as both the true and its poisonous cousin so often grow side by side, it is a wise gatherer who exercises extreme caution when picking. In the hurry to gather a great many in the shortest time, some of the false ones are liable to be included, later to cause serious illness or even death.

A common mushroom, often appearing in great numbers in pastures, meadows, lawns and gardens, so closely resembles a poisonous variety it is advisable to ignore it. One that bears the common name of "chalky" grows in such an environment. It is edible, but it is too close in appearance to the poisonous ones. It is best to forego eating it.

Mushrooms have an affinity for specific environments. We can almost be positive in saying which kinds will be found in any particular place. The type of soil and type of tree determine the variety. The false morel is normally found in pine or birch woodlands... even in swamps. Most mushrooms prefer coniferous woodlands. Usually they appear after heavy rains.

The organic material usually present in pastures is conducive to fungus growth. Lawns and gardens fertilized with animal matter often encourage various fungi. Most of these can be considered questionable as human food.

So, you might ask, when all the chips are down, how would you tell the edible from the poisonous mushrooms? Taking all things pertaining to mushrooms into consideration, remembering the edible ones sometimes resemble the bad, and vice versa, there remains one very sure way to be safe: buy your mushrooms at the food store.

WRITES ABOUT TOUR

Washington—UPI—Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy's book on his world tour this year will be published in August. It was announced Monday night that royalties from the book, entitled "Just Friends and Brave Enemies," will be used to set up scholarships at Nihon and Waseda universities in Japan, the University of Bandung in Indonesia and the Free University of Berlin.

Grange News

Central Point Grange

John Patrick of Eagle Point FFA Chapter spoke to the Central Point Grange preceding their recent meeting.

He discussed the "People to People Goodwill Program" being sponsored by the Future Farmers of America, that it is a means of contacting people behind the Iron Curtain. He will tour in Scotland, England, France, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland.

Agriculture Chairman Arnold Bohnert reported on the wheat crop in the U.S., and the first cutting of hay; Delmer Smith reported on sales of large acreages of land, and the prospect of the increase of population in the valley in the next ten years.

HEC chairman Mrs. Morris Frink reported that the club would have a picnic in July and no meeting in June. Final plans for the breakfast Sunday, June 17, were announced. Serving will be from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mrs. Thurman Barnes, Gaston Floux, and James Cornutt are on the committee arranging the affair.

In appreciation of their service to the community the Grange is honoring the Central Point rural fire department and the Central Point city fire department as guests of the breakfast. This event is open to the general public.

During the lecturer's hour, Mrs. James Cornutt conducted a Grange Bowl Quiz.

Rogue River Grange

Rogue River - The meeting of Live Oak Grange on May 24 opened with a covered dish dinner. Following dinner Mr. Kennedy, from the Grants Pass office of Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company spoke to the Grangers and guests about the new direct dialing which will be in all the area this summer.

During the brief business session two new members were voted on.

Ray Frantz reported on agriculture, mentioning that anyone with cattle to sell should know and understand new branding regulations. Home Economics Club Chairman Edith Osborne reported plans for food concession for the Rooster Crow on June 18 and asked for helpers on needlework for the Christmas bazaar, now in the planning stage.

Harold Van Hoy spoke about the new state park and how attractive it will be to the community.

Donations were sought for the Chamber of Commerce auction to help finance the Rooster Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson were obligated in the first and second degrees and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Talbot were elected to membership when Upper Applegate Grange met in regular session with Master Ann Scott presiding.

It is expected that a group of six candidates will be accompanied to Roxy Ann Grange June 8 to receive the third and fourth degrees of the order.

Agriculture Chairman Glen Saltmarsh reported lamb prices to be the best in the past two years, with hog prices steady, and those for cattle slightly lower.

Precincts having their polling places at Ruch school for the May primary election, had the best turn out of voters in the Applegate valley, according to a report from Legislative Chairman Edmund Ramsey.

Home Economics Club Chairman Dana Gerhardt stated the Mother's day dinner was a successful event and expressed her appreciation to all assisting in it.

A resume of benefits available to members under the Grange insurance program was given by Insurance Agent Roscoe Roberts. He also summarized the schedule for the Oregon State Grange session to be held in Grants Pass June 18 to 22.

Announcement was made of the June 23 date for the mobile X-ray unit of the Tuberculosis association which is to be located at Sunny Side store near Ruch for the purpose of giving free chest X-rays to all who desire them. It was decided that Grange members would assist with the project by offering transportation for those needing such service.

A reading, "Grandma's Apron," by Florence Lance; a guessing contest won by Irene Cully, and community singing comprised the lecturer's program following which refreshments were served by a hospitality committee consisting of Omar, Irene and Verna Cully.

The next regular meeting of Upper Applegate Grange will be held June 22, it was voted.

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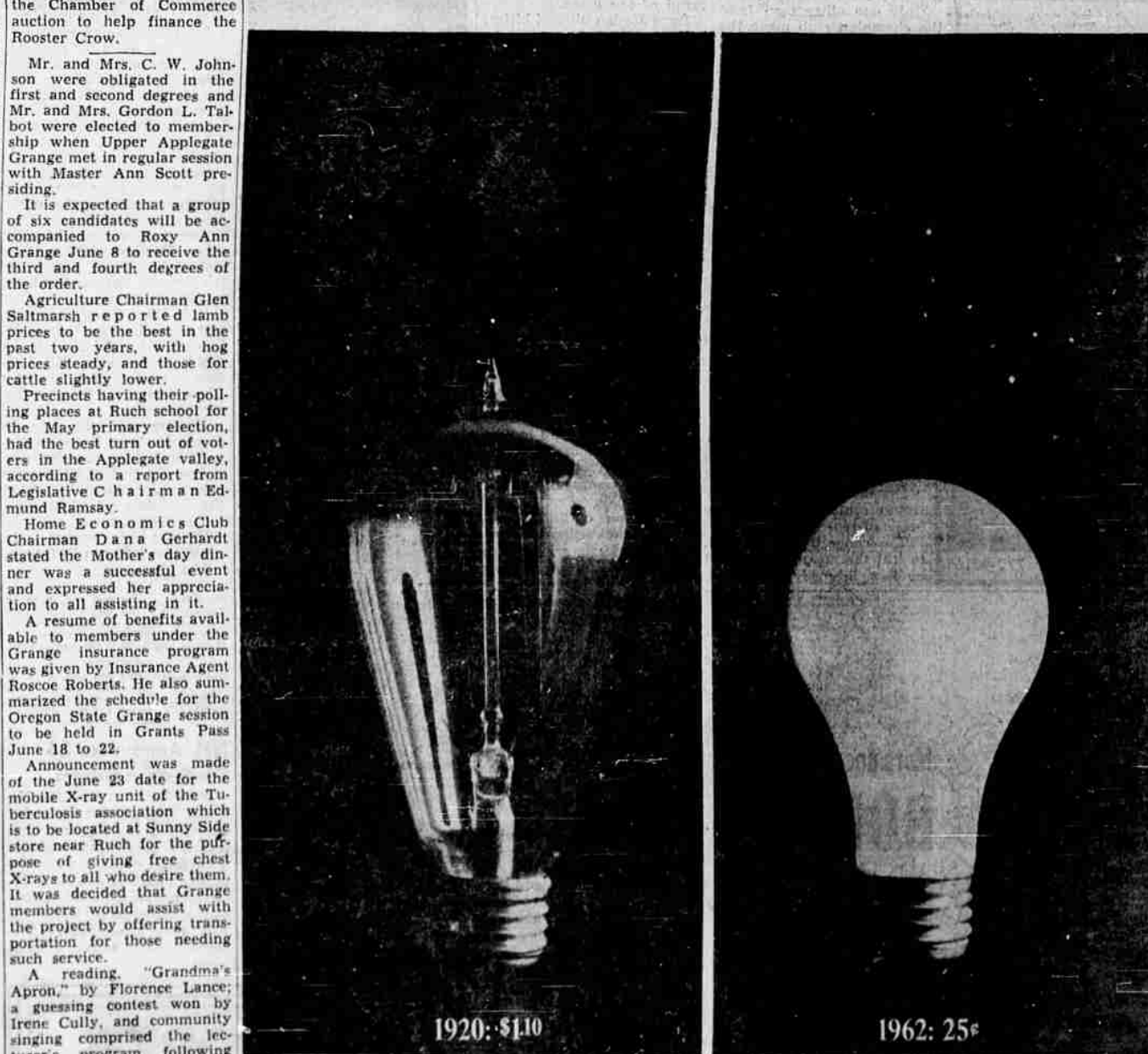
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