

Increase Noted In Complaints Reported in Area

Number of complaints received by the Jackson county sheriff's office continued to increase in February, according to the office's monthly statistical report.

A total of 266 complaints were received compared to 243 in January. Well over half of the complaints received pertained to non-criminal cases, 164. Other complaints included 67 misdemeanors and 35 felonies.

Of the cases received during the month, 38 were cleared and one was cleared from prior months. The department closed 142 cases received in February. Thirteen cases proved unfounded.

A total of 224 civil processes were filed for February.

Most of the non-criminal cases consisted of miscellaneous reports to officers, including lost and missing persons, stray or lost animals, firearm accidents, dog bites and mental cases.

Misdemeanor complaints included 12 petty larcenies, ten property damage cases, eight indiscriminate shootings. Others included checks, hit and run, public nuisance, prowlers, garbage dumping and threats.

Eleven burglaries and ten check cases involving felony charges were included in the felony cases. Six felony larcenies were reported.

The persons lodged in the county jail by the sheriff's office were, 21: Oregon state police, 28; Medford police, 12; U.S. marshal, 11; and Phoenix and Central Point police departments, four each.

Council on Aging to Check Possibility Of Low-Cost Senior Citizens' Housing

Investigation into the possibility of low-cost housing for senior citizens will be one of the major community projects for 1963, according to Russ Jamison, president, Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

Jamison has appointed a committee to look into the

various avenues available for development of suitable low-cost housing including: private investment, public housing and a combination of private investment to be guaranteed with federal money.

Appointed to the committee were: Walter Higgins, Rogue Valley Manor, chairman; the Rev. William Saladin, representing the Medford Ministerial association; Dave Kuntz, Jackson county public welfare commission, and John Gribble, Medford, secretary-treasurer, Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

Statistics indicate that nearly 11 per cent of the population of Jackson county is 65 years of age or older. Other figures show that for 1961, 7,185 persons in Jackson county were receiving Social Security qualified by age. Additionally, 729 recipients of Old Age assistance were noted in the county for the same year.

The figures point up the need for greater attention to the development of housing of a type and price range suitable for the age and income of this population group, Jamison said.

Delayed in Field

"For too long we have delayed in the field of low-cost housing through private enterprise, we have to catch up with a community need that has been neglected and one that increases annually," Jamison stated.

The RVCA spokesman noted that particular attention will be paid to the possibilities of developing low-cost housing through private enterprise resources or some form of non-profit corporate structure. In either case, some form of federal housing authority, low-interest bearing money could be secured to underwrite the venture.

Retirement House

Individual housing units and community living projects will be studied by the group, it was pointed out. In the area of individual housing units the group will investigate the plans of the "House of Freedom," a retirement

house sponsored by the Douglas Fir Plywood association. The first of these units, incorporating at least 16 major features especially suited to active retirement living, was built in Washington, D. C. It was constructed under a program sponsored by the plywood association, the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Retired Teachers association. A development using these homes is located in Forest Grove.

It is anticipated that an initial report from the study

group will be ready for presentation to the RVCA for the meeting April 18.

Trail Postmaster

Washington (AP)—The Senate has confirmed the following Oregon postmasters who were appointed by President Kennedy:

Ned Palmer, Da. ton; Vernon E. Stewart, Haines; Orval R. Layton, Lakeview; Joseph L. Dail, Nyssa; Eva L. Albert, Trail; Bernice M. Ladd, Tualatin; Laura A. Wassenmiller, Tygh Valley.



ATTENDS FORUM—Larry K. Ridge, Gold Hill, (left) was among the group of 200 students picked from 59 campuses throughout the nation to attend a two-day advanced aircraft, missile, space and technology forum at Boeing Aircraft company, Seattle. Ridge and Lawrence T. Fisher, Cuba, N.M. (right) are both graduate students in electrical engineering at New Mexico State university, University Park, N.M.

Christian Alliance Convention Planned

The Christian and Missionary Alliance will hold its annual missionary convention Wednesday and Sunday.

The services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, and both the morning and evening services Sunday. All services will be at Hedrick Junior High school, 1505 East Jackson st.

Speakers will be Mrs. Irene Crisman, missionary to Ecuador, South America, and Mrs. Harry Watkins, missionary to the Fula people of Africa. Pictures and curios will be shown during the convention.

Some \$16 Million Expected To Be Paid Government

What part of the \$45 billion that the government expects to collect by April 15 via personal income taxes will come from residents of Jackson county?

Will it be more than it was last April, when local payments of individual taxes, including the amounts paid through withholding taxes, added up to approximately \$15,285,000?

The size of the local con-

tribution to the federal coffers is based on income data and on an unofficial breakdown of Treasury department figures, which give the receipts from the state.

They show that individual income taxes collected in the state last year came to \$287,000,000.

As a consequence, residents of Jackson county contributed some 3.85 per cent of the state total.

Because income gains were recorded in most parts of the nation during the past year and because there were more people in jobs, despite the large number of unemployed, the government looks for personal tax payments to reach the \$45 billion mark by April 15.

That will be close to \$3 billion more than was collected from individuals a year ago.

On the basis of tentative figures released on the earnings of Jackson county residents in 1962, their current tax returns are expected to be nearly \$16,110,000, an increase of \$825,000.

What next year will bring depends on two big "ifs." State of Economy

One involves the state of the economy during the rest of 1963. Should it improve to the degree contemplated by the President in his report to Congress, incomes would rise and tax receipts would go up proportionately.

The other "if" concerns tax reduction. The present opinion in Washington is that there will be some sort of a cut—not as large as was recommended—but that it will not be effective until 1964.

At any rate, the Kennedy budget for the coming fiscal year calls for personal income taxes of \$49.3 billion, or \$4.3 billion more than this year.

On that basis, if Jackson county continues carrying its present share of the nation's tax burden, its payments next year will have to be 9.5 per cent larger than they are now.

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Miss Preston on UC Dean's List

Miss Margo Janette Preston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Preston, 188 White Oak dr., is among those students at the University of Colorado, Boulder, who are on the dean's list for the first semester.

Miss Preston, who is in the college of arts and sciences, is among 1,350 students who made B plus averages or above.

Sign on Capitol Brings Chuckles

Salem — (UPI) — Legislators were chuckling today over a sign pasted to the front door of the capitol building.

"House out of order," it stated.