

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Nature Society**—will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 17, in the Camp Fire Girls office, 325 Main Street. Bring 10 favorite nature slides.

**Chapter 467**—Women of the Moose will have a dinner for members with December birthdays Saturday, December 19, at 7 p.m. at the Moose Hall. Members and friends are invited.

**Chapter 467**—Women of the Moose will not have Friday afternoon parties until after the holidays. The parties will begin again Friday, January 8.

**Line Tangle Scares NY**

**NEW YORK (UPI)**—Many New Yorkers making telephone calls were startled by strange voices on their lines Tuesday.

"Space ship one, space ship one, come in, space ship one. This is flotilla leader. I am now over Washington. Do you read me space ship one?"

"I read you, flotilla leader. We are now approaching New York. First wave now in control of Sheridan Square."

"This is space ship X-15 calling from outer space. We are in trouble. Can you read me?"

The police operator on the switchboard at the Charles St. Station couldn't answer the calls fast enough. Residents of New York's Greenwich Village hastened to warn authorities an invasion of spacemen was imminent.

Police checked with the telephone company and embarrassed telephone officials soon reported it was all a mistake caused by the boredom of two installations experts plus an electrical phenomenon.

The phone company spokesman said the testers were on a closed circuit and should have been able to safely brighten the tedium of their job but for an electrical "inductive cross" that caused their conversation to be heard on lines in several exchanges.

**State VD Hike Told**

**PORTLAND (AP)**—Oregon last month showed a sharp increase in venereal disease over the same month a year ago, the state Department of Health reported Tuesday.

There were 80 new syphilis cases in November of 1959 and only 28 in the same month a year ago. The report also showed 100 cases of gonorrhoea compared to 68 for November of 1958.

Twenty-three new cases of infectious hepatitis brought the Oregon toll to date this year to 839, more than twice the 413 reported in the same period a year ago.

The number of influenza cases last week was 672, a sharp boost from the 496 reported the week before. The board cautioned, however, that some may not be influenza.

**GOOD HOLD**

**PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)**—A Phoenix youth whose car-stripping activities were interrupted by an armed farmer and bulldog had this complaint after his capture: "When those pit bulls grab you, they don't want to let go."

**Commission**, Officers will be elected at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday, December 19, at 1:30 p.m. for the annual Christmas party. There will be special Christmas music by students of Sacred Heart Academy. Please take an unwrapped toy.

**Peterson School**—students will present "The Pageant of the Christmas Cards" for their annual Christmas program at the school, 7:45 p.m. Monday, December 21. The public is invited to attend.

**Christmas Party**—Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble Club Christmas gift exchange will be held at the home of Lorene Robinson, 3009 Clinton, at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 17. Gifts should not exceed \$1. Members and their guests please come.

**Retired Teachers**—group will meet at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday, December 19, at 1:30 p.m. for the annual Christmas party. There will be special Christmas music by students of Sacred Heart Academy. Please take an unwrapped toy.

**Soroptimist Club**—members are reminded of the annual Christmas program on Thursday, December 17, during the luncheon hour at the Winema Hotel. Claudia Moore will be chairman.

**Friends**—of Ingeborg Wilkeson will be pleased to know she has returned to her home at 912 Prospect Street from the hospital and is recovering.

**Friendly Circle**—will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17, at the home of Katherine Williams, 2640 Darrow Street. There will be a secret pals gift exchange.

**Bethel No. 6**—Job's Daughters will have a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 17, in the Masonic Temple. There will be initiation.

**Returns Home**—Elsie Hughey, 809 East Main, is back from an extended vacation in the southwest.

**Boy Scouts**—of Troop 77 are selling Christmas trees at Deal Rite Motors Used Car lot, 2387 South Sixth Street.

**Bethel No. 61**—Order of Job's Daughters will hold a rummage sale Saturday, December 19, at the home of Lorene Robinson, 3009 Clinton, at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 17. Gifts should not exceed \$1. Members and their guests please come.

**Christian Women's**—Fellowship of the First Christian Church will hold a general meeting Thursday, December 17, at 1 p.m. in the church. Potluck luncheon precedes the meeting at noon.

**Shasta-Homedale**—Home Extension Unit will meet in Joan's Kitchen at the fairgrounds at 10 a.m. Friday, December 18, for a Christmas party and gift exchange. Public is invited.

**Notice**—IOOF Lodge No. 137, all branches of the order, will take part in a Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 18. There will be treats for the children and coffee and cookies for adults. All Odd Fellows and friends are welcome.

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**Notice**—All Eagle members who wish to contribute a gift to the women's ward for the mentally ill at the state hospital, Salem, may leave gifts at the Eagles Hall with Louise Runit or take them to lodge Friday night, December 18. Box must be shipped Saturday.

**The Youth Choirs**—of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church will not rehearse during Christmas vacation. Please watch the church bulletin for rehearsal dates.

**The Meeting**—of the Men's Fellowship of the Bible Baptist Church will be at 6:30 p.m. in Field's Hall. Guest speaker will be Danny Eastman of the Oregon Game Commission.

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