

Two arrests noted as drug scene remains active in Bitter Root area

A Stevensville area man was arrested and charged with criminal possession of dangerous drugs Friday night after a search of his car revealed he had been evicted and \$1,000 worth of drugs, mostly hashish, was confiscated.

Montgomery, 24, was arrested at the sheriff's office and the Bitter Root One Drug Team co-operated in the investigation that led to his arrest. He was found in the Eagle Watch area northeast of Stevensville.

One man, identified as a Stevensville man, was arrested, along with a small amount of marijuana and \$75 in cash which is alleged to be money from the sale of drugs.

Mogstad was arraigned in justice court Saturday morning and was released later that day. Investigation is continuing and more arrests may be made according to deputy Rad Nielsen.

Participating in the arrest were Nielsen, Sheriff Dale Dye and deputy Jay Pritzl and four Missoula law enforcement agents who are members of the drug team.

A 16-year-old Hamilton High School male was arrested Friday afternoon by county sheriff's deputies during an investigation. Residues of marijuana were reportedly found in his vehicle. He was arrested by his parents and issued a warning citation.

Further investigation of drug activities in high schools is continuing throughout the Bitter Root Valley.

Bart firemen responded to a chimney fire Friday at the Everett Doss home. The fire was extinguished with a small amount of damage occurring.

Stevensville firemen quelled a chimney fire in the other Bell residence Sunday on

Main Street there. Minor damage resulted.

Hamilton drivers were cited in numerous incidents Friday.

Joseph Ruseck, 28, Hamilton, received three citations and was called for driving under the influence. The ticket occurred on North First near Bitter Root Plumbers and Heating when Ruseck hit a fire hydrant, pulled it from its setting and drove it for 30 feet.

He was cited for failure to stop or yield for a pedestrian and for reckless driving. Failure to stop immediately for a property damage citation was issued to him to remain on property damage were.

Bond was set at \$1,000 and Ruseck was released.

Montgomery, 24, Hamilton, was also cited Friday on North First after he pulled onto

the street and accelerated to a high rate of speed. Policeman Jim Codex ticketed him for failure to stop or yield.

In other law enforcement news, there were several appearances in Justice Court last week.

John Neelis, 36, Hamilton, appeared on a misdemeanor charge of possession of less than 60 grams of marijuana. He waived his right to a preliminary examination and was bound over to District Court. He is being held in a cell of \$300 bail.

He was arrested Thursday. He also appeared on a citation for failure to drive on the right side of the road and was given five days to correct the offense.

In another trial, Hamilton city court, Burt Montgomery, 18, Hamilton, was found guilty of driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$125. He was cited Jan. 23



FRESH FROM THE SEA The gathering of Pacific oysters brought a record 700 landlocked Bitter Rooters together Saturday evening for the annual Rocky Mountain Grange oyster supper. The enthusiasm of the group was



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Highway report

Despite some rain and snow showers Sunday, U.S. 93 is good in driving condition. It is open to Last Trail Pass at present.

The road is nearly 70 miles to the north of Last Trail Pass. It is good in driving condition. It is good in many stretches, particularly from south of Hamilton to the Idaho border.

Only two inches of snow has fallen on Last Trail during the past two weeks, bringing the total to about 76 inches for the winter.

Plates arrive

Ravalli County officials received a fresh supply of car and truck license plates Friday and applications are again

being processed, according to county treasurer Melba Kern.

Some 1000 license plates arrived from the state office. They follow a shutdown because of mechanical difficulties.

The deadline for securing plates is this Friday, Feb. 13. The courthouse will be closed on Thursday, Feb. 12, because of a snow storm. The courthouse will be closed on Friday, Feb. 13, because of a snow storm.

Proceeds from the drive will be used to support the county hospital and health center and town centers throughout the United States. At present, sponsorship is being sought from the following:

Spears, Hamilton Hospital active patient fund.

Other students on the regular honor roll, Scott Street, Carla Abbs, Judy Arting, Linda Bales, Linda Clark, Karen Crawford, Kris Ebel, Kenneth Gove, Charlie O'Brien, Tom Hewitt and Karen Jennings.

Honorable mention went to Brian Blumholz, Jim Clark, Pam Hill, Jon Norden, Ed Clark, Linda Clark, Linda Garrard, Julie Hamby, Debbie Hinman, Terri Pease, Cindy Powell, Debbie Shoop, Karen St. John, Vicki Clark, Craig Hinman and Mark Thrallill.

Honor roll noted

Ten students achieved straight A's in the fall semester and quartet honor roll at Victor High School.

Top grades were earned by Linda Clark, Linda Garrard, Linda Gove, Linda Pease, Linda St. John, Linda Garrard, Julie Hamby, Debbie Hinman, Terri Pease, Cindy Powell, Debbie Shoop, Karen St. John, Vicki Clark, Craig Hinman and Mark Thrallill.

Meet postponed

The Ravalli County board of health will hold its regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the county health center. This Monday's session was postponed because several board members were out of town.

Ford sends message to Congress today

Changes in elderly aid are proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford has asked Congress to make Social Security more modest, boost its security taxes, new catastrophe illness insurance for the elderly, and larger contributions by Medicare patients to finance hospital and doctor bills.

Ford said the proposed tax increase would be modest, and that Social Security taxes less than 81 a week.

The maximum increase for a worker would be \$1.00 a week, and the tax on his tax would rise approximately \$4 a billion a year.

In his message to Congress, the President recommended that Medicare patients pay \$100 a year, hospital and skilled nursing facilities \$200 per year for doctor bills.

He also called for a limit on Medicare payments to doctors, and a tax on both hospital and skilled nursing facilities.

The proposal, which would affect primarily in 1978, is designed to keep the cost of Medicare from rising so fast.

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visit to a hospital and skilled nursing services and \$29 per year for doctor bills for each visit to a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

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Eddie Sager retires after 36 years

A certificate of appreciation from Montana State University was presented to Eddie Sager, 70, on Friday. It marked his retirement after 36 years of service to the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station.

A party of friends and family gathered at the research center recently to acknowledge his contribution to agricultural research in Montana.

In the spring of 1940, Eddie began his work at what then was the Bitterroot Substation. Under three superintendents and four plant managers, he conducted his work in the experimental gardens, with apple tree varieties, garden vegetable varieties and cultural practices.

Over the years, Eddie planned more than 300 apple trees, weighed and evaluated the fruit, conducted taste tests, made numerous grafts on apple trees, and started greenhouse planting of thousands of tomato varieties.

Many of the ornamental trees on the station grounds, including the weeping trees in front of Corvallis High School,

His efforts have resulted in a recommended list of vegetable and fruit varieties for the region. Eddie was instrumental in developing methods of propagating poppies for the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. He will continue this enterprise after retirement.

He did early work on the use of plastic mulches for vegetables and helped to develop the use of mulches for tomatoes. Eddie's tomato fertilizer was one of the projects he was active in the 1950s. He was involved in the

fruit division of the Ravalli County Agricultural Experiment Station.

At his retirement, he and his wife, Mary, will move to a home in the Corvallis area.

He will be missed by all of us in the community, a member of the Corvallis community, a good friend and a valuable member of the community.

He will be missed by his wife, Mary, and his two sons, Don and Jim, and their families.

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