

From Telephone Pioneers

Blind Foundation receives donation

by MARTY MORRISON

Attempting to communicate over the phone can be a frustrating experience, but with the assistance of a telephone operator the message usually gets through. Marge Ward and her group of retired telephone operators, known as "Telephone Pioneers," extended that assistance to the Oral Hull Foundation For The Blind on Monday.

The Telephone Pioneers donated two decorative ceiling fans and two four-gallon soup pots to the Oral Hull Foundation during a coffee and tea gathering at Oral Hull Park, located north of Sandy.

The Oral Hull Foundation For The Blind is a volunteer organization that offers a recreational park for the blind, coupled with various other programs that allow the blind to experience the out-of-doors and make new friends, explained Evelyn Mathewson, board member at Oral Hull Park.

"In 1971 the Telephone Pioneers made their first donation to the Oral Hull Foundation in the form of an audio system designed for our 'Garden of Enchantment,'" said Marie Webb, publicity chairman at Oral Hull. The Garden of Enchantment accents the senses: touch, taste and smell.

"The system allows us to learn and enjoy the garden," added Webb.

In addition to the garden, Oral Hull Park also offers living accommodations during the summer months for those participating in one of the two week-long jamborees, explained Webb.

The accommodations offered come in the form of a 24-room dormitory complex and four mobile homes, Webb said.

According to Ward, the total value of the donation made by the Telephone Pioneers was about \$350.

"The cost of the donation was split between three other Telephone Pioneer councils," said Ward. "In addition to our council, the Rose City Life Member Club (a council open only to retired telephone operators),

the Mt. Hood Council, the Timberline Council and the Skyline Council also contributed.

The Telephone Pioneers are a "nationwide" group of working and retired telephone operators.

"The theme of our organization is to help those who are less fortunate through donations and social services," said Bill Thompson, president of the Rose City Life Member Club.



Bill Thompson, Charlene Thresher, Marilyn Montgomery and Liz Robinson were among the Telephone Pioneers who helped raise money for the Oral Hull Foundation.

Bull Run pulls for Aims fire victim

Members of the Bull Run community turned out in force Friday night for a chili feed-benefit for Carmel Knight, an Aims resident who was burned in a fire Jan. 10.

According to Vicki Little, president of the Bull Run Community Club, every staff member at Bull Run School contributed by work-

ing at the chili feed. Knight worked in the cafeteria at the school.

They served 270 people and raised \$1,140, according to Little.

Little, referring to the controversy that has at times engulfed the school, said "These are the things we are capable of doing when we pull together."

Garden club eyes trees at upcoming meeting

Oregon trees, conifers and deciduous alike, will be the subject of Anita Alexander's program for the Sandy Garden Club on Feb. 6 when the group meets at the Hood Chalet. Coffee hour will be at 9:30 a.m. and the program is scheduled for 10.

Alexander says her authority for the topic of this program is her husband, Lucien, who is a "walking encyclopedia" when it comes to trees. He is a consulting forester with Mason, Bruce and Girard.

Alexander has for many years done hybridizing of the candelabra

primula, developing new strains and colors.

Hostesses for the February Garden Club meeting are Donna Vedder and Joyce Orr.

Dover Ext. aids 4-H, hosts bake sale Feb. 7

The Dover Extension study group has announced its annual bake sale, to be held Friday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Clackamas County Bank in Sandy. A Valentine's Day theme is planned.

A good variety of baked goods will be offered for sale, including homemade bread, apple pies, cookies, cupcakes and brownies.

Proceeds from the sale will be used primarily for 4-H campships, and scholarships for 4-H Week at OSU next summer. Thanks to the good response from the sale last year, the study group was able to aid four members from this community.

The group is soliciting donations of baked goods from 4-H members and the community at large so that this sale will be even more successful.

Donations may be brought to the bank before 9:30 a.m. the day of the sale. For more information call Barbara Sytsma at 668-5407 or Donna Stuart at 668-8185.

Board meeting set Saturday

The Oral Hull Foundation For The Blind will hold its monthly board meeting on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Lodge.

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