

Gateway to the Oregon Caves

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Grayback
Guard School
Ends June 23

The Siskiyou National Forest annual guard school at the old Grayback 3C camp is completing a week's intensive training in fire detection and suppression. 65 men from the five ranger districts of the Siskiyou Forest are attending, about 40% of whom are veteran forest guards.

Members of the Redwood Ranger district smoke-jumpers unit are also attending the school. Ranger Harold Bowerman stated there would be 25 smoke jumpers stationed at Redwood this summer.

Ray C. Lindberg, representative of the Forest Service regional office in Portland, is inspecting the work. Instructors include the district rangers and assistants, squad leaders from the smoke jumpers, and staff members from Siskiyou Forest headquarters in Grants Pass.

In addition to training in fire prevention, detection, suppression and safety, the course includes instruction in radio and telephone communication work. The camp will break up tomorrow (Friday) and the men will return to their posts in the five ranger districts of the forest.

LOCALS

The C. J. Tuckers are back home to stay after a leisurely tour of the country, visiting with friends and relatives, some of whom they had not seen in 25 years.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Cox of Bellflower, Calif., is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murff, and has come up for a few weeks visit with her son and family and to see her new grandson, Randall Allen.

Mr. Leonard Beard and daughter Mildred left on Monday for a trip to Seattle and vicinity where they will visit a daughter and other friends, and are accompanied north by Rev. Collins of Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts of Paradise, California are visiting the Ken Hamiltons. They arrived Wednesday and plan to be here a few days.

Mrs. Grant Carothers was hostess at a stork shower in her home last Friday, honoring Mrs. Mary Bulla, and had as guests Mrs. Dorene Perry, Fay Kohlschein, Vivian Hagar, Edna Brillhart, and Mrs. H. J. Schneider.

The Harvey Towle's returned from a business trip to Sacramento and Oakland, California.

Mrs. D. H. Preston has as guests her mother-in-law, Mrs. Blanche Preston of Santa Monica, Calif., and her sister, Mrs. E. H. Dennis of Modesto, Calif.

Janice Burnett of Eureka is a house guest of Christine Duncan.

Mr. Clarence Martin and family spent Sunday attending the air show at Ashland, later on to Lake of the Woods before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loban from McMinnville, Oregon visited the Harry Floyd's at Holland Tuesday. Son Johnnie has been visiting at Holland for two weeks and returned with his folks.

Karl Speith is erecting an office on Redwood highway close to Fosters camp and will open a real estate and insurance office soon.

Sara Wertz left yesterday for Yoncalla, Oregon where she will spend most of the summer. She will visit with her sister Mrs. Dare Kingery.

Visiting the J. T. Healds during the week were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Scott of Ventura, Calif., Jack Deane and son Bob, and Mr.

Crater Lake Facilities
Now Open For Public

The Crater Lake National Park Company began operations June 15 with full service to the public including bus transportation to the park, meal service in the lodge and cafeteria, and lodging in the lodge and cabins. Because of early demands, it is urged that reservations for lodging be made in advance accompanied by a deposit.

All roads in the park are tightly blocked by snow, except the approach roads from Klamath Falls and Medford (Oregon State Highway 62). As no camping is possible in any park campgrounds at present because of deep snow, the public is advised to make use of campgrounds in the U. S. Forest Service areas adjacent, such as at Union Creek and Diamond Lake.

Buses leave the Pacific Greyhound Depot at Grants Pass at 4:30 p.m. and stop for passengers at the Medford Pacific Greyhound Depot enroute. The return schedule over the same route leaves the park at 8:00 a.m. The trip between the park and Grants Pass requires three and one-half hours. All times given are Pacific Standard Time.

Superintendent E. P. Leavitt of Crater Lake National Park states that early visitors to the park are privileged to see the lake wrapped in its wintry cloak and experience travel in snow of great depth. There are still 43 inches of snow recorded at Park Headquarters, three miles below Rim Village. It will probably be another month before all park roads and the lake trail can be cleared of snow and repaired for safe travel. The approach road between Prospect and Union Creek is glorious at this time because of the flowering dogwood in full bloom. Nightly lectures will be given by the ranger-naturalists in the lobby of the lodge beginning June 15, and information by uniformed personnel will be initiated in Rim Village on that date.

SELMA NEWS ITEMS
(Mrs. Fritz Krauss)

Daily Vacation Bible School closed with a program of songs and Bible verses by the pupils, Friday evening. Eighteen boys and girls had 100% attendance and about 40 attended part time. Their handwork which they had done during the school was on exhibit.

Miss Kay McKay of Southern California is here visiting Rev. and Mrs. S. H. M. Stains.

A Boy's Club for boys from the 5th grade through the 1st year in High School is being organized Thursday evening by Rev. Stains. The boys will do various kinds of crafts, play games, etc., and all boys are welcome.

The Junior Young People for both boys and girls, grades 5 through 8, will meet Sunday evening at 5:30 at the church.

At the School election Monday afternoon, Raymond Frost was elected to the three year term as director for the Selma sub-district. The question of combining all the Valley districts as one at Kerby and abolishing the sub-districts, was defeated, 15 to 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burr are remodeling their Selma General Store and putting in a new refrigerated fruit and vegetable display case.

Mrs. Jack Plumlee and three children have gone to the Salem area to work in the fruit harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frisbie and son Douglas have moved to Sutherlin, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carter and two children have moved into the house vacated by the Frisbies.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Blue, son Hubert and daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Blue and her two children attended the Cat Fish Derby Sunday at Tom Velle State Park on Rogue River in Jackson County.

BELT LODGE WILL MEET
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Belt Lodge No. 18, A.F. & A.M. will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the lodge rooms at Kerby. In addition to the stated meeting, an E.A. degree will be conferred. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Results of School Election

The voters of the Illinois Valley turned out in large numbers (compared with previous years) to select representatives for the various school governing bodies at last Monday's school election. More than 300 votes, nearly half of the 676 votes cast in the county, were from the Illinois Valley.

For the vacancy on the Josephine County School Board, James Wooddy (of Jerome Prairie sub-district) was elected with a vote of 420.

In the Selma sub-district, Raymond Frost was elected to the local committee, and the straw vote on consolidation of sub-districts was 8 for, 15 against.

In the Kerby sub-district, John Dillard was elected to the local committee, and the straw vote was 139 yes, 96 no.

At O'Brien, Hollis George was reelected to the local committee, and the straw vote was 18 yes, 11 no.

The results of voting in the Central sub-district was not yet in at press time.

Inasmuch as the straw vote to determine public sentiment in regard to the proposed merger of the Central, Selma and O'Brien sub-districts with the Kerby sub-district was merely for the guidance of the county school board, it is impossible to predict what the board's action will be in this regard. However, some have hazarded the guess that the heavy no vote, plus rejection by the Selma sub-district, will probably incline the board toward the belief that there is not enough popular sympathy to warrant the merger.

My Week At
Girls' State

(by Delores Campbell)

The girls divided into six groups, each containing about 30 to 31 girls. Each group represented a County, my County being, "You'll find us, when you want us," The County divided into two cities by numbering off, the odds being of Federalist party and the even number being Nationalist. My party was the Federalist. The Federalists called their city "We're Here." I was elected Mayor of this city.

We chose many city and county officials.

Our county chose candidates for each of the following: Labor commissioner, Attorney general, State treasurer, Secretary of state and Governor.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Lawson McCall, administrative assistant to the Governor and Captain Brown spoke to us, he spoke mainly on Communism.

Wednesday we had our party convention, here we elected our federalist candidate for governor and etc.

Thursday morning we had our general election and the Governors Banquet.

Thursday afternoon we toured the Capital building and heard the Governors inaugural address. We then heard Mrs. Good the National President of the Legion auxiliary, she spoke to us about the leaders of tomorrow. Mrs. Dorothy Lee the Mayor of Portland spoke to us about things women should do in the future.

Friday we held meetings in the Capital building and Saturday we selected the Girl for Girls Nation.

Kerby Notes

(By Mrs. Floyd Breedlove)

Mrs. Mabel Ballard and Mrs. Mabelle Duncan and children drove to Portland June 12. While there they visited with many friends. In Eugene they visited Mrs. Duncan's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Simon. Roberta remained in Eugene for an extended visit and to attend Girl Scout day camp.

On Friday June 9, Girl Scout Troop No. 92 under the direction of Mrs. M. Duncan and Agnes Seranton presented a program of songs and baton drills at the O'Brien Women's club. The girls were awarded membership cards. Mother Wilbur escorted by a Girl Scout Honor Guard was made a member of the troop and was presented with a Girl Scout World pin by Leader Mabelle Duncan.

NOTICE

The City of Cave Junction has an ordinance against the sale or use of fireworks within the city limits.

City Recorder Isabel Small, reports that "the law will be strictly enforced and anyone violating this law will be subject to a fine up to \$500.00"

This means any kind of fireworks and anywhere in the city limits, including private yards and streets.

Child Saved
From Death

Loretta McConnell, 2-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McConnell of Grants Pass, was saved from drowning last Sunday morning by the timely work of Dr. Charles N. Versteeg of Cave Junction and Les Tythcott of the Valley Ambulance service. The child had been unconscious for more than two hours when she was finally revived.

The McConnells were visiting Mr. McConnell's sister in Selma and Loretta tried to cross a small bridge over the creek. When her parents missed her and began a search, she was found unconscious in the water. Dr. Versteeg was called at once, and he in turn called the Valley Ambulance service before racing to Selma. Two hour's work with the oxygen resuscitator equipment of the ambulance was required before the little girl came around. It was surmised that she had struck her head on a rock as she fell in the creek.

It was indeed fortunate that the resuscitator was immediately available in the Valley, for such equipment is specially designed for use in drowning, asphyxiation and electrocution cases, and it is highly probable that Loretta could not have been revived without it.

O'BRIEN NEWS

(By Mrs. Blanche Lackey)

Bill Love arrived home Friday from a trip to Southern California.

Kathy and Stanley Love remained in Hemet, California to make their home.

Jerry Bruce brought Joanne Galland home from the college at Ashland on the week end.

The Ed George family spent Sunday visiting relatives in Williams.

Shelby Reece family are moving into the Quinn house.

Cecil Waggy and family went to Crescent City on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eaton visited the Hirshas Saturday.

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Norma Burrows took Bobbie to the dentist in Grants Pass on Monday.

Wanda Sugt is on a trip to Los Angeles, California on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lackey drove to Crescent City to meet their niece Mrs. T. H. Barrows from Los Angeles and her son Lee.

Mrs. Gene Dennis sister of Karl and Meryle Preston brought their mother Mrs. Blanche Preston from Los Angeles for a visit.

License Examiner To Be
Here On Monday, July 3rd

A Traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Cave Junction, Monday, July 3, 1950, and will be on duty at the Legion Hall between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Game Commission Acquires
Camp Adair Lands

The Oregon State Game Commission has received title to 1,975 acres on the Camp Adair tract north of Corvallis from the U. S. General Services Administration. The land is to be used for wildlife restoration work.

The land acquired is located on the former army camp building area which is strewn with concrete foundations, streets, and car pool sites. Because of these obstructions, the land was rated low in agricultural value, but deemed excellent for game production.

Equipment and 20,000 pheasant chicks were recently transferred to the Adair tract from the Eugene Game Farm which is to be disposed of. The pheasant chicks will be reared in a semi-wild state by using the open field pheasant rearing system. The system allows the pheasant chicks to run free in the fields during the day. At night, the young pheasants return to a brood hen in a coop.

When several weeks old, the pheasants will be trapped and released in Western Oregon pheasant coverts. Roy Dickinson, Superintendent of the Eugene Game Farm, heads the Adair pheasant project.

Propagation of game birds is only one of many planned activities for developmental use of the area, according to John McKean, head of game division activities for the Game Commission. The Adair site will be used as a field laboratory by the Fish and Game Department of Oregon State College. Public recreational values and wildlife production on the area will be stressed.

Game Commission habitat improvement crews have already made extensive plantings of multiflora rose to provide food and cover for the valley quail, bobwhite, and pheasants which now inhabit the area. Grain crops have also been sown on the tract. The Game Commission will harvest these crops as feed for its State Game Farm facilities and for winter feeding of game birds during critical periods.

Jr. Womens' Club 'Fun
House' Saturday, June 24

The third annual Fun House sponsored by the Jr. Women's Club of the Illinois Valley will be an event of Saturday, June 24, at 8 p.m. in the Legion hall.

There will be games and entertainment for all. Lots of good food and dancing. Admission is free.

Proceeds from the Fun House will buy additional equipment for the playground which is adjacent to the Ramblers picnic area. There are swings for the older children and for the tots, slide, teeters and an acrobatic bar. The playground will be in readiness for the Girl Scouts Day Camp and the VFW and Rough and Ready Ramblers Fourth of July celebration.

Lets all get out and help make the Fun House a huge success, so that our children will have entertainment for these idle summer days.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S
CLUB MEETING

The Jr. Womens Club held their regular meeting last Friday evening in the Auxiliary room with a large group attending.

Final plans for the Fun House were made. It will be held Saturday, June 24, at the Legion Hall. Beginning at 8 p.m. There will be many games and entertainment for both young and old, plus lots of good home made food. Free admission to all.

This Friday night all members and their husbands are to be at the Legion Hall at 8 p.m. to decorate for the Fun House.

Plans were made for a float to be entered in the VFW and Ramblers Fourth of July parade.

Guest for the evening was Ruby Matthews, a newcomer to the Valley.

At the close of the meeting lovely refreshments were served by hostesses, Caroline Covington, Virginia Steimer, Doris Beauvais and Margaret Nowak.

Moratorium
Awaits OK by
President

A bill for a three-month extension of mine assessment work was sent to the White House Tuesday.

On the recommendation of Senator Guy Cordon, the senate approved house amendments extending its provisions to Alaska and making minor technical changes.

Under basic mining law, \$100 worth of work must be done each fiscal year on mining claims on public land. The fiscal year will end June 30. The bill would let the claimant have until October 1 to complete the work if he has filed notice by July 1 that he will use the extra time.

The extension is effective only for the 1949 work.

Decrease Shown In Winter
Visitors To National Forest

Winter sports areas on the national forests of Oregon and Washington attracted a total of 427,703 visitors this past winter, according to figures just compiled by the U. S. forest service. Every major area except one showed a decrease in use, and for the second consecutive year winter sports visits throughout the Pacific Northwest region showed a 20% decrease from the previous year.

Abnormal snowfalls and blizzards again closed some of the popular national forest ski areas for several weeks at the peak of the season. Many people took advantage of the heavy snowfalls in metropolitan areas and enjoyed skiing and sledding on local golf courses and city parks, instead of visiting the winter sports areas in the mountains, according to Frank B. Folsom, assistant regional forester in charge of recreation and lands. "The decreased use on the major winter sports areas can thus be attributed to severe weather and not a slackening in interest in these sports," Folsom said.

George Morey and Ronnie
Terrel Travel To Annual
Boy Scout Jamboree

George Morey, veteran Boy Scout official, and Ronnie Terrel, Life Scout, left Medford Monday night aboard the Scout train for Eugene, first lap of their journey back to Valley Forge, Penn., where the annual Boy Scout Jamboree will be held this year.

In addition to attending the jamboree, the two plan a tour which will take them through the Great Lakes region and other scenic parts of the country. They plan to be gone about three weeks.

Gordon Campbell Graduate
of Oregon Technical Inst.

Gordon Campbell of Cave Junction, Oregon received his diploma Friday night, June 2, on graduation from Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He completed the required time and study to graduate from the Cabinetmaking course.

Graduation exercises took place in the campus theater where the public saw 194 students receive their certificates of accomplishment which were presented by Mr. O. I. Palson, State Director of Vocational Education.

City Water Bond Election
Next Tuesday, June 27

Voters of the Cave Junction precinct will go to the polls at the American Legion hall Tuesday, June 27, to vote on the water bonds which were passed on last January.

Due to a legal error in the first election, the \$20,000 bond issue is being resubmitted to the voters.

Banquet At Bank Opening

Plans for the banquet to be given at the opening of the Bank of Illinois Valley by the O'Brien Women's club are reported well underway.

This banquet will be a gala affair at the O'Brien Women's clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. July 15, the date of the bank's official opening.