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Editorially speaking

"A HOT POTATO"

To our way of thinking, city officials pulled a "boner" last Thursday evening in their adjourned regular session when they tossed the city gasoline bid back and forth like a hot potato.

We are not criticizing them for attempting to save the city money, but rather, on the method in which they handled the three bids after they had been submitted according to instructions called for in the letter sent to service station operators.

All three bids were based on the following paragraph which appeared in the letter sent to station operators: "the practice of purchasing tires, batteries, lube jobs, etc. from the station which pumps the city's gasoline will continue and your percentage of discount to the city on these items should be indicated with your bid per gallon, to store and pump gasoline delivered to your tanks."

Last Thursday evening, in a move to save the city money (with which we have no disagreement), city officials attempted to separate gasoline pumping bids from bids on tires. Officials also called for a survey on tire needs of the city during the coming year in an attempt to reach an estimated expense figure for tires, gasoline and accessories.

This breakdown procedure is fine, in fact, it should have been done before bids were requested. But, with service station operators submitting bids based on the letter and particularly on the paragraph quoted above, we believe the council will, if they carry through with their present decision, leave local station operators holding the bag!

Bids were to be awarded, according to instructions in the letter, on the gasoline bid price alone.

If the city wishes to change this procedure . . . fine, but we suggest that they back up and take a new crack at the problem. If officials want a low gasoline price, call for a gasoline bid. If they want a low tire price, call for a tire bid.

We suggest that the city reject all bids as submitted and issue a new call with directions outlined clearly.

PARENT DELINQUENCY!

Monday afternoon, it was our "displeasure" to witness city court action against five young men who had been arrested for possessing and consuming intoxicating liquors and for supplying liquor to minors.

The young men, only two of whom were over 21 years of age, were impressed, we believe, with the seriousness of their mistake, in addition to paying a sizeable fine.

These young men should have known better. The young girls involved in the party should have been able to recognize right from wrong.

But, our complaint is with the parents of these youngsters who permitted their children to become involved in such an escapade. We do not believe the term, "juvenile delinquency," is correct. It should be "parent delinquency."

Children are no better than their parents who have taught them a way of life. We are firmly convinced that the headline-making juvenile episodes of recent years can be blamed directly on the influence exerted by parents.

The sad part about the situation . . . it is the children who pay.

CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Church worship at 9:45 a.m. sermon, "Meeting the Requirements of Life." It will be young people's day throughout the whole church, and young people will help in the service. Church school at 10:45 a.m. with classes for all ages.

Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible school at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages; morning worship at 11 a.m.; sermon, "Man's Needs Supplied." Youth meeting at 7 p.m. for junior high and high school age; evening service at 8 p.m., sermon, "The Millennium and Judgment." Midweek service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. "The Church Speaks" KMED 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

Don Whitney, minister

Legislators Receive '55 Oregon Blue Book

First copies of the 1955 Oregon Blue Book are in the hands of Oregon legislators following distribution of the reference manual to them Monday.

The initial release of 1,000 copies will be followed shortly by further distribution to state, county and city offices; schools and the general public.

This later distribution will be made in February.

GENERAL MOTORS SHOW

The "Parade of Progress", annual assembly program concerning electronic and other scientific developments, will be presented to Crater High students in two sessions, at 9 and 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 1. The hour program is sponsored by General Motors.

Through The KEYHOLE



(This week introduces the Central Point American "trivia" column about this-n-that. All in good fun, the column is hereby dedicated to the enjoyment of all readers with everyone in our town as fair "prey" for the humorous, and perhaps barbed, pen of the writer. Incidentally, the writer will remain anonymous, so don't come cryin' to the editor if your name appears!)

The cost of the Continental Mill fire last week won't be fully assessed until Donny Faber and Carl Eisenberg get their suit pants back from the cleaners, along with bill for same.

Everybody but Donny laughed, when he found himself knee deep in mud and suddenly remembered he hadn't rolled his trouser legs up. There he was, rolling up his mud covered pants—"to keep them from getting dirty."

Guess what City Official bumped his head last week while reading water meters, when a local wag yelled, "Hey, dig that crazy astrich!"

Ira Brock has reportedly removed his surfboard from its recent location at 2nd and Maple and its getting tough to find a suitable lake, now that the sewer is repaired.

One of the fire department brass, a certain D. D. Turner by name, can't tell the difference between planks and sawdust. That's bad, especially when you walk out on a mill pond.

It really rough when the City Fire Department takes it upon themselves to tell a lady how to cook a roast. Teh! Teh! These nosy firemen.

Land Owners, Oil Men Hold Meeting At Sams Valley

By Mrs. Floyd Doland
SAMS VALLEY—All land owners in Sams Valley and Beagle were invited to attend a meeting Thursday evening at the grange hall with representatives of the oil association. The association is negotiating to purchase oil leases in this area.

Sams Valley Christian Builders have finished shirts for the African mission. Their next project is to make shorts to complete the suit. They are also happy to announce the church dinner had a large attendance and everyone enjoyed the program.

Sams Valley basketball team will play St. Mary's team at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Sams Valley school.

Emmett Nealon has been drumming up a little business for the Sams Valley garage. His car was parked by the garage and a salesman backed into it. The car will take a little straightening out.

HEC will meet at the home of Melita Preim Thursday, January 27. It will be an afternoon meeting.

AT HARDWARE SHOW

Chet Lengele of Alexander's Hardware is in San Francisco this week attending the spring hardware show. He left for the southern city Sunday and is expected home today.

Flue Fire Alerts Rural Firemen

A defective flue was cited as the cause of the fire early Tuesday morning which heavily damaged the interior of the J. L. Bradley residence at 6119 Crater Lake highway, according to members of Central Point Rural Fire department who responded to the alarm.

Mrs. Bradley and her four children escaped unharmed. Her husband was at work. Eldon Deem, Yellow Cab company driver, was credited with radioing the alarm to his company which notified Medford firemen, who, in turn, alerted the local department.

Two pumpers and one tank truck, manned by 12 volunteers responded to the alarm which sounded here at 1:30 a.m.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson, Elaine and Marsha were dinner guests Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson. The event feted Mrs. Wilson on her birthday.

A. Davis Named Council Prexy At Jacksonville

By Mrs. Carl Hoskins
JACKSONVILLE—Arthur Davis was named president of the Jacksonville council at a meeting last week, according to city officials. Other appointments included Carl S. Hoskins, sextant; Archie Bowman, caretaker of the cemetery; Mrs. Ruth Griffin, five-year term on the library board; M. L. Tweedy, three-year term; Leon Matheny, two-year term; Frank Carter, police chief, and budget board appointments. Carter had previously been given a 60-day temporary appointment. Mayor John Keavney was given authority to negotiate with the appropriate federal agency to secure aid in conducting a city sewer survey. The survey was approved at an earlier meeting. A chain saw was ordered purchased to remove dead tree limbs above city streets.

Funeral services were held this week for an old-time former resident of Jacksonville, Mrs. Anna Broad Sullivan, 58, who had been living in Coquille, but passed away in a Medford hospital. Services were held Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic church with interment in Jacksonville cemetery. Survivors include three brothers, Michael Broad, Coquille; John Broad, Nyssa, and Robert Broad, Blue Point, New York; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Dungey and Mrs. William Nickolaus, both of Coquille, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sullivan was born at Forbestown, Calif., in 1896. She had been a nurse most of her life and finished her student training at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford in 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis and daughter, Miss Linda Lewis, Klamath Falls, former Jacksonville residents, visited relatives Sunday in Medford and Jacksonville.

Mrs. Charles McKeen is in Sacred Heart hospital this week for medical care.

Chester McDonough is a surgery patient at Sacred Heart hospital this week.

Judge H. K. Hanna is reported

in good condition this week at Sacred Heart hospital where he was admitted last Sunday for medical care. He expects to be home within the next few days.

Glen Miles, 10, underwent appendectomy at Osteopathic hospital last week. The boy makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Francis.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Mayfield for an indefinite stay are his father, G. W. Mayfield, and his son, C. C. Mayfield, both of Goshen, Arkansas.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Sara Flemings on the outskirts of Jacksonville are her daughter, Mrs. Bell Gillings, of Medford and Mrs. Ruth Winter and grand daughter of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Markwith left last week on a business trip to San Diego, Calif.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



Although Liberty Hill was a typical small town, it had one cause for distribution. Other places have the same kind of houses, streets that were also named for patriots, a similar sense of neighborliness, but only Liberty Hill could boast of Miss Dove. Of course, any of us might have been fortunate enough to have met her counterpart. This is one of the charms of Miss Frances Patton's book—a feeling of reawakened memories and, perhaps, a twinge of nostalgia.

There was no uncertainty about Miss Dove. You could count on her as on the sun's rise, or on the coming of spring in fact, you could set your watch by the certainty of her schedule. She was feared and she was loved—everyone in the town had the inescapable and never-to-be-forgotten experience of six years in her classroom—six years of proper posture, neat appearance, good manners and conformity as undeviating as her own rigid lines of latitude and longitude.

It was incredible that anything could happen to Miss Dove and yet, it had. Liberty Hill was shaken to the very core of its being. It was then that they realized that the "terrible Miss Dove" was a wonderful part of every man, woman, and child. Who was it that had instilled in Tommy Baker the principles of fortitude and self-control that enable him to endure his experiences on that lonely life-raft? Who had shown the underprivileged William such an honorable philosophy of life that he was the reliable town policeman instead of a delinquent? To whom had pretty, red-headed Virginia gone for honest advice when she was sure her life was ruined?

"Good morning, Miss Dove" is a beautifully and sympathetic picture of the teacher who loves to form noble character from the rough clay that is all of us. Miss Patton has written a truly artistic book that is sure to delight the reader.

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