

# ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

## 2 GRASS FIRES IN CENTRAL POINT THREATEN HOMES

By F. M. Jones.  
CENTRAL POINT, July 3.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Paxson had a bad scare last Monday when a boy came into the garage store and informed them that the dry grass on the vacant lot next to their own had caught fire and was menacing their home. Hurrying home, they managed to bring the fire under control and prevented any serious damage to their property.

Last Sunday about noon Mr. and Mrs. Eddy, who recently bought the "Jack" Southwell place, while doing some odd jobs in the workshop at the back of the lot, noticed smoke apparently coming from the house, and rushed in to find that it came from the dry grass in the lot adjoining; some small boys had been playing there and one had dropped a lighted match. It required the combined efforts of Mr. Eddy and George Martin to save the house and outbuildings. Fortunately the fire started on the south of the place and went against the wind which was from the north, else the house must surely have gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Williams and family spent the week-end at Merill, making the trip by auto. They report the time and had a good trip except for a sudden thunder shower which caught them on the road and as they had no top to the car, they got pretty well soaked. None of the family suffered more than the discomfort of getting wet, however.

Miss Leola Hesselgrave is home from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hesselgrave. Miss Leola has been attending the state teachers college at San Jose, California, to which she will return after her vacation.

Accompanying Miss Hesselgrave from San Jose was Miss Jesse Hayes, of that city. Miss Hayes is a swimmer and a friend of Helen Willis.

"Fields Bohemian Seven," is a setting in some good work and bids fair to be one of the finest orchestras in the Rogue River valley. It is the hope and ambition of the members to make Central Point proud of them, and from all appearances, they are succeeding.

Miss Grazia Brenner and brother, Truman Brenner, left Wednesday morning by stage for a visit of from one to two weeks with relatives in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Good of Ashland visited one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran.

Mrs. Anne Wright who has been quite sick with asthma for some time is slowly improving.

Great preparations are being made by many of the local citizens for "The Fourth," and from the threats overheard it sounds bad for the "feesh."

Miss Erna Hamerick who has been visiting her parents, is to return to duty at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, after the Fourth. Miss Hamerick is just beginning her second year's training.

Harold Morton, our Mail Tribune man here, is sporting a brand new Ner-a-Car, which explains the improved service to The Mail Tribune readers, as regards the hour of delivery. Beats the old bike, eh, Harold?

John Albert transacted business in Medford and Jacksonville Wednesday. John says it was a rather hurried trip and for business only, so the wife didn't go.

A goodly number enjoyed "Abraham Lincoln" at the P. & E. Wednesday night. A wonderful story, wonderfully portrayed.

**A Correction.**  
The Woman's Relief Corps will hold their next meeting on Saturday, July 18, instead of July 15, as stated in last week's notes.

There will also be a food sale given by the corps on Saturday, July 11, at Damon's Cafe; all members are requested to bring something, baked or cooked, no later than 10 a. m.

## PARENT TEACHER INSTITUTE OPENS ASHLAND, OREGON

ASHLAND, July 3.—A substantial increase in attendance over last year marked the opening of the Parent-Teacher institute, yesterday, which is conducted by Miss Frances B. Hays, national field secretary of the organization and Mrs. George Perkins of Portland, president of the state P. T. association. A number from Grants Pass, Central Point, Medford and Ashland are in attendance.

Mrs. Perkins and Miss Hays were speakers at the assembly period at normal this morning. Mrs. Louis Dodge, state vice-president, introduced the speaker, it is largely thru Mrs. Dodge's efforts that these institutes have been made possible for Southern Oregon. Mrs. Perkins spoke first and outlined the function of the state organization and its relation to the different local organizations. The state membership numbers now over 16,000, and growing. It will have representation at the state teachers' association on the program. Miss Hays was the next speaker, and in the few minutes allowed, made clear the scope of the national organization, its ideals and the goal set, which is the education of the whole child. She stressed the responsibility and opportunity of the 200 organizations. Had she time, she stated, they would be "Let there be light" of education and "They were all with one accord in one place"—co-operation.

Miss Hays pleaded for an informed public and closed her pithy address with the opportunity for the help the organization offers and the place it is taking in the public thought. The sessions continue tomorrow, at the club house, with a luncheon at the Lithia Springs Hotel at twelve tomorrow, honoring the distinguished workers. It is expected that State Superintendent Churchill, V. O. N. Smith of this city and Miss Hays and Mrs. Perkins will speak.

Vern Blue will be one of the speakers at the normal early in the week. He will talk of Hawaii, where he spent a number of years. Mr. Blue is an Ashland boy, of whom it is justly proud. Since graduating in 1911 he has climbed far. He is now teaching at the University of Berkeley, and is one of the joint authors of the geography that will be used in Oregon schools the coming year.

Mrs. Gordon MacCracken entertained the officers and heads of committees at her home Tuesday evening. At the business session, plays were discussed for the reception to be given Tuesday evening for the faculty of the art school. A pleasant social evening followed, during which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Ashland Elks and Lithians are sponsoring a celebration and picnic at Lake of the Woods July 4 and 5. The sports are largely water events with the barbecue at 5:00 p. m., and closing with fire works over the lake. There are no special plans for the next day except the inspection of the sites for the Elks and Lithians club houses. It is stated that the roads will be put in condition for travel by the third.

Mrs. R. W. Price and two daughters are expected soon in Ashland. Two of the daughters have been here for some little time with their father. They all expect to spend the fourth at Crater Lake, returning here later.

The junior department of the Civic club has been holding its meetings regularly Thursday evenings. The work undertaken has been athletics under the supervision of Miss Bigmen field. Swimming just now occupies the attention of the club. Tennis was undertaken first. The membership is growing and the interest increasing. This new branch of the Civic club bids fair to become quite a factor in club life in Ashland.

A reception will be given by the Chamber of Commerce and the Civic Improvement club Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the Civic club house, honoring the faculty of the art school to which the public is cordially invited. All art students, normal students and members of the Civic club are urged to keep that evening free that they may enjoy the treat in store. Men are especially invited for the address of the evening will be given by Watterston Lowe, authority on interior decoration and a member of the faculty of the Ashland school of art. All are asked to attend, not alone to meet those who head the art school and to hear Mr. Lowe, but for the social hours as well.

I. E. Vining has just returned from a trip to the lava beds in company with a number of others, among them Captain O. C. Applegate, of Klamath Falls, veteran of the Indian wars. Mr. Vining brought home scores of beautiful pictures, not only of that country, but of scenes about Lake of the Woods, the Crater Lake region and many valley scenes. They were taken by a photographer from San Francisco. The pictures, many of them, will be used in illustration.

The marriage of Mrs. Jennie Schwan and E. H. Bush occurred on Tuesday afternoon at Medford at the Christian church parsonage. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bush left for the north for a short trip. They will make their home in Ashland. Mrs. Bush is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P.

Medical and surgical attention to prisoners and paupers is not protecting the public's health; nor does it, in any way, constitute public health work.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dean of Portland who have been guests the past week of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Lawrence have returned to their home.

Anyone having any news items will please hand them to the local correspondent, Mrs. E. E. Evans.

Mrs. Ed Adamson has returned from Portland where she underwent a serious operation.

Word has been received of the marriage of Prof. F. A. Haight of Medford and Mrs. Ossie Goods of Jacksonville which occurred June 20.

Prof. Haight has given music lessons in Talent a great many years and is widely known here. Former students and friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Haight happiness.

The Talent Rebekah club will meet on Friday, July 10th instead of July 3rd. This meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Nida Oatman, who will be assisted by Mrs. Glen Withrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowman drove over to Beatty and Malin, Oregon, Sunday, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman and Ruth and Alec, returning Tuesday.

The Epworth League held a very enjoyable lawn social last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Newberry. A goodly number were present. Delicious refreshments

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## EDEN PRECINCT

By MARY O. CAREY.  
Miss Beridene Young is home with her parents in North Talent, from Riverside, Cal., where she recently graduated from the high school at that place.

Mrs. C. C. Scott, who owns a fine orchard tract in Fern valley, has been spending the past 10 days in the valley attending to business. Mrs. Scott is now a resident of Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. A. S. Furry returned last Thursday from a week's trip to Corvallis and other northern towns. Mrs. Furry accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. Cate, who went down on business.

Mrs. Walter Allen left Monday evening for Portland to visit relatives and to take Miss Vivian Stancille and Miss Marjorie Caster as passengers, who were delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention in Portland this week.

Phoenix has a new camp ground for the traveling public now, the grounds are in the fine pine grove near the depot. This affords many who wish to work a while in the orchards here a place to camp.

Lester Newland and wife and Mr. Parker and daughter, Miss Mary, and Mr. Newland Sr., were among those from Phoenix who attended the dance at Jackson Hot Springs last Saturday evening.

Many fine raspberries are being marketed from the different growers from Phoenix now. Mr. Shearer has been taking many crates into the markets in Medford the past two weeks.

The Phoenix quartet will sing their negro spirituals again next Sunday evening by request. They will also sing several other of the old-time melodies. These musical treats are held once each month and are greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newland are enjoying a visit from Miss Mary Dorka, one of their young lady chums from Colorado. Miss Dorka will spend the summer with the Newlands.

J. E. Fish has about two acres of the finest looking potatoes to be found anywhere in the valley. Mr. Fish is soon begin to market this crop, as it is thought they will bring the better price now.

Miss Margaret Wheat is visiting with her cousin, Mrs. S. S. Stevens, and will in all likelihood spend the summer in this part of the valley. Her mother is with Mrs. Calhoun for the summer.

Charles Holdridge was out along the highway last Monday delivering some of his fine Lambert cherries. The cherry crop is going out pretty fast this season on account of the hot weather.

H. M. Morrison of North Talent cut 32 tons of wheat and vetch from six acres on his place this season. The crop was sown in the fall and was harvested about June 15.

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## WILLOW SPRINGS

The Jackson county health unit, consisting of seven members, of which Mrs. R. H. Paxson is president, met with Mrs. J. W. Elden on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Misses Frances and Harriet Sparrow of Kirtland farm are entertaining as house guests Miss Barbara Allen of Portland and Miss Grace Sawyer of Bend. They came about the middle of June and will remain until Miss Frances goes to summer camp, July 13. Wednesday evening they entertained a party of girl friends at a picnic supper at the river.

Last week United States Deputy Marshal T. Knox and Mrs. Knox of Portland, while on their wedding trip through the state, were guests at the P. A. Bonney home.

The Bonneys also had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Ed Browning of Calgary, Canada. The Brownings were en route to southern California and will return here later for a longer visit and a trip to Crater lake. The Brownings and Bonney families were old friends and neighbors in Canada.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson and daughter, Mary, spent last week in Phoenix as guests of Mrs. Thompson's father, Theodore Fish Sr.

The Scandinavian picnic, which is an annual event, was held last Sunday at Ashland. A number attended from this vicinity.

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## ASHLAND SCHOOL OF ART TO OPEN

ASHLAND, July 3.—(Special.)—The Ashland School of Art will start Monday, July 6, more promising than ever. Miss White, director of the school, has had ten times the number of inquiries from all parts of the United States than she had last year, and there has been a great deal more interest shown throughout the valley.

Students from farther away are already arriving and Mrs. Walter Lowe, in charge of the interior decorating department, is here. Mrs. Lowe is a well known professional decorator in New York and also heads the work at Pratt Institute. With five trunks of interesting things to illustrate her courses his students are assured of a rare treat, as well as getting the best advice on their own problems.

All eight courses of last year are to be given with the addition of several new courses. Costume design, figure work, interior decoration, lamp shades and other accessories for the home.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies' Civic club are going to give a reception for the faculty Tuesday evening at the Civic club house, so if there are any in Medford who are interested in interior decorating they may come up and hear Mrs. Lowe speak that evening.

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—Forget the things we expect to get out of America, that we may realize more fully that the nation can give back no more than we put into it;

—Forget our grievances, real and imagined, that we may have a keener appreciation of the fact that, after all, we enjoy privileges and opportunities greater than those of any other people!

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