

Forest Service Removes Lookout Station

Shady Cove Girl Takes First in Speaking Contest

Miss Millie Haynie, Shady Cove, won first place in a public speaking contest sponsored by Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Crater High school Thursday. Her topic was "Youth Looks at the Future."

The winner studies at Eagle Point High school under Bert Simmons, speech coach for the school.

Second place was won by Bill Frake, Medford High school, student of DeVere Taylor, and third went to Miss Sandra Sawyer, Trail, also of Eagle Point High school. Five contestants were entered.

Speaks Wednesday
Miss Haynie will speak Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Pythian building, Medford, with Carl Gregorius, Grants Pass, as her opponent. Gregorius won the Josephine county contest. The public has been invited.

Gifts were presented to the winners of last week's contest by Hugh Welsh, Grants Pass, grand chancellor of Oregon Knights of Pythias, who served as master of ceremonies. Judges were R. C. Isaacs, Gilbert Mack, Gold Hill elementary school principal, and Gay Hallett, Central Point.

Don Lacy, Central Point, was chairman of the contest and Tom Davidson and Chancellor Commander James O'Duane, both of Medford, were co-chairmen.

Winner of the bi-county contest this week will go to Portland later to enter the state contest. Winner of the national contest, to be held at Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 11, will receive a \$16,000 scholarship from the league.

Instructors Review FFA Convention

Jackson county vocational agriculture instructors reviewed the recent state Farmers of America convention and awards presented there Wednesday afternoon at a meeting in the Crater High agriculture room.

Also discussed were adult education programs at the two schools and plans for a larger agriculture shop exhibit at the county fair in August. A livestock judging contest for FFA boys was also considered.

Attending the meeting were Ed Griggs, Crater vocational agriculture instructor, who presided; Bill McFarlane, Crater agriculture instructor; Jack Dube, Phoenix agriculture instructor, and Nat Etzel, Eagle Point agriculture instructor.

Next meeting will be held April 16 at the Eagle Point agriculture building.

Fairbanks Couple Buy Ashland Motel

L. Hausmann—Mr. and Mrs. Earle L. Hausmann, Fairbanks, Alaska, have purchased the Ashland motel in Ashland and take over the business April 1.

Hausmann has been affiliated with the Piggy-Wiggly company, a national chain store system, for the past 29 years. He is also president of two other Alaska corporations.

Mrs. Hausmann, who has taught art at the Everett Junior college, Everett, Wash., plans to have an art studio at the motel.

Beside some immediate remodeling of the living quarters, the Hausmanns plan future expansion of the motel facilities. They also plan to build a separate residence on the property.

Mayor Snider Gets Frozen Salmon Gift

Mayor John Snider was recipient last week of a 5 pound frozen silver salmon and a proclamation sent by Seattle Seaside's King Neptune VIII.

Presentation was made by the "Flying Restaurateurs" of the Washington State Restaurant association, who stopped here Monday during their air tour of 22 Pacific Northwest cities.

The group also invited local members of the restaurant industry to attend the ninth annual Pacific Northwest Restaurant Convention and Exposition to be held in Seattle's Civic auditorium April 9-11.



FORMER LOOKOUT—J. F. G. Cone, who manned the old lookout station on Mt. McLoughlin many years ago, provided incentive for many mountaineers to make the rough pilgrimage. Cone, who ran away from his home in France when a boy, is now being sought. He is believed to be about 78 years old. Above photograph was taken when he was about 47 years old.

Scholarship Awarded To Three Students

Three students from Medford Senior High school and Phoenix High school received Elk Lumber scholarships Thursday.

Ann Buchwalter, G. Arner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Arner of 2009 East Main st., Medford, received a scholarship to Willamette university. An active member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church of Medford, Ann has held the offices of secretary, treasurer and publicity chairman of the group, and has been its representative to the Inter-Church Youth council. She has also been a member of the pep club, Future Teachers of America and the school choir. She is now a member of the Madrigal group, and was recently chosen to be a member of the All-Northwest choir to assemble in Boise, Idaho, the first week in April.

She is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Medford, where she served as moderator of the Westminster Fellowship youth group in 1934, as Fellowship chairman in 1935 and as Witness chairman in 1936-1937. She is a member of the Westminster Fellowship choir and has taught in the Vacation Bible school for the past two summers. Joyce was a delegate to the state meeting of Presbyterian Youth in her senior year.

The Elk Lumber Scholarship committee will be considering other applications for scholarships in mid-April, and will continue to accept applications beyond that date, it was announced.

Water May Be Short In Northeast Area
Hermiston—(U.P.)—Water supplies in the Umatilla-Walla Walla basin seem likely to be somewhat shorter than normal, according to W. T. (Jack) Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor.

Frost said smaller than normal snow packs coupled with only fair soil moisture conditions in the northeast Oregon area will cut water supplies to some irrigators.

However, good soil moisture conditions in the northeast Oregon area should make up for snow lost during early season thaws, resulting in near normal water supplies in the area, Frost forecast.

In general, snow cover on the Walla Walla river watershed is only 86 per cent of the 15 year average from 1933 to 1952, 82 per cent of normal on the Umatilla watershed, 72 per cent of normal on the Willow Creek watershed, and 90 per cent in northeast Oregon.

Area watermasters reported to the water forecast meeting held during the last two days that the reservoir situation in the northeastern area is excellent.

Two Farm Courses Planned Next Year

Eagle Point—Members of the Eagle Point advisory board Tuesday discussed plans for the 1957-58 adult education program for farmers.

Directors decided to offer two courses because of the interest shown in the one course held last winter. First course will be farm business accounting and credit. It will start the first week in November.

At the completion of that course, another 10-week course on farm shop skills and repair will be held.

Attending the meeting were Darrel Stanley, chairman, Don Geren, Bill Jess, John Ousterhout, Charles Stanley, Mert Bradshaw and Nat Etzel, vocational agriculture instructor. The meeting was held in the vocational agriculture building.

Illustrious French Lookout Sought After Many Years

Mountain Man Drew Many Visitors to Peak

By Mary Jo Harris
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Butte Falls—The old lookout station atop 9,000 foot Mt. McLoughlin, which withstood the fierce onslaughts of wind and lightning for so many years, was forced to yield at last—but to man rather than to the elements.

Forest service officials were fearful that mountain climbers seeking shelter in the structure, which is built on an eight to 10 foot rock and concrete foundation, might be injured if it should collapse. Thus they removed the steps for safety. Today the structure has fallen in on the foundation.

The lookout post was abandoned approximately 20 years ago, when on clear days a lookout on Mt. McLoughlin could view vast reaches of forest, but there were too many days when clouds shrouded the high altitude peak while lower level posts were not so hindered.

Present day forest service practice favors maintenance of more lookout stations on less lofty promontories, where clouds are generally above, rather than trying to watch great areas from a few high peaks. The Rogue River National Forest now has many stations, all of which have telephones or short wave radios. J.F.G. Cone

The old station on Mt. McLoughlin has always held interest for passing airmen and the few hardy hikers who each season make the four or five mile climb to its lofty site. But years ago, when the post was manned by J.F.G. Cone, quite a number of people made the pilgrimage just to see and talk to the lonely lookout, a character straight out of a book.

Cone had run away from his home in France when a boy and for years sailed the seven seas. He became something of a scholar and philosopher and somewhere along the way attained unusual proficiency in photography and in knitting and crocheting. His work in the latter craft rivaling that of the most skilled feminine hands.

The lookout's sartorial tastes were as unusual as his other attainments. His coal black beard and hair were allowed to grow long, the hair being kept neatly braided with bright colored ribbons. An elaborate lavaliere usually dangled from his neck, the lookout peeping out below the beard.

Wore Loincloth
For summer wear the mountain man encumbered himself only with a loincloth, though when visitors hove in sight he would bow to convention by donning a mother Hubbard dress or a pair of shorts. On his infrequent trips to town, or nearby Lake O' Woods, Cone would deck himself out in shirt, shorts and high boots.

The colorful J.F.G. Cone has been gone for many years from the little stone and wooden station where he kept his lonely vigil. Today there is a quest to find him. His full name is Jeff Francis Cone (pronounced Con-ny).

About 78 Years Old
Cone would be approximately 78 years old this year and was last reported still alive in Ashland in August, 1939.

He had a brilliant personality, was a philosopher, scientist and naturalist. Everything he did was letter perfect. He was a vegetarian and was never known to be sick. He lived a clean life and as far as is known, never married. He did not use tobacco or liquor in any form.

A story was once written on this man's life and published in a magazine.

He stayed with Evan Reams on Wagner creek road for about two years and often gave lectures at Medford High school.



CONVERSATION PIECE—When Jake Olsen of Olsen's Fountain, Eagle Point, had this new-style telephone installed in his place of business, he came from miles around to look at it. Eagle Point youngsters who had never used his phone before thought up excuses to make calls, just to try it out, according to Olsen. The instrument, made in Sweden, is called an Ericophone, and has the dial on the bottom. To "hang up" the user merely sets the instrument down. According to D. O. Hood, president of Columbia Utilities, whose company serves the Eagle Point and upper Rogue areas, many orders have been placed for the new telephone. Above, Olsen demonstrates how the instrument is used. It weighs less than the receiver of a regular phone.



NEW DESIGN—Looking more like a piece of modern sculpture than a telephone, many new instruments like the one shown above are currently being installed by Columbia Utilities in the area north of Camp White. According to D. O. Hood, president of the company, the unit is primarily designed as an extension phone, but can easily be adapted for use as a main phone. Weighing only 15 ounces, the instrument contains everything a regular phone does except the bells.

Speech Contest Winners Named for State Match

Contestants who will represent the southern Oregon district in the Oregon High School Speech League tournament at Oregon State college April 12-13 were selected Friday and Saturday.

Selections were made in individual contests held at Medford Senior High school. Winners of debate contests were named on March 9.

E-R Commission Selects Bridge Site

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland's multi-million dollar exposition coliseum will be located at the Broadway-Steel bridge site on the east bank of the Willamette river.

The Exposition-Recreation commission settled a three-year controversy over location of the \$8 million facility Friday in a unanimous vote for the bridge site. The center was approved by the voters in May, 1954.

The initial vote on the Broadway-Steel bridge site was 4-1 with Commissioner James J. Richardson holding out for the Buckman field location. However, he later asked that the bridge vote be made unanimous.

The commission cited these advantages to the Broadway-Steel bridge site:—It could be expanded without great additional cost and without relocating many families.

—It is close to the center of the city.
—It will enhance the beauty of what is now an industrial neighborhood.

Providence, R.I.—(U.P.)—Rep. Bernard T. McDonald introduced a bill in the legislature Friday which would cut the price of haircuts for baldish men 65 years old and over.

Contract Awarded For Table Ends at Crater Lake Park

A contract has been awarded M. C. Lininger and Sons company, Medford, for construction of 120 pre-cast concrete table ends for Mazama camp ground at Annie Springs in Crater Lake National park, according to Tom Williams, park superintendent. The work is part of the "Mission 66" improvement program for the park. Williams said. The concrete ends will furnish 60 camp tables.

Lininger's bid was \$2,160. Other bidders were Peyton and company, Klamath Falls, \$3,540; Redimix Concrete company, Grants Pass, \$4,050; Builders Supply company, Medford, \$3,650; W. H. Conrad company, Medford, \$7,740; and Medford Concrete Construction company, Medford, \$10,320.

Commission Lets Bids for Highway Construction Work

Portland—(U.P.)—A major road widening project on Highway 99 south of Salem was approved for construction here Friday when the State Highway commission received a bid of \$605,067 on the work from Roy L. Houck and Sons.

The commission also approved a bid from Tom Lillebo of Reedsport for construction of bridges at three locations on Pacific highway north of Grants Pass. The Lillebo bid was for \$286,582.

The city of Delake in Lincoln county offered a gift of \$87,000 worth of city-owned land on the north side of the D river for a state park. The 20-acre tract lies just east of Highway 101. The commission agreed to study the offer.

Other Bids
Other bids received at Friday's meeting here included: Benton—Grading and paving project at Philomath; Corvallis Sand and Gravel, \$12,942. Clatsop—Culverts and grading Oregon Coast highway north of Seaside; James G. Robertson, Clackamas, \$23,742. Curry—Grading and paving Gold Beach-Hunter Creek section of Coast highway, 1.50 miles; Central Heating company, Eugene, \$223,055. Gilliam and Wheeler—23.59 miles of oiling on John Day and Wasco-Heppner highway; Russell Olson company, Pendleton, \$23,699.

Lane—Coast fork relief bridge of reinforced concrete and timber overflow bridge on Willamette highway three miles east of Goshen; Hamilton Thoms, Eugene, \$23,982. Marion—Masonry block chapel in Silver Falls park; G. A. Lantz, Salem, \$12,995. Polk—Grading and stone base 2.96 miles of Burns Corner-Silver road seven miles south of Monmouth; D. F. McKenzie, Salem, \$87,396.

Tillamook—Two bridges over Wilson river 23 miles east of Tillamook on Wilson river highway; George E. Berry, Beaver-ton, \$104,618. Umatilla—Paving 24 miles at Echo; Russell Olson company, \$6,616.

OUT OF BOUNDS
Detroit—(U.P.)—Fred A. Harrison told the Detroit draft board Friday that his greetings and invitation to join the Army flattered him but explained that he could not accept. Harrison added that he is a Canadian citizen with residence in Riverside, Ont., and is 60 years old.

Rome, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Hiram Prior, 49, who police said told them "I never did like cats," was sentenced to a year in jail Friday for killing a black cat by slashing its throat with a jackknife. "I will kill any black cat that crosses my trail," police quoted Prior.

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