

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

Ashland residents, who seem to count it a blessing just to live there, now have something else to be proud of—their new city hall. It's quite a place.

The city council held its first meeting in its new chambers last night, and they all seemed impressed with their plush surroundings. The chambers include a wall-to-wall carpet, thick leather swivel chairs and a view overlooking the Plaza.

"Don't bring anyone up here," cracked City Attorney Harry Skerry, "and then try to tell them we're poor."

Mayor Richard Neill, City Superintendent Elmer Biegel, who's responsible for much of the work, Councilman Glenn Revel and City Recorder W. E. Bartelt accompanied us on a tour of the hall last night. The work, which started last October, isn't quite finished yet but Biegel said it should be within the next two weeks or so.

The buildings interior features various kinds of wood paneling, with modern furnishings and fixtures throughout. Hard for someone who hasn't lived in this area long to believe it was a fire hall only a half-dozen years ago.

Mayor Neill said the city will hold open house about the first of March so Ashlanders can tour the premises and see where their elected and appointed officials handle the job of guiding the community.

"Fine," said Bartelt. "Let's hold it on a Sunday."

"Nope," replied the mayor with what seemed to us a sadistic grin. "We'll hold it on a Monday—early Monday."

A potluck dinner and dance at the Phoenix Community club last Saturday night was to have been the first in a series of community events designed to help the townsfolk get better acquainted with their neighbors.

From what we heard, it was a flop.

Only 35 persons (of a population of 875, according to the sign at the edge of town) attended the dinner and the dance floor wasn't exactly a mob scene. There were seven couples.

Mrs. Lloyd (Nick) Nikodym, co-chairman for the event, told Mail Tribune Reporter Joe Cowley, also a Phoenix resident, that "most of the people who attended the dance were from outside the community. Few of the community leaders showed up."

"If we can't get more community participation than that," she told Joe, "we might as well annex the town to Medford."

Maybe Mrs. Nikodym is a little bitter. Then again, after working hard on a project only to see it take a nosedive, maybe she has good reason.

Grandma, according to Evalyn Watson, our Shady Cove correspondent, was giving the new bride a heart-to-heart talk:

"Child," she said, "I hope your lot is going to be easier than mine. All my wedded days I've been carrying two burdens—Pa and the fire. Every time I've turned to look at one, the other's gone out."

And speaking of going out...

NAME SAFETY CHAIRMAN

Central Point — Delmer Smith announced that the Crater High school FFA chapter has elected a new farm safety chairman, Alan Bray, a freshman. In connection with his duties, he will be visiting the farms, giving safety checks and pointing out safety measures. Bray will be putting out safety bulletins and participating in radio programs. He is a member of the Crater FFA parliamentary team.

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Voters to Decide School Bond Issue

By MARY KELL
Gold Hill — Parents and patrons of district 6C will vote on a \$295,000 bond issue tomorrow. Gilbert Mack, principal of Patrick and Hanby Elementary schools, said voters in Gold Hill may cast their votes in the band room

at the Hanby school between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m. He said the building program is important to the entire district for it would give

the schools of district 6C the physical facilities that would enable them to continue to meet state education standards. He pointed out that it is necessary to meet state school standards in space per pupil both within the classroom and on the playground if the district is to continue to receive the state education money allotted each year. This makes up a considerable part of each year's school budget, Mack said.

He stressed that this money from the state has been totaling about 35 per cent of each year's budget expenditure in district 6C. In 1958-59 it exceeded 37 per cent.

New Cafeteria

The proposed building plan, Mack said, would bring to Gold Hill four additional classrooms, two toilet areas and a cafeteria complete with kitchen and stage. This will make unnecessary the many bus trips between the two schools. These trips are necessary to bring Patrick children to Hanby daily for cafeteria lunches. Other trips are necessary when youngsters need to use a gym floor for physical education classes and need a stage for participation in school programs and assemblies.

By voting "yes" the patrons of district 6C would insure adequate facilities for the school children, he said, and also would safeguard nearly one third of a million dollars of state school money that district 6C receives each year to help buy the items a school needs to function properly.

The polling place in Central Point will be at the Central Point Junior High gym and, at Sams Valley, school patrons may vote in the auditorium.

Public Meeting Set Tonight on Water Bond Issue

Phoenix — A public meeting will be held in the Phoenix grade school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, to discuss a proposed water development bond issue, Mayor Arthur MacKintosh announced Tuesday.

The meeting to discuss the proposed \$15,000 bond issue was agreed to by the Phoenix city council at Monday night's meeting.

The money would be used to put two new wells in operation and to extend a water pipeline along A st. to the new subdivision being planned south of Phoenix, Irving Hanscom, city watermaster, explained.

The pipeline would extend 1,064 feet along A st. and a pipeline 13,011 feet long would be needed to hook up one of the two new wells to the city reservoir, Hanscom said. The well with the larger capacity should pump into the reservoir when needed and the smaller capacity well would be connected with the other well.

The larger capacity well can pump 275 gallons a minute and the smaller one 60 to 70 gallons a minute. The two wells are not in use now, Hanscom pointed out. The city would have four wells to draw from with passage of the bond issue.

The city is using only one well now, he said. The well pump would start shooting water into the reservoir automatically when triggered by a float device in the reservoir, the watermaster said. This is the same type of hookup used now.

The two wells were brought

Regional News

Auction Set to Raise Funds for Cemetery Project

Phoenix — The Phoenix Lions club will hold an auction at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Community club building to raise funds for the Phoenix pioneer cemetery rehabilitation, Lions club officials announced.

All those with items to donate to the auction are asked to bring them to the Community club building Thursday night or to call Bert Stanciloff at KEystone 5-1458 to have the articles picked up.

Bill Young and Bill Murray, both of Talent, will act as auctioneers. The Lions club is also accepting cash donations for the project. Approximately \$50 in cash has been donated so far, club officials said.

Part of Townsite

The Phoenix cemetery, located behind the Southern Oregon livestock auction yard, is part of the original land donated by Samuel Colver for a Phoenix townsite. The first Phoenix Presbyterian church was located on the property and the graveyard was then the church cemetery.

Lions club members have cleared much of the brush and many of the surplus trees crowding the ancient grave-stones.

The club was praised by the city council Monday night as town officials went on record favoring the club's cemetery cleanup project.

In last August after the city purchased a small piece of property southwest of Phoenix and on the south side of the Fountain Lumber company for \$6,500.

"At present, water levels we will have plenty of water to serve the 65 new homes planned and enough if the town doubles in size," Hanscom said.

Student Named IRC Head

Ashland—Southern Oregon college student Dave Dickerson of Ashland was elected president of the Pacific Northwest Region association of International Relations clubs during the organization's three-day meeting at Reed college in Portland last week.

Dickerson and Betty Berg, Medford, were SOC's delegates to the conference, which was part of the training program of local IRC groups in preparation for the annual Model United Nations set for early April in Berkeley, Calif.

The Northwest Regional area includes colleges in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, and parts of Montana. The clubs study world affairs with particular emphasis on the foreign policy of the U. S.

Theme of the Portland conference was this country's policy towards Africa. Speakers included Sen. Wayne Morse, Frank Enoch of Nigeria and professors from Lewis and Clark and Central Washington colleges.

Faculty advisor to the association is Dr. Clifford Miller of SOC.

Gold Hill — Members of the city planning committee and the city council met at the home of Mayor Milton Steinmetz recently to begin work on the city budget. Attending were Committeemen Ralph Bell, chairman; H. D. Force and Paul Molloy, and Councilmen Fred Lester, Virgil Gribble and Kendal Dufur.



KEY CORRESPONDENTS—Six correspondents from the larger communities inside the Mail Tribune's circulation area last week visited Medford for a luncheon and briefing on the paper's new Regional News page. Seated are (from left) Mrs. Katherine Chapman, Hornbrook; Mrs. Maude Ziegler, Applegate Valley; and Mrs. Evalyn Watson, Shady Cove. Standing are Mrs. Dottie Harbison, (left) Eagle Point; Mrs. Doris Hughes, Central Point, and Mrs. Mary Kell, Gold Hill. —(Photo by Ken Knackstedt)

Shower Planned for House Fire Victims

Shady Cove—Residents here will hold a community shower at the VFW hall at 8 p.m. Saturday for the Ed Brown family, whose home was destroyed by fire early last Friday morning.

The family at present is living in a trailer on their property on Long Branch rd., about four miles from Shady Cove.

Miscellaneous contributions

DONATIONS NEEDED

Rogue River—The Rogue River Community Chest is asking for donations of quilt pieces or material. Donors may leave the goods at the home of Mrs. Phil Engles or Mrs. William White or call JU 2-3453.

Meadows — The Meadows Friendly Neighbors club will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Curtis McRea, Antioch rd.

- BOB WALTERS, Regional Editor
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Butte Falls—Mary Jo Harris, TO 5-2126
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Eagle Point—Dottie Harbison, HI 6-3274
Gold Hill—Sams Valley—Mary Kell, UL 5-1126
Hills—Mrs. M. F. Cavin
Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman, GR 5-3586
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