

'Buzz Session,' Building Plan Highlight Meeting

By DORIS HUGHES
Central Point—The annual "buzz session" and a discussion of plans for a school cafeteria and library highlighted Thursday night's meeting of the Central Point Parent Teacher association at the Junior high school.

Charles A. Meyer spoke concerning the bond issue, giving the school board credit for many hours of work on school problems. He said plans include converting the present junior high school library to a lunch room. At present, school officials are faced with the problem of feeding 500 students in a space designed to accommodate 100.

The space which is now the stage of the library would house the cafeteria's kitchen. Folding tables would facilitate the rooms being used for various other activities.

It is planned to add a 42 foot by 35 foot library complete with workroom and storeroom to take care of the carding and care of books and the storing of films and projection and recording equipment.

In speaking of crowded conditions, Meyer also mentioned the fact that Central Point Elementary and Junior High school has reached within 60 or 70 youngsters of the enrollment which made necessary the building of the H. P. Jewett Elementary school.

George Johns, principal of Central Point Elementary and Junior High school displayed arts and crafts which students of the junior high school had made. Ceramics, cooper work and leather tooling were included.

The eighth grade shop classes, under the direction of Robert Murphy, had laminated woods of their choice and had built coffee tables or fashioned fruit and nut bowls and other objects.

Bill Brewster, principal, spoke briefly concerning progress in reading at the Jewett Elementary school. Mrs. Stanley Parrish, PTA ways and means chairman, thanked the members for their participation in the chili dinner which was given recently to raise funds.

In closing the business session, Mrs. C. E. Chamberlain turned the meeting over to Mrs. Clifford Bailey, program chairman, who introduced the "buzz session." Previously collected questions concerning the school and activities were distributed to the six groups. After a brief discussion period, representatives from each circle reported on reactions to the questions.

Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER
Applegate Valley — The curving road and beautiful paths that were nice for leisurely walking are all gone now, say two local ladies who are lamenting the advent of the new road on Carbury. But both ladies admit the necessity of wide and straight roads.

LeRoy (Dutch) Offenbacher, whose farm lies "across the river," was busy sawing drift logs from his bridge after Monday's high water.



Regional News

Talent's Application to TID Must Be Submitted by April 6

Talent—The city of Talent must have its application in for inclusion in the Talent irrigation district by the TID board meeting on April 6, according to Walter Hoffbuhr, TID manager.

The Talent city council Tuesday night discussed the proposal to tie in the city water system with the Talent irrigation district but did not take any action. According to the proposal, the city of Talent would draw about 300 acre feet of water from Wagner creek near Talent. The irrigation district would replace the water to take care of prior irrigation rights on the creek and charge the city an estimated annual rate of \$1,500 to \$2,000.

"In other words," Hoffbuhr explained, "the city of Talent would be included the same as a piece of land would be. We want them in by April 6 if they're coming in so we can include them with the other land which will be served by the Talent project water."

Because of a serious water shortage last summer, city water was rationed for more

Hornbrook Group Plans Dinner, Dance

Hornbrook—The Vaqueras, Hornbrook's girls' mounted drill team, is sponsoring a spaghetti feed and dance this Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Proceeds will be added to the treasury to help defray travel expenses for the group when it travels around this Jack Wayne is the girls' advisor and the captain and co-captain, respectively, are Janet Ferguson of Hills and Donna Spearin. Other members of the team are Darlene Spearin, Lulabelle Whitten, Penny Barnum, Gerry Elmore, Linda Blankenship, Jeannie Cardoza and Barbara De Clerck, also of Hills.

Citizens Decide to Remodel Building

Hills—Citizens attending a public meeting here last week decided to remodel the community center building for use as a recreation hall. Earlier, the old hotel building had been considered as a prospective site.

Material will be furnished by the Fruit Growers Supply company and the labor will be voluntary.

A committee, under the chairmanship of Don Powers, was appointed to canvass the town to determine whether residents were strongly in favor of the project. Other committee members are Robert Goodwin, Mrs. Audomar De Clerck, Tony Marin, Mrs. James Cain, Mrs. Itala Marin and W. E. Tallis.

Health Unit Lists Drives' Donations

By MARY KELL
Gold Hill—Committee chairmen gave reports at a meeting of the Gold Hill Health

unit at the home of Mrs. E. C. Hoffman on highway 99 north last week. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Roy Cameron and Mrs. J. G. Kofahl. The session was conducted by Mrs. Ted Schoenemann, president.

In the absence of Mrs. Delos Walker, seal sale chairman, Mrs. Schoenemann reported that residents of this area had mailed \$228.50 to the Christmas Seal sale.

Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, local chairman of the March of Dimes, stated that more than \$250 was contributed by local residents during January.

It was announced that persons who wish may still mail their contributions to either of these projects.

Mrs. Nora Wait and Mrs. Robert Sutherland turned in six pairs of washable cotton slippers which they had completed for patients at Rogue Valley hospital in Medford in conjunction with the unit's project for the hospital auxiliary.

Mrs. Estelle Pitts brought slippers to the meeting that she had cut out. These were distributed among the members to sew.

One visitor, Mrs. Henry F. Pilarski, a recent newcomer to this community, attended the meeting.

Mrs. George Dorman will be hostess at her home in Gold Hill for the next meeting, March 1, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Albert Gascon and Mrs. Loyd Dusenberry will be co-hostesses.

Shady Cove Club Prints News Sheet

Shady Cove — The Shady Cove Rotary club recently began publishing a monthly Rotary news sheet which is distributed to the public through members and may be obtained at members' places of business.

Peter Nashed is manager and editor of the publication. News items are contributed by club members.

Shady Cove's Rotary club was organized in 1948 with a membership of 27 and Lee Yancey as the first president. Three charter members, Ray Briggs, Ed Houston, Carroll Watson, are still active in the organization. Current president is Ken Oliver.

The club meets for dinner at the Rogue River lodge each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Rotarians are welcome.

According to the first edition of the news sheet, the first Rotary club was organized in Chicago Feb. 23, 1905. Members originally rotated their meetings from one member's business establishment to another, thus the name "Rotary."

Rotarians now number some 480,000, the news sheet said. There are more than 10,200 clubs scattered across 114 countries and geographical regions.

NEW RESIDENTS
Cave Junction — Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Frye and daughter Beverly have moved to Cave Junction from Powers, Ore. Frye, a veteran of 23 years with the forest service, will serve here as fire control officer.

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Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

The Water Boy
Table Rock—The recent rain storm about spoiled our story about the serious water shortage, and the desperate situation of farmers with empty irrigation reservoirs, almost before it soaked in.

Ray Wyatt, our merchant, and keeper of rain measurements, tells us that his rain gauge records 3.22 inches of rain fell during this last storm, and 4.55 inches since the first of Jan.

The Good Book says the rain falls on the just and unjust alike, but it looked like about six inches fell in our barn yard.

The recent rain storm muddied the waters of Rogue river, which got near the stopping over stage on the north bank below the Bybee bridge, and started the little creeks in the Sams Valley hills flowing toward the thirsty irrigation reservoirs which are slowly filling. Much more rain or snow will be needed to assure enough water for pastures and growing crops such as clover and other short rooted vegetation. Many of us who have resided here for many years believe we will get plenty of moisture sooner or later. Maybe some late enough to damage the alfalfa hay.

The road from the Table Rock Store to the junction with the Dodge bridge road, designated as a market road, will be paved next spring by the state, and probably will be contracted with bids called for, according to Commissioner Ralph James.

Vernon Gebhard, local citizen, recently received the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce award as the outstanding young farmer of the year. Verne is quite a busy young man, taking time off as pilot for the Mercury Flights when needed.

According to Orville Hamilton, superintendent of Modoc Orchards, the water table in their wells used for drinking and household purposes is getting dangerously low.

Ben Peek, herdsman at the Reter "Table Top Ranch," returned Sunday from a trip to the Red Bluff auction sale of registered bulls. He is as proud as a boy with a new pair of red top boots, one of his bulls having scored a minus 1, which means almost perfect, and three others that were right close to the top, and all brought a price better than the average. All the animals were fed a ration of hay and grain grown on the ranch, the home ground feed having salt and minerals added. None of the high potency feeds that are at present causing so much apprehension were used.

George Guthrie, the fast moving caretaker of TouVelle Park, reports that during the past year, 44,412 cars passed over the counting cable at the south entrance, and 37,920 cars at the north entrance, making a total of 82,332 cars. Figuring 3 1/4 passengers to the car, the figure the park service uses, means a total of 267,579 people visited this popular park in 1959.

There were 150 group picnics, 15 per cent increase over last year. Money allowed by the state park administration for improvements, include: a new pump house, 15 new stationary tables, \$200 worth of new trees and \$1500 for bank control, to prevent top soil from eroding during high water. Mr. Guthrie thinks as much of the trees and surroundings as if they were his own, and sometimes gets peeved when kids destroy trees or equipment. He asked him about the age of kids that were inclined to do damage, and he replied: From 6 to 7, and 40 to 50 years. The caretaker should know in advance of all coming picnics.

A new development is taking place in the Camp White area where Charley Hoover is leveling the desert land for farm use, and believes it will produce crops and grow fruit trees, the same as other parts of the valley. He has engaged Steve Wilson, logger, sawmill man, roadbuilder, with the know how, ingenuity and equipment to do about anything that comes his way, so Charley says. The equipment being used on this job is a huge caterpillar, known as a D9, that weighs equipped, some 46 tons, cost \$70,000. Pulls a ripper, that cuts a strip about 8 ft. wide and tears through the gravel-like cement hardpan to a depth of some 4 ft., traveling four miles an hour.

There is also a dirt carrier implement that will pack off a 38 yard load of dirt, and is used for filling pot holes. Steve has built some 30 miles of mountain roads with the caterpillar doing most of the work.

The contract calls for the ripping and leveling of 1,000

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EP Cubs Tell of Jubilee Banquet

Eagle Point — Cub Scout Pack 48 of Eagle Point has extended an invitation to all former Cubs in the Eagle Point area to attend the 50th year Jubilee Reunion banquet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 in the grade school gymnasium.

The banquet will be a potluck and each family is asked to bring its own food and table service.

Special awards and recognition will be given to present and past Cub Scouts and leaders during a program immediately following the banquet. There will be a prize for the Cub bringing the most visitors, and an award for the former Eagle Point Cub who travels the furthest distance, over 100 miles, to attend the banquet.

Anniversary Plaque
A 50th anniversary plaque is being prepared to include the signature of each Cub and former Cub who attends. The plaque will be placed in the new Community Scout building.

Anyone who has an old uniform, craftwork or photographs of Cubs and Cub activities is asked to bring them for display purposes. The articles should be tagged with the owner's name and the year and location concerned.

Persons having such articles but who will be unable to attend are asked to contact Mrs. Clyde Bunker at Hillcrest 6-3896. For additional information about the banquet and program, contact Chairman Elmer Binker at Talbot 6-4401.

Medford ESA Adopts SOC Speech Clinic

Ashland — The Medford chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha service sorority has adopted the speech clinic at Southern Oregon college as its newest project, it was announced.

Leon C. Mulling, director of the clinic, spoke to the group this week concerning the needs of the clinic.

Mrs. Jeanne Gilbert, ESA president, announced that the women would collect toys, games and rhymes and would make puppets and other materials which can be used in aiding the speech development of children.

acres, but with weather that will dry the top soil, so that it will hold up the weight of the caterpillar. The job can be done in an estimated 1,000 hours, so it may not be too long before we will know if Charley's dream of making the desert bloom like a rose will come true. Charley gave Steve quite a build up, said he was a man of good habits, and with his know-how optimism, energy and speed, he tackles anything that comes his way, and always makes it go.

We spoke about his being our nephew, and Charley said it didn't seem possible. They tell in Sams Valley that Steve, when a young lad, could change a tire on a model T without a jack or anything to hold the axle up. As to speed, we remember one time when he needed a truck, and they were hard to get, with only two in stock, where he bought his trucks. With much persuasion, he got them to sell him one. (Too bad, Lloyd Dyer wasn't around.) He took the truck to his shop at Trail, and a short time later they phoned him that the truck belonged to Copco, who had ordered it some time before, and he would have to bring it back. In reply, Steve said he couldn't bring it back, as he had already cut the rear end out of it.

Eric Allen's recent editorial relative to a state sales tax reminds us of the half dozen battles we've been in as a member of the Oregon State Grange, helping to defeat that obnoxious form of taxation. The Grange has opposed it for many reasons, besides its being regressive, unfair, and puts the burden of taxation on those least able to bear it.

During one of the sales tax campaigns here, the Grange sponsored a debate on the issue, Ed Kelly took the negative, a Medford lawyer defended the sales tax. At that time there was a sales tax on cigarettes to be voted on. The affirmative speaker went all-out telling of the necessity and the great boost a general sales tax would bring to the state's economic welfare, but said he couldn't support a sales tax on cigarettes as it would be discriminating, as he might be the only person in a room full of people that would have to pay the tax. (He smoked). A great argument, but as good as any he gave.

This goes to show that the last sentence in Eric's editorial was correct. The ideal tax is the one someone else has to pay.



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