

Out on a Limb

By BOE WALTERS

Old vs. New

Since we started the regional news page more than a month and a half ago, we've had favorable comments, not-so-favorable comments, suggestions and even a crank call.

From a cranky caller, of course. Many, especially subscribers in Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill, the Applegate Valley and Eagle Point, seem to favor it over the old system of using columns written by our correspondents.

The primary reason given by these readers is that now the news from communities within the Mail Tribune's circulation area is being printed as news and under its own headline, which we think is as it should be.

Those who prefer the old system say they miss the "visit" stories the correspondents used to write.

Most of those "visit" items went out the window the first day of the regional page, but not without good reason.

First, there's the problem of space. Taking advertisements into consideration, there's only so much room for news. On some days, space is plentiful. On others, it's about as scarce as a smudge pot at a meeting of an air pollution committee.

What the paper attempts to do is fill that news space with the most important local, state, national and international stories.

When you consider how much real news is happening all the time, it's hard to find justification for devoting several inches of type to saying that "Mr. and Mrs. Herb Glotz visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fink. Games were played and then everyone enjoyed delicious tea and crumpets prepared by Mrs. Fink. Also visiting were..."

Et cetera. Thus, it's a question - and often a problem - of grading the news. Stories ranking high on the list appear in print. Those at the bottom do not, unless there happens to be an abundance of space.

Readership also must be considered.

Well over half the Mail Tribune's subscribers live in Medford and its environs, yet "visit" stories are not printed for or about them. Nor do they expect them. What they do expect is the news.

How then can the paper use similar items from areas where its circulation is vastly smaller by comparison? Logically, it can't, and shouldn't.

But this certainly doesn't slam the door on bona fide news stories from our smaller communities. They're important to the community concerned, subscribers want to read them and the paper wants to print them.

That, in fact, is the reason for having started the regional news page: to keep our readers abreast of what's happening in their communities.

That includes doings of city officials, community organizations, clubs and, whenever possible, individuals.

Names, we realize, make news. When they do, the Mail Tribune will print the story. When names, however, are only names, there simply isn't room for them.

This has not been an attempt to berate any of our subscribers who have lamented the passing of "visit" stories and such. Rather, it has been an effort to show them that the paper, too, has problems.

We sincerely hope those who have expressed approval of the new page will continue to like it. And we hope the others will understand that the paper is printing what it considers most important to the majority of its subscribers.

Try saying the word "news-paper" aloud. The accent, you'll find, is on the first syllable.

HURT IN ACCIDENT

Days Creek - Mrs. Elena Barber, third grade teacher at Days Creek school, is a patient at Forest Glen clinic at Canyonville for treatment of injuries suffered in an auto accident last Tuesday. The wreck occurred on Beales Creek rd. when her car struck an oak tree.

Speaker Reviews Highlights Of School's 99-Year History

By MARY KELL, Mail Tribune Correspondent
Sams Valley-Highlights of history relating to the Sams Valley school of District 6C were told by C. Wesley McDonough at a recent meeting of the Sams Valley PTA when "dads" presented the program.

Past presidents who received recognition in observance of founder's day were Mrs. Earl Peffley, Mrs. Frank Straus, Mrs. Jean Smith, and Mrs. Edgar Pleasant. Mrs. Alfred Gowan, publicity chairman, reported that a silver offering taken that evening was contributed to the Oregon Scholarship fund. The business session was conducted by Stanley Hall, president of the unit. Plans were made to sponsor a potluck supper and full length movie on April 2.

Suggestions that a dance and card party be held in the near future to raise funds for PTA budget expenses were discussed. Mrs. Harold DeVoss is ways and means chairman.

Organized in 1861

Wesley McDonough said the district was organized as Sams Creek on Feb. 11, 1861. The boundary started at the upper edge of the lower Table Rock on the right bank of Rogue river and ran north until it intersected Evans creek, then southwest to Sarsine creek and back to the Rogue river and point of beginning.

An early settler, James Sutton, was clerk in March 1861 and recorded that of 52 school age children, there were 15 in attendance at the one school house, with 60 days of school. The amount paid the teacher was not reported but the district received the sum of \$117.68 from county funds. This early day school was a log building and stood a short distance west of where the Paul Schulz garage building is at present.

The school operated about one quarter of each year, and the main subjects taught were Davis and Thompson arithmetic, Mitchell geography, Clarks grammar, Webster's speller and Sanders reader.

McDonough made comparison concerning consolidation. He said we are now consolidating for mere economical operation, but on March 3, 1877, a petition was presented to the county to divide the Sams Creek district. Those signing for the northwest or Pankey district were James Pankey, A. S. Moon, Jacob Gabriel, William Payne and Jed Smith. He said those signing for the southwest or Sams Creek district were other well known early settlers, John Chastain, John Sismore, C. C. McClendon, J. Dowden and O. Ganiard.

James Pankey and Jacob Gabriel gave land for the Pankey school in March, 1881. C. C. McClendon deeded land for the Sams Creek school in March of the same year, and the school stood where the Albert Straus house is now. The Pankey school was just north of the Earl Peffley residence. Both schools were famous old landmarks.

McDonough recalled stories about a method of operation used about 1890 at the Sams Creek subscription school. Each family donated a sum for operating the school and Rachael Nickels was the teacher.

The Antioch district was organized about 1870, and the Meadows district in April, 1871. A man named John Potter taught at both of these schools. There also was a school at Asbestos in the Meadows area, and for a period of about two years a subscription school was held in the Meadows. The building used was an old cook house at a sawmill. In the Beagle area, the Mountain school operated for a while and was located near the Rush place.

About 1900 the Chapparel school, located just off of what is now known as Perry road and Weber road, was started. It was fairly close to the small community known as Rabbitville, where a store and blacksmith shop were operated by the Woodsons about that time, McDonough said.

To Replace Losses

Some 200 trees were planted in a seed bed as future replacements for possible losses, and the others are being planted by the Robert Farmers on their lot adjacent to the Cummins property.

Both properties lie between old highway 99 and Cottonwood creek. Orders for the seedlings are taken by Roy Bengard at the California



Hornbrook Residents Get Young Trees from State

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN, Mail Tribune Correspondent
Hornbrook - Several local residents are taking advantage of the opportunity of obtaining young trees from the state division of forestry.

Latest to take part in the project is Postmaster Wayne Cummins, who last week end received his order of 1,200 of the seedlings.

On the acre of ground surrounding their home, he and Mrs. Cummins have set out 370 Douglas Fir, 150 silver tip fir, 150 Arizona cypress, 100 sugar pine, 100 black locust, and 70 Sierra redbwoods. The latter are of the inland type such as those grown in central California and were set out entirely as an experiment, as they are not indigenous to this area.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Applegate Valley - A forest service road crew under direction of David Thompson of Medford has started construction of a permanent bridge over the right hand fork of Steves fork in the Carbury area. The bridge will be 50 feet long and is being built in connection with timber sales there. It is jointly sponsored by Double Dee Lumber company of Central Point.

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Grenada Woman Badly Hurt in 2-Car Collision

By RUTH MIDDLETON, Mail Tribune Correspondent

Yreka - Mrs. Evelyn E. Sopp, 44-year-old Grenada resident, was reported in "fair" condition today after suffering major injuries in a two-car collision yesterday at the intersection of highway 99 and the Montague-Grenada county road.

The accident occurred at 4:25 p.m., the California Highway Patrol reported, when Mrs. Sopp's northbound car entered the highway from the county road and was struck by a car driven by Phillip R. Smith, 29, of Mt. Shasta.

Officers said Smith apparently had the right of way. No citation has been issued. Smith was unhurt and damage to his auto was minor. Police said Mrs. Sopp's car received major damages. The woman was rushed to Siskiyou County General hospital here with as yet undetermined major injuries. Hospital spokesmen said X-rays were being taken today.

Yreka Scouts Win Awards

Yreka - An Eagle Scout badge was presented to Grant Hosford during a recent court of honor held by Troop and Post 57.

Glen Schmidt received a Life award and Star badges were presented to Bill Day and Mark Wardrip.

Other award winners included Leonard Beebe, Rodney Blackwell, Richard Franklin, Don Franklin, Gary Lott, Mike Smith and Bill Simpkins, Tenderfoot; Robert Graziani and Rodney Stanshaw, Second class, and Dale Hastings, Brian Favero, Steven Meek and Boyd Taylor, First class.

Eight Scouts won merit badges and numerous others received badges denoting their offices in the troop and post. Del Pilliard served as judge during the court.

RESCUE BREATHING

Applegate Valley - Rescue breathing was demonstrated in a film shown at a meeting of Ruch PTA Friday evening. It was pointed out that a child may successfully use the few necessary steps in this method of artificial respiration. The PTA is planning a chicken dinner with entertainment in April for the benefit of the treasury.

Hilts Cage Team Takes 5 Awards in Tournament

Hilts - The Hilts Elementary school basketball team captured five awards and third place in the annual elementary school basketball tournament held in Alturas last week end.

Hilts seventh grader Lester Chase received the trophy as the tournament's outstanding player and, with teammate James Blanchard, eighth grader, was named to the 10-member all-tournament team.

Fire Department Board Votes to Protect School

By EVALYN P. WATSON, Mail Tribune Correspondent
Shady Cove - Trail - The board of directors of the Shady Cove - Trail Volunteer Fire department at their meeting Monday night agreed to enter into a contract with the Eagle Point School district to furnish fire protection for the Elk-Trail school.

Board members Ed Houston, Bert Conner, Ray Briggs, Floyd Kelley, Del Logan, Athel Dudley and Mrs. Thelma Reinning, clerk, also inspected the new automatic gas heater now installed in the fire hall.

The new heater will be used only when fire-fighting equipment is in danger of freezing. Keeping the building warm enough to avoid this danger has been a problem and board members expressed hope that the new heater will help solve it.

Access Roads Finished

The board also was told that, with the consent of property owners, eight access roads have now been bulldozed down to the river at various locations in order that the pumper may take water from the river.

The board voted to allow the Shady Cove Grange to build lockers in the hall for the purpose of storing clothing and bedding for the relief of needy families. Grange women have been collecting such articles and often have been on hand to aid needy cases in the area.

Jacksonville Drive Grosses Over \$489

Jacksonville - The recent March of Dimes drive here grossed more than \$489, according to the report submitted this week by Mrs. John J. Crabb, Jacksonville campaign director.

The Mothers March netted \$233 of the total, followed by three organizations - American Legion, Royal Neighbors and Rebekah Lodge No. 4 - with over \$181. Other funds were collected from schools, coin collectors and mailers.

In the statement, Mrs. Crabb expressed appreciation to Mrs. E. O. Graham, organizer of the Mothers March, and R. J. Trautau for their work during the drive.

Shady Cove - Mrs. Nellie Chamberlain suffered a broken nose and severe bruises in an auto accident last Saturday. Her car reportedly was forced into the Indian creek bridge by another car. She was alone in the vehicle.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill-Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at the Odd Fellows hall on Fourth ave. The Friendship club will be in charge of entertainment.

Lone Pine - Roxy Ann Grange will hold its annual crab feed this Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Grange hall on the corner of Spring st. and Valley View dr. Proceeds will go toward improvements on the public recreation area on the Grange lot. The public is invited.

Gold Hill - The Gold Hill Christian church Bible study group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Freeman.

SECTION DESTROYED

Applegate Valley - A 30-foot section of false work on the timber access bridge under construction on Hamilton rd. was washed away Sunday. Heavy rains during the week end brought a five-foot raise in the Big Applegate river. The R and M Construction company of Central Point is building the bridge.

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