

# Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

## Wavers and Honkers

The new sports car has swept us into a whole new world of motoring. Driving used to be simply a means of getting from place to place but now, each time we get on a highway, we're a member of a big, friendly, waving, honking fraternity.

Then again, it's not exactly a fraternity, since girl sports car drivers honk and wave too. Which is okay. In fact it's just dandy.

Stopping at a service station isn't the same anymore, either. The attendant used to fill up the tank, take our money and send us on our way.

Now he bombards us with all sorts of technical questions about the carburetors, the springs, the gearbox, the fuel system, etc.

Since we have all the mechanical ability of the average two-year-old, this can sometimes get a little embarrassing.

Take the day we bought the car, for instance. We lifted the bonnet (that's the hood) so a friend could peer knowingly in at the engine.

"How many carburetors do you have?" he says.

"What's a carburetor look like?" we reply, cheeks flushing.

"That," he says, pointing to a weird silver-colored object, is a carburetor. And you have two."

"Oh. Thanks." Bad moments like that are starting to pay off, though. Now when a service station man fires a few questions, we can rattle off the answers.

It would be even nicer if we knew what we were talking about.

But back to this business of waving and honking and flashing headlights at other sports car bugs.

It's all pretty jolly, but we can see where it could end in chaos.

Suppose our Sprite was zipping along a four-lane highway when an MG started to pass us. At just that moment, headed the opposite way, a Jaguar nosed around a Triumph.

The MG man waves. The Jaguar man blinks his lights. The Triumph man honks.

So we have to wave at the MG, blink at the Jaguar and honk at the TR, all within a split second, with this inevitable result:

"...and so, dear friends, we are gathered here today."

At about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the sports editor answered his phone. Someone wanted to know when Joe Cowley, the farm editor, would be back.

"In about half an hour," said the sports editor, who then hung up and said to no one in particular: "Funny thing, but that guy sounded just like Joe."

"Probably was," quipped the managing editor. "He just wants to know when he's supposed to be here."

Contrary to popular belief, managing editors do have a sense of humor.

Most of the time.

Until we came to southern Oregon, we had always thought the method of using a pay telephone was standard: drop in a dime, wait for the dial tone, dial and talk.

Not so in Ashland, however. Down in Bard-Town, you dial, suffer through a high-pitched brrraaackkkkk noise and, finally, talk to your party. The idea must be to discourage long conversations.

After listening to that noise, who wants to talk?

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# Gail to Retire as School Board Chief

By MARY KELL  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Gold Hill-C. Norman Gail will retire as school board chairman of District 6 at the end of this term, effective July 1, 1960. He is not seeking re-election to the board, he said. He was elected as director in 1955. District 6 is composed of schools in Gold Hill, Central Point and Sams Valley.

Starting out in business again, Gail and Charles (Chuck) Bateman, Medford, became partners and started the Riverside Market in 1936. In 1937 he purchased the Wimer market near Rogue River, which he later sold to his father, C. R. Gail, who is still operating the business. In 1940, he bought a grocery



C. NORMAN GAIL Retiring from Board

Gail said he served in the capacity of chairman of the school board the past two years of his five-year term due to the resignation of Hal Bishop, which left him as the senior director. He explained that usually a director serves only one year as chairman.

William Askwith, who is senior director at this time, will succeed Gail as chairman. His duties in this capacity will commence upon the expiration date of Gail's term. Askwith is manager of Cheney Stud Mills, Central Point.

Gold Hill-Charles A. Meyer, superintendent of construction of building facilities in District 6 schools, this week referred to C. Norman Gail as "an outstanding citizen," who has done "a fine job" on the school board as well as in numerous other civic activities.

In an interview with this correspondent, Gail related some of the major improvements to the school facilities of District 6 during his five-year term as director. He said both Patrick Primary school in Gold Hill and Jewett Primary school in Central Point were built in 1956. Patrick, a four-classroom building, accommodates 120 pupils, and Jewett, an eight-classroom building, about 280 students.

Bond Issue Passed  
Last February, patrons of the district passed a bond issue that will provide for construction of building facilities which will double the size of the Patrick school, as well as make possible the addition of a multi-purpose room and for addition of eight new classrooms at Jewett to accommodate an approximate enrollment capacity there of 500 pupils.

Extensive remodeling also will be done this year at the Central Point Elementary and Junior High schools. Officials of the district and schools studied the need for these improvements two years prior to the time the bond issue was proposed for consideration of school patrons.

Gail said improvements and purchases of needed equipment according to each school's specific annual requirements are studied on a routine basis.

During his term, 18 rooms have been added, including the music room at Crater High school. He said the school, built in 1950 to accommodate 400 students, following consolidation of the schools in the areas of Gold Hill, Sams Valley and Central Point, has expanded the past five years from an enrollment of 400 students to over 700 at this time. The enrollment in 1950 was less than 350 students.

Gail was born in Trumbull county, Ohio. When he was two months old, his parents moved to Dunn county, N.D. Later the family moved to South Dakota. His business experience began while he was a young boy. Prior to his graduation from high school at Moberge, S.D., he worked in his father's grocery store and operated his own business, a fruit stand. Following his secondary graduation, he attended the University of Montana at Missoula, where he studied forestry, later working for the forest service in Idaho and the state forest service in Oregon.

Gail came to southern Oregon with his family in 1929. More knowledge of the grocery business was gained by working again in his father's grocery store, the Park grocery, which was located across the street from the city park in Medford.

## Leash Law To Be 'Strictly Enforced'

Jacksonville-Police Chief Frank Carter this week said he wishes to remind local residents that Jacksonville's new ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large will be "strictly enforced" beginning this Friday.

According to the ordinance, any dog at large within the city limits must be "upon a leash and accompanied by some person capable of controlling such dog."

Jacksonville - "Hotel de Culture," the Jacksonville PTA talent show, will be held in the Jacksonville school gymnasium this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will be used for the PTA's youth program, especially summer activities. The public is invited.

Tiller-Drew-Club 227 will install officers at its meeting this Friday at the J. D. Zimmerman home. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Glenn Rodgers will be hostesses.

Gail is a charter member of the Gold Hill Lions club, a group which also is concerned in various ways with the welfare of children, especially sight conservation. At present, the local club is helping to promote a summer recreation program for children of the Gold Hill area.

Another opportunity to work with young people came in association with the Odd Fellows when he was appointed to serve during 1945-46 on the state board of control for Junior Odd Fellow lodges. He is a past noble grand of IOOF lodge 129, of which he has been an active member the past 19 years. Other state offices held include a two year appointment by Grand Master Ralph Russell to serve as special deputy district grand master for district 10 during 1944-45. He was appointed to serve as grand herald for the state grand lodge in 1947 by Grand Master Graham Young.

A charter member of the Oregon Milking Shorthorn Breeders' association, he served as secretary for this group in 1946 and was a delegate to the national convention held in Chicago in 1947.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gail are active in the Gold Hill Community Methodist church, of which they are members. Mrs. Gail instituted the original church choir, which she directs, 11 years ago. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Medford.

The retiring school board chairman, with all his activities, occasionally finds time for fishing, and is a sports fan when it comes to football, basketball, and baseball.

The couple's daughter, Mildred, was a member of the first freshman class at Crater High school in 1950, after consolidation. A graduate of Crater High school and the University of Washington in the Far East department, she is now studying abroad as a Rotary fellow from Oregon at the National School of Living Oriental Language in Paris.

Their daughter Grace, a graduate of Crater High school, is a junior at the University of Oregon. She plans to be an elementary school teacher.

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# Regional News

## IV PTA Elects Officers

Illinois Valley-Walter Freeman was elected president of the Illinois Valley High school PTA at the district meeting last Thursday night. Other officers named were Beryl Hines, vice president; Marilyn Baumgardner, secretary and Fran Wilhem, treasurer.

Following the separate business meetings of the IV PTA and the Kerby and Evergreen Elementary school PTAs, the three groups held a combined social meeting, a regular monthly event.

## District 6 Issues Voting Reminder

Gold Hill - Patrons of District 6 schools were reminded yesterday by Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Patrick and Hanby Elementary schools, that this Friday is the last day they may register to vote in the annual school elections set for May 2.

Residents of this area, he said, may register with Ferd Jones, Gold Hill city recorder; Mrs. Mabel Eaton, Route 1, Box 298, Footh Creek; Mrs. Donna Straus,

## 160 Attend Pops Concert

Illinois Valley - More than 160 persons attended Illinois Valley High school's annual pops concert at the school auditorium Saturday night.

Theme was "Around the World in Melody." The hall was decorated in a French cabaret motif. Featured musical numbers were by the band choir and the "Hungry Five" German band. Following the program, the high school band furnished music for a dance. There was no admission charge but donations were accepted for a local family whose home recently was destroyed by fire.

Van Johnson, band director at the high school and Kerby Elementary school, was in charge of the program.

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