

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

Great White Father

"Boss," we said the other day, "Jacksonville is one heckuva long word to cram into a headline. Is it okay to use just 'Jax'?"

"No," he replied unhesitatingly, "and don't use 'Jville' either."

"But, Great White Father," we persisted, "in Jacksonville, Florida, everybody says 'Jax.'"

"That's fine," he commented, hastily signing a severance paycheck, "but we don't use it in the Mail Tribune."

And it was only a few days ago that we said he had a sense of humor. We were disappointed and, to borrow a "Potluck" term: Sigh.

Speaking of "Potluck" brings us to another item. It was reported in that column a week ago Sunday that we had been fired for (1) sassing the managing editor and (2) misspelling carburetor (that's c-a-r-b-u-r-e-t-o-r, please). What was not mentioned, however, was that we received a letter of recommendation, the text of which follows:

"To Whom It May Concern: The bearer, Bob Walters, once worked for us. We're certainly glad he didn't go overboard."

Lone Pine Correspondent Dot Simmons gave our society editor a story last week on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wallace, who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. W., Dot says, summed up married life thusly:

"Gettin' married is just like buyin' a new car—it's not the down payment that hurts, it's the upkeep."

Our hat is off to a local radio announcer whose innate honesty came to the fore during a commercial the other morning. After dutifully extolling the quality of the advertiser's merchandise he finally broke down.

"Just make a small down payment," he chirped, "and then convenient monthly payments . . . for months, and months, and months and . . ."

Well done, Friend. And you're welcome to browse throughout the Tribune's help-wanted columns.

We received a letter from L. G. Weaver of Medford in which he said he found last Wednesday's column on newspaper fillers interesting. He also suggested several ways in which entire papers may be used as fillers—padding for packages to be mailed, sewn together for use as a mattress and rolled tightly and bound by wire as a substitute for fuel in a fireplace.

"I was especially intrigued," Mr. Weaver said, "by your last item, 'Use the egg poacher to warm the baby's bottle.' Now that generates a problem in our household. We have no baby and are in no condition to adopt one. What shall we do with our egg poacher? With bated breath, I await your solution to the problem."

After considering your dilemma for several hours, Sir, we concede that you do indeed have a problem of considerable magnitude. But there may yet be a solution. You don't have a baby, but perhaps you have a dog. If so, you might try using the egg poacher to fix the hound's breakfast.

The eggs, naturally, would have to be poached.

Groan.

With no reflection on R. E. "Mr. Table Rock" Nealon, we conclude by offering our Thought for the Day:

A bird in the hand is worth . . . ah, let's see now . . . ahh . . .

District Announces Curriculum Changes

By DORIS HUGHES
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Central Point—Charles A. Meyer, District 6C superintendent, has announced a curriculum revision beginning in Crater High school which will in time affect text material at grade school levels of the entire district.

Bill Russell, faculty member who has spent many hours gathering data to inform the public concerning the change, reported extensive work will be done this year to establish a more thorough continuity of learning in the various departments of Crater High school.

Under the direction of Meyer and Arthur Straus, Crater High school principal, the revision of objectives, methods of teaching, and nature of material is designed to provide a more adequate coverage of subject matter and to prevent repetition at various grade levels. The movement is being started in the high school and is designed ultimately to be extended to the lower grades, resulting in a complete, fully correlated course of study for grades one through 12.

A teacher from each department has been selected to head a committee whose job is to evaluate and consolidate practices currently being used within the department. Aspects being considered are subject matter, discipline, audio-visual aids, objectives of each course, and to the most effective teaching methods to meet those objectives.

In the social studies department, Leonard Warren is concentrating on establishing requirements in world geography, world history, American history and American problems. One of the primary purposes in this department is to see that American problems in the senior year is a follow-up and, in effect, an extension of the junior year American history class, not merely a reiteration of it.

In American history, approximately one fourth of the year is spent on the study and complete interpretation of the U. S. constitution. The study is designed to form the basis for the real purpose of the social studies department, which is the appreciation and thorough understanding of the principles upon which our American heritage and culture is based.

In the English department, Bill Russell and committee are developing a continuous English program. Of major concern is the subject of original writing. Minimum requirements are being set up which prescribe the extent of writing which should be done and what manner of assignments these should constitute.

Closely allied to this is the minimum vocabulary which students should have by the time they finish their senior year. A percentage table is also being drawn up which prescribes how much time of each year should be devoted to each of the following: grammar, punctuation, spelling, literature, reading, and speaking. Basic requirements also are being established concerning such things as outside reading, themes and term papers.

Minimum required hours in English and related subjects such as speech, drama, and journalism are being extended, with requirements for college bound students being set at four years of English plus work in any of the related subjects mentioned.

Foreign Languages
The foreign language teachers, working with chairman Barbara Tomlinson, are in the process of evaluating current methods and results in the area of language. An attempt is being made to prepare a summary of what is taught, emphasis in the study of languages, and how the program can be improved.

Some recommendations will be made in the following areas: a scope and sequence program for a period of five years; opinions and ideas as to the need and practicality for advanced classes of third

and fourth year language; the consideration and advisability of adding other modern languages to the program; necessary requirements for admission of students to the study of foreign language; plans for use of the language laboratory now being installed and the practical use of new teaching methods of foreign language currently advocated.

Under Warren Holbrook, the art program is being designed to reach all students, not a select few. Art in the high school must offer individual aesthetic appreciation, and social understanding. To satisfy students' needs in art, the program is being organized as a continuous learning process through all four years. Emphasis is placed on creativity, useful skills, fulfilling of leisure time activities, and correlated subject matter.

The department is establishing word lists, basic requirements and time allotments in the general subject areas of: elements of design; art in the home, community, and business; art in everyday life; design; drawing; painting; ceramics; sculpture; jewelry; graphic arts; architecture; advertising; and art history.

Under the direction of Ogden Kellogg, the science department, which offers general science, biology, chemistry, physics, and physical science, is striving to coordinate the overall planning of the science program within the high school. This is to be done by such methods as developing a definite course of study for each course, by preparing material order lists, and budgets, on a department level, and by reviewing and selecting new teaching materials such as text books, demonstration models, and films.

It is to be a continuing evaluation and is ultimately designed to relate science courses to everyday life of our community so students are aware of the importance of science in their lives. In line with current findings of the American Educational Research association, science courses will be organized so that subject matter objectives will lead to growth in understanding of the basic generalizations of science, rather than a collection of isolated facts.

Norman Carothers, chairman of the music department, is requiring that all teachers of music, both in high school and in the grades in District 6, prepare a tentative outline of both the scope and sequence of material to be taught. These will be consolidated into a vocal music curriculum covering grades one through 12 for the entire district.

In the agriculture department at Crater High school, Ed Griggs' committee operates with the following objectives in mind and is checking those things: establish those boys in farming who intend a career as a farmer; acquaint all members with basic and advanced farm mechanic skills, techniques and practical sciences of agriculture; and develop the student so that he will have leadership for himself and for others.

The program is carried out in Agriculture I by students receiving beginning courses pertaining to all farm animals, 11 v e stock feeding, diseases, and basic mechanical skills. Agriculture II deals mainly with the study of agricultural engineering while Agriculture III concerns advanced crops, soils and livestock. Agriculture IV covers all farm management skills which are needed in Jackson county. As part of their leadership and responsibility training, the Crater FFA has 25 boys who are officers or committee chairmen with definite goals and duties.

Ed Kirtley, driving training, is currently revising his course to see that it develops attitudes, habits, and standards of conduct which will prevent some of the thousands of unnecessary injuries and deaths in our nation each year. He feels his purpose is to educate students in voluntary observance of traffic rules and regulations and intends to fill this purpose by a thorough course in defensive driving. Kirtley also feels strongly that, since a teenager has the fastest reflexes and best physical abilities of any age level, the course is being designed to instill good citizenship and courteous habits in his student drivers.

(To be continued Wednesday)

APPOINTMENTS MADE
Gold Hill—Mayor Milton Steinmetz has announced that City Councilmen Delos Walker and Fred Lester will represent the city on the committee discussing a summer recreation program.

Gold Hill Council Plans to Improve Law Enforcement

City Court Records Show Lack of Arrests

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Gold Hill—The Gold Hill city council made plans at its meeting last week to order an improvement of law enforcement here. The council has attempted to control the situation several times during the past two years.

Councilmen made a study of city court records during this session to determine number of and reasons for arrests from January 1, 1958 through April 4, 1960, inclusive. They found there had been a lack of local arrests since 1958 for traffic violations such as speeding, noise and reckless driving.

Ten arrests were made during 1958. In 1959 seven arrests were made for traffic violations, six of these during the month of August, 1959, one during October, 1959 and one during March, 1960.

A letter was read from Bernard Kelly, city attorney, giving information in respect to the right of council members and officers of the city of Gold Hill to sell merchandise, including gasoline to the city. The attorney referred to a case in the state of Iowa where the statute law was similar to the state of Oregon—in which one citation says a member of the city council can enter into the sale of merchandise with the city despite a statutory provision of the state law which forbids council members from being interested in contracts with the city.

He indicated that it is somewhat difficult to predict how the law might be interpreted in regard to these individual sales, but he would defend the city of Gold Hill upon the basis of the Iowa case that he explained extensively in his letter.

He expressed the opinion that "the city is entitled to deal with all merchants of the city of Gold Hill in the purchase of merchandise or gasoline equally, upon a rotating business as it has done in the past. He doesn't feel that sales as are involved in this local case violates the public policy reason for prohibiting contracts between officers of the city and the city, for reason that no attempt is being made to use official position to promote personal interest, and indicated that he would "be willing to represent the city on that basis if the matter were ever disputed or contested."

Opinion Accepted
The council voted to accept his opinion for the city records.

The attorney's letter was in reply to a letter signed by seven persons that was read at the previous council session. The matter was tabled at that time until the April 4 meeting to give the council an opportunity to obtain legal advice from the attorney. Contents of the letter stated "that certain elected officers of said city are selling supplies to said city and thereby obtaining considerable profits to themselves. We are advised that this practice is illegal and in violation of state law." This committee did not attend the council meeting Monday to continue their complaint, so the council considered the issue closed.

It was reported that officials of the Southern Pacific railroad, in letters to the city, indicated that they intend to cooperate with the council's request to eliminate a dangerous situation that exists if box cars are parked too close to the street. Councilmen said they have been concerned about both railroad crossings, because of the hazard to school buses, motorists, youngsters walking and those on bicycles, and made the request in cooperation with the PTA safety committee to help promote safety.

The Seventh st. crossing is a 60-foot street, and the Fourth st. crossing is an 80-foot street. Regulations are that box cars be parked a distance of 150 feet beyond each side of the street, so that the view of possible oncoming trains is not blocked.

A letter from the public utility commissioner's office advised the council to report violations to that office at Salem, giving train number, time and date.

Central Point—An organizational meeting was held recently in Central Point to organize Boy Scout troop 104. The new troop is the result of the division of Troop 40.

Regional News

BF's PTA to Hold Hearing on Budget

Butte Falls—The Butte Falls PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the high school auditorium. Main topics to be discussed during the business meeting are the convention to be held in Medford April 28-29, installation of officers and the school picnic scheduled for May.

Heading the program for the evening will be the budget hearing. School board members will be on hand to give explanation and answer questions. The budget for the year 1960-61 is somewhat higher than it has been in the past, one reason being the proposed purchase of a new school bus.

Piano recitals will be given by pupils of Mrs. Leth Meadows. The young pianists are Bobbi Boyd, Bobbie Cramer, Darlene Edmondson, Mi-

Regional Calendar

Lone Pine—The Lone Pine PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the school gymnasium. Carl Hayes, from the county education department, will show color slides and will speak on the results of a special education program.

Gold Hill—A special session of the Gold Hill city council will be held at 7 o'clock this evening in the city hall. Councilmen will work only on the city budget and will transact no other business.

Eagle Point—A pre-school clinic will be held in the Eagle Point grade school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. Any parents unable to get

CP Law Requires Licenses for Bikes

Central Point—According to a city ordinance, licenses are required on bicycles operated within the city of Central Point. Bicycle owners may take their bicycles to the city hall where they may purchase the licenses for 25 cents each.

their children's physical examinations through a private doctor are advised to call Mrs. Glenn Burritt at HI 6-3702 to make appointments.

Meadows—The Meadows Friendly Neighbors club will hold a potluck luncheon at their monthly meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Paul Mattison, 1210 Northwest Elm st., Grants Pass.

Gold Hill—The summer recreation planning committee will meet in the Hanby school cafeteria at 7:30 tonight.

Public Meeting Planned on Fire District Formation

Phoenix—A public meeting on formation of a Phoenix rural fire district will be held some time in the near future in the grade school gymnasium, according to Leo Furry, Phoenix volunteer fire department chief.

A meeting was held at the Fred Wilcox residence on Camp Baker rd. to consider possible boundaries for the rural fire district. Furry explained. Tentative boundaries are Medford's south city limits to Pioneer rd., on Pioneer rd. south and east to Suncrest rd. and north to Campbell rd.

Following a meeting and general public agreement on the boundaries, the county assessor's office will be asked to determine the assessed valuation of property within the district. Next a petition signed by interested persons will be presented to the county court. If the county court approves the district boundaries, all residents living with-

in the boundaries will be asked to vote on formation of the district and on a board of directors, Furry said.

A representative from the state fire marshal's office and representatives from Central Point and Medford rural fire districts are expected to attend the public meeting, the fire chief said.

Anyone interested in forming a fire district should contact Mrs. Mark Graham at KEystone 5-2225 or Fred Wilcox, KEystone 5-1285.

TREE PLANTING

Tiller-Drew—Tree planting is currently the major project for rangers of the Cow Creek district, according to Ranger John Wilson. Some of the work is being done by forest service crews and some by contract workers. When the project is completed this year, some 580,000 trees will have been planted since last fall.

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