Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

For 35 years, Ashland's nine-story Lithia hotel was distinguished as the tallest building in southern Oregon. It's still the tallest and that, during recent years, has been its only claim to fame.

Lots of other things were said about it, of course, but they weren't especially flattering.

Then, just a short time ago, the picture and the hotel's future – brightened. Two gents from Sacramento, Jack D. Pumphrey and William A. Sutton, came along with pocketsful of money and bought the Lithia from Emma Cooley, executrix of the estate of the late Charles Cooley.

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Things started happening, and happening fast.

A contest to name the hotel drew 1,233 entries. Winning name, submitted by five persons, was the Mark Antony.

The huge, garish sign atop the roof was taken down, apparently to the satisfaction of anyone who had ever seen it.

Medford architect Jack Edson and contractor Armin Richter huddled with the new owners and workmen began giving the decrepit old building a complete going-over.

And we do mean complete.

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Mr. Pumphrey, a human dynamo who trotted out wearing work clothes and carrying a yardstick, guided us through the Mark last week and provided almost a room-by-room account of how the hotel will look after its renovation.

The entire hotel will feature a Shakespearean motif. The words "Mark Antony Hotel" over the front entrance will be in old English letters and so will the names of the four shops just north of the entrance. They'll include a coffee shop, a gift shop or bakery, a flower shop and a reading room.

Guests can register in the lobby or, if they prefer, drive to the rear of the building and check in at the Mark's motel desk. The parking lot will hold 120 cars.

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Pumphrey also pointed out some features which many people think will make the Mark one of the biggest attractions in this part of the state. If all goes as planned, we're inclined to agree.

The new ballroom will accommodate 250 persons.

The dining room will seat 100 people.

"Falstaff Pub," a bar adjacent to the dining room, will handle 40.

A swimming pool and small patio will be situated at the rear of the hotel.

Partitions have been ripped out to allow for five suites, one each on the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth floors.

Two small banquet rooms will be available.

Five private offices can be leased to guests.

There will be a beauty parlor, staffed by three or four operators.

Drinks will be served at the sun deck on the roof. When the sun deck is open, 52 colored pennants will be flying. A pair of searchlights, their beams crossed, will be turned on in the evenings.

Limousine service will be available direct from Medford airport to the hotel.

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All work is being done simultaneously and the hotel's 92 rooms should be ready for tenants by the first of July. Scheduled completion date for the other facilities is between mid-July and the first of August.

As you've undoubtedly calculated, that's just about perfect timing for the opening of the Shakespearean Festival season. It's obviously not a coincidence.

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Which brings us to William Patton, the festival's general manager. Mention the Mark Antony to Bill and his face lights up like that of a shipwrecked sailor who finds he's stranded on a tropical island with Brigitte Bardot.

Bill was one of the winners in the name-the-hotel contest, but that's only a very small part of why he's so pleased about the "new" hotel. In fact, he donated his $100 prize money to the festival's building fund.

Friend Patton, it seems, has received stacks of letters during recent years from festival visitors who had something less than praise for the old Lithia. The Mark, he hopes, will make some of his fan mail take a turn for the better after the 1960 season.

From all indications, we'd say the odds are in his favor, especially since those concerned had the wisdom not to name the hotel The Brutus.

Et tu?

*After 2nd Crash, He Makes Wise Decision

Tiller-Drew – Rusty Russell of Milo, Ore., escaped uninjured from his second automobile accident within three weeks. The first accident three days after Rusty had received his discharge from the Air Force demolished his 1954 Ford Victoria.

The second accident, when Rusty's car was hit broadside at an intersection, badly damaged one side of the car. But this time Rusty believes the car can be repaired. He says he is thinking of taking a body and fender course at Eugene.

New Presidents Installed By EP Jaycees, Jayceettes

MRS. GLENN NELSON
Jayceettes President

HARRY HANSCOM
Jaycee President

Harold Hanscom, Mrs. G. Nelson Take Top Offices

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Eagle Point – Harry Hanscom was installed as president of the Eagle Point Junior Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Glenn Nelson installed as president of the Jayceettes at a joint installation banquet held recently at the Dardanelles near Gold Hill.

Hanscom has been a member of the organization for the past two years, receiving the key man award his first year. He has held the office of treasurer, and is presently the Scout Community Center Building committee chairman.

He has four boys and works with them in the Scouting program and is an active Scout committeeman. Hanscom has lived in Eagle Point all his life and still lives in the same house where he was born. He graduated from the Eagle Point High school prior to going into business for himself in the lumber industry.

Charter Member

Mrs. Nelson was a charter member of the Jayceettes when they organized three years ago and has been an active member and attended both regional and state functions with her husband. Lila has been secretary, first vice president, second vice president, and chairmaned the annual tea and style show last year. She is also the official Easter Bunny for the Easter Egg hunt held for the community children.

Mrs. Nelson has lived in Eagle Point the past 15 years, attending and graduating from the Eagle Point High school and now has two sons and a daughter.

The following officers were presented their respective pins by Glenn Nelson, district 10 vice president; Larry Davis, second vice president; Maurice Davies, first vice president; Ernest Himmelman, secretary; Harold Hanscom, treasurer; Keith Krambeal, state director; and the past president's pin to retiring president Don Kimmel. Kimmel presented past officers pins to the other outgoing officers.

Mrs. Glen Clymer, honored guest and the youngest grandmother present at the style show and tea last month, installed the following new officers for the Jayceettes: Mrs. Keith Krambeal, first vice president; Mrs. Ralph Humphrey, second vice president; Mrs. Harold Hanscom, secretary; and Mrs. Harry Hanscom, treasurer.

Lone Pine – The Lone Pine PTA will hold its last meeting of the year at 7:30 tomorrow evening in the school gymnasium. New officers will be installed and Glenn Linn, principal of Hedrick Junior High school, will explain next year's program. Entertainment will be by the school band and chorus.

2 New Inspectors Now on Duty at Hornbrook Station

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Hornbrook–Two employees of the California State Department of Agriculture have arrived here recently as permanent inspectors at the local quarantine station.

Transferring here from Kerby, Ore., where he was an inspector at the Redwood station, was Arthur Cribb. He also has been at the Dorris, Calif., station and before that was located for two seasons at an eastern California border station.

At present, Cribb is living in one of the housing units at the station on Highway 99. His wife is a teacher in the O'Brien, Ore., grammar school.

Latest to arrive here was George V. Michels Jr., who came from Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. He is living temporarily at the Fowler place at the junction of Highway 99 and Henley Way. At the close of school in June, he will be joined by his wife and two children.

Michels replaces George Reese, who left last week for Santa Barbara where he will be a standardization inspector. Cribb replaces U. D. Goodman, who was transferred to Dorris.

The nine-man crew at the local station at present consists of Senior Inspector Donald Douglas who makes his home in Yreka; L. E. Jeter who has been here some 20 years and last year received his 25-year pin; Dwain Hamner of Hornbrook; and, also from Yreka, Tom Taylor, Saul Friedman, William Nelson, and Leslie Fitzpatrick, a 10-year man with the department, who came here from Blythe, Calif., about six months ago to replace William Farmer.

Douglas reports traffic is becoming heavier through the station, with the month of April showing an increase of 6,500 vehicles checked through over April a year ago. The department accounts for this by the fact that many trucking lines are re-routing their trucks over highway 99 instead of Highway 97 in order to take advantage of the California freeway, and also to an increase in the number of trucking lines operating through this area.

Lowery Wins FFA Honor at Phoenix

Phoenix–Mike Lowery was named Phoenix FFA chapter star farmer at the chapter's recent parent-son banquet at Phoenix High school.

Lowery raises 28 head of registered Suffolk sheep on three acres of irrigated pasture. He was chapter secretary this year.

Leon Small was honored as chapter public speaker for four years and was presented the public speaking award. Small was in the state public speaking contest for two years consecutively and was one of the five state finalists this year.

Jack Dube was named honorary chapter farmer.

Approximately 125 guests and 36 chapter members attended the banquet.

BF PTA to Install Officers Tonight

Butte Falls – New officers will be installed at tonight's meeting of the Butte Falls PTA in the high school auditorium. The meeting, last of this school year, will begin at 7:30.

Next year's officers are Mrs. William Harris, president; Mrs. Henry Tygart, vice president; Mrs. William Hunter, secretary, and Mrs. Randall Perkins, treasurer. Mrs. Harry Dalton and Mrs. Ted Fredenburg will officiate.

Also included on tonight's agenda will be final discussion of the annual picnic held the last day of school and convention reports.

Globe Ash Trees Planted in EP

Eagle Point–Mayor Ed Putman and Garden Club President Mrs. W. E. Davies planted the first of the 11 European globe ash trees set out along Main st. last week.

Remaining trees, all over seven feet tall, were planted by Dave Hannaford.

The mayor asked that anyone interested in planting some of the free blue spruce trees donated to the citizens of Eagle Point by the Grange should get them from Putman mill.

134 Cast Ballots In BF Elections

Butte Falls – One hundred thirty-four voters turned out for the school election held last Monday at the high school.

Voters elected Jess (Bill) Rodgers Jr. to a five-year term on the school board and passed the school budget for the year 1960-61.

Rural board returns from Butte Falls elected James Grieves and John Spangler as directors and passed the budget for the year 1960-61.

Regional News

State FFA Head to Address EP Chapter

Eagle Point–Dennis Wood, president of the Oregon Future Farmers of America, will speak at the fifth annual parent and son banquet of the Eagle Point FFA chapter in the Eagle Point grade school gymnasium tomorrow.

David Foote, state reporter, will present the state officers' greeting. The rest of the program includes opening ceremonies conducted by chapter officers, invocation by Elvin Hawkins, entertainment provided by Don Carnes and Jim Lane and introduction of guests by Madison Patrick, chapter president.

Awards presentation include FFA Greenhand awards by Safeway Stores Inc., FFA activity awards by past FFA presidents; honorary degrees-chapter officers, establishment in farming awards, farm and home electrification, soil and water management, farm mechanics, dairy farmer, public speaking, farm safety and chapter star farmer.

Dew Officers

Last week the Eagle Point chapter held its annual meeting to discuss the parent and son banquet and to elect next year's officers.

To take office at the end of the banquet are Elvin Hawkins, president; Don Pestka, vice president; Dale Vaughan, secretary; Ron Anderson, treasurer; Victor Halsey, reporter; Merwyn Mayo, sentinel; Ron Greb, assistant repoter and Steve Geren, assistant treasurer.

PAINTINGS STOLEN

Yreka — Two original oil paintings valued at $4,000 each were reported stolen last week during a burglary of a home at the old Fox Farm south of Mt. Shasta. Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

Talent – The Talent Farm Bureau center will hold a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 tomorrow evening in the Valleyview school, Ashland, before the start of the regular meeting. All Farm Bureau members in the county are invited. Talent center will furnish the meat dish.

Junior Hunters

Yreka – A junior hunters safety course will be operated here on each of three nights this week, tonight, Wednesday and Friday.

The course is open to youngsters between the ages of 10 and 16 who have not attended such a class and wish to qualify for hunting licenses this season. Sheriff Al Cottar requests they sign up before tonight's session opens.

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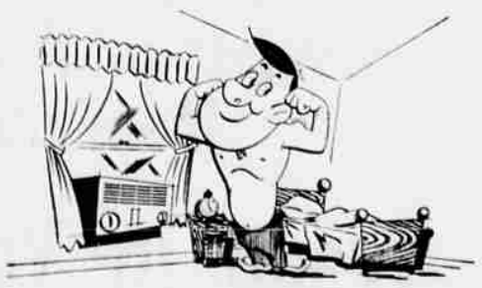

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