

Tablets

By
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The Desert Sheik

Table Rock - Years ago, back before the turn of the century, we used to go with father when he took wheat to the Eagle Point mill, now known as the home of stone ground flour. With a team of mules, and some 20 sacks of wheat, we would our way over the desert, from one boulder-filled pot hole to another. By the time we got to the foot of Cascade hill, we were thirsty and would stop for a cool drink at the spring.

The several miles of desert land we traveled over, except for a few months spring pasture, was considered about worthless, the assessed value being about \$5 per acre. It was on this land that Camp White was built, with paved streets and concrete floored barracks, a modern water system, sewer and disposal plant.

At the close of the war this land that had served so well as a training camp, it seemed, would revert back to its unwanted state. But some years later, Charley Hoover, with his never-ending optimism and faith, took over several thousand acres of it, with the idea of making it blossom like a rose. Last Thursday, as the guest of Charley Hoover, we made the trip through the guest of Charley Hoover, we over paved roads, passing hundreds of dwellings, some completed, others partly built, and some just started, dotting the landscape.

This is mostly in the eastern end of the desert, in the Hoover sub-division, which is sold in two to four acre units for home sites. This comprises nearly 1,000 acres which have practically all been sold. Many of the buyers come from surrounding states, although there is a sprinkling of Oregonians. A very generous sales plan is in force here, a small down payment, small monthly payments. Also with the acreage is a drilled well supplying some 1,800 gallons an hour, free trees for shade and beautification, and all building materials at wholesale. Most of the settlers here would be classed as working people, thrifty and energetic, who are for the most part trying to have a home of their own.

Many have some form of income, others have jobs in the valley or work in the timber or saw mills. We talked with the head sawyer in one of Steve Wilson's saw mills who, with the help of his wife, is building a lovely house of pumice brick during time off. All the people we talked with seemed to be happy and contented and with no objections to the zoning restriction that requires all buildings to be painted. There are no mansions here nor do you see any Cadillacs parked in the yard (no intent here to compare junk with Cadillacs) or rubbish dumped on lots.

They are common industries. Folks who desire a livable house and land enough to grow flowers, a few dwarf fruit trees and vegetables, a place for the kids to play and fish in the several man-made lakes where catfish, bass, and other fish abound. Farther to the east, giant earth-moving machines belonging to Steve Wilson are at work preparing a tract of some 1,000 acres for settlement. One machine with ripping tongs tearing into the soil to a depth of 3 to 4 feet, is followed by a carry-all, with a capacity of some 35 yards, which picks up the loose soil and dumps it in the boulder filled pot holes.

We were greatly surprised to see chocolate-colored virgin soil, soil that looked as fertile as any that ever laid out of doors to the surface with these machines. Some of the Hoover land not yet sub-divided has been seeded to grasses and clover. Some six varieties seeded together have made an excellent growth and furnish pasture for stock six months out of the year without irrigation.

This story is getting rather lengthy, but it would require much more space to do justice to this project. We should have had a rapid shorthand man, or a tape recorder, along on our trip, then Charley, with his rapid-fire description, would have told his own story, which would have been much better than ours.

As a parting remark, Charley said all he has was made in this valley, and he would like to leave something to be remembered by. And so here

Butte Falls School Patrons Vote on Bond Issue Tuesday

By MARY JO HARRIS
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Butte Falls - The board of directors of Butte Falls School district 91 has designated Tuesday, May 17, as voting day for the proposed bond issue to provide a new cafeteria-band room and dressing room enlargement for the Butte Falls High school. Voting will be from 2 to 3 p.m.

The cafeteria would be added onto the south-east corner of the high school, parallel to the shop. It would include a food storage area and processing area on the north end.

Opposite the serving line would be a band storage closet-type room. The middle

of the cafeteria would include four folding tables with a capacity of 80 students. The southern third of the cafeteria would be reserved as the music center (piano, hand-stand).

Instead of porches the structure would have a covered walkway connecting the three entrances or exits.

Architecturally the same lines of the present high school would be used, blending the cafeteria with the high school structure. The dressing room would be expanded by 6 feet on the north side of the gym. Between the boys' and girls' showers would be a space for hot water heaters and access to the plumbing. There would be an additional

lavatory and shower heads in each dressing room.

There would be an alteration of the foyer for entering the gym on the northwest corner with added storage facilities. Incorporated with the structure would be an extended roof line which would cover the walkway.

The bonds would be paid off in 10 years at \$6,500 each year.

The \$6,500 a year would mean three mills for the taxpayer. A piece of property with an assessed valuation of \$1,000 would be charged \$3 per year.

Drawings of the proposed structures are on display in the windows of the hardware store.

Preschool Clinic at Patrick Wednesday

Gold Hill - A free preschool clinic for children who will enter the first grade this fall, will be held at Patrick Elementary school of District 6C in Gold Hill this Wednesday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Dr. C. I. Drummond, Jackson county health officer, will be the examining physician. Miss Nina Van De Walker, clinic health nurse, and Miss Elizabeth McCallaird, school health nurse, will assist.

Mrs. Melvin Burnett, preschool chairman for the local health unit, said important information was mailed by the committee this week to parents of this age group. If for any reason a parent who has a youngster who will enter school this year doesn't receive one of these letters, information will be available by telephoning Mrs. Burnett.

Mrs. Burnett stressed that the yellow sheet be enclosed with the letter must be filled out and brought to the clinic. It is the Oregon Pupil Medical record sheet. The pink dental card enclosed should be filled out by the child's dentist and sent to the health department at the Jackson county courthouse in Medford.

Immunizations will be offered at the clinic. Mrs. Burnett reminded parents that a urinalysis sample, labeled with the child's name and date should be brought to the clinic.

Appointments are not necessary, but the committee urges parents to come early so the doctor will be able to complete all examinations by noon. Members of the Gold Hill Health unit will assist Mrs. Burnett at the clinic.

Fund-Raising Event Set for EP Building

Eagle Point - A benefit breakfast will be given Sunday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the new Eagle Point park to help raise funds for completion of the new Scout Community building.

All the hotcakes, eggs, and sausage you can eat, along with coffee and milk for the youngsters, will be served for a small fee. There will be children's prizes for youngsters under 12 years of age.

The breakfast is being sponsored by the service clubs of Eagle Point and all proceeds will go to the building fund.

In case of bad weather the breakfast will be held in the agriculture building at Eagle Point High school.

It is, a conquered desert, dotted with homes of the common folks, with green lawns, shade trees, recreation facilities, and land, heretofore with little value, as a taxing unit now contributing substantially to the County tax receipts, and something that won't give Ezra Benson a headache by adding to our crop surpluses.

The local Sunday school was well-attended at last Sunday's session. Adding to the count was a former member, Miss Linda, and Mrs. Dan Meeker, who intends to become a member. An appropriate Mother's day program was well received. One number of special interest was the posing of eight ladies as Bible mothers, dressing as they did in Bible times. Mrs. Ray Wyatt was given the prize as the oldest mother, the youngest went to Mrs. E. W. Robinson, and the mother with the most children went to Mrs. Norman Matteson.

Some 70 voters in the boundaries of the proposed zoning district, met Thursday night, and listened to three members of the county planning commission explain the method of forming a zone, what it would do, and the benefits to be obtained by the people living in one. A majority of those present signed the petition asking for a zone hearing and many others have signed since.

Regional News

Visitation Day Slated at Jewett

Central Point - Bill Brewster, principal, has announced that on May 20 the H. P. Jewett Elementary school will have a preschool visitation day. Children who will be entering the first grade in the fall, and their parents, are invited to visit all the first grade rooms. They will meet at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria for refreshments and a brief discussion concerning characteristics of first grade children. Then they will visit each of the six first grade class rooms where each visiting child will receive a memento made by a first grade student.

The Central Point PTA has been contacted by the school and members agreed to provide care for smaller children in the homes during the visitation period for the mother and pre-schooler at the school.

Officers Installed By PTA at Ruch

Applegate Valley - Mrs. Glenn Travis was installed Friday evening as president of Ruch PTA for a second term.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Neil Suttell, vice president; Mrs. Stanley Larson, secretary; and Don Main, treasurer. Mrs. Larry Tweedy, past chairman, was installing officer.

Several members attended the PTA state convention in Medford last month, where Mrs. Travis acted as a hostess at a workshop.

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley - Curt Gearhardt and John Black were investigating the countryside Monday, looking for lost gulches, mountains, and boundary lines, and staunchly refused to be interviewed as local smoke chasers.

John was saying he would like to be home some time when the college and forestry officials hold a school at his tree farm. However, he said he viewed the scene from the top of Mt. Isabel the last time. Curt was busy scanning the skies for an electric storm.

Regional Calendar

Applegate Valley - The valley's home extension units will hold their annual festival at the Grange hall at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. There will be exhibits and entertainment. Admission is free.

Sams Valley - A preschool clinic will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. this Wednesday in the Sams Valley school auditorium.

Gold Hill - Coffee Klatch for all ladies who reside on Sardine creek will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Paulsen this Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Illinois Valley - A no-host breakfast in honor of Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, candidate for U.S. Senator, will be held at the Todelope cafe in Cave Junction at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Illinois Valley - An open meeting and potluck dinner in honor of Representative Charles O. Porter will be held at 8:30 this evening in the Cave Junction American Legion hall. Hosts will be members of the Illinois Valley Democratic club.

Garden Show Set By Phoenix Club

Phoenix - The Phoenix Garden club will hold its annual garden show June 5 at the Phoenix Community club. It will be open to the public. Club officials expect to have entries from all over the Rogue valley in both competitive and non-competitive fields. Displays will include both horticulture and flower arrangements. Ribbons will be presented for three places and honorable mention.

Community Club in Phoenix Nets \$60

Phoenix - Approximately \$60 was made at the square dance held May 6 by the Phoenix Community club to raise money for a new floor in the clubhouse. More fund raising ideas will be discussed at the Community club meeting Monday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited.



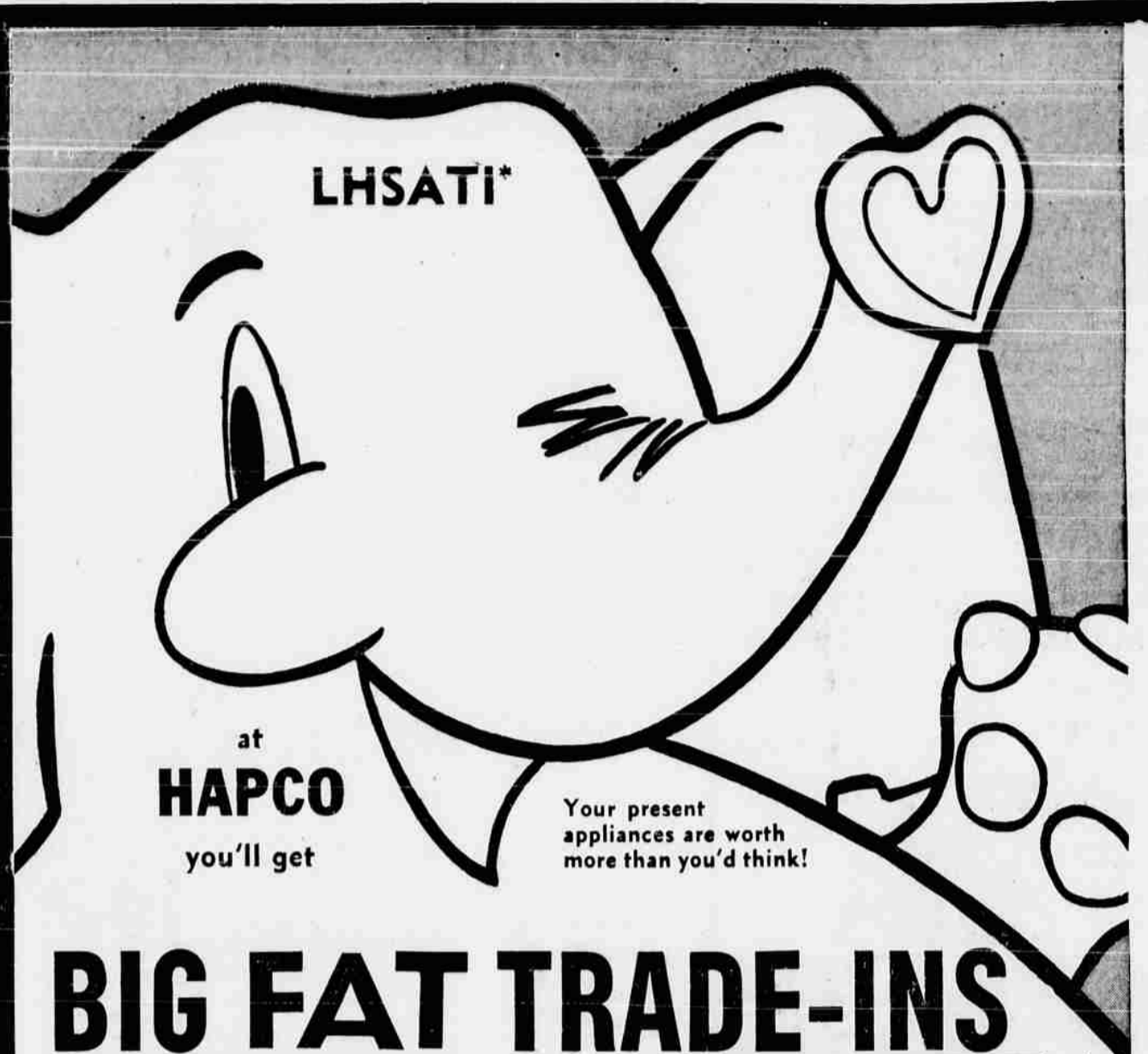
which girl has glasses?
BOTH - one wears CONTACTS!

Actually, both pictures are of Dr. Noles' 13-year-old daughter who has worn contact lenses 16 hours a day for the past two years. And... she wears dark green tinted contact lenses for swimming and skiing. A dramatic illustration of the cosmetic and psychological benefits to be derived from wearing contact lenses.

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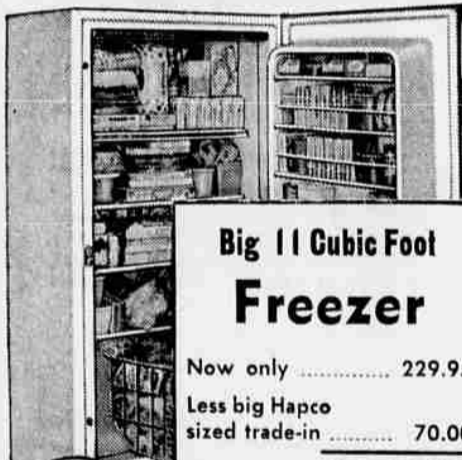
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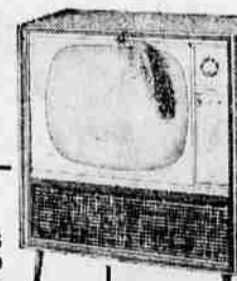
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