

Regional Calendar

Applegate Valley - A film "Windows of the Soul," will be shown at Ruch Community church at 8 o'clock Monday evening. It is a new Moody science film.

Eagle Point - A baton show featuring high school, grade school and future majorettes will be held in the grade school gymnasium at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Performances will be led by future drum major Kevin Kimmel and music will be provided by the high school band. Special acrobatic routines will feature Debbie Oakes and Lynda Harnish. Refreshments will be served. A small charge will be made for admission. The public is invited.

Happy Camp - There will be a music concert by James Tristan's classes at Happy Camp High school this Tuesday. An award will be presented to the school's outstanding pupil of the year.

Applegate Valley - This Sunday is cleanup day at Log Town cemetery. Work hours are in the forenoon and afternoon and there will be a potluck dinner and business meeting.

Happy Camp - The annual cemetery cleanup day will be tomorrow. A dinner will be served to workers by women of Happy Camp Grange at the Grange hall. Grange Chairman Mrs. Bernice Sutcliffe will be in charge of the dinner.

Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley - Two little bears who lived in the community for a while and won their way into the hearts of everyone who knew them have journeyed on now to larger fields of endeavor. After all, they were bears, and their slaps and bites were a little overbearing.

But behind them they have left vivid impressions as real personalities. They attended various functions, such as ladies club events and missionary meetings, and accepted baby sitting courtesies along with other children. One little bruin received a pair of socks knit for him by an admirer between her sessions of commercial knitting, and the other bruin wore pajamas quite often.

One bear would lie on the floor and cry when he got a spanking, and the other enjoyed climbing and consequently the kitchen curtains were torn down. He also could turn on the kitchen faucet and get a drink.

Gold Hill Woman Remembers Oregon Life in Pioneer Days

By MARY KELL

Mail Tribune Correspondent Gold Hill—Mrs. Lillie MacKay, daughter of an Indian War Scout and member of one of Oregon's well-known pioneer families, celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary recently. She was honored at a party given at the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Dufur in Gold Hill.

In an interview with this correspondent, Mrs. MacKay, who has a sharp sense of humor and is actually more interested in keeping abreast with modern times than living in the past, told some interesting stories of incidents that occurred during her childhood days in this area. She also related some phases of her life in regard to some of the narratives that have been written about her famous father, J. W. Hayes, who died in 1927 at the age of 85 years. He was one of Oregon's pioneer men who helped to make the Rogue Valley a safer and better place for early settlers to establish their homes during those historic days.

Mrs. MacKay, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Willis Hayes, was born April 24, 1873 at "Moonville," which is now known as Sams Valley. At the time of her birth her father was operating the general store and post office in Moonville.

She was a small child when he sold his business there and moved his family to Rock Point, an old stage station on the California and Oregon Stage Company lines. It was at that time one of Jackson county's busy townships. Mrs. MacKay said she will never forget the memory of her father during those years at Rock Point, when besides his blacksmith shop business he served as a messenger (police guard) on the stage whenever there was a payroll to be taken through.

The sawed-off shotgun he carried made a deep impression on her and the other children in her home because they knew it was to be used for serious business, and they were fearful of it as well because the gun was such an odd-looking thing.

Her father, J. W. Hayes, who was born in 1842 in Kentucky, came across the plains to Oregon by oxen team with his parents when he was 11 years old. His family settled about 20 miles from Grants Pass, just beyond Hayes Hill which was named after the Hayes family later.

She said the Indians called her father the "black devil." He served when he was about 14 years old as a scout in the Rogue River war in 1855-56 under Mike Bushey. It is said that J. W. Hayes, known to his friends as "Bill," was among the best scouts that ever followed an Indian trail. He was described as tall and wore his black hair long. When he wanted to get information, he let his hair fall down over his shoulders, put a blanket over his shoulders, and moccasins on his feet and

walked through the Indian camps. Mrs. MacKay told of the unforgettable fear that her mother, the former Sophronia Cook, who had crossed the plains from Missouri, had of the Indians, and remembers so well the times when she was a small child in Rock Point. Her mother put heavy blankets over the windows of their home when Indians were passing through the area because she was afraid the Indians would "peek in the windows."

Mrs. MacKay commenced her school days in the historic Rock Point school building that was destroyed by fire the summer of 1959. She said church services were held in the school building as well as funerals when she was a youngster.

She says speaking of funerals reminds her of a time when she was about 10 years old. She was picking red lilies with a group of children in the vicinity of the Rock Point cemetery. As they scamped about the grave yard looking for wild flowers, they came upon an open grave, and needless to say the red lilies were forgotten. She ran with the others as fast as their legs would take them to their homes to spread the word. Since there were no reports of any death, the townspeople of Rock Point, including her parents, decided that a grave robbing had taken place.

Land leveling equipment belonging to William O. Day, of Medford, has been in use here for several days on farm lands. The machine was operated by Ernest McEvers of Sams Valley, who claims he can level land and give it the proper slope for irrigation without it being staked.

Gilbert Elder, of the Big Y area, celebrated his 89th birthday last Sunday with relatives and friends at the home of his son, Jesse Elder and family, west side Table Rockers.

Irrigation with sprinklers started Tuesday on the J. L. Nealon farm, where the consistent westerly winds are drying the surface soil and blowing up a lot of dust.

We have heard some skeptical reactions to our story about the Hoover sub-division. Some thought it might be a bit over-drawn as to buildings and upkeep of premises, and might end up as a "china town." Others thought selling building supplies at wholesale might work a hardship on other dealers. Then one good lady wondered if we were not bringing too many people into an already crowded valley.

In answer to the first, they have a zoning ordinance that will keep premises clean of rubbish and buildings painted. As to the second, if someone hadn't possessed courage and vision, the land would still be vacant, and no one would be selling building supplies there. As to the last, we don't need to worry about getting too many people in the valley, if they have some sort of income, but if jobs should slacken, those depending on work might be in difficulty.

Bill Duggan, the Sams Valley Bensonized farmer, member of the county planning commission and builder of smog-proof homes for Californians, was a brief caller here Wednesday on his way to deliver petitions to the planning commission in Medford.

BOB WALTERS, Regional Editor CORRESPONDENTS: Applegate Valley—Maude Ziegler, TW 9-1333 Butte Falls—Mary Jo Harris, TO 5-2128 Central Point—Doris Hughes, NO 4-1108 Eagle Point—Dottie Harbison, HI 8-3274 Gold Hill—Sams Valley—Mary Kell, UL 5-1126 Grandview—Lone Pine—Dot Simmons, SP 2-9876 Happy Camp—Vivian E. Stevenson Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman, GR 5-3586 Illinois Valley—Katherine Scott, 5203 Jacksonville—Betty Hoskins, TW 9-1209 McLeod—Caroline Harding, TR 8-2260 Meadows—Nellie Bergman, HI 6-1267 Montague—Carol Peterson Phoenix—Helen Nikodym, KE 5-1398 Prospect—Frances Ring, UN 9-2211 Rogue River—Cecile Camden, JU 2-3378 Shady Cove—Evalyn Watson, TR 8-2351 Table Rock—R. E. Nealon, TA 8-2097 Talent—Joe Cowley, KE 5-2918 Tiller—Draw—Viola Rogers Williams—Bonnie Mitchell, PR 2283 Yreka—Ruth Middleton, VI 2-2907

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Mrs. MacKay, one of eight children, has one sister living. Mrs. J. Frank Schmidt of Trouthale, Ore. She is the former Edna Hayes of Gold Hill.

After his death in 1922, she and their adopted son, Richard MacKay, returned to Gold Hill where she has made her home most of the time since then.

She does her own housework and leisure hours indoors are spent crocheting and knitting. Always fond of children, one of her favorite pastimes is to walk when weather permits to the Dufur home to visit her grandnephew, five-year-old Johnny Dufur, and grandniece, Candace Dufur, who is two years old. Her favorite hobby is working in her flower garden.

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Regional News

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

New Product: D.F.D.

Table Rock - Sanford Richardson, who takes pride in raising the first sweet corn of the season, planted his corn, and went with his wife to Portland for a week's visit, returning Wednesday. He checked his corn, and found it had come up all right, being helped by some friendly pheasants.

George Guthrie, caretaker at TouVelle park, reports some 400 people attended the Sears picnic for employees and families last Sunday. This was the largest attended picnic so far this year.

We have met lately a half dozen registered Republicans who are in a fix, as they can't go Nixon, so are going to write in a Democratic candidate on their Republican ballot, which won't be counted toward his election. This situation was brought about by the heavy Republican majority in the county and state in past years. During that time if a Republican got the nomination he was more than likely to be elected, so to be sure of getting good officials, one had to vote a Republican primary ballot.

While attending the Roosevelt memorial dinner last Saturday, we met a lot of fine people, and many capable looking candidates, all able and willing to serve their country. The dinner was all you could wish for, and the program that lasted more than an hour was highly interesting and instructive the whole way through.

During the introducing of Presidential candidates, if our applause meter was working correctly, Kennedy had the edge on Morse with Johnson next. The mention of Mrs. Roosevelt's name was loudly applauded. Such a meeting as this we would hate to miss and only wish more Republicans would attend.

The ladies were very kind in not obstructing anyone's vision by wearing mostly small hats. They had small head pieces about the size of one's hand, looked like they might have been knitted and passed on their heads. It seems there's no bird on "Nellie's" hat anymore.

Thought for the day: As a good American citizen, be sure you go to the polls and vote for your favorite candidate. There is no charge.

'SKIP DAY' HELD Butte Falls—Last Friday was "skip day" for seventh and eighth grade students of Butte Falls Grade school. Accompanied by Principal Leonard Stratton and room mothers Mrs. William Lytle, Mrs. Ray Chambers and Mrs. Orbie Ruddick, they went by bus to the House of Mystery, Lithia Park, Twin Plunges swimming pool and TouVelle park.

Yreka—The FBI arrested 37-year-old Harry F. Clark of Dunsmuir this week as a deserter from the Air Force. He will be held in county jail pending arrival of Air Force officials.

It must be that our friend Clifford, the Forest Acres scribe, since he shed his centennial beard, got somewhat out of balance. Of course we never missed the melon he snatched, but what is confusing to us is that we have no son or grandson.

So F. J. must have got the melon from someone's patch that might not be so lenient with him as we might. This takes us back many years, when an adjoining neighbor named Hansen had a melon patch in the lower field near the woods. To protect the melons from snitches, he put up a sign that read: "These melons are poisoned."

Coming to his patch the next day he found near the sign, the rinds of a big melon that had been eaten and a sign, "This one wasn't."

In a telephone conversation with Mrs. Fred Sander of Medford, friends here of the Val Ware family, learned that Mrs. Ware passed away May 15, at Long Beach, Calif., where she and her husband had resided since leaving here.

In the June 8, 1919 issue of the M.T., an item in the Table Rock Tablets tells of a hard frost the night before that did heavy damage to fruit, crops, and gardens. This might suggest that we not empty our smudge pots too soon.

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Hunter and Best Operations Listed

Applegate Valley - Mr and Mrs. Glenn Hunter of Ruch left recently for Gold Beach, where they will remain for the summer looking after business interests. Some months ago the firm of Hunter and Best, which includes Hunter's son, B. J. Hunter, and Glenn Best, purchased property with 250 feet of river frontage on the Rogue at Gold Beach, and started business changes on the property.

They erected a new building to house a salmon cannery which they lease to another party. At present they are converting the old cannery building to a center for selling fishing gear with a view to handling commercial fishing equipment in the future. They also own a boat dock.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Best have been at the business site, located at Wedderman across the river from Gold Beach, since its purchase, B. J. Hunter and his family are remaining at Ruch, where he manages the Hunter and Best Christmas tree farm, where the third season of tree growing is underway. Eighty-five acres are planted on the 450-acre holdings.

Maurer to Head Activity Program

Illinois Valley - The summer recreation board has elected Larry Maurer to direct this summer's youth activity program, sponsored by the Lions club.

Maurer will set up a program which will include golf, swimming, baseball, archery, softball and other sports. It will be open to both youths and adults.

At the same board meeting, Illinois Valley High school's vocational agriculture department was awarded concession rights at all spectator sports programs.

Maurer said the program will be a success if there is enough individual interest either to participate in it or support it. He said he hoped Illinois Valley residents would "again rally behind the program this year."

Firm Clearing Land for Bulk Plant in Phoenix

Phoenix - Oregon Liquid Gas company, 627 North Main st., Phoenix, is clearing some acreage on First st. in Phoenix near the railroad tracks for a bulk plant to be served by rail. The announcement was made by D. H. Adams, manager and owner of the company with offices in both Phoenix and Grants Pass.

Clearing operations started Tuesday. The area is being cleared more than what will be used for the actual bulk plant operation. However, the additional cleared space will provide fire protection, Adams said. The company is now using a bulk plant on Bolz rd., which leads to the Phoenix high school.

The present plant is served by the company's own motor transport. Company trucks bring liquified gas from the Shell Oil company at Martinez, Calif., near Oakland, Adams said.

The new bulk plant installation will be operated in addition to the present one on Bolz rd. It will have larger storage capacity and will provide the company with two ways for delivery, by truck and by rail. The clearing operation started Tuesday. The new plant should be installed in about 60 days, Adams predicted.

Girl Takes Prize in Gazelle Show

Hornbrook - Miss Gerry Elmore won second prize in horse jumping at the Gazelle Horse show held May 8.

Gerry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elmore. She is a student at Yreka high school and is a member of the Vaguerra's, Hornbrook's girls' mounted drill team.

Others attending the horse show from here included Gerry's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orson Coleman, and her brother, Johnny; Miss Penny Barnum, Miss Linda Blankenship, and Miss Lulabelle Whitten, all members of the Vaguerra's and "Skip" Wayne.

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