

# Tablets

By E. E. NEALON

Table Rock - The Antioch Cemetery association will hold its annual meeting at the cemetery grounds, Monday, May 30, at 2 p.m. for election of officers, and any other business needing attention.

This is a pioneer burial ground, some of the tombstones showing dates as far back as the sixties. During World War II it was in the artillery range of Camp White and the tombstones and graves were covered with 4 feet of soil. During artillery practice, shells and shrapnel screamed over the otherwise peaceful resting place of those from many valley families, who had gone before, and many trees still show the scars of bursting shells and shrapnel.

One hundred twenty-five members of valley Sunday schools attended the conference meeting Friday night at the Table Rock schoolhouse. The prize banner went to the Forest Acres S.S. with the most present, while Savage Rapids S.S. got the praise for the highest percentage of members present. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shank, as usual, brought the Savage Crooners in their station wagon.

The timing of the U.S. was just right to give friend Khrushchev an excuse to upset the apple cart, and wreck the long prepared and much talked of summit meeting. It reminds us of a destructive train wreck which happened several years ago.

Two trains had crashed in a head-on collision, and as both crews were killed or badly hurt, the investigators were handicapped until they found an old rancher who had witnessed the disaster. When asked to tell just what he saw, he replied: "I was riding along a ridge, when I saw down to the south, a train coming north about 50 miles an hour. Then I looked north, and saw another train coming south about the same speed, and figured they would smash into each other at the curve."

"What did you do?" he was asked. "Nothing, he replied. "Didn't you try to stop them?" he was asked. "No," he answered. "Didn't you even think something," they asked. "Yes," he said, "I thought a little."

"Well, what did you think?" he was asked. "Well, I thought to myself, that's a helluva way to run a railroad."

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis stopped here on election day hunting a place to vote. Said that during the past few years, they had gone to five or six different places to cast their Democratic votes. We wished them luck, and sent them to Sams Valley, there they found a ballot so long that while they were marking the top, the bottom candidates were underfoot. Since election day we have met some five local

folks who didn't go to the polls. In fact haven't registered for years, and are Democrats. The first vote we cast some 20 years ago, believe it or not, Oregon made you pay \$3 poll tax for the privilege of voting. Back a good many years ago, when George Gardner was county clerk, he tried to get all eligible voters registered. He sent out registers to many precincts of the valley, who were paid 10 cents for each person registered.

We had the local area, and Sams Valley, and some adjoining districts. Our transportation cost very little, as we used a gasless bicycle. We remember meeting and registering a man near the old Pelton ranch, a Mr. Fisher, whose home was up Sams Creek a ways. He wanted us to ride to his house and register his wife, who he said had never registered.

He was a blue-bellied Republican, and during the registering process, when we asked what party, and his wife replied Democrat, he nearly fell off his chair.

"You, a Democrat," he said, "and after I had this man pump that bicycle clear up here, and find you are a lousy Democrat."

Evidently politics had not been any obstacle to a happy home-life here.

The recent election has left the poor old doggies like some of the candidates. They don't know whether to run at large or stay at home.

Some local hay is ready to harvest, but the weather isn't.

A member of the P.C.A. tells us they have raised their interest rate to 7.75 per cent. One time we were trying to get a loan from our bank, and thought the interest rate was too high, and remember telling them that we could get the money from the P.C.A. for 4 per cent. That was quite a while ago, before this tight money policy got so popular.

Reminds us of Stan Lydiard's story about a banker he knew. A would-be borrower approached this banker and asked for a loan, but for some reason the banker didn't want to make the loan, but the man kept pleading and trying to finagle him out of a loan. Finally, the banker thought he could pretend to give him a chance by asking him to do something he couldn't do, so he said, "I have a glass eye and if you can tell me which one it is, I'll loan you the money."

So after gazing for some time into the banker's eyes, he said, "It is the right one."

The surprised banker said, "How did you figure that out?"

The man replied: "I looked closely into both eyes, and thought I could see a little sympathy in the right eye."

This wasn't our banker. He

# Regional News

## 'Hazel Atkins Day' Observed; PTA at EP Installs Officers

By DOTTIE HARBISON  
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Eagle Point—"Hazel Atkins Day" was officially declared by the Eagle Point Elementary PTA last Tuesday. The executive committee presented Mrs. Atkins a double orchid corsage.

Mrs. Atkins' history was presented at the PTA meeting Tuesday night by a former student, Miss Adene Jensen, now the junior class president at Eagle Point High school. Miss Jensen called Mrs. Atkins to come forward and Mike Hefley, a current student in her room, gave her a lawn chair in behalf of the present third grade class.

Mrs. Atkins recently was honored by the Oregon Education association at its yearly banquet and was presented a teacher retirement pin by Superintendent Glenn D. Hale. The elementary school teachers gave a reception in her honor last Sunday afternoon with several of her former students and teachers present.

Mrs. Chloe Palm gave a report on the main address given at the PTA convention held recently in Medford. Mrs. Sinders gave the historian's report in which she tabulated all of the meetings, programs, and accomplishments of the PTA during this past school year.

The Reverend Joseph Munshaw of Eagle Point Community church gave the invocation prior to the installation of new officers for the coming year.

Mrs. John Huffman, past president of the PTA and present high school PTSA president, explained the purpose of the PTA and asked those present to stand behind their incoming officers and give them their full support for the coming year. As the new officers were installed, Pat Shelton, outgoing president, pinned corsages made by Mrs. Clarence Davies on each of the women officers.

Mrs. Darrell Stanley was installed as president, James Scott as vice president, Mrs. Ernest Gregg as teacher-vice president, Mrs. Harry Thompson as secretary, Mrs. Elmer Harnish as treasurer, and Mrs. Ray Palm as historian.

Mrs. Shelton presented the president's pin to Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Stanley in turn presented the past president's pin to Mrs. Shelton.

## Cemetery Group Discusses Rules

Applegate Valley—Regulations for persons establishing lots in the Log Town cemetery were discussed at the business meeting of the cemetery association held at the home of Frederic Adams last Sunday.

Details regarding kinds of curbing around lots and necessity of placing curbing on specified lines was considered. The group will discuss the situation with Jacksonville cemetery authorities, and expects to adopt policies similar to those used in Jacksonville.

John Black and Glenn Smith were reelected to the board of directors, and Mrs. Gertrude Wingham was reelected chairman of the board. Other board members are Paul Pearce, Mrs. John Byrne, and Mrs. John Black, who is secretary. Smith is serving his second three-year term as sexton.

The board is preparing mimeographed copies of all grave lots and burials with one copy to go to the sexton and another to the secretary. The board has requested that all persons wishing to make improvements or arrange for burials contact Smith.

## REJECT RED REPORT

Seoul, Korea—(AP)—The United Nations command Thursday rejected a Communist report that North Korean fortifications in the demilitarized zone were of a non-military nature. The senior member of the U.N. Joint Observer team, U.S. Col. Jeffrey G. Smith, told the Communists he rejected the report "for its disgusting deceit."

wouldn't have shown any sympathy in either eye.

Thought for the day - The first time a dog bites you, it's his fault. The next time, it's yours.



OFFICERS INSTALLED—Mrs. Darrell Stanley (left) was installed as president of Eagle Point PTA at the group's meeting last Tuesday. At right is outgoing president Mrs. Pat Shelton and center is installing officer Mrs. John Huffman. Other officers installed were James Scott, vice president; Mrs. Ernest Gregg, teacher-vice president; Mrs. Harry Thompson, secretary; Mrs. Elmer Harnish, treasurer, and Mrs. Ray Palm, historian.

## Commencement Held for Butte Falls HS Graduates

By MARY JO HARRIS  
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Butte Falls—Commencement exercises were held for Butte Falls High school's class of 1960 last Friday evening at the school gymnasium. Seniors were Raymond Abbott, Jeanette Capello, Patsy Facey, Daryle Hawkins, Nola Smith, and LeRoy Thompson.

The class motto was "Forever Forward," class flower the carnation and class colors were turquoise and white.

## Work on Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery Nears Completion

Phoenix—Work on the Phoenix pioneer cemetery is moving into its final phase, according to Ray Claffin, cemetery board chairman.

Water lines are being put in for a new sprinkler system and new fences are being erected. The Lions started the project a year ago by removing excess trees and brush. Graves have been leveled and each cemetery plot cleared of old tin cans, liquor bottles and other trash. The Lions hope soon to start repairing the ancient headstones, some of which have been broken by vandals.

"We hope to get the graveyard in such a condition that the grass can be mowed easily and walkways of crushed rock can be used for access to each of the cemetery plots," Claffin said. "In the future, we hope two months' work each year will keep the cemetery in good condition. Now we are asking the public to come and see what has been done."

## Monument Planned

A flagpole and monument dedicated to the veterans of the two world wars will be erected when the project nears completion, Claffin said.

So far, considerable labor and \$1,000 in cash has been donated for the community project. The Phoenix FFA chapter is busy finishing work on a tool shed which will be kept in the cemetery. "We want to warn the public not to put their flowers in glass containers on the grave plots since the glass breaks and mowing crews can have their legs badly cut when power mowers send the glass flying. Signs will be erected soon to notify the public that this is not a playground, but a cemetery," Claffin said.

## Regional Calendar

Applegate Valley—Annual reunion and picnic of the Wingham family will be held at McKee park this Sunday. In case of rain, the picnic will be held at the Grange hall.

Eagle Point—Baccalaureate services for Eagle Point High school's class of 1960 will be held in the school gymnasium at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The public is invited.

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## IV Summer Recreation Program to Start June 20

By KATHERINE SCOTT  
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Illinois Valley—The Illinois Valley Summer Recreation

council has set June 20 as opening day for the valley's summer youth recreation program.

played five days a week instead of three as in past years, the council decided.

Cub baseball also will be open this year to youths in the 13 to 16 age group.

## Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley - What some of the canine friends are doing is quite newsworthy, especially in these days of balloting in dogdom.

Penny, the young toy terrier of Dorothy Carpenter, had been missing for about a week. All attempts to locate her had been futile, and she was all but given up as drowned. But in a final attempt Dorothy ran a newspaper ad for her.

Penny is reunited with her folks now. A Medford family had found her as they gathered mushrooms about three miles from the Carpenter home. It is thought she wandered away with the other family dogs, Candy and Frosty.

Happy, the Glenn Saltmarsh dog, just won a tussle with a raccoon. The invader was molesting a chicken coop, and Happy chased him under a bridge, where the battle took place. Glenn assisted with a couple of bullets, but the dog has the credit for keeping the coon in place.

Happy had had several successful encounters with coons, and already is noted for his baying of cougars.

## GRADUATION DAY OFF

New York—(AP)—There will be no matinee of the hit musical, "The Sound of Music," Saturday, June 4. The star, Mary Martin, had that provision written into her contract a year ago so she could attend the graduation of her daughter, Heller Halliday, from the George School, Newtown, Pa.

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