

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

Short Shorts

Sometimes it's downright embarrassing to drive to Ashland.

Often I've donned a raincoat, splashed out to the car and zipped (keeping the basic rule in mind, of course) down to Bard Town, only to be greeted by a burst of sunshine as I enter the city limits.

Then when I talk to someone at the police station or the Chamber of Commerce office or city hall, I always forget myself and comment on the nice weather. This is greeted first by a self-satisfied nod, then an almost imperceptible sneer.

"Of course," says the Ashlander. "And how's the weather in Medford?" Then he chuckles knowingly.

But I always stick up for old Smoggy Butt—I mean Medford.

"Fine," I say. "Couldn't be nicer, in fact. All the men are in shorts, the women are in shorter shorts and the heat melted the school budget so much the voters passed it."

The Ashlander gives me a fatherly smile and a pat on the head, glances at the puddle of Medford rain forming around my feet and goes back about his business.

But I always feel better after a walk through Lithia park.

That puddle makes me a big favorite with the ducks.

Whew. The Elks Convention is over.

The conventioners left behind a few mementos, of course. There's hardly a building, store window or garbage can in town without a paper sticker advertising some BPOE function plastered on it.

What I remember, though, is a touching fraternal scene on South Central ave. While having lunch last Thursday, I watched one green-vested delegate after another pop in and out of the state's beverage store across the street.

Couldn't help wondering if there was an Elkoche in the crowd.

The following telephone conversation, I'm told, took place between one of our female reporters and her husband the other day:

Wife-Reporter: "Hi. What're you doing?"

Husband: "Might as well tell you, I suppose. I just cut a hole in the rug."

W-R: "You what?"

H: "Yeah, I wanted to see the floor show."

W-R: "Groat."

H: "Don't worry, I covered it up again."

W-R: "You did?"

H: "Yeah. Couldn't stand the dirty cracks."

Groat. And that one's mine.

Illinois Valley Correspondent Katherine Scott, reporting last week on the Memorial Day shindig set for Kerbyville Ghost Town, wrote about the picnic, the dance and the town's new dancing platform. Her last paragraph, however, was a chopped off the story.

"The Elkhorn Saloon and General Store will be in operation for cool beverages."

Koolaid, naturally.

Prospect PTA Installs Officers

By FRANCES RING
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Prospect PTA Teachers Association held its final meeting of the school year last Tuesday. Mrs. Clarence Hedgcock, a past president, installed new officers.

Mrs. Elmer Goodman was installed as president. Mrs. Floyd Peterson, vice president, Mrs. Alta Goode, secretary and Mrs. Duane Payne, treasurer.

School's Amateur Radio Club Believed Unique in This Area

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Gold Hill—The Gold Hill amateur radio club at Hanby Elementary school of district 6 was issued station call letters K7LYX by the federal communication commission effective from May 7, 1960, to May 22, 1964. These call letters can only be used by this school, according to Allen Hill, trustee of the club station.

Hill has his own ham radio station at his home in Central Point and Marvin Throne, technical advisor, has a mobile unit in his car. Both men have instructed classes at Hanby.

Hill said that to his knowledge, this is the only amateur radio club that has an operating station in an elementary school in southern Oregon.

There are about 12 active members in the club, which is an organized group with its own constitution. Officers are Dick Ross, president; Philip Van Horn, vice president; and Peggy Dye, secretary-treasurer; all seventh grade students.

The amateur station set up at Hanby Elementary school consists of a Heath model DX-40 amateur transmitter and Hallicrafters Model S-40B amateur receiver. The transmitter was built from a kit by various students during their spare time. The antenna is an all-band trapped doublet.

Equipment for the amateur station was purchased by the profits from skating parties and magazine drives at school. Hill explained that no tax funds were used for any part of the equipment. Efforts of the pupils at Hanby financed the project.

Through their work and study in the club two seventh grade students, Donald Gail and Dick Ross, have become licensed novice amateur operators. Both boys have their own amateur stations which consist of transmitter, receiver and suitable antenna system, at their homes north of Gold Hill.

Philip Van Horn, Peggy Dye, and Eugene Ridge have passed written tests to qualify for their novice licenses.

The boys with novice licenses are now working on theory and code speed to qualify for a general amateur license, which would entitle them to operate on all amateur bands, both code and radio telephone.

The Gold Hill amateur radio training class, which correlates with the science program, was instituted last fall by Hill and Throne, Hanby teachers. They have taught the class alternately each six weeks, once or sometimes twice a week during school hours, as an elective activity of the curriculum.

Only students who were capable and interested were permitted to remain in the class. It gave qualified pupils from grades seven and eight an opportunity to study radio code theory in order to prepare them for an amateur radio license. Youngsters with a scientific aptitude have a chance to acquaint themselves with modern electronics. Students participating were required to keep up to date in all regular class room subjects, and no one was excused from regular class assignments.

The radio class period consisted of 20 minutes allowed for code practice, and another 20 minutes for instruction in basic theory. Weekly assignments were given the students.

When students were ready for a radio license test, arrangements were made to supervise them. Pupils purchased their own books for the radio class course.

Students other than those already mentioned who are enrolled in the class are Mike Mowrey, Dave Force, Greg Appen, Robert Allen, Ogden Kellogg and Wade Hutton.

Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools, said the amateur radio training class has brought out interests that youngsters have, which the teachers had not found. It offers the child who has an aptitude for a specialized field to put it to use to the best of his ability. He said that some youngsters have become more interested in their regular classroom studies because they realized the importance of keeping up their grades if they were to continue in the radio class.

Teachers making the awards were Dean Boggan for typing, dramatics and band; Mike Estes for JV basketball, shop and math; Mrs. Leora Morey for home economics; Russell Ragsdale for science; William Hunter for geometry, bookkeeping and various other awards, and Richard Pepple for basketball and baseball.

Woodburn School Damaged by Fire

Woodburn—Fire that may have started in the locker room destroyed half of the gymnasium building of Washington grade school here Saturday night, only a day after school let out for the summer.

The gym building also housed two classrooms.

Police Chief Floyd Maricle said damage could run into thousands of dollars.

Maricle said flames ate through the roof before firemen had the blaze controlled about 10:30 p.m. The fire was prevented from spreading to the 44-year-old school.

Woodburn now has only one third grade classroom at Lincoln grade school.

GRADUATION-PICNIC

Rogue River—Graduation ceremonies for Rogue River Community Kindergarten pupils were combined with a picnic at Grants Pass City park last Tuesday.

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- Applegate Valley—Maude Ziegler, TW 9-1333
- Butte Falls—Mary Jo Harris, TC 5-2128
- Central Point—Doris Hughes, NO 4-1106
- Eagle Point—Dottie Harbison, HI 6-3274
- Gold Hill-Sams Valley—Mary Keil, UL 5-1126
- Grandview-Lone Pine—Dot Simmons, SP 2-9676
- Happy Camp—Vivian E. Stevenson
- Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman, GR 5-3586
- Illinois Valley—Katherine Scott, 5203
- Jacksonville—Bette Hoskins, JW 9-1208
- McLeod—Caroline Harding, TR 8-2260
- Meadows—Nellie Bergman, HI 6-1267
- Montague—Carol Peterson
- Phoenix—Helen Nikodym, KE 5-1388
- Prospect—Frances Ring, UN 8-2211
- Rogue River—Cecile Camden, JU 2-3378
- Shady Cove—Evalyn Watson, TR 8-2381
- Table Rock—N. E. Nealon, TA 8-2087
- Talent—Joe Cowley, KE 5-2518
- Tiller-Drew—Viola Rogers
- Williams—Bonnie Mitchell, PR 2-2263
- Yreka—Ruth Middleton, VI 2-2807

Regional News

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Tree-Planting Trip Taken by BF Cubs

Butte Falls—The Butte Falls Cub Scouts recently were allowed school time to go on a tree-planting trip under the supervision of the U. S. Forest Service. Forest service personnel assisting on the trip included Douglas Finch and Gordon Walker.

Attending were Cubs Mike Grey, Billy Nunes, Jimmy Burton, Ray Reddell, Jesse Smith, Steven Lindley, Ronnie and Timmy Stanton, Floyd Smith, David Boggan, Stephen Tygart, Michael Lindley, B. J. Rodgers and Jerry Lee Price and Cub Scout Leaders Mrs. Ed Malloy and Mrs. Tom Stanton.

The Cubs spent the afternoon learning how to care for and plant trees. Each boy planted several.

Car Crash Kills Woodburn Youth

Independence—Ivan Sisioy, 19, Woodburn, was killed early Sunday in a one-car accident on the Independence-Buena Vista road about two miles south of here.

Slate police said a 18, Hubbard, suffered head injuries and was taken to a Dallas hospital.

The accident occurred about 12:20 a.m., and was the first reported traffic fatality of the long Memorial Day week end in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sisioy, parents of the victims, spoke only Russian and Woodburn police experienced difficulty in explaining to them that their son was dead.

Officer Robert Prinslow said that finally an interpreter was summoned.

\$150 SAW STOLEN

Yreka—A porter skill saw valued at \$150 was stolen from a tool shed at the Ralph Smith Lumber company last Thursday. Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

SHOT ACCIDENTALLY

Yreka—John Haas, 20, of Yreka, accidentally shot himself Thursday night, the sheriff's office reported. Haas was reported in good condition at Siskiyou County hospital.

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Awards Presented To Hornbrook Cubs, Boy Scouts

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Hornbrook—In a joint meeting at the school last Tuesday, Troop 38 Boy Scouts and Pack 38 Cub Scouts held a charter presentation night.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. William Ogden of the Hornbrook Methodist church, who gave the invocation. Accompanied by Mrs. Norman Martin at the piano, members of both Cub Scout Dens presented a musical program of group singing.

Cub Scouts, all from Den two, who received awards were Billy Spearin, lion badge and gold arrow; Duane Grieb, lion badge; Benny Bennett, bear badge; Larry Madison, wolf badge and gold arrow; David Rutledge, lion badge; and Frankie Cardoza, lion badge and gold arrow.

Steve Farmer was presented a Den chief's badge.

Cub Scout committee chairman "Ike" Dooley made the presentations. Cub Scouts from Den one were presented awards by Scoutmaster Ronald Rhodes at a Mother's Day Tea held earlier in the month.

The charter for Cub Scout pack 38 was presented to the sponsor, the Hornbrook Methodist church, and was accepted in their behalf by the pastor, Rev. Ogden.

The Hornbrook Citizen's committee sponsors Boy Scout troop No. 38, and Robert Farmer received the charter as their representative. Other members of the Citizen's committee are Harley Baker, Ray Blankenship, Jack Cross, Ronald Rhodes, Andrew (Buck) Skeahan, and Thomas Watt Jr.

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