

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

An Eerie Voice

"Walters," said the eerie voice. "It's about time you and I had a talk."

"Who the heck are you," said I, looking all around the newsroom, "Marley's ghost?"

"No, wise guy," said the voice. "I am your conscience."

"Oh," said I. "Well, what's your problem?"

"It's not my problem," said the voice, now more irked than eerie. "It's your problem."

"Okay," said I as I poured two cups of coffee, "what is it?"

"You have to stop offending people."

"Who, me?"

"Yes, you," the voice said. "That business about parking meters was just too much."

"But..."

"But, nothing," snapped the voice. "Just listen."

"Okay," said I. "Present your case."

"Harumph," harumphed the voice. "You are to take all necessary measures to avoid offending anyone. And those are orders from Higher Up."

"Please go on."

"Starting today, you will write things that cannot possibly be misinterpreted. Now tell me a joke."

"Okay, but let me think for a minute," said I.

"Certainly."

"Here we are," said I. "One farmer says to another, 'Why did the chicken cross the road?' and the other farmer says 'I don't know' and the first farmer says 'To get on the other side, of course. How's that?'"

"Terrible, terrible, terrible," growled the voice. "It's offensive."

"Offensive?"

"Definitely," said the voice. "In the first place, it offends chickens."

"It does?"

"It implies that chickens might cross the road for some other reason than to get on the other side," replied the voice. "Since there is no other valid reason, you have hurt the feelings of many chickens by insinuating that they may not be especially intelligent."

"Sorry," said I. "Anything else?"

"Yes," said the voice. "You also have offended farmers when you said that one of them did not have sense enough to know why a chicken would cross a road."

"My error," said I. "Any other mistakes?"

"The worst is yet to come," said the voice, beginning to sound a bit holy. "You have viciously attacked the county roads department!"

"You're losing me," said I.

"Now don't play innocent," said the voice. "You know full well what you have done. You have implied that the roads department constantly allows chickens to cross the roads. This naturally would be a safety hazard since most drivers would run off the road before they would hit a chicken. Thus you have said the department doesn't give a hoot about safety."

"I apologize."

"Fine," chirped the voice. "Maybe I'm getting somewhere after all."

"Yes, yes, yes," said I. "a thousands times yes. And now that I have learned my lesson, maybe you will go on your way so I can get some work done."

"Of course," said the voice, hardly able to conceal its pride. "My job is done and I will return to Higher Up and make a full report."

"Fine," said I. "Drop in any time."

"Nice of you to say that," said the voice. "And thank you for the coffee."

"Voice," said I. "Wait a minute."

"What's the matter?"

"You're heading for the wrong door. That one goes to the men's room."

"Oh," said the embarrassed voice. "Thank you."

"You're welcome."

Boating Laws For California Listed

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
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Hornbrook - To be "in the swim" these days one should have a boat—ANY kind of a boat, just so it can be hitched to a car, fastened on the top, put in a panel truck, stowed in a trailer, or any other means of transportation that will move it to a nearby (or not so nearby) body of water.

A short trip on any highway would convince the most skeptical of "doubting Thomases" that boating is here to stay. In a recent one-hour drive north on highway 99, a total of 29 boats was counted, all southbound, the destination of many being Shasta Lake or some other California body of water.

Since most of these boats were attached to cars bearing Oregon licenses, a review of California boating regulations is offered for the benefit of out-of-state boating enthusiasts.

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California's first Regulatory Boat act, enacted by the 1959 legislature, is being enforced on all bodies of water within the state. Main segments of the new law cover boat operation and equipment, boat licensing and registration, and boating accident reports.

Classifications

Motorboats are divided into four classifications: Class A boats, all those less than 16 feet long, must show a white light aft between sunset and sunrise that is visible around the horizon and a combination red and green lantern at the bow, lower than the white stern light with green to starboard and red to port.

Class One motorboats, more than 16 but less than 26 feet long, must carry the same lighting as those in Class A.

Class Two, motorboats between 26 and 40 feet long, and Class Three, those more than 40 feet in length, have the same lighting requirements. They include a bright white light in the forepart showing the light forward of the vessel, a white light aft visible around the horizon and higher than the forward light, and a starboard green light and a port red light fitted with inboard screens so they are not visible across the bow.

Sailboats must exhibit green and red lights according to the length classification for motorboats and a white stern light. Motor-sailboats require the same lighting as motorboats.

Safety Equipment

Safety equipment regulations apply to all boats except those competing in races. Boats in all four classes must carry one life preserver, life belt or ring buoy for each person on board, fire extinguishers as prescribed by regulation, a carburetor flame arrester (except outboards) and bilge ventilators when fuel is being used (except in open boats).

Boats in Classes One to Three must be equipped with a whistle or other sound-producing appliance and boats in Classes Two and Three must also carry a bell. All boats with internal combustion engines must be equipped with mufflers. Cutouts are illegal except when a motorboat is competing in a race or a trial run.

A further provision of the new law covering speed limits for power boats states that no power boat should be operated at more than five knots per hour within 100 feet of swimmers or within 200 feet of any bathing beach, swimming float, diving platform, life line or way or landing float.

A boat towing water skiers or aquaplaners must carry someone more than 12 years of age as an observer except during tournaments or exhibitions. Water skiing between sunset and sunrise is illegal except in exhibitions or tournaments. No tow vessel or skier should operate in such a manner as to collide with any object or person, or to endanger the life, limb or property of another.

Responsibility

The owner's responsibility section of the new law states that a vessel's owner is civilly liable for injury or damage

arising from negligent operation by any person operating it with the owner's consent. The owner's maximum liability is \$10,000 for death or injury to one person or \$20,000 for more than one person in any one accident, and \$10,000 for damage to property.

Liability of the operator is unlimited.

In event of an accident, the operator is required to aid and assist all persons involved and to show his identification to anyone injured or to the owner of any property damaged by the collision. The operator must report any accident involving death, personal injury or property damage exceeding \$100.

A written report must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Small Craft Harbors, Sacramento, within 48 hours after a fatal boating accident and five days after all other reportable accidents.

The registration and licensing law requires all undocumented vessels in the state to be numbered and display identifying numbers on each side of the bow.

Livestock Award Won by Cave Junction Youth

By KATHERINE SCOTT
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Cave Junction — Wesley Nicholson of Cave Junction has been chosen the Josephine county winner of the Safeway Livestock Breeding award for his work with his herd of Hereford cattle.

The award is a trip to this year's 4-H summer school at Corvallis.

Each year, 4-H members carrying on livestock breeding programs apply for the award, which is given by Safeway Stores, Inc. It is based on the buildup of livestock, quality of breeding records kept and the competency of the junior breeder.

Entered Five Years

Wesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nicholson, has been conducting 4-H breeding projects for five years. Each year he has entered one of his animals in the Junior Fat Stock auction.

In 1956, Wesley raised the third place Hereford and in 1957 he held the first place steer. He sold the fourth place steer in 1958 and last year his was the champion 4-H Hereford.

The award is given to promote livestock breeding and to encourage young breeders to continue their work.



Regional News

Petitions Urge Creation of Fire District in Phoenix

By HELEN NIKODYM
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Phoenix — Petitions are being circulated in the Phoenix rural area now for creation of a Phoenix rural fire district.

Tentative boundaries extend from the south limits of the Medford rural fire district,

on the north and extend south to about one mile north of Talent and west and east four miles from the Phoenix city limits. The Fern valley area is included. The city of Phoenix is not.

Those property owners contiguous to the tentative bound-

daries and who wish to include their property or properties in the rural fire district should submit their names and a legal description of their properties to Phoenix Mayor Arthur M. MacKintosh at Jackson County Title company, 121 East Sixth st., Medford.

30 Attend Meeting

Approximately 30 people attended a meeting last Wednesday night in the Phoenix grade school gymnasium on formation of a fire district.

Five days after the county court holds a public hearing it may call an election on the proposed rural fire district. Then five directors are elected. These must be placed on the ballot by petition of 15 registered voters and property owners. Their terms run from one to five years.

Only property owners may sign the petition to form the fire district and need not reside in the district. Any resident in the area proposed for the fire district may vote on the proposal, provided he is a registered voter living in the area.

The last session of the state legislature set a 6 mill limit on taxation for a fire district. However, after the fire district is established it can increase its taxes 6 per cent providing it does not exceed 6 mills. A vote of the people is required to exceed the 6 mill limit.

Board May Control

Once established the fire district board may contract with another fire department such as the Phoenix volunteer department to furnish fire protection. If more fire equipment is needed a bond issue may be voted in to finance its purchase.

All incorporated cities, railroad right-of-ways, forest lands lands protected by the U.S. Forest Service or state forest patrol are exempted from a rural fire district. However, if a fire spreads into areas outside the fire district the rural fire department is obligated to keep after it until it is out, it was explained.

Boundaries for a proposed district run to the center line of a road so as not to cut in half other taxing districts or units such as water districts. Whole properties on the perimeter of a proposed fire district and not just a part of a property will be taken in if the owners wish.



FIRE DANGER SIGN—Office Clerk Mrs. Larry Richardson adjusts the arrow on a new fire danger rating sign recently placed in the Applegate area by forest rangers. The arrow is adjusted daily to inform travelers of the degree of fire danger.

Rangers Erect Fire Danger Rating Sign in Applegate

By MAUDE ZIEGLER
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Applegate Valley—The traveling public passing through the Big Applegate is able to see the degree of fire danger as they pass Star Ranger station and observe the large fire danger rating sign placed at the road side recently.

A large arrow points to the green, yellow, orange or red color field indicating whether the danger is low, moderate, high or extreme. Each day station attendants place the arrow according to fire weather conditions which Ranger Neil Suttell describes as having hit with a vengeance in valley areas, although in the higher mountains the danger is moderate.

The ranger reminds the public that the Mt. Ashland loop road is open now to Dutchman's Peak, Siskiyou Gap, and Perks guard station, but snow blocks travel beyond Siskiyou Gap.

Lookouts and guard stations are being manned now. Don LaRose has gone to Squaw Peak, Robert (Slim) Dowell went to Sturgis guard station Monday and Jim Turnbough of Thompson creek was stationed at Whiskey Peak. Lee Canady of Ashland, who also is the district packer, is at Hutton guard station.

Three other men have been added to the local staff at the ranger station, two in timber management, Joseph Gentry from New Mexico and Ken Meyer of Corvallis. Logan Evans, recently located in southern California with the army engineers, has joined the staff in an engineering capacity in charge of road reconnaissance location and road construction.

Gentry, whose wife is with him at the station, has just re-

turned from a week's orientation meeting in Portland, Meyer, who is married, has been studying at Oregon State college for his master's degree, and will live at the station, while Evans and his family are living in Medford.

An eight-man crew under direction of Pete Gregory has just completed trail maintenance on Middle Fork where a complex type of brush field caused extra work. As an experiment the crew sprayed the brush 6 or 5 feet back from each side of the trail, and results should show by next year, Suttell said.

Brush types included such tree species as chinquapin, live oak, wild lilac, and ocean spray. While in the area the men repaired a 100-foot trail slide. Two more weeks of trail work over the district remain to be done.

IV Fire Unit OK's New \$2,700 Budget

Illinois Valley — The Illinois Valley unit of Rural Fire Protection District No. 1 last week approved its \$2,700 budget for 1960-61.

Meeting was held at the fire hall in Cave Junction. After the budget was discussed and passed, it was signed by Phil Keller, budget committee chairman, and Jack Eggers, secretary.

Other members present were Hal Moore, Ivan Durr, Karl Preston, Robert Martin, William McLean and Bill Box.

Dr. Carlsen Opens Office in Gold Hill

Gold Hill—Dr. Richard Carlsen, osteopathic physician and surgeon, a newcomer to this community, opened an office today in Cogswells' professional building on Second ave. in Gold Hill.

Prior to opening his office here, improvements were made to the building by the doctor to accommodate his practice. A new reception room occupies the portion of the building that was remodeled. He and Mrs. Carlsen redecorated the interior, doing the work themselves during the past two weeks.

Dr. Carlsen will be assisted in his office by his wife, Doris, who was formerly a dental assistant.

Dr. Carlsen has been approved for membership on the staff of the new Crater Osteopathic hospital at Central Point, where he will take his patients who require hospitalization.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlsen and family are residing north of Gold Hill on highway 99, near Rogue River. His office phone is UL 5-1464, and his residence phone is JU 2-3674.

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Siskiyou Art Exhibit Held in Yreka

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Yreka — Otto Wilda and Richard Dol of Southern Oregon college in Ashland were judges for the third exhibition of Siskiyou Artists association in the Copco building at Yreka over the week end.

Mrs. Calla Likes is president of the group and Ken Truelove chairman of the exhibition which opened Friday and was open to the public through Sunday afternoon.

First prize went to Bernice Dodwell of Dunsuir for her oil painting called "Flotsam." Second prize was captured by Hazel Chipman of Yreka for her "Still Life."

Clara R. Cottrell won the Bank of America cash award for the best Siskiyou scene, an oil painting of Mt. Shasta with autumn colors.

Best in Show

Best in Show was given to Meg Chendlee of Yreka for "Still Life With Gourds," also done in oils.

"Cattle Drive at Sheep Rock" by Sedg Nelson of Montague was strong in color and received honorable mention.

First water color prize went to Jimmie Stewart of Montague for "Shasta River Highway 99 North." Second prize was captured by Stell Fisher for "Kiowa Eagle Dance." Her "Little Shasta Church in Winter" received honorable mention.

For the best water color portrait, Barbara Thompson of Yreka showed "Rea." Jan Cozzello was first for a water color landscape.

In the junior division, Nancy Jean Hollister was given a cash prize for her oil, "Sun on the Sea."

Barry Thompson stood alone in the elementary group. He offered "Forest Fire" done in water color and modern style. The five-year-old artist claimed the cash prize for his picture of fire and falling trees.

4 Chico Sessions Slated in Siskiyou

Four Chico State college summer sessions have been arranged in Siskiyou county this summer. Dr. Victor Houston, dean of educational services and summer sessions has announced.

Classes include elementary school language arts, Yreka, Aug. 1 to 12; children's literature and methods and materials for teaching health in elementary schools, Weed, Aug. 1 to 12 and 15 to 28; and field problems in natural science, Scott Valley, Aug. 15 to 28.

Regional Calendar

Prospect — The Church of the Good Shepherd in Prospect will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow for formation of a fire district.

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