

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

History Mystery

The wife of our city hall reporter really hurt my feelings the other evening. "Bob," she asked, "is there really a game called Ink-Pink?"

I was cut to the quick, wherever that is.

This came about while our city hall man, his missus, two friends from the local teevee station and Teacher and I were having pizza at a lodge in the Siskiyou. (The teevee employees, incidentally, swear that more people get their anchovies from those pizzas than from any other source in southern Oregon.)

But back to Ink-Pink. I assured the young lady that there indeed is such a game. I only wish I had taken time to explain to her that ink-pinks have played an important part in world happenings since the beginning of time.

The first ink-pink, in fact, was uttered by the original prehistoric dog. He said "bow-wow" and his descendants have been saying it ever since.

The first recorded ink-pink, as most of you undoubtedly know, was spoken in the Garden of Eden.

Eve, just after biting into a big, juicy, red apple, pointed to something slithering through the grass and asked Adam, "Is that a fake snake?"

Many, many centuries later, a dashing gentleman named Christopher Columbus needed some gold coins to buy three ships. All he wanted to do was corner the fishing industry in the Mediterranean but, like most con men, he knew he needed a better gimmick than that. So he told everyone he wanted to prove the world was round.

Word of Chris' idea finally reached the ears of Queen Isabella and she called him in to see what he had in mind.

"Mr. C.," asked the queen, "what do you need most to get this project on the sea?"

Old Chris, who perhaps was a bit of a smart-aleck, was brief and to the point: "Money, honey."

In the bleakest hours of the Revolutionary War, George Washington and his troops were bogged down at Valley Forge. It was cold, windy and snowy and George's men were tired and sick, not to mention that the general decided that if the men were cheered up, they'd be raring to go once again.

"Well, son," said General George, striding briskly up to a young private, "what do you think of life in our great Continental Army?"

"Brrr, Sir," answered the shivering soldier.

The next ink-pink probably is the most famous. Abe Lincoln coined it when he opened his speech at Gettysburg like this: "Four score . . ."

The crowd loved it.

Ink-pinks have been relatively scarce during the past century or two but a retired tailor named Harry Truman came pretty close last week when newspapermen asked him if he planned to attend the Democratic National Convention.

Said Harry: "Yes and no, and maybe so. Ask me later and I'll know fo' sho'."

Or something like that.

70 'Pee-wees' Play Baseball in IV

Illinois Valley - More than 70 "pee-wees" have turned out for the summer recreation council's baseball program, according to council spokesman Les Adkins.

About 15 Cub Scouts are helping the smaller youngsters by giving them coaching and encouragement. The boys are divided into four groups and it is planned to have them play for the public on Tuesday nights at the high school field.

Practice sessions are being held at Splitz field.

Eagle Point - Fifteen graduates of Eagle Point High school's 1956 graduating class and their guests attended a class reunion and picnic at YouVelle state park on the Fourth of July.

Wives and children brought the total attending to 44.

Flood Control Dam Proposals Heard At Hornbrook Meet

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN

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Hornbrook - A public meeting was held at the Grange hall Monday night to present to the people the possibility of a flood control dam, or dams, in the Cottonwood creek watershed, and to determine the reaction of the public to such a proposition.

The meeting, attended by 35 persons, was called to order by Fred Mitchell, secretary of the Cottonwood Irrigation and Mining Co., who introduced John Lenz, an engineer with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Lenz explained briefly the Watershed and Flood Control act passed by the California legislature in 1947 which was set up to handle upper watersheds. Maximum size of the watershed that can be worked under this act is 250,000 acres. Larger watersheds come under the management of the U. S. Army engineers, and the in-between ones are handled by the U. S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation.

The Cottonwood creek watershed is 102 square miles, a little over 60,000 acres, or roughly one-fourth of the maximum size.

While the lake created by any one of these dams would have the recreational feature as well, Lenz stressed repeatedly that this was primarily a flood control project. He also pointed out that under the Watershed and Flood Control act, each project is a local undertaking with federal help - not a federal project with local help.

Also under this law, local organizations backing such a project are required to acquire easements from property owners in the proposed dam site area, and the local district also lets all contracts. Part of the cost of the project may be covered by work contributed by local people.

Fifty per cent of any land above any reservoir is required by law to be under the soil conservation act, in order that they may control stream bank erosion, and otherwise manage the area for flood control.

As Lenz pointed out, "Every flood is followed by a worse flood because of the destruction of top soil and cover, such as brush and small trees, that would normally hold back the run-off and let it out slowly."

While the program under which such projects are carried out is primarily flood control with recreational possibilities, the local district could request so many acre feet of water to be held back and released for irrigating purposes.

Possible locations of the dam sites as proposed by Lenz were 1 - on the Mitchell place; 2 - one mile above No. 1; 3 - at the junction of Mill creek and Cottonwood creek; 4 - East Mill creek, or 5 - Hutton creek.

Site No. 2 was thought to be the most feasible.

This would require a dam 180 feet high, with a top length of 500 feet, and a surface area of 64 acres at the spillway crest. Storage capacity at the spillway crest would be 3,000 acre feet. A total of 600,000 cubic yards of fill would be required, there would be a drainage area of 81 square miles above the dam site, and there would be an estimated shore line of two miles.

Other figures concerning the Cottonwood creek watershed presented by Lenz were that the length of the chan-

nel from the Klamath river to Mt. Ashland is 18 miles, and that the elevation ranges from 7,532 feet to 2,075 feet, a drop of 5,458 feet, which makes the average grade 8 per cent.

Reaction to the proposition was favorable, so on a motion by Glen Robertson, a committee was appointed to attend the next meeting of the Shasta Valley Soil Conservation Board tomorrow to get further instructions on the methods of proceeding with the plan.

Lenz explained that after the preliminary work is done, the state will complete a feasibility study, and that there will be no cost to the local district until the work progresses to the point where a budget is to be set up. All 500 programs have to be approved by the governor of the state.

Members of the committee appointed by Charles Bloomingcamp, president of the Cottonwood Irrigation and Mining Co., are Glen Robertson, Rob Cummins, Fred Mitchell, Charles Bloomingcamp, and Frank Graves of Hills.

Membership Up In Reorganized CP Lions Club

By VIOLA COOK

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Central Point - Reorganization of the local Lions club was completed the end of June. Twenty new members have been added since the reorganization.

Because of summer time activities, meetings will be limited to every other Tuesday night until September when they will be changed to each Tuesday. Dinner meetings from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer restaurant will be held instead of the usual luncheon.

Principal goal for the year will be continuance of past civic functions maintained by the former Lions. One of the outstanding goals will be furnishing money for glasses for needy children in the area.

New officers include President Dr. Max Flowers, Vice President Richard Trayler, Secretary-Treasurer Clifford Ayers, Tailorster William Saxbury and Lion-Tamer William Colley. On the board of directors are Don Faber, George Johns, Art Ruppand and John Croskell.

125 IV Children In Swim Program

Illinois Valley - Approximately 125 youngsters signed up last week for swimming lessons offered as part of the local summer recreation program.

Program Director Larry Maurer said four classes have been formed. Advanced class meets from 10:30 to 11 a.m., intermediates from 11 to 11:30 and beginners from 11:30 to noon. Mothers and infants attend sessions from noon to 12:30.

Night baseball games scheduled under the program this week have been postponed until repair work on lights at the field has been completed.

Little interest has been shown in badminton and golf and Maurer said the activities will be dropped from the program unless there is a larger turnout.

Archery classes have been well received, however, with about 20 persons taking part.

LOGGER INJURED

Tiller-Drew - Richard B. Slater was injured Friday when a small sapling flew up and hit his power saw. The saw cut three bone-deep gashes in Slater's knee. He was falling timber for Vern Kilian, logger, at the time of the accident.

Tiller-Drew - Mr. and Mrs. Buck Zimmerman and three children of Olympia, Wash., arrived July 8 for a week-end visit at the home of his brother, Joe Zimmerman.



Addition Work On EP City Hall Said Progressing

By DOTTIE HARBISON

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Eagle Point - The new addition to the city hall is reported progressing nicely with only the roof and the inner partitions to be added before the paint will be applied.

The addition was approved by the council some time back with Eagle Point Marshal Orin Chastain and David Hannaford doing the construction work. Both the city recorder, with her increasing files, and the marshal have outgrown their present tiny office in spite of a much smaller desk being substituted for the large wooden one some time ago.

Within the past year the need for a judge has greatly increased. The judge has had to use the library building as an office or to hold court in.

The old building will be the police station with Chastain making the present recorder's office his office. The new addition is being made from public block as is the old building and will be 24 feet by 12 feet added to the rear of the present 24 foot by 10 foot building. The new section will house the recorder's office, one jail cell and a storeroom that also will be used as a photographic dark room by the police department. The storeroom can be converted into a third jail cell if necessary.

For the present, the judge will continue to use the library as neither office is expected to be large enough to house a jury should there be a need for one.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill - The Golden Circle of the Gold Hill Christian church will meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Bessie Henderson. The church's Bible study group will meet at the church at 7:30 tomorrow evening.

New GH Post Office To Open Tomorrow

Gold Hill - Postmaster H. D. Force said today the new Gold Hill post office will open its doors to the public at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Moving from the old to the new building will take place tonight, Force said.

Plans are being made for dedication ceremonies but no date has been set.

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Business Doubles At EP's Library

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Eagle Point - The number of people using the Eagle Point library and the number of books checked out have more than doubled since the new hours took effect the first of July, according to Librarian Mrs. Jessie Tyer.

Mrs. Tyer stated that the largest increase has been in the morning hours when the library is actually packed with youngsters checking out books.

More than 70 youngsters have enrolled in the "Smoky Bear" program sponsored by the forest service and Mrs. Tyer said that did not include the several new applications that were turned in Monday. At least 6 to 8 youngsters have already completed the required 10 books for the badge and several are very close to the required number.

Mrs. Tyer said the library received several new books last week for first and second grade readers and any book they do not have they can always order from the Medford library. It is also possible to return books borrowed from the Medford or other branch libraries at Eagle Point or check them out here and return them at one of the other libraries. Overdue books may be turned in at the recorder's office when the library is not open.

Mrs. Tyer stated that the new hours will be in effect after school starts to enable the youngsters to check out and return books at noon instead of taking time out of school. New hours are from noon to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

The Martins enjoy the improvements at McKee park, and its steady program of keeping fixed up. They operate a service station at Tiburon and Mr. Martin has had to return to his business during the last two seasons while his family maintains their outing.

Discussion Set on Range Management

Applegate Valley—Ernest Black from the bureau of land management will meet with the local farm bureau group tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Grange hall to discuss the new range management program. All interested persons are invited.

ERROR CORRECTED

Eagle Point - It was erroneously reported in a story on Monday's regional news page that a new election on the Eagle Point sewage lagoon system will be held the first of February. Election will be held the first of September.

Vandals Invade Kerbyville Ghost Town; Buildings Damaged, Antiques Stolen

Illinois Valley—Vandals invaded Kerbyville Ghost Town recently, causing some physical damage to various buildings and making off with several items entrusted to the care of the owners of the widely-known tourist attraction.

Many of the items taken have no market value but are antiques with sentimental as well as historic value.

Stolen articles included the hat worn by Buddy Groff when he won the calf-roping championship and an old, key-wound pocket watch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sowell, owners of Ghost Town, have listed the missing goods with the sheriff's office. Sowell said the vandals may not realize the historic value of the stolen articles and added that

he will not file charges if the items are returned within a week.

City Has Problem—No Office Space

Cave Junction—City councilmen here are faced with a problem - they need a city office.

The Beall building, formerly used by the council, has been sold to Jack Eggers, who will use the building to house a portion of his home appliance business.

The shortage of suitable office space here may force the city to seek temporary quarters until an office can be located. Then again, the council may consider building a city office.

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