

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

Eavesdropping
You have just walked in the front entrance of the Mail Tribune building. You climb the stairs to the second floor, turn left and enter the door marked "News Room." It's about 10:30 in the morning and everyone seems busy.

You quietly take a chair at one side of the room. No one even notices you're there. As the daily routine of getting out a paper continues, this is what you're likely to hear:

"Pressure, pressure, pressure! One of these days I'll pack up and leave! I'll take up farming or something!"

"Will I be here this afternoon? With six weddings to write, you're doggoned right I'll be here!"

Cub: "How do you want this story slanted, Boss?"
Boss (gasp): "Err... Just write it straight, please."

Photographer, preparing his expense account: "Hmmm. It says here (looking at his own notes) that I went to Camp White one and a half times. If that's the case, I'd still be there."

"There's a message on your desk. The ad department returned the call that you returned that they returned that they returned."

"Got a minute? I heard a good one over at the court house this morning..."

"What the h— is this? I said I wanted about a page and a half, not the great American novel!"

"Hate to ruin your morning, ole buddy, but you just got another parking ticket."

Staffer (to summer replacement, the Medford High Flash): "How's things with the local teen-age set?"
Flash: "Crazy!"

"Coffee's hot!"

"Pardon me (tee-hee), but who do I see about putting an engagement notice (giggle) in the paper?"

"Sorry, but he's in the dark room right now. Matter of fact, he's been in there about three days. Could I take a message?"

"Sure, we're glad to use bowling results, but couldn't you bring them in a little sooner? It's 1960 now."

"... so he says, 'I'll definitely have something on it for you tomorrow.' Every day for three weeks it's the same d— thing. 'I'll definitely have something on it for you tomorrow.' One more day and I'll just use what I have and see how he likes that!"

"Is the editor in? I have something I think he'd like to know..."

"Okay, wise guy, I'll take the Giants. And all I ask is two to one odds!"

"Good to see you again, old boy. Ho-ho-ho! Just passin' through and thought I'd stop by. Ho-ho-ho! I know it's almost deadline time, but I'll only stay a minute. Ho-ho-ho..."

"I'll buy the donuts if someone'll go get 'em."

"When are they gonna break down and get us a decent air conditioner? This thing smells like fish!"

"How the heck can I cover that? I've got another meeting that starts at the same time."

Having heard enough, you leave as quietly as you entered. Tonight, at the usual time, you'll find the paper on your front porch. Remembering your visit, you may be amazed that there IS a paper. Sometimes, so are we.

FIRE DESTROYS TRAILER

Happy Camp - The Happy Camp fire department was called at 4 a.m. last Wednesday when a small camp trailer belonging to Ebert Westby was destroyed by fire. Firemen kept the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings.

Happy Camp - Fishing in this area has improved recently. Good catches of small steelhead, ranging in size from about a half-pound to three pounds, are being caught at the mouths of Indian, Elk and Clear creeks.

Interesting History Precedes Opening of New GH Post Office

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Gold Hill - H. D. Force, who has been postmaster of the Gold Hill post office since August 16, 1935, said 2,500



H. D. FORCE
Postmaster Since 1935

people in the Gold Hill area are served by the local postal facility.

He pointed out that the local post office, which was dedicated July 30, affects the lives of every man, woman and child in the community in one way or another. He said sometimes the mail brings good news, sometimes bad, but either way it plays a vital role in the everyday lives of local people.

Rural carriers working out of the Gold Hill office are Ernest Ross, who delivers mail to residents on Route 1, and John Crocker, who has Route 2 deliveries.

Mrs. Melford Hood is clerk and Mrs. James L. Malone is relief clerk. Mrs. Daisy Gilchrist retired in 1956 after 24 years as postal clerk and was replaced by Mrs. Hood.

The move into the new building was the fourth move for the Gold Hill post office. The first post office was established here sometime after the railroad was put through in 1883. Gold Hill was incorporated as the "Town of Gold Hill" in 1895. The first post office was located in a building which was also a general merchandise store on the corner of Fourth ave. and Fourth st. where the Gold Hill Community Methodist church now stands.

After 1900, the post office was moved to a building next door to the old bank in the same block where the Odd Fellows lodge and Gold Hill hotel buildings are now.

About 1929 the post office was moved from the north side of town to the office building next door to the Gold Hill Garage, now known as Walker's Service station, on the south side. It remained at this location for 31 years until the last move into the new post office building at the corner of Second ave. and Fifth st.

Early settlers in this community went to Rock Point for their mail and supplies. A post office was established in 1857 or 1858 at Rock Point which was a town site and stage stop. Longtime settlers said some of the early settlers went to Willow Springs for their mail before there was a post office in Gold Hill. There also was a post office in the Dardenelle area, known as the "T" Vault post office.

Reunion Slated For Residents of Old Lumber Town

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Hornbrook - All former residents of the old lumber town of Tennant, Calif., are reminded that the third annual reunion potluck picnic will be held this Sunday, Aug. 14.

The get-together will be held on Antelope creek, and a sign will be posted at the Mile bridge designating the exact place on the creek.

This year's picnic promises to be of special interest to former Tennant residents, according to Mrs. Henley Clawson, secretary of the reunion group. The town has recently been sold to a San Francisco couple, Stephen and Libby McNeill, who plan to develop the area into a cultural center.

H. D. Force is the sixth Gold Hill postmaster. Prior to being appointed postmaster in 1935, Force served two years as city recorder and seven years on the city council. He has been an active member of the Odd Fellows lodge No. 129 since 1923, holds an elective office at present and is a past noble grand and past district grandmaster. A past president of the Gold Hill P.T.A., he has been active in school affairs for the past 30 years.

Force resigned about three years ago as Cub Master of Pack 43 after 47 years of Scouting activities. He became a Boy Scout when he was a boy in Jacksonville. He has lived most of his life in Gold Hill.

Besides his church and civic interests, Force is an ardent sportsman, being interested in the promotion of all athletics as well as hunting and fishing. He was president of the Gold Hill Rod and Gun club for several years.

The postmaster and his wife, Elinor, reside at the family home on Fourth ave. over-looking Rogue river. Their eldest son, Bill, resides in Vancouver, B. C., where he is with the British Columbia Telephone company as editor of the company newspaper. Another son, Jack, resides at home. Their youngest son, Dave, will be a freshman at Crater High school this fall, and their daughter, Judy, will be a junior.

History of Site
A. A. Walker, longtime Gold Hill resident and former businessman here, recalled some interesting facts concerning the history of the site where the new post office building is now located.

He said the former building was built in 1892 by a man named Tom Downing. He operated a grocery store there until 1898 when he sold out to Lee Vincent, who is the father of Ed Vincent, retired mail carrier.

Walker said the Vincents sold to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson who remodeled the building and operated a second hand store until 1911.

Later two women bought the building and sold canaries and made hats for two or three years.

Then a man named George Crabtree bought the building and put in a general shoe repair business, which Walker said was one of the outstanding ones in the valley. Business was good because there were so many miners in the area at that time who were always needing work done on their boots.

Crabtree later sold to a fellow named Burnett who made furniture and sold it in the front of the store while Crabtree kept a space at the rear for his shoe repair business.

Walker recalled that a well which supplied the south side of town with water was located on the east side of the building. This was for public use. People would fasten their horses to the hitching post where the city park is and walk across the street to rest on benches while they drank water from the well before doing their shopping. He said this well was closed about 1910 or 1911 after the city got water from another source.

A cafe was operated in the building in 1919, with his wife, Icie, and her mother, Mrs. Kate Bailey, as proprietors.

From about 1922 until 1925 he said two men by the name of Beck and Kelly put in a shoe store. After they sold out, the building was vacant several years until I. G. Nevel, who was justice of the peace, opened a second hand store and had his office there. He also sold insurance.

It was closed again for several years until the Gold Hill Christian church bought it and held services there until moving into its new building. Then it was sold to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Delos Walker, who had the building torn down and the site cleared of debris.

Regional News

Bob Walters, Regional Editor

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Jan Calloway Named President Of EP Pep Club

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Eagle Point—Jan Calloway was elected president of the Eagle Point Pep club as a combined social and business meeting last Wednesday evening.

Willie B. Poltevin was elected vice president and Dianne Putman secretary.

Miss Calloway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calloway of 3 West Sixth st.



JAN CALLOWAY
Pep Club President

in Eagle Point and is a high school senior this year. Miss Poltevin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Poltevin of Elk Trail and Miss Putman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Putman of North C st., Eagle Point.

Miss Bonnie Goehring was hostess to a swimming party and barbecue luncheon along with the business meeting, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Edge of Brophy rd.

Miss Calloway stated that the pep club now consists of 22 members. They have ordered their uniforms and are practicing with the yell leaders in hopes of helping at the first game of the season with the Medford J. V.'s at Medford Sept. 10.

A "car wash" will be held this Friday at 1 p.m. in front of the city library in Eagle Point by the club to help finance the white ear muffs, gloves, shoes, and gold pomps that will be part of their costumes during the football season.

Four Baptized With Water From Holy Land

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Hornbrook - In an impressive and moving ceremony Sunday morning, July 31, the four great grandchildren of Gordon Jacobs were baptized with water from the river Jordan in the Holy Land, from the very spot in the river where tradition says Christ was baptized by John the Baptist.

Mr. Jacobs attended the rites, which were held at the Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian church in Chico, Calif., with the pastor, the Rev. Douglas C. Bowman, officiating.

The mother of the four children are the daughters of Mr. Jacobs' daughter, Bernice, now Mrs. Herman Pinkham of Chico.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism were Elizabeth Ann Escano, two years old, and her sister, Nancy Jane, eight months, and two-year-old Frederick Edward Lusk III and his nine-month-old brother, James Allen Lusk. Elizabeth and Nancy are the children of Mr. and Mrs. John (Barbara) Escano, and the little boys' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Edward (Ann) Lusk II.

The church in which the baptismal rites took place was the same one in which the parents of the children had recited their marriage vows. Both families now live in Oakland, Calif.



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Watchdog at Buck Rock Lookout Killed by Bear

By VILOA COOK
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Central Point - A bear attempting to break into the Buck Rock lookout Friday night killed the dog guarding the station and did considerable damage.

Away from his post overnight, Rosco Smith, lookout, returned to find his 8-month-old registered German short haired dog dead. The dog had been chained near the door to keep intruders out. Standing approximately 2 1/2 feet tall and weighing about 55 pounds, the dog had been killed by one bite from the bear. Signs showed where the bear had tried to drag the dog away but was stopped by the chain.

In the attempt to enter the building, the bear ripped the door casing, chewed up a

2 by 4 board at the window and dug a 1 1/2-foot hole next to the building besides doing other damage.

The building, locked and with a stout door, was not entered. A paw mark on the door measured six inches across.

Smith, who has hunted cougars and bears, had been training his dog for hunting. He said he had never seen a bear attack a guarded place and damage it to this extent.

The Buck Rock lookout is open only during the summer months and is maintained by the state board of forestry. Smith lives at 550 Siskiyou blv. in Ashland during the winter.

Buck Rock lookout is located above Oliver Springs at Trail and is one of two lookouts in the district to be rebuilt this fall, according to state forestry officials.

Smith said he will attempt to kill the bear before it can destroy other property.

Traffic Violations Decrease in EP

Eagle Point—Traffic violations have been cut more than one half during the past month in Eagle Point, with most of the violators being from outside the city.

Appearing in court during July were Charles W. MacElhone, Camp White, public intoxication, \$15; David Gale, Camp White, no operator's license and violation of basic rule, \$27.50; W. S. Wether, Medford, failure to heed stop sign, \$15; James E. Neese, Medford, reckless driving, \$25; Leo Garrett, Medford, violation of basic rule, \$10; E. Henderson, Medford, violation of basic rule, \$10; Roy Peterson, Medford, reckless driving, \$8; and Robert Telkamp, Robert Farra, Gary D. Kaiser and William J. Bracey, all of Central Point, all fined \$10 for basic rule violations.

Central Point Council Votes Ward Increase

Central Point - A change from three to four wards was made by the city council meeting Tuesday night.

Due to the increase in population, election board precincts were changed from 3 to 4. The new ward changes will coincide with the precincts making it possible for election of councilmen in their own wards.

Contracts for insurance policies of public compensation and a policy of accident and medical insurance to cover the volunteer firemen was awarded to Paul Hornbeck.

The council announced it would accept bids for curbs and paving on Oak st. from Front to Seventh sts.

'Here, Kitty-Kitty'

Gold Hill—Shortly after dark last Friday evening, Clyde Kell strolled to the front lawn of his home intending to turn off the water. He stopped near a large shrub in the yard to watch what he thought was the family kitten.

Nearly ready to reach down to pet the small creature, he noticed there was a lot of white and the animal suddenly looked considerably larger. A second look and he knew he was face to face with a skunk.

The unfriendly black and white creature chased Kell to his front steps, then darted across the lawn through the hedge and took his time before entering a nearby culvert.

Siskiyou County Fair To Open in Yreka Next Friday

By BESSIE BOYD FRASER
Yreka - Friday, Aug. 19 is the opening day of the Siskiyou County Fair, the 13th fair which Ed Mathews has managed.

Established in 1859 at Fort Jones, the fair was moved to Yreka in 1861. California has both district and county fairs, which receive no subsidy from either county or state, but are supported by the pari-mutual tax, derived from betting machines used at horse races.

Mathews stated that all entries must be in by 10 p.m., Aug. 18. Judging in all departments will take place about 9 a.m. the following day, and the halls will be open to the public at 10 a.m.

The horse show will be at 2 p.m. Friday, the barbecue from 5:30 to 7 p.m. the same day, and the rodeo in the evening.

Saturday, between 11 p.m. and noon there will be a parade in downtown Yreka. It will be a general celebration with floats. Private citizens who are imbued with the spirit of the day will contribute their talents.

At 2 p.m. there will be a variety show matinee. Again in the evening there will be a half hour stage show.

George Lee and his balancing act will be a feature of the Sunday afternoon matinee. The junior livestock auction will be held Sunday evening, concluding the celebration.

Indications are that this fair will be the "best ever" in Siskiyou county. Food and soft drink concessions will be in operation.



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