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$300 Damage Reported at McKee Park; Forest Service Signs Burned, Stolen

By MAUDE ZIEGLER
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Applegate Valley–Destruction of hand made forest service signs at McKee bridge park amounting to a $300 loss is reported from Star Ranger station.

Signs have been burned or taken for souvenirs. Other types of vandalism around the park include boards torn from the bath house and used for wood in the fireplaces, carving of initials on tables and benches, and removal of chimneys from fireplaces, according to Ranger Neil Suttell. Some destruction has been committed at other forest camps of the area.

The ranger said cooperation of the forest users would be appreciated, and that damages to facilities cuts down on money available for maintaining and policing camp grounds. Collection of campers' debris at the spillway at the Gebhard claim, now a forest park site, was reported.

Complaints have come from the Applegate area in general regarding deliberate breaking of bottles around swimming beaches and on some private property with resulting serious cuts on feet and hands for many innocent persons.

One resident reported having seen a camper shoot at beer bottles set up as targets. Some have reported trespass signs torn down and insolent replies when the offender was approached by the property owner.

Supervisors Nix Sales Tax in Siskiyou County

By BESSIE BOYD FRASER
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Yreka—At the Wednesday meeting of the Siskiyou county supervisors, the proposed one cent county sales tax, was voted down.

W. C. Ealy voted against it but said he would vote for the measure when he is convinced that the majority of Siskiyou county residents want it.

Mt. Shasta, Dunsmuir and Ft. Jones are the three towns in the county which have the self-imposed tax.

"They're crying their eyes out in Fort Jones," said Ealy, "because people are going to Etna and Yreka to shop."

Supervisor Earl Ager (Tulelake) insisted that the one cent boost in taxes would drive shoppers to Oregon, which has no tax.

W. (Art) Barr, Mt. Shasta-Dunsmuir supervisor, snorted, "People aren't going to drive very far to save one cent."

Supervisor Ealy suggested that the sales tax proposal be put on the November ballot so the voters could voice their preference.

"We don't want to force it down their throats," he said.

Siskiyou Awaits Naming of Judge

Yreka–There is much treading of backstairs in Yreka while awaiting Governor Brown's appointment of a man to fill the unexpired term of the late Siskiyou County Superior Court Judge James M. Allen, who was killed in a traffic accident Aug. 2.

The three most talked of candidates are George Tyler, justice court judge who substituted for Allen while the latter was on vacation, and two attorneys, J. Everett Barr and J. P. Correia.

Eagle Point – Work will start on the Eagle Point Scout Community building at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning with a potluck at 12:30. Homemade ice cream will be served in the afternoon.

QUEEN CANDIDATES VICKI LYCETT, VIRGINIA EASTMAN AND SHIRLEY McELMURRY

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock – The Sams Valley fire which was accurately described in Wednesday's M. T. was one of the worst from a damaging standpoint in the history of the Sams Valley area, and created quite a little excitement in our local district as the flames, pushed by a high wind, roared over and around the north end of lower Table Rock and burned down two homes on the west side road.

The Straus Brothers' dairy farm suffered heavy damage in buildings, hay, and some unharvested crops burned, along with most of the farm equipment, which carried no insurance. We went through the fire zone about 6 o'clock and at that time the fire was traveling a little north of east, and seemed to be headed toward the business section of Sams Valley. But before 7, the wind changed, bringing the fire around the north end of lower Table Rock, and down the slope to within 100 feet of the Don Wheeler home.

Far from spectacular was something we saw from the highway as we passed the Straus farm. A large hereford cow was wandering around across the hot and blackened ground, like she was a part of the last round up.

According to eye witnesses, the fire started along the highway near the Hutchison barn, and was touched off by a spark from a rotary weed cutter, operated by a crew from the State highway department. The whole Sams Valley area, and some adjoining districts might have suffered heavy damage, if it hadn't been for the fast and good work of the forest service, Central Point rural crews, and neighbors, with bulldozers, spray rigs, and other equipment.

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The Jackson County Grangers at their recent picnic at Elks picnic grounds did their best to reduce the beef surplus. The 500 or more present devoured some 11 hind quarters of choice white face steers. This was barbecued by "Shy" Morthland, and was as tender as a woman's heart. Shy, with his long curve-bladed knife, like the saber of the pirates of old, made him look like one.

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Benny Peeks, herdsman at the Table Rock ranch, is at the Josephine county fair this week, where he is exhibiting 10 head of registered mixed hereford cattle, which will be shown later at the Siskiyou fair in Yreka, Calif.

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A recent ad in the M.T. by Ray Ryan offering farm machinery for sale caused some of his neighbors to think he was about to fold up and leave, but such is not the case, according to Ray. The farm equipment is some he took from a farm he sold, and the new owner didn't want it.

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Happy, the Nelson farm dog, while watching for intruders on his master's farm, discovered an animal he hadn't met up with before. The animal's body was striped with black and white, and attached was a long, bushy tail, carried horizontally, but geared so it could be raised in a second's time. Happy followed along after the trotting animal thinking it might stop, so he could learn more about it.

It did stop, and Happy found he had got too close to the business end of a skunk. Happy got something to bring to his master, that he couldn't see, but could tell from a distance that he had something.

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At a recent session of the local Sunday school, it was voted to keep the flag pole, so Mr. Johnson, our good painter, gave it a coat of paint, using an extension to his roller gadget. What is needed now is a 50 star flag, a rope, and a steeple jack to put up the rope. Aye, tear her tattered ensign down?

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Four local young people are attending the Bible youth camp near Butte Falls this week.

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Our old pine tree is slowly dying from the top down. On making an examination we found that the state highway crew had cut roots in lowering the road grade, one being 17 inches in diameter, which most likely will be the finish of the old tree, which has been a towering land mark for more than 100 years.

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Brownie, the cow, had refused to eat her breakfast, and seemed under the weather, and we were looking her over, when the following conversation took place.

The little niece from Portland: "Where is her husband, Uncle Emmett?"

No answer.

"Don't she have a husband?"

"Yes."

"Well, where is he?"

"Probably visiting in Uncle John's pasture."

"Why don't he stay with his wife?"

"He has more than one wife."

"No!"

"Yes, cattle are not like people."

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A birthday party and dinner honoring Mrs. John Dodge, held Sunday in the shade of the big Oaks at the J. S. Richardson farm, was attended by some 40 relatives. One visitor, not a relative, was Robert Hostetter, of the Bureau of Land Management, Medford office.

His name reminded us of the Hostetter bitters sold by drug and other stores many years ago, and we asked him if he was a relative of the Hostetters that made the bitters which were good for anything that ailed you. He admitted he was, but said he understood that the drug and pure food laws put the company out of business.

Two Sams Valley brothers were so fond of the bitters, that their neighbors called them the Hostetter brothers.

Prospect's Annual Hillbilly Jamboree Slated Tomorrow

Prospect–A parade, games, music, a talent show and a dance are among the activities that will highlight tomorrow's 10th annual Hillbilly Jamboree in Prospect.

Sponsored by the Prospect Community club, the jamboree will get under way at 10 a.m. with a parade from the school grounds to the club house and will end with a dance lasting from 9 p.m. until everyone is tired of dancing.

Sandwiched in between will be balloon releases, sack races, a rolling pin throw, boot races, a watermelon eating contest, an old clothes race, an ax throw, a greased pole climbing contest, musical chairs, an impromptu talent show and numerous vocal and instrumental numbers.

Queen Candidates

Playing at the dance will be Betty Willson at the Hammond organ and her accompanist. At midnight one of three candidates, Vicki Lycett, Virginia Eastman or Shirley McElmurry, will be crowned Queen of the Jamboree.

Chairman of the event is Douglas Baker, Prospect forest service ranger.

Participating organizations include Prospect PTA, Lions club, Lady Lions club, Boy and Cub Scouts, St. Martha's Guild, Church of the Good Shepherd and the Prospect High school Lettermen's club.

Proceeds to Fund

The jamboree will be held on the community club grounds with parking space available behind the Elk Lumber Co. houses. Half the proceeds will go to the community club's building fund.

Numerous food and game booths will be open and baby sitters will be available.

TIMBER SALES

Yreka—Charles Yates, supervisor of Klamath national forest, told Siskiyou county supervisors this week that he estimated the county's share of national forest timber sales for 1959-60 at $1,040,000. That would be a gain of $456,000 over last year. Loggers harvested 185 million board feet in the county in 1958-59.

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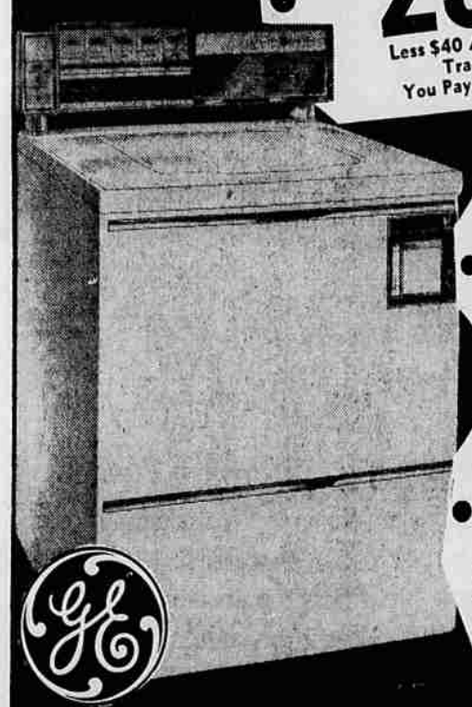

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