

# Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock - The B. L. Dodge Ranch, consisting of more than 1,500 acres, on the east side of the community, with headquarters and buildings near the Dodge bridge, has been sold to James C. Wilson, an attorney of Los Altos, Calif. The new owner expects to make a cattle ranch out of the property, which has some 80 acres under irrigation, and an extended strip of river frontage. The deal was handled by Frank Straus, the Sams Valley realtor.

A country cooked dinner was enjoyed by Sams Valley Grangers and invited friends last Tuesday evening on the mosquito-free lawn at the Bill Duggan home. We made the same mistake we have made before in letting our eyes judge the capacity of our stomach, and later having to look for the Tums.

The business meeting was taken up in discussing the possibility of organizing a fire control district, or consolidating with the Central Point rural fire protection district. Claude Hoover, a member of the C.P.R.F.D., gave a lengthy description of the necessary work to be done to organize a district. A meeting will be held later, when it is expected all residents of the areas which would comprise any proposed fire control district will attend to discuss pros and cons of any plan for fire protection.

Bob Walters' Out On a Limb column in Monday's M.T., entitled "The Rivalry," reminds us that there was probably more rivalry between Medford and Ashland some 80 or more years ago than now. That was when dwellers got their drinking water from dug wells, with an extra well or two around town for customers. There was a well with pitcher pump and tin cup, on the corner of Main and Central, in Medford, now occupied by the shoe store.

The so-called city water for fire control and irrigation presumably came from Bear creek, for both Ashland and Medford, with Ashland being upstream, having the first chance at the water. We remember going to Ashland to attend some function at the old chataqua building - I think it was a sermon by Billy Sunday. Going into a restroom we noticed a sign put up by the janitor, "Please Pull the String."

Someone had written in big letters under the sign, "Medford needs the water." We believe that both cities profited immensely by this rivalry and their efforts to out do each other. Ashland in getting their wonderful, health-giving Lithia water, the beautiful park, second to none in southern Oregon, and its world-famed Elizabethan theatre, where each year thousands come to attend Shakespearean plays. Medford likewise has developed a water system with an abundance of pure, soft spring water, coming from a spring in the high hills, and is away out in front as the leading commercial and business city of southern Oregon.

So, unknowingly, the puller of the string may have touched off a spark of energy that is still alive.

Herman Manning Jr. of Bothel, Wash., a buddy of Bob Dunn's while stationed in Austria, left Saturday after a week's visit here at the Dunn home.

The first picking of Bartlett pears was finished Thursday, at the Hull Orchards. Modoc finished Tuesday.

One party tells us the old pine is worth a thousand dollars as a landmark, and we should make some one pay for it. Another said since the cut roots were in the road right-of-way, we couldn't do anything about it. Another counters this by saying the old pine has priority as it was there long before any road.

We finally caught up with Steve Wilson, as he flitted from place to place, and he is going to have one of his wood "itchers" look over the situation, and see if some lumber might be salvaged from the tree. Cutting the tree will work a hardship on the woody woodpeckers, who have been using the outer bark to store their acorns for winter use.

A tree with a diameter of 5 feet, a height of more than 100 feet, and 25 acorns to the square foot-how many are in the tree? When we were running the observation post, which was near the tree, two young soldiers from New York were looking over the tree and saw the acorns (they called them nuts) neatly placed blossom end out and fitting snugly in

each hole. They were perplexed and wanted to know what kind of tree it was. Said they had never seen a tree that bore its fruits or nuts in that manner.

Next week's Tablets, Aug. 26, will be written by Bessie, as far as we know now, so the opinions expressed in that issue will not be our own. In sending in news, don't forget the five W's: Who, What, Why, Where and When. Without these your story is not complete.

Jair and Tom, the live wire youngsters of the E. W. Robinson's, are spending the week with aunt Sally at the David Reese home in Yreka, Calif.

As pear picking gets going, we are reminded of the time several years ago that a carpenter came to the Jerry Fitzgerald farm and wanted a job working on Jerry's partly finished house. He wanted \$3.50 an hour, but Jerry told him before he would pay that, he would finish it himself in his spare time. The man insisted that he needed a job the worst way, but would not work at his trade for any less. So Jerry offered him a job picking pears at 10 cents a box. So the next day he picked pears, getting 30 boxes picked in the eight hours. Jerry said that showed just what he was worth.

He didn't pick any more pears, and the last time we saw Jerry's house, he hadn't finished it in his spare time.

So the county court couldn't find but one Democrat in the county qualified to serve on the home rule study committee. But what of it? Why should the Democrats feel so down in the mouth, when one considers that the Republicans couldn't find but one Republican in millions fit to run for president?

The Alan Fleischer's left Saturday for Portland, where they will visit friends and later go on a camping trip down the Oregon coast before returning home.

Thought for the Day: Contention makes progress.

## Eagle Point Judging Team Wins First

The Eagle Point FFA dairy judging team won top honors in the dairy judging contest at the Jackson County 4-H and FFA fair Thursday. Crater FFA chapter won second place followed by Phoenix with third and Grants Pass with fourth. Margin between was close with Eagle Point scoring 1,174.6 points, Crater 1,148 points, Phoenix 1,113.5 points and Grants Pass 967.8 points.

Leon Small, Phoenix, was high point individual with 481.9 points. Following him were Dennis Cornutt, Crater, 436.5, second; Roger Paul, Grants Pass, 412.8, third; Ron Greb, Eagle Point, 411.7, fourth; Grover Olsen, Grants Pass, 396.7, fifth; and Dale Vaughan, Eagle Point, 384.4, sixth.

## Smoky Bear Club Said Successful

Jacksonville-Librarian Mrs. Helen Roberts has announced that a Smoky Bear reading party, with refreshments, will be held on the Museum lawn at 10 a.m. next Wednesday.

Certificates will be awarded and all children who have participated in the library's summer reading program are invited.

Seventy-five children were enrolled for the project, and it has proved to be a very successful and rewarding summer activity. Mrs. Roberts said.

Other news from the library here includes a recent addition of an old filing cabinet which was presented by Omar Bacon, Jackson county librarian. The cabinet was originally in the old Jackson county courthouse here, now the site of the museum.

Mrs. Roberts after nearly five years as librarian, is taking her first vacation this week. Mrs. Lewis Applebaker is on duty at the library.

## Six From Yreka To Attend OTI

Yreka-Six students from Yreka have been approved for enrollment in Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls. They are James F. Bartlett, Daniel W. Behnke, Loel G. Collins, Gary W. Hanlon, Robert L. Skinner and Gino J. Trincea.

## BF Schools Open Aug. 29; Two Teachers Needed

By MARY JO HARRIS  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Butte Falls - Butte Falls Grade school and High school will open for regular session Monday, Aug. 29, reports William E. Hunter, superintendent of Butte Falls schools.

Teachers are to report Monday, Aug. 22. The teachers-in-service program will be held Friday, Aug. 26 at the court house in Medford. Grade school teachers include Mrs. Roger Harris, Mrs. Claude Curtis, Mrs. Dan Balch, Richard Pepple and Leonard Stratton, who also is principal of the grade school. High school teachers include Dean Boggan, Michael Estes, Mrs. Leora Morey and William Hunter, superintendent. Selection of one grade school and one high school teacher is still pending.

Custodians are Ray Chambers, grade school, and Keith Scott, high school. Bus drivers are Ray Chambers and Bruce Pingle. Mrs. Ray Sheppard is in charge of the cafeteria. Mrs. William Harris is school secretary. School board consists of Mrs. Harry Dalton, chairman, Bruce Burton, Charles Ferguson, F. E. (Mannie) Poole and Bill Rodgers. Mrs. William Edmondson is clerk. Buses will run their regular schedules the opening day of school. The cafeteria will serve lunch at regular rates, 25 cents per student. High school boys are asked to report for football practice Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m.

Hunter also reports that the new school bus will be off the assembly line on Aug. 19, and should be finished by Aug. 23.

## Teacher Needed In District 15

By VIOLA ROGERS  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Tiller-Drew - The new school bus hasn't arrived for school district 15 and to date there is a teacher vacancy for the third grade at Days Creek. But there are still four weeks until school starts.

High school students will register from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 7. Both the Days Creek and the Tiller schools will start Sept. 8. There will be hot lunches at both schools on the opening day.

New teachers at Days Creek will be Howard Byrly, science and mathematics; Don Moore, high school boys physical education and math; Miss Arlene Bush, high school girls physical education and sixth grade; and Carl Ellingsworth, fifth grade. Assistant cook will be Mrs. Lois Bennet. Superintendent for District 15 will be William E. Lewellen.

Argle Matthews will resume his duties as principal and seventh and eighth grade teacher at Tiller. Miss Ross Alsip will replace Mrs. Oscar Ostlund as fifth and sixth grade teacher; Mrs. Elena Barber replaces Mrs. Florence Sullivan for the third and fourth grades; and Mrs. Alvira Ward will once again teach the first and second grades.

Mrs. Hillard Lillgren will be clerk; Hilton Park, custodian; and Mrs. Earl Tibbets and Mrs. Hilton Park, cooks.

The Richard B. Slaters were low bidders on the bus contract and since their new 72-passenger bus has not yet arrived, bus schedules and runs have not been worked out. Mrs. George Stone, whose bus contract runs for one more year, will continue to make the up-river run.

## Entries Filed for Manual Boat Race

Happy Camp-George Walters, local sheriff-constable and chairman of the manual boat race sponsored by the Lions club, reports that seven persons have announced their intention to participate in the race, to begin on Sept. 4 at 7 a.m.

Contestants have applied from as far away as San Francisco, Walters said. The Klamath river manual boat race was first instigated in 1933. Anyone may enter the race who has a manually operated boat. Entrance fee is \$10 and last day for filing application for participation is Sept. 1.

## LOG SCALER INJURED

Happy Camp - Ernest Spinks, an employee of the forest service at Happy Camp, was injured recently while scaling logs. He stated that he jumped from the water tank to a log, and bumped his head. He was knocked unconscious and his left arm was broken. Spinks is working in the office while his arm heals.

# Regional News

Bob Walters, Regional Editor  
Correspondents: Applegate Valley - Maude Ziegler; Butte Falls - Mary Jo Harris; Central Point - Viola Cook; Eagle Point - Dottie Harbison; Gold Hill-Sams Valley - Mary Kell; Grandview-Lone Pine - Dot Simmons; Happy Camp - Hazel Davis; Hornbrook - Katherine Chapman; Illinois Valley - Katherine Scott; Jacksonville - Betty Hoskins; Medford - Caroline Harding; Meadows - Nellie Bergman; Phoenix - Helen Niekodym; Prospect - Frances Ring; Shady Cove - Evelyn Watson; Table Rock - R. E. Nealon; Talent - Bill Young; Tiller-Drew - Viola Rogers; Williams - Ann Katzenbach; Yreka - Bessie Boyd Fraser.

## Drive for Dam Project Moves Forward; Committee Selected

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Hornbrook - With the election of a committee of local residents to represent the community with the Soil Conservation district and with the power to sign the needed

applications, another step was taken Monday evening in the preliminary work in investigating a feasibility study of the proposed flood control dam project in the Cottonwood Creek watershed area.

The meeting was held at the Grange hall with an attendance of 40 persons. Meeting with the local group were John Lenz, a U.S. government engineer with the Soil Conservation service office in Yreka; C. H. Auli, a Soil Conservation representative from Medford; Wayne Ralston of Yreka, chairman of the Shasta Valley Soil Conservation district, and district deputy master of the Grange, and Mark Petty, assistant ranger at the Oak Knoll Ranger station of the U.S. Forest Service.

Fred Mitchell, chairman pro tem of the local group, introduced Lenz, who reviewed briefly the information presented by him at the first meeting on July 11, and also answered questions asked by some of those present.

Ralston remarked that the Shasta Valley district has heartily endorsed the feasibility study, and also that

"the Grange will co-sponsor the local group." Petty's comments were to the effect that "the U.S. Forest service was interested in the project mainly from a recreational standpoint."

Auli stated that "the plans of the local (Hornbrook) group has been discussed informally by some of the members of the Rogue Soil Conservation district board," and that "the group could be reasonably sure of the support of the Rogue board should the plans develop to the action stage."

Before election of the committee, on a motion by Tom Watt and seconded by Oscar Barnum, it was voted that the chairman of said committee be appointed by the elected committee.

The names of eight men were then placed in nomination, and by secret ballot the following five were elected to the committee: F. L. Burns of the SS Bar ranch at Hills; Glen Robertson, Rob Cummins, Fred Mitchell, and Frank Carozza. The committee planned to meet shortly to elect a chairman and a secretary.

## Boy Scouts Go Fishing, 'Catch' Coastal Storm

Yreka-Boy Scout troop 36, under Scoutmaster Bill Haul of Yreka, went to Crescent City over the week end to go fishing, but all they caught was the tail end of the hurricane which lashed the Pacific northwest.

According to Robert Torrey, junior Scoutmaster, 17 boys and four adults made the trip. Friday night they camped at Judiah Smith park at the mouth of Smith river.

Up at 5 a.m. Saturday, they broke camp and awaited "Snappy" Goodrich, who was to ferry them to a small island 500 yards from shore where they intended to fish. A stiff wind was blowing, the boat was small and only five boys could be taken at one time.

The 10-mile long island was barren, rocky and covered with driftwood. It's one lone pine tree was bending double in the ever increasing wind. For three hours the Scouts tried to set up camp but in a 70-mile gale it was impossible.

They fished the length of the island and wig-wagged for help. One boy defied the wind and took along his fishing pole only to have it snatched away from him by the waves.

"Snappy" Goodrich rescued them with his big boat, the Sea Witch, which took 45 minutes to reach the mainland through the 20-foot waves. Everybody was groggy from battling the sea and wind, their eyes blood-shot and their mouths filled with sand.

But at least they had an interesting week end.

## EP Fire Department Has Two Openings

Eagle Point - The Eagle Point fire department has two openings for volunteer workers. Applicants may apply at the city hall or by contacting Fire Chief David Kahl.

Volunteer workers meet the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month where they receive the standard training course of all firemen. Training films are used and there is actual experience with the fire hoses and each man is taught to operate the truck. The truck cannot be taken out of the shed by anyone who is not a volunteer fireman and covered by the insurance.

Each fireman is paid two dollars for each meeting attended.

## Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER  
Applegate Valley-A lot of things go into painting a picture, says Juanita Anderson at Waganan art shop and service station below Ruch.

Sometimes it's moving a house or a barn or a field or whatever her client has ordered. Sometimes it's just giving a haircut in case of doing a boy's portrait. She has been doing haircuts since a long time ago when her family lived 25 miles from town (Cottage Grove) and hair cuts were in demand with four boys and a husband to keep groomed.

And boys don't have to sit long for a portrait, because Juanita does much of her work from a snapshot. She has done several portraits and cabin scenes this summer, including one painting of the Darrell Mitchell summer home on Beaver creek.

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## Schools in Happy Camp Set Opening

By BETTY REEDY  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Happy Camp-James Foote, newly appointed principal of Happy Camp High school, stated that the high school will begin classes August 29, as will the Happy Camp Elementary school.

Foote has employed Pat Whitman as office secretary, and so far has hired one new teacher, Robert Hokanson, who will be the boys' physical education instructor as well as coach for the basketball and football teams.

Hokanson is from Grand Forks, N.D., and is a graduate of the University of North Dakota. Foote is still searching for a woman teacher for the girls' physical education and homemaking classes.

The high school cafeteria will not operate this year, due to a deficit fund of \$1,500, but Foote is hoping to make arrangements of some sort for the students to have hot lunches. Other high schools in Siskiyou county are facing the same problem, and are solving the difficulty by having high school and elementary school cafeterias combined.

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## Changes Made at Ranger Station at Butte Falls

Butte Falls-The Butte Falls Ranger Station, U.S. Forest Service, has experienced several staff changes recently.

Randall Perkins is the new ranger. Doug Finch is now in the supervisor's office in Medford working in fire control under Bob Thorheim. Gordon Walker is working as acting district assistant. Don Strong, former ranger, has been transferred to Baker, Ore.

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the season he averages 50 loads per day.

Don Perala is the new project forester. He will be in charge of all project work done on the Butte Falls ranger district. There are many phases of work in the timber stand improvement.

Six men helping Don in this work are Darwin Moore, Lloyd Holm, Gene Irwin, Glen Sheppard, Don Ellis and Bill Irwin. These men have been trained in this work and the training will continue on in T.S.I. as well as other work in the forest service.

Mrs. Wayne Casey heads the clerical department. Miss Priscilla Foote works part time as assistant to Mrs. Casey.

The Butte Falls district had five fires during the last bad lightning storm but thanks to the experienced fire fighters, all fires were less than one-fourth acre.

## PARTNERSHIP

Happy Camp - Carl and Mary Paul have purchased a half interest in the Union Service station operated by George and Louella Swem. Mr. and Mrs. Paul came to Happy Camp from Klamath Falls, where Paul had attended Oregon Technical Institute.

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