

Tuesday Lightning Causes Nine Fires

Happy Camp - A thunderstorm Sept. 27 caused nine fires in the Happy Camp district, according to Ranger Rueben Sullivan.

All fires were small, he said, and all had men on them. Two fires were in Doolittle, one in Mill Creek area, another on Mill Ridge, one at Elk Licks on the South Fork of Indian Creek, Little Grider and Elk Creek had one each. Smoke jumpers were sent to the Little Grider, Elk Licks and Elk Creek fires Sullivan said.

Roddy James, fire control officer of the Klamath Forest, assisted with the mixing of borate for two double-wing planes that were used for droppings over the fires. Mill Frost and Ken Cavin, pilots of the two planes, said they dropped about 20 loads of borate mix in two days. Frost said that the planes are stationed at Montague during the fire season on the alert for fires in this area. Three bigger tanker planes also dropped mix on the fires, according to James.

James said that the Selad District had two fires near Portuguese Creek, both either controlled or near controlled. The Salmon district had three fires on the north fork of the Salmon and eight jumpers were dropped there to fight these fires. Borate planes and a helicopter were also being used there, James said.

Teachers Work To 'Get Out the Vote'

Central Point - The Teachers association of District 6 held a meeting at Crater High School, Sept. 28.

The District 6 Association is conducting a "get out the vote" campaign, and are wearing badges marked "I'm registered, are you?" to bring the matter to the attention of as many as possible. They placed the name of Mrs. Zella Foote, first grade teacher at H. P. Jewett Elementary school, and president of the Jackson County Teachers association, as their nominee for the "Woman of the Year" award to be presented by the Central Point Jayettes at their annual mother-daughter banquet, Oct. 12.

The association will hold a business meeting, Oct. 7, at Crater High School, at which time two delegates will be chosen to attend the State Classroom Teachers meeting in Eugene, Oct. 28. They will also have reports from the delegates to the Sept. 17 planning session of the Oregon Education association at Southern Oregon college.

The aim of District 6 association for this year is to coordinate and strengthen the curriculum throughout the district, so there will be no areas overlooked and none will overlap. They will start with the science program at the Oct. 7 meeting, when Miss Irene Hollenbeck, science teacher from Southern Oregon college will be the guest speaker.

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By R. E. NEALON

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A fire which was discovered about 8:50 p.m. Saturday, consumed the box house, clothing, radio and television set belonging to the Mendez family, who were occupying the dwelling at Modoc Orchard while helping with the pear harvest. Cause of the fire has so far been undetermined.

The parents, with their three small children were attending a movie in Medford, at the time of the fire. Mrs. Mendez states that there hadn't been any fire in the kitchen stove during the day. At this writing the family has been abundantly supplied with food and clothing, in fact more than they can use. When pear picking is finished here, they will be motoring to their next job, and haven't much room to carry any surplus. The family home is in Los Angeles.

They are deeply appreciative of the kindness and generosity shown them, and were surprised that so many people became interested in a family almost unknown to them.

Neighbors Help

A neighbor lady ran a quarter-mile to the Modoc headquarters to call the Central Point rural firemen, who responded quickly, but on arrival found the building a mass of flames, so helped in keeping the fire from nearby buildings.

The burned house was built sometime after the property, consisting of several hundred acres of farm and pasture land on both sides of Rogue river, was sold by Wm. Bybee to the Palmer Investment Co. of Chicago. This must have been about 1908, as in the fall of that year the new owners, under the management of W. A. Sumner, who lived in Medford had started the work of building fences, clearing and leveling land, and putting up buildings.

If we remember right, the first foreman was a Mr. Winterhalter, who made his home in Medford, driving out each day with a span of bay horses, probably a livery team.

The land in the original farm was deeded by the United States to William Bybee, father of William Bybee, in 1866. At the time of the sale, there was a \$20,000 mortgage on the property, the foreclosure dead line, had almost arrived. Bybee couldn't borrow the money, and it looked as though he stood to lose the whole shebang. Then a Medford realtor sold it to Palmer, and let Bybee off the hook.

Never Completed
The concrete foundations and steps which were to be the beginning of a large mansion to be used as a home by the Palmers, are still in place. Why it was never finished we don't know, and we have failed to find any one who does. The small houses like the one that burned were said at that time to be for servants.

Back in the beginning of the Modoc Orchard development, all the earth moving and other farm implements

were powered by horses and mules. Stables in two large barns would take care of some 40 to 50 horses and store an ample amount of grain and hay.

A large cook house, with a dining room that would seat some 40 men, was partly supplied by products grown on the farm, and eggs from a flock of hens, kept for that purpose. The large payroll, and the money for other incidentals requiring expense money, put a lot of money into circulation, and had a vitalizing effect on the county and community's economic status. It was during these years, when large crews worked at Modoc, that the Table Rock store was established by Fred Hoffman, about 100 yards from its present location.

Fred was the business manager, and was assisted by his wife, who was a niece of Elia Wheeler Wilcox, the noted writer. The boy's at Modoc Orchard called Hoffman, hoop-a-long-son. We don't know whether the hoop was spelled with a W or not. Perhaps they started in calling him hop along soon.

Eight Foremen

During Modoc's more than 50 years existence there have been several managers who made their homes in Medford, and some eight foremen. The longest term of foreman was that of the late Elmer Hull, who served 16 years. The present manager, Orville Hamilton, has been at the helm for about 17 years. Modoc at one time was known as the largest pear orchard in the county.

Bob Lewis reports that cattle prices showed a further decline at the last auction sale. Bob had taken some cattle to the sale and was disappointed. Bob's disappointment reminds us of when a long time ago, Worlman and Gore used to buy livestock. They had a set of scales in North Medford where they weighed stock they bought from farmers.

A man with a skim milk calf in his wagon drove onto the scales, and after being weighed, was told to drive around to a pen and turn the calf out. In going to the pen, the road was wet and muddy, the thick mud filling between the spokes of the wheels. When he drove back onto the scales to weigh the wagon, the man at the scales seemed to be having trouble in getting it weighed, and when the farmer asked him what was wrong, he replied, "According to the scales you didn't have any calf at all." A muddy deal.

Silo filling is progressing here with corn somewhat damaged by the frost of a week ago. Two coyotes have been sighted lately in the Nealon and Sage pastures.

Mrs. S. W. Pleasant has returned to her home after being a patient for several days in a Medford hospital.

Aubrey Pleasant has returned to the hospital for further treatment of an injured spine.

A Sunday school rally for Union Sunday schools of the valley will be held Friday night, Sept. 30, at the Table Rock Sunday School building.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weston of San Jacinto, Calif., were recent visitors here with old time friends. Mrs. Weston, the former Grace Dickinson, lived here when a child, her parents and grandparents owning what is now the Table Rock Orchard, the acreage in the Tuttle sub-division, the Red Skin Orchard, and the Morris farm. While here Mrs. Weston visited her former home, and was surprised to see the many changes and to realize the tremendous increase in value from a dollar and cents price as of now, the Dickinson's got a mere pittance for their holdings. What is now the Red Skin Orchard, we understand Dickinson's sold for about \$8,000.

Room for Eight Students in Class
Eagle Point - There is room for eight more students in the adult public speaking and parliamentary procedure class being conducted by high school instructors Nat Etzel and Glenn Foster in Eagle Point.

Third Polio Shots Offered Saturday

Eagle Point - The third in a series of polio shots held by the Jackson County Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Eagle Point clinic will be held at the Eagle Point grade school gymnasium with the Eagle Point Elementary Parent Teachers Association assisting the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Medical Association in offering the shots to the public.

Youngsters must be accompanied by a parent and \$1 a shot or \$3 for a family of three or more will be charged. The first, second, third or booster shots will be given. It is now time for the persons who completed their first two shots during the first two clinics sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to obtain their third shot.

This is the last clinic presently planned by the organization and everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to complete their immunization.

Sanitation Problem Subject at Hearing

Illinois Valley - A public hearing for discussion of a projected sewage system was held in the city hall Sept. 26.

The state board of health has notified the city to take care of its sewage problem.

Mayor Carol Banks presided at the meeting and urged that the city take action on community sanitation as soon as possible.

It was stressed that according to state law it is possible for the state to step in and install a sewage system, with the city having to pay for the system.

A lagoon system was proposed. The system consists of a eight-foot deep pond used

for sewage oxidation by sun and water. It was pointed out that this system currently is being used by a number of Oregon cities with apparent success.

The proposed system would cost the average user from \$2 to \$5 a month. The plan would automatically include city water users. It was pointed out that if 500 users paid one dollar a month, a \$100,000 bond could be retired in 25 years.

Federal and state grants are available to assist the city in financing the project.

The meeting appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of including surrounding territories in the proposed system. Fred Salvage was named chairman of the committee.

Another sanitation meeting will be held Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall. Engineers from several firms will be invited along with state health officials.

Police Arrest Two Armed Juveniles

Central Point - Police Chief Wallace Bowen of the Central Point Police Dept., reported two juvenile boys were apprehended by the Oregon State Police, near Grants Pass, Sunday night.

The boys, aged 11 and 13 years, had stolen an automobile in Central Point. The car was later abandoned, and the boys were hitchhiking when picked up. They had in their possession a 20 gauge shotgun and a 22 rifle, both loaded.

The boys were transported to the Jackson County Juvenile Detention home by Bowen.

In another case, a 14-year-old juvenile boy was picked up for molesting mail boxes at the local post office, apparently looking for money. He was placed in the Jackson County Juvenile Detention home, pending further investigation.

N. California Television Log

Programs listed below are received from the television stations and the Mail Tribune assumes no responsibility except to make changes as supplied.

KVIP-TV (Channel 7)

FRIDAY
5:00-Death Valley Days
5:30-Rin Tin Tin
6:00-Newbeat Northstate
6:15-NBC News
6:30-Horse Run Derby
7:00-Pony Express
7:30-Riverboat
8:00-Flintstones
9:00-17 Sunset Strip
9:30-Robert Taylor's Detectives
10:00-Black Saddle
11:00-11th Hour News
11:15-Academy Theatre
12:45-Late News and Sign Off

KIEM-TV (Channel 3)

FRIDAY
5:00-Uncle Bill Cartoons
5:30-Huckleberry Hound
6:00-Shell News
6:15-Fire News
6:30-Edwards News
6:45-Two Faces West
7:00-SA-7
7:30-Rowdy
8:30-Du Pont Show of the Month
9:00-Twilight Zone
10:30-Person to Person
11:00-Late Movie
11:30-Sign Off

SATURDAY

11:30-Baseball Game of the Week
2:00-Cartoons
2:30-American Odyssey
3:00-Love Lucy
3:30-Mighty Mouse
4:00-Lone Ranger
4:30-Huckle & Jackie
5:00-Jubilee, U.S.A.
6:00-Grand Jury
6:30-Meet Your Girls
7:00-Sea Hunt
7:30-Perry Mason
8:30-Checkmate
9:30-Have Gun, Will Travel
10:30-Gunslinger
11:00-Manhunt
11:30-Late Movie
12:30-News & Weather

Volunteers Staff Gold Hill Fire Department

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Gold Hill - The city of Gold Hill does not have a paid fire department to man its trucks when there is a fire within the city limits. All fire fighting is done strictly on a volunteer basis, including the services of all regular volunteer department members.

These include the chief, assistant chief and captain, all of whom have donated their time for several years.

Fire protection is a vital responsibility of every property owner, and should not be left up to those who through the "goodness of their hearts" volunteer to help others in an emergency.

Small Group
The Gold Hill Volunteer Fire department consists of a small group of men. Most of these men are members of the original group of civic minded fellows who realized the need for some kind of organized fire department several years ago.

When first organized there were sixteen active volun-

teers. Several of these volunteers have moved away, and others of the original group have died. The remaining few have continued to turn out regardless of the time of day or night and in all kinds of weather. They have donated their time to this hobby of helping others in distress, (sometimes a few minutes or sometimes for several hours) when there is a fire. The city fire telephones are also answered by persons donating their services.

All members and officials of the Gold Hill Volunteer Fire department wish to inform the public within the city of Gold Hill, which has a population of over 600 people, that this small group of men cannot be available at all times. They have families to support and must go to work each day on their regular jobs or places of businesses. They also take vacations at various times of the year, which takes them out of town for perhaps several days or weeks.

These volunteer firemen stress the importance of more interest on the part of the people here in regard to fire prevention, protection and safety in the city of Gold Hill. "It is vital that everyone understand their local fire protection program," they said.

Since the city was incorporated there has been some type of fire fighting equipment and a fire chief. When a fire occurred in those days the help of several men was needed to push two-wheel carts which contained fire hoses to the fires. But no specific training was required to manipulate these contraptions.

Then shortly after 1920, Gold Hill had its first fire truck, which was built by the fire chief from an old Maxwell automobile and equipped with fire fighting equipment.

Anyone who could drive a car could operate this equipment which was not complicated.

In 1952 the city purchased the LaFrance pumper fire truck that is now in use. With this vehicle came the importance of informed volunteers. These men realized that in order to operate the truck when there is a fire big or small, there is a certain amount of training and study required. Members of the present regular volunteers who have served faithfully for years have spent many unselfish hours of their leisure time to learn to correctly operate the truck. The Volunteer Fire department is sponsored by the city.

The LaFrance pumper truck cost \$12,000.00. A balance yet due on the vehicle of \$3,000.00 will be paid off by the end of 1961. The truck is owned by the city, paid for by taxpayers within the city limits.

According to strict regulations the truck cannot be taken outside the city limits for fire fighting.

Regular drill sessions are slated for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. for regular volunteers. Those interested may contact the fire chief.

Lions Meet For District Dinner

Butte Falls - The Butte Falls Lions club hosted the zone dinner meeting for District 36-E, Sept. 14 at the community hall.

About 42 Lion representatives attended from the Eagle Point, Central Point, Shady Cove-Trail, Prospect and Butte Falls Lions clubs.

Bruce Blue, deputy district governor, also attended. This was the first social function to be held in the kitchen of the community hall. The Butte Falls Lions auxiliary prepared and served the dinner.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill - The executive board of the Gold Hill PTA will meet Monday at 3:15 p.m. in the Hanby school cafeteria.

Gold Hill - A board meeting of the Medford Council of United Church Women will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gold Hill Community Methodist church.

Gold Hill - The Gold Hill Health unit will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Norman Gail on highway 99 north of Gold Hill at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Gold Hill - The regular meeting of the Gold Hill city council has been postponed until Monday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

Illinois Valley - Western Star social club will meet Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic hall in Kerby.

Illinois Valley - Job's Daughters regular meeting will be held in the Kerby Masonic hall, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE: The following three meetings will take place Monday, Oct. 10, instead of Oct. 3 as previously announced.

Shady Cove-Trail - The board of directors of the Shady Cove-Trail volunteer fire department will meet Monday evening, Oct. 10, at the fire hall.

Shady Cove - Instead of holding a regular meeting, members of the Shady Cove Garden club will tour Thompson's Chrysanthemum gardens, scenic drive, Central Point, Monday afternoon, Oct. 10. Members should meet at the gardens at 12:30 p.m.

Shady Cove - St. Martin's guild will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at the home of Mrs. Scott Brill in Trail. All ladies of the church are invited.

Regional News

John Stafford, Regional Editor

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Fire Regulations Still in Effect

Gold Hill - Summertime fire regulations are still in effect within the city limits of Gold Hill due to the dry weather conditions.

Officials stress that individuals who build a fire whether or not they have a permit are responsible for any damage that might result to someone else's property. This is in compliance with a state fire law, they said.

Voter Registration Hours Announced

Jacksonville - Mrs. Helen Roberts, Jacksonville librarian, has announced hours for registering for the coming election.

Voters may register every day during library hours from 9 a.m. till five p.m. and on Saturdays from eight a.m. till noon.

Monday evening Oct. 3 from

Girls League Elects Officers for Year

Happy Camp - Members of the Girls League association have elected their officers for the 1960-61 year.

Elected were the following: Georgia Stanford, president; Mary Jo Hockaday, vice-president, and Virginia Harnden, secretary.

7 p.m. till 9 p.m. will be the last chance to register in the evening. On Oct. 8, deadline for registering, you may do so from 8 a.m. till noon.

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