

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock - A real estate deal of considerable importance to the local community is in the making and may be closed before this appears in print. The negotiating party comes from California.

The land involved is an 80 acre tract of farm land now in cultivation. According to Mendrix, county watermaster, D. C. Hendrix, county watermaster, who was here Tuesday checking water tables, ground moisture and stream flow, the would-be purchaser has applied for a water right from the state, the water would likely be furnished by the local ditch company. We understand that eventually there will be a nice home built on the property to be occupied by the purchaser and wife and two children, now living in California.

Lately several tempting offers have been made to local farm owners for farm land. One man who said he had been all over the country, claimed this little community between the majestic mountains we call Upper and Lower Table Rock, was the most attractive for a home of any place he had ever seen. Said if he lived here, as he hopes to, sometime, he would climb to the mountain top every day. We didn't mention the poison oak or rattlesnakes.

Tractor lights are seen in all directions, as local farmers are burning the "midnight" gas to make up for lost time on account of the long dry season when it was too dry to till the soil. Sam Glass, the ex-Marine, and hatless pilot, has taken up his eight hour shift, eight in the forenoon and eight in the afternoon.

The Tru Mix Concrete Company of Medford, has a large ditch digging machine cleaning out the large drainage canal on the J. S. Richardson farm.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Pearl Brown in Medford Monday. Mrs. Brown during the past few years has spent some time here at the home of her son, Everett Brown.

Mrs. Gordon Knight, and daughter Mary, and four chil-

dren of Forest Grove, Oregon, were brief callers here with relatives at the Norman Matheson home, Saturday.

Jasper McCarley, is the new assistant herdsman at the Table Top Hereford Ranch. He is not a new hand at this kind of work, having been connected with the cattle business for some 15 years in the Rogue Valley.

Last Monday, while standing on a Medford street corner, we spied two ladies tripping along toward us. At first we took them to be a couple of college coeds, but when they came closer we found they were one time neighbors. Both were born in our community in the same house now occupied by Jasper McCarley, an employer of the Table Top Hereford Ranch, known by old-timers as the house Billy Wilson built. The two ladies were Mrs. Martha Gregory and Mrs. May Cook, both of Medford. Mrs. Gregory boasts of having spent some 38 years in our beautiful valley, but Mrs. Cook, we judge, is younger, as Mrs. Gregory says she used to wash her diapers when a young girl.

Mrs. Cook is threatened with arthritis, takes lemon juice straight. The more she takes, the more lemon juice, Mrs. Gregory drinks one quart of milk each day and keeps going, so arthritis hasn't a chance. We know another lady who keeps her trim figure and youthful appearance by taking a mixture of vinegar and honey to repel any arthritis attacks.

A visitor at our house Wednesday was Peter Tighe, whose name in Irish language is O'Toole. He lives in Bill Duggan's smogless survival sub - division for smog smitten Californians. Peter is just 18 years from old Ireland and told us many interesting things about how people live there.

Living is more simple, food is plainer and the life span longer, Tighe thinks Americans eat themselves to death. His family lived in a county some distance from the home of the Kennedys, who he says, were known as honest, smart, industrious people. He says he was delighted to know that Jack Kennedy, a full blooded Irishman, has been elected president of this great country. Tighe was in World War II stationed in London.

He told us this story. He was in a tall building and the German fighter planes were flying overhead. Looking down on the street he saw a man leading a large elephant. The British were moving their zoo to safer quarters. As he watched, a bomb fell a few feet from the man and elephant, leaving nothing of them but a spattered street and buildings. Tighe, or O'Toole, whichever you prefer, is a most interesting person to talk to, and was recently elected lecturer of the Sams Valley Grange for the year 1961.

Donald Richardson, of Green, Richardson, Green and Griswold law firm of Portland, was a luncheon guest with home folks at the J. S. Richardson home Thursday. He flew down to Medford on legal business for his law firm.

Thought for the day: It's a great country but you can't live in it for nothing. -Will Rogers

Christmas Project Far Short of Goal

Yreka - "Don't be greedy, feed the needy."

This is the slogan on boxes appearing in Yreka grocery stores for donations of canned food.

The canned foods will be included in the Christmas food baskets and toy project, sponsored by the elementary PTA and Chamber of Commerce for needy Yreka area families.

Last year 41 food baskets were filled at a cost of \$371.55. Because the need is much greater this year the committee has asked for as many cash and food donations as possible. Checks may be sent to Toy Drive, Chamber of Commerce, Yreka.

About \$140 of this year's \$500 goal has been collected. The toys collected from this year's drive have been repaired or cleaned according to Mrs. Richard Johnson, chairman of the committee, and wrapping has begun under the direction of Mrs. Forrest Stright. The food and toys will be delivered by the Yreka Elk's lodge the evening of Dec. 23. Names of needy families may be sent to Harry Rebbin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, or the welfare office. Those names must be in by Dec. 21.

School Board Holds Open Meeting Nov. 29 on County School Problem

By JOAN MILLEMANN

Murphy Correspondent
Grants Pass - In a style reminiscent of the early New England town meetings, at a meeting Nov. 28, the Josephine county school board attempted to learn how county voters propose to take care of school construction which will have to take place in the near future in several county elementary schools if they are to meet state requirements.

Also, it was made clear at the meeting that the county unit must consider the definite possibility that they will have to finance the building of a junior high school unless District 7 (Grants Pass) can solve the overcrowding existing at South Junior High school.

Since the only solution would be to present their voters with another bond issue for building, in addition to the one they are already carrying, there seems to be a strong possibility that District 7 will have to refuse to accept county junior high students on the tuition basis now in operation. In an effort not to be caught totally unprepared should such a situation arise, the county school board scheduled this special meeting and urged people to attend so that they might present them with facts and figures on the matter.

Explains Problem

After a few preliminary remarks, the board chairman, William Gilmore, Murphy, asked Elmer Fleming, county school superintendent, to explain the problem now facing them. By means of a bar graph chart Fleming showed the increase in enrollment in five of the county schools since 1945. These five schools, Fruitdale, Williams, Wilderville, Murphy and Jerome Prairie, represent the schools in the south end of the county and are the ones whose eighth grade graduates attend South Junior high. Enrollment has jumped in these schools from 558 in 1945 to its present figure of 1,113.

These schools, due to an increase in pupil attendance,

need anywhere from one additional room and at least one more teacher (Williams and Murphy) to the three class rooms and two or more teachers urgently needed by Fruitdale and Jerome Prairie. However, conditions in these schools would be adequate if a county junior high school, handling seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, were to be built and thus remove some of the upper grade pupils.

The north end of the county presents an even more drastic picture as regards immediate need for extra construction. According to Fleming, Merlin school needs to have at least five more classrooms and a gym, which would then make possible the closing of Oak Grove school which is small and badly outmoded. Fort Vancouver school has two substandard rooms which must be replaced and a gym is needed. The board reminded the people that unless schools are maintained according to state standards a district runs the risk of losing its basic school support and that, while the state has been very patient and will continue to be as long as a district shows an intention of meeting requirements, it can demand standard buildings at any time.

Question Period

As soon as the factual explanation had been completed, Gilmore asked for questions from the group of about 50 people. The ensuing discussion revealed that a bond issue will be necessary in either case, whether it is one just large enough to cover basic repairs or one large enough to finance a junior high school. It also was explained that the yearly operating costs of a junior high would not mean an increase in the budget since it would cost no more than the tuition rate now paid to Grants Pass, which is figured anew each year on the basis of the yearly operating costs of the junior high or high school.

There was strong feeling expressed by representatives of some of the schools in the

north of the county that since a bond issue would involve them as taxpayers they were entitled to be able to send their students to the county junior high, regardless of the extra transportation involved. It was also the sentiment of Illinois Valley representatives that some needed repairs to Kerby school and an amount to add some finishing touches to Illinois Valley High school be included in a bond issue in order to make the residents of that portion of the county feel that they would also benefit.

While the majority sentiment of the group in attendance favored the construction of a junior high school and the necessary repairs to schools in the northern end of the county, a minority opinion expressed the feeling that property owners would not pass any bond issue at this time, regardless of the necessity for it. They proposed trying to do the building on a gradual basis, including a certain amount in each year's budget, and when it was pointed out to them the difficulty encountered in passing even a minimum budget in the county in recent years, responded with the suggestion that personnel salaries be lowered to allow money for building.

Committees Appointed

At the suggestion of board member Ed McElvage of Fruitdale, it was decided to appoint a committee to look into comparative costs of repair as opposed to new construction; of transportation figures; of possible tax increase in millage such a bond issue would carry with it, and other details pertaining to the whole matter before any definite action could be taken.

The board urged more people to attend their meetings, all of which are open to the public, so that they may be aware of the problems and attempt to arrive at solutions to them.

Regional News

Correspondents: Upper Applegate Valley—Maude Ziegler; Lower Applegate Valley—Jeanette Head; Butte Falls—Mary Jo Harris; Central Point—Doree Armstrong; Eagle Point—Dottie Harrison; Gold Hill—Sama Valley—Mary Kell; Grandview—Lone Pine—Dot Simmons; Happy Camp—Hazel Davis; Betty Reed; Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman; Illinois Valley—Katherine Scott; Jacksonville—Bette Hoskins; McLeod—Caroline Harding; Medford—Nellie Bergman; Murphy—Mrs. R. J. Millemann; Phoenix—Ruth Igo; Prospect—Velda Barr; Rogue River—Orva Jean Cruise; Shady Cove—Evelyn Watson; Table Rock—R. E. Nealon; Talent—Bill Young; Tillamook—Viola Rogers; Williams—Ann Katzenbach; Yreka—Doris Robinson and Mary Louise Gray.

Council To Discuss Important Issues

Gold Hill - Mayor Milton Steinmetz reported that several important issues will be presented to the city council at its regular session Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the council's chamber at the new city hall location on Second ave.

The city planning commission will meet with the council. The mayor said that Donald Morrow, local businessman, has been recommended to replace Ralph Bell on the city planning commission. Bell resigned when he sold his home here and moved to Arizona. The appointment will be made Monday evening. Others on the planning commission are H. D. Force, chairman and Paul Molloy, Fred Lester, president of the council, and Fred were appointed several months ago to represent the city of Gold Hill on the Jackson County planning commission.

Also to be presented for the council's approval at this session will be a consolidated form of various city ordinances that would simplify the procedure when information is needed on different ordinances.

The mayor and council have requested that the city attorney, Bernard Kelly attend the meeting Monday evening, to advise them on certain matters. Mayor Steinmetz said that a report of the meetings of the League of Oregon cities that he and city recorder-treasurer Ferd Jones attended will be given by them Monday evening.

Steinmetz will inform the council of important factors pertaining to the new fire code recommended by the Na-

ENROLLMENT OVER 300

Murphy - Murphy elementary school enrollment has topped 300 for the highest mark in several years. It now has an enrollment of 303, which represents a sizeable increase over the 275 it has maintained for a few years. This has produced a few problems, however, since the fifth grade now has 45 students under one teacher, and the fourth graders number 39.

This has made it necessary for the school to request another teacher since classes of this size are too difficult to handle efficiently.

Regional Calendar

Eagle Point - All persons in Eagle Point having broken or old toys are asked to leave them on their front porch and mark them "Cub Scouts" if they will not be home Saturday morning. Eagle Point Cub Scouts are sponsoring a toy drive Saturday morning.

Fagle Point - Cub Scouts of den one of pack 48 and their fathers are asked to meet at the Eagle Point grade school flag pole at 9:30 a.m. Saturday to collect old toys within the city limits.

Shady Cove-Trail-The election of one director for a five year term in the Shady Cove-Trail rural fire protection district will be held Monday, Dec. 4, at the fire hall during the hours of 2 to 8 p.m.

Shady Cove - The Shady Cove Garden club will hold a Christmas party and meeting Monday, Dec. 12 at the home of Mrs. R. A. Pfeifer of Shady Cove with Mrs. Lloyd Harris and Mrs. Max Hawks acting as co-hostesses.



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Writing Provides Family Pin Money

Mrs. Maude Ziegler thoroughly enjoys writing about people and events. "I enjoy the many nice contacts with people writing offers," she says.

"Besides, newswriting is one of the very finest ways of making pin money in the country," Mrs. Ziegler adds. Mrs. Ziegler is starting her fourth year as Mail Tribune correspondent in the Applegate Valley. Although she has been a regular correspondent for only four years, she has contributed news items to the Mail Tribune for more than 20 years.

Her other writing experience includes contributing articles to three other southern Oregon newspapers for 20 years prior to joining the Mail Tribune staff.

Some of her Applegate Valley articles have been published in Portland newspapers and West Coast magazines. Mrs. Ziegler has one child, Robert, 16. She is a member of the Ruch PTA and Upper Applegate Extension Unit. Gardening and yard work are among her other activities. In addition, being a housewife for her husband William and Robert occupies much of her time.

In addition to feature articles, Mrs. Ziegler is probably best known as the author of Rural Reflections appearing often on the regional page.

Mrs. Ziegler calls her most exciting moments of corresponding those which come in reporting elections returns from the Applegate area. "I once reported returns on the Townsend plan from the Hutton precinct over the California line. The report was broadcast over Los Angeles and Salt Lake City radio stations," she recalls.

However, she says that having one of her articles published on the Sunday feature



MRS. MAUDE ZIEGLER

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