

Regional News

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Addition Planned For Yreka School

Yreka—The Yreka elementary school district plans to build a six classroom addition to the Jackson Street school at an estimated cost of \$172,000. They will use cash on hand and \$72,000 contributed by the county school board forest reserve funds.

More than a year ago a bond issue was defeated by voters of the elementary district which brought a halt to the building program.

Presently the school is operating at a population of about 120 students over the maximum for facilities available, according to Robert Reynolds, district superintendent. "The addition will alleviate those conditions," Reynolds said.

Students have been meeting in the Gold Street school because of the Jackson classroom shortage. Construction of the addition will start this spring. An architect is drawing plans for the addition at the present time.

Food Pours In For Baskets for Needy

Yreka—Food came pouring in from the collection boxes at the elementary and high schools in Yreka recently for the food baskets for the needy.

About 450 cans of food were collected, Mrs. Richard Johnson, chairman, reported. George Wacker is in charge of purchasing fresh meat and vegetables for the baskets for which \$265 had been donated. Following the city council meeting last week, Harry Crebbins reported he was able to collect \$5 from each city department head which brought a total of \$55 for the food baskets.

Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Richard Kelley, Bob Dias and Jerry Edwards have the task of filling the baskets for distribution.

Santa Claus Visits Children in Yreka

Yreka—Santa Claus visited the children of the Yreka Pythian families at the Pythian Christmas party held recently at the Pythian hall.

About 75 members and children enjoyed the program which included music by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Freeman with accordion and violin and caroling by the audience.

There was an exchange of gifts around the big Christmas tree in the center of the room.

NO. 6 IN A SERIES

Nealon Started Writing Table Rock News in 1914

R. E. Nealon has been working for the Mail Tribune in various capacities since 1909. Nealon started selling subscriptions 51 years ago. Today he is more noted as author of Tablets, a Friday regional feature.

In 1914 Nealon started writing Table Rock news because he says, "the correspondent had moved away and we didn't think such an outstanding community should hide its light under a bushel."

"I like to talk to people and being a reporter gives me a better chance to do this," Nealon says. "To me people are the most interesting things in the world."

Nealon has been active in Table Rock and Jackson county affairs for a long time. He has been a U.S. mail carrier, census taker, county commissioner, county Grange deputy, school board member, insurance salesman and telephone company president and line-man. He also has been interested in Table Rock Community club affairs.

Nealon received officer's training in the late stages of World War I and helped maintain a local observation post during World War II. He cast his first vote in 1906 when Oregon had a poll tax.

When asked if he had any hobbies, Nealon said, "Since a hobby is something one does without getting much of any financial gain, my hobby must be farming."

Nealon and his wife Doris were married in 1933. "I didn't marry young for various reasons," he says. "One of our relatives said: to marry without a home or a good income was poor business because when poverty comes in the door love flies out the window."

Nealon's most recent writing thrill came when one of his political comments appearing in Tablets was sent to Washington and he received letters of praise from various congressional members.

Table Rock residents may give news items to Nealon by phoning TAlbot 6-2097.

The gifts were distributed by Santa Claus. The crowd adjourned to the dining room following the program and was served refreshments of ice cream and cookies at tables attractively decorated in keeping with the holiday season.



R. E. NEALON

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.

KIEM-TV (Channel 3)

FRIDAY
4:00—Matinee
5:30—Huckleberry Hound
6:00—Shed News
6:10—Weather
6:15—Douglas Edwards News
6:30—Two Faces West
7:00—Seahunt
7:30—Ravens
8:30—Route 66
9:30—Garland Touch
10:00—Twilight Zone
10:30—Late Movie

SATURDAY
12:30—Land of Alakazam
1:00—Almighty Mouse
1:30—Sky King
2:30—Matinee
3:00—King Leonardo
3:30—Lone Ranger
4:00—TBA
4:45—Dan Smoot Report
5:00—Reading Out Loud
5:30—Why Teacher?
6:00—Price Is Right
6:30—Tab Hunter
7:00—Ann Southern
7:30—Perry Mason
8:30—Checkmate
9:30—Have Gun, Will Travel
10:00—Gunsmoke
10:30—Manhunt
11:00—Late Movie
1:00—News & Weather

KVIP-TV (Channel 7)

SATURDAY
11:00—Basketball
1:00—Western Action Hour
3:00—Big Picture
3:30—Vint Teacher
4:00—A Star Shall Rise
4:30—Enforcers
4:45—Hearman Draw
5:00—Disc Date
6:00—Lawrence Welk
7:00—Year End Sports Review
8:00—Hitchcock Presents
8:30—Tail Man
9:00—Untouchables
10:00—Roaring Twenties
11:00—Christmas Program
12:45—Late News and Sign Off

Yreka—Siskiyou county is dependent upon the timber, recreation, agriculture and mining industries according to a report compiled by the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Siskiyou County development organized by State Sen. Randolph Collier.

Tablets

By
Revealer

Table Rock—The local Sunday school is preparing a special Christmas program for this Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited. Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. and closes at 11:30.

Santa Claus at the Ernest Smith home has his team of reindeer all hitched to the sleigh and ready at a second's notice to dash away up the wall to the top of the house and down the chimney. All the reindeer in the team excepting Rudolph, the red nose, are on hand and have been patiently waiting for the signal. A high wind one night caused them to scatter in several directions, but the old white bearded driver has them in place again and ready to take off. The Smiths, Ernest and Lois, put in their spare time improving their home and lot and have made it a beautiful setting, especially at Christmas time with their unique decorations, lighting effects and flowers.

Lewis Kilbourn, who drives a car while seated on the right side as he picks up and delivers mail, is back on the job after several weeks vacation, part of the time being spent in a Portland hospital where he was a surgery patient. We thought maybe he was having his left leg lengthened so he could better reach the pedals, but he said he remedied that by getting a smaller car. He got back on the route in time for the Christmas rush.

Preparations are being made for the annual Christmas tree and program to be held Friday evening, Dec. 23, at the schoolhouse. An appropriate program of music, songs, play and a visit from Santa Claus will be among the features.

Christmas trees back in the nineties—At home, we always had a Christmas tree except maybe for one year when we were snowed in.

Trees were easy to get in those days. One could take a hatchet and go in any direction and get a good tree in a short time. Decorations were simple and inexpensive, consisting mostly of fir boughs. Oregon grape and mistletoe. Popcorn and red berries were strung to decorate the tree. Not much money was spent for presents. One year mother sent to Weinstein and Lubin at Sacramento for them. When they came, there were a dozen lead pencils so each youngster could have a pencil. This was something those days. A french harp, now called a harmonica, sling shots and cap pistols for the boys, little ornaments, dodads and rubber dolls for the girls, were presents with striped candy and peanuts for all.

The recent editorial, concerning the county court's ability to make decisions brings back memories of when we served on the court. We were all new at this business and at the beginning of the term Rev. Baird of the First Christian church of Medford came to our meeting and started us out with a prayer. A month or so later he came to visit us and stated that he started us off with a prayer and we had been fighting ever since. We knew what we wanted, but we didn't all want the same thing.

One year when preparations were being made for the annual community Christmas tree entertainment, Mrs. Pendleton was in charge of the decorations. The Pendleton family lived in the same house now occupied by the J. Sanford Richardsons. Some half-dozen of the younger set gathered at Mrs. Pendleton's home one night to pop and string corn. Roy Nichols was given a popper and a pan of corn, which he proceeded to shake and pop over the coals in the fireplace. With the fire-place filled with coals, things were getting quite warm and the pan of shelled corn Roy was told to pop seemed to be holding out far too well. The next time he went to refill the popper he lifted the pan so that a goodly amount of corn fell in the hot ashes. Imagine his surprise and embarrassment when the corn in the ashes began to pop and jump out on the floor. Already too warm, the perspiration began to appear on his face. However, Mrs. Pendleton was very nice about it and didn't scold or complain.

The community tree at the schoolhouse was usually attended by all local people and generally some

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Christmas Gathering

Eagle Point—The annual Eagle Point community Christmas tree gathering will be held tonight at 7:30 for all children in the community at the Christmas tree next to the city hall on Main st.

500 Attend School Christmas Program

Yreka—More than 500 children and parents crowded into the multi-purpose room of the Jackson street school Dec. 15 to see Santa Claus.

Santa distributed candy and cookies to the children. The audience was entertained by the elementary glee club, and the girls from the Yreka High school glee club, under the direction of Daniel Soares, music instructor. There was one solo on the program sung by Larry Jim Glenn, an elementary student who sang "Oh Holy Night."

The Rev. Harold Coleman of the Yreka Methodist church gave the inspirational. The flag was presented by Brownie Troop 209.

from the Agate and Chaparral districts helped.

The decorations were simple and inexpensive, the tree lights were small candles set in a little tin clamp fastened to the outer limbs. White popcorn and red laurel berries were strung and draped over the tree. Generally, there was a large beautiful doll near the top that kept all the little girls guessing as to who would get it.

Santa Claus was always a part of the program and wore his own face but false whiskers, white hair. Jokes were common and seemed to add to the merriment and a bunch of mistletoe was hung in a conspicuous place so the fair ladies could "accidentally" walk under it. One joke we thought detracted from the Christmas spirit a bit, was when a lady gift wrapped a bar of soap and put it on the tree for a young fellow who wasn't too particular about washing his neck and ears.

To each and everyone we send our heartfelt best wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas. May the good Lord bless and keep you throughout the year.

New Fire Plan Is Being Proposed

Yreka—Proposed plans for a new fire control program for the Klamath forest were explained by Lee Morford, dispatcher, at the Yreka Lions club meeting Wednesday.

The proposed plan would enlarge some current fire stations and create new stations in other areas, Morford said. The proposal bases the need for fire protection crews and facilities on the inflammability and value of various areas, he explained.

A recent study of the Klam-

ath national forest showed that most areas must be reached within 30 minutes for maximum protection, according to Morford. The national forest was zoned recently. Morford said areas that had been developed into residential districts had top priority and other lands were zoned by value of the timber.

Morford said lack of adequate fire control has cut down Siskiyou county's lumber industry potential. The Haystack burn of 1955 cut timber values in the county from 10 million to three million.

In the last 10 years Klamath national forest has had more burned acres of forest land than in the 20 years before, Morford said. He blamed deteriorating equipment and personnel turnover that resulted in inexperienced employees for the huge losses.

Morford said the forest had a 55 per cent turnover of key personnel five years ago.

Community Program To Be Held Tonight

Gold Hill—The community Christmas program, sponsored by the Odd Fellows lodge will be held tonight at 7:30 in the I.O.O.F. building. All youngsters of the Gold Hill area are invited to participate. The program is unrehearsed, Mrs. A. A. Walker is chairman of the event.

Santa Claus will arrive with treats immediately after the program. Children will have an opportunity to climb upon his knee for a chat before he departs for the north pole.

Members of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will assist the Odd Fellows with arrangements. Past Noble Grand will provide several new ornaments for the tree that will decorate the hall for the occasion.

Men of Church Stage Annual Family Dinner

Yreka—The Men's Brotherhood of the Yreka Methodist church held their annual Christmas family dinner in the church basement Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. About 35 members and children gathered around tables decorated with evergreens, red streamers and Christmas ornaments.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Behnke were in charge of the program and presented three first year saxophone students who played three Christmas carols. All were fifth grade students. Mrs. Behnke led the group in singing of traditional Christmas songs.

The growth of the lumber industry in Siskiyou county in the 1950s has presented a new problem in fire control work, Morford said. He recalled that fires that started when the Klamath forest was organized in 1905 were allowed to burn through the entire summer. Timber losses from these burns can still be seen, he added.

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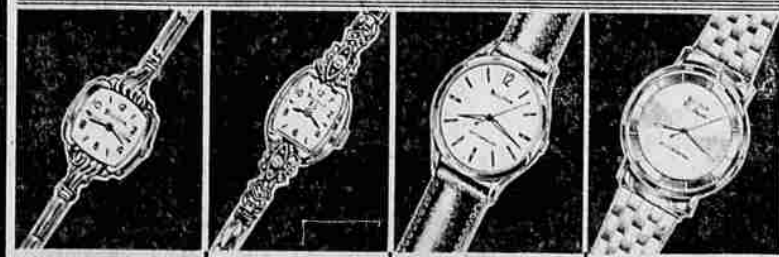
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