

Regional News

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IV Adult Classes Scheduled by FFA

Illinois Valley - The advisory council of the Future Farmers of America of Illinois Valley High school held a special meeting Jan. 11.

Keith Nelsen of Kerby was elected president, replacing retiring president Bert Easterbrook. Other council members are Frank Gibbons, Bill Irey, Edgar Gales, Oris Seat and Walter Eichler, all serving three-year terms.

Adult first aid classes will start Jan. 23, the council announced. Elwin Frye of the forestry department will be instructor. At the end of the 10 weekly classes, those completing the course will be given first-aid certificates.

PTA Will Discuss Juvenile Problems

Yreka - On Jan. 19 the Elementary PTA will meet in the multi-purpose room of the Jackson St. school.

The program will be a panel discussion entitled "parent's responsibility to juvenile delinquents." Jerry Edwards is in charge of the panel. Mrs. Jack Young will represent parents, and Roger Ellis, school education, Ellis is district superintendent of the Dunsuir Elementary school. Mrs. W. M. Van Over, of the county probation department, will discuss probation and Mike Hennessey, assistant district attorney, will discuss legal aspects. Each will take about 12 minutes to speak. The youth authority is sending a person from Sacramento to represent the state. Child care will be available, and refreshments will be served. It is hoped many members and friends will attend.

PTA Names Dime Dinner And Variety Show Heads

Happy Camp - The Happy Camp PTA met at the high school Jan. 10 and chairman for the dime dinner and variety show were named. President Leona Westby, named Mrs. L. T. Huddleston as head of the dime dinner which will be held Jan. 20th at the elementary school at 5:30 p.m.

The committee for the variety show to be held in February as the last money raising event of the year will be Mr. and Mrs. James Tristram, Herbert Sonneborn, Mrs. Edward Kempe, Mrs. Norman Herman, Robert Schaeffer and David Maxon.

With only two more fund raising events planned it is hoped that enough funds will be received to finish paying the band uniform invoice and other expenses before March 1. According to Mrs. James Tristram, treasurer, there is a balance of \$285.06 after carnival expenses and \$140 that was applied to the band uniform bill.

The membership also voted to pay the \$40 bill for vaccine to Dr. George Chambers that will be used during the year giving free vaccinations to pre-school age children.

Mrs. Westby introduced Mrs. Robert Edmunds, wife of a local dentist, and Mrs. Robert Hokenson, new bride of Coach Hokenson of the high school faculty.

Education and youth legislation to be considered by the state legislature was discussed. Also discussed were increasing the basic school support fund, traffic safety laws, school bus laws, education of mentally retarded children and absentee balloting and voting registration.

25 Compete in Roping Contest Held Sunday

Twenty-five ropers from Lake, Josephine and Jackson counties and northern California competed in a roping contest at the Jackson county fairgrounds Jan. 15.

The ropers vied for prizes in team roping and calf roping. Fastest calf roping time of 14 1/2 seconds was made by Dick and Larry Perry of Eagle Point.

The Rogue Valley Roping club sponsors the event every Sunday and extends an invitation to any interested area residents to attend.

PLANE MOTOR - The engine in the Wright brothers first airplane had no carburetor. Gasoline was dripped into the cylinders.

Education Issues Explained to Butte Falls PTA

Butte Falls-The Butte Falls PTA held its "lights on for education" program at the high school recently.

Purpose of this program was to inform the public of legislative proposals concerning education to be brought up this year at the state legislative meeting. The Butte Falls program was part of a statewide education drive.

Panel members for the Butte Falls meeting were Leonard Stratton, schools; Elga Abbott, local government; Mrs. Hannah Dalton, PTA and school board; William Hunter, Oregon Education association, and T. E. Poole, school board. Stratton was panel chairman.

Yreka Firm High Bidder on Timber

Yreka - J. F. Sharp Lumber company of Yreka was high bidder on 6,900,000 board feet of pine and fir timber in the Upper Slide creek unit, Seiad district, Kenneth C. Duncan of the Klamath national forest, announced at the conclusion of the oral auction held Jan. 17 in Yreka.

Species, volume in board feet, advertised prices and high bid rates were: Ponderosa pine and Jeffrey pine - nominal volume, advertised at \$24.45 per M and bid at \$23.45 per M; sugar pine - 2,100,000 b.f., advertised at \$16.90 per M and bid at \$16.90 per M; white and red fir - 1,000,000 b.f., advertised at \$1.95 per M and bid at \$2.50 per M; Douglas fir - 3,750,000 b.f., advertised at \$10.30 per M and bid at \$10.30 per M; incense cedar - 50,000 b.f., advertised at \$1.95 per M and bid at \$2.25 per M.

Water Development Topic of Meeting

Sams Valley - Water development will be the topic for the Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association's program, Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Guest speaker will be Andrew Schmidt, who is experienced in soil and water conservation. P.T.A. officials urge all interested persons to attend.

During a recent session of the executive board plans were discussed to hold a basketball game between the fathers and sons, and a volleyball game between mothers and daughters. Students would be seventh and eighth graders. This proposal will be presented to members of the P.T.A. Thursday evening for a final opinion.

Differences Between Italian and American School Systems Explained

Murphy - Miss Franca Margini, Italian foreign exchange student, told Murphy school fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders of differences between schools in Italy and those in Oregon recently.

Miss Margini was introduced to the students by Mrs. Robert Chamberlain, at whose home she is living this year. She spoke of the many differences between schools in her home town near Rome, Italy, and those here in Oregon and, as a matter of fact, in the United States.

Building Project Is Facing Fund Shortage

Eagle Point - The building committee for the Eagle Point Scout-Community building met recently and committee chairman Harry Hanscom reported an additional \$700 is needed for purchasing cement for the floor in the main auditorium and basement.

Hanscom said there are several projects, such as helping tile the dining area or purchasing cement for one of the room floors, that could be taken over by any organization desiring to do so.

Ed Kimmel reported the roof was completed recently and said roofers recommend an aluminum roof coating be applied in about six months.

The committee voted to install wood gables in the building instead of glass due to a shortage of funds at the present time.

Mrs. Keith Krambeal said the Eagle Point Jaycees were planning to give away a cedar chest and were accepting donations for the chest which will be used for work on the community building.

Board of Directors Awards Contracts

Tiller-Drew - Contracts for the 1961-62 school year were given to three teachers at the regular meeting of the board of directors, school District 15, at Days Creek, Jan. 10. They were William Jewellen, superintendent, Larry Kline, high school principal, and Argyle Matthews, grade school principal.

Tentative salary policies for certified and non-certified personnel were set and preliminary budget figures were discussed.

Mrs. Richard Brown, Milo, was present and presented a request for financial aid in transporting children to regularly scheduled bus runs. The board instructed Jewellen to conduct a survey of the pupils in District 15 who would be affected by such a policy and to report his findings at the next regular meeting of the board.

Barnstormers To Present 3 Plays

Grants Pass - The Barnstormers, local theatrical group, have departed from their usual custom of presenting a full-length play and are preparing instead three one-act plays which are to be ready for viewing either the last week in February or the first week in March.

First readings for the plays were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Skinner in Grants Pass and final casting took place at the Jan. 12 meeting of the group held at the home of Mrs. W. A. (Aline) Sharp in Fruitdale.

Mrs. Mary Lou Skinner is directing the production of the three plays which include "The Eagle" by Ted Beebe, "A Sunny Morning" by Joaquin Quintero, and "The Ugly Duckling" by A. A. Milne.

The first of these, "The Eagle," was originally written for television and has been rewritten as a one-act play by Mrs. Skinner. It is a melodramatic murder mystery.

"A Sunny Morning" is a change of mood, a charming unusual piece, marked by gentle, ironic humor. It was selected by Bennett Cerf as an outstanding one-act play.

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