

Some Lake Facilities Will Be Available



EAGLE SCOUT AWARD—David LaFever and his mother, Mrs. Harry LaFever, 785 Head, Central Point, are shown admiring the Eagle Scout award just presented to the youth. Shown also are Dr. George Roseberry of the First Methodist church, Medford, and Bob Hawkins, scoutmaster of Scout Troop 7, Medford. The special court of honor was held last week. Other members of the troop also received many awards including first class, second class, star rank, 50th anniversary, and merit badges.

—(Knackstedt photo)

Central Point Girl Gets Recognition

Marcia Jo Miller, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, 118 South Ninth st., Central Point, recently received national recognition for her achievements in baton twirling.

Officials of the National Baton Twirling association in Jonesville, Wis., have included her in the 1961 edition of "Who's Who in Baton Twirling" on the merits of her skill, leadership, and reputable achievements beyond the local area.

Miss Miller is one of 1,400 outstanding young men and women to be honored in the twirling field, which now boasts more than 500,000 participants in the United States and Canada.

The 11th annual edition of the publication contains over 500 pages of pictures and biographical histories of America's twirling stars, the story of the evolution of the art of twirling, and selected reference material.

Eagle Scout Award Ceremonies Held

David LaFever, member of the Boy Scouts of America, Medford Troop 7, was presented the Eagle Scout award at a special Eagle Court of Honor held Wednesday evening.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry LaFever, 785 Head rd., Central Point, and is a student at Crater High school. At the recent meeting of the Scouts, sponsored by the First Methodist church, Medford, awards presented included first class, second class, star rank, 50th anniversary awards, and merit badges.

Scout officials presiding were Dr. George Roseberry, First Methodist minister; Dolph Bills, Glen Dusen, Roy Rolls, and Ronald Lamb, committeemen; Leo Taylor, Scoutmaster and committee man; and Bob Hawkins, Scoutmaster.

During the program, the committee of Troop 7, the minister of the church, Ronald Lamb of Crater High

school, and Hawkins each gave testimonials concerning LaFever's achievements. He is the second Eagle Scout in his family.

Receiving second class awards were Danny Hawkins, Br on Wells, William Park, Rocky James, Arthur Hill Bill Bittle, Danny Veal, Sammy Coulter, Henry Muller, Jack Rice, Don Stroh, and Billy Centers.

First class awards were presented to Edward Butchino, Larry Dusen, Dean Hall, Ricky Howell, Warren Rolls, and Bradley Thompson.

Those Scouts receiving merit badges include Wayne Taylor, eight; David LaFever, five; Ricky Howell, Jerry Hobbs, Richard Moyer, Mike Minnis, and Larry Dusen, three; Warren Rolls, Darrel Wells, and David Dollen, two; and Dean Hall, Vern Beerslee, Paul Lewis, Edward Butchino, James Moyer, Alex Mackinick, Danny Hawkins, and Melvin Taylor, each one.

Star Rank Award
Richard Moyer, Mike Minnis, Jerry Hobbs, and Wayne Taylor each earned the star rank award.

Scouts receiving the 50th anniversary award were David LaFever, Melvin Taylor, Vern Beerslee, David Dollen, Paul Lewis, Darrel Wells, Mike Minnis, Richard Moyer, and James Moyer.

Also, Wayne Taylor, Warren Rolls, Dean Hall, Danny Hawkins, Jerry Hobbs, Larry Dusen, Ed Butchino, Al Moyer, Robert Hawkins, and Leo Taylor.

Troop 7 was also presented the 50th anniversary presidential streamer award.

Officer Promoted To Assistant Warden

John Langrell, safety officer for the state department of forestry, has been promoted to assistant district warden effective Monday.

He will be responsible for the operation of the Grants Pass unit of the southwest Oregon district.

Prior to joining the department, Langrell had worked several summers in fire control work, and is a member of the state fire team. After graduating from Oregon State college, he joined the department and began work as a technical assistant in Salem.

The new assistant district warden served in the Armed Forces from 1950 to 1955, is married, and has two children.

Adequacy Will Remain Matter Of Dispute on Fishing Date

By JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Staff Writer
Some facilities will be available for public use at Howard Prairie when the fishing season opens April 22. But, whether these facilities will be adequate remains a matter of dispute.

City-County Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth said Friday a minimum of facilities would be available, but with careful handling these should be sufficient for the summer recreation season. County Judge Earl Miller's statements seem to agree with this.

However, Concessionaire Bob Johnston, of Johnston Stores, Medford, vigorously disagreed. Johnston feels any complaints concerning inadequate facilities will come to him, since he and his staff will be at the public recreation area while the county court and recreation director will be in their offices some distance from the area.

County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen said he will start work on the boat launching ramp extension as soon as a week of dry weather permits. Construction Planned

He had planned to start construction of the rock-fill and cinder covered extension tomorrow. However, wet weather has kept the ground so saturated that it would be impossible to move in heavy equipment required without tearing up the entrance road, he explained.

The ramp extension will not be the full 650 feet as suggested in January, but will go to the present edge of the water. Carstensen feels this will be sufficient as it is estimated that the lake water will be five feet deep at the end of ramp June 1. How far down the lake is drawn during the rest of the summer must be faced when the problem arises, the county engineer feels.

Both the county judge and the recreation director support Carstensen's theories. "After all, he is the county engineer," the two men agree.

No Accurate Estimate
Talent Irrigation district officials said Saturday there is no way to make an accurate estimate of how far down Howard Prairie lake waters might be drawn for irrigation. This will depend on the amount of water fed into the lake by tributaries, they pointed out.

The concessionaire said "various officials" last January thought a 650-foot extension of the boat-launching ramp was necessary to carry boats on trailers across the expected mud flat exposed when the water recedes. Now the water is up to some 300 feet of the existing boat ramp. This means if crews started work now the ramp could be extended only about 300 feet.

Recreation Director Haworth admitted Friday that pushing material off into the water to

extend the ramp last summer was not satisfactory. Johnston argued further Friday that he has been advised by a "competent contractor" that work could be done at Howard Prairie in spite of the wet weather. He declined to give the contractor's name.

Johnston claimed the work could have been done earlier this winter when the soil at Howard Prairie was comparatively dry.

Engineer Directed
Speaking before the Medford Chamber of Commerce Round Table, Haworth earlier this year had said the county engineer had been directed to start work on the boat ramp.

Friday, Judge Miller and Haworth said no deadline or starting time had been set for the boat ramp work. Plans for the added facilities were not completed in time to avoid the wet weather, both men answered Friday.

The concessionaire said Friday the existing parking area will not be adequate this season, construction and placement of dock anchors in the boat basin should have been done earlier, and power equipment should be installed before fishing season opens.

Johnston estimated there were 300 cars in the developed recreation area at one time at Howard Prairie during the ice-skating season. Skaters were using 60 per cent of the available parking space at that time plus the ramp facilities, which will not be available for parking this fishing season. Boat trailers attached to most of the cars "will compound the problem," he pointed out.

No Power Equipment
Judge Miller and Haworth Friday said power equipment would not be installed this season.

"This means our gas supply facilities will be severely limited, since fire-prevention regulations require us to store gas below ground and pump it up electrically," Johnston said. "This means, also, no hot water and lights in the public restrooms and no lights in the traffic areas."

"An incinerator should be built and operating to prevent a long costly run to the garbage pit located near the dam last year," the concessionaire pointed out further. "This pit has been unhealthy and ill-smelling."

Haworth said Friday the Jackson county parks and recreation commission had agreed earlier that "certain things will be needed" for the coming season, such as power plants, additional camping space, extension of the boat launching ramp to meet the water-line and dock facilities.

"The commission after studying this situation recommended, with cost estimates, that these facilities be made available on or before April 22," Haworth stated. "However, the commission recognizes full well the county has limited funds for this work during the current fiscal year and has pointed out to the court that additional funds have to be made available to meet these needs."

Haworth said Friday morning, before he met with the county court that afternoon, that he can't say if the weather has been a factor in preventing the boat ramp work. He noted that earlier this winter a D-8 Caterpillar tractor hauled two ice-skating shelters off the lake shore without difficulty.

The recreation director said

Four Speakers Set For Sales Congress

Portland — Four of the leading speakers in the life insurance field from throughout the nation are scheduled to address the Pacific Northwest life underwriters sales congress here April 6.

Speaking will be W. Walter Smith, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Bart Hodges, Austin, Tex.; C. S. Ohsner, Columbus, Ohio; and Mun Charn Wong, Honolulu.

the four will be the third engagement in the Pacific Northwest in three consecutive days. They will address a meeting in Spokane, Wash., then a life underwriters group in Seattle, Wash.

Each of the four speakers has appeared before insurance groups throughout the United States, including meetings of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

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