

REGIONAL NEWS

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RECEIVE CERTIFICATES — Dr. Elmo Stevenson of Southern Oregon college is shown presenting gift certificates to winners of a ticket sale contest for a Red Cross benefit concert held in Eagle Point Sunday. Winners were Toni Spears, on left, Leslie Benson and Don Benson, on right. Connie Berryman accepted a certificate for Roy Cottle, another winner who was unable to attend.

Firemen's Ball Grosses Over \$200

Phoenix — The annual St. Patrick's Day Firemen's Ball sponsored by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire department and auxiliary grossed well over \$200, it was reported last night.

In a door to door canvass, Phoenix Watermaster I. J. (Irv) Hanscom, sold over \$189 worth of tickets. The auxiliary's cakes and pies brought \$39. The money will be used to purchase new equipment for the fire department, Assistant Fire Chief David Haggard said.

During last night's regular fire drill the volunteers split up into two crews. One under Capt. Clark Brown toured the city limits of Phoenix locating fire hydrants and standpipes. The water master assisted with the crew with Assistant Fire Chief Haggard and checked the hydrants and standpipes as to condition.

Another crew under Capt. Lloyd (Nick) O. Nikodym and Fire Chief Leo Furry held hose drill. They practiced hooking up to a hydrant and putting the hose in operation under a variety of circumstances.

The firemen and their wives will hold a Beatnik party Saturday, April 15 in the Phoenix Community club house. Dance music will be furnished by a record player and each couple is asked to bring a potluck for dinner.

Crater FFA Honored At State Meeting

Central Point — The Crater High school Future Farmers of America chapter received two awards at the recent FFA state convention held in Corvallis.

In recognition of the past year's activities, the chapter was awarded the Master Chapter and Superior Chapter awards. To earn the awards, the chapter participated in parliamentary procedure district and state contests.

Alan Bray, Delmer Smith, Pat Neal, Todd Caster and Dave Foote represented the Crater chapter at the convention. Bray served on the committee which selected the state's outstanding future farmer. Smith was awarded the State Farmer award.

Foote completed his term as state reporter and was awarded a \$300 scholarship.

Benefit Dance Held For Heart Patient

Happy Camp — A benefit dance was sponsored by the volunteer fire department March 18 for Wilbur Bridentine at Russell's hall.

According to Frank Looten, fire chief, a total of \$256 was collected from ticket sales and a cake auction. Looten said that one cake was sold for \$50.

Bridentine underwent open heart surgery Feb. 21 in San Francisco, and has just come home with his family from Albany where they were staying during his convalescence.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION

Gold Hill — Mark Elijah Miller, 18, 243 West Pine st., Central Point, charged by Oregon State police with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, entered a plea of guilty in Judge Norman R. Matteson's justice court, Gold Hill district. Miller was fined \$25 plus \$4.50 court costs and sentenced to work five hours at the Jackson County courthouse in Medford under the supervision of the building superintendent.

FILM SCHEDULED

Eagle Point — "Angel in Ebony," a film on the life of Samuel Morris, will be presented at the Reese Creek Community church at 7 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

Legion Observes 42nd Anniversary

Happy Camp — American Legion Post 530 of Happy Camp observed its 42nd anniversary Sunday at the Grange hall with 45 people attending a dinner.

According to Roy Inlow, commander, the purpose of the dinner was a membership drive. Projects the local post has been active in this year include donation of \$500 for the Log Cabin memorial building and \$300 in materials for the building. At present, Inlow said, three members are donating labor on the building.

The local post also owns a lot next to Hall's store. A lack of funds has prevented them from building their own hall at this time, so they voted to help restore the Log Cabin building.

Fire Department Receives New Truck

Yreka — The Yreka fire department received a new fire truck last week. The white truck is the first cab truck the Yreka department has owned and replaces a 30-year-old model.

It has a capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute and has a 500 gallon auxiliary tank, two booster line reels and front end intake and rear end discharge devices.

Other equipment includes a high frequency siren, public address system and two-way radio.

Four Girls Injured In Jeep Accident

Williams — Four girls were injured over the week end when they were involved in a jeep accident on Westford rd. near Williams.

Injured were Sally Herriott, 16, of Applegate; Marlene Waters, 15, of Williams; Shirley Kint, 15, of Felton, Calif.; and Diane Brewster, of Provo.

The girls were riding in a jeep which went out of control and overturned.

TO ATTEND WHEATON

Happy Camp — Gaylon Lee, Happy Camp High school senior, will enroll in Wheaton college, Wheaton, Ill., in the fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lee of Happy Camp.

AIR TOO THIN

Boston — An atmosphere too thin to transmit sound waves adequately is believed found at a height of approximately 1,000 miles above the earth's surface.

Sams Valley Students Present Music Program at PTA Meeting

Sams Valley — "Around the World with Music" was the theme for a special music program given by students of Sams Valley Elementary school recently. Mrs. Ruth Brewster, school music teacher, directed the program.

It was a featured part of the last meeting of the Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association held at the school. Alfred Gowen, president, conducted the business session.

Pre-School Clinic

The following members were nominated as officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ralph Ellis, president; Mrs. Larry Varin, vice president; Mrs. Edwin Taylor, secretary; and Mrs. Orvil Mose, treasurer. Nominations will remain open until the April meeting. Those on the nominating committee were Mrs. Stanley Hall,

Personally Speaking

By JOHN STAFFORD

NOTES FROM A TRAVELING REPORTER

Editor's note: Personally Speaking does not want to compete with travel notes appearing elsewhere in the Mail Tribune. However, the fact is we did take a trip last week and feel compelled to review a bright spot. This will be the first and last account of our travels.

Horse racing has never held a favorite spot in our future. However, it may in the future. For you see, the wife was brought up with a nag in the back yard and has a strong love for what she calls "Beautiful Animals." Her horse was named Prince. Good old Prince is probably long gone now. As a matter of fact, whenever the Mrs. sees a jar of glue, she gets a tearful look in her eyes.

Well, to make a long story short, we decided that her love for horses should be satisfied last week by watching the horse races at San Francisco's Golden Gate race track.

Now people who bet on horses are classed in two categories. The poor and the very poor. We still had a few bucks in our pocket when we arrived at the track, so we were probably in the poor classification. After paying close to \$3 just to get in the gate, we neared the very poor level. What followed needs some explanation.

There are thousands of theories on betting horses. Some people figure the good jockeys must be on the best horses. This isn't always the case, as we discovered.

Johnny Longden, who has ridden more winners than there are live pills, was on Fine Print in the third race. The Golden Gate handicapper, written by Ed Romero, said about Fine Print, "Not to be counted out." Well, there were nine horses racing six furlongs. Fine Print charged out of the starting gate like someone had whispered something about a glue factory in his ear. His ears were laid back and his nose was high in the air as he scented victory. This was most disconcerting to Stafford because he's seen too many early leaders bite the dust at the finish line.

With Johnny Longden up, however, it figured that things must be in good hands. After all, Longden had ridden 5,000 winners. The horse and jockey combination was a mismatch, however, as Fine Print faded in the stretch and finished next to last. Longden was subjected to a few unkind words from unhappy spectators following the race. No doubt he has heard these sweet nothings before.

So we were down \$2. Once you lose, you've got to bet again just to get your money back. So with this in mind, we deserted the "good jockey" theory.

Next came what we have elected to call the "consensus" theory. One of the daily papers carries a racing page which has the first three choices of eight so-called experts for each race. We say so-called experts because we suspect they are this in title only. Otherwise, they wouldn't be picking horses for newspapers. They would be rich.

Again relying on Ed Romero, we noted that he listed Carmen's Reward as the favorite in the fourth. Five other experts picked the horse to win. Figuring that they couldn't all be wrong, we put two bucks on Carmen's nose to show. Carmen broke out of the gate in a lead, winning easily.

We got our two bucks back, plus 80 cents. This success called for another wager. More Ability was the consensus in the fifth. So we wagered \$2 for him to place. Well, our luck was running at a feverish pitch by this time, and More Ability won going away. We were \$2.80 ahead.

Fay's Night Out was the consensus pick in the sixth. We bet \$2 for Fay to place. And sure enough — she made it in a photo finish. Money was coming in hand over fist. Bolder wagers were definitely needed. Songman was the pick of five experts in the seventh. However, one picked Park Royal. The Stafford theory was developed at this point. Park Royal was our pick for first, and won handily at six to one odds.

At this point, we were ready to leave. However, we stayed for one more race. In the San

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Eagle Point PTA Opposed to Medco Logging Road

Eagle Point — Mrs. Darrel Stanley was unanimously elected president of the Eagle Point PTA for the 1961-62 school year at the organization's meeting last night.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Vernon (Eileen) Ragsdale, first vice president; Mrs. Otis (Roberta) Hill, teacher vice president; Mrs. Murray (Pearl) Bartling, secretary; Mrs. Elbert (Betty) Hefley, treasurer; and Mrs. Bennie (Marvel) Hefley, historian.

Members voted to sign a resolution presented by the Jackson County Home Owners Protective association opposing the conversion of the present Medford corporation railroad into a logging truck road.

The resolution will be forwarded to the Medco officials before the April 5 company board of directors meeting. It was prepared by Ben Day, association attorney, and outlines reasons for opposing the possible conversion.

840 Students

According to statistics presented by Mrs. Burton Jensen, association chairman, there are seven Eagle Point school buses that will cross the proposed road twice a day. This means 840 students will cross the road daily, she said. The present regulations would give trucks on the Medco road the right of way over public vehicles, she indicated. During foggy weather in particular this would create a danger to anyone riding the buses, Mrs. Jensen said.

In answer to questions, Mrs. Jensen said the association was told it would cost approximately \$2 million to construct the logging road. It would save the company about \$50,000 a year, she said. It would take nearly 40 years to pay for it, she stated.

Laurence Tweedy of the Jackson County Juvenile Department and detention home spoke on policies and needs of the department at present. There is a ratio of four boys to one girl handled in the home at present, he said. Tweedy explained the need and interest shown in several of the service groups for a Forest Service Camp. This could handle approximately 30 boys. It should have school facilities, a shop where the boys could build tables and benches for parks, garden space and other facilities, Tweedy said.

There is a possibility state and federal aid could be obtained for such a program, Tweedy said.

Hunting Problems Considered at Applegate Meeting

Applegate — Members of the state game commission and area law enforcement agencies met with more than 80 Applegate area residents recently to consider problems connected with deer hunting in the area.

Major complaints were registered against careless and reckless hunters during the regular deer season and extended season. Cases of hunters shooting across the Applegate river damaging property and livestock were cited by residents. Hunters shooting out of cars also was mentioned.

One farmer said that someone is going to get shot if control over hunters wasn't tightened. He said he keeps his children in the house during the eight day extended season. "Hunters don't even care if they shoot out of a car parked in front of my house," a farmer commented.

The November hunting season is held to control the resident deer population, Dave Luman, state biologist, said. He said the hunters have 89 per cent success in the Applegate hunting unit. However, he mentioned that a large part of the kills were made during the extended season.

"The problem is unfortunate," Luman said. "We can regulate the deer season but we can't regulate the hunters."

He was asked why Oregon doesn't adopt an any deer hunt for the entire season.

3 Candidates for Elementary Board

Happy Camp — Herbert Sonneborn, principal of the Happy Camp Elementary school, has announced that three candidates have filed their intentions to run for school board positions to fill expiring terms of three present members.

According to Sonneborn, Dr. George Chambers, John Dolzal and Joe Waddell, filed their intentions before the deadline March 17.

The election will be held April 18 at the community church.

The polls will be open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. according to Sonneborn. Serving on the election board will be Mrs. Gilbert Woolweber, inspector and Mrs. Ted Jensen and Mrs. Clinton Hegler, judges. Expiring terms are those of Robert Haskell, Roy Curtis and Hugh Wright.

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Regional Calendar

Prospect — The Rev. James W. S. Carmon, bishop of the diocese of Oregon, will be at Prospect's Episcopal church of the Good Shepherd for confirmation services Thursday at 8 p.m. He will hold Good Friday services in Prospect Friday at 12 p.m.

Jacksonville PTA Elects Officers

Jacksonville — New officers for the 1961-62 school year were elected at the Jacksonville March PTA meeting.

Those named were Mrs. Ralph Rutherford, president; Mrs. Jack Long, vice president; Mrs. Wes. Worden, secretary, and Mrs. Willis Gilman, treasurer.

The Jacksonville 4-H club led the PTA group in a flag salute and conducted a model 4-H meeting as a part of the program. Lee Ragsdale, Medford High school athletic director, talked on the athletic program known as "the Medford growth," and showed slides. Mrs. Viola Davis, ways and means chairman, reported that the recent PTA rummage sale was a success. An announcement of plans for a school carnival to be held in April was made.

Refreshments were served by third grade mothers.

GOOD NEWS CLUB

Lone Pine — Mrs. L. V. Young, 1975 Spring st., Medford, has started a Good News club at her home. Children in grades one through six are encouraged to attend. The children meet in her home every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. They have group singing, entertainment and learn scriptures.

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