

Phoenix Students Tour Mail Tribune Plant

Three groups of students from Phoenix schools visited the Mail Tribune last week, touring the printing plant.

Wednesday afternoon, fourth-grade students participating included Lynn Anderson, Bruce Bliz, Robert Chestnut, David Cox, Linda Dean, Ricket Foster, Carleen Hervey, Joe Kanto, Susan Kezer, David Krause, Marilyn Logan, Scott McDonald, Scott McGeeary, Shirley Miller, Marshall Reeves, Richard Rombach, Anne Skjorlund, Ruth Telford, Carolyn Walker, Carolyn Young, Richard Wheeler, Jennifer Wilcox, Denise Cooper, Robert Pittman, and Robert Harrison.

The students were accompanied by Mrs. Ardis Farmann, teacher, and Mrs. Grete Skjorlund, room mother.

Twenty-five fourth graders from Phoenix visited the MT Thursday along with Mrs. Zuba Stack, teacher, and Mrs. Vonne Dill, room mother.

Visiting were Karen Dill, Jeanie Reilly, Jeffrey Jefferson, Steven Furry, Don Taylor, Alan Vencil, Christine Bradley, Patricia Hutchins, Claudine Shearin, Sandy Sult, Betty Grochowski, Mary Hemingway, Patty Sweeney, Bruce Workman, Mary Hadley, Curly Dean, Sherry Klinek, Jimmy Walls, Terry Phillips, Robyn Howard, Jim Fredenburg, Brad Lincoln, Norman Buttram, Steve Russell, and Larry Willis.

Another Phoenix group were MT guests Friday afternoon, accompanied by their student teacher, Mrs. Elaine Pool; their room mother, Mrs.

Norman Lange and their fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Shirley Kannasto.

Touring the newspaper were Mona Abbott, Sumner Banta, Janis Barker, Peggy Barklow, Bonnie Barnes, Susan Brown, Mitch Burrell, Patty Burton, Allan Chisum, Debbie Easley, Pat Graham, Doona Kidson, Dick Kime, Bruce Lange, Eugene Livers, Pamela Lowe, David McClanahan, Nena Morris, Suzanne Powell, Richie Reum, Larry Rose, Donald Russell, Larry Sauer, Cheryl Simley, Chris Thompson, Rickie Whaley, Thessa Bishop, and Linda Albertson.

BLM Activities Subject of Study

Forester Walter H. Horning, of the bureau of land management, will make a study and evaluation of the bureau's forestry activities and practices in western Oregon, the department of interior has announced. He will assume his new duties in Portland in mid-May.

BLM Director Karl S. Landstrom said Horning would undertake a major study of forestry on the Oregon and California grant lands. His study will document administration of the O and C lands since the beginning of forest management with passage of the O and C act in 1937. Horning served as first chief forester of the O and C lands administration and has sometimes been called the "father" of the O and C forestry program.



OFFICIAL INVITATION—Medford Mayor John Snider (left) is shown above as he is presented a rose bush, a gift from Portland Mayor Terry Shunk, along with an official invitation to attend the Portland rose festival June 2. The presentation was made by C. C. Proctor, sales representative of Oregon Nevada California Fast Freight and Southern California freight lines as part of that firm's

policy of promoting goodwill between the various cities it serves on the Pacific coast. In the background is the O and C rose festival mural trailer which will travel an estimated 30,000 miles while publicizing Portland's gala event. The rose given to Mayor Snider was a Crimson Glory, the official rose of Portland.

Bills Approved By Legislature

Salem — (UPI) — Measures approved by the legislature:

By the Senate —
SB423 — High use tax.
SB441 — Claims.
HB1147 — Transfer of state patents.
HB1149 — Courts.
HB1178 — Boats.
HB1207 — Allows use of fire-works to scare predatory animals.
HB1210 — Pesticides.
HB1283 — Vehicles.
HB1301 — Forestry.
HB1302 — Tax on forest products.
HB1304 — Board of Control meetings.
HB1388 — School boards.
HB1403 — Herbicide protested areas.
HB1450 — Rural school boards.
HB1480 — Hunting licenses for juveniles.
HB1525 — Banks.
HB1526 — Banks.
HB1527 — Banks.
HB1631 — Legislative counsel.
By the House —
HB1210 — Private vocational schools.
HB1463 — Commercial fisheries.
HB1082 — Teachers' tenure.
HB1189 — Foods.
HB1387 — Witnesses.
HB1441 — Signs.
HB1459 — Commitment to Fairview.
HB1503 — District judges.
HB1518 — Irrigation districts.
HB1546 — Motor vehicle accident fund.
HB1548 — Liens.
HB1722 — School districts.
HB1732 — Session laws.
Signed by Governor Hatfield: Making dog and horse racing season from March 1 to Nov. 30.
HB1009 — Teachers' county institutes.
HB1248 — Extends working hours for children under 18.
SB7 — Unemployment compensation.
SB46 — Enforcement of support payments.
SB183 — Unemployment compensation.
SB184 — Unemployment compensation.
SB318 — Credit life insurance.

Viewpoints on Wilderness Bill Presented at SAF Meeting Here

A debate on the wilderness area bill Friday night in the Red Cross building covered viewpoints of the lumber industry, the Izaak Walton league and of the naturalist and scientist.

The debate was originally scheduled for a joint meeting of the league and the Siskiyou chapter of the Society of American Foresters. However, comparatively few league members attended.

Dr. Frank Sturgess, biology instructor at Southern Oregon college, presented new reasons for preservation of wilderness areas. Natural areas are needed to study animal and insect life, plant disease problems and the natural balance of wildlife, he argued.

Naturalist's Viewpoint — Approaching the problem from the naturalist's viewpoint, Dr. Sturgess emphasized "recreation — a rekindling of the human spirit."

People can gain from a quality of experience provided by wilderness areas. They must be preserved in their complete natural state, he emphasized. The rumble of logging tractors in a wooded area does not provide a quality of experience to the man who wants to get away from the pressure of population num-

bers and study nature, Dr. Sturgess argued.

"Why do certain animals live where they do? How does the regeneration of pocket gophers affect forest trees? How can Oregon Junco birds be stopped from eating pounds of Douglas fir seed? What happens when trees cover grass land formerly inhabited by voracious meadow mice?"

"These are all questions which can only be studied in wilderness areas, and they may be vital to the forest industry," the professor pointed out.

Scenic Values

Considerable emphasis is given scenic values of wilderness areas, but such areas are even more vital to scientific research, and should be set aside with that purpose in mind, the SOC professor urged.

Calvin Smith, local forester with the Industrial Forestry association, explained that the forest industry does not object to the philosophy of the wilderness area concept, but does oppose Senate Bill 174 — the wilderness bill.

Such areas would cover 100,000 acres or more with boundaries established by the secretary of agriculture. Wild areas would cover from 5,000 to 100,000 acres with boundaries established by the chief of the U.S. forest service. Primitive areas would be set aside for future study, and would cover about 8 million acres.

In Wilderness System

This land would come under the wilderness system immediately if the bill is passed, Smith explained. Fifteen years would be allowed to make boundary changes. The President could recommend boundary alterations to the Congress. If the Congress does not act, the original wilderness boundaries are automatically set.

Smith also criticized the "vague language" of the bill. The bill provides that any private land within the boundaries of the wilderness system could be acquired. Wilderness area means no landing of aircraft, no motor boats, no cars, no mechanized equipment of any kind, no grazing, no mining or prospecting. Some amendments have been made to the original bill, but these do not change it much, the forester added.

Both Smith and Glen Duxen, of Kogap Industries, urged that further consideration of the bill await the report of the National Outdoor Recreation Resources Research committee. The report from this committee headed by Lawrence Rockefeller is due next spring, Duxen pointed out.

Congress has allocated \$2½ million to the University of California for study of the effect of wilderness area. To push the bill through before the report would be a misuse of tax money, Smith said.

Supporters on Committee — Duxen pointed out that many wilderness bill supporters are on the committee. This includes Sen. Clinton B. Anderson (D-N.M.), author of the bill and a representative of the Izaak Walton league, he said.

The commission report provides for an inventory of the commercial timber within proposed wilderness areas, Duxen said. It is estimated 32 per cent of the proposed wilderness areas contain commercial timber lands. This would cover an estimated 94 billion board feet of lumber or the equivalent of 14,500,000 hours of employment.

Henry DeVoss, Izaak Wal-

Three To Be Named To Rural School Board at Election

Three members will be elected to the Jackson county rural school board during its annual school meeting May 1.

They are one representative of Zone 5, consisting of Ashland and Pinehurst, for a three-year term; one member from Zone 2, the Medford school district, for a three-year term; and one member-at-large for a three-year term.

Candidates who have filed are Glenn W. Smith, Applegate, for Zone 2, Sam B. Harrison, for member-at-large, and Dr. William A. Sampson, for Zone 5. Harold C. Buck, incumbent for that zone is not seeking reelection, Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent said.

"The entire county votes on the member-at-large, but the zone elections are limited to Zone 2 and 5 only," Mekvold said.

Legal Resident

"The candidate representing a zone must be a legal resident of the zone at least six months immediately preceding the election and must also be a registered voter for at least 30 days prior to the election," Mekvold pointed out.

"The candidate for a position at-large must have the same qualifications except he must be a legal resident of the county, and need not be a resident of a specific zone," he said.

The member-at-large candidate, Harrison, is a Medford lawyer, and was a member of the Griffin school district board from 1953 to 1958.

Harrison is also on the Frank You Velle scholarship committee, has been district training chairman for the Big Pine district, Crater Lake Council of Boy Scouts, is an elder of the Medford Presbyterian church and senior vice president of the National Council of United Presbyterian Men.

Zone 5 candidate, Dr. Sampson, has been director of teacher education at Southern Oregon college for five years. Previously, he served as director of student teaching for five years.

He was graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Oregon college, and has master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Oregon. He taught in Eugene and Vale, Ore., schools, and was principal at Lincoln school in Ashland for one year. He was also a member of the rural school board bud-

et committee for the 1958-59 year.

Zone 2 candidate, Smith, was Jackson county's 1959 nominee for the Oregon Education association's Education Citizen of the Year award.

Smith is a lifetime resident of Jackson county and owns a 250-acre dairy farm in the Applegate valley. He is chairman of the rural school board, has been a board member for seven years, is president of the District 13 School Boards' association, a member of the Jackson county school district reorganization committee, and was a member of the Ruch school board for eight years.

RECEIVES DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — Judith Raffles, daughter of millionaire shoe manufacturer Harry Karl and stepdaughter of actress Debbie Reynolds, received a divorce Friday on her

22nd birthday. Mrs. Raffles divorced her husband, restaurant manager Paul D. Raffles, 29, on grounds of mental cruelty. She claimed he would not come home for days and "when he came home he was drunk."

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