

Regional News

Correspondents: Upper Applegate Valley—Maude Ziegler; Lower Applegate Valley—Jeanette Wood; Shasta Falls—Mary Jo Harris; Central Point—Dolores Armstrong and Vic Vincent; Eagle Point—Dolores Armstrong; Gold Hill—Sally Valley—Mary Kell; Grandview—Lore Pine—Dot Simmons; Happy Valley—Hazel Davis; Betty Reedy; Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman; Illinois Valley—Katherine Scott; Jacksonville—Betty Reedy; Medford—Carolanne Harding; Murphy—Mrs. R. J. Millmann; Phoenix—Mrs. Leo Furry; Prospect—Valda Barr; Shady Cove—Evelyn Watson; Table Rock—R. E. Nealon; Tillamook—Viola Rogers; Yreka—Doris Robinson and Betty Calkins.



AUSTRALIAN VISITORS—Mrs. Esma Gilbert, her two daughters and one son are touring the United States the hard way. The family, from Brisbane, Australia, are traveling in a panel truck and plan on spending in state parks during their six month trip. After seeing the U.S., they will visit England and Europe. They are presently spending some time with the Curt Gearhardt family along the Applegate river. Mrs. Gilbert is shown seated, with David, on right, Judith, on left and Karen, center.

Cleanup Day in Phoenix Saturday

Phoenix—Final plans are being made for a Phoenix cleanup day and arrangements will be made next week to identify the participants in the cleanup. Phoenix Fire Chief Leo Furry is asking all persons who have pickup trucks or other vehicles to contact him at KEY-1072 for the cleanup day scheduled for Saturday. Residents who cannot

take their trash to the B. st. city property for dumping may have it picked up by leaving it in front of their property next to the street, the mayor said. A meeting of the town improvement committee will be held some time next week to make arrangements for distribution and planting of over 500 trees donated by C. C. Hoover and his Eagle Point Grange tree planting committee, Miss Carver said. Plans for establishing a city

park between the north and south split of the South Pacific highway will also be discussed. Some of the owners of the property have offered to deed it over to the city of Phoenix if it will be used for a park. The mayor said brush would have to be removed, the existing trees left, and possibly some further shrub, tree and flower planting done by individuals and the Phoenix Garden club. The springs could be diverted into water falls and ponds, the mayor suggested.

"We are trying to get the townsfolk to take more pride in the appearance of their town. We hope such projects as the cleanup day and the tree-planting will start the ball rolling," the mayor explained.

Civil War Described To Historical Society

Yreka—Lauran Paine was the speaker at a meeting of the Siskiyou County Historical society April 8 at the Siskiyou County museum.

Paine, editor of last year's Siskiyou Pioneer, described the Civil War. He discussed causes of the war, the losses on both sides, war generals and events taking place during the war.

"The war wasn't fought primarily over slavery; it was fought over states' rights and the right to secede from the Union," Paine said. He added, "And it did not solve any of the issues except slavery; we still have the problem of civil rights. It was a high price to pay for not achieving any more than it did."

Paine said the Southern army had 800,000 soldiers, while the North had 1 1/4 million. "The North didn't win the war with tactics or strategy; they just overwhelmed them," Paine said.

Wayne Ralston, society president, presided at the business meeting. It was reported that 763 people visited the museum in March. A membership report indicated that over 50 new members have joined the society in recent months.

Plans for a field trip in June were discussed. The trip would start at Callahan, trav-

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Williams Couple Attends Convention

Williams—Mr. and Mrs. rector of the bureau of land management; James Cash, the first Kennedy administration housing official to make a major address on the west coast, Edward Cliff, assistant

chief of the U. S. forest service, Dr. Carl Newport, chief of the division of forestry economics, and Congressman Walter Ullman, members of the house ways and means committee.

The group returned home after the three day session.

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Ski Corporation To Hold Public Meeting

Mt. Shasta—Sale of additional stock in the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl corporation will be discussed at a public meeting at the Mt. Shasta armory Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m., according to James Mallory,

financing program which will enable it to purchase the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl lodge.

The lodge is leased by the corporation, presently, the board has determined that ownership of the lodge will put the corporation in better financial position than adherence to the lease agreement.

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Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley—Much chatting has been going on as local people took advantage of their very rare opportunity of joining in conversation with Esma Gilbert, the petite blond woman of Australia who dared to take three of her children and start around the world. They wanted to see Oregon because Oregon was the first of all the states to send brochures. The pictured snowy mountains and many lakes intrigued the Australians, for their country has little of either.

The American consul was most discouraging. He even asked Esma to sign a document saying they would not be a liability in their travels. David, the seven year old, lost most of his accent on the ocean voyage. Karen celebrated her 15th birthday aboard ship, and after crossing the international date line she had another birthday.

Snow reminds local children of Christmas, but David says it is better than Christmas because Christmas in Australia means going to the beach. They have fowl (not turkey), ham and plum pudding as traditional holiday foods. Sardines on toast are a breakfast dish in their homeland.

Esma, with a warm and friendly personality and quick flowing words of crisp accent, is a girl guide (Scout) leader, and enjoys painting and photography as hobbies. The family left Australia Feb. 26 and arrived in Vancouver, B.C., March 14. They were asked to speak a little Australian. Esma is not concerned that she does not speak a foreign language. She has a French dictionary with her and expects to collect other kinds along the way. "We'll make do," she says. She has been advised that there will be a few English people wherever they go. She did have some difficulty understanding the English and Scotch stewards aboard ship.

The Australian neighbors are guests of Dana and Curt Gearhardt, whom they met by accident while camping at Brookings. The Gearhardts home was the first American home they had entered, and the log house of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Childers, where Esma attended a women's meeting, was of interest, for Australia does not have log houses.

Siskiyou Farmers Gross \$20,865,299

Yreka—Siskiyou county farmers produced \$20,865,299 in gross revenue from crops in 1980, according to Jess Grisham, county agricultural agent.

The 1980 figure totaled \$21,168,198, Grisham said the loss was due to below normal precipitation, spring and early fall frosts and a heavy freeze at Tulelake in August, accounting for a 30 per cent loss in the potato crop.

The most valuable single crop was alfalfa hay, Grisham said. He revealed that total production of hay was 125,800 tons worth \$3,019,200.

Other crop values included: field crops, \$9,448,613; livestock, \$6,779,453; vegetable crops, \$1,784,600; seed crops, \$1,198,161; dairying, \$854,000; nursery, \$437,550, and apilary, \$5,180.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill—A film, "Communism on the Map," will be shown at the Sams Valley Grange hall at 8 p.m. April 14. The documentary film describes the spread of communism throughout the world. The Jackson County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the presentation.

Rogue River—An American Cancer society benefit dinner will be held at the Rogue River Grade school cafeteria April 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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