

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock - A fair-sized crowd, considering that the smudge season is still with us, attend the potluck dinner and meeting of the Table Rock Community club last Saturday night, at the schoolhouse.

The business meeting consisted of discussing the need for doing some cleaning up along our roadway, and the appointing of a committee to investigate the monument erected in 1928 by Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Joseph Lane society, to mark the place where General Lane signed the treaty with the Rogue River Indians. The fence and premises are said to be in need of paint and repairs.

It is not uncommon to ask a policeman for help, but a bit unusual to have a policeman ask you for help. This happened to me the other day when Dick Hamilton, of the Medford police force, walked up from the river looking for help. He had come out to a sand pit. His efforts to get it out only made it settle deeper, until it was down to the fenders. It took a long cable, so that our little tractor could get a toe hold on firm ground, to pull the car out and get the policeman on his way. Probably we should have given him a ticket for overtime parking, but we have much respect and sympathy for the police. They have a tough and thankless job, and it is getting worse all the time.

After reading in a recent issue of the M.T. that the local power rates are the highest in the state and considering the other disadvantages local producers have to contend with, such as distance to the big markets and competition from other sections, one wonders how our economic situation is as good as it is. In looking over items in local stores, you see that only a small percentage are produced or manufactured here.

Local products in our stores consist mostly of poultry and dairy products. Milk is one product that keeps money circulating in the county, but judging from the large quantities of grocery stores and the empty beer bottles along the highways and in recreation spots, many of our citizens prefer to drink beer which is not a home product. Our exports consist mostly of pears and lumber, and these businesses as of now, are not in a very healthy condition.

Of course social security and welfare checks are helping to stabilize the economy more than some people realize. We asked a small store operator some time ago if social security and welfare checks were much help to his business. His reply was "Brother, if it wasn't for those checks I wouldn't have any business." This was during the time when politicians were telling us we never had it so good.

While we are talking about using home products, we noticed this in the M.T. 40 years ago column. "A barrel of moonshine has been seized by the sheriff on a ranch in the Beagle district." This at least was a home product.

Since the cougar stories are still going we will try to take another shot to maybe clear up some points. Someone has said that the screams mother heard were made by a panther, which is correct. But according to Kerby Tant, government trapper, panthers, cougars, and California lions are the same, all belonging to the cat family. He believes they can scream when they want to.

Mrs. Eva Ringo, Mrs. Berthold Barnum and Mrs. Russ Jamison were brief visitors at our house Friday. Mrs. Ringo and Mrs. Barnum are former Table Rock residents, and we spent some enjoyable moments reminiscing. Mrs. Barnum got one of the old school registers and was looking over her record as to attendance and grade while a student in the local school. We heard her say she never missed a day, which was excellent, considering that in those days there were no buses, and pupils walked to school, and the school house was some "little" distance from her home.

Bud Hayes, who is in some way connected with the Steve Wilson logging outfit, we

don't know just what he does there, but his clothes are always clean and snazzy, with no mud or grease spots, like others of the gang who wrestle the tires and trucks, asked us if we wouldn't write our column twice a week. He said he clipped it out and sent it to his brother in Sacramento who would like to get it more often. Thanks for your flattery, Bud.

There will be a Sunday school rally held in the schoolhouse Friday night, at 7:30. There will be a contest among the Sunday schools, with questions on the book of Philipians as part of the program.

Our thought for the day is an old slogan used many years ago by what was then called the Medford Chamber of Commerce and we thought that it would do for the Rogue valley as of today.

"With Medford trade is Medford made."

4 To Attend Girls State in Salem

Grants Pass - Four Grants Pass High school juniors have been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State in Salem this summer.

Selected were Sue Almquist, Helene Buckmaster and Kathy Schultz, all of Grants Pass, and Christina Beard, of Williams.

The girls were chosen by an auxiliary committee on the basis of leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship, willingness to cooperate and physical fitness.

Girls' State is in its 25th year nationally. Oregon has had a program since 1940.

New Clerk Named By School Board

Happy Camp - The regular meeting of the Happy Camp Elementary School board was held recently and W. N. Simmons was elected to complete the term of clerk in the absence of Hugh Wright.

In other business, a resignation from Mrs. Reedy, third grade teacher, was heard. She plans to return to Montana to teach.

A request from local churches for the use of the school grounds for Little League baseball this summer was approved.

Herbert Sonneborn, principal, displayed maps of the proposed bridge and its approaches at the back of the school lot. The board voted to take no action on the appraisal value of the school property which would be bought by the state for right of way.

N. California Television Log

Programs listed below are received from the television stations and the M.T. Tribune assumes no responsibility except to make changes as supplied.

KVPV-TV (Channel 7) Friday
5:00-Popeye and Friends
5:30-Rin Tin Tin
6:00-Newswatch Northstate
6:15-NBC News
6:30-Shotgun Slade
7:00-Tony Express
7:30-The American
8:30-Flintstones
9:00-7-11 Sunbelt Strip
10:00-Detectives
10:30-Law and Mr. Jones
11:00-11th Hour News
11:15-Academy Theatre
12:30-Late News and Sign Off
Saturday
11:30-Baseball
2:00-Due Date
3:00-Contrails
3:30-True Story
4:00-Detective Diary
4:30-World of Sports
7:00-Fight of Week
7:45-Make That Spare
8:00-Hitchcock Presents
8:30-Tail Man
9:00-Lawrence Welk
10:00-Roaring Twenties
11:00-Play of Week
12:45-Late News and Sign Off

KIEM-TV (Channel 3) Friday
4:00-Search for Tomorrow
4:15-Guided Light
4:30-Cat-Ore Panorama
5:00-Uncle Bill Show
5:30-Jackberry Hound
6:00-News
6:15-Weather
6:30-Douglas Edwards News
6:30-Two Faces West
7:00-Sea Hunt
7:30-Rowdy
8:30-Route 66
9:30-Way Out
10:00-Twilight Zone
10:30-Big Three Movie
11:15-News & Weather
Saturday
10:35-Saturday Baseball Game of Week
3:00-McM Matinee
6:00-Dan Smoot Report
6:15-Industry on Parade
6:30-Price Is Right
7:00-Tab Hunter
7:30-Perry Mason
8:30-Cheekmate
9:30-Have Gun, Will Travel
10:00-Cosmo
10:30-Manhunt
11:00-News & Weather

REGIONAL NEWS

Bylaws for New Scout Building To Be Prepared

Eagle Point - An eight-man board to consider formation of bylaws for the Eagle Point Scout-Community building was elected at a meeting of organizational representatives Wednesday night.

Board members will serve for three months. During this time, they will formulate bylaws governing use of the building and election of a permanent board. Elected were Harry Hanscom, Mrs. Keith Krambeal, Harold Hanscom, Donald Kimmel, Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Lester McFall, Ed Kimmel and Ed Putman.

Suggested topics for consideration by the board were rules governing charges for use of the building, liquor regulations, chaperoning of young people's meetings, insurance, building maintenance and who will be eligible to use the building.

The proposed bylaws will be considered by a governing board at its May 24 meeting. The governing board will consist of two representatives from any organization located in the Eagle Point area.

If approval by the governing board, the bylaws will be presented to all organizational representatives for a vote.

Gordon Peck was named as chairman of the governing board until the bylaws are adopted and officers are elected. Mrs. Krambeal is acting secretary.

Anyone having a question concerning the voting representation may contact Gordon Peck at HILLcrest 6-3910.

Grange Sponsors Visitation Friday

The Central Point Grange visitation Friday was a successful event. State Grange Overseer and Mrs. Henry Hendrickson, who is the master of Winona Grange in Washington county were present. County Deputy Roscoe Roberts, also attended. Jackson county masters present were Anna Scott, Applegate; Orrie Moore, Roxy Ann, Mr. Lacy, Phoenix; Mr. Walker, Gold Hill; and Cecil Kee, Shady Cove.

Lecturer Dee Hendrickson presented a program which included two songs by a double quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Neidermeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt, Homer Jeffries, Mrs. Fred Kuest, John Neidermeyer, Mrs. Arnold Bohnert and pianist Mrs. Gaston Floux; a reading by Henry Conger; songs by Marcia and Richard Bever; a skit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Keenan, Jim Cornutt, and Mrs. Hendrickson; and according to Mrs. James Cornutt.

Committee reports on agriculture, legislation, education, finance and relief were given. The display table was under the direction of Mrs. O. T. Wilson. Old books were exhibited.

Mrs. Morris Frink, chairman of the HEC club, reported on affairs of the club. Clothes racks which the FFA boys made are in use.

The ladies degree team will exemplify the first and second degrees to a class of candidates at the regular meeting May 5. Phoenix Grange announced they will give the third and fourth degrees May 13. Applegate Grange announced a dinner on Mother's Day, May 14.

\$102 Collected for Cancer Society

Applegate Valley-A fund of \$102 has been turned over to the American Cancer society from the Applegate area, according to Mrs. Armin Richter, chairman of the drive here.

Upper Applegate Grange cooperated in directing a benefit dance.

REGISTRATION

Lone Pine-Registration for kindergarten for Lone Pine area children will be held May 1 at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine school. Registrations will be closed Tuesday. Further information may be obtained by calling SP 2-8689.

Three Elected To Elementary Board

Happy Camp - Three men were named to fill vacancies on the Happy Camp Elementary School board in a recent election.

Elected were George Chambers, John Dolezal and Joe Waddell. Also receiving votes were Gilbert Head, Donald Sutcliffe and Swede Sutcliffe. Those elected will fill vacancies of retiring members Hugh Wright, Roy Curtis and Robert Haskell.

Pre-School Clinic Set for May 4

Applegate - A pre-school clinic will be held in the Applegate school music room, Thursday, May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 o'clock. Children who plan to enter the first grade in September are eligible to attend. Immunization will be offered.

Dr. A. E. Merkel, county public health physician, will be the examining doctor. It is desired that each first grade child receive a physical examination at the clinic or from his own physician before entering school.

Further information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Earl Hvall, TWInoaks, 9-1292.

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STATE CONTESTANTS - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grier are shown with their family of the Upper Applegate Grange. Children standing, and from left to right, Christine, Clayton and Craig.

Outstanding Young Couple of Year Named by Upper Applegate Grange

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Mail Tribune Correspondent

Applegate Valley - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grier have been selected as the outstanding young couple of the year of Upper Applegate Grange, and their achievement record is being entered in the state Grange young couple of the year contest. Winners on the state level will receive an all expense paid trip to the 1961 annual convention of the national Grange in Worcester, Mass. in November, and will be considered for top national honors.

It is believed that the Upper Applegate Grange is the only one in the county to nominate an outstanding young couple. Competition is designed to recognize the couple under 35 years of age contributing to community betterment through Grange leadership and other activities.

Agricultural Chairman

Grier is gatekeeper and agricultural chairman in the Grange, and Mrs. Grier is chairman of the youth committee planning summer activities.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill - A track meet for sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be held Saturday at Crater High school starting at 1 p.m. Leon Meyers, Gold Hill elementary coach, said the Hanby Huskies will be hosts for the event. Other schools participating will be St. Mary's, Talent, Eagle Point and Rogue River.

Gold Hill - The Gold Hill city council will meet Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the city hall on Second ave.

Contract Signed

Happy Camp - The Happy Camp Elementary School board held a special meeting last week to sign a contract for the hiring of Eulalia Mae Dial, North Carolina teacher. Miss Dial received her education in Pembroke college in North Carolina and taught six years in North Carolina and two years in Pennsylvania.

Murphy Couple Tours Central America; 11,000 Mile Trip

By JOAN MILLEMAN

Mail Tribune Correspondent

Murphy - Have you ever wanted to take a "dream vacation," one spent in strange surroundings, among unfamiliar people? One that would include a visit to an isolated "Carib" village on the shores of the Caribbean sea, and an evening spent collecting relics from the ruins of an ancient Mayan village?

Who hasn't secretly yearned to make that kind of trip? Well, the L. J. Buddenhagens of Murphy have just completed a three-month, 11,000 mile trip that included all this and much more.

Plans for their trip grew out of the fact that their son, Ivan, a plant pathologist specializing in diseases of the banana, is now employed by United Fruit company and lives with his wife, Mary Beth, and their children in La Pima, a small town in Honduras, Central America. The town is near the second largest city in Honduras, Tegucigalpa, and not far from the Caribbean coast.

They decided to visit La Pima and, rather than the speedy flight by plane to Honduras, they elected to make a leisurely automobile trip and thus enjoy the opportunity of seeing the country and visiting whatever out of the way points of interest might appeal to them.

Cross Border

With this in mind, they left Murphy shortly after Christmas and, crossing the Mexican border at Nogales, followed the Inter-American highway, a highway system which parallels the western coast of Mexico most of the way, bears inland slightly through Guadalajara, Mexico City, and then follows the coast again through Guatemala, and El Salvador. Of the total of over 11,000 miles they traveled, 7,600 of them were clocked south of the border, with 5,100 of them taken

up in traveling the length of Mexico.

Among the most interesting occurrences on the trip down was a side trip taken to Uruapan, a town near the famous volcano, Paricutin. Here they met an American couple making the small town their home.

Originally sent to the area as part of the American government's program of sending technicians and engineers to establish sanitary and effective water systems, the young man resigned upon completion of this job and has opened up a completely new industry. He has established a weaving business, using hand looms operated by the Indians of the village, and with his wife, a talented designer formerly from New York City, makes materials woven of native raw materials which have been washed, dyed and prepared locally.

Friendliness

In answer to questions as to the attitude of the people in Central American countries toward Americans, the Buddenhagens said they met with nothing but friendliness and courtesy during their trip.

It was while visiting their son at La Pima that they made the day's trip to the remote Carib village. It is believed the Caribs are descended from African Negroes who were shipwrecked in the Caribbean while on their way to be sold as slaves. They live in two cities on the coast, one of which can be reached only by traveling a "burea," a small hand-operated railroad car. After several miles of this travel, one must walk about 1 1/2 miles through the jungle to come to their village.

Women of the village carry all supplies purchased from outside the town on their heads from the point where the railroad ends. In this village of about 2,000 people, the Buddenhagens were impressed by the cleanliness of

the homes and the streets of the town and the dignity and friendliness of the people to whom tourists were an oddity. When they explained to a young man of the village acting as a guide that they were thirsty, he immediately procured a coconut from a nearby tree, sliced off the top with his machete, and gave it to them to drink the coconut milk. Food was provided in one of the small, thatched houses of the village, cooked in a simple clay oven, and served on spotlessly clean utensils.

Mayan Village

Not far from the United Fruit homes at La Pima is a site where an ancient Mayan village apparently stood. Here, in the loose earth that has been turned over in excavating, relics and artifacts can be found. A small whistle shaped like a little figure, brilliantly colored pieces of clay jugs, and tiny intact clay incense burners are among things Mrs. Buddenhagen found just one evening spent looking around among the loose pieces of earth.

In commenting on traveling conditions throughout the trip, the Buddenhagens said they had been successful in finding adequate motel or hotel accommodations at all times, the only necessity being that of concentrating on the larger cities as far as overnight stops were concerned since the smaller ones were without accommodations for travelers. They found costs of food and lodging less expensive in Mexico and about the same as U.S. prices in Guatemala and Honduras.

In comparing Mexico as it is today compared with how it looked in 1949 when Buddenhagen last visited there, he commented on the tremendous progress being made in roads, engineering projects, irrigation systems, and other things which gave evidence of technical advances.

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