

REGIONAL NEWS

Prospect School Open House Held; Over 150 Attend

Prospect — More than 150 people attended an open house May 2 at Prospect High school gymnasium. The open house was held in conjunction with the May PTA meeting.

Yearly reports were given by PTA committee chairmen. The state convention held at Astoria was described by Mrs. Dorothy White and Mrs. Charlotte Boyer.

Mrs. Doris Boothby reported that an athletic award banquet would be held May 23 at the Prospect Community hall. Tickets are now on sale at the Boothby store or may be purchased from Hazel Gardner or Helen Hubbard.

Merit Awards
Marc Smith, grade school principal, presented the scholarship, achievement and merit awards to the following students:

Scholarship pins — Beverly Yokum, Susan Beck, Roger Twombly and Linda Downing, fourth grade; Drusilla Bliss, Mary Sue Bastiani and Kenneth Krell, fifth grade; Timothy White, Karen Bean and Nadine Blaine, sixth grade; Andy Maurer, seventh grade; Mickey White and Ray Downing, eighth grade.

Achievement pins — Andy Maurer, athletic; Rex Boothby and Nadine Blaine, band.

Certificates of merit — James Rogers and Carolyn Valentine, science; Patricia Nesbitt and Lois Governor, creative writing; Sidney Hemphill, arithmetic.

These awards are all donated by the PTA as part of their school improvement program.

Mrs. O. J. Bastiani, past president, installed the new officers. Mrs. Carol Drake was installed as president; Larry Drake, vice president; Mrs. Charlotte Boyer, secretary, and Dorothy White, treasurer. Mrs. Pat Goodman, outgoing president, presented Mrs. Drake with the president's pin.

After the meeting, members viewed the many exhibits presented by grade school and high school students. Grade school teachers in charge of this event were Helen Brewster, Carroll Kilpatrick, Helen Bekker, Margarett Hlatt, Bertie Moore, Heene Watson, Richard Pflugrad, Dean Boyer and Marlene Haddeland. High school teachers in charge were Dean Payne, Vernon Haddeland and Charlotte Hall.

Elementary School Music Program Held

Central Point — About 1,000 people attended the annual spring music program presented by children of H. P. Jewett Elementary school May 2 and 4.

The program theme was "Around the Town Through the Year," and featured a panorama of skits, songs and folk rhythms. All students were first, second or third graders.

Mrs. Ruth Brewster, school music teacher, was program director.

Gold Hill Voters To Consider Filtration Proposal Tomorrow

Gold Hill — Voters in Gold Hill will go to the polls Tuesday to decide whether or not the city installs a proposed \$120,000 water filtration plant. Polls will be open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the old city hall building on Fifth ave.

Persons qualified to vote must be registered voters who have lived within the city for a period of three months or longer.

Voters will be asked to approve or reject a resolution calling for a proposed amendment to the city charter authorizing issuance of \$120,000

in general obligation bonds for construction of the proposed filtration plant.

The proposed amendment authorizes 25 year bonds with interest up to 6 per cent payable as directed by the city council.

The resolution states that the bonds are to be paid by the "levy assessments and collection of water revenues to the city and ad valorem taxes each year in addition to other taxes required to be levied in amounts sufficient to pay the bonds as they mature together with interest thereon."

Applegate PTA Officers Named

Applegate — Mrs. Maybelle Offenbacher, charter member of the Applegate PTA, installed new officers at a recent meeting held in the school cafeteria.

New officers are: Mrs. LeRoy Offenbacher, president; Mrs. E. J. Henderson, vice president; Mrs. Clay Brion, secretary, and Mrs. Jerry Burrell, treasurer.

A display of art work representative of all eight grades was posted on the walls, as well as a display of penmanship. Mrs. Henderson's fifth and sixth graders recited poems composed by the students. Those participating were Adrienne Brion, Tom Piete, John Hill, Marilyn Wingham, Beth Krouse, Susan Head, Norell Hvall, Gene Fowler and Billy Keyes.

Recite Poems
Miss Thronberry's third and fourth grades read original short stories or recited poems. Those participating were John Keyes, Dan Christensen, Joe Genet, Connie Burrell, Allison Brion, Nancy Head, Janice Lewis, Marilyn Gopen, Penny Bryden and Laura Foerst.

Principal Norman Bonzon announced the eighth grade graduation would be held Thursday evening, May 25.

The retiring president, Mrs. Thornton Gopen, presented her executive committee with courtesies. Those present were chaplain Mrs. Howard Piete; mental health, Mrs. Earl Hvall; publicity, Mrs. Vernon Fowler; historian, Mrs. Ashton Foerst; refreshments, Mrs. Marvin Brewster; 4-H, Mrs. Matt Wingham; hospitality, Mrs. Clay Brion; parliamentarian, Ashton Foerst; secretary, Mrs. Gene Krouse and treasurer, Mrs. Henry Head. Mrs. Gopen was presented with a past president's pin.

Butte Falls Students To Attend Festival

Butte Falls — Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders from Butte Falls grade school will attend the Jackson county grade school singing festival to be held at the Medford Armory May 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Students making the trip are required to take along a sack lunch and 5c for milk. Students will be accompanied by Mrs. Don Balch and Mrs. Leth Meadows. Parents are invited to attend the festival.

John Stafford, Regional Editor

Correspondents: Upper Applegate Valley—Maude Ziegler; Lower Applegate Valley—Jeanette Head; Butte Falls—Mary Jo Harris; Central Point—Dorothy Armstrong and Flo Vincent; Eagle Point—Dottie Harrison; Gold Hill—Sara Valley—Mary Kell; Grantsview—Lone Pine—Dot Simmons; Happy Camp—Hazel Davis, Betty Reedy; Hornbrook—Katherine Chapman; Illinois Valley—Katherine Scott; Jacksonville—Betty Hocking; McLeod—Caroline Harding; Murphy—Mrs. R. J. Millemann; O'Brien—Letha Cooke; Phoenix—Mrs. Leo Furry; Prospect—Velda Barr; Shady Cove—Evelyn Watson; Table Rock—R. E. Nealon; Tiller—Drew—Viola Rogers; Williams—Shirley Fischer; Yreka—Doris Robinson and Betty Calkins.

Graduation Party Plans Being Made By PTSA Members

Grants Pass — Plans for parties to follow graduation ceremonies at Grants Pass High school were discussed at a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. C. F. Bernet, senior coordinator of the PTSA.

There will be a party immediately following the graduation at the Elks club in Grants Pass, which will feature dancing and bingo games. At the conclusion of this part of the evening's festivities, there will be a breakfast and swim party at the city swimming pool opposite the high school.

These are parent-sponsored affairs, having no official connection either with the school itself or with the PTSA, which does help to sponsor the banquet for graduating seniors which is to be held June 2, one week prior to graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maphet of Murphy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higginbotham of Grants Pass, are co-chairmen of the party to be held at the Elks. Tentative chairman for the party at the pool is Clyde Hamilton, of Grants Pass.

To finance the expense of the evening, seniors will be asked to contribute \$2 each and Mrs. Edward Wall is in charge of purchasing the food for the buffet supper which is to be served at the Elks. Also, senior parents are asked to contribute any "white elephants" they might have which would be usable as prizes in the bingo games, along with used gift wrappings and ribbon for wrapping these prizes. All of these items, together with the \$2, may be sent or left at the high school in Grants Pass or at Murphy store in Murphy by May 12.

Mrs. Bernet said parent assistance is urgently needed.

Mike Millemann To Lead GPHS Students

Grants Pass — For the first time in the history of Grants Pass High school a brother will succeed a brother as president of the student body.

In elections held recently, Mike Millemann, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Millemann of Murphy, was elected president for 1961-62. He succeeds his brother, Mark, this year's president.

In other election results, Bob Lewellyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lewellyn of Grants Pass was elected vice president; Chris Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beard of Williams, was named secretary; Ruth Temple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Temple of Grants Pass, will be treasurer, and Carol Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Todd of Grants Pass, is next year's rally queen.

Regional Calendar

Lone Pine — Lone Pine PTA will meet in the school gymnasium Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Glen Linn, Hedrick Junior High school principal, will be main speaker. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Baby sitting will be provided.

Eagle Point — The regular meeting of the Eagle Point city council will reconvene tonight at 8 o'clock in the city hall.

Eagle Point — The Eagle Point Garden club will hold their annual plant sale in the Flory building next to the Chevron service station on Main st. in Eagle Point Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. All types of plants and flowers

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Forest Service Seeking Aid in Fire Prevention

Tiller — Drew — Officials of the Umpqua National forest at Tiller have asked the public to cooperate in a fire prevention program. Fires starting in and around privately owned property have been one of the big sources of serious losses in recent years, they said.

Serious hazards during the summer season are dry grass, weeds, concentration of trash, and improper burning of refuse and trash in and around buildings. Home hazards are concentrations of inflammable material, improper wiring, over-loading of electric circuits, improperly built and maintained chimneys, and terra cotta flues or stovepipes stuck through wooden roofs. During the past years several homes and 200 acres of timber have been lost by fires caused by faulty stovepipes, according to the forest service.

The responsibility for fire prevention on private land rests on the shoulders of the property owners, forest service officials said. There have been cases where the land owner was held responsible for a fire where fire hazards were known to exist on his property, even though they themselves did not start the fire. Trash burning in other than covered containers is forbidden during fire season.

Not Adequate

Rangers Wilson and Lillgren have emphasized that since rural areas such as Tiller and Drew have no organized fire protection, fire prevention measures are extremely important. Although forest service equipment responds to calls their equipment is not adequate for home fires. They have no large portable water supply, since their object is suppressing fires on forest land. Then too, at the time a fire breaks out the Forest Service equipment could easily be an hours drive away; either on another fire or on patrol.

According to the forest rangers the best fire protection is a large water supply with at least a 1 1/2-inch pipe and hose fittings. They also recommend individual fire extinguishers.

Crater Yell Squad Members Elected

Central Point — The Crater High school yell squad for the coming year was elected recently.

From a field of eight candidates, Karen Holley, Cheryl Gheardi, Janet Ayres, and Jan Mooster were chosen. Yell queen is Jollene Green.

Although fire permits are required for all trash and debris burning after April 1, having a valid permit does not excuse the permittee from responsibility should the fire escape, they said.

Fire Control Officers Ira Poole and Elmo Picht say the forest personnel at Tiller will gladly inspect homes and premises for fire hazards and make suggestions to remedy said hazards. Requests for inspection of homes and premises in the Tiller and Drew area that are within the Cow Creek and South Umpqua district protective boundaries may be made at the Tiller ranger station.

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