

Regional Roundup

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Most inmates of jails are prisoners who are being held on a charge of some sort. But there's one individual in Siskiyou County jail in Yreka at the moment who is not a prisoner. He's a "guest" of the county. The young man's name is Lawrence James Brown. He is an 18-year-old from Monroe, Louisiana. Brown happens to be the only eye-witness to the murder of Lewis Franklin Batts on May 6 in Dunsmuir, and because the county superior court deems that he has no permanent residence, place of employment or near-by relatives, he is being held as a material witness in the case. Bail has been set at \$2,500.

Two Hours of Exercise

The case came to our attention last week when the county sheriff's department asked the board of supervisors for \$550 to take care of Brown. Since the man is a guest of the county, he is being taken out to restaurants three times daily for meals, given exercise for two hours daily and taken to the movies twice a week. He's also been given good clothes and a radio. A special deputy was needed to take Brown on these various outings, sheriff's department officials told the supervisors in connection with their request for the \$550. The request was granted.

According to the county district attorney's office, the procedure being used to hold Brown is legal. It apparently didn't sit very well with some county residents, however. At the supervisors meeting, Rev. Max Akin of the First Baptist church of Yreka commented that he thought there was something kind of rotten in the situation.

Observers suspect, however, that any attempt to protest Brown's confinement would not meet with much support from Brown himself. He was drifting his way from Portland to Louisiana when he became involved in all this and possibly has never had it so good in his life.

New Residents Invited To Applegate Valley Picnic

Applegate Valley — Plans have been completed for the valley wide picnic on Memorial Day honoring the many new residents of the Applegate area and permitting them to become acquainted in the community.

The event will be held in the grove at Ruch school from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with serving at noon. A program of outdoor sports has been arranged, with provision for children, and William Barker will be master of ceremonies. In case of rain grangers are making their hall available, and recreation has been prepared in that event.

Families will bring their picnic baskets and their own table service. The event is sponsored by the organizations of the community, including churches, grange, extension units, PTA and square dance groups, cattlemen's association, and farm bureau. Baked beans, coffee, and punch will be furnished. Mrs. W. D. Pearson is general chairman.

As an entertainment feature Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Australia, presently of Medford, will show slides of their country and discuss life in Australia. B. J. Hunter will be in charge of parking. Established residents are urged to bring a family of

newcomers to the picnic. Posters advertising the meeting were made by Jerry Burrell of Provolt, commercial art student at Oregon State university. Every one is welcome.

Cleaning up the grounds after the meeting will be in charge of men of the livestock association.

Everyone is asked to bring either blankets or folding chairs and card tables.

During the program, the dairy princess candidates will be introduced. Persons who have lived in the valley less than three years also will be introduced to the crowd. Name tags will be given to each person attending.

20 Miles of Highway 99 To Be Resurfaced

Yreka — Randolph Collier, State Senator from Yreka, said today that the W. M. O'Hair Co. of Colusa has been awarded the contract to resurface 20 miles of U.S. highway 99 in Siskiyou county.

Collier said the State Department of Public Works accepted a bid of \$145,545 to resurface the highway from 5.6 miles north of Gazelle to Hornbrook.

Legion Slates Memorial Rites

Jacksonville — Centennial Post 100 of the American Legion and auxiliary will conduct Memorial day service at the Jacksonville cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The program will include a flag raising ceremony and invocation by the Rev. William McLeod, and recitation of the poem, "In Flanders Field," given by Joyce McBeth.

Mrs. Lind McBeth, past president and secretary-elect of the auxiliary, will place a wreath at the base of the flag pole.

At a meeting of the post Friday evening, delegates to the department convention to be held in Seaside in late June, were elected.

The delegates are Alfred Hanenkrat, commander-elect; Les Watts, first vice commander - elect; and Charles Davis Anderson, sergeant-at-arms-elect.

Alternates are Lind McBeth, past commander and finance officer-elect, and Alan J. McBeth, past adjutant, and William Anderson.

Commencement Set June 4 at EP High

Eagle Point — The senior students of Eagle Point High school will check out Tuesday, returning for their Baccalaureate service June 3 and commencement exercises June 4.

Principal Rick Taylor announced that the sophomores, juniors, and freshmen will all return to school Thursday with the juniors completing Friday. The sophomores will continue and check out June 4 and the freshman class June 5.

Make up testing and other school obligations will be given June 6. All report cards and refund checks will be sent home to parents by mail this year, he added.

Lone Pine Bluebirds Go on Museum Visit

Lone Pine — The Lone Pine Bluebirds visited the Jacksonville museum earlier this month. Those attending were Teresa Vance, Patty Sheppard, Joanna Goff, Becky Barnes, Candy Jackson, Melissa Schuler, Gloria Boe, Debbie Swanson, Cindy Earnest, Lynette Marrs, Susan Catalano, Carole Berg, Laurie Durham and Carole Gill, all second grade Bluebirds, and Cindy Mason, Melonie Thomas, Sandra Nelson, Sally Mo-harry and Carole Thompson, third grade Bluebirds.

Mrs. Edward Earnest and Mrs. Ned Schuler are the leaders. Mrs. V. O. Berg and Mrs. Frank Catalano assisted with transportation.

MRS. BROWNLEY BACK

Central Point — The Central Point Elementary school is happy to have Mrs. Grace Brownley back again and to hear she is feeling better. She has been ill and under a doctor's care for the past six weeks. She teaches one of the sixth grade classes.

Regional Calendar

Phoenix-Talent — Tonight, the Phoenix-Talent Junior high school will have a skating party at Rollarena, 3404 South Pacific highway. Chaparrones will be Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ritchie, Charlotte Whitlock and Mildred Sauer.

Phoenix — Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hoosier picnic will be held at Jackson Hot Springs. Pot luck picnic. Swimming for the children. There are 75 families from Indiana in the valley, all of whom are invited. Picnic will be held anyway in case of rain. Information, Ruth Igo, 535-2882.

Shady Cove — Today is Skip Day for the eighth grade at Shady Cove school. A party is being held at Medford Bowling lanes, a picnic at Lithia park and then a swimming party at Twin Plunges. Tomorrow, the seventh grade will give a party for the eighth grade.

Central Point — Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Crater High track team will have social gathering at the school. Parents, girl friends of team invited.

Central Point — Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., Merry Bluebirds will have final meeting at home of Joan Wood.

Central Point — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Campfire Grand Council fire at Central Point park. All girls bring their own blankets to sit on. Bluebirds, campfire girls and parents invited.

Gold Hill — Thursday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout Explorer Post 43 will meet in scout hall, Fourth ave.

Obituary: The Lyden House

By BETTE HOSKIN

Jacksonville — The Lyden House, one of Jacksonville's early day boarding houses and one of the last remaining wooden hotels in southern Oregon, was laid to rest last week. It is scheduled to be replaced by a more modern type of hotel—a motel.

The structure on the northwest corner of Oregon and California sts. was torn down under contract with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Medford ward. The church helped to preserve one item from the building, however, the original Lyden House sign. It was donated to Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation for preservation.

According to local heirs of the property and several old timers still living in this area, Lyden House was built in the late 1870's while J. C. Whipp, a carver in marble, had a business there beginning around 1857.

False Front

The front part of the building without the back addition or second story was built with a false front to "look as if it had a second story." The house which was there previous to that was the famous wood-working shop of David Linn and Burpee, Jacksonville's leading carpenter and coffin factory. The Lyden House building was built on the foundation of this first establishment after it burned.

In 1893 John Lyden and a man by the name of J. L. Jones both saw mill workers and millwrights hauled away and huge whip-sawed beams from the old Catholic Academy in Jacksonville. Some of the beams were used to brace the floors under Whipp's marble display of hand-carved monuments which he had in one of the rooms on the ground floor. Whip-sawed beams were also used up and down in the building.

There were eleven bedrooms in the boarding house, each with a window and furnished with wash stands, a pitcher for water, a wash bowl and commode. Plumbing not being what it is today, certain morning chores were quite important.

Other furnishings included a towel rack, well supplied, iron bedsteads with ample bedding and a good supply of "Buhac" used to discourage unwanted bed-fellows! A small foot rug was by each bed.

Rooms were rented for 35 cents for a night lodging. Miners, prospectors and transients were the customers with practically "no vacancies" by nightfall. Wonderful filling meals were served for 65 cents and special dinners could be ordered.

Start Restaurant

Mrs. Mary Lyden and two of her daughters, Nan and Helen started the 'Hooligan Restaurant' also in the Lyden House in about 1903, and it became quite famous for the good homey table they set. One of their more colorful customers was George "Bum" Neuber described as a "short, thick man who made thousands but died a pauper."

He was a saloon-keeper running the 'Banquet Saloon' (at the present site of Central Point Realty, run by Mayor E. O. Graham) where it is said any kind of fancy drink could be bought and any kind of gambling indulged in. "Bum" Neuber was a regular customer at Lyden House and often ordered special foods which he ate with obvious pleasure leading his fork with huge helpings.

As well as the Boarding house and restaurant the Lydens also carried a good supply of second hand and new items, such as pots, pans, frying pans, canteens and other tinware in great demand by miners and prospectors to go out in the hills in hopes of striking it rich.

John Lyden died in the early 30's with Mrs. Lyden preceding him in death by several years. There graves

Applegate District Employs Mrs. Hvall

Applegate — Mrs. Earl Hvall has been hired as clerk for school district No. 40 at Applegate.

Mrs. Hvall was secretary to the superintendent of schools in Larned, Kansas, prior to coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hvall have been residents of Applegate for 13 years and have two children attending Applegate school in the sixth and seventh grades.

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AT TURN OF THE CENTURY—Jacksonville's Lyden House was a busy place in the early 1900's when this photo was taken. Mrs. Mary Lyden and two of her daughters ran the "Hooligan Restaurant" in part of it. The rest of the building was a hotel.



IN 1962—This was the Lyden House about three weeks ago just before it was torn down.

and many others in the Jacksonville historical cemetery. His sign 'Marble Works J. C. Whipp' was still are marked with the marble monuments hand carved by



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INVITATION—B. J. Hunter, center, and Mrs. Thornton Gapeen, left, committee members from Ruch and Applegate Community churches, call on Edgar Bush and family, newcomers from Reno, Nev., inviting him and his family to the community picnic Wednesday.

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