

Regional Roundup

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A little more than a decade ago, John Telford was a farmer in Riverside county, Calif., who like many other farmers used chemical fertilizers and insecticides to aid in growing his crops. Today Telford is an organic farmer near Grants Pass and operates one of the largest organic farms in southern Oregon. He is perhaps best known for his carrot juice, which has become so popular that he now makes two trips a week to Medford and Ashland to reach customers in addition to serving the Josephine county area.

Speaking of his reasons for turning to organic farming, Telford said that he found the use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides established a vicious circle. "I used tons of chemical fertilizers on my farm in Riverside county. I found that the more chemical fertilizers I used, the worse the pests became and the more chemical insecticides I was forced to use to kill them. Chemical fertilizers also did not do an adequate job of replenishing the ground and I had to use more and more of them each year to get a good crop," Telford explained.

"Many farmers are aware that there is something wrong with using chemical fertilizers," he went on. "Several of the large-scale farmers I knew in southern California no longer own their own land. They now lease land for three or four years and then move on, because they know that just a few years of chemical fertilizers will deplete the soil's fertility."

And so Telford turned to organic farming, which is farming without the use of chemical fertilizers or insecticides. He describes it as "simply working with nature."

He bought his seven-acre place at 350 Ponderosa Lane in 1956 and began to accumulate compost material. He raised some vegetables the first year, took them to Crescent City to sell, then loaded up his truck with seaweed to bring back for compost. The seaweed helps to return vitally needed minerals to the ground, Telford said.

A good compost heap is made up of layers of material such as seaweed, manure, hay and soil, he went on. It should be allowed to decompose for a year, kept covered during the wet months, and then spread over the soil in the fall so that it can sink in during the winter.

The compost breaks down and forms humic acid, Telford said. He called humic acid the "only true plant food." For example, he explained, trees in the forests are nurtured by the leaves and insect bodies which pile up on the ground around them.

Telford is eager to see all farmers turn to the organic method. "It's a shame that our garbage is wasted and allowed to pollute rivers and streams when it could be put into compost to replenish the ground," he said.

But he recommends that such a change in farming technique be done gradually, explaining, "If we were to pass a law outlawing the use of chemical fertilizers, this nation would starve, because the soil has been depleted of so much of its fertility already."

Talent Seeks New Police Officer

Talent — Applications are now being taken for the post of city police officer here.

The Talent City council last night voted to relieve Bill Young of the post. Young had been city police officer for approximately six years.

In other action the council voted to boost sewer and water system connection charges from \$50 to \$75 apiece, effective immediately. The action was taken after it was noted that recent connection projects have cost the city an average of \$57.

Nona McAbee, city recorder, reported that 50 or 60 questionnaires concerning the city's proposed water project have been returned by residents.

A majority of those responding favor the improvement project but are not certain about how it should be financed, she said.

A letter was sent to all water customers in the city explaining the reasons behind the city's proposal and asking if they favored the improvement and if so whether they favored increasing taxes or water rates or both to pay for it.

The city council proposes to construct facilities at an approximate cost of \$185,000 to take water from Wagner creek for the city's supply. Currently, the city gets its water from wells.

Colorado has 40 mountain peaks more than 14,000 feet in altitude.

Regional News



LEVELING—Members of the Eagle Point Jaycees work at leveling rodeo grounds for July 4 play day.

EP Play Day Set July 4

Eagle Point — Members of the Eagle Point Jaycees are busy leveling, filling potholes and preparing their new rodeo grounds for July 4 play day activities.

Crater Lake highway. Signs designating the turnoff will be posted on the highway.

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This is another service project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which recently signed a lease for four acres of meadow land with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dunn.

The Eagle Point Desert Pegasus Horse club has sponsored a play day during the 4th of July celebrations in Eagle Point for the past two years and will again sponsor it this year.

Included in the events will be the under nine horsemanship, Texas barrel, keyhole race, scurry race, pole bending, figure eight, and musical chair.

The new rodeo grounds are located 2 miles east of the Eagle Point Junction on the



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IT'S BLOOMING!—Normally Magnolia trees aren't supposed to bloom before they're 11 or 12 years old, but somebody forgot to tell this tree about it. One of 44 two-year-old trees set out in Central Point last March 11, it's blooming already. Setting out the trees along Pine st. was a Central Point Lions project. Looking at the blooming tree are, left to right, Ed Christie, incoming president; Lyle Paul, incoming secretary-treasurer, and George Johns, outgoing president.

42 Eighth Graders Promoted at Hanby

By MARY KELL

Gold Hill—Mike Turner and Susan Rosecrans were named outstanding boy and girl of eighth grade class at Hanby Elementary school. The announcement was made by Leon Myers, eighth grade teacher and varsity coach, during promotion exercises in which 42 students were presented diplomas.

Walter Doherty, eighth grade teacher and coach made presentation of citizenship and scholarship awards.

Two girls, Marlene Wright and Jackie Dye, and two boys, Lloyd Governor and Gary Bailey, were given citizenship awards.

Scholarship awards given for a two point or better average were presented to Shirley Kell, Susan Rosecrans, David White and Mike Barber. Top scholarship awards for highest grade average went to Linda Parker and Mike Turner.

The graduates gave as their gift to the school an intercom system. This was presented to Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools, on behalf of the class by Mike Turner, class president.

Mack presented the class of '62 and presided as master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker Charles A. Meyer, superintendent of District 6 schools, told the audience.

Cub Scout Pack Given Train Outfit

Eagle Point — A complete HO gauge train outfit complete with tunnels and other buildings has been donated to Pack 48 of the Cub Scouts by Joe Levine of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary in White City.

This train is presently on display in the window of the old Eagle Point Hardware store on the corner of Main and E sts.

It is being offered as an award in connection with donations toward the Eagle Point Scout-Community building.

The award will be made Sunday at 2 p.m. during the pack meeting at TouVelle Park. The pack meeting will start at noon, with all cub scouts and their parents invited to attend.

Robert Holman is in charge of the project.

Quarantine Station Men Honor Retiring Inspector

Hornbrook — Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jeter and Donald Douglas were members of a group of quarantine station personnel from the northern California area who drove to Alturas, Calif., recently to attend a retirement dinner that evening honoring Frank Charrier, inspector in charge of the Alturas checking station.

Meeting in the morning for breakfast at the Jeter home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Zee and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buttrick from Smith River, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collier and Mrs. Robert Bittel of the Redwood station, and Earle Swift of Ashland, retired supervisor of the northern California area.

At Dorris, Calif., the group was joined by Mike Clemens and Herman Johns, both of the Dorris station. Before continuing on, Mr. Johns took the entire party on a tour through the museum he has built to house his antique collection, and his collection of firearms of every description.

Also attending the dinner, held at the Niles hotel, were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cranford and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ingman and two children, all of Sacramento, where the men are in the headquarters of the quarantine service, plus some 20 other co-workers and

Regional Calendar

Phoenix — Wednesday, 8 p.m., public hearing on proposed development pattern for the Southwest Phoenix Interim zoned area, at Phoenix Community hall.

Gold Hill—Well child clinic previously set for June 27 has been postponed until August.

Grandview—Thursday, "Adventuring With Christ" will be the theme of Bible school promotion services at Four-square church, 2200 Roberts rd. Students will present evening program. Work they have done will be on display.

Cave Junction—Wednesday, 8 p.m., American Legion post and auxiliary will hold joint installation at legion hall.

Cave Junction — Thursday, ladies of the Illinois Valley Grange will serve at state Grange convention in Grants Pass.

Cave Junction—Friday, 1:30 p.m., Illinois Valley Garden club will view program on "Vines." Officers will be installed.

MOVING — Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kadel and children are moving from their residence above O'Brien to the Rawlings property south of Cave Junction.

Kadel is the project engineer for Grady Callahan, contractor on the Collier tunnel construction.

Ruch Students Honored

Applegate Valley — Seventeen pupils of Ruch school being promoted to McLoughlin Junior high school were recognized at awards night held at Ruch recently.

They include Judy Carlson, Mike White, Retha Sample, Frances Mendenhall, Robert Cook, Lea Wright, Mark Fossen, Frank Heberling, Davis Hulbert, Murray Inman, Rob-in Johnston, Thomas Maddox, Dorris McDonough, Dea n Mitchell, Bill Rundle, Scott Tweedy, and Allen Rogers.

The first six pupils listed were above average in grades and received academic achievement awards.

Josephine Co. News

Fred Ten Eyck Hurf In Fall at O'Brien

Breaks Arm — O'Brien — Fred Ten Eyck of O'Brien fell from a ladder while installing electric wiring at his motel last week and broke his arm. The break had to be set twice as the doctor was called out to deliver a baby, and came back later to finish the job.

Pupils Registered — Registration of first graders at Kerby school took place recently with a total of 30 pupils in attendance.

Richard Holloway, Kerby principal, Mrs. Marshall Burrows, teacher at Evergreen school, and first grade teachers Mrs. Otis Scott and Mrs. Art Cribb were in attendance. Information blanks to be filled in by parents, doctors and dentists were given out.

Anyone not able to attend that registration may contact Kerby school for information.

Enrollment in the school has been 200. Mrs. Warren Christensen has been the school director, with the following workers: beginner department superintendent, Mrs. James Johnson and teachers Mrs. F. Cantorbury, Mrs. T. Hoffman, Mrs. E. Harnish, Mrs. B. Danforth, Mrs. M. Tryon, Mrs. N. Burrill, Marcia Pulley, Lois Christensen and Viola Miller.

In the primary department, Mrs. Dean Collette, superintendent, with teachers, Mrs. B. Hefley, Mrs. R. Gratsinger, Mrs. F. Putman, Mrs. D. Pulley, Mrs. H. Webster, Mrs. J. Mizell, Sandra Charters, Jeannie Clark and Mary Alice Pestka.

In the junior department, teachers Mrs. E. Warwick, Mrs. L. Hickman and Rick Chamberlain, Mrs. R. Arthur, the Rev. W. Christensen, and James Arthur teaching in the intermediate department.



TOP AWARD—Deke Fitzgerald, 17, of Susanville, Calif., received the hand carved Gibson saddle as winner of the "All Around Cowboy" award at the Montague, Calif. Junior Rodeo last week end. John Sanderson of Montague made the award.

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