

Regional News



MOUTHFUL—Velda Barr, the Mail Tribune's correspondent in Prospect, snapped this recent photo of a frog that died while attempting to swallow a little duck. Her husband Warren found the two of them on the Barr's property just south of Prospect. The frog can be seen on the right, the duck on the left.

Arrowpoints Collected By Bruce Wilson Win Azalea Festival Award

Arrowpoints from the collection of Bruce Wilson, Medford, won a blue ribbon award for the Siskiyou Archaeology club, at the Azalea festival at Brookings, Oregon in the gem and mineral division.

A display of a typical Indian camp made by the Rogue Valley Herb Society is on display at the Crater Rock museum. Tepees made of deer hide, and miniature Indians; dogs, bowls and tools make up the scenery, also a lake and canoe, trees and an Indian riding a pony pulling a load of fire wood.

Regional Roundup

By Clava Twitchell Regional Editor

Our column of last Wednesday concerning John Telford, the organic farmer in Grants Pass, has been drawing some interesting comment. First, we'd like to thank R. E. Nealon for his complimentary remarks about the subject in his "Tables" column of last Friday. Mr. Nealon hinted that he has a few farming secrets of his own. I'll have to go out and look in on him.

We also have a letter from Tom Graff of Medford, who calls Telford's statements about chemical fertilizers depleting the soil "a very good, extraordinarily true report."

Telford, for those who did not see Wednesday's column, told us how, as a farmer in California a decade ago, he found that the use of chemical fertilizers seemed to deplete the soil of its fertility and at the same time attracted more and more pests, making it necessary for him to use more and more insecticides. He said he had turned to organic farming, using fertilizers only of plant and animal origin and building compost heaps to replenish the soil, as a result.

"The things of which the farmer complains wreak greater vengeance upon humans who consume food grown under these conditions (ie. with chemical fertilizers and insecticides)" Graff says. He adds it would come as no surprise to him if the increased incidence of cancer in modern times were in some way connected with chemical farming, and he also wonders if such farming methods have "a bearing on the Rogue Valley pear crop decline."

(Graff reports that an article of his, written under his pen name Baron Von Graf and entitled "Youth and Virility" is slated to appear in the August issue of Popular Medicine magazine. It has to do with the effect of chemical fertilizers and insecticides on humans who eat the food grown in that manner.)

Your editor doesn't know a great deal about this subject, so all we're doing is reporting statements and experiences of other people. I can say that my vegetable gardens at Talent and Merlin both are doing fine, and I don't use chemical fertilizers or sprays of any sort. The bugs don't seem to be showing much interest in my plants.

I'll also have to admit that I've found organically grown strawberries considerably sweeter and better flavored than most of the berries I've tasted that were grown with the aid of chemicals. Some of the latter variety were so bland they were unpleasant to eat.

Examinations have been announced by the U.S. Civil Service Commission for the positions of third and fourth mates on a hopper dredge. Application forms may be obtained from L. B. Nelson, examiner, U.S. post office building.

Entries Sought For EP Parade

Eagle Point - Entries are being sought for the July 4 Parade being held in conjunction with all-day activities in Eagle Point.

The parade is being sponsored by the Eagle Point Jaycees who have selected "Western Heroes" for this year's theme, offering opportunities for youngsters to be Wild Bill Hickock, Wyatt Earp, or other famed cowboys for a complete day.

Cash prizes with ribbons for the winners and runners up will be awarded in each of the following divisions: motor powered, mounted, walking and miscellaneous.

Charles C. Hoover, longtime resident of the area, will be grand marshal of the parade. Hoover is well known throughout southern Oregon and northern California area where he helped distribute evergreen trees for the Eagle

Point Grange in an effort to beautify the valley with colorful trees in years to come.

Any individual or organization or group of individuals wishing to enter may contact Mrs. Harold Hanscom at 446-1786. All entrants are asked to line up at 11:15 a.m. on the high school agriculture grounds for placement and to receive their numbers.

The parade is scheduled to start at 12 noon and will proceed west on Main street.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Cave Junction - Employment service for students this year is again being sponsored by Mrs. Beryl Hines at her Ready-To-Wear Shop. Workers may register there, giving information on the type of work they can do and those needing employees may contact Mrs. Hines.

Governor Thanks Rogue River Council

By LAURINE LAWS

Rogue River - A letter of thanks from Governor Mark Hatfield was read to the Rogue River city council.

He reported his appreciation of the reception he received at the official opening of Interstate 5 Highway at Rogue River recently and of the key to the city that was given to him.

Approximately 1,200 yards of gravel was purchased by the city from R. L. Houck & Sons. The gravel will be used in fixing the streets in Rogue River and a committee will report on the streets that need repairs first.

A committee is also studying a certain product, a solution that when mixed with water and sprinkled on the gravel takes the place of oil and has been proven to be more successful than oil in some locations. The committee is to give a report after further checking on the matter.

Water pressure at Valley View Lane residences, North Broadway is still under discussion. The idea was mentioned at this meeting of putting in a line booster pressure pump. No action was taken other than to have an engineer come out and study the situation.

Work is now being done on the Old Wards Creek well, and it will be ready to use soon.

Josephine County News Women Hike River Trail

Jerome Prairie - Mrs. John Weston and Mrs. Ralph Wine-

teer hiked 50 miles down the Rogue River trail, carrying 35 pound packs. They left June 9 from a point just above Grave creek and walked most of the way to Illahee, getting a ride in a passing boat for a short distance during the five-day trip.

The two women took the mail boat from Agness to Gold Beach, then went to Crescent City by bus, where they were met by their husbands.

Snyder Arrives To Take Foreman Post At Hornbrook Ranch

Hornbrook - John Snyder and children Gary, 18, Jan, 15, and John Jr., 12, arrived last week end and are at the Robert Larson ranch up Ditch creek where Mr. Snyder will be foreman.

Mrs. Snyder is remaining at their ranch in Modoc county until their purchasers take over. Then she will join her family here.

Larson, of Los Gatos, Calif., is a pilot on a major airline and bought the ranch about two years ago. He and his wife and son plan to move here when he retires in a year or so.

The Lester Dooley family, who have been living on the ranch the past year, have moved to the Frank Ohlund place up Cottonwood creek.

Attorney Arrested on Embezzlement Charge

Salem, Ore. - (UPI) - A Salem attorney, Cecil William Dobson, was arrested Saturday at his Mt. Hood summer home and charged with embezzlement by guardianship.

Authorities said it involved the illegal expenditure of \$81,000 belonging to an aged Klamath Indian.

Dobson was charged in an indictment returned by the Marion county grand jury.

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Tuesday, 8 p.m., film "Town Meeting on Americanism" will be shown during Jackson County Farm Bureau meeting in Extension Building auditorium, Highway 99 south, Medford, according to Don Herron, Medford, sales representative for Tidewater Oil, Public invited.

Ruch Bible School Closes With Program

Applegate Valley-Daily Vacation Bible school at Ruch Community church closed with a program June 16. Crafts were displayed and refreshments were served.

Eighty-eight was the average daily attendance, with ages ranging from four years through the teens. Youth classes were held in the evening and "My Bible and I" was the theme of the school.

WELCOMES VISITORS

Prospect - Lyle Briner, former Prospect resident who now lives at 784 A st., Ashland, would enjoy visits from friends and neighbors. Briner has been ill for some time.

At Inspection Station

O'Brien - Working at the Redwood Highway Inspection station for the summer is Larry Phipps, student at California State Polytechnic college, Pomona. Phil Grau, also a Cal Poly student, will start

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Ashland - Tuesday, noon, Ashland chamber of commerce will host Shakespeare Festival actors on scholarship at luncheon, Mark Anthony hotel.

Wednesday, 4:45 p.m., "Focus on Farming" KMED television John A. Yungen from experiment station, Hanley road, will talk on agriculture experiments. This program will be presented on Wednesday of each week instead of Monday.

Gold Hill - Tuesday afternoon, 2 p.m., one, two, and three of Cub Pack 43 will meet at the homes of respective den mothers, Mrs. Jose R. Corona, Gold Hill, Mrs. James Kenney, Colonial way, and Mrs. Weston Wyatt, highway 99 south.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows lodge No. 129 will meet at the I.O.O.F. hall. This will be the last meeting until September.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout troop 43 will meet

at the Scout hall.

Gold Hill - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7416 will meet at the V.F.W. hall on Old Stage rd.

Gold Hill - Thursday, 8 p.m., Past Noble Grands club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Gascon.

Gold Hill - Thursday, 7 p.m., Explorer Post 43 will meet at the Boy Scout hall.

Gold Hill - Parents of small youngsters are reminded that the well child clinic set for June 27 has been postponed until August.

Gold Hill - Thursday, 7 p.m., Gold Hill Lions club will meet in the dining room at Gold Hill Grange hall.

Cave Junction - Tuesday evening, Lions club will meet at Todelope cafe.

Cave Junction - Tuesday, a driver's license examiner will be at the city hall all day.

Phoenix - The ladies auxiliary of the Phoenix Fire department will meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Irving Hanscom, 403 C. st.

Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the auxiliary will hold a rummage sale at the Fehi building on North Ivy st., Medford.

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