

Regional Roundup

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In an era of high-speed freeways that are devoid of billboards and roadside business establishments, it is rather a refreshing change of pace to drive a quaint old winding highway dotted by signs and tourist attractions.

Southern Oregonians are fortunate to have several such quaint old highways left in the area. There's highway 62 from Medford to Crater Lake with its riverside motels, state parks and rugged scenery. And, of course, there are highway 234 and old highway 99 along the Rogue between Sams Valley and Grants Pass, and highway 238 through Jacksonville and the Applegate valley.

But the one we find particularly quaint is highway 199 from Grants Pass to Crescent City—especially the stretch between Wilderville and the California state line. This road features a ghost town, deer park, cobra farm, a couple of museums and a small zoo, all in a space of about 35 miles. Many of the attractions are advertised along the road in both directions by humorous large billboards extolling the features of the establishment involved.

Around "Deadman's Curve"

The first few miles of 199 south of Grants Pass consist of a new four-lane highway that is rather uninteresting. But the pavement narrows just north of Wilderville and the southbound motorist is given a taste of what lies ahead as he swings around "deadman's curve," a 45 degree sweep that requires some care in negotiating.

Between Wilderville and Kerby lie a number of landmarks that will shortly disappear—a series of narrow bridges that are currently being widened. While the new bridges will be safer, we will miss the challenge of trying to get across them while a bus or logging truck is passing in the opposite direction.

First of the quaint tourist attractions is the Kerbyville Ghost town, operated by Jack and Wanda Sowell a couple of miles north of Kerby. The Sowells have endeavored to recreate the atmosphere of old Kerbyville, a town (located where Kerby exists today) that 85 years ago was the Josephine county seat. In operation three years, it includes a tavern and restaurant, assay office, general store, judge's office, sheriff's office and jail, Cluggage and Drum stage line office, blacksmith's shop, trading post and dance hall.

Feeding the Deer

Farther down the highway one encounters Woodland Deer park, perhaps the most impressive tourist attraction along 199. Here on slightly in excess of four acres are kept about 50 deer, many of which run loose among the visitors. Russell Hamilton and Myrtle Tally are the owners. The park, open for just a little more than a year, offers visitors a chance to hand feed the tame deer inside. Also featured are peacocks, monkeys, lambs and guinea pigs, a number of them included in a Mother Goose section that portrays scenes from fairy tales.

A mile or two beyond the deer park is a cobra farm, operated by Leo and Marian Marmolejo. The farm has some 20 cages of reptiles plus one chimpanzee. The snakes include one cobra, a boa constrictor, some rattlesnakes, various lizards and others. As you make the round of the exhibits (guided tours are provided) it is amazing to note how many snakes not only are non-poisonous but also are actually beneficial, because of their ability to destroy harmful bugs.

Exhausting Trip

Continuing on down the road one comes to the Twin Pines zoo virtually at the California-Oregon state line. We were so exhausted from viewing ghosts, deer and snakes that we did not stop at the zoo last trip. Perhaps we'll look in at some future time.

An interesting climax to this little journey down 199 is provided by the Randolph Collier tunnel construction, where workmen are rapidly making progress toward the conclusion of this project, which is supposed to be dedicated Oct. 13. A drive over the road which will be replaced by the tunnel gives one an appreciation of the improvement that will be made. Unfortunately there will still be many curves left in the road between the tunnel and Crescent City, but we suppose improvements have to begin somewhere. We won't mind at all if many of the curves in 199 are eventually eliminated. While it is a quaint road, it's also a mighty tiring one to drive.

McUne Group Makes Trip To Squaw Lakes

Applegate Valley—George McUne of Jacksonville stage lines and group of nine passengers made a covered wagon trip to Squaw Lakes recently, staying over night and enjoying a "campfire sing" in the evening.

McUne's son, G. H. McUne Jr., of Medford, accompanied by his wife and three boys, were at the lake and did the evening barbecuing and preparing breakfast.

The pioneer travelers report wild cat screams and other nocturnal noises no doubt done by adventuresome Squaw Lake youths. Kermon Kennedy of Grants Pass, now employed by the stage lines, went as a helper.

Passengers included Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Lemley of Central Point, Misses Mitchell Littrell, Vicki Milnes and Carol Enig of Medford, and Miss Veronica Mulkey of Jacksonville.



HOLD FLY-UP—Brownie Troop 27 held a fly-up ceremony in the Lone Pine school gymnasium recently. Mrs. Norman Vance and Mrs. B. J. Spencer are leaders of the troop, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Blair. Mrs. B. E. Culy of Scout Troop 60 assisted in the ceremony. Pictured above are: top row left to right: Mary Goff, Kathy Keiser, Debra Corwin, Cynthia Harrison, Mertie Nelson, Linda Wickersham, Georgia Hatfield, Karla Davis and Dalene Pratt, bottom row left to right: Barbara Blair, Barbara Vance, Dawn Selby, Jackie Spencer, Michella Huffman, Mary Margaret Baird and Debra Barr.

Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley—A grand finale to the Jacksonville jubilee pageant, that was going to top the promenaders and the cancan girls, literally fell down on the job when the prospector's donkey refused to get up and do his act.

Director Edna Sawyer reports that five men frantically trying to get the donkey up, failed completely, and he never did appear on the scene, leaving emcee Boyd Gibson apologizing for prospector Glenn Saltmarsh walking on stage with his poke of gold without the proverbial donkey.

"Now honestly, isn't that something!" says Edna. And to top this off, it was Isabel, one of the burrows at George McUne's village at the north edge of town. It was learned from other sources that the pageant management had ordered a burrow hard to manage, but had not expected this much difficulty.

Surprised

One of the most surprised people of the entire jubilee was Carol Matheny, whose ocean-side float captured second prize, and brought Carol \$32. The float was piloted by Don Stoner, and was manned by Lois Offenbacher in bathing suit of ancient vintage with Carol beside her in modern suit. The float was captioned "The Applegaters," 1862-1962. The cab represented the ocean waves with reams of pale green paper napkins and plastic sheeting. Carol said she made up the float herself. It didn't take long—just all day Saturday.

Mention of the jubilee wouldn't be complete without adding Loyal Hartman's comments about the good old days of the 1910 era when Jacksonville staged 4th of July celebrations and the present jubilee scene was covered with buggies and pitched tents.

Hwy 199 Traffic At All-Time High

O'Brien — Traffic through the Redwood Highway Inspection station reached an all-time high for the first 30 days of July, with 42,409 vehicles passing through the plant quarantine headquarters.

This figure is almost double that for June southbound traffic which was 27,464, not considering the 31st of July for which only a conservative estimate of 1,500 is available at this time.

97 Reservations for Homecoming Dinner

Hornbrook — Reservations for 97 dinners have been made to date for the Hornbrook Homecoming planned for next Saturday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Grange hall, according to Mrs. Ruth Cummins, a member of the planning committee.

Former pupils at the Hornbrook grammar school have responded enthusiastically from all over the state to the invitations sent out last month.

Applications are now being accepted for a motor route dealer in the Klamath River-Happy Camp area. Please submit your application to Dale E. Erickson, circulation manager, Medford Mail Tribune, P. O. Box 1352, Medford, Ore.

Paintings By Gold Hill Housewife To Be Exhibited

By MARY KELL

Gold Hill — Mrs. Jean Mowrey, busy housewife and mother of several children, has many interesting hobbies. Her newest is oil painting which she did for the first time last February.

During the past six months she has painted about 80 pictures. Her first oil painting entitled "Lonesome Road," in black and white, will be exhibited at a premier showing of paintings by Mrs. Mowrey Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Park View department store in Ashland. There will also be a display of her paintings at Lithia Park Saturday and Sunday.

"Lonesome Road" gives an impression of a road at night. Mrs. Mowrey was inspired to paint this particular picture while on a trip from Prospect one night last winter. She said the glow of headlights shining on a road at night while driving has always fascinated her.

Mrs. Mowrey says "If you have something worthwhile, you owe it to self and others to pursue it." She always thought oil painting would be difficult until trying. She has had no previous art instruction only what she remembers from grammar school and one semester of art in high school.

Saw Art Show

She first became interested in what she could do with painting because of an art show given in Medford last December by Rogue Valley Art association. However, due to the busy holiday season and her interest in other handicrafts, it wasn't until February that she began to experiment with oil paints, a set that had belonged to one of her youngsters.

Her husband, James W. Mowrey persuaded her to go on with this new found talent. She said it was because of his great interest that she showed some of her work to Eugene Bennet, Medford artist.

It was the encouragement given her by Bennet that gave her confidence. Mrs. Mowrey became a member of Southern Oregon Society of Artists about two months ago. This has all happened so fast, she said, it will be exactly six months to the day since she painted her first picture that the premier

showing will commence. She hopes her experience will be an inspiration to others.

Asked how a mother of several active children finds time for this painting, she replied "Having a helpful family makes it possible." Her husband gets much of the credit, she added. He cuts all of her canvases, fits them on stretchers and makes all the display frames during his leisure hours.

Mr. Mowrey is a sales manager of the Copco division of Pacific Power and Light company in Medford.

She continued, "Of course the biggest rooters are the youngsters." Six of them live at home, ranging in ages 3 to 17 years. They are Ellen, Mark and Tim Mowrey, the six year old who will start school this fall at Patrick Elementary school in Gold Hill, Kirby and Mike Koopman, both sophomores at Crater High school, and Kerry Koopman, who will be a freshman at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth this September.

A son, Cpl. Kent Koopman is stationed with the U.S. Marine corps in San Diego.

Regional News



"WE NEED A ROOF"—Charles A. Meyer, superintendent of School District 6, and Onita Simmons, one of the Mail Tribune's Central Point correspondents, wonder if spectators at Crater High school football games this fall will have to use umbrellas. The fund drive to build a grandstand at Crater still lacks the some \$5,000 needed to build a roof.

California and a married daughter, Mrs. J. W. O'Brien grandsons and three granddaughters.

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Regional Calendar

Prospect—Saturday, annual Hillbilly Jamboree at community club grounds.

Yreka—Thursday, 12:15 p.m., women's missionary society of First Baptist church of Yreka will hold annual picnic at city park on Miner st. The picnic will be pot-luck style. Each person is asked to bring his or her own table service.

Yreka—Thursday, 2 p.m., Yreka Council of Republican women will meet at L & B cafe, South Main st. Speaker will be Ernest Hayden, president of the Siskiyou Miners association. The public is invited.

Yreka—Saturday, 10:30 a.m., California Gov. Edmund G. Brown will arrive at Siskiyou County Airport. An 11:15 a.m. meeting with county leaders is scheduled at the Tast-T Cafe on Broadway, Yreka. Following the meeting he will make handshake tour in downtown Yreka and Montague, departing by air at 1 p.m.

TELEVISION LOGS

KVIP-TV (Channel 7)

Wednesday
 5:00—Captain Comet
 5:30—Broken Arrow
 6:00—Newsbeat Northwest
 6:30—Huntley-Brinkley
 6:30—Shannon
 7:00—How to Marry a Millionaire
 7:30—Wagon Train
 8:30—Top Cat
 9:00—Hawaiian Eye
 10:00—Naked City
 11:00—News Final
 11:30—Sportscast
 11:45—Tonight Show

Thursday
 9:15—Debbie Drake
 9:30—Educational
 10:00—Price Is Right
 10:30—Concentration
 11:00—Tennessee Ernie Ford
 11:30—You're For a Song
 12:00—Jane Wyman
 12:30—Camouflage
 12:45—Midday Report
 1:00—Dr. Malone
 1:30—TV Bingo
 2:00—Day in Court
 2:30—Seven Keys
 3:00—Queen for a Day
 3:30—Who Do You Trust
 4:00—American Bandstand
 4:30—Bandstand News
 5:00—Captain Comet
 5:30—Super Car
 6:00—Newsbeat Northwest
 6:30—Huntley-Brinkley
 6:30—Detectives
 7:30—Ozzie and Harriet
 8:00—Dennis Reed
 8:30—The Real McCoy
 9:00—My 4 Sons
 9:30—Law & Mr. Jones
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