Regional Roundup

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When Dallas Purcell bought some land and settled in southern Oregon in 1960, he made news. He didn't break into the news columns in a two paragraph item on the society page the way many Californias who move here do; he was front page news. One of our predecessors in the regional editor's post, John Stafford, wrote two lengthy articles about Dallas Purcell, one in December of 1960, the other in July of 1961.

A robe, beard, sandals and an experiment in survival made Purcell a little different from other Californians who had moved to the Rogue valley. Purcell had given up a profession as a psychologist in Southern California, the stories reported, because a "voice" advised him to move to an out-of-the-way place and prepare a safe home for his family in the event of natural or nuclear disaster. Purcell reported that he himself sought psychiatric care when he started hearing this advice from the mysterious voice. Subsequent investigation satisfied him that the voice was not an hallucination, he said, and he decided to heed it.

Our Paths Had Crossed

We were not a resident of the Rogue valley when Dallas Purcell moved here, but strangely enough, we had crossed paths with him just a few months before he moved here. We happened to be visiting a friend in Monterey, Calif. who knew him, and so we were introduced to him in Santa Cruz, Calif. during the summer of 1960. We remember very little about that meeting, except that he mentioned something about a survival program in the hills of Oregon.

And so it was no great surprise when we moved here last December to learn that Dallas Purcell was in the hills north of Central Point. We heard that the dirt road leading to his mountain sanctuary was pretty rough to negotiate during the rainy season, so we did not attempt to visit him right away. Then after getting caught up in various activities during the spring, we'll have to admit that we forgot about paying him a visit. In midsummer, however, we received a couple of phone calls from readers interested in knowing how Purcell was coming along. But vacation came along next, and it was not until the early part of this month that we finally made it up to the Traunesian sanctuary just a few days before the storm.

DALLAS PURCELL
Pursuing Survival Test

We wish we had made it sooner, for we spent a most interesting afternoon at Purcell's mountains home. He seemed very comfortable and relaxed—and as interested as ever in survival programs.

"I don't say to everyone that they should come up here to live," he explained. "Rather, I say that they should find a place away from congested areas and put some food away. Civil defense officials tell us to prepare for possible disaster, natural or otherwise, our president tells us, so what is so odd about trying to do something about it?"

"Some people think I talk too much about survival," he added. "They complain that it's negative thinking. But I feel that it's positive thinking to take action and do something about it instead of sitting back and ignoring it."

Purcell's survival program is based on the idea of putting several month's supply of food away, rather than learning to sat bark and moss. Items that can be regrown should be among those put away, he says.

100 Pounds of Beans

He recommends a reserve supply of such as the following:

One hundred pounds of beans, 50 pounds of rice, 20 pounds of raisins and a fairly large supply of dried carrots.

"That will take a family of four through a hard winter," Purcell commented.

The Traunesian sanctuary homes are set up so that they can operate without most of the conveniences that would probably be wiped out in the event of catastrophe. Kerosene lamps are used instead of electricity. Wood heaters warm the homes. Tank gas is used for stoves, refrigerators and water heaters, but the residents of the sanctuary could get along by cooking on their wood heaters and doing without refrigerators and water heaters if they were unable to get more gas after a disaster. Their wells are shallow and hand operated.

Purcell and the other families who reside in the sanctuary appear to enjoy the near inaccessibility of their location. The people who come to see them are only those whose interest in what they are doing is such that they are willing to drive two-and-a-half miles of rough dirt road to get up there. In spite of the road, Purcell says that people literally from all over the world have come up to visit him as a result of the 1960 and 1961 Mail Tribune articles.

Regional Calendar

Central Point — Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Central Point Lions will meet at Pioneer cafe.

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Prospect — Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Prospect PTA will meet in school cafteria. The program will concern television.

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Central Point — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Central Point Jaycees will meet in Faber building.

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Gold Hill — Thursday, 8 p.m., Past Noble Grands club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. George Dorman.

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Gold Hill — Thursday, 7 p.m., Gold Hill Lions club will meet at El Rogue cafe on Second ave.

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Gold Hill — Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Gold Hill Grange will hold booster night activities.

Free Parking During Dollar Days Okayed

Ashland — At last week's meeting of the Ashland city council, approval was voted for free parking during the Dollar Days business promotion planned here Nov. 2 and 3.

In other action, U. S. Pipe and Foundry of Portland was awarded a contract for cast iron pipe on a bid of $11,248.16.

MRS. FDR STILL ILL

New York — (UPI) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt rested at home Sunday still bothered by the effects of her anemia condition for which she had been under treatment for three weeks at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. The former First Lady was discharged from the hospital Thursday but will be in seclusion at her home for a while, her secretary said.

'Pointer Paw-Prints' Picked as Name for CP Junior High Paper

Central Point—After a thorough discussion, the Central Point Junior High journalism class voted "Pointer Paw-Prints" as its newspaper name for this year.

Ellene King, eighth grade, submitted the name "Pointer Prints." The paper staff added the word "Paw" in keeping with its Pointer dog emblem.

Since Miss King's suggestion was the basic idea, it was decided to award her the one dollar prize.

State Campgrounds Closed by Storm

Salem — (UPI) — The big storm in Oregon recently has closed many campgrounds in state parks earlier than usual, the Oregon Highway department has announced.

Those parks not closed by the storm will end the 1962 camping season Oct. 31.

State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper said that four of the parks now closed are those that normally stay open the year around. They are Harris Beach, Beverly Beach, Cape Lookout and Honeyman.

Josephine Firm High Bidder on Klamath Timber

Happy Camp — Josephine Plywood Corporation of Happy Camp was the high bidder for 21,750,000 board feet of pine, fir and cedar timber in the Camp Four unit, Ukonom district, according to an announcement by William M. Gerson of the Klamath National forest.

Species, volume in board feet, advertised prices and high bid rates were: Ponderosa and Jeffrey pine—1,150,000 bd. ft. advertised at $4.60 per M and bid at $4.70 per M; Sugar pine—3,350,000 bd. ft. advertised at $4.77 per M and bid at $4.77 per M; White and Red Fir—2,150,000 bd. ft. advertised at $2.60 per M and bid at $2.60 per M; Douglas fir—14,700,000 bd. ft. advertised at $4.60 per M and bid at $4.60 per M; Incense cedar—400,000 bd. ft. advertised at $2.60 per M and bid at $2.60 per M.

Total advertised value was $95,519.50. The value based on the highest bid was $95,634.50.

The only other company bidding was Humboldt Fir, Inc. of Hoopa, California. District Ranger George Coombes will be responsible for administration of this sale.

District 6 Teachers Hear About SRA Reading Laboratory

Central Point—Wayne Culver, a representative of the Science Research association was principal speaker to a group of elementary school teachers in School District 6 as well as representatives of other Rogue valley schools at a meeting at the Central Point Elementary and Junior High cafeteria recently.

Culver explained the SRA Reading laboratory, a reading method which is used with the regular reading texts and which allows children to advance at their own rate, without the embarrassment of using books obviously intended for a lower grade.

He further stated that more able students, being able to advance at their own rate, would not be held back by their less able classmates.

Teachers were cautioned that the SRA Reading Lab was not a cure all which would remedy all reading problems, but merely a device which is a part of the regular reading program and not a replacement for that program.

Next Parents' Club Meeting Set Nov. 1

Hornbrook—Mrs. Thomas Watt Jr., president of the Parents club, has announced that the next meeting of the club will be on Thursday, Nov. 1, and will be held in the evening, at 7:30 in the school house.

Guest speaker will be Joe Turbovsky, school psychologist and guidance counsellor from the office of the Siskiyou County School superintendent.

All parents of school children are invited to attend, and it is the hope of members of the club that a good number of fathers will be present.

Central Pt. Jaycees Plan Meet Tuesday

Central Point — The Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Faber building, according to a report from President E. J. Christie.

Chairmen are being sought for the following projects: Christmas tree sales, children's shopping tour and the Christmas lighting contest. All men of JC age are invited to attend.

Legion Hall Cleanup Fund Rises to $70

Central Point — The fund for the clean up campaign of the American Legion hall has risen from $50 over the past week to $70.

There still remains about $200 yet to be raised. Contributions can be left at the city hall with Lyle Paull or with Marion R. Hull at 180 Bigham drive.

Program On Old Pioneer Trails Given in Yreka

Yreka — The Siskiyou County Historical society met at the County Museum in Yreka recently to view a program of slides picturing some of the trails and roads which were used by pioneers coming into northern California and southern Oregon.

Presenting the program were Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Helfrich of Klamath Falls.

Sixty members and guests were present, among them visitors from Colorado Springs, San Francisco and Medford.

Trails Divided

Starting with Topsy Grade the pictures showed cabins, landmarks and ranches such as the "D" Ranch, J.F. Ranch and Hotel at Lairds Landing.

It was near here that the Applegate trail and the Yreka trail divided. The Applegate trail was started by a train of 100 wagons who met with misfortune near The Dalles, Oregon, thus coming south to this point, then over the Topsy Grade, down the river and back into southern Oregon. Other ranch sites of Van Brimmer, Boyes, Meiss, Ball and Cornell were shown.

The stopping place and resort at Soda Springs in the Dunsmiur vicinity and the stage station at Point of Rocks near Rock Springs, Wyoming were enjoyed. The latter was erected in 1862 of natural stone, had many years of use, but will soon be destroyed for a super highway will pass there.

Many scenes at Corrall Springs of the military road near Chemult were shown. This was first in use in 1860. In 1843 Fremont crossed the Klamath Marsh, 80 miles north of Klamath Falls.

Coffee colored water draining from the marsh was noted in many of the pictures. Many traces of the old roads are still in evidence as well as relics of early wagon trains, some of which were on display at the meeting.

Beaver Scenes

There were also pictures of beaver activity near Pot Hole Springs east of Clear Lake in Modoc county.

The Tickner road coming from Modoc county, built in 1871-72, mainly to facilitate cattle drives to Montague was named for a surveyor of that early period. Antelope Springs, Round Prairie and Klamath Agency were also included.

Sandwiches and coffee were served by Inez Affleck, Hazel Eller, and Pearl Freshour.

Lone Pine PTA Plans Spaghetti Dinner At School Tuesday

Lone Pine—The Lone Pine school PTA membership committee and executive board will sponsor a spaghetti dinner, Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

A price of $1.50 will be charged per family. This includes a P.T.A. membership for parents for the school year.

Mrs. Frank Catalano, president, encourages all parents to bring their families and attend.

N. California Television Log

Programs listed below are received from the television stations and the Mail Tribune assumes no responsibility except to make changes as supplied

KVIP-TV (Channel 7)

All Times PDT

Monday
6:00—Newsbeat Northwate
6:15—Huntley-Brinkley
6:30—Gallant Men
7:30—Cheyenne
8:30—Rifleman
9:00—Stoney Burke
10:00—Ben Casey
11:00—ABC Late News
11:10—Sportscast
11:15—Comedy Capers
11:30—Tonight Show
12:25—Late News

Tuesday
9:30—Education: Discovery
10:00—Price Is Right
10:30—Concentration
11:00—Tennessee Ernie Ford
11:30—Yours for a Song
12:00—Jane Wyman Show
12:30—Camouflage
12:55—Mid Day Report
1:00—Loretta Young
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—Discovery
4:50—Bandstand News
5:00—Cartoon Time
5:30—Mickey Mouse Club
6:00—Newsbeat Northwate
6:15—Huntley-Brinkley
6:30—Laramie
7:30—Combat
8:30—Hawaiian Eye
9:30—Untouchables
10:30—Don't Call Me Charlie
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4:50—Bandstand News
5:00—Broken Arrow
5:30—Mickey Mouse Club

Hornbrook Grange Poster Contest Slated This Week

Hornbrook — Hornbrook Grange No. 391 is sponsoring a poster contest for students in grades five through eight inclusive at Hornbrook school on the theme "Get Out the Vote."

A choice of ink, poster paint or charcoal may be used, but the posters must contain the words "Vote for the Party of Your Choice Nov. 6."

Judging will take place Thursday, Oct. 25 at 4:45 p.m. at the schoolhouse. The winning posters will be on display Friday, Oct. 26 at the school and at the Grange hall that same evening.

Judges will be Mrs. Ruth Cummins, Mrs. Henley Clawson and Mrs. Betty Walsh, art teacher at the Hilt school.

The award for the best poster will be $5 in cash. For the second place winner it will be $2.50.

Present plans call for asking the cooperation of merchants in Hornbrook, Montague and Yreka in displaying the posters.

Students making the prize winning posters will be given a choice of in which merchant's windows their work will be placed.

Halloween Parade Slated in Phoenix

Phoenix — All youngsters of the Phoenix-Talent area are invited to enter a Halloween costume parade Saturday, Oct. 27, sponsored by the Ladies auxiliary of the Phoenix Fire department.

There will be five age groups. Each group will receive a first and second prize for the funniest costume.

The Phoenix Junior High school bands will be a feature of the parade.

Judging the costumes will be Mayor Fay Carver, Mrs Bertha Hanscom and Emmett Whitham of Ashland.

Second Sabin Polio Clinic Planned in Happy Camp Tuesday

Happy Camp — The second Sabin oral Polio clinic will be held here Tuesday at the elementary school from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This clinic will be for Type II which has been declared safe. Accirding to the Siskiyou County Health department. Type III will not be given until a later date when and if it is declared safe.

At the first clinic here last month when Type 1 was given, more than 600 persons took advantage of the mass immunization program.

FREEMAN MASON
Running For Reelection

Mayor Mason Of Central Point Seeks Third Term

Central Point—Mayor Freeman W. Mason of Central Point is seeking re-election. Twice elected to the office of mayor, he is now a candidate for a third term.

Mason, until his first term as mayor, was chairman of the planning commision. He is at present a member of the Lions club, is a past president of the American Field Service Foreign Exchange Student organization, and is now its secretary-treasurer of the same.

The past four years under his administration have seen many changes and civic improvements in the city.

Mason said a total of 168 single family dwellings and seven duplexes has been built, at a cost of $1,594,000. This figure does not include remodeling and numerous repair projects, or commercial or business buildings.

Streets Paved

Over four-and-a-half miles of rough gravel streets have been paved and more streets are in the process of being surfaced and paved.

A much needed water reservoir is in completion stages, Mason explained, adding "I owe all the credit for growth and development to the city council. Without their co-operation, many of the above mentioned projects would have never been realized, and I want to thank each and everyone for the support given me in these past four years."

A resident of Central Point for the past 12 years, Mason is married and is the father of four children. Three are graduates of Crater High school; and one is now enrolled there. He and his family reside at 920 Oak st.

Several Hornbrook Residents See Final World Series Games

Hornbrook — Mrs. Henley Clawson and her sister, Mrs. Albert Wedin of Yreka, drove to San Francisco Oct. 11 where they waited out the rain and storms in order to attend the last two games of the World Series.

They were joined there by their brother-in-law, Guy Kraft of Colton, Calif., and their nephew, Mike Tyrer, of Sacramento, both of whom had hoped to see the games but were unable to remain long enough.

On Sunday, Mr. Wedin joined the group in San Francisco, and attended the games with Mrs. Wedin and Mrs. Clawson, the three of them returning home after the last game.

Boy Scout Troop 40 Needs a Scoutmaster

Central Point — With the recent resignation of the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 40 here the group is left without a leader, according to John Snooks, District Commissioner for the Scouts in this area.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the local organizer at 664-1845.

Regional News

Gold Hill Adults Invited To Party Honoring Teachers

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Gold Hill—All adults in the Gold Hill area are invited to attend a community Halloween party honoring teachers and personnel of Patrick and Hanby Elementary schools and Crater high school.

The event will be held Tuesday, October 30 at 8 p.m. at Gold Hill Grange hall. It is sponsored by nine Gold Hill organizations. Each group will provide a program number.

Mrs. Daniel Stewart and Mrs. Charles Stripling of Amethyst Rebekah lodge are co-chairmen. Other sponsoring groups are Odd Fellows lodge; Health unit; Garden club; Grange; Past Noble Grands club; Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club; Parent-teacher association; and Lions club.

All adults are urged to attend whether or not they are a member of an organization. All women attending, except teachers and school personnel are to bring a pie, any kind, to be served during the refreshment hour.

Prizes will be awarded for costumes in five categories best man's; best woman's; best couple; funniest costume; and most original idea. Costumes are not mandatory. Those who do not wish to costume are urged to come join the fun anyway.

The grand-march and judging of costumes will take place at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Stewart stressed and urged all who plan to participate in the masqurade to be there at that time.

Various committees will be named by the different organizations.

New Chief Criminal Deputy Is Employed

Yreka—Sheriff A. B. Cottar of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's department announced that he has hired a 31-year-old former investigator from Costa Mesa, Calif., for the job of chief criminal deputy in his department.

Harold Ross Lane began his duties last week at the sheriff's office.

Lane was formerly employed as a director of a southern California industrial security firm and served as a detective with the Long Beach, Calif., police department.

Richard L. Newton, 31, of Yreka is the former chief criminal deputy and is now operating a private investigation service here in Yreka.

Montague Rotarians View Illustrated Talk on Telstar

Montague — An illustrated lecture on the Telstar was given by Floyd Dill, manager of Pacific Telephone in Yreka, for the Montague Rotary Club at its weekly dinner meeting at the club room in the Montague Auditorium October 15.

Tom Dickinson, president, conducted the meeting, which was well attended by local members as well as several from the Yreka club.

The group recently purchased a large combination electric-wood range for use in the Community Club kitchen.

Roland Washburn Seeks Four Year GH Council Term

Gold Hill — Roland Washburn, who is seeking election to a four-year seat on the Gold Hill city council, has resided here since 1942.

He says that he feels it an obligation that everyone should be interested in doing at one time or another. All should do a share in city affairs, he added and, this seems the time he should run for councilman, he explained.

The candidate has been associated for the last year and a half with the Bill Colley Real Estate at Central Point. Washburn said his previous employment as a mill worker at Double D and Jeddeloh Brothers made it impossible for him to participate in city affairs prior to this time.

Washburn graduated with the class of 1946 from old Gold Hill high school. He and his wife, Beverly reside at 1054 Second ave.

The couple has three youngsters: Carol, an eighth grader; Patricia, a seventh grader, and Larry, a fifth grader, all students at Hanby Elementary school. Mrs. Washburn was president of the Gold Hill PTA during the 1961-62 school year.

FINALLY TAMED

Keokuk, Iowa — (UPI) — The Iowa Federation of Humane Societies adopted a resolution over the week end asking the state legislature to designate dogs "domestic animals."

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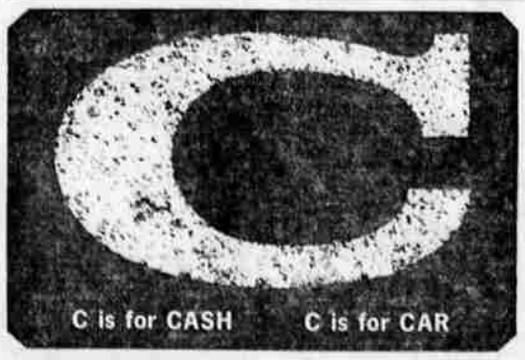

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