

Regional Roundup

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The drive from Medford to Grants Pass and return got a little shorter last week with the opening of the freeway link between the Seven Oaks interchange west of Central Point to the Crater Lake interchange at the north end of Medford.

Motorists can now get an idea of what the trip from one city to the other will be like in years to come, since the freeway is virtually complete between them. All that remains to be done, it appears, is to complete a bridge over the railroad tracks just west of the Seven Oaks interchange. Temporarily, two-way traffic shares one two-lane bridge at that point.

It is a beautiful, modern drive. We got an idea of how fast a trip it has become the other night when we drove from Medford, seven miles northwest of Grants Pass, to Medford. We recall seeing a clock that read 7:40 at a house in Medford just before we left. When we passed the U.S. National bank temperature sign in downtown Medford, it informed us that the hour was 8:15. That's 35 minutes for a 37-mile trip, assuming that the clock in Medford and the bank sign were somewhat synchronized.

We like the new Seven Oaks to Medford link of the freeway especially. It offers a prettier view of the mountains and the Table Rocks than one gets from the old highway.

Memories and Cobras

When Priscilla Averill, our Grants Pass correspondent, read one of the ads last week promoting the "I Was Bitten by a King Cobra" story by William Haast in yesterday's "Family Weekly," it brought back memories, she reports. To be exact, it took her back Florida.

"Regularly for some months," she recalls, "we received a weekly letter from



SIGN OF THE TIMES—Opening of new freeway link by-passing Central Point prompted location of this new service station near the freeway on Pine st., Central Point. It'll open Dec. 1. Jim Brewold of Medford is proprietor.

to 1940 when she was secretary to an executive of Pan American Airways in Miami, an aircraft worker in New Jersey who wanted a job with Pan American in Miami. Finally my boss said, "Send for him, if only to save us from getting any more letters. Anyone who wants a job THAT bad has got to go good at it."

"Well, he came, and he WAS good at overhauling aircraft engines—but he sure had a crazy hobby, snakes. We even felt sorry for his wife, having to put up with snakes all over the place."

The man's name, of course, was Bill Haast.

"Now I finally know what made him so anxious to get to Miami," Mrs. Averill comments, "what better climate for bringing up a family of tropical snakes?"

Haast is now director of the Miami Serpenterium, which prompted Mrs. Averill to conclude, "It turns out that snakes were the real business at hand, and it's the aircraft engines that were the hobby!"

First Products Rolling Off Assembly Line At New Electronics Plant

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Grants Pass — The first products of Grants Pass' budding electronics industry are now rolling off the assembly line at the new Textron plant here.

Officially known as Oregon Technical Products, Division of Textron Oregon, Inc., the company is assembling cable harnesses as its initial product and expects to start on a government contract for portable mine detectors this spring.

Plant manager Ted Matthews said that hiring of production workers, which started this month through the Grants Pass office of the State Employment service, will be stepped up slowly, reaching a pro-

duction force of 50 by mid-spring.

The present building, he added, is designed for 100 workers—with plans for further expansion if business warrants it.

The plant, which buys components on a nationwide bid basis and assembles them into electronics products, hopes for subcontracts to handle anything in the electronics assembly area, Matthews said.

Textron Oregon, Inc., is one of approximately 35 diversified companies owned by Textron, Inc., whose main offices are located at Providence, R.I.

The local company occupies a 10,000 square-foot plant on ten acres of ground in Cave-man Industrial Park on the north edge of Grants Pass.

Plant officers, in addition to Matthews, include: Claude Logue, production supervisor; Mrs. Ruth Mourer, chief accountant; Jerome Harmon, purchasing agent; and Robert Stansbury, quality control supervisor.

Prospect Residents Go Out Elk Hunting

Prospect — A number of Prospect residents have been away on elk hunting trips recently.

One party went to Lehman springs in the John Day area. The party included Charles Skeeters, Richard Skeeters and son Chuck, Lester Gordon, Donald Smith, Roy Unruh and son Dick Hinny.

In another party were Clinton Snodgrass and John Renfro.

Calvin Sargent, his brother, Marvin Sargent and Herman St. Clair all went to the vicinity of Seneca in Eastern Oregon.

Also out hunting were Mr. and Mrs. Vic Chapman, Jack DeRoiser, Sr. from Aitkin, Minn., Neil Christianson from Medford, Clifford Chapman and Roger Snider.

Yreka Firms Is Successful Bidder On Salmon Timber

Yreka — The Pine Mountain Lumber company of Yreka was the successful bidder for 8.8 million board feet of timber in the Salmon River Working circle according to an announcement by Supervisor Joseph F. Thornton of the Klamath National Forest.

The sale, consisting of 3.2 million feet of pine, 5.2 million feet of Douglas fir and 4 million feet of White fir and Cedar is located near Forks of Salmon in the Indian Creek drainage area.

Since the Pine Mountain Lumber Company was the only bidder at the oral auction, award of the sale at the

advertised prices has been made. Total advertised value of the sale is \$41,670.

Sid E. Ziegler, forester for the Pine Mountain Lumber company, and Timber Management Assistant R. C. Nute of the Salmon River Ranger district will meet in the near future to make arrangements for the start of road construction and other matters necessary for successful operation of the sale.

Project sales officer Olyn W. Gould will have direct charge of the sale.

Sams Valley PTA Plans Dec. 1 Event

Sams Valley — A chili feed followed by movies will be sponsored by Sams Valley Parent Teacher association on Saturday, December 1.

Purpose of the event is to raise funds to purchase Christmas treats for youngsters of this area. Treats are presented each year by the PTA when Santa makes his appearance

after the school play at Christmas time.

Mrs. Fred Robertson, wife of the PTA president, and Mrs. Robert Cronkrite have charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Robertson said for this benefit affair the menu will consist of chili, french bread, tossed salad, dessert and beverage. Serving will commence at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria at a cost of 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

The movies, commencing at 8 p.m., will be shown in the school auditorium. Titles of them are "A Double in Blue" and "Manetova Trail." Both are on Canada.

Shady Cove-Trail Fire Election Slated Dec. 3

Shady Cove-Trail — The Shady Cove-Trail Rural Fire Protection district will hold its annual election Monday, Dec. 3.

Two directors will be elected this year, one for a full term of five years, the other to serve out the unexpired term of A. J. Conner.

The election will be held at the fire hall in Shady Cove from 2 to 8 p.m.

There is just one candidate for each post, but write-ins are permitted.

Floyd Kelley is running for reelection for the five year term.

James C. Wilson is running for the two-year term to fill the unexpired term of Conner.

Rogue River Parents Plan Project To Aid Kindergarten

Rogue River — Rogue River Kindergarten parents at their November meeting again decided to sponsor as their annual fund raising project "Have Santa, Will Travel."

Word has been received from Santa that he will be in the area on the evenings of Dec. 12 and 13. Parents of small children living in or near Rogue River who wish to arrange a pre-Christmas visit from Santa are urged to call Mrs. Camden at JU 2-3378 or Mrs. Killingworth at JU 2-1112 on or before Dec. 3.

Funds realized from the project will be used to make improvements at the school and to purchase additional equipment.

Donations of toys, games, books or records for preschool youngsters will be greatly appreciated by the school.

The December meeting of the parents will be held on Dec. 3 at the home of Mrs. R. J. Camden.

Considerate Applegate Valley Resident Turns His Caged Bear Loose

Applegate Valley — This is not the story of a bear that was caught, but the bear that was turned loose.

Harry Dunlap, Ruch, out of consideration for his caged bear, took the 230 pound black bruin back to the woods from which he was captured and turned him loose.

Dunlap's two sons, Marion and Vern, were along, and they describe the escape as one that "really gave the hounds a chase."

Dunlap, who is an octogenarian, had enjoyed hunting and trapping in his earlier years, and caught the bear in a harmless trap door cage about a month ago.

Regional Calendar

Central Point — Monday, The Sportsman's club will hold regular monthly meeting at the clubhouse in Central Point.

Central Point — Tuesday, Lions club will meet at Pioneer club for regular meeting.

Ashland — Tuesday, noon, Ashland Chamber of Commerce will meet at Mark Anthony hotel, Stanley Jobe, superintendent of Ashland schools, will tell his impressions of new education methods as observed in Lexington, Mass. schools on a recent visit.

SOC History Teacher Speaks To CP Pupils

Central Point — Dr. Arthur Taylor, history professor at Southern Oregon college, was guest speaker to six fifth grade classes at Central Point elementary school, Nov. 16. Dr. Taylor showed slides of the Oregon Trail and gave a lecture on the differences in the Oregon Trail when first traveled and the Oregon Trail today.

Veterans' Claims Being Reviewed

Yreka — Siskiyou County Service Officer Howard K. Cramer today stated veterans' multiple sclerosis claims previously filed but denied are now being reviewed under provisions of a new law.

According to Cramer, recently enacted Public Law 87-674 allows a 7-year presumptive period rather than the former 3-year period for presumption of service connection in multiple sclerosis among veterans. Accordingly, the Veterans Administration is reviewing case files of previously denied multiple sclerosis cases.

Cramer suggests that it is possible for certain cases to be missed, and urges veterans wishing to reactivate their claims for possible service connection of multiple sclerosis to check with the Siskiyou County Service Office at the courthouse in Yreka.

CLOTHING AVAILABLE

O'Brien — The clothing bank at the O'Brien church has a supply of used clothing available for those in need. A large number of shoes have been brought in, and a variety of different sizes in garments is available. Mrs. Edward Michels is in charge of the bank and may be contacted by calling O'Brien 2371.

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)

Monday
6:00—Newsbeat North State
6:15—Huntley-Brinkley
6:30—Gallant Men
7:30—Chrysler
8:00—Ritteman
9:00—Stoney Burke
10:00—Ben Case
11:00—ABC Late News
11:30—Sportscast
11:35—Tonight Show
12:25—Late News
Tuesday
9:30—Educational
10:00—Price Is Right
10:30—Concentration
11:00—Jane Wyman
11:30—Yours for a Song
12:00—Ernie Ford Show
12:30—Father Knows Best
1:00—Loretta Young
1:30—TV Bingo
2:00—Day in Court
2:30—Middie Report
3:00—Seven Keys
3:30—Queen for a Day
4:00—Who Do You Trust
4:30—American Bandstand
4:30—Discovery
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to save on food here!

PORK ROASTS

PICNIC STYLE

Lean, Tender
Young Cuts from
Corn-Belt Porkers .

33^c

lb.

PORK STEAKS

Just The Lean
Tender Cuts
From The Middle..

49^c

lb.

SANDWICH SIZE BOLOGNA

Any Size
Piece.....

39^c

lb.

SORAN'S FRYERS

BREASTS or DRUMSTICKS

Flash
Frozen.....

49^c

lb.

SUGAR Spreckels Granulated	10-Lb. Bag	79^c
TOMATO JUICE Golden Poppy	46-Oz. Tin	25^c
CORNER BEEF Hereford	12-Oz. Tin	39^c
EVAPORATED MILK Cottage	Tall Tin	10^c
DILL PICKLES Kosher Style	58-Oz. Jar	59^c
BREAD Gamer's Oven Fresh	22 1/2-Oz. Loaf	4 for 99^c
BLEACH Sani-Clor Plastic Container	Gallon	39^c
CHILI CON CARNE Nalley's Mild or Hot With Beans	30-Oz.	49^c
DOG FOOD Delight	10-Lb. Bag	99^c
EGGS, AA LARGE Farm Fresh	Dozen	43^c

LETTUCE

Large, sweet, solid
heads — New crop
Arizona

10^c

each

Large 40 Size — Florida Pinks

GRAPEFRUIT

Fancy Red Delicious—Crisp—Snappy

12 for \$1

Loaded with flavor

APPLES

Lb. **10^c**

BAKED GOODS

WESTGATE BAKERY

MAPLE BARS Each **5^c**

DUTCH APPLE COFFEE CAKE
8-Inch Size **39^c**

CINNAMON ROLLS **6/25^c**

CINNAMO NUT-BREAD **29^c**

MAKARON CUPS **6/29^c**

Prices Effective Through Wednesday

We Reserve the Right To Limit Quantities

Oregon FOOD STORES

MEDFORD—Westgate Center
MEDFORD—13th and Central
ASHLAND—Gateway Shop. Center

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