

Regional Roundup

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WHERE'S THE SNOW?—This photo of Crater Lake, taken eight days ago, bears little resemblance to the winter snow scenes of the lake displayed on post cards.

The absence of normal amounts of snow at high elevations this winter can be noted by taking a trip up Highway 62 to Crater Lake. We took such a trip Sunday, Jan. 24 just before the storm of last week began. The storm dropped a welcome 35 inches of new snow at the lake, bringing the amount of snow on the ground up there to 46 inches. Compare that figure with 72 inches last year at this date, and 71 inches the year before.

When we visited Crater Lake last winter, we hit snow between Prospect and Union Creek. As we approached the lake, snow was piled so high on either side of the road that one could not see over it. And the rim of the lake itself was covered with a thick blanket of white.

On our trip of Jan. 27, we did not see any snow until we reached the junction of highways 62 and 230, the road to Diamond Lake. There we saw a little snow on the ground, but the pavement of the road was still bare. Even the pavement of highway 230, which, according to the sign posted at the junction, was "closed by snow blockade beyond this point," was bare as far as the eye could see. There was snow along the roadside as we drove into the park, but no more than a foot or two at any point. And the inside of the lake's rim was virtually bare, although last week's snowfall may have given it more of a white blanket.

The clear weather during most of January apparently stimulated travel to Crater Lake National Park. On the first two weeks end of the month, park officials report an average of 120 cars visited the area. Last year the average for the same two week ends were 70 cars. Traffic is counted only on week ends during the off season.

Meeting With the Groundhogs

We attend the Eagle Point Grange Groundhog dinner yesterday along with about 500 others, including R. E. Nealon, who will undoubtedly have something to say about it Friday. The large attendance was gratifying to the grangers, who needed to pull off a successful fund raising event after their hall was damaged during the Dec. 2 flood. (The "Little" Butte creek which runs by the hall even looked pretty savage yesterday.)

We understand that special thanks are in order for Mrs. W. E. Davies, who was chairman of the dinner, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cearley, who donated the dinner's traditional sausage. Charlie Hoover expressed thanks to all the news media for the promotion given the event.

Crater High School

By KAREN GRIGGS

Central Point—The Future Homemakers will hold their primary elections Tuesday at Crater High School.

On Wednesday a representative of the women's armed forces will be at Crater to speak to all the girls interested in an army career. "The Boy that Changed the World," will be presented Thursday at 8 p.m. by the Thespians in the multi-purpose room with performances Friday at 2 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Crater International Relations club will be attending the mock Punta del Este conference to be held at Eugene at the University of Oregon campus. Eight delegates will be going to the conference representing Brazil. Several pre-conferences have been held to prepare the delegates for the Eugene conference.

Prospect—Miss Billie May Wayman has returned home the Rogue Valley hospital where she was taken for treatment of blood poisoning in her foot. She was there three days.

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Gold Hill Council Asked To Grant Tavern Building Permit

Gold Hill—Mayor Milton Steinmetz called a special meeting of the Gold Hill city council last week to act upon the application of Terry Shepard for license to operate the Sportsman's Tavern at 336 Second avenue.

Shepard purchased the tavern business from Carl Woods. Shepard stated that Al Robertson would be chief bartender at the tavern when he took over the operation of the business from Woods. He plans to be in close touch

with Robertson, however, at all times he said.

Steinmetz appointed a committee of councilmen, Hilton Brignal, L. L. Martin, and Roland Washburn to meet with W. J. Jones to investigate the work Jones plans to do to determine whether or not a building permit should be issued.

The council agreed that a permit be issued to Jones if the committee felt that circumstances warranted it. It was reported to the council that Jones had commenced work without a building permit.

The building code ordinance

adopted by the former council last April was read by city recorder Ferd Jones and reviewed by the new council during the special meeting, in the presence of W. J. Jones.

Mayor Steinmetz said a drawing by the committee of Jones' plans will be submitted to the council at the regular meeting tonight for consideration.

The mayor said a report will be given also Monday night concerning trees along city streets that were previously reported as being a hazard. A committee was assigned to investigate this at the January council session.

Siskiyou County Girls To Attend Youth Conference

Siskiyou County—Linda Klingler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Klingler of Fort Jones and Ronda Eller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eller of Montague have recently been chosen to represent the county in the state convention of the Food for Youthpower Conference.

They will go to Asilomar Feb. 15 to 17 with an adult chaperone.

These two young people were chosen from a large number of aspirants by a large committee consisting of Roger Zwaniger and Mrs. George Flock of the county Farm Bureau office; Mrs. Ed Hart, president of the Cowbells; Bill Ruddiman of the Farm Advisors office; Robert Eller, meat packer; Miss Marilyn Bruns and Mrs. Vivien Wilson, county school health nurses; Mrs. Ray Jones, cafeteria manager; and Mrs. Estelle Green and Mrs. Buelah Schroeder, home economics teachers.

Benefits Youth

Youthpower is specifically for the benefit of America's 21 million teen-agers. It provides additional opportunity to learn about the vital importance of food for everyday living, and the many food-related career opportunities available.

Youthpower is a non-commercial and non-commodity program sponsored by the food industry—from farm to table. Local, state and national committees direct the program. The National Food Conference sponsors nationwide activity.

The nationwide program will be climaxed at the National Youthpower Congress to take place in Chicago March 27 to 30. There they will hear important national speakers and will work with leading authorities on food and nutrition and food-related careers. All delegates will be guests of the food industry for the entire trip.

Regional Calendar

Eagle Point—Monday, 7:30 p.m., Eagle Point Lions dinner meeting at Community building.

Eagle Point—Tuesday, 8 p.m., Eagle Point City Council will meet in the library of the city hall.

Central Point—Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Crater Garden club will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friesen, 606 Beall lane.

Central Point—Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Crater Boosters club will meet at the Pioneer club on Pine st. All parents and persons interested in wrestling, as well as other sports are urged to attend.

Central Point—Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Faber building.

Phoenix—Monday, 7:30 p.m., city council meeting at community building, First st.

Phoenix—Tuesday, Phoenix volunteer firemen will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month during February and March.

Lone Pine—Tuesday, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., fourth grade Camp Fire Girls, Lone Pine school cafeteria, Mrs. Mason, leader.

Cave Junction—Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., ladies of auxiliary of Illinois Valley Volunteer fire department will prepare pot luck dinner for firemen and themselves at fire hall. Separate business meetings will follow.

Gold Hill—Monday, 7 p.m., Gold Hill city council will meet in the council chamber at the city hall.

Gold Hill—Tuesday, after school, Girl Scout troop 55 will meet at the Scout room in the old city hall building.

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

at the Scout hall on Fourth ave.

Gold Hill—Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Paul D. Goodwin, 1962 winner of United Nations essay contest sponsored by Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges will speak in the multi-purpose room at Patrick Elementary school. The public is invited to attend. Urged to attend are sophomore and junior high school students and their parents.

Gold Hill—Tuesday, 1 p.m., Gold Hill Health unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Boye, highway 99 north.

Gold Hill—Tuesday, after Paul Goodwin's speech at Patrick school, Odd Fellows lodge 129 will hold a regular business meeting at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Gold Hill—Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., winners of Amethyst Rebekah lodge attendance contest are invited to dinner at the home of Mrs. Earl Moore, Lampman road. Lossing etam will host the dinner. At 8 p.m. following the dinner a regular session of Amethyst Rebekah lodge 97 will be held also at the Moore home.

Gold Hill—Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will meet in the council chamber at the city hall.

Gold Hill—Thursday, 8 p.m., Gold Hill Grange will meet at the grange hall on Sixth ave.

Rogue River—Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Foots Creek Home Extension unit will meet at home of Mrs. Loyd Morrow on Wards Creek rd. The topic will be "Food Buying" given by Mrs. Keith Palmerton, Miss Joan Beasley of the Jackson County Extension office will talk on "Wills and Estates."



TEACHING TRICKS—Dick Perry, father of Dr. Jim Perry, Central Point veterinarian, rides Leo Jacket, a former race horse the Perrys are grooming for rodeo action.

Regional News

Official Explains Why Some Firemen Couldn't Touch Auction Fire

Phoenix—A number of people who watched a fire destroy a hay barn and equipment at the Rogue Valley Livestock, Inc. near here wondered why trucks from three fire departments which responded to the alarm could not put out the fire although it was outside their districts.

"A district is a quasi-municipal corporation whose money is in trust," explained Medford Lawyer Bill Kellington, who helped establish the Medford rural fire protection district to apply for protection, as that of a city. It can't spend money to fight a fire outside a district and pay taxes for that fire protection," Kellington said.

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Medford Trail Riders To Meet Saturday

Medford Trail Riders, held their regular board meeting Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Swinney of 1478 Spring st., Medford.

The next regular meeting will be held at Eagle Point, Saturday, February 9, at 8 p.m. in the Scout Community building.

CAMP ESCAPEE

Yreka—Frank Chester Massett was booked at Siskiyou county jail here Saturday on an escape charge. Massett attempted to escape from Clear Creek Honor camp on the Klamath river earlier in the day, but was apprehended a few hours later.

ELECTION SET

Phoenix—New officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Footlighters to be held at 8 o'clock at the Footlighters theatre.

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Bill Kennedy Named CP Jaycee Officer

Central Point—Bill Kennedy was appointed to finish out the unexpired term of the first vice president, Ivan Burton, at the last meeting of the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The membership drive now in progress is officially in full swing at this time. Anyone of Jaycee age and interested in joining the club is invited to attend the next meeting, to be held Feb. 7 at 7:30, in the Faber building.

Jim & Dick Perry Work At Training Former Race Horse for Rodeo

By MARY ALICE BRUSHA
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Central Point—Dr. Jim Perry, Central Point veterinarian, with the help and training of his father, Dick Perry, is in the process of preparing a former race horse for the rodeo arena, teaching him all the tricks of roping.

The horse is Leo Jacket, a registered American Quarter horse, who stands 15 hands, two inches high, weighs 1,200 pounds, and was sired by Leo Reed.

Dr. Perry is a professional rodeo contestant. His dad, Dick, is in the amateur class, but that is only in the terms of money. One has only to see this father and son team on the rodeo grounds to know the elder Perry is quite an expert himself.

In the Portland Meadows Futurity races in 1961, Leo Jacket was first place winner in the qualifying trials and third place winner for two year olds.

The Perrys saw in this horse the same qualities so many other breeders of horses had seen, the possibility of the perfect horse for speed, confirmation and working ability.

Dr. Perry believes the Leo Reed blood line is "the best that can be obtained. It goes back forty years. He noted that other colts winning in the 1961 Futurity races were of the same strain.

Dick Perry has been a breeder and trainer of horses ever since his boyhood days, although he says it was not until the depression days of 1932 that he actually got commercially involved.

Along the Gila River, in Arizona, he went in partnership with two brothers and a couple of other men. They bought 1,000 head of wild horses. Horses were cheap, selling from \$10 up, including some good blood lines. In 1935, the group ferreted out the weak and crippled and proceeded to sell them to a California company for the dog and cat food industry.

Rodeo events, like everything else in those days, were at a stand still. Money was scarce. A \$2 day was a big win, a real haul. Once Dick recalls he was paid forty cents for an all day's performance, and then the crowd passed the hat.

From the wild horse venture, Dick said he learned all the tricks of the horse, and realized the place he loved most was the rodeo arena.

The 3,000-year old sport of horse racing wasn't just what he wanted to do.

Roping steers was his choice in horsemanship. But he yet had to find the right horse, one exactly right in bone structure. Speed too was important, and weight.

In 1944 the Perrys came to live in the Rogue valley. Jim continued with his studies in the veterinary field, roping in the competition races.

Al Muse, Eagle Point, is the legal owner of Leo Jacket. The Perrys have him under a two year lease, at the end of which time they believe he will have mastered all the tricks of the arena. He has not been retired from racing, just being trained for workability. In the meantime, he will be standing at stud for outside mares.

Four-H Youths To Study Government

Among the 70 Oregon 4-H youths who will study Oregon's state government first-hand Feb. 7, 8 and 9 in Salem at the sixth annual Oregon 4-H club conference will be two from Jackson county and one from Josephine county.

The conference is called "Know Your State Government."

Attending from Jackson county will be Mike Elmore, Applegate, and Carol Foote, Central Point. From Josephine county will be Maryeda Frost, Grants Pass.

All counties will be represented at the conference. Delegates must have completed three years of 4-H club work and be currently enrolled as 4-H members.

Four 4-H club members will be chosen for expense-paid trips to the national 4-H club conference in Washington, D.C., in April at the end of the conference.

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Ways of Solving Hornbrook Water Problem Outlined

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Hornbrook—One of the largest crowds ever to attend a public meeting here last week heard a number of experts on the subject discuss the water problems of the area and suggestions as to possible solutions to the problem.

The meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Grange hall. Local rancher Marion G. Ch introduced Russel Franson, who conducted the meeting. Franson, a civil engineer, is a member of the special studies section, northern branch, Department of Water Resources of the state of California at Sacramento.

In addressing the assembly, he outlined the six steps necessary to begin a water project, as follows:

1. To create local interest, define the area's need, realize something has to be done, and
2. To become a public agency, and to determine, with the assistance of the district attorney, or other legal counsel, what type of agency the area wants, such as "a" district or a part of an already existing Soil Conservation district,
3. To create a group to investigate the type of district or agency best suited to the area and to the solution of its distinct water problems,
4. To arrange for a private engineering firm to do a reconnaissance study of the area to determine which project is best suited,
5. To arrange for a feasibility study to be made by engineers, economists, financial experts, etc.,
6. To design and construct a dam.

After presenting these six steps, Franson called on a number of men present to discuss various phases and ideas to be considered.

Speaker

First to speak was Robert E. Foley, a supervising engineer, chief of special studies section, northern branch, Department of Water Resources of the state of California at Sacramento.

business, explained some of the problems of Water Resources, state of California, Sacramento. Foley, a veteran of 30 the provisions of the Davis-Grunsky Water Act, an act to help local people when a proposed water project is beyond the financial capability of the local people involved.

If the preliminary reports indicate the project is feasible, the state can then loan money for the project. Construction loans must be paid up in 50 years. Payments the first ten years apply to interest only.

Funding for the feasibility study is provided for in the Davis-Grunsky act, and must be paid off in the first ten years. The cost of design, i.e., plans and specifications, are included in the loan.

A question was raised concerning water rights, and Foley's reply was that before impounding any water, a proposal to do so must be presented to the water rights board, and he stressed the point that legal counsel should be secured before preparing the proposal.

Previous Study

A statement was made by John Lenz of the Soil Conservation service in Yreka to the effect that a previous study had been made of the Hornbrook area and that it is already a part of the Shasta Valley Soil Conservation district, and as such, has been allotted 20 per cent of the engineering time of the

S.V.S.C.D.

If the local group wishes to renew its application for a loan made two years ago under Public Law 368, it would be done through the regional office of the S.V.S.C.D. at Redding.

At the time this previous study was made, a ratio of 1-1 benefit to cost, was arrived at, but a new present-day study may show the ratio to have changed.

The Small Projects section of the United States Bureau of Reclamation has a number of programs to offer under which a project may be constructed, and one or more of these programs may be combined. This statement was made by Smith Ketchum, chief of Small Projects section of the U.S.B.R. at Sacramento.

He further stated that the Small Reclamation Project section is empowered to loan money to agencies which have the power to pay back to the U. S. money used to build small reclamation projects, not more than 50 per cent of which project may be used for recreation (a non-reimbursable cost). He recommended highly that the group seek professional legal help in presenting an application for assistance and in starting repayment contract negotiations.

Gene Pollan of the U.S.B.R. at Klamath Falls also spoke. Ask for Grant Randall Reeves of the State

Soil Conservation commission explained that the S.C.S. has \$100,000 per year to grant S.C. projects, and that the state usually asks for matching funds. He suggested that when the proper time comes, the local group ask the S.V.S.C.D. to prepare a request for an 1144 grant.

Next to be introduced was Bill Fox of the state office of the S.C.S. at Berkeley, and a member of the watershed planning commission, who suggested that a steering committee be set up to study all phases of the project with other interested local groups, such as chambers of commerce and the county board of supervisors.

The Forest Service, the Fish and Game commission, the Bureau of Land Management—all can come into the project and lend assistance along the line, he said.

In this connection, Ed Edwards of the Klamath River Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly of the interest of the chamber in every aspect of life along the Klamath river. He and Chester Barton, both of Horse Creek, were present at the meeting as representatives of this newly organized civic group.

Acreage

A question was asked as to how many acres of land would be benefited by the proposed Hornbrook project, and Foley, in replying, stated approximately 3,000 acres, roughly, and 9,000 acre feet of water would be needed for irrigation of this land, in addition to what would be needed to bolster the town's domestic water supply.

His answer to a question as to what formula is used in arriving at whether a proposed project is feasible was as follows:

1. Crops and crop pattern—those grown or those that could be grown.
2. Cost of providing water to the land on which these crops are grown.
3. Length of growing season.
4. Price of each connection to the service.
5. Classification of lands in area to be serviced.
6. Cost of getting water to fields on steep hillsides—if too great, then better located lands are considered first.
7. Cost of producing crops, and amount of water needed.
8. The capability of the land to produce a crop which is salable.

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