

Provolt Area May Get Toll Free Calls To Grants Pass

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William s—Subscribers within the service area of the Service Telephone company have received a personal letter from Don F. Gibbs, owner and operator of the independent company, announcing his exchange of stock with another independent, Sunnyside Telephone company of Clackamas, Oregon.

Of major interest to parties concerned is the possibility of toll free calls to Grants Pass within the next few months. Calls of this nature were metered at different intervals recently and the traffic was

termed "heavy enough" to substantiate a "no toll" basis for the subscribers.

Service Telephone company serves Applegate Valley, Provolt, Williams, Murphy and Applegate.

Through Gibbs' efforts and accomplishments, many improvements have been realized and witnessed by subscribers in the past 10 years of his ownership and operation.

For a few comparisons of interest, Thompson Creek subscribers will recall, 10 years prior, when there were 35 parties sharing a single line. Now there are five. Very few lines throughout the area will serve more than five subscribers in the future.

There were two switchboards. One at Provolt, another (part time) at Murphy. The "part time" related to the instances when Mrs. Lillie, wife of a previous owner, had an appointment or shopping trip and had to leave the board. Mr. Lillie would gladly replace her until a line needed repairing or attention of some nature. He would then leave the switchboard and work on the damaged line.

Ninety-seven subscribers were being served a decade ago in comparison to approximately 380 today.

Service Telephone company will retain its identity under the same name, while local manager will be Joseph Betencourt, Murphy.

Betencourt will continue to employ the same staff of operators and linemen. Additional help will be employed from the local community as a billing department will be included at the Murphy office.

Mrs. Herbert Quinn, Murphy, will be sent to Portland for special training and instructions of billing procedures.

Gibbs will continue service operations and ownership with the Redwoods Telephone company, serving Illinois Valley, Cave Junction, Selma and O'Brien.



POLICEMAN PERFORMS MAGIC—Traffic Lieutenant Carl S. Pike of Grand Rapids, Mich., a professional magician as well as a police officer, will present a "magic" program featuring safety lessons at 33 high schools in Oregon during the next few weeks. He is scheduled to be at Crater High school at 10 a.m. next Tuesday.

New Talent Fire District Needs More Volunteers

Talent—Additional volunteer firemen are needed by night, after which they heard the newly formed Talent Rural Fire Protection district, representatives from Western Fire Apparatus, Inc. chairman of the district concerning fire fighting equipment for the new district.

The district plans to employ several full-time paid firemen, but volunteers will still be needed in addition to class 10 with respect to fire them, Heim explained.

Persons interested in volunteer fire service may contact Heim at 535-1261. well equipped fire trucks and Members of the district a well trained fire department of directors were sworn in, the classification could

Central Point Council Seeking New Councilman, Attorney

Central Point—The resignations of Councilman Cliff Ayres and City Attorney Kent Blackhurst were accepted by the Central Point City Council this week. Both resigned because of the press of other duties.

Ayres was appointed to the council last fall to fill the unexpired term of Chet Ayres. The council will now have to appoint another successor.

Blackhurst will remain as city attorney until a replacement is found. City attorney here for the past 11 years, he told city officials he had enjoyed the many years' association with the city.

Frank Koch, and Amos Bishop, residents located in the vicinity of the Cheney Forest Products mill, complained to the council that sawdust was again plaguing the area. Both men stated the situation for the past two months had gotten progressively worse.

be changed to class 8, thereby bringing about a 58 per cent reduction in insurance premiums on structures.

It would take at least a year and possibly two or three after acquisition of such equipment to obtain the change in rating, however, it was pointed out.

The council explained it was of the impression that all the previous conditions affecting the district near the mill had been corrected. The Cheney company last summer made the necessary installations of equipment needed to lessen the fall out.

Bill Askwith, superintendent of Cheney Forest Products, reported that everything has been done in order to correct the problem. The increased fog this year hasn't helped, he said, and could possibly have been the cause for some of the recent complaints.

"But," added Askwith, "Nothing can be done to remove it all, and naturally anyone living so near the mill will expect to get some fall out." He also explained the fact that the grates are cleaned every week end.

Koch and Bishop maintained that the value of their property had greatly decreased. To this Askwith replied, "You have lowered the value of your own property by publicizing it."

Koch answered, "You cut out the sawdust and we will cut out the publicity."

Another group of unhappy people were residents from the Central Valley subdivision, requesting something be

done to correct the flood condition created in that district during the recent storm.

During the height of the flood an excess of water gave some of the property owners anxious moments. Dell Curry, one of the group, said the existing drainage was not adequate to take care of such emergencies.

Mayor Freeman Mason said the matter has already been brought to the attention of the flood committee. He suggested that Myron Corcoran, subdivider of the Central Valley project, be present at the next meeting of the flood control board at the county court.

Corcoran stated the reason for the increase of water was due to a dyke which gave way and broke, and with the

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heavy drainage of water from Beall Lane, the water followed its natural drainage for the past 20 or 25 years.

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Tablets

By R. E. NEALON
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News of the marriage of Jerry Rhodes, in Sunday's Mail Tribune, was read with interest by local people, as Jerry was a trusted and energetic worker on local farms before joining up with the U.S. Navy. He is at present stationed in Hawaii.

With all the freezing, frosty weather we have had this winter, we thought we would have fewer insects this spring and summer, but Bert Pierce, bug expert at the Modoc Orchard, says this is not the case. He took a batch of orchard insects that had been out in the open during the freezing weather, put them in a warm place, whereupon they quickly revived and went to work.

We heard Billy Graham in a recent sermon give some statistics which he said showed that the average children between the ages of four and 14 attended Sunday school for one hour each week, while they watched television four hours each day. This condition, he thought, was the cause of our large number of delinquent children.

While in a Medford store a while back, we met two Negroes, about 18 or 20 years of age, who were buying groceries. These boys looked trim and capable, with haircuts and clothes just like our local teenagers. Grandmother would have called them nice-looking colored boys. In a conversation we found them pleasant and intelligent. They had come from New York City to California, where they said it was so crowded they decided to come to Oregon. We noticed some of our fairer sex looking at the colored boys with quite a little interest, and we believe this is why the Southerners oppose integration so strongly. They believe that the young people going to the same school will bring about marriages and mixing of the races.

Jovial Time in Eagle Point
Last Sunday, we with our better half went to Eagle Point to sample the blended ground hog dinner at the Eagle Point grange hall. On arrival we were given the glad hand and a warm welcome by Charley Hoover, who escorted us to the basement banquet hall, and seated us at one of the long tables among friends mostly grangers, that we had met many times in grange halls. An aroma of sausage and gravy filled the air, and we were served by pleasant waiters who insisted that we try the many different steaming dishes of home cooked foods. While we watched the large servings of delicious home-cooked foods disappear, we thought of a speech Ben Day made some years ago at the Sams Valley grange. He said, "Never again will we farmers be troubled with surplus foods. Our problem from now on will be to produce enough food to feed the rapidly increasing population." Maybe his prophecy is coming true. All in all, this was a wonderful affair, with a sumptuous dinner and a friendly, jovial feeling prevailing among those present. Many were surprised at the efficient way the crowds were handled, going in, out, and through the halls.

A recent letter from Mrs. R. H. Garnett, Staffordshire, England tells of a bursted water pipe during the cold weather there, which in her home sprayed water on the walls that froze into icicles as it hit. Mrs. Garnett is the mother of Mrs. Donald Richardson, of Portland, and has visited here, and plans to come again to visit in March.

Thought for the day—Some manufacturers are making peachy clothes for pear shaped women.

Regional Calendar

Cave Junction—Friday, 7:30 p.m., missionary volunteers of the Seventh-day Adventist church here will meet at the church. Mrs. William Smith will show movies of animals.

Eagle Point—Saturday, 8 p.m., Medford Trailriders will meet at the scout community building.

Central Point—Sunday, 10 a.m., Little Butte Mountain Men will conduct a shoot in the granite pit across road from L. W. Lull home on Military highway.

Grants Pass—Saturday, 5 p.m., Midway roping events will be held at the arena in Grants Pass.

Central Point—Monday 8 p.m., Crater High school chapter of the American Field service will meet in the administration building. Mayor Freeman Mason, secretary-treasurer, urges all persons interested in the foreign student exchange program to attend.

Rogue River—Monday, 7:30 p.m., a donkey basketball game will be presented at Rogue River High school gym, sponsored by Rogue River Lettermen. Everyone invited.

Prospect—Tuesday, Prospect Art association will meet at home of Mrs. Archie McKillop. Mrs. Francis Pearson will speak. Location of meeting changed from home of Mrs. Emmitt Tucker Sr.

Central Point—Tuesday, 7 p.m., District 6C school board will meet in administration building. Budget committee will meet immediately following school board session.

Shady Cove—Monday, Shady Cove Garden club will meet at home of Mrs. W. C. Collopy, second house to right of Arkansas rd., between Shady Cove and Eagle Point. A talk on seed propagation will be heard.

Gold Hill—Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., benefit dance at Gold Hill Grange hall. All proceeds will go to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah building fund.

Sams Valley—Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Sams Valley Grange potluck dinner at hall. Meeting for Grangers at 8 p.m.

Gold Hill—Monday, 7:30 p.m., Golden Circle Women's group of Gold Hill Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Harvey Beaumont, Sams Valley rd.

Phoenix Community Club Board States Conditions; Business License Enacted

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Phoenix—The board of directors of the Phoenix Community club met with the city council here this week and laid down a set of conditions under which it would agree to continue with the operation of the club.

The city council took the board's demands under consideration and announced it would make a proposal of its own at a second meeting with the group.

The conditions set down by the community club board were as follows:

All community organizations should be allowed use of the hall for non-profit activities free of any rental fee. The community club board should be maintained as an advisory group to the city council much as the county parks and recreation commission is to the county court.

Teenage Program
Teenage members of the Phoenix School District 4, which includes Talent, should be allowed to use the building two nights a week, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. as part of a teenage recreation program. Two adults would be on hand during this period at all times. This program would start with junior high school students.

A Saturday night dance would be held every other month from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. for teenagers. Six adults would be obtained as chaperones by the community club board.

The city would provide heat, lights, water, garbage collection and repair and maintenance of the building as it does now. The board would assist the city in obtaining any additional revenue needed by helping to establish plans for a recreation district which would include the general Phoenix-Talent area.

The board feels the city has obtained a city hall through minor expense to the city. Board members contend that the city now uses a building and equipment obtained

through public donations and subscriptions of the general area, including residents outside the city. They feel the above proposal just and reasonable.

If the city council should not agree to these terms or any part of them, the board feels it has the right to dispose of the equipment in the building belonging to the community club as it sees fit after consulting member community organizations.

If the city council should decide not to reinstate the community club as a recreation center, then the board of directors suggested the community club sign be taken down and public notice given that the building is no longer in effect a community club.

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In other matters, the city council passed a proposal to establish a business license requirement in the city, the fee to be \$5 per year plus \$1 for each employee beginning July 1, 1963. There will be no charge for any additional employee hired after July 1, 1963 up to June 30, 1964. This fee cannot be increased for a period of five years. The money will be earmarked for a city park.

Fire Chief Speaks
Fire Chief Dave Haggard explained to the city council why the Phoenix Volunteer firemen did not fight the fire at the Rogue Valley Auction Saturday night. The barn in question was out of the city limits. Therefore, all the firemen could do was to stand by to protect property inside the city.

Fire Chief Haggard also complimented Medford Fireman Newman Caster for the excellent work he is doing in teaching the school the Phoenix firemen are attending. Chief Haggard said the firemen have learned more from this school than from any other attended.

He also suggested the city buy a new fire truck since the city is growing so rapidly, another truck would give the city more protection.

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