



WATERY KINGDOM—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Battie look over the large aquarium in their Central Point home. In addition to this large tank, one of the largest individually owned aquariums in Southern Oregon or northern California, the Batties also have more than 40 small aquariums.

Central Point Couple Plan To Found Aquarium Society

By MARY ALICE BRUSHA
Central Point—Everything a tropical fish needs to make him happy can be found in the vast breeding kingdom supplied by Wayne and Kathryn Battie in their home at 40 South Second st., here.

The wet kingdom over which the Batties rule consists of more than 40 small aquariums and one large one that Battie believes is the largest individually owned aquarium in southern Oregon and northern California.

This gigantic tank stands five feet high and is seven feet long. There are 150 pounds of sand in the bottom of the tank and numerous types of greenery.

Different kinds of fish huts are displayed along the bottom, and almost all the residents of the tank can travel through all the little housing units—that is all but the huge White Kissing Gouramie, who seems to say when to his chargin he is left outside, "OK, I'm the biggest," and leisurely continues his investigation of his empire.

150 Gallons
The tank is filled with 150 gallons of water, which is kept at 70 degree temperature by two 250 watt heaters and is equipped with a self-filtering unit. Lighting is furnished by two fluorescent lighting units.

The Batties breed and nurse all these hundreds of tropical fish. They say they actually know the exact number.

The smaller aquariums are used solely for breeding purposes.

Battie is past president of the tropical fish club associated with the Steinhart Aquarium at San Francisco. He has studied fish for some 12 years.

Organize Club
Now his ambition is to organize a similar club here in the Rogue valley, to be called the Rogue Valley Aquarium society. The first meeting of the organization will be held next Sunday, March 24 at 5 p.m. at the Batties' home, 40 South Second st., Central Point.

All persons interested in tropical fish are invited to attend this meeting, or stop by at the Batties' home anytime.

Battie feels that having home aquariums can be of great benefit both to children and adults.

"In the first place the life cycles of tropical fish are a clean and wholesome way to introduce children to birth, life and death. The fascination of birth and life can be readily seen in the aquarium," he said.

"Many tropical fish, such as the Betta, the famous Siamese fighting fish, build a floating nest of bubbles to protect the eggs. By crossbreeding, the children can experiment and even breed their own fish. For instance, by crossbreeding, you can breed fish with differing colors and physical characteristics."

Study Pollution
"The study of water pollution can be made simple and easy with an aquarium," he went on. "By introducing foreign elements to the water, effects on the fish may be studied. Amounts of acidity and alkalinity can be studied, evaluated and adjusted. Water can be taken from different sources in the community, and the resulting effect on fish and aquatic plants can be determined. The filtration equipment of the aquarium is a study in itself.

"Studies of diseases, in psychology can be made in aquarium. Getting the fish to mate and court at a certain time, inducing crossbreeding and fish movements by psychology can be educational and fun for the children."

'Rodeo' Slated In Eagle Point

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Eagle Point—More than 100 Eagle Point youngsters are expected to wheel their bicycles through a test driving course, submit them to a safety inspection and have them marked with reflective tape during the Eagle Point Junior Chamber of Commerce Bicycle "Rodeo" to be held Saturday at the Eagle Point Grade School playground.

Harold Hanscom, Jaycee chapter president, said the bicycle safety committee responsible for the program has secured a new bicycle to be used as a prize. The bicycle, a red and white Columbia with white sidewalls and twin headlights was donated by the Toy World of the Medford Shopping center. It will be given to the boy or girl scoring highest in the riding skills portion of the rodeo.

Six Eagle Point policemen will be on hand to assist the Jaycees, according to Assistant Police Chief Robert Moore, who has assisted in the planning and promotion of the program.

Registration of bicycles will begin at 1 p.m. A permanent file of the registered bicycles will be kept in the city hall to aid the police department in identifying and recovering stolen bicycles in the future. Committee chairman Keith



TESTS SCHEDULED—Margey Martin and Alexander Fidura look on as Eagle Point Assistant Chief of Police Robert Moore shows them the necessary equipment for safe operation of bicycles. This bike will be given away to the winner of the "Rodeo" Saturday afternoon.

IOOF Building Fund Has Reached \$616.22 Figure

Gold Hill — The IOOF and Rebekah lodges building fund in Gold Hill has reached \$616.22, according to Mrs. Charles Stripling, general chairman of the project.

She said at least \$3,000 will have to be raised before any work is commenced. Plans are still indefinite as to just what will be done, since this depends on finances, she said.

The old building is badly in need of repair and remodeling. Heavy wind and rain storms during recent years have caused extensive damage to the interior and exterior of the building.

All proceeds raised from various benefits staged by the Oddfellows and Rebekahs is earmarked for the IOOF building improvement project.

Mrs. Stripling stated of the \$616.22 total, \$157 of that figure was contributed by cash donations from different individuals and groups. Although some cash donations were made by members of the lodges, many were made by persons who are not members of either fraternal group, she said.

Various projects held to benefit the building fund netted \$459.22 after expenses were paid. The first fund raiser was a food sale held Jan. 26. Others took place during the month of February. The cash donations were also received during that period, she said.

The March events started with an old fashioned box social held March 2. A benefit dance is planned on Saturday, March 23, at the American Legion hall in Central Point. The Melodious Four will provide music.

Spring Clean-Up Now On In Jacksonville
Jacksonville — Jacksonville city officials announced this week that a general spring clean-up campaign is now underway here through March 30.

All residents are urged to clean up their property and remove all cans, trash and other rubbish and do their burning before summer fire restrictions become effective April 1.

Siskiyou Shrine Members Attend Annual Crab Feed

Siskiyou County — Siskiyou County Shrine club members, ladies and guests, 180 in number, attended the annual crab feed in legion hall at Greenview March 9.

Perry Harris American Legion post and auxiliary served the dinner, arrangements for which were handled by Robert Banning of Fort Jones. Instrumental music was furnished during the social hour preceding the festivities.

Ben Bisagno, president of the club, presided at the brief introduction and announcement period.

Banning presented his jeweled fez, having obtained three members for the Shrine in recent weeks.

The De Molay show and band from Sacramento will appear in Yreka High school gymnasium on April 13, under the sponsorship of the local club. Proceeds will be divided among the De Molay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters of Siskiyou county as well as the travel expenses of the group.

This band plans to make a continental tour this summer when it will play in most of the larger cities in the United States. It has appeared at the California State Fair to sellout crowds and has been well received wherever it has appeared.

Members were reminded to help boost the sales of the tickets, many of which have been mailed to the membership recently. More tickets may be obtained from Fred Arnberg, P.O. Box 1007, Yreka. The public is invited.

Regional Calendar

Jacksonville — Thursday, 8 p.m., Jacksonville City Council will meet in place of last night, when a quorum was not present.

Gold Hill — Wednesday, 8 p.m., Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith, on First avenue.

Barbed Wire Fence Erected Around IV Airport Runway
Illinois Valley — According to James Allen of the local U.S. aerial project, improvements are being made at the Illinois Valley airport.

At present a four-strand barbed wire fence is being erected around the air runway. At a later date 1,000 feet of black top will be added to the runway as a parking ramp for airplanes.

Tentative plans in the future call for building of a warehouse on the project grounds. The aerial project is located four miles south of Cave Junction on Highway 199 on the area known as Rough and Ready Flats.

Gold Hill — Thursday, 12 noon, Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will meet in the council's chamber at the city hall.

Gold Hill — Thursday, March 21 at 8 p.m., Gold Hill Grange will meet at the hall.

Sams Valley — The regular meeting of Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association will not be held Thursday, March 21 due to spring vacation in the school. Instead the next meeting will be held Thursday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Rogue River — Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., civic improvement club will hold building fund project card party. Refreshments will be served. For reservations call Mrs. Frank Cook, 582-1183.

Cave Junction — Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., driver's license examiner will be at city hall.

Cave Junction — Wednesday, 8 p.m., American Legion post will hold its social night. Reading of Americanism essays is on the program.

Student Tells of Visit To Norway

Shady Cove — Guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Shady Cove Rotary club was Garner Haupt, student body president at Medford High school and American Field Service student.

He spoke on his stay in Norway for the complete summer last year. He lived there with a family in the central part near Lake Mjosen.

The people with whom he stayed raised mink and blue fox, having 5,000 mink and 250 blue fox when he was there.

Of special interest was Mr. Haupt's telling of an overnight trip taken a long way up into the mountains to a Lake Mylebye to a fishing and hunting lodge. This lodge has been in the family of one of Shady Cove Rotarians, A. Myklebye, for generations and the lake was named for one of his ancestors. Mr. Myklebye came from Norway to the U.S. as a young man.

Polio Clinic Planned In Happy Camp Soon

Happy Camp — Sabin oral vaccine clinics for type III polio will be held during the week of March 25-29, Dr. F. W. Martin, county health officer announced recently.

Make-up clinics for all three types of Sabin vaccine will be held the week of April 22.

Type III clinic will be held in Happy Camp at the elementary school March 28 from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

The make-up clinic for all three types will be held in Happy Camp on April 23 from 3 to 7:30 p.m.



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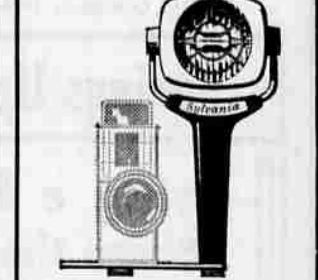
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