Prospect Residents Favor Formation Of Fire District

By VELDA BARR
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Prospect – Around 35 persons turned out here last Friday to discuss possible formation of a Prospect Rural Fire protection district.

No definite steps toward formation were announced at the meeting, but the general feeling of the group was that something needed to be done to supply the area with proper fire protection.

Present to answer questions were Chief Gordon Barker of the Medford Fire department, Chief L. C. Lisenbee of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district and William Roble of the state fire marshal's office.

Many present expressed the feeling that in the past the community of Prospect has succeeded in accomplishing projects its residents have set out to do, and that formation of a fire district should be no exception.

Anyone wishing further information about forming a rural fire protection district may contact any member of the board of directors of the Prospect Fire department.

Members of the board have been attending a weekly fire school in Shady Cove. The present fire department here is a voluntary agency, supported by donations.

Talent Council Calls For Water Job Bids

Talent – In a special session last night, the Talent City Council made ararngements to call for bids on construction and installation of the city's new water system.

Bids will be opened at a meeting on Tuesday, April 23.

The city's water development project, for which a bond issue was approved by the voters several months ago, calls for taking water out of Wagner creek. At present city water comes from wells.

TAKES LEAVE

Wilderville–Edward Colin, Airman 3C spent a 20-day leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finn Colin, of Fish Hatchery rd.

Marriages in Canada in 1961 dropped to the lowest level in 10 years, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

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Tablets

By R. E. NEALON
Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

According to reports, local pear orchards suffered very little, if any, damage from the frost. However, extensive firing of heaters was done on several nights. For some reason the black greasy soot that generally settles on lawns, houses, drapes and furniture inside of dwellings was much lighter than usual. We suppose it could have been weather conditions, or the new heaters some are using.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson were recent visitors with their son, Doug and family of Napa, Calif.

Straus Bros., Sams Valley farmers, are preparing land on the Ed Taylor farm for the seeding of grain and corn.

Agate School Bell Found

We are glad to report that the old Agate school bell has been located. We received a telephone call Friday from Mr. Fred O. Linderen of Brookings, Oregon. He said he had read in the Tablets where the old Agate school bell was missing. The bell, he says, is mounted on a cement block in Mrs. Grace Orr's yard on Orr drive, a mile more or less from where it used hang in the old Agate school house. Mrs. Orr, formerly Grace Gibbons, was a student in the Agate school. Mr. Linderen is well acquainted in the valley having lived in Medford back in the good government days. We thank him kindly for his keen interest and long distance telephone call.

We note that our legislators have passed a bill putting a sales tax on cigarettes which probably will be referred to the voters for the final verdict. It will take a lot of smoking to get enough money to anywhere near pay the damages caused by cigarettes to forests, grain fields, public buildings, homes, furniture, cars and hundreds of others besides the harm to the smokers and the cost of maintaining fire districts.

We used to write grange insurance, and during World War II we adjusted fire losses and were satisfied in our own mind that where the cause of the fire was unknown many were cigarette fires.

A letter from Paul Luy, of Palm Springs, Calif. tells that he found our story about Bill Bybee most interesting, bringing back memories of bygone days, but he had never heard our story about Bill Bybee. Glad you liked it Paul, and perhaps sometimes we can get together and talk over old times. Paul's mother was a member of the Bybee family.

Harry Truman's Humor

Some time ago we were talking with a neighbor about Harry Truman's sense of humor, when he said he was going to be around here for some time yet, regardless of what some people he knew desired. The neighbor replied that Truman's sense of humor might backfire on him one of these days, which was what mine did on one occasion, causing me quite a little embarrassment. The rest of the story will have to come later as this is getting too long and part of last week's Tablets was commercialized out.

If the weather continues as it is for a few days, the planting of onions and potatoes will get under way.

We hear tell our legislators did themselves proud, put a tax on cigarettes and took it off whiskey license, which means less smoke, more whiskey.

According to Mrs. George Loftin, her husband, our Texas democratic friend, is getting along fine. He goes out on the hillside with the tractor hunting rattlesnakes, which he says he detests, and is trying to clean out a den north of his place.

Thought for the day: Only a fool tries to reason with a fool.

Rogue River Rural Fire Board Picks Director

Rogue River—A new director has been named to the board of directors of the Rogue River Rural Fire department. He is Marvin Lemaster of Foots Creek, appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Clephen Voss.

At the same recent meeting of the fire department, Woody Frantz was elected secretary-treasurer.

Fire Chief Doug Buckle reminded residents that the burning season started April 1 and that permits are now required for outdoor burning. In the Rogue River rural area, these permits may be obtained from the state fire patrol. The rural fire department does not issue burning permits, he noted.

Chief Buckle remarked that a dry summer season may result from the light snow cover in the mountains this year. He urged that residents take extra caution in doing any burning.

The chief expressed gratitude to area residents for holding the fire loss so far this year to a record low.

The department went out on three runs during March, but in each case the fire was controlled burning, with no loss involved.

Concert at Evans Valley Set Tonight

The Rogue River and Evans Valley Elementary school bands and choruses will combine to present a series of two spring concerts, one concert to be given at each school.

The first concert will be presented this evening at 8 p.m. in the Evans Valley Elementary gym. The fifth and sixth grade chorus, under the direction of Bill Osmer, will also be featured.

The second concert will be given on April 12 at 8 p.m. in the Rogue River High school gym. The beginning band will also participate under the direction of Ken Brew.

The second concert will be a duplicate of the first and will include instrumental numbers such as "The Swan Lake Ballet," by Tchaikowsy, and "Manhattan Beach" by Sousa. The vocal selections will be taken from various types of vocal literature.

Incorporation of Mineral Industries Firm Is Approved

Cave Junction – Articles of incorporation for Mineral Industries Development, Inc., a corporation formed to develop the mineral resources of southern Oregon and northern California, have been approved by the Oregon Corporations department.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion hall in Cave Junction, at which time it is expected that shares in the corporation will be available for sale.

Directors of the corporation are Howard J. Black, president; Edward Hare, vice president; Elwood Hussey, treasurer; Orin K. Byers, secretary; Queedie L. Shaw, Harvey F. Jensen and Frank H. Stultz.

The corporation hopes to obtain a loan through the federal Area Redevelopment administration to set up a plant to process ores mined from the surrounding area.

Corporation leaders envision a plant employing 50 to 60 men, plus 300 in the mines and still more on transportation crews.

Regional Calendar

Eagle Point – Saturday, 10 a.m., all Boy Scouts in Troop 48 who are participating in the Boy Scout Circus are to meet at the Community building.

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Illinois Valley–Sunday, 10 a.m., volunteer firemen will hold ham shoot at Cecil Slack home, highway 199 one mile north of Kerby. Auxiliary will serve lunch. Proceeds will go into firemen's general fund.

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Rogue River — Saturday, cleanup day. Residents urged to put trash out early in day to be picked up.

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Gold Hill – Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., Gold Hill Health unit meeting and luncheon at North's Chuck Wagon in Medford.

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Gold Hill – Tuesday, after school, Girl Scout troop 55 meeting, scout room old city hall building.

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Gold Hill–Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout troop 43 meeting at Scout hall in IOOF building.

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Gold Hill – Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars post 7416 meeting at VFW hall, Old Stage rd.

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Gold Hill–Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., coffee hour, 1 p.m. business meeting, Woman's Society of Gold Hill Community Methodist church at the church on Fourth ave.

Chastain Named E.P. Judge; Moore To Be Police Chief

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Eagle Point – Eagle Point City Administrator Oran Chastain was elected to fill the post of municipal judge, and Assistant Chief of Police Robert Moore promoted to chief at the council meeting Tuesday evening.

This action was taken following the written resignation of Judge W. C. Rice, who stated he had moved from the community to accept work elsewhere. The council asked that a letter of thanks for the excellent service rendered to the city be written to Rice.

Mayor Shy Callaghan proposed the change in the city employment, noting that Chastain had had previous municipal judge experience in Central Point.

Chastain was instructed to get all of the information necessary in relation to the insurance needed to cover adequately a caretaker who may live on the city property behind the community building. Action for allowing this was postponed until this information has been received by the council.

Mrs. John Hall, secretary of the Community Building Governing board, explained the duties of the two administrative boards for the running of the building. Councilman Don Kimmel recommended that the city stay out of the administrative running of the building, including the financial upkeep, and let it be the community's building.

In other action passed by the council Tuesday evening it was voted to have lights installed at the corner of East Main near the agriculture building of the high school; Ninth and C sts.; Fifth and G sts.; Eleventh and C sts; Second and A sts.; Eighth and E sts.; and at the corner of the community building.

Following a demonstration of an address-o-graph machine by the city administrator, the council voted to purchase one for the office. This will reduce the time to put out water bills by about seven hours a month and allow more time for other office record keeping, Chastain pointed out.

A request seeking emergency city water was tabled until both the city policy and the possibility of securing water for this could be looked into. This request was made by a resident living outside the city limits of Eagle Point whose drinking water is polluted.

The council asked that the costs be presented next meeting for water meters that could be placed on the water mains leading out of the city limits where residents are using water.

A 21 foot strip in front of the shops and laundry located at the corner of Main and C streets was designated as a loading zone and will be painted and posted soon.

Request for a private citizen to use the city dump truck to fill his back yard that was washed away during the flood was denied by the council as the insurance would not cover the equipment.

Dave Hannaford told the city he had not taken his two week vaction of last year and would like a three week vacation this year to take his wife and family back to North Dakota to see her family. Permission was granted.

A recommendation was signed and approved granting the Board of Directors of the Eagle Point Irrigation district permission to include lands in the city limits now housing district shops, offices and yards within the irrigation district.

An emergency ordinance providing for issuance of improvement bonds providing for and approving the form of the bonds to be issued and the provision for the advertisement for the sale of the bonds was passed by the council. This is more familiar to residents of Eagle Point as Bancrofting and affects only the people who have not paid their front footage charges for the sewage lagoon system and signed up for this installment plan in paying them.

Phoenix Council Okays Purchase Of Fire Truck

By BERTHA HANSCOM
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Phoenix–The Phoenix City Council this week took action to purchase a new fire truck for the city's volunteer fire department. The truck will be purchased from Western States Fire Apparatus company.

Action also was taken to initiate annexation proceedings to bring the McClurg property south of Phoenix into the city. A public hearing on the annexation was set for May 6.

Four building permits were approved.

A resolution calling for a change of the name of A st. was passed without objection. The new name will be South Rose st.

Mrs. Horace Thompson of the Jackson County library system was a visitor at the council meeting. She gave a report on the county libraries.

Physical Exams To Be Offered In Gold Hill On April 18

Gold Hill – Physical examinations for children who will enter first grade next fall at Patrick Elementary school in Gold Hill will be given by Jackson County Health department on Thursday, April 18, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Patrick school.

Each child entering school is required to present evidence of having had a physical examination. Immunizations should be brought up to date at this time.

Both immunizations and examinations may be given by the family physician or at the pre-school clinic. Youngsters are examined at the pre-school clinic free of charge by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

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Regional News

Central Point Approves Contract With County

Central Point – During the city council meeting here Tuesday night, council members approved a contract between the Jackson county sheriff's office and the city of Central Point.

The contract provides that Central Point city jail prisoners being held for more than 24 hours will be transferred to the Jackson county jail.

A letter from Charles A. Meyer, district 6C school superintendent, was read requesting a study of the traffic situation at the junction of Second st., Third st., Hazel st. and Upton rd. Councilmen Dale Bartley and Bill Saxbury; Chief of Police Ed Zander and Street Superintendent Vernon Capps were appointed to study the problem.

The council accepted the planning commission's recommendation changing the Mose property on Amy st. from a zone 1 residential to zone 3 light industrial. A public hearing on the zone change is to be held April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

A complaint against office employees at the city hall was voiced by Donald E. Faber. Faber's complaint is to be investigated.

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