

Regional Roundup

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Happy Camp is making news again. About a month ago, John Sugden, superintendent of the Happy Camp Union Elementary School district, publicly took California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Max Rafferty to task over a letter Rafferty had sent to all school board presidents in the state. Sugden's letter got quite a bit of publicity in California and southern Oregon.

Last Thursday the town figured prominently in a Wall Street Journal story concerning the problems of the federal Area Redevelopment Administration. A portion of the story follows:

"At Happy Camp, a small lumbering town on the Klamath river in northern California, the reopening of a plywood veneer mill last year after a three-month shutdown provoked some unhappy protests.

"The objections came from competing mill owners, who had been relieved to have one less competitor sharing a business in which fierce competition had driven prices down 14% in two years. However, their displeasure was not so much aimed at Josephine Plywood Co., the firm which purchased and reopened the mill, as at a federal agency which loaned the new owners \$325,000, or 65% of the purchase price, at 4% interest. The other mill owners charged that the federal aid helped a competitor at their expense; the government replies that its primary interest was in restoring 40 jobs that had been lost when the mill closed.

"The agency under fire at Happy Camp is the Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA), a commerce department branch created and granted a four-year life by Congress in May, 1961. Conceived as a major weapon of New Frontier economic policy, ARA's primary mission is to channel federal funds, in the form of loans and grants, into public and private ventures that would create jobs in chronically depressed areas."

"The article went on to report that the ARA has classified 908 areas as 'depressed' (Josephine and Siskiyou counties are among them) and approved loans and grants totalling \$84.8 million, creating an estimated 35,000 jobs directly and another 20,000 jobs in related industries. It then explored some of the unfavorable response the program has received, noting that some areas objected to being called 'depressed.' Some of the most violent complaints, the article said, have come from businessmen like those at Happy Camp who objected to being, so-to-speak, forced to compete with firms created primarily with tax money.

We suspect one of the principal reasons Happy Camp was picked for the prominent role in the Journal's story was that it provided perfect material for one of the headlines used: 'Unhappiness in Happy Camp.'

26 Candidates Vie For King & Queen Of Skimming Low

Illinois Valley — Photos of candidates for the king and queen of the annual Illinois Valley Lions Club Skimming Low program have been placed in business places of the area so that the public may cast votes.

The program will be held at Illinois Valley High school Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19, during which time the winners will be announced.

Physical Exams Set Wednesday at Sams Valley School

Sams Valley — Physical examinations for children who will enter the first grade next fall at Sams Valley Elementary school in Sams Valley will be given by Jackson County Health department on Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium.

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 preschool clinic. Youngsters are examined at the preschool clinic free of charge by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer. School officials stated that letters have been sent to parents of children in this age group. If new people of whom the school was not aware did not receive a letter, they are reminded that this schedule will apply to them as well.

Prospect Petitions To Go Around Soon

Prospect — Petitions seeking formation of a rural fire protection district in the Prospect area are expected to begin circulating shortly. Property owners who are also registered voters will be urged to sign.

Interested persons may contact any of the fire department directors, Joe Josephson, Bob Kalkin, John Moore, Fred Schaffran, Frank Artimire or Don Stewart.

Booklets that explain the advantages of forming a rural fire protection district, both with respect to added fire protection and effect on fire insurance rates are available.

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MITTS FOR THE GIRLS — Mrs. Frank Catalano, retiring president of the Lone Pine PTA, presents softball mitts to Nonie Crumley, center, and Anita Jones. A recent "Dads Bake Sale" has made it possible for the fifth and sixth grade girls softball players at Lone Pine school to have mitts. The PTA decided to put on the fund raising project so that it could buy mitts for the girls team. The dads put their best feet forward, and baked and decorated cakes, which were then auctioned off at the last PTA meeting. Using the mitts, the girls team will participate in games with Howard, Jacksonville, Westside, Washington and Oak Grove schools. The Lone Pine girls will play their first game next Tuesday with Howard at Lone Pine.

Many Request Stock in Firm

Cave Junction — About 50 persons were present here April 7 to hear the articles of incorporation for Minerals Industries Development, Inc. read by the firm's vice president Edward Hare. President Howard J. Black of Medford conducted the meeting.

At least 30 requests for shares of stock in the firm were made at the meeting, but no shares were available at that time. It is expected that they will be available soon, however. To insure widespread distribution, it was stated that each buyer would be allowed to purchase only one share of stock temporarily.

Mrs. Howard Davenport explained details connected with the firm's federal Area Redevelopment Administration loan application. She said negotiations would begin as soon as the firm is fully capitalized.

Mississippians To Sing for Shady Cove Parents Club

Shady Cove — The Mississippians, a group of four Negro singers from the state of Mississippi, will sing at a public meeting put on by the Shady Cove Parents club Tuesday night.

The program will start at 8 p.m. in the Shady Cove gym. The group has been performing for National School assemblies and has appeared on the Ed Sullivan TV show. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Pie and coffee will be served after the program. Parents here decided at their April 8 meeting to disband the PTA but remain active as a parents club. Paul Robinson was elected president of the parents club.

Nurse To Explain Mental Health Plans

Illinois Valley — On Tuesday Mrs. Martha Wooley, Josephine County health nurse, will be at Evergreen school at 7:30 p.m. to present and discuss the proposed mental health study of youngsters in grades from one to six.

School authorities, teachers and representatives of Evergreen, Selma and Kerby PTA's will attend. The meeting is open to the public.

Musical Program Given In Hornbrook

Hornbrook — A special musical program was presented at the school house earlier this month when the Parents' club held their April meeting.

An instrumental group presented several numbers, and a glee club, composed of pupils in the four upper grades, sang.

Members of the instrumental group were Lynn Marin and Gail Gould of Hill, Gene Farmer, Frankie Cardoza, John Snider, Rusty Smith and Jackie Smith, all of Hornbrook. In addition, a trumpet and clarinet duet was presented by Gail and Lynn.

This was the first time the instrumental group had played together, or before an audience. All music was under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Humphreys, traveling music instructor for the Siskiyou county school system.

Following the program, the annual election of officers was held. Chosen as president for the ensuing year was Mrs. James Liskey. Others elected were vice president, Mrs. Ruth Bloss; secretary, Mrs. John Snider; and treasurer, Mrs. Robert Farmer.

Installation of officers will take place at the May meeting, and they will assume

their new duties at the first meeting in September.

On April 25 at 2 p.m., Mrs. Dorothy Shelley of the Mountain View Beauty shop, will conduct a class on hair styling for the girls of the eighth grade graduating class.

The school picnic will be held on June 5 at Jackson Hot Springs north of Ashland, graduation will be the evening of June 6, and school will be out on June 7.

Hostess for the last meeting of the club was Mrs. Alberta Hutchins, assisted by Mrs. John Snider and Mrs. Dean Price.

Talent Firemen's Pay Scale Slated

Talent — Volunteer firemen serving with the Talent Rural Fire Protection district will be paid \$2 per meeting and \$2 per fire, the district board determined last week.

The payments will not become effective until July 1, but on that date will be retroactive to April 1. The district will have no funds to spend until the start of the 1963-64 fiscal year.

Eagle Point Awards Banquet Scheduled Friday

Eagle Point — Midnight Wednesday is the deadline for all organizations in the community to enter their applicants for the distinguished citizen award and the senior citizen award here. Applications should be turned in to the DSA - Senior Citizen Award committee in care of J. L. Hall, p.o. box 232, Eagle Point.

The winner of the distinguished award, the two runners up and their wives in both award divisions, will be guests at the Eagle Point Jaycees at the Distinguished Awards banquet, being held at North's Chuck Wagon in Medford Friday at 8 p.m. Terry Green of Medford, the state vice president of the Jaycees, will be the guest speaker.

Judges To Be Picked

An impartial committee of three citizens (all above the age of 35) will be selected from the community as judges. Judges will consider the following points in making their decisions: contributions to community welfare and betterment; participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprises; evidence of leadership ability; evidence of personal and business progress; and cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.



MAKE WAY FOR PROGRESS—Another old home on B st. in Phoenix was burned the other day to make way for a new building. The old home was formerly owned by the late John Wright. It was one of the older homes in Phoenix. An old envelope dated 1882 was found in the attic prior to the burning. As evidenced by the above, the burning drew some spectators.

Happy Camp Board Reaffirms Policy Concerning Complaints

Happy Camp—One year contracts were approved for all district employees, including the district superintendent, teachers, custodians, cooks, and secretary, during this month's regular meeting of the Happy Camp Union Elementary School board. Resignations were read from three of those who were offered contracts.

Although contracts will not be signed until a later date, when a clearer picture of the budget is available, contracts were assured for District Superintendent John Sugden, vice principal and teacher Josephine Aubrey, teachers Ernest Casperson, Beatrice Fitzer, Aurelia Fowler, Genevieve Gordon, Anita Kester, Margaret Lavin, June Long, David Maxon, Irene Maxon, Robert Schaefer, Betty Uhl, and James Tristan; head custodian Dave Titus and second custodian J. V. Rackley; first cook Lone Roth and second cook Myrtle Hockaday; and secretary Lorna Laughlin.

DANCER ACCEPTED

Shady Cove — Linda Levering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gird Levering of the Royal Coachman motel, Shady Cove, has been accepted for the second season as one of the dancers for the Ashland Shakespearean Festival. Linda is a senior majoring in dancing at the University of Oregon.

Resignations were read from Mr. and Mrs. Maxon, teachers, and Miss Laughlin, Maxon named one of the factors contributing to his decision to leave as an unwillingness on the part of a few parents in the community, to let the teacher teach without constant "horning in," harassment, and pressure.

According to Maxon, "a concise, resolved board policy is needed to remove this factor and to implement a strong support of education." Both Mr. and Mrs. Maxon stated that they enjoyed their stay in Happy Camp and had regrets at their leaving.

Miss Laughlin stated that she plans to marry at the end of the school term and probably will not be living in the community.

Look at Policy

Superintendent Sugden and the board went over board policy on harassment of teachers to see if the policy should be made stronger, or if, on the other hand, the present policy is strong enough but has not been enforced.

In July of 1959 the board adopted policy stating that no board member should attempt to settle any complaint

brought to him by a parent, teacher or other person. The policy specifies that all such complaints shall be referred to the superintendent for disposal and that neither an individual trustee nor the board as a whole shall interfere unless the superintendent is unable to settle the matter.

If the superintendent is unable to settle the matter, then the policy provides that the board shall conduct a hearing and take action as a whole.

Support Organization — It is the intention of the board of trustees to back and support the school organization in the performance of its duties, particularly in cases involving discipline, in a fair and impartial manner, the policy states.

The policy was reaffirmed by the board in July of 1960. After examining the previously adopted policy, board members decided that it did not need to be made stronger, but should be enforced completely.

BUILDING OFFICE — Prospect—Madeline Poole, Prospect realtor, is having a new office constructed on her property along Highway 62 near here.



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Regional Calendar

Eagle Point — Monday, 7 p.m., Eagle Point Lions dinner meeting, community building.

Eagle Point — Tuesday, 8 p.m., city planning commission, city hall.

Eagle Point — Wednesday, 2 to 8 p.m., School District 9 budget elections in Eagle Point, Shady Cove and Trail.

Eagle Point — Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 48, community bldg.

White City — Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 49, White City Realty offices.

Gold Hill — Tuesday, 7 p.m., Boy Scout troop 43 will meet at the Scout hall in the I.O.O.F. building.

Gold Hill — Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7416 will meet at the V.F.W. hall on Old Stage road.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

A new Agreement has been consummated between the **ROGUE VALLEY MASTER PLUMBERS ASSOCIATION**, and **Local Union No. 418**, which constitutes a 50c per hour increase over the next two years.

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