

Tablets

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On the morning of the big smudge, things looked rather gloomy in this neck of the woods. The sky was black, the lawns and shrubbery white with frost and the temperature at a winter time low. We were beginning to feel a little pity for those who might have neglected keeping their heating materials intact, thinking maybe spring was here.

At this point our better half remarked that the furnace wasn't burning as it should, and then a cold breeze began coming up through the floor register. We went out and tapped on the fuel tank and found we were the ones who needed pity. The tank was empty. Our oil man had failed to deliver, which is unusual for him as he generally is "Johnny on the spot" and fills all the containers he can find that have an opening large enough to get the hose into. As we had plenty of wood and a fireplace, we didn't suffer too much, however.

Last Monday, we visited the historic town of Jacksonville as we knew it. It is now a city. Many of the buildings and the people we knew and remember so well are missing. Many of their names are on tombstones in the beautiful cemetery on the hill. We did meet one old-timer, Ryan, and had a most interesting time talking over old times with him. He told us that Chris Kinney, whom we would have liked to have met, is not very well, and is staying with his sister in Medford. Jacksonville Museum Revisited

A visit to the museum revealed many new exhibits and pictures that had been installed since we were there last. There is so much to see there, much of it taking one back to the mining days of '49. The only fault we can find is that when you start looking, there seems to be no place to quit, and we stay too long and then don't see half we would like.

Since we are writing about Jacksonville, this clipping taken from the Southern Oregon Mail of June 20, 1892, and dated, Sams Valley, Ore., might be interesting to old timers. As the communication is a full column length we can only give excerpts taken from it.

"Editor Southern Oregon Mail: An examination of the returns of the late election as given in your last issue is interesting and instructive. It clearly proves certain matters that were charged against the old parties during the canvass. There is evidence to prove what the Peoples party assert that there is a Demo-Republican ring in Jacksonville, who select the men on both tickets who are to be elected or defeated, and whose sole object is to secure men who will help keep alive Jacksonville and pay tribute to the ring. This thing will go on until the other towns in the county unite with the old hayseeds and smash the ring that fattens at our expense, and attempts by crying stop thief to direct attention from those in possession of the plunder."

Recollections of the "Ring" We remember well of the so-called Jacksonville ring. Charles Nickell was reported to be one of the leaders. He published the Jacksonville Times, a weekly newspaper. He later got into trouble with Uncle Sam who claimed he was implicated in some land fraud scheme where out of the state crooks paid the cost of filling claims in the Elk Creek area to persons who, after proving up, were to sell the land to them for a very nominal price. Nickell published the notices of proof for them, but claimed he was innocent of any intentional wrong doing.

The usual Easter Sunday increase in attendance was noted at the local Sunday School, with white shirts and stiff collars adorning the men and boys, with bright new gowns and flowery headgear worn by the ladies and young girls. An appropriate program for the occasion was given and the customary Easter hunt for the youngsters was held, with eggs from the Guy Nelson farm.

Thought for the day — "There is no limit to the amount of good a person can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

Regional Calendar

Central Point - Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Central Point Jaycees will sponsor a cancer fund benefit dance, at American Legion hall.

Prospect - Friday evening, St. Martha's guild will hold a public card party at community hall. Bridge and pinocle will be played. All welcome.

Cave Junction - Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., annual Lions club Skimming Low program at Illinois Valley High school auditorium. Crowning of king and queen to take place Saturday night.

Prospect - Saturday evening, public square dance at community hall. Stub Bean will be caller. Public invited.

Prospect - Tuesday evening, Prospect PTA open house at school. Parents encouraged to visit children's rooms. Officers will be installed. This will be final meeting of year.

Central Point - Monday, 8 p.m., art, industrial arts, and science spring exhibit, Crater High multipurpose gym.

Central Point - Sunday, 2 p.m., Pomona memorial practice will be held at Central Point Grange hall. All subordinate Grange chaplains asked to attend if they have members deceased since last April who were Pomona members.

Central Point - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Lions club at the Pioneer cafe. Election of officers. Speaker C. A. Meyer on 1963-64 plans for school district 6C.

Shady Cove - In observance of National Library week, April 21 through 28, the Shady Cove branch library is sponsoring a tea on Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 5 at the library located in the Treasure Trove in Shady Cove.

Mrs. Ranaid Axtell of Trail, member of the Friends of the Library group, Librarian Mrs. Evelyn Watson and Assistant Mrs. Charles Wells will tell visitors about the phenomenal growth of the branch since it was first started in Shady Cove, explain the functions of the library and tell of the services afforded the reading public through this branch, which is only one small part of the overall Jackson County Library system.

During National Library week there will be a window display of arts and crafts, products of local talent. These will include paintings, ceramics, items made from local woods, rock work and the completed works of Mrs. Axtell, poetess, and Mrs. Nancy MacDougall Kennedy.

The tea is open to the public and all interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

Prospect - An open house will be held at the Prospect library Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m.

Members of the Prospect Art club will display some of their work. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will also have displays.

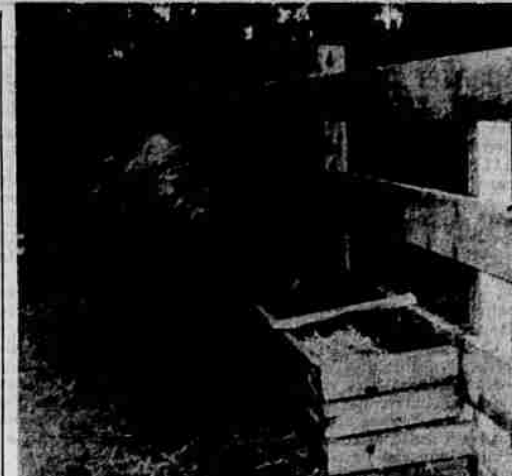
Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

SIREN INSTALLED

Talent - Talent Rural Fire district has installed a penetrating siren on their headquarters in the Redmon garage, according to Fire Chief Ralph Conner. He also reports that the phone and light companies have connected the phone and electricity in the new quarters.

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SOMETHING NEW—Three buffalo have taken up residence at Woodland Deer park, which opened for the 1963 season recently. The buffalo join the more than 40 deer who inhabit the park, located near Cave Junction.

Buffalo Among New Inhabitants Of Woodland Deer Park

By KATHERINE SCOTT
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Cave Junction - The Woodland Deer park has reopened for the 1963 season, its third year here.

Each year, something new is added - and this year three buffalo have been placed in the park. The animals were brought in from northern California. They include an eight-year-old cow, a seven-month-old heifer and a three-year-old bull.

The different species of deer that inhabit the park have increased in numbers. There are now more than 40 deer there, most of which may be hand fed by visitors.

Mother Gooseland, another feature of the park, has been increased in scope. Live animals have been added to many of the scenes to make them more lively.

The park offers special rates for groups such as scouts and brownies and other organizations. Facilities are available for picnics, and if persons prefer to bring their own lunches they are permitted to use the picnic area without charge.

Owners of the park are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hamilton and Vernon Russel of Kerby. Myrtle Talley, who worked at the park last year, turned over her interest in the business to Russel prior to leaving for her home state of Michigan recently.

Tree Planting Contracts Let

By VELDA BARR
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Prospect - The Union Creek Ranger station has let two tree planting contracts, both to Albert Finton. One is on Mill creek, the other on Minnie Ha Ha.

Emil Sabol of the ranger station reports that the weather has slowed down much of the work, however. Several inches of new snow has fallen during recent weeks.

A new ranger station being constructed across the highway from the present one at Union creek will be completed by July 15. Jacob and Sons are the contractors on the job.

Joe Oliver was the successful bidder on the north side Union creek campground blowdown timber sale. He has moved his equipment in and is preparing to log it off.

Jim Slack was the successful bidder on the south side of Union Creek campground blowdown and has been logging it off during recent weeks. Approximately 725,000 board feet of timber was involved in these sales.

The campground will be cleaned up by June 1, it is hoped.

Rogue River Fire Chief D. Campagna Submits Resignation

Rogue River - Donald Campagna, Rogue River's new fire chief, submitted his resignation at this month's Rogue River city council meeting. The council accepted the resignation.

Campagna told the council he would work the remainder of the month, or until a replacement is found.

In other matters at the meeting, Dan Perkey, maintenance man, reported that new water meters have been received. He said they are now being installed to replace faulty ones in the city.

Butte Falls Egg Hunt A Success Despite Rainfall

Butte Falls - Wee ones through 11 year olds turned out for the annual Easter egg hunt held Sunday at the Butte Falls City park. The children seemed to enjoy themselves despite a heavy rainstorm.

The park was divided into two areas for children 0-6 and 6-9. Nine year olds through age 11 hunted at the grade school.

Prize eggs were found by Paul Dillard, Debbie Rodgers and Sherry Tygart. Finding the most eggs were Debbie Smith, Paul Conley, Sherry Tygart and Cathy Conley.

This annual event is sponsored by the Butte Falls Lions club. Lions and ladies assisted the "bunny" with the coloring and hiding of eggs.

535-2200 Is New Talent Rural Fire Department Number

Talent - The telephone of the Talent Rural Fire department has been changed to 535-2200. All residents of the Talent district were urged to make a note of this new number.

The number is to be used for reporting fires only and is not a business number for the district, board chairman Eddie Heim explained.

The old number was 535-1515, which will remain the phone number for the city of Talent.

Phoenix Firemen's Auxiliary Sets Party

Phoenix - The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire department will celebrate its anniversary Saturday evening, April 20, with an outdoor hobnob party at the Dale Haggard home on Fourth st.

Prizes will be awarded for the best man's and woman's costume.

Crater Students To Display Art

Crater High school students will display the results of their activity when the art, industrial arts and science exhibit is held Monday through Wednesday, April 22, 23 and 24.

The exhibition will be in the Crater multi-purpose gym. On April 22 it will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on April 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The crafts department will be showing work in mosaics, jewelry, and ceramics. Drawing, painting, prints, and sculpture will be featured by the art department.

The industrial arts department will display furniture and boats. Many science projects will be on view.

According to Warren Holbrook, district 6C coordinator, the exhibits represent the work of approximately 475 students.

In charge of the various exhibits are Holbrook, art; Marvin Hayes, crafts; Charles Moore, industrial arts; and Ogden Kellogg, science.

South Talent Rural Property Owners Group Disbands

Talent - The South Talent Rural Property Owner's association board of directors held its final meeting this month for the purpose of auditing the books, and disbanding.

Since the area is now interim zoned and under the jurisdiction of the Jackson County Planning commission, the association has no further function, directors explained.

The association was formed in 1960 when an out of state auto wrecking company attempted to purchase a nine acre tract of land in the South Talent area for use as a wrecking yard.

Land owners in the area banded together, formed the association, retained an attorney to represent them, and were successful in keeping the wrecking yard out of the area, the directors said. The attorney's fee was paid in its entirety by donations from residents of the area.

Later, after many meetings and much planning, the residents submitted a petition to the county court seeking interim zoning.

Following a public hearing held at Talent City hall, and a meeting with the Jackson County Planning commission to review the tentative ordinance, the interim zoning ordinance was adopted.

OPEN STORE

Wilderville - Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frizzell of 4360 Fish Hatchery rd. have opened a grocery store in Grants Pass at 1612 Northeast Seventh st. The store will be known as the Seventh Street market.

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Regional News

'Measured Mile' Through Ashland Okayed By City

Ashland - "A Measured Mile" along the city's Siskiyou boulevard from the Mark Antony hotel to Southern Oregon college will provide pedestrians with a public pedometer. The YMCA was given council approval to erect such markers at the regular session Tuesday night.

Also approved was a library committee report calling for option on property adjoining the public library for expansion of facilities. An architect is to draw up preliminary plans for the proposed building.

Zoning changes in two areas were approved. One area between Highways 66 and 99 will be rezoned to permit construction of ten fourplex units, a request sponsored by the Episcopal diocese.

The other zoning approval was for a portion of the property behind the Bellview Lumber Co. to be changed from residential to commercial.

CITY CLERK
Phoenix - Mrs. Grace Brown is serving as city clerk here while Mrs. Frances Stevens is on vacation.

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Libraries To Have Open Houses

Central Point, Shady Cove, Prospect Events Scheduled

Central Point - Mrs. A. D. Van Horn, librarian of the Central Point library, has announced an open house at the library to be held Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in recognition of National Library week.

Paintings and sculpture by Crater High school students will be on exhibit. There will also be a display by the Roxie Ann Gem and Mineral club.

Crater garden club and the Central Point Garden club will provide the floral arrangements.

Reservations for the event will be the Crater Chapter Grandmothers club of Central Point.

Mrs. Van Horn also reported that an exhibit of Indian artifacts now on display was loaned by Delmar Smith of the Crater Rock Museum.

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