Regional Roundup

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Regional Editor

We checked out a couple of Talent area rumors with Talent Mayor Wayne Reichstein the other day, and as might have been expected, there wasn't much sustance to either of them. The first rumor was that Talent's new water system would take water out of Wagner creek only during the irrigation season and still rely on well water during the winter. Not so, said Reichstein. Talent's water will come from Wagner creek the year round when the development project is completed. The wells will be for supplementary water only.

Th other rumor we had heard was that piped water would be made available to homes in the Talent rural area within a year, perhaps even before the South Talent Sanitary district gets a sewer system in. But Mayor Reichstein said he doubted it, unless the residents of the Talent rural area get busy and form a water district in a hurry. The city council of Talent DOES have in mind, however, that such a rural district, if and when formed, could obtain water from the city's water system. That factor was one of the considerations eyed by the council when it decided to propose a bond issue to finance improvement of the city's water facilities, we understand.

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Tidbits

While driving through Eagle Point last week, we noticed "For Sale" signs on at least two properties along Little Butte creek. Could be that some families want to get out before there's another flood. Speaking of Little Butte creek, we wonder when it is that a creek becomes a river. That certainly is a wicked looking creek. Even last week it was almost overflowing its banks in some spots. Perhaps a campaign to change it to a river would be in order.

FACELIFTING

Prospect – The kitchen of the Prospect community hall is getting a facelifting. Members have been putting in new drainboards and new doors on the cupboards. A new coat of paint is being applied.

South Talent Sanitary Board Discusses Budget

Talent – The first of a series of budget discussions was held by the South Talent Sanitary District board Thursday evening. About 20 residents of the district attended.

The budget committee, whose members are Charles Cory, Mrs. Dean Blackburn and Mrs. Clarence Christianson, was introduced.

A discussion of the problems facing the budget committee was led by Everett Schmelzer, chairman of the board, and Don Grimes, board member.

Schmelzer announced that the county assessor's office reported it would be able to apply figures on the amount of assessed valuation in the district by the end of the week, so that the budget committee will have a basis upon which to base its budget.

Schmelzer noted that there are certain charges in the district which must be paid, including the cost of the preliminary survey by the county.

The law requires that the directors be paid $5 for each regular meeting they attend and also mileage, which has been set at 7 cents a mile.

As Grimes pointed out, the directors may, if they wish, turn their wages back into the general fund, but the law requires that they be paid.

Gold Hill Fire Class To Meet Wednesday, 7 PM

Gold Hill – Rescue procedures and ladder elevation will be taught during the fifth in a series of classes and drills on fire fighting training in Gold Hill Wednesday.

Bob Swindler, Medford fireman, who is the instructor, said the meeting will be held this time at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p. m. at the fire hall in Gold Hill. The uses of rope and knots also will be included in this session he said.

Swindler said men who have been attending the classes and drills the past weeks seemed to be interested in the course. He feels because of this much is to be gained for the city. Since properly trained men results in minimizing of property lose and life hazards.

The city is offering the course to give men here an opportunity to obtain knowledge of how to protect themselves when giving their service as a volunteer fireman as well as to learn important factors involved in fire fighting.

All fire fighting in Gold Hill is done strictly on a volunteer basis. Men who have been taking the course are doing so on a volunteer basis.

BRIDGING THE ROGUE—A new bridge is being built across the Rogue River near Prospect to carry traffic on the by-pass highway now under construction. The highway, some 6.5 miles long, will carry traffic around the community of Prospect and the built-up area extending a few miles south of town.

Crater Teachers Install Jo Brew

Mrs. Jo Brew was installed as president of school district 6 teachers organization recently.

Other officers installed were Mark Putman, vice president; Mrs. Ruth Broomfield, secretary; and Charles Wilson, treasurer.

Mrs. Brew teaches third grade at Jewett school, Putman and Mrs. Broomfield are on the Central Point Junior High staff, and Wilson teaches at Central Point Elementary school.

Mrs. Zelma Foote, OEA regional DCT (district classroom teacher) representative was installing officer.

A short program was presented by the Crater High school Future Teachers Association. Mrs. Shirley Drysdale, Crater teacher, is advisor for the group.

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. Mildred Black, Gold Hill.

Volunteers Work on Hornbrook Ball Park

Hornbrook — A number of volunteers have been working diligently on their own time lately getting the new little league ball park ready for the opening of the season.

The first home game is scheduled for Monday, May 20, and the workers have set that date as the deadline for having the field in working order.

Opponents for the opening game will be the Grenada-Gazelle Wildcats. On May 13th, the Hornbrook Hornets will travel to Montague for the first game of the season. Manager of the local team is Ike Dooley, and he is being assisted by several fathers of the team members. Bob Farmer will again serve as umpire.

A week ago the grandstands were moved from the school to the new park, and when the work is completed on the new field, the plaque dedicating the park to the Late L. C. Walsh will be moved from its present location at the school to the new diamond.

Evans Valley School Board Hears Talk on Insurance Coverage

Evans Valley – Evans Valley school board met on April 25 at the school.

Henry Hart, representative of the Floyd H. Hart Insurance company, was present to explain fully the insurance coverage on the school's present policy. The accident policy was also explained.

Eleven men were interviewed for the job of school janitor, and Raymond Isley has been hired for this job.

The road to and around the school building has been graded, it was announced, with use of the equipment donated by Crater Lake Machinery, Medford.

GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Cave Junction – Judy Prather has been selected to receive a scholarship to Medford Beauty school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Prather of 1944 Rockydale rd. and is a senior at Illinois Valley High school.

PAT BEACHAM

DICK WILSON

Pat Beacham, Dick Wilson To Attend Girls, Boys State

Eagle Point – Miss Pat Beacham has been selected to represent Eagle Point at Girls State at the Willamette university in Salem this year and Dick Wilson at Boys State at Corvallis.

Both students were selected on the basis of their leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness and physical fitness qualities from among other students in the junior class at Eagle Point High school.

The Eagle Point Lions sponsor the candidate for Boys State and the Lions auxiliary sponsors the candidate for Girls State.

Valley Men Elected To World War One Barracks Offices

At the District 7 meeting of WWL Barracks held recently at Tri City, Oregon the following officers were elected.

Pat Graham of Medford was elected commander; Harry Skevington, Rogue River, senior vice; Bill Turner, Ashland, junior vice; William Morse, Grants Pass, chaplain; Harry Leuty of the Rogue River Post, judge advocate; and Charles Kreutscmer, Grants Pass, quartermaster.

Bill Kennedy Named President of Central Point Junior Chamber

Central Point – Bill Kennedy was elected president of the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce at their April 26 meeting.

Other officers elected were Larry Cranston, internal vice president; Dennis Bateman, external vice president; Bob Clark, secretary - treasurer; Ernie Kennedy, director, and Gay Hallett, state director.

Jacksonville Council Hears Engineering Report On Sewer

By KATHERINE HARRELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Jacksonville – The city council held a special meeting Thursday at which time Engineers Ralph Roderick and Dean Parsons, of the firm Cornell, Howland, Hayes, and Merryfield presented their engineering report on the city's sewer system. City attorney Ervin Hogan also attended.

Roderick explained specifications of constructing the sewer system. These included different types of excavation; the gravel base for craddling the pipe; the types of sewer pipe of which are three kinds to be considered, the concrete pipe, the clay pipe or asbestos cement pipe; the manholes to be built, according to state law, which is at every 500 feet or each change of junction of the sewer, to be used for maintenance on the finished sewer system; pavement removal and replacement; and service connections.

Parsons then gave a breakdown on the sewage stabilization ponds.

The estimated total cost of the sewer system is $404,500, and estimated receipts are 388,500. This cost estimate is larger than previously due to the sewage ponds.

The sewer system will serve 412 business and personal properties, the engineers said.

Last Tuesday night the council held an open meeting on the new water line to go in on Grove and Cluggage sts. No opposition or complaints were brought up.

Bids are open to May 14 and should be sent to Marquess and Marquess, engineers.

The total cost of the pipe line is estimated at $5,188.43.

RegionalCalendar

Talent – Monday, 8 p.m., Talent city council will hold special meeting concerning water system installation. The council will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m., both meetings at city hall.

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Phoenix – Tuesday, 10 a.m., Talent and Phoenix Campfire and Bluebird leaders and sponsors meet at home of Mrs. Clark Brown Jr., 111 Sixth st.

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Ashland – Tuesday, noon, representatives of new motel the Bard's Inn will address Ashland Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Mark Antony hotel.

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Applegate Valley – Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., home economics club of upper Applegate Grange will meet at home of Mrs. Lance Offenbacher.

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Eagle Point–Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cub Pack 48, community building.

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Grandview – Thursday, 2 p.m., 2200 Roberts rd., U.F.W. ladies to meet at church annex to prepare mother-daughter banquet.

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Date of Talent Gun Safety Class Changed

Talent – Eighty-four boys and girls are attending the gun safety classes now in session every week at the Talent City hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Classes have been held every Thursday but the next session will be held Tuesday, May 7 because of competing school activities on Thursday. Classes are being taught by Frank Baum and John Wenley of Medford.

REGIONAL NEWS

Illinois Valley Girl Awarded Scholarship

Cave Junction – Ann Nora McDermott, senior at Illinois Valley High school, has been selected for a partial tuition scholarship at Mt. Angel college, Mt. Angel, Ore., for the 1963-64 year.

Earlier this year she won the Elk Lodge Girls Leadership contest for the district, placed second in the Elks scholarship contest for girls and was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award in her district.

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