

Regional Roundup

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The controversy over school matters that has split Butte Falls has much in common with arguments that are going on all over the United States, as well as with other issues that have developed in the Rogue valley. The basic problem in the Butte Falls situation is the same one that stirs up controversies over zoning, appointment of administrative personnel or even highway routes.

The problem is one that has risen out of a trend in the United States toward administrative government. As the population of a nation grows, government becomes more complex and it then becomes necessary to hire full time administrative personnel to operate government machinery. This changeover has long since taken place in government at the federal and state level, and in large cities and school districts. Now it is taking place in smaller cities and school districts. The elected city councils and school boards still set the policies and make the major decisions, but in more and more instances, appointed administrative personnel are called upon to carry on the day-to-day work and make recommendations to the elected officials concerning major decisions.

How Much Authority Should Be Delegated?

With the business of running a state, county, city or school board becoming more and more complicated, the issue arises as to how much authority and responsibility the voters should delegate to their elected representatives and the officials who are in turn appointed. One group argues on this point that the average voter is not capable of understanding all the fine points of modern government and that he should therefore abide by the decisions of his elected and appointed officials. A second group argues that the voter has a right to have a hand in making all major decisions, regardless of whether or not he knows all of the factors involved.

This really is what the Butte Falls argument is about. One group, which supports the non-re-election of the elementary school principal, feels that the voters should elect a board and then let it do what it thinks best without interference. Another group feels that the average voter doesn't have enough of a say in school matters and is trying hard to get control of the school board. This second group is spurred on the fact that it got more votes than the first group in the May 6 election. The first group counters with the contention that many of those who voted for the other side on May 6 didn't at that time know the true facts of the case and have since changed sides. And so the argument goes.

One way an argument such as this can be avoided is through a good public relations program. If elected and appointed officials take pains to explain to the average voters what they propose to do before they take major steps, many arguments and controversies can be avoided. The thing that really touched off the Jacksonville highway controversy, for example, was not so much the highway route itself but rather the fact that it came as a surprise to the average citizen, giving him the impression that he was being railroaded. A little more tact on the part of those in charge of the proposed highway relocation project could have averted 90 per cent of the furor.

Both Sides Feel They're Right

But in more delicate situations like the Butte Falls case, where personalities and professional careers are at stake, good public relations become difficult to achieve. Both sides in the Butte Falls situation sincerely believe they are right, and after devoting about an equal number of hours talking with individuals on both sides, we can feel sympathy with various points on each.

County School Superintendent Al Mekvold has commented that it is the policy of his office to get the two parties to a controversy to work out a solution together instead of taking it to an outside authority. We hope the people of Butte Falls can find some way of working this situation out among themselves. District Superintendent Charles Copeland indicated to us last week that he planned to go around door-to-door in the community this week in an attempt to help matters. We commended him for the effort and hope he can accomplish something, for as persons on both sides of the controversy agree, this situation isn't doing Butte Falls or its schools any good.

Illinois Valley Picks Two for Girls State

Illinois Valley — Mrs. Les Girls State, to be held on June 10th in Salem.

They are both students at Illinois Valley High school. The girls are sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary with the local Lions club assisting with the financing.



JOY KEGG

Joy Kegg Is Queen Candidate

Montague-Joy Kegg, freshman at Weed High school, has "thrown her hat in the ring" in vying for junior rodeo queen for the 12th annual Junior Rodeo to be held at Montague on June 15-16.

Joy, who is 15, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kegg of Weed, is a member of the Gazelle Horsemen's association, and the State of Jefferson Quarterhorse association.

She has participated in many horse shows and rodeos in her six years of riding experience, and has won first prizes in pole bending and barrel racing contests, as well as winning awards in team events.

She will compete with other junior rodeo queen aspirants in a horsemanship contest on Sunday, June 2 at the Montague Rodeo Grounds.

Hornbrook To Vote On Decreasing School Tax Rate

Hornbrook — Notice has been given all registered voters in the Hornbrook school district that a special tax election will be held Tuesday, May 28 at the local schoolhouse. Polls will be open from 1 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the election is to submit to the voters the question of whether or not the maximum tax rate shall be decreased from \$1.30 to 80 cents, such decrease to remain in effect for an unspecified period of time to provide money for all school purposes.

The increase from 80 cents to \$1.30 on each \$100 of assessed valuation was approved by the voters some two years ago, with the understanding it could be removed by the voters when the increase was no longer deemed necessary.

In the opinion of some in the district, that time has arrived, and it is to determine the thought of the majority that this special election has been called.

Clean-Up Sought At Log Town Cemetery

Applegate Valley — All persons having lots in Log Town cemetery are requested to clean the plots before Memorial Day, according to officers of the cemetery association which met Sunday for clean-up day. A number of graves are reported in need of attention.

John Black and Glenn Smith were re-elected on the board of directors for a three year term, and Mrs. John Black was re-elected secretary-treasurer for two years.

It was decided that a follow-up application of poison-oak spray should be made this summer. Officers of the association say that glass containers should not be used for flowers, but plastic containers or milk cartons to facilitate disposal.

It is requested that all refuse be collected to be burned in the fall.

Regional Calendar

Central Point — Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Central Point Lodge No. 135 A. F. & A. M. open meeting, past masters night, Master Masons, families and friends. Potluck dinner. Meat and rolls furnished.

Gold Hill — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., class and drill in fire fighting training at Gold Hill fire hall. Instruction will include general rundown of fire truck and hookup to hydrant procedures, according to Bob Swindler, Medford fireman, who is instructor.

Central Point — Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Gold Hill — Thursday, 2 p.m., Past Noble Grand club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Newnam.

Prospect — Friday, sports banquet at school cafeteria. Awards will be given to best football, basketball and baseball players. Trophies are given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boothby.

Gold Hill — Friday, 12:30 p.m., Gold Hill Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ferd Jones. Special meeting to plan flower and Hobby show set for June 14.

Gold Hill — Saturday, clean up day at Rock Point cemetery, according to Mrs. Nora Wait. Everyone asked to bring own tools and lunch.

Central Point — Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., benefit dance at Central Point American Legion hall. All proceeds earmarked for Gold Hill Odd Fellow building fund.

Cave Junction — Monday, 9 a.m. to noon, Josephine County Health department will conduct audiometric tests at Methodist church. Pre-schoolers from ages 2 through 6 will be checked for possible hearing problems.

District 9 Schools Give Spring Concert

Shady Cove — The music departments of School District No. 9 Elementary Schools were presented in a spring concert at the Shady Cove School gym May 10.

The Shady Cove Elk Trail band under the direction of Richard Gannaway played the following numbers: Mexican Mambo, Great Gate of Kiev, Cielito Lindo, I'm Always Chasing Rainbows and Yankee Doodle Boy.

The Shady Cove Clarinet Trio composed of Marlys Collier, Carolyn Lowery and Teri Spence played the Minuet from "Don Giovanni".

Following this the Eagle Point Band under the direction of Keith Krambeal played Fort Bragg March, Tangotown, a comedy number, The Bremen Town Musicians and Magic Mountain.

The three district bands then combined to play Linger Awhile, The Young Prince and Ever and Holiday in France. The concert was well attended by people of the communities.

Illinois Valley GOP Club Views Films Of Oregon Parks

Cave Junction — The Illinois Valley Republican club held its meeting in the VFW Hall in Cave Junction recently.

Pictures of Oregon State parks were shown. Showing of the films was arranged through the courtesy of Don McGregor, member of the board of county commissioners and a member of the state park board.

Gold Hill Students Get Speech Awards

Gold Hill-Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools, reports that on May 15 four members of the Crater Speech Squad and their coach, Don Lacy presented speech award cups to those students from Hanby Elementary school who participated in the district 6 speech tournament held on April 27.

Carol Foote, Toni Morrow, Lorraine Hixson, and Dave Force presented the awards. Coach Don Lacy said everyone who participated in the speech tournament came out a winner. He stressed the need of all students to be able to think and speak effectively. He cordially invited all 8th graders to consider the speech squad as one of their extra curricular activities.

The following students from Hanby were presented awards: Humorous: Patti Washburn, excellent; Bob Boye, excellent; Bunty Fleury, excellent; Traska Cannon, excellent; Mark Drake, good; Jimmy Martin, good; and Ron Taylor, excellent. Alternate, Gwen Barry, good.

Serious: Darlene Shoemaker, excellent; Becky Barry, good; Mike Croxton, good; Carol Washburn, good; Vickie Huffman, good; and Judy Corona, excellent.

Poetry: Randy Turner, excellent; Linda Arasmith, excellent; Janice Straus, good; Kay Huntley, good; Debra Purdy, good; and Jackie McCarty, excellent.

Oratorical: Eileen Kell, good; Danny Rice, superior; and Judy Wilson, excellent. Sandra Ganong, selected to represent Hanby in this division was ill on the festival date.

Original Speaking: Steve

Yreka Students Give Program of Song, Square Dance

Yreka — Members of the third grade classes of the Gold Street school in Yreka presented to the public an evening of singing and square dancing.

Daniel Soares musical director led the group in singing several selections before the dance.

Teachers Mrs. Jack Meamber and Mrs. Paul D. Johnson presented the children in an hour's program of square dancing which they have been taught as part of the recreational project for school children on rainy wintry days when play outside is impossible.

The audience was delighted with the little girls dressed in little full skirts and blouses and little boys in jeans and western shirts going through the different patterns of the dance without mistakes.

The event was held in the multi-purpose room of the Jackson Street School earlier this month to a packed house composed mainly of admiring parents, grand parents, brothers and sisters.

The third grades of the Jackson Street school will hold their dance and song festival May 24 at the same place. The public is invited to attend.

New Ball Field Prepared For Hornbrook Games

Hornbrook—After discussion, the men in charge of the Little League baseball program in Hornbrook have agreed to retain the name, Walsh's Field, on the original ball park at the school grounds.

The memorial marker, erected and dedicated a year ago to the late L. C. Walsh will remain at the site where the little league teams originated in Hornbrook, and where Walsh coached the first team.

About a year ago, a search was started for a new location for the ball park. A number of sites were suggested and investigated. Some were found too costly, others not for sale.

W. W. Rogers of Grenada, who owns a ranch in Hornbrook adjoining Old highway 99 heard of the search and donated a piece of ground to the club in memory of his wife, the late Nettie Rainey Rogers. This is the new ball park which the men of the community have been working.

Willie Slavens has operated his caterpillar in leveling the ground. Tractors have been operated by Al Spearin and Leonard Bear, and use of trucks to haul the dirt have been donated by the Fruit Growers Supply Co. of Hill, John Snider and Bear.

Formal dedication of the new field will be postponed until later in the summer.



SLATE APPEARANCE - The Hofmo Evangelistic team is appearing at the Foursquare church, 2200 Roberts rd., in the Grandview area, through Sunday. The services begin at 7:30 p.m. and are being conducted every night except Saturday. The Hofmos have spent considerable time in the Scandinavian countries and wear costumes of that country. They also show color films. The Rev. Leo Hofmo preaches and is a baritone singer and Mrs. Hofmo is a pianist and contra singer.

IN THAILAND
O'Brien - Kurt Lofing, who was in the Illinois Valley recently as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnes, is now stationed in Thailand for 120 days. The Barnes' son, Larry Smedley, is one of the paratroopers from Ft. Bragg who was sent to trouble infested Alabama.

Regional News

Beware of Closing Time At Happy Camp Stores; You May Get Locked In

Happy Camp — One must be very careful when it comes 6 p.m. and time to close up at the local drug store especially when the fishing season is open.

A young visitor to the area was shopping in the drug store and all of a sudden found himself locked in and could find no way out. According to the 18 year old visitor, Dennis McDaniel of Redding, he was looking for something to read when he noticed that the place had been locked up.

He tried to catch the attention of passers-by for nearly an hour before he got the attention of Mrs. Angie Thomp-

son who called the owners of the store, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kevershan Sr. Their son who is manager of the store, Milton Jr., had had a fishing date with a friend, Frank Johnson, and had closed up in sort of a hurry.

The young man, quiet and shy, appeared to be embarrassed by the event, however, not nearly as embarrassed as the manager when he learned of how he had trapped an innocent customer.

The manager reported later that fishing was good, catching two nice young steelhead at a favorite spot.

The above story could probably happen in nearly any of the businesses along the river when fishing season opens and fishing is good.

HISTORY REPEATS

Wonder-History is repeating itself as mining again comes to Slate creek. W. M. Dillenback is building a new processing plant for mineral materials here. Long years ago some of the best copper was shipped from the Slate creek area.

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