

Regional Roundup

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Acting on some of the observations they made on their good will tour to Siskiyou county the other day, members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce are considering concrete steps that can be taken to induce more northbound tourists to take highway 99 through Ashland and the Rogue valley instead of highway 97 through Klamath Falls.

One of the steps the Ashland chamber's tourist and recreation committee is studying is buying some advertising on the lone radio station in Mt. Shasta. They figure that such advertising could accomplish two things: 1. reach travelers coming north and suggest taking highway 99 to them before they reach the 99-97 junction at Weed, and 2. inform residents of the Weed-Mt. Shasta-Dunsmuir area of the beauties and advantages of traveling through the Rogue valley.

The chamberites are figuring on emphasizing the sight-seeing and recreational facilities rather than trying to persuade travelers that 99 is a shorter route to Portland than 97. There seems to be much disagreement over which route really is faster, and the current thinking is not to bother with the motorist who's interested only in speed because he may not stop and spend any money at all. It also appears inadvisable to try any persuading with the service station operators in Weed who currently recommend 97 instead of 99, they feel, because the city of Weed will in a few years be bypassed by the Interstate 5 freeway and the businessmen there want to get motorists accustomed to turning off onto 97 so that they'll continue to do so after the freeway is completed. The Weed program apparently is quite successful. One Ashland chamber member learned from Crater Lake officials that, according to a recent check, 82 per cent of cars coming into the park's south gate come in via 97 rather than highway 62.

The Ashland tourist committee has invited the Medford tourist and recreation committee to participate in a radio advertising program in Mt. Shasta. The Medford group is now considering the idea.

Mrs. Stripling Resigns

Because of illness and on the advice of her doctor, Mrs. Charles Stripling has resigned as general chairman of the Gold Hill Odd Fellows and Rebekah Building Fund drive. The drive will be continued, however, and other fund raising projects will be held, since the goal for funds necessary to finish the building has not yet been reached.

Mrs. Stripling expresses her appreciation and praise to those who have given so generously of their time and money in this worthwhile endeavor. "A very special thank you is extended to those friends in Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford, Central Point and Gold Hill," she wrote in her letter of resignation. "It was a great pleasure to work with all of you."

More Ashland Notes

This is a week of reopenings in Ashland. The Southern Oregon Museum of Natural Resources reopened for the season early in the week. This interesting place features exhibits of wildlife of southern Oregon in their natural setting. It opened for the first time last summer. Co-operators are David Hagerbaumer and L. I. Haptonstall. Hours will be from noon to 5 p.m. this summer. The museum is located in the Lithia Auto court behind Lithia park.

Later this week, Friday to be exact, the Varsity theater in Ashland is reopening, following a little more than a month of inactivity, due to the death of former operator, Russell Osborn on April 27. New owner of the theater is Harry Arnold of Dunsmuir, Calif. He's the fellow we encountered on the Ashland chamber good will tour week before last who has been spending some of his time out hunting for the fabled Bigfoot, California's version of the abominable snowman. The Dunsmuir Rotary club, of which Arnold is a member, is eager to invite Mr. Bigfoot to the city's Railroad Days parade over the week end of June 22 and 23. If the hunt is successful, perhaps he will arrange a personal appearance for the Bigfoot at the Varsity.

Arnold plans to remain a resident of Dunsmuir. Mike Shirar has been named manager of the theatre. He has come to Ashland from Sparks, Nev.

Library Circulation Up At Happy Camp

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Happy Camp - Siskiyou County Librarian Mrs. Fiosa Sellstrom and Mrs. Marvel Soule of the library staff from Yreka stated recently that the Happy Camp library now has an annual circulation of more than seven times what it had before a move to new quarters in April of 1962.

Mrs. Soule stated that during the 1959 to 1960 fiscal year, the annual circulation of the Happy Camp branch was 966 books, with a breakdown of: adult fiction and non-fiction, 713; juvenile fiction and non-fiction, 253; and special requests, 110.

During the fiscal year 1960-61, the annual circulation was 909 with a comparable breakdown for adult and juvenile readers, showing that a big majority of the readers were adult.

The move of the local branch to another building was made in mid-April, 1962, and the total for the fiscal year up until that time was 831 books circulated according to Mrs. Soule, from April 15 to the end of that fiscal year, a little less than three months later, the circulation jumped to 1,763 books, to bring the total for 1961-62 up to 2,394 books circulated. Of that total 1,859 books were for adults while 935 were of juvenile books.

The total for the current fiscal year up to May 1 with two more months to go before the end of the year, stands at 6,904.

The most interesting part of this figure, noted Mrs. Soule, is the fact that juvenile fiction nearly equaled circulation of the adult fiction. Adult

fiction circulated 2,978 books, while juvenile fiction climbed to 2,425 books during this period. At the same time juvenile non-fiction also was close to the adult figure, with 638 books for the young readers to 696 for the adult non-fiction circulation. Special requests during this period totaled 257 books.

According to Mrs. Soule, the local branch now has 2,270 books stocked here on shelves, with books rotating regularly so as to have new stock many times of the year. There are also many periodicals, newspapers, and magazines currently on hand for the readers' use in addition to the McNaughton rental books for a small fee and other free library books.

While Mrs. Sellstrom was here, the Happy Camp Library board met to go over plans for the new library building which will be built this year. Mrs. Sellstrom answered many questions asked by the board concerning the property and offered advice as to the best way in which to build the building in a small building.

The library board plans to build the new building on the former Siskiyou County Jail site, the property still being owned by the county just to the back of the high school shop building and school parking lot.

The library is now housed in the old jail building which will probably be torn down and replaced by a modern structure. For the past year, the board and its ways and means committees have been taking part in fund raising drives.



PRINCESS CONTESTANTS—Among candidates in the dairy princess contest are, left to right, Peppi Clark, Barbara Burnette and Carol Webb.

Dairy Princess Contest Winner To Be Crowned Sunday, June 16

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The winner of the 1963 Jackson-Josephine counties Dairy Princess contest will be crowned Sunday, June 16. The announcement and coronation will take place at the Memorial ballfield at White City prior to a Dairy Maids softball game on that date. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

There are nine contestants this year. They are Miss Kay Stephenson and Miss Georgia Hubbard, Eagle Point, Miss Elizabeth Clark, Medford, Miss Carol Martin, Cave Junction, and the Misses Alice Kuirtert, Rita Lasater, Carol Webb, Margaret Lewman and Barbara Burnette all of Grants Pass.

Winner of the Jackson-Josephine counties Dairy Princess competition will compete in the state contest to be held in Portland June 23, 24 and 25. Winner of the state contest will compete in the national event, American Dairy Princess contest to be held in September 1963 at Miami, Florida.

The contestants will be judged on speaking ability, poise, beauty and their dairy farm background.

Miss Elizabeth Ruth (Peppi) Clark, member of June 1963 senior class Medford high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark at 3438 Madrona In., Medford. She has lived all her life on the Madrona Dairy farm and worked in 4-H for 10 years. Her father owns and milks 35 Guerneys grade A.

Her hobbies are horseback riding, swimming, bicycling, painting and reading. Miss Clark will be employed during the summer at Crater Lake lodge. She plans to attend University of Oregon as four year art major. And may go on to graduate school to become a college teacher.

Miss Barbara Jean (Robbi) Burnette, member of June 1963 senior class, Grants Pass high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Burnette at 4280 Lower River rd., Grants Pass. She resides on a 20 acre farm and has been in 4-H sewing and dairy work.

Her hobbies are training and breaking horses, gardening, taking care of all kinds of animals and camping.

Bible School in Progress at Prospect

Prospect-Bible school is being held this week at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Teachers are Velma Rogers, Margarit Grieve, Barbra Shellenbarger, Carlene Maxwell, Martie Haddaland and Barbra Van Currier. St. Martha's guild will help with the refreshments with Isabelle Davidson and Blanche Millard on the serving committee.

Talent Budget To Include Wage Boosts

Talent-Members of the Talent City Council and budget committee met Tuesday night to consider the city's 1963-64 budget.

Among items approved were salary increases for the city water superintendent, police chief and recorder.

Miss Burnette plans to go to Southern Oregon college for two to four years for pre-vet, then on to Washington State for six to eight years practicing vet. She says all this will happen after one or two years of working to save money for college.

Miss Webb, member of June 1963 senior class, Grants Pass high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Webb at 5340 Jerome Prairie rd., Grants Pass.

Her hobbies include all sports and collecting miniature dolls. She has lived three years on a dairy prior to that time resided in California.

Miss Webb plans to enter the University of Oregon this fall and after one year she plans to transfer to the University of Oregon Medical school for three years nursing. After that she intends to attend one year seminary and become a medical missionary.

Editor's Note: Pictures of other princess candidates and stories about them will appear at a later date.

Pre-Schoolers Visit Evergreen School

Illinois Valley - Recently the Evergreen Grade school held a spring get-together for first graders. There were 55 boys and girls in attendance.

While the children were in Mrs. Thelma Kelly's and Mrs. Grace Schenk's first grade rooms learning the school routine, their mothers gathered in the cafeteria and listened to community health nurse Mrs. Martha Wooley give a talk on how to start the children to school health-wise.

Forms for physical and dental examinations were given to the mothers to be filled out during the summer months. PTA president Mrs. Milt Perison and Mrs. Larry Cushing served tea. Other members of the association assisted in the kitchen and at the enrollment table.

Regional Calendar

Butte Falls - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., school board meeting at high school.

Talent - Thursday, 8 p.m., South Talent Sanitary district board meeting to consider budget, at Talent city hall. Residents of district urged to attend.

Evans Valley - Thursday, 8 p.m., meeting to discuss possible revisions in school district budget, at schoolhouse.

Evans Valley - Friday, 8 p.m., at Enterprise Grange hall, hearing on proposed budget for newly formed Evans Valley Rural Fire Protection district. Any taxpayer in district who wishes to speak will be heard.

Central Point - Friday, regular meeting of Central Point Grange. Chaplain Mrs. Det. Hendrickson has arranged a memorial service for recently deceased members.

Eagle Point - Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eagle Point Lions and auxiliary officer installation. Rogue River lodge.

Regional News

Artists, Art Students Convene At Rogue River

Rogue River - The Rogue River Art class acted as hosts at a quiet picnic on Monday at the country home of Col. and Mrs. John Hendry on Highway 99.

Guests were the three art classes of Mrs. Ruby Twedell, and were from Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Rogue River, Evans Valley, Grants Pass and Riddle.

The event was planned as a joint art lesson and a get acquainted picnic, but due to unforeseen circumstances the instructor could not attend, and since the membership list of the classes was not available, the lesson-picnic could not be cancelled.

A number of paintings done under instruction of Mrs. Twedell were displayed in the family room of the Hendry home and after the potluck lunch in the patio the group viewed slides of famous paintings, shown by June Phillips and Mary Schreengost.

On exhibit were paintings of local scenes, floral and historical subjects. A book of sketches of the buildings of Jacksonville, done by Mrs. Eva Whitney and a group portrait being painted by Mary Schreengost of Schrec's Clothing store, added variety to the exhibit.

The subjects of the portrait are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Alexander and son John, now on a four year world cruise in the 42 foot ketch "Sea Fever."

Mrs. Schreengost is working from photos taken in Athens, Greece. Large newspaper photos and items have been received earlier from Sydney, Australia and other points of the tour.

Phoenix City Council Sets Clean-Up Drive

Phoenix - City councilmen here have decided against contributing city funds to support the Talent-Phoenix recreation program. At Monday night's council meeting, a motion to contribute \$250 to support of the program was defeated by a vote of 3 to 2.

Councilmen voting against the motion questioned the legality of using taxpayers' money in support of the recreation program.

The program is held at Talent each year. In other action, councilmen announced that the city will be cleaning up all streets and alleys and all city-owned property during the next few days. They urged residents to join in cleaning up their own properties.

In another announcement, all contractors and residents planning to build homes were reminded that they are required to obtain building permits from the city before starting work on construction. The reminder was issued after city officials took note of some cases in which permits were not applied for until after construction had already been started.

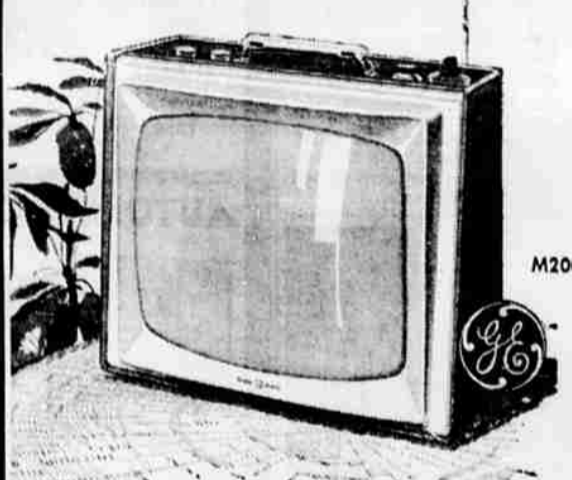
Staeline, Nev. - (UPI) - Actor Robert Goulet, 29, announced Tuesday he and actress Carol Lawrence, 30, will be married Aug. 12 in New York.

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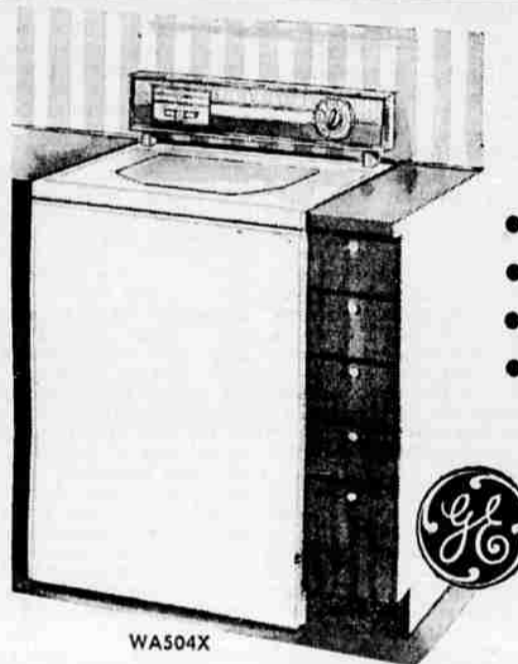


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