

REGIONAL NEWS



Boner Serves As Phoenix Mayor In Paxon's Absence

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Phoenix — Arthur Boner took over the duties of mayor of Phoenix during the latter part of June and first few days of July while Mayor Darrell Paxon and his family were on vacation. The family stopped at Phoenix, Ariz., where Paxon met with the mayor of that city. At this week's city council session, councilmen voted to try out a grass mower and if satisfied purchase it. Fire Chief Dave Haggard reported there were no fires during June. The department had two fire drills. It also bought new turn-out clothes for the members and new mirrors for the old fire truck. In other matters the superintendent of streets reported that all unpaved streets, except those which will be worked on this summer, have been covered with granite. Hand railings will be put on each side of the city hall steps as a added measure of safety, he also reported. The council would like to remind residents of the dog law, which provides a dog must be tied, or if let run loose must be under the control of the owners at all times. Anyone wishing to make a complaint about dogs must file a complaint with the chief of police. There is no definite deadline set for the cutting of weeds on private property, but the council is asking the cooperation of the residents to keep the city as clean as possible.

Mrs. Childers Takes Over Mail Route

Applegate Valley—Mrs. Clifford Childers began duties Monday as mail carrier on route 2 out of Jacksonville, which includes Sterling-Copper area. Mrs. Childers, who has a two year contract, succeeds Larry Johnson of Jacksonville, who has resigned. The route is a 70 mile round trip. Johnson is taking a week's vacation in Portland, where he is visiting his sister, and expects to resume work with the McNeess route in southern Oregon.



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By R. E. NEALON
Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

The following from Arthur Perry's Smudge Pot column of July 2, 1963 about fits this July 4, 1963: "The current batch of weather, while possessing a few minor defects, comes as close to pleasing everyone as could be expected."

Members of the Sams Valley Grange will have a potluck dinner Saturday, July 13, 7 p.m., on the lawn at the Table Rock store. Coffee and punch will be furnished by Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, new members of the Grange and owners of the store.

Mrs. William Bishop and daughter, Joyce, of Kansas City, arrived here Tuesday evening, making a 3,577 mile trip with one driver at the wheel for the entire distance. They will join two other daughters, Miss Linda and Miss Gail, who have been visiting friends and relatives here for the past two weeks. Mrs. Bishop told us some enlightening news about taxes in Kansas, where a sales tax is charged on practically everything you buy. Mrs. Bishop says that every now and then an auditor comes to their house, takes over her adding machine and proceeds to check all the records, sometimes spending an hour or so, while you have to sit it out, answering questions. We think taxes are bad enough here, but after hearing what they are in Kansas, we see that they could be much worse.

The members of the Table Rock ladies club have completed circulating a petition asking for a speed zone with the proper signs posted in this district. Mrs. E. W. Robinson reports that all those who were shown the petition readily signed it.

The editorial in Monday's Mail Tribune caused quite a little interest and criticism. The editorial was a reprint from an Idaho newspaper. The story was told by a Canadian reporter at Jackson, Miss., who criticized the police. In reprinting the editorial, E.A. showed us that what others thought of our race riots, and personally, we can see no harm in so doing. We in no way mean to degrade the police. We have nothing but the highest regard for our police. In fact, we worked with the state police during the G.G.C. war in Jackson county and found them to be excellent people. Captain Bown told us that besides the physical and other tests his boys had to pass, there was also a moral code they had to pass. He said that these boys did not touch liquor or smoke cigarettes. We hope they still adhere to these principles.

Among the many things we learned at the recent meeting of correspondents at the country home of the Twitchells was that they have a fine garden, which we believe Mrs. T. is responsible for. Also we learned that "lady" is a title and not to be used as we did in a recent column, where we wrote of a genteel lady. We should have said a genteel woman. Our alibi for this mistake is that in times past, we understood that Nelly was a lady.

The daily vacation Bible school closed its sessions Tuesday night with an excellent program which was attended by Sunday School folks of this area.

When the genteel English lady (woman) who had spent a fortnight with us departed for the Leavitt home, she used the expression "TFN," which means "Ta Ta for Now."

Thought for the day . . .
You can't teach an old dog new tricks . . .

Raccoon Makes Life Interesting At Pioneer Village

Jacksonville — Driving a raccoon to the Pioneer Village in Jacksonville proved to be an unforeseen adventure for Mrs. Pat London of Kerby, her two children, Danny, 9 years, Baby Joey, 1½ years, and her nephew, Rob Holton, 15 years.

The coon escaped from its cage just south of Grants Pass and scrambled from the rear of the station wagon to the front of the car. Every one sat very still and made no movements while she carefully inspected the car windows and the occupants. She took a liking to the baby and settled near him. The raccoon sat with her feet on the dashboard, washed her hands and watched traffic.

Upon arriving at the Pioneer Village more trouble ensued in getting Coo-Coo (raccoon) out of the car and into a cage. She was let out through a car window into another cage, but escaped before the door could be shut. She was finally caught about an hour and a half later by George McUine, using a pole and noose.

Coo-Coo will be put with Rackets, the male raccoon. Rackets was the mascot for the Oregon Trail Trek in 1959, in which McUine participated. Coo-Coo was previously owned by Francis Adams of Selma. Adams agreed to let the Pioneer Village have the animal as she had turned mean and snappy and he was worried about his small children.

Three Girls Running For Queen of Prospect Jamboree

Prospect — Suzanne Rogers is queen chairman for the Prospect Hillbilly Jamboree, to be held here Aug. 10.

Three girls are in the running for the honor of being queen of the jamboree. They are Judy Hedgpeith, Judy Betts and Sandra Garrett. They will be out selling tickets soon.

Normally there are four candidates, but this year the senior class at Prospect High school decided not to sponsor one.

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Odd Fellows Plan to Remove Top of Gold Hill Structure

By MARY KELL
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Gold Hill — Members of Amethyst Rebekah lodge 97 and Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge 129 have agreed that the upper story of Gold Hill IOOF building should be removed, and that the lodge rooms, kitchen and rest rooms be relocated on the ground floor of the structure.

The group feels that it is urgent to get the project under way before bad weather sets in. Taking down and disposing of the bricks will be the first problem. Many factors are involved in this first step to remodel the well known landmark which was built in 1889. In the group voted to invite bids for removal of the upper story of the building. Bids will be submitted to the IOOF lodge 129. Consideration as to how the brick walls will be taken down, cost of job, salvage and value of bricks which were handmolded, and source for disposal of bricks are of vital importance.

Also to be determined will be plans for the roof and lower floor where the hall will be relocated. All remodeling will be done according to regulations of the city building code. All final decisions concerning the building remodeling project will be sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

It is the general opinion of those who attended a recent planning meeting that the roof and exterior of the building should be completed if possible before winter. Interior work on the new hall, it was decided could be done during winter months. This would enable the remodeling to progress, and regular lodge meetings could be held during those months. Preliminary plans to remodel the building were made June 25, when 26 members

of the two lodges met at the hall. Engineer Reports

Action to have the upper floor removed followed a report by H. D. Force that removal of the top of building had been recommended by an engineer after a complete inspection of the two story brick building had been made.

Although it is the consensus of the members that the remodeling project should be put in motion, all the necessary funds have by no means been raised. The fraternal group will continue to give fund raisers.

The IOOF building fund was started by the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows last January to raise money to improve the building. All proceeds derived from many different fund raisers have been earmarked "building fund."

Grayback Camp Has Overnight Fee

Illinois Valley — According to Curt Swanson, district ranger, the U.S. Forest service installed a ticket vending machine at the Grayback campground on the Oregon Caves highway June 24.

The charge is \$1 per night. This includes a table, fireplace, wood and water.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Powell of Roseburg were the first persons to use the machine, which takes two 50-cent pieces. The camper receives a ticket in a plastic box, to be mounted on a post in front of his campsite. Mr. and Mrs. George Casebeer of Covina, Calif., are in charge of the campground again this summer. Both he and his wife are teachers in Covina.

Charles Stripling on the committee. Mrs. Stripling who had served as general chairman, resigned due to illness.

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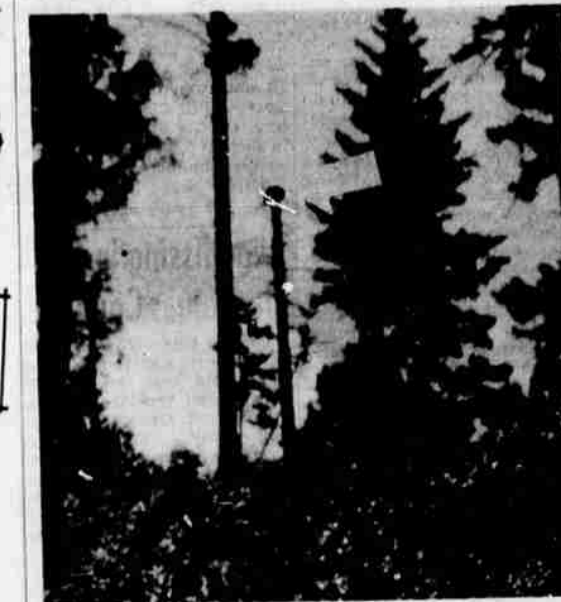
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Large Nest Spotted On Tree Near Lake Selmac

Selma — Standing on the northeast side of Lake Selmac at a point just beyond the lake's spillway is a 150-foot tall fir snag with what appears to be a large bird's nest on its top. The nest can be seen from most parts of the lake, particularly from the northeast shore. Les Frost, owner of the Lake Selmac resort, spotted the nest for the first time about three months ago, when enough heavy timber had been removed so that he could see it, but he noted it probably had been there for quite some time before he saw it. Frost feels the birds may be some type of large hawk, but added that according to state game commission personnel they are American Bald Eagles, birds which are protected by the United States government because they are so rare. Looking through binoculars, Frost said he has seen two young birds around the nest which now are almost feathered and ready to leave it.



AT LAKE SELMAC—The arrow points to a large bird's nest on top of a fir snag near Lake Selmac which was discovered recently. The inhabitants are believed to be either American Bald Eagles or some type of hawk.