

50-Year-Old Talent Fire Truck May Be Put In Service Again

Regional News



HELP NEEDED—This is the Prospect Public park, where the community's Hillbilly Jamboree is scheduled to take place Aug. 10. Much work still needs to be done, say jamboree officials, and volunteers are needed. The building with the tepee-shaped roof was moved to the park and an addition is

being built on it. Although the park has little shade at present, the situation will be improved in years to come as a result of the growth of trees and shrubs which have been planted there by members of the Prospect Garden club. Personnel of the forest service also have helped.

Talent — A 50-year-old fire truck which served the residents of both Ashland and Talent for many years may come out of retirement soon to be used as an auxiliary pumper for the Talent city fire department.

Chief Tom White and other members of the department have been taking the old truck out for test drives during recent weeks, to the enjoyment of onlookers in the Talent area.

Sends For Advice

"It wouldn't take a great deal of work to put it back into service," White commented. He said he has sent to the LaFrance company, manufacturer of the vehicle, for specific instructions.

"If we get it into operation again, it might be the oldest operating fire truck in the state," the chief concluded.

Primarily the truck needs a new pump, although other improvements may also be necessary. At present, one has to use the crank method to get the motor started.

Purchased in 1913

The truck was originally purchased for the Ashland fire department in 1913. It had two chemical tanks, one for soda and one for acid. It was equipped with Dayton Airless tires.

Two years later, Hard Sole

tires were put on. In 1923, the truck was completely overhauled and given a new coat of red paint. In 1932 new wheels and pneumatic tires were put on.

Talent bought the truck from Ashland in 1938 for \$400. New equipment was installed and Talent used the truck for 10 years. Then it was placed into semi-retire-

ment for use only on rural fires, and finally into full retirement.



BACK INTO ACTION—Chief Tom White of the Talent city fire department hopes to get this 50-year-old truck in shape so that it can see service again as an auxiliary pumper for the department.

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Tablets

By R. E. NEALON
Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

August 1 is the beginning of what old timers called dog days. At this time, which extended well into the month, rattlesnakes were more dangerous than at any other time as they were blind and would strike at anything making a noise. Dogs were apt to be afflicted with rabies. Old timers believed this and were more cautious than usual.

We heard this given as the reason why a man keeps his newspaper in front of his face when his wife comes out with these curler doo-dads in her hair: A man would rather read about a disaster than look at one.

The following are excerpts from the diary of the late Welborn Beeson given to us by his daughter, Mrs. Anna Carter. The diary is dated Jan. 1874, and relates to his work in organizing Granges in the valley. "I have been up to Ashland, helping to organize a Grange. Daniel Clark is Worthy Master of the State Grange, and had authority to install the officers. We organized, with 30 members; 20 gentlemen and 10 ladies. D. D. Buick was elected Worthy Master of the Grange. W. Beeson was secretary. We are going to take Buick and Clark and Helman to Jacksonville this afternoon to organize a Grange there. I have been staying at Helman's. We had a pleasant visit. We attended a little dance at Mr. Cramston's last night, after the Grange closed. We got home early this morning and found everything all right. Our little boys are so good to stay at home.

Organizing at Jacksonville
"Jan. 20, 1874, Tuesday — I have been to Jacksonville with D. D. Buick and A. D. Helman, to aid Worthy Master Daniel Clark to organize a Grange at Jacksonville which we did, with Enoch Walker, for Master, and Robert A. Miller, as secretary. Clark has gone on his way to St. Louis, to attend the National Grange.

"Feb. 13, 1874 — I called at the Phoenix Grange. "Feb. 18, 1874, Wednesday — I have just returned from a trip to Sams Valley, with Buick and Helman, where we went to organize the fourth Grange of this jurisdiction. We started on Friday morning, early, and got to John Sizemore's late Sunday evening. We met with a kind welcome. On Monday, we met a large number of the citizens of the valley, at the school-house. After a few explanatory remarks, Worthy Master Buick proceeded to organize the Grange; 30 men and 10 ladies having listed their names. The others all retired and, after a short intermission during which a good lunch of cold victuals (furnished by the kindness of Mrs. Sizemore) was eaten by all, the Grange opened for business in a little house belonging to John Sizemore. We passed an agreeable time, everyone taking great interest to learn. We agreed to meet at ten o'clock next morning. I went home with J. J. Nichols, and Helman went home with Andrew Moon, and Buick went with John Sizemore. We each had a portion of the members to train. Next morning we met again, and further instructed in the order of business, until night. I again went home with J. J. Nichols, for the purpose of instructing Ira Cannon, a nephew of Nichols, who was elected A.S. and Miss May J. elected F. and Miss May Wade, elected L.A.S., and quite a number of other members who had come to Nichol's house. Mr. Buick and Helman went to Sizemore's to instruct the Master, D. R. Parish, John Sizemore and Mr. Moon and Mrs. Moon, were to be at Sizemore's. Moons had left their children, a pair of twins, two years old; a boy, three years old; and a boy five years old, and a girl, eight years old, in charge of John Dixon, a boy, 17 years old.

It Was as Light as Day
"We were instructing very nicely, until about half-past nine the dogs at Nichols commenced to bark. Mrs. Nichols stepped out to see what they were barking at, and she noticed it was as light as day. She could not think what would make it so. She looked around and perceived a great fire off towards Moons' house, distance one mile and one-half. She gave the alarm of fire. We all rushed out, and soon discovered Moons' house to be on fire. Mr. Nichols and Cannon got horses and rode over. They found that John Dixon had saved the children, and that was all, not even saving the clothing. It seems the chimney was poor and the fire had caught, during the evening, after the children had all gone to bed and were asleep. They woke up, just in time to escape with their lives. John Sizemore sent a team and brought them down to his house, and all were comfortable this morning. Mr. Buick, Helman, and I, started home this morning and had a pleasant ride home. Roads very muddy and snow on the ground here, although none at Sams Valley."

Mrs. Carter is typing and putting into book form the lengthy writings of her father's diary, which dates back to 1874, and contains many names of old pioneers of what was once called Gassburg, now Phoenix — also much valuable history that will be cherished by future generations.

Among summer visitors to our community are the Donald Richards family, who arrived here Sunday from Portland. They intend to do a lot of fishing in the mountain streams. The youngsters will do some swimming and playing croquet on the lawn in Grampa's yard. Miss Debbie will spend most of her time with Uncle Emmett and Auntie Doris, and vacation time will go far too soon.

Thought for the day — We eat to live but let's not get the idea we live just to eat.

Boosters' Club Plans Promotion Kickoff Party Monday Eve

Jacksonville — The Jacksonville Boosters' club will hold its promotion campaign kickoff party on the Jacksonville museum lawn Monday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Then various committees such as newspaper, radio, television, special events, administrative and financial, banners, signs and brochures will be organized and the new program explained.

Follow Suggestions
This follows the recommendations emphasized by H. M. (Dirk) Andersen, University of Washington community development consultant, that the Jacksonville program obtain popular support of the citizens first.

The Boosters' club hopes to obtain office space, possibly in the recently renovated Jacksonville railroad depot. This would serve both as a Boosters' headquarters and an information booth for tourists and area residents.

The special events and other committees would also work with various Jacksonville organizations to help them promote local programs. During other activities, last night the local government committee reported its fact gathering program is already under way and many of the

reports should be completed by the Oct. 8 general meeting of the Boosters' club.

Committee assignments include: John Anderson, Jacksonville, public properties and buildings; Chester Wendt, local government finance; Mrs. O. W. Matheny, Jacksonville, city charter and ordinances; Mrs. Charles Offenbacher, Jacksonville, education as related to government; Francis J. Guidry, Jacksonville, planning and zoning; Mrs. Galin Jordan, Jacksonville, welfare. Other committee appointments will be made and confirmed later.

Changes Made In Rogue River Offices

Rogue River—Two changes made in Rogue River city offices during July were as follows:

Chief of Police Le Roi Webb, who had served since July 18, 1959, resigned. Dan Perkey, maintenance man since 1959 for the city, made his application for the police chief's position.

With Perkey as the new police chief, the maintenance department was vacated. Emery E. "Gene" Hilger was then hired to fill that position. His duties mainly involve the maintenance of the city streets and water system.

Several city streets have been closed recently. However, Third st., from Oak to Pine was the only street to be surfaced with Slurry-seal. This material will be studied as to the wearing quality of the ingredients of fine aggregate, emulsion and finely ground cement.

Residents Reminded Of Telephone Number

Talent—The telephone number to call for reporting a fire in the Talent Rural Fire Protection district is 535-2200. Residents were reminded today. The rural number is no longer the same as the city fire department number.

HUCKLEBERRY REPORT
Union Creek — This year's huckleberry crop will be short and late, reports Mrs. Joe Josephson of Prospect, who with her husband is stationed at the Huckleberry Mountain lookout guard station. Several recent frosts have hurt the crop, she said.

DEATH REPORTED

Talent — Mr. and Mrs. George Norton were called to Oakland last week by the sudden death of Fred Barbeau. Mrs. Barbeau is Mrs. Norton's sister. Mr. and Mrs. Barbeau had lived in the Talent area for several years, returning to California two years ago.

Regional Calendar

Prospect — The date of the fire district election here will be Friday, Aug. 16 rather than Tuesday, Aug. 6 as announced in Monday's Mail Tribune. On the ballot will be a proposal to form the Prospect Rural Fire Protection district. A five-man board of directors also will be elected, to take office if district formation is approved.

Prospect — Monday, 2 to 6 p.m., bloodmobile will be in Prospect, with visit sponsored by the Lady Lions. The quota established for the visit is 50 points.

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