

Architectural Archivist Visits Jacksonville Sites

Jacksonville - Mrs. Preston Parish, Fredericksburg, Va., former architectural archivist for colonial Williamsburg, was in Jacksonville this week on an extended tour of historical landmarks and historical societies across the country.

Mrs. Parish recently resigned her post as architectural archivist. Prior to that she was affiliated with Kenmore Mansion, home of George Washington's sister, Mary Washington Lewis, wife of Col. Fielding Lewis. Colonel Lewis was an ancestor of Merryweather Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition which explored the Pacific Northwest.

Mrs. Parish said she was pleased with the stagecoach, the town of Jacksonville, "which has more historic value than any town visited," and the effort of the people to preserve the town's historic values.

Substance And Taste
"By the architecture alone, one can see that the town was created by men of substance and taste," the former archivist commented. "This is not our heritage sprung from itself, but a heritage uprooted from the east and replanted in the west. The settlers who came here brought the best of the good taste and substance of their eastern heritage," she said.

Mrs. Parish decried historic "Honky Tonks," and urged integrity in restoration.

In 1962, 70 million people have visited museums including ones like Jacksonville's. This is one-third of the population and more than the paid admissions to all baseball parks in the country, she pointed out.

Caught In Movement
She quoted August Hecksher, President Kennedy's

special consultant on the arts. "You are caught up, whether you like it or not, in one of the great movements of this, or any time - the search for meaning and beauty in life, the love of things that appeal to something more than natural satisfactions."

Upon returning to Fredericksburg, Mrs. Parish said she plans to start a two-man foundation for American his-

tory teachers from the east to visit this area, see and study the "magnificent frontier that took place here."

Jack Sutton, Grants Pass, Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation president, Mrs. George Brewer, leader in the Beekman house preservation, and Mrs. Houston Valentine, a director of the Jacksonville Boosters' club, toured Jacksonville with Mrs. Parish.



DELIVERING WITH EASE—Mrs. Clifton Childers of Applegate Valley took over the job of delivering mail on route 2 out of Jacksonville as of July 1 on a two-year contract. Since the route covers many miles (all through the Big Applegate and Sterling areas) and all the boxes are on the right hand side of the road, she ordered a Japanese right hand drive Datsun pickup through a Medford auto dealer. The vehicle was brought over from Tokyo on special order.



TEMPORARY FIRE HALL — The Talent Rural Fire Protection district's equipment is being based at this hall on Old Pacific highway near Main st. until a new hall is built on property recently purchased by the district at the corner of Main and I sts. At present the district has two trucks, the old Talent rural truck (right) which was housed

at the Talent city fire station until the rural district was formed last year, and a truck on loan, seen above at left. At the end of this month, the department will receive delivery on two new trucks it is buying. When the new trucks arrive, the loaned vehicle will be returned and the old truck will be used in reserve.

971 Students, Adults Take Part in Recreation Program

Ashland—A total of 971 students and adults have participated in the Ashland Recreation program now in its final week.

The program headed by Pierre Roberts included swimming, skating, baseball, track, bowling, golf, tennis, and junior theater work.

Roberts was selected by the recreation committee, which is headed by Dr. Alex Peterson of Southern Oregon college.

In the nine-week swimming program, 60 per cent of all the beginning swimmers learned to swim. In addition to the instruction in junior and senior life-saving for students, classes for women were held. Seven instructors were in charge of the 547 swimmers who participated in the sessions at Jackson Hot springs. **Skating Program**

Thirty students took part in the six-week skating program held at the Ashland Skating rink. They met once a week. For the six-week baseball session, three leagues were formed for the 140 students who played.

Rondo lanes in Ashland was the site for instruction in bowling. The one-day-a-week lessons were attended by 103 students.

Golf lessons were provided by the golf instructor at the Oak Knoll Golf course for 23 boys and girls.

Junior Theater Work
Bob Chapin, a Southern Oregon college student, was in charge of the seven-week course in junior theater work held at the high school. As their culminating activity the 50 participants produced 4 one-act plays. In addition

they made all the sets and produced their own costumes.

Jim Songster directed the programs in track and tennis. Thirty-eight participants took part in individual track

events, pentathlon, and were in the All-Comers meet held in Medford. Forty students practiced tennis two times a week and played with Phoenix twice.

Regional News

Talent Reading Club Holds Book Party

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Mail Tribune Correspondent
Talent—Nearly 50 children dressed to represent their favorite characters from books attended the Library Book club party at the Talent city hall recently.

Apparently the noble red-skin still compels more admiration from children than does the man from outer space, according to the number of children who came in Indian attire. All of the costumes showed a great deal of thought and effort and the judges, including Omar Bacon, librarian for Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, Mrs. Archie Estes, Talent librarian, her assistant, Mrs. William Sommer, Mrs. Harry Flynn and Miss Evelyn Haikkila, found the winners hard to choose.

Winners under 10 were for a girl, Debby Jennings, a colored hobo boy, and Todd Simpson, as a helicopter; honorable mention went to Eddie Lonch, Indian, and Clancy Stone as Mother Hubbard.

Winners over 10 were Leslie Dean, cowboy, and Sally Simpson, Scotch girl. Honorable mention went to Elyse Smith, a gypsy.

Gets New Members
Glenda Evans was a winner for bringing in the most new members to register for the reading club, and Karen Conner read the most books from June 3 to Aug. 3. She read 64 in that time.

Bacon presented certificates to 56 children who had finished reading at least 10 books.

Mrs. Ray Burnette was chairman of the party committee for the Talent Federated Women's club, a member of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, who sponsored the event. Members of the club donated cookies and punch for refreshments. Those serving were Mrs. Burnette, Mrs. Mae Lowe, Mrs. Flynn, and Mrs. James Enberg assisted by the Misses Elyse Smith and Evelyn Haikkila.

Prizes for the party were donated by Talent merchants.

Tuckers Donate House for Club

Jacksonville - Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tucker and family, Jacksonville, have donated use of the old "Jacksonville-Medford Railroad lines" depot for the headquarters of the Boosters' club.

The Tuckers restored the historic depot to its original state last year. It and the roundhouse were built in 1890 by Honeyman de Hart company, Portland.

In 1891 a New Year's Eve ball was given at the old U. S. hotel in honor of the new railroad. In 1894 William Barum, his wife and sons, John and Bill, moved to Medford from New York.

A third son, George, was born in Medford. In 1904, Barum acquired the "Jacksonville-Medford line," and incorporated it under the name of "Rogue Valley Railway company." At this time, he moved to Jacksonville where the roundhouse and the depot were located.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill - Wednesday, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m., Gold Hill Volunteer Firemen's meeting at Fire hall.

Gold Hill - Thursday, Aug. 15, noon, Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce no host luncheon and business meeting at Rogue Riveria restaurant.

Gold Hill - Friday, Aug. 16, noon, Gold Hill Garden club potluck picnic luncheon and meeting at Ben Hur Lampman park.

Prospect - Aug. 18, the Prospect Art association will have an art exhibit on the Pearson lawn.

Prospect Library Holds Kids Parade

Prospect - Kevin Burrill, who portrayed Lindburg, won first prize in the Prospect library children's parade recently. Theme of the parade was "Count Down and Blast Off."

First prize in the second division went to Mike Grieve, who portrayed a little Mexican boy, and second prize went to Gina Burrill, who represented Clara Barton.

First prize in the third division was won by Debra Love who was dressed as Huckleberry Finn; second went to Jimmy Goodman, dressed as a scuba diver, and third went to Mark Boyer, who represented Toby Tyler.

About 50 children participated in the parade, after which motion pictures were shown. Mrs. George Ring was mistress of ceremonies for the event.

SNAKE KILLED
Tiller - Charles (Butch) Zimmerman, 11, and his brother, John, 7, killed their first rattlesnake Wednesday. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman.

Voters Reminded Of Forthcoming District Election

Prospect—Qualified voters in the proposed Prospect Rural Fire Protection district are reminded by the Prospect Volunteer Fire department that Aug. 16 is the date set for the district election.

On the date, voters will be asked to vote for or against formation of the district and to elect a five-member board of directors, which will take office if the district formation is approved.

The present acting board of volunteer department is recommending that the new board be apportioned so that each of the five general areas of the district will have representation.

Candidates and the districts they would represent are: Rex Normand of the Red Blanket area; Jack DeRoiser of the Cascade Gorge area; Madeline Poole of the Wildwood area; John Davidson of the Pacific Power and Light area; Doug Kimmons of the Prospect area itself.

Every registered voter in

the Prospect area was urged to vote on the proposal. Those not located in the district can be annexed later, firemen said.

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Gas Company Sends Letter to Leyen

Rogue River—Mayor John Leyen, Rogue River, has received a letter from Murray S. Gardiner, district manager of the California-Pacific Utilities company expressing the company's appreciation for cooperation during installation of a natural gas pipeline through Rogue River.

Mayor Leyen observed some of the construction of the pipeline when it was brought into Jackson county recently. He and mayors Richard W. Straus, Gold Hill, and James Dunlevy, Medford, and City Administrator Freeman W. Mason, Central Point, visited the construction site with Gardiner.

In a letter read to the Aug. 8 Rogue River council meeting, Gardiner said the company expresses its appreciation "to you for the courtesies extended our contractor by assisting him in locating underground water pipes and storm drains."

"He also highly commends your police force for its assistance in directing traffic. It is our hope that the benefits accruing to your community by the distribution system scheduled for 1964 will more than offset any slight inconveniences we have caused," Gardiner said.

Young People Clean Up Church Grounds

Tiller—About 40 young people and their chaperons combined work and play recently. They gathered at the South Umpqua Community church where they mowed, raked, and cleaned up the tall grass and weeds that were growing up around the church and parsonage. They also cleared the rocks off the parking area and dug a drainage ditch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hughes of Milo are the sponsors of the Youth Group of the church at Tiller.

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