

# Regional Roundup

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Mickey Cooper, Shady Cove's lady logging truck driver who was the subject of a Mail Tribune feature article several months ago, has been getting quite a bit of national recognition of late. After the story appeared in the Mail Tribune, it was subsequently used in the Oregonian. Then the Associated Press picked it up and relayed it to newspapers all over the nation.

Mickey has been getting cards from clipping services in such states as Wisconsin and Ohio offering to send her tear sheets of articles about her that have appeared — for a fee.

Meanwhile, the International Harvester magazine "The World" decided to do an original story about her. (Mickey drives an IH truck.) A public relations man and photographer came out from Chicago. They spent three days with Mickey and her family doing the story.

Wants To Tell the "Whole Story"  
Mrs. Cooper views the publicity with mixed emotions. She was pleased with the Harvester magazine's story, with regard to all the rest, she wishes that more of the story could be told. For example, she pointed out to us the other night that one of the wire service stories about her started off something like this: "Mickey Cooper, 42 and a grandmother, doesn't have much time for babysitting. She's too busy driving a logging truck."

"The point is that I DO have time for babysitting," Mickey explained. "I am really just a plain wife, mother and grandmother doing what I enjoy — with the full sanction of my family."

"People have a preconceived idea of what loggers are like. They think they are the Paul Bunyan type and have to be tough and all that to work in the woods. They really are just plain people doing a job, the same as anyone else. And they're interested in getting home to be with their families just like anyone else."

"I may keep house a little differently than most women, but it's just as clean as most, although I do get behind in my work just as anyone else does. I'm just as proud of my cooking as any woman who stays home. I have never bought a TV dinner. I've just had to develop a different system of doing things."

### She's Developed Systems

Mickey makes her own bread and pies, enjoys sewing and embroidery, does painting and drawing and makes a lot of her own clothes. She also enjoys gardening and has over 6,000 square feet of lawn and shrubs that she cares for. She feels that many of the systems she has developed would help other working women with their families. Perhaps she'll write some of them down sometime.

Mrs. Cooper says her husband Al's attitude toward her has been a big help. "My husband likes to build up my ego," she explained. "If there is something I want to do — like laying brick — he doesn't make fun of me. He shows me how and then lets me do it. He trusts my judgement and I trust his. He is not like other men I've seen who only make fun of their wives when they want to do something. I think there are a lot of women who could and would do more if they knew they weren't going to be laughed at."

Along with the clippings, Mickey has been getting a number of letters from persons who have read the articles. About 95 per cent of them have been of the congratulatory sort, she said, but there have been a couple of the "who do you think you are?" variety.

### Tidbits and Meanderings

A rather remarkable transformation is taking place in the Siskiyou south of Ashland where construction crews are cutting a swatch for the Interstate 5 freeway. Just a few months ago there were places along the existing road which looked pretty narrow. But now, with what seems like little effort at all, the workmen have carved out a new roadbed two or three times the width of the old highway. The progress is especially apparent if you travel over that stretch only once every month or so.

Readers have probably noticed by now that we started capitalizing the datelines on stories (name of the city or town where the story is from) throughout the paper last Sunday. Well, at least there now can be little doubt in the reader's mind where each story originates.

Bertha Hanscom, our Phoenix correspondent and one of several of our girls currently packing fruit, says the pears this year are the largest she's seen for a long time.

A. Louis Day, Trail correspondent, says he's been getting a lot more phone calls from news conscious neighbors since he explained how a correspondent makes a living. "One guy even called and said he would pay me \$2 if I didn't send in something I knew," he noted.

One of the drawbacks of modern civilization is that the more tricks a machine can perform, the more possibilities there are for something to go wrong. A good example is the set of traffic signals at the junction of Highways 99 and 62. There's evidently an electric eye which turns the light green for traffic entering 99 from 62. Unfortunately, however, as we discovered one night when there wasn't much traffic, the eye only sees the cars waiting in the right hand lane. We sat in the left lane for five minutes and finally had to move over to the right one to get the green light on.

## Easement Granted To White City Sanitary District

WHITE CITY — Work on construction of a lagoon type sewage disposal unit and expansion of the existing disposal system here will get under way shortly as a result of action on the part of the Oregon State Game commission.

Members of the board of the White City Sanitary district announced at their meeting Monday night that the game commission has granted a perpetual easement on the property where the district plans to put the lagoons.

The site is a 28-acre piece near Table Rock and Kirtland rds. At present the site is within game commission lands, but the commission has agreed to trade properties with White City Realty co., which in turn has agreed to sell the site to the sanitary district.

### In Congress

Congressional action is necessary to authorize the trade, however. A bill to give such authorization has been introduced in Congress and is expected to pass, but has not yet reached the floor.

The easement, in effect, gives the sanitary district the authority to go ahead with construction without waiting for Congress to act.

Construction must be started in 90 days in order to qualify for a federal grant of about \$35,000 which has been approved, district board members pointed out.

White City voters approved a \$125,000 bond issue last year to aid in financing the project.

Due to the extreme traffic at the fire station Monday evening, the district moved to Frank Reich's home on Ajax ave. to hold the monthly meeting. The afternoon winds caused an outbreak of spotty fires in the area.

Orville Stone has been appointed as inspector for the area. He stated that all owners with the exception of one have passed inspection at the Cascade village.

An ordinance was passed to control connections, and all sewer lines installed will be charged a \$10 inspector's fee.

Another ordinance is in process to cover any type of connection to main lines, and any lines to be installed will be assessed a hook-up fee. This is being processed by the attorney and will be ready for signing at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on a new section of Ave. "G." Homes in that area are not as yet connected to the sewer.

## Desert Pegasus Horse Club Plans Fall Show Sunday

EAGLE POINT—The Desert Pegasus 4-H Horse club will present its seventh annual fall show Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. at the White City Domiciliary.

The program of the day will include the following riding categories: Hands and seat, under 9 years; Married ladies, western pleasure; English pleasure, open; Texas barrel; Pole bending; Scurry; and Musical chair.

A high point trophy will be awarded in each age group and ribbons will be given to the first through fifth place winners. The age groups are 9 to 12, 13 to 18 and adults.

Games will be timed with an electric timer. Vic Stewart will serve as judge. The entry fee is \$1 per rider.

All riders in the valley are invited to participate.

## Regional Calendar

ROGUE RIVER — Thursday, 7:30 p.m., city council meets at city hall. Hearing on fire protection for city.



ARRIVES IN GRANTS PASS—Cuban refugees Mr. and Mrs. Juan Koop and their two sons, Christian Peter, 4, and John Frederick, 3, are shown as they alighted from a bus at Grants Pass Tuesday to make their home there under the sponsorship of the Newman Methodist church. With the family are Mrs. Emiel Van Delden, left, and her husband, right, who came to Grants Pass two years ago as refugees from Indonesia. (UPI)

## Butte Falls Lions Auxiliary Makes Plans At 1st Fall Meet

BUTTE FALLS — The first meeting of the fiscal year of the Butte Falls Lions Auxiliary was held Sept. 3 at the home of Mrs. Roger Harris. Mrs. Ben Sheppard was co-hostess.

Since the Auxiliary doesn't meet through the summer, this was the first meeting for new officers elected last May. Officers are Mrs. Shirley Hatcher, president; Mrs. Allan Pingle, vice-president; Mrs. Bruce Pingle, secretary; Mrs. Henry Tygart, treasurer; and Mrs. Robert Driskell, tail-twister.

### Draw Up Budget

The budget committee, consisting of executive board members will meet with Mrs. George Hubbard, Prospect, later in the month and make up a budget to present at the October meeting.

Sunday, Sept. 15, the Butte Falls Lions club will hold a turkey shoot at the gun club. Members of the auxiliary will be in

charge of the refreshment stand. The club voted to have monthly projects which will be the responsibility of two auxiliary members per month. These Lionesses will provide something special each month either in the form of a money-making project or just a "fun night."

### Attend Workshop

District E will hold its Lions Auxiliary workshop in Roseburg on Sept. 24. Mrs. Bruce Pingle was appointed to sit in on the membership and attendance panel.

Hostesses for the Lions desert meeting Wednesday, Sept. 11 are Mrs. Charles Capello and Mrs. Shirley Hatcher.

Hostesses for the joint potluck meeting to be held Sept. 25 are Mrs. Andrew Hamstra and Mrs. S. Wilson.

September project chairmen

are Mrs. Allan Pingle and Mrs. Robert Driskell.

Committee chairman appointed for the year were Mrs. William Harris, publicity; Mrs. Bruce Pingle and Mrs. Bernard Parton, historians; Mrs. Bruce Pingle and Mrs. Charles Capello, welfare; Mrs. William Harris and Mrs. S. Wilson, membership; Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Ben Sheppard, inter-club activities; Mrs. Allan Pingle, program and social; Mrs. Robert Driskell, attendance; Mrs. Ben Sheppard, sunshine; Mrs. John Wolter, Mrs. Henry Tygart and Mrs. Charles Capello, door prize; Mrs. Roger Harris, parliamentarian; Mrs. William Harris and Mrs. S. Wilson, initiation; Mrs. Robert Driskell, Lioness; Mrs. Andrew Hamstra, Mrs. Leo Hughes and Mrs. Dave Ayers, workshop.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. A. McCorquodale and Mrs. R. Lewis.

The October meeting will be held on the 1st at the home of Mrs. Shirley Hatcher. Mrs. Bernard Parton will act as co-hostess.

### Kingery's Condition More Serious Than Originally Thought

TALENT—The condition of Harold Kingery, who suffered a knee injury while operating the siren on Talent's 50-year-old fire truck recently, turned out to be more serious than originally thought.

Kingery fell off the old truck as it was chugging around the streets of Talent to publicize the fireman's ball Aug. 31.

He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital for treatment. Confined to crutches, he was unable to attend the ball.

### Friday The 13th Topic Is 'Science And Superstition'

GRANTS PASS—The fall program of the Merlin Unit of Understanding, Inc., will open Friday, the 13th of September with a talk entitled "Science and Superstition."

The speaker will be Daniel W. Fry, president of the Merlin Development Co. and former missile engineering executive.

The lecture, open to the public on a donation basis, will be held at the Grants Pass Women's club on NW Fifth st. between B and C sts. at 8 p.m.

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## Talent Council To Meet With S. Talent Board

TALENT—A special meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night between officials of the Talent City Council and the South Talent Sanitary district.

Purpose of the meeting, arranged at the request of the sanitary district, is to discuss a contract between the two parties concerning expansion of the city's sewage treatment plant.

The South Talent district board is interested in making joint use of the treatment plant with its own sewage disposal system is constructed.

The Talent council received the request for the meeting at a session of its own last night and consented to the Thursday

meeting date. In other matters last night, the Talent council changed the name of its fire department from the Talent Volunteer Fire department to the City of Talent Volunteer Fire department. It also authorized the Talent Rural Fire department to refill tanks from a city hydrant.

## Regional News



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## Dr. Henshaw Sets Up Central Point Office

CENTRAL POINT—A new arrival in Central Point is Raymond Henshaw, doctor of osteopathy specializing in surgery.

Dr. Henshaw, who will have two papers on professional surgery published this month, one in the American Osteopathic Association journal and one in the Forum, attended college in Athens, Ohio.

He graduated from the college of osteopathic medicine and surgery, Kirksville, Missouri, and interned at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. For the past three years Dr. Henshaw was resident surgeon and clinical instructor in surgery in Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to that he practiced for eight years in Milan, Ohio.

He plans on opening his office at 317 E. Pine st., Central Point, on September 16.

Dr. and Mrs. Henshaw and their four children will reside in Central Point at 462 N. 6th st. Two children will attend Crater High school, one Central Point Junior high and one Central Point Elementary school.

### Fire Truck on View In Butte Falls

BUTTE FALLS—All taxpayers in Butte Falls have been asked by Mayor Elga Abbott to take a look at a fire truck which will be on display at the fire hall Thursday in the early evening.

The city council has been considering the purchase of a new truck, and Abbott would like to obtain public reaction to the model which will be on display here Thursday.

At present the city has only an old truck.

### Josephine Teachers Hear Dr. Kreisman

GRANTS PASS — Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the humanities division and director of general studies at Southern Oregon college, was invited to speak at the Josephine county and Grants Pass public schools joint in-service meeting Sept. 3 at Flemming Junior high school.

He discussed the tasks and problems of English teachers.

### Prospect Teachers

PROSPECT — Teaching the seventh and eighth grades at Prospect school this year are Dean Boyer and Mrs. Helen Huffman, respectively. Their names were inadvertently omitted from a list of Prospect teachers in the Mail Tribune last week.

### Family In Valley For Funeral Services

SHADY COVE — Guests over last week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley of Shady Cove were a number of relatives who were also here for the funeral of another relative, Mrs. Kelley's brother-in-law, Mads Madsen of Central Point, whose funeral services were held Saturday in Medford. Present for the funeral and staying the week end with the Kelleys were another sister-in-law, Mrs. D. C. Franks of Vernonia, Oregon; a niece, Mrs. Irving Guild and children Ronnie and Rene of Vancouver, Washington; and another niece, Mrs. Leo Hettinger of Redding, California.



THE REMAINS OF A TOWN—Only a few cottonwood trees and basements over which once stood houses remain to show where the town of Topsy once stood, practically on the Oregon-California state line. The town, on the old stage road from Yreka to Klamath Falls, consisted of a store and post office, with Major W. Overton as the merchant and postmaster. Overton's daughter, Mrs. Alice Hessig, a long time resident of the upper Klamath River region, lives near Yreka.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 9. MANY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME! DON'T LET IT BE THEIR LAST! YOUR CAUTION CAN SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE... SO PLEASE...

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- DRIVERS! DON'T HURRY when you drive! We may as well face it! We cannot reduce traffic casualties unless we slow down! The lives of others are in the hands holding your steering wheel. The minute you may save, isn't worth the life of a schoolchild!
- HAVE YOUR CAR CHECKED by an expert! Any car that is not in perfect mechanical condition is a potential murder weapon! The few dollars you spend may save a life!

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