More Details Of Restoration Project Told

Regional News

VISITS HORNBROOK—"Tar-button," a 4-month-old grey fox, was a visitor in the Hornbrook area earlier this month when former residents Mr. and Mrs. James Dickison and family came back to spend the Labor day week end with friends.

Former Residents of Hornbrook Return With New 'Member' of Family

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
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Hornbrook — When former residents Mr. and Mrs. James Dickison and children Shirley, Karen, and Billy come to town to spend the Labor day week end with friends, they brought with them the latest addition to their family.

His rather unusual name is "Tar-button" and he is a 4-month-old grey fox.

How this little grey fox became a member of the Dickison family is a story that involves the mighty Feather river dam at Oroville, Calif. and one man's concern for the little wood's creatures displaced by the relentless march of "progress."

Dickison, a heavy equipment operator at the dam site, was startled several months ago to see a small ball of fire come streaking out of some brush and slashings being burned.

He quickly leaped off his "cat" and rolled the small object in the dirt to extinguish the flames, then took it home to be nursed back to health by Mrs. Dickison.

Today, "Tar-button" is a beautiful animal, with nothing to remind him of his brush with death but some deformed claws which came as a result of the bad burns suffered at the time of his narrow escape.

Miss Hubbard Now at Miami

EAGLE POINT — Oregon's Dairy Princess, Miss Georgia Hubbard of Eagle Point, left Sept. 12 for Portland. She was met there by her official chaperone, Pat Straube of Portland, who accompanied her on the remainder of her trip to Miami Beach, Fla., where she will compete for the titleo f American Dairy Princess. The contest is now in progress. It will end Tuesday.

While there, Miss Hubbard will attend work sessions with judges, where the contestants are called upon to make impromptu commercials and answer many questions pertaining to dairy products.

As a winner in the Oregon contest, she was awarded a $350 wardrobe and a charm course, which she has spent the summer taking in Portland.

Miss Hubbard has lived on a dairy farm for 12 years and presently has her own herd of 14 animals. She has been in 4-H work for 10 years, having served as a junior leader in dairy and cooking and a leader in boys cooking, as well as a club member in several projects. She is a graduate of Eagle Point High School and is presently attending Oregon State University.

She is expected to return to the Rogue Valley sometime next week.

Evans Valley PTA To Meet Tuesday

EVANS VALLEY—The Evans Valley Parent-Teachers association will hold its first meeting of the school year Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the school house.

All newcomers to the area are urged to attend and get acquainted with the teachers and parents. Mrs. Richard H. Taylor is PTA president.

SIGNS POSTED

PHOENIX — Signs reminding motorists of the 20 miles per hour speed limit have been put up along C st. here. The action came about after residents complained of fast traffic in the area.

By KATHERINE HARRELL
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JACKSONVILLE —At a Jacksonville Boosters' club meeting last week, Robertson Collins, chairman, related details of an interview with Jack Sutton concerning the Jacksonville Historic Preservation and Restoration project for which Sutton is coordinator.

If an application for a $41,086 grant is approved, the federal government will finance a year's feasibility study program, Collins said, which would include reports by architects and engineers on the cost and ways to restore the main business core of Jacksonville.

The future benefits of a completed restoration would also be studied, such as the tourist draw of a new type of shopping center in the Rogue valley and how it would benefit the entire community.

After the year's feasibility study, Collins said, reports would be published on all aspects of the study and be made available to the townspeople to read. The citizens would then vote on whether they wished to have the program continued or dropped.

In the event the plan were voted through, Collins said, the owners of buildings in the area designated for restoration would be presented with architectural plans and other aid.

The cost of restoration would not affect the taxes of any residents not included in the restoration, according to the findings put forth in the feasibility study.

The federal government would follow up with what is called a three-to-one grant, so that each owner restoring his buildings would actually have to pay only about a quarter of the costs. The funds would be controlled by an urban restoration agency voted in by the people and placed under the jurisdiction of the city council.

In the interview, Sutton went on to relate that the urban restoration agency would tell each owner the cost of restoring his buildings and will find him an outside loaning agency or bank with which to make financial arrangements.

In the event the owner cannot afford the cost, or refuses to take part, the agency would call in three appraisers and have them make three individual estimates of the value of the property.

The agency would then force the owner to sell and hold the property for another buyer who would agree to make the improvements. The property could not be sold for more than what was given the original owner.

Each owner's investment, it was cited, would be protected by his neighbor's investment. It is intended that any capital investment would eventually come back to the persons who made the investment.

There are two ways in which the Boosters' club could help the restoration project, Collins said. First, the club could make the community census report as described by the governmental census bureau. This will actually start in January or February.

Second, it could help inform the people of Jacksonville after the study is completed as to what is in the census report. There would be no pros and cons, Collins noted. The main and only objective would be to tell the citizens what they would be voting for.

The meeting concluded with an announcement that on Dec. 15 the government reports on the development study will be finished unless there is unforseen extra work, which would bring the reports to a conclusion in January or February.

Happy Camp School Faces Problem Of Overcrowding

HAPPY CAMP—Happy Camp Union Elementary School board members met for their regular meeting this week and were faced with the problem of what to do with a growth not anticipated at this time.

According to District Superintendent John Sugden, school closed last spring with 352 pupils enrolled. Enrollment so far this fall has boosted attendance figures to 381 students, a growth of 29 pupils or one extra classroom full.

The school last year had 12 teachers for kindergarten through eighth grades. Averaging 30 students per classroom there should still be an additional 21 students to put somewhere, according to Sugden, and putting any more than 30 students per teacher is going to cut down very much on individual help, he said.

The upper grades are pretty well organized but the primary grades, first through third grades are the ones overcrowded, Sugden said.

The board after much discussion voted unanimously to have Sugden hire the 13th teacher for a class made up of second and third graders with the class being set up in one end of the multi-purpose room until better arrangements can be made.

A class was set up in the multi-purpose room four years ago, but a temporary classroom was built from timber funds allotted to the school by the County Board of Education, which relieved the situation temporarily.

Previous to that a bond issue and request for state aid were defeated by a narrow margin by the voters here. Had the bond issue passed, two new classrooms would have been built three years ago.

It was agreed by the board that a special citizen's committee be set up to study school finances in Happy Camp. Names were given the secretary by board members and visitors of persons qualified to study the financial situation.

Jewett PTA Helps Register Pupils On Opening Day

CENTRAL POINT—Registration for all primary pupils attending Jewett school was held Monday, September 9.

With nearly 200 new first graders entering school for the first time, and a total of 600 primary pupils expected, careful enrollment techniques were planned according to William Brewster, principal.

The Jewett PTA volunteered a PTA helper for every classroom to assist the teachers with record keeping, receipt of lunch, weekly reader and insurance money, and to help make pupils comfortable while the teachers met their parents.

This enabled teachers to have time available to greet parents and explain school procedures to them. The entire staff of the school was gratified at the assistance given by the PTA he said.

PTA workers who assisted were: Mrs. Dexter Benston, Mrs. Wesley Claflin, Mrs. Theron Gorden, Mrs. Robert Jantzer, Mrs. Richard Korner, Mrs. James Landers, Mrs. William Matejka, Mrs. William Saxbury, Mrs. E. C. Brittsan, Mrs. Ivan Burton, Mrs. W. R. Florey, Mrs. George Johns, Mrs. Paul Kroon, Mrs. Donald Miller, Mrs. Alton Minger, Mrs. Dean Wilson, Mrs. Richard Dunn, Mrs. Milton Snow, Mrs. Roland Johnson, Mrs. Albert Thompson, Mrs. William Bray, Mrs. Ray Guss, Mrs. Harry Tonn, Mrs. Steve Harris, Mrs. Ray Chavis, and Mrs. Donald Faber.

Talent Police Chief Reminds Bicycle Riders of Ordinance

TALENT — Chief of Police Charles Roberts reminds bicycle riders that according to Ordinance 99 Section 5, bicycles are not to be ridden on sidewalks, riders are to ride single file, signalling as necessary and are to obey all regular driving rules in so far as they pertain.

When used after daylight hours, bicycles are to be equipped with a headlight that can be easily seen up to a distance of 500 feet, and a tail light or red reflector on the rear.

Roberts further stated that a registration may be obtained at his office for 25c. This makes it easier to trace a vehicle lost or stolen, he explained.

RegionalCalendar

GOLD HILL—Monday, 8 p.m., Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club meeting at home of Mrs. Paul Molloy.

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GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows lodge No. 129 will meet at the I.O.O.F. hall.

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GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 10 a.m., Sewing Circle of the Woman's Society of Gold Hill Community Methodist church will meet in the home of Mrs. George Smith, Sardine creek road.

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GOLD HILL — Wednesday, 8 p.m., Past Noble Grands club No. 97 will meet in the home of Mrs. Paul Molloy.

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SAMS VALLEY — Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Sams Valley Ladies club will meet in the home of Mrs. Paul Schulz, Sams Valley road.

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GOLD HILL — Thursday, 2 p.m., Past Noble Grants club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge No. 97 will meet in the home of Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith, First avenue in Gold Hill.

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GOLD HILL — Thursday, 12 noon, Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will meet for a no host luncheon and business meeting at Rogue Riviera restaurant. All members and interested persons are invited.

Regional Roundup

By Cleve Twitchell
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Conversation overheard by Bertha Hanscom, Phoenix, correspondent, while working at the Associated Packing House:

First boy: Say, what do you do to get a mouse out of a car?

Second boy: Well, I guess you better get some oil and oil it.

First boy: Oh, I don't mean a squeak or noise, I mean a real mouse. It's chewed holes all over the back seat.

Second boy: Well, you could connect a hose from the exhaust to the inside of your car, close the windows and start the motor. Of course, you'd better get out yourself, but I guarantee it will get your mouse.

First boy: You know, I drove up to a friend's house and while I was there we caught the mouse. I threw it out along side the road. I just couldn't kill it. But when I got back in my car to come home, darned if that mouse wasn't back in the car again.

"The second boy, laughing, went about his work," Bertha writes, "and whenever I looked at him and saw him grining, I knew just what he was thinking about. It takes such a little thing (like a mouse) to brighten one's day."

The "first boy" in the above conversation should perhaps do a little research into the modern technique of talking to small animals. We recently came across an article entitled "Speak Kindly to the Ants," in which the author describes her success in getting ants to leave her kitchen by politely telling them that because she hadn't invaded their anthill they should not invade her home. The idea is sort of an extension of the Golden Rule. We've also heard of people leaving notes for ants and other insects.

Now here's something the forest service and farmers ought to look into. Personnel could fly over the forests and fields with megaphones and tell the insects to leave the trees and produce alone. "You leave us alone and we'll leave you alone," they could say. It would solve the pesticide controversy.

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'Nuggets' From Siskiyou County

The September issue of "Nuggets," the newsletter of the Siskiyou County Historical society, has arrived, and in it are several paragraphs of general interest:

"More people have visited the museum during the past three months than ever before and that makes us proud and happy.

"We have a very beautiful wedding gown on display on the mezzanine floor that is well worth seeing, and our curator has rearanged the rock display in the basement . . .

"One little request — if anyone has a picture of George R Oulton who was the state senator for Siskiyou county in 1862-63 and state controller from 1863 through 1867 could we please borrow it long enough to have a copy made. The present state controller would like to have a picture of each of those who has held office in the past and he has asked our help in finding one of Mr. Oulton."

Algerian Group Visits Shasta Valley

YREKA — A group of Algerian soil conservationists spent a recent Sunday in Shasta valley. The seven traveled by chartered bus, and were accompanied by a soil conservationist representative from Washington D. C., and an interpretor.

While in Shasta valley the group spent the morning at Harold McWilliams' (Montague farmer) looking at his Alkar wheatgrass seedings. Wheatgrass which thrives in limited rainfall areas may have a place in the upper plateau regions of Algeria.

The Algerian conservationists are administrators in their nation's Department of Agriculture, and plan to develop a Conservation program of rebuilding their agriculture, which has suffered from seven and a half years of war.

Enrollment Up 30 At Happy Camp High

HAPPY CAMP — The Happy Camp High School opened its doors Sept. 3 and to date 161 students have enrolled for classes, the figure representing an increase of approximately 30 students over last year.

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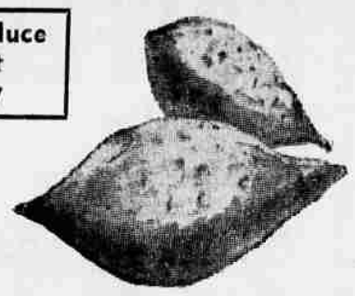
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