

Regional Roundup

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One thing that people seem to love to get excited about is zoning. The idea of having any zoning at all infuriates some persons. Others fight running battles with businessmen they feel are violating zoning regulation already in effect.

A bit of skirmish is in progress now out in the area northwest of Central Point. The area, part of the North Central Point Zoned area, is set aside for residential and agricultural uses. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pruitt bought part of the old Blue Moon ranch and moved the office of their livestock trucking firm into their home on the property.

Some nearby residents, however, complained that the Pruitt business was in violation of the zoning restrictions for that area. Among them was Mrs. William P. Wheeler of the Crater Park subdivision, who spoke to us about the matter on the phone the other day. Subsequently the county planning commission office asked the district attorney's office for an opinion on whether Pruitt's business did constitute a violation. The attorney's office determined that it was and advised Pruitt either to stop doing business at that location or apply for a zone variance.

Hearing Tentatively Set Oct. 7
Pruitt took the latter course of action, and according to the planning commission office, a public hearing before the Board of Adjustment has been set tentatively for the afternoon of Oct. 7 in the county courthouse auditorium. The Board of Adjustment will then make a recommendation to the planning commission itself. If the final decision is unfavorable to Pruitt, he will have an opportunity to appeal.

The opposing views on this issue seem to go something like this:
Mrs. Wheeler said her group feels the trucks pose a hazard for school children in the subdivision. She said one of the firm's trucks knocked over a few newspaper tubes the other day on a corner where the children stand to wait for the school bus.

Mrs. Pruitt, with whom we spoke yesterday, countered with the statement that there are numerous other trucks operating in the area and that the family firm's trucks do not travel at excessive speed. She also said she and her husband had been advised before they bought the property that they could operate their business there. They believed that because the business involves trucking livestock, it should be considered an agricultural use and within the specifications of the zone.

DA's Office Didn't Agree
The district attorney's office, however, evidently did not agree with that contention, because it decided that Pruitt would need to get a zone variance to continue.

What interests us particularly about this case is that it is the second time this year we have heard of a couple buying property after having been informed that they could legally operate a particular business thereon. The other case involved a family who bought property south of Talent and started building a structure near Highway 99 in which they planned to put a second hand store. That case subsequently came before the Board of Adjustment, and the couple lost. The half-completed structure which was to have housed the second hand store was still sitting there the last time we drove by.

October The 15th

While Oregonians are slugging it out on Oct. 15 over the income tax bill, residents of northern Siskiyou county won't be standing idly by. They have an election of their own, a proposed \$675,000 bond issue for the Yreka Union High school district. The district includes Yreka, Hornbrook, Montague and other points in that area.

The district board wants the money for purchasing of school lots, building or purchasing of school buildings, repairing existing buildings, etc., according to the official ballot.

Prospect School Reunion Attended By About 150

PROSPECT — The Prospect school reunion held Saturday at the Rogue River lodge was enjoyed by approximately 150 persons who had attended the school between the years of 1950 and 1955.

Some who had attended the school before 1950 were also present.

The oldest one there was Melvin Hornbuckle of Medford, who graduated in 1942. Another was

Bill Brown of California, who graduated in 1946.

The person who came the greatest distance to attend the reunion was Mrs. Mary Brown Gregory, who came from San Jose, Calif. Another couple was Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acree from Eugene, both of whom attended Prospect school. Several others came from northern California.

Prizes were awarded for various things. LeRoy Draper won a prize for having the grayest hair and he and his wife together for having been married the longest.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peterson of Union Creek got an award for having the most children, six. Robert Nelson for having the baldest head. Mr. and Mrs. David Bliss for having been married the shortest time, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Derohn for having the tiniest baby.

Eight members of the class of 1950 from Prospect High school out of a possible 14 were present.

Plans are being made to hold another reunion before too many more years roll by. This reunion was for many the first time they had met since leaving Prospect.

The Rogue River lodge served a buffet dinner.

REMINDER ISSUED

TALENT — Chief of Police Charles Roberts has again reminded bicycle riders and their parents that the laws are being enforced for their protection. He explained that there is no charge in Talent for registering a bicycle, and although registration is not required, it will make it easier to trace a lost or stolen bicycle.

Talent Lions Slate Projects For Year

TALENT — Among the projects which the Talent Lions club plans to work on during the coming year, is care of Stearns cemetery and a Halloween party for the children. The Lions have built a bench for the park behind the city hall and plan to start their annual light bulb sale on Oct. 1. Other projects are under consideration.

The group reports that about 90 per cent of the members have been attending every meeting. The next meeting will be held September 26 at the Tally Ho. Al Grabber, is the new president.

Erickson Named New President Of Siskiyou Retired Teachers

YREKA — Dave Erickson has been chosen new president of the Siskiyou Division of the California Retired Teachers association. The election took place at a luncheon meeting the organization held in the dining room of the Colony House in Yreka recently.

Chosen to serve with the new president were Dorothy Hippler, first vice president; Dorice Young, second vice president; Rita Prather, third vice presi-

dent; Myrtle Smith, fourth vice president; Helen Sherman, recording and corresponding secretary, and Sidona Beaughan, financial secretary and treasurer. Hartsel Gray was appointed chairman of the Auditing committee.

Other business conducted at the meeting included a collection taken for the Laura Settle Scholarship fund. A letter was read with reference to the Northern California sectional



THE SHORTEST DISTANCE — When the Interstate 5 freeway through the Siskiyou mountains from Ashland to the state line is completed, there will be considerably fewer curves than in the present highway. This fact is illustrated by the above photo which shows a portion of the freeway under construction (at left) and the present highway (at right) at a point a few miles south of Ashland. The existing highway curves off to the right a ways and then drifts back across the freeway route at the point designated by the arrow. But the freeway will come straight down the hillside, following an imaginary line from the arrow to the center of the bottom of the photo.

Four Works By Valley Artists Now On Display At CP Library

CENTRAL POINT — The Southern Oregon Artists association now has four oil paintings on display in the Central Point library. They are the work of Mrs. Wallace (Gean) Neece, Gold Hill.

The display will be changed once a month according to Mrs. A. D. Van Horn, librarian.

There are approximately 300 new books in the library. During September over 200 books, both fiction and non-fiction, were donated to the library. Included are a 27 volume

set of the Book of Knowledge and a seven volume set of the Garden Encyclopedia.

However, donated books must be processed in the Medford branch of the Jackson county library before being returned to the Central Point branch, she said.

Parents who wish to enroll their pre-school children for the story time at the library should contact Mrs. Van Horn before October 15. The story time will not be held unless a larger number of children can attend than

did last year, she said.

Mrs. Ray Chavis was substitute librarian while Mrs. Van Horn was on vacation recently.

Library hours are 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday. The library is also open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Siskiyou Artists To Display Work At The Shamrock

YREKA — The Siskiyou Artists association will feature a series of one man displays of its members' works at the Shamrock. Kaymore Scott of Mt. Shasta, a member of the association, now has seven portraits on display there.

Mrs. Scott is interested in photography and at one time had her own studio of photography in Mount Shasta. Recently

she has taken up portrait sketching and painting, studying pastels and watercolor at the College of the Siskiyous and oils under Lee Gossett in his Mount Shasta class.

Mrs. Scott is a native of Canada and was reared in Toronto and Montreal. She came to Mount Shasta during World War II as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Station.

On display at the Shamrock Mrs. Scott has portraits "Becky," a watercolor; "B. J.," oil pastel; "Jack," charcoal; "Fisherman," in conti pencil; "Little Mother" and "Sunshine," in oils and "Blue Lady," pastel.

Each display will be up for six to eight weeks.

New Rogue River Market To Open

ROGUE RIVER — Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gail have announced that their new market will open for business Thursday.

The new building, to be called Bantam Market, encompasses 2,600 square feet compared to only 1,100 square feet in the old building, which had housed the market since March 1, 1946.

The new building, on Highway 99, is directly in back of but higher than the site of the old one, which twice was hit by floods. The new structure is above the 1955 flood line.

Provided are two checkstands and 22 parking spaces.

McUne Stagecoach To Be In SOC Parade

JACKSONVILLE — George McUne of Jacksonville's Pioneer Village has accepted an invitation to drive his stagecoach in the annual homecoming parade at Southern Oregon college.

The parade will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2. Theme will be "The Past in Review."

Plans are being made to have McUne give stagecoach rides in Lithia park after the parade.

The stagecoach, built by McUne, is a replica of a Concord stage.

It will be pulled by Fibber and Molly, a pair of white mules who were part of the wagon train traveling the old Oregon trail from Independence, Mo. to Independence, Ore., in 1939.

About 25,000 veterans of the Spanish American War are still living and their average age is 84, says the Veterans Administration.

Montague Is Host For PTA Session

MONTAGUE — The first meeting of the new school year of the 25th District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, is being held in the club room of the Montague auditorium today with the Montague PTA as the host unit.

District President, Mrs. Lloyd Westby from Happy Camp, is conducting the sessions.

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Evans Valley PTA Meets New Teachers, Makes Plans

By **GLADYS R. BOULTER**
Mail Tribune Correspondent
EVANS VALLEY — The Parent Teacher association of Evans Valley met with Presi-

dent Mrs. Richard H. Taylor for the first meeting of the year, in the school gymnasium recently, to help formulate and carry out plans to make the best education possible available for the children.

Physician Plans Gold Hill Office

GOLD HILL — Dr. C. L. Pansoen, osteopathic physician and surgeon, will open an office Oct. 1 at 520 Second avenue in Gold Hill. He will share the Clark J. Walker Agency Real Estate offices, according to Mrs. Virginia Plummer, branch manager.

Dr. Pansoen, who has a practice in Glendale, will be in his Gold Hill office from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week.

Mrs. Plummer said if Dr. Pansoen gets the support of the people in this community, he has indicated that he would be interested in building a medical clinic in Gold Hill by spring.

An effort is being made by Mrs. Plummer to get a drug store here. She stated that in order to get a drug store and pharmacist in Gold Hill it is necessary to have a doctor.

Dr. Pansoen is married. The couple has a son, Tom 16 and daughter Vicki 13. The family now resides in Grants Pass and the youngsters are attending schools there.

If he builds a successful practice in Gold Hill, Mrs. Plummer said Dr. Pansoen plans to move his family here.

Perry commented on the school's new look, due to painting and general repairs.

The new teachers were introduced and each spoke briefly. Mrs. Betty Maggard, teaches first and second grades and girls P.E. She has been teaching for five years and is from Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Twila Block teaches the third and fourth grades, also the upper grade vocal music. She is a long time resident of Rogue Valley. After she and Mr. Block sold their orchard in 1960 she returned to teaching.

Carl Carlson teaches the sixth grade and is the band instructor. He was raised in Centralia, Wash. While he was a theology major at the Multnomah School of Bible, he decided elementary teaching was his field and later graduated from Southern Oregon college.

He announced that a band would meet twice a week, Monday and Thursday. Assemblies are being planned for once a month which will give the band an opportunity to take an active part in the programs.

Perry, who acts as football coach, announced that the first game of the season would be Sept. 27 at Trail.

Newcomers were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

At the close of the meeting the eighth grade mothers served coffee and cake in the cafeteria.

CHIEF SPEAKS
TALENT — Chief of Police Charles Roberts spoke to the third grade classes at the Talent Elementary school last week. He explained the duties of police officers, proper rules for bicycle riding and answered questions.

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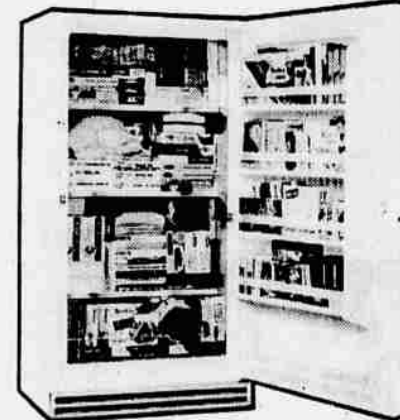
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