Regional Roundup

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When former Rep. John H. Rousselot, district governor of the John Birch society, visits Medford next Monday, the occasion will serve as an interesting sort of "reunion" for us. Before we moved to the Rogue valley late in 1961, we lived east of Los Angeles in the 25th Congressional district of California, the district which Rousselot represented in Washington for two years.

We worked for a daily newspaper within that district at the time. In that capacity we met him on a number of occasions. We also served with him on the board of directors of an organization in the area dedicated to aiding the mentally retarded and physically handicapped.

John H. Rousselot (pronounced "Roos-e-low") was elected to congress in 1960. He defeated three other Republicans in a primary election and then went on to unseat a Democratic incumbent by a pretty good margin. His affiliation with the John Birch society, which, if our memory serves us correctly, began some months before the elections, was not publicly known at that time.

Society Membership Had a Gradual Effect

Some months after Rousselot took office, however, his membership in the society, and that of another Republican congressman in a nearby southern California district, became known. This revelation did not change things very much for either congressman, at least, not right away. Both still performed their duties much like any other congressmen and both were still invited to make the usual appearances and speeches. But when election time came around in 1962, the Birch issue and some reapportioning of congressional districts by the Democratic majority in power in Sacramento caught up with both men. The districts were reapportioned so that Republican voter registration was reduced and Democratic registration increased in each one. Because of the fact that the districts were reapportioned in this manner, however, it is difficult to tell just how much the Birch society membership factor hurt each man at the polls.

Not long after Rousselot's membership in the society became publicly known, he began making frequent appearances before anti-communist groups in southern California. Political editors in the area were prompted to predict that if Rousselot lost the next election, he might become a leading voice for the John Birch society, because he was so much more "respectable" than Robert Welch, leader of the society.

The writers were correct. Soon after his defeat, Rousselot was appointed to a high post in the society.

Makes a Favorable Impression

Rousselot is (or at least was when we knew him) a "respectable" person. A public relations man before he ran for congress, he knows how to make a favorable impression on people. He has a pleasing personality, speaks eloquently but is mild-mannered. He's the sort of person you can enjoy knowing, even if you don't agree with a word he says from the platform.

We're not "for" Mr. Rousselot, nor are we "against" him. There are people we like in both the liberal and conservative camps. Our own views — the few that we are very serious about — lie somewhere in between. Actually the only really serious conviction we have is that this insignificant little lifetime in which we are now living should be recognized for what it is. We figure that human souls have been around for eons of time and will continue to be around for more eons — in a vast universe. We're in a classroom from which all of us sooner or later graduate. What we do in this lifetime has only relative significance.

We wouldn't rather be red than dead, nor would be rather be dead than red. We see no necessity for choosing either of these points of view. Never-the-less, for old time's sake, we expect to be present at the Hoover school Monday night when Rousselot speaks.

REGIONAL AREA CHAIRMEN—Although it was an unusually warm day in October, Christmas seal area chairmen of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association gathered last Wednesday to make plans for their annual Christmas seal sale at the home of Miss Helen Bullis on Florence ave. in Medford. Shown above arriving for the luncheon meeting are Mrs. F. G. Petrie of Rogue River, Mrs. M. Schoenemann of Gold Hill, Mrs. Marcus Dey of Prospect, Mrs. Vernon Thorpe, Medford, treasurer of the county organization, and Mrs. Arthur MacKintosh of Phoenix. Others attending the luncheon included Mrs. Ted Hoffman of Eagle Point, Mrs. Ed Taylor of Talent, Mrs. L. L. Burghart of Ashland, Mrs. Bruce Pingle of Butte Falls, Mrs. J. R. Bartuss of Shady Cove and Mrs. Chester Guches, county co-chairman for Christmas seals.

Phoenix Council Adopts Two New Ordinances; Zoning Is Discussed

PHOENIX—The Phoenix City Council Monday night adopted two new ordinances, one changing the name of Pacific road to Pacific lane, the other vacating alleys in five blocks in a portion of the city.

The ordinances were ordered drawn up after public hearings held on both proposals Sept. 23. No one appeared at the hearings.

The changing of Pacific road to Pacific lane was done, explained Mayor Darrell Paxson, at the request of residents on the road who said their addresses were frequently confused with Pacific Highway, route 99.

Part Outside City

Only part of the street is inside the city limits. Mayor Paxson said he understood an effort to change the name of that portion outside the city is being taken up with county officials.

The ordinance vacating the five alleys was drawn up after owners adjacent to them indicated they wanted the alley sections back. The city saw no reason to hold them, the mayor explained.

At the Sept. 23 meeting, a public hearing also was held on a new zoning ordinance for the city of Phoenix. At that time the council decided to give it further study, and at Monday's meeting several sections of it were discussed at length.

In other action, the council approved building permits for Hans Skjaerlund to erect four more duplexes at 130 South Main st., one at a cost of $9,500, the other three at a cost of $7,500 each, and a carport at a cost of $2,400.

A permit was also granted to Ed Stevens to build a single family residence at a cost of $10,000 at 135 Church st.

Chlorine Tanks

The council discussed the hazards involved in changing the chlorine tanks at the city water reservoir, a job that is necessary about every eight months. Councilmen agreed to urge the city watermaster to wear a gas mask at all times even when just entering the building in which the tank is situated.

City Police Chief John Atchison was asked by the mayor if rifles need to be registered. The chief replied that rifles not only don't need to be registered but actually cannot be registered. On the other hand, hand guns must be registered, he said.

(According the the Jackson County Sheriff's department, whenever a hand gun is sold, a copy of the bill of sale automatically goes to the department. This bill of sale serves as the "registration.")

Police and Court Report

Atchison gave a report on the performance of his department during September. He issued 51 citations, among them 12 for disobeying stop sign, four for wrong way on one way street, 28 for violation of basic rule, and seven other miscellaneous. The police car traveled 1,771 miles during the month, he said.

Faye Carver, judge of the Phoenix Municipal court, reported that the court received and disposed of 43 complaints during September, all but one of them traffic cases. A total of $732.50 in fines was assessed and collected. No fines were suspended.

She reported that the court has been experimenting with giving some youthful offenders work detail instead of a cash fine. The council agreed that in many cases a "fine" of hours of work makes a more lasting impression on a teen-ager than a monetary fine, which his parents may pay off for him.

Regional News

Construction Of White City Lagoons To Start Dec. 23

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WHITE CITY — The White City Sanitary District board has received word from the engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield that construction of the district's lagoon system is now tentatively scheduled to start Dec. 23.

Completion is set for March, 1964. Some preliminary work has been begun, such as property surveying, preliminary study and test holes.

A consulting engineer will be present at the Nov. 4 meeting of the board to present final plans. Following the boards approval, the State Sanitary authority will aprove final plans. Following this, bids will be advertised. The bids will be subject to the approval of the State sanitary authority also.

The White City Realty has acquired a perpetual easement for the land for the lagoon system and in turn asked for a letter to purchase property, as soon as it becomes available.

The district's attorney was advised to write for the White City Realty to purchase the land for $465 per acre. There are 28.68 acres involved. The location is east of Table Rock rd. south of Avenue F, west of Pacific st. and north of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

This allows a 300 ft. setback, called "buffer strips" around ponds, which the State Sanitary authority requires.

The White City Realty co. states that in the district, near the present village, the sewer system's manholes are not now covered. Orville Stone, the district's inspector, was appointed to make a complete survey to see how many covers are needed and the expense of covering. He will present his findings at the Nov. 4 meeting of the district.

Representatives from Avenue G attended the meeting, regarding the hook-up of sewer system to that area. The district's attorney advised the people to petition the district to install a line at the owner's expense.

Election for a new board of directors member, to succeed James Scott, when his term of office expires will be held in December. He states that anyone interested in running may contact him at his station office at 826-4441, or his home, 826-4521.

The attorney will send petition form notices for posting in the near future.

County Teachers Make Plans For Oct. 25-26 Conference

The fall dinner meeting of the Jackson County Classroom Teachers Association was held at North's Chuck Wagon last week.

The guest speaker, Dr. Betty Lou Dunlop, of Southern Oregon college, was introduced by Marvin Gettling, program chairman from Ashland. She spoke on the growth of American education through the years, stating that education is at its crossroads with many problems facing it, such as: dropouts, the need for more guidance programs, and the necessity for new educational approaches and educational media.

Mrs. Zelma Foote, regional director of the Department of Classroom Teachers discussed plans for the state DCT conference scheduled to be held at Crater High school October 25, 26.

John Stewart, president of the Jackson County Chapter of the Oregon Education association, presented the local color award to Ailene Inlow, president of the Jackson County Classroom Teachers' association.

Miss Inlow received this award for the service projects which she selected from the northwest region to be used in the NEA local color book for 1963.

Ron McKenna, co-chairman of the resolutions committee, gave a summary of the resolutions to be presented by the Jackson County unit at the fall conference.

Mrs. Zelma Foote, Central Point, was introduced to the group by Dave Harbison, Eagle Point, as a nominee for vice-president of the Oregon Department of Classroom Teachers. The Jackson County OEA and the Classroom Teachers' Association will submit her name for nomination at the fall conference, October 25, 26.

Entertainment was provided by "The Fishermen's Quartet". Members of the vocal group are Bill Brewster, Dean Von Stein, George McUne, and Mel Johnson. They were accompanied by Mrs. William Brewster.

Decorations for the evening were arranged by Mrs. Bert Caster and Mrs. Floris Broomfield, Central Point.

The next dinner meeting for the Jackson County Classroom Teachers association will be held November 19, at Wilson school, Medford. A panel group will report on the progress of the team teaching program which has been initiated in two of the Medford elementary schools.

Jewett School Wins Safety Award Again

CENTRAL POINT — Jewett Elementary school has received a certificate of Exceptional Merit and has been placed on the National School Safety Honor roll of the National Safety council, principal William Brewster anounced today.

This is the fourth year that the school has received this honor.

"We are encouraged by the National Safety council's recognition of our efforts to build a fine safety education program," Brewster said. "So long as accidents remain the chief cause of death among school-age children, we will continue to improve that program to teach our young people to protect themselves and their fellow students."

The honor roll was initiated in 1944. To earn a place on it, a school must present a detailed report of its safety program to a committee composed of the school principal, the president of the local parent-teacher association or similar group, a student, a local civic leader, and the president of the local safety council.

If this committee reports favorably, the National Safety Council lists the school on the honor roll and sends the school a certificate of Exceptional Merit.

403 Students Enrolled In Gold Hill Schools

GOLD HILL — Gilbert A. Mack, principal of district 6 schools in Gold Hill, reports a total of 403 students were enrolled here during the first four week period of the 1963-64 school year. Enrollment at Hanby Elementary school is 213 fifth through eighth grades, and at Patrick Elementary school first through fourth grades the enrollment is 190, he said.

It was noted that 360 students of the 403 total pupils are transported to and from schools here by district 6 school buses. The remaining 43 students walk to and from school.

New Families

There are 34 new families in the community represented in the student enrollment at Hanby Elementary school in addition to 30 Sams Valley families who are represented in the enrollment of seventh and eighth grades from that area of district 6.

At Patrick Elementary school there are 27 new families represented in the enrollment there.

New Students

New pupils coming here from other states to attend school at Hanby include three from Nevada; one from Alabama; eight from California, and two from Washington. New students from other southern Oregon areas include 10 from Central Point; 18 from Medford, and one from Phoenix.

New students from out of state at Patrick include eight from California; two from Washington, and one from Alabama. From other Oregon towns there are four from Medford; one from Rogue River; two from Jacksonville; four from Central Point, and one from Roseburg.

School pictures were to be taken here today.

PERMITS NOT NEEDED

CENTRAL POINT — Assistant fire chief Don Milligan has announced that it is no longer necessary for Central Point residents to have a burning permit to do open burning within the city limits. The only exception is in the fire zone (commercial area).

RegionalCalendar

CENTRAL POINT — Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Rogue Valley writers meet at 7448 New Ray rd. All working writers invited to attend.

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ROGUE RIVER — Thursday, 7:30 p.m., regular city council meeting at city hall.

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PROSPECT—Thursday, 8 p.m. Alf B. Mekvold, county schools superintendent, will speak on the tax referral election.

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SHADY COVE — Friday and Saturday, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church rummage sale at parish hall. Proceeds go toward purchase of baptismal font for church.

Eagle Point Council Abandons Plans For Truck Route

EAGLE POINT — The tentative plans for the development of Fifth st. as a truck route were abandoned at the last meeting of the Eagle Point City Council following the reading of a petition from property owners in that area.

Bert Dodenhoff presented plans for a subdivision which were accepted. The property in this subdivision is located in the southwest part of the city.

The planning commission submitted street names which were accepted by the council and will be drawn up in the form of an ordinance. These names will be published at a later date.

The Eagle Point sewer system has reached a point of completion that they have been referred to the Oregon State Sanitary authority for final inspection.

Plans were made for Mayor Shy Callaghan, Councilmen Nave, McFall, and Hoffman, City Manager Chastain, Recorder Vannice, and a member of the planning commission to attend the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland October 20, 21 and 22.

Real Estate Office Opens In Gold Hill

GOLD HILL—The public is invited to attend an open house Sunday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new Gold Hill branch office of the Bill Colley Real Estate agency, according to Roland Washburn, branch manager.

The office is located in the former Elbert's sporting goods store at the north city limits, across from the Ideal Cement company plant.

Washburn has been with the Bill Colley Real Estate office in Central Point the last two-and-a-half years. He is also a Gold Hill city councilman.

Pre-School Reading Time To Start Again

CENTRAL POINT—The reading time for pre-schoolers at the Central Point library will start again, it was announced today.

The first reading time will be this Friday at 10 a.m. It previously had appeared uncertain whether there would be a reading time this year because of lack of interest in previous programs.

Hornbrook Couple Home From 11,000 Mile Trailer Trip

HORNBROOK—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bear returned home Sept. 25 from an 11,000 mile trip with their house trailer.

Leaving here June 10, the Bears joined a caravan of house trailers at Burns, Ore. From there, the group proceeded eastward, making stops at Mountain Home, Idaho, the Craters of the Moon in Idaho, the Jackson Hole country, the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone park, the Devil's Tower, and the town of Sheridan, all in Wyoming.

Next they attended the Passion Play at Deadwood, S.D., then continued on to Bemidji, Minn. where the Sixth annual Wally Byam Caravan club rally was held. Here over 2000 Airstream trailers were parked.

Head for East

After the rally, the caravan divided, some taking the western Canada tour, others heading for the eastern part of the country. The Bears took the latter tour, having taken the trip through Canada last year.

Crossing into Canada on the new Mackinac bridge at Sioux Ste. Marie, the group traveled via the Trans-Canada highway, stopping first at Pembroke, then going on to Sudbury, a nickel mining town, with over 500 miles of tunnels under the town, some at a depth of 5,000 feet.

Canada's beautiful capitol city of Ottawa was the next stop on their itinerary, and here they saw the changing of the guards at the Parliament buildings. From Ottawa the tour took them to Montreal, then up the St. Lawrence river to Quebec city, thence east on the St. Lawrence to the Gaspe peninsula, where they spent two days, driving the 560 miles around the peninsula.

Four days were spent at Port Elgin on the Atlantic ocean, and from there they took the ferry to Prince Edward Island where they were greatly impressed by the beautiful farms throughout. At each of the cities visited, tours were taken to local points of interest.

At Port Elgin the caravan again divided, some going on a 10-day trip through Nova Scotia. The Bears left the others here and started for home, coming via New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and other parts of New Enland where they found the aspen and birch trees especially lovely.

Back Through Michigan

They drove the length of Grande Isle in Lake Champlain, thence back to and down the upper peninsula of Michigan, down through Wisconsin, where a visit was made with relatives at Spring Green whom Mr. Bear had not seen since 1919. After a stay of six days here, Mr. and Mrs. Bear continued on to her childhood home near Worthington, Minn., where they stayed three weeks.

Near Mitchell, S.D., where Mr. Bear was raised, they visited the world-famous Corn Palace. Enroute home stops were made at the Badlands, the Black Hills to see Mt. Rushmore, and at Rapid City, and in Utah, at the state fair at Salt Lake City, where they enjoyed the horse show. Their last stop was made at Reno, Nev.

PONY OF AMERICA—A second Pony of America has been brought to the Evans Valley area by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Taylor. The Taylors attended a Pony of America show in Montana and purchased Tioga, a yearling. This little stallion is a double bred Pony of America, which means that both his Sire and Dam were registered POA. This breed of horse is larger than a Shetland pony but smaller than an Appaloosa. It was first organized in Iowa in 1955.

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