

Regional Roundup

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Down in Southern California, one of the area's serious problems is the water table. It's dropping year after year. That's one of the reasons why the Feather River project was proposed, to meet the growing demand for water in the Southland.

Here in the Rogue Valley, we

Walk Installed In Front of Phoenix Church

PHOENIX — A sidewalk has been laid in front of the Presbyterian Church in Phoenix.

The work is a memorial to Mrs. Enid Caster, a long time resident of Phoenix, who was a member of the church. Mrs. Caster left a gift of money to the church to be used for the project.

Church members and other community residents donated the remaining amount of money needed and also the labor for laying the sidewalk.

The Rev. William A. Salidan, minister of the church, expressed thanks to all who helped.

Police Announcement
PHOENIX — Chief of Police John Atchison of Phoenix announced today that anyone parking their car on the wrong side of any street in the city will be cited.

Parking on the wrong side of a street can cause serious accidents, especially during the fog season ahead, the chief explained.

The regulation will be enforced not only on the main streets but also on every other street in the city, he said.

Christmas Project
PHOENIX — This city will again have a community Christmas tree this year, through the efforts of the auxiliary of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department.

Everyone will be welcome to use the tree for carol singing or other Christmas events, it was reported.

Women of the auxiliary will raise funds for the project by holding a baked food sale at Oscar's Market, Main and Second Streets Saturday. The sale will start at 9 a.m.

Jewett PTA To Hear Talk by Mrs. Kunkel

CENTRAL POINT — Mrs. Owen Kunkel, member of the Jackson County Council of Parents and Teachers, will be guest speaker when the Jewett Parent-Teacher Association meets Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Jewett School multi-purpose room.

Mrs. Kunkel will explain how local funds sent to county, state and national PTAs are used.

William Brewster, principal of Jewett School, will comment briefly on curriculum.

Entertainment will consist of a preview of the Fall Music Program to be presented Nov. 26.

Refreshments will be served before the meeting. Serving will begin at 2:40 p.m.

Baby sitting will be available.

are faced with a somewhat different problem: The water table is too high in many parts of the area.

According to a recent story in the Grants Pass Courier, the high water table is providing quite a headache for health authorities in Josephine County, because it is so close to the surface of the ground or the valley floor that it is interfering with septic tank draining system.

We suspect that a similar problem exists in some parts of Jackson County, especially during rainy season. We got a little firsthand observation of the problem Saturday morning, when we spent several hours touring the grounds of our little area in the country with representatives of local sanitation firms seeking clues as to the ailments of our malfunctioning drainage system. As one of the visitors stuck a pole into the ground here and there, he frequently found water about a foot or two beneath the surface.

One of the causes of the "high" water table around here is the existence of a hardpan layer a few feet under the ground. The water collects on top of it. We were chatting with George Runyan of the Jackson County Health Department about this situation, and he remarked that there are some areas where you can put a shovel into the ground and have yourself a well — if only the water were fit to drink.

The high water table problem is nothing new, however, he indicated. It's probably been around as long as this valley has.

Sharp-Eyed Correspondents
The Mail Tribune recently issued a new stylebook in connection with the changeover to the perforated tape system of type setting here. We sent each of the regional correspondents a copy, but are finding that many of them have sharper eyes than we. They keep calling up and correcting misuses of which we have been guilty. Bertha Hanscom, our Phoenix correspondent, really studied the stylebook. She discerned a bit of wishful thinking on the part of its author. Listed as an example of correct uses of the hyphen was "the 6-foot, 5-inch blonde with brown eyes."

"I'd like to see that one too. Wouldn't you?" Bertha remarked.

Films At Weed
Those of our readers in Siskiyou County, and others who enjoy traveling down that way, may be interested to hear that a series of unusual films is being shown at the College of the Siskiyou at Weed. The first offering was "The Bicycle Thief," which was viewed by an audience of 200. Next scheduled is "Citizen Kane," slated for mid-December. A third program is contemplated for January, to be followed by six films in the spring. Further information may be obtained from the college, Route 1, Box 1025, Weed, Calif.

DULUTH, Minn. (UPI)—Robert Smith, Duluth port director, Saturday predicted the St. Lawrence Seaway would remain open well past last year's closing date of Dec. 7.



OPENING CEREMONY — The new First National Bank building in Central Point was officially opened at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday morning. Left to right: L. H. Rice, vice president, southwest district; C. Elwood Hedberg, senior vice president; Francis (Cliff) Ayres, manager; his 11-year-old daughter, Jane, who cut ribbon; William F. Saxbury, mayor of Central Point; Donald E. Faber, Jackson County Commissioner.

Regional News



50-YEARS RECOGNIZED — At a potluck dinner held recently by Central Point Lodge 135 AF&M at the Masonic Temple in Central Point, long-time Masons were honored. Fred Purdin, right, past master of AF&M 103 of Medford, awarded a 50-year pin to E. G. Miller, left, oldest past master of the Central Point lodge. Receiving 25-year pins were Eugene Shelton of Medford and Francis Putman of Eagle Point. The Hillah Temple Chanters, directed by Clarence Smith, entertained the group with several songs. Among those introduced was Edward W. Jones, 55-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Trailer, Auto Court Planned In Prospect Area

PROSPECT — Ground is being prepared for construction of a combined auto and trailer court here.

The trailer court, to accommodate 25 trailers at the start, is scheduled for completion by spring. Space for 25 more trailers is expected to be provided later.

The auto court cabins will be constructed by 1965.

The site of the new facility is on the northeast side of Prospect. The 10-acre property is located along the present Highway 62 and is near the route of the new highway bypass.

According to owner and developer Luke Biden, the facilities will be modern and up to date. When completed, each trailer space will have a carport and patio. There will also be lawns and landscaping, he said.

There is a possibility that the auto court buildings may be double-decker type, he indicated.

Biden expressed hope that the project will help alleviate two Prospect area problems, by supplying work for a number of men and by easing the housing shortage here.

Siskiyou Shriners' Bicycle Unit Takes Part In Reno Event

SISKIYOU COUNTY — Performing a "Bicycle Built for Two" unit were members of the Siskiyou County Shrine Club in the Shriners' parade on the streets of Reno, Nevada, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9.

The parade was part of the two day ceremonial session put on by Kerak Temple, Reno, starting with a fun session on Friday evening.

The local group, which is the northernmost club of Ben All Temple, Sacramento, traveled by chartered bus, several private cars and a pick-up truck to carry the bicycles.

A number of wives of the men and members not participating in the parade accompanied the unit, over 30 in all. The bus driver, "Bart" Bartholomew, member of Hilla Temple of Southern Oregon, was accompanied by his wife, both of them joining in the festivities.

The bicycle unit formed some two years ago, has performed in a number of parades, winning prizes and acclaim. It has the distinction of being the first wheel unit to be asked to perform in the auditorium for the annual ceremony for Ben All Temple for its annual ceremony in Sacramento on Dec. 7, 1963.

Doors of New Central Point Bank Are Opened

CENTRAL POINT — The new Central Point Branch of the First National Bank of Oregon was opened to the public at a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday morning. About 75 persons were present to enter the building as the doors opened.

The new bank, built at a cost of approximately \$115,000, is located at Third and Pine Streets. The bank formerly was located about a block away at 316 E. Main St.

Present for the ceremony were E. Elwood Hedberg, senior vice president of the banking organization at Portland; L. H. Rice, district vice president of the bank's southwest district; Francis C. (Cliff) Ayres, local branch manager; William F. Saxbury, mayor of Central Point; and Donald E. Faber, Jackson County Commissioner. Jane Ayres, the branch manager's daughter, cut the ribbon.

"This is further evidence of our confidence in the economy of this part of the state," Hedberg said. "Oregon as a whole has a great future. This area justifies this kind of an investment."

Regional Calendar

GOLD HILL — Monday, 8 p.m., Amethyst Rebekah Friendship Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Leonard L. Martin.

GOLD HILL — Monday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., open house at Gold Hill Elementary schools. During that hour classrooms will be open at Hanby for visitation by parents. At 7:30 p.m. refreshments will be served and a program presented at Patrick Elementary School, in the multi-purpose room.

GOLD HILL — Tuesday, 8 p.m., Odd Fellows Lodge 129 will meet at the IOOF Hall.

GOLD HILL — Wednesday, 8 p.m., Amethyst Rebekah Lodge will meet at the Wilbur Martin home on Second Avenue. Election of officers will be held. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Wilbur Martin and Mrs. Leonard Martin.

APPLIGATE VALLEY — Thursday, 2 p.m., Valley Garden Club at home of Mrs. Kenneth Paine. Wild flowers will be mounted, and there will be a plant sale.

GOLD HILL — Thursday, 12 noon, Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will meet at Ritz-Riviera restaurant for a no-host luncheon and business meeting.

SAMS VALLEY — Thursday, 7 to 8 p.m., Open house will be held in classrooms at Sams Valley Elementary School. From 8 to 9 a music program and PTA meeting will be held in the school gym. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

500 Attend School Curriculum Fair

CENTRAL POINT — About 500 attended the Curriculum Fair held in conjunction with the Central Point Elementary and Junior High PTA chili dinner Thursday evening.

The fair gave parents an opportunity to view materials and textbooks used at the different grade levels.

One of the most popular displays was the seventh and eighth grade science exhibit which illustrated peaceful means of using atomic power.

Also on display were samples of student handicraft from the Industrial Arts and Homemaking programs.

Usefulness of History Described In Talk For Siskiyou County Historical Society

YREKA — Dr. Clifford Miller, professor of history at Southern Oregon College in Ashland, spoke before the Siskiyou County Historical Society Nov. 9 at the museum.

His topic was "What's the Use of History." He related many ways wherein history is useful, and ended by saying that the reason he studied history was because it provided him pleasure and was exciting, thrilling and fun. Sixty-five members and guests were present.

The curator reported that over 700 visitors registered at the museum during October. Mrs. Pollock made a plea for anyone having old dolls, even those in need of repair, to bring them to the museum and she would be glad to repair them for use next month in the Christmas display.

James McNeill, president, said that he had already made plans to procure a Christmas tree for the museum. There were 72 early day pictures donated to the museum but persons and places in the pictures were not identified. Mrs. Meamber was present with the pictures at Saturday's meeting and old timers who were present were asked to help identify the places and persons if possible after the meeting.

It was reported that the Siskiyou County Heirlooms group would not meet again until January. Fred Stratton, membership chairman, reported 891 members on the historical society rolls.

The refreshment committee served cookies, tea and coffee at the close of the meeting. The next order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. Grover Costello of the nominating committee announced the following: James McNeill, president, Gerald Wetzel, vice president, Mrs. Josephine Kinney, secretary, Jim Hartley board member and Tom Bigelow as committeeman. The members approved.

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