

# Regional Roundup

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The events of last week end gave many people a sense of uneasiness. Arthur Hoppe wrote of this feeling in his column which appeared in yesterday's Mail Tribune. "... If hatred and violence can snuff out the life of the most powerful and protected man in our world — just like that — what of us? What of us?"

Reading Hoppe's thoughts and those of others who have voiced similar feelings, gave further impetus to a conviction that we have gradually come to embrace: That there is really only one way to "defend" oneself against death, and that is to rise above the idea that death is anything to be feared or mourned.

As long as men look upon death as something awful and to be feared and avoided at all costs, then they will never have any defense against it. Only by realizing that death is a form of graduation can men eliminate the fear of being killed. When someone dies, it is our belief that they are not gone forever. Sooner or later, somewhere, we will see them again.

We personally have a feeling that everything happens for a reason. But many times we humans do not know what is meant to happen or why. The best thing for us to do is to surround ourselves mentally with a positive atmosphere and ask that right action, whatever it may be, take place.

### The Regional News Goes On

Now that the Randolph Collier Tunnel has been completed, California Division of Highways officials appear to be wasting no time in formulating plans for improvement of other portions of U. S. 199.

We received a press release from the division Monday morning concerning the state engineer's recommended route for a freeway of sorts between Crescent City and Gasquet. The story, with accompanying diagram, ran on the regional page Monday.

We use the term "of sorts" when speaking of this freeway, because from all appearances it will not be the 70-miles-an-hour sort of road we now have between Ashland and Mt. Sexton. It will more probably resemble the improved stretches of U. S. 101 farther down in the Redwood country below Eureka. The new roads down there are freeways in the sense that they have limited access and four lanes. But they follow the contour of canyons and mountain sides, and because of the curves one cannot go much over 50 and still keep his car on the road.

Fifty miles per hour, however, is certainly better than 30. And there is the additional advantage of reducing wear and tear on one's brakes and one's nerves — for the curves are more gradual and easier to anticipate. Another point to consider is that freeways which follow the contour of canyons and mountain sides also tend to preserve as much as possible of the natural beauty of the areas they traverse.

According to the California press release, every effort will be made on the U. S. 199 project to preserve both the Redwoods and the beauties of the Smith River Canyon. From the looks of the diagram of the proposed route, the beautiful grove of Redwoods just south of Jeddediah Smith State Park, through which the present highway winds, will be bypassed. We hope that the present highway is retained as a scenic loop, similar to the way part of old U. S. 101 was preserved south of Eureka and renamed "Avenue of the Giants."

Ironically, we drove on Sunday over the very stretch of road involved in this project. The drive from the Oregon-California state line to Crescent City is beautiful, peaceful — and rather exhausting (even with the tunnel.) Perhaps the Crescent City to Gasquet project will help reach a happy medium between making the trip easier on the stomach but still pleasant to the eye.

### Another Improvement

Up at the Oregon end of U. S. 199, another improvement has taken place. The designated speed on the four-lane stretch from Grants Pass to the north vicinity of Wilderville has been raised to 65 miles per hour. It previously was 55 m.p.h., a frustratingly slow pace for a modern, smooth, straight four-lane highway with few crossroads and no driveways or commercial frontage.

### A Cry For Help

Following is sort of an open letter from Mary M. Poole, secretary-treasurer of the Prospect Rural Fire Protection District. It is entitled "We Need Your Help!"

"One day this past summer a man came to my door and asked if I would consider being one of the directors of the Rural Fire Protection District they were organizing for Prospect. I asked him what my duties would be, and he said to meet with the other four directors once a month, and more or less represent the area I live in. Said they were trying to get one director from each area of the district.

"I'm gullible! I reminded him of what he already knew, that I was about as busy with my home and business, and what community activities I can crowd in, as one could possibly be, and if this were to require more time than a once a month meeting it would be impossible for me to accept.

"I think he gave me his assurance in all honesty, not having a much better idea than I did of what would be expected of us, that my main function would be to help make decisions and have a voice in matters pertaining to activities for the year, he suggested.

"I have a voice but it is about worn out trying to find out what we are supposed to do next. Trying to find out what has been in the past, and where do we go from here.

"In going through the notes in the little ledger I was given, and which gives the history of the volunteer department we had before organizing, I find the names of the same men, from the date of its origin to this time acting as directors, and doing a very good job, and I know they are tired. I know they deserve a rest.

"I and the ones working with me, are willing to do the job to the best of our ability, but we need help. There are things these men know that we have to find out, and with their help we will. Without it, it will take a lot longer.

"Fire protection is something that concerns every citizen, and how the job is handled is certainly your business. The only way we can know what you want, and help you get it, is for you to come to the meetings and speak up.

"The meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at the Mill Creek Falls Cafe in Prospect, next one being Dec. 16th at 7:00 p.m.

"I did not ask to be secretary-treasurer, a finger was pointed to my face, and a voice said, 'You are IT!' and I haven't the faintest idea how I am going to do all the things I find part of the job. But this I do know, I am going to do the best I can because I love this community, and I want it to have what is right for it. I want to know it is a bigger and better place because I have lived here, and I know there are others of you that feel as I do, and with your help it will continue to grow into a better place."

# Grange News

### Live Oak Grange

ROGUE RIVER — Live Oak Grange met at the Grange Hall in Rogue River on Nov. 14. The main item of business for the evening was the election of officers for the coming year.

Officers elected for the next year were: master, Harold VanHoy; overseer, Ralph Casady; lecturer, Irene Casady; steward, Lloyd Beebe; assistant steward, Ray Frantz; chaplain, Marge Dunham; treasurer, Belle Strahan; secretary, Hilda Crowell; gatekeeper, Ott Thompson; Ceres, Betty Frantz; Pomona, Beatrice Hutchinson; Flora, Ruth VanHoy; lady assistant steward, Edith Osborne; executive committee, Oscar Benefiel, Glen Hutchinson, Phil Strahan.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by Jessie and

Ray Frantz. On Saturday the Grange held its annual Harvest dinner. It was well attended, with many visitors from out of town coming to enjoy the turkey and trimmings dinner.

Receipts of the dinner will be used to pay for improvements made in the kitchen, new stainless steel sinks and the cabinets to house them.

The next important date for Grangers to remember is Dec. 7, when the Christmas Bazaar and Food Sale will be held.

### MRS. JOHNSON DIRECTS

PROSPECT — Mrs. Joe Johnson is the director and leader for the Christmas cantata to be presented here Dec. 22. The director was incorrectly identified as Mrs. Joe Josephson in a previous story.



VIEW INTO PAST—Current display at the Siskiyou County Museum features an old-time millinery shop, such as was located in Yreka in the 1800s. In the top part of this photo is a display of hats of the period, while below may be seen a fluting machine at center and bolts of straw at right.

# Rogue River City Council Adopts Trailer Ordinance

ROGUE RIVER—At the regular council meeting held Nov. 14 in the city hall Mayor John Leyen was back in his regular position. Councilmen present were Orvis Reeter, who was acting mayor while Leyen was in the Veterans' Hospital at Vancouver, Washington, Arty Laws, Foy James, and Lauren DeWeese. Loyd Morrow and George Magerle were unable to attend.

The council heard the final reading on the house trailer ordinance and voted unanimously for its passage. This new ordinance will make it unlawful for any person to use, occupy or maintain any trailer coach upon any area or tract of land within the city of Rogue River other than in a trailer park duly licensed under the laws and ordinance of the city of Rogue River.

### Not Retroactive

It is understood that this ordinance will not apply to any trailer coach which is presently occupied, used for a dwelling and parked on land within the city. However, if such a trailer coach is removed from its present location, it will immediately be subject to the regulations of this ordinance. The ordinance provides that any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the city jail for not to exceed 30 days or by a fine not to exceed \$100, or both. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense, it adds.

### Extension Granted

The city recorder-treasurer, Orva Jean Cruise, read a letter from the state granting an extension of two years on the water right the council had applied for a few years back. This water right gives the city a right to pump water from the Rogue River. This project was started about the time of the Interstate 5 freeway and because of property changes and rights of ways the project was postponed. The council now feels there is a good chance of a commercial growth in this area and that an abundant supply of water would be a great asset.

The council also asked that a letter be written to the Southern Pacific Railroad, asking permission to place a water hydrant on its property next to the newly planted Iris Bed that is parallel to the railroad track. This hydrant would supply the Garden Club sufficient water for its flower beds and give the club added enthusiasm to go ahead with its project.

# James, Catherine Anhorn Honored

CENTRAL POINT — Among the young persons honored at the Central Point-Westside 4-H Achievement Night were Catherine and James Anhorn.

Catherine Anhorn received the Farm Bureau trophy for best garden project and record book medal for junior dairy.

James Anhorn received a county medal, national awards, in dairy and intermediate dairy record book.

### QUARTET ENTERTAINS

ROGUE RIVER — VFW Post and Auxiliary No. 4116 met for a potluck supper at the VFW hall Nov. 15. Following the meal, the members were entertained by the Barbershop Quartet from Grants Pass. The men and their wives were guests of the post for the dinner.



CUSTOMER CALLS—Another part of the millinery display at the museum is this scene, in which a customer with a baby buggy and older daughter visits store. A clerk stands behind the counter. Note that customer's face is reflected in the mirror.

# Siskiyou Museum Display Recreates Old-Time Millinery

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YREKA — If you would like a peek into the nostalgic past, come to the Siskiyou County Museum in Yreka and visit the millinery display in the basement. Here the curator has arranged an old-time millinery shop.

M'lady could have her choice of handmade hats trimmed with ostrich plumes, flowers, velvet bows or other ornaments, and held on the head by use of long hat pins. These pins had very decorative heads.

Or she could choose a wire frame of her liking and have it covered with her choice of straw, velvet, moire' or whatever was in vogue, and also choose the trim from the supply offered by the milliner.

### Was in Yreka

Such a millinery shop was located in Yreka in the 1800s and was known as Iffland's Millinery Shop. Many of the articles on display came from this shop. There are original bolts of straw, just as Mrs. Iffland left it, rolled and tied at the center. Colors are yellow, two shades of green, pink, rose, tan and natural.

There is a fluting machine which looks like a tiny clothes wringer, only the rollers are not smooth. They have ridges on them to flute the ribbon. The rollers are turned with a crank and the ribbon run between the rollers.

On the wall are pictures taken in 1885 from "Harper's Bazaar" showing Godie fashions and hats. A small stand holds a sewing box donated by Mrs. Dan Cawley, the box contains thread, wax, pin cushion, needles and pins. There is also a small hat rack with a needle point background.

The museum has a diary of Mrs. Esther Soule (Earhart) of Little Shasta written in 1884-85 when she attended school in Ashland.

One entry stated that they left Ashland at 5 a.m. and arrived in Yreka at 4:30 p.m. and spent the night at the Fresno Hotel. Next day they visited Mrs. Iffland's Millinery Shop, where she selected a hat for a relative.

Most of the hats on display are from the collections of Mrs. George Tebbe and Mrs. Claude

Gillis, old time residents of pioneer families.

### Hats Described

One beautiful hat belonging to Mrs. Gillis and on display is a very large hat, the brim is faced with black velvet and the top covered with purple moire'. A deep purple ribbon band around the crown and trimmed with two large Iris in deep purple velvet and orchid chiffon. It was worn during the "Gay 90's."

Another attractive hat, not too unlike the present style is a turned up brim sailor straw of natural color, which came from Sarah Totten of Hamburg.

A very beautiful hat is one made of white horse hair braided the wide brim is trimmed in front with pink sweet-peas and lilies. The brim is turned up on the left side and faced with black velvet and held at the crown with a black velvet bow. This hat was the property of Mrs. George Tebbe.

If you can remember back when at the theater just before the show started a sign would be flashed on the screen asking the ladies to please remove their hats, well, these were the kind of hats the theater management wished removed.

### Regional Calendar

WILDERVILLE — Saturday, Wilderville Society of Christian Service bazaar, at Arcraft Camera Shop.

PROSPECT — Tuesday, Dec. 3, Prospect Home Extension Unit, Community Hall, Christmas party, with decorations and gift ideas on display. Anyone with special Christmas gift or decoration ideas invited to bring them.

### Vandalism Reported At Eagle Point High

EAGLE POINT — Three acts of vandalism have resulted in six broken windows at the Eagle Point High School in the past two weeks, according to Police Chief Robert Moore.

In addition, similar acts have completely demolished one ticket booth and badly damaged another at the entrance to the football field of the high school. Police investigation is still in progress.

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## Thanksgiving Day Service Planned At Ruch Church

APLEGATE VALLEY—Special Thanksgiving Day services will be held at Ruch Community Church Thursday at 10 a.m. Earl G. Mortlock, pastor, will give the message on "The Art of Thanksgiving." Fred DeVos will give a vocal number. The community is cordially invited.

Basketball practice is scheduled Friday at 10:30 a.m. The church team, comprised of boys of Junior and Senior High School, has won the two games of the season so far and reports it will schedule games with any teams interested. Frank Scott, athletic coach at Ruch school, coaches the church team.

# Eagle Point Jaycees Set Up Several New Projects

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EAGLE POINT — Steve Wisely of South B Street was appointed chairman of the Eagle Point Jaycees annual Christmas shopping tour at a recent dinner meeting of that organization.

The Christmas shopping tour, Jaycee Ralph Humphrey explained, gives Eagle Point area children who would not otherwise have the opportunity a chance to select and purchase gifts for their families. It further gives them the responsibility of handling and budgeting their own money. Members assisting Wisely in the project are Rick Wolgamott, Harold Hanscom, Gene Pence, and Keith Krambeal.

Speak Up Jaycee, a course in public speaking for Jaycee members, was adopted at this meeting. This project fills the need in assisting Jaycees in their quest to become better leaders.

Also adopted were the Spoke and Spark Plug programs. These are U.S. Jaycee projects designed to aid individual members in developing their leadership potential through specific

required achievements. It also offers national recognition to members who qualify.

A rather unusual membership recruiting project was approved. A "mystery man" between the

ages of 21 and 35 is involved and the lucky Jaycee who succeeds in recruiting him will be awarded an expense trip to the Oregon Coast and a free charter boat fishing trip, according to membership chairman Harold Hanscom.

In other action, the club referred for further study projects in international relations, political awareness, operation air park, religion in American life, and free enterprise.

Of particular interest to members was a slide program presented by Nat Etzel, who recently returned from a tour behind the Iron Curtain. Etzel's topic for the evening was "Agriculture in Communist Hungary."

Rodeo Grounds Chairman Gordon Peck announced that work is proceeding on the grounds, although rather slowly at the present because of weather conditions. He further stated that as soon as enough yew wood posts are stock piled, the post holes will be dug and posts set in place. The Jaycees Rodeo Grounds are located one mile north of Eagle Point on Oregon 62.

## Davidson Completes Duty In Air Force

### PROSPECT — Airman Second Class Tom Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson of Prospect, recently completed his service with the Air Force and spent a month visiting his parents and his sister Teresa.

While he was visiting, the Davidsons made a trip to Los Angeles to visit another son of the family, Jim, who lives there. It was the first time the family had had a chance to see their 2-month-old grandson James Chris.

Both Tom and Jim Davidson are graduates of Prospect High School. Their father is an employee of Pacific Power and Light Company at the Prospect plant.

# The Christmas Season Is Coming to Medford Friday, Saturday!



## Shop EARLY... This WEEK-END

## Make Up Your Gift List Now...

### Lots of GOOD IDEAS In Tomorrow—Thursday's

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## Watch for the Thanksgiving Day Edition... Then SHOP EARLY and SAVE In GREATER MEDFORD!