

## Regional Roundup

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It's time for our annual column on the subject of fog. We rather look forward to the foggy season. It brings with it an interesting study in human nature — and a challenge to one's skill behind the wheel.

Our favorite hobby during fog season is to observe how residents of various parts of the Rogue Valley do their best to imply that the fog is worse somewhere else other than where they live.

One commonly held belief is that Medford has more fog than Grants Pass. Literature distributed by the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, for example, states that "Occasional morning fog occurs during winter mornings" in that area.

We became somewhat perplexed last winter when on several occasions we left Medford in the early afternoon in sunshine and drove to Grants Pass, only to find it fogged in. We became even more perplexed when we noticed the same thing on two occasions during the last part of November of this year.

### The Facts Were Uncovered

Determined to get to the bottom of the mystery, we conducted some exhaustive research with the Medford Weather Bureau and at the city water filtration plant in Grants Pass where weather information is compiled for that city.

As a result of our research, we uncovered the following details:

During 1962, there were 71 days on which Medford experienced a substantial amount of fog, but in Grants Pass the total was 92 days. Medford had 14 foggy days in January, 1962, while Grants Pass had 19. In February it was Medford eight, Grants Pass 11; March, Medford three, Grants Pass 8; September, Medford one, Grants Pass zero; October Medford 15, Grants Pass 15; November, Medford 10, Grants Pass 17; December, Medford 20, Grants Pass 22.

During October and November of 1963 combined, Medford had fog on 23 days (nine in October, 14 in November) while Grants Pass had it on 34 days (12 in October and 22 in November).

Our second favorite hobby during the fog season, after the stuff starts hanging around all day, is to take a drive up above the fog.

We are fortunate in this area to be able to get out of the fog in a few minutes' drive. The Applegate Valley is clear a good part of the time when Medford, Grants Pass and points in between are not. Ashland often is up in the sunshine. And traveling north on Oregon 62, one can usually drive out of the fog between Shady Cove and Prospect, or by going up the Butte Falls Highway or up Oregon 227 toward Tillamook.

Our Prospect correspondent, Velda Barr, reports that it has been sunny and warm up there the last few days. You don't even need an overcoat during midday, she says.

### Elevation Makes a Difference

Fog seems to have a built-in sense of equilibrium. It appears to stay level, with respect to elevation. When Medford has a heavy layer of fog right on the ground, Grants Pass (about 400 feet lower in elevation than Medford) is usually "below" the fog. Consequently motorists over there get good visibility along the ground while Medford area drivers must grope around with anywhere from half a block to a few blocks visibility.

Driving in heavy fog at night poses a few problems, to say the least. They are not insurmountable, however. We find the freeway the most comforting place to be on such occasions. One does not have to worry about a car suddenly pulling out of a driveway. There are more white lines to use as guides. And inevitably someone will come along who wants to drive faster than you are traveling. So let him pass, and then follow his tail-lights. One exception: If the temperature is much below 32, avoid the Medford Viaduct.

## Clothing Collection At Ashland Schools

ASHLAND — For the 22nd year a collection of good used clothing will be made for the "Save the Children Bundle Day." Students in the elementary schools of Ashland were asked to contribute wearable clothes to be distributed to needy children in the southern Appalachian mountain areas.

Stanley Jobe, superintendent of schools, declared that there is a desperate need for shoes, warm coats, suits, sweaters, underwear and any sort of clothing. He said that there is "an appalling percentage of drop-outs for lack of even minimum apparel."

According to Verne Speirs, who heads the drive, there will be a collection center at each school. The public is urged to assist in this national non-sectarian project of the Save the Children Federation.

## School News

Prospect High School — A National Assembly program will be held at Prospect High School at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the auditorium. The speaker, Roderick Brierly, originally from Liverpool, England, will present a program on "The Spectacular Wonder of Science."

The Junior Class of Prospect High will hold a spaghetti feed from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria Friday, Dec. 6.

## Bulletin Board Slated By Jacksonville Club

JACKSONVILLE — Walter Winkler of Jacksonville has donated the use of a small plot of ground between the Jacksonville Post Office and McCully Doll House for the Boosters Club to erect a bulletin board.

The board will be made available to all persons to use, without charge, for notices. There will be a time limit of two weeks for leaving notices on the board.

## WAKE UP RARIN' TO GO

Without Nagging Backache — Now! You can get the fast relief you need from nagging backache, headache, and muscular aches and pains that often cause restless nights and miserable tired-out feelings. When these discomforts come on with over-exertion or stress and strain — you want relief — want it fast! Another disturbance may be mild bladder irritation following a long (and drink) — often resulting in a restless, uncomfortable feeling. Don't let your work fast to a separate way. 1. by speedy relieving action to ease torment of nagging backache, headache, muscular aches and pains. 2. by soothing effect on bladder irritation. 3. by mild diuretic action tending to increase output of the 15 miles of kidney tubes. Enjoy a good night's sleep and the same happy relief millions have for over 20 years. For convenience, ask for the large size. Get Don's Pills today!

## Grange News

Upper Applegate Grange — Philip and Freda Holt were obligated in the first and second degrees by State Overseer, Roscoe Roberts, at the last monthly meeting of the Upper Applegate Grange.

The resignations of secretary elect Anna Scott, and steward elect Lewis Culy were accepted, and Ethel West and William Travis were elected to the respective offices.

The youth committee reported completion of its community service project of wood cutting for a fatherless family. A 4-11 achievement night was held recently at Ruch School. The Upper Applegate Grange Sheep Showmanship trophy was won by Dawn Merckel of the Ruch Woolies Club. It was presented by Grange Agricultural Chairman Martin Grier at the achievement night program. This is the second year that Miss Merckel has won the Grange trophy.

Cecil Kee, Grange life insurance agent from Shady Cove Grange, spoke briefly of some of the youth activities at the recent National Grange session in Portland.

It was voted to hold the December meeting Thursday, Dec. 12, as the regular meeting night conflicts with the Ruch School Christmas program. Members are urged to take guests for a Christmas party, at which gifts will be exchanged. A short business meeting will be held preceding the party.

Florence Lance entertained during the lecture hour with an account of her recent Alaskan Cruise from Vancouver north to Skagway including a short stay in Victoria, B.C.

Refreshments were served by the J.S. Larson and W.G. Travis families. The tables were decorated with a display of model cars and model equipment from the collection of Clyde William and Boyde Travis. There was also a display table of scenic cards and souvenirs brought by Mrs. Lance to illustrate her cruise.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — PROSPECT — The Prospect Elementary School will present its Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 19 in the evening.

## A Creek's Short Journey Into Oblivion Snider Tells Gold Hill Chamber About Alba Trip

By J. O. McKINNEY  
SISKIYOU COUNTY — Antelope Creek in mid-Siskiyou County is a small creek with a short, obscure course, a source that is indefinite and a terminus that is final.

The creek begins in the vicinity of northeastern Mt. Shasta. It flows northeasterly for a little more than a dozen miles, only to sink into oblivion. Its burial place, Antelope Sink, attracts more attention than the whole length of the stream.

Best place to locate Antelope Creek is at Tennant, a town abandoned by International Paper Company, and now trying to be caught up by a few private firms.

Its greatest usefulness appears to be that it supplies the former lumbering camp of Tennant with domestic water, and a few hardy souls fish for trout in a few spots along its mountain-bound length.

This creek may be credited with another benefit. Beyond where its waters sink, Red Rock Valley contains a ranch given over to strawberry plant culture.

Total precipitation in this arid region is a scant 9 inches of moisture annually. But a well has been sunk that contacts with a subterranean flow which gives hundreds of gallons per minute from April 1 to November 1. Water from Antelope Sink is credited with supplying this source.

Antelope Creek is a perfect example of Western streams that are limited in their reach through environment. But they carry the flow from their source to its terminus. The Mississippi, or Amazon do no more.

To locate this stream, find the old lumbering town of Tennant. Then to see the end of its trail, follow a good map to Antelope Sink.

Other scenes discovered will prove to be fringe benefits that will amply repay one for the journey. One gets deep into lava country and into California pioneer history reaching back more than a century.

## Plans Formulated For Christmas Events In Phoenix

PHOENIX — Women of the auxiliary to the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department will hold a gift exchange party Dec. 23 at the home of Mrs. Ann Haggard. A luncheon will be served before opening of the gifts.

The community Christmas tree, a project of the firemen, is scheduled to be put up Sunday, Dec. 8.

Choirs from all the Phoenix churches have been asked to sing at the tree from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

All residents of the community are invited to attend the community sing on that occasion. Santa Claus will be present with gifts of candy for all children of the area.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

PROSPECT — Both the Prospect High School and Elementary School are participating in a student clothing drive. The clothing will be sent to needy children in the Appalachian mountain area of the East. Any having clothing to donate may either call the school district or leave it at the schools.

## Regional Calendar

PROSPECT — Wednesday evening Prospect Art Club will meet at home of Mrs. Archie McKillop.

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WHITE CITY — Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Kiwanians will meet at the A and W Drive-In Restaurant, in the Cascade Shopping Center, for regular meeting.

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

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TERMINUS OF CREEK — Antelope Creek, supplies an underground stream, however, the entire length of which is just over 12 miles, ends here at Antelope Sink. The creek

## Annual Williams Christmas Dinner Slated Saturday

WILLIAMS — Local Home Extension Unit members are preparing final arrangements for their annual Christmas turkey dinner.

According to committee chairman, Mrs. Omar Lytle, it will be the first Saturday evening of December as usual, served from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Williams elementary school.

The group decided against changing the prices used in years past, from one dollar for adults, fifty cents for students twelve years of age and under and twenty-five cents for all pre-school children.

This affair is usually well attended by folks from throughout the Rogue River valley and all are cordially invited to join in the opening of holiday festivities, Saturday, Dec. 7.

Funds realized from this dinner are partially used to make Christmas a truly happy one for children in the community.

## Program Given At Williams

WILLIAMS — The entire student body of first through sixth grades at the Williams Elementary School presented a Thanksgiving program last Wednesday for their parents and friends.

Preceding the program, the Rev. Earl Best, of the Williams Community church led a prayer for Thanksgiving and Mrs. Frances Standley, principal, gave a welcoming address.

A moment of silent prayer was offered as a tribute to the recently deceased president and in dedication to the nation's new leader.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ayles and Mrs. Holmes the performance included costuming of each student in either Pilgrim or Indian dress.

Mr. Erickson, district band director, conducted the school band for their first public performance of the year.

Mrs. Roger McKay accompanied the school chorus and several scenes of "The Thanksgiving Story" presented by the grades third through sixth.

All first and second graders sang "The Big Fat Turkey" and did the motions corresponding to the words.

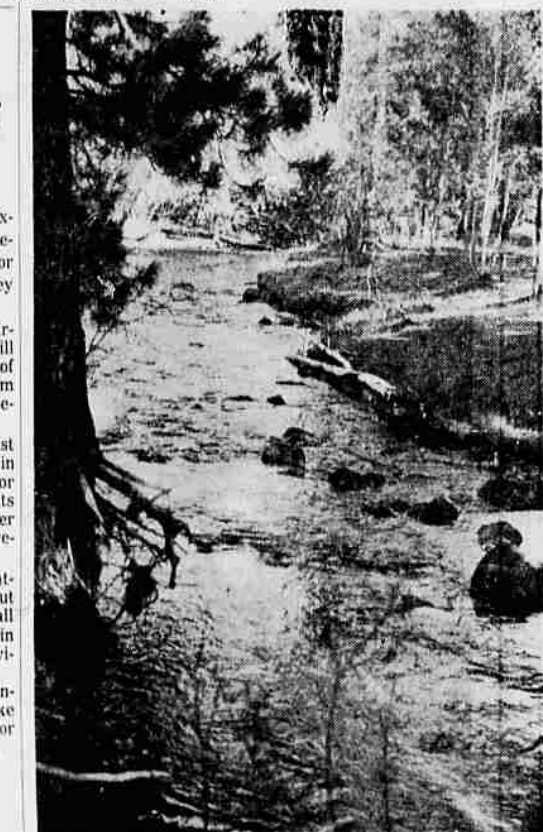
Mrs. Standley announced the annual Christmas program would be presented for the community in December, the date to be announced later.

## Rogers Elected To Prospect Fire Board

PROSPECT — Chester L. Rogers has been elected to the board of directors of the Prospect Rural Fire Protection District.

He defeated Harold L. Barr in an election here Monday. He will succeed Jack DeRosier, who has been serving a one-year term.

Rogers is owner and manager of the Cascade Gorge store, trailer park and service station. Barr recently returned from California after having been raised in the Talent and Prospect areas. He is now living on Red Blanket Road.



PASSING THROUGH TENNANT — Here is Antelope Creek as it passes through the town of Tennant. The creek supplies the town's domestic water system.

## Regional News

## Sales Tax Said Favored By About 90 Per Cent Of State's Businessmen

ASHLAND — A general sales tax, with or without inclusion of food, is favored by 90 per cent of Oregon businessmen according to Douglas Heider, speaker before the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at its Tuesday luncheon meeting.

Heider, director of the Retail Council, Associated Oregon Industries, and a former state legislator from Marion county, declared that the state faces a "dollar gap" of \$41 million which must be met at the next session of the legislature.

He pointed to the fact that in the past 10 years the general budget has increased from \$175 million to \$366 million.

The speaker, giving basically the same talk he delivered for the Medford Chamber Monday, reviewed the principal cause for the increase, saying that basic school support costs have doubled and higher education costs tripled in the last decade.

During that period no substantial tax changes were made and the state was able to carry on its financial program from accumulated surpluses, by its progressive income tax rate and by passing some temporary "one-shot" revenue measures.

Ran Into Trouble — This year the legislature ran into trouble with a \$37 million budget increase and presented the taxpayers with a \$60 million package which the voters refused to accept.

During the special session the budget has been reduced from \$401 million to \$338 million, which still leaves a \$41 million gap. Ways of solving the problem are being studied by many groups said Heider. All are

agreed that some form of a sales tax is needed and he feels that the measure is certain to be upon the November ballot.

It is Heider's opinion that Oregon's tax base is too narrow and that the burden is resting too heavily upon property owners. There are two alternatives, (1) to broaden the present income tax structure with a 1 per cent net receipts tax plan, or (2) to institute a sales tax. He is certain that the first would not receive general support from the voters.

Heider declared that inventory tax is the most onerous in Oregon and accounts for much unemployment and seasonal shut downs. He also severely criticized the capital gains tax that has penalized many industries and has resulted in the loss of several large plants that have moved out of the state.

Final Alternative — In conclusion the speaker presented the final alternative, reduced spending, "which would be difficult and which would have been checked in the '61 budget and protested at that time."

In the general discussion period at the conclusion of the talk several members of Southern Oregon College faculty raised questions concerning federal funds received and the fact that dedicated funds are not controlled by the legislature.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. Stewart Johnson and the meeting was conducted by President William Patton. Two of Ashland's newest businesses are to be the subject at next week's regular noon meeting in the Mark Antony hotel.

## Snider Tells Gold Hill Chamber About Alba Trip

GOLD HILL — John Snider, former Medford mayor, spoke of his recent visit to Alba, Italy at a meeting of Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce. He gave each member a foreign coin as a memento of his trip.

Alba, Italy, the sister city of Medford, he said, has a population of about 25,000 and is located in the northern part of Italy about 300 miles from Rome.

Snider said Alba has a large candy factory which employs some 4,000 people and has a fleet of 2,000 trucks to make delivery.

Alba, he said, also has a large textile mill that employs another 4,000 people. He made a tour of both plants.

Stay With Family — During their 11-day visit in Alba, the former Medford mayor and his family stayed with an Italian family whose home is approximately 1,000 years old.

He said Alba, Italy, is reported to be older than Rome, and is built on top of an ancient city.

While in Alba, Snider was shown the city charter which is called the Book of Chain issued when the city was founded some 1,000 years ago.

Turin, Italy, was the next stop. While there the Snider family visited the Fiat Auto Factory which employs 120,000 people producing passenger cars and trucks of all sizes.

The Sniders next went to Rome where four days were spent visiting the Vatican, the Cistine Chapel and various art galleries and places of interest.

Leaving Rome by plane, they stopped in Paris one day. Then went on to London where they stayed two days before continuing the flight home via the Arctic Circle route to Seattle, Wash., and on home to Medford.

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