

Regional Roundup

By Cleve Twitchell Regional Editor

You can't say the Mail Tribune isn't an informative newspaper. Consider the following little item which appeared on the regional page Monday:

"The tongue of the gecko lizard is so long that the reptile can use it to wash its eyes." Gems of information such as this are known in the newspaper profession as "fillers." As the name implies, they're used to fill small holes at the bottom of longer stories. Fillers usually are selected by the make-up man on the basis of how well they fit the hole he is attempting to fill. Occasionally they happen to land in a poetically appropriate spot.

We still remember one in the Boston Globe about 10 years ago. It followed a new story reporting the marriage of Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe. Remarkably the filler, "Geese have been known to live as long as 30 years."

Prejudice and Names On a more serious note, we've been reading with interest a copy of the Harper's Weekly of May 13, 1865 which R. E. Nealon, author of "Tablets," brought in last week. Mr. Nealon had hoped we would be able to reproduce the front page of the paper in the Mail Tribune, but unfortunately most of the type is so small that it would not show up unless the photo-engraving were enormous.

The old paper is interesting, however, because of the parallel it offers. It was published at a time similar to the present day — during the period following the assassination of a president. On the front of the single sheet is a picture of President Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's successor. A brief editorial on the back of the sheet caught our eye. Entitled "Mr. Edwin Booth," it reads in part:

"Surely every generous heart will sympathize with the peculiarly crushing blow which has befallen Mr. Edwin Booth. A gentleman whose retiring courtesy has universally commanded respect — an actor whose genius and success have delighted his country — a citizen whose sole vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln — a man whose character has made hosts of friends — it is a cruel fate which identifies his name with the national sorrow . . ."

"Mr. Booth at once, and naturally, withdrew from his present professional engagements. But he should understand that he is not to be ruined by the crimes of any one who bears his name. The powers which he has always so nobly used are not to be lost to us by any offenses but his own. When the bitterness of the hour has somewhat passed, and the event which now afflicts us can be more calmly contemplated, he will resume his work, we hope, sure of the approval of those whose kind thoughts he most values, and of the public which he charms and instructs. Meanwhile it is our duty to take care that no train of prejudice attaches to his name."

Television Test Set At Prospect

PROSPECT — A television translator station being installed on Flounce Rock by the United Radio Corporation of Medford will be tested this week end.

The test will start Friday afternoon. Residents may participate in the test by tuning in Channel 4. They are advised to beam their antennas toward the rock.

The test is sponsored by the Prospect Lions Club.

Regional Calendar

APPLIGATE VALLEY — 2 p.m., Garden Club will meet with Mrs. Rolland Smith. There will be a discussion of Christmas decorations, gift exchange and plant sale.

WHITE CITY — Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Kiwanians will meet at the A and W Restaurant for a business session and breakfast.

PROSPECT — Sunday, 5 p.m., Christmas cantata "Love's Transcending," presented by community choir and junior choir, at Nazarene Chapel in the Pines. Public welcome.

Hemorrhoids Cured Painlessly By Non-Surgical Method

The non-surgical, electronic method for treatment of Hemorrhoids (Piles) developed by doctors of the Beal-Oliver Sandy Blvd. Clinic has been so successful and permanent in nature that the following policy is offered their patients: "After all symptoms of Hemorrhoids... have subsided and the patient has been discharged, if he should ever have a recurrence, all further treatment will be given without additional fee."



POPULARITY CONTEST—Prospect High School's annual competition is entering its final stages. The queen's identity will be announced at the school's annual snow-dance Friday night. Competing for the honor are Becky Pitts, upper left, a junior; Barbara Beck, upper right, senior; Sharon McElmurry, lower left, freshman, and Dianna Moore, lower right, sophomore.

Josephine Jobless Totals In Uptrend During November

GRANTS PASS — Although employment in the Josephine County, Glendale and Rogue River areas continued high during much of November, unemployment totals started on an uptrend the middle of the month, almost equalling those of last year by the month's end, according to Don Stiffler, manager of the Grants Pass office of the State Employment Service.

Logging in Skid With employment remaining strong in the plywood and sawmill industries, logging employment, dependent on the weather, started its usual seasonal skid.

Santa Claus to Hand Out Candy Canes In Phoenix Tonight

PHOENIX — Darrell Paxson, Phoenix mayor, will be Santa Claus at 7 o'clock tonight at the Phoenix community Christmas tree and pass out 300 candy canes purchased by the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department and auxiliary.

A 100 voice combined choir representing all the Phoenix churches will sing around the Christmas tree until 8 o'clock. The 40 foot tree was cut above Butte Falls by the Phoenix fire department and transported by Haggard Lumber Company, Phoenix. The lights for the tree were purchased by the fire department and auxiliary.

Numerous Displays Viewed At Siskiyou Scout-O-Rama

By DORIS ROBINSON Mail Tribune Correspondent

YREKA — The Scout-O-Rama held by the Siskiyou Silver Tip District of Boy Scouts of America was interesting and educational both to the scouts and the public. The event was held at the Winema hall at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds Saturday Dec. 7 all day and evening.

Troop 26 of Dunsmuir had a typical mountain scene with evergreen trees, a tent and all kinds of scouting equipment on display. A campfire and hot pot of beans cooking which they claimed were real good.

A very interesting booth called "Adventure in Sound" displayed various ways of making sound many of these articles were made by the cub scouts. Bottles filled in varying degrees with water were hung by strings, when struck made musical tones.

An old wooden cigar box held a row of straight pins stuck in the lid, when a stick was pulled across them they made light tones. A harmonica made with soda straws arranged at varying lengths in strips of cardboard made surprising sounds when breath was blown across the tops.

Other sound devices were drums, telephone and guitar, all hand made by scouts. The booth had an display a record player, tape recorder and radio. Den mothers and cub scouts took turns demonstrating the articles on display to the public.

A hot rod race with little cars, cub scouts had made from blocks of pine wood created quite a bit of excitement. The boys carved out the cars from small blocks of wood, added little wheels and a weight to make for greater speed. A long ramp built like a playground slide was used as the race track. The boys let the cars go at the top and would see which car rolled the longest distance. Competition was keen and the boys showed skill in the making of the cars.

Full Size Kayak Troop 61 of Klamath River displayed a full size kayak which they had built and used last summer.

Troop 11 of Yreka arranged a booth to look like a scout camp in the mountains. They had their tent with scout flag beside it, a campfire glowing in front of it, and different types of packs

were hung from the wall, also a shovel and ax. The boys made many hikes last year so they made a map of Siskiyou County showing the places of interest they had hiked to and what they had done on each trip. The made eight trips last year.

A demonstration of arrow head making and bead work was given by the Order of the Arrow, a delegation of scouts from Ashland. They were not in competition with the local scouts, but came to help make the Scout-O-Rama more interesting.

District 6 Hires Firm To Draw Plans For School

Members of the Board of Directors of School District 6 have decided to hire the architectural firm of Edson and Pappas to draw plans for the proposed elementary school building, to be located on the West Pine Street site in Central Point.

Action to hire the firm was taken at a special meeting held Dec. 13. Board members interviewed representatives of several architectural firms at two previous regular meetings, and during the past month have traveled to Grants Pass and Eagle Point to view work done by the various firms.

At the November meeting the board of directors heard a building recommendation report presented by C. A. Meyer, superintendent of district 6 schools.

Following that report board members were of the opinion that a bond issue was imminent and would probably be placed before the voters in January or February.

Talent Program Slated Thursday

TALENT—The Talent Junior High and Talent Elementary Schools will combine their efforts in producing this year's annual Christmas program.

The program will be presented to the students of both schools on Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Taking part in the program will be the junior high choir, fifth and sixth grade choir and the junior high brass choir. The brass choir will accompany the students in an assembly sing, performing several of the better known Christmas carols.

Highlighting the program will be a surprise Christmas hootenanny which will be offered by persons whose identity will remain a secret until the time of the performance. Also featured will be several of the junior high drama students, presenting Christmas readings from "The Gift of the Magi," "Dear Virginia" and other selected Christmas poems.

Eagle Point Lions Holding Christmas Decoration Contest

EAGLE POINT—Eagle Point Lions Club members are again sponsoring the annual Christmas lighting and decorating contest for homes in Eagle Point and surrounding area.

All homes in Eagle Point will automatically be judged in the contest, and homeowners outside the city who wish to take part in the contest are asked to register at the Town and Country market by Saturday, Dec. 21. Nat. Etzel is chairman of the event.

Three cash prizes, \$12.50, \$7.50 and \$5, will be awarded top winners. Judging is scheduled for "shortly before Christmas," Etzel announced. The project has been sponsored by the Lions Club for a number of years as part of the group's civic activities.

Civil Defense Shelter Proposed For Montague

MONTAGUE — Jim Grigsby, Montague City Councilman and Civil Defense chairman for the Montague Parent Teacher Association, gave a talk on civil defense and disaster at a recent meeting of the unit.

Grigsby outlined future plans for Civil Defense, which is making a gradual transition in its program, concentrating mainly on what to do in case of an emergency or disaster.

He said that he has been working with Bob Soule, Civil Defense Director for Siskiyou County, in mapping out plans for a shelter to be constructed in Montague. Grigsby noted that if the city can prove it has the "wherewithal" to match government funds, which have been carried out.

He said that when the building is completed, the government will supply all needs, including a portable hospital unit with surgery facilities.

Grigsby pointed out that the main concern in time of disaster is for evacuees. Montague being able to handle between 6,000 and 8,000. Surveys reveal that the school could hold 322; the old school building, 180; the auditorium, 188; the Methodist Church, 60; the Baptist Church,

70, and the remainder could be housed in private homes where space is available.

After the first of the year a canvass of the town will be made to determine how many people could be handled by this means, and an unrehearsed disaster drill will be held.

During the business session, conducted by Foster, it was announced the annual community Christmas party will be on Thursday evening, December 19. Mrs. Albert Clement has charge of the program. So far the program plans include selections by the school band, Glee Club, community singing and of course, Santa Claus.

Foster announced that plans are being made for the annual Spring show, the chief fund raising project. Mrs. Arnold Paul is to make posters and Mrs. Jim Dow is to handle the advertising.

A request was made for used clothing to be used in case of an emergency. No meeting will be held by the unit in December, the next one being on January 16, 1964.

School will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 20 and will reopen Jan. 6. Refreshments were served by

the sixth grade mothers, and the eighth grade won the prize for having the most parents in attendance.

ILLINOIS VALLEY — The Illinois Valley High School chorus, led by Van Johnson, will be seen on television Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on channel 5. The program was taped Dec. 6 at the studios in Medford.



on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

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