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TALENT TO KEEP POST OFFICE

The Talent Post Office will remain an independent post office and will not become a branch of the Ashland PO as previously proposed Medford Sectional Center Postmaster Al Bradford said Aug.12.

"We're no longer considering a change in status for the Talent office", he said. He said Congressional pressure on U.S.Postal Service to keep small post offices independent as the primary reason for dropping the proposed change.

The vacancy created by the retirement last November of Talent Postmaster Alice Thoreson will soon be filled Mr. Bradford said. Applications will soon be taken for the postmaster position.

Steps are being taken to upgrade Talent Post Office. Fifty new lock boxes have been installed and the lobby has been repainted. The working area inside the building is also to be renovated.

TALENT GETS RAIN, HAIL, WIND & RAIN

A rain storm with hail, wind & lightning swept across the valley Aug.2, striking hardest at Talent and surrounding rural area.

Electric power was interrupted to more than 1,700 customers after lightning struck the electrical distribution system in the Talent Area.

The hail, in some places as large as marbles caused extensive damage to some gardens and orchards. Ken Reynolds reported complete loss of his tomatoe crop and Meyers Orchard reported about a 10% loss of peaches.

The continuing rain in August doesn't do too much for the gardens or the peach crop

COLOR CODES FIRE HYDRANTS

Talent has finished color coding its fire hydrants. Four inch hydrants are red with blue caps and six inch are yellow with green caps. An additional 6 inch hydrant celebrateds the bicentennial in red, white and blue with a painted on face.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES

Talent councilman William Reichstein has announced that he will running for re-election to the city council this fall, Recorder Jan Anders reports. Other candidates for council positions are John F. Smith, Larry Baker and Mrs. Rose Ditsworth.

Earlier, Richard Turnbaugh, a member of the planning commission, announced his candidacy for mayor.

Three council positions and the mayor's post are up for election Nov. 2. Deadlin for filing nominating positions is August 30.

COUNTY PLANNERS APPROVE TALENT

WATER PROJECTS

The Jackson County Planning Commission has given preliminary approval to the applications for three conditional use permits for the construction of the new municipal water system in Talent.

The three conditional use permits for the Talent water project were presented by Richard Soderberg, consultant planner for the city. County dept. of planning staff planner Paul Nelson said there had to be three separate applications because the three separate items involved are too far apart to be considered as one item.

Included in the application are a water treatment plant, a water reservoir, and a bypass water line and pump station.

EXPERT INSPECTS SCHOOL ROOFS

The bubbling on Phoenix* Talent school roofs don't appear to be caused by faulty material, according to George Knight of Pacific Testing Laboratory, Seattle, who has been retained by School District #4 Board to investigate the causes for the air bubbles which have appeared on the roofs of the two SW district elementary schools.

Board members hope his report will determine responsibility for the problem and get the buildings roofed correctly

Contractor for the construction of the schools was Todd Construction. The roofing subcontractor was Ekerson Roofing. Architect was Donal Rounds.

PHS HAS TEACHER MORALE PROBLEM

Phoenix High School's teaching staff is having severe morale problems, new Principal John Campbell said the end of July and it may be sometime before the situation gets any better. A total of 10 teachers say they will not teach at the school this fall, more than a quarter of the school's 36 full-time teachers. Some have retired, two are on leave, but most have resigned. Two social studies teachers, Dennis Niebuhr and John Smock, will teach at Crater High school. John Finkbeiner, athletic director is leaving the profession entirely.

Campbell said many teachers have said they would leave the district if they would leave the district if they could find other teaching jobs.

Campbell said that much of the teacher dissatisfaction comes from the HS receiving a constant barrage of criticism from disgruntled taxpayers, and abuse teachers have received from both the public and school board during contract negotiations hasn't helped.

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TWO MORE SEEK COUNCIL SEATS
Colly Bradshaw and James G. (Jim) Walker
are in contention for council positions.

RETURN FROM KANSAS
Marie and Mary Furrer and Dick Kruger
returned this week from Kansas where
they have been visiting relatives.

Al Seiber recently returned from a hunt-
ing trip to Australia. Brought back sev-
eral trophies.

Eldon and Goldie Volpi are starting a
day nursery. It will open about Sept. 1.

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DIST. 5 PUTS OUT BOAT FIRE
No it wasn't on Bear Creek but Ted
Stringer, 3041 Camp Baker Rd, Phoenix
was working on his speedboat July 29
when the carburetor backfired and
caught fire causing about \$8,500 to it
and \$100 damage to equipment inside.

Ken and Nyla Prosser recently returned
from a months vacation, thru Texas to
Minnesota. They hit two tornados in 1
day or should that be reversed. Anyway
they got home safe & sound.

Alice Burnette accompanied her daughter,
April Denham, to Crescent City, to pick
up Dennis & Donnie, who were entered in
a swim meet Saturday. It was wet but fun,
and they dipped their feet in the ocean
while the rain came down on their heads.

RECOVER VAN

Talent Police recovered a stolen van
belonging of Donald Skundrick, Phoenix,
July 26. It was reported stolen from the
Rogue Valley Nursery on July 25. It was
found at 485 Lani Way, Talent. The report
said there was some damage to the car.

JACKSON DISTRICT 5

6 weeks old Tyler Wate, Jacksonville was
treated July 27 by District 5 and T
Talent city firemen then taken to Rogue
Valley Memorial Hospital. He suffered
from convulsions. Firemen traveled to
433 Gagnes Drive where Mrs. Don Wate,
the baby's mother, had called for help.
They were visiting in Talent.

Two car seats were destroyed by fire
near a loading dock July 26 at W. Main
and John Streets. Firemen from Talent
city dept., and Dist. 5 put out the
blaze before any structures were involv-
ed, firemen said.

CAR STOLEN

TWO 15 year old Talent boys and a 14 yr.
old juvenile were apprenended July 29 &
charged with unauthorized use of a motor
vehicle after police recovered a stolen
pickup near the Talent Elementary school.
The pickup belonged to William R. Redmon,
460 Arnos St. Space 83.

The 2 15 year olds were lodged in the
Juvenile Detention Home and the 14 year
old was released to the custody of his
parents.

TRAILER FIRE

A small fire at a trailer home in the
800 block of Old Pacific Highway was
out upon arrival of volunteer firemen at
about noon July 28. It was believed the
fire started from faulty wiring in an air
conditioner. 2 city fire trucks were sent

MORE THAN MENTS THE LYE

As a result of receiving a letter
written in pencil and red ink, a cer-
tain lady paid \$5 to a local club.
Now friends are asking is there a code
involved and what is behind all this.
Betty says we can draw our own conclu-
sions.

FALLS FROM HORSE

Lori Smith, 12, Sima Valley, Calif., fell
from a horse at 1408 Old Pacific Hwy,
Talent, August 2. She was treated for
cuts at Ashland Community Hospital and
released.

Whoever you are; wherever you live
I thank you for the flowers you give
The beautiful bouquet addressed to Mae
Mae Lowe

Ed and Anabelle Lunsford and Jeannette
visited Ed's bro. and family in Brown-
ville, Ore. over the week end.

ENGAGED

Announcement of the engagement and wedding plans of Melody Ann West and Jonathan Wayne Nilson was made by parents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. West, 639 Holton Rd., Talent. Mr. Nilson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Nilson, 3600 Darrell Drive, Medford.

Miss West is a floral designer for Medford Flower Shop. She is a graduate of the American Senior High School, Chicago, Ill. Her fiance, a graduate of Medford Senior High School, is employed at Boise Cascade, White City.

An October wedding in Medford First Assembly of God Church is planned.

TRAINING

Cadet John K. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barry, Morey Rd., Talent, is receiving practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps advanced camp at Ft. Lewis Wash. Cadet Barry is a student at San Francisco State University.

MORELAND SMITH. Services for Moreland Smith, 69, 6381 Wagner Creek Rd., who died August 4 in Tigard were held Aug. 9 in Conger-Morris downtown Medford chapel. Smith was born July 13, 1907, in Chico, Calif. He married Ila Evans in Ashland in 1935.

He was the great-grandson of two early settler families in the valley. His grand parents John and Sarah Low Moreland were long-time residents in the Valley View area. Survivors beside his wife, include one son, Moreland Smith of Elsa, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Adams, Salem.

ROY L. ESTES. Funeral services for Roy L. Estes, 89, of 104 S. I St., Talent, who died August 6 in a local hospital were held August 9 in Litwiller Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Clark Smith and the Rev. Roy Dunningan of the Talent Friends Church officiated.

He was born July 9, 1887 in Postal, Mo. and moved to Talent with his parents while quite young.

He married the former Katie Mason in 1933 in Talent. Other survivors are two daughters, Pauline Hayes, Winters, Ca., and Katherine Buckmaster, Sacramento, Ca., four grandchildren and eight great-grand children.

Contributions may be made to the Friends Church Building fund in Mr. Estes' memory.

CAROLYN WRIGHT. Memorial services were held July 29 for Carolyn Wright, 31, the daughter of Mrs. Gladys Hart, Talent, in Pacific Beach Mortuary, San Diego.

The funeral was held July 31 at Eastwood American Baptist Church, Medford.

Besides her mother Mrs. Wright is survived by her husband, Larry Wright, a daughter, Laralee and a son Keith, all of San Diego, and one sister, Erlene Thomson Eagle Point.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Mercy Flights, P.O. Box 522, Medford, Oregon.

CARBON MONOXIDE BELIEVED CAUSE OF WOMAN'S DEATH

Carbon monoxide poisoning is believed to be the cause of death of Evelyn I. Sullivan 38, 10197 Wagner Cr. Rd., who was found dead in her car in her garage Aug. 5.

Deputies said that her car's ignition key had been turned on and the car had run out of gas. No note was found.

Mrs. Sullivan, a native of Vancouver, B.C., was the wife of Southern Oregon Sta. College biology Prof. J. Sullivan. She had earned her masters degree in biology from SOSOC and was scheduled to teach at the college this fall. At the time of her death, her husband was at Oregon State University, Corvallis working on a computer program.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Conger-Morris Funeral Directors, Medford.

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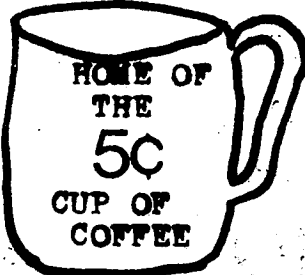


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COMMITTEE MEETS**

Twenty two per-
sons were present
Monday night to rep-
resent various clubs
in the area in mak-
ing plans for the
annual Harvest Fes-
tival on Saturday,
September, 18.

Bill Laton and the
Boy Scouts will be
in charge of the
games during the
afternoon

Phyllis Turn-
baugh, Queen's
committee chair-
man announced that
there are four
girls in the con-
test. They are
Nyla Carr sponser-
ed by the Talent
Lions & Auxiliary.
Michelle Gyenes
sponsored by the
Talent Federated
Women's Club;Venus
Ochoa, sponsored
by the Talent Gar-
den Club and Heidi
Reichstein, spon-
sored by the Talent
Fire Dept. & Fire
Sirens.

Chuck Roberts re-
ported that there
was a good array
of entries in the

parade and that Mike Moran would be the
Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon
program.

Tickets for the Queen candidates may be
purchased from the girls, their sponsors
or parents.

LIBRARY PARTY Members of the Talent
Federated Women's Club furnished and ser-
ved refreshments at the annual Library
party.

DEATH NOTICES

JOHN B. SEYMOUR Funeral services for John
B. Seymour, 65, were held August 14. Mr.
Seymour died Aug.10 in a Coos Bay hospi-
tal. He had lived in Talent for about 25
years, moving to Coos Bay about 2 yrs.ago

Mr. Seymour was manager of the Talent
Club for about 10 years. He was a member
of the Ashland Elks Lodge and of the Mas-
onic Lodge in the Bay area of Calif.

He was born Oct. 8, 1910, in Davenport,
Iowa, and moved to Oregon in 1945.

Survivors include 3 sons, John B.Seymour
Jr., Riverside, Calif.,Robert L. Seymour,
Salem and Richard A.Seymour, Coos Bay;
five grandchildren: three sisters, Edith
Denkers, Bellflower; Cora Mathews,Santa
Rosa; and Florence Denkers, Bay area;
all California; and one half brother.

WAYNE HARLAN DEIK Private services have
been held for Wayne Harlan Delk,70,210 S.
Pacific Hwy., who died August 7 . Conger-
Morris were in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Delk was born Dec. 29, 1906, in
Winchester, Ind.,He had lived in the
Rogue valley for the past 3 years. He was
a retired baker.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosa-
lee Russell, Arkansas, and Cathy Kongar,
Kimmell, Ind., three brothers, Rex Delk,
Winchester, Ind., Eugene Delk, Florida,
and Richard Delk, Georgia; five grand-
children, and two great grandchildren.

CARRIAGE TRADE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Conner
Front St., June 23, a boy, 8 lbs 5½ oz
They have named him Patrick Joseph, Jr.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Renskers, Mrs. Pearl Fitch,355 Colver Rd.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Winfrey, 232
N. Pacific Highway, No. 10, August 2,
a boy, 8¼ lbs at Rogue Valley Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCormick,
565 Foss Rd., a girl on July 22.

Born to Carol Schmelzer, 510 S.Pac.Hwy.
a boy on August 5.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stanley,111 Val
leyview Rd., Aug. 15, a girl, 8 3/4 lbs
at Rogue Valley Hosp.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Harris, 3555
Colver Rd. # 69, Aug.15, a girl, 9 lbs.

RETURN FROM FLORIDA

Ruby Roberts, Gayle and Mike Copeland
returned from a months trip to Fla.
where they visited,Don and his wife and
son. Charles, Jr., came out from Mass.
to drive back with them. They enjoyed
lots of watermelon. Ask to see Ruby's
watermelon cook book. Stuck their feet
in the Atlantic Ocean and went to all
the interesting places they could manage
in a month.

MARRIED IN RENO

Catherine Hansen and William Lofland were
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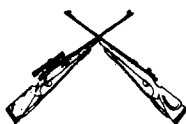
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WILLIAMS CONFIDENT PHS FOOTBALL WILL BE BACK IN CONTENTION

New Phoenix High football coach Ron Williams has realistic idea of problems facing coach of PHS football team.

However he is confident that they can come back. Williams was unanimously confirmed as the new coach by the Phoenix-Talent School Board August 13.

Williams doesn't doesn't predict the Pirates will burn up the turf this year he anticipates progress.

If the community will back the team, instead of blaming the new coach for a slump the team will do better and the community will feel better. It's nice to win but it's unfair to put all the blame for losses on one person.

***** The Editor)*****

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston have taken their camper and headed for Brookings. They will travel from there either north or south according to the weather.

Better go farther south than Crescent City kids because it sure poured down there the week end of the 14-15. AB

From Welborn Beeson Diary May, 1853

May 1, Sunday--Several of us crossed the river on the first trip the boat made to fix the roads on the other side.

May 2, Monday--Early this morning we were up and had the cattle aboard the steam Ferry boat Hindo plowing the muddy water of the Missouri. We landed safe on the west side of the Missouri, among a number of Indians. It cost us \$10 to ferry the two wagons, 34 head of cattle, and 2 horses. We traveled 8 miles to a spring camped. We are now fairly started on the plains. I bought a pair of moccasins of the Indians for 50 cts.

May 3rd, Tuesday--We traveled 17 miles camped on Papea creek. Plenty of wood and water but little grass.

May 4, Wednesday--Crossed the creek. The Indians keep a bridge. We paid them 15cts per wagon to cross it. Traveled 11 miles to Elk horn river, could not cross on account of it being risen with the late rains. We shall have to stay while it falls.

May 5, Thursday--We moved about 1/2 miles on to the bottom so that the cattle could get better grass altho the best is not very good. There was a man drowned here a few days ago. We met his people going back to Iowa quite discouraged.

May 6th, Friday--We moved up the river 5 miles and commenced crossing in Mr. _____ wagon box. We drove the cattle out some 3 miles from camp. Found tolerable ?.

May 7th, Saturday--They got all across but our two wagons.

May 8th, Sunday--We went 1/2 mile down stream. Crossed in boat, swam our cattle and horses over. The Elk Horn is a swift, narrow dangerous little stream.

May 9th--Monday-William Ross and James S. _____ were on guard last night. They went to sleep and let the cattle scatter. We found them all by 9. We made 14 miles. Camped on a slough 1/2 mile off of road. Tolerable grass, weeds for wood.

May 10th, Tuesday--We passed through an alkali swamp. Mud up to the axle tree. Got stuck, had to carry some of the things across by hand. We made 14 miles, camped on Platte river. Wind blowing hard.

May 11th, Wednesday--Started early. Crossed a small creek. Made 13 miles. Camped on Platte.

May 12th, Thursday--We traveled 7 miles to Soup fork ferry but so many teams ahead of us that we concluded we would go up to a ford some 60 miles above. We traveled 10 miles up the stream to a small creek and camped.

May 13th, Friday--We traveled 15 miles to a creek. Camped near the river. Plenty of wood and water not much grass. It rained this afternoon.

May 14th, Saturday--We did not get started until late. It is a wet disagreeable day in the afternoon the wind blew such a hurricane that we could not travel. We put into a little ravine so that the wind did not affect us so bad. Plenty of grass and water and wood 1/2 mile distant. We made 11 miles today.

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Freshmen same hours Aug. 27
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receive locker assignments and pay any
fees. School begins Sept. 7. Classes
only for freshmen and new students in
day long orientation program.

P*T SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VOTE ON
BUDGET SEPT. 21

Kindergarten to be included

VISITS CANYONS ETC.

Jo Howell recently returned for a six weeks visit to the mt. states. She visited Salt Lake City; Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Cedar Brakes, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon, Verna Mesa. She and daughter BJ and grandson, Sammy stopped where they could put their feet in four states. She stayed a week with Betty Jo and Sammy in Caspar, Wyo., and then went to Montana to visit her brother and family and 3 sisters.

MR. and Mrs. John Baldwin visited their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Logan, San Jose and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Logan, Marysville. Bob is retiring from the Air Force in October. Wilda and Gerald Schmelzer went to Disneyland and then joined forces with John and Mae to attend the Great America Yuba City Fair. They also attended the Ice Rollies.

Mary Kathryn Wyckoff and Keith Marion Robbins exchanged their marriage vows in the rose garden at the home of the bride parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wyckoff 620 Morey Rd., Talent. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robbins, 1901 Camellia Ave., Medford.

Rev. Wayne Hutchcroft, Phoenix, officiated at the ceremony. The bride's dress was of pastel yellow voile. She carried a bouquet of yellow daisies and gypsophila and the same flowers trimmed her wide brimmed hat.

Mrs. Dwight Miller was bridesmatron and Molly Norris was honor maid. Both from Medford. Linda Berg, Anaheim, Calif., was bridesmaid. They wore pastel dresses.

Best man was Tucker S. Popham, Medford, and groomsman was Johnny Robbins, Seaside Calif., the groom's brother. Peter Wyckoff a brother of the bride seated the guests.

The newlyweds are living in Brownsboro. The young couple are both employed at Bear Creek Corp.

COOK STEVENS ENGAGEMENT

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Susan Ann Cook and Steve Stevens

The bride-elect is a daughter of Mrs. Sherrill Cook, 122 Sharon Dr. Phoenix, and Charles J. Cook 355 Colver D., Talent.

Her fiance is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Stevens, 695 Alta Vista Rd., Eagle Point.

The wedding is planned for Nov. 27, in Phoenix Church of Christ.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Irene George, past president of the Talent Phoenix Senior Citizens Club was honored at Aug. 11 meeting of the club at the annex to the Methodist Church in Talent. She was presented with an oil painting by Ora Alcorn as a gift from the club. Mrs. Alcorn is the incoming president.

Chester McKee presented the club with a certificate of appreciation from the Community Hall Restoration Committee for the donation made in the name of the club.

The club picnic will be held on the next meeting date in Lithia Park.

HOLD TENTH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

The Phoenix-Talent Alumni Class of '66 recently had a banquet at Mon Desir. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Partasafas won the plaque for longest marriage. Mrs. P. is the former Mary Howell

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Announce membership of 28 with no Paper Lions....

will hold regular meeting Aug. 26 7:30 at Stanley's Truck Stop
Aug. 27, 28, 29-Cotton Candy and Ladies Dime toss at Canyonville. Ladies need donations of glassware for this.

Dick and Phyllis Turnbaugh have returned from their summer jaunt....

Bob Burnette is now in Kelseyville Calif.,

Don McKenzie wheeled and dealt thru N.D. & Mont. collecting lots of wagon wheels.