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## COUNCIL REJECTS CONSULTANTS PAY CLAIM

The council has turned down the request of consultant Richard Soderberg for work he did for the city in preparing a Farmer's Home Administration (FHA) grant in 1973.

The city council moved to have Dick Howsley project coordinator for Talent's new water treatment plant, write Soderberg to the effect that the city owes him nothing.

The council members felt that since the contract between the city and Soderberg was stipulated that payment for Soderberg's work was contingent on receiving the grant and the city had not received the grant that Soderberg had worked on.

The grants the city received in 1976 for its new water treatment plant were the result of work by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, city recorder Alice Theis said.

Fees for subdivisions will be based on engineer's fees from Marquess and Associates plus 20 percent.

The town sold 7/10's of an acre of city owned property on Fairview St. to Albert Campbell on his bid of \$8,000.

## EARLY ADMISSIONS REQUEST REJECTED BY P-T

The Talent-Phoenix school board adopted a new first grade admissions policy which denied parents the right to request testing for their children to see if they could be admitted to the first grade early. This is for children who do not reach 6 by Nov. 15, the legal cut-off date, to enter the first grade.

The board decided not to allow early entrance because district schools are already crowded

The budget committee met before the board meeting and reviewed the administrative support portion of the budget but took no action

Committee discussed an administration proposal to install a \$20,000 communication system in district school buses. The radio system would allow contact between drivers and the district which would be especially helpful in case of an emergency, Mayfield said

The budget committee met Jan. 10 & 12 in the Phoenix Elementary School.

## PUBLIC HEALTH DATES CHANGE

Public health clinic dates and hours in Talent were changed beginning in January said Dr. Lester Wright, Jackson County public health director.

Clinics at the Talent Community Center will be from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 12 & 26  
Talent well-child clinic was held in Talent Jan. 5

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## SOME RESULTS OF RECENT TALENT ATTITUDE SURVEY

Some said they did not receive survey

Some said don't read News Flashes so probably didn't see survey

Wet windy weather produced soggy surveys

Return of surveys may have been short

because: Survey box left in PO was stolen not once but twice.

Volunteers were delayed 1-3 days in collecting surveys and Thanksgiving holidays found many people away from home.

Greatest response Area 1-36% Least return Area 5-16%..Area 2-27%.Area 3-25% Area 4-17% Area 6- 28% Average for town 25%

Responding were 48% males-45% females 7% did not give sex. 66% were married. 35% are 62 or older. 51% have completed HS 16% have 4 or more years of college. 77% own their own homes. 66% live in single family units and 16% in mobile homes. No children in 71% of the homes. 19% of the respondents have lived in Talent 20 years or more and 18% have lived here less than 1 year.

46% have lived in the same house for the last 5 years and 21% have lived outside Ore. for the past 5 years.

36% are retired, 21% work in Medford.

46% feel the city should develop by filling in vacant areas..63% feel there should be limited growth/

Most persons responding feel there should be no growth in orchards and crop lands(59%) grazing areas(50%) and natural and wildlife areas (63%): while 46% feel limited growth, should be allowed on steep slopes.

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SOME COMMENTS ON TALENT PROBLEMS BY TALENT RESIDENTS WILL BE FOUND ON INSIDE PAGE 3

TALENT HOBBY SHOW..MARCH 11 Free Entry....

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#### RENSKERS HAVE VISITORS FROM MINN,&FLA.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renskers were visited by Ruth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frye, LaPorte, Minn and her father's youngest brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frye, Floral City, Florida.

For Christmas their guests included Ruth's cousins Roy Cotant, La Porte, Minn., and K.C. and Florence Carter, Portola, Calif., their sons, Jason and Stan and wife, Great Falls, Montana, Gordon and Steve and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Conner And friends Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roots, Ashland and Tiny Albright were guests at their Christmas dinner. After which Ruth said she closed the Renskers Restaurant for awhile.

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#### CALIFORNIA VISITORS TO LOWE HOME

Bill Hunter, Simi, Calif., inventor and manufacturer of "Hot Stuff" a popular adhesive, was a visitor at the Lowe home last week. Mr. Hunter is also a model airplane designer and was twice national free flight model airplane champion in competition at the National model meet, which is held annually at different locations in the United States.

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An elderly resident had her back door kicked in last wee about 8 p.m. Her dog barked and scared the intruder away before the police arrived.

#### HAS SKIN GRAFT

Ken Alexander, Bain St., somewhat resembles Napoleon; but his hand is not on his chest but is attached to his tummy as his recent skin graft takes effect. He is supposed to come unglued this week or at least be detached.....

Miss Holly West, Los Angeles, was a recent visitor at the Lowe home.

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#### SHUTTLE BUSING

Mae and I on a recent trip to town parked our car in a downtown parking lot and shuttle bused to the shopping center. We were told the idea was to park in the shopping center and shuttle bus downtown Either way it was a nice experience and we'll do it more often. The buses run every ten minutes and its FREE and its FUN.....

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The following little article was submitted anonymously. We thought it applied to Our Town so here it is.

### A little town. . .

A little town is where you don't have to guess who your enemies are. Your friends will tell you.

A little town is where few people can get away with lying about the year they were born. Too many people can remember.

A little town is where people with various ailments can air them properly to sympathetic ears.

A little town is where, when you get the wrong number, you can talk for 15 minutes anyhow.

A little town is where the ratio of good people to bad people is something like 100 to 1. That's nice to remember.

A little town is where it is hard for anybody to walk to work for exercise because it takes too long to stop and explain to people in cars who stop, honk and offer a ride.

A little town is where city folks say there is nothing to do, but those who live there don't have enough nights in the week to make all the meetings and social functions.

A little town is where everyone becomes a "neighbor" a time of need.

A little town is where those same businessmen dig deep many times to help countless fund-raising projects.

A little town is where many teenagers say there's nothing to do and they are surprised to learn that their big-city peers are saying the same things.

A little town, when all is said and done, is a nice place to live.

### FOLLOWING ARE SOME COMMENTS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ON TALENT IN THE RECENT SURVEY

Water is the big problem. We do not think Bear Creek is a very good source of water, even after going through a filtering plant.....A bank maybe?.....For retirees walking is only form of recreation; lack of sidewalks makes it not only uncomfortable but dangerous especially in wet, weather.....I think that until the problems of air pollution, unemployment, noise pollution are solved no growth should occur. While I'm at it, Mr. Nestler should be given a swift kick in the.....Fill in vacant areas, keep density low, utilize open space as often as feasible for parks, etc. We need space. Don't encourage this insane direction the country seems to be taking.....

.....We moved here from a large crowded city with smog crowds of people, traffic and no elbow room nor clean air. We like Talent the way it is, healthy, friendly, and small.....Improve our city center area.....We like Talent as is with no more growth. Save the land for agricultural use, truck gardens, etc. We like small towns! That's why we've lived in this area so long. Please don't make a "city" out of a wonderful small "town".....

An effort should be made to clean up the junk before any of the other areas can make a significant impact upon our community.....Talent is a unique and quiet little town. To bring in large or small industry would greatly alter the special quality of Talent. I would like to see the development of the downtown area, with small business and professional people. No tract developments, mobile parks, or multiple units.....Why should the people that have lived in Talent for years keep paying more and more city taxes just to furnish water, sewer, new schools, fire protection, etc., all for the benefit of some developer that reaps all the harvest such as the land behind the grade school.....You should have sent this questionnaire

before Jim Nistor Bought Area #3. He wouldn't have unless he had prior authorization to develop. At this point, this questionnaire is a waste of paper and time.....We moved to Talent to get away from the unlimited development.....If Talent could organize an aggressive Chamber of Commerce it would be a big help.....I am 70 and have to walk 9 blocks to the market. I have arthritis and it is difficult walking on the dirt on the side of the street so I would like top priority to additional sidewalks.....How about permanent bank, drugstore, motel, shopping center//////////

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The Talent-Phoenix Senior Center, 5405 S.Pac. Hwy. will have new classes starting in January if 7 or more persons sign up: Spanish I taught by Eva Zenonian Poetry Appreciation ...Victor Croxton Tole Painting.....Pearl Tait Macrame....Mabel Roberts..Tues.,Jan 10 9:30 - 11:00 am. Our Bazaar bought sets of Shuffleboard and Bingo and a Blood Pressure Unit. Thank you all who made it possible.

ANNUAL HOBBY SHOW set for March 11

at Talent Community Hall sponsored by the Talent Federated Womens Club. Persons interested in showing their hobbies may call Mae Lowe, 535-1497. There is no entry fee. \*\*\*\*\*

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ALBERT F. FOOTH

The private graveside service for Albert F.Footh, 86, of 232 Old Pacific Highway Talent, who died Dec. 19 were held Dec. 22 in Hillcrest Memorial Park. The Rev. David Campbell officiated.

Mr. Footh was born Oct 21,1891, in Yellow Medicine, Minn.

In 1931 in Wisconsin, he married the former Rhena Winterbottom, who survives. He has lived in the Rogue Valley for 25 years. He was a bricklayer.

Survivors besides his wife, include 3 sons Lloyd, Milwaukee, Wes., Albert, Jr., Talent; and John, Los Angeles, Calif., 4 daughters, Dorothy Cremer, Canyonville; Edna Pasley, Hayfork, Calif.; Florence Bassett, Fallon, Nev.; and Pat Baker, Phoenix; 4 sisters; and six grandchildren.

WEEK OF PRAYER HELD

Members of 6 churches of Phoenix and Talent met together for a Week of Prayer services, Jan.8-13. This is the third year this special event has been held. Churches participating were Talent Friends Church Talent Methodist Church, Phoenix Church of Christ, Central Neighborhood Church, Phoenix Baptist Church and Phoenix First Presbyterian Church.

WANTED TO PURCHASE a goose. Our gander is lonesome and needs a partner to patrol our back yard. See or call Pat Walrath, 535-2311 at SNAPPY SERVICE.

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WEDNESDAY  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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535-1169  
Mark Kelley, Pastor

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9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
10:40 a.m. Sunday School  
11:40 a.m. Coffee Hour  
6:00 p.m. Evening Gospel Service  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 p.m. Midweek Service

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July 29th, Friday-The wheat was so tall that we had a job finding the cattle. Found them all. 8 miles poor roads to trading post Watered our cattle but very poor water. They did not like it much. 10 miles to river. Willow wood, river water, good bluegrass but very mirey. We had a good swim did not watch the cattle.

July 30th, Saturday- Started early 2 miles to forks of road over very mirey ground. Rock and Paddy stuck fast in mud up to their bellys, the left road follows the river without grass, the right to a clover patch, 13 miles. We found Giles Wells camped here. He has been waiting for company to go into Rouge River Valley. He says there was plenty of water when he first come but now there is but very little. Have to dip it out of stinking frogs hole, but very good clover, grass rather dry. Very warm weather.

July 31, Sunday- Started early 2 miles to forks of roads right over the hills 30 miles without water, but we have had enough of the cutoffs so we took the left to the river which is much better than no water although it is so bad. Wells took the right hand. We struck the river in 8 miles and glad enough. We nooned. Good grass, greasewood, river water. Peter Mahon and myself stood guard in the forepart. Harvey Oatman and John Ragdales in the afterpart.

August 1, Monday-Started early, traveled 22 miles, camped on a bayo. Midling grass, poor water, greasewood for fuel. We heard that Fruit(?) Walker was killed by one of his hands on Ripple creek.

August 2, Teusday-Started early 3 miles to Rush Creek, deep fording, good water. We filled the water canteens for there is no more water for 19 miles to Humbolt. Heavy sand and dead cattle and horses untill the road is almost blocked up. Camped on Humbolt, no water, midling grass, sagewood, passed 5 trading posts.

August 3, Wednesday-Started early, traveled 12 miles, watered the cattle and then started across the desert 14 miles without water or grass. 10 miles the roads forked right goes strait ahead, the left to river in 4 miles found plenty of grass, but rather saltish, Aug. 4, Thursday-Started early, traveled 6 mi. down the river. Here we found Giles Wells, Major Tipton and others encamped resting their cattle so that they may be fresh to cross the desert, there is excellent grass here so we camped, turned the cattle across out an island, very mirey. We all went over and cut willows to make a bridge to walk the cattle over onto solid ground. There are 3 trading posts here, they have a wagon bed for a boat.

**TO CALIF FOR CHRISTMAS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Walrath spent Christmas in Calif. where they visited Ken's sons both of whom have Muscular Dystrophy. The older son is attending law school and living in a dorm on campus and the younger is a senior in high school. While in Calif. they attended the 50th Anniversary of Ken's parents, Fae and Elton Walrath.

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A little excitement in our neighborhood recently with flashing lights and all that when our neighbors, the Louie Baldovino's furnace caught fire but there was no damage and the fire was shortly under control. May all fires be as small.

From the TALENT NEWS, Jan 1 & 15, 1893  
Edward Robison, Editor.

C.W.MILTON and W.D.Bain have rented Warren Lynch's blacksmith shop in Talent and are prepared to do general blacksmithing and wagon repairing.

..Rain, rain for the last two weeks-the greatest downpour that December has known for many years.

..The total amount of Oregon's assessable property for 1892 was \$131,239,132.

**THE BOX PARTY**

The box party given for the benefit of the school was a success financially and socially

Jeff Bell was auctioneer and created no little amusement by his peculiar manner of inducing bids. The boxes generally sold at reasonable prices considering the hard times but a delicate white fringe around one of the boxes naturally led to the conclusion that the toothsome morsels within were be-spangled with silver and bedecked with gold; so the bidding ran high on this box, which was finally knocked down to a Central Pointer for \$2.50.

It was vaguely hinted however that the successful bidder knew whose fair hands prepared that box, but-deponent saith not.

..Ben Dyer has lately purchased of P Fowler two lots in Talent, with dwelling houses on each; Con.\$350.

..Mr.Wakefield, the Phoenix shoemaker, moved up to his mountain homestead a few days ago He found prospectors in every direction.

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