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NEW COUNCILPERSON

Dee Swearingen was chosen to fill the vacancy on the council March 13, by the other members of the council. Bob Reed, who was elected in Nov. resigned in Feb. leaving the vacancy.

Swearingen was elected by a 4 to 2 vote. The first vote ended in a tie between Swearingen and nominee Penny Barker.

Swearingen is Asst. Manager for TID.

Other business

voted to allow Wisar Const. to uncover the intake valve for the Bear Creek water treatment plant (recently opened) in an effort to determine what is causing the valve to take in silt.

City Engineer Cliff Shaw of Marquess & Assoc. told the council the silt problem is restricting the new plant's operating hours, allowing it to run only 4 hrs. a day. He said the trouble could be a crushed pipe in the intake or a missing joint band.

The company is to determine the problem and notify the council. Nothing else.

Voted to deny a request by Jackson Co. Legal Services for \$800 of the city's revenue sharing funds. Opposing were Walker, Smith and Swearingen.

COUNCILMAN SMITH SPEAKS AT PHOENIX-TALENT BOARD MEETING

Talent councilman Moreland Smith appeared at the Mar. 15 school board meeting to present his views on the bond election defeat.

He said the board will have a hard time selling Talent on a new elementary school to absorb growth in Phoenix and Medford.

He said he would like to see more discussion of possible alternatives to new construction.

Many of us in Talent resent the fact that we have attempted to control our growth & cooperate with the school district. Other communities seem to grow at will and we still have to pay the cost. We object at that., he said.

DISTRICT REJECTS BOND

Because of the large "no" vote in the Talent area of District #4, the school bond for \$2.9 million proposed by the Phoenix-Talent School District was turned down.

The money would have been used to build and equip a 15-room elementary school in south Medford in time for the start of the 1980-81 school year. Total vote: 684-606. 19.5% of the 6,684 registered voters

Bill Force, School Supt., said the first overt sign of district-wide overcrowding will come in September, when Phoenix-area students will probably be bused to Talent.

He plans to recommend that the board send another bond measure to the voters as soon as it is legally possible.

School board chairman Alan McBeth said a new elementary school will simply be a matter of "common sense" if district enrollment continues to increase at its present pace.

POST ELECTION THOUGHTS

At the schoolboard meeting March 15, Force called for a May bond election and Business Manager Rober Wessling said construction costs are likely to increase at the rate of 1% per mo.

A 6 month delay in building a new school could cost \$125,000 to \$150,000 Wessling said

Board members Susie Steckman and Nellie Hansen have asked for a review of less expensive alternatives, such as modular construction of the school.

Steckman wants the bond issue to include money for Talent Jr. Hi.

McBeth agreed to call a special meeting Apr. 5 to review costs and supporting data for the new elementary school at 7:30 pm at Talent Elementary School

SCHOOL ISSUES

MY OWN THOUGHTS

#1.....No one hired by a district for only 3 months new to the position and not having in any way proving himself should have had his wages increased by \$3,000. Mr. Force may or may not be worth the money he will receive but and its a big BUT I do not feel that the Phoenix district should pay more for their supervisor than Ashland or some of the college professors.

If Mr. Force's salary was to be raised by \$3,000, 3 months after he arrived having agreed, when interviewed to the lower rate, my opinion is that he is too expensive for us. The school board begins to sound more and more like it represents the teachers, when according to the voters, we thought they represented us.

We hear that some of the board members, past or present, have come around to our opinion that it was a mistake to tear down the old brick building at Talent and to build the round rascal also the big old gym that was if nothing else a good play shed in wet rainy weather.....

So much for my thoughts.
AJB

CARRIAGE TRADE

Born to William and Estella Freeny, 348 Lithia Way, Feb. 16, 1979, a boy, Charles Ronney, 5 lbs. 8 oz. at Regue Memorial Hospital.

Born to Joshua and Debra Hagler, 5595 S. Pacific Hwy., Feb. 19, a girl, Jennifer Lee, 8 lbs 5 oz at Regue Valley Hesp.

Born to Jack and Kathleen Ezell, 460 Arnos St., #97, a boy, Thomas Joseph, 7 lbs 8 oz Feb. 9, at Ashland Com. Hosp.

Born to R. Michael and Frances Morse, 8323 Wagner Cr. Rd., Mar. 6, a boy, Michael Andrew, 7 lbs 2 oz at Ashland Community Hospital.

Born to Charles and Jeannell Tester, 812 S. Pac. Hwy. #17, March 15, a boy, Erik Lewis, 8lbs. 1 oz. at Ashland Hospital

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ALASKA DUTY

Coast Guard Seaman Gary L. Cramer, son of Paul L. and Phyllis A Ruff, 19682 Emre Rd, recently departed for an Alaskan Fisheries patrol in the N. Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, on the Coast Guard cutter Boutwell. Seattle is its homeport. During the 60-day patrol, the Boutwell will conduct surveillance operations in the N. Pacific and enforce international treaties and U.S. laws, including the 200 mile fisheries conservation zone. Cramer joined the Coast Guard July, 1978.

LUNCH PRICES RUNNING IN HOLE

The cost of subsidizing school lunches and the school district's service budget will run a \$15,000-\$16,000 deficit by year end.

Other business included approval an accelerated salary increase for an "exceptional" teacher after heated debate over personnel policies.

Brad Thurman, a popular TJHS science teacher, received an increase equal to \$736 more than he would normally receive on the district's "step" schedule.

Supt. Bill Force had recommended action that would result in a \$1940 increase to fully compensate Thurman for his experience in other districts, in a departure from district policy.

PLANT..GIFT & BAKE SALE

Talent-Phoenix Senior Center, 5465 S. Pac. Hwy. will held a plant, gift and bake sale Apr. 2-6th 9 am--3pm Items should be at center by March 30.

OBITUARY

KATHLEEN LANDOLFE, 74, 355 Colver Road, died March 3 at her home. She was born Nov. 12, 1904, in Morganfield, Ky.

She married Paul Landolfe in 1934 in Riverside, Calif. They moved to the area from Long Beach in 1946.

Survivors include her husband; one brother, Joe Mason, Ashland; and two sisters in California.

Cremation has been held and no service is planned.

WILLIAM H. BECKELHYMER, 76, 205 N. Pac. Hwy. Graveside service for William Beckelhymer who died Mar 13, were held Mar. 15.

He was born Feb. 28, 1903 in Paducah, Ky. but had been a resident of the Rogue Valley most of his life. He and his father, owned, built and managed Becky's Cafe in Union Creek from 1923 to the late 1950's. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Legion of Moose.

There are no known survivors.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

NOW & THEN.. I was listening to a Professor on TV from one of the universities in Cal. not long ago. He said if we hadn't of made the progress that we have had in the last decade the horse manure would be piled high on the roads today. A-men

Bruce Paul

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GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL Call 482-1471 Ashland Sanitary Service, 62 E.Main ST. Ashland. Bills may be paid at Rick'sMkt.

Born to Eligie and Guadalupe Fletes, 1912 Suncrest Rd., Talent, a boy, Eligie Ernan, on March 18.

Mabel Roberts has been elected president of the Harvest Festival committee. Next meeting March 29...Everyone Welcome..Come out and join the Harvest Festival Planning

Phoenix High house construction students have completed their seventh house in seven years under the tutelage of Wayne Bennett.

This is a two year program at PHS. The students learn basic carpentry and construction while doing small projects on the campus during their junior year. Each jr. student draws up plans for the house to be built the next year. The best plan is selected by Bennett. This year's house at 708 First St was designed by Chris Dent.

The sale of the houses provides enough money to pay off all debts incurred in buying the lot, building materials and permits leaving plenty for scholarships for some of the students.

Last years sale furnished 10 \$500 scholarships from the profit of \$5,000. The 12 seniors spent 3 hours a morning working on the project.

STUDENTS CUT WOOD

Five cords of wood were cut and split and distributed to needy elderly people in the Phoenix area by about 20 PHS students of the forestry class, student government leaders and social service class members.

Logs were cut on permit from the Applegate Ranger District of the Rogue River National Forest by the forestry class.

Mr. and Mrs. John Treadway have sold their home on Fess Rd. and will soon be moving to Ashland.

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Winner of the crocheted afghan given March 10 at the annual Hobby Show was Mrs Eva Taylor, who also received a blue ribbon for her crocheted sweater. Other winners for hand work were for crocheted afghans, Alice Barber, 1st & 2nd; Margaret Williams, 1st and Inez Siebrecht, 2nd. For knít afghan, Pearl Tait, Blue:Goldie Abbett, crochet handbag, 1st; Leora Sommers, decorated hand bag, 2nd; Inez Siebrecht, crochet clothes hangers, 1st; Brenda Gynes, double crochet hats; Blue: Steffie Lorton, Handmade Quilts; Sonbonnet Baby Applique, Blue; Tulip Applique, Red; James Merry, Latch hooked pillow, Blue: Latch hooked rugs, 2nd & Third. In Ceramics: Bobbie Campbell Bisque stain children nativity scene, 1st; underglaze spray & clear stain pie plate, 2nd; mallard plate underglaze & clear stain, 1st; Quails bisque stain and antique, 1st; Owl hanging lamp, 1st; Margaret Long; Bird mobile, hand welded, bisque stain, 1st; Baby quail, hand molded, Bisque stain, 1st; hand molded hummingbird and flowers, 1st; Roberta Babcock, Easter egg and bunny, underglaze and glaze, 1st; Hattie Davis, Leprechaun, Bisque stain, 1st; Walnut, Bisque stain and antique; Elf, Bisque stain, 3rd; Mabel Roberts, Tray, 2nd. Macrawe, Mabel Roberts, Frog, First and Decorative, 2nd; Vivian Jeffrey, plant hangers, 1st. Paintings: Sr. Division; Windmill, Henrietta Kingler, First; On Myrtlewood, Gerrie Schults, 1st; "Ducks in the Woods" by Alma Lee, First; Acrylic, Gerrie Shults, First; Watercolor; Paige Green, Jean Norris, Madge Darling, Nellie Tolliver, Barbara Evans, Nera Haddock Leanna Walker and Ethel Stimson, Blue; Jean Monroe, Eva Pendleton, Nellie Tolliver and Evelyn Seavey, Red; Mary Burk, White. Others showing were Helen Myre, Marie Pfnister, Alice Roeker and Bess Cutts. Showing for exhibit only were Nellie Tolliver, Ethel Stimson and Ora Alcern. Alice Barber received a Blue and red ribbon for 2 oils. In the Jr. Division a pencil sketch Moon and Dragon by Tracy Simmons received a Blue. Other Jr. winners were Julie Stevens, 14, Tele painting, Blue; Christine Stevens, 10, Miniature doll house, Blue; Jack Wagner, Decorated coat hangers, Blue; and Tom Wagner, decorated plates, Blue.

Sr. Division; Decorated plates, Leora Sommers, Blue; Mr. Jay, Homemade Feed Dryer, Blue; Barbara Stevens; Country Store in miniature, First; Collection of miniatures in doll house display, 2nd; Collection of shadow boxes with miniatures, third; Goldie Abbett, Beadwork

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Paul Fowler and Nevella Glover are the new managers of the Talent Ave. Shell station.

Ruby and Chuck Roberts went on vacation to Batchelor Butte in Bend. They didn't ski, but watched everyone else do it.

Two Antique Shops have opened in Talent. If that's your thing, stop and mosey around.

Pat Hake has leased the Talent Chevron Station from Jiggs and Leola Conner.

Good luck to Pat in his service station business.

Bert Bell will celebrate his birthday April 1

RETURNS HOME FROM CALIF. Harland Lowe, who has been in Calif. for three weeks returned home Monday.

John and Mae Baldwin recently returned from Calif. and Arizona. They visited relatives in Calif..got caught in Calif. unusual weather(snowstorm on the Grapevine) Went to Quartzsite, Ariz. with a 100,000 other cold people to attend the famous Rock(agates,etc) Festival. Say they had a marvelous time.

Don McKenzie has purchased all the items in a liquidation sale including all sorts of things,from scrubbers and kitchenware , wastepaper baskets and kites. You name it, he may have it and all at good low prices. Drop in and browse around. NEED A GOOD MATTRESS...Don has some really good bargains.

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Welding	PHS	M	7-9	\$20	4/2	Kaiser
Ceramics	TES	Tu	7-9:30	nc	4/3	Casebeer
Knitting	Patio Village	Tu	1:30-3	nc	4/3	Tait
Macrame	Robby's Antiques	Tu	7-9	nc	4/3	Henry
Oil Painting	TJH	Tu	7-9	\$5	4/24	Mainwaring
Tole Painting	PES	Tu	7-9	\$12	4/3	Prosser
Auto Repair	BMW Motorcycle 3598 S Pac Hwy	W	7-9	nc	4/4	Hansen
Flower Arrangement	PES	W	7:30	\$8	4/4	Nickerson
Sewing	PHS	W	7-9	nc	4/4	Webber
Stained Glass	TJH	W	7-9	\$8	4/4	Jones
Bread Creation	PHS	Th	7-9:30	\$5	4/4	Webber
Pottery	PHS	Th	7-9	\$12	4/4	Anderson
Woodshop	TJH	Th	7-9	nc	4/4	Bailey
<u>LEARNING, DETECTING and FINDING</u>						
Adult Basic Skills	PHS	M & W	6:30-9	nc	4/2	Lachman
Brush-up Typing	PHS	M-F	12:50-2:30	nc	4/2	Clement
Landscaping	PHS	M	7-9:30	\$15	4/2	Adee
Mushroom Identif.	TJH	Tu	7-9	\$15	4/3	Godfrey
Overeaters Anony.	TES	Tu	7-8:30	nc	4/3	Dorothy
State of Jefferson by car	PES	Tu	7:30-9	nc	4/3	Lunde
Wills & Estates	TES	Tu	7:30-9	nc	April 10	Brower
<u>SPORTS, EXERCISE and DANCE</u>						
Adult Volleyball	TJH	M	7	nc	4/2	Smith
Family Volleyball	PES	Tu	7-8:30	nc	4/3	Nelson
Hunter Safety	TJH	Tu	7-9	nc	5/8	Carpenter
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August 15th, Monday--We all started together three miles over a hill stony but not very steep, 4 miles to a warm spring----into a lake left of road. We then passed around to left of a lake 5 miles to a creek of good water, good grass, willows for wood. I was on guard with Henry Church, Jim Morehead and Mr. Dickey.

Aug.16th, Teusday--Started early. 6 miles up the lake to foot of the Nevada mountains. cent. next month.

From TALENT NEWS, Aug. 1, 1893

The boys who entered a miner's cabin on Wagner Creek a few weeks ago and wantonly destroyed provisions etc., were interviewed by the sheriff. The affair was settled but the sheriff gave the boys some wholesome instructions which they would do well to heed. --Joseph Robinson whose leg was amputated a few weeks ago was seen to ride by our office the other day in a cart. --Several from Talent and vicinity went to Ashland the other day to "take in" or be taken "taken in" by the circus. --W.J. Dean and wife and daughter, Minnie, & Mrs. M.H. Coleman and daughter, Edith, visited Emmett Beeson's Mountain ranch last week.

Mikel Gynes, who has been working for his brother making gliders in the LA area recently returned home. While in LA he delivered one glider to Georgia for the president.

GLASS PLANT

The city council resolved recently to draft a lease with Harvey Heltz, giving approval of his plan to develop a glass fabrication plant within the industrial park along south Talent Ave.

The council won't prepare the 50-year lease until Heltz has an approved mortgage for the development of the property.

CONSIDER

After the recent school bond for a new school, I got to thinking again. It does still seem to me to be a very great waste for buildings costing millions of dollars to set idle 1/4 of their time. It might have been an economic necessity when our country was mainly farms and manual labor was the only way to get the crops in on each family farm. BUT in this day & age when most labor is year round and farmers hire very few juveniles except for smudging or during the short haying season, hauling hay, it seems a larger and larger waste of our school buildings to have them set idle all summer. If School were held all year and students could be rotated so that vacations could be held at each families convenience, many more students could be accomadated in the present facilities.

Teachers are paid on a year round basis(or could be) and I feel that it is time for them to come down to earth with the rest of us poor taxpayers, who have either ne paid vacation or at the most 3 weeks.

I'm sure this is a very unpepular view in some areas but when industry cannot pay for idle space, I don't believe the average taxpayer can either.... AJB

DISTRICT 5 LEVY ELECTION

The Jackson County Fire District 5 residents will go to the polls April 3 to vote on picking up the bill for the salaries of 7 firefighters the district will otherwise lose because of cuts in the CETA Program.

The district's budget committee approved a 1979-80 budget submitted by Chief Max Long. The cost of 7 firefighters and 2 trucks bring the budget above the 6% limitation

The salaries would come to \$148,998 over the 6% limitation or about \$3.81 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. We're in favor



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