

## Mining Camp Bartender Believes Thar's Gold In Them Thar Tourists

By HAL BOYLE  
VIRGINIA CITY, Mont., —(P)— Justice isn't blind anymore in this one time rip-roaring mining camp, but the justice of the peace is.

He is "Blind Bob" Gohn, who also operates a tavern and general store here and believes he is the only sightless bartender in the West.

"I never heard of any others," he said, deftly mixing a highball. "I lost my eyes here in the mines back in 1920. I got blasted."

"Blind Bob," a pleasant voiced man of 50, is full of the lore of Montana's most famous gold mining camp.

They took 300 to 500 million dollars out of Alder Gulch here—nobody knows just how much," he said. "And there's still plenty of gold here." Lately, however, the gulch probably hasn't produced as much gold as the pockets of visiting tourists.

Virginia City, once boisterous with 10,000 to 20,000 miners, was quietly rotting into just another ghost town of a fabulous past until

a wealthy rancher, Charles Bovey, decided to restore its vanished flavor.

Bovey has been gradually rebuilding the town into a showcase of the Old West, combining the area for authentic historical relics.

"Last year we had about 100,000 tourists," said Blind Bob. He is the grandson of George Gohn, who came here a few days after gold was first discovered in 1863. His pioneer grandfather was a member of the original committee of Vigilantes who brought law and order into Montana territory at the end of a rope.

Some fourteen murdering road agents who were hanged by the Vigilantes back in 1864 still lie on nearby Cemetery Hill.

"It's much quieter around here now," said Blind Bob. "About all I have to deal with as justice of the peace are fish and game violations and highway traffic cases."

There are only about 315 permanent residents left and Bob can tell them all by their voices and

## Elkton

By MRS. PHYLLIS A. SMITH  
The Elkton city council met in regular session at the Elkton Bookkeeping Service office, Wednesday night, Donald Mode was sworn in as councilman to replace William Carlson who has moved to Drain.

The council voted to give the Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. a franchise to maintain lines within the city for 50 years.

Mrs. William Binder, Mrs. Martin Soloff, Mrs. Gene Fisher and Mrs. Wade Henderson went to Roseburg Friday where they attended the Douglas County Home Extension unit May festival.

Mrs. Charles Hedden, Mrs. Irma Hoffman and Mrs. Mary Beckley went to Corvallis Thursday, where they attended the state convention of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Robert M. Smith took her small son, Norman Leroy, to the Doernbecher hospital in Portland on Sunday, where he is to have an operation. In her absence, Mrs. Boyd Rader of Kellogg will take care of Patricia and Mrs. Lester Riley will look out for Donald.

Mrs. Smith said she wishes to thank nurse Rose Staneck and Dr. Carol Meyers and the Redsport Community Chest for aiding Norman Leroy.

The flower show and spring sale of the Elkton W.S.C.S. was well attended, and it is reported that most of the food and fancy goods was sold.

Mrs. Joseph Hudson and Miss Evelyn Hudson will go to Portland to bring Mr. Hudson home from St. Vincent's hospital on Tuesday, Monday. They expect to be able at this time Hudson is improving in health.

Many by the sound of their footsteps.

"Most of them still live by mining," he said. "The hills are full of mines, but only two are working now. But if they ever find the mother lode, you'll see this town come to life again."

That is the goal still of many oldtime miners here—the mother lode—a legendary deep lying parent rift of metal they feel may spill out more wealth than Virginia City ever knew in its heyday as "the richest place on earth."

Meanwhile, the tourists are helping to give the town an Indian Summer prosperity.

Blind Bob knows by memory the exact location of the hundreds of items he stocks in his tavern store, a building that once housed Montana's territorial government. He says that lack of eyesight doesn't bar.

"My only worry is an occasional stranger who hands me a one dollar bill and tells me it's a five," he said. "And of course the juke box gives me trouble."

"You see, I mix highballs by the sound of the gurgles. When the jukebox is going, it's hard to hear the gurgles. That's why I hate the jukebox." Blind Bob grinned.

"It gets me so mixed up I can't see what I'm doing."

## Brand System Change Wanted By Cattlemen

KLAMATH FALLS, May 8.—(P)—A changeover that virtually would mean scrapping the present cattle brand system used in Oregon to start anew was entertained today by the brands committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's association in convention here.

But the committee wasn't ready to go that far yet.

The matter was referred to county cattle associations for mulling over on the local level.

The proposal was that all one and two letter or numeral brands now in use—and there are thousands of them—be abolished in favor of brands with three letters or numerals, to the end that there would be no conflicts in brand characters and in permitted locations on the animal.

Legislation would be needed to set up a brand system to replace the present system, which has grown up since pioneer cattle days in Oregon.

About 11,000 cattle brands are registered in the state.

Robert A. Lister of Paulina, chairman of the brands committee pointed out that the present system allows almost no new brands to be issued without conflict with existing recorded marks.

But, he added, many ranchers wouldn't want to change or drop one or two-letter brands because of sentimental reasons.

In other action, the stockmen decided they ought to ask for lower freight rates on live animals if rates on dressed meats are lowered. Big packinghouses are trying to get rates lowered on dressed meats to be able to sell meats prepared in the Midwest cheaper in the west.

A reduction of freight rates on live animal shipments would combat the threat of cheaper midwestern beef on western markets, cattlemen of Oregon feel.

### WRINGER KILLS GIRL

CHEROKEE, Ind.—(P)—A two-year-old girl, caught by the arm in a washing machine wringer, was pulled in and choked to death.

Mrs. Marvin Winterhof returned from hanging out clothes to find her daughter, Kathleen, hanging in the machine.

## Negro Boy Kills Father At Request Of Latter

ATLANTA, May 9.—(P)—A nine-year-old Negro boy followed his father's command and killed his parent with a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun last night.

Detectives said the youngster pulled the trigger while his father, McNeal Childs, 43, held the gun against his chest.

The detectives said the father ordered his son to pull the trigger. No charges were filed. They added that members of the family told them the father had been threatening to kill himself before.

## Sutherland

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK  
W. A. Davis was a business visitor in Portland for a few days the forepart of last week.

Donnie Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith, is quite ill with pneumonia. He is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Briscoe to be near medical treatment.

Mrs. George Green attended the reality board meeting in Roseburg Tuesday.

Mrs. William DeWitt of Myrtle Creek, former resident of Sutherland, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Bard Kesner, Friday.

Mrs. Ed Peterson shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Tuesday.

Those attending the bridge luncheon at the Roseburg Country club Thursday from Sutherland were: Mrs. Joe Perrault and her guests, Mrs. Howard Wahl, Mrs. Harry Barker and Mrs. Vern Holgate; Mrs. O. L. Torrey and guests, Mrs. M. E. Groshong, Mrs. Fayette Thompson and Mrs. Claude Kesner; Mrs. Bard Kesner and her guests, Mrs. C. J. Biedman, Mrs. Henry Halverson and Mrs. William DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Crittenden were in Roseburg Saturday transacting business.

Mrs. C. E. Brittain, who has been in a Eugene hospital where she underwent surgery for a fractured hip, is reported as getting along very nicely and is expected to be able to come home this week.

### MAN DIES IN CRASH

PORTLAND.—(P)—A truck went out of control and struck a pole, killing Al Grow, 52, Portland. His son, David who was driving, and a daughter, 13, suffered minor injuries.

## Yoncalla

By MRS. GEORGE EDES  
Mrs. Marvin Hall and Mrs. Geo Edes transacted business in Eugene and visited in Springfield, Monday.

Members of the Yoncalla Church of Christ will sponsor a Pink and Blue shower honoring Mrs. Mona Lancaster, Tuesday, May 9, at 2 o'clock. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wilson spent several days last week, visiting their son and daughter-in-law in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lowenstein of Los Angeles visited at the J. M. Houser home last week. Lowenstein is president of the Missen Wholesale Hardware Co. of Los Angeles.

Word has been received from Tacoma, Wash. that Howard Applegate, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Applegate of Yoncalla, has been promoted to manager of the night crew of the United Press bureau in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sutton have moved into their new home on the north end of the Charlie Meier ranch.

Mrs. Robert Adkison of Eugene visited friends in Yoncalla last week.

Harold Phillips of Hayhurst valley smashed two fingers on his left hand last week while working in his sawmill.

Mrs. J. E. Portlock is visiting relatives in Seattle for a week. Her father will return home with her for the summer.

Tues., May 9, 1950—The News-Review, Roseburg, Ore. 3

The home economics classes of Yoncalla high school will hold a fashion show and tea in the Yoncalla high school gym., Thursday afternoon.

W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church will meet at the church, Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Nimocks and Mrs. Fred Paulsrud hostesses. All ladies in the community are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Phelps of the "Rolling Hills Ranch" in Elkhead are enjoying a visit with their son, Robert C. Phelps. Robert is a graduate of the Long Beach college in California and will enter Washington State college this fall to study criminology.

Mrs. Harry Lawman of Rockaway spent the weekend here visiting at the Herman Thiel home and visiting her brother, Arthur Thiel, in Drain, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hartman, Jeanne and Dicky Hartman of Eugene spent the weekend here visiting Mrs. Hartman's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Stapp and daughter of Eugene visited at the Cook home over the weekend enroute to Fresno, Calif. to spend the summer.

Mrs. Tom Wallace is visiting her daughter Wanda and son-in-law in Warrenton, Ore. for a couple of weeks.

Tom Westfall of Salem arrived here Saturday to spend a month

with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curl, and to do some fishing.

Mrs. Wilford Vian, Mrs. Jerry Means and Miss Coloma Means transacted business in Eugene, Saturday.

A damage suit was brought by two residents of another slide area, asking \$6,500 because of damaged homes.

But the jury agreed with the city's contention that the slide was not the city's fault.

New flowers are always interesting, but no doubt there are hundreds of old-timers which would be new to you. It is fun to try out some of these each year.

Screen Doors  
Window Screens  
Screen Wire  
PAGE LUMBER & FUEL  
164 e. 2nd Ave. S. Phone 242

Notice: We have been appointed HEADQUARTERS for

## The Country Store of Beverly Hills

HOME MADE CALIFORNIA CANDIES

Country Store candies are prepared from old-fashioned recipes that call for oodles of dairy butter, cream, eggs, chocolate, honey, and nuts. Seven mouth-watering varieties. All made fresh to our order—then rushed to us same day made. Try some today.

### ROSEBURG PHARMACY

241 N. Jackson Phone 7



"BE PENNY WISE AND POUND WISE, CHANGE TO GOLDEN WEST'S RICHER FLAVOR AND SAVE!" says Rita Bick, well known California home economist.

IT TAKES A RICHER BLEND... TO MAKE A RICHER BREW

## Golden West Coffee

20 EXTRA CUPS from every pound of richer flavor Golden West coffee

Just try Golden West using 1/3 less. The flavor stays rich and delicious and you'll gain 20 extra cups of genuine coffee satisfaction from each pound! Golden West's gift to you is coffee economy for today, coffee enjoyment for every day. Three grinds—regular, drip, Silex—so your coffee maker will deliver the full richer flavor of this expert blend.

## THE MYSTERIES OF COOKING

... in grandmother's day had to be known in order to be called a good home-maker and cook. She had none of the modern conveniences of shopping in a market that offered the freshest of fresh produce the year 'round. She had to raise a good share of her own fresh vegetables and then preserve them for winter eating. Her menus were limited in off growing seasons because she was not able to walk into a store in December and select a pound of vine-ripened tomatoes. She was a good mother and a good cook but she would envy you today.

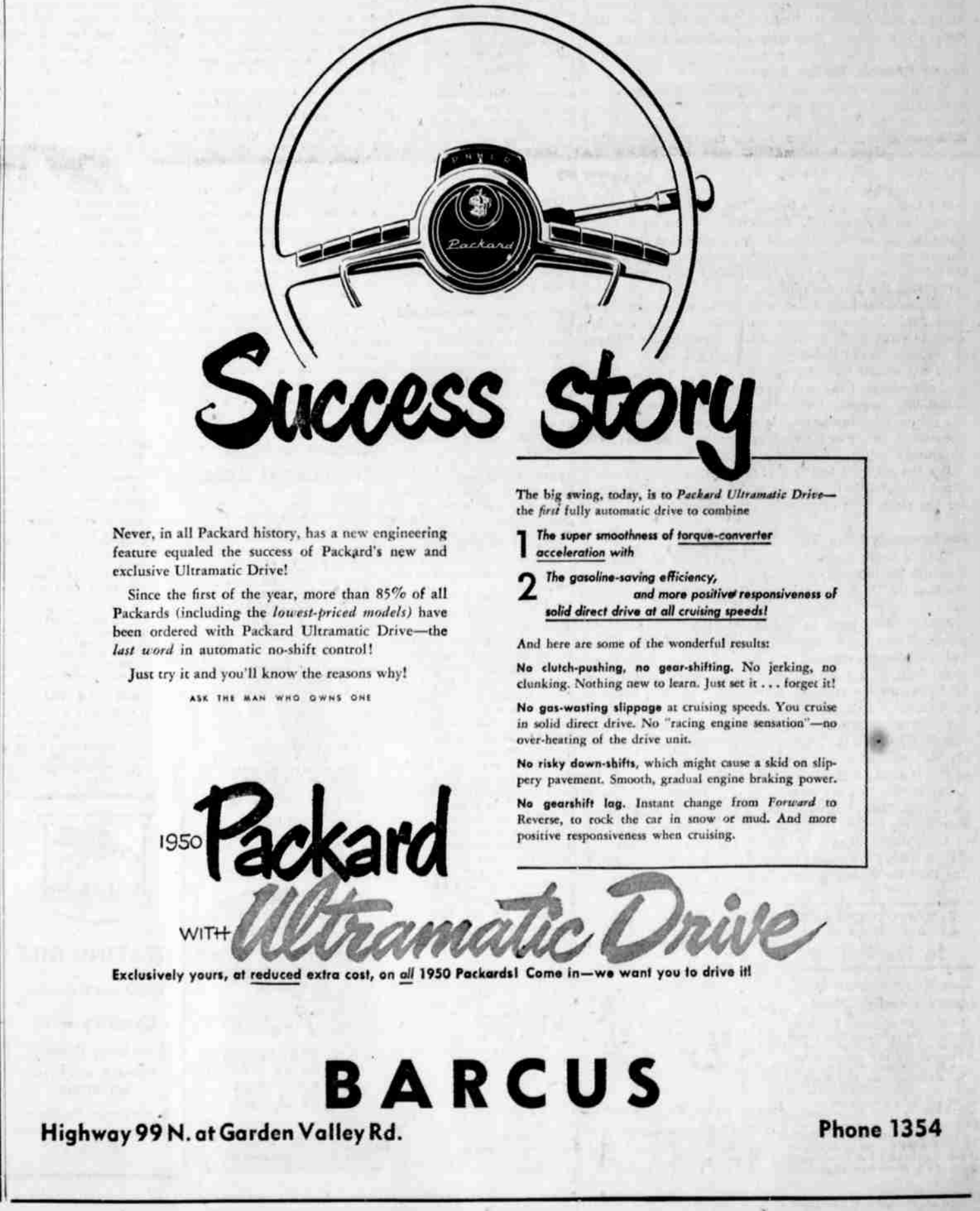
You can now walk into a store such as Nielsen's and select just the fruit or vegetable that you want about any time of the year you want it. You can and do have a variety in your daily menus and no longer have to depend on home canning to have varied foods in the winter or early spring. Grocery markets of 60 years ago were unable to offer what Nielsen's have to offer you.

At Nielsen's you find dewy fresh vegetables and firm solid, flavor pocked fruits that are hours fresher. Whenever possible, Nielsen's buy all of their produce locally but when the growing season is over, we have all of our green goods rushed directly to our store by fast trucks. Through this swift service we are able to offer you the finest fresh vegetables and fruits that still have their appetizing flavor. Buy all of your fresh vegetables and fruits at Nielsen's and you will be assured of not only having the best but also having them at a lower cost. This is a lot different than what Grandmother's Market offered her.

# NIELSEN'S MARKET

IT'S THE SAVING ON EVERY ITEM THAT COUNTS

Located 1 block south of City Limits on Highway 99 S.



# Success story

The big swing, today, is to Packard Ultramatic Drive—the first fully automatic drive to combine

- 1 The super smoothness of torque-converter acceleration with
- 2 The gasoline-saving efficiency, and more positive responsiveness of solid direct drive at all cruising speeds!

And here are some of the wonderful results:

No clutch-pushing, no gear-shifting. No jerking, no clunking. Nothing new to learn. Just set it... forget it!

No gas-wasting slippage at cruising speeds. You cruise in solid direct drive. No "racing engine sensation"—no over-heating of the drive unit.

No risky down-shifts, which might cause a skid on slippery pavement. Smooth, gradual engine braking power.

No gearshift lag. Instant change from Forward to Reverse, to rock the car in snow or mud. And more positive responsiveness when cruising.

Never, in all Packard history, has a new engineering feature equaled the success of Packard's new and exclusive Ultramatic Drive!

Since the first of the year, more than 85% of all Packards (including the lowest-priced models) have been ordered with Packard Ultramatic Drive—the last word in automatic no-shift control!

Just try it and you'll know the reasons why!

ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE

# 1950 Packard

WITH Ultramatic Drive

Exclusively yours, at reduced extra cost, on all 1950 Packards! Come in—we want you to drive it!

# BARCUS

Highway 99 N. at Garden Valley Rd. Phone 1354