

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus: by Sublime Grand Noble Humbug Bill Wensrich

Bradford Ripley Alden

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The 26th in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich.

"If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

Under the temporal guidance of Phil Pepperdine, presiding humbug of the E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter at the time, the Chapter relocated this plaque to Hornbrook.

Interstate 5 was being expanded and construction activity would ultimately cover the plaque up. Cal Trans wanted the plaque moved, or they were going to push it off into the rubble left over from the freeway expansion project. The Chapter took action. Led by members Dan Weimers, Phil, Mac McKellar and Tim Delany, the plaque was relocated to Hornbrook. Located at the entrance to Henley-Hornbrook, this

monument shares space with two other Chapter plaques. The plaques are a short drive along Interstate 5 to Exit 789 just off the freeway east along Copco Road. You will get a lot of bang for the historical monument search buck, where you will not only see the Bradford Ripley Alden monument, but plaques commemorating Cottonwood and the Daughters of the Confederacy's Jefferson Davis monument.

A small dedication ceremony was held with about 25 folks in attendance. Dan and Mac did the presentations which were followed by the standard closing ECV salutatory sound of "Satisfactory."

By 1851, Native American raids on Euro-American settlers became prevalent in Southern Oregon. White encroachment on Rogue River Native American land triggered multiple incidents. To better prepare for future engagements, the United States Army began construction of Fort Jones in the Northern California Scott Valley. The fort was occupied in 1852.

General Ethan Hitchcock, commander of the Pacific division, requested additional

aid from the war department. As a result, reinforcements began arriving. Captain Alden and his Company E, 4th U.S. Infantry, reached Fort Vancouver via the Isthmus of Panama in the spring of 1853. From the fort located on the Columbia River they traveled 350 miles across Oregon Territory wilderness arriving at Fort Jones where he assumed command.

By the summer of 1853, a formidable uprising by the Rogue River Native Americans occurred. An Oregon appeal was sent to Fort Jones. Cap. Alden, who had fought in the Seminole Indian Wars, immediately responded by leading into battle his regular troops as well as almost 200 volunteers from Oregon and California. Elected with the honorary title of colonel, and outside his authorized jurisdiction, his command met heavy fighting near Jacksonville, Oregon Aug. 24, 1853. The Rogues assisted by the Shastas and Klamath bands living on the Applegate and Grave creeks, engaged Col. Alden's troops. The battle lasted five hours. The Natives fled to the mountains, to return in full force for

what later became known as the Rogue River Indian Wars of 1855.

Cap. Alden paid personally for his valor. While loading a musket, he received a terrible wound through the shoulder, penetrating his spine. This produced partial paralysis and caused his resignation from the Army in September of that year. Ultimately ending his life early after 17 years of suffering, at the age of 59, Cap. Alden joined his father on the other side of eternity on Sept. 10, 1870. His father, Major Roger Alden, had served in the continental army under Gen. George Washington.

Bill Wensrich serves on the E Clampus Vitus Board of Directors. His recently published Guide Book for the ECV Transierra Roisterous Alliance of Senior Humbugs titled "The Trail to Sailors' Diggins from Paragon Bay" is available for purchase from the non-profit Del Norte County Historical Society Museum located at 577 H Street in Crescent City, California.

Today in History: by The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2018. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

On this date:

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began operations at the United States Treasury.

In 1864, the Democratic National Convention, which nominated Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan for president, opened in Chicago.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 76.

In 1910, Korean Emperor Sunjong abdicated as the Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty went into effect.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees (shahms ay-lee-ZAY) in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana.

In 1962, Malvin R. Goode began covering the United Nations for ABC-TV, becoming network television's first black reporter.

In 1964, Roy Orbison's single "Oh, Pretty Woman" was released on the Monument label.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles "Pete" Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after 8 days in space.

In 1972, swimmer Mark Spitz of the United States won the third of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter freestyle.

In 1996, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Al Gore for a second term as vice president. Earlier in the day, President Bill Clinton's chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

Ten years ago: Republican presidential nominee John McCain picked Sarah Palin, a maverick conservative who had been governor of Alaska for less than two years, to be his running mate.

Five years ago: In a sweeping new policy statement, the Justice Department said it would not stand in the way of states that wanted to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana as long as there were effective controls to keep marijuana away from kids, the black market and federal property. The NFL agreed to pay \$765 million to settle lawsuits from thousands of former players who developed dementia or other concussion-related health problems they say were caused by the on-field clashes.

One year ago: North Korea flew a ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload over Japan, likely the country's longest-ever launch; President Donald Trump said "all options are on the table" for a U.S. response. Federal and

local agencies said they had lifted more than 13,000 people out of the floodwaters from Hurricane Harvey in the Houston area and surrounding cities and counties. President Donald Trump made his first of two visits to Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and spent much of the visit applauding the government's response efforts; he planned to return later in the week to survey the damage and meet with survivors. Comedian Kathy Griffin retracted her apology for posing with what appeared to be the severed head of President Donald Trump, saying the anger against her was overblown.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty Lynn (TV: "The Andy Griffith Show") is 92. Movie director William Friedkin is 83. Actor Elliott Gould is 80. Movie director Joel Schumacher is 79. Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 66. Former Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is 63. Dancer-choreographer Mark Morris is 62. Country musician Dan Trueman (Diamond Rio) is 62. Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 59. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch is 51. Singer Me'Shell NdegeOcello (n-DAY'-gay-OH'-chehl-oh) is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Martin (Shai) is 48. Actress Carla Gugino is 47. Rock musician Kyle Cook (Matchbox Twenty) is 43. Actor John Hensley is 41. Actress Kate Simses is 39. Rock musician David Desrosiers (Simple Plan) is 38. Rapper A+ is 36. Actress Jennifer Landon is 35. Actor Jeffrey Licon is 33. Actress-singer Lea Michele is 32. Actress Charlotte Ritchie is 29. Actress Nicole Gale Anderson is 28. Rock singer Liam Payne (One Direction) is 25.

Thought for Today: "People are very open-minded about new things — as long as they're exactly like the old ones." — Charles F. Kettering, American inventor (1876-1958).

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