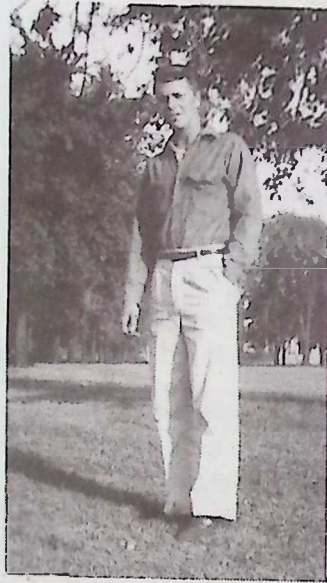


# BIG BUTTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



Darwin 1953 in  
Buffalo, New York  
21 years old

## Things to Remember about the 50's- by Darwin Moore

Korean War Ending. The U.S. still drafting people into the army.

Occupations: Forest Service, Medford Corporation, Gyppo Logging, Ranchers and others.

Medford Corporation had several small green houses about two miles above Butte Falls toward Mt. Pitt plus at camp 3 and camp 4 and some in Butte Falls was the living quarters for the loggers. The small green houses were called "Little Tokyo".

Bill Thomas was the woods boss in the early 50's. When he passed away Ed Maloy became the woods boss.

Medco had several steam locomotives. The Shays were the power engines which pulled the logs from the mountains to where the rod engines picked up the loads and hauled the logs to Medford. Later Medco had one or two diesel locomotives.

The U.S. Forest Service started growing in the 1950's. People started getting into civil service.

High School sport was very popular along with town team baseball.

Television came to Butte Falls in about 1953.

Medco trains came to an end in 1959.

The Centennial year was 1959.

Bill Thomas Community Hall was built in 1955 and 1956.

The fire engine in Butte Falls was a hand cart parked in a small building in the park across from where the city hall is now.

The Stanley Swamp became Willow Lake in 1952.

Early 50's Duck Boyd held movies in the park. Sunday evenings in the summer months.

Early 1950's outdoor privys were common.

School kids got a full week out of school for hunting season.

School initiations lasted one week.

Areas around Willow Lake and on Cat Hill were brush fields.

Saturday nite dances were common.

Our favorite pastime was pulling and riding a toboggan in the winter time, either at Camp 2 (old 3 C Camp) or in the streets of Butte Falls. We could climb through the wood box to get into the camp 2 building and build a fire in the stove. Snow usually was about a foot to two feet deep.

In about 1954 or 55 real bright socks and rolled up levis was worn. Socks were almost florescent- chartruse, red, pink etc.

White Corderoy pants were worn and very seldom washed as I remember.

(Thank you, Darwin. This was fun. I don't remember the 50's though- ha, ha, Cory)

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Ask your fathers to remind you, and your leaders to tell you.

Deuteronomy 32:7

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