

Keepsake
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Nell's Notes

By NELL HOWE
Hood-Land Reporter

It is so nice to know that I can relieve one person's mind now and then. Wait Volbrecht called me last week, all upset, because he thought some sneaky person was stealing all the buds off his prize rose bushes. It had happened twice and he was getting concerned.

I explained to him how the deer keep my rose buds neatly trimmed off. It seems I have several new rose bushes that I haven't the faintest idea what color the roses are. I have never had the pleasure of seeing them. As soon as they get covered with buds, and before the color shows, the deer nearly clip off the buds.

The trouble is I have even sat in the window and watched them eat them. Just can't seem to work up enough meanness to chase them away, then they seem to enjoy them so. Sorta like taking candy from a baby.

The former Lavelle Jenkins and her husband were visitors on the mountain, from California. Sorry I never got to see her, but picked up this bit of information from conversation.

Bridge Winners
Gresham players took the North-South spotlight in the weekly duplicate bridge game at the Mt. Hood Country club July 15. The winners were: 1st, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Con Schmick; 3rd, Dr. and Mrs. Seabert Carter.

East-West winners were: 1st, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brewster, Sandy; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Glafelter, Portland; 3rd, Mrs. K. Robinson and Mrs. David Horner, both of Estacada. This was the first tournament bridge for the Brewsters and Mrs. Robinson. The old timers at the game are really proud of them. There were nine tables present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bowman treated the group with raspberry shortcake! How lucky for them all.

Monday, Aug. 5, is Master-Point night. Come and bring your favorite partner. Play starts at 7:30, better yet come at the dinner hour and enjoy the buffet supper at the clubhouse. All are welcome.

POTATO PRICE LOW
Potato growers will probably experience lower prices again this summer due to increased supplies in the late spring and early summer.

The lake that lies below the north shoulder of Mt. Hood known as Lost lake was not always so called.

Prior to 1880 the few white men who had seen it called it Steelhead lake, or Blue lake, mistaking it for that nearby body of water.

But the Indians called it Kwoneksamach.

There is an old Indian legend about the White Elk of Lost lake.

Before the coming of white men the Indians threading the Walk Up Trail that ran from The Dalles to the Sandy river passed the lake that in fair weather wore like a garland the reflection of Mt. Hood.

This remote forested area was a favorite feeding ground for elk and many bands of Indians came here to hunt.

Among the more frequent hunters was a champion killer of the elk.

White Elk Totem
His totem, it was said, was a white elk that accompanied him on occasions and led him to the fattest of the feeding elk bands.

This white elk was the Indian's charm of death. Now it happened that another hunter of considerable might thought to challenge the champion elk killer.

He called on the gods of the chase, made strong medicine and went to the great killing. It was not long before the elk of the region lay dead in great numbers.

The challenger had surpassed the champion in slaughter. This made the champion hunter so angry that he turned upon the white elk and planted an arrow in its heart.

Thereupon the white elk, knowing he had received his death wound, plunged into the lake called Kwoneksamach and swimming into deep water began to sink.

Rashness Regretted
When the mighty hunter realized that he was about to lose the white elk, he suddenly regretted his rashness and jumped in to pull the elk ashore and if possible to save it.

Meanwhile the rival hunter, seeing the white elk about to drown and covetous of its power, also jumped into the lake to rescue the animal.

The three struggling in the deceptive waters sank into the bottomless depths.

After that — so the tale is told — few Indians would go near the beautiful lake.

For years the weird calls of

UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

By JOE KIEFER



two loons that lived in the reeds by the lake were believed to be the spirits of the drowned Indian hunters.

This lake, the most remote of all lakes in the Mt. Hood recreation area, has long been second only to the peak itself as a destination for the mountain lover.

The reflection of the peak, seen from the north shore, is enchanting and unforgettable. Many pictures of this scene have been painted.

Plan to visit this beautiful area in our mountains. The old Walk Up Trail was used for centuries by the Indian tribes as the principal route over the Northern Cascades.

City Volcano
Do you know that Mt. Ta-bor in Portland is the only extinct volcano in a city limits anywhere in the United States. It's a funny world — there is never enough time to do a job

right. But always enough time to do it over.

Remember these old phrases. "Well snap my garters!" "Oh Fudge!" "Mad as a wet hen," and "He's aces high."

I received a card which read, "Dear Joe, don't worry if you write for a small paper and your pats on the back are few."

Remember, the mighty oak was once a nut like you. It's amazing how many people can't spell the simple little word Rhododendron.

Can you? My thanks to John Lake Sr. for the beautiful and rare Mt. Hood lily bulbs.

Challenge Significant
One of the conquerors of Mt. Everest said, "When a man refuses to accept a challenge, he is no longer a man." The most extremely difficult climb up Mt. Hood's west face was first made in 1937 by Joe

Leuthold and Russell McJury. I am proud to number Joe, a real mountain man, among my friends.

Did you ever see a picture painted by worms? No, I'm not nuts — it's a fact — stop at Lee Bishop's bait shop and see for yourself. I'm saying hello to Mrs. Vera Smith, Dick Gilges and the Fuel Kids, Dwight and Harold, all of the big little town of Sandy.

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ARTILLERY TRAINEE
Army Pvt. William A. Chrysler Jr., 20, whose parents live in Estacada, is scheduled to complete advanced artillery training as a cannoneer at the Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla.

LOG MARKET
The open market for logs in Western Oregon is beset by a number of uncertainties, but appears generally favorable for the next six months with demand expected to remain fairly high.



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