

## "Give Us This Day, Our Daily Bread"

But Don't Forget The Water!

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John C. Kendal, former circuit judge in this district, but for many years past, a member of the law firm of Black and Kendall, Portland, writes to tell about the old Rollie Canfield grist mill on Rogue river near Agness. We quote from his letter

Mrs. William Mabel writes us from Teyunga, Calif., calling attention to the old Hoover grist mill above Coquille. She suggests that we see Hazel Mulkey on Rink creek, youngest daughter of Mr. Hoover. Mrs. Maben also suggests seeing Charles Fitzhugh of Sixes. She tells a great deal more about pioneer history of Coos and Curry, but of that another time

Before turning to another most important subject, I must tell you a little more about that stone that I threatened to swipe—you recall that burr from the old Hayes-Wagner mill on Mill creek up on the south fork of the Coquille. Well, that mill stone now rests in the Pioneer museum at Coquille. No, I didn't swipe it. Didn't have to. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Geitner took the hint. They brought the stone to Coquille and generously presented it to the Pioneer Association. So many thanks!

To some extent we have seen how many of our pioneer solved one of their major problems. "Give us this day our daily bread!" This story will be continued another day. But let us turn to another all-important problem:

**Water, Water Everywhere!**  
For the home, for industry, for agriculture, for navigation. And yet a grave problem. A problem at the present time as well as for the first pioneers. No living thing could exist more than a few days without water. Water is a first essential in every home. How did your pioneer parents provide this daily need? Tell me your story. It may help in preparing our history of Coos and Curry.

May I tell you briefly our water story? How clearly I remember the old well in our backyard, the well-house, the pulley, the rope with an iron-bound oak-bucket at each end. (But it wasn't moss-covered). After our house burned down, father built a new one higher up on the hill. He dug a new well. But the water wasn't good and so had to continue to use the old one, several hundred feet down the hill. Father made a yoke to fit over the shoulders, with a cord and a hook at each end, to hold and carry two buckets of water. This helped, but it continued to be an up-hill drudgery. Later, another well with a windmill and a pump. But the wind wasn't always dependable. Then a gas engine was added. When my brother, Charles, took over, he installed a gravity system with some 2000 feet of pipe to lead to a natural spring.

## Sheriff Returns Brings In Prisoner

GOLD BEACH—Sheriff R. G. Sabin went to Eugene the first of the week to bring back John Leslie Leonard, of Port Orford, who had been arrested by Lane County sheriff on charges of non-support.

He also brought back Alvia Hartwell Barns from Reedsport where he had been arrested by the state police on a grand larceny charge.

He is charged with stealing a trailer house from Brookings and had been working with the state highway crew doing oiling. This is his third offense, being convicted of burglary in Coos Bay and possession of stolen property in California.

The two men are being held in Curry County jail for the present term of court.

For several years now I have used a dam, a ram, a tank on the hill, and then gravity to the house. But it required almost continuous attention—the dam, the ram, the tank, the pipes, the faucets, the garden hose, the coils in the stove—just one wonderful thing after another. Now we have a well near the house, an automatic electric pump, and an automatic water heater. Alta says it's wonderful. What next?

Let us have your water story. How did your pioneer parents provide their home with water? Emil R. Peterson, Rt. Box 528, North Bend, Ore.

### Now for Judge Kendal's Story

"I know of one grist mill that was operated by Rollie Canfield in Curry county sometime around the 70s and 80s. It was located about 400 feet up from the Rogue river and about a mile and a half below Agness.

"The mill was operated by water power and the old water wheel is still in existence although it has collapsed and is no longer usable.

"The old-timers tell me that the residents of the area brought their grain (wheat and barley) up the steep mountain side on mule back and sometimes in pack sacks to the mill. It was a good half day trip from the Agness-Illahe territory and probably the patrons of the mill camped out at the Canfield place while their grain was being milled.

"The grinding stones have disappeared and I have no way of knowing how long the mill was in operation, but I am told that it did quite a bit of business for a number of years. The water wheel had a diameter of about 12 feet and seemed to be quite rugged and of strong construction. It is badly dilapidated and of course can never be used for mill purposes.

"I think you will find on further check-up that it was the only grist mill operating in that vicinity.

"I know of this mill because it was on the old Canfield place which I now own. I will be glad to pass on any further information that I may learn concerning this operation. Kindest personal regards and best wishes. dal, (formerly a resident of Coos county, 1910-1927)."

Thanks, Judge Kendall. Now let us hear from someone about a mill on the Chetco river. There must have been at least one in at isolated section during the half century beginning in the late 1850s.

## Log Truck Crash Darkens District

SMITH RIVER — Henry Paslock of Fort Dick, crashed his logging truck into the California-Oregon Power Co. light pole at Brogan corner, Friday evening about 8:30, shearing off the pole and knocking down three transformers and three arms that held the wires and transformers.

Lights were knocked out at Smith River, Crescent City, Gasquet, Brookings, Harbor and all intervening territory. The power company used the old diesel to give Crescent City lights. The motion picture show was shut down here, and Mr. McClish showed the pictures Saturday.

Paslock was going at a high rate of speed, and also knocked down four white guard posts at Brogan's corner, and also ran through the Brogan fence.

Paslock was arrested for drunken driving and spent the night in the jail at Crescent City, being taken there by Deputy Sheriff McClish. He was fined \$250 and his drivers license was suspended for 90 days. The driver was not hurt.

### Entertains at Beach Party

Mrs. Palmer Westbrook enter-

tained a group of little folk at an enjoyable beach party Sept. 9, honoring the Westbrook twins, Jennie and John, who celebrated their fifth birthdays. The group of youngsters had a jolly time playing in the sand on the beach for several hours. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, including two beautifully decorated birthday cakes. Present were Pamela and Diane Barnum, Jan and Carol Hight, John and Melody Ferrill, Jane, Joan, Owen and Kay Westbrook, Doris Wells, Richie Westbrook. Mrs. Westbrook was assisted by Opal Nelson.

### Italian Dinner Served Sunday

The Italian dinner, served by Smith River Legion post, Sunday evening at the community hall was a success with a large crowd present. Jack Johnson was head cook, assisted by other veterans. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the unit's quota of the Redwood district council. Veterans wish to thank all who helped to make the affair a success.

### Group Go Deer Hunting

Among the deer hunters who spent several days out in the Cedar Creek area hunting for the big buck were Lester Ulrich, Fred Hight, Clarence Hight, and Fred Haight. Fred Hight was lucky to bring in a three-point buck. Herbert Huntley was lucky to bring in a fine big buck.

### Annual Rally Day Set

Plans are being made by the local church to hold the annual rally day service Oct. 9, at the community hall when services of Gushchu and Smith River churches will be combined. Following the services a pot luck lunch will be served in the hall.

## Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. James and daughter, Darlene left Wednesday for their new home at Mar Vista, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hiland took their granddaughter, Elaine LeClair, to the state fair at Salem the first of the month. While there Elaine took part in the 4-H contests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Richey are spending a few weeks in this vicinity. They spent last winter here on the Joe Bush place, and have been in Portland most of the time since, while Mr. Richey received medical care at the Veterans hospital.

George Hall was able to leave Gold Beach hospital and come home Monday. He is staying with his brother John and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Norton and children have moved to Smith River to make their home.

The proudest woman in southern Curry county this week is Kathryn Reekman who is showing off the silver-plated sandwich plate that she received for having the best chiffon cake at the Curry county fair. The plate, of Community Tudor plate, is 13 inches in diameter, and of mirror finish with a simple chased border. It has the following words engraved in the center: "Betty Crocker—best chiffon cake award—1949." If letters are misplaced in the post office at Harbor, Mrs. Reekman may be excused. She's just not quite herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and family of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Hans Culmbach and family, Everett, Wash., are visiting Warren Smith home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith are parents of Mrs. Culmbach and Richard Smith.

Mrs. Jim Frazer has been ill for several days with a throat infection. At the time this paper goes to press, she is reported to be recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson, who have spent the past month in southern California and Mexico on their vacation, returned to Brookings Monday afternoon. Mr. Johnson began work on the addition to the Goldizen home, Wednesday.

While carrying empty bulb cases early this week, George Funk,

in some manner, hurt his back, and is about doubled up from the resulting pain.

Hubert B. Scudder, member of congress from California, who recently stole time away from his duties at Washington, for a short vacation, was in this area fishing. He left his catch with Rex Hayes at Cedar Lane Cannery for processing, and shipment to the nation's capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hassett and daughter, Janet, have moved to Seattle after spending a month in Brookings. Charles will enter University of Washington.

Word has been received from Ruth Hassett that she has obtained employment at the Supply Department at the Kodiak Naval Base.

I. A. Thorpe, of Prineville, secretary of Branch No. 3801, National Association of Letter Carriers, has subscribed to the Pilot for the coming year. His subscription is the tenth in the past two weeks from central or eastern Oregon, unsolicited.

Mrs. Grace Sturgis of Santa Cruz Calif., is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Ackley. She arrived Friday evening by bus.

Whitney Allyn, secretary and manager of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce, has been billed as speaker for the Brookings Rotary club next Tuesday. On Oct. 11, the station agent for Southwest Airways, Crescent City, will be speaker and will talk about air shipment of flowers. All daffodil and flower shippers of the area are especially invited to be present at this time. The speaker wishes to quote figures, timetables, etc., of vital interest to all shippers.

Jimmy Shrader celebrated his seventh birthday last Saturday with a party given at his home. The following boys and girls enjoyed playing games: Earl and Bertha Henry, Joy Lee Sehorn, Melvin Pettygrew, George Woodruff, Richard Bomhoff, Gary MacIntosh, Jimmy Myers, Jackie and Margie Darger.

Members of Coos-Curry Electric Co-operative are reminded of the 1949 annual meeting, set for Oct. 1, at Coquille. If attendance is at all possible, members are requested to come. If not possible, members are urged to send in their ballots as soon as they have come.

Mrs. Mildred Byrne returned Monday from Corvallis where she had taken her daughter, Joan, and Marilyn Struebing who entered Oregon State College as freshmen. These girls are housed in a dormitory, and were surprised to meet few girls whom they had met at Beaver Girls State, and Dianne Burrell, also enrolled as a freshman. Dianne formerly attended Brookings high school before moving to Bandon.

Col. Lee Rice, M. D., U. S. Army, retired, of San Antonio, is guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan for the latter part of September. Dr. Rice is a veteran of two world wars with two sons and a son-in-law serving in the last war. He and Mr. Hogan had done much big game hunting together in Texas, Mexico, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, and they hope to connect with a few Chetco chinook in the next week or ten days.

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## New Telephones!

A shipment of 200 new dial telephone sets were unloaded last week, late, at the local office of West Coast Telephone Co., Brookings, for installation in this area soon. Monday and Tuesday the Pilot, with spending too much time at the local exchange, tried to reach Mr. McBride, district manager for the company, for a statement, but was unable to contact him.

However, Mrs. Phillips told the Pilot that word was given her that a load of cable was en route to the area for apparent installation operations.

In March, 1946, the month the Pilot was established in this vicinity, C. C. Chapman, then district manager, said that installation would be before the end of that current year. This was then amended when electrical workers were out on strike until spring of 1947. Since then, no definite commitments were gotten from the company.

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