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OLD LANDMARK IS RESTORED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor learned conclusively last Saturday evening how much this area appreciated the restoration of the Chetco Inn, one of the landmarks of the area, to use and enjoyment of the public.

This noted stopping place of yesteryear now boasts of modern conveniences unheard in the days when it was looked up as a great place to come. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor never spared expense in the remodeling.

Capable of seating but 40-odd, the dining room last Saturday evening was forced to make two servings. Mr. Taylor bought what he thought was sufficient food to meet the demand, but he was forced to go for more as the crowd began to come.

Henceforth, the Chetco Inn will get another "break" nationally because it will be the meeting place of the local Rotary club. Travelling Rotarians naturally gravitate to those places serving club lunches.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

It was a warming feeling to see how local people felt about the re-opening of the Chetco Inn, closed several years, last Saturday night when more than 120 came for dinner. While Brookings has hotels and motels, the area has not had a combination of both, and the addition is a welcome addition. The area, at this moment is growing so rapidly that even with this addition the situation still is not adequately cared for in way of rooms for travelers.

Warming, too, is the faith put in the community by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor who have spent almost recklessly in order to make the Inn one of pride. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor already, in their own way, have endeared themselves to the people, who now find they have no need to drive out of the area for a community meeting place for such groups as the chamber of commerce, or Rotary, and other such organizational functions which may come up from time to time.

Elsewhere in this issue is an appeal by Emil R. Peterson for facts concerning old-times in the Brookings and Harbor area. Lack of space forces me to cut the article in the middle this week, but from the initial information, the need is made clear to people.

In a limited way, the Pilot is trying to help Mr. Peterson in this task, which, when completed, should be worth untold satisfac-

tion and pleasure to residents of southwestern Oregon, especially those who have lived in this section for any length of time. In a few of the past issues, pictures of old-times have been published and it is gratifying how much comment I have received from readers, who are quick to point out any possible discrepancies in the data.

I do not guarantee any facts which may be stated in these articles, but I am grateful for comment, for it is an indicator of the interest which is held for this type of reading matter.

George Sutton, a native of this county as well as son of pioneer parents, was grateful for the picture of his family, even if it were taken before his birth. David

Crockett, Vic Anderson and Mrs. Bertha Moore are more than interested that this history of Curry county be as complete and as accurate as possible. I am, too.

Emil Peterson, a subscriber to the Pilot, reads these with interest, I am sure. Here, I wish to direct a message to him, although I want all Pilot readers to get its import. Right now, in the persons of Mrs. Bertha Moore, Mrs. Eva Hill and her son, David Crockett, Victor Anderson, and others whom they may know could fill a couple of notebooks for Mr. Peterson, dates, names, and all.

...Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett, Victor Anderson and Mrs. Bertha Moore, from time to time, have told me facts. Being too hazy on backgrounds, some of these facts do not have the meaning to me that they would to Mr. Peterson. With this sentence, I am inviting Mr. Peterson to this area, and if he will name the date, I will arrange a meeting of these aforementioned people so he can do a thorough and really good job of gathering historical facts.

I feel that Mr. Taylor at the Chetco Inn would offer his lobby for such a gathering. He will be in position to serve the group at little inconvenience, if the group wishes to make many hours of the visit. How about it everyone concerned?

On different occasions I have tried to reach Mr. Peterson by telephone, with no more success than I would have trying to make him hear my yelling at this distance. I left a call for him three weeks ago, and apparently it has never been delivered.

I never carried a torch for General MacArthur, and I have talked to many men who served under him in New Guinea, and up the South Pacific to re-take the Philippines. All say he has no equal as a military strategist but shut up from then on about him, generally.

However, I feel there has been something which was not right in his unceremonious "canning" by President Truman last week. I notice that newspaper generally, are divided about his being fired. Time will reveal facts.

LOCAL NEWS

Bob Astin, who has been with the Medford Rogues in training camp, was a week-end visitor at the Pete Lesmeister home over the week-end. Pete went to Eureka last Saturday night to wit-

ness a game between the Eureka Crabs and Medford, and Bob returned with him for the visit. Bob is still with the squad, meaning he still has a chance to become a professional ball player.

A letter to friends from Rev. and Mrs. Leo VanDolson, brings news that they have reached Honolulu on their way to Japan. They are traveling by freighter. Mrs. VanDolson suffered sea-sickness the first few days out, but aside from the inconvenience of a wee stateroom, the VanDolsons were becoming accustomed to the ship travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan left Tuesday for San Francisco to be guests of Panther Oil Co., for the next three days at a "Battleship" meeting at Hotel St. Francis. Mr. Hogan is top Battleship salesman for Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaal made a business trip to Klamath Falls last Thursday, returning on Monday. They attended the Barbershop parade of quartets there Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young will visit Mrs. Young's mother at San Francisco and call on wholesale establishments this week. Mrs. C. G. Young and Mrs. Floyd

Young are in charge of the store during their absence.

Mrs. Lillian Highman of Trenton, N. Jersey, who has spent some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Fox, has many complimentary things to say about this area.

The wedding of Mrs. Dorothy Wilber and Steve Cate took place at Reno, Nev., last Saturday, with Mrs. Donald Payne and Mrs. R. S. VanCampen as witnesses. The group made the return trip by way of Oakland where Mrs. VanCampen visited relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Cate are making their home near the old watering trough at the head of Chetco Heights (Gardner Ridge to old-timers).

Friends have received word that Mrs. John Rogers, well-known former resident, now living at Clove dale, Calif., had suffered a stroke. Her condition at the present time is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waldien and family enjoyed an overnight visit last Thursday with Mrs. Waldien's brother, Capt. Milton Henderson and family, who were en route to the air base at San Angelo, Texas, where he is a flight instructor.

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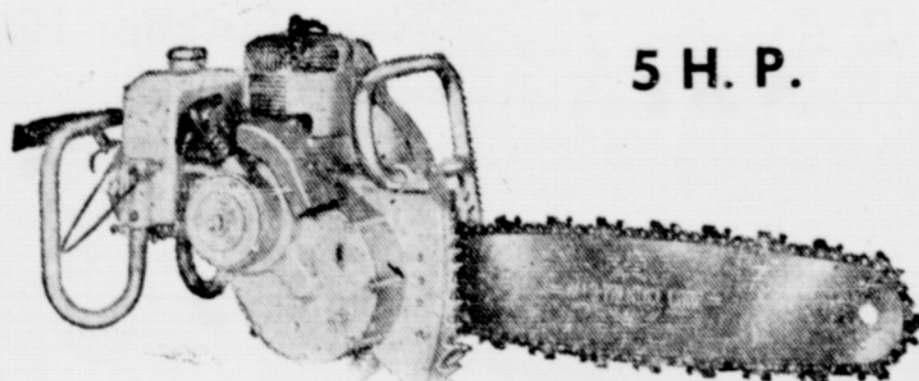
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