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Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

Joe Endert, native of and quite a figure in Del Norte county history, likes nothing better than to tell of Indian lore, the Yuroks, of Klamath with which he is familiar and friendly. Tuesday, for the third time since founding of the Rotary club here, he told of life back—I wouldn't have any idea when and perhaps Joe

would have difficulty saying—in the days of long ago. Joe was, and still is, quite a student of the ways of this tribe, and Tuesday showed many items of their hand-crafts.

I personally believe that Joe could, if he could interest some big name writer to shape the story, create perhaps one of the greatest novels of the west. I wish someone close to him would suggest that very thing. Joe, when he appears before the Rotary club to tell his story, becomes so involved in memories that he just rambles on, recalling incidents which may be humorous, or may be serious, but behind all this I sense a feeling of love for the red men of long ago. Joe needs no persuasion to come here for a talk, and it is a shame many people can't come to hear him.

I might also suggest that any organization which seeks such a talk, should contact him, and I believe he'd get up from a banquet to oblige, just to relate of the days which have meant so much to him. Certainly if any group does this, they will be glad for the suggestion.

If you want oratory, Joe will not be able to deliver. He just

talks, and while he is talking, you can see him re-living the experiences which he tells about. One forgets that he isn't an orator—you become so engrossed in the subject that you live all the incidents he relates.

What I'd like to see and hear would be a program where he and Thelma McVay of Smith River could combine their efforts to bring the message. I'll bet that no hall in this area could be found to hold the crowd which could be attracted.

Some day, and that isn't too far in the future, these stories will be lost to mankind. Gone are the characters which Joe portrays and gone will be the frontier on which these were enacted. Civilization has pushed all this into oblivion as far as people being able to enjoy any more of the lore which is so enjoyable.

Youth in this area, once inclined to believe Bill Brown, by virtue of his police job, was an "enemy" now are finding him to be "big brother" and what a pal. I have noticed quite a change in attitudes, and I note how much to the good of the future it is bringing.

Youth, take it on the average, do not wish to become involved in trouble. The cause may be put into just a few words, "Not busy enough." The idea behind the youth movement is to give the youth a new group of interests—to create a desire to gain useful hobbies. Youth, too, are responding remarkably well.

Local News

Roy Molino, of Harbor Store personnel, spent last week at Portland, attending an appliance school.

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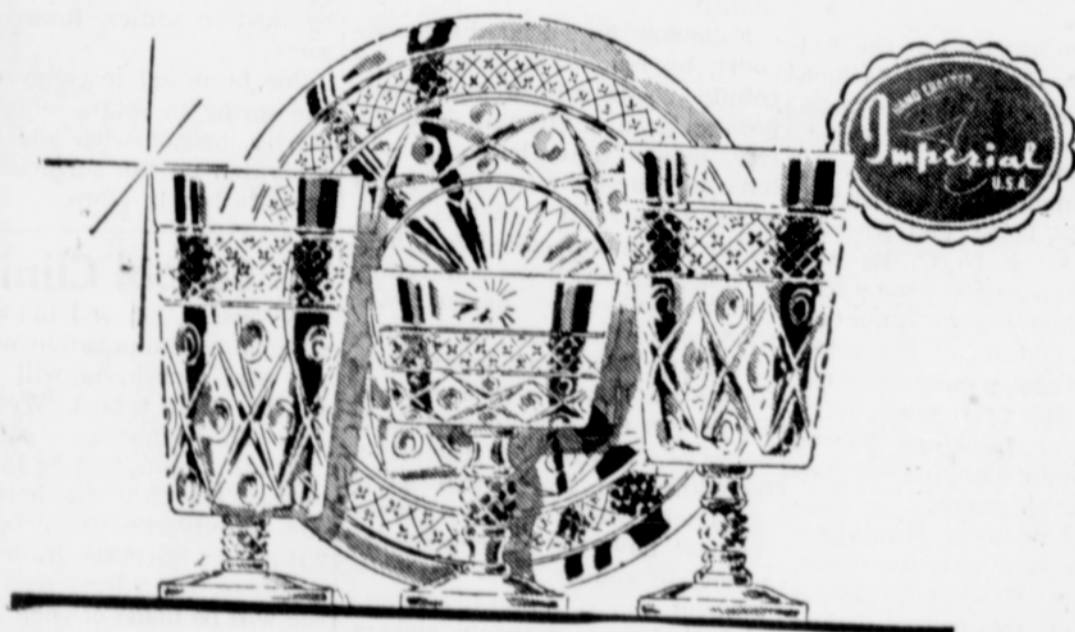
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