

More Del Norte History Told

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We have the record, however, of a Captain McDermott, in '51, leading a party in search of the prize near French Hill, and in September of '52 a large party in which were, among others, Capt. Bell, Major J. B. Taylor, Henry Kennedy, Thomas McGrew, James D. Wall, and 10 or 11 others, outfitted at Althouse and headed for the coast. On their last slope down toward the sea they came upon a wide valley dotted with Elk and they called it "Elk Valley." Reaching the coast, and camping in the shelter of Point St. George, they called the place "Paragon Bay," as a vessel by that name had previously been known to have been blown ashore there.

Winter coming on, this Althouse party sent a man Humphreys on a trip to San Francisco to bring up supplies and he returned in the schooner SONOMA, arriving in the Fall of '52. During that winter, A. M. Rosborough, apparently bought from the State of California, in the name of J. F. Wendell, 320 acres of land where Crescent City now stands. This was surveyed into town lots in February of '53 by P. F. Robinson. There was considerable juggling of the lots and it appears probable that few of the original owners of

about them and practically nothing from their view point. There were no psychologically equipped social workers among the pioneers and the records of those days were prejudiced to both the Indians and Chinese. There was a tremendous gulf of darkness between the aboriginal mind and that of the whites, especially when we remember many of the latter were absolutely devoid of scruples or reasoning, to the point where they would trade rifle, powder, and shot to the Indians, for gold, well knowing that the red might ambush the white, shoot him with the same rifle, recover the gold and go back to the rancheries, bragging about his good business deal and advocating its being taken up as a profession by other braves.

At this late date, we know nothing leading us to believe the Indians squabbled among themselves. We know they lived—died—off the land or the ocean's rocks. We know they had increased and multiplied for ages before the white man came and it is logical to believe they would have continued so if undisturbed.

Volumes have been written on the one-sided relationship and we know one of the angles of the white man's usurpation was the herding of the natives into corals, without consulting them. Agencies were set up, mostly in name only, and they too were meaningless to the Indians.

In January of '55, Special Agent Whipple and a Capt. Jones decided to set up a reservation on the Klamath into which to herd all the Indians thereabouts and thereby make an end to the Indian killings and other troubles with the Redmen. The Indians were also very weary of the strife. The lower twenty miles of the Klamath Valley, extending a mile back from either side of the river, was designated and all the Indians that could be rounded up were moved into it. This area was later approved by the National Government. But in November of 1857 an Indian attempted to murder an army major and a short uprising occurred in which several Indians were killed. After that serious trouble between the whites and the Indians abated in the northern portion of the area yet continued, now and then, further south.

It is interesting to note that in none of the narratives are there any intimations of a connection between the Indians to the north and to the south of the state line, during the time they were raising Ned in Curry County. Instead of boosting across-the-counter postal rates, in every postoffice in the U.S.A., to make up the postal deficit we suggest legislation requiring all government franking privileges being cancelled and the postal expense of the many ? ? ? ? ?

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RICHMOND'S SHELL SERVICE is owned and operated by Charles F. Richmond. He and his wife, Marie Belle, came here in February 1954, from Tacoma. Having been in the service station business there for 2 years, Richmond bought out the Dawson's Shell Service here.

Richmond has been in the business of servicing machinery all of his life. He started out by servicing electric cars in Tacoma in 1914. He later was placed in charge of trucks for the Pacific Fuel Service. After serving in the Armed Forces in World War I, he became shipping clerk and clearance overseer for the Atlas Foundry in Tacoma. During his years there he shipped out over 7 million tons of casting each year.

The Richmonds like Curry County and plan to remain here. He said he could see nothing but a steady and healthy growth for the Brookings-Harbor section.

THE BROOKINGS MACHINE SHOP and TRUCK SALES is a partnership with two locations in Brookings. A. S. "Tony" Christensen and J. W. Hoagland formed the partnership in 1948. At that time they started the Brookings Machine Shop on Pacific Avenue on the Ocean side of Chetco Avenue. Then in November of 1954 they purchased the International Truck Sales and Service from the Davis Truck and Tractor Company when they moved to Eureka. The Truck Department is located on Center Street.

Christensen and his wife, Helen, came here in 1946 and purchased a 2-acre tract 2 miles South of Harbor where they started raising Lilies. They have continued to remain in the bulb business. Mrs. Christensen is the bookkeeper for the firm and acts as the office secretary. She had kept books in her home until the truck parts department was added in 1954.

Hoagland came from Springfield in 1954 and also became interested in bulb raising. He had lived at Reedsport a great many years where he entered the service in 1940. His wife, Marjorie, has not been too active in the business but she has nearly a full time position at home. They have 5 children, 2 in school and 3 younger ones.

Both families have taken an active interest in civic and club activities. They sponsor a bowling team and are members of the Rod and Gun Club and other organizations.

THE ROY H. BROWN MORTUARY is only part of the business of Roy H. Brown. He is the Justice of the Peace and also operates an upholstery shop. Roy came here in May of 1952 from Medford where he had been acting as mortician for Conger and Morris Mortuary. He had attended the University of Wyoming and is a graduate of the San Francisco School of Mortuary Science with the Class of 1938. In opening the business here,

he purchased the Ted Zenier residence on Hillside Avenue, in back of Big Jim's. It has been ideal for the dual and now triplicate business. The street level basement made fine quarters for the mortuary and the big double garage was easily converted into the upholstery shop and the basement was also adequate for adding the J.P. office when he was appointed by the late Governor Paul Patterson upon the death of Charles Schaal in December of 1954. The full living quarters of the home above was not disturbed by the business office.

Brown was elected Exalted Ruler of the B.P.O.E. Number 1934 to serve from April 1, 1955 for one year. During his term of office the club has moved into an improved new quarters. The membership has increased from about 100 to over 400. The Elks have been active in assistance to the needy and in adding to the social activities to the community.

Roy is not the only Brown in the family, of course. There is his wife Alice, who has plenty to say about what goes on. Then there is Benny in the 6th grade, Rosemary in the 3rd grade, and little Richard only 4, who usually gets his two-bits in.

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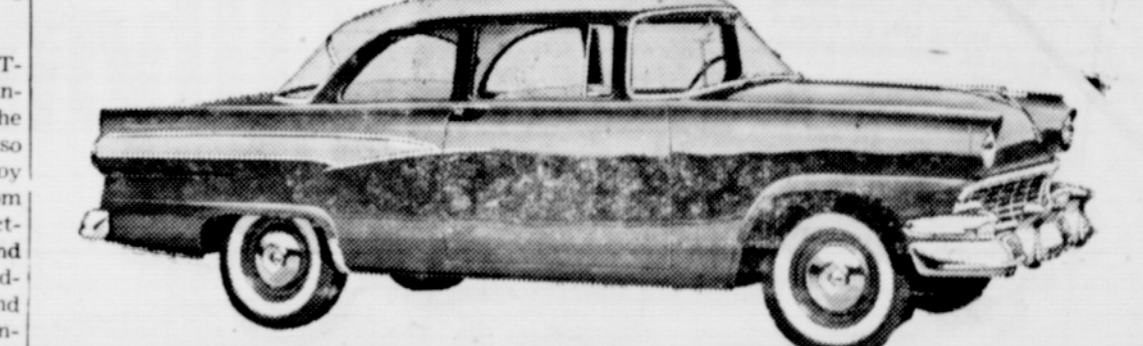
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