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The Round Table of Cannon Beach

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The Round Table gained popularity for several reasons. The Boothbys were an affable couple and good cooks to boot. Unlikely as it may seem from its name, Win Boothby’s sauerkraut custard pie even challenged the reputation of Mrs. Osburn’s cream-drenched blackberry pie at Bill’s Hotel. The Round Table was also a convenient place to stop in for coffee, and perhaps a piece of the sauerkraut pie, either before or after the 9 a.m. mail was ready next door at the post office.

Finally, there was no better source of local news than the Round Table. Though one malcontent called it a “gossipy place,” this was denied by its patrons.

In 1967, just three years after the tsunami, the town was hit by an exceptionally destructive flood. West winds of great velocity and very high tides combined to drown the town under 3 feet of water, fling logs through windows and drive the occupants of the post office to a table top, from which it was necessary to rescue them by rowboat.

In January of 1978, in anticipation of the Boothby’s retirement, the Cannon Beach Gazette wrote: “A landmark in Cannon Beach, the Round Table is where patrons sit and share the events of the day; on literature, arts and sports; maybe even write a letter; share a chuckle found in their morning mail or read a book. ... The atmosphere is casual and warm as a family gathering.”

With the departure of the Boothbys in February 1978, the Round Table closed, but reopened a few months later under new management. In 1981, when the decision was made to build a new post office, the old building was razed and the Round Table closed for good.

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This photo shows the high water evacuation at the Round Table/post office in 1967. Joe Huffsmith (holding boat), Win Boothby’s mother, Robin Boothby, Evie Boothby (climbing into boat), Phylis Ricketts (clerk at post office) and Marie Marshall (postmaster).

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