

OLD TIMERS

Trouble At Murderer's Bay

By R. M. DeMILLE

It is now and will always be remembered in history of the great event that happened back in 1788 about when Capt. Gray encountered a desperate battle with the Tillamook Indians in Murderer's bay or harbor.

This inlet has a common thing known as a series of names to this ocean inlet. Capt. Gray gave it the distinguished name, Murderer's Harbor. The battle was fought in front of what was called then Bayocean, and today the name stands as Tillamook bay.

Lost Treasure

The Tillamook bay and its coast has a romantic mystery which leads back to the days of a lost treasure hidden beneath its sands on the beach. It was the skeleton of an ancient ship which from time to time protruded its skeleton frame through the sea beach sands, near the mouth of the Nehalem river, and forthwith, the ancient mariners of that vicinity have woven together a tale, or a supposition, that a Spanish ship was wrecked there a long time ago, near the foot of Ecahnie mountain.

This ship carried tons of gold and silver bullion from the mines of Peru and Mexico from the secrets of unraveled signs and indications of its location. For 30 years, men have worked and tried to find the location of the bullion of gold and silver in or about the wreckage of the ship.

Argument Over Bees

But in the treasure hunt a considerable amount of bees-wax was found in its hull. It was frequently argued "why the dead bees in the wax?" Did the wild bees light with their swarms in the hull of that old Spanish ship after it was wrecked, and did they make their wax cells to deposit their honey in? Or was this honey carried by the ship for a purpose and the bees drowned confined in their hives? This story is an incontestable problem. Within the years that came when the valley was settling up faster and faster, year by year, there became a great problem in the settlements, about the nuisance of bees. Hardships of all kinds beset the settlers. There were so many bees continually eating up the livestock that it was questionable for years, whether the farmers would drive out the bees, or the bees would drive out the farmers.

Old Time Arrests

In those old days of strenu-

ous living, a good citizen would get arrested for stealing his neighbor's pig, sheep or calf. The theory or trail showed beyond a question of a doubt that the accuser had lost some of his hogs. The accused answered the charge by laying it on the bears. But the unlucky citizen was found guilty and imprisoned in Tillamook's first jail — a jail made of round fir logs, and roofed with shakes held in place with poles. After pondering for a few hours over the eccentricities of administering justice in a new country, the prisoner resolved the idea to get out of that jail and appeal his case to the governor of Oregon. It didn't take him long to figure out a way to leave the jail, then taking a trail over the mountains which took him two days to get to Salem. On reaching town, he went straight to the office of the Oregon Statesman. He presented his case immediately, saying, "I have been arrested and convicted of hog stealing, but I'm not guilty; the bears ate up the man's hogs, but I can't prove it. I came to you because you are the editor of the Oregon Statesman, and I'm the only subscriber you have in Tillamook county, and I want you to get me a pardon from the governor."

Subscribers Scarce

Some say this is not history, but it is. Back in 1865, good paying subscribers were mighty scarce in the west, and D. W. Graig, the proprietor of the Statesman paper in Oregon, could not afford to lose that man. And so he was taken immediately to the office of Gov. Gibbs in the old Holman block where he told his story. "But how did you get out of jail?" the governor asked.

"Well, governor," the boy explained, "that was easy. I just climbed up the logs on the inside, shoved a few shakes away to one side, and crawled out."

"But how am I to know that you are guilty of any crime, you have no papers, no transcript of the trial," replied the governor.

The boy said, without hesitating a second, "There were no papers in the case. They just took me before the squire, and the man that lost the hogs told his story, and I told mine, and the squire said I was guilty and sent me to jail. That was all there was about it," replied the escaped prisoner.

(Continued next week)

College Finals Begin Friday

Final exams for Southern Oregon college will begin Friday, according to Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar and dean of women.

The current quarter will end on the following Wednesday and students will be dismissed for a two-week Christmas vacation.

Pre-registration has been underway since the first of the month and will continue until the beginning of the testing period. Students will return to register for the new quarter on January 2 and classes will reconvene January 3.

Registration for new students will continue until January 16.

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Dam Analysis ...

Continued from Page One consideration of additional storage required, the costs for such storage, and of the benefit which such improvements will create.

In the case of the Rogue River Unit, it has been previously noted that diversion of water at the Trail dam for use in the Reese creek power plant would reduce flows in the eight-mile reach of the river between these points to 200 cubic feet per second in extremely dry periods, and thereby, it is indicated by the commission and service, make that section of the river unusable for spawning. If the power plant at the Reese creek site were eliminated from the plan and an alternative power plant provided at the Trail diversion dam, then the flow of 700 cubic-feet per second passed through the power plant would be discharged into the river just below the Trail dam. Flow in the eight-mile reach of the river below that dam would thereby not only be made entirely adequate in volume for spawning purposes, but would also be improved in volume, because the flow during low-water periods under present conditions would be substantially increased as a result of releases from the Lewis creek reservoir. Although loss of power head and power production would result from this alteration of the plan, the adjustment could be made if merited by benefits to fish life.

Inasmuch as estimates of the commission and service indicate that portions of the eight-mile reach of the river involved have a spawning area adequate for approximately 15,000 fish per mile, the adjustment in plan would promise to have substantial fish benefits which merit careful consideration.

Effects on Recreation

From recreational standpoints other than those considered above, Plan A would have certain negative and certain positive effects. Only a preliminary appraisal of these effects has yet proved possible. Trout fishing in streams would be displaced from those sections of streams flooded by reservoirs, and the amount and type of fishing which the reservoirs would support is indeterminate. The road relocation up the Rogue river past the Lewis creek reservoir would necessarily be routed back from the river for about six miles which, in combination with the development of the power plants in the river above, would reduce the scenic interest in that reach of the river and impair its value and utility for recreational purposes to an indeterminate extent.

On the other hand, the reservoirs would be a new recreational resource created by the

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Legion Dinner Next Monday

A Christmas tree and dinner will be held by the American Legion Auxiliary next Monday, 6:30 p.m., in the Legion hall on Winburn way.

All members, their families, and those eligible are invited to attend the affair and are asked to bring a generous potluck dish, their own service and silver.

Presents for the tree are not to exceed 30 cents. This will follow the dinner.

Donations for needy families will also be accepted at this time and gifts for them will be wrapped.

The attractiveness and value of the several bodies of water vary depending among other things upon their setting, extent at maximum and minimum levels during the season of summer use, amount of the drawdown of the water surface, and the amount and kind of fishing afforded.

Reservoir Potentialities

A preliminary reconnaissance by representatives of the national park service has indicated that the pool of 150 acres behind the Trail creek diversion dam, with constant water surface would be ideal for general recreational use, though development possibilities would be restricted by steep shorelands. Because of the rough topography, road access to the shore would be limited to the vicinity of the dam and Big Butte creek. The Lewis creek reservoir would not be well suited for recreational development in the judgment of the national park service, and the recreational significance which the other storage reservoirs would have is considered questionable. The national park service recognizes that each would probably be found to have some recreational value, however, and recommends the consideration of plans for them to assure attainment of the greatest possible recreational benefits. The types and numbers of fish which the reservoirs would support would depend on the nature of the aquatic environment in each. This has not yet been studied.

"Superior" Wildlife Refuge

Another recreational asset which the plan would create is a superior habitat for wildlife. Upland game birds such as pheasants find highly favorable conditions in irrigated farm lands. Extension of the irrigated

Boyd Davenport Due Back Here

Boyd W. Davenport, gunner's mate, third class, USN, husband of Mrs. Mary V. Davenport, 131 N. Main street, was scheduled to arrive in the United States sometime near last Friday.

Davenport has been aboard the battleship USS New Jersey. This ship has been relentlessly bombarding Communist military installations in Korea for the past seven months and is due to anchor at Long Beach, Cal., long enough to permit men living on the West coast to depart on leave.

The ship will then proceed to Norfolk, Va., for a yard overhaul.

While in Korea, the ship operated in support of UN ground forces. Her 16-inch rifles were able to reach inland 20 miles to blast Communist forces opposing UN troops.

Party Planned By Girl Scouts

A holiday get-together will be held by the Girl Scouts, Brownies and Intermediates from 2 to 4 p.m. this Saturday at the Junior high gym.

Highlight of the afternoon will be the decorating of a Christmas tree. The decorations have been made by the girls.

Besides this, there will be games and group singing as well as refreshments.

Mrs. J. H. Hartshorn is in charge and she will be assisted by Mrs. E. A. Jennings and Mrs. Vern Smith.

All regular scouts are invited to attend whether active or inactive.

acreage thus would increase the area supporting these birds and the hunting opportunities. In-fowl also would be anticipated increase in the number of waterfowl as a result of the increased water surface suitable for resting which the reservoirs would provide.

(Next week: One view on the results of the Shasta dam on the fishing and recreation interests of that area.)

Quivira, a city born in the minds of Coronado's conquistadors, was supposed to have been located on Oregon's coast reportedly near the town of Port Orford.

IN OUR CHURCHES

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH N. Main at Laurel Ross Knotts, minister. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Anthem and solo. Junior church and nursery.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1047 Iowa, Ashland Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Radio Prigrams: Sunday 8:30 a.m., KMED; 9:15 a.m., KWIN. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34. We invite you all to attend these services, to worship, and to study the word of God.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 130 N. Main (at Helman) "A Friendly Church for Thoughtful People" Church School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Anthem by the choir. Sermon by the pastor. Session Meeting at 3 p.m. Young People's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Cupid Busy

Four weddings were performed by Justice Nelle W. Burns during the past week.

Married December 6 were Horace G. Dormer and Mary Elizabeth Dormer, both of Ashland. Witnesses were Eldon Scripper and Miss Joan West of Ashland. The couple will make their home in Ashland.

Also married on Thursday were Henry Lynn Stiter, Estacada, and Mayme Jo Brown, Medford. Wilmer Wallace and Mrs. Lucille Wallace were witnesses.

On December 8, Pauline Jessie Welburn, Talent, was wed to Bill Franklin Sanders, Talent. Witnesses were Arnold J. Brown and Mrs. Lula Brown, Talent.

The other Saturday wedding was Dolores Joan Helm and George Robert Jensen, both of Ashland. Witnesses were Barbara Phelan and Curtis R. Phelan, Ashland. Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Phelan and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Helm.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner First and Hargadine. William H. Tillman, pastor. "Where Souls are Fed and Hearts Made Glad." Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, a class for every age. Morning worship, 11 a.m., special music, service broadcast over KWIN.

Youth fellowship services, 6:30 p.m.; evening service, singing, testimonies and gospel message, 7:45 p.m. Monday prayer meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week service and Bible study; 8:30 p.m., choir rehearsal. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Sky Pilots in their club house on Walker avenue. Youth Fellowship groups, Wesley Foundation, 7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Iowa and Mountain avenue Paul W. F. Harms, Pastor Sunday School 9:45. Adult Discussion Group 10:00. Morning Worship Service 11. Evening Service 7:30.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST Pioneer avenue, south. Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. Subject: God the Preserver of Man.

Golden Text: Psalms 62:7. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge, is in God.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Nursery available during the Sunday morning service.

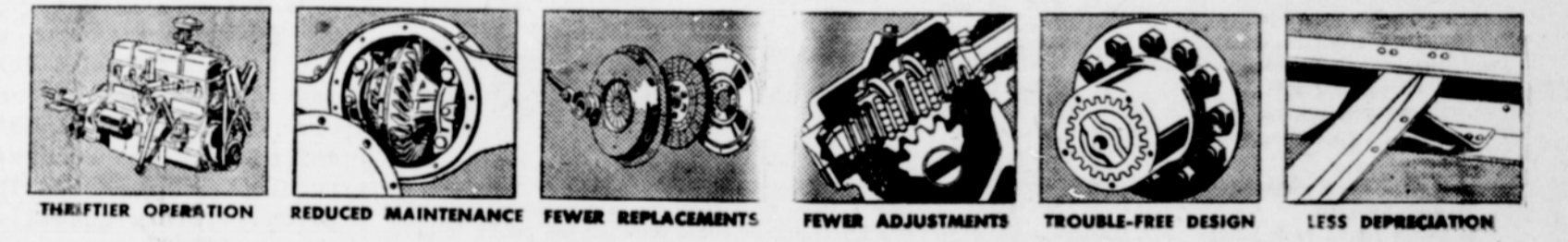
Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is held at 8 p.m.

Reading room open daily from 2 to 5 p.m. except Sundays and holidays.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to use the reading room.

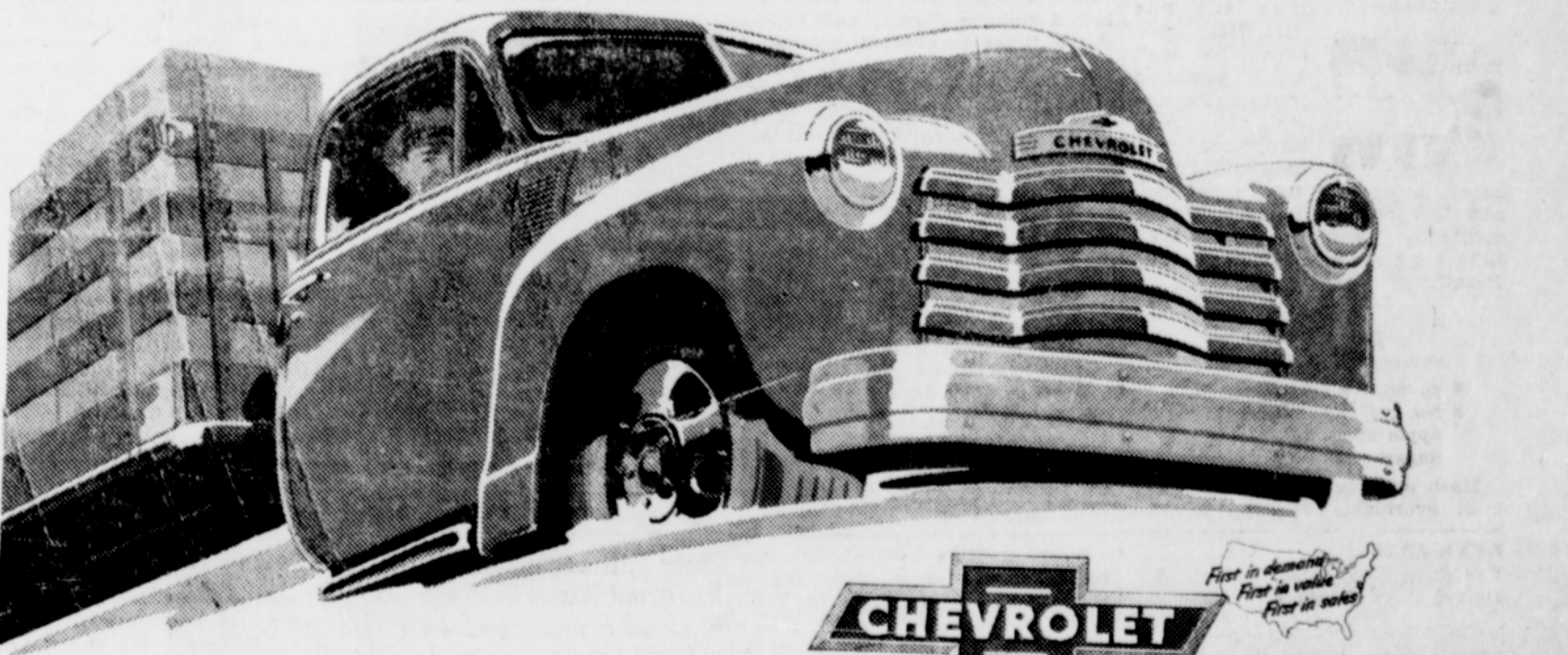
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