

ROCK HOUND'S CORNER Monument News

By JOHN NEWMAN
 Sunday was our picnic on Chapin Creek. What a time and the food we had! Chicken noodles, baked beans that were something to brag about, potato salads that excelled anything eaten at home, coffee boiled over the campfire by Hubert Wilson, who after adding the coffee went in search of a clean twig to keep it from boiling over. Newman had taken care of that already, he built the fire and kept the pebble pups from adding more wood until the coals were hardly adequate for the occasion. Steeped in Cecil water brought by Fred McGill, the creek water being slightly colored, offered just one cup around, earning Hubert the reputation of the coffee maker.

Then came Ora's chocolate cake, 8 inches high and twice as wide and even better than it was large cherry pies brought by Fay Wilson and Mrs. Hillsberg and if you have ever eaten any of Fay's cherry pies you know how good they are, if you never have you don't know how good cherry pies can be. Add all the ice cream you can to that and you have a group of uncomfortable rock hounds. All I think except Alta Edger, who denied herself the pleasure for fear of criticism for having once voted against refreshments.

The desire to get into Opal Butte and do some digging and out again before it rained (which it did) drove all to the road instead of taking a nap that seemed the natural thing to do after such a feed.

About 4:30 a big black cloud darkened the sun, notifying us it was about time to head home and it meant just what we thought it did. At this time I don't know if anyone found anything or not. I found I had a little blackegg.

A week from this Saturday is rock hound night at George Miller's home near Cecil. We can learn then who found what and where.

We are sorry George you had to come down with a cold just before such a good time. I don't wish to add to your sorrow at not being there, but I was not exaggerating one bit about the eats. Hurry and get well. We will all see you Saturday, June 21.

IONE NEWS

Mike Merriweather of Spokane is working at the Norman and Alfred Nelson farm.

Janice Crawford of Helix is visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Wate Crawford. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Vernice Crawford are attending State grange at Eugene.

Mr and Mrs Larry Gilbertson of Portland, Joe and David Ringo of The Dalles were guests at the Bud Engle home. Gayle and Judy Engle accompanied them to Mollala to spend several days as guests at the home of their grandmother, Mrs Clay Engle.

The M M M Club gave a farewell party May 27 for Mrs John Erhardt, who is moving to Portland this month. She is club president and the party was held at the home of Helen Brown. Mrs Erhardt was presented a lovely brooch pin.

Mr and Mrs DeWayne Brown and two children of Eugene were visiting his mother, Helen Brown.

The freshman class of Monument high school gave a farewell party on June 2 for Eugene Erhardt, who is moving this month. Games and dancing were enjoyed. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening and Eugene was presented a gift.

Miss Sharon Copper of Kimberly, a high school graduate of Monument, and Ray Justus of Fox were named winners of scholarship awards for 1958-59 at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande. The scholarships were granted by the state system of higher education.

Rev Jack Chan is holding daily vacation Bible school classes this week.

Mr and Mrs Jack Slocum of Tacoma, Wash were guests of his father, Lee and brother, Gerald and families over Memorial day.

Mr and Mrs Henry Tanler of John Day and Mr and Mrs Tunis Rounds and daughter of Long Creek visited one day at the home of Mr and Mrs George Stritt.

Mary Ella Hinton is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr and Mrs T R Throop at Dayville.

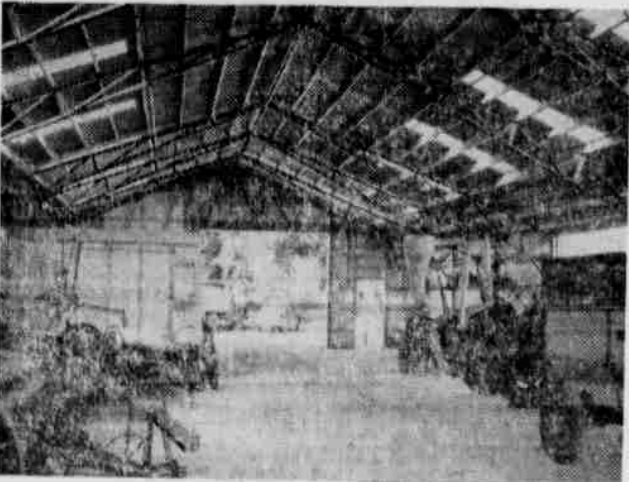
Mrs Vera Gardner and Mrs Mattie Stubblefield returned from visiting in Portland over the weekend.

Helen Brown is visiting her son Pete in Portland.

Laddie Dick is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Jack Forsythe in Portland for three weeks.

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