

Motorlog of Oregon's Far Corner Takes Traveler to Basque Country

Allow Plenty Time For Side Trips On This Vacation

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BY PAUL HAUSER

"I had Christmas dinner with my neighbor, and I didn't see another lady until March 21. For a while the telephone line was out, but I finally got Tex to trace out the break and fix it."

Mrs. Agnes Payne rested in Floyd Accaregui's service station at Jordan Valley in the evening and recalled the rigors of winter on a cattle ranch high on the headwaters of the Owyhee river.

"Tex wasn't in a hurry to fix the line, but I asked him how he'd feel if he were the only man in a family of eight and never a man to talk to. So he took snowshoes and found where the line was broken."

Mrs. Payne had dropped in to get a tire repaired. She had been down checking on her 55 cows and their calves and doing what she could to settle one fretful cow that had not yet dropped her calf.

The animals were in a field on the outskirts of Jordan Valley, where the expectant cows had been driven over the snow, packed into a rough trail by a caterpillar tractor a few weeks before when the Paynes ran out of feed on their ranch.

Now the calves had come, each one worth \$70 almost the moment it was born, and Paynes would soon be able to return to their ranch high on the Owyhee, 40 miles from Jordan Valley.

"I guess it's just about the last frontier," said Mrs. Payne. The Paynes, Ted and Agnes, and their seven sons, Pat, 11, and Ted, 7, are Idahoans, residents of Owyhee county, and they and their neighbors in their high mountain valley are somewhat of a concern to the superintendent of schools of Owyhee county.

Schooling is turned around where the Paynes live. Pat and Ted, and a handful of other youngsters there go to school in the summer time.

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Basques in the Jordan valley are abandoning many of their old country customs, but the woven construction of their corral is evidence of the Pyrenean mountain origin.

language that now his social security payments were coming from money borrowed by the government. With inflation growing day by day, he could hardly keep body and soul together, he said.

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But he is also the taxpayers' Smokey Bear. Smokey Bear was created and made famous by private enterprise in many fields. First of all, the joint advertising council of the private advertising agencies created Smokey Bear and enlisted the aid of other branches of private, taxpaying business to make Smokey Bear a famous figure in newspapers, on radio, billboards, streetcar panels, and other channels of commercial advertising.

Then the "Keep Green" organizations that had started in Washington and Oregon in 1940 and are now in 31 states brought local workers by the thousands and tens of thousands into giving time, thought and effort to forest fire prevention, always promoting the Smokey Bear material.

To forest industries' tree farm enterprise, the vast programs of better forest management promoted by pulp and paper companies with farmers, north, south, east, west, together exerted giant force in making Smokey Bear beloved and nationally famous.

Now here I had to sit in the mournful gloom of my boom-pod shack and ask myself what I'd done to impress these and related facts on eastern editors. Well, nothing much. Nobody had done anything much of the kind but the government men. And they, of course, were not interested in suggesting that anybody but government had a part in forest fire prevention and forest fire fighting.

Loyal yet there was no getting around it, I concluded, Larrity was right in reproaching me for failure to let the greenhorn editors of the east know that there is a force of private enterprise called industrial forestry at work in the woods of America, and that it overwhelmingly dwarfs all government forces in tasks and accomplishments.

So I've written Larrity, the retired ancient and honorable bullock that I'll do better in the future. But I also told him I was staying with Smokey Bear on forest fire prevention, yes, sir!

Right now I'm looking up at the magazine cover picture of him where I've tacked it, fresh and bright, beside Smokey's 1951 poster, speckled and faded.

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From Portland and the Willamette valley, the Owyhee river and Jordan valley country is reached via Bend and Burns.



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Central Point Rural Fire District Hearing Scheduled June 17th

Central Point — Preparations are complete for the public hearing on formation of the proposed Central Point rural fire district to be held June 17, at 10 a.m., in the Jackson county courthouse, according to officials of the Central Point Rural Fire department.

Petitions for nomination of the five directors to be elected are available at Krupp's Associated service station on Highway 99. Signatures of 15 property owners are needed to place a person's name on the ballot for director at the coming election. So far, four have consented to be placed on the ballot. They are Bill Lingas, Dr. Albin Roberts, Albert C. Thompson and Katherine Hefferman.

Also noted here was a move on the part of some West Side property owners to join with the Central Point district. These owners, officials said, are at present in the proposed boundaries of the Jacksonville district which has yet set no date for a public hearing.

Petitions for inclusion in the Central Point district are available at the station, the officials said. It has the following boundaries: on the north, all of lower Table Rock east through upper Table Rock and across Rogue river; on the east, south to the Crater Lake highway, east to Foothill road, south to Coker Butte road; on the south, west

to Schulz road and the Table Rock Market road, south to De Barr road, south at Howard avenue across the Pacific highway and west to meet Ross lane; on the west, north paralleling Military road until it rejoins the Old Stage road, then west 1 1/2 miles, then north passing just west of Tolo to the Goldray dam and lower Table Rock.

Can Be Changed Any changes of these boundaries can take place at the hearing before the county court, they pointed out. The Oregon law says, "At the time and place fixed for the hearing . . . any person interested may appear and present oral or written objections to the granting of the petition and the forming of the district . . ."

"If, after a full hearing, the county court . . . is of the opinion that the boundaries of the

district should be changed by reducing the area of such proposed district, or if prior to the date of such hearing a petition signed by 50 per cent or more of the record owners of real property in any area adjacent to such district and of holders of duly recorded contracts to purchase such real property is filed with the county court . . . praying for inclusion of such lands in such proposed district, the county court . . . may change such boundaries and, subject to the provisions of (another) section, determine whether such petition or petitions shall be granted."

They expressly pointed out that the court can make the boundaries smaller without a petition, but enlargement can only be made by petition presented by the required number of owners at the hearing.

2 Medford Men Get Chin Up Club Posts

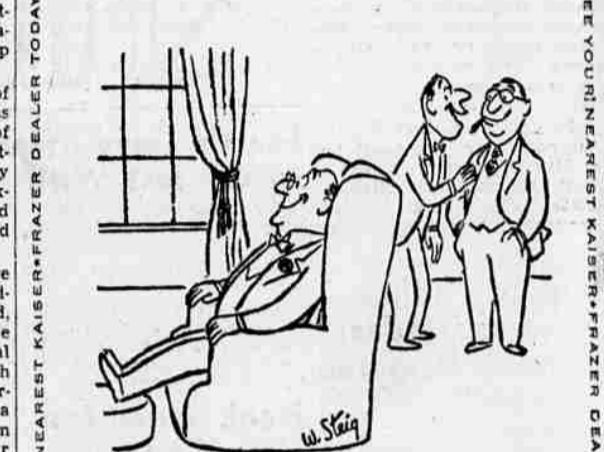
Two Medford men were elected to offices at the annual national convention of Chin Up clubs held in Portland Sunday.

John Duffy, vice-president of the Jackson county chapter, was elected second vice-president of the national organization, defeating Leon Fiscus, Salem. Harry Chipman, president of the Jackson county chapter, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors.

Other officers elected were Fred Camp, Stayton, Ore., president; Arthur Boetger, Portland, first vice-president; George Lahrs, Portland, treasurer; Opal Judd, Milwaukie, secretary; Beth Sellwood, Salem, and Tony Karlovitz, Portland, directors for a one-year term, and William Judd, Milwaukie, and Wilbur Lane, Salem, directors for a two-year term.

Camp succeeds Beth Sellwood, founder of the organization for the physically handicapped, who declined another term as president. She has served in the office since 1941.

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OUT OF THE WOODS By Jim Stevens

The Fame of Smokey Bear
It was the first I'd heard from Michael Larrity since his retirement on social security at the end of the war. He was high on 90 then—he said. But he still writes with a sure hand. What he had to write about was the outbreak of Smokey Bear in a cover story that used up five more pages of a great newsweek magazine.

"Shame be unto you," wrote Larrity to me. "Here you've been concocting tales of Paul Bunyan, ballads about frozen loggers, and all varieties of facts, fads and fancies on the forests for high on 30 years—and who's the wiser? What's ailing you, son? Why don't you have them magazine greenhorns back in New York so well primed on what's going on in the woods that they could never have been led astray so far on the trail of Smokey Bear? Hmm? Where've you been? Lost in your dream



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world, hey? While the federal boys in your field are busy taking over. Shame to you!" Old Larrity wrote on in strong



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