

Mt. McLoughlin Serves as Guide for Winter

Sixth Highest Peak In State Is Part Of Volcanic Cone

By JIM FISHER

A recent article in the Mail Tribune on an abandoned forest service lookout and its one-time occupant has aroused local interest in Mt. McLoughlin, or Mt. Pitt as it is known to many local residents.

This article told of the career of a Frenchman named J. F. G. Cone who served as the fire lookout for several years on top of this 9,493-foot peak.

But how many people know the history behind Mt. McLoughlin, sixth highest peak in Oregon and highest point of the Cascades between the Three Sisters in central Oregon and Mt. Shasta in northern California? For many residents of Klamath and Jackson counties, Mt. McLoughlin serves as a guide of the coming winter. When snow starts sticking to the rugged sides of the mountain, winter is not too far behind. For others, Mt. McLoughlin is a scenic view from Blackwell Hill, Butte Falls, Prospect, or Camp White. Television fans see the mountain each day when the Medford television station has a station identification slide with Mt. McLoughlin as a back-drop.

Formation Time
To know Mt. McLoughlin, one must go back to the time of its formation, more than 1,000,000 years ago. The mountain first grew as a volcano, but the northeast walls eventually fell in or were cut by lava.

The remaining peak is then actually only a portion of the volcanic cone with the center of the cone opening up and extending down to the shores of Fourmile lake.

To the Klamath Indians living along the shores of Upper Klamath lake in Klamath county, Mt. McLoughlin was known as M'laiksinl Yama, or "mountain with the steep sides."

The name Mt. McLoughlin first appeared on a map in 1838 accompanying a report of an exploration made by the Rev. Samuel Parker in 1835-37.

The mountain was named for Dr. John McLoughlin, chief factor of Hudson Bay company at Fort Vancouver. Dr. McLoughlin held that position from 1824 to 1846 and was known for his kindness to American settlers of the Oregon country and for his leadership of the trappers, farmers, and traders of Fort Vancouver. Dr. McLoughlin died in 1857 after becoming an American citizen.

Mt. Pitt Shown
In 1843, a map made by John C. Fremont's cartographer shows Mt. Pitt, but no mention was made of it in Fremont's journals. Later reports stated that Mt. Pitt or Pitt was named after the Pitt river of northern California. Indians of this area had dug numerous pitfalls to catch wild game. These pits were six feet deep and lightly covered with grass and twigs.

Snowy Butte and Big Butte were the names used by early settlers of the Rogue River valley in referring to Mt. McLoughlin.

A man named Hall J. Kelley proposed in 1839 to change the name of the Cascade Mountain Range to the Presidential Range with all major peaks named after American presidents. Under this plan, Mt. McLoughlin would have become Mt. John Quincy Adams. Kelley introduced a memorial to the 25th Congress but his plan failed to gain support.

Commonly Known
Through the work of George H. Beldon a civil engineer hired by the United States surveyor general of Oregon Mt. McLoughlin became commonly known as Mt. Pitt during the 1860's.

In 1905 the name Mt. McLoughlin was restored to the mountain by the Oregon state legislature and was accepted by the United States board of geographical names.

In 1908 the Crater National forest was created and the mountain became the concern of the U.S. forest service. The name of this forest was changed to the Rogue River National forest in 1932.

A forest lookout was first built on Mt. McLoughlin in 1917 and was used until 1930 when it was decided that a new building would be constructed. This new building as a two-story stone tower located 100 feet south of the original building. The new tower was completed in 1931 and was manned until 1936.



MT. McLOUGHLIN—The volcanic cone, rising 9,493 feet above sea level, is shown from Fourmile lake. The northeast walls, visible above, eventually fell in or were cut by lava,

leaving only a portion of the original cone of Mt. McLoughlin. A trail is maintained by the forest service for climbers, who are asked to register prior to climbing.

M. W. McGrew Named SOCTFA President

M. W. McGrew of McGrew Brothers sawmill was elected president of the board of directors of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association last week.

He replaces Don Whalin of Timber Products, retiring president.

Other officers include vice president for Medford, Robert (Bob) Kline; vice president for Grants Pass, Loyd F. Silva, who was reelected; and treasurer, Ben Nork, Shady Cove, who was reelected for a second term.

L. L. (Doc) Simpson was reelected forester and secretary-manager.

New directors are Bernard Parent of Gulf Red Cedar; Leo Hoag, Prospect logger; and Ray Offord, Jacksonville logger. Hold-over directors are Russell Hogue, Medford corporation, and A. C. Smith, Grants Pass.

At one time, he conceived an idea for preventing forest fires started by lightning. Cone assembled an elaborate system of wires and antennas with the idea of drawing all electrical charge from the air in a wide area around Mt. McLoughlin.

Plan Back-Fired
His plan back-fired when it was tested during a lightning storm. Cone's apparatus was destroyed by a nearly-direct strike. A badly-frightened and speechless Cone appeared at the Lake of the Woods Ranger station following the storm and refused to return to his station.

Ansie (Andy) Pearce, assistant ranger of the Klamath district of the Rogue River National forest, tells of a winter's climb that he made with a Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Smith and John Henshaw, another forest service employee. The party started the climb from the Fish Lake side on Jan. 17, 1931, and spent one night in the lookout before returning.

The people traveled on snowshoes and used two dogs as pack animals. "Andy" has also had experience as a lookout on Mt. McLoughlin during his early days with the forest service, replacing Cone after the lightning storm.

For the person who wants to climb the mountain, the forest service maintains a trail that leaves the Fourmile lake road and winds its way up a five-mile course. Each summer, many vacationers as well as large groups of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts make the climb. Some of these hikers start their trip at the Lake of the Woods Ranger station, making the trip a 10-mile hike.

Safety Precaution
As a safety precaution, the forest service requires that climbers register before and after climbing Mt. McLoughlin. Climbers can register at the Lake of the Woods Ranger station.

The actual climb is an interesting one. Only the last mile is steep with most of the hike being made through green forest before reaching the end of the trees at timber line.

From the top of the mountain, the effect is the same as sitting on a church steeple. Below, Lake of the Woods, Fish lake, and Fourmile lake are small pools of water in the green forest. The smoke of Medford and Klamath Falls can be seen. To the north, one can see the Crater Lake rim. Only Mt. Shasta to the south rises to challenge your perch on the top of the world.

The trip down the mountain is a lot easier than the ascent and there is generally a tired group of climbers to make the trip home.



FOURMILE LAKE—From the top of Mt. McLoughlin, Fourmile lake looks like a pond. Mt. McLoughlin is the highest peak in the Cascades between Three Sisters in central Oregon and Mt. Shasta in northern California.



LOOKOUT HOUSE—All that remains of the two-story lookout building which once was occupied at the peak of Mt. McLoughlin is the bottom stone walls. The wood top floor has fallen in. Lookouts were stationed on Mt. McLoughlin between 1927 until 1936, when the station was abandoned in favor of lower peaks.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Eugene S.—I want to be of service to the community.

Helen S.—He's an old busy-body.

Eugene S.—My wife and two daughters and I live in a small community where there are numerous opportunities for service to the community.

I am active in church work where I teach a Sunday school class, in the Boy Scouts and several local charities. I also work on a committee to help entertain veterans in a local hospital.

As a result of these activities, which I enjoy very much, I am out of the house nearly every night of the week and my wife objects violently. She complains and carries on as if I were going out to visit another woman or drink and gamble with the boys. She knows this is not the case.

I believe in service to the community. It makes life worthwhile to me and to others.

Helen S.—My husband, it is true, lives an exemplary life and in no way carries on with liquor or women, etc. But I feel that he is becoming a regular old busybody, sticking his nose into other people's business and not caring at all about his home and children, let alone me. He has become so engrossed in these community projects of his that it is almost embarrassing. He is constantly trying to help people who would just as soon be left alone.

In contrast, Gene takes little or no part in the upbringing of our two girls. Sometimes I feel he just doesn't love us at all because he doesn't care to spend any time alone with us. He al-

ways has to run off to this or that meeting.

The Council: It does appear that Eugene is going a bit too far in his laudable desire to be a constructive member of his town. An important part of the town lives in his own home, and work that takes him away "nearly every night of the week" sounds a little too much like an effort to escape from the family.

Certainly his wife and daughters need him and have every right to expect him to spend several evenings a week alone missing a great deal in life if he doesn't enjoy a warm, day-to-day relationship with his growing children.

On the other hand, Helen's accusation that he is a "busy-body" shows a resentful misunderstanding of the work he is doing. Group work of the kind he cites is not the same as meddling in anyone's private affairs. It is a welcome contribution to the life of the community.

Helen should try to meet her husband halfway, since he has this intense interest in community affairs. Surely, there are opportunities for her, and even the two girls, to become a part of this work.

If the family will learn to work together in these community projects, the chances are they will help themselves as much as those they attempt to aid.

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FEATURED SPEAKER
Klamath Falls — (P)—General William Dean of Korean War fame will be the featured speaker at the Murdoc Area Council Boys Scouts of America recognition dinner today.

Grange News

Phoenix Grange

Mother's Day was the theme of the program at the May 14 meeting of Phoenix Grange. The Grange hall was decorated with iris, snowball and peonies.

Mrs. Charles Johnson read an article on the origin and observance of Mother's Day in our own country and other countries.

Two little girls, Cheryl and Karen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bolz, each played an instrumental number. Evelyn Niedermeyer gave a reading entitled "Before It Is Too Late."

Corsages, made by Mrs. Sol Cox were presented to the oldest mother present, Mrs. Enid Caster; the youngest mother, Mrs. Roy Bolz; the mother having the most children and grandchildren, Mrs. Willis House; and the mother having been a Grange member the longest, Mrs. L. A. Penland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Arnold were present at Grange, after having been away for several months. They are only here for a short time and expect to do some more traveling. They have spent some time at Riverside, Calif. Arnold gave a short account of the orange harvest and said that the early potato harvest was at its peak. The price of land in that locality, he said, was around \$45 per acre. He told of a sign on a refreshment stand which read, "All the orange juice you can drink for a dime." He found out one glass of orange juice was all you could drink for a dime, another glass required another dime.

Reports on agriculture were given by Charles Hockersmith. He had made a trip through the Klamath valley and as far south as Weed, and he said that crops looked excellent, which was probably due to having been seeded last fall. He added that the weather has not been too favorable for spring seeding.

Master Dee Hendrickson told of the traveling billboard, as a method of advertising now being used in the east. The advertisements are painted on the trucks. He said that method might well be used elsewhere in place of billboards along the highway.

Mervin Hixon reporting on the milk production law which he said is a protection to the public.

On legislation, Melvin Lattie told of bills that have been passed that are of real interest and benefit to farmers and other residents of the valley, such as bill 495 known as the Dairyman's bill, which would regulate fair prices to the milk producers. Also bills 274 and 275 concerning the Southern Pacific railroad and the bill regarding farm buildings, permits and contractors, had been amended to accommodate farmers, and passed, he said.

Treasurer Olin Poe reminded those present to save sales slips, and to get them in on time this second quarter, April, May, and June. Mrs. Cox mentioned the labels from White Satin sugar sacks would count double and asked that the amount paid for the sugar be written on the label.

The secretary was instructed to purchase five new patron song books, in which there are several new numbers. In them our National Anthem is written in a low key.

The chaplain reported that Mrs. Johnnie Green is now at home, and improving satisfactorily.

County Agent W. B. Tucker who was in the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital for surgery recently, is now at home and able to be at the office part time.

A special Pomona meeting will be held Saturday evening, May 25, in Central Point Grange hall when the 5th degree will be given. All those having articles in the sewing contest, should have them there to be judged at this meeting. The articles are, a street dress of any material, a kitchen apron, and hooked rug.

It was announced that Jackson County Health association will hold x-ray clinic for Phoenix residents from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, May 20, at Sacred Heart hospital.

This is expressly for the con-

Body of Man Found In Willamette River

Portland — (P)—The body of a man floating in the Willamette river here is probably that of George Ray, 41, a songwriter and salesman, the coroner's office said here Friday.

Ray has been missing since police found a suicide note written on a copy of one of the man's published songs. The note was believed to have been written by Ray.

Positive identification has not been made, the coroner said, but a patrolman who spoke with the man the day before he disappeared said the clothing on the body is similar to Ray's clothing.

venience of Phoenix residents, and they are anxious that all who possibly can be x-rayed. They stress the fact that 20 other abnormal chest conditions can be discovered if present, and that tuberculosis can be discovered as early as one and one-half years before symptoms of the disease are noticed.

The age limit has been lowered to 15 years. Entry from the parking lot by patients entrance is best.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 and refreshments of home-made cookies and coffee were served by the refreshment committee. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas and Mrs. Enid Caster.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Mark Smith, 716 Oak st., Medford, Wednesday, May 15.

Dessert luncheon was served at 1 p.m. Mrs. Alfred Schroeder was co-hostess. Roll call was answered by "My favorite flower." Plans were made and menu decided upon for the lunch to be served at the Phoenix Community club building during the Phoenix Spring Festival which is to be held in June.

Gertrude Lewin, Publicity Chairman.

Trustees, Alternates Of Pear Bureau Reelected at Meet

Trustees and alternates of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau from the Medford district were reelected at a meeting Thursday in the Rogue Valley Country club.

Elected to serve another term as trustees were Dave Holmes, Floyd Baker, James Finnegan, Howell Murphy and Don Root. Alternates chosen to serve again this year were Lynn Newby, Harold Holmes, Dave Lowry, Ray Reter and Joe Naumes.

The local shippers met with special guests to discuss production problems of the current pear season and report on research aimed at solving industry problems.

The special guests included Dr. M. J. Magnew, director of horticultural research for the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Professor S. B. Apple, head of the horticulture department of Oregon State college; R. A. Patterson, manager of the pear bureau; Gerald Smith, representing the Water Resources Development corporation of Denver, Colo.; Ted Wright, former pathologist with W.S.D.A. and currently representing the Orchard Supply company; Don Berry, Jackson county extension agent; W. J. Rogers, frost forecaster for the U. S. Weather bureau; and Hal Larsen of Crown-Zellerbach Paper company.

Harold Holmes, president of the Medford Pear Shippers association, presided at the business meeting and introduced the speakers.

Boy Scouts

TROOP 16

Troop 16, Boy Scouts, sponsored by Talisman lodge 31, Knights of Pythias, will meet jointly Monday at 7 p.m., in the Pythian building, 5th and Grape sts., for a court of honor, tenderfoot investiture, entertainment and refreshments.

A motion picture of activities at scout camp at Mt. McLoughlin will be shown, demonstrations of scout work are scheduled.

Local area Scout Commissioner Harry Barneburg, L. A. (Shag) Pritchard, George Bryant, former scoutmaster, John E. Schroeder present Troop 16 Scoutmaster and his assistant Julien Bates, are among executives who will be present.

Lodge members who have not received notice cards are asked to attend, as are parents and friends. Refreshments will be served in the dining room after the program. Commissioner Eddie Bostwick will be in charge of refreshments.

The meeting night for Troop 16 has been changed from Monday to Wednesday starting Wednesday, May 22.

Theft, Damage to Light Bulbs Reported to Police

Three Medford homeowners Friday and Saturday reported to city police that light bulbs on porches of their residents were broken or stolen by unknown individuals.

Olan Charles Clemans, 408 Crater Lake ave., reported Saturday that someone had stolen his porch light bulb as well as a milk bottle from his residence. Reporting broken porch lights Friday were Josephine Marie Sleight, 117 Tripp st., and Forrest Wyant Winkfield, 316 Howard st.

Canada buys 25 per cent of all U.S. commercial exports.



FIREMAN'S PICNIC—Motorists passing Camp White Wednesday evening might have wondered why firemen from the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district stood around and watched a barracks building burn to the ground without doing anything about it. The picture above shows what they were doing—having a wiener roast. The building was burned down intentionally by the fire department to dispose of the half-burned framework left by a previous fire, and served as a training operation at their regular Wednesday drill night. Far-sighted fire captain, Robert Melvor, left, who brought along wieners and soda for refreshments, is shown above with volunteer fireman Elgan Amidon as they prepare a batch of "hot dogs" for roasting. While firemen enjoyed themselves, their truck radios were left "open" in case a real fire occurred elsewhere.

NEWS NOTES from Crater High School

Approximately 250 eighth grades from school district 60 were guests at Crater High school last Wednesday, May 15, for the annual eighth grade visitation day.

These eighth graders will constitute the freshman class at Crater next year. The visitation day is held to help acquaint the incoming freshmen with the school, its activities, and the faculty.

The youngsters were entertained with a style show of what a well-dressed freshman wears to school and school functions, and various organizations and individuals gave pantomimes, humorous speeches and even magic acts. Senior members of the Honor Society conducted tours of the buildings and classrooms.

The Girls League honored the eighth grade girls by presenting nine of them with a "Little Girl of the Month" award. A list of the most outstanding girls from each of the schools attending was compiled, and the nine girls of the month from Crater presented each "Little Girl of the Month" with her award. Terry Turner and Vicki Lester from Gold Hill were presented awards. From Howard, Rosy Patch and Romana Schrader were selected. Sharon Terry and Marilee Smith were chosen to represent Sams Valley. Central Point Junior High was honored with three "Little Girl of the Month" presentations, with Phyllis Woods, Katherine Wood, and Barbara Medley receiving awards. From these nine girls, Phyllis Woods from Central Point Junior High was named "Little Girl of the Year."

Carol von der Hellen was elected Girls League president for next year in the Girls League election last Wednesday. Gail Collins will serve as vice president. The new secretary will be Arvella Prom, and Julia Thompson will be treasurer. Freshman Jeanette Purdy, was elected the Girls League publicity chairman. Installation of the new officers will take place soon.

The seniors displayed their talent and ability to keep an audience laughing at their annual "Senior Talent Show." The theme of the show was "Skool Daze" and all the acts were centered around this theme. John Greb, senior class president, was master of ceremonies. The seniors offering included a pantomime of "The Class of '37 in Kindergarten" with Vera Turner as the unlucky teacher. "This Is Your Life" proved to be hilarious to the underclassmen, when among other life accounts, a certain engaged couple made an appearance sporting a newly-filled baby buggy, and followed by a good dozen small children. The informal, haphazard manner with which the show was presented was actually more amusing than the acts. The underclassmen thoroughly enjoyed the 45 minutes of senior entertainment.

In the recent Future Teacher of America elections, Carolyn Edwards was elected president. Vernola Hutchesson was elected vice president, and Alice Thompson was selected for secretary-treasurer. Judi Davis was chosen for observation chairman.

APPROVE TREATY
Washington—(P)—The Senate Relations committee has approved the United States-Canadian pink salmon treaty and sent it to the floor for ratification.

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