

## Diary of a Bird Watcher



**Saturday, Aug. 2**  
As we were sitting at dinner a Bewick's wren came and clung to the window where we could all get a fine view of it with its perky tail, long bill and white line over the eye.

**Sunday, Aug. 3**  
A turkey vulture soared over our place in the morning. We have seen fewer than usual from home this year. A flock of bushtits came through the place twice during the day. A pair of Brewer's blackbirds came to feed on the lawn. These visitors brought my home list for the week to 25, a very good number for midsummer.

**Monday, Aug. 4**  
With the company of J. H. and R. B., I got in another good morning birding expedition. We arranged our affairs so as to get started at 6. Actually I was ahead of schedule but my companions were also ready ahead. We are really eager. We headed for Hyatt Lake.

We didn't do much stopping until we turned off the main road at the top of the Green Springs grade. Then we stopped whenever we saw or heard birds. They weren't singing much but there was some calling and a lot of activity. We saw four different kinds of warblers, Audubon's, orange crowned, Wilson's and MacGillivray's. We saw purple martins flying over the lake and perching on the dead trees that stand in it. I feel sure that they have been nesting there. These are big, handsome swallows, worth coming out to see.

After looking along the lake shore we took a drive up the road to Table Mountain. It was a pretty ride up through the woods and soon we came to an open place where there was a magnificent view. Mt. Shasta stood up grandly to the south. We could see many ranges of mountains and hills and way down in the valley was Ashland. There were also a number of birds around, but several of them eluded a good enough view to make a certain identification.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5**  
I did some work cutting out and burning star thistles. These plants make excellent winter feed for goldfinches, but I don't like to have them on the home place. Mistletoe berries are also a staple winter food for bluebirds, but I still don't like to have mistletoe in our oak trees. Luckily both the plants mentioned are pretty tough and persistent so I guess we don't have to worry about the birds starving even if we clean up our places. You just can't work for the birds all the time. You have to try to make things nice for people, too.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6**  
I saw some baby quail no bigger than the ones I saw on June 25. I think that earlier batch are just about grown now, so these, too, will have plenty of time to mature before fall.

**Thursday, Aug. 7**  
As we were eating breakfast I saw some yellow warblers in the same dead peach tree I mentioned once before as a good perching place for birds. These are the first warblers we have had on the home place in some time. They were attracted by a sprinkler which I had going near that spot.

We are very busy now getting ready to go on our vacation trip, starting tomorrow. Like every vacation for us it will include bird watching. We are heading for California, going first to Yosemite and then on to the south, visiting a son and his wife in San Clemente who have a daughter that we have not yet seen.

I have a book entitled "Guide to Bird Finding West of the Mississippi." Off and on for a month or more I have looked at it to see what it says about good birding spots in California and possible species to see in the places we will be near. I have made a kind of wish-list of birds I would like especially to see. Some that I have seen before but would especially enjoy seeing again are the mockingbird, roadrunner, white-throated swift and phainopepla. Some that I have never seen and hope that I might see are the white tailed kite, black swift, vermilion flycatcher, pine grosbeak and blue grosbeak. Of course I would dearly love to see a California condor, but that is just about beyond the limit of my hope. I don't even expect to see all the others mentioned, but I should see some of them, and then there will be other bonus birds, not so much looked for, but just as interesting when I see them.

I'll keep a diary, so anybody can see how we come out. —J.M.

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### College Students On Visit Through Valley

Ashland—Under the direction of Dr. R. R. Stuart, College of the Pacific history professor, a number of COP students toured points of interest in the valley last week.

Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the Southern Oregon college social science division, accompanied the group on a visit to the college campus, the Jacksonville museum, Lithia park, and on a backstage tour of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater, later attending a performance of "Much Ado About Nothing."

While in Jacksonville, as guests of the Southern Oregon Historical society at the museum, the group was entertained at a tea in the home of Miss Claire Hanley, president of the society.

Called the Beaver Trail tour, the annual summer trek to points of interest in the West is sponsored by COP for college credit. Dr. Taylor reported that the group would also sponsor a special Oregon Centennial tour next year with a number of Ashland-Medford points on its tributary.

### Plans Announced to Increase Timber Sales

Plans to increase sales during the rest of 1958 to reflect a new allowable cut on O and C lands in the Josephine master unit have been announced by the bureau of land management here.

Sales will be increased by 25 to 75 million board feet over the BLM's announced sale plans, according to Ross Youngblood, district manager. Additional sales are scheduled this month, and in September and October.

Wood-using industries in the United States employ more than 7,000 trained foresters.



**AT RODEO**—"Slim" Pickens, rodeo clown and bull fighter, is expected to be among those attending the Rogue Valley Round Up here next week end. Points earned in the Round Up, which is being sponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, will count toward the world's championship cowboy. Pickens is well-known as "Bill Williams" in the Walt Disney television series, and has been one of rodeo's outstanding clowns for several years. Shown with him is his horse, Dear John.

## Grange News

### Shady Cove Grange

The regular meeting of the Shady Cove Grange was held Saturday, Aug. 2, in the Shady Cove school gym with Master Ed Houston presiding. All but two of the officers were present.

Honored guests of the evening were Roscoe Roberts, county deputy, Pomona Master Bitterling, Master Christenson of Live Oak, Master Sims of Roxy Ann and Master Moore of Eagle Point.

This was the last of the Grange visitations for this year, with an attendance of 70. The count was, Live Oak 6, Upper Rogue 4, Roxy Ann 16, Phoenix 8, Shady Cove 21 and Eagle Point 15. There were five members who had attended all visitations.

The display table contained a variety of antiques and oddities. There were hand-painted dishes from foreign countries, jugs, baskets, hand-woven linen, old guns and pistols and other articles.

Lecturer Della Littlefield introduced Brother Cal Lusk of Eagle Point Grange to talk on his experiences in Grange activities. He stated he had been a charter member of Phoenix Grange when it was organized.

The program closed with everyone singing "God Bless America" with Pomona Lecturer Mable Wertz at the piano.

Mrs. Ed Houston and Mrs. Walter Sattler decorated the hall and tables.

At a social meeting in July, C. C. Haggert of the Copco Safety department came to Shady Cove and put on a full evening of entertainment with the Copco "Electric Safety Show."

The next social meeting of the Shady Cove Grange will be a 6:30 p.m. potluck picnic supper Aug. 16 at the T. M. Littlefield home on Rogue River drive. This is an annual picnic.

### The HEC will meet Aug. 13

at the Reed McKay home on Rogue River with a family potluck dinner at 12:30.

All members are urged to attend as the fall activities of the club will be planned. Della A. Littlefield, Publicity Chairman

### Phoenix Grange

Phoenix Grange will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. The highlight of the lecture hour will be real old time music by an old time string band.

The serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Whitesides and Mr. and Mrs. Lacey. Gertrude Lewin, Publicity Chairman.

### Pomona Grange

The July 26 meeting of Jackson County Pomona Grange was held in the Upper Rogue Grange hall at 8:15 p.m. Assistant Steward Chester Wendt and executive committee member Herbert Carlton were the only officers absent.

Reports were heard from Delmar Smith on bees, from Albert Straus on dairy, from Dee Hendrickson on horticulture, from Charles Hocker-smith on the Grange cooperative and a discussion on compulsory motor insurance was led by Melvin Lattie. Delmar Smith also reported on plans for the Pomona booth at the Kiwanis fair and the state fair.

During the lecture hour Mabel Wertz read the Grange emblem ceremony, which was illustrated by Roberta Hill and Marie Pfister in appropriate costumes. An amusing safety skit, entitled the "Pearly Gates with Guardian St. Peter," was given, with Melvin Lattie in the title role.

The next Pomona Grange meeting will be Oct. 25 at Live Oak Grange, opening at 10 a.m. Mrs. Melvin Lattie, Secretary.

## Former Residents Of California Town Hold First Reunion

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN  
Hornbrook—Something a little different in the line of "family reunions" was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henley Clawson last Sunday. It was a reunion of former residents of Tennant, Calif., a one-time lumber town about 50 miles east of Yreka in the heart of the Siskiyou county hunting and fishing country.

The town was given—lock, stock and barrel—to the Veterans of Foreign Wars last year. The deed to the 35-year old town was handed over to California State Commander Alva J. Flemming of Sacramento, and Richard L. Roubush of Indianapolis, VFW national commander, by its owners, Long-Bell Division of the International Paper company in December of 1957.

**Headquarters Camp**  
The town, named for a prominent member of the Long-Bell Lumber company, was built as a headquarters camp 35 years ago. It was closed in September, 1957, when trucking eliminated the need for the community as a base of operations, and it was then that the residents moved to establish their homes and find occupations.

At its peak, the town had a population of 1,000. At the time the deed was handed to the VFW it was deserted except for four caretakers. But 150 permanent houses, 50 cabins, a large rooming house, a community church, a cookhouse, an electrical plant and sewage system, machine shop with a large number of tools and workable machinery, library, community hall and other facilities remain in good condition.

**Hope of VFW**  
The town is situated in the Cascade range, 4,800 feet above sea level. That the town may eventually become a backwoods retreat for retired members is the hope of the California division of the VFW.

Traveling the longest distance to attend the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Clay Parker of Springfield, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. "Tex" Hall of Oakridge, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beem and family from Red Bluff, Calif.; and Mrs. Lila Marshall of Central Valley, Calif.

Others present were, from Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Culley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsay, Mrs. Ida Patten, Miss Kaye Kelsay, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beem, from Medford; Dale Gott, Dale Gott Jr., David and Tommy Farnsworth; from Talent, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kruger and family; from Mt. Hebron, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warren and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tassie and daughters, and Mrs. Bess Tilson and Mrs. Hazel Imrie; from Tulelake, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Knolls; from Burney, Calif., Miss Carolyn Denney; from Mt. Shasta, Mrs. Marie Campbell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill DuBose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mansfield and children, Miss Estella Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Osborne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Kruger, Miss Carol Stayton, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Long and Doug Long.

From Weed came Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fine, Mrs. Margaret Sheppard, Mrs. Velma Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie

Boydston, Mr. and Mrs. John McMichael, Mr. and Mrs. "Jiggs" Browning and children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Steffenson, Miss Donna Steffenson, Mr. and Mrs. Sabas Carrillo, Mrs. Javier Carrillo, Misses Nadine and Mary Ann Carrillo, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Leon, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Miller and daughter, and Miss Janice Riley; Mr. and Mrs. Del Reynolds and four sons.

It was voted by those present to make this an annual event, with next year's reunion scheduled for the second Sunday in August. It will be held on Antelope creek near Tennant, with the exact location on the creek to be announced next summer.

## Ashland Float Receives Mention in Glad Parade

The Ashland Garden club's float in the Grants Pass Gladioli Festival received a special honorable mention and was popular with people watching the parade, garden club representatives said Saturday.

A non-competitive entry, the Ashland float, the only one from Jackson county in the parade, featured a large rippling flag on a chicken wire frame. It was made of dark red and white gladioli with a blue field of crepe paper daisies.

The background was white with the lettering, "You're a Grand Old Flag," lettered along the bottom sides in light red gladioli and with arrangements of the same flowers spaced along the upper edges.

## 5,791 People Visit Museum in July

Jacksonville—A total of 5,791 persons visited the Jacksonville Museum during July this year, according to Miss Mary Hanley, curator. The number brought the total since July 10, 1950, to 297,286. There were 5,693 visitors at the Museum in July last year.

Gifts and loans during July were from Ronald R. Hughes, Ashland; E. C. Gaddis, Medford; Mrs. Gertrude Winningham, Medford; Dr. Charles W. Lemery, Medford; Art McNames, Grenada, Calif.; Mrs. Pearl Foster, Talent; Mrs. Diadma McKinstry, North Bend; the Hanley family, Medford; Mrs. Armeta Kaiser, Oakland, Calif.; Bert Kissinger, Medford; Johnny Allen, Medford; Mrs. Margaret Dusenberry, Medford; Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Medford; Fred Strang, Medford; Mrs. Ralph A. Fenton, Oswego, and Morell McConnochie, Home on the Range, Wyo.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Says U. S. Makes Mistake

Fort Collins, Colo.—(UPI)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said Friday the United States is making "a very serious mistake" in cutting preparations for waging of "small wars."

She said the Russians are "constantly preparing trouble" and have prepared for small encounters because they "can't afford a major war."

"Ever since Korea," she said, "the Soviets have incited small wars. They give guns, stir up the dissidents—

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