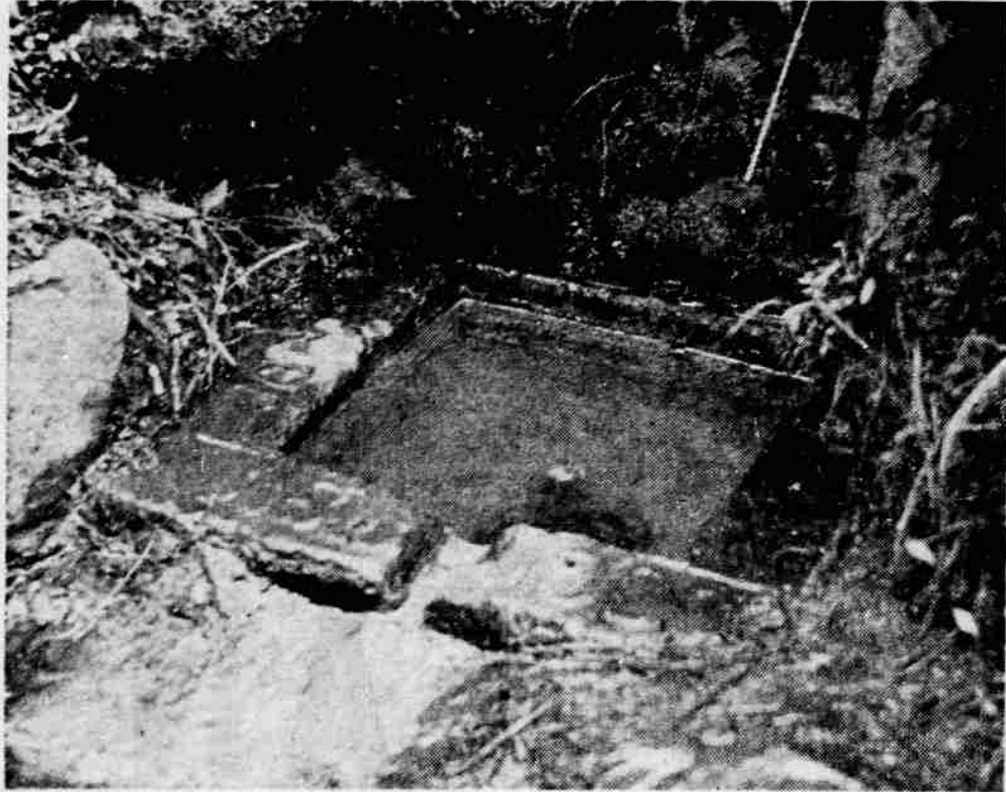


McCallister Soda Springs Area Renovated



McCALLISTER SPRING - The concrete enclosure around McCallister soda spring was constructed in 1900, according to information printed on the top edge, but who built it remains a mystery. The letters US are legible, but the rest of the lettering is difficult to read. The spring, located on the

north fork of Little Butte creek, gained popularity before the turn of the century because of the supposed medicinal properties of the water, which bubbles ice cold out of the rocks near the creek's edge. The opening is about 16 inches square.



CAMP TABLE - Campers at McCallister soda springs will, for the first time, have use of improved facilities at the site since the forest service made it into a first class camp ground recently. In the background in the picture above, a stump of one of the giant fir trees that were scat-

tered throughout the area can be seen. The trees had to be removed because of a heavy infestation of Douglas fir mistletoe. The forest service will plant 500 black locust trees at the camp ground to provide shade and privacy.



NORTH FORK - Harold (Red) Thomas, district ranger of Ashland district, forest service, is shown above surveying the scenic beauty along the north fork of Little Butte creek in the vicinity of McCallister soda spring. The stream is the outlet from Fish lake and runs constantly year-around. Slash

and objectionable debris was cleaned up along the banks of the stream near the spring, but enough was left to prevent erosion, according to Thomas. McCallister soda springs was a favorite camp spot in the early days.



NEW TYPE - The rest room above, recently erected at McCallister soda springs camp site is the new type being put into use by the Forest Service. The pre-fabricated building features a concrete slab floor and other sanitary features. Trees will be planted throughout the camp area that will, in a few years, provide shade and privacy.

BOAT CAPSIZES - Otahu, Japan - (UPI) - A 29-ton Japanese fishing boat capsized in stormy seas near Japan's northern tip yesterday, probably killing all of its 10 crewmen. A fishing boat that attempted a rescue ran aground. Its 15 crew-members were picked up by a Naval patrol boat.

HARRY COLLIER - San Francisco - (UPI) - Harry Collier, retired president and chairman of the board of Standard Oil Company of California, died Friday night after a brief illness. He was 83. Collier was also prominent in state and national activities of the Republican Party.

Favorite Spot of Campers Again Becoming Popular

by **BOB VROMAN**
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

In the "old days" in Jackson county, before the automobile came into use, many families went on camping trips for recreation, just as they do today. Then, however, it involved a good deal of preparation and the trip would cover a period from several days to a week or two. After driving a team and wagon over rough dusty roads for an entire day to reach one's destination, it was foolish to turn around and come home again right away.

One of the favorite spots for the old-fashioned campouts was McCallister soda springs on the north fork of Little Butte creek, a peaceful site on the fringe of the Cascade wilderness, where giant firs towered overhead and the north fork, abounding in trout, tumbled down through the cool canyon.

Added Attraction - An added attraction was the soda springs itself, which bubbled forth a steady supply of ice-cold mineral water, naturally carbonated by minerals deep in the earth, is fizzy, like soda pop, and has a pleasant taste. In the early days it was believed to have medicinal properties.

One of the favorite ways to drink the water was with a squeeze of lemon juice, which made it fizz even more and added to its tang.

The spring got its name from the fact that Simon McCallister, a pioneer settler, established a homestead in the area in the 1860's. His grandson, John R. McCallister, still makes his home in the vicinity.

In 1900 a federal agency (what it was called cannot be determined) encased the spring with concrete side-walls so that the water would be clean and easy to dip out.

Widely Used - From the turn of the century on into the '20's the spring was widely used as groups in old-style cars made rutty roads to escape the summer heat and partake of the "invigorating" soda water.

Although not as popular as Dead Indian soda springs on the south fork of Little Butte creek, McCallister springs, in spite of being more difficult to get to, draws its share of visitors.

Outside of the concrete enclosure on the spring, few improvements had ever been made at the site except those made by campers themselves. The spring is within the National Forest boundary but because of lack of funds the area was never developed into a first class camping area by the forest service.

Clear Right of Way - In 1929 and '30, the forest service, with the help of the state highway department, cleared a 30-foot right of way from McCallister to the Fish lake summer homes junction, which was the beginning of a through route over the Cascades.

Improvement of the road from Lake Creek to McCallister was started just before World War II with the idea of making it into a secondary highway over the Cascades, but construction was stopped by the war.

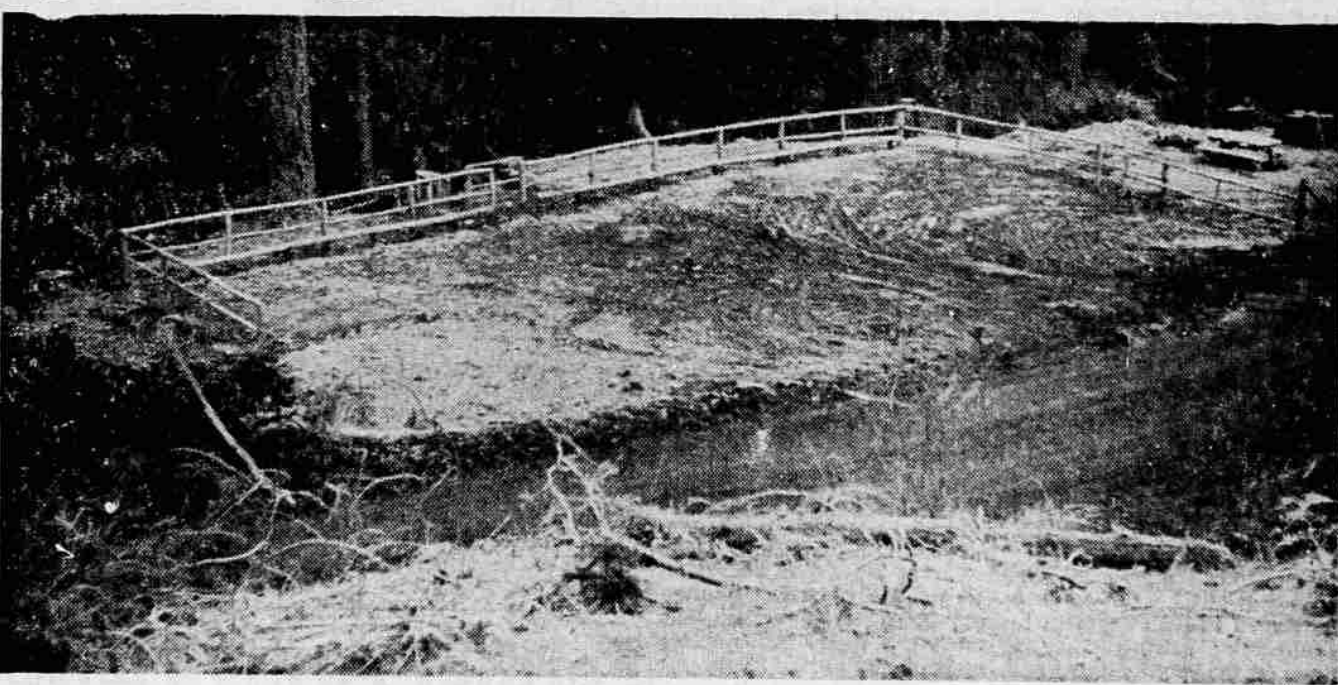
Surplus Material Offered for Sale - The Steve Wilson logging firm, in 1954, was the next to have a hand in road building and improvement in the area. In order to make an all-weather haul, Wilson built a good road from McCallister to the top of the mountain and made major improvements in the road below the springs.

In the last year or so, pressures to complete the route as a secondary highway were begun again, resulting in its approval. Construction on the new highway is scheduled to begin this spring.

Ideal Spot - When looking over the McCallister site, Harold Thomas, Ashland district forest ranger, USFS, decided that the spring area would be an ideal spot for an improved camp ground, and after submitting plans and getting approval for its development, work was begun.

Up until the last year or so lack of funds would have made such a project impossible, but under the new program "Operation Outdoors," the forest service has three times as much money available for campground maintenance and construction.

Even with the new allotment of funds, however, the money doesn't go far enough to do all that should be done, according to Thomas, and the individual districts are constantly scraping the bottom



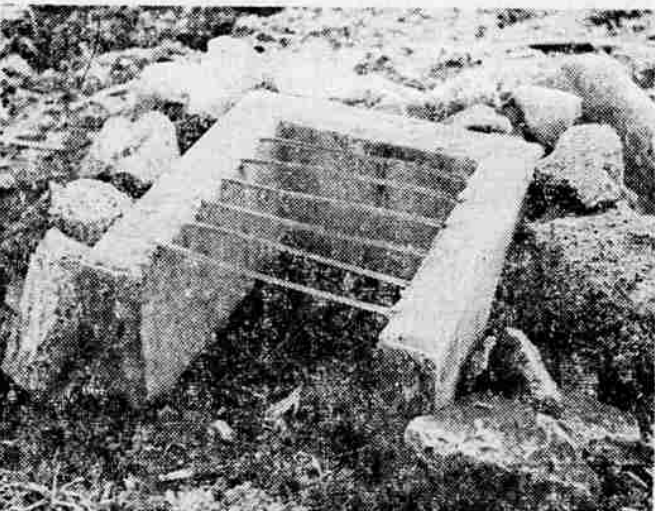
PARKING AREA - Parking facilities for cars is one of the improvements made by the forest service at the McCallister soda springs site recently, in making it into a first class camp ground. Red cinders will be placed on the parking area as well as on walks in the camp ground to eliminate mud and dust. The project was designed and supervised

by Bob Asher, district assistant ranger of the Ashland forest service district, which is headed by District Ranger (Red) Thomas. Construction was carried out by forest service employees Virgil Wilson, Jack James and Bill Stewart, Ashland.



SPRING ENCLOSURE - McCallister soda springs site, which for years has been uncared for, was recently made into a first class camp area by the forest service and the spring itself was enclosed with a fence

to keep out cattle. Also constructed was a stairway leading down the steep bank of the creek to the spring. The spring is located amongst the rocks in the foreground above.



PREFAB STOVE - The most practical type of outdoor fire-place is the style above that affords direct heat cooking, according to USFS District Ranger Harold Thomas. This one was installed at the McCallister camp site in January of this year. Construction of the camp grounds improvements at McCallister was made possible by additional funds made available to the Forest through "Operation Outdoors," a program approved last year by congress.

Dr. Taylor Named To History Board

Ashland - Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the social science division at Southern Oregon college, has accepted a membership on the board of sponsors of the California History Foundation. He was chosen because of his long-time interest in western history and because of his research and writings in regard to it.

Established to promote and sponsor activities of an historical nature, the organization has promoted pioneer libraries, historical societies, western tours, and many courses in California and western history for a number of years.

Notification of the honor came from Robert E. Burns, president, College of the Pacific. Formal acceptance of the membership will be made by Dr. Taylor at the spring meeting of the organization in Stockton, Calif.

OSCAR SPORTS LETTER

Hollywood - (UPI) - Oscar Levant is by his own admission not much of an athlete but he won a letter for his jacket. "I did receive a letter," he told his TV audience. "It was for my straitjacket and it was a 'P' for psychotic."



DIRECTOR - Chester C. Squire, former principal of the Briscoe Elementary school, Ashland, is serving as director of the audio-visual aids center at Southern Oregon college during the absence of Laurence E. Butler, who is doing advanced degree work this year at the State College of Washington. After receiving his bachelor of science degree at SOC in 1942, Squire spent four years in the Army Air Corps. He obtained his master of education degree from the Colorado State college of education in 1949. He is a member of the Ashland Elks and Lions clubs, and Theta Delta Phi, national education society. He and his wife, Viola, reside at 1167 Tolman rd., Ashland.

Cities and non-farm lands of the U.S., with two per cent of the total area, yield about 88 per cent of all the taxes collected in a year.

Ex-Local Resident Completes Program

Portland - Mrs. Viola Russell Harrison, formerly of Medford, recently completed her student teaching program at Lincoln High school where she assisted in the English department.

She was one of 18 student teachers placed by the public school education department of Lewis and Clark college this fall in schools of the Portland area.

Student teaching for one semester is required to receive a teaching certificate in Oregon.

Under the guidance of a supervising teacher, Mrs. Harrison had the experience of one half day every day in the classroom. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, 204 North Ivy st.

Of all the accidental deaths in the U.S., about 70 per cent occur during the victim's non-working hours.

Information Booth Planned at Phoenix

Phoenix - A "welcome" and information booth will be constructed at the south edge of Phoenix as part of the Oregon Centennial observance, the Phoenix Centennial committee decided last week.

John Caulkins was named chairman of the committee in charge of the booth, with Jack Peebler, Alce Lester, Allen Harris, Olen Poe and Leonard Halfhill serving on the group.

The committee also received the cooperation of Phoenix merchants to supply window space for early Oregon pioneer displays. Plans were made to observe the Centennial birthday this month, but exhibits will remain in windows throughout June, July and August for the tourist trade.

Mrs. Bert Stancliffe, chairman of the Phoenix Centennial committee, appointed another committee to plan details for "welcome" signs at the north and south edges of the city. Committee members are Charles Hockersmith, chairman; Allen Harris and Ed Brown.

Events Planned - Among events planned this month are the Centennial program of the Phoenix Parent Teacher association meeting Feb. 5, a meeting of the Phoenix Grange Feb. 10 to honor early pioneers of this area, and a dinner and dance sponsored by the Phoenix Thursday club Feb. 26.

Phoenix High school is planning to publish a Centennial edition of the school's newspaper this month. Two members of the journalism class attended the committee meeting last week. They are Dana Halaas and Lola Good.

Attending last week's meeting were Kay Caulkins and Nannette Wrede, Phoenix Thursday club; Elva Claffin, Neighbors of Woodcraft; Leonard Halfhill, Lions club; Mona Ferns, Presbyterian church; Boyd Oldham, Baptist church; Violet Grah, Phoenix Extension unit; Vincent Claffin, Phoenix firemen; Peggy Glascock, firemen's auxiliary; Allen Harris, 4-H clubs; Ethel Hockersmith, Garden club; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Poe, Phoenix Grange; Lester Igo, Cub Scouts; Kathryn Stancliffe, elementary school; and Faye Carver, Marian Towne, Alice Lester and Mayor Arthur MacKintosh.

Organizations which did not receive display assignments may contact Mrs. Stancliffe at KEystone 5-1458. Plans for all displays should be completed Feb. 14, she said.

Glatman Reported Violent in Prison

San Quentin, Calif. - (UPI) - Harvey Glatman, 30, condemned sex-slayer of three models, became violent in his death row cell at San Quentin prison Friday night, smashing a stool and some radio equipment.

Associate Warden W. D. Achuff said the Los Angeles killer was removed to an isolation cell. He said he did not know what caused Glatman's outburst.

Glatman, who confessed to strangling three young women and leaving their bodies in the desert, has been in death row since Dec. 18. His case is on automatic appeal before the California Supreme Court.

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