

GOLD HILL Rattlesnake Killed

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill - A three-foot rattlesnake was killed April 3 by Stuart Chisholm, Evans Creek, while he was looking for mushrooms in the vicinity of Hayes Gulch, about 1 1/2 miles from Gold Hill.

Others with him at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burrenson and daughter, Joyce, Sams Valley, and Mrs. Emma Kasshafer, Evans Creek.

Chisholm and his friends brought the snake to Gold Hill, where it was shown to several local residents. Long-time residents of this area stated that it is unusual to see the rattlesnakes out this early in the spring.

Mrs. Melvin Burnett, Gold Hill Health unit clinic chairman, said arrangements have been made to hold a pre-school clinic for youngsters who will enter the first grade at the Patrick school this fall. The clinic will be held in the health room at the Patrick school Wednesday, April 22, between 9 a.m. and noon.

Additional information concerning the clinic will be announced at a later date, Mrs. Burnett said.

Several members of the Woman's Society of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church attended a sub-district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the St. Luke's Methodist church in Medford March 31. They were Mrs. E. C. Hoffman, president of the local society, Mrs. Roy Eskew, Mrs. Ivan Smith, and Mrs. Harriett Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bower, Fifth ave., have had as their houseguest the past week, her sister, Mrs. Ruth Eberly, of Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mollon, who recently returned to the United States after living in Australia, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hoffman, Highway 99, north, recently. The Mollons were en route to San Francisco, Calif., from Seattle, Wash. The two couples were friends when they lived in Guam several years ago.

Bruce Burnett returned to Oregon State college, Corvallis, last week after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett, Upper River rd.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Burnett were hosts to a dinner at their

home in Rogue River while Bruce was home. Others attending were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett, their daughter, Miss Bonna Burnett, and Mrs. Barbara Walters of Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Washburn, Fifth ave., reported that their dog, Mike, a red cocker spaniel, was shot in the hind leg Friday, April 3. This is the second time, Mrs. Washburn said, within a few months that their nine-year-old family pet has been injured by bird shot.

City officials stressed that it is unlawful to discharge fire-arms within the city limits.

Ricky Cooper returned to the University of Portland last week after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cooper, over the Easter week end and spring vacation.

Ernest Cooper and his son, Terry, went to Sacramento, Calif., where they visited relatives during the Easter week end. They included Mrs. Cooper's mother, Mrs. M. T. Blouin, her sister, Mrs. Mary Walker, and daughter, Francie.

Mrs. Edith Martin, Fresno, Calif., arrived in Gold Hill recently to visit her sister, Mrs. Blanche Merriman, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eroll Miller.

Mrs. Wilder Hooke returned to her home in San Rafael, Calif., April 6 after visiting relatives in southern Oregon. While there she was a guest in the homes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bonney, Lampman rd., and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Elson, Phoenix.

A family dinner was given at the Bonney home in her honor on Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bousum and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bousum, all of Grants Pass. Other guests that date were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tibbels and children, Carl, Delores and Harry, also of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott have returned to their home on Lampman rd. after spending the winter in Arizona.

Mrs. Fred Herrmann left for her home in McMinnville April 4 after spending several days in Gold Hill where she visited her parents and sister,

Women Drivers Win Two Firsts In Economy Run

Kansas City, Mo.—(UPI)—Women drivers won two first places and narrowly missed a third in the 23rd Mobilgas Economy Run which ended its 1,898-mile course here Thursday.

But men proved they too have a light foot on the pedal and won four of the six class events. No sweepstakes award was given this year and winners were measured in miles per gallon rather than in ton miles per gallon as in past economy runs.

Longest Run in History
The 1959 run, longest in the history of the event, started Sunday in Los Angeles. Entrants drove through desert sun, rain and mountain snow along the way. Much of the driving was at night. All cars were stock models and winners ran the range of the American auto industry.

Average miles per gallon for all 47 competing cars was 19.4396 miles per gallon. Male drivers averaged 19.4595, slightly better than the 19.3925 miles per gallon women's average.

In the compact car class, a Rambler American won with 25.2878 miles per gallon, best mark of any car in the run. It was driven by Woody Bell, Los Angeles. All of the competing cars were entered by or through West Coast groups.

Chevrolet Wins
The six-cylinder low price class event was won by pet, pony-tailed Mary Hauser with 22.3788 in a Chevrolet Biscayne.

Pierce Venable in a Plymouth Belvedere won the low price eight cylinder class with a 21.1548 miles per gallon.

Patricia Jones won the low medium price class event with 21.7454 miles per gallon in a Dodge Coronet.

Art Chrisman, in a Ford Thunderbird, won the upper medium price class with 19.1303 miles per gallon but less than one pint of gasoline separated the three top finishers.

A Cadillac sixty-six made a success of its first year in the race and won the high price class with 19.0352 miles per gallon. Driver was Jim Parkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Walker and Linda Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones have had as their guests last week their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Morrison and children Elaine and Fritz Lee, of Wenatchee, Wash. While in southern Oregon the Morrises were guests in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Nealy, and family in Grants Pass.

'Snake Joe' Gets Bite Treatment

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Johnsen C. Houtenbrink, 54, better known as "Snake Joe," was back in the hospital again today for treatment of a rattlesnake bite.

The snake dealer, who unwittingly figured in a bizarre "murder by snake" case in 1935, was reported in critical condition at General Hospital.

Doctors said his chances of living were good because he did not go into shock.

Houtenbrink was bitten on the finger by a rattler Thursday, just about a year after he waged a victorious struggle for survival when bitten by another rattlesnake.

Houtenbrink gained national attention 23 years ago when he sold two rattlers to Robert S. James who used them to kill his wife in a plot to gain her insurance money. James was convicted and executed.

John Day Basin Said Lacking Water

Canyon City—(UPI)—Poor snow cover in the John Day basin will seriously affect irrigation water supplies for the next six months and may hurt late summer fishing, it was reported here Thursday at the annual water forecast meeting.

Ranchers irrigating from small streams may expect serious water shortages unless they receive good May and June rainfalls. W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor, said.

Local sportsmen are looking for good early season fishing but may have trouble late in the season when fishing streams are likely to run short of water.

FOREIGN OFFICER DIES
Charlottesville, Va.—(UPI)—Ralph Miller, 55, retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, died Wednesday.

HORNBROOK Red Bluff Trip Planned

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Hornbrook - The Vaguerras, Hornbrook's girls' mounted drill team, will participate next week end, April 18 and 19, at the annual Red Bluff Round-Up at Red Bluff, Calif.

Members taking part will be Gerry Elmore, Lula Belle White, Penny Barnum, Linda Blankenship, Donna Spearin, Darlene Spearin, Ann Rutledge, Jeannie Cardoza and Janet Ferguson, of Hills.

A. W. (Punk) Spearin and Frank Cardoza will transport the girls' mounts, and Mrs. Spearin and Mrs. Cardoza are to furnish transportation for the girls. The girls have been invited to be week end guests at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Les Spearin near Anderson, Calif. Spearin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spearin of Hornbrook, and Mrs. Spearin is a daughter (Vieva) of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns, also of Hornbrook.

The horses will be stabled on the Spearin ranch. Lauran Paine was the original drill instructor for the team, but in his moving to Scott Valley, Jack Wayne has taken over for him. Wayne moved here recently from the Los Angeles area and has assumed the management of the former Paine ranch for the new owners.

By means of cake sales from time to time, the Vaguerras have raised enough money to buy their riding outfits, with the exception of their hats. On Friday of this week, a softball game is scheduled between the Vaguerras and their mothers for the purpose of adding to their treasury.

Jess Poole of Redding, Calif., was in town one day last week. He lived here a number of years ago, and attended school here, and later was employed for seven years at the T. Jones store. He was in town to enter the ashes of his younger brother, Harold (Hoose), in the family plot in the Henley - Hornbrook cemetery.

Mrs. Mollie Cole returned home last week after visiting for a few days in San Carlos, Calif., with her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Seagraves, and Mrs. Helen Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Don True Sr. of Grenada, Calif., were in town Saturday calling on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nye and Mrs. Gladys Jones. Nye is confined to a wheelchair as a result of a logging accident at Little Valley, Calif., 10 years ago, and this was the first time since then that he has made a trip by car.

Mrs. Marshall Horn was hostess for the Henley Bridge club at her home last week. Mrs. Grace Quigley held high score, and Mrs. Ed Smith, second high. Other members playing were Mrs. Fred Mills, Mrs. Dwan Hamner, Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Bertha Bradley and Mrs. Lester Nye. Mrs. Ivon Howard was a guest player.

Mrs. Bertha Bradley returned home Tuesday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Will Terrell, in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holzhauser of Eagle Point visited Herman Kurt last Saturday and were luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Van de Weghe.

Mrs. Mabel Sanders had as visitors last Friday, a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crabtree of Carson City, Nev. Mrs. Ivy High of Yreka came over with them.

The March birthday of Mrs. Marshall Horn was honored when the Sewing club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. John Griffin. Present also were Mrs. Lawrence Breceda, Mrs. Ed Smith, Mrs. L. C. Walsh, Mrs. L. E. Jeter and Mrs. Harry Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivon Howard drove to the Medford airport last Monday where they met Mrs. Howard's sister, Mrs. E. H. Van Schoick, who arrived by plane for a visit here. Mrs. Van Schoick's home is in Ottawa, Ill., about 85 miles from Chicago. Last Saturday she attended the wedding of her son in Studio City, Calif., then flew up from there.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Henley Clawson drove to Dorris, Calif., where they attended a reception honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross. The reception was held in the old Oklahoma schoolhouse, where Mrs. Clawson had attended the second grade of grammar school.

Mrs. Clawson's father, Walter Bray, and Cross had homesteaded land together on Sheepy Creek in the Dorris area years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Cross were married at Long Prairie, just outside of Dorris, and near the Oklahoma schoolhouse, and have lived on the homestead their entire married life. Nine persons attending the golden wedding reception also were present at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cross.

Siamese Twin Said 'Sinking Fast'

London—(UPI)—Jeremy Thackeray, 11-month-old Siamese twin separated from his brother by a delicate brain operation 18 days ago, was reported sinking fast today.

"Jeremy's chances of survival are poor," a bulletin issued by St. Bartholomew's hospital said. It said he was suffering a combination of the after-effects of the operation, a lung infection and impaired brain circulation.

His brother, Timothy, who was stricken with meningitis, an infection of the brain covering, last week end, was listed as improving. His chances of survival were good, officials said.

The twins, born last May joined at the heads, were part of triplets. The third brother, Peter, is normal and lives with his parents.

Graham Upholds Catholics' Rights
Sydney, Australia—(UPI)—American evangelist Billy Graham said Thursday the Roman Catholic church has "every right" to ban members from attending his local meetings.

Local Catholic officials have forbidden members to attend the evangelist's Sydney gatherings.

"They have every right. It has been the attitude of Catholics for hundreds of years toward Protestantism," he said. Graham planned to open his Australian "Crusade for Christ," here. He has just completed a similar crusade in New Zealand.

Actor Eddie Bracken Injured in Collision
Hollywood—(UPI)—Actor Eddie Bracken was reported in fair condition today with a possible broken rib and internal injuries suffered in an auto collision.

The 39-year-old performer was taken to Cedars of Lebanon hospital after his small car was rammed in the side by another auto Thursday.

Two Portlanders Accident Victims

Portland—(UPI)—Two persons died in automobile accidents in the Portland area Thursday and early today.

Norman Johnson, 37, Portland, was dead on arrival at a local hospital Thursday after the car in which he was riding rolled over and hit a power pole near Brightwood.

Ernest Spring, 38, Portland, was killed early today when a car he had parked in a cafe parking lot started rolling and pinned him against another vehicle.



PLANNING TO SETTLE in Australia because he was fined for growing wheat to feed to stock, Stanley Yankus sells Dowagiac, Mich., farm for \$20,500. From left: Dale Douthett, Three Oaks, Mich., who bought farm; Yankus, Auctioneer Glassman.

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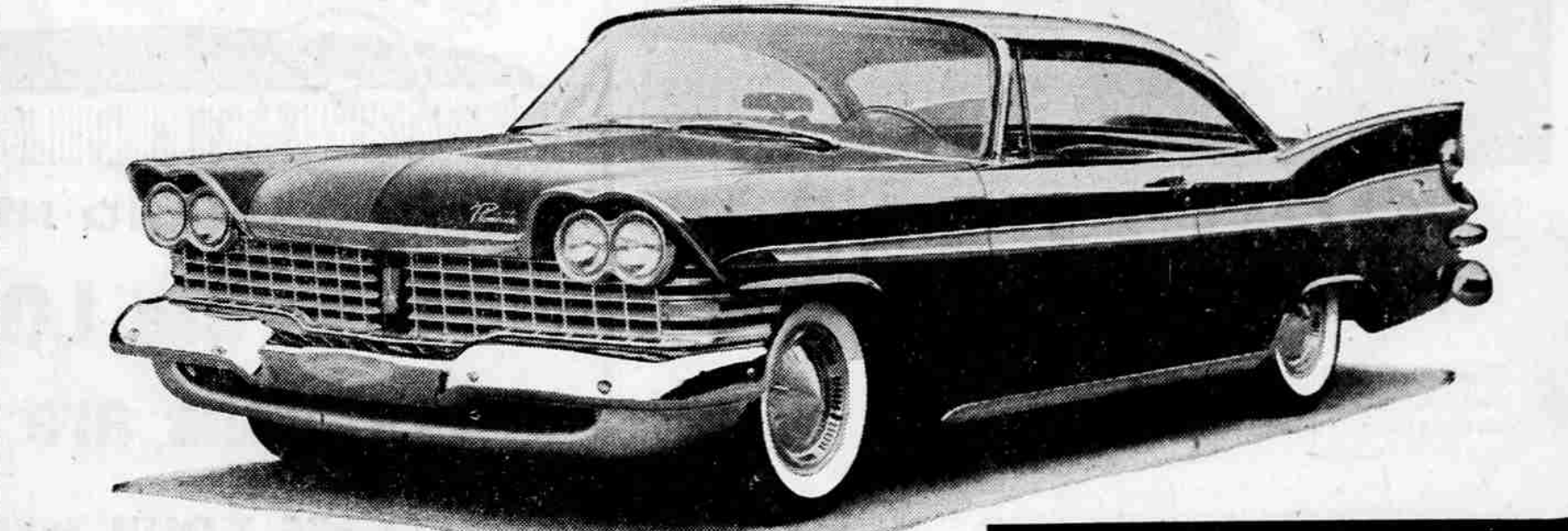
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