

Okinawa Readies Exhibit at Fair

Portland - (UP) - Okinawa Monday began putting up an exhibit at the Centennial Exposition's International Trade Fair.

Okinawa, 24th nation to exhibit at the Fair, will show the famed Ryukyu lacquer ware, textiles and ceramics, and a collection of preserved marine animals and crustaceans.

Marge Alexander, coordinator of the Fair, said now that the wholesale buying is over "and we have a chance to catch our breath, we are going to do a job of rearranging and housecleaning."

Portland hotel and motel operators said there are plenty of housing accommodations available in Portland for visitors to the Exposition and Trade Fair.

They expressed fear that "erroneous reports" that hotel and motel space was scarce in Portland might have discouraged some residents in other Oregon communities from coming to the Exposition. They said that last week end, eight major hotels in Portland reported 900 vacancies.

Hotel and motel spokesmen met Monday at the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Information Center to plan a publicity campaign concerning the housing situation.

The Atlantic ocean and rivers and lakes comprise almost two-thirds of the boundaries of Uruguay.

Honduras' greatest potential wealth is in its rich mineral deposits.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The On-to-Oregon Cavalcade, following the historic pioneer trail, is encountering some of the hardships of the early day travelers.

Two members of the wagon train company have become ill. A Sheridan (Ore.) woman had to leave the train because of an asthmatic condition. Weaver Clark of Hillsboro, oldest member of the group, suffered from tick fever, but is able to continue.

While members of the group can be transported quickly to modern medical facilities if the need arises, some of their experiences indicate the hazards of travel a century ago.

THAT calls up memories.

Many years ago, not far from Bend on the highway to Burns, there was a pathetic little cross, surrounded by a pathetic little fence. The wood of the cross was aged and weathered, as was the wood of the fence. Somehow it all seemed to speak, and speak eloquently, of tragedy - tragedy and pathos.

I wondered about it whenever I passed it. It must have a story. It just couldn't help having a story. Eventually, the story was told to me by a Mr. Bushnell, who was a member of what is known in pioneer tradition as the Lost Wagon Train, which chose the route across Central Oregon and crossed the Cascades by what was later known as the Old Military Road, which led past Summit lake to the headwaters of the South Fork of the Willamette.

THIS is the story he told:

In the train was a young woman - a young mother. Somewhere in the vicinity of old Fort Hall, she fell ill. There were no doctors in the train ANYWHERE in the wide West within reach.

She grew weaker and weaker. But she was sustained by a flaming hope - the hope that before the dark angel of death overtook her she might reach the green valleys of Oregon and see her family settled in the Promised Land.

In the slow course of ox team travel, the train reached the lovely meadows of the upper Deschutes, at what came to be known among its members as Farewell Bend, from which the town of Bend takes its name.

The young mother was failing fast. The members of the train knew she couldn't live much longer. So they made camp. There were two reasons for pausing in their journey. One was to pasture their stock, which was gaunted by long miles of desert travel, on the lush grass of Farewell Bend. The other was to wait for the inevitable in the case of the young mother, whose courage and resolution to live to the journey's end had so endeared her to them all.

The end wasn't long in coming. They gave her a simple funeral, standing there in the high desert, their heads bared and tears streaming down their sun-tanned and weather-beaten cheeks. For her, it was Farewell Bend indeed - farewell to her hope of a new home in the green valleys of the land of the setting sun.

THEY laid her away beneath a juniper tree, and over her grave - carefully protected by rocks to fend off the scavenging coyotes - they erected a simple little cross and around it they built a rude fence. Then, sadly, they took up their journey again.

That, as Mr. Bushnell told it to me in his late 80's - his voice breaking a bit and moisture welling up in his eyes after all the years - is the tale. The little cross and the little fence that until a decade or so ago could be seen beside the Bend-Burns highway may not have been hers. But it could have been.

I SUPPOSE there are hardships in the wagon train that is retracing the route of the Great Migration that built our West.

But there were grimmer hardships in those long-ago days when the West was young.

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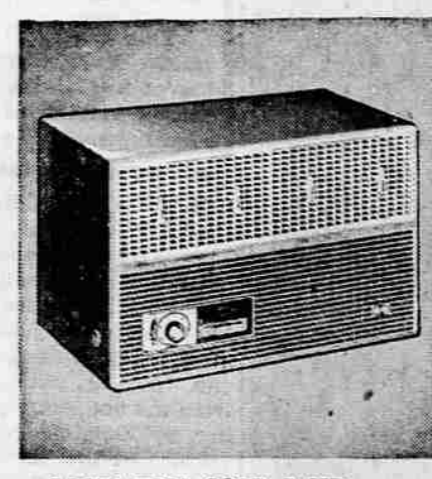
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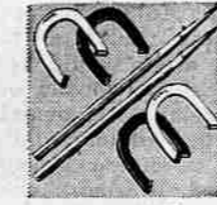
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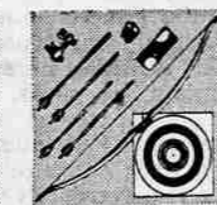
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