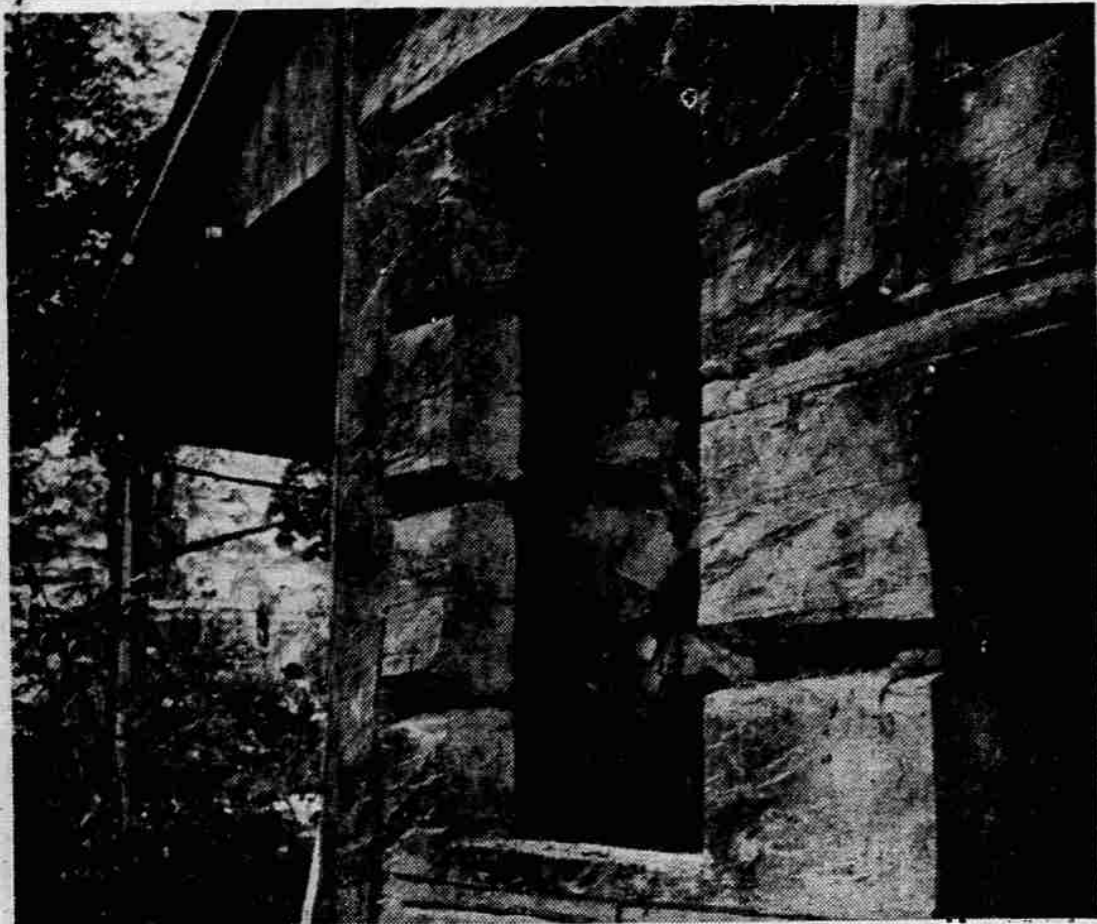


# Log Home in Applegate Being Torn Down

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**WINDOW DETAIL** - Thickness of the log "walls" in the Ziegler home are revealed in the picture above that shows a window opening after clapboards (siding) and window framing have been removed. Opening for the huge rock fireplace is shown in lower right.



**UPPER FLOOR** - The upstairs room in the log home owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ziegler used to be a snug attic bedroom, but has not been used for many years. The logs show clearly the marks of the axe that was used to shape them. Rafters in the building are of poles and "sawed" boards were used as support for the shakes that originally covered the roof. Ziegler recently tore the siding off the building, exposing the open gables above the log construction.



**CORNER JOINTS** - This unique joint used in the construction of the Ziegler home on the Applegate, built in the 1870's, makes a flush corner, eliminating projecting ends of the logs. Careful fitting was necessary to get the joints to "seat" properly. The logs themselves were hand hewn to create a flat surface inside and out.

**PAINLESS BEGINNING**  
Oestersund, Sweden (UPI) - One hundred fifty draftees who reported for one-month summer duty here Friday had tried to make the Army as painless as possible. They were drunk. Officials said at least 100 of them will begin their army careers by facing charges of public drunkenness.

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## Developing Dunes Would Aid Harbor

Washington—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today that the establishment of the Oregon Dunes National Seashore Recreation would not interfere with harbor development in the Florence area.  
The chief of the Army Engineers reportedly assured the Senator of this after Neuberger inquired about possible effects on the improvement of navigation in the Siuslaw river.  
Neuberger said the new coastal recreation area "would tend to speed navigation improvements in the Siuslaw river because of increased use of the waterway by tourists attracted to the new development."

## Neuberger Says Khrushchev Fuss Could Hamper Ike

Washington—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) told his colleagues Saturday that some of them may hamper President Eisenhower on his trip to Russia if they persist in outcries against having Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev visit the nation's capital.  
Neuberger said in a Senate speech that some protests to Khrushchev's visit amount almost to "an obsession or a mania on the part of certain senators."  
Urging such lawmakers "to get back their perspectives," he pointed out that "the rule of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" undoubtedly will prevail when Eisenhower makes his return visit to Moscow.

**Reds Might Retaliate**  
"If we remember that any insult to Mr. Khrushchev in America may provide the excuse for a similar insult to President Eisenhower in the Soviet Union," he said, "it may act as some restraint on the conduct of those who have opposed the forthcoming visit so strenuously."  
Sen. Mike Mansfield (Mont.), assistant Democratic leader, praised Neuberger's statement. He said Americans have "only one duty, and that is to support the President of the United States" no matter what their views on the exchange of visits.

**Not Criticizing**  
Neuberger emphasized that he was not criticizing "those who regard the Khrushchev visit as a 'mistake.'" But as long as the President extended the invitation, he said, no one should "sabotage or seek to undermine" his move.  
"Let us not expose our President to embarrassment or insults in Russia by rude conduct on our part to Mr. Khrushchev in the United States," the senator said.

## Home Is on Part Of Original Land Of Captain Boaz

By BOB VROMAN  
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

One of the few remaining log homes built by early settlers in this area, having served its term of usefulness, will soon be gone, from the quiet spot it has occupied for more than 80 years.

It was not without nostalgia that owners Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ziegler recently set about to tear the building down to make room for a new home on the site. The log house is located on the Applegate, across the river from Star ranger station, on part of an original homestead taken up in the 1870's by "Captain" Kinder Boaz, a pioneer settler here.

According to records filed in Uniontown, now in the possession of Jacksonville museum, Boaz proved up a land claim for 160 acres in that area, with the final entry being made Nov. 1, 1876.

It can be assumed that the construction of the log house was started about that time or slightly before.

**Records Reviewed**  
Old records from the Jacksonville cemetery indicate that Boaz was born in 1834 and died in 1909, being married to Laura Jane Wells Feb. 10, 1861. A military list, also in possession of the museum, shows that he was on the Army roster in the years 1882, '83 and '84. Assessment rolls show that in 1885 he filed as owner of 22 horses, 22 hogs and seven cows, in addition to the 160-acres of land.

As near as it is known, Boaz got his title of "captain" not from a military rank, but from the fact that he was a wagon train leader of some reknown.

He was about 40 years old when he and his wife settled on the Applegate and began construction of the log cabin. William Cameron, Mrs. Ziegler's grandfather, who came to this country in 1863, was one of those who helped Boaz build the home. This neighborly family had of helping each other build homes and other buildings was common practice among pioneers, because handling heavy logs was not a one-man job.

**Parents Buy Home**  
Mrs. Ziegler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Pool, bought the home from Patrick Swayne in 1906, who had presumably purchased the home from Boaz, and it has remained in the Pool-Ziegler family since that time. The home has been occupied continuously since its construction.

For some time, the Zieglers have contemplated the removal of the building because through the years it has become more and more difficult to repair and the weight of the logs have caused the house to settle and twist.

A few weeks ago fire broke out where the chimney from the kitchen stove passes through the wall. Mrs. Ziegler was upstairs when she smelled smoke and upon coming down to investigate, she found one end of the kitchen ablaze. She and her husband and their 14-year old son, Bobby, doused the fire by the "bucket brigade" system with water from the irrigation ditch that runs through the front yard, but not before the kitchen was badly damaged.

**Time Had Come**  
After this incident, Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler talked it over and decided that the time had come for the house to go. About two weeks ago, after removing layers of ivy vines that covered the north wall of the house, Ziegler began removing the exterior siding, revealing the rough-hewn logs.

The siding was apparently put on when the building was erected because the logs showed no signs of weathering and were as sound as the day they were cut.

Other "finished" lumber used was that in the floors, and partitions, which are made of pine boards a full inch thick. Several sawmills in the area were in operation about that time and could have supplied the lumber. In tearing off the siding, Ziegler has collected a two-pound coffee can full of square nails of all size.

**Fireplace Torn Down**  
One of the first things to be torn down was the huge fireplace that was made of river boulders set in clay mortar. The logs directly above the firebox are charred from the heat of many fires that



**LOG HOUSE** - Built by "Captain" Kinder Boaz, an early-day settler in the Applegate area, this aging log house is in the process of being torn down by owners Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ziegler. Fire in the kitchen recently caused extensive damage and could easily have destroyed the house—the fate of many

warmed the house through its 80 some winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler, who are living temporarily in a trailer house, say they are in no hurry to tear the house down and are being careful not to destroy anything that would be of historical value.

When a heavy building paper (added in more recent years) was torn from the rooms they found that the ceilings and walls were covered with old newspapers, mostly copies of the Jacksonville Democratic Times and the Southern Oregonian dating back to as early as 1896.

**Marks of Axe**  
The logs of the old building show clearly the marks of the broad axe and adze that were used to hew them into shape, and the carefully notched corner joints give evidence of the skill involved in fitting them together. It is said that horses were used to skid the logs to the building site, and, probably through some means of rope tackle, the heavy timbers were lifted into place.

The fact that the joints are so neatly seated where the weight falls shows that each log must have been fitted two or three times before it was finally put in place. The bigger cracks were filled with wedge-shaped pieces of split poles, which served as chinking.

The logs were laid so that they rose to a height of about four feet above the floor of the second story, making a large upstairs room that resembled an attic. This served as a bedroom where Mrs. Ziegler said she slept as a child.

**Small Bedrooms**  
There are two small bedrooms on the south side of the house and a good sized kitchen and dining room area on the back, all leading off the "front" room. The narrow staircase to the top floor is

located at the kitchen-living room door.

Besides the main house, other existing buildings that were part of the original homestead include a spring house, a combination smokehouse and potato house and a woodshed. The Ziegler do not plan to remove these buildings. Though they are old and weathered, they are still usable and quite picturesque.

A visitor in the Applegate area this week was William Sargent, now 62, a grandson of Captain Boaz, who came from Roseburg to do some prospecting in countryside he knew as a boy. He relates that his grandfather raised hogs and cattle, most of which he sold to the Chinese miners in the area, receiving gold in return. Sargent said that mink and fox were trapped in the area in the early days.

It is said to think that this colorful era of pioneer settlement is gone, and that the log house, a symbol of man's toil and struggle against the elements, must also become a thing of the past, but that is the way of time and progress.

## Attorneys Named to Bar Committees

Three Medford attorneys are serving on committees making arrangements for Oregon State Bar's observance of its 25th year in Bend, Sept. 23-26.

They are Robert B. Duncan, resolutions committee; Manville M. Heisel, tent show committee, and Carl M. Brophy, committee on continuing legal education.

Dean F. Bryson of Portland was named general chairman of the four-day event which will feature the continuing legal education series.

Glaciers cover 18,000 square miles of Alaska's total area of 586,400 square miles.

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## Kogap Bids High For U.S. Timber

Kogap Lumber Industries, Inc., Medford, was high bidder on 12 million board feet of timber in the Minnehaha creek area at the north end of the Union Creek district of Rogue River National Forest.

Kogap bid \$375,070, an average of \$31.25 per thousand board feet, at a timber sale Friday. Six lumber and plywood concerns submitted bids.

C. E. Brown, supervisor of Rogue River National Forest, said there were 94 raises during the course of the oral auction. Forest service appraisal of the timber was \$190,920, he said.

The contract includes construction of 6.7 miles of forest road, including a bridge over Rogue river. The road takes off at the north end of the recently paved section of Diamond lake highway, and will open a new area for log trucks, Brown said.

Other bidders were Southern Oregon Plywood, Grants Pass; Ross Lumber company, White City; Cheney Forest Products, Central Point; Fir-Ply, Inc., White City, and Red Blanket Lumber company, Prospect.

**WISH GRANTED**  
Westminster, Calif. (UPI) - Elmer Rogers, 33, of Long Beach, told police Friday he stole a tire and a couple of rolls of wire found in his car because he wanted them to lock him up. He said he wanted to be somewhere where his wife couldn't get at him. The police granted his wish.

**A STEP BACKWARD**  
Columbia, S.C. (UPI) - Unemployment in South Carolina reached its lowest point in three years Saturday, and 50 temporary employees of the state employment security commission were dropped from the payroll.

## Patrolman and Girl Face Music, Family

Chicago—UPI—A New York policeman who faked his own suicide so he could run off with his blonde sweetheart said Saturday he would go back to face the music - not to mention his wife and four children.

The now-unemployed policeman, Richard Supple, 28, and his girl friend, divorcee Jacqueline McErlean, 24, were believed to have flown back to New York after surrendering to Chicago police.

But a check of airline reservation lists failed to turn up the names of the couple, who disappeared again after telling newsmen, "We still love each other, but we'll go back."

Supple Friday revealed he and Jacqueline had been in Chicago since July 29, nine days after he faked his own drowning on Rockaway Beach on Long Island.

Chicago Police Lt. Edward Culleney said Supple told him "he grew tired of his family and kids and became enraptured with the girl. But afterwards, he grew tired of running around too. He told me, 'I've got to go back and face the music.'"

In New York, Supple's wife, Madeline, said she had begun to believe her husband was dead and was stunned by the news that he was not only alive but had run off with another woman.

"I Don't Know"  
Asked if she would take him back, she said "I don't know. I don't want to do anything until I talk to him. I am only thinking now of my children."

Supple and Mrs. McErlean came to Chicago and took an apartment while she got a job as a receptionist.

She quit that job Sept. 1 and their savings gradually dwindled.

The penniless couple went to St. Clement's Roman Catholic Church Thursday night to talk to The Rev. Henry Hill, who advised them to go back and "face the music."

## Negro Farmer Hoping to Enter All-White School

United Press International  
A 30-year-old Negro farmer who wants to complete his college education has announced he will attempt to register for classes next Tuesday at Mississippi Southern college, an all-white state school at Hattiesburg, Miss.

It would be the first serious attempt to integrate any public school on the college or secondary level in Mississippi, which has total segregation in education. Mississippi Gov. J. P. Coleman said he would confer with school officials.

The Negro, Clyde Kennard, said Friday the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had nothing to do with his decision to register. He said he could not afford to leave his farm near Hattiesburg to attend an all-Negro school.

Kennard said, however, that if the matter goes to the courts "I certainly wouldn't hesitate to use NAACP funds and attorneys." He indicated he would take court action if he is refused admission on racial grounds.

Kennard, an Army veteran who served in Europe and Korea, attended the University of Chicago from 1952 through 1955 while living with a sister in Chicago. He said he had planned to try to enter Mississippi Southern last year but decided against it because of "fairly good indications that the governor might close the school."

At Montgomery, Ala., Gov. John Patterson backed two bills introduced into the state senate Friday which would give him authority to close integration-threatened schools. Similar bills are in effect in other southern states.

## Case Against Local Man Is Dismissed

A charge of burglary not in a dwelling against Dennis Lydell Conner, 25, of 1016 Murray st., Medford, was dismissed in district court Friday on motion of District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder.

Reeder stated in the motion that Medford Concrete Construction company, the alleged victim, was "unwilling to prosecute or to assist the state of Oregon in the prosecution of said case." Furthermore, Reeder stated, the officers of the company had indicated they would not testify.

Conner was arrested early Thursday morning by Medford police.

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