

Table Rocks Designate Site of Indian Wars

Twin Mesas Are Familiar to Area; Noted by Settlers

By JAMES G. FISHER
Familiar landmarks to residents of Jackson county are the twin Table Rocks located approximately 10 miles northwest of Medford.

These two mesas have been described by explorers, soldiers, early settlers, and others throughout the history of the white man in southern Oregon.

Upper Table Rock located a mile northeast of its neighbor rises to an elevation of 2,080 feet above sea level. Lower Table Rock is 2,044 feet high. Both rocks can be reached by private roads. An emergency airplane landing strip is located on the lower rock and CAA radio equipment on the upper rock. Both rocks tower over the Rogue river that flows past them to the south, 800 feet lower.

Horseshoe-Shaped
Both Upper and Lower Table Rocks are roughly horseshoe-shaped with the upper rock having approximately a square mile of relatively flat area and the lower rock approximately a half square mile area on top.

The Table Rocks were the sites of many important events of the Rogue River Indian war. On June 18, 1850, Gen. Joseph Lane had resigned as first territorial governor of Oregon, hoping to make his last official act the signing of a peace treaty with the Rogue River Indians. The Rogues had been attacking travelers attracted to the area by the discovery of gold near Jacksonville.

Upon meeting the Indians near Graves creek, Lane and his party of 15 Klickitat Indians and a few white men found 150 armed Rogues. Only by using the Rogue chief as a hostage were the white men able to prevent an attack. Later the chief was convinced of the wisdom of a peace treaty with the whites.

Renewed Outbreaks
Early in the summer of 1851, renewed outbreaks between whites and the Rogues began with both sides being blamed. Maj. Philip Kearney was sent to assist the settlers with a detachment of mounted regulars.

A battle took place in the Table Rock area that lasted from June 17 to June 30. With the Indians driven off, some heading downstream and into the Sardinia creek area, approximately 30 women and children were taken prisoners.

Following a short armistice, outbreaks began again in 1853. At this time, a howitzer, rifles and ammunition were sent with seven soldiers from Ft. Vancouver. They were joined by 40 volunteers from the Willamette valley.

In the Rogue River valley, 200 local residents were joined by 80 volunteers from the Shasta valley in California.

Combined Forces
The combined forces met in battle and defeated the Rogues near Evans creek. A second peace treaty was organized with the whites and Indians to meet between the Table Rocks on Sept. 10, 1853 equal in numbers and unarmed.

General Lane who had assumed command of the combined volunteers had encamped his men at Hailey Ferry in the Rogue river. This was near Upper Table Rock and was later renamed Bybee Ferry. On the day of the peace treaty, Lane and 11 unarmed men arrived at the meeting ground, about 2 1/2 miles from the military front and between the two rocks.

With him were J. W. Nesmith, in command of the Willamette valley volunteers and later both a senator and congressman in Congress, Indian Superintendent Joel Palmer, Indian Agent Samuel P. Culver, Capt. A. J. Smith, Capt. L. F. Mosher, Col. A. J. Ross, Lt. A. V. Kautz, R. B. Metcalf, J. D. Mason and T. T. Tierney.

Well-Armed Indians
Waiting for the white men were over 700 well-armed hostile Indians. Long speeches were made by Lane and Palmer, requiring two translations, first into the Chinook jargon and then into the Rogue River tongue. Following an outbreak caused by the news reaching the Indians that white men had killed an Indian sub-chief, Lane remained calm and promised that the guilty person would be punished. The treaty talk continued with a treaty being signed later that day.

With the signing of the treaty, Ft. Lane was established on the banks of the Rogue river near the pro-

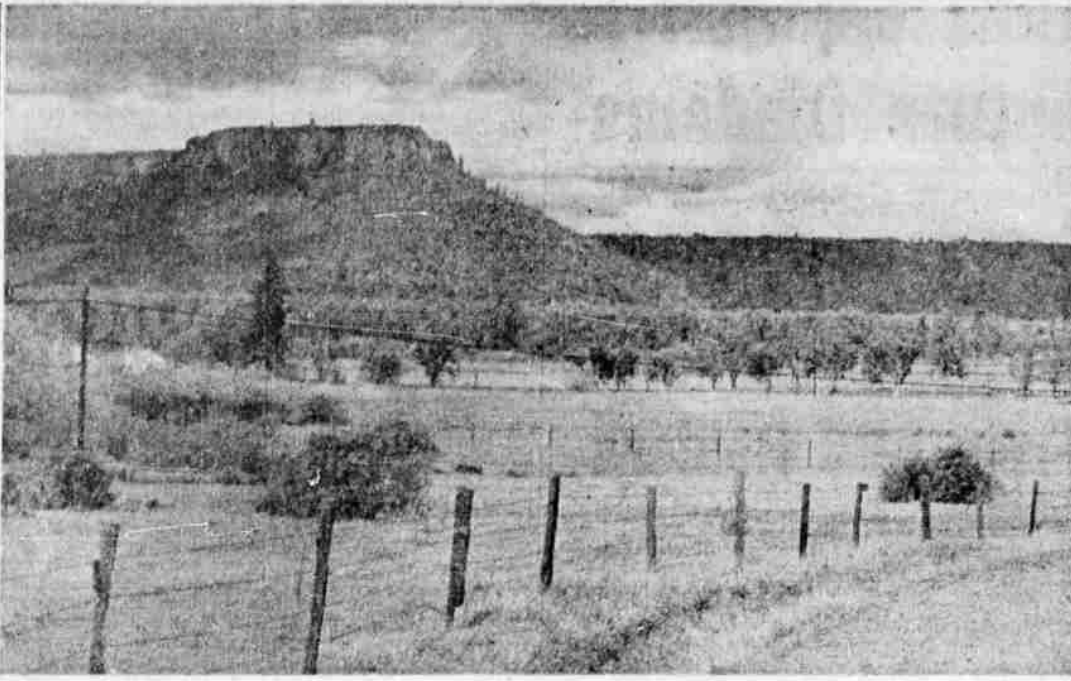


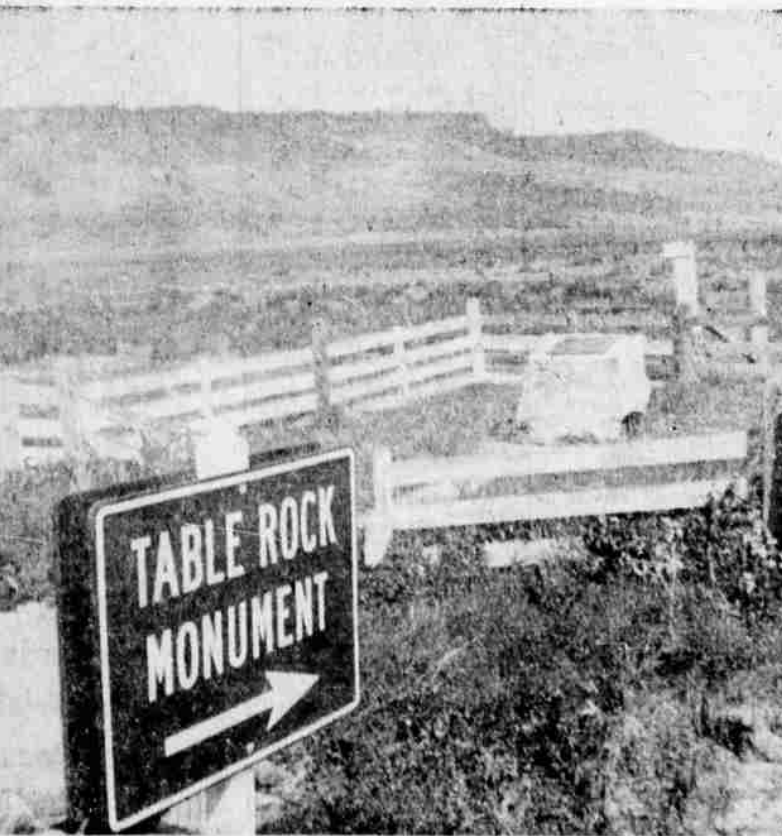
TABLE ROCKS—Viewed up close, the Table Rocks show their ruggedness and beauty. Formation of the rocks has never been fully explained, except that they might be remains of eroded formations, washed by water for countless centuries.



SITE OF FORT—Stones used in the original construction of Ft. Lane were used in the construction of a monument at the site of the fort. The fort was located on the Gold Ray dam road near Tolo. It was used from 1853 to 1856.



PINE SNAG—A lone pine snag stands at the site of Ft. Lane, military post occupied during the Rogue River Indian War. Legend has it that the hole near the top of the snag was caused by the firing of a cannon through the tree.



PEACE TALKS—A monument bearing the names of the men participating in the Sept. 10, 1853, peace talks with the Rogue River Indians has been erected along Table Rock road between the two rocks. This was the second of three treaties signed with the Indians.

posed reservation. It was built in September, 1853, and used until September, 1856. Within the fort were a parade ground, barracks, officer quarters, armory, hospital and other buildings, all built of logs.

Ratify Treaty
The U.S. Senate ratified the Rogue River Indian treaty on April 12, 1854.

About 2,500 acres of the upper Rogue river valley above the Applegate river, except for approximately 100 square miles east of Evans creek and north of the Rogue river, were ceded by the Indians.

A total of \$80,000 compensation was paid by the government for the land, with \$15,000 being used to pay damages to settlers. About \$5,000 was spent for the benefit of the tribe with the re-

maining \$40,000 being made in 16 equal annual payments in merchandise. Each of three chiefs received a house costing not more than \$500. Since the reservation was only a temporary one, another payment of \$15,000 was to be made when the Indians were moved from it.

The cost of the Rogue River war of 1853 was paid by the United States government. A total of \$285,000 was paid volunteers at Jacksonville and Yreka in 1855 for their part in the war.

First Battles Fought
In the fall of 1853 and in 1856, the final battles of the Rogue River Indian wars were fought. These were on Graves creek and at Big Meadows on the Rogue river. In the fall of 1856, Chiefs

John, George and Sam were moved with their people to the Grand Ronde reservation where a census showed a total of 909 Rogues and Shasta Indians. Later 554 Rogues were moved to the Siletz reservation.

All that remains now of the Rogue River Indian war is a marker between the Table Rocks commemorating the signing of the second peace treaty and a marker on the road to Gold Ray dam showing where Ft. Lane stood.

Bybee bridge crosses the Rogue river near where once Hailey's ferry operated, a valley bears Chief Sam's name, and only the Table Rocks remain the same.

SCHOOL NEWS

Crater High School

By LAVONNE LAFEVER
Jeff Anhorn rated nationally in the upper 10 per cent when graded for the Future Engineers of America Test which was taken March 7. He is eligible to go to Chicago to take an additional test, and stay at the Conrad Hilton hotel, headquarters for the test which was scheduled Saturday.

Jeff is a sophomore at Crater High and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl William Anhorn of Central Point.

Tuesday, April 12, general elections for Associated Student Body officers were held. Those elected were president, Dave Foot; vice president, John Doherty; secretary, June Hopkins; treasurer, Judy Kimmey; business manager, Gary Meade; and yell queen, Becky Ferrell.

On Friday, April 22, general elections for yell squad will be held.

The Crater chapter of Future Homemakers of America has given a "rose-a-day" throughout FHA week, April 11-15, to the person who had contributed most to its activities.

Monday, the rose was presented to Superintendent Charles Meyer for the cooperation on the group's trip to Corvallis. Tuesday, the rose was given to Mrs. Helen Broadbeck for the courtesy and friendliness she has displayed in the library, and for the use of the library bulletin board. Wednesday, Warren Holbrook received the rose for the cooperation from the art department.

Thursday, the rose was presented to Charles Moore for the aid received in carpentry from the shop department. Friday, Miss Nancy Purviance was presented with the traditional FHA rose for her assistance in the slumber parties.

Ray Maple, a sand painter, presented a National School assembly for the student body and faculty of Crater High school Friday.

He displayed a unique form of art seldom seen beyond the Indian reservations of the Southwest.

Charla Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Meyer, received a superior or "I" rating when she played Prelude I by George Gershwin in the Southern Oregon Music Educators Small Ensemble contest.

The contest was held March 28 in the Medford High school auditorium.

The participants were rated I, superior, II, excellent; and III, good.

H. P. Jewett School
Students in Mrs. Frances Tonn's room have been making sail boats and painting them as a project in combination with other activities. They are learning the poem, "Where Go the Boats."

Mrs. Grace Cline's pupils have been making pictures of themselves.

In Mrs. Rhoda Haskin's room the children observed a frog laying its eggs. They are watching now for pollowogs.

The boys and girls in Miss Ila Mae Higginbotham's room are working on a dramatization of "The Three Little Pigs." They will present the drama to the next school assembly.

The children in Mrs. Zelma Foote's room and Mrs. Oakley Bower's room are completing their units of fire engines and trains.

In all first grade rooms, there are Easter motifs with

decorations made by the children. There are evidences of spring activities throughout the school.

In the second grade section of the school, Mrs. Olivia Ryerson's and Mrs. Helen Johnson's students are, in observance of Library Week, illustrating in cut paper the story of "The Little Boy and His House" for the hall bulletin board.

Bill Brewster, school principal, has been working with the second grade boys teaching them the fundamentals of softball.

Students in Mrs. Betty von der Helten's room illustrated the story of "Sandy the Snail" with finger paint. The film depicted animal life in the sea.

Mrs. Alice Gay's room presented a health play recently in the school assembly. The play was entitled "How to Keep Well and Clean." All members of the class participated.

The principal characters such as the doctor, nurse and sick child were Don Fair, Dorothy Head and Vicki Stevens.

Brewster announced open house to begin at 8:30 p.m. and to close at 9 p.m. April 26. The music program will begin at 7 p.m. and last an hour.

The safety program is being evaluated, and, as an additional precautionary measure, the school recently installed a safety light in the school bus loading area. All children who are walking and those who are leaving a bus are asked to cross the line and walk down the inside half of the walk, well away from the wheels of busses which are leaving the curb.

McLoughlin Junior High

By Suzanne Lind, Sarah Matthews, Sandra Hager, Dianne Pickens, and Martha Mast.

A comedy using an Oriental theme, "China Doll," by Charles George, has been selected as the play for the annual Ninth Grade Operetta under the combined direction of Ray Lewis, Don Darnelle, Jack Henry, and Mrs. Mary Friesen.

Lindsay Darnelle will play Peach Blossom with Frank Van Pelt as Sing Song the villain. Dale Stansfield plays Wallace, an American who gets involved, and Jacques Chesnut, a man-chasing female. Others in the cast are Judy Brookman, Reed Harris, Dane Edmonds, Shelly White, Dave Underwood, A. J. Beardslee, Marthanne Goodwin, Roland Gangster, and Jim Snodgrass.

The Mac A band is planning to march in the Pear Blossom Parade, April 23. They are planning new formations and steps to use while marching.

Forty-five seventh grade students received certificates as they passed their final examinations showing that they are now qualified babysitters. Their names are now on file and will be available for jobs. Interested people may contact Mrs. Gladys Van Dyke, dean of girls, and receive names of these qualified students.

Qualifying rounds are being played by the 15 boys who are working out at the Country club in preparation for match play with Hedrick. The golf team is coached by Ralph Perkins.

John Foster, eighth grade art student in William Stoughton's art class won second prize in the annual Poppy Poster contest sponsored by the American Legion auxil-

Judge Upsets Thornton Opinion

Portland—The Circuit Judge James W. Crawford Thursday upset an opinion of Attorney General Robert Thornton and said it was permissible for Portland Public School District 1 to pay out-of-state travel by school officials and employes for "proper educational purposes."

Thornton gave an opposite opinion in answer to a query by the Tax Commission on whether tax monies could properly be used to send a county school superintendent to an education meeting in Russia.

The attorneys for the school district brought suit against Thornton for a clarification. Judge Crawford said a wide latitude of discretion is vested in the school board determining the existence of proper educational purpose and participation of its employes in any out-of-state program.

able to reach a decision before time to adjourn.

Sally Eaton, our room representative on the Student Council, has been leading us in a discussion of our school rules. Some of the rules we have discussed are keeping the building and grounds clean and attractive; not permitting acts which will reflect discredit on our school; preparing lessons every day; and being courteous to teachers and pupils.

Sally reads the rules and then the class discusses how to obey them and why they are important. We hope this will help us understand how to be better citizens.

Through the cooperation of the Medford Bowling lanes, the ninth grade boys are now participating in bowling and learning bowling etiquette as well as basic fundamentals of the game.

Howard School
In March the boys and girls in Mrs. Dorothy Arney's room made 3-D kites for room decorations. We made eggshell gardens and planted nasturtiums and beans. Cathy Berrett brought some earthworms and George Head brought some pollowogs. We are making a farm mural, and planning to make a bird book. We are working on a map to show where we live.

Hedrick Junior High
By Vicki Toenniges
The matinee performance of the operetta, "King Ko-Ko," will be given on Wednesday, April 20. Home room teachers will have tickets.

Vocal music department is still in need of two grass skirts for costumes in the operetta.

Sherry Koblik, Sue Jahn, and Jim Woods were chosen from among Latin students to serve as Roman slaves at the Medford High school Latin club's annual banquet held at Ping's. They dressed in tunics and helped wait on tables.

Final rounds of the table tennis and shuffleboard tournaments are under way. Champions from the girl's physical education classes will be announced upon the tournament's completion.

All students bringing notes from home were excused from school to attend Good Friday services which were held at the Eastwood Baptist church. The Hedrick choir also took part.

Last week was the deadline for students to turn in work for incompletes on report cards. If not made-up they become a part of the permanent record.

Poppy poster awards were announced last week and posters which were entries were displayed on the cafeteria stage. Hedrick art students placing were Milton Poppa, first; Jim Wise, third.

During the first meeting conducted by the new officers the president appointed new room monitors. New business discussed was what we should do with the \$2 our class won in the PTA membership contest. Several suggestions were made by class members, but we were un-

able to reach a decision before time to adjourn.

Our "GOOF" is Your Gravy! BE A K-BOY Blooper-Snooper

YMCA Indian Guide Program to Start

The youth work committee of the Medford YMCA is working to make a contribution to family life through the Father and Son Indian Guide program for boys ages six and seven and their fathers, Bob Jones, secretary, has announced.

Based on the assumption that most fathers spend too little of their own time teaching their sons how to be the fine person they want him to be, Y Indian Guides works in teams of eight fathers and their sons, who meet regularly to inculcate ideals and impart skills.

This is done through an exchange of games, crafts, home projects and camp out trips, with the rich heritage of American Indian lore serving as a simple background, Jones said.

Last spring five tribes operated in grade school areas, with direction given by Herb Partridge. Jones and Bruce Burns of the local Y staff will give leadership to the program to start in Hoover school Tuesday at 7 p.m. Fathers of first graders will receive the invitations from their sons.

Fagone Receives Orders to Yakima

Capt. Sebastiano J. Fagone, 629 Pine st., Medford, of Headquarters company 6337th U. S. Army Reserve, has been ordered to headquarters exercise director, Yakima firing center, Yakima, Wash., from Sunday, April 17 to May 26. Captain Fagone received the order from Capt. W. Jilfs, assistant adjutant general.

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