

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

The Lookout

I've often wondered why anyone would want to exile himself to a forest service lookout station. To me, it would be one of the dullest jobs imaginable. Like everything else, though, it's simply a matter of individual tastes.

Last Sunday I met a man who apparently couldn't be more satisfied in his work. His chief complaint, in fact, was that he had to come down from the mountains every two weeks to pick up supplies.

Teacher and I were driving along a narrow little road on the other side of Talent - we didn't know where it led and didn't especially care. Our accidental destination turned out to be the lookout tower atop Anderson Butte.

We marveled at the view - which gets to be a habit in southern Oregon - and then climbed to the tower where we were greeted by a friendly old gentleman who immediately apologized for the poor visibility. It seemed fine to us but by his standards it was pretty limited.

He pointed out all the sights, told us where the numerous other towers were and explained how much further we could have seen had it been a "clear day." He also told us why he's quite happy right where he is.

In the first place, he doesn't have much use for cities - and from his conversation I took "city" to mean any place that has a few stores, homes and, of course, people.

"Down there," he said, pointing to the valley, "they push, shove and step all over you. When they come up here, it's not the same - they're polite and friendly. Everyone who comes up here is nice."

He said he and his family live at the tower four months every year. The rest of their time is spent at their home in a secluded, wooded area near a lake in California or traveling throughout the West.

They usually stay in trailer parks, he said, "where people are people." No matter what their needs, there's always someone around who can accommodate them. He described it as an informal, cooperative arrangement that works for the benefit of everyone.

There's entertainment, too, he said, "and it doesn't cost a penny." He said the people, many of them retired, often stage their own amateur talent shows. Other nights they'll have group singing or sit around a big fire roasting marshmallows.

To our lookout friend, this is the life. He doesn't miss what we call "civilization" at all and asks only that he be allowed to go his own way at his own pace.

I can't say I agree with his views, but I certainly respect them. Our push-push-push society being what it is, it's kind of refreshing to meet someone who just couldn't care less.

The rat race is not for him.

Youth Crusade Set In Rogue River

Rogue River - A non-denominational Youth Crusade will be held here Thursday and Friday, Glenn Frye, dean of the Cannon Beach Youth conference, will be featured speaker.

The crusade will be held in the Rogue River VFW hall and will get underway each evening at 8 p.m. All young people are invited. Russ Carr of Medford will be the song leader. Musical entertainment will be provided by local talent.

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Reunion Slated for Ex-Residents of Now Vacant Town

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
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Hornbrook - The third annual reunion picnic for former residents of the town of Tarrant, Calif., has been set for Aug. 14 on Antelope creek in the Tarrant area. Mrs. Henley Clawson, secretary of the group, is sending out invitations this week to all former residents whose addresses are available.

However, she stresses the point that all persons who at any time lived in the now-deserted town are invited to attend.

This year's event promises to be of special interest, as Mrs. Clawson has recently been advised that the entire town has been sold to a couple from San Francisco. Their names are Stephen and Libby McNeill, producers of the musical show and record album, "My Enchanted City," a story of San Francisco.

To Reopen Town

They intend reopening the town for music festivals with leading actors and actresses from all over the country. No definite date for the opening has been set as yet. Asking price for the property was \$430,000.

The town of Tarrant is located in Siskiyou county's scenic mountain reach country. It may be reached by driving 28 miles north of Weed, Calif., on highway 97, then turning right on a solid packed, all-weather gravel road, maintained by the county, and traveling this road for 11 miles.

The property consists of 100 acres of land, 100 two and three bedroom houses with cedar shake exteriors and asbestos roofing. These are well-built houses, each with its own water, bath, and sewer connections, and have their own lots, 60 by 130 feet with an alley. Each house has a bedroom and many have garages and woodsheds. Each has approximately 800 square feet.

In addition, there is a seven-bedroom house, called "The Mansion"; a 52-room dormitory fully equipped with beds, mattresses, linen, and blankets; a church building with a capacity of 200, serving as a community hall also.

Community Hall
This building is completely outfitted with stage, dressing rooms with outside entrance, piano, steel-lined projection booth, kitchen and dining room upstairs with tables, chairs, stoves, sinks, silverware, etc.

There also is a four-room school building with gymnasium; general store building with fixtures, walk-in freezer, maple soda fountain, two gas pumps with underground storage tanks; truck-level loading docks; an administration building; cafe building; library complete with books; power house; swimming pool; tennis court; an 8,000-square-foot multi-purpose building; storage shed, building sites, and last but surely not least, beautiful trout-filled Antelope creek runs through the property.

Located in a veritable sportsman's paradise, the town is within an hour's drive of the Mt. Shasta ski lift, the Tulelake Wildlife reserve and the Lava Beds National monument.

The town was built about 35 years ago for a lumber camp for the International Paper company. Three years ago they moved their men and their families out of the town to newer and larger fields of lumbering, and donated the town to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who were unable to find a use for it in their organization.

First Reunion Held

It was then acquired from the VFW by a group of investors headed by Ray A. Nelson of Oakland, Calif. This investment group subsequently placed it on the market. Norman F. Cook, sales manager for the Johnnie White company Restors of Hayward,

Calif., handled the sale of the property.

During the years 1945 to 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Clawson made their home in Tarrant, and it was largely through his efforts three years ago that a reunion was planned. The first one was held at the Clawson home here and was attended by 104 former residents of Tarrant, all of whom had such a good time they voted to make it an annual event.

Last year's get-together was held at the Reynolds ranch on Antelope creek. There are tentative plans to hold this year's picnic in the town itself, but this is dependent on obtaining the consent of the new owners.

Cook has been in touch with Mrs. Clawson by telephone and by letter, and plans to be on hand for the picnic, as he hopes to be able to contact a number of the town's "old-timers," with the plan in mind of a book and movie being made that will tell the story of the picturesque old town.

Station Reports

Heavy Traffic Over State Line

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
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Hornbrook - Think the highways were crowded over the recent holiday week end? Then ask any inspector at any quarantine station of the California department of agriculture, and he'll verify that fact for you.

Figures released last week by the Hornbrook station show the following number of cars checked through: July 1-1,809; July 2-2,311; July 3-1,506; July 4-1,564; July 5-1,527, making a grand total of 8,829 cars for the five-day period.

Compared with the 1959 count of 6,536 cars for the same five-day period, this year's count shows an increase of 2,793. And because the cherry season is in full swing now, inspections at this time must be particularly thorough.

This is the only fruit grown in Oregon and Washington that is prohibited in California—all fruits of any variety of cherry. This is because of the prevalence of the cherry fruit fly.

Persons traveling into California are cautioned against bringing cherries from these two states. Records of the bureau of plant quarantine show that danger of pest introduction is directly related to travel trends—the more travelers, the greater the hazard.

But to dispel any ideas that all plant material inspection at the many California border stations is rejected, records show that roughly not more than 2 per cent of plant material inspected is refused entry into the state—98 per cent is passed.

In fact, persons entering from Oregon and Washington are encouraged to buy pears and apples in those states and bring them in. But cherries—no.

Annual Pre-Fair Set by GH 4-H Club

Gold Hill - The annual Gold Hill 4-H Lamb Fair will be held here in the new city park on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

C. Norman Gail, leader of the Gold Hill 4-H club, said the pre-fair is held each year in preparation for the Jackson County 4-H Fair, which is slated this summer for August 13-20. The Gold Hill club will be hosts for Wednesday's county-wide competition.

Two trophies will be given, one for the best livestock judge, won last year by Linda Gibson of the Westside 4-H club, and the other for the best sheep showman, won last year by Terry Gail of the Gold Hill Livestock 4-H club. The trophies are now on display at Gail's Gold Hill market. The Gold Hill Lions club and the Gold Hill 4-H club are co-sponsors of the pre-fair.

A food booth will be provided on the grounds by mothers of Gold Hill 4-H club members.

Bible School Starts

Illinois Valley - Immanuel Methodist church in Cave Junction began a week-long Bible school at 9 a.m. today. There are kindergarten, primary and junior classes. The Rev. John McMurtrey will give a sermonette each morning and at 11 a.m. Friday, last day of the school, parents are invited.

Regional News

Joanne Callaghan Reigns as Queen Of EP Celebration

Eagle Point - A safe, accident free Fourth of July celebration was held in Eagle Point with Joanne Callaghan reigning as queen.

Miss Callaghan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Callaghan, 124 South B st., was crowned queen by last year's queen, Norma Noble, at ceremonies held in front of the high school. Princesses receiving banners were Charlotte Zimmerman, Sandra Smith, Carolyn Hart and Mavis Cousin.

Donald McGovern was master of ceremonies and Mayor Ed Putman dedicated the new city park as "Little Butte park."

Mrs. Helen Adams of White City received the door prize with Miss Callaghan drawing the name at the dance Monday evening.

Prizes Awarded

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peck received the queen and king crowns and trophies for outstanding costumes at the Mardi Gras ball. Gordon dressed as a female "beatnik" and Mrs. Peck as the male "beatnik" with both playing the part throughout the evening.

Mrs. Gordon Peck presented the winning parade awards and ribbons to the following winners: Cub Scout Pack 48 with the "Spirit of '76", first; Krambeal youngsters, second, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford as old-timers, third, in the walking division; Cub Scout Den 1 float "Cubs on the Moon", first; Miss Tonya Nelson, "Miss America of 1970", second; the Rooster Booster club of Rogue River, third, in the motor powered division; Eagle Point School band, first, and Town and Country Dress shop with the Edge Sisters and their accordions, second, in the band division; Alleta Miller and the Bicyclists, first, in the miscellaneous division; Mr. and Mrs. Porter, first; the Walter Kurz family, second, and the Desert Pegasus Horse club, third, in the mounted division.

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EP Council Calls Town Meeting to Discuss Reelection

By DOTTIE HARBISON
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Eagle Point - The Eagle Point city council has called a special town meeting for Aug. 15 to discuss the reelection necessary for the Eagle Point Sewage Lagoon system. The city attorney, city council, engineers and all people connected with the project will be present to answer questions.

Due to a technicality it will be necessary to hold a reelection. According to City Attorney Gregg Hornecker, the city was advised by Schuyler in 1952 at the time the fire truck bond was purchased that an "initiative and referendum" ordinance was now being required in the cities' charters and Eagle Point should add it to their charter.

This information evidently was not passed on to either the present councilmen or the present attorney as no such ordinance can be found. The fire truck bond was passed under the city's present charter and the sewage bond was applied for in almost the same way called for by the initiative and referendum ordinance.

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Drew Correspondent Explains Club Name

(Editor's note: Recently Out on a Limb asked Correspondent Viola Rogers how Club 227 in Tiller-Drew got its name. Her explanation follows.)

Tiller-Drew-Five years ago the people of the community around Drew got together, paid memberships, and bought a building for recreational purposes. Then they discovered if they were to have by-laws, pay taxes on the property, and carry insurance, they needed to have a name. Everything has a name.

Several names were submitted, among them Club 227. At that time the Tiller-Trail highway was numbered 227 and the building was situated along that highway. Since the time of incorporation the powers that be have changed the highway number to 42.

Although the reason for the name has vanished the need for the community club is as great as ever, since Drew is a long drive from any recreational center.

CP BASEBALL GAMES

Central Point - Approximately 130 boys are taking part in the daily baseball games and instruction held for the 12 teams under the local recreation program. About 35 youngsters are taking part in other activities.

Summer Swimming Lessons Popular in Central Point; 44 Children Register

By VIOLA COOK
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Central Point - Summer swimming lessons for children of Central Point are in popular demand with 44 children signed up for the first session.

One session will be for both Central Point and Gold Hill children but only Central Point children will attend the other lessons because of the cost of transportation from Gold Hill.

Bus will leave Central Point city hall at 10 a.m. and return from Hawthorne pool at 11:15 for the week of July 11 to 15. The rest of the season the bus will leave the city hall at 8:30 a.m. and return from the pool at 11:15 a.m. Registrations for the July 23-Aug. 5 session are being accepted at the city hall. Local registration will close July 29.

Swimming for Gold Hill children will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily from July 18-29. The bus will leave Gold Hill at 8 a.m. and come to Central Point via Old Stage rd. and Scenic ave., picking up swimmers en route, then continuing on to Jackson pool for swimming lessons. The bus will leave Jackson pool for Gold Hill via Central Point, Scenic ave. and Old Stage rd. at 11 a.m.

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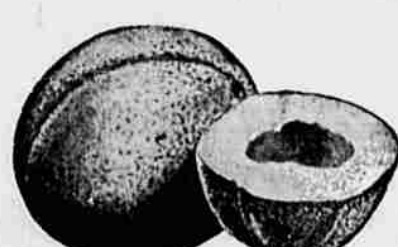
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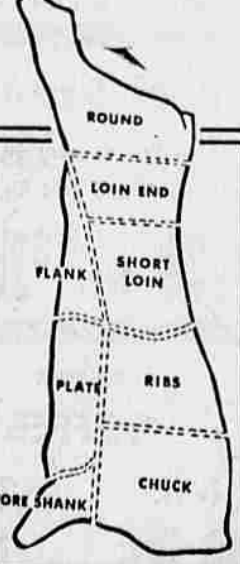
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