

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock - Straus Bros. Sams Valley farmers, have recently purchased hay from local farmers to replace hay destroyed last summer when their ranch was in the line of fire set off by a grass burning operation of a state highway crew south and west of the Straus ranch. In addition to losing stored feeds, several buildings and most of their machinery, unharvested grain and seed crops were destroyed. Sympathy that went out to them from friends and neighbors is not enough, there should be a just recompense for their losses caused by the negligence and carelessness of others.

The zoning proposition in this area has taken on a new angle. Farmers have been reading in California papers of feed yards in un-zoned areas which are being crowded out by residential home owners who have built in the vicinity of feed yards. In some cases the home owners are suing feed lot owners, claiming that feed lots are the source of odors constituting a public nuisance. Farmers here are fearful that with the county trying to sell as it is without zoning, we may be faced with this same problem.

Of course there are odors to a stockyard and also to a wet dog. Which reminds me of the time my two brothers and I were bathing. We were furnishing hay to a cattleman living at Trail. His son stayed with us and fed our cattle. One evening his father, who chewed pipe tobacco and rode a long-legged sorrel horse, rode up to the back door and asked if we could put him up for the night. We told him we could, but due to a shortage of beds he would have to sleep with his son, about 40 years old and a cigarette chain smoker. He raved up in the saddle and said: "I suppose I could, but I'd just as soon sleep with a wet dog."

As far as we have been able to ascertain, the county home rule plan is not looked upon

with much favor, especially among Grangers who are strong believers in election by ballot of those who run our county or government. They think the more restrictions we have on voting the closer we are getting to dictatorship.

Miss Linda Doran was hostess to a pre-nuptial shower in her home last Friday night, honoring Shirley Jane McAllister, soon to be married to Carl Austin Vanderpool.

The Alan Fleischer family returned Sunday from a trip to California. They visited relatives and friends in the San Francisco Bay area and went to Los Angeles where they visited Disneyland.

There is a movement underway among Table Rock and Sams Valley farmers to investigate and ascertain reasons for the recent increase in appraisals of farm lands. It is pointed out that farmers and orchardists are getting the same, or lower prices, for their products as they got 20 years ago, while taxes and appraisals have gone up two-fold. So things are already out of balance. The prices farmers get for the products of their land should have some bearing on taxes and appraisals. (A real farmer is not a week-end farmer. Ability to pay taxes is geared solely on the price he gets for his products.)

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sharp have purchased a home in Jacksonville and will move there sometime in April. Their five-acre farm here on Pumice lane will be sold. Last Monday evening, a gang of Steve Wilson's timber men arrived here to pick up their old pioneer pine tree felled a few weeks ago by Lloyd Dusenberry. A huge crawler type loader was quickly unloaded from the "low boy" and the three logs some five feet in diameter and nearly 40 feet in length were picked up by the prongs of the loader, lifted high in the air, and gently lowered in the bunks. Then the binder chains were

GOLD DISCOVERY SITE

Yreka Park Being Improved

By DORIS ROBINSON
Yreka Correspondent

Street park in Yreka is a beehive of activity these days. The Yreka Junior Chamber of Commerce and members of Co. B, 141st engineering battalion, California National Guard are improving the park and its facilities.

On March 19 the Guardsmen turned out 32 strong along with the Jaycees to complete rough grading of park terrain. Heavy equipment was provided by interested Mr. Shasta men. More work is planned this week and top soil will be hauled in.

This is the major project of the Jaycees. The plans were drawn by Olan Terrell, Harry Bryan and Robert Sayles. Included in the plans are a 40 by 50 foot black top area for basketball, square dancing and similar forms of recreation; a playground for the small fry, located on the northwest corner; picnic tables and benches on the southwest corner; lawn and an open area on the east end, and benches and seats near the Thompson Dry Diggins monument. An attempt will

be made to find a used fire engine, trainer plane or steam engine to move into the area for the use of the children.

Talent Show

The Jaycees recently sponsored a home talent show to raise money for the project, but they still need more. Hopes are high that gold will be discovered. The park is on the same site where gold was first discovered in Yreka in 1851.

The plot of ground was donated to the county for use by Siskiyou County Historical society by Joseph Wetzel, member of a pioneer family. The County board of supervisors authorized having a stone placed and a plaque mounted climaxing a four day celebration of the Yreka gold rush and following a special Pioneer day, which was supervised by the Society. This was held June 27, 1948.

Siskiyou County Historical society dedicated a plaque at the sight of discovery of gold at Thompson's Dry Diggins. The monument is a huge piece of granite, estimated at 35 tons on which a bronze plaque giving details of the gold discovery is mounted. Mrs. Ruth Salinas of Mount Shasta designed the plaque.

Inscribed is the following: "Gold was discovered here in March 1851 by Abraham Thompson, member of a party which was en route

from Oregon to Scott Bar. Following a heavy rain storm, particles of gold in the roots of grass pulled up by pack animals caused Thompson to wash three pans of gravel.

The results convinced the party that the area was rich, enough to work. In the party were Dr. F. G. Hearn, Judge Silas J. Day and a Mr. Bell. Thompson's partner. All staked claims on these flats, 30 feet square, and it was named Thompson's Dry Diggins.

"Within six weeks 2,000 prospectors rushed here to mine, but need of water caused the settlement to move to the creek, and it became known as Shasta Butte City. This name being confused with Shasta in Shasta county, was changed to "Jeka," the Indian name for Mt. Shasta (now Yreka) in 1852."

Gold was discovered in many places and stories differed as to exact locations, so a committee was formed to try to locate the exact spot known as Thompson's Dry Diggins. Following is the committee's report:

"Your committee therefore reports: Undoubtedly gold was found by many of the various members of numerous small bands of men wandering over Yreka flats prior to the official discovery made by Abraham Thompson; but none were considered of sufficient importance to even designate the place; whereas the discovery made by Abraham Thompson is fully, even minutely, described as to location by direction from a stated point to a spot described as on a knoll and near some springs of water, about one half mile north-west from the corner of Oregon and Miner sts.

"Our investigations check in detail with this data and are entered on the map affixed hereto.

ALEX J. ROSBOROUGH
O. G. STEELE
W. B. H. FAIRCHILD
April 5, 1947."

Assembly Features

One Man Orchestra

Happy Camp—National School Assemblies presented Bill Jacobs, a one man orchestra, March 20 at Happy Camp schools.

Jacobs presented a program of speed and precision playing of novelty musical instruments. They included drums, goose horns, musical skillets, swiss song bells, vetra harp puppets and chromatic musical bells.

Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley—Some days when life seems unhappy for no reason at all, one might do well to look in on a classroom of persons without their eyesight.

They are learning to harness their guide dogs and are grasping the interplay of senses to be known only by between them and their close four-footed companions. The class is at Guide Dogs for the Blind Foundation, San Rafael, Calif. A film on the San Rafael story was shown to 4-H people at Ruch recently.

Many in the class are young adults, some are past middle age and one is a Negro. After an exercise in walking arm in arm, each walks alone, mastering a straight line. Then a trainer leads them as they will be led by their dog.

One day they are assigned their guide dog, but there's the problem of learning to harness him without seeing. The dog is lavish with his affection, and his master is taught that love in return is a must. Next, trainer, dog and master take walks around the block. The dog stops at the curb as he has been trained. His master searches for the curb with his foot, and all make left turns. Another day they repeat, making right turns. The time comes when dog and master are on their own around the streets of San Rafael. When dog and master are very well coordinated, they are taken to San Francisco for a street tour.

After four weeks of this training it is graduation day, a formal and dignified time when blind graduates receive not their diplomas, but their dog to own and love, free of charge. This summer 4-H youngsters here expect to start guide dog puppies in their basic training.

Regional Calendar

Ruch—The Ruch PTA chicken dinner will be held at the Ruch school gymnasium Saturday, March 25. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by a stage show.

Gold Hill—The Women's Society of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church will hold a food and plant sale in the building formerly occupied by Morrow's Hardware store on Second ave., Saturday, March 25, beginning at 9 a.m.

Thrown over and securely fastened. Neil Dusenberry, the driver, started the truck on its way to the saw mill with the old land mark that had been a shelter to livestock, and a guide to travelers for some 173 years.

Those who witnessed the loading, saw the modern way of handling timber in high gear. They saw well trained, efficient workers moving swiftly, but carefully, handling huge machines. If the proper lever is not moved exactly at the right time it could be disastrous. And the right time might come in a split second.

Since the cutting of the tree, the little red-headed woodpeckers who had a large supply of acorns in holes in the thick bark have been looking for another place to store the fall crop. Some have moved into the Bob Sage pine, others have looked over a near-by power pole but don't seem to like the preservative it was treated with. One ambitious little rascal has been exploring the eaves of our house in search of storage space.

Ray Wyatt, our genial country merchant, came down to see the tree loaded. He didn't believe that any machine could pick up and load such large logs.



MONUMENT—Situated in the center of historical Discovery Street park in Yreka is a large granite rock, estimated at 35 tons. Mounted on the rock is a plaque describing how gold was discovered in the park. A description of how Yreka got its name also is given.

Regional News

Hearing Set for Hornbrook Water Rate Increase

Hornbrook—A public hearing for consideration of increasing water rates in the Hornbrook area will be held March 28 at 9 a.m., at the Grange in Hornbrook.

A Public Utilities commission examiner will conduct the hearing. The hearing has been made necessary through a request by the Hornbrook Water company to increase rates for water service.

Notices to this effect were mailed to all company customers March 20. All customers are invited to attend the hearing.

A copy of the company's application is available for public inspection during business hours at either the company's office in Hornbrook or the PUC office in San Francisco.

The present minimum water rate in Hornbrook is \$1.50 for 600 cubic feet. The rate has been in effect for 27 years.

N. California Television Log

Programs listed below are received from the television stations and the Mail Tribune assumes no responsibility except to make changes as supplied.

KVIP-TV (Channel 7)

SATURDAY
12:30—Pip The Piper
1:00—NIT Basketball
3:30—Contrails—Air Force Film
4:30—Enforcers
4:45—Film Fare
5:00—Disc Date
6:00—Lawrence Welk
7:00—Fight of Week
7:45—Make That Spare
8:00—Hitchcock Presents
8:30—Tall Man
9:00—Untouchables
10:00—Roaring Twenties
11:00—State 7 "Saratoga"
12:45—Late News and Sign Off

SUNDAY
11:45—Shasta College
12:00—Opera
2:00—Film Fare
2:30—Talk Back
3:00—Meet The Press
3:30—Christian Science
3:45—Dan Smoot
4:00—Play of Week "A Month in the Country"
6:00—Dangerous Robin
6:30—Walt Disney Presents
7:30—Maverick
8:30—Lawman
9:00—Chevy Show
10:00—Loretta Young
10:30—This is Your Life
11:00—Churchill Memoirs
11:30—Faith For Today
12:00—Late News and Sign Off

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