

Skills of Two Cultures Are Combined to Produce Canoes

Tiller — Blending the skills of two cultures, three men have constructed a number of handsome looking canoes on the South Umpqua river a few miles north of here.

The canoes are made Indian style, but with modern tools. Using a large split log, the men first shape the outside of the canoe, then scoop out the inside of the craft.

After the outside has been carved, plugs are placed in what will be the sides and bottom of the canoe so that walls will be of uniform width, according to A. S. Schaefer, one of the three.

Bottom Is Thicker

Generally the bottom is made a little thicker than the sides. Some of the canoes have been made 1½ inches thick on the bottom and 1 inch on the sides, others 2 inches on the bottom and 1½ inches on the sides.

The other two men involved in the project are Billy Smith, who had the timber necessary to make the canoes and a Caterpillar tractor to drag them into position, and Clifford Warner, who had a power saw that could be used to split the logs.

Schaefer, who spent many of his younger years with Indians in Michigan, learned the Indians' art of canoe making and had the experience necessary to design the canoes.

Build Four Canoes

Combining their talents, the men have built four canoes and were working on a fifth when interviewed recently.

Their canoes vary in length from 17½ to 21 feet, in width from 26 to 33 inches and in depth from 10 to 15½ inches.

The men may later make a canoe 25 feet long, which Schaefer indicated would be capable of ocean travel.

Some of the canoes are made from sugar pine trees, others from incense or pencil cedars.

Visitations Start By SOC Faculty

Ashland — High school visitations by Southern Oregon college personnel are now in full swing. Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of the visitations program, has announced.

While visiting the more than 50 secondary schools on the itinerary, talks will be made by representatives from other state system colleges and universities as well as those from SOC. Dr. Fellers said.

Seniors receive counseling regarding college offerings, the cost of tuition, fees, board and room, books, clothes and incidentals, and their career preferences.

In addition to the Oregon schools, Dr. Fellers also makes a tour each year of the high schools in northern California as an increasing number of students in that area are attending SOC each year.

Other members of the visitations team include Hugh G. Simpson, director of information; Dale Truax, Britt Student Union director; and James G. Armon, assistant director of psychology.



COMBINATION OF CULTURES — A. C. Schaefer, who learned the art of canoe making among Indians in Michigan, shows off one of the canoes he and two other men near Tiller made recently. This canoe was made from a sugar pine tree. The men combined Indian methods with modern tools in constructing it.

30 Parents Attend Planning Meeting

Approximately 30 parents attended the second planning meeting for "Parents Without Partners" club last week in the social hall of the Medford YMCA.

Since the group decided to organize, Mrs. Helen Anderson, Mrs. Ruth H. Boyd and Mrs. Violet Wilson were selected as co-chairmen to spearhead the organization.

Twenty-two parents representing 40 children completed a special interest sheet. Equal interest was indicated in social activities and in educational lectures and discussions.

The group will meet again at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Medford YMCA. "Parents Without Partners" provides mutual help and information for parents who, because of death or divorce, have no spouse. Any parent without a partner and with children full time or on visitation is welcome.

County Accepts Roads as Public

Three roads in the C. C. Hoover subdivision in the White City area have been accepted as public roads, the Jackson county court said Friday.

The roads include one portion of 29th st. in the subdivision and two unnamed roads. Since these are public roads the subdividers or the property owners facing the roads would be required to pay for any improvements made by the county.

U.S. Forgetful Relative to Liberia

By GEORGE WEEKS
United Press International
Monrovia, Liberia — 878 — The United States admits to being somewhat of a "forgetful relative" toward Liberia.

But it sees the day when Liberia, because of its widening circle of European friends and its own self-help efforts, will no longer rely so heavily on the country which sent freed slaves here 140 years ago to found what now is Africa's oldest republic.

Liberia today has all the markings of Africa's "little America."

The capital, Monrovia, was named after U. S. President James Monroe; the currency is the U. S. dollar; the official language is English, with a southern drawl; the flag is red, white and blue; the constitution is modeled after that of the United States; red and white "Drink Coca Cola" signs dot the landscape even in remote mud hut villages; children dance the twist under thatched roofs to the music of "Bandstand USA" on transistor radios.

Forgetful Relative
Despite the strong ties of heritage binding the two countries, the United States has "acted possibly like a forgetful relative" toward Liberia in the past, according to U. S. Ambassador Charles Edward Rhetta.

On its part, Liberia — although proud of its reputation as America's oldest and best friend in Africa — emphasizes it is primarily an African state.

It is the policy of Presi-

dent William V. S. Tubman, a descendant of Georgia slaves, to encourage his fellow American-Liberians to integrate politically and culturally with the indigenous tribesmen of the hinterland. These tribesmen have no particular identification with the Liberian motto: "The Love of Liberty Brought Us Here."

Brought to Africa
Ancestors of today's American-Liberians were brought to the underside of Africa's western bulge by the American Colonization Society, which conceived the idea of repatriating freed slaves to Africa in the 19th century.

It was an American company, Firestone, that in the 1920's started the rubber industry in Liberia. Otherwise, little U. S. attention was paid Liberia until World War II when Americans built a port at Monrovia and an air base at nearby Roberts field.

Currently, the Kennedy administration is placing renewed emphasis on U. S. assistance for Liberia. The hope is that with help in developing its human resources, Liberia's revenue from natural resources will increase enough to allow diminishing of external aid.

Two thirds of the total revenues for 1961 — \$21 million — came from internal sources, including \$5,675,000 in the government's share of the iron ore profits alone.

Big Stake in Liberia
U. S. business has a big stake in Liberia. In addition to Firestone's 90,000 acres of rubber production, B. F. Goodrich has developed a 50,-

000-acre tract. The leading iron ore producer, the Liberian Mining Co. at Bomi Hills, is partly owned by Republic Steel. Liberians and Americans are partners in the Mano River ore project. Bethlehem Steel has a 25 per cent interest in the Lamco Joint Iron Mine expected to begin production next year at Mount Nimba.

Swedes have joined with U. S. and Liberian interests in the \$200-million Mount Nimba Iron Ore project.

German steel companies have an interest in another mining enterprise at Bong Mountain.

Palsy Clinic Is Subject of Show

The Cerebral Palsy Clinic at Rogue Valley hospital will be discussed by a panel of Medford physicians on "Advances in Medicine" over station KBES-TV at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The new facility is under the direction of Dr. Richard L. Sleeter, professor of pediatrics and director of the crippled children's division at the University of Oregon medical school. The Medford facility is an extension of this division.

Dr. Henry L. Boehnke, pediatrician, has been appointed by Dr. Sleeter to serve as co-ordinator of the local clinic. Dr. James C. Luce, neurosurgeon, and Dr. Thomas C. Bolton, orthopedic surgeon, will appear with Dr. Boehnke on the panel today to describe the purpose and function of the facility.

Some of today's critics of contend that Liberia's aid, trade and concession agreements undermine its independence, that it is the victim of indirect control through "neo-colonialists."

To this Liberian Secretary of State J. Rudolph Grimes replies that France, Germany, Britain and most of Western Europe have received billions of dollars in U. S. aid and have received substantial U. S. investments.

"I doubt that any rational person would regard these countries as being controlled by the United States," said Grimes.

Israelis are becoming increasingly active in Liberia, as in other parts of Africa. Israeli and Italian financing is involved in highway and building construction.

Tubman so far has given the cold shoulder to the Communist Bloc. His administration implicated Communists in a plot to overthrow the government a year ago.

Accepts Invitation
But he has accepted an invitation to visit the Soviet Union next year and before then is expected to establish

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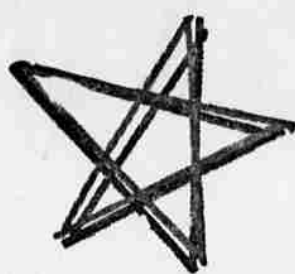
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