

# Shady Cove Men Take Northern Idaho Trip



**WORKING SLUICE BOX**—Willie Dodd and Gerald Erlinger work their sluice box during several days the group spent searching for gold in the St. Joe river area of northern Idaho.

Shady Cove — Four merchant seamen in search of an unusual vacation trip idea spent close to a month in a rugged, unpopulated section of northern Idaho this summer, traveling on the St. Joe river in a boat they built in Shady Cove.

Two of the men, Willie Dodd and Gerald Erlinger, are from Shady Cove. Also along on the trip were Clifford Belmony of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Fred Miller and his wife, Peggy, from Castle Rock, Wash.

The idea for the trip was born in a bar in Yokohama, Japan, Dodd explained. Erlinger and Belmony, who were employed together on the SS Ames Victory for a year, worked out plans for the trip and construction of the boat.

**Becomes Interested**  
Dodd became interested upon hearing Belmony tell of the possibility of finding gold in northern Idaho and of how good the fishing was in that area. Miller agreed to go along if he were allowed to bring his wife, it was reported. The four parties shared the expense of the trip.

A 12 by 4 foot plywood boat with double bottom and water tight hatches was constructed at Shady Cove.

Then the group departed for the St. Joe National forest in the northern part of Idaho, southeast of Coeur d'Alene.

The last stop made before entering the national forest was at St. Maries, Idaho, to purchase last-minute supplies. Then the group drove 90 miles of dusty road to the Red Ives Ranger station.

**Encounter Snow Drifts**  
They stopped to talk with the rangers and were told that it might be difficult to get where they wanted to go because of five-foot snow drifts.

"But after coming this far, we were not going to be stopped by a little snow," Dodd remarked.

The group proceeded and reached the snow drifts they had been warned of. Using the two shovels they had, plus some gold pans, they managed to shovel their way through a mountain pass and reach the St. Joe river, with their trucks carrying the boat built in Shady Cove.

The following morning the boat was launched in the river and the food, gold panning and other equipment were loaded on board. The trucks were left behind at the pickup up by part of the group at the end of the trip.

The first effort at locating some gold was made about

two miles downstream. A sluice box was set up, diaphragm pump started and hose connected with an aluminum probe. Soon gravel began moving through into the sluice box.

"This seemed a likely spot as there were small specks found in the pans," Dodd said.

But after several days of work, "it was decided we arrived a little late, about a hundred years too late," he added.

The group moved on down river. The water was very swift in places, Dodd explained, and so nylon ropes were attached to the boat and one man walked along the river bank on each side to help keep the boat from getting out of control.

**Boat Almost Lost**

The boat was almost lost several times, but in each instance, one of the men managed to hold onto one of the ropes and allow himself to be dragged along until another could come running to his aid. "I don't recommend for anyone in country 5,000 or more feet above sea level," Dodd commented.

The rest of the trip went by quickly. The group enjoyed fishing, looking at the lush, green scenery and going on hikes off the river.

They didn't strike it rich as far as gold was concerned, the men agreed, but they did take away many rich memories.

Mrs. Miller, the lone woman on the excursion, proved herself a match for any of the men. Dodd added, always keeping up along the trails, never complaining about mosquitoes and helping to shovel snow in the mountain passes.

## 26 Influenza Cases Reported in County

Influenza with 26 cases reported in Jackson county led the list of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department last week ending Oct. 20, according to Dr. A. E. Merkel, health officer.

The cases were reported in Medford, 18, and Ashland, 8. Medford also reported one case each of measles, chicken pox, and ringworm of the scalp, seven cases of whooping cough and three cases of German measles.

One case of mumps was reported in Ashland, one case of impetigo in Central Point and one case each of pneumonia in Eagle Point and Curry county.



**LOOKING FOR GOLD**—Scenes like this were common for several days during trip by four merchant seamen vacationing in northern Idaho. They spent several days panning for gold without much success.



**INTO THE RIVER**—Willie Dodd, left, and Gerald Erlinger launch their boat, which they built in Shady Cove, in the St. Joe river in northern Idaho in preparation for a trip down the river in search of gold.

## Loan Association Officers Honored At State Meeting

Two officials of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Medford were honored recently.

Robert F. Kyle, executive vice president and manager, was elected second vice president of the Oregon Savings and Loan league at its annual convention in Portland recently.

Mrs. Mary Jane Myers, treasurer, was honored for 25 years service to the institu-

tion and to the savings and loan industry by the league. She was presented a plaque by Ray Elliott, Pendleton, incoming league president, at a banquet.

Kyle became executive vice president and manager of First Federal four years ago. Director of League

He was director of the Oregon Savings and Loan league, member of the advertising and public relations commit-

tee of the U. S. Savings and Loan league, and an associate member and trustee of the Southern Oregon Chapter, Society of Residential Appraisers. He is a graduate of Oregon State university.

Kyle has been a trustee of St. Luke's Methodist church of Medford, a member of the Crater Lions club and a past president of Medford Toastmasters club. He is also affiliated with the 30 States club and a member of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Myers is a member of the Society of Savings and Loan Controllers, the Women's Association of Savings and Loan Institutions, and is a member of Nevada Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Central Point.

## UN Charter To Be On Display

Washington — (AP) — The United States has taken the original United Nations charter out of hiding in the Blue Ridge Mountains to be put on display in New York next week.

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