

Regional Roundup

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Today's column is, once again, turned over to one of our regional correspondents. Guest author is Genevieve Briggs, who reports for us from the Willamette-Wonder area in Josephine county.

"Chatta Vennum is a true daughter of Oregon. Born in 1892 in Tillamook of pioneer stock, she is one of the few women to have driven the mule pack trains of the forest service. Courage is her heritage. Her hair is golden and her eyes are grey. She rides astride like a man. Her hands are firm and steady and as she talks to you her eyes meet yours squarely. You sense intelligence, refinement and strength.

"Memories are many things to many people, but to Chatta Vennum the memories of the pack train, the comradeship of the forest people, the clip clop of the iron shod hooves striking the stones along the trail, the creak of the pack saddles and the feel of the wind in her face live on vividly.

"In those wonderful years all the supplies were packed in by mule train to the fire lookouts. There were no radios, and only one thin strand of telephone wire connected lookouts with the outside world. To the people who live within the forest there is a sense of belonging to the mountains and the forest. Make no mistake, these mountains do shape your way of thinking and your very destiny. Here you learn never to fear the forest until it is silent. When the crow is cawing and there is a scurry of tiny chipmunk feet and the sound of a squirrel chattering away and a blue jay squawking, you know all is safe.

The Violent Times Too

"The forest has its violent times with sudden thunderstorms, great trees crashing and thundering in the wind, the cougar that argues over the right of the trail

and the bear who thinks he has just discovered a grub. Those who have handled mules know they are intelligent and once over the trail they remember exactly where that yellow-jacket's nest was and will pick their way gracefully around that spot. Around the campfire they are silent sentinels until trouble breaks loose. They are the first to scent the well camouflaged cougar, the first to know when a storm is on its way or where there is a loose rock ahead that could plunge them down the mountain side.

"Chatta saw the old ghost town on Silver creek—the little broken down cabins that once held man's dreams of yellow gold and fortune. Then came the roads and radios into the forests and the pack mules vanished and the trails were used no more. So Chatta Vennum came back to the forest service as a cook and there was a scurry and a bustle as the Civilian Conservation Corps took shape. Boys came to the forest from the streets of New York and Chicago and from the south and from the cities of San Francisco, who had never been off pavement before in their lives. Some were from good homes, some from the Boverly.

Men of Integrity Were Needed

"It took men of integrity and a sense of humor to whip this strange assortment of boys together and make a working team to build roads and bridges. It took courage to teach these boys the value of a day's work well done and how to know and feel the taste of accomplishing something worthwhile. Some of these boys coming from the tenement sections, their mouths dripping with vulgarities, were soon stilled by the whispering of the mighty forest, and there in the forest they learned dignity. At nights around the campfires, when their backs ached and hands were blistered, Chatta Vennum took time to comfort the lonely, homesick boys, thus adding the touch of a mother and the willingness to give of herself. Chatta taught them to hunt for gold and how to catch a trout, told them the legends of the mountains and of the days she drove the pack mules and how the mule carrying the pipe that was too long to make the turn would step out of line to let the rest of the mules pass so as not to knock the rest of the pack train from the trail.

Lost Her Own Son

"There is no sense of bitterness in Chatta that her own son passed over the high trail in the prime of manhood. She took what she had left and helped other bewildered boys find their way. Chatta showed them the secrets of the forest they learned to love so well. Some of the CCC boys remained in Oregon to become prominent businessmen. Then came the war years and how many of the boys served in the armed services no one knows. How many sleep on foreign soil far from their beloved mountains only they can tell but the duty roster of the Army, Navy and Marines will attest to the fact that they did become men.

"While talking over the past with Chatta she remarked that perhaps this conservation service was an answer to juvenile delinquency. Chatta is on the sunny side of life now and there is time to remember those wonderful days and to know that it isn't what you take from life that counts but the love and time to make life easier for your fellow man that paves the way to quiet and peaceful reflections."

Pamela Turner Is Contest Winner

Yreka—Winner of the first phase of a speaking contest sponsored by the California Federation of Business and Professional Women's club recently was Pamela Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Yreka.

She spoke before the Yreka BPW in the "Career Girl" contest Nov. 28. Judges were Mrs. Tom Dickinson, Joseph Turbovsky, school psychologist, and Judge Robert Trince of the Hills Justice court. Timers were Mrs. Mary Ellen Bryan and Mrs. Williams.

Miss Turner will compete with the winners of each club in Siskiyou county in the second phase of the contest. The winner in this division will then compete on a district level with county winners from the northern district area in January. Each district winner will be notified of the date for the state phase contest.

The winning girl will travel to Washington where she will meet some of the women in Congress and her own congressman. She will see the National BPW Federation in action and meet the outstanding women of the organization. She will also go on a sight-seeing tour of the National Capitol and a specially

conducted tour of New York. Others participating in the speaking contest from the senior class of Yreka High school were Susan and Sally Lange and Terry Anne McKinis.

Each girl was presented a certificate for her participation in the contest and a gift was presented Miss Turner. Mrs. Stone made the presentation from the club.

Hornbrook Couple Receives Word of New Grandchild

Hornbrook—Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Burns received word Thursday of the birth of a daughter, that morning to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Adams of Long Beach, Calif.

The baby weighed a little over 6 pounds, and is the couple's second child and first daughter. She is Mr. and Mrs. Burns' twelfth grandchild, and the 20th great-grandchild of Mrs. Zela Elmore of Hornbrook.

Mrs. Adams is the former Miss Barbara Burns, youngest of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Burns. Mrs. Burns left on Friday to be with the Adams family until after Christmas.

Phoenix Christmas Tree To Be Erected Early This Week

Phoenix—A 24-foot Christmas tree will be raised in the center of Phoenix early this week.

The Phoenix Volunteer firemen are looking for a means to dig the required six foot hole in the vacant lot next to the Phoenix Grange hall and adjacent to the South Pacific highway.

Saturday, between 1 and 3 p.m., children of the Phoenix area, assisted by volunteer firemen will decorate the tree with decorations the children have brought from home or made.

Following the tree decorating the children will go to the fire hall near the vacant lot and will be greeted by Santa Claus who will give each child a candy cane.

Sunday, firemen and their families cut the town Christmas tree at the foot of Mt. McLoughlin. Each of the families also cut their own Christmas trees after obtaining permits from the Butte Falls ranger station.

After the huge tree was carried on the men's shoulders to Fire Chief Dave Haggard's lumber yard truck the group held a picnic lunch in the bright warm sunshine. The children improvised a teeter-totter from a fallen Douglas fir. Several of the women also cut greens for home decoration.

Plans are being made now for the volunteer fire department's hay ride, Christmas carolling and annual party Saturday night.

Jacksonville Will Get Safety Award

Jacksonville—The city of Jacksonville will be honored by the State Industrial Accident commission at a meeting here Tuesday night.

An award will be presented during a program at the Jacksonville Community hall starting at 7:30 p.m. The award will honor the city for its 25 years with the State

Industrial Accident program.

A film on safety will be shown. There will be discussion concerning starting a first aid class for city employees and the public, sponsored by the city under the State Industrial Accident program, to start in the near future.

At last week's Jacksonville City Council meeting, the city approved a liquor license for the Jville tavern, operated by John DeMamby.

It was also decided that parking near the U.S. Hotel balcony will be restricted. Some damage has been noticed at that location because of careless parking. The balcony was constructed recently as part of the restoration under way here.

Evans Valley School Board Discusses Repairs to Buses

Evans Valley—On November 29 the Evans Valley School board met in the school cafeteria.

It was decided that used school fluorescent lights would be sold for \$3 apiece but would first be offered to local residents. These lights were replaced this year by a new lighting system.

Problems with school bus repairs were discussed. It was decided that engine heaters for the buses would be purchased and installed. This will prevent any future freeze up difficulties which were had last year.

Plans were made to repair the road into the school yard and also around the school building.

The school budget and insurance coverage were discussed.

Because of the Christmas Holidays the next school board meeting will be held on Dec. 20.

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)

Monday

6:00—Newspost Northstate

6:15—Huntley-Brinkley

6:30—Gallant Men

7:30—Cheyenne

8:30—Riflemen

9:00—Stoney Burke

10:00—Ben Casey

11:00—ABC Late News

11:30—Sportscast

11:35—Tonight Show

12:25—Late News

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5:00—Cartoon Time

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