

Regional Roundup

By Cleve Twitchell Regional Editor

Outspoken Old Indian Still Lives On Reservation Outside Of Yreka

By J. O. McKinney Mail Tribune Correspondent MOUNT SHASTA — An Indian living on a reservation outside Yreka prides himself on being different from the accepted pattern of Western Indians.

While most such Indians who are found in the West are smaller than the Sioux and other tribes of the plains country, this one, Julius Bender, is smaller yet.

While most other Indians are taciturn to a degree, Julius is garrulous by comparison. He lives alone on the 160-acre tract set apart for Shasta Indians. This may be why he likes to talk when meeting others.

But Julius has a pet subject about which he talks. That is to tell about "O'neery White Man." His conversation about his neighbors is anything but complimentary — with one exception — that is Ben Brazie.

75-90 Years Old This Indian is old. His exact age is unknown even to himself. It is placed somewhere between an estimated 75 years, and a probable 90. Ben Brazie is less than half that, but to the old Indian, Ben is about the wisest man in the land.

That is so marked. Ben has been appointed guardian over the old tribesman — a rare choice. When nobody else can soothe Julius, he does whatever his guardian suggests, does it willingly, even gladly. This is a fortunate thing. When the Old Shastan gets all set to go on the warpath against the Whites, Ben can quiet him. The only explanation given on this fact is that as a boy Ben would listen gravely to whatever Julius said. Then if Ben thought differently, he explained his reasons to the Indian.



JULIUS BENDER No Love for the White Man

Some thought was given to a football banquet also. The Lettermen's activities were postponed until after the vacation. A chorus made up of grades four through eight in the elementary school went to Medford Dec. 18 to tape a television appearance. It was then seen on channel 5 Dec. 22.

School News

PROSPECT SCHOOLS The Christmas program was held in the Prospect High School gymnasium Thursday December 19.

The program was a recall of Christmas tributes presented as a pantomime by the primary grades. It also consisted of musical numbers from the high school and grade school choruses accompanied by a narrator, Kevin Burrill.

The program was under direction of Dave Greenfield.

The annual Christmas gift exchange ceremony marked the end of school and the start of vacation. Carols were sung, and a Christmas tree in the hall was decorated by the seniors. In the last Lettermen's meeting the problems of dress and an activity were discussed.

Kennedy Memorial Marches Are Held In Yreka and Weed

By CHARLOTTE DAVIS Mail Tribune Correspondent SISKIYOU COUNTY — Siskiyou County residents joined the nation in Memorial Marches for the late President, John F. Kennedy. One took place on the streets of Yreka in the early evening of Dec. 20 and another in Weed on Sunday evening, Dec. 22.

Both were impressively done, led by band members playing the muffled drums and heralded by the tolling of church bells. All participants marched, carrying lighted candles up the main streets of their respective cities.

End Mourning The solemn ceremonies marked the end of a month long national mourning period for the late president. Both terminated in a ceremony of prayers and eulogies given by ministers and prominent leaders of the communities.

In Weed the ceremony was sponsored by the American Legion Posts and their auxiliaries and the Sons of Italy Lodge. Close to 100 townspeople participated, many of them children.

In Yreka, which included participation from throughout the northern part of the county, including Fort Jones, Yreka and others, the marchers were mostly children — those of 4-H groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, all in their respective uniforms. This was sponsored by the County Office of the 4-H and all other groups were invited to participate.

Inspired By Letter The Yreka ceremony was inspired by a letter from Italy to a niece, Mrs. Charles S. Hammons, who with her husband runs a dairy ranch on the Montague - Yreka Road and is an active 4-H leader.

The Italian relative wrote that churches in her village had to be kept open 24 hours a day to accommodate the crowds, who wished to pray for the late president, and reminded her American kin that they were lucky to live in a country that had had such a wonderful leader to command such fervent worldwide respect and sorrow over his death.

DEATH NOTED WILDERVILLE — Word has been received of the death of Willard Herford, who resided in Wilderville some time ago. Herford was the uncle of E. H. Herford of 5527 Fish Hatchery Road.

Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery Stops Itch—Relieves Pain

New York, N. Y. (Special) — For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids, stop itching, and relieve pain — without surgery. In case after case, while gently relieving pain, actual reduction (shrinkage) took place. Most amazing of all—results were so thorough that sufferers made astonishing statements like "Piles have a reason to be a problem!"

The secret is a new healing substance (Bio-Dyne®)—discovery of a world-famous research institute. This substance is now available in suppository or ointment form under the name Preparation HW. At all drug counters.

Homework Study Is Discussed by Butte Falls PTA

BUTTE FALLS — At a recent meeting of the Butte Falls Parent Teacher Association held at the high school, the role of the teachers, parents and students in homework was discussed.

There is more homework today because of the higher skills in jobs and higher education now required, it was pointed out.

At Regular Hour One suggestion for doing homework was to provide a regular time for study in a quiet place. By doing work in shorter periods of time, students are more capable of concentrating and less apt to waste time doing nothing or just dawdling, it was said.

Parents were urged to confer with teachers regarding how much homework is necessary and how much outside help is needed from parents.

Booklet Distributed Mrs. Henry Tygart, Health chairman, distributed copies of "Poisons and Antidotes" for the home to all parents present wanting them.

Various money-making projects were discussed for future months to send delegates to convention scheduled for April in Portland.

Members were asked to help sack candy to be distributed the night of the Christmas program. The Butte Falls Parent Teacher Association helps the local Lions Club in financing the annual Christmas candy project.

Decorative Bulbs Reported Missing

CENTRAL POINT — Two reports of decorative lightbulbs being stolen were received by Central Point city police last week. Chester Lee Roberts reported that someone took 50 bulbs valued at \$7.50 from the outdoor decoration at his residence, 424 Manzanita St. Edwin J. Found, 59 N. 10th St., reported that 40 bulbs valued at \$5 were removed from the outdoor Christmas tree at his residence.

Donald D. Turner, 36 Freeman Road, reported that someone had destroyed the battery in his automobile while it was parked at his residence, police said.

Over 100 Participate In Ruch School Play

APPLAGATE VALLEY — Over 100 children participated in the Play of the Nativity presented by Ruch elementary school recently. It was directed by Miss Ann Van Valzan.

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Regional Calendar

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Mateless Gander Looks After Ducklings Near Mount Shasta

MOUNT SHASTA — There has been during recent months on the Lynn Thompson country estate near Mount Shasta an example of natural instinct or inherent devotion that is a joy to observe. It is the care given some defenseless ducklings by a big white gander whose mate has been killed.

The idea was all Oscar's. Oscar is a 19-pound white Belgian gander whose mate was killed by marauding coyotes. Oscar never ceased to "carry the torch" for his lost mate. A second mating was purely a platonic match so far as Oscar was concerned. When some incubator ducklings were placed in the Thompson lake, the parental pull was just what the big bird needed to give him a new interest in life. He

became a parent in every way he knew. Instead of moping, eating little and showing no interest in things, Oscar became a model parent. He herded the ducklings away from danger, real or imaginary. He hissed at all invaders, even tackling people whom he failed to recognize as some of Thompson family. He "bluffed" dogs when he could and gave the alarm when his efforts to scare didn't work. In every way he was a perfect guardian and watchdog.

The ducklings accepted this until their interests began to extend beyond Oscar's domain. They got to where they could swim faster than their caretaker. They scattered to where he could not watch them all. They even went ashore, and caught

bugs on their own. Oscar soon learned he could do nothing about it, and his interest began to subside. But so long as they kept on the water, and in a compact group, he still did what he could to help out.

The end of this saga will soon come. What it will be is conjecture. But whatever it is, it is an interesting chapter. Few infants, either among lower animals, or human beings have been blessed with the care and devotion that has been lavished on these ducklings, whose entrance into a strange world was from a soulless incubator.

Oscar saw his duty as outlined in his brain. He did it to the best of his ability. No parent, either natural, or adopted could do more.

who invariably would agree in the end. Ben never laughed at Julius any time.

Story Was Myth Julius was the hero of a story that was but recently exposed as a myth. He was supposed to have shot a boy trespassing on the reservation, hunting quail. The boy's dog was shot and it yelled at the sound of gunfire. The boy yelled too. But a physical examination showed he was not marked.

The story was not corrected. Reason given for the secret was to help keep other quail hunters off the reservation. The gun used on the dog was a shotgun with shells loaded with small shot, fired at a range sufficiently distant to prevent a kill.

Would Hire Out During earlier years Julius would hire out to work on ranches. Chopping wood was a regular job. The price was \$1.00 per cord cut.

When wages were raised to compensate for a raise in the price of wood, Julius refused the extra money. It fouled up his bookkeeping system of a knot tied in a string for each cord of wood chopped. That was corrected by paying him what he had coming, then giving him a "present" with the balance. He understood that.

Once trying to tell about how many chickens a poultry raiser had the Indian could only list of "lots ovens." The man listening tried to aid the narrative by suggesting probably there were 1,000 chad larger ideas. He explained there were more than that: at least 500 chickens there.

Take Cigarettes If one is traveling about the foothills south of Yreka, it is a safe rule to carry a surplus of cigarettes. An extra pack will delay being ordered off the range. A carton will buy many privileges — that was the price for the picture of him that accompanies this article.

It would probably take the entire output of a factory for a week to prevent hearing what stinkers the old Shastan thinks.

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German Composer Paul Hindemith Dies

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — The music world today mourned the death of German-born composer Paul Hindemith, 68, who became a naturalized American after being driven from his homeland by Nazi tyranny.

Hindemith, one of the greats of modern music, died Saturday in a Frankfurt hospital of what was diagnosed as circulatory failure.

This paper. Please return this by the 6th of January. We thank you for your cooperation.

Prospect Lions Seek Public's Reaction To TV Booster Test

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If sufficient interest and support can be generated in the community, there is a good chance that a permanent booster station can be installed on or near Flource Rock. The cost

of the permanent installation would run around \$2,600. Annual maintenance costs should be less than \$75 per year. The Prospect Lions Club would sponsor this installation if they receive the assurance from the community that it would support this venture.

Please feel free to add any comments in the space provided. This is not a call for donations, but only to determine the feelings of the community concerning this project.

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Butte Falls High Students Attend Guidance Session

By MARY JO HARRIS Mail Tribune Correspondent BUTTE FALLS — Students of Butte Falls High School heard representatives of the State System of Higher Education in a special guidance session held at the high school Dec. 19.

The presentation was planned jointly by the State System of Higher Education and the high school to supplement the regular guidance program with first hand information about colleges. The visitors explained the academic offerings, specific requirements about admission, tuition and incidental fees, and scholarship opportunities at the various public institutions.

Representatives stressed the importance of a good high school record in preparing for any type of education training or occupation beyond high school.

Of special emphasis was the fact that retention of standards in colleges follow the pattern of higher admission requirements and thus necessitate adequate preparation early in the high school years.

Students who have demonstrated the ability to do academic work were urged to consider the possibility of attending college. Others were encouraged to seek training beyond high school to be better prepared for future careers.

The State System representatives included on the visitation team were James Armstrong from Southern Oregon College.

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