

Lively Towns At Base Of Shasta Get Salute Honors

Southern Siskiyou Communities Have Busy Period Ahead

Three lively communities whose residents work and play in the shadow of towering Mt. Shasta are this month's Salute Towns—Weed, Mt. Shasta and Dunsuir.

These Northern California towns are only a few miles apart on US 99. Weed being the junction of US 99 and US 97, the highway that connects Klamath Falls with the "Salute Towns."

Railroading, lumbering, serving highway traffic and agriculture are the principal economic features of the three towns, which right now are in the midst of their summer season and doing right well. The mills are operating, the railroad is getting ready for the exciting start of the Shasta Daylights, and highway travel is rolling through the main streets in a parade of passenger cars, trucks and buses.

The country in which Weed, Mt. Shasta and Dunsuir lie is among the most scenic areas of all California.

The Mountain

There is first of all, of course, Mt. Shasta itself. Even at a distance of 80 or 70 miles, this is a great sight for the people of Klamath Falls. But the residents of the Salute Towns live at the base of this gigantic peak (14,161 feet). It stands right up over them. They learn to know its every mood, to watch for its seasonal changes, and, ultimately, it comes to mean something real in their lives. Mountains of character do that to people—and Shasta is a mountain of character.

Currently, southern Siskiyou county is much enthused about the developments of a major resort and recreation area on Mt. Shasta's side. A 14-mile road was built from Mt. Shasta city to Panther Meadows, high on the mountain, by the CCC, and the development plan hinges on this road. Recently, it has been advanced in status to a forest highway, and there is talk that paving will start next year. It is understood that well-financed interests are considering a big resort development at Panther Meadows if the road is built, and Mt. Shastaans foresee a lay-out that outlines Sun valley in the not too distant future.

Mt. Shasta is already one of the finest ski areas in the West, with the Mt. Shasta Snowmen holding forth on the mountain near McCloud.

Fine Country

Forests and streams and rolling hills add to the scenic beauty of the area, which is the start of the Sacramento valley. The principal stream is the Sacramento which runs through the canyon in which the town of Dunsuir is located.

This attractive country is equally beautiful from the ground or the air. James Hilton, the author of "Lost Horizon," was caught by its charm on an airplane trip over the region, and he reported seeing a sun-splashed village down there in the valley that would qualify as Shangri-la. It was somewhere near the California-Oregon line near Mt. Shasta that he saw it. No one is sure which town it was but the incident is indicative of the beauty of the country.

US 99 teams with traffic in the Weed-Mt. Shasta-Dunsuir area. US 97 traffic funnels into 99 at Weed, and both through the local traffic add up to a heavy volume. Hotels, auto couras, restaurants, service stations and other businesses, catering to the traveling public are numerous and busy.

These include Shasta Springs resort, located on the edge of the Sacramento river canyon in elegant grounds featured by many fine trees and sweeping lawns. A resort with a history, it has been modernized and attracts large numbers of tourists and vacationers. Its features include a tram down the canyon wall to the river, advertised as the shortest railroad in the world, and it is the home of Shasta water.

Good Will Trip
Shasta Springs resort was the overnight stopping place for a group of 38 Klamath Falls and Dunsuir men who made a goodwill trip into the Weed-Shasta-Dunsuir area last week to carry the greetings of Klamath and to help gather pictures and information for "Salute Days" coverage. Redding and Shasta Dam were

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Redding chamber of commerce was host at lunch. Redding is the home of Shasta Dam, and the center of a busy lumbering industry as well as an agricultural area. Jack Mayne, formerly of Lakeview, is the manager of the chamber of commerce, and the Redding chamber slogan describes the community as the city with the "guaranteed future."

UP Plans For Big Improvement Outlay
TACOMA, June 22 (AP)—The Union Pacific railroad is going to spend \$1,000,000 this year on improvements even though it took a \$10,000,000 beating from the elements last year, its president said here Tuesday.

After lunch, the good will group went to Shasta dam on a trip arranged by the Redding chamber and the reclamation service, builder and operator of the immense dam. The visitors toured the 14-story powerhouse and penetrated the dam itself through a tunnel that was delightfully cool on a rather hot day. (100 in shade at Redding.)

Returning to US 99, the party went northward again to Weed, for dinner with the Weed Lions club and a sumptuous Italian dinner. With President Clint Jackson running the show, this proved to be a lively session. Weed was preparing for its annual Fourth of July celebration, and the town was decorated with flags.

Big Mill at Weed
Weed's major industrial activity is the Long Bell Lumber company's mill—one of the biggest of the West. The Long Bell operations include the mill, sash and door factory, box factory and plywood plant, and because of this refinement of operations, this set-up gives employment to more than 1000 persons.

Long Bell is the successor of the Weed Lumber company, which started the operations there near the beginning of this century. Life of the community revolved pretty much around the big mill, of course, but there are other activities. Beef ranches operate in the surrounding country, and there is a lot of business to be obtained from tourists and travelers.

The junction of two federal highways pour plenty of traffic into Weed. The Cascade line of the Southern Pacific joins the old Shasta route at nearby Black Butte.

Weed was named for Abner Weed, founder of the Weed Lumber company and one of the leading pioneers in development of the area in early days. He also owned the Weed ranch, one of the big holdings at Fort Klamath, and the Weed hotel at Dunsuir, which burned some years ago, gets its name from the same family. Weed was a big cattle operator as well as mill owner.

Weed, Mt. Shasta and Dunsuir all have weekly newspapers, good schools, churches, theatres and pleasant residential areas. It is nine miles from Weed to Mt. Shasta, and nine miles from Mt. Shasta to Dunsuir. McCloud is ten miles from

Mayor Lee Will Be In Style Now

PORTLAND, June 22 (AP)—Portland's mayor, Dorothy McCullough Lee, has a 10-gallon hat but photographers will have to catch her at Prineville or Pendleton to get a picture of it on her head.

It was presented to her by W. M. Romine, president of the Prineville-Crook County chamber of commerce.

"I will now be in style for the first time when I go to the Pendleton Roundup," the mayor observed. She added she liked the invitation to visit Prineville—and photographers can take a picture there of her wearing the hat. She refused to pose with it on in her office.

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EXECUTED

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 22 (AP)—Gen. Heliador Pika, former deputy chief of the Czechoslovak army, was executed Tuesday at Pankrac prison, the Prague radio announced. He was sentenced January 28 after a two-day secret trial on charges of divulging secrets to the British intelligence.

Communist President Klement Gottwald had rejected an appeal for clemency.

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