

Herald and News Homemakers Corner

RUTH KING — Women's Editor
This and That About Women

"It's A Woman's World"



IF YOUR BONES "CRICK" when you climb the cellar stairs and the thought of a bear in your shrubby leave trickles down your backbone and you're "skeered" of driving mountain trails with only a "purp" for a side-kick, don't apply for the job of forest fire lookout, for only a staunch heart can fill the bill.

One of the Klamath County's most interesting women is Alice Hamilton of Klamath Falls, who since 1942 has spent her summers in a swaying, weaving, wind-whipped fire tower, atop some high mountain in Southern Oregon.

This astonishing native of our nook in our state, smiles as she tells that she's 70 years old but she's the "youngest" 70 to ever trip lightly up the ladder to the tiny cranny where she spends practically every waking moment from early spring until mid-October watching for smoke signs across the forest, who knows by dust signs, the way of cattle on the meadow, and by early morning cloud drifts whether the day will be sunny from dawn to dark.

Mrs. Hamilton was born at Keno with a bit of pure American ancestry in her veins. Her mother was one-half Klamath and Mrs. Hamilton enjoys the privileges of the members of the tribe of which she is justly proud. Her Scotch father was Lewis Allen who spent 35 years of his life in the outdoors on the famous Fairchild Ranch of early days at Dorris.

From this union probably came her heritage to enjoy the greatness of Nature, her love of wildlife, her fearlessness.

Few women of ANY age would face the night alone in a wilderness of trees, miles from civilization, unafraid. But Alice Hamilton takes it all in stride. If porcupines come seeking salt, she shoots them away with her trusty gun. . . she keeps her ladder full of venison she shoots on trips alone each fall. . . she has bagged elk and bear, counting up seven bruins on her fingers that have fallen to her prowess. . . she knows that there are four kinds of huckleberries, where huckleberries grow because, since she was seven years old she has NEVER missed ONE summer on Huckleberry Mountain where the wild things vie with humans for the ripened fruit.

Long ago she drove the winding way in a horse-drawn buckboard, today she steers her covered pickup to the camp ground where pickers charge \$1 a gallon for the purple berries. Time was. . . when the fruit was brought DOWN the mountain for 50c a gallon and the bucket filled to the brim for that pittance.

She knows where the wild celery grows for seasoning and where the fish bite in the cool streams below the willows. . . how to skin and hang her kill and cook venison steaks over an open fire. . .

She keeps an hour by hour record of the movement of trains, of planes, of wind velocity, clouds, visibility, haze, temperatures and a radio log, down to the last minute detail, for the forest service. . .

Alice Hamilton knows the pot holes that pit the great marsh where cattle range. . . the breathless majesty of storms, the peace of winter, the thrill of learning, the memory of un-hampered land.

She hauls her own water to the fire tower, chops her own firewood. . . asks no help from any man. . . do you envy her?

Ike Commends Shah On Coup

DENVER (AP) — President Eisenhower has in effect congratulated Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran on the royalist overthrow of the government of deposed Prime Minister Mossadegh.

The summer White House Thursday made public an Eisenhower message to the Shah which took note of the young Iranian monarch's bid for financial aid from any government—Russia included—willing to contribute. But it was phrased in terms which did nothing to rule out the possibility of United States aid.

The President's message said: "In the spirit of friendliness which has always been the basis for the relations of our two countries, I offer you my sincere felicitations on the occasion of your

happy return (from exile) to your country and my continuing good wishes for every success in your efforts to promote the prosperity of your people and to preserve the independence of Iran."

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TRAVELERS . . . Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, Merrill, lower left, president of the Oregon home economics extension council and other delegates from the state wave their greeting enroute to Toronto and the Triennial conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. Accompanying her, from the top, are, Mrs. Lee Holliday, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Edgar Leming, center left, Cornelius, Mrs. Paul Weiser, Eugene, and Mrs. Florence Lynds, Corvallis. Women from many parts of the globe worked toward international understanding during the conference which closed August 23. Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Holliday are now traveling through New England and the East.

Roseburg Attorney's Wife Kidnaped At Gunpoint

MEDFORD (AP) — The attractive wife of a Roseburg attorney told police here Wednesday night of being kidnaped at gunpoint. The driver of the car in which she was found was jailed without charge.

Thursday morning, officials at Roseburg said they awaited the signing of a complaint before moving against the jailed man, William Frank Corey, 34.

Mrs. William Jones, whose husband defended Corey successfully from a burglary charge last spring, was in the car with Corey when a police road block halted it. She told of being cowed by Corey and said he fired a pistol shot once, to show her he meant what he said. There was a bullet hole in the car door.

Police Sgt. Lyle Perkins said that state police got a phone call from a waitress at Shady Cove early Wednesday evening, saying a woman in a car called out that she was being kidnaped. The waitress gave the car's description.

Less than an hour later the car was halted here. Perkins said Corey, who has spent 17 of his 34 years in police custody, was jailed and Mrs. Jones told this story:

Wednesday Corey forced her at gunpoint to enter his car and she started to drive south out of town. She protested she could not leave her daughter, Tamara, 7, and they drove back and got the child at the Jones home.

She tried several times, she said, to attract attention to her plight but failed. Then, pleading that her daughter was not well, Corey drove to within a few blocks of the Jones home where the child was let out and told to play with friends.

She said she was forced to go to her bank where she cashed a check for \$1,800 and again was fearful of any display which might have attracted attention.

Then they drove out of town



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James C. Hagerty said the message was sent to the Shah "several days ago" through the U. S. ambassador to Iran, Loy Henderson. Hagerty added that word it had been delivered was received by Eisenhower Wednesday.



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EVERGREEN GARDENERS IN ACTION at Ward Park where this group of women is planting an iris garden. The corner, raised above the level of park will be filled with choice iris. Here, (l to r) Verona Dahler, 3738 Bisbee; Esther Daulton, 4331 Bisbee; Alma Uppendahl, 4305 Bisbee; Alma Garrison, 2958 Hope and Pearl Hersey, 4525 Bisbee. Mrs. Garrison is general chairman for the project.

Garden Tips

By E. G. GARDENER

The next time California tries to move Crater Lake over the border, I would like to recommend that they hire the members of the Evergreen Garden Club to do the job. I could guarantee a good quick competent removal at very little cost and an assurance that the job would be a thing of beauty when completed.

The members of the Evergreen Club took on a job only a little smaller in scope when they undertook to establish a specimen garden of iris at Ward Park. One of the main aims of the club is to promote local interest in iris and to encourage their planting.

Iris do unusually well here, being usually free of insect or disease, and possessing a range of color possessed by no other flower excepting the gladiolus.

By establishing the Ward Park garden with over a hundred different varieties of named iris, the club hopes to build up the public interest to the point where Klamath Falls is as synonymous with iris as Grants Pass is with gladiolus or Portland is with roses.

The garden is some fifty by eighty feet in area, being built up above the general level of the park. Please plans call for a background of evergreen trees to run along the north and west sides to act as a windbreak and frost shelter for the iris. The iris are not particularly tender, but they do need protection from the wind.

Well over a hundred plants of iris are already in the ground and it is anticipated that more will be added. Donations have already been received from R. M. Cooley of Silverton, Ore., a well-known grower and hybridizer of iris; from Mrs. Dorra England, of Prairie City, another iris enthusiast; from Mrs. Eva Brownell whose own beautiful collection can be seen on the Keno Road; and from Mrs. E. G. Patrick of 4691 Cannon Avenue.

The planting and planning of the garden was done by the women themselves. With rakes and hoes, shovels and trowels, with sacks of bone meal and sprinkling cans of water, the various women of the club have been working for the past several days in laying out the plan of the garden and in doing the actual planting. Much of the work has been under the direct supervision of Mrs. Ray Garrison, 2958 Hope Street, who is the Community Project Chairman of the Evergreen Club.

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Exhausted Swimmer Rescued by Cast

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—An exhausted swimmer who had just saved his two daughters from drowning was himself saved Wednesday by a fisherman who made a perfect cast from the beach.

Chester Fisher, 29, of Sarasota grabbed the line, wrapped it around his wrist just before losing consciousness, and the fisherman reeled him in to safety.

The fisherman got into his car and drove away before Fisher and others of his family could ask his name.

Fisher became exhausted as he and his wife saved two of their daughters, Joan, 8, and Christine, 7, after they were swept into deep water by the tide.

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