



THIS OLD STERLING LOG TRUCK did yeoman service on logging operations on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake in the twenties. The exact location was not recorded on the photo, but the truck was operated by Prentice and Manley Puckett.

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Klamath County Pioneer Recalls Early Recreation

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As told to Ruth King
(Editor's Note: Alex Zevely of Lakeview, raised in the Klamath country, is the son of pioneer parents, Alex and Martha Zevely whose lives and those of their children were closely interwoven with this area in the days of the stockmen's wars, stage robberies, steamboats and cattle rustlers. In this and succeeding articles he reveals some personal experiences of those times.)

In my young days in Bonanza, our main sports were foot racing, jumping and marbles.

Indian boys were just too good at the first two and I seldom had a pocket knife or marbles in my jeans. Proud as I was of my prowess, I had to admit that the wind was taken out of my sails when a small Indian boy could beat me in a foot race.

The Indians in those days did a lot of practicing to outdo the white boys and even the dads, uncles and grandfathers sometimes lost their "marbles" to their red brothers.

I remember seeing my unbeatable older brother Charley come back from a foot race one day without his shirt and that was just about the end of the world for me because I thought Charley couldn't be beaten at any game.

There was a tall, stately Indian by the name of Erskine Beal who came as near flying as anything I have ever seen on two legs. After Erskine had collected a pony or two, a saddle, some chaps and "what have you" from his defeated white brothers, the "big brass" around Bonanza began to wonder what they could do about it.

At that time a man by the name of Bob Baber frequented the bars around town. He was a schemer and a practical joker. He was in this country with a race horse and of course was in for skinning any competitor especially an Indian rider.

Baber made a hurried trip to

BIRTHDAY

TAIPEI, Formosa, (AP) — Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese Nationalist President, celebrated her 55th birthday Friday.

Grants Pass and brought back a man by the name of Burt Fair whom he said could beat Erskine Beal on the jump. Fair was a little fellow, five feet, four inches tall and he could make a mighty jump with weights in his hands.

Everybody in on the deal decided it would be a good plan to give Fair a buildup for "business reasons" so my father and Baber took him to Lakeview and matched him against a man by the name of Dunlap. I recall it was July 3, 1902 that these two "little giants" met on the courthouse lawn in Lakeview. I was along and there were so many people to see that match that it was hard to even get in "puffing" distance of the gladiators, let alone see. Everybody had money up, even to the contestants who bet every nickle they could rake and scrape together.

Fair won and my father and Baber really cleaned up. Flushed with the fruits of victory, they took their jumper back to Bonanza, ready for the kill.

I never did know the details of that jumping contest since the two principals met over on the Indian reservation but I well remember Baber's remark when he got back to Bonanza, "Them Indians has got something we ain't got."

That also included the plunder that my father and Baber got from the rooters at Lakeview along with Baber's fighting dog Scorchy, and maybe some things my father never mentioned to my mother.

That jump robbed us of our "white hope" for any future jumping contests and we went back to playing marbles but even at that our marble supply was often at zero after a game with the reservation boys.

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Easter Hunt Advice Given

Planning an Easter egg hunt? Oregon State College specialists offer some time-saving tips on how to color eggs by the dozens and organize a hunt for large groups of youngsters.

The first step for easy-to-peel hard cooked eggs is to cool them immediately in cold water. Fill deep fat fryer baskets or large mesh food strainers with the cooled eggs and lower them into a vegetable dye bath. In a quick easy motion, eggs are colored and drained. Vinegar added to dye water helps "set" the colors.

Vegetable dyes in no way effect the eating quality of the eggs. If some dye penetrates the shell and tints the white, the egg is still all right, according to OSC home economists.

When dyeing large numbers of eggs, a few cents can be saved on every dozen by buying eggs in one-half to 1 case lots, says Charles Fischer, OSC poultry marketing specialist. He suggests buying all-white eggs for coloring. Brown eggs may not be dyed, but shades of color will not be true. Brown eggs, dipped in red dye, come out brownish-rose.

As for organizing the hunt, Jessalee Mallalieu, OSC recreation specialist has these suggestions. Group the youngsters according to age. Areas can be roped off for tiny tots 4 years old and under, 5 and 6 years old, 7 and 8 years old, and so on. Don't hide all eggs, says Miss Mallalieu. Save some for disappointed children who don't find any during the hunt. Special prizes, bunnies or baby chicks, could be awarded to youngsters finding certain egg colors.

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