

Cougar Mountain Cave In Fort Rock Area Produces Ancient Relics

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By HELEN PARKS
FORT ROCK—"It's like going back through the ages," says John Cowles of Rainier, Oregon, in describing his excavation of tools and weapons of former generations discovered in a cave on

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Cougar Mountain 11 miles north-east of Fort Rock.

This cave, Cowles believes, is as old or older than those previously explored here. Radioactive carbon dating showed them to be 9,000 years old, according to scientists of the University of Oregon.

His most valuable findings — large spear points, moccasins and leather — were deepest down in his six and a half feet of digging. "I got below the notched arrowheads to mostly heavy spear points," he stated.

Bone and wooden tools, weaving, sewed leather, the skeleton of a child, both pieces of a broken bow, knives and scrapers — mostly carefully mounted in 31 cases 16 by 20 inches in size — are among the remnants he has unearthed. Nitrate has served as a preservative, according to Cowles.

"It took 63 days of digging," Cowles stated. "I was often laid up from dust in spite of using a respirator. There is a quality to the dust that makes it impossible to keep working steadily."

On calm days between mid-February and mid-June in 1958 Cowles, with his shovel and bucket, carried on his exploration. He

carefully sifted each bucketful over quarter inch mesh screen.

The cave is 35 feet wide and reaches 35 feet back in a circular formation. In excavating it by sections, he found the same types of materials at like depths.

Findings at each depth will be described in a booklet Cowles expects to have available this spring. He has 50 photographs to help tell the fascinating story.

Here recently to complete his investigation of the area around the cave he scouted for the source of obsidian. In discovering it to be only a 10 minute walk away Cowles attributes the extensive use of the cave to this convenient supply.

Cougar Mountain was staked for uranium rights in the big search for the precious ore just following the strike in the Lakeview area. Prospectors had blasted holes on the mountain but the cave remained unexplored.

Some surface digging in the cave had been done prior to Cowles' laborious hours of excavation. This is true of nearly every cave in the area, he believes.

The University of Oregon check

on the skeleton identifies it as that of a child between 6 and 7 years of age.

Cowles reached the notched points about two and a half feet from the bottom of his diggings. The pumice layer was reached down about two and a half feet from the top of the cave floor.

Always interested in Indian artifacts, the explorer first came to Fort Rock in 1955 on an Oregon State Game Commission "show-me" trip. As a free-lance wild life photographer he returned more recently for photos of deer.

While staying at Horse Ranch Lodge at the Fort Rock Junction Cowles heard of the Cougar Mountain cave from Leon Gilder, then a resident of the Fort Rock Valley.

Digging in caves was not a new experience for John Cowles. He had explored along the Blitzen River at the foot of the Steens Mountains, where others had dug before him.

His plea is that care be taken in the digging of any further caves in the area to preserve what is there. Only by careful measuring and sifting can real value be placed on articles that are uncovered.



A SHOVEL AND A BUCKET were the only tools required. Every bucketful of material passed over this quarter-inch mesh screen. Excavation would have been impossible without the use of a respirator with filter changes almost hourly, Cowles pointed out. The pile of stones, at left, was there when Cowles first visited the cave.

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Over The Garden Gate

By RUTH KING

City and suburban gardeners who do not raise big acreages of "taters" and grain, alfalfa or orchards, who have sometimes thought they were the forgotten population when it came to help from the Klamath County extension office, are in for a brand new service to be offered by county agent J. D. Vertrees and KOTI-TV.

Beginning Thursday, February 12, and continuing for 20, possibly 22 weeks, J.D.V. will talk "man to man" on the business of controlling diseases and banishing bugs... will explain the necessity for dormant spraying, the time to use the spray gun, the type of spray... will tell how and when to prune everything from your prize pan-

sies to the Pippin tree in your back yard... will talk about vegetable and flower gardens, plant propagation and related subjects, will even give you down to earth advice on landscaping.

Each week there will be information, too, on literature that will be available from various sources which may be had free or at least for a pittance. This can be filed for future reference.

Time for the program has been set for 4 p.m., that near-end-of-the-afternoon time when the small fry are deep in peanut butter sandwiches after school and it isn't yet time to put Klamath grown potatoes on to boil, bake or fry.

The management of KOTI-TV is giving the time for the aircast without one cent of coin of the realm going into the TV kitty... the series of instructive talks is planned to help those who have need for assistance with all the problems of successfully growing things on smaller acreages or lots.

So mark the calendar, February 12, Lincoln's birthday, and if you haven't been out to check results of this warm winter, take a peek at the almost-out-leaves on the Paul Scarlet, the way the crocus buds are poked above the lawn that never did die down for winter slumber and the jillion tiny plants coming up from last summer's crop of seeds.

Happy gardening!

THE COVER

Karen Alfstad, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Keefer, Pioneer Lodge, posed for the cameraman this week to provide this wintertime cover. The Keefers have recently assumed operation of the Pioneer Lodge, formerly the Frontier Guest Ranch, at the Lake of the Woods-Rocky Point junction.

NEST EGG

SALEM, Mass. (UPI) — Through the magic of compound interest, a \$174 deposit has ballooned into \$9,000 in 127 years. Back in 1831 the builders of a private drainage system here banked \$174. Recently the courts ordered the funds, now grown to \$9,000 distributed to the heirs of the builders. A search for the heirs is on.

LIMITED PARKING

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio (UPI) — Because this village is made up predominantly of Amish people who shun such modern contraptions as cars, this sign has been installed outside a market: "Free Parking for Horses Only."

BITTER TEA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Having trouble keeping awake at one of his wife's dinner parties, John Ford realized that instead of saccharin he'd dropped two sleeping tablets into his tea.