



CUT WIRES PLACE FOREST IN JEOPARDY — The loose wires held by Bob Asher, ranger of the Klamath District, were connected to the telephone receiver of an emergency telephone located near the summer homes east of Lake of the Woods before they were cut by some prankster. The act disrupted communications between the Buck Peak Lookout and the Lake of the Woods Ranger Station, placing countless acres of timber in jeopardy until service could be restored. Such maliciousness costs the Winema National Forest thousands of dollars annually.

BASIN BRIEFS

MR. AND MRS. BURT ELIOT and children, Marvin and Billy will spend the weekend at the home of Mrs. Pauline Morton of Yreka.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY McKNIGHT have named their baby son, born on Aug. 4, Charles Marion and not Clarence William as was previously reported.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES ZITTE received a surprise visit from Mrs. Zitte's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Larsen, and two nieces and one nephew, Sandra Perfield and Debra and Steve Larsen, all of Maricopa, Idaho.

DARLA GALLEGER is spending a week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bourn.

NORAH CAVAN was released from Lakeview Hospital on Aug. 11 and is recovering satisfactorily.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD WINFIELD from Roseburg are visiting in Bly for a few days.

MR. AND MRS. VINCE RENTLE received a visit from Rente's mother, Mrs. Thelma Titts, Burney, Calif. She spent three days with the family before returning home.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE SMITH took Bill Rhoe to Corning where she will spend a week visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Osbourn.

MR. AND MRS. JIM TIKKANEN are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brenda Jean, born Aug. 10, at 2:57 p.m. She is their first child. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. August Tikkanen and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Curtsey of Covina, Calif.

MR. AND MRS. LOWELL TICHENOR and children, Nancy Dale, Butch, and Chuckie of Lakeview visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hague.

SUE MCKENZIE of Eugene and Joanne Dobson of Salem were guests for a week at the home of Carolyn Obenchain. Both girls attended St. Helen's Hall with Carolyn last year.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS HAGUE and daughters, Judy, Jan and Frankie, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hague's father, E. J. Higham, Poe Valley, who was 91 years old on Aug. 8.

MR. AND MRS. DALE NEWMAN had as recent guests Harold Cartwright of Cottage Grove and Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright of Cottage Grove and Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright and children, Jackie and Pam of Eureka.

MRS. REVA O'NEIL and children, Jack, Ricky, Kathy, Sandy and Denny of Klamath Falls visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. CHET LANE and daughter, Nixie, Klamath Falls, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hague recently.

MR. AND MRS. ERVIN MOULTON and children, Darrell and Rowena, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moulton and children, David, Dean, and Janet, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Moulton, all of Lakeview, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Newman.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD SMITH are the parents of a son, Michael Todd, who arrived on Aug. 9. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Melness and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bell.

MR. AND MRS. CARROLL MOULTON and Brent of Klamath Falls were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Newman.

MRS. DALE OLSON and children, Billie, Barry, Larry, and Shelley, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Chronister on Monday, Aug. 12.

MR. AND MRS. LEWIS HADLEY of Paisley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hadley recently.

MR. AND MRS. G. L. MARTIN and Kenny of Reno, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin for three days.

MR. AND MRS. PAT PATZKE and children, and Dale Connelly of Astoria, went to Crater Lake on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD EVANS, Mrs. Carl Evans, Dale and Lavonne Evans of Deer River, Minn., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Chronister.

PAUL KASCHMITTE of Grangeville, Idaho, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN KAISER and children, Russell, Laura, James and John, are moving to Medford where Kaiser will be employed with the U.S. Forest Service at the State Station, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stone and three children from Silver Lake will come Monday to take the Kaisers' place.

MR. AND MRS. TOMMY TAYLOR have returned to Bly to live. He is employed by Lovensess Lumber Company, Mrs. Taylor is a former professional basketball player. She appeared with the All-American Red-Heads during the 1961-62 season in Caraway, Ark.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK HOUGH and children, Geraldine and Brian, Lancaster, Calif., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Dillavou and other relatives. It was the first time in 18 years that they had seen each other.

NEW PINE CREEK Mrs. FRANKIE WILLIAMS enjoyed the company of a friend, Mrs. Beth Hames, and son, John, for a two-day visit arriving Aug. 3.

RED GIFFEN, former Buck Creek ranger, arrived last Thursday to get his family who had been camping on their timber property and cabin site at the Sheep Corral.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER EDWARDS, and daughter, Denise, of Greenville, visited at the O. K. Johnston residence from Monday to Thursday of last week.

MRS. RUTH LARKIN arrived last week for an indefinite stay. She is doing or having assessment work done on her mining claims up at High Grade.

MR. AND MRS. FOSTER L. GAN, and youngest son, Wayne, of Gary, Ind., paid a surprise overnight visit to his cousin, Irvin J. Farris, and family. He is a maintenance man for the Gary Steel Mills where he has worked for the last 15 years. They are

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Winema Forest Ranger Reports Widespread Vandalism In Woods

By DICK BRIGGS

One morning early in August a forest ranger stood on the shore of Lake Isherwood and in its waters observed a dead three-point buck, its carcass riddled with wounds made from bullets fired from a small caliber rifle. The lake is located about 15 miles north of Lake of the Woods and the ranger was Bob Asher, fire control officer of the Klamath District of the Winema National Forest, who in coming upon the dead deer had noted the first carcass among a carnage of wildlife he was to see later during the day.

The wantonly slaughtered game had been the targets of irresponsible people plinking with .22 caliber rifles and it represented a small part of the ruthless destruction of life and property that has been noted in the Klamath District during the past several months.

Since July some users of the forest have maliciously destroyed large amounts of public property and in doing so have, in certain cases, placed in jeopardy a number of homes at Lake of the Woods and thousands of acres of valuable timber in the Klamath District.

The senseless damage to public property during recent weeks has been estimated at \$1,000, an amount that would cover the cost to construct a public campground containing four picnic tables, four flip-top barbecue camp stoves, a boat launching ramp and outdoor restrooms.

Some days later, Asher went to Lake Isherwood and discovered the slaughtered deer, which had been shot numerous times in the vicinity of its lung cavity. In addition to the buck and other dead wildlife, he discovered six eastern brook trout which had been discarded along the shore of the lake. The trout had apparently been culled from among a larger number of fish by the angler who caught them.

Two other acts of vandalism followed that could have resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars in property damage to homeowners at Lake of the Woods and to timber in the Klamath District.

The first episode developed several weeks ago when someone clipped the wires connecting an emergency telephone receiver to an emergency telephone box near the summer homes on the east side of Lake of the Woods.

The telephone linked that area with the fire lookout station at Buck Peak and Lake of the Woods. When the receiver was disconnected from the telephone,

the residents of that vicinity were deprived of the only means of communication to report a fire. In addition communications between Buck Peak and the ranger station were disrupted. The severing of the wires had "opened the three-phone circuit" and the lookout could not contact the ranger station, although the latter could call the guard tower.

If at that time a fire had broken out in the region under surveillance by the Buck Peak lookout that guard would have been unable to report it to the fire control officer at Lake of the Woods. Several days after the wire cutting, employees of the district traced the disruption of telephone service to the telephone cut at the lake.

Meanwhile, an electrical storm had blown into the Winema Forest with the result that lightning started fires in the vicinity of Buck Peak. Dispatchers for the district were required to keep in constant contact with the lookout because there was no efficient method for him to call headquarters.

The remaining incident was in the form of four fires which had been set intentionally along a forest access road, about 10 miles south of Lake of the Woods, near Buck Peak, last Sunday.

Swift action by crews of the Winema Forest prevented the flames from spreading, but not before the fires had cost the district some \$500 in fire suppression funds.

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