

Harry Daniel Brown Left His Mark On Mount Shasta

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MOUNT SHASTA — It was in 1921 that a man named Harry Daniel Brown came to Mount Shasta. The town was not named Mount Shasta then, but it soon was. After that time the two were almost inseparable.

Not only did Brown have the name of the town changed, the name of the railway station even became Mount Shasta. The Brown influence then reached out to Washington, and the post office became Mount Shasta. Formerly all three were Sisson.

With this beginning, Brown raised race horses that carried the colors of the Brown Shasta Ranch on all leading tracks in America, and every one of them was named Shasta. Shasta Bullet became one of the famed running horses in America when as a two-year-old he won top honors in his age group.

Just who was this man who gave the name Shasta such advertising?

That is still somewhat of a mystery. He was born in Iowa and had punched cattle in Montana, but how he came to have so much prestige and money is the mystery. One version is that he once cornered the whiskey market of Cuba to become a multi-millionaire. Another is that he made his money racing horses.

The latter appears reasonable. He is known to have built a race track in Havana and one in Florida. He also built Arlington race track in Chicago. But by whatever means Brown had corralled money before he came to Mount Shasta, his Brown Shasta Ranch was a fabulous showplace. Now, more than 30 years since his death, the Brown Shasta Ranch is still a beautiful spot.

Millionaire Brown soon made his position toward the town he adopted clear to all. When a proposal for spending \$3,000 came up, the citizens were divided on which of two propositions should get the money. H. D. Brown settled that as he thought both carried merit. He told the town to pay for one and he would pay for the other.

Thereafter when similar cases developed, he matched money

with the town on any public benefit.

When the school district decided to build a high school, the desired site was for sale—for cash only. The district could not pay cash down, so it had to levy a tax. H. D. Brown bought the site and said it to the district on time, taking the tax levy as it came.

in. Yet he had no children to attend the school.

The Brown Shasta Ranch was the first in Northern California to have an outdoor heated swimming pool. It was a 50 by 150-foot tank built to accommodate a team of Olympic swimmers. This pool is still available for any swimming events needing such a capacity.

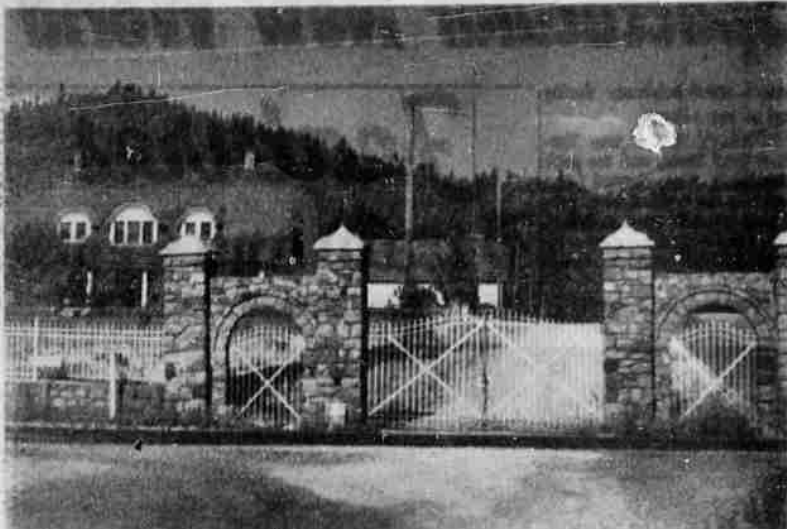
The lure of this ranch still holds, although much of the improvements have deteriorated. The present owner estimates the 1,400-acre ranch at a million and a half dollars, and it is not a producer of anything.

Taxes on the property have finally induced the present owner to decide on an income from it. A

metel, camp site for mobile units, and a trailer court are being planned on the infield of the old race track, unused for more than 30 years. Lots have been surveyed, with each measuring 60 by 80 feet.

Each unit has a view of Mount Shasta through the forest trees, and streams flow past the camp site, providing abundant trout fish-

ing. H. D. Brown is gone, yet his choice of beauty spots remains. One dream the master of Brown Shasta had, he never saw come true. That was a road to the summit of Mt. Shasta. The road does not run to the summit yet and probably never will, but it is near enough to the top that it would probably satisfy that perfectionist.

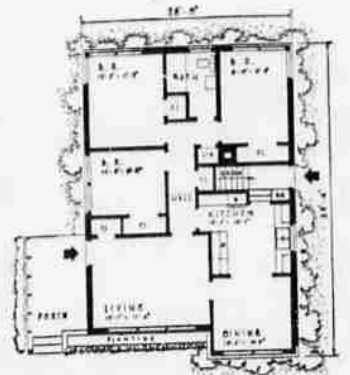
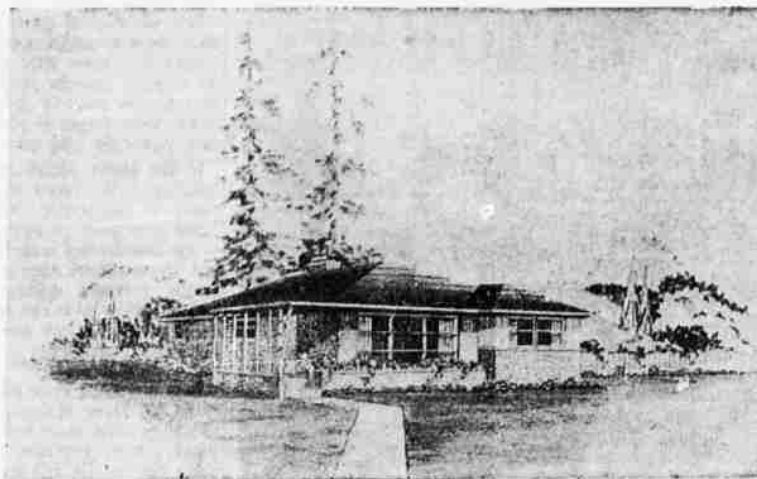


MOUNT SHASTA SHOWPLACE — Harry Daniel Brown, the multi-millionaire who gave the town of Mount Shasta its name, operated a 1,400-acre ranch in his adopted community which is still considered a showplace. Beyond the entrance to the Brown Shasta ranch, pictured, is the 50 by 150-foot pool constructed by Brown. It was the first outdoor heated swimming pool in Northern California.



RANCH REFLECTIONS — The Brown Shasta ranch, valued at a million and a half dollars, is known throughout the area for its scenic beauty. Sections of the ranch will soon be open to tourists when the present owner completes construction of camp sites and a trailer court on the old race track. Taxes on the property have made a commercial enterprise a necessity.

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storage cabinets and work counter near range, additional cabinets near sink. There certainly is no lack of cabinet space. A sliding door in kitchen shuts off the broom closet and two steps leading down to side exit are basement stairs. Another sliding door can shut off central hall.

There are three bedrooms, two of which feature oversize wardrobe closets with sliding doors, the rear bedrooms have corner windows for easier furniture placement. The entire sleeping area has been planned for space saving. The full bath is in a convenient location. Hall contains a utility and a linen closet. You can see how well your narrow lot problems have been solved in the planning of this particular model. Basement has storage closet beneath stairs, a fruit room, while the laundry and heating equipment has been located to permit a large "front-to-back" recreation room.

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Midway along the trail to Har-

riette Lake we encountered two fishermen who had modest success at Como Lake, before being frightened away by "wolves" likely that the animals were coy-

otes, not wolves.

Near Lake Como the trail descended, but approximately one-quarter mile beyond the lake it ascended abruptly to a ridge overlooking the wilderness fastness on one side and Harriette Lake on the other.

We continued along the trail to Harriette, where McGhehey replaced a splintered trail marker with a new one noting the distances to three other points in the wilderness area.

Soon after, we established the camp between Echo and Harriette lakes and later enticed a mess of eastern brook trout into our creels with dry flies of a black pattern.

The spectacular scenery of the wilderness trail confronts the traveler after he ascends a steep slope to a ridge east of Harriette Lake. On the spine of the ridge is a panorama of steep, densely forested slopes, broken by Mystic Lake in the foreground and South Pass and Klamath lakes shimmering through a blue haze in

the background. Mt. Hariman frames the expanse from the left and the plateau of Aspen Butte is on the right. The butte is one mile from the ridge by a forest service maintained trail.

The main trail then descends and meanders from south to east along a sparsely timbered ridge overlooking Harriette Lake.

Later, the trail turned abruptly and we left Harriette behind us and moved on to Clover Lake, about one mile west.

We let the horses graze on the sparsely growing grasses at the north end of the lake and then pushed on to another high ridge at the western boundary of the wilderness. Meanwhile, a chunky spike buck bolted from a clearing into the brush—the first deer we observed during the two days in the wilderness.

At the ridge, slides of slag spilled downward from steep slopes; far to the west Lake of the Woods was in the form of a steel blue ribbon as Mt. McLaughlin towered high above it.

Nearly a half mile farther north the trail turned from the western to the eastern slope of the ridge and we started down a steep slide of shale.

If there were a time during the trip when one would trust his life and limb to the sure-footedness of a horse, this was it. Void of vegetation, the slope falls away sharply to the base of the hill several hundred feet below. A misstep would send horse and rider bouncing along jagged rocks to the brushy bottom of the slope.

The trail completes its circuit about a mile farther east, near Eb and Zeb lakes (6,500'), twin lakes on either side of the trail.

The area was set aside as the Mountain Lakes Wild Area by the Department of Agriculture, July 19, 1940. The act creating the dedicated township was signed by C. M. Granger, acting chief of the forest service. Two thirds of the area is at elevations from 6,000 to 7,500 feet with the lowest point at 5,000 feet.



MT. HARRIMAN DWARFS AN IMPOSING LAKE — High on a ridge in the wild area, Harriette Lake appears as a tiny pond in contrast to tall Mt. Hariman (el: 7,950), second highest peak in the Mountain Lakes Wild Area. Views of the lake, most scenic of any in the region, are available from many points along the wilderness trail.



LAKES REST AMID A SEA OF TREES — Clustered timber leads one's eyes to South Pass Lake and Klamath Lake, partially obscured by a summer haze. From the point of this vista, the trail ascends about a half mile to the top of a ridge and the takeoff place of another trail leading to Aspen Butte (el: 8,208), one mile away.



NEW SIGN MARKS OLD ROUTE — Terry McGhehey, mountain lakes patrolman for the Winema Forest, replaces an old trail marker with a new one near the campground at Harriette Lake. One of two patrolmen for the Winema, McGhehey travels the mountain loop trail during weekends, disposing of litter of other campers and clearing trails of debris, while being alert to the outbreak of fire.

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