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UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact us by the 10th of each month to place your events, classes or ADs. Call or Email Us !!



EVENTS:

Fri. Dec. 2
Night of Lights in Yreka.
Call Yreka Chamber for all the details
at (530) 842-1649.

Sat. Dec. 3
Candles in the Canyon in Dunsmuir.
See AD on Page 38.

Sat. Dec. 10
Fort Jones Firemen's Breakfast, Parade
and Craft Fair. See Page 35 for all
details.

Tuesday Dec. 13
7 pm Red Scarf Society presents a
Kinga & Martin Christmas concert at
Yreka Preservation Hall. Call for info:
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Sat. Dec. 31
Butte Valley New Year's
Eve Celebration in
Dorris, California. See
Page 28 for details.



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Sat-Sun, December 3-4, 2016
Mosaic Marketplace Holiday Gift Show
Indoor Arena at Big League Dreams
Redding, California - Call 530-209-9759.

Sat-Sun, December 3-4, 2016
Homespun Christmas Fair
Shasta County Fairgrounds
Anderson, California. Call (530) 510-2272

Fri-Sat, Dec. 6 & 7, 2016
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Holiday Craft Fair
College of the Siskiyous Campus Gym
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STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

DECEMBER



Autumn leaves turn to snowflakes and Thanksgiving, and the days run into December with Christmas racing towards us. It is hard to catch a breath, but it is also fantastic and gloriously fun and rewarding.

A thought from Thanksgiving applies equally to Christmas. It involves starting a quilt, or building a life, for that matter. *"Start with one constant, like God, Add scrappy pieces of family, Throw in some Zinger friends, Press together with harmonious colors, And threads of music, books and art."*

That's a quilt. And when given with love to a child whose life is not what it should be, a child who has not chosen his or her circumstances, that quilt provides a hug, warmth, security, and a renewed sense of belonging.

The ladies of the Klamath and Siskiyou County Project Linus Committee have delivered Linus quilts to agencies who will distribute them to children in their care. CASA of Siskiyou County received 80 quilts



and the Domestic Violence and Crisis Center received another 20 quilts. And due to a one-time special request, we will also provide quilts to the children of Dunsmuir Elementary School. That's a true sense of belonging.

I wish all of you the love of the season, the joy, the warmth and the feeling of place. ✂

Scott Valley Quilters' Guild News

Regular business meetings are the first Tuesday each month at the Etna Methodist Church at 1:00. Come check them out. Members also meet every Tuesday for informal sewing sessions as well. Additional "work" sessions occur most Fridays at the Valley Oaks Senior Center in Greenview, also starting at 10:00. These sessions are drop-in--no invitation needed. We occasionally offer a mini quilting class taught by one of our members. In October Kathy Durett showed us two ways to make a Cathedral Window block. It's fun to learn something new.

We are currently 8 months into our UFO Challenge, where members commit to completing those Unfinished Quilting Objects. Judith Briley leads the pack, with almost all of her entries completed.

BITS AND PIECES

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild participated in the first ever Shasta County Mini Maker Faire in Redding on November 12. Many of the exhibits were technological or robotic in nature. But the Shasta Lilies brought in sewing machines, hung Quilts of Valor, and then invited the many interested Faire goers--both children and adults--to sit and sew a rail fence block for a future Quilt of Valor that was being arranged on a hanging wall. This interactive booth was especially popular. Participating for the guild were Barbara Hegdal, Jane St. Pierre, Sally Eagleman and Adamine Harmes.

Diana's Challenge Corner: Month #3: You will use a piece of muslin for your canvas. Cut the muslin slightly larger than your landscape. Draw border lines on your muslin. Remember, you marked segments on your pattern with a marker. Now, cut your pattern about 1/4" below that first marker line. Then you can cut your sky fabric and fuse it to your muslin using your favorite method. If you aren't sure, ask. You do not want to just lay your sky fabric straight across the fabric without cutting it to shape. You will be stuck with a line that will show. A suggested choice of fusing material is Misty Fuse. This is carried at Weston's, and Mickie will happily explain its use. You may now work your way through the next segment, placing trees or mesas or rocks or parts of a mountain. Segments of your landscape may also be layered on an appliqué sheet and then transferred to your landscape. This might include a detailed tree, a mesa, a cabin, a covered wagon, or a bridge. Our next guild meeting is January 7, and you are welcome to drop in any time from 10:00-2:00. If you have individual questions about your piece, contact Diana at jdcucu@cot.net.

Timeline

May 2017: Wait for it: A repeat of the Scott Valley Quilters' Guild Tea Party. The last was a great success.

June 2017: Sisson Museum: Challenge Landscape Quilt Exhibit: Join us as we celebrate the completion of our landscape quilts, open to all county participants.

August 2017: Siskiyou Golden Fair: Fair entries were down last year, and we encourage the entire quilting community to submit entries next year. Now is the time to start on that winning quilt!

Siskiyou Country Quilters' Guild News

The Guild has made some changes. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month, 10:00 to 3:00. A short business meeting is followed by a day of sewing. Meetings are held at the Trail Riders/Sheriff's Posse/Little Red Schoolhouse building located right behind the Greenhorn Grange on Ranch Rd. in Yreka. New officers are President Rosa Clingenpeel, VP Helen Blackston, Treasurer Selma Schatz, and Secretary Jeanne Welch. The 2017 Opportunity Quilt is complete. The quilt is made of material hand-dyed by guild members at a backyard meeting last September. It was assembled and quilted by Lynne Hetherington and Kathryn Matthews. Contact Jeanne at 475-3371 or chipmunkcourt@aol.com

Shasta ClayWorks, Mt. Shasta City, California

News from Shasta ClayWorks, "Your Pottery Studio"

Twice this year I broke my clay creations in a really stupid way—by posing them for pictures! A sarcastic friend commented that candid shots are best when clay is still un-fired and fragile. Oh my goodness, tears flew when the lid of Giant Fermenting Crock (see photo of Renee with her crock, below right) hit the floor. I haven't been so sad in years. All that work... in pieces... seven pieces! At least I got a photo):

Fortunately two studio members flew to comfort me. Don Phelps—an experienced potter and proprietor of the Blue Sky Room in Dunsmuir—walked over to the sales gallery and found a bowl that fits as a lid. Motherly Tricia went out to buy me a comforting chicken wrap from Wassayak's. It takes a community!

I opened a community pottery studio for our gracious State of Jefferson, because a pottery community is a blessed gift. Mount Shasta has been my home since the Total Eclipse of the Sun in 2012. First priority was finding a pottery studio to work in. I am an addict man, gotta have my mud fix.

I caught the addiction at Merrill Pottery COOP in Santa Cruz. I was honored to be a studio manager due to my science/chemistry background. San Jose's Higher Fire came next, and the community of studio members was such a creative and friendly group, ready with advice and techniques, my skills expanded and I keep in touch with the fantastic potters there.

In Mount Shasta I teamed up with other potters at C.O.S., but three semesters is the class limit. After that, I was adrift for a few years, making pottery in my kitchen, getting road rash from schlepping greenware to another county for kiln firing. Day-dreams about a community pottery studio were strong in my mind.

Hahaha, you know how it is on the skirts of Mount Shasta. Dreams come true. One day, the Mountain gave me what I wanted! I am in debt from purchasing "Ms. Hottie" the kiln, etc. yet that debt is financed at a low rate by a good friend, and every month our community studio grows.

One favorite memory (of many) is Chad Oliver and his wife Abigail making and painting a hundred tiles for the floor of a graduation stage, which was built as a memorial tribute for a beloved departed college friend.

We offer Open Studio Membership, or a range of classes—a two-hour Quickie, three-week Studio Skills, six-week Wheel Work—and one nine-year-old had her birthday party here!

Take a class by December 12 to have your pieces glazed and fired in time for Christmas.

—Story by Renee Wendy, Owner Shasta ClayWorks



Shasta ClayWorks Pottery Studio

WINTER HOURS:

Thursday	10am to 1pm
Friday	10am to 4pm
Saturday	10am to 4pm
Sunday	10am to 4pm
Monday	10am to 1pm

Classes are scheduled at your convenience.



LEARN ANY HANDCRAFTING SKILLS YOU DESIRE

Michelle, Editor, here..... The ability to crochet or knit a scarf, sew a patchwork quilt, hand carve a decorative stamp, create your own unique ceramic vase or even build a wooden bird house brings a mysterious personal freedom. You do not need to go into the stores to buy decorative items you wish to display if you make them yourself. You can create and give hand made gifts to your family and friends. Anyone has the ability to learn and utilize handcrafting skills.

Here it is the beginning of December and it is time to finish up those last minute ornaments and gifts we have all been creating. I decided it would be fun to make a little list of a few local places a person can go, right here in our own backyard, to CREATE and to learn some new handcrafting skills:

Bella Artworks
Yreka, California

College of the Siskiyous
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Fasturn Quilt Shop
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Shasta ClayWorks
Mt. Shasta, California
See AD and Story on Page 8.

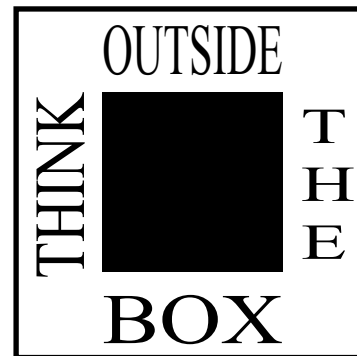
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Mt. Shasta, California
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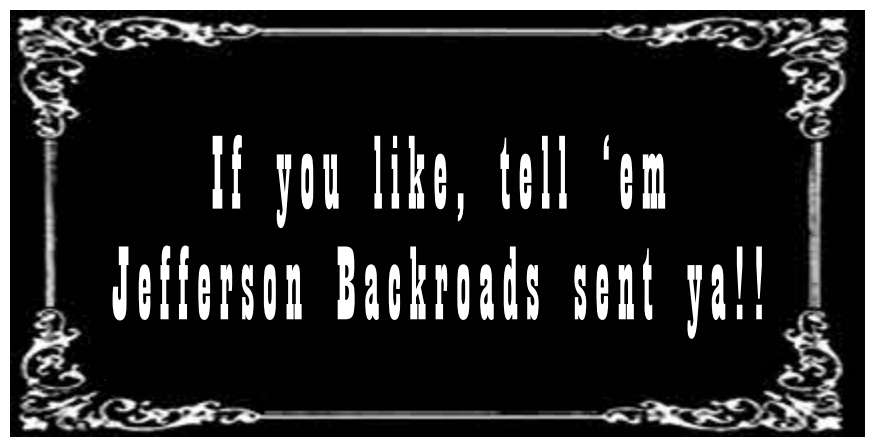
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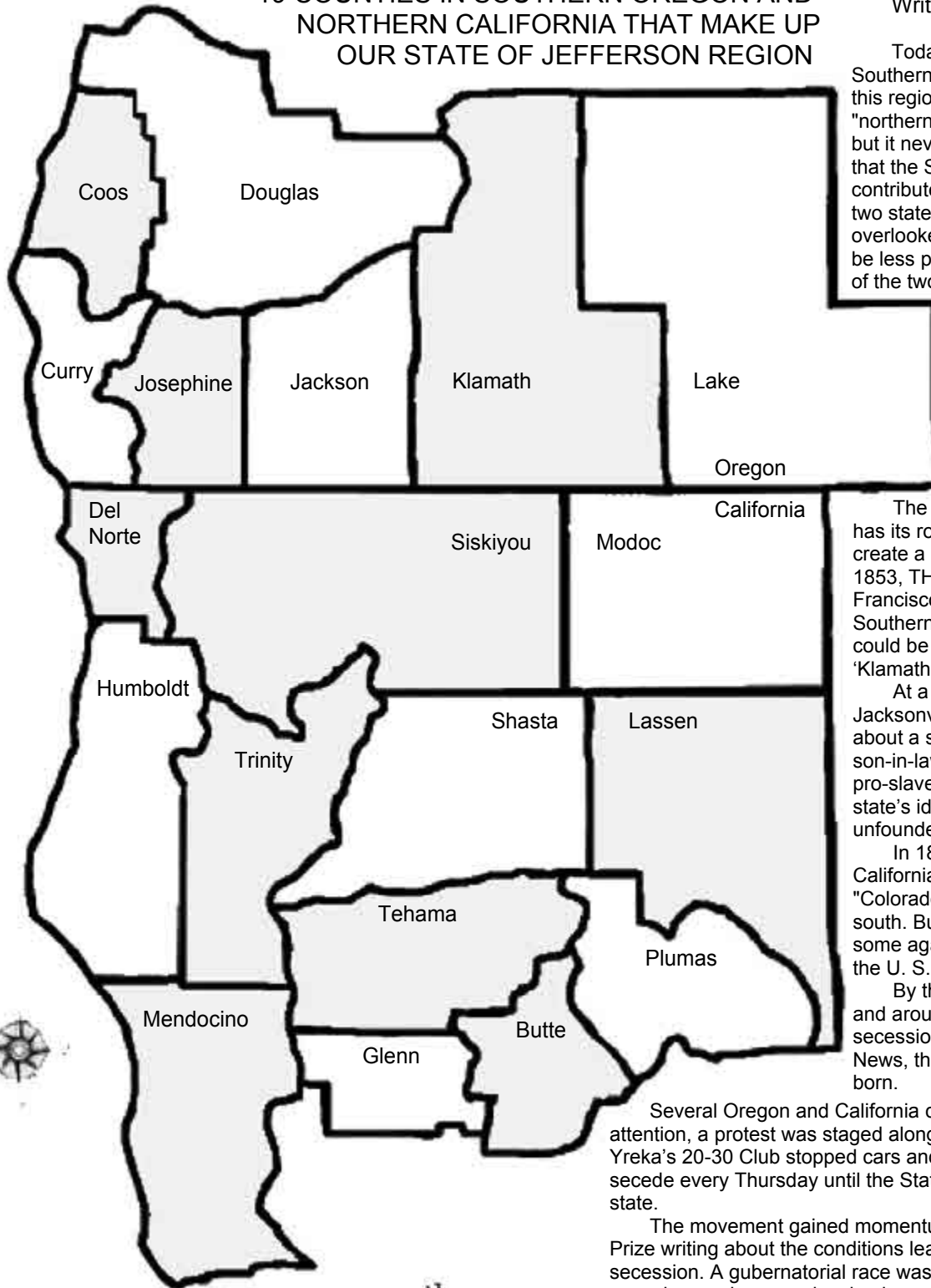
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A Brief History of The State of Jefferson
Written by Gail Jenner

Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

The principle is not a new one, however, but has its roots in the area's history. In 1852, a bill to create a new state died in committee. On Dec. 19, 1853, THE DAILY ALTA OF CALIFORNIA of San Francisco suggested that Northern California and Southern Oregon could both benefit if a 'new state' could be created. Some suggested it be called 'Klamath.' Others suggested the name "Jackson."

At a meeting held on January 7, 1854, in Jacksonville, Oregon, Lafayette F. Mosher spoke about a state of 'Jackson.' Unfortunately, as the son-in-law of General Lane, with well-known pro-slavery and anti-Indian beliefs, the proposed state's identity was tainted by prejudice and unfounded fear.


In 1854-55, the State Assembly tried to split California into three states: "Shasta" to the north, "Colorado" in the middle, and "California" to the south. But the Senate let the bill lapse. In 1877-78, some again pushed for "Shasta" in the north, but the U. S. Congress vetoed the proposal.

By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

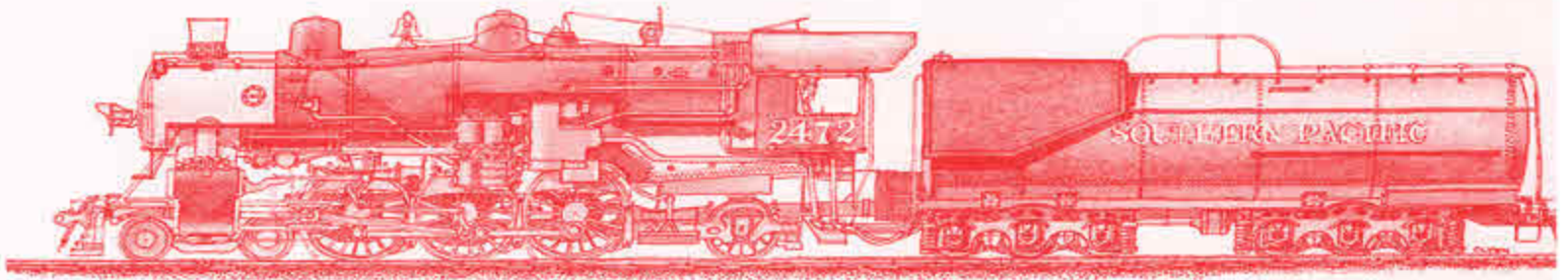
Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

The movement gained momentum and Stanton Delaplane won the Pulitzer Prize writing about the conditions leading up to The State of Jefferson's "official" secession. A gubernatorial race was held, complete with a parade and speeches and even a dancing bear, but then, on December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor took precedence over the region's rebellion.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson. 





DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society has closed the Dunsmuir Museum for the winter months.


On October 15th, the last open day, Lois Dewey drew the winning tickets for the Depot Society's Ticket Drawing. Winning the "CHERRIES" quilt was Rhian Morris of Dunsmuir and M. Van Cleve of New Mexico won the "TRAINS IN THE CANYON" quilt. Many thanks to all who participated in the drawing.

With winter approaching, here is an article from December 1887 entitled "A New Snow-Plow."

"Something new in the way of snowplows is now on the way to this coast for use on the Shasta Division of the Southern Pacific. It is known as a rotary steam snow-plow, and warranted powerful enough to cut through any drift, no matter what its size may be. The old plows in use on the railroads are driven into the snow and remove it by pressure. The rotary, however, is armed with a number of huge revolving shovels by means of which the snow is thrown into a drum in the interior of the machine and thence scattered on both sides of the track. It is said to be much more efficacious than the plows now in use, it having been tried with a great deal of success on the Union Pacific." (Reference: A Slice of History 1887-1890, Stephen Cutting)

Do follow the Dunsmuir Museum and Depot Society at www.dunsmuirdepot.com. Have a great winter; see you folks April 2017.





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Dr. Hearn was ill several times during the trip and the first wagon train left him at Fort Laramie in the hospital. He was close to death due to cholera but survived and joined a second wagon train. The first wagon train left his personal trunk at the hospital but took his supplies. The second wagon train decided to travel over the Oregon Trail. They arrived in Portland, Oregon September 15, 1850 and stayed there to rest until January 8, 1851. They headed south on an Indian Trail. When they passed thru Rogue River Indian Territory, they had to convince the Indians that they were not staying and so were allowed to pass undisturbed.

The group of young men traveling together from Oregon City started out with 9 men and grew to 21 by the time they arrived in California. They arrived at the mouth of Yreka Creek at the Klamath River February 26, 1851. At the time the Yreka area was crawling with miners. So Dr. Hearn joined up with John C. Burgess (later to be Siskiyou County Sheriff) and Silas Day (later to be a Judge in Jacksonville, Oregon) to travel to Scott Bar. Later the group moved to Greenhorn Creek area to mine with Abraham Thompson.

By 1855 Dr. Hearn had given up mining and set up his Dental practice; he was the first dentist in Siskiyou County. Also in 1855 he married Jennie L. Stephenson and they had 4 children; sadly only 2 lived to be adults. Dr. Hearn was active in the creation of the City of Yreka. He was one of the local citizens that applied for a charter for the city to the State of California. The first attempt at incorporating the city failed when Yreka accumulated a large amount of debt from building sidewalks and starting a fire department. Due to the debt, the State of California revoked the first City Charter. Dr. Hearn was one of the citizens that was never repaid his investment in the City.

Dr. Hearn died January 8, 1893; he was 66 years old. His wife Jennie lived another 12 years, dying in 1905. The two surviving children of Dr. and Mrs. Hearn were Minnie Hearn, a school teacher and Librarian at the Carnegie Library. She never married. Isabelle Hearn Martin became wife of James B. Martin. Minnie lived with and cared for her mother after the death of Dr. Hearn. Mrs. Hearn built a house on North Oregon Street after her husband's death. Isabelle Hearn Martin and husband James B Martin built a house at 404 Third Street on the corner of Howard Street about the same time that Mrs. Hearn was building her house on North Oregon.

Dr. Hearn and his family will go down in history as founders of Yreka. ♦



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For me, Christmas always brings the closing of a year in our life. It is a time for family and friends. It is a time for family traditions to be shared and passed on to our kids and grandkids. It is a time for digging out the family recipes and baking cakes, cookies and candy. Christmas is sparkling lights in a snowy yard and sparkling lights on the Christmas tree. Bows and ribbons on colorful wrapped gifts under a tree waiting for those whose names appear on the little tag... it is anticipation. Christmas is your frosty breath in the dark evening sky. Certainly not least, Christmas is a time for religious celebration for those who hold religion near and dear to their heart. For others not so inclined, Christmas is Santa and reindeer and sleighs. For some, there is a happy balance of both. My wish is all who read this to celebrate the season in their fashion, with respect to all our neighbors and their traditions, regardless if we do or do not hold the same beliefs. Respect for each other must return to our communities.

For me, Christmas is also a time for reflection of what we have experienced and what we have learned thru the year. My family drew premium archery deer tags in the northeast corner of the state. I was able to camp with my grandson in the desert and scout for big bucks, just he and I. When hunting season arrived, my boys and I set up deer camp and spent a couple of weeks covering beautiful high desert mountains. We hiked, we rode together in our side by side ATV, we laughed, joked and we had one heck of a good time just hanging out with each other. We made memories that will last forever. Oh, and with the much needed help and support of my son and son in law, I came home with a beautiful buck! For those that love to explore our State of Jefferson, I highly recommend the high desert country in our neck of the woods.

For me, Christmas is also a time of anticipation. Just after Christmas during the months of January and February, I take my trailer to the north coast and fish for winter steelhead. I don't catch many fish and I don't care. I spend time along the Smith River in California and the Chetco River in Oregon. I get to look at the redwoods and walk thru them to my heart's content. I get to beach comb and I get to watch the powerful winter storms hit the coast with all their beautiful intensity. Best of all, I get to spend time with good buddies, drink a beer, play cribbage and talk smack to each other. And I have base camp set up for all the



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family that chooses to spend a weekend running around the coast with me. Oh and the temperature rarely drops below freezing so I have spent many a day kicked back on a gravel bar, in January, with the temperature hovering in the low 60's. Not a bad way to spend a winter day. If you love the coast, beaches and redwoods, I highly recommend our State of Jefferson, Crescent City and Brookings areas in the winter!

So enjoy the season. Enjoy the reflection of the past year. Enjoy the anticipation of the upcoming New Year. Most importantly, enjoy your Christmas, your family and your traditions whatever they may be to you!

Merry Christmas!
Ralph

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"
~Dr. Seuss



Photo: a Northern California beach to get lost on... taken by M.Fain

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O.K. JOE AND J.L.

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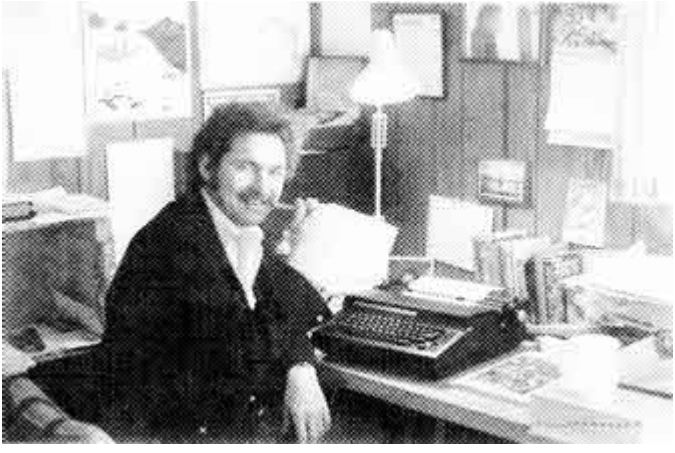


Photo of Hank Nelson from the 1960s

Note about the Author:

Tough fingers that pull the trigger of a chain saw daily are equally at home gently stroking the keys of a typewriter. Hank Nelson, faller at Coffman Cove, loves the people of his trade and in particular that disappearing unique breed of man, the tramp logger. This Christmas story is fiction but the characters and circumstances represent a compilation "of those I've met during the couple of decades God has blessed me to travel the timber harvesting circuit from Oregon to Alaska." Multi-talented Nelson describes himself as a writer, editor, musician and maker of stumps.

Story by Hank Nelson of Wasilla, Alaska
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From the beginning, O.K. Joe was born to be a logger. It is academic now but there was a time in Joe's youth when his fate might have been otherwise. Joseph Otteson Knutsen was born into a very wealthy Bostonian family. His mother, Elizabeth, was a pianist of some worth and her husband, Knute, was a first-rate baritone. Elizabeth Knutsen gave Joe his long name hoping it might inspire him to become a world renowned musician, but he did not have an ounce of musical ability. Merely singing "Happy Birthday" was a social embarrassment. What did interest young Joe was the life of a lumberjack. Two summers spent with Uncle Fritz in a Maine logging camp took care of that. It was only a matter of time until Alaska... the last frontier for tramp loggers... lured Joe north.

In Ketchikan, Joe hired out and hitched a ride on a float plane to a logging camp. Tom Moran, the camp boss, wise to the ways of tramp loggers, met Joe at the dock. Joe stepped off the plane wearing a sheepish grin and clutching a gray duffel bag. "Whatcha got there, friend?" Tom inquired. "Now don't tell me it's a sack of Christmas bells I hear tinkling. What's the name?"

"Joseph Otteson Knu. . ."
 "Hold it, hold it," he said, lifting up his hand. "Ya got anything shorter'n that?"
 "Joe."

"Okay, Joe. Let's have'er." Tom snapped his fingers.
 Joe held the duffel bag close to his heart. Tom pointed to the plane. He was about to speak to the pilot, when Joe gave in. "Okay... here it is. Just a stiff one or two for after work." The camp boss looked into Joe's duffel bag and then back at Joe. "Looks like you brought enough with you this trip for a good many stiff ones! Okay, Joe, report to the bull cook and... THESE will be waiting for you at the office. You can pick 'em up at the end of the job." Those who witnessed the event remembered. From that day Joseph Otteson Knutsen was simply known as O.K. Joe.

Now it was several years later and Joe was at another camp on Prince of Wales Island. Each day the snow line was creeping, inch by inch, down the flanks of the mountains. The countryside seemed laden and expectant, waiting only for nature's command to begin winter. O.K. Joe started thinking of things like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and shutdown! The weeks passed. The snow came and drove the loggers from timberland. O.K. Joe and his brethren flew to town to begin waiting for the spring startup.

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A Christmas Story - O.K. Joe and J.C.
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O.K. Joe walked along the sidewalk on his way to the mission. The sky was sullen gray. It was morning and Ketchikan was coming to life. The prospect of a long, inactive winter chilled him. Christmas and getting together with everyone for the traditional dinner at the mission was the lone, bright spot for Joe. He had done this each Christmas for the past 10 years, and looked forward to the occasion. However, this year would be different. Word had come to him that his old pal, J.C. Carlson, had been killed in an automobile accident up north. J.C. had always played his fiddle at the Christmas dinner. He would be missed.

Christmas was less than a week away but he was not in a holiday mood. He was flat broke! His last paycheck and bonus checks were gone. They had filtered through his fingers like dry sand. Even his unemployment compensation, usually a breeze, had hit a snag and was delayed. Being broke at Christmas time was pure misery. Joe decided he'd volunteer to help the mission gather toys and clothing for distribution before Christmas. The holiday season was in full swing. Displays and Christmas decorations adorned the shopping mall. Sounds of Christmas carols playing over loudspeakers added to the festive mood, but the gleaming gifts on display might just as well have been from a different world. They were for other folks who could afford them.

O.K. Joe walked on past to the downtown area, past the saloons and Pawnshops. Then he saw it! Ahead of him, crumbled up, lying on the middle of the sidewalk, was a bill! Instinctively, Joe quickly glanced around. Without losing stride, he bent down and scooped up the money. He walked quickly down the street and pushed the bill deeper into the pocket of his trousers. No one rushed up to him. Joe stopped, then carefully withdrew the money. It was a new crisp twenty dollar bill.

Now that he was unexpectedly prosperous his mind explored avenues of possibilities. What O.K. Joe wanted most was a stiff drink, but he knew what the first drink would lead to... and twenty dollars would not go far. A bottle of cheap wine would be more like it. As he toyed with these alternatives, he reminded himself of his vow to stay sober during the Christmas season. O.K. Joe had been the recipient of a gift, for whatever the reason. Somehow, it didn't seem right to squander it. He stuffed it back into his pocket. The sooner he was out of town, out of temptation's way, the better off he'd be.

O.K. Joe began walking then he stopped abruptly. He couldn't believe his eyes! There behind the plate glass window of Klever Mueslix's Pawn Shop was J.C. Carlson's violin with a "For Sale" sign on it. He opened the pawnshop door. A tinkling bell, attached to the top of the front door, summoned the proprietor. His grim face reflected a "don't bother me unless it concerns business" attitude. "What can I do for you?" he mumbled, as a man who had posed the same question a million times before. His eyes sized up O.K. Joe. To Klever Mueslix, he looked like a man down on his luck and about to ask a favor. He braced himself.

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O.K. Joe cleared his voice. "I was just wondering about the fiddle you got propped up in the window." "You interested in buyin' it?" "No... I was just wonderin' about the guy who left it here. It's just like the one a friend of mine, J.C. Carlson, owned. I never thought I'd see his fiddle in a

pawnshop."

"Look, I don't ask questions. People come in wantin' money... for one reason or another. They fill out a form that makes it legal, in case it's stolen goods, and I give 'em the dough. When sixty days is over I got a legal right to sell it. Could be the 'fella's name was Carlson. I don't ask questions and I don't run a charity."

Later Joe spoke to Father O'Cain and told him about the fiddle. O'Cain nodded and added, "Yes, Mueslix is a hard man. He's successful and owns a lot of property, but I'm afraid there isn't a whole lot of charity in the man." There were still nearly two days left before Christmas. O.K. Joe thought hard about J.C.'s fiddle. It had meant a lot to him. It wouldn't be right if a stranger bought it; Maybe he could talk to Klever and work a deal. Joe walked down the avenue, along the waterfront. The sun had come out and though its orb was low, Joe welcomed its cool warmth.

Klever was not happy to see him. "Look here, your buddy's already been here twice today an' I'll tell you the same thing I told him, I'm not running a charity. I'm running a business. Two hundred in cash or no deal! Saavy?"

O.K. Joe swallowed hard. "J.C. Carlson alive! You seen him this morning?"

"Didn't I just tell you? Sure, I saw him. He was in twice, like I said. "Well. I'll be. ..Merry Christmas, Mr. Mueslix!"

Down by the waterfront, J.C. Carlson sat on the edge of the dock, his legs dangling. He was gazing across the water. O.K. Joe couldn't believe it. He was alive!

"Hey, J.C., where in the world did you come from?"

J.C. swung his head around and smiled. "What's the matter, Joe? Think you seen a ghost?"

"As a matter of fact, that isn't too far from the truth. The guys at the mission said you'd been killed in a car wreck last spring near Tok Junction."

J. C. laughed. "No, sir. I'm all here. Wait a minute, I'll pinch myself to make sure. Yep. . .it's me alright."

"What happened, J.C.?"

"I was hitchhiking. Caught a ride up north, little ways out of town, we hit a moose... broadside. Driver got a broken jaw and me, a few bruises. The moose got the worst of it. We landed in a patch of muskeg "

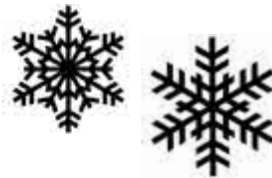
O.K. Joe shook his head. "You sure were lucky you didn't get hurt worse."

"Oh, I don't know, Joe. Maybe the Big Boss is saving me for something He wants me to do." He was quiet for a minute.

"You know, I've been thinking, Joe, ever think much about God 'n' stuff like that?"

"Sure, I guess so, J.C., same as everyone else, but I ain't too keen on religion. I'll tell you one thing though, there's got to be a reason for the ways things work out sometimes."

Joe changed the subject. "Do you want to go and have a talk with Mueslix about your fiddle? I could put down twenty dollars and maybe he would hold it until we figure something out."



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“Crescent, Oregon’s Founding”

Crescent, a junction town, is north Klamath County’s oldest surviving town. From it, travelers have access to routes that reach the Willamette Pass, Klamath Falls, Silver Lake and north to the Columbia. During the 1890s homesteaders began settling north Klamath County. Some came to ranch. Others came to gain title, a five year process, to land that they knew, at the very least, they could eventually sell to timber companies. Crescent, Oregon began as a post office named Odell. It was located on the homestead of Charles and Eva Graves.

Charles and Eva Graves began acquiring the land where Crescent is now located in 1897. They homesteaded 160 acres. By 1904 they had amassed holding totaling 480 acres. The Graves homestead was the site of the first post office established in the north end of Klamath County.

On July 5, 1901 Eva Graves applied to establish a post office. She was appointed the first postmaster for the Odell Post Office. It was established on August 19, 1901. The name was changed to the Crescent Post Office on July 18, 1907. The change occurred because there existed in Hood River County another, older, post office that was also named Odell Post Office.

On February 16, 1910 Charles and Eva Graves and their daughter Maud Graves Ringo sold their holdings to Nelson W. Parker of Seattle. Five weeks later he resold the property to the Central Oregon Improvement Company. The town site was surveyed by L. F. Wakefield during March and April 1910. It contained 618 lots. Half were twenty-five feet wide. The town plat was approved by the Klamath County Commissioners on April 26, 1910.

During the first decade of the 20th Century railroads began conducting surveys throughout north Klamath County. The arrival of the railroad seemed imminent. Work on the Walker Basin Irrigation project commenced during 1911. Available evidence supported the expectation that the region would soon boom.



Photo: Crescent Service Station Circa 1934

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“Preliminary to the coming of the construction camps, force of men employed by the Oregon Trunk is now engaged in clearing the right-of-way through the town. Engineer Kyle, it is understood, will have a residence here. Assistant H. P. Hoey, of the Southern Pacific road, arrived here last week enroute to his ranch near Lake Crescent. The automobile road between Crescent and Lakes Odell and Crescent, which was constructed by the Southern Pacific men, is in excellent condition.”

During 1911 Randall R. Howard wrote in January to June edition of Pacific Monthly:

“One of the most hopeful new towns is Crescent, on the surveys of both southbound roads, and at their supposed junction point with the east-and west Harriman Road... Besides its promises as a railway center, there is a large body of merchantable timber adjacent to Crescent, and several nearby water power, and hence, lumber-mill and manufacturing sites... It is splendid dairying country and beautiful rivers, lakes, and mountains will make it a popular summer resort.”

Expectations for Crescent took longer to realize than was anticipated when the town was founded. The tracks ended at Klamath Falls and Bend. Suits filed by the state of Oregon against Walker Basin Irrigation diverted the company's funds from construction work to attorney fees. The irrigation project, as completed, was much smaller than was planned in 1910. During the mid 1920s Southern Pacific built a line over the Willamette Pass. The tracks were located approximately fifteen miles west of Crescent. The Great Northern Railroad, during the late 1920s, extended its line south from Bend to Chemult. It did so by using the tracks Shevlin-Hixon had constructed for its logging railroad. The route passed five miles to the east of Crescent. Not until Gilchrist Timber Company built the Klamath Northern Railroad, did railroad tracks come to Crescent.

During the late 1920s, once Highway 97 was surfaced and with the arrival of telegraph and telephone lines, Crescent became less isolated. Plans for railroads that were announced then cancelled continued until the mid 1930s. One of rumored lines ran from Crane to Crescent. The opening of the Deschutes Lumber Company's Mowich mill brought new business and employment opportunities to Crescent. Always there was the knowledge that Gilchrist Timber Company was going to build a mill. The Crescent's revival began in 1938 when construction of the Gilchrist Timber Company's mill commenced. Twenty-eight years after its founding Crescent began to partially realize the ambitions its founders had for it. Crescent's founders had excellent intuition that was marred by unlucky timing. ♦

Portland Telegram, May 20, 1910.

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The entertainment of so noted a body of men was an ambitious one on the part of so young a city. Two weeks ago Crescent was not on the map. Today it is the lustiest of all the infant cities in Central Oregon. Its history is briefly this: Yesterday a ranch, today a platted townsite. Its excuse for being: The prospective junction point of three railway lines besides an automobile road to Crescent, Odell and Crater Lake. The latter highway for tourists and pleasure seekers is now being pushed by the Southern Pacific.

The sponsors of Crescent, it is well known, are men connected with the Hill system, and this fact has given impetus to the sale of lots, which have been going steadily for the past two weeks, since the townsite was placed on the market. Of the platted townsite the Oregon Trunk has purchased 20 acres for its station and shops, and it is expected that it will be a division point of that line. The Harriman line has requested that 15 acres of the townsite, running parallel to that purchased by the Oregon Trunk, be taken off the market. The Natron-Vale road, which will also cross at this point, is now within 30 miles of the newly-plated city.

1910 text promoting Crescent's founding. In 1910 three railroads had established right-of-ways that passed through the town.

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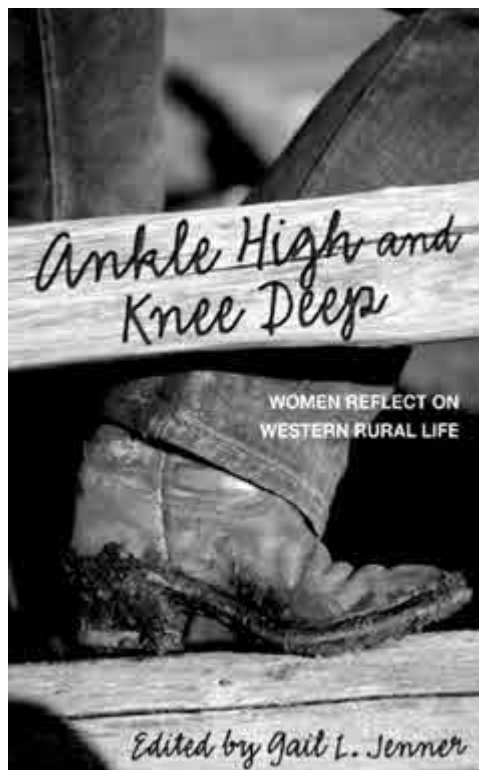
Just north of Cape Blanco and the Sixes River on a beautiful wonderfully warm day, Oregon’s E Clampus Vitus Umpqua Joe Chapter #1859 dedicated their long awaited Beach Gold historical monument. Back in 2007 when the group held Outpost status prior to becoming an ECV Chapter, Wagon Master Steve “Zeke” Van de Bogart held an Outpost Doins’ at nearby Cape Blanco State Park. At that time work had been completed to erect this historical monument at the Bandon Dunes Golf Course. At the last minute property owners changed their mind and withdrew permission. Seven years to the month later, the project finally came to fruition.

Robby “Fosdick” Robinson, ex Humbug (club president), led the charge. Robby researched the text for the plaque based on Zeke’s idea. Curry County Historical Society helped Robby craft the final wording for the plaque. Permits were obtained from the Oregon Department of Transportation to erect the historical monument along the west side of Highway 1. Returning to their reliable supplier, Robby contacted West Coast Monuments in Myrtle Point for the granite and engraving.

The Chapter rented an Edson Creek BLM campground group campsite for the weekend. Redshirts began arriving Thursday night. On Friday, September 19th, 2014, the plaque erection crew led by master craftsman and Ex-Noble Grand Humbug Glenn Hearrell, drove to the approved nearby coastal highway spot. Crew members including Robby, Ken “Qball” Bell, Gary “da Rake” Rakes and Humbug “aimless”

Harold Lee poured a new concrete monument.

Saturday experienced unusually warm and fair weather for the Oregon coast. Under sunny September skies twenty Redshirts and numerous civilians participated in the plaque dedication. Ken Bell, Chapter president, and Robby did the speechifying about the lure and lust for fine particles of placer gold found among beach sands along the southern coast. First discovered in 1852, the beaches of southern Oregon spanning nearly sixty miles or more were a very productive and significant gold district for a few years.





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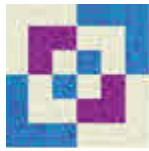
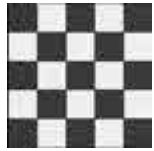
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To view this plaque take the Oregon coast highway 1 south from Bandon, Oregon or north out of Crescent City California. About 10 miles north of Port Orford you pass Cape Blanco and then the Sixes River Road. Approximately two hundred yards north of Sixes River Road on the west side of the highway is where the commemorative historical plaque is located. Chapter members Dave Waslin, Gary Rakes, William Bray, Harold Lee, Chad Mitchell and others faced the concrete monument with river rock in the spring of 2015. ♦



Above: Noble Grand Humbug Ken Bell and XNGH Robby Robinson




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"History of SISKIYOU COUNTY As of 1885"

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Siskiyou County, the central and largest of the three forming the northern tier of California, is bounded on the north by the State of Oregon, on the east by Modoc, on the south by Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt, and on the west by Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, and contains a superficial area of 3,040 square miles, or 1,945,600 acres.

In its general topography Siskiyou can only be classed as mountainous country, yet in the close dissection of the county in this respect some distinctive features, as compared with the other counties embraced in this publication, may be observed. The two grand ranges of mountains, which extend through the State for the greater part along its eastern and western borders, have within the limits of this county been attracted together in the north, and in the commingling of their rugged heights reared up the some of the most gigantic monuments of Nature's grandeur that the world knows. This feature is more appreciable when it is stated that the crests of both ranges uniformly tower as high as the lofty peaks of the Alps, and that Mount Shasta, the king of all the peaks of the State, whose summit perpetually hooded with snow pierces the azure at an altitude of 14,450 feet, is only exceeded by the far famed Mount Blanc by about one thousand feet. The mount is located about thirteen miles from the southern border of the county, a little east of the middle, and is one of the most celebrated points of interest to travelers, which our country offers.

With these characteristics in the mountain chains, the relieving features noted in the topography of Shasta County become more pronounced in Siskiyou; the valleys and level lands lying from two thousand to four thousand feet above the sea are wider and more extensive, and the proportion of tillable land is materially augmented. Two of the large rivers of the State drain the county. The Sacramento with its tributary streams taking their rise near the center and eastern part, unite in the county below in their journey to the south, while the Klamath entering from the north pursuing its course in a southwesterly direction in its passage, empties into the Pacific at a point nearly due west of the center of the county.

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To the east of the main chains of mountains, and in the northeastern part of the county, are found the lava beds, extending over into Oregon on the north, and to the east for into Modoc and Lassen Counties: A vast, sterile plateau, the remains of some fierce volcanic convulsion of an earlier era.

Siskiyou's first settlement in 1850-51 is but a repetition of the mining history of that day. Since that time and up to the present date, mining, although not followed so extensively, it remains the principal industry. Until recently, however, no quartz mining had been done and no deep gravel mining attempted, so that this particular mineral development is as yet scarcely begun.

Besides the precious metals, copper, iron and coal abound, and in the southwestern part of the county rich deposits of cinnabar are found, which, when the prospects of quicksilver revive in the commercial world, will be of great value. In its lumber interests Siskiyou compares favorably with all the mountain counties. Immense forests of fir and sugar pine reaching up to the snow line cover all of her mountains, and over fifteen saw mills, producing between five and six million feet of lumber and three hundred thousand shingles annually, are employed.

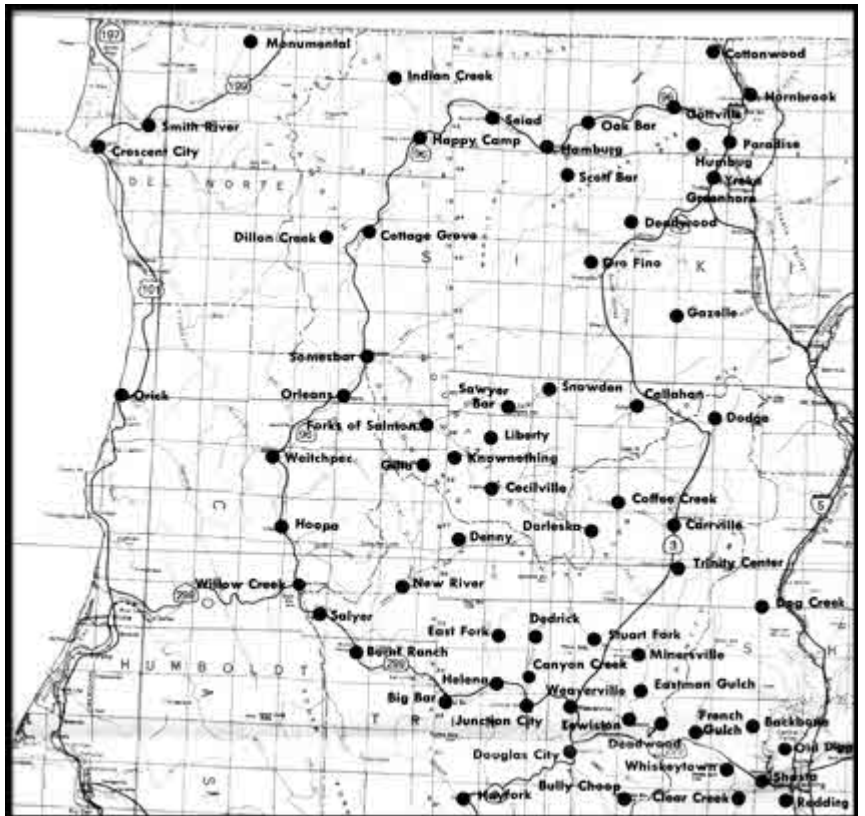
But after these sources of wealth are set out, the immense strides made in its agricultural development within the past few years proves that to this source must its future look most. As the most acceptable and satisfying justification of this statement the following statistics of the year 1884 as against those of 1880 are given: Number of acres planted in 1880, 31,400, included in which were 13,200 in wheat, 4,600 in oats, 2,300 in barley, and 250 in corn. In 1884, total number of acres included in the sowing of the four cereals named above was 104,880, of which 95,100 was wheat, 6,000 barley, 3,600 oats, and 180 corn. The average yield in the past five years of the foregoing staples per acre has been 18 bushels for wheat, 15 bushels for barley, 15 bushels for corn, and 14 bushels for oats.

In its capabilities for stock raising, Siskiyou takes rank with any part of the State; the foothills and mountain sides are replete with plentiful herbage upon which the winters make no perceptible diminution, and unlimited range for cattle is found at all seasons.

The assessment for 1880, in round figures, was: Real estate, \$1,000,000; improvements, \$500,000; personal property, \$1,500,000 - total, \$3,000,000. In 1884 the assessment rises to the following gratifying amount: Real estate, \$1,385,035; improvements, \$814,194; personal property, \$1,66,585 - total, \$3,920,814. The population of the county, 8,610 in 1880, will now doubtless approach close on to 10,000.

In climate no severities such as might be expected from its altitude and latitude are found, the mean temperature being sixty-two degrees for the year, ranging from about forty-two degrees in winter to eighty degrees in summer, the nights in summer being always cool and sometimes frosty. The rainfall is always abundant.

At present Siskiyou is dependent for its outside connections upon its stage lines, which are plentiful and the roads good and well maintained. The line of the California and Oregon Railroad passing through the center of the county from south to north, will doubtless be completed in the near future, the recent purchase of the northern end of the line from Portland south by the same parties owning the line coming up from below justifying the hope that, now that the interest are one, connection cannot long be deferred; and the county's development, so seriously retarded in the past by its distance from supplies, will show at once that this was her one great need to put her in the front rank. ♦



Old Map of Siskiyou Mines at right



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"I appreciate it, Joe, you wanting to help and all, but Mueslix expects the whole thing paid in full. You know I really hated to part with that old fiddle, swore I never would. It belonged to my Daddy. He had rambling fever when I was a kid. Just left one day. I went back home once. She held me, Maw did, the day I said goodbye. I could have stayed but Alaska is home. We'll probably both die here with our corks on." They laughed. Old horses want to die in their traces, miners with their picks and shovels in hand, fishermen making their last seine, golfers on the last hole; it seems frivolous, but that's how O.K. and J.C. wanted it, to die with their boots on. Joe remembered the time a tree uprooted and almost killed him. A log could up-end, a widow-maker drop out of a tree, or a line could snap in two. A man just never knew... it was probably a good thing or he wouldn't get out of bed in the morning.

The hours leading to Christmas Eve passed swiftly. They busied themselves making deliveries for the mission. It was after dark when the last truckload was delivered. Heading back, O.K. drove slowly by the main entrance of the mall. He saw the Salvation Army volunteer ringing the bell. It happened fast. Joe opened the door of the truck and quickly dropped the twenty dollar bill in the kettle.

Christmas dawned clear and crisp. The morning passed swiftly. The dining hall began to fill. Camaraderie and good tidings permeated the room. Joe could smell aromas of baked turkeys and hams, dressing, gravy and pies. When everything was ready Father O'Cain cleared his voice and asked for a moment of silence. Just as he was about to bless the food, the main entrance door opened and Klever Mueslix stepped inside. He removed his hat and nodded. "I didn't mean to intrude, but I wanted to drop this here fiddle off for Mr. Carlson."

For a moment, J.C. was speechless. "Thank you, Mr. Mueslix. I... I don't know just what to say, 'cept thanks." Klever looked around the table. He fidgeted nervously with the brim of his hat. "Well... this being Christmas, I knew you all gathered here each year and figured you'd need some music." As Klever turned to leave, Father O'Cain said, "We'd be pleased, Mr. Mueslix, if you'd stay and have dinner with us. We've plenty and you're welcome."


O.K. Joe placed his hand on Klevees shoulder. "Here, I'll grab an extra chair and you can squeeze in between me and J.C." Father O'Cain gave the blessing. He looked at J.C. and smiled. "Do you have a song for us, Mr. Carlson?"

J.C. stood up and walked to the head table. He took the fiddle out of an old case battered by years of travel. J.C. hadn't played for a long time. He picked it up and tucked it beneath his chin. The bow scraped across the strings, striking a few hesitant notes. He began playing "Amazing Grace". The first few notes were discordant and ragged. Then the music became bolder. The single instrument became symphonic, filling the room with reverence. J.C. finished, then gently placed the violin on the table. His gnarled fingers, bruised by years of harsh contact with countless chokers, lovingly caressed the curves of the silent wood.

"J.C., that was beautiful," Joe said in a voice choked with emotion. "Guess that shows how an old fiddle can sound in the hands of a master?"

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By Jill Livingston

Welcome signs and arches were fixtures of early 20th century highways, a way to set one little town apart from another and to put out the welcome mat, so to speak. Highway 99 in northern California had its share. The circa 1940 Mt Shasta welcome sign in the photo had a twin on the other (north) side of town, both long gone. These signs were erected after the town of Sisson was renamed “Mt. Shasta” in 1924.

Yreka’s illuminated suspended arch sign is a survivor. It was stretched over the intersection of Main St. (Hwy 99) and Miner St. in 1917 and stayed there for 50 years. Then it languished in the city yard for a few years and was resurrected in 1976. Today it hangs near the central Yreka freeway offramp above Ralph Starritt’s gold miner statue, welcoming visitors who now arrive by freeway rather than the old two lane highway.

The town of Weed is proud of its arch spanning Main St. This steel structure, erected in 1990, is actually the town’s second arch. The original arch made of concrete over a steel framework was dismantled in 1963. The arches, both in the same location a short turn off of old US99, marked the entrance into downtown. Main St. was also the original junction of US99 and US97.

Further down the road, a large concrete arch from 1926 still spans the old highway on the north side of Orland. Unlike some other highway arches it was built wide enough that it did not have to be destroyed during 1930s and 40s highway widenings. Now emblazoned with the word “Orland,” when built it also contained the words “US Irrigation”. The very first federally funded irrigation project in California, a source of local pride, took shape in the hills to the west in 1910, bringing water to the orange, almond and olive orchards that are still there.

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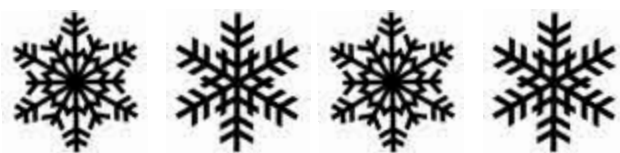
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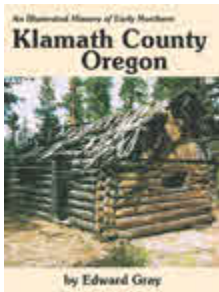


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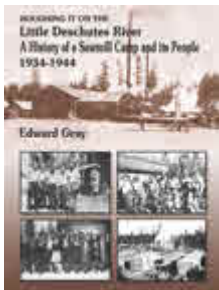


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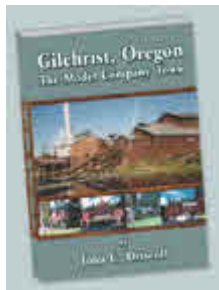


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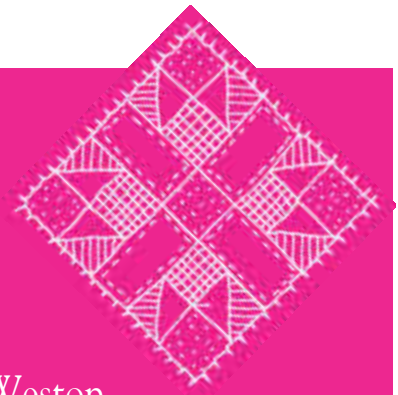
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Scott Valley Bank Announces Holiday Donations

Every holiday season, Scott Valley Bank donates to local charities and nonprofits in honor of our valued clients. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients:

Yreka: Toys for Tots & Free the Need

Every year, Siskiyou County Toys for Tots collects, purchases, and delivers new toys and books to local children who might not otherwise have something special under the tree.

As an all-volunteer organization operating entirely on surplus, Free the Need is a model for sustainable giving. For over 20 years, volunteers have distributed fresh, healthy food and gently used clothing that may have otherwise become landfill.

Etna/Fort Jones: Scott Valley Salvation Army

The Salvation Army operates 7,546 centers in communities across the United States. These include food distribution, disaster relief, rehabilitation centers, anti-human trafficking efforts, and a wealth of children's programs. Scott Valley Bank's donation will be used to put together holiday dinner baskets for the Scott Valley community.

Mt. Shasta: Mt. Shasta Senior Nutrition Program

Since 1974 the Mt. Shasta Senior Nutrition Program has provided a daily meal for senior citizens at the City Park Recreation Center / Senior Dining Center.

Weed: Siskiyou Food Assistance

Siskiyou Food Assistance is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which exists to ensure a nutritious food supply for at-risk individuals and families in Siskiyou County.

Happy Camp: Seiad Valley Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Karuk Tribe Community Christmas Party

Scott Valley Bank is proud to support these annual events, which provide the community with a free Thanksgiving meal as well as holiday-themed fun and games for both adults and children. Thank you to all the program staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to facilitate these community services and events for those in need. We honor that true holiday spirit!



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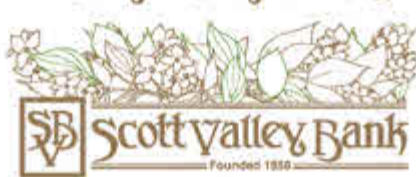
Scott Valley Bank Fort Jones branch staff members present the Scott Valley Salvation Army with a holiday donation check.







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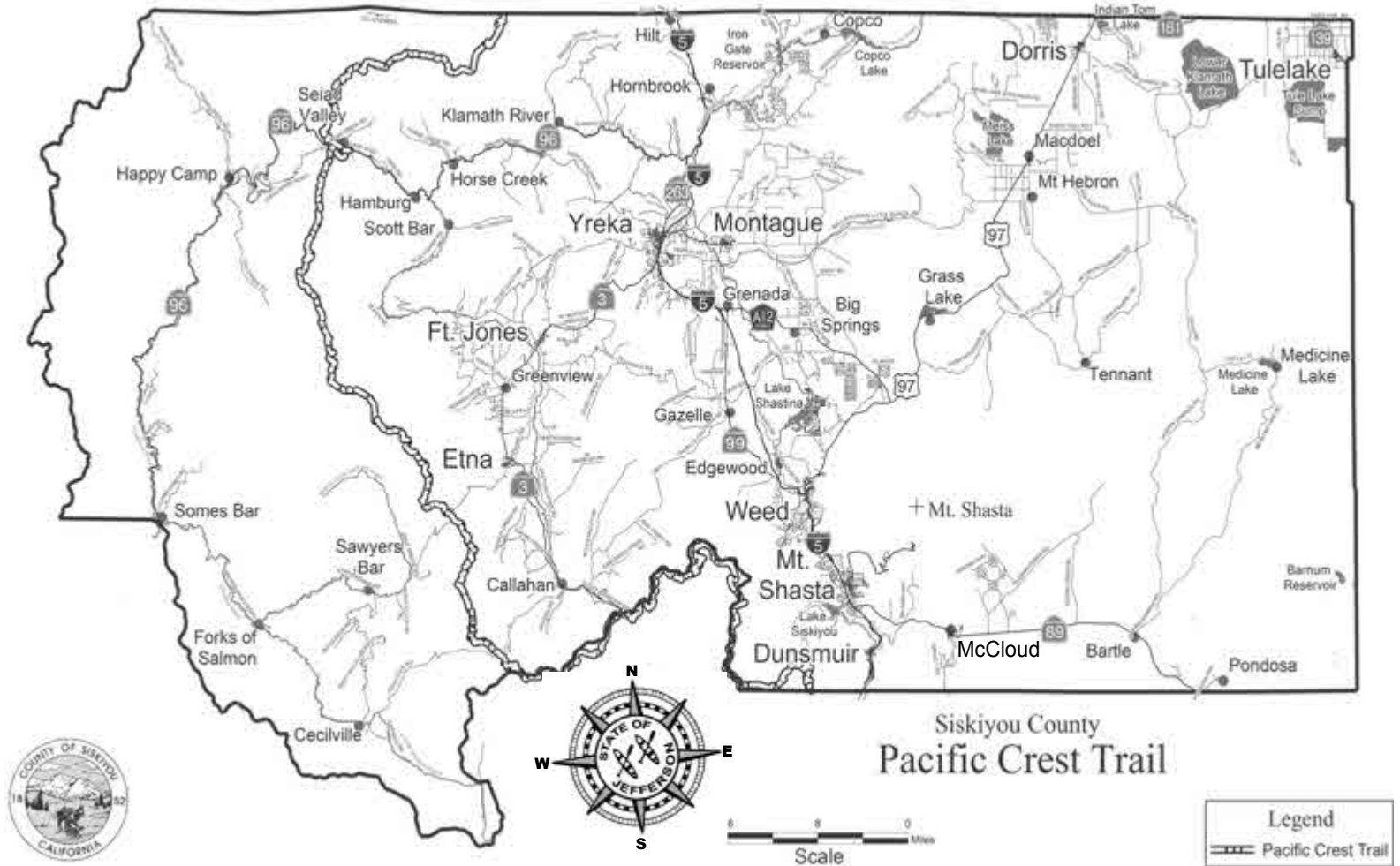
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