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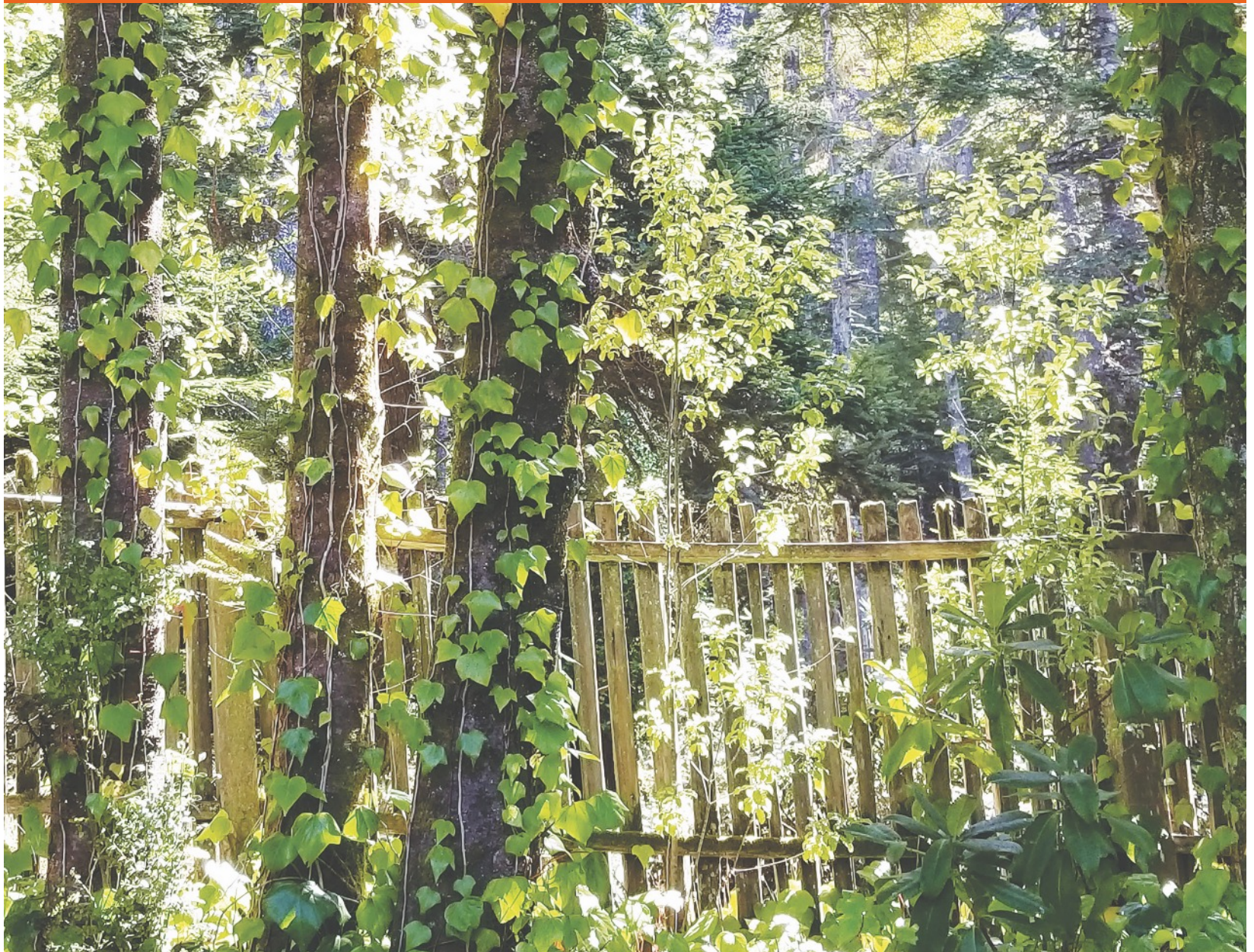
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Every citizen in Jefferson/Siskiyou was impacted by this summer's staggering Carr, Delta and Hirz Fires. We in McCloud dodged the devastation of life and property that Redding experienced in Carr, in large part because the massive manpower mobilized for Carr was in the region when Hirz broke out on 9-Aug. Starting roughly midway between Lake Shasta and McCloud, Hirz Fire was thousands of acres in a matter of hours. It was human-caused, as the vast majority of wildfires are. After weeks of fighting Hirz to containment, the ultimately far larger Delta Fire started. Hirz and Delta together devoured roughly a hundred thousand acres – the better part of two hundred square miles. That's the story we all know, and this feature takes you behind the scenes of the amazing teams that prevented these fires from becoming far larger, and devouring destinations like Dunsmuir, McCloud and Mount Shasta.

Since 2014, McCloud Partners has reached out to the Forest Service and Cal Fire suggesting their McCloud Millworks site (formerly the state's largest lumber mill) could be of great service in a fire. With 278 acres, enormous structures and billions of gallons of readily flowing water rights, it was tailor made for making a stand against infernos. Shortly after Hirz Fire broke out, those years of outreach produced results, as Forest Service officials phoned the Millworks team about using the site for the Incident Command Post (ICP). An instant verbal OK from co-founder Bruce Berlinger unleashed a torrent of firefighters and resources into the site. For months now, the Millworks ICP and the teams deployed from it have tripled the population of the town of McCloud, and battled the Delta and Hirz fires into containment.



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Delta and Hirz were more than any agency could handle. The US Forest Service brought in Cal Fire, and command and control were turned over to Team 5 and weeks later Team 4 - multidisciplinary Incident Management Teams that coordinate all agencies as one. Driving I-5 this summer displayed an endless conduit of firefighters and trucks not just from California, but all over the country. The enormity of these fires was such that by early September firefighters from all over the planet were recruited – New Zealand and the Pacific islands of Tinian and Saipan included, as Delta became the largest active fire in America.

A Type 1 (largest type of fire) Incident Command Post is the most stunning example of command, communication and collaboration imaginable. Each morning the chilly darkness gave way to the dazzling stage lighting of the 06:00 AM briefing in a massive tent hung with a huge American flag, as hundreds of firefighters were briefed by meteorologists, fire science experts, safety officers and an air force that can include Sikorsky SkyCrane helicopters and massive airliners (DC10s, and even a 747) converted for retardant drops.

When hit by the fine red mist from a drop, firefighters are reluctant to wash this badge of honor from their trucks – on one, outlines of the map and mug on the hood when the drop hit remained clearly etched for weeks.



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The drama and danger of firefighting barely suggests the massive support behind them. Field kitchens serve huge, delicious meals (one dinner – steak, lasagna and sushi!) with oceans of coffee. Chainsaw repair operations have Stihl spare



parts stacked sky-high, and spotless trailers humming with computer servers process finance, fire data and logistics worthy of any modern military. Youth are engaged as well, as teenagers from the California Conservation Corps lived for weeks in meticulously pitched rows of REI dome tents, patrolling the site for basic services such as sanitation, safety and traffic control. Water flowed continually into trucks that rumbled out the Millworks' familiar green gate and south to the fires – over 25million gallons, donated to the cause by McCloud Partners.

In fire situations of this scale prison inmate crews are brought in, as the California Department of Corrections housed hundreds of orange jumpsuit-clad non-violent offenders in a special area of the Millworks. The atmosphere of the site was contagious, and these inmates performed with professionalism.

At the peak of the camp even politics was present (though never debated) as Governor Brown deployed his Office of Emergency Services trailer and our members of Congress kept close tabs on the firefighters' relentless and victorious efforts.

Commerce even came up, as seven separate suppliers of Hirz & Delta T-shirts and fire-grade outdoor gear set up near the entrance of the Mill – each donating a solid slice of sales to charities supporting firefighters' families.

One homeowner adjacent to the Mill noted that apart from the glow of lights and low hum of generators, the site was actually quieter at night because the Millworks' packs of howling coyotes headed for higher ground. Bears, however, felt differently – one of the very few camp issues stuck on the "unsolved" list through the whole deployment was McCloud's bold bruins nightly prowling tent rows (fortunately, with futility!) for loose food.

As this story goes to press, the Millworks ICP has wound down to several hundred firefighters, and even Delta is nearly contained. Apart from eliminating the existential threat to McCloud and our neighbor towns, and demonstrating how humans work together at the highest level of competence and collaboration, the thousands of firefighters enjoyed the hospitality of McCloud's many fine businesses and restaurants. We welcome these brave professionals back anytime we can be of service – and we thank them for sharing their positive experience at the Millworks, in McCloud and in our beautiful county, as they continue their travels battling what's clearly evolving into a continuous, year round fire season here. ■

Dave Lundgren, Co-founder, McCloud Partners



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October 13: Ashland Mushroom Fair, Northwest Nature Shop, Ashland, Oregon. Call Sundial Arts Eco-Apparel for info: 541-778-0832.

October 20-21: Yreka Gun Show in Yreka, California. See Page 4 for details.

November 2-3: Roses and Rust Vintage Market, Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson, California. Go to Facebook for info.

November 3: Etna Veterans Parade. 11 am. Call Liz Bowen for info or to enter the parade at 467-3515. See Flyer on Page 20.

November 11: Veterans Day Events and information can be found on Page 21.

November 17: Holiday Gift Fair at Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka. See Page 37 for info.

November 18: Klamath River Community Annual Turkey Shoot. See Page 11 for information.

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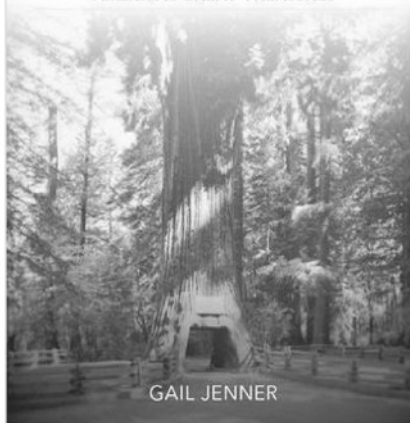
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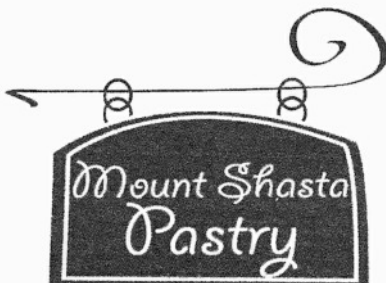
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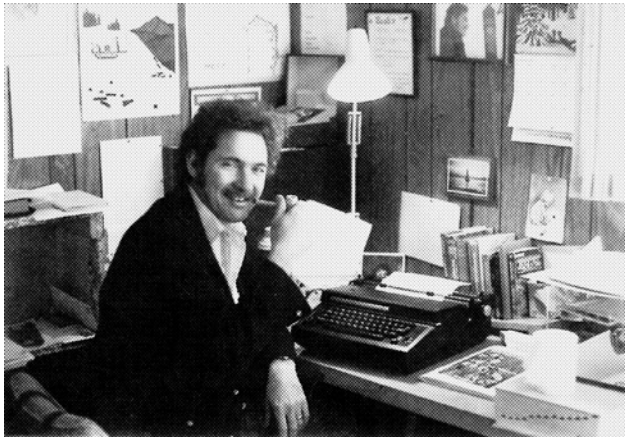
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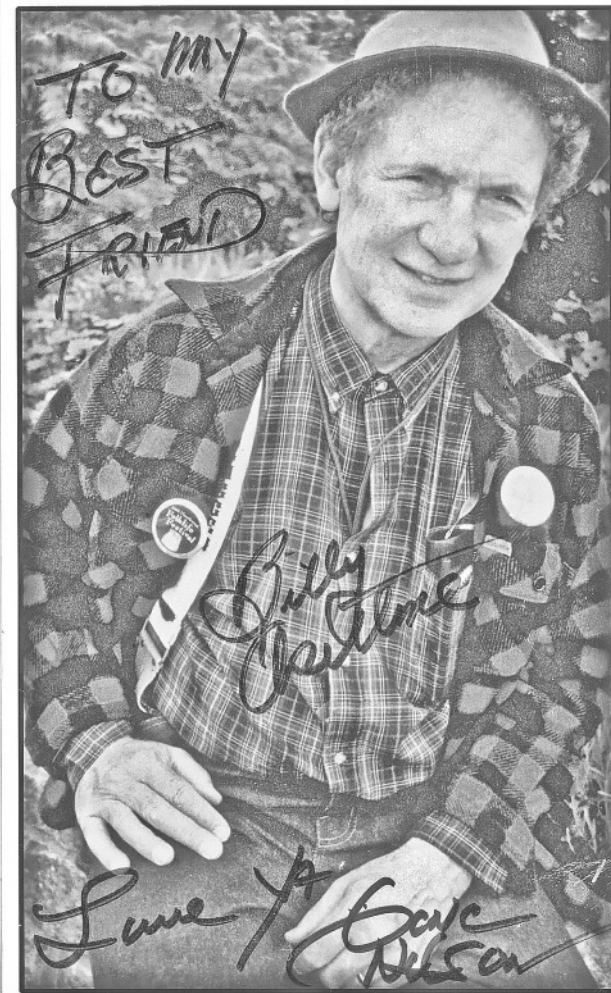
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Real Life Logging Stories by Hank Nelson,
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Photos above and below of our Author: Hank Nelson, aka "Hankdog." Below, Hank, a banana peel or so later...



Story Note:

Most all of the Big Logging camps and Big Ranches...had a commissary where the employees might be able to purchase various items, like socks, gloves, shoe -laces...candy bars and a regular plethora of titillating items that of course would be deducted from your pay.

"Goliath Country"

A continuation of Inspirations from the Forest

"Hoof-beats ain't wood chips and sawdust shore ain't Hay."

There was no way you could describe it in a mere photograph or a portrait... no picture or painting of any size could capture its true essence. For that, a person would have to ride a horse or walk its trails, perhaps camp out along a clear mountain stream at the bottom of a canyon. They might hear an elk bugling and coyotes singing their choruses to the stars high out on a ridge... or listen to the pileated woodpecker's staccato drum-beat on a dry, hollow snag. Maybe, smell the aroma of pine and sagebrush early in the morning after a warm summer rain, and drink from a trough of ice-cold water piped in from an underground spring. It was still a wilderness of teeming, undulating forests, the lakes, valleys and rivers encompassing the mountains and foothills of the Cascade Range. Beautiful.

It was a land of milk and honey, piled high with possibilities... a tough, two-fisted kind of country. It was an era of Begat and By Gosh, where one thing led to something else newer and better. Truth was I couldn't wait until I climbed aboard the Big Yellow crew bus and headed for the landing, from there to rattle on up the winding haul-back road. Then we'd pull on our caulked boots and stand around with our backs to the warming fire, sipping coffee... hobnobbing with the old-timers who were commiserating about how things used to be, way back when. There were times when I wanted to walk right up to the Boss and tell him that I was so happy to be with the crew that I'd be willing to donate a whole week of my pay just for the fun of it! "Yeh... it sure feels good, to work right in the woods... 'cause it's a picnic every day."

Every fall Jess DeAvilla drove his cattle down a dusty dirt road, just ahead of the winter storms. He was a hero-figure to all the kids who lived up and down Beaver Creek. He wore a big white cowboy hat, fancy chaps and rode a white horse; the spitting image of Gene Autrey. All he needed was a guitar to complete the picture. He would smile and wave at us with that big white hat, and sometimes, if he had the time, he'd reign in and canter over to where we were standing, as big as you please, and chat with us for a spell. "How you all doing, kids!" A fellow named Dan Mapleton rode drag, a faithful sidekick. Dan had worked for Jess as long any of us could remember. Dan could roll a cigarette with one hand, then deftly tip his black hat back on his head and give us a wink. During the summer months Dan stayed right out with the herd grazing in the high meadow country in the Siskiyou Mountains, camping out and keeping an eye on things, listening to the jangling of the bell-cows down in the canyons in belly-high grass.



Along about late October we could hear both of them coming a mile away, a stirring, beautiful cacophony of plodding hooves, bawling... bellowing... snorting bulls and jangling bell-cows. "Yuh cows... HIYA... GET'UP... Yah-- come on there... watcha now! Keep 'em moving, Dan." Then, the yipping and the whistling. There always were two or three good, well trained, faithful cattle dogs that helped keep the ranks closed and head off the strays.

"Meadows and Maidens... and cold mountain streams... born to be a Lumberjack... but a Cowboy in my dreams," would run through my head when I heard.

In 1948 I worked at Ed Marlahan's big hay ranch in Scott Valley, California. That summer I made nearly \$500.00... after taxes and miscellaneous expenditures. The board and room was free, as were the meals. It was the most money I had ever laid eyes on all at one time. I worked hard for it too... tying wires on a Hay-Bailer, six ten hour shifts a week with Sunday off. Sunday you could go to Church, maybe take in a baseball game in the afternoon, go fishing or just lay around and rest and read a book.

I toughened up, learned how to work and to appreciate the value of money. You couldn't have gotten a better education anywhere. We ate right alongside the family-- at some point in time an annex had been added to the house to accommodate both the farmhands and the family. We'd wash our hands and face in a trough of ice-cold spring water then walk in and sit down. We sat around the long table, joined hands and bowed our heads in reverence as we prayed and thanked God for our meals and counted our blessings for another safe work week of sweat and toil. I discovered there was one thing certain that Cowboys, ranch-hands and loggers all had in common-- good food, and lots of it, as hard work was the parent of a good appetite... and we ate prodigiously. To describe the bill-o-fare adequately would be impossible, except to say that the meals were delightful and nutritious. When I hired on I was a scrawny kid, and at the end of the season I was a strong, strapping young man. After each meal at supper-time we went to bed early and read a book, or maybe kicked back beneath shade of a generous maple tree or a weeping willow. The clink... clink... clinking sound of the boys playing horse-shoes was as traditional as the Flag and apple pie.

Warren Tormey was a tall, friendly man with a generous smile. He taught wood shop at Yreka High School, and owned the Sportsman's Club on West Miner Street in Yreka. It was an easy 15-minute walk from school, and for a buck-fifty you could have a milkshake and a Hamburger with all the trimmings. Once a week on Fridays my mother would give me enough of her hard-earned money so I could treat myself to a lunch on the town. I loved it!



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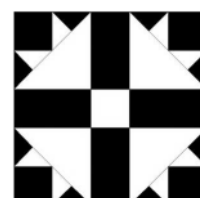
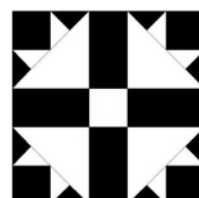
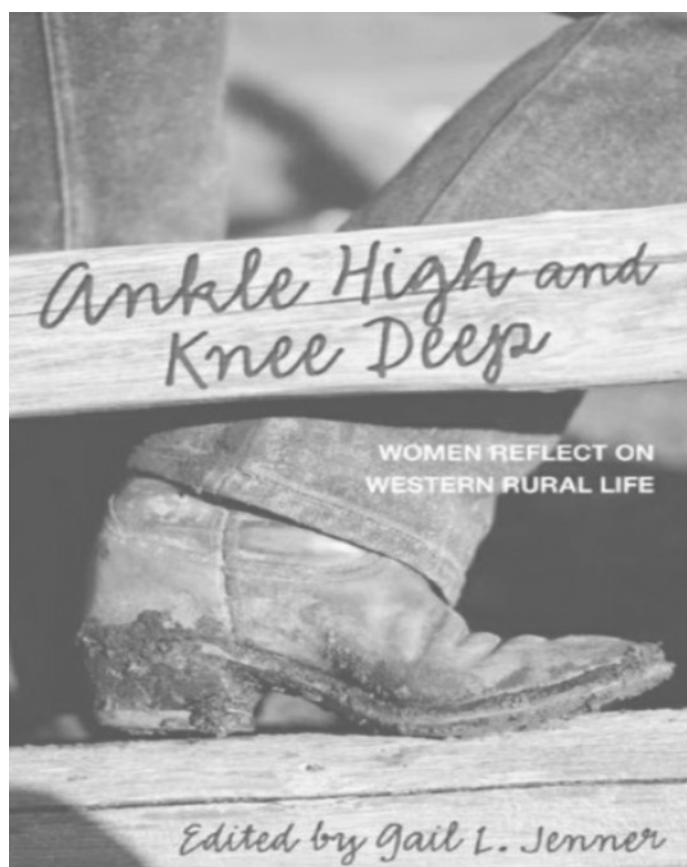
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"Bloom'n Quilts," Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa County Fairgrounds Colusa, Special exhibit of miniature quilts from Lake County, 10-4

October 13:

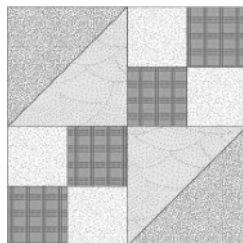
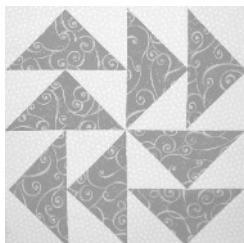
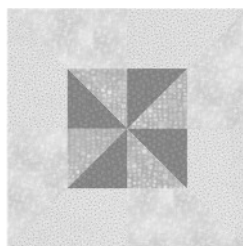
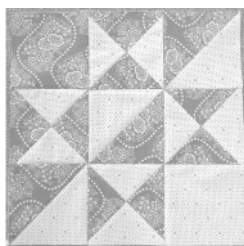
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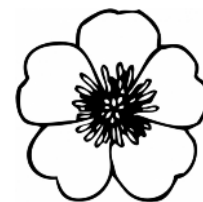


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Stitching in the Ditch



Stories by Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild www.ShastaLily.org

Paducah, Kentucky—Wow! Home to Hancock's of Paducah and the National Quilt Museum! Yes, you are correct! There are other things that you can do in Paducah. But I was focused. My husband patiently went with me. (Or I believed that he was patient.) Sure, I had seen the catalog and even ordered fabrics from the company, usually when I could not find acceptable fabrics locally.

But nothing could have prepared me for the sheer size and nature of this store, occupying some 60,000 feet of building space. When you first walk in, it is nearly overwhelming. But there is order to the apparent chaos. You need to know your fabric companies, however, and their lines of fabric. Carrying your catalog might also help. Store staff is helpful as they crisscross the floor with their clipboards, pulling fabrics that have been ordered on line, stacking them in shopping carts, and taking them to massive cutting tables. It is definitely a sight to delight the fabric collector's heart.

Next comes the National Quilt Museum with its three galleries dedicated to "advancing the art of today's quilters by bringing it to new and expanding audiences worldwide." Where to look? Current exhibits include the antique Kansas City Star Quilts and "Coloring Outside the Line," with the central gallery dedicated to quilts owned by the museum itself. And believe it or not, one quilt in the colorful "Coloring Outside the Line" featured exhibit is by a Bonanza, Oregon, quilter.

And, yes, I did find space in my suitcase for some lovely, yummy fabrics. Here's to you, Paducah!

Observations from the deck of a small cruise ship on the Mississippi River:

- 1—Just because your ship has a paddlewheel on the back, don't assume that the paddlewheel serves any useful function. Generally it is just along for the ride.
- 2—I had no idea that there were that many rivers—or that much water—in the South. This also includes the air itself.
- 3—I could not believe that any scenery can be that green.
- 4—Time does move differently on a river.
- 5—And, yes, Joe, natives of Kentucky do talk funny.

After the Quilt Show:

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of "Quilting Around the Mountain," from the community members and quilters who attended, to the quilters who entered their artwork, to our tireless judge, Arlene Arnold, to the guild members and their family members and friends who assisted at every step, to the vendors who offered their wares, and to the businesses who contributed much appreciated food and beverage items.

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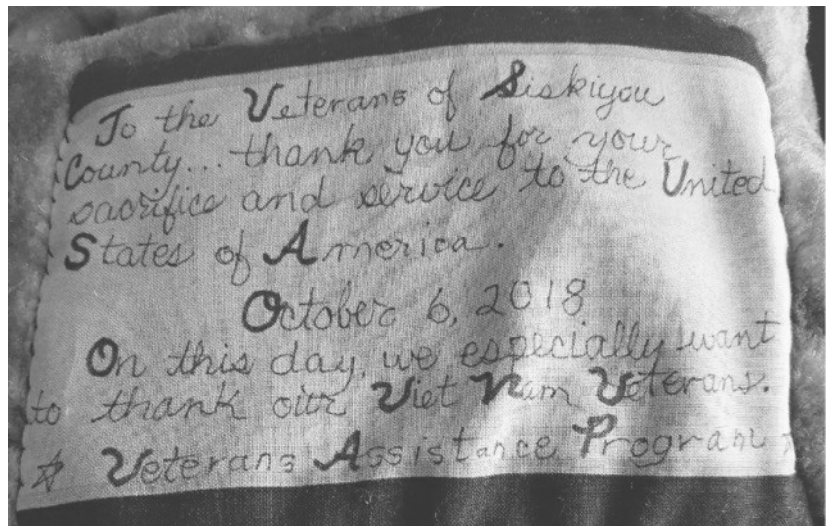
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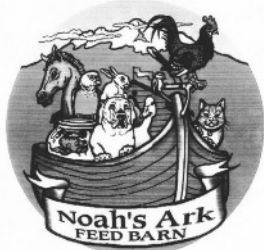
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Northern Klamath Co. Oregon History & Events

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"Murphy Center and Naughty North Klamath"

As a matter of economy and convenience, the brewing and distilling of alcoholic beverages in north Klamath County commenced prior to the Volstead Act. Goods came into north Klamath County over dirt roads that many months of the year were impassible. Shipping costs were high. One dollar was the fare for a seventeen-mile stagecoach ride from Crescent to La Pine. At the time, three dollars was a standard day's wage. For north Klamath County residents self-sufficiency in as many aspects as possible was a necessity. Passage of the Volstead Act changed north Klamath County's tradition of brewing and distilling into a lucrative business that furnished beverages for residents as far away as Eugene, Bend and Klamath Falls.

At the time of the Volstead Act's passage, economic opportunity in north Klamath County was very limited. The railroad had yet to arrive. The only mills that existed produced small quantities of lumber for local demand. There was ranching but the work it provided was seasonal. The individuals who were responsible for the Volstead Act were also responsible for the belated arrival of the railroad. Had the railroad come to north Klamath County in 1910, it is unlikely that the area would have developed into the boot legging center that it was during the 1920s.

An article printed in November 16, 1926 edition of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald was typical of the coverage of alcohol production in north Klamath County. In the article is was reported:

In one of the most remote and sparsely settle sections of Oregon, northern Klamath County near the headwaters of the Deschutes River, prohibition officers discovered yesterday a 20-gallon still which up to a short time ago had been in active operation.

The still was found by Deputy Sheriff Jud Short and State Prohibition Officer L. L. McBride. It was brought back to Klamath Falls and, with other implements which go to make up a modern distillery, was destroyed

The officers were tipped off on the location of the still. The operator of the still was either lucky or he was also tipped off when the officers arrived as he was conspicuous by his absence.

The still was one of the many sources of liquor supply for Klamath Falls and is further proof of the statement from McBride that much of liquor coming into town comes from the north.

Local demand for alcohol and places to consume it significantly increased with the construction by the Southern Pacific Railroad of the Natron Cutoff. Best known of the north Klamath County sporting houses was Murphy Center.



Murphy Center was established during 1923 by May Murphy. It was located one mile north of Crescent Lake Townsite. It first catered to the construction crews who were building the Natron Cutoff then continued catering to railroad employees, sheep herders, cowboys, bachelor loggers from Mowich and visitors to Crescent Lake and Odell Lake. Murphy Center consisted of a large building with four small cabins that were rented from May Murphy by women. The main building consisted of a cold cellar where beer and whiskey was stored. The first floor was a large room that was used as a dance hall. At the end opposite from the front door was a bar and a stair case that lead to a second floor which was where May Murphy lived. Beside the front door was table with a fruit basket on it. Before entering, patrons were required to deposit their weapons. Fighting inside the Murphy Center was not tolerated. Ray Johnston, who later married May Murphy, and Tim Delaney were employed as bouncers.

Murphy Center closed with the repeal of the Volstead Act. One of the women who rented a cabin from May Murphy stayed on at Crescent Lake Townsite. Into the 1950s, she was employed as a school bus driver. May Murphy moved to Washington where she died in 1979. Bootlegging in north Klamath County ended with the repeal of the Volstead Act. The arrival of the railroad created new opportunity for legal employment. During the 1930s Sheep men, cowboys and bachelor loggers who wanted to kick up their heels on a Saturday night began patronizing the Mohawk, which survives to this day, and the Half Way House. ■



Image above is the area that remains of Murphy Center.

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Officer Millard Triplett testified that he had never heard any complaint that the defendants had sold or handled liquor, and a similar statement was made by Oscar Carlson, chairman of the city council police and fire committee. H. H. De Armond represented the defendants.

F. M. Cleaves, justice of the peace and postmaster at Crescent, was brought into Bend Sunday after an alleged sale of moonshine to state operatives. A purchase of a quart for \$5 was made, Deputy State Prohibition Chief Willard M. Houston states this morning. Cleaves is at liberty under bond.

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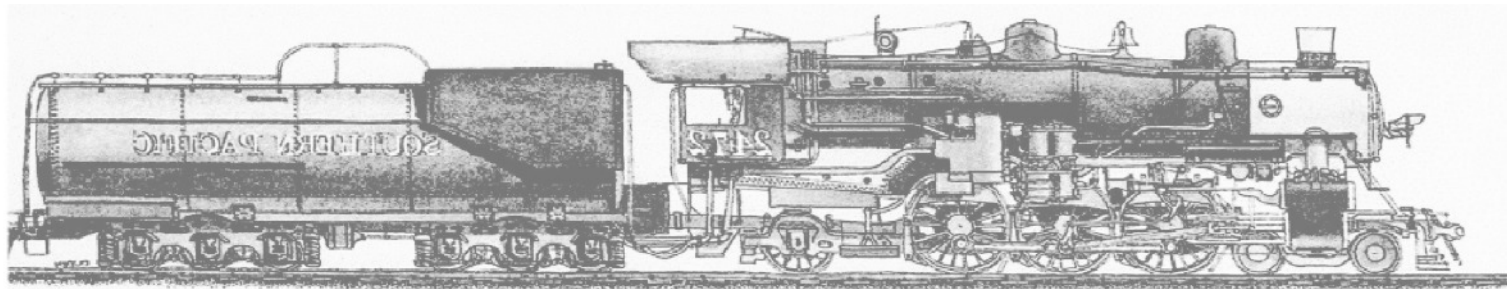
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At 1:30 on October 20th the Museum will hold a drawing for a lovely quilt made and donated by Shasta Lily Guild member Bev Loper of Mount Shasta. The winner need not be present to win; two years ago a lady from New Mexico won a quilt.

AUTUMN

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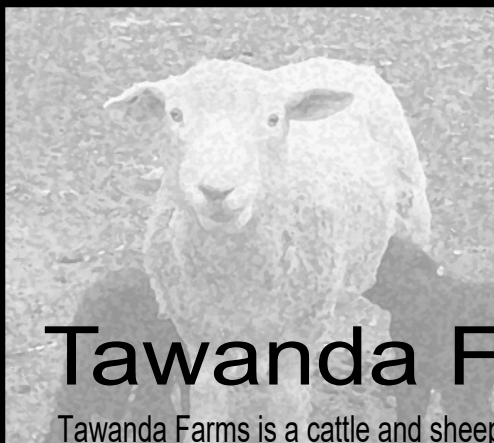
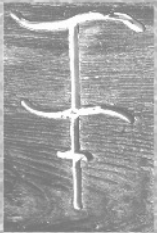
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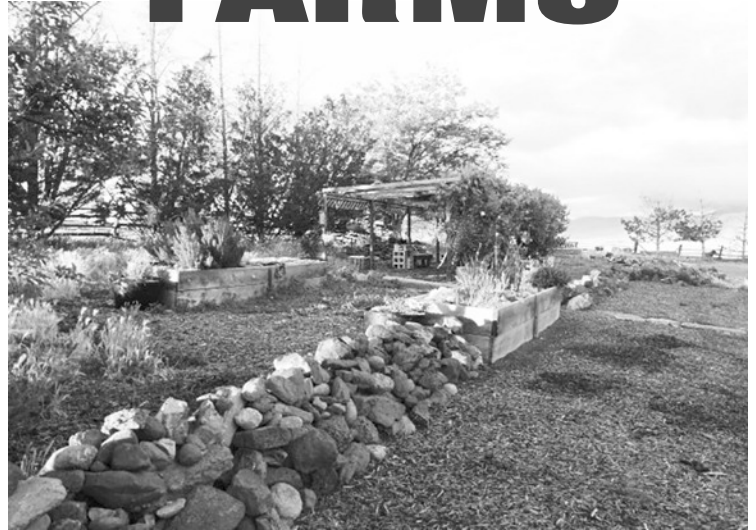
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Chickens: You will remember I told you about the Bantam White Crested Polish rooster who walked

in off the road to live at Tawanda Farms. After we purchased two dozen Barred Rock hens, he thought he died and went to heaven. He has those hens so in love with him they follow him everywhere. Everywhere also means at night. At night this rooster roosts in the trees. He has a number of hens who also roost in the trees with him. These hens were never meant to fly into trees. They are too heavy. But fly they do. Once in a while one of them will fall out of the tree, but she gets right up and goes back up with her friends and the rooster. I guess you would say they are bonded.

Just watching.... one can see usual and unusual animal behavior right in front of you. ■



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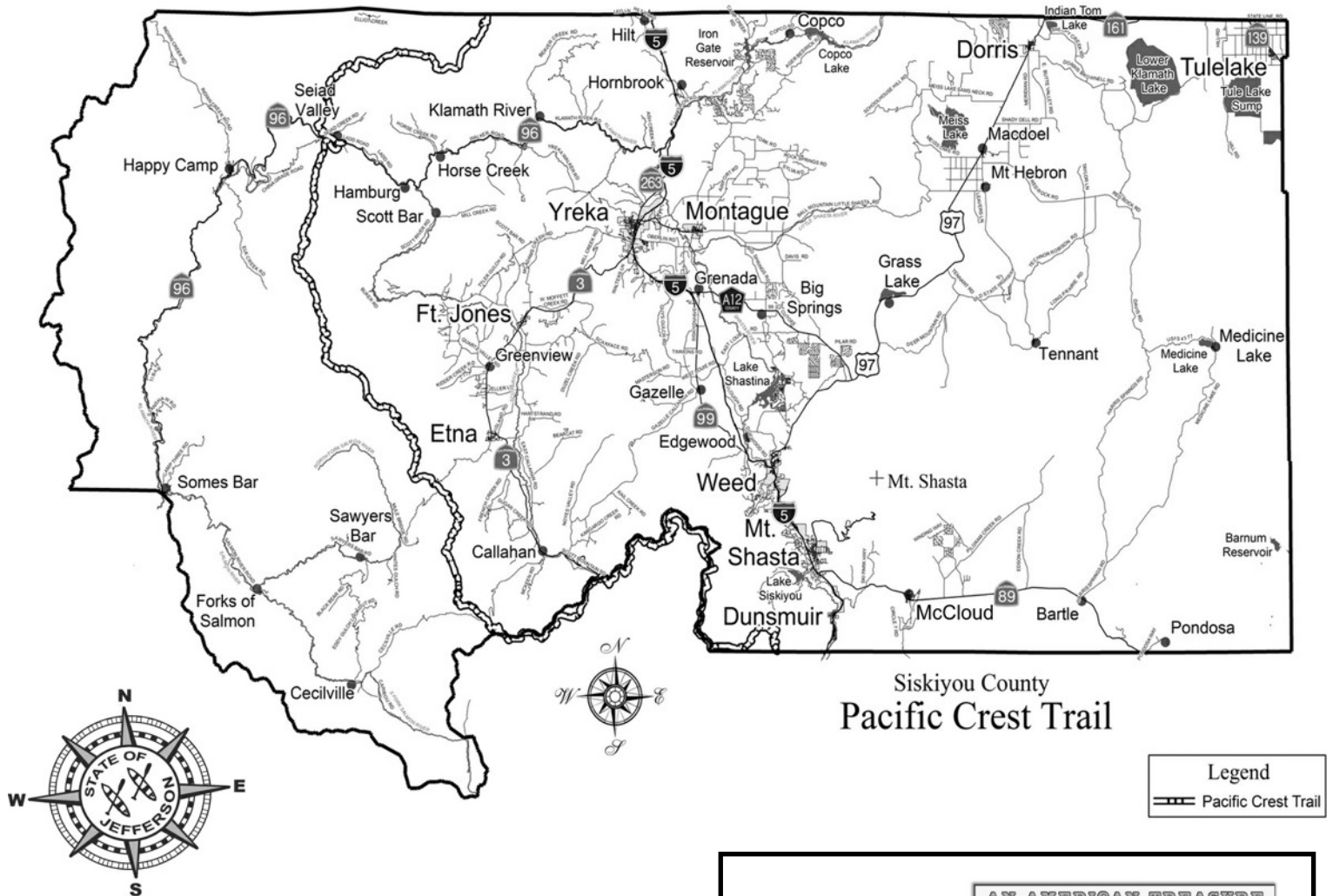
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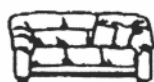
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"The Spanish Flu - 100 Years Ago"

Influenza, commonly known as "the flu," is an infectious disease caused by an influenza virus. Historically there have been epidemics and pandemics based upon diseases such as influenza. The disease may have spread from Europe to the Americas as early as 1493, when the first contact with Europeans occurred. In fact, almost the entire indigenous population of the Antilles was killed by an epidemic like influenza after the arrival of Christopher Columbus. Other diseases, like small pox, diphtheria, cholera, etc., also swept through the Americas after European settlers began colonizing the regions.

In the 1880s there were several local epidemics that circulated through the north state and southern Oregon. Diphtheria hit Scott Valley in 1883 with several cases in Fort Jones. In Henley, in 1884, there were about 80 or 90 cases of diphtheria. In 1884, Jacksonville, Oregon, suffered from scarlet fever where numbers of children died, including six in one family.

The health records for Siskiyou County during the 1890s to 1900 revealed that some contagion was being controlled. Vaccinations against small pox had become standard. Diphtheria, typhoid fever, and tuberculosis outbreaks were relatively sporadic and limited. However, winter was often a time of heightened infection; in December 1893, there were about 50 cases of influenza reported in Yreka, although they were much milder than cases earlier documented. Also, typhoid fever did take a toll on many families periodically. Newspapers appealed to homeowners to cease running sewage out on the ground and to install better sewer systems.

During the 1890s, there was also a shortage of qualified doctors around the north state. Some of the most notable in the last decade included Dr. A. C. Helm at Sawyer's Bar; Dr. C. W. Nutting, E. W. Bathurst, and W.H. Haines, all of Etna; Dr. C. S. Cowan and A. A. Milliken, Fort Jones; Dr. D. Ream, C. L. Gregory, A. J. Collar and Frederick McNulty, Yreka; Dr. Hull, Hornbrook; Dr. J. Hial West, Klamathon; Dr. G. W. Dwinell and W. E. Tebbe, Montague; Dr. C. E. Thompson, Edgewood; Dr. H. Wheeler, H. W. Smith, D. Lindsay, F. M. Fuller, and G. H. Flett, Sisson; and Dr. Benj. M. Gill and C. G. Gleaves, Dunsmuir. One Siskiyou County doctor, Dr. Robert T. Legge, of the McCloud River Lumber Company's hospital, became professor of hygiene, university physician, and lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley; he served from 1915 to 1942.



The most famous influenza outbreak, however, occurred in 1918 and 2018 marks its 100th anniversary. Often called the "Spanish flu" the devastation caused by this pandemic was worldwide and has been described as "the greatest medical holocaust in history," perhaps killing as many people as did the Black Death centuries before. The death toll was caused by an extremely high infection rate of up to 50% and the extreme severity of symptoms, killing between two and twenty percent of those infected. An unusual feature of the pandemic was that it killed mostly young adults, with 99% of the deaths occurring in people under 65, and more than 50% in adults 20 to 40 years old. Generally influenza attacks the very old or very young.

Recent studies suggest that the disease may have even originated in the United States, and most likely, in Haskell, Kansas. According to one report, "When Congress declared war against Germany on April 7, 1917, Camp Funston was a U.S. Army training camp on the Fort Riley reservation in Central Kansas. Hastily built, with drafty, poorly heated barracks, Funston trained more than 50,000 men during World War I." Moreover, "In Haskell, many farmers in a highly marginal economy still lived in sod houses. The economy had been based on cattle, but with wartime subsidies for hogbacks, pig farming became popular. Haskell was also on a major flyway for 17 bird species including sand hill cranes and mallards. The confluence of bird, swine and human viruses is understood today, but wasn't in 1918." Today scientists understand that bird influenza viruses, like human influenza viruses, can infect hogs; when that happens, a new, perhaps more lethal, virus can evolve.

The first outbreak of this deadly influenza occurred at the Camp Funston on March 4, 1918. Within two weeks, more than 1,000 men were infected. As soldiers were shipped overseas with the U.S. entry into the war, the disease was appearing there. Even the Spanish King fell ill, and that was when the viral infection became known as the Spanish flu.

The first cause for alarm in California occurred Oct. 12, when more than 300 cases of flu were reported in Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County. Two days later, in Colfax, a man died, and then a Grass Valley woman died in Alameda. The disease spread quickly; on Oct. 18, 1918, it was reported that the city of San Jose was in quarantine. All over, people were ordered to wear gauze masks outside their homes, and clerks and merchants were ordered to wear masks at all times. Stores, bars and restaurants were instructed to close by 6 p.m. Still, the disease was not well understood by doctors, especially country doctors. Very few families around Siskiyou County and elsewhere escaped the disease. Reportedly one family in Western Siskiyou County lost two children days before the death of the mother. As anyone who might visit cemeteries will note, almost every family experienced loss, whether one or two deaths, or more. ■

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"Thanks, Mister...!"

"Just call me Charlie!" He gave the hood a couple of pats.

"Take good care of the old girl now."

I stood watching him walking away, an old man, uncertain but determined. I was young, still wet behind the years, but I hoped he got on the bus and headed back to Iowa like he said he would-- instead of having one last drink for the road. It would be sad to find out otherwise especially with a good-hearted name like Charlie... with a roll of dough and no place to sleep. "See you around, Nelson." Then gave me a big wave of his hand.

I thanked Mr. Warren for his help, walked out and climbed in behind the wheel. With a three-ring circus of butter-flies whirling around in the pit of my stomach, I pulled away and headed down Miner Street. Every now and then I'd catch just a glimpse of Warren... he stayed busy. As to Charlie, I've often wondered why he sold a near perfect, classic automobile to me for next to nothing. Thoughts and the imponderables, following along like Velcro sticking with you, as to certain things we think are important.



That little 4-cylinder Model A engine purred like a new-born kitten or a Singer Sewing machine; I couldn't suppress the pure unabridged euphoria that I was feeling. I drove my little automobile cautiously, gripping the steering wheel tightly going down the Klamath River Highway, praying that I wouldn't run across a California State Policeman-- I had yet to study up and then pass the driver's license exam. I was in a hurry and on a mission. No problem. I had plenty of time to think about it. I slowed down, crossed over the bridge spanning the confluence of Beaver Creek, turned off the narrow single lane Klamath River highway... heart racing with pent-up emotions, taking my time on the dirt road a half mile or so from the turn-off, then pulled into the driveway and parked.

Mom and my brothers and sisters were on the porch along with grandma, who stood on the porch solemnly waving her handkerchief, dobbing her eyes. I opened the car door and stood up and gave everyone a big wave of the hand as though I were a conquering hero! Pretty soon everyone was walking around gawking and admiring my new car. Mom put her arm around my shoulder. "You did good son... looks like a real nice little car." It was inevitable... soon they were all clamoring for a ride.

The next morning I rode the Stage-Line into Yreka, caught the bus and headed North. At Roseburg I switched buses for the coast. In those days, traveling by Greyhound was still considered posh and luxurious. The main-liners traveling on Highway 99 were clean and comfortable, and some of the buses even had pretty, petite stewardesses just like the airlines. The drivers wore hats and uniforms, pressed and clean and trim. As we slowed down at the edge of town, I was thinking about Daniels Creek, and at the same time couldn't help wondering what lay ahead.

Fred met me at the Tioga Hotel with his pickup truck. We shook hands, loaded my luggage in the back, then headed back up river to Camp. Uncle Fred gave me the low-down, and what to expect. He asked me how things were on Beaver Creek and what I had been doing, stuff like that. I told him about working on the big hay-ranch over in Scott Valley and that I'd made enough to buy a Model-A Ford... and had enough left over for school clothes and spending money. Then I anxiously told him that I had bought along a gift for him, a new Remington 22 caliber automatic rifle. He smiled and thanked me. Even though Uncle Fred was a died-in-the-wool Winchester Carbine man, he told me that he appreciated the thought. Fred smiled. "So you bought a Model-A Ford, eh! You made a good choice, it was one of the best automobiles Ford ever made." Uncle Fred chuckled as we crossed the bridge over the Coos River and took the Alleghany cut-off to the Big Camp. He glanced over and gave me a pat on my knee, and then he said, "Just wait until you see it, Bud!"

One thing was certain... life was changing fast for me. And yet, inside I was still just a kid, and had a long trail ahead of me. I didn't know then that I had one foot on a banana peel, at the edge of a precipitous slope, and the other firmly planted at the door of the school of hard knocks! ■

To be continued . . .

Photo of Hank Nelson as a little boy and Uncle Fred Cooper holding him up alongside his little Model-A—Ford roadster.

Our Beloved State of Jefferson Region



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.

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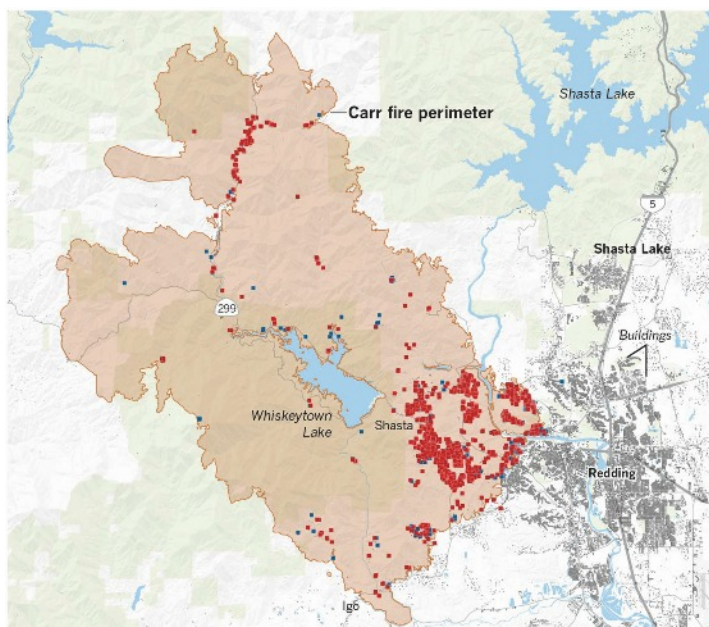
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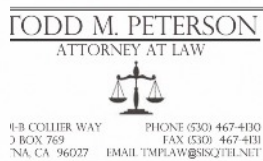
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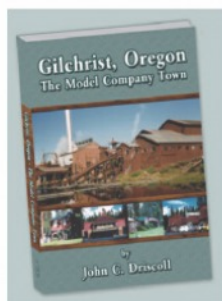
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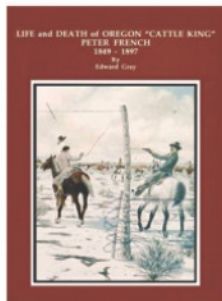
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