

Feather River Bulletin

1-5-1928

Fur catches of good quality are reported from trappers at Pulga this season. Shipments of lynx, mink, raccoon, skunk and coyote have been made by Alec and Roy Johnson, Corbet Gramps, William Wright and Dan Johnson.

CAVE IN LEADS TO DIS- COVERY OF RICH VEIN

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Yankee Hill, Jan. 21.—Recent cave-ins of the old workings of the Sucease mine, have disclosed another vein of some magnitude, carrying greater value than the original vein that was worked out.

Assay values running \$100 and over per ton, taken from samples of the new ledge that was accidentally discovered, is the result.

The Sucease mine has produced over a quarter of a million dollars of ore, and now the new discovery will no doubt stimulate further mining activities.

PULGA MINE SHIPPING CONCENTRATES BY TRUCK

Pulga, Jan. 17.—Daily shipments of gold concentrates, using 5-ton trucks on a 9-mile haul to Pulga, has been going on during the past three weeks, under the management of the Circle Mining Co., situated on the Oroville side of Las Plumas.

The haul to Las Plumas would be shorter, however, the county road, now existing at that point, runs on the opposite side of the river from the railroad track. The mine company, by hauling to Pulga, saves a 27 mile run into Oroville.

1-28-1928

YANKEE HILL STOCK RAISER ASSN. FORMED

YANKEE HILL, Jan. 28.—(Special)—Residents of this community held a meeting Thursday evening for the purpose of forming a co-operative organization for the benefit of stock raisers in this section.

The meeting was called to order by J. A. Clark, temporary chairman, and an organization was formed to be known as the Stock Raisers Protective Association of Yankee Hill.

Mark P. Simmons of Con Cow, was elected president of the association and J. A. Clark, secretary. Other officials will be appointed as soon as the organization takes permanent form.

A committee was appointed to formulate rules and by-laws of the association, to be presented at the next meeting. Those named on the committee are E. F. Hodapp, O. H. Lunt, A. Hausman, Chas. Clyde and A. C. Barton.

Those signing the roll-call of the association, are: Grant Croghan, A. Hausman, V. O. Josephson, F. T. Barton, Chas. E. Clyde, O. H. Lunt, C. Frank Clyde, Mrs. A. C. Barton, Mrs. V. O. Josephson, E. F. Hodapp, J. J. Odneal, M. P. Simmons and J. A. Clark.

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2-13-1928

Meek And Party Inspect Routes Of Canyon Road

PULGA, Feb. 13—(Special)—B. B. Meek, state director of public works, and party, who are making an inspection of the proposed route for the Oroville-Quincy highway, arrived in Pulga at 4 p. m. Sunday, where they were served a chicken dinner at the hotel. They left at 5:20 p. m. for Quincy and returned to Pulga Monday morning and thence completed the inspection of the road from Pulga to Storrie.

Slide Cleared, Road Now Open Between Oroville and Storrie

PULGA, Feb. 13.—(Special)—W. H. King had a crew of men working on the Rock Creek slide last week, clearing the road. It is now open from Oroville to Storrie and is in good condition.

2-16-1928

Pulga Telegrapher Denies Whispers That He Has Hats of Belding, Young

PULGA, Feb. 16—(Special)— Last May Charles F. Belding, clerk of Butte county, was present at the opening of the canyon road which took place in Pulga. When he was ready to leave he was unable to find his hat, so returned to Oroville hatless.

On February 12, F. R. Young, clerk of Plumas county, was a member of the party, who were with B. B. Meek, state director of public works, when he made his inspection of the canyon road. Queer as the coincidence seems, he was in the same predicament as Belding with a lost hat, and returned to Quincy hatless.

William Darrach, telegrapher and operator for the Western Pacific at Pulga, has been the subject of many jokes, because he wore a hat that answered to the description of the one lost by Belding. Now that the circumstance has been repeated he makes the statement that he wishes it to be known that he in no wise has had any connection with either loss.

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2-24-1928

MINER CAUGHT IN DRIVE BELT

YANKEE HILL, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Al Barton saved himself from serious injury and possible death this week at the Surcease Mine, where he is employed.

Barton's clothes caught in the drive belt, He was being dragged towards the main drive wheel, where he would have been crushed, when he caught hold of a brace in the machinery room.

The force of the belt was so great that Barton's clothes were torn from his back.

YANKEE HILL BODIES MERGE

YANKEE HILL, Feb. 24 —(Special)— The Stockmen Association will merge with the Yankee Hill Improvement Association at the next regular meeting of the latter organization which will be March 8.

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3-5-1928

Mansell Planning Active Work On Rock Creek Mine

PULGA, March 5.—(Special)—T. A. Mansell of Las Plumas passed through Pulga last week on his way to Rock Creek where he and his associates are planning active development of their placer claims.

Supplies are already being shipped to Rock Creek and packed about five miles to the mine. Rock Creek is located twelve miles north of Pulga.

FRIENDS GIVE DINNER FOR E. M. CARPENTER

PULGA, March 4.—(Special)—E. M. Carpenter of Mayaro celebrated his birthday last Monday. A dinner was planned in his honor. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Phelps, W. K. Wright, Miss Harriet M. Price, of Oakland, and G. H. Phelps. In the evening Stanley Hicks, tenor of San Francisco, sang "Mother Machree," in honor of Mr. Carpenter, which was given out by the announcer and broadcasted over KYA station. Perfect reception was obtained by Carpenter over his radio at Mayaro Lodge.

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3-15-1928

BUTTE MINE REOPENS

YANKEE HILL, March 15.—Robert Day, owner of the once famous "Poor Man Mine" in this district, is reopening the property. He has let a contract for retimbering and removing the debris in the workings to D. B. Thomas, who will begin work immediately.

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3-30-1928

North Fork Rises High; House Floats Away In Pulga; W. P. Trains Run

PULGA, March 30 — (Special)—

The North Fork of the Feather river rose to big proportions during the recent storm. The Great Western Power Company maintains a water gauge in the river about one half mile from Pulga. This registered a little over five feet on Friday.

The rain was so heavy that the river rose rapidly. It became so high that the gauge stopped registering at 22½ feet.

It is estimated that the water rose 20 feet.

The rainfall during the six stormy days totalled 14.03 inches.

Some damage was done in Pulga. A small cottage belonging to Guy Henry of Oroville was loosened and went floating down the river, a complete loss.

T. J. Boyd, acting agent for the Western Pacific, was living in the house, but he removed his belongings and himself when the water kept rising.

H. H. Hunter had to move his chickens as the yards and houses became flooded. He would have lost two chicken houses if he had not fastened them to shore by using cables, which were tied around the houses and moored to the shore.

Considerable damage was done to the county road. A washout about 15 feet in width occurred about one half mile south of Pulga, and there are numerous slides both ways.

The road crew, with Frank Clark as foreman, is already working on the road south of here and is now almost three miles from Pulga.

The Western Pacific suffered considerable damage, there being two wash outs, one near Storrie, the other near Tobin, and several slides.

Western Pacific train No. 4, on Monday continued as far as Rock Creek, but on account of the wash-out near Storrie it was forced to return to Pulga. This train was held here until Tuesday afternoon when a large slide south of Pulga was cleared, so the train could return to Oroville as progress through the canyon was impossible.

The first through train passed Pulga about 1 p. m. on Wednesday on it's way to Oroville, thus once more opening the road north and south.

Everyone here is glad to receive mail and papers after having been without them for 2 and a half days.

Western Pacific Ditchers No. 15 and 16 are stationed at Pulga during the night, working out of here in the day time.

On Wednesday H. P. Birkinbine of Storrie, accompanied by T. A. Mansell of Las Plumas, walked from Storrie to Pulga to make an inspection of the county road. This is a distance of about 15 miles. They stopped for lunch in Pulga, and then continued on their way two miles below Pulga. Here they were met by W. D. Campbell who took them to Las Plumas in his machine.

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6-26-1928

Bruce Announces He Will Hunt Pulga Lion Within Week; Asks People's Help

At the request of the Mercury-Register, which was instrumental in bringing him here for two addresses yesterday, Jay Bruce, state lion hunter, has changed his plans and will go out after the Pulga lion within a week.

Bruce made this promise to the Mercury-Register today just before he left town.

"I'll delay my hunt in the Klamath River country one week," he said. Bruce is hurrying matters to reach the Klamath country before the salmon run. He is afraid his valuable lion dogs will get salmon poisoning if they are there during the run of the fish.

In the meantime, Bruce wants the people on Big Bar mountain to keep a watch for signs of the lion. These deer slayers keep a regular beat of some 25 miles over an area of about ten square miles. Bruce wishes those who have seen lion tracks to write to the Mercury-Register at once so that he can have the data and get on the trail quickly, once he reaches Big Bar mountain.

After the Mercury-Register had received an account from its Pulga correspondent of the activities of a lion on Big Bar, it communicated with Bruce, and his arrival here is a result.

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7-7-1928

New Machinery Put In For Wells Mine

YANKEE HILL, July 7.—(Special)—New machinery is being installed at the John Wells Mine at Philbrook, preparatory to working on a large scale. Four men are employed and the present management L. L. Root and parties of San Francisco, plan to do considerable development work this summer.

The first work will be to complete driving a tunnel to tap the vein at a depth of 100 feet and if the ore they expect to uncover will justify further development, buildings and a full line of mining equipment will be put in.

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W. A. Ward, One of Oroville's Oldest Business Dealers

Once a week, on Saturday, the Mercury-Register, will tell of the birthday of an interesting Oroville character and review that individual's life and achievements. One of the series follows:

By **ALTA B. BALDWIN**

William Ashby Ward, one of Oroville's business men was born at Morristown, Sierra county, July 29, 1862, the son of a pioneer family.

His father, William Ward, came to California with a mule team caravan in the fall of 1849 by way of Lassen Trail. When the party came to Deer Creek Divide, a few miles from Big Meadows, they found such a bad path that they had to abandon their wagons and most of their supplies which enable them to get through without any further trouble. They saw notices, however, left by travelers who had gone that way before, one of which had been scratched with charcoal on the bleached head of an animal which read "Beware! Indians bad in this section!"

Reaches Long's Bar

At length Ward reached the gold fields at Long's Bar, Butte county on the Feather River where he and his three comrades divided their stores and separated. Ward located above Long's Bar at White Rock and spent the first winter in a dug out below two logs covered with brush and dirt; and there, by hard work, he did well.

Changes Location

As soon as one claim did not pay twenty dollars a day, Ward would take another; and hearing of mines further north toward Yankee Hill, and Concow, he and others went there. Many Indians visited them but proved friendly. Towards evening the gold seekers saw fires kindled on higher ridges and heard shouting back and forth calls and responses; and fearing treachery of the savages, they loaded up after dark and returned to the Pentz Ranch. Then they mined at Stringtown and about 1852 a company was formed and they went into Sierra county at Craig's Flat and Morristown, where they profited by hydraulic engineering undertaken for the American Mining Company.

Butcher Business

Later Ward engaged in the butcher business there and also at Poker Flat, still later locating in Eureka, eight miles north of Downieville.

In 1875 Ward moved to Oroville where he opened a market on Myers street with a partner named John Greenleaf. He later sold out to Greenleaf and opened the Huntoon Market on Huntoon street with James Stevenson of Wyandotte, as a partner under the firm name of Ward and Stevenson. At the end of three years, Ward sold out to Fred Kroeger, having been appointed road overseer of District No. 1, an office he continued to hold for many years. He died in 1906 aged eighty-one years.

Five Children

William Ward was married to Miss Chestina Maria Benson, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., in 1857. Mrs. Ward died in Oakland in 1910.

Five children were born to the Wards, they are Mary Virginia, who is Mrs. McFarland of this city, William A., Julia V., a teacher on the Oroville schools, Lewis F., residing

in Oroville and Edward Benson, deceased.

Earns First Money

William Ashby Ward, the subject of our sketch attended school at Eureka, a small town lying between Downieville and La Porte. He remembers earning his first money when a boy twelve years old, scraping bed rock. The soil was scraped away and gold found in the bed rock.

For a number of years he worked for his father in the butcher shop and attended school. At that time he acquired the nick-name of "Butch." Many of his old-time friends still call him "Butch." He learned to make sausage as well as deliver meat, and be the handy man.

Five Room School

When Ward attended school in Oroville there were five rooms in the Bird Street school. Some of the teachers he remembers were Mr. Harvey, Mr. Clapp, Miss Nellie Givens and George Shaw.

In 1882, Ward drove the delivery wagon for George C. Perkins and Company, a large grovery firm in Oroville. It later became the Perkins, Wise and Ostroski Company, then Perkins and Wise Company, then Henry Wise Company; Henry Wise died and Wallace Wise of San Francisco operated the business. While the store was owned by Perkins and Wise, Ward left the firm and went in business with Willard A. Westwood in the St. Sure Building, now owned by J. L. Brady and occupied by the Grafe Chevrolet Motor Sales Company. Later Mrs. Clara Thatcher erected a business building where the Fred Wolfe Grocery Store is now located and Westwood and Ward moved into the new building.

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Sells Business

In 1916, Ward sold out to Mr. Westwood. He and his family moved to Oakland but returned to Oroville after one year in Oakland. Then Ward knew that Oroville would always be his home.

In 1918, Mr. and Mrs. Ward built the Ward Apartments on the corner of High and Pine streets.

In September, 1927, Ward and E. L. Johnson bought the A. and W. Root Beer Stand on Huntoon street.

Marries Clara Welsh

Ward was married to Miss Clara Welsh, a native of Yuba City, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Welsh, California pioneers. Mrs. Ward moved to Oroville when seven years old. Before they were married Ward built a pretty cottage for his bride on Pine street and the Wards have continued to live at the same home ever since. Mrs. Ward says, "We have only rebuilt three times."

Ward is a member of Argonaut Parlor No. 8 N. S. G. W., and Oroville Lodge No. 59 I. O. O. F., also Oro Encampment No. 22, I. O. O. F.

The Wards have one daughter, now Mrs. W. S. McCallan.

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7-17-1928

Flames Destroy H. L. Vinton Home, Barn At Cherokee

Fire at 9 a.m. today destroyed the H. L. Vinton home at Cherokee. The amount of the loss has not been estimated.

The home, built forty years ago, was a complete loss, nothing was saved. The cause is not ascertained.

Barns on the property also were burned.

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7-23-1928

Wants Oroville People To Know Road to Pulga

Oroville service stations, garages, and other business houses should acquaint themselves with the road to Pulga, writes a Pulga resident to the Mercury-Register.

The writer asserts that tourists intending to drive by automobile to Pulga are misinformed on the route and often take some other road by mistake.

The trip to Pulga can be made either by way of Cherokee or Pentz to Yankee Hill. A sign a short distance beyond Yankee Hill directs the driver to the right, over the road built jointly by Butte county and the Great Western Power Co. This road leads to Pulga.

Following is the letter received today:

Dear Editor:

Parties coming into Pulga either on business or on pleasure, complain about the difficulty in obtaining information in garages and business places in Oroville as how to reach Pulga.

When inquiry is made no one seems able to give directions. Last week one party, who made inquiries, was given such directions in Oroville that Mountain House on the Quincy road was reached before they were informed that they were on the wrong road. This was about a thirty mile trip.

Such poor information and seeming ignorance of the existence of a road to Pulga is a poor advertisement for any business firm for it does not establish a friendly feeling nor make a booster out of a person, who is so misinformed.

I am writing to your paper thereby hoping that the people of Oroville will be interested enough to acquaint themselves with the fact that there is a road to Pulga, so that those who inquire in your town can be given explicit directions that will take them to their destination. If directed to Pentz and Yankee Hill no one can miss the road.

Signed — From Pulga

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8-7-1928

PULGA PLANT SUPPLIES ICE TO FAMILIES

PULGA. Aug. 7 — (Special)—**W. H. KING** enlarged his ice plant at Kingvale Resort last week. He has had a machine that has been making about 1000 pounds of ice, but last week enlarged the plant so that over a ton of ice can be made daily.

The motive power is derived from Flea Valley Creek under a head of eighty feet. Two Pelton water wheels drive the two separate machines.

Much ice is shipped out of Pulga each day up and down the canyon.

In conjunction with the ice plant King maintains a large cold storage room that is used in keeping meats and other perishable.

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THEY'RE OFF!
FOR THE

Dance

At King's Hall

PULGA

SATURDAY NIGHT

HILL'S ORCHESTRA

Trip To Lake Concow Is One Of Interesting Tours

All parts of Butte county are represented in letters written in the Mercury-Register in the most interesting spot in the county. Although it was originally announced that letters would be published Saturday, because of the large number of letters received it was thought best to begin printing them beginning today.

One of the series is on a trip to Lake Concow near Yankee Hill. The story is written in verse by Miss Evelyn Hendricks of Yankee Hill and follows:

A TRIP TO LAKE CONCOW

Come with me, folks, for the day is hot

And I know the most inviting beautiful spot.

A place where mountains, water, sky and sand

Form the most interesting place in Butte county's fair land.

The roads are good and it's not very far

By Old Yankee Hill or the Nelson River,

The latter route's best, I feel quite sure.

A plain open road and no detour
Cross the bridge at Oroville and keep to the right

And we'll soon feast our eyes on this wonderful sight.

Other roads leading to the right are few,

In fact, to be exact, there are but two.

The right road at Pentz leads to old Cherokee

And still farther up another we'll see,

Leads to the once-famous mining town, Old Yankee Hill.

But we'll not follow these; we'll go as I said—

Keep the main traveled highway and go straight ahead

Over winding mountain roads through forest-clad hills,

Up mountains, down canyons, over rippling rills

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The higher we climb, the larger the
mountains and trees;
The cooler and sweeter the pine-
scented breeze.
We at last round a curve, and lo!
and behold—
Before us lies the wonder spot, of
which I have told.
A clear sparkling lake, like some
gem handed down,
A gift to her people, from royal-
ty's crown.
A gem in its setting of soft pur-
ple and green,
A gem from the crown of nature's
fair queen.
We'll pitch our tents on the clean
sandy shore
And rest for a while, now our trav-
els are o'er,
And when at last the busy day is
done,
We can watch the blazing glory of
the setting sun.
Then when twilight comes on, with
its rosy haze,
We will kindle a camp-fire and its
cheery blaze
Will add to our comfort, for as a
rule,
The breeze off the lake is decidedly
cool.
Now we will take our rod, fish-bait
and reel
And cautiously down to the water's
edge steal,
For this is the time that the rain-
bows play
When the water is warm from the
heat of day.
Soon we hear a splash and a
swish—
Tis a rainbow trout and "he is some
fish."
When we've caught the limit or feel
need of rest,
We'll hie us to camp, and tackle
with zest
Fried fish or bacon, it's equally good
When cooked on a camp-fire with
fragrant pine wood,
And the fragrance of coffee, from
the bubbling black pot
Right off the fire and still piping
hot.

For now we are hungry and scarce-
ly can wait
To sit 'round the fire and fill up
our plate.
The last lights of day have faded
too soon,
Giving place to the pale golden light
of the moon
That slowly and silently rises o'er
the crest of the hill.
"Let's rekindle our fire, for the air
grows chill,
And lulled by the music and gentle
tap, tap,
Of the tiny wavelets as they inces-
santly lap
Up the sands of the shore that lies
so near.
I'll tell you the story if you wish
to hear
As it may not be written in the
Halls of Fame,
How this "enchanted spot" got its
wonderful name.
It was once the home of the Con-
cow band
Of Redmen who roamed o'er this
wonderful land,
And hunted the deer in the forests
cool,
Or caught the fish from the lim-
pid pool.
Yet to this day when strolling
around
Evidence of the life of this people
is found.
Arrow heads, beads, round holes in
stones,
Are turned out by the plow, and
sometimes bones,
Or perhaps a skull still smoothe and
round,
Mute evidence that here was a bury-
ing ground.
Hark! What is that shrill waver-

ing cry?

Does it come from across the lake
or is it near by?
It is the shrill war cry of the spirit
of some Concow brave
Unable to rest in his silent grave
Come back on this moon-lit night to
roam
Through the shadowy valley that
once was his home?
But no—'tis the echoing plaintive
wails,
Of a lone coyote on some distant
trail.
So we bury our camp fire and seek
slumber sound
On a couch of pine boughs or a
blanket on the ground.
If a vacation or a rest you would
take,
On the pine needle carpeted shores
of some quiet lake
If but for a month, week-end or a
day,
Or' longer yet, if you wish to stay,
And if this wonder spot you wish
to see,
Just pack your camp outfit and fol-
low me.

—M-R—

Annual Birthday Fete Of County Officials Takes Place At Pulga

PULGA, Aug. 13.—(Special)—A jolly crowd gathered at Pulga Sunday to celebrate the birthday of Supervisor Frank L. Roohr, Supervisor Henry W. White and Frank Boyle county purchasing agent, whose birthday occur in August.

The event was started last year and was such a success that it is now an established custom which will be held yearly.

A delicious dinner was served in the dining room of "Kingvale Resort" at 2 p. m. by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King. Chicken, salad, coffee, ice cream and cake were served to the guests at three large tables, each table was decorated with a bouquet of golden glow.

Speeches were made by Supervisor Frank Roohr and Supervisor George T. Meeker, who expressed their appreciation and delight at being able to attend the celebration.

The party lingered till after 6 p. m. enjoying the cool mountain air.

Those who attended the joint birthday celebration were:

Supervisor and Mrs. Frank L. Roohr, Supervisor Henry W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle, Betty Boyle, Supervisor and Mrs. George T. Meeker, H. H. Hume, H. P. Birkinbine, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Roohr, Betty Roohr, Dorothy Fanrey, Mary Louise Deter, Mr and Mrs. Martin C. Polk, C. E. Reiss, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mrs. J. B. Graham, Billy King, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Ricketts and Miriam Ricketts.

Those who attended the party at Pulga motored in. They remarked about the excellent condition of the road.

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DANCE GIVEN AT PULGA SATURDAY

PULGA, Aug. 13. — (Special) — Those who attended the dance given in King's hall Saturday night at Pulga had a very enjoyable time

Good music was furnished by Hill's orchestra of Oroville and the floor was in excellent condition for dancing.

The hall had been prettily decorated with streamers of blue and white, while huge bouquets of yellow golden glow added color to the decorations.

At midnight a delicious supper of sandwiches, potato salad, cake and coffee was served.

Pulga

PULGA, Aug. 13. — (Special) — LESTER B. TOBY, fire warden, stationed at Pulga, left for Quincy Sunday morning.

MR. and MRS. ALFRED J. HUHTALA and their twin sons arrived from Cromberg Saturday. Huhtala has been appointed fire warden to fill the vacancy made by the departure of Toby.

CHARLES JOHNSON and Carlyle Roberts of Las Plumas were in Pulga Sunday working on the Big Bar Gauging Station. They were assisted by R. H. King and H. C. Gramps of Pulga.

C. SCHINDLER, meter tester for the Great Western Power company arrived from Walker Mine Saturday night. He remained in Pulga overnight and left Sunday morning for the old Surcease Mine and Las Plumas. Schindler's headquarters are in Sacramento.

County Road Engineer H. H. Hume and H. P. Birkinbine made an inspection of the road north of Pulga on Sunday.

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New Canyon Road Connection Open To Auto Traffic

PULGA, Aug. 14.—(Special)—The new connecting road between the old county road at a point approximately a quarter of a mile south of the Barton home near Yankee Hill, to connect with the new canyon road through Hog Wallow, has just been completed and is now open to travel.

This new link takes the place of the temporary road, which used to pass through the yard of the Barton home.

The new road has a better grade and conforms to the county specifications for gravel roads of this type.

Motorists have reported it being as smooth as highway and of good width.

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8-21-1928

Poem on Concow Brings Tourists To Lake Section

A poem written by Miss Evelyn Hendricks of Yankee Hill on a trip to Concow and published in the Mercury-Register August 10, resulted in bringing one of the largest crowds of automobilists to the Concow district in several years, residents of that section reported today.

Many residents of the Yankee Hill section and of Oroville expressed their pleasure over the poem which was entered by Miss Hendricks in the "most interesting place" contest sponsored by the Mercury-Register.

The contest will close next Saturday but there is still time for anyone to send in their letters on places they consider of interest. Judges will be appointed and writers of the three most interesting letters will receive prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2.

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8-21-1928

STOP CANYON FIRE QUICK

PULGA, Aug. 21 —(Special)— A small fire was reported by a Western Pacific train crew Sunday night at Mayaro Station about two miles north of Pulga.

A. J. Hutahala, fire warden at Pulga and the Western Pacific section crew left immediately for the fire and speedily extinguished the blaze which burned but a small area of grass and brush near the railroad track. Little damage was done. The origin of the fire is not known.

ROADS FINE IN SECTION ABOUT YANKEE HILL

YANKEE HILL, Sept. 1.—(Special)—Substantial improvements are being made to the roads in this section. Work is being done on the Deadwood and Nelson Bar roads. This work, when completed, will put all the main roads in this community in firstclass condition. Motorists will find the Pulga or Canyon road in excellent shape as well as the Big Bend and Las Plumas roads.

With the hunting season approaching hunters will have no trouble in finding their way as all roads have signs posted designating the route one desires to take.

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9-4-1928

Frank Ricketts, Former Resident, Hurt in Accident

PULGA, Sept. 4. — (Special) — Word has been received by V. V. Ricketts that his brother, Frank Ricketts of Vallejo, who visited in Pulga during July, met with an automobile accident.

While traveling in Lake county he took the outside of the road to allow another machine to pass and in so doing the road gave way, plunging the machine over the bank. The car was an enclosed vehicle, but Ricketts went through the top, clearing the machine. He sustained several severe injuries to his head. It is not yet known how serious the injuries are. An operation has been performed at the Mare Island Naval Hospital where he is confined.

Ricketts is well known in Oroville, having lived there while he attended high school.

Pulga

PULGA, Sept. 4. — (Special) — MRS. EUGENE D. PESSES of San Francisco and Miss Josephine Robinson of Alameda are vacationing at Mayaro Lodge.

The extension of the Western Pacific siding at Cresta has been completed by W. A. Bechtel and Company. The work outfits have moved to Terminus.

MR. and MRS. E. D. PHELPS, George Phelps and Ed Carpenter of Mayaro came to Pulga on Tuesday to vote.

MISS. B. JACOBS returned to San Francisco Wednesday night after spending a ten day vacation at Kingvale Resort.

R. H. KING and J. D. Gordon were business visitors in Pulga Wednesday.

MR. and MRS. V. V. RICKETTS and daughter left Saturday for a two weeks' vacation which will be spent in Oroville, Sacramento, Napa and San Francisco.

CHARLES SHAW of the Great Western Power Company arrived on Tuesday to relieve Picketts while he is on his vacation.

MR. and MRS. B. M. MORRELL of Oroville visited in Pulga during the week.

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Paradise Residents

Spend Night In Open

PARADISE (Butte Co.), Sept. 22. Residents on Feather River Canyon and Pentz road, in the northeast section of Paradise, spent last night in the open. The flames extended to the edge of Perry Noble's home on the Pentz road, and burned pines bordering the Dean Williams' place on the edge of the Feather River Canyon.

A group of fine canyon homes further down the canyon were in great danger during Friday afternoon and last night, but the residents are moving back this morning.

A stretch of timber land which adjoined the Williams Ranch and which Williams was about to subdivide for cottage homes, was burned over.

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STUDENTS IN CAR ACCIDENT ARE INJURED

PULGA, Sept. 25 — (Special) — Word was received in Pulga Sunday night by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King, that Miss Elsie King and Bili King were in an automobile collision at the intersection of 25th and Marshall Way, Sacramento.

Both were taken to the home of their sister, Mrs. J. B. Graham, which was three blocks away from where the accident occurred.

Medical aid was summoned and it was found that neither one was seriously injured. Miss Elsie King was badly bruised and is suffering from shock. Bill King received a possible fractured collar bone and a bad cut across the forehead.

Their machine was demolished being turned over three times.

Mrs. W. H. King left for Sacramento early Monday morning to be with her son and daughter.

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RAIN QUENCHES PULGA FLAMES; NO MEN NEEDED

PULGA, Oct. 8—(Special)—A fire started on a tributary of Mill Creek on the opposite side of the river from Pulga, about two miles up on Big Bar Mountain, Tuesday.

A. J. Huhtala, fire warden, started from Pulga with a crew of men in the afternoon. When they had proceeded about half a mile it started to rain, so the majority of the men returned to Pulga.

Huhtala accompanied by R. H. King and V. D. Chewings went on to ascertain the size of the fire. It had burned an area of about 200 square feet and was still smouldering upon their arrival. The light rain had kept it from spreading, thereby necessitating only a few hours work to put the fire out completely.

Roy Deer, Lookout Man at Big Bar, Replaces D. Brown

PULGA, Oct. 8 —(Special)— Roy Deer of Paradise is stationed as "Lookout" on Big Bar Mountain for the United States Forest Service. He fills the vacancy made by the departure of D. Brown, who accepted a position as time-keeper at one of the camps of the Swayne Lumber Company.

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LARGE BUCKS ARE BAGGED BY PULGANS

PULGA, Oct. 12 —(Special)—Several residents of Pulga have been successful in bringing in deer during the past week.

About a week ago Bill Gramps brought in a nice buck.

Tuesday evening Ed. Pinkston was successful in getting a large buck that weighed 165 pounds when dressed.

Wednesday Walter Gramps shot a three pointer that dressed around 120 pounds.

All who are enabled to do so, get out bright and early to try to get a buck before the season closes.

PULGA YOUTH WINS SCHOLAR SHIP AWARD

PULGA, Oct. 12 —(Special)—MR. and MRS. W. H. KING have received word that their son Bill King, who is a senior in Sacramento High School, has had his name placed on the Honor Roll of the School. Bill made the highest mark in his class in English so received an honor that all students strive for but which few are successful in gaining.

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ROLLING BOULDER INJURES BUTTE MAN

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Oct. 13. John A. Clark, Yankee Hill miner, is recovering at the Oroville Hospital, from a fractured thigh bone, received when a huge boulder bounded down the mountain side while he was at work on his placer mine.

Friends carried him two miles on a litter from the bottom of the canyon in the Big Bend country.

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GRAMPS GETS BUCK LIMIT NEAR PULGA

H. H. Hunter is Another Successful Sportsman; Gets Two-Pointer

PULGA, Oct. 16—(Special)—H. H. HUNTER killed a two pointer on Saturday near Poe, south of Pulga. Hunter carried the deer, which weighed 90 pounds, five miles into Pulga.

MR. and MRS. W. H. KING, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Phelps, and Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Ricketts and their two daughters attended the dance given at Storrie Saturday night. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

MISS ELSIE KING and Bill King motored from Sacramento to spend the week end at their home here.

WALTER GRAMPS killed his second buck on Saturday. Gramps has been the most successful Pulga hunter, being the only one so far to get the limit.

MR. and MRS. L. D. DAHLMIER Mrs. George Te Grunde and Mrs.

P. Overton of Oroville visited at Mayaro on Sunday. Enroute to Oroville they stopped to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King for a while.

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Twenty-Five Vote at Pulga Precinct

PULGA, Nov. 17.—(Special)—In the election on Tuesday there were 25 who voted.

Thirteen votes were cast for Herbert Hoover and nine for Governor Alfred E. Smith. Three did not vote for president.

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THIRD SHIPMENT OF LADY BUGS FROM PULGA MADE; BUGS FEAST ON PLANT LICE AND AID CROPS

**W. H. King Ships Insects To
Texas Where They are
Used in Fields**

PULGA, Nov. 17.—(Special)—W. H. King made a shipment of Lady bugs to Texas this week. This is the third shipment King has made, and he expects to make more in the future.

The lady bugs lay dormant now, and can be gathered in large quantities in certain localities.

The purchaser keeps the lady bugs in a cold place until he wishes to put them on his crop. The lady bug lays its eggs and when these are hatched it is the larvae that feeds upon the plant lice or aphids and upon scale insects.

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PULGA KINGS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS WEDLOCK

Mock Wedding Is Feature of Event; Many Friends Con- gratulate Couple

PULGA, Nov. 27. — (Special) — A delightful party was given on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King celebrating their "Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary."

The three large tables were decorated in large chrysanthemums, red berries also being used.

A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed. A beautiful fruit cake, decorated like a wedding cake with white roses and silver leaves announced the occasion of the celebration by these words which were on top of the cake: 30th Anniversary.

One feature of the afternoon was a mock wedding, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King being the bride and bridegroom and George T. Meeker officiating as minister.

The bride was presented with Ten Commandments which would serve as a guide in managing her husband.

Those present were: "The Gang," which included Mr. and Mrs. George T. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roohr, Dr. and Mrs. B. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Boyle, Betty Boyle, Harry H. Hume, Ira Hume, Miss Mary Louise Deter and Henry W. White. Other guests than the gang were: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Miss Olive James, Miss Elsie King, Miss Gladys Bauer, Miss Charlotte Reiss, R. H. King, J. F. Presley, Mrs. Hannah Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Graham, Bill King, Miss Edna King, L. D. Johnstone, L. Perkins and Miss Frances King.

Mr., Mrs. Phelps Entertain At Delightful Party

PULGA, Nov. 27. — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Phelps gave a delightful party at Mayaro Lodge over the week-end.

The guests arrived on Saturday in time to hear the radio announcement of the football game between California and Stanford.

Saturday night a delicious turkey dinner was served which was very much enjoyed by all.

Sunday was spent in viewing the beautiful grounds and scenery surrounding Mayaro and several points of interest were visited.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. Melcon, Junior Melcon, Dora Beatrice Melcon, Miss Charlotte Reiss, Jack Birkinbine, L. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Ricketts, aMargaret and Miriam Ricketts.

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Yankee Hill Men Narrowly Escape Hurts in Accident

YANKEE HILL, Dec. 20.—(Special)—O. C. Croghan and Ed Gallegher narrowly escaped injury late Thursday evening when the steering gear of the car in which they were riding gave way and the car plunged over a steep embankment. Croghan and Gallegher escaped unhurt. The car was damaged.

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Yankee Hill And Concow In Joint Holiday Program

YANKEE HILL, Dec. 28. — (Special) — A joint entertainment and Christmas tree was held in the Concow school house Friday evening by the Yankee Hill and Concow schols.

Under the supervision of the teacher,s Miss Catherine Cooney, and Mrs. Jessie Tarter, a very pleasing program was presented by the pupils of the two schools, and was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.