

Diamond Found In Diggings Of Cherokee Mine

CHEROKEE —(Special)— A diamond, valued at three-quarters of a carat, was found in the old workings of the Cherokee Mine Tuesday by Spencer Clingan.

The gem is of straw color. Several hundred diamonds have been found at the old gold mine over a period of many years.

Indian Village Fate to be Set

What disposition is made of the Chico Indian village will depend on a ruling by Superior Judge Harry Deirup in the case, which he took under advisement yesterday afternoon.

An argument that the property was held in trust in accordance with the wishes of the late Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell and should go to some trustee, was made by Attorney Liking, from United States Attorney H. H. McPipe's office in San Francisco.

Appearing in behalf of the executor of the estate, J. D. Peters of Chico and Attorney Falconer of San Francisco, said that the executor, the Wells Fargo Union Bank and Trust Company, does not dispute the Indian's right to the village. However the attorneys said they believed the bank should get some return for thousands of dollars paid out in taxes on the property.

Liking said that he believed a compromise suggested by the executor, that the government pay approximately \$4,000 for the village and the 43 acres lying just south of the Rancheria, should be followed.

Frederick J. Rose of Chico appeared in behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

Wilson Mine Decision By Court Upheld

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Settles His Right to Promo- tion Stock of Cherokee Mining Company

Right of Alex E. Wilson of Oroville to a share of the promotion stock of the Cherokee Mining Company has been upheld by the state supreme court, according to a telegram received by Wilson today from his attorneys in San Francisco.

The supreme court decision upheld that of Superior Judge Harry Deirup of Butte county, given last spring, and also a ruling by the third district appellate court.

Entitled to Judgment

Judge Deirup held last spring that Wilson was entitled to judgment for transfer to him of 20,000 shares of promotion stock standing in the name of Jack Johnson and 26,666 shares of similar stock in the name of John Sullivan.

In deciding the case Judge Deirup said that Wilson had performed indispensable service in obtaining an option on the Cherokee mine from members of the Vintin family.

The suit attracted wide attention during the trial here. Testimony showed that the plan for development of the Cherokee mine was devised in 1930 at a meeting in Oro-

and Wilson and that Wilson obtained the necessary option from the Vintin family.

After the option was obtained Sullivan was elected president and treasurer, Wilson secretary and Johnson general manager of the Cherokee Drift Mining Co.

Sullivan and Johnson contended that no association had been formed with Wilson, but documentary evidence was introduced to show that they had admitted he had some interest in the property.

Wilson was represented in the proceedings by Sterling Carr and Louis J. Glicksburg of San Francisco.

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Cherokee Canal Clearing Starts

To facilitate the flow of water and remove the possibility of flood danger, a crew of 20 men were scheduled to start today cutting and pulling trees in the Cherokee Canal as an SERA project.

The project, according to Frank S. Robinson, Chico city engineer, who is supervising the work, will take approximately three months with two crews of 20 men each being utilized.

Decision to remove the trees was reached following the storm of two weeks ago, when it was feared the levees protecting the farm lands on either side of the canal were being endangered.

Biggs and Richvale workers will be used on the project, which was inaugurated by Drainage District No. 100 of Butte County.

Young Indian Pupil Paints Bridge Scene

BELIEVED to be the first one to attempt a sketch of the "bridge above a bridge" at Pulga, Eddie Johnson, 7th grade Indian boy in the Big Bar emergency school at Pulga, has turned in a water color painting of the unique scene.

Jay Partridge, county superintendent of schools, brought the picture, nicely framed, to the M-R office today. It will be placed in the M-R window for a time.

It shows the big white highway bridge of the Feather River Highway impressively spanning the river above the black bridge of the Western Pacific.

Bangor Road Given \$8100 In SERA Cash

Sum of \$17,000 Appropriated
By Government For Butte
Road Work

LOCAL WORK TOO

Cherokee Road to Concow
Alloted \$6480; 30 Men Will
Be Given Jobs

Road work in Oroville district costing \$17,000 was approved today by state SERA headquarters.

It includes removal of dangerous turns and construction of bridges on Oroville-Bangor Road and elimination of sharp turns on the back road to Cherokee.

Mitchell Work to Start

Extension of Mitchell avenue to connect with Boynton avenue, originally started last year as a CWA project, will be resumed next Monday by the SERA, C. C. King, Butte county director, said today.

Forty men will be employed on the project, which eventually will provide a truck route from the Feather river highway.

Several projects approved by San Francisco headquarters of SERA follow:

\$8100 Road Project

One project provides for cutting points and rebuilding bridges on Oroville-Bangor highway, an improvement asked recently by residents of that district. Thirty laborers would be employed, with a total SERA payroll of \$8,100.

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Points also would be removed and fills made on the Los Verjels Road. Fifteen laborers would be employed. An appropriation of \$1,620 has been made for the work.

Oroville to Concow

Work will start soon on another project on Oroville-Concow Road for cutting points, sloping banks and widening fills. The improvements will start at Thompson Flat and extend toward Cherokee. Work funds of \$6,480 have been set aside. Thirty men will be assigned.

Improvements on Magalla-Nimshew Road at a cost of \$1,296 will employ 8 laborers, and the easing of dangerous curves between Hansonville Hill and Woodleaf on the La Porte Road will give work to 52 laborers, with a \$9,865 payroll. The latter project is in Yuba county.

Gridley School Job

Projects started recently were announced by King as follows: McKinley school, in Gridley, 10 men, started Tuesday; ditch cleaning Richvale irrigation district, started Tuesday, 20 men.

Improvement of grounds at the forestry service headquarters in Thermalito will start Friday and will give employment to 30 men.

There were 1,220 persons employed on SERA projects during the week ending last Thursday, according to King. They worked 26,794 man hours. The payroll was \$13,153.04.

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2-26-1935

RESIDENTS ASSIST LAW

Members of the sheriff's office said today that they had been assisted by Cherokee residents yesterday in carrying the body of Fred Abbey, 72, a mile and a quarter to the road Monday. The journey was difficult. Abbey had been found dead in his cabin.

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3-2-1935

CCC Youth Given 60 Day Sentence For Petty Theft

Warren Behrman, Concow CCC youth, accused of taking jewelry and money from fellow enrollees, pleaded guilty to petty theft and was sentenced in Durham justice court today to serve 60 days in the county jail.

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3-14-1935

William George, Aged Resident Of Cherokee, Missing

Disappearance of William George, aged county aider, who used to walk from Cherokee to Oroville two or

WILLIAM GEORGE Aged Man Missing

three times a week, caused anxiety today among his friends.

The man, who claimed to be 95, showed his agility last year by doing a hop, skip and jump for an M-R photographer.

George failed to call for his county aid check March 1 and an unsuccessful search was made for him today by Constable William Fitch and C. L. Meline, county welfare agent.



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3-16-1935

George Thought At Daughter's Home

William George, aged Cherokee resident, whose disappearance caused anxiety among his friends, was believed today to be at the home of a daughter in Roseville.

Officers said they learned that he had bought a railroad ticket to Roseville, saying that he intended to walk the remainder of the distance.

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3-26-1935

U.S. May Take Over Chico's Indian Village

Negotiations With Federal
Government Disclosed By
Rev. Pillsbury

CHICO—Progress in negotiations to have the federal government take over the Chico Indian Village and create a United States Reservation was reported last night by the Rev. Harris Pillsbury, newly appointed trustee for the village.

Rev. Pillsbury revealed that he has been in communication with government agents recently and that the project was "very favorable."

"It is quite possible that the government may take over the land, create a reservation, and eventually provide farming or orchard lands for the Indians," Rev. Pillsbury said.

Election Necessary

Before the reservation can be formed under the Wheeler-Howard law, recently passed, it will be necessary to hold an election among the Indians to determine whether they wish to be taken in under the act, Rev. Pillsbury announced.

Superior Judge Harry Deirup recently handed down a ruling which held that the village was a trust and appointed Rev. Pillsbury as substitute trustee for the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian church.

Deeds of trust for the Indian Village were filed in superior court yesterday.

Indians Vote to Request Election On Land Rights

Practically all the adult Indians residing in the Indian Village on Sacramento avenue last night attended a meeting at the Indian church and voted unanimously to request Rev. Harris Pillsbury, recently appointed trustee of the Indian Village, to correspond with O. T. Lipps, Indian agent at Sacramento and urge him to communicate with the secretary of interior to call an election under the Wheeler-Howard act.

This act provides that Indians shall have the right to vote on all matters pertaining to their lands and privileges and that the government can no longer dictate policies or otherwise exercise arbitrary control over the Indians.

In the case the local Indians will have the right to vote whether they will exchange their holdings in the Chico Indian Village for lands elsewhere, where farms, schools, orchards and other modern conveniences will be provided by the government.

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Coffin Rock At Cherokee Baffles Mystery Hunters

Code language in the vicinity of Cherokee!

C. A. McCloud, a native of Cherokee, tells the story of Coffin Rock, located between Grubb Flat and Littlefield reservoirs, near the old mining town of Cherokee.

The rock is about the size of an average coffin, flat on top, and about 20 inches high. Peculiar figures and letters have been carved in the top surface.

Curious minded persons at some earlier day have dug around the base of this rock in search of treasure, but no one has ever been known to have discovered any mineral or metal there.

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4-8-1935

Oroville-Concow Road Is Closed

Oroville-Concow Road was closed at Yankee Hill cutoff, three miles from Nelson Bar Bridge, today by a slide.

When a report of the slide was received yesterday from the forestry service, J. A. Bungarner, county engineer, sent James Forbes, road foreman, and a crew to erect a barricade.

Slides were reported also on the Feather river highway between Oroville and the West Branch.

Many CCC Youths At Lunt Funeral

Sixty CCC boys from Concow camp were among the many friends of Mrs. Nancy Frances Lunt, 81, postmaster of Yankee Hill, who died Thursday.

The boys, who had become acquainted with Mrs. Lunt as postmaster and had become fond of her, asked permission to attend the rites, held at the Lunt home at 2:30 p. m. yesterday. The Rev. Mark Hodgson of Thermalito officiated. Aaron Burt sang, accompanied by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley.

Casket bearers were R. D. Newman, P. W. Thayer, E. F. Hodapp, Lew Jones, Dave B. Ogle, Walter Odneal and Oscar Pitt and Natle Fazio, the latter CCC youths.

The CCC enrollees carried the flowers from the home to the cemetery, a quarter mile away, in which Mrs. Lunt's parents and her husband are buried. Arrangements were in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

Voice Of The People

SOME PASSING THOUGHTS

EDITOR — In the death of Fred Thunen there has passed another fine character, a good man in every way, who had a part in the mining boom inaugurated by Major McLaughlin and continued by Mr. Evans, his successor.

Evans made the final attempt to get the gold in the river and when he was flooded out he rehabilitated the Banner and two adjoining mines and built a mill.

To have charge of the electric plant that was to light the mines and mill, the services of Mr. Thunen were secured who was the only man competent and locally available. He really was competent and handled the juice like a magician in league with the occult powers. At that time there still was much mystery about it as it produced the light and heat and a few, when they saw the ease with which Fred handled it, decided they wanted to be electricians. But when they took hold of things and tried to handle them in just the same way they got some fearful jolts and these, according to their tell, when they had had the friendliest feelings toward it and no hostile intentions whatever.

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All the while, Fred's kindly patience never wavered in explaining just how it was. One more eager than others believed he had discovered the reason for that alternating doings: If a current did not get you coming it would alternate and get you going.—A. B. Wilcox.

Isaiah Postal Station Again Robber Victim

Small Station on W. P. Re-
ports Incident by Mail To
Sheriff Here

DETAILS SKIMPY

Recalls Previous Affair Which
Was Cleaned Up After
Man Had Talked

Burglary of the Western Pacific station at Isaiah and theft of mail last night was reported to the sheriff's office today by L. E. Roberts, postmaster.

Few details were revealed in a letter received by Sheriff Alvin Kister. There is no telephone in the isolated canyon town and the only ways to reach the station are by railroad or by trail from Blinzig or Intake.

Recalls Other Robbery

The burglary recalled a mail robbery at the station several years ago in which Roberts and his wife were held up and bound by bandits who escaped with \$25 or \$30 in postal receipts and \$50 belonging to Roberts.

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The bandits were apprehended through a story told by a man picked up by the sheriff's office here, and who latter was given probation. The two men were sentenced to serve 25 years in McNeil island federal penitentiary for their part in the robbery.

Federal Men Notified

Post office inspectors were notified by the sheriff's office today of the theft last night, but are awaiting receipt of further information.

The amount of money or money orders taken last night, if any, was not vealed by Roberts, who sent the following brief message by mail:

"This is reporting a mail robbery at the Western Pacific station here last night some time between 6 p. m. May 3 and 1:45 a. m. May 4."

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5-9-1935

Inoculate Pupils Of Northern Butte

Thirty-six children from Cherokee, Pentz and Clear Creek schools were inoculated for diphtheria yesterday by Dr. B. C. Epperson, county health officer, and Mrs. Chester Deffenbaugh, county health nurse.

Next week they will inoculate about 100 children of Magalia, Nimshew and Stirling City.

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5-11-1935

Examinations For Yankee Postmaster

An examination for postmaster at Yankee Hill will be held in Oroville at a date to be announced later, according to the United States civil service commission. Compensation of the postmaster was \$505 last fiscal year.

Applications must be filed with the civil service commission in Washington, D. C. on or before May 24. Applicants must have reached their 21st birthday but not their 65th birthday on May 24. Application blanks may be obtained from the postmaster at Yankee Hill or from the commission, it was announced.

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5-18-1935

Thompson's Flat First Known As Cherokee Flat; Early History Told

HOW Thompson's Flat, first known as Cherokee Flat in 1851, came to be called by the name now in use is very interestingly told in an article discovered in the old Butte Record of 1864.

The Record was the first newspaper to be established in Butte county, having been published first at Bidwell Bar. Then it was moved to Oroville where it was operating when the Thompson Flat article was published. Later the paper was moved to Chico where it is still being published under the name of Chico Record.

Publishers of the Record during its time in Oroville were Charles Wagstaff and William De Mott.

The article on Thompson's Flat follows, the author being unknown:

Struck Tent There

Thompson Flat.—We paid a short visit, recently, to this little village for which we appear to have a kind of "lingering love" from the fact of it being the first place we "struck tent" in the Golden State — and where, in due time, we received a thorough introduction to the pick, pan and shovel.

"To make our fortune as other folks do," we pitched in to sift the golden sand, and toss the great boulders from their ancient beds. However, after many long months of close application we graduated at the business, our diploma showing a greater quantity of "experience" than of "golden" honors.

As Thompson Flat is set down as one, among the many rich mining districts in Butte county it might, perhaps, be of some interest to our readers to learn the rise and progress of this beautifully located village, and which, being our nearest neighbor, would appear as a "bud" from the "Gem of the Foothills."

First Mining in 1851

The first mining was done at this place in the year 1851, by Cherokees. It was called Cherokee Flat No. 1. In 1850 and '51, Rich Gulch was being worked. It proved rich in gold, and boasted of two stores and a blacksmith shop. There was but

one store on the Flat at the time. In 1853, John Thompson purchased one of the stores on Rich Gulch, and the other soon after was sold out.

Being then but one store on Rich Gulch, people inquiring for "Thompson's Store," commenced calling the flat above "Thompson's Flat," and from that time to the present the mining district is known by that name. In 1854 C. E. Campbell laid out the town that is now known as Thompson Flat and at a meeting of the citizens the name was voted—New Philadelphia, which is the proper name of the village. The mining district of Thompson Flat commences at Stony Point, running down the river to the Rancheria, and extending back from the river three miles.

There are within this district many rich and valuable mining claims. At present a considerable number is being worked with great success. Within the past week, two or three companies have cleaned up respectively from two to three thousand dollars, and many others are being worked with good success. Two large and well constructed ditches furnish water to this point the greater portion of the year. One is known as the "Walker and Willson Ditch," of which M. B. West has for many years acted as a most faithful agent.

The other is owned by Haskel Austin, an old and industrious pioneer. Thompson Flat now boasts of a fine spacious school house, two stores, one blacksmith shop and one saloon —also, a large and well arranged hotel, the Western House, kept by the prince of landlords, F. C. Thomas.

Large Mushroom Found Near City

A 1 3/8 pound mushroom measuring 9 5/8 inches across was found yesterday by Claude Boynton while on his rounds of county road inspection. The large mushroom was found along side a road north of Oroville.

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5-23-1935

Mrs. Vesta Maas, Pentz Chairman

PENTZ— Mrs. Vesta Maas was re-elected chairman of Pentz home department at the annual meeting Monday. Mrs. Ruby Reil was chosen vice chairman and Mrs. Ida May Lambert, secretary-treasurer.

Miss Irene Fagin, home agent, was given a cheese platter as a token of friendship. It was her last meeting with Pentz ladies prior to her departure next month for Santa Barbara.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Chaffin.

3 Big Cakes Offered As Prizes To Fathers Winning in Contest

THREE large cakes have been donated by Oroville bakeries to three winners in the M-R Father's Day contest ending June 11. These prizes will go to the youngest father, the oldest father and the father with the most sons.

A fourth prize, to be announced later, will be given to the father who has lived the longest in southern Butte county.

Three layer cakes are to be given by Log Cabin Bakery, Tatman's Bakery and by Sahl's Bakery.

Nisbet Nominated

J. G. Nisbet, city clerk, was nominated by friends today in the contest for the honor of being the father who has lived the longest in southern Butte county.

Nisbet was born at Oregon City 78 years ago and has lived all his life in the vicinity of Oroville and Cherokee. He spent much of that time in mining activities.

Father Since 1883

He has been a father since Mar. 21, 1883, and is the father of five children, three sons and two daughters. All of his children except one, live at Oroville and all are married and have children.

Judge Nisbet is proud of the fact that he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and has three sons and a grandson also in the lodge. He believes this is some kind of a record also.

Merian Nominated

Bob Merian of Oroville was nominated as the youngest father.

Merian became 21 years of age last March 17. He is the father of a baby daughter born March 6. Merian graduated from Oroville high school with the class of June, 1934. In July of that year, Merian and Miss Wanda Bedeau, a member of the same high school class, were married in Nevada.

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6-6-1935

Horning Will Herd Bees This Summer

Merritt C. Horning, first-year student at Pacific Union College at Angwin, Napa county, and brother of Mrs. John A. Perry of Greenville, arrived last week and will spend the summer here.

His brother, Frank Horning, Jr., of Chico, will bring some 500 colonies of bees to the Indian Valley soon, to be parked on various ranches in this district, and Merritt states that he will ride the ranges to gather the honey from the various combs, and also to prevent any of the bees from escaping and going back to the home ranch.

While bee culture has been carried on to some extent in this region, the project to be carried on by Frank Horning will be on a much greater scale than has been customary.

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Cherokee Mining Work Explained

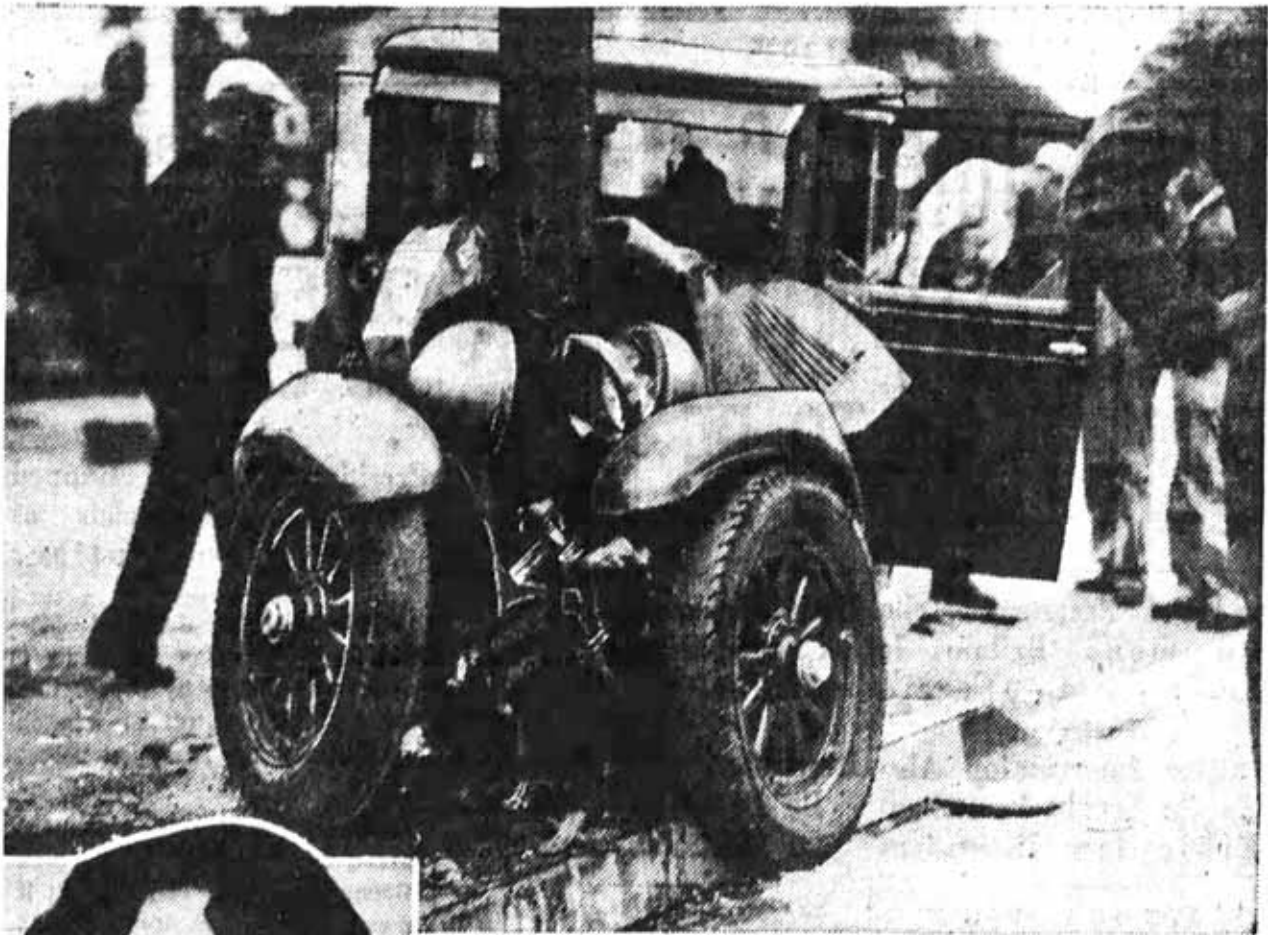
Plans to increase operations at the Cherokee mine were explained by A. B. Toller, superintendent, at a meeting of stockholders of Cherokee Drift Mining Co., held in Oroville Inn.

With 15 men already employed, 50 or more may be put to work within the next month or two. He said that the channel has been reached and that blue gravel is being worked.

The directors went through the mine following the meeting.

Dr. C. B. Griggs of Oroville was elected as a director and W. W. Williams and H. J. Glicksburg, both of San Francisco, also were elected as new directors for the following year. Others named to the board were Alexander Logie of San Francisco and George F. Jones of Oroville. Logie was chosen as president for the ensuing year, Dr. Griggs as treasurer and Jones as secretary.

JUST ANOTHER ACCIDENT



When his automobile fell into this "embrace" with an electrolier at 38th Street and San Pablo Avenue, **John Cunningham**, restaurant man, went to a hospital, unconscious and near death. His companion, **Katie Ramsey** (lower), estranged wife of a Carmel highway patrolman, is in a critical condition.—*Tribune photos.*

Driver Dozes, Two Hurt, Car Wrapped Around Pole

John Cunningham, 41, of 339 Myrtle Street, an Oakland restaurant proprietor, is near death today, and his woman companion, Mrs. Katie Ramsey, 32, of 827 16th Street, an employe, is in a critical condition as the result of an automobile accident at San Pablo Avenue and 38th Street early this morning.

The automobile in which they were riding crashed into a cast-iron electrolier at high speed as Cunningham apparently turned from San Pablo Avenue into 38th Street.

According to Patrolman E. P. Wilson of the Emeryville Police Department, first at the scene, Cunningham apparently dozed at the

steering wheel after turning from the arterial street. The car struck the light standard with such force that the front was wrapped around the pole. The injured couple was rendered unconscious and had to be removed from the wreckage.

Cunningham sustained internal injuries, a fractured left arm and deep lacerations about the face, arms and legs. Hospital attaches expressed the belief that he would not recover. Mrs. Ramsey, estranged wife of Leo Ramsey, Carmel highway patrolman, and mother of a 10-year-old daughter, suffered deep lacerations about both legs and possible internal injuries.

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8-8-1935

Bequeaths \$1000 To Yankee Hill Cemetery Plots

A bequest of \$1000 to Yankee Hill cemetery district was made by Sidney Wellington of Yankee Hill, who died in Oroville July 27, according to a petition for probate of his will. The petition was filed in superior court yesterday by the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Assn.

The remainder of the estate, valued at more than \$7000, including \$1000 in real estate and \$6000 in personal property, most of which consists of stocks and bonds, is left to a son, Leslie Wellington of Oroville, only survivor.

Leonard and Townshend represent the petitioner.

Lone Gunman Robs Oroville Mercury Register Cherokee Store, Cuts Phone Lines

8-17-1935

**2nd Holdup In Year;
Takes \$7, Drives
Off In Car**

CONFRONTS MEN

**20 Minutes Delay In
Notifying Sheriff;
No Clues**

A bandit who had cut the telephone line leading to Oroville, walked into Vintin's store in Cherokee last night, held up L. W. Vintin and Jack Dolan and obtained about \$7. The robber drove away in an automobile.

It was the second time in less than a year that a robber had followed the same tactics to rob the general store in the historic mining town.

Pulls Out Pistol

Last fall a robber obtained \$50 or \$60, a diamond ring, a diamond necklace and \$25 or \$30 in gold dust.

Vintin and Jack Dolan were sitting on the porch of the store at 7:50 o'clock last night when a roughly-dressed young man walked up to them.

"Are you the proprietor?" he asked Vintin.

When Vintin answered, the young man drew a small pistol and ordered Vintin and Dolan to go inside the store.

He commanded Vintin to open cigar boxes and other containers in which the store's receipts might be kept, but the only cash obtained was \$7 taken from Vintin's pockets. A check for \$8.75 also was taken. The robber did not search the other man.

Runs to Automobile

When the bandit left he ordered: "Stand with your hands up for 5 minutes or I'll blow you up."

He ran to his automobile, parked about 100 yards down the road toward Oroville, and drove in the direction of this city. When Vintin attempted to notify the sheriff's office of the robbery he discovered that the telephone line had been cut.

20 Minutes Delay

It required about 20 minutes before a telephone call could be put through to the sheriff's office. It was necessary to telephone from Morgan's place, below the Campbell Ranch, at which point the wires had been severed.

Sheriff Alvin S. Kister, Constable William Fitch and Glenn Sheets guarded the road from Cherokee and Constable Herbert Taylor, Police Chief Jay Spencer and Captain Grover C. Mitchell of the state highway patrol went to the point where the west branch highway comes into the Feather River highway.

No Trace of Bandit

No trace of the bandit was found, however.

He had left Cherokee in an old model dark sedan. Unaware that a holdup had been committed, Leonard Campbell had driven from Cherokee behind the bandit's car, officers learned. Notified later of the holdup, Campbell went to the Morgan place to telephone.

The wires had been cut at about the same point as last year.

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10-28-1935

Cherokee May Form Cemetery District; Investigate Plans

Formation of a Cherokee cemetery district was proposed at a meeting of those interested, held in the supervisors room Saturday night.

A committee to make an investigation of the plan, consisting of T. M. James, J. G. Nisbet and Ray Patterson, was appointed. They will consider the possibility of obtaining the required 50 signatures for presentation of a petition to the supervisors and other matters in connection with the proposal.

The committee will report at a meeting to be held in Oroville Dec. 14 at a place to be announced later.

Between 35 and 40 attended the meeting. Alex M. Wilson, who was to have presided, was unable to be present because of illness, and Alex E. Wilson acted as chairman.

Those present extended a vote of thanks to the supervisors for use of the room.

Plumas People Will Journey To Pulga

The special train to be run over the Western Pacific tracks from Portola to Pulga Sunday, November 3, has been arranged as an excursion down the Feather River Canyon for the purpose of giving the people of Plumas county an opportunity to inspect the Feather River highway and to familiarize themselves with the magnificence of the work that is being done on this project.

The excursion train is being sponsored by the highway committee of the Plumas County Chamber of Commerce, with J. N. Stephan of Quincy, chairman of the committee, in charge of arrangements. Sales of tickets in the Indian Valley district is in charge of K. B. Murray of Greenville, assisted by A. L. Sorsoli of Crescent Mills and C. L. Stephenson of Taylorsville.

Low rates have been made by the Western Pacific company for the purpose of permitting as many persons as possible to view the new highway. The round-trip fare from Portola will be \$2.45; Blairsden, \$2.10; Quincy Junction, \$1.50; Keddle, \$1.30. An extra 25 cents will be collected to provide for an orchestra to be carried on the train. Indian Valley passengers will board the train at Keddle.

Passengers are requested to take

along a lunch and a picnic will be held at Pulga.

Stops for upwards of an hour will be made at various points along the route. This will give the excursionists an opportunity to inspect bridges over important streams and to view the points of interest. The stops will include Camp Rodgers, Tobin, Rock Creek, Arch Rock and Grizzly Dome.

A large delegation from Oroville is expected to meet the train at Pulga.

"Completion of the Feather River highway grade in 1936 has been definitely assured by the allotment of sufficient money by the state to finish the work in hand," states Stephan, "and the people of Plumas county have for some time been anxious to travel down the canyon and see what has been done and is being done in the matter of the construction of one of the most modern highways to be found anywhere in California. This excursion trip has been arranged by the highway committee in response to the demand of the people, and we urge that you take advantage of this opportunity to see the many interesting features along the new highway."

The train will leave Portola at 8 a. m., and will leave Keddle at 10:07 a. m. On the return trip it will arrive at Keddle at 5:50 p. m.

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12-11-1935

The editor of the Mercury has a personal interest in the repairing of the Wick Road. If Dame Rumor reports matters correctly he does more traveling over that road than any other man in the county, except the driver of the Pentz and Concow stage line. On his first Sunday drive he was heard to remark that \$1000 ought to be spent in making the road better than it is now. During the past four Sundays he has increased the amount a thousand each week. A certain young lady out that way will have to move nearer town or Price will bankrupt the county with his estimates on the Wick road.

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12-12-1935

211 Young Pennsylvanians Located At Concow CCC Camp Work At Flea Valley Road Project; Play At Night

Two hundred and eleven young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps living at Camp Concow under the leadership of Capt. G. B. Forsman and Project Superintendent S. Genack, are now building roads and telephone lines essential to the conservation of Butte county's natural resources.

Living in a spacious camp, working out-of-doors five days a week and partaking of the camp educational, safety, dramatic and athletic program, these young men, most of whom are from Pennsylvania, are developing fitness and skills.

The work program calls for the construction of a cross section road of seven miles from the Feather River Highway to Flea Valley. The phone line, for use by the Forestry Service in combating fires, etc., will extend from Saw Mill Valley to Ragdump.

The athletics of Camp Concow involve basketball, volley ball and boxing teams. These squads meet in competition with other CCC camps of the Sacramento District. Concow's basketball team has won its first two contests in a fashion indicating it will be a close contender for the district championship. It's team first beat Berry Creek Camp 16 to 8 and a week later trounced Feather Falls 30 to 10. In volley ball Concow lost the starter with Berry Creek but turned around the following week to take Feather Falls.

Camp nights and rainy days give the time for musical and dramatic talent to express itself. Guitar playing, skits, tap dancing, singing and other amateur stunts fill a program enjoyed by the men who, 3,000 miles from home, lose themselves in the antics of their fellows.

Bob Powers Recalls Long Hike Made By Masonic Gatherings

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Home Made Lamp



R. S. (Bob) Powers

DAYS of 50 years ago will be recalled tonight at Cherokee Masonic Lodge when fellow lodge members will confer upon R. S. (Bob) Powers the honorary 50-year button.

Fifty years ago Bob Powers became a Mason at the Cherokee lodge. At that time he was employed at the Big Bend tunnel running the compressors. He used to walk 7 miles each way to attend lodge, and the last 7 miles was in the dark.

Powers told today how he used an ideal home-made dark lantern to light his way as he followed the mountain trails to and from Cherokee. He was living at the company's camp in Dark Canyon.

The trail led him over a foot bridge at the West Branch.

"But my walk in those days wasn't considered so much because there were other members who walked clear from Stirling City and Magalia," said Powers.

Pays Lantern Compliment

Members of the famous old lodge who still live hereabouts and who were members at about the time referred to, include Herman Tegrunde, who received his 50-year button a few weeks ago, and Frank Holub, who soon will have qualified for one.

Powers paid a compliment today to the old dark lantern made out of a tin can and a candle, with a wire for a bail, which he had used to light his way. He said it made an ideal dark lantern. Then he quickly manufactured one and posed for the M-R photographer. He explained that the candle, well back in the can, was protected from the wind and would not go out, and that the back of the can served as a reflector. The bottom of the can was punched in to receive the candle and the points made by the cut tin would allow the candle to be shoved up further as it burned down, while they kept the candle from dropping out.

Cherokee Lodge used to start as late as 11 p. m. to allow its hiking members time to get there.

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Pennsylvania CCC Enrollees See First Nuggets At Cherokee Mine

AS PART of the educational program of Camp Concow, Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Yankee Hill, 17 boys visited the Cherokee gold mine last month. Through the courtesy of A. Toler, superintendent, the boys were able to see shafts, tunnels and mining equipment. They were surprised to see actual placer gold in the sluice boxes as many of the men, from the coal fields of Pennsylvania, had never seen the native metal.

The trip was conducted by Lt.

W. C. Miller and W. Levy, camp educational adviser, as a part of a course in mining geology. Plans are now being made for the class to inspect a quartz mine.

The course in mining geology is one of many educational privileges offered the CCC boys while in camp. Other educational courses given the men of this camp include ukulele instruction, trigonometry, taxidermy, glee club, journalism, saw filing, auto mechanics, bookkeeping, algebra, building construction and others.

MINING

SURCEASE OPERATORS START NEW VENTURE

J. W. Hoefling of Hoefling Brothers, Inc., of Sacramento, announces the leasing of the Wyandotte Mine, southeast of Wyandotte. Mining equipment has been installed and a crew of four men are cleaning out a 10-foot shaft which is said to intersect quartz veins.

The Hoefling brothers are operators of the Surcease Mine, near Yankee Hill, where a crew of thirty men are employed. It is planned to operate all winter if the roads can be kept open.

Ore from the Wyandotte mine is to be milled at the Surcease property. W. J. Reeves, formerly of Magalia, is in charge of development work at the Wyandotte property.—
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