

Indian Valley Record

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PLACE NAMES

(By Thomas P. Brown, Western Pacific Publicity Manager, San Francisco, California)

PULGA, Calif.—Spanish for flea. The late Mrs. Nellie Van de Grift Sanchez, in her absorbing book on "Spanish and Indian Place Names of California," quoted a passage from Father Engelhardt's "History of the California Missions" wherein the historian tells of the trials and tribulations which the Indians had on account of the *pulex serraticeps*. When the fleas became too numerous, the Indians, according to Father Engelhardt, "adopted the very simple method of setting fire to the hut and erecting another."

Pulga, which is in the Feather River Canyon, was called Big Bar in early days on account of the bar in the river. Near this point was one of the larger gold strikes in the Feather River country. Indians were quite numerous at one time in the Feather River Canyon and not a few of the names along the line of the Western Pacific railroad are of Indian origin.

Pulga, or Big Bar, was once the site of a large Indian camp where the redskins held their feasts and pow-wows. On one occasion Indians killed a white family at Concow, which is a short distance southwest of Pulga, whereupon the whites organized and killed all the Indians they came across in the vicinity of Big Bar.

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Voice of the People-

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CLAIMS NAME SHOULD BE FLEE VALLEY

EDITOR:—The explanation in the Mercury not long ago of the origin of the name, Flea Valley, is radically different from the version that was current years ago. The early day settlers were said to have bestowed the name because the pioneer prospectors were able to do little better than to make grub, and hence it was a good place to flee from.

I think that some of the descendants of the pioneers will corroborate by claim. It is my impression that the locality had a postoffice at one time, and if so the postoffice department would naturally assume that the name was intended to signify the presence of the pestiferous insect, and established the appropriate spelling. But the U. S. Postoffice Department has long held a reputation for arbitrariness that seems to have been pretty well earned. A village located some twelve miles from Oroville was named after Man-oah Pence, one of the earliest pioneers of Butte County. The name of the voting precinct was, and I think still is, Pences Ranch. But the postmaster general dictated Pentz as the name of the postoffice.

WILLIAM THUNEN,

I. O. O. F. Home, Saratoga, Calif.

The story in the Mercury explaining the origin of the name Flea Valley was based on the book "Names and Places in California."

7-9-1943

Oregon Gulch

OREGON GULCH — MR. and MRS. A. S. NUNES drove to Chlc on July 5th, and spent an enjoyable day with friends.

MRS. GRACE DAVIS, superintendent of nurses at Solano county hospital, visited at the Robert Taffinder home on Sunday.

A pleasant outing at Lake Concow on July Fourth, was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Duensing, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taffinder, and Mr. Willard Harrington. The fishing was good, but should have been better. Unfortunately, the big ones all got away.

CHEROKEE--

CHEROKEE — R. T. MCGREGOR of Elk Grove is visiting Cherokee.

MRS. ETHEL THOMAS of Oregon City, Antone Rowe, Willia Darby and Tom Darby, Mrs. Jam Vincent all of Cherokee were recent visitors in Oroville.

MISS ALICE PEET of Washington is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller.

MRS. ELMER WRIGHT of Pennington and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Duensing of Oregon Gulch were recent visitors in this community.

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YANKEE HILL--

By **EDNA STOWELL**

YANKEE HILL — **EARL STANTON** of Yuba City was a business visitor in the valley Thursday.

MR. and MRS. BILL ROBERTS of Chico were week end guests at the **A. N. Fane** home.

F. S. MARSHALL and family of Atherton are spending a short vacation at Shall Mar their summer home at Lake Concow.

GENE MILLER is spending his vacation at the home of his father, **Ralph Miller**.

MRS. ROBERT WILCOX and daughter, **Verlie**, of Arizona are houseguests at the **Wankler** home.

MR. and MRS. JOE SCHMIDT Jr. and **George Smith** of San Francisco are guests at the **Joe Schmidt** home. **Nolan Waugh** from San Francisco is also visiting **Mr. Schmidt**.

MR. and MRS. F. L. ROBERTSON had as guests over the holidays, their daughter and son-in-law, also their son, home on furlough from the Marine Corps, all residents of Vallejo.

MISS WINIFRED A. KOWALLIS, county home demonstration agent, will demonstrate equipment for dehydration, water bath canning and the bottling of juices at the **Concow** school Thursday, July 8. The **Yankee Hill** residents are requested to bring basket lunches as **Miss Kowallis** will demonstrate pressure cooking of meats and vegetables in the afternoon.

GEO. FUTES and **Jim Cornelious** of Yuba City were visiting friends in **Concow** over the week end.

JANICE LEE STOWELL celebrated her fourth birthday at a party given at **Shall Mar** with **Mrs. Rose Marshall** as hostess. After a pleasant afternoon of games the guests were served refreshments at a table decorated in pink and white. The little guest of honor received many gifts to commemorate the occasion. Those present were: **Warren Stanley Wankler**, **Verlie Wilcox**, **Weldon Wankler**, **Mrs. Stillman Frisbie**, **Mrs. Mark Simmons**, **Mrs. Edna Stowell**, **Mrs. Myrna Lane**, **Mrs. Billie Cross**, **Mrs. Betty Clark**, **Mrs. Warren Peck**, **Mrs. Gerda Stowell**, **Jackie Stowell**, **Fred Marshall**, **Frank Stowell Jr.** and **Frank Marshall**.

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HOEFLING BROTHERS OPEN BIG BEND ZINC PRODUCER

OROVILLE, July 11. (Exclusive) — An ore body averaging more than 12 per cent zinc and 2 to 5 per cent copper has been developed to a 200-foot depth in the Big Bend mine, operated in the Paradise field by Hoefling Brothers of Sacramento. The ledge varies in width from a fissure to 14 feet but mining is restricted to the richer vein, about 42 inches wide. Ore occurs in lenses or kidneys with some high-grade streaks exposed.

The product is trucked to an old gold mill, which was convert-

ed into a zinc concentrating plant. The management plans to increase the output if mine developments prove favorable.

A road has been completed to the Big Bend which has been explored and developed since last October.

Hoefling Brothers are also operating the Spud Patch scheelite placers at Atolia, Kern County, where material is mined with bulldozers and large dragline outfits. Material is trucked to a modified washing plant formerly used in placer gold operations. The project employs 35 men.

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CHEROKEE--

CHEROKEE — PHILIP BURNS, leaving for Prescott, Arizona, Tuesday morning was entertained at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moseley's home in Cherokee, Monday evening. Co-hostess were Miss Alice Peet, of Washaugal, Washington and Mrs. James Vincent of Cherokee.

EARL RUSSEL, Jimmie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson and granddaughter Beverly all of Palermo were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller.

MISS ANNA JEAN MILLER and Miss Charlotte Miller of Cherokee are visiting their sister, Mrs. Vivian Morris, of Surcease Mine.

MR. and MRS. J. H. MOSELEY and family visited their son and his wife at Paradise, Sunday afternoon.

MRS. ROSE CHURCHMAN was a guest at the home of Mrs. Albert Miller Sunday.

MRS. ELMER WRIGHT has gone to Sacramento on a business trip.

MRS. JAMES VINCENT and husband Corporal James Vincent of Camp Beale, were visiting some of their friends and relatives in Paradise.

YANKEE HILL--

YANKEE HILL — Bob Bates of Oakland has purchased the Hausman property and has moved his family to the new home.

MR. and MRS. ELMER HAGAN are guests at the Dimmick home.

MRS. G. D. SIMMONS and son, Harold, and daughter, Zola, from Vallejo are guests at the A. N. Lane home.

MRS. RUTH DE ALBERT was a business visitor in the valley Monday.

MRS. FLORENCE MAE BAKER has moved to Yankee Hill from Oroville.

MRS. MYRTLE HOWARD of Oklahoma is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Cross.

FRANK MARSHALL and daughter, Grace, of San Francisco, spent the weekend at Shall Mar.

MR. and MRS. FRANK STOWELL were business visitors in Sacramento and Colusa last week.

D. B. SIMMONS spent the weekend at his property in the Concow valley.

MR. and MRS. FRANK CLARK were Chico shoppers Thursday.

MRS. BLUM of Pentz conducted a class at the Concow school house Thursday. Mrs. Blum demonstrated hot pack canning and also instructed the class in methods of fruit juice canning.

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Three Butte Schools Closed; Attendance Roll Too Small

Centerville, Parrott and Union school districts were suspended by action of the supervisors Friday for lack of attendance. The action was taken on recommendation of Jay E. Partridge, county superintendent of schools.

Yankee Hill district, suspended two years ago, was declared lapsed and was attached to Concow school district. The two buildings are two miles away.

Under a new law, suspended districts are suspended for the duration of the war, or until the county superintendent of schools recommends that they be lapsed.

Buildings of lapsed districts can be sold by the supervisors. Proceeds go to the district to which the lapsed districts are attached.

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YANKEE HILL--

YANKEE HILL—MR. and MRS. F. NYE of Los Angeles, were business visitors in the valley Sunday.

MRS. GEORGE SMITH of Yuba City visited R. E. Parsons Monday.

FRANK NICHOLSON of Radio KFBK and Mrs. Shirley Pendleton were weekend guests at the Stowell ranch.

MR. and MRS. ALFRED HIGGINS have returned to Richmond after spending a short vacation at the Mark Simmons home.

FLOYD LINDSAY has returned to his post in the U. S. Navy after spending a leave at the home of his parents.

GEORGE SIMMONS is spending a short furlough at the home of his parents.

FRANK ALPERS and J. Halstead of Oroville were visiting friends in the valley Sunday.

MR. and MRS. M. L. CROSS spent Sunday in Paradise visiting his mother.

MR. and MRS. FRANK MARSHALL entertained the following guests at Shall Mar Saturday evening—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stowell Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Fane, Frank Nicholson, Mrs. Shirley Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stowell Sr.

MR. and MRS. ROBERT BATES have as house guests, Mrs. Bates parents from Vallejo.

Concow Defense Group Meets Aug. 3

YANKEE HILL — The Yankee Hill, Concow Home Defense Council will hold a meeting at the Concow school Tuesday evening, Aug. 3. A representative from the Forest Service will give a talk on fire control and the guest speaker will be F. S. Marshall of San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Times

8-30-1943

Hoefling Starts Big Bend Mining

OROVILLE, Aug. 29. (Exclusive)—Reopened in 1942 by the Hoefling interests of Sacramento after a long period of inactivity, the Big Bend property has developed into an important producer of zinc, copper, lead and silver, with some gold. A. M. Hoefling reports that a substantial tonnage of zinc has been extracted since May 1, and concentrates containing copper, lead, silver and gold have been shipped. The working force has been increased and the output enlarged.

Ore is treated by the old Surcease gold mill, which was converted into a zinc concentrator. The ore ledge varies from a fissure to 14 feet in width and assays 2 to 5 per cent copper in addition to zinc and other metals. Shaft sinking has passed the 200-foot level.

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11-8-1943

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO EN- GAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

November 8, 1943.

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

22 Mi. East of Oroville,
Feather River Highway, Butte
County, California.

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance of an alcoholic beverage license (or licenses) for these premises as follows:

On Sale Beer License.

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license (s) may file a verified protest with the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, California, stating grounds for denial as provided by law. The premises are now licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

PHILLIP F. JELMYER,
dba Rock House.
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GOLD BELT TOWN RECEIVES CHECK FOR RICH GRAVEL

OROVILLE, Dec. 12. (Exclusive)—This city has received \$11,326 in royalties from dredge operations of Golden Feather Dredging Co. Dredging along the Feather River above Oroville has been completed by the company and work has been started in the Thermalito section. Golden Feather Dredging was permitted by the government to continue operations because the company combined flood control work with gold dredging activities.

Steady production of zinc ore continues from the Big Bend mine operated by Hoefling Brothers. Ore is concentrated in the Surcease plant, formerly operated on gold quartz. Big Bend was reopened last year after a long period of idleness.