

Chico Enterprise Record

1-24-1952

Health Department Unhappy With Chico Indian Medical Man

The State Department of Health today in Sacramento threatened continued action to halt the operations of Chico's Dewey Conway, described by the United Press as "an-honest-to-goodness Indian patent medicine man."

In a monthly report to Gov. Earl Warren, the health department said that Conway, who lives on the western end of Chico's Sacramento Avenue, had been fined \$500 in Live Oak recently on each of four counts charging violation of the pure food and drug law.

But the department said "this relatively large fine (\$2,000) does not appear to have ended illegal activities of the Arrowhead Indian Herb Company.

"If necessary, further action will be taken to secure compliance with the state laws, or otherwise to halt continued victimization of people who buy Indian remedies from this firm."

The department said it had long been aware of Conway's medicines and had contended they were illegal. But until recently, the department said it believed him exempt from state jurisdiction because he was an Indian living on a "federal reservation."

The department said when Conway was denied use of the mails by the federal government, he utilized express companies.

Sacramento Bee

4-16-1952

Youths Are Held In Butte Burglary Probe

OROVILLE, Butte Co. — Sheriff's officers today renewed an investigation of recent burglaries following the arrest of three youths captured after the officers had halted the trio by firing shots over their car as they attempted to escape.

The officers identified them as James H. Sweeney, 20; Leroy Hoffman, 19, and a 13 year old boy.

Captain Fred Preston reported he arrested the trio after they failed to heed his command to stop as they were driving toward Oroville from Yankee Hill. He also arrested a 16 year old girl but said she was not involved in the burglaries. She was transferred to Contra Costa authorities.

Preston said the youths admitted participating in nine cabin burglaries in the Yankee Hill district in the last month and other burglaries in that region in the last two years.

Paradise Post

6-13-1952

Concow School Has Graduation Exercises

Graduation exercises for the Yankee Hill area eighth graders were held last Friday evening in the Concow schoolhouse.

A program of songs, recitations and a one-act play was presented by the pupils with Mary Ann Dion, seventh grader, announcing the numbers. Mrs. Lillian Gillis, Oroville, representing the county school board, gave a brief talk concerning what she termed the "snoopervising" of the rural schools.

Millard Bagley, Paradise, presented the address of the evening on the theme, "The Fragrance of Your Life." Ray Giles of the Concow school board presented diplomas to the following graduates: Dorothy Hastings, Janice McQuarrie, John Bass, Cecil Phillips, Larry Barr, and Marion Jones.

Following the exercises, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hopkins, who have acted as principal and teachers for the past four years, were presented with a gift from the pupils. The Hopkins' plan to take a year's leave of absence and will devote it to working on their 500-acre ranch located at the north end of Concow lake.

7-25-1952

Yankee Hill Women Accused

Three Yankee Hill women are accused of assault and battery in a complaint filed in Paradise justice court by Mrs. Hilda Barr. Mrs. Amelia Dion, 48; Mrs. Emma Phillips, 39, and Mrs. Peggy Morrison, 40, pleaded not guilty when they appeared before Judge Joel R. Bennett Monday.

They were released on \$100 bail each, and trial was set for August 26.

Mrs. Barr said that the three entered her home in Yankee Hill at 3 a.m. on July 15 and Mrs. Morrison beat her. She said the women were angry over the breakup of a logging operation agreement between her husband and theirs.

Chris Marelia of Paradise is attorney for Mrs. Morrison. Mrs. Dion and Mrs. Phillips are represented by Frank Good of Oroville.

8-29-1952

PG&E Sues Oregon City Fire Burn Control Men For Loss of 23 Poles

OROVILLE — Seven members of an Oregon City fire burn control district are named as defendants in a \$1,739.79 damage suit filed in superior court here by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which alleges that their carelessness and negligence resulted in the burning of 23 wooden poles owned by the company.

The complaint says the incident occurred August 19, 1950, when the defendants were engaged in the control burning of approximately 3,500 acres of land near Oregon City. The PG&E alleges that the fire got out of control and destroyed the poles and the wires and equipment attached to them.

Defendants named in the suit are Charles Johnson, Charles Kasi, Elmer L. Forbes, Herman N. Neher, Elsie M. Neher, Raymond Neher and George I. Moak. The PG&E is represented in the action by the San Francisco law firm of Langer and Simpson.

9-5-1952

Ridge Riders Take Trail Ride To Ramsey Bar

The Ridge Riders went on a three-day ride and camping trip over the holiday week end.

They left Magalia at 8 a.m. Saturday and rode to Ramsey Bar, reaching there at 6 p.m. Their equipment and food were brought up by Al Lathrop in a pickup.

Sunday they rode to Campbell's ranch, four and a half miles above Ramsey Bar, and then to Lynch Meadows, where they found a fine campground. They returned to Ramsey Bar in time for dinner.

The trip home was started at 10 a.m. Monday. They stopped for lunch at Rag Dump, and again at Whisky Flat for a rest, arriving home early in the evening.

Those taking part in the trail ride were Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop, Dr. and Mrs. Garth Rustin, Mrs. Elsie Hamburger, Mrs. Wanda Shaw, Mrs. Elaine Minor of Oroville, and Miss Anita Schroder.

Mrs. Hamburger reported that the ride was not so rough as the one they took to Philbrook earlier this summer. The latter she called the most rugged ride she had ever taken, and she has been riding since she was a small child.

Paradise Post

10-10-1952

Car Goes Off Cherokee Road

A car plunged 600 feet down into the canyon of the West Branch Tuesday morning and the driver, apparently, was able to get out and walk to the road.

The highway patrol said the car was registered to Charles Tenbink, Sacramento, who was reported to be working as a cook at Jarbo Gap.

It went off the Cherokee-Yankee Hill road about a fifth of a mile north of the bridge. Someone saw a man sitting on a rock nearby and notified the highway patrol, saying that they did not think he would be able to make it up the hill. Patrolmen and an ambulance were sent out from Oroville but were unable to find the wreck.

Highway Patrolman Tillman Daley and Deputy Sheriff Roy E. Parker heard the report over the police radio and joined the search. They found footprints leading toward the bridge and Daley followed the tracks back to the wreck. The occupant of the car was gone, and they learned that friends had taken him away.

10-10-1952

Concow Petition Is Denied

The petition of residents of the Concow school district to withdraw from the Paradise recreation district was denied by the recreation trustees Tuesday. Seven representatives of the Concow area were present to hear the board's decision.

Chairman Roy Mills then told the Concow people that if they would let the board know what they would like to have done for them the board would cooperate in any way it could. One of the complaints of the petitioners has been that while the district contributes about \$5000 a year in recreation taxes it gets practically nothing in return.

This was not denied by the trustees, but they pointed out that efforts to get the people to say what they wanted, or even to get them together for a meeting, had met with little success.

The Concow group replied that they did not know enough about it to know what facilities they could ask for. Some of them blamed Elmer Martin, recreation director, for failure to organize recreation in the area.

"Martin appears to be in control," one of them commented. "There is quite a bit of 'I' with him. We expect him to take the responsibility. If he can't do it why doesn't he tell us to come to the board?"

Another criticism was that when they had had a recreation program Martin had told them that he had to be back in Paradise by 10 p.m.

Trustee Dwight Porter of DeSabra pointed out that a similar situation exists in DeSabra, where there is a small group away from the main center. They have gotten along well, he said, and have gotten the sort of program and facilities that they asked for.

He suggested that the Concow group get someone to take the lead and get things going. He said that he and Mills had gone over to a meeting there to try and find out what was wrong.

Mills advised them to get a nominating petition and try to put someone from their district on the board. In the last election for a director only 69 votes were cast in the whole district.

The Concow people indicated that they would try to hold a meeting and find out what the rest wanted to do.

Paul Grieco said he thought they should either fight the board's decision or go all out in co-operating with the board and see what they could get over there.

E. G. Warner said that it was an open secret that the fringe areas had been included in the district only because of the value of the utilities' property.

The Concow group wanted to withdraw from the district in the belief that they could put a school bond issue over if they could get rid of the recreation district tax. They said that in past attempts they had been able to obtain a majority but not a two-thirds vote.

The petition was denied in a resolution previously prepared in a committee meeting of the board. The public meeting was opened by the reading of the resolution by Trustee Helen Beery, secretary.

It listed as reasons for the refusal the fact that the Concow school district was voted into the recreation district and not annexed thereto; that it was the duty of the board to act for the benefit of the district as a whole, and that the recreation district "has repeatedly offered to work with the taxpayers of the Concow school district in providing recreation facilities."

Sacramento Bee

10-18-1952

Youth's Trip To India Is Called Off By Uncle Sam

McClatchy Newspapers Service

OROVILLE, Butte Co.—A prior call by the United States has made impossible a proposed stay in the rural districts of India for George Chaffin of the Pentz district north of Oroville.

Young Chaffin had been one of five California students to be selected for participation in the International Farm Youth Exchange program, under which American young people live for about six months with farm families of foreign countries. Local contributions had made the trip possible.

But the draft board has ruled the government needs George first. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chaffin of Pentz.

10-27-1952

Oil Company Adds 7,600 Butte Acres To Drill Leases

OROVILLE, Butte Co.—Interest of the Humble Oil Company in potential oil resources in Butte County grew this week with the disclosures it has added 7,600 acres under drilling leases.

The new area is north of Oroville in the Pentz district in 12 parcels described as the Pentz Community oil lease which Humble obtained through A. H. Tinsley of Marysville, Yuba County, on a five year basis. The lease commits the company to start drilling within 13 months.

Humble obtained drilling leases on more than 6,500 acres of land in the Nelson and old Bosquejo Grant area a week ago.

Owners of property in the Pentz area include Walter Maas, Marie E. Graves, Elva M. Van Gooden and F. H. and Eva Park.

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Yankee Hill Residents Charged With Trespass

Katie Josephson, of Yankee Hill, and Frank, William, Cyril, Cyril Jr., and Gib Josephson have been ordered to appear in superior court Dec. 19 to answer trespassing charges made in a civil suit brought by Carl Howard Paulson.

Paulson charges the defendants with removing a fence and markers along the boundary between his property and theirs, and with placing a gate across a private road located on his land.

A temporary restraining order against the defendants was issued by Judge Dudley McGregor. The Paulson and Josephson lands are located along the Yankee Hill road, just west of the townsite.

Oakland Tribune Knave

12-14-1952

'Lost' Diamonds

"Now it can be told," exclaims Bess Swords. "It is in the history books of Butte County or the State Library where I go for some of my information. Four years ago I went to Sacramento, met by accident the man who owns the property. Why I have always been interested in it is because my mother was born at Banner Mine (above Oroville) near the Diamond Mine, and I have always heard tales of it. This man I speak of who owns the property lives in Sacramento, and went to school with my two aunts (20 years younger than my mother) and his interesting stories will some day, I hope, be put in my 'memoirs,' if I can ever get by myself and write them. There have been 400 diamonds taken from the mine and they came out in blue clay. In the History of Butte County I read of Rutherford B. Hayes, our 19th President, visiting the mine on a trip to California. Fortunes have been lost trying to locate the lead (like a vein in gold) but no one has ever been able to find it. Now, I guess they have given up. There was a famous copper mine there also. My grandfather had the gold mine and that's another long story. And I have two more stories. As it is the centennial for P.G.&E. and Studebaker, here is what I have: The pictures of the building of the plant at Los Plumas above Oroville, built by the Great Western Power Co. My husband came from New York with the Engineers Verte, Blackwell and Buck, and I have the pictures of the building of it; the logging teams, the flood of 1907, etc. Then, my father had the first Studebaker touring car on the Pacific Coast, 1906, I think. He blazed the trail from Oroville to Quincy, then through Greenville, on to Prattville, now Lake Almanor, on to Drake's Oak to the tiptop of Mt. Lassen. Could I ever forget that memorable trip? I think we made 18 miles the first day and I think we spent most of the time pushing the old car up over a small grade and then repairing tires."