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WWII Relics Recall 1943 Maneuvers

Discovery in April, 1974, of an anti-tank mine field still intact on Central Oregon's high desert refreshed memories for residents of thirty years or more, of the great maneuvers held in this area in September and October of 1943.

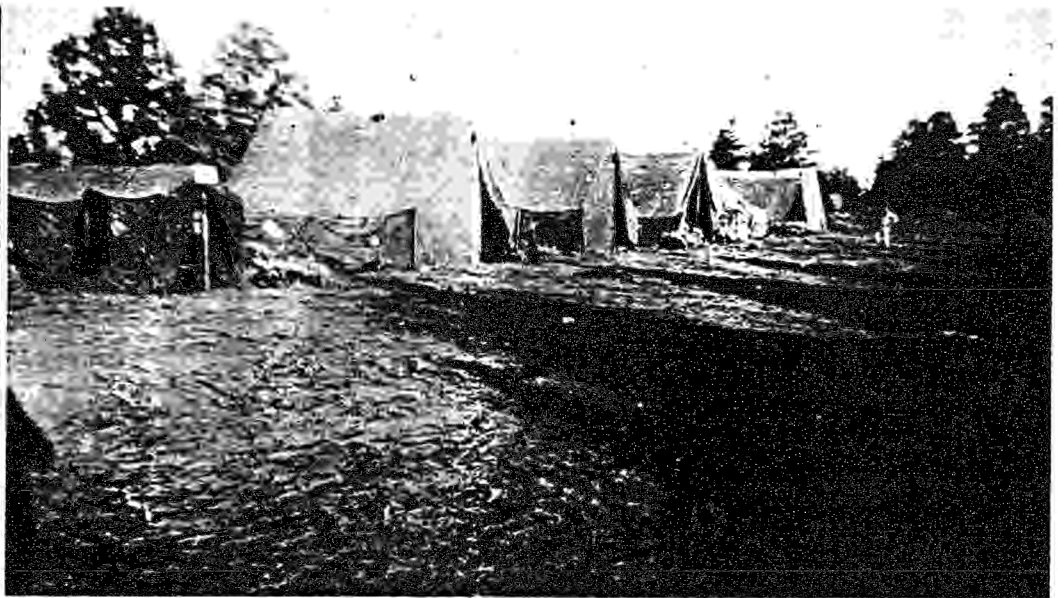
Other relics of those dusty days have come to light before: rifles, canteens (this writer found one in the Alfalfa junipers near the C.O.I. canal about ten years ago; the owner's name was scratched into the metal), miles of signal wire, old fuel dumps, even a billfold amazingly returned finally to its surprised owner. Prized finds by arrowhead hunters are the old .50 caliber machine gun cartridge cases and linkages, their once-bright brass changed by the desert alchemy into the brown patina with which the arid country covers all metals except aluminum.

Rotting fragments of C-Ration cases, old charcoal inside rings of lava rock, lonely machine gun posts are still to be found, and perhaps more buried museum pieces will yet come to life.

But the sounds of tanks, weapons carriers, jeeps, trucks, artillery fire, B-17's and P-38's overhead have not survived. Only in the memories of those people who lived through those hectic days, and in yellowing newspaper files does the story survive.

There were eight "problems" during the two-month period. More than 75,000 troops divided into Blue and Red forces solved those problems in an area of 10,000 square miles, to the entire satisfaction of the military, but with some discomfort to the inhabitants—two and four legged alike, one less acceptable aspect to local hunters being the closure of much of the Central Oregon region to deer hunting that fall.

Alexander M. Patch, commanding IV Corps, organized and ran the maneuver operations, which involved large portions of Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Lake, Harney, Grant, and Klamath counties. The area was selected by the war department because terrain was similar to theaters where U.S. troops were fighting, or



Olive green field tents line a temporary sagebrush street during early fall maneuvers of the 153rd Engineers in Central Oregon, in 1943. Over 75,000 men were engaged in an area of 10,000 square miles. Photo courtesy of Norman V. Snyder, then a young participant from Harrison, Ark., and now living in Hartford, Conn.

expected to fight. General Patch, who had commanded ground forces on Guadalcanal in 1942, brought with him a number of officers and men with combat experience.

Blue or Red forces were deliberately weakened during the maneuver "problems" to afford defensive experience for both sides. The desert west of Brothers saw the first of the actions, in a very hot mid-September. Tanks, artillery, and infantry struggled across the rugged terrain, later moving east to Glass Buttes, Hampton Buttes, and the Gap Ranch.

As the maneuvers continued there were many military observers, including officers from the British Army. Pausing only long enough for critiques, each phase of the operation rolled into the next, with organizational re-grouping.

There were inevitably casualties, a soldier killed near Fife when his jeep overturned, four men drowned crossing the Deschutes below Eagle Rock, one killed passing under an overpass

in Bend, when his head struck the structure.

As the troops entered the third problem, attempts were made to supply a minimum of five gallons of water per soldier per day, Army maintenance people said unkind things about the effects of dust and knife-

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WHY "BEND WOOLEN MILL"?

While the Bend Woolen Mill (1923-26) never engaged in the manufacture of wool, on March 29, 1923, the Weekly Bend Bulletin quoted George Lloyd, representative of Utah Woolen Mills and organizer of the Bend venture, stating that the local business would be first a knitting mill, and later a woolen mill.

History shows that the mill, built of local brick, shortly failed, aborting a more elaborate future. (See Gazette, Jan. 19, 1974).

Also arrested were plans to add a mattress factory, which would have utilized local wool.

Early Fires Level Sisters Business District

In the 1920's two serious fires burned many early Sisters buildings. In May, 1923, property then estimated at \$25,000—an entire block containing ten businesses and residence buildings burned to the ground. Among these were a restaurant owned by Mrs. M. A. Olson, George Aitken's drug store, a garage, and a feed barn.

Another fire, September 11, 1924, destroyed six buildings, including the Gist Hotel, Hardy Allen's garage, a vacant butcher shop owned by John Bruns, the Frank Leithauser General Store, the J. M. Parker & Co. General Store, and the E. A. Graham residence. Losses were estimated at \$24,500. Bend and Redmond firemen responded to calls for assistance, while Sisters women threw bedding on adjacent buildings and soaked it to prevent the spread of flames.

In combination the fires leveled many of the buildings shown in the picture on page 4.



Mr. and Mrs. John L. Garske, May 13, 1974, in Seattle. Married in 1916, they were High Desert homesteaders at Hampton Buttes until the depression drove them away.

JOHN L. GARSKE SKETCHES HIS PIONEER LIFE IN CENTRAL OREGON

My father, Gregor A. Garske, in his youth ventured into Montana Territory when the first railroad was built, as far as Miles City in 1882. He returned to Minnesota to marry Susanna Schmitt, November 4, 1883. In 1907 my father came west to Seattle to build his future home for his family.

During 1911-12, when the first railroad was constructed up Deschutes River canyon and rails ended at Bend, Oregon, a big land rush began. My father became deeply interested. In May, 1913, he (and later, brother Joseph) arrived in Bend.

And it was booming!—landseekers, ranchers, teams and saddle horses tied to hitch racks along board sidewalks, loaded freight wagons—six to eight teams with lead bells, a jerk-line skinner mounted on a wheel horse, pulling out of town in dense clouds of dust.

Sunny blue skies—vast virgin pine forest to the west. My father said, "This country has a bright future. We will settle here."

Charley Bangston located us on 320-acre claims in Clover Creek Valley, Hampton Buttes, a corner of the Old West. These Buttes were strictly cow country—homesteaders not welcome. And not healthy for sheep.

Traveling 78 horse miles on winding wagon trail for two days by team and wagon, we arrived on our claims on June 6, 1913. Lumber was hauled from the small Ammons sawmill on Maury Mountain about 20 miles to the north.

In 1914 my mother, brother Benjamin, and three sisters—Veronica, Theresa and Ruth—arrived from Seattle.

Despite having failed to win the Northwest Welter Weight title on July 4, 1910, in Olympia, Washington, I continued with the wrestling game. In 1914 I wrestled an exhibition bout with Joe Manzinske. This bout took place in Carmody Bros. Pool Hall, where the Waldorf later stood. The wrestling mat was built from horse blankets and wagon tarps loaned from the livery barns. That fall I also put on a wrestling exhibition with a good athlete, John

Pausch, a sheep man, at Imperial, Oregon, a thriving frontier town during the big land rush to the High Desert. Those heavy June frosts, causing crop failures, discouraged the new settlers. Imperial became a ghost town, sandblown with tumble weeds, gradually vanished off the High Desert.

In 1916 I married Miss Mary Alice Sherry whom I had met in Seattle. We also made our home in the Buttes.

February, 1920, I was awarded the U. S. Mail Star Route No. 73155 until July, 1922, to carry the mail from "Dry Lake" across the desert to Brothers, Oregon, and back to Dry Lake—a 56 mile round trip made in one day twice weekly. Transporting the mail was accomplished by using a buckboard and saddle horse. Dry Lake P. O. has long been abandoned by the government and the two postmasters have since passed on. I am in my 90th year; I do believe I am the last of the buckboard and saddle horse mail carriers in Central Oregon.

By this time the entire Garske family had procured a large amount of land-homesteads and purchasing others. It developed into a prosperous ranch of 4200 acres—grazing sheep, cattle and horses. About 1920 my father established the official "Mountain Spring Ranch."

In 1929 the Big Depression arrived. Many large ranches throughout the West, including the Mountain Spring Ranch, went under. Many pioneers left behind a rich heritage and in many cases untold pioneer history on the Central Oregon frontier. My parents returned to their old home in Seattle where they passed away.

In 1934 I began life again in Bend and was employed by Shevlin-Hixon Company. At the same time I owned and operated a wrestling school and produced some of the best amateur wrestlers in Central Oregon.

A sad memory of my life in Bend was the loss of our youngest son, the seventh child, who drowned at the age of 6 years in Mirror Pond in Bend. Shortly thereafter we moved to Seattle and made our home there.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Letters on this page and the John L. Garske reminiscences were written to Cecil Moore, for inclusion in the Gazette. Cecil's unvarying efforts to obtain material are greatly appreciated.

I would like to tell you about one of the old settlers up there known as Uncle John Sizemore, who traded at my dad's store in Laidlaw.

He came into the store one morning and asked me to meet him at the old Log Corral down river from Bend, on a day the next week, as he was selling a bunch of horses on that day and he wanted me to write a Bill of Sale for these horses.

Being pretty much of a boy, I didn't know just what a Bill of Sale should say, so when my dad returned from a timber cruising trip I asked him just what a Bill of Sale should say, so he wrote out one for me, which I copied, and I met Mr. Sizemore on the appointed day, and the buyer and I agreed on the count of the horses. I sat down by the corral and figured what the amount should be, and at the same time the buyer was figuring. While I was figuring I could hear the rattle of pebbles, and looking up, I saw Mr. Sizemore passing pebbles from one hand to the other, and when he finally closed his hands and when I finished, he asked me how much I made it, and the buyer agreed that it was right so Mr. Sizemore dropped the pebbles.

Then the buyer paid in gold coins which Mr. Sizemore had me put in \$100 stacks, and the buyer quit passing out the coins so Mr. Sizemore asked me if I had enough and I told him "yes." Then he tossed me a poke to put these coins in and he took them and threw them on the seat of his buckboard and came back and visited with the buyer until the buyer had to leave to catch up with the bunch of horses which were headed for The Dalles.

I asked Mr. Sizemore how he had calculated and he tried to explain to me his method of calculating but I couldn't understand it. Later, when they formed Deschutes County, my friend J. Alton Thompson, who was the first School Superintendent, came and I told him how Mr. Sizemore had calculated and he went to call on him and Mr. Sizemore tried to explain to Mr. Thompson his method, but Mr. Thompson couldn't understand it either, so whatever it was is lost because none of us could understand how the old gentleman could calculate. His signature on the Bill of Sale was to draw his brand and make his "X" mark.

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TO ALL YOU PIONEERS,

We would like to be with you on the 21st but at near 82 it isn't too easy to drive that far.

If any of you ever come to Sacramento be sure to stay with us.

Yours,

Frank H. Dayton
5350 - 15th Avenue
Sacramento, Calif. 95820

Dear Sir

I read your article in the Pioneer Gazette about Imperial, Ore.

When I came to Oregon in 1919, there were a few buildings still standing there. As I remember there was a bank bldg., a school house and two or three more. But cattle and horses were using them for shelter.

I was visiting the Bert Meeks home one evening when a car with New York license plates stopped for gas. The man and wife asked how far it was to Imperial as they intended to stay there and look over some city lots they had bought there. When Mr. Meeks tried to explain there was no hotel at Imperial and the closest one was Bend 75 miles (and long ones in those days)—a 4-hour drive. The lady didn't believe him and drove on. About two hours later they were back to stay all night. They showed us some pictures of "Imperial" they had received from the promoters showing well laid out streets, buildings, fountains, and palm trees. The woman had bought several lots and had come west to check on her investment (She had bought these lots against her husband's wishes, he didn't let her forget it). We didn't learn how much she had paid.

The Meeks family had homesteaded there many years before. They moved from some place in the Willamette Valley and camped on the west side of the Deschutes River at Bend for several days (there was no bridge at that time) before crossing, "foraging" with his stock.

In 1919-20 the Hampton P. O. was located a little north and west (about three miles) of the Halfway House as it was called then, later called Hampton. In earlier days it was called Brookings—Horas Brookings, his wife and son Paul owned the property on the west side of the road. Bert Meeks owned on the east side.

You may be able to get some early day information from Herbert Meeks (oldest son of Bert). He lives, I think, in Redmond. The last I knew his phone no. was 548-3531.

The people who had the P. O. at Hampton at that time was Mr. and Mrs. Harmon. I don't remember the given name.

My father homesteaded in the Hampton Buttes.

There is another old timer still living (I think) that can fill in a lot of early day happenings on the desert country: J. A. Pausch—Reed Mkt. Rd., Bend (At least I think he is the Pausch). He lived near the head of the Crooked River. I think it was called Fife (Don't see it on the map). He worked for Bill Brown, the sheep and horse rancher, and later managed the G. I. Ranch for Dr. Dodds.

(The above letter was written in 1971 by the late D. B. (Doug) McFadyen in response to an article in the Jan. 1971 Gazette.)

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garet A. Vandervert, James Van Huffel, Joanne Van Sickle, Helen Weil, Ruth Kay Wilson, L. W. Workman, Forrest Yeoman.

1974 MEMORIAL LIST

1973—Josephine Anderson.

January — Walter R. Franks, Joh Sather, Walter F. McFadden, Anna Eliza Hachtel.

February — Grace Dick, Everett M. Parr.

March — Lavina Dallas, Virginia M. Fix, Marie Elizabeth Kohfield.

May — Mabel S. Prince, Charlotte Harris.

June — Mary Dugan Hansen, Jack Eby.

July—Rueben A. Long (President of Pioneers Assn. 1968), Ivan V. McGillvray (Member of Deschutes County Museum Commission).

August—Frank Filey.

September—Mary Frakes Hobbs, Wm. H. Ogle, Douglas B. McFayden, Dean Wonsen.

October — Lulu (Nielsen) Simmons, Clifton I. Dunlap, Con Breen.

November—Walter C. Headrick, Lulu M. Thompson.

December—Ethel H. Obernolte, Jess Tetherow.

RUTH BARNES 1974 ASSOCIATION QUEEN

Daughter of pioneers, and herself a pioneer of Central Oregon, Deschutes County Pioneer Association queen this past year has been Ruth Church Barnes whose grandfather, A. B. Colver, crossed the plains in 1851, and, according to his land claim registry, took a Donation Land Claim in Douglas County in August, 1852.

Alfred B. Colver married Queen Ruth's grandmother (also named Ruth) in Cedar County, Iowa, July 13, 1845. Mrs. Barnes' uncle, Orace G. Colver, gave his name to the original Culver townsite, which name was retained when the settlement moved to its present location. Ruth's father was William H. Church, a Methodist minister.

Ruth Barnes came to Central Oregon in 1904, traveling from Oregon's south coast by various and sundry modes, including a gasoline launch, a hand car on a logging railroad, stage coach, and passenger train to Hood River. From there to The Dalles she was a passenger on the famous Columbia River steamer, the

"Bailey Gatzert", and from The Dalles traveled into Central Oregon by team and wagon.

In 1915 Queen Ruth married Edgar Barnes, son of Frank and Mary Barnes, pioneer residents of Prineville. The young couple moved to a homestead. Later, Edgar Barnes taught school at Trail Crossing. He was principal of the first high school in Culver.

In 1916, Edgar was assigned to a 60-mile rural mail route, at that time the longest in the United States. Mrs. Barnes was a substitute carrier and together they carried the mail for the rural Culver area until 1936 when Mr. Barnes was assigned a 63-mile route in the Bend area.

Two sons were born to the couple: Robert Barnes of Los Angeles and Roland Barnes of Seattle.



PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, 1974

Serving the Deschutes Pioneers' Association during 1974 were President Mel Munkers, Vice President Robert Martin, Secretary Laura Wonsen, and Treasurer Edith Hollinshead.

On the Pioneers' Board of Directors were Craig Coyner (1 year term), Carol Boyd (2 year), and Michael Mahoney (3 year), while the Board of Trustees was comprised of Craig Coyner (1 year), Catherine Mattson (2 year), Dean Hollinshead (3 year),

Clarence Boyd (4 year), and Hugh Simpson (5 year).

Committee Chairman were Gazette, Keith Clark; Publicity, Laura Wonsen; Scrap Book, Flora Miller; History, Carol Boyd; Remembrance, Frances Thompson; Queens, Edna Brinson; Nominating, Lowell Jensen and Dan Ketchum; Finance, Hugh Simpson, Ole Grubb, and Dan Ketchum; Membership, C. E. "Slim" Hein.

Representatives appointed to the 1974 County Museum Commission by the county court to approve expenditures coming from the County Museum Fund were Joe Peden for the County Court; Ivan McGillvray for Veterans; Carol Boyd for the Pioneers; John Stenkamp for City of Bend; Bud Van Matre for City of Redmond; Claude Buck for City of Sisters; Laura Wonsen for the Taxpayer; and Phil Brogan for the Oregon Historical Society.

1975 Pioneers' Officers

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December 16, 1974
Business Meeting

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Vice Pres. — Rodney Rosebrook
Secretary — Laura Wonsen
Treasurer — Edith Hollinshead

Board of Directors:

1 yr. term — Carol Boyd
2 yr. term — Michael Mahoney
3 yr. term — Melvin Munkers

Museum Board of Trustees:

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