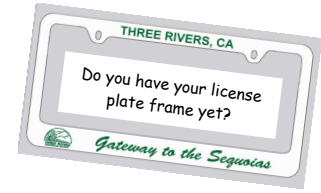




Three Rivers Historical Times



August 2012

A couple of articles that are a little different, Enjoy!

Whispers

by "Breathless"

(From the "the Kaweah Magazine" column titled "Old Timers" printed July 1960)

Ten Little Indian Boys!
 One day not long ago we were generously given ten dollars to spend any way we saw fit. You know for household expenses and whatever else might crop up during the day. We thought of steak for dinner. Ten dollars seemed like a lot of money. That was before things began to crop up. First we were reminded that one of the gals needed lunch money. There went the first dollar. Then it was the cleaner with Father's suit which we had completely forgotten. A dollar and a half more. Oh well, there was still seven fifty left. Next it was the Rawleigh man with his well stocked traveling store. Naturally we couldn't turn him away. Vanilla and ant spray...one sixty-five. Someone came by selling tickets to a benefit dance and we bought one for seventy-five cents just to feel we had contributed. Ten little, nine little, eight little Indians. Seven little, six little, five little Indians. When the mail came there was that package we had

ordered to be sent C.O.D. and that claimed another two dollars. A Boy Scout came after school to see if we needed our grass cut. He was asking a dollar and a half but he worked so hard and trimmed around the flower beds so well that we gave him two dollars. The last dollar of our ten looked so lonesome now that we didn't even bother to put it back in the purse. We just laid it on the table in plain sight thinking that it wouldn't be long before something else would turn up and it too would be gone. Four little, three little, two little Indians, One little Indian boy! Out the window went our plan for a steak dinner and we didn't go grocery shopping at all. Instead we searched the pantry shelves and, and sure enough, there was a can of pork and beans.



"When The Blue jays Scream, She Grabs Her Snake Gun"

By Virginia Williams
Fresno Bee, sometime 1973
Here are some portions of the article and see if you can identify the 'gun-toting lady'.

"When the blue jays start screaming, I start hunting and it has paid off," says (?) who keeps an album with pictures of the rattlesnakes she has killed near her home here in the past sex years. She is not the gun-toting type, but after her husband died, she knew that in time she would come across a rattler and she wanted to be prepared so she bought a .410 shotgun and a box of shells. It wasn't long before she heard a blue jay giving its loud, frantic cry and sure enough there was a big rattler slithering across the front lawn. She had not had time to read the instructions on the gun and she didn't know how to load it, but she hurried outside anyway and poked at the snake with a shovel until it crawled under a small bush. She didn't intend to let it get away so she got a chair and with one eye on the snake, sat there reading the instructions. Then she loaded the gun and calmly blew the snake's

head off. Two days later she shot its mate. Since that time she has killed 16 more rattlers and has a picture of each one pasted in her little granny-type album. One snake she got by lying down on her stomach to shoot it under a small water tank. "I thought sure I'd blown holes in that tank," she laugh. She gives full credit for finding the snakes to the blue jays for screaming "snake, snake,, snake!" She still follows her grandfather's advice on burning the remains. Her grandfather, Judge Walter Fry, the first civilian superintendent of Sequoia National Park and first US commissioner, had always claimed rattler carcasses should be burned to kill the babies in case there were any. While she was a good shot with a pistol when she was a girl, she had never shot anything with one nor ever used a shotgun. She readily admits she's so afraid of rattlers it makes her ill, but her little album is admirable evidence of her determination and courage. WHO IS SHE?



President's Corner



July 6th we had our annual membership meeting at the museum and voted in our officers and board members for the next year. A complete list is located on page 3. We would like to welcome

Rusty Crain who was voted onto the board at this meeting.

We are happy to report that with the help of our new finance committee we came in budget for the fiscal year July 2011 through June 2012 and it looks good for our coming year.

Starting with this issue we will have a 'Wish List' column which lays out the various projects that the Historical Society/Museum is working on and could use help AND a list of the projects that we need monetary help. The idea is to list things so that our members and friends can choose which projects you would like to help with whether it be in hours or donations. As an example we need a new irrigation system for the front of the museum. We know that it will cost about \$400 or we need help with moving some gravel and make a stone path down the back of the museum. Take a look at our list, which will change each issue, and hopefully you will find something that is just right for you.

THE LICENSE PLATE FRAMES ARE HERE!

Make a statement and let the world know you are from Three Rivers with a set of license plate holders on your car



- ◆ \$10.00 each including tax
- ◆ High quality hard plastic
- ◆ White background with forest green lettering
- ◆ Fits almost any type of car license plate
- ◆ Cash, check or credit card accepted.
- ◆ Mailing available for extra charge.

This doll house was just donated to the Museum by Jack & Joyce Nielsen and it will be a part of our 'Silent Auction' coming in March 2013. We are collecting items now so look around.



Visitor Count At The Museum

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Year 2010	379	764	848	902	922	1002	947	767	431	317	198	198
Year 2011	199	206	375	870	889	856	835	975	676	966	306	177
Year 2012	256	230	499	824	686	751	862					

Current Businesses Supporting The Museum In Three Rivers Unless Noted In Listing

A-1 Totem Market & Gifts	CA Water/Filter, Culligan, Lindsay	Kaweah Park Resort	Mountain View Realty
Affairs Real Estate	Comfort Inn & Suites	L.E. Britten, Construction	
Arts Alliance of Three Rivers	Country Bear Photography	McKellar Agricultural Group, Ivanhoe	Red Barn Gifts
Bank of the Sierra	Donald W. Mosley, DDS	Michael F Tharp Assoc., Visalia	Reimer's Candies & Ice Cream
Buckeye Tree Lodge	Gateway Restaurant & Lodge	Michael Little, CPA	
Buckler Chiropractic	ISG Electric, Inc.	Mineral King Pres. Society, Exeter	

Our Volunteers include our officers, board members and docents. No paid staff.

Officers

- Tom Marshall President
- Nancy Brunson Vice-President
- Pat Crain Secretary
- Dody Marshall Treasurer

Board of Directors

- Janine Chilcott Director
- Isabelle Collins Director
- Rusty Crain Director
- Bobbie Harris Director
- Gaynor McKee Director
- Jackie Weeks Director
- Susan Wolff Director

Museum Staff

- Tom Marshall Mgr. Director
- Dody Marshall Archivist
- Susan Wolff Docent Coordinator

Finance Committee

- Nancy Brunson Chan Wilcox
- Mike Little, CPA Rusty Crain
- Dody Marshall, Advisor from board

Museum Docents

- Karen Barnett Nancy Glass
- Bobbe Haggard Bonnie McCassy
- Bonnie Nelson Naoko Otani
- Bryan Prosser Carla Treuting
- Ingrid Ziegenbein

Support Docents

- Jen Cortum Grant Writing
- Shelby Roberts Archive Data Entry
- Gene Roberts Archive Photo Scanning

Grant Writing at the Museum

One of our new volunteers, Jen Cortum, helped us in writing a grant request to the Bank of Sierra for some much needed porch and drainage work at the back door of the museum. The Bank just notified us that we were awarded a grant for our project.

Eileen Rafter, Operations Manager-Three Rivers and Arthur Zschau, Senior Vice-President for



Bank of the Sierra presents a check for \$1000. to Dody Marshall and Nancy Brunson of the Historical

HISTORICAL SOCIETY 'WISH LIST'		
Project	Donated	\$ estimate
Irrigating Pipe & Tank Repair for fire suppression	Labor hours	\$400. for materials
Front Yard Landscaping and sprinkler system	Labor hours	Materials \$400
Flag Pole and Flag to replace one taken down in 2010 due to break.	Min. labor	Official pole & Flag \$300
Land acquisition next to museum. This land is very important to the museum for any expansion projects.	Call Tom Marshall 561-4085 or Nancy Brunson 561-2222 for information on this major project	
Donations, whether it be items or money is so important to the museum. Email or call us on any item above OR tell us what you would like to see. history@3rmuseum.org / 559-561-2707		

Current Businesses Supporting The Museum

In Three Rivers Unless Noted In Listing

Sequoia Cider Mill Restaurant	Sequoia Village Inn	Three Rivers Woman's Club
Sequoia Motel	Sierra Valley Cultural Planning	Todd's Pizza Factory
Sequoia Natural History Assoc.	Three Rivers Comm. Svcs. Dist.	Valley Oak Credit Union
Sequoia Pacific Realty	Three Rivers Drug	We Three Bakery & Restaurant
Sequoia RV Ranch	Three Rivers Performing Arts	Western Holiday Lodge
Sequoia Sightseeing Tours	Three Rivers Village Market	



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2012 Historical Society & Museum Events			
SEP	21-Fri,	California Indian Day for Kids	A day of demonstrations for 4th graders from Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Woodlake, Exeter and Visalia Schools.
SEP	22-Sat, 10am-4pm	Three Rivers Museum honoring 'California Indian Day'	Open to the public with demonstrations on California Indian Life before the settlers.
OCT	13-Sat, 10am-4pm	Living History Day	Celebrating the 1850-1900 pioneer days
OCT	27-Sat, 9am-5pm	Sisters On The Fly	Classic old vacation trailers meeting in Three Rivers with showing at Kaweah Park Resort and visiting the Museum.
NOV	3rd-3pm to 7pm	Local Authors Wine & Cheese Reception	A time to get to know our local writers, hear a reading from their latest books and interact with them.
NOV	17-Sat, 9am-4pm	Senior League Holiday Bazaar	Three Rivers Memorial Building, Museum will have a booth
NOV	18-Sun, 9am-3pm	Museum Open House & Sale	Annual gift shop sale for the holidays.
DEC	1-Sat, 5pm-7pm	Community Holiday Caroling	In front of Three Rivers Mercantile
MAR	23-Sat, time TBA	Our Winter Gathering Lions Roping Arena	Plans now are for a Rip-Tasting dinner and SILENT AUCTION