

HEADTOWER NEWS

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DAM NEWS

SERVING ENTIRE DAM AREA

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STRIKE HALTS BRIDGE WORK

Work on the railroad relocation bridge crossing the Sacramento river at Redding was halted Thursday when the pile drivers walked off the job and were followed by the engineers, carpenters, iron workers and laborers.

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LUMBER STOLEN FROM CHURCH AT SUMMIT CITY

The sheriff's office Wednesday reported to the sheriff Wednesday by Rev. F. A. Durkin, pastor.

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DAILY MAIL TO BE DELIVERED IN DAM AREA

Service to Start Monday, Valley Post.

With installation of mail service between Redding and Valley, this point is a greatly increased business local post office.

Mail service is being furnished to the dam area. The mail will be delivered to the dam area by a truck which will be followed by a mail carrier.

NAME IS TOYON SCHOOL

Pupils Start a Weekly Journal in Dam Area

Attendance at the Toyon school in the Summit City section has increased to 230. Seats to accommodate 240 pupils were installed last week but the attendance is rapidly coming up to capacity again.

The school has adopted the name Toyon after the brilliant toyon berries that grow in profusion in the dam area.

merchants throughout the dam area are being solicited for paid announcements and the funds so raised it is hoped will be sufficient to purchase the micrograph.

MUSIC CLASS STARTED

Come to Redding for your and piano lessons. Dam area now organizing. Mrs. Alice Gervin, Graduate of College Music University of California 1018 California St. Phone 354.

MAKING AIRPLANES

William Hays left this week for Los Angeles to resume work as mechanic in an airplane manufacturing concern. Hays was employed for some years with the factory but took a long vacation while he visited his parents here.

A. C. Neff is an arrival from Parker dam.

MASONS OF DAM AREA MAY FORM MASONIC CLUB

A meeting of the members of the Masonic order has been called in the community building, Government City Thursday evening.

The purpose of the meeting is to have the Masons who reside in the dam area to gather and get acquainted. A plan to organize a Masonic club is on foot and will be discussed at the meeting.

WE SERVE THE SCHOOLS

LET US SERVE YOU PHONE 508

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La Verne Dairy Cor California & Pioneer St. REDDING

EATONS Emporium Drug Store

DRUGS Stationery School Supplies Office Supplies

Free Delivery in Town. We Pay Parcel Post Out of Town

1527 Market Street Redding, California Phone 18

HELLO SUMMER!

VACATION TIME for wonderful volunteers **DAM NEWS** in the Boomtowns—

Thanks to *Del Hiebert* for a 10/27/1938 newspaper from BOOMTOWN, Central Valley Post Office, Shasta County.



EAT DRINK

AT THE

DAM SHACK

BIG MEALS OR LUNCHES AT ALL HOURS

ICE COLD LUCKY LAGER BEER

The Best Food and Drinks By a Dam Site!

BOOMTOWN, CALIFORNIA
Florence Van Santen, Prop.

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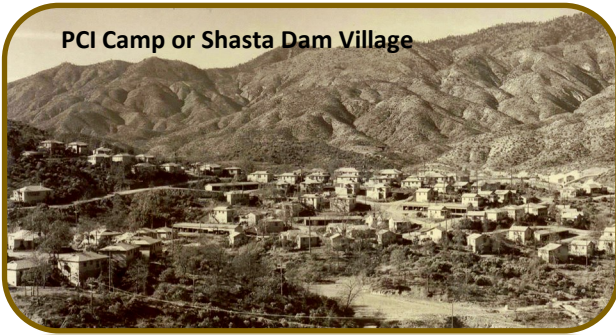
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Darlene V. Brown, Editor and staff of volunteers

So, WHAT ABOUT THOSE DAM HOUSES?

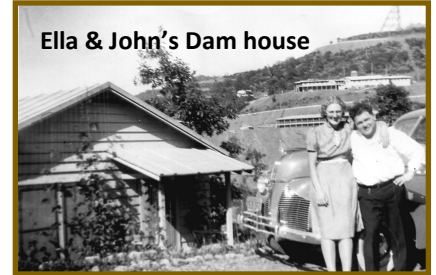
You still see them around town. Some have been improved while others need to go but let's go back to why and when they came to be....



PCI Camp or Shasta Dam Village

It's 1938 and construction begins on Shasta Dam. Workers and their families are coming and they need housing - such was the building of houses in what was called "Shasta Dam Village" or PCI Camp (Pacific Constructors Inc) located below the dam construction site on the east side of the Sacramento River canyon near the old mining town of Coram.

Crowe's men hired to build a dam. Pine lumber siding and fiber-board composition walls - no insulation to speak of. One to five small rooms, a bath and washroom on the porch. An electric stove, ice box, nothing fancy as they were to be torn down or moved when the Dam was completed. No AC in the summer and an oil or wood stove in the winter. The late Ella Fish Barbera recalled her rent was \$18 to \$21 a month—others said it was 25% of their wages or about \$9.00 a week.



Ella & John's Dam house

131 houses in all - thrown up in a hurry by Frank

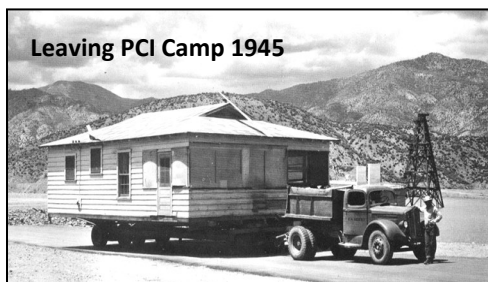


TOYON

At the same time, houses were being built in Toyon (Government Camp), east of Summit City on Shasta Dam Boulevard to house the workers and families employed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. These were also "Dam houses" but a little different construction. Family homes and duplexes



with an attached garage. Single men found housing in the dormitories. Toyon was a community within itself with sidewalks, tennis courts, a community hall, dormitories, mess hall, and more. However, like the other Dam houses, these dwellings would also be torn down and/or sold by the USBR when the Dam was finished and the community of Toyon no longer existed.



Leaving PCI Camp 1945

Where did the houses move to? Well, to Summit City, Central Valley, Project City, Pine Grove, Redding and Anderson for sure and maybe even farther south.

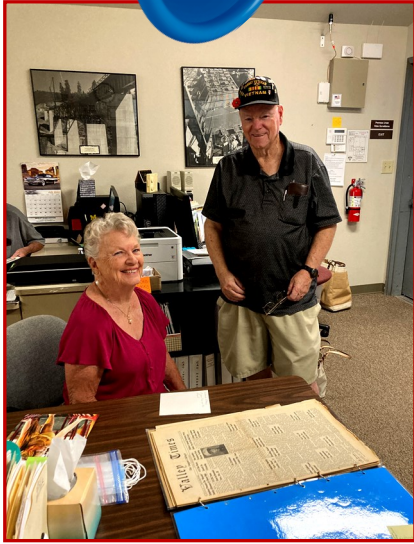
In 1945, Veterans returning after WWII were seeking jobs and affordable housing and found work in the lumber mills. Gean Vonk at Anderson Historical Society wrote: "The Veterans Park in Anderson, located below the high school between South Street and Veterans Lane, was one place where the houses were relocated. Shasta County donated the land for the housing project and according to H. Christensen, the Anderson Veterans Post#9650 was involved."

Next issue: Dam house stories and where some of the houses may still be located today.



LET'S HEAR IT FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Richard Ellis, a Vietnam Veteran, walked into the museum office a few days ago and was greeted by our volunteer, Charlotte Bailey. As we made our hello's, and in talking one story led to another, he told us about when he was a young lad growing up here. He had a paper route of 36 customers for a couple years in the late 50's. His job was to pick up the Valley Times at the "Toot n'Tell 'um" (local drive-in restaurant) everyday, roll and rubber band each copy and hand deliver them to the front door of his Central Valley and Project City customers.



Smiling Gale



Yes Matt, Looks just like you!



Matt showing Charlotte and his wife, Darlene his CVHS Band photo.

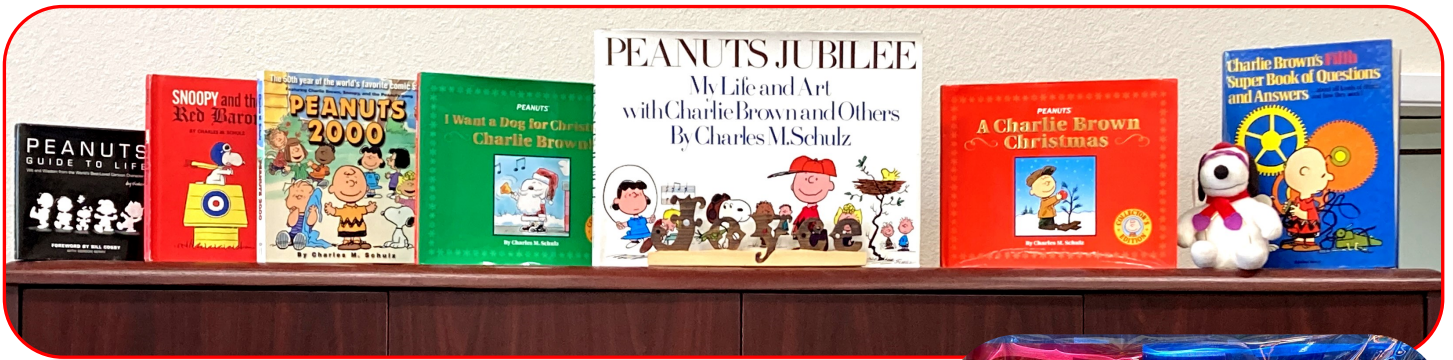


Mavis & Crystal



Linda, Mike, Donna and Diana

PEANUTS AND CHARLIE BROWN



Meet our neighbors in the Visitors Center!

Joyce Ide is President of the Shasta Gateway Library Board and invites everyone to see what's new in the library - a treasure trove of books & videos, a kid's corner, plus a new bank of computers for in-house research.



Featured, a collection of PEANUTS books and memorabilia donated by Katy Kobe and special editions donated by Clifton Seago and Kathy Ide. A must see if you're a Peanuts fan.



Need a place out of the heat to read & relax?
 Summer hours are 9-1pm M-F and Winter hours will be announced after the 2023 School Session begins.

An **OPEN HOUSE** takes place on **Saturday September 30th** from 10am to Noon. Joyce invites you to drop by and enjoy snacks, desserts and special drawings for guests!



MAKE IT A DAY OF FUN.... And when you leave there, drop by and visit us in the **BOOMTOWN MUSEUM** next door!

Janice Powell, Office Manager and our neighbor at Shasta Lake Chamber of Commerce stopped by to shop our Gift Shop and let us know what's happening around town.

The "pulse of the city", the Chamber is promoting the end of the "FRIDAY NITE IN THE PARK" family event series. Country & rock favorite **BANDS:**

- FULL THROTTLE** - August 4th 6 - 9:00 PM
- SERENA KARISE BAND** - August 11th 6 - 9:00 PM

Sandy's GIFT SHOP NEWS:

Hand crocheted dresses by *Rhonda*
 purses by *Valerie*
 jam by *Darlene* and more new books....



Karen's CHILDREN'S BOOK CORNER - featuring
 "GLOW IN THE DARK CONSTELLATIONS"
 "INDESTRUCTIBLES: Let's go Outside" and "ABOUT BUGS"



**COMING EVENT -
Wine & Dine with
Women who led the
way in Shasta County**

**Highlight of the year and always a
sellout! Mark your calendar!
23rd. Annual Shasta Lake Historical Society**

Appreciation Dinner for Members and Guests

**Friday, September 15th 5-9 pm
Larry Farr Community Center,
City of Shasta Lake**

Complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres
Catered Dinner, entertainment - *a FUN evening*

Piano by Max Gandy - Music by Northern Gateway Chorus
Raffle, games, photo ops and much more!

Dinner single \$35 couple \$65 Table of 8 \$240 advance sales only - no tickets sold at the door

LIMITED SEATING



Reserve your table!

Invitations forthcoming - please RSVP early
Tickets can be purchased in-house or online
www.shastalakehistorical.org.



***CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER***

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH CLAIRE ENGLE PARK IN CITY OF SHASTA LAKE

***11-5PM GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD FOR PURCHASE, MEMORABILIA AND
so much more!***

MAKE IT A DAY OF FUN FOR THE FAMILY AND MEET NEW AND OLD FRIENDS!



TOMMY WYATT c1970's

*Thanks to the Wyatt
Sisters for sharing*



FLASHBACK IN TIME

"Wyatt's Tavern"
original building of
C&G Bait. Located next
to the Crestwood
Lodge aka Anchor's
Inn in Project City.

Grandma Bower's Raw Apple Cake

Mix and Set Aside for 1 hour:

- ~4 cups peeled and sliced apples (pipens or Granny Smith)
- ~1 cup Brown Sugar
- ~1 cup Sugar
- ~1 cup oil

Add to Apple Mixture:

- ~2 beaten eggs
- ~1tsp Vanilla
- ~1cup raisins (opt).
- ADD: 2 tsp Cinnamon
- ~2 cups flour
- ~1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- ~1tsp salt

Bake 350* about 1 hour.

FROSTING (optional)
 1 8oz cream cheese
 1 cube butter
 1 box powder sugar
 1 tsp vanilla
 Dash of Salt



Memories of my Grandmother Eula Faye Galloway-Bowers.

My grandmother followed the fields from Arkansas to middle California, making her way to Big Bend or Pit 5 with my grandfather, Virgil Bowers. My grandfather worked for PGE as a line-man and together they had 6 children. They ended the journey in Central Valley where they would live and raise their children.

My grandmother, Eula, was a seamstress. She worked for the Hub and Thompson's men's clothing stores in Redding. She once sewed a suit for Flip Wilson (popular TV comedian in the 60's/70's) when he was passing through Redding.



Kindhearted Lady	Kind Woman	Woman	Housewife feeds for chores	Sit Down Feed	Camp here	Safe's Camp	Bed Water	Don't touch	Catch out here	Don't touch
Food for work	No wagon part here	Bread	Gardener	Healthy	Cops Active	Cops inactive	No Alcohol Town	Sweet About Alcohol	No Alcoholic Town	No Alcoholic Town
18 I like	Alight OK	Flycatcher	No Nuts here	WAX Available	Talk a good look every here	No	No Cleaned Oil here	Sweet about here	Talk a good look here	Talk a good look here
Fake phone here	Nothing here	Sweet about here	Can sleep in barn	No Nuts here	No Nuts here	Stop	Unsafe Place	Get out fast	Get Out Fast	Keep away
Help if sick	Smile	Telephone	Flax Man	Red lamp here	Dishonest Man	Emergency hang for food	Ginger	Alight	Burglar here	No
No walk here	Drip	Red Dig	Other	Police Officer Lives Here	Judge	Chen Gans	Tampa here	No Nuts here	Work with here	Police arrested on night
Nothing here	Doubtful	Owner Home	Owner Out	No to here	No to here	Honey 4 Dips	Hold your tongue	Courtroom or Police station	View if get caught and here	Cowards Will get it out of you
There are under small	Can hear if you are sick	Food for work	Red lamp here	Red lamp here	Emergency always here	A Place Free here	Day in the Garden	If My Sleep in the Garden	May get Money here	Nothing they place
2 Men here talk and shy	Beeper! Beep! Beep!	Get Culture Here	A Place Free here	Danger	Vince Jerry here	Poor People	My Sleep Here	Policeman lives here		OK here Good cheer for God

As a small child I remember Hobos stopping by for a quick meal. Later in life as I did some research, I discovered that there would be markings that the Hobos would leave to alert the next group. Shown is a sample. I am sure my grandmother had many on her post outside.

Kindhearted Lady	Kind Woman	Woman	Housewife feeds for chores	Sit Down Feed

Kind hearted lady - kind woman- woman - housewife feeds for chores and Sit down feed - are what the markings denoted.

So many memories...I wish I could go back to her house on Flower Street and sit at her kitchen table. I can still remember the smell of bacon, see a dish towel hanging, laughing while playing a game of Yahtzee, drinking Pepsi from a bottle and doing the Twist Board as we tried to play Yahtzee or make calls on her rotary phone.



Of all the cherished items I have of my grandmother, the one I love the most is her button box. In an old cookie tin container, there were glass, wood, plastic, silver, and homemade buttons. I would run my fingers through this tin, as she would ask what my favorite button was and she would tell me how she found, bought or was given that button. Memories.....

And now I'm sharing a recipe with you, one of my favorite foods that grandma made, her famous raw apple cake. *Please enjoy, from my family to yours. Granddaughter, Joan Tavey-Fackrell*

**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE - Rick Fox**

*Hello Everyone, I want to thank all of you, our members, for your continued support as without you, the Shasta Lake Heritage & Historical Society would not exist. If you haven't been in the museum in a while, **come on in.** We are open Friday, Saturday, Monday 9AM-1PM. When you*



come for a visit, bring a friend and sign them up as a new member. Our members and volunteers are what keeps the museum open. Thank you! Rick

Bio: Moved to Anderson, CA from Costa Mesa in 1953. Attended Pacheco Elementary; Anderson HS Class 1968 AA Electronics Shasta JC 1970; BSEE (Electrical Engineering) Cal Poly 1973; Various jobs Redding Area. Hobbies: Electrical/Electronics Design, Troubleshooting, Welding, Restoration of old equipment, Area History.

Thank YOU FOR NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS THIS YEAR - YOU ARE WHY WE ARE.....

Apologies! I missed these in the March newsletter - **NEW** Benefactor: *Judy Barbera, Lakehead. Families: Trent & Nancy Copeland, Redding; Clarence & Carol Turman, Redding; Dennis & Lynne Yardley, Shasta Lake; Gary & Lorraine Ramsden, Shasta Lake. Individuals: Ryan McCloskey, Redding; Larry Trimble, Shasta Lake.*
RENEWALS: Benefactors *Betty Felch, Redding; Steve & Pam Morgan, Shasta Lake; Carol Taylor, Roseville. Families: Lylia Gullixson, Anderson; Individuals: Sabine Rosales, Redding; Rosi Stoppenbrink, Cottonwood; Dick Terry, Angel's Camp. Businesses: Lake Shasta Caverns, Lakehead; Bob Miller/Bella Vista Farms, Cottonwood, and Heritage Coffee, Shasta Lake.*

Since March: **NEW** Families: *Linda Gans, Redding; Debbie & Mike Mills, Eugene OR; Individuals: Carol Akey, Redding; Mollie McDonald, Red Bluff; Peggy Prescott, Millville and Patrick Quintana, Santa Maria.*
RENEWALS: Benefactors: *Jim & Carol Butcher, Shasta Lake; Donna & Mike Daniels, Shasta Lake; Mary Hale, Shasta Lake, Del & Gerda Hiebert, Redding; Patti Holmes, Redding; Rodney & Debbie Kelley, Shasta Lake; KIXE PBS-TV, Redding; Mike & Gayla Ricks, Redding; Don Spurgeon, Shasta Lake; Sam Sowards, Dayton, NV; Tammy Stewart, Phoenix, AZ; Connie Strohmayer, Redding; Carla Thompson, Shasta Lake & Loss White Jr., Austin, TX. Families: Donna Adams, Shasta Lake; Ron & Nicki Chambers, Shasta Lake; Denise & Randy Denham, Redding; Bruce & Darlene Duncan, Edgewood; James & Pennie Goodwin, Anderson; Melanie & Michael Lander, Redding; Ken & Yvonne Stevenson, Redding; Individuals: James Charlton, Redding; Tena Eisenbeisz, Shasta Lake; Diana Evans, Redding; Richard Hinkle, Redding, Ruth Ann Kobe, Shasta Lake; Eugene Leach, Redding, Marilyn Loucks, Redding; Chrystal Nadeker, Shasta Lake, Linda Stout, Redding; Business: CA Safety Co., Redding.*



THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS! one of many.....
 Monetary Donation: *Sam Sowards \$100* Shown on left: *Donated by Perry Linde - A Shotcrete Tool (cement tool fabricated in the Shasta Dam Machine Shop c1940) and an Edger Tool used during the construction of Shasta Dam.*

REMEMBRANCE



Marlys & Leigh Johnson 50th CVHS Reunion Classes 59/60/61

MARLYS ANN PEDERSON BARBOSA - CVHS 1960 . A classmate and close friend for over 60 years. An SLHHS Benefactor, Marlys was a "Dam Kid" and grew up in Toyon. Her dad was an electrician on the Pit River Bridge. The family story is in our "Those Dam Kids" book. Many of you remember her from Toyon school days, CVHS and the CVHS reunions. A talented woman, Marlys enjoyed volunteering for the Carter House Museum & Friends of the Library in Redding and was known for her photography documenting the construction of the Sundial Bridge. She and her family loaned & donated her late brother, Dick Pederson's Marine uniforms and memorabilia that are on display in the museum.



Memorial donations received: Bill & Darlene Brown, Shasta Lake; Jim & Carol Butcher, Shasta Lake; Frances & Kenneth Hage, Chatham, IL; Heritage Plaza Board, Redding and Janel Murphy Longnecker, Redding

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530-275-3995
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IN MEMORIAM



BARBOSA, MARLYS PEDERSON 11/28/42-6/27/2023
(short bio and memorial donations inside).



CHARLTON, VERNE U.S. Army 2/1/1942-5/29/2023
"A Dam Kid" - grew up in Project City, CVHS 1959.

BA Chico State. Family story in our book "Those Dam Kids".
CA Dept. Forestry career retiring in 1997. School friend to
SLHHS members. SLHHS Volunteer inventorying our map
collection. *Memorial donation: Bill & Darlene Brown*

COX, ARNOLD 1936-3/2023 SLHHS Benefactor
"A Dam Kid" grew up in Toyon SHS 1953

JAMES, JANICE MAE (NORRIS, SPINKS, RUGGERI)
10/29/58-12/16/2022 CVHS 1976 & Damboree Queen

MCINTOSH, MARK L. 1961- 3/5/2023 CVHS

POPEJOY, DONNA 1949-5/24/2023 CVHS

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