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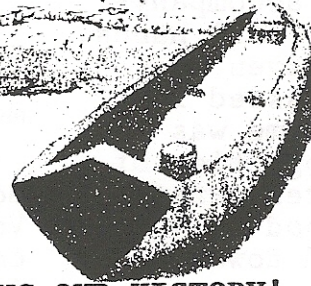
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'EXPLORING OUR HISTORY'

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ONE "TOUGH-OLD-PIGEON"

By: Axel Lindgren

In the early 1980's, my health had changed. Having spent most of my life outdoors working, fishing, hunting, hiking and in sports competition, now, this lifestyle brought pains throughout my body; especially the chest area.

Each day as I worked or walked, or ran the beaches, the chest-pains mounted to the point where I was forced to stop, sit, or go to bed. Finally, after surviving severe chest-pains for about an hour, I was convinced to go see the doctor. It was determined I had a "diseased heart." The chest-pains were Angina and those babies hurt!

From: President Ned Simmons:

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of T-M-S will be held in the Museum Center building on Trinity street on **Sunday, April 17th at 2:30 p.m.** Board of Directors for the coming year will be elected -- and financial and committee reports will be given.

T-M-S Docents will host an "open house" and refreshments will be served. T-M-S Members and guests are invited to attend.

Our guest speaker will be **JEAN HAGOOD** OF Arcata who will tell of her extensive family history in-and-around the Greater Trinidad Area and Orick.

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New Season for The Museum Center

Embarrassing! A "diseased heart." The second time in my lifetime I was embarrassed due to an affliction When in the 2nd grade, the County Health Nurse came to Trinidad School for the monthly health check. Each of the kids she examined before me had "impotago" (sores). When it was my turn, I had "Indian sores." She was wrong. It was neither "impotago" or "Indian sores" . . . it was an allergy caused by the brown soap used in laundering the clothes. I can't judge the caliber of her nursing abilities but, Boy!, she was good at "hurting a Guy." Took a long time to live-that-one-down.

The Angina grew steadily worse and I was forced into U.C.Hospital in S.F. for open heart surgery 9/16/85 but, on 9/15th, I was doing the pre-surgery preliminary and writing my bi-monthly column for Trinidad News & Views high up on the 10th floor when something hit against my window.

Looking down, I saw a bird almost out-of-it but fighting with what was left in his downward uncontrolled descent. I talked to him . . . "Come out of it, Baby, Come out of it." The next second his wings began to flap which slowed his descent. About 20' above the ground, his wing action increased and kept him from hitting the ground.

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The starting date for the Museum to be open-to-the-public will be Friday, **April 22nd**. The open-schedule will again be **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays** from 1:pm to 4:pm.

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Note: There will be a meeting of the **T-M-S Docents** at the Museum Center building, **Wednesday, May 4th** at **10:30 a.m.**

We hope other local members reading this notice will attend, to learn how you can participate in this community effort and become a Docent.

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"CONGRATULATIONS, AXEL!"

*Axel R. Lindgren, former President and current T-M-S Board Director, has been presented the **National Medal of Conservation** by the Redwood Forest Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at a special ceremony on March 19 in Eureka.*

Axel is a noted Native American teacher, writer and lecturer; a native canoe carver, developer of the Sumeg Yurok Village at Patrick's Point State Park, and custodian for the preservation of the ancient remains of a Tsurai Village at his ancestral home in Trinidad. He is a lineal descendant of Tsurai, fifth generation by documentation.

Again, "congratulations, Axel!"

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MY RECOLLECTIONS of CRANNEL

By: **Harvey Paulson**

The evolution of the town of Crannell started with the Little River Redwood Company and their 1906 purchase of land from Mr. Conrad Bullwinkle for a mill-site and accompanying living quarters for the mill hands. The original townsite was given the name of Bullwinkle, which lasted from 1906 until 1922, when the name was changed to Crannell in recognition of Levi Crannell the then-current President of Little River Redwood Co., which operated the mill and town of Crannell until 1931.

As a result of financial problems due to the Depression, it merged with Hammond Lumber Co., and the emerging company was known as Hammond-Little River Redwood Co. Ltd., until 1936 when it was renamed Hammond Redwood Company. Crannell was the headquarters for the operation of the timberlands that resulted from the 1931 merger -- and the families from the outlying logging camps, such as **Camp 20**, were moved into Crannell.

My family was one of those moving from Camp 20, where I had attended 1st grade. Camp 20 was located about 5-1/2 miles east of Crannell near Little River and was accessible only by railroad. There had been housing for about 35 families, quarters for single men, a general merchandise store and a school.

. . . **HELP WANTED** . . .

Dedicated volunteers to assist in making prints of the 3,000-plus negatives of old pictures (some dating back to the mid-1800's), depicting the logging industry, old lumber mills, Trinidad's whaling station, Indian artifacts and basket collections, the Gold Rush Era, old hotels and buildings in Trinidad --- and much more!

The photo-lab is in Mrs. Katie Boyle's home on Edwards Street. Volunteers must be able to commit one full-day per week. No experience is necessary -- you will learn on-the-job with either Ned Simmons or Lindy Linberg. This very valuable one-of-a-kind Boyle collection of negatives depict the unique history and growth of the Greater Trinidad Area.

These valuable prints will greatly expand the photographic exhibit of T-M-S, and will be an asset to our community.

What an opportunity for local volunteers with an interest in our area's history and/or photography! If you can assist us in this important project, please call Ned at 677-0716, or Lindy 677-3357.

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Members ... Please LOOK at the date on your mailing label. Are you due for renewal in April?

During the 30's and 40's, Crannell had housing for about 75 families. There were single men's quarters with a large cookhouse, general store, church, community hall, and a 4-room school. The cookhouse was operated by Tony Gabriel who was an excellent cook. Hearty food was the order of the day, followed by pies, cakes and hot donuts which were passed-out to many of the children dropping-by the cookhouse. I used to stop by every morning at 5:AM (delivering papers) and receive a couple hot cookies.

Daily life was most interesting, due in large part to the huge, magnificent steam locomotives that were ever present in-and-around the community, as Crannell was located approximately midway between the woods operations and the mills at Samoa.

A fine large deer herd and a great Chinook salmon run in the Fall kept the sportsmen, young and old, very happy. The razor clam beds were only 1-1/2 miles away. Fifty clams per day were the limit, and not very difficult to obtain.

An addressed-envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

If you are past-due (January '94), we hope you will renew your membership at this time. We need - and appreciate - your continued support of T-M-S. Thanks.

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Cont'd: ONE "TOUGH-OLD-PIGEON"

I could see he was one tough-old-pigeon moving dizzily in flight. He steadily regained altitude, testing his flying skills until he had complete control as he soared over a eucalyptus hedge and on into Kezar Stadium.

I returned to my writing again when, all of a sudden, a spiritual message came to me -- the tough-old-pigeon had brought me good news -- I, too, would recover.

The Great Spirit had commanded that pigeon to deliver the descriptive recovery pattern to another "tough-old-bird" after his chest was cracked open to get to the heart of the problem.