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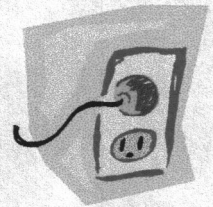
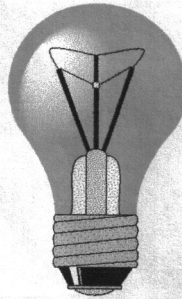
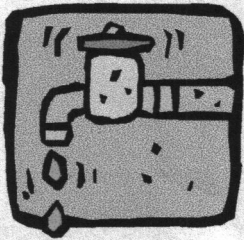
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A Message from the President Mary Revert

Hello Everyone:

Well, the summer is past, it was quiet here with most everyone gone on vacation, or doing what ever. However, the Picnic in the Park, although not the success that we had hoped for, at least broke even. It turned into a spaghetti feed, with the postponing of the auction until Burro Race Weekend, which is the last weekend of October. This was suggested by Peggy Johnson, as we didn't have time to scare up auction items, in between everyone's time off. Work has been quietly going on at the New Museum and we have hopes of finally getting the basic work done inside and out soon. Our most urgent need is cooling. It turns into an oven in there during the day. Also we welcome Daniel Kump as a ten year member. Dan has been a member for the past five years and decided that he needed to join for a more permanent time. Thank you Dan. Thanks is also due to Larry Hamilton for cooking the spaghetti and sauce for the picnic. It was great and the salad and fixins was also donated.

We did honor one of our own. Kanna Lindgard was awarded the VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD for all the work he has done during the past year, both hours spent at the old museum and all the work that he did on the new museum. This award was well deserved and darn well earned. Thank you Kanna.

Claudia was out of town on vacation and came back with more exhibits for the museum and lots of fresh ideas. So we will be looking at some of them at the next meeting. That is all for now, more next time.....
Mary

A Message from Claudia

Hi Folks:

First I want to than Bill and Zettia for putting me up for

a few days on vacation. While there, their neighbors, John Clay and Dottie Main donated an antique trunk, suitcase, handmade baby clothes from the early 1900's, and aprons all hand embroidered. Bill and Zettia took me to the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum for a tour. What a wonderful tribute to the history of the Western United States, from the 1800's to the present day. I would recommend this treasure to everyone. We also went to the William S. Hart Park where we toured the Hart mansion and park. A wonderful tribute to the first big silent western star.

Thanks to Leon Abrams and Aunt Bea for putting me up in Berkeley and Leon's contribution of a Modoc grinding stone and a couple of grinding pestles and a Harpers Bazaar from 1868. Also thanks for the two collections of new quarters, and a wonderful trip to Columbia, Point Reyes and Consumnes National Park.

Clint and Ellen Boehringer were the next ones I stopped to see. They provided the museum with some turn of the century canning jars and a collection of six soft drink bottles from the 1940's. (The soda bottles were to be for auction, but Mary said they were to be displayed at the museum) There was a contribution from The Old Sawmill Ballroom Lavender Farm, a bag containing some of their wonderfully fragrant merchandise. While I was with Clint and Ellen, we went to the Great American Steam Up. What a wonderful experience seeing those old steam tractors, plowing and threshing and bailing the wheat that had been grown right on the museum ground just for the event. There were automobiles from the early days, steam driven fire trucks and a model of a steam logging mill that was operating. Home made ice cream that was turned by a steam operated wheel was the best ice cream I have ever tasted. We also visited the Wild Safari and that is a drive through, an experience I will never forget. The Eugene Museum was a delight and I came away from that with my head reeling from great ideas. I was disappointed that I couldn't get into the Applegate Museum as they were closed due to moving into a new building. The Applegate is a sort of sister Museum to us. Thanks to Clint and Ellen for a great time.

My next stop was Sparks, NV and the Vances. They took me to Pyramid lake and to Virginia City, a place I haven't visited for many years. While there, we visited the old cemetery and was horrified to learn that some

group is trying (not trying, doing) to replace all the old grave mounds with cement pads. I feel this is a true invasion of the history, because in the process they are breaking some of the remarkable head stones that are standing there. That is a true page of our history that has already been desecrated by the funeral home that was selling fences from around the graves there. I am hoping that the people who are in the area that care about the history of the cemetery will be able to stop this new desecration.

Next stop was "Ghosts of Bodie Night," and visiting with everyone there. Bill and Zettia cooked breakfast for all of us both Saturday and Sunday. Great to see long time member John Slenter again, finally meet long time member Martin Kenney, as well as Leon, Lynn and Ellen Vance, David and Ana Wright, Steve Love, Mike Horlick and Greg and Marsha Bock. I really owe a special thanks to David and Ana Wright for helping me out while there. Thanks kids, I couldn't have made it without you. Also, thanks to the Park Rangers who put up with a cantankerous old woman at Bodie. And what a wonderful evening of memories during Bodie Night. Then it was home and back to work. Thanks to all for a memorable summer.

RIBITS from the editor - Bullfrog Billy

A very busy summer has kept us occupied constantly. Nice to have Claudia visit at the beginning of her summer vacation. We were delighted to take her to the Autry Museum and also to the Hart Park and mansion. We attended the "Silents Under the Stars" event at Hart park again this year and for those that might be visiting Southern California, again I ask that you consider visiting the Hart facility. They have an annual Pow Wow coming up in late September that is really a big event. The Pow Wow as well as mansion tours are free. The annual "Bodie Night" was again very enjoyable and well attended with many BMHS members there. With the closing days of summer upon us, it is back to business as usual. This issue we present a brief look at excerpts from the Bullfrog Miner newspaper concerning water rights and projects back in 1905. Zettia and I hope you have had a great summer and we look forward to seeing you sometime in the near future. In the meantime, stay healthy, and of course.....**RIBIT!**

WATER RIGHTS

To What Extent May Water Be Diverted From Natural Channel

The Miner has been informed that property owners in the Amargosa River Valley will object to the diversion of water from the springs and river bed. Trouble has already arisen at Goss Springs, where I.A. Lidwell, T.W. Donovan and others have interests. Men with guns are in possession of the springs. At various other points in the river valley, men are squatting around the springs, development work is being done and wells are being sunk to test the quantity of water. Farmers and property owners in the lower river valley fear that if water from above is diverted, the springs and wells in the valley below may be deprived of water. From 80 to 100 barrels of water are daily drawn from the well in front of the Montana Club, Beatty, and hauled to other mining camps, where it is sold from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per barrel, according to amount used by the consumer. The well seems to stand the drain, but some believe it would fail if the water from above were diverted. While the water may be diverted from the springs and river channel for domestic purposes, there is some question whether it can be piped off for milling purposes. No doubt time will solve the problem amicably.

ANOTHER WATER PROJECT

Gorrill & Mann have purchased several springs capable of furnishing 50,000 gallons per day and will supply Rhyolite with water. The pipe has been ordered and the company states water will be running in ninety days.

BMHS MEETING DATES

September 25

October 30

7 p.m.

Beatty Community Center