

Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp: A Chronology

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1921

M. Hall McAllister writes to San Francisco architect C. T. Gutleben requesting sketches and a price estimate to build a Rest house for mountain climbers on Mt. Shasta. "We are thinking of a one story one room building about like the Parsons Lodge at Tuolumne Meadows the walls of granite and the roof of timbers and possibly a white tile roofing, so the building will show a long way off." (Letter to C. T. Gutleben from M. Hall McAllister, September 15, 1921)

Regular correspondence continues between McAllister and Gutleben from September 1921 through May of 1922. The idea of using granite is replaced by lava blocks. The size of the proposed building is reduced to meet McAllister's proposed budget of \$1,000 to \$1,200. Other details are agreed upon including the number of windows, metal roof and an entrance gate, "about the same as at the foot of the Half Dome Trail in the Yosemite." A revised estimate of \$1,450 was reached and Gutleben was paid \$90 for his estimates and plans. Ultimately the cost of the lodge, not including land purchases was about \$7,000. (C. T. Gutleben Collection, 1916-1959, Box number: 2372 & 2374, at the California Section, California State Library)

M. Hall McAllister, acting on behalf of the Sierra Club, requests an annual lease of 100 x 100 feet of land from Southern Pacific Company, Land Department, to build a "Rest House" or bungalow on the slope of Mount Shasta at a place known as Horse Camp. McAllister suggests rental to be \$1.00 per year. McAllister cites a climbing party of 12 young men who arrived at Horse Camp on September 9 and could get no shelter and therefore failed in making the summit of the mountain the next day. He said that if there were a good rest house at Horse Camp they would undoubtedly have made the climb successfully. (Letter to Mr. Bordsall A. Mc Allaster, Land Commissioner, Southern Pacific Company, San Francisco, from M. Hall McAllister, 19 September 1921)

After additional correspondence, Southern Pacific Company grants the Sierra Club a ten-year lease from October 1, 1921 to September 30, 1931. (Letter from Bordsall A. Mc Allaster to M. Hall McAllister, October 19, 1921)

1922

Bids requested for materials to be used on the "Mt. Shasta Rest House." Work is expected to begin about the first of July. (Sisson Headlight, Feb. 16, 1922, p.1, col. 2)

Sisson Chamber of Commerce receives plans and specifications for Mt. Shasta Alpine Lodge, which will be built this year at Horse Camp. The house will be built of stone. There will be work for about ten local men. A number of pack animals will also be needed. (Sisson Headlight, March 23, 1922, p. 1, col. 1)

Over six tons of materials for the Mt. Shasta Rest House arrived here from San Francisco... The total estimated cost is... about \$4,000... Hall McAllister, chairman of the committee and backer and promoter of the whole proposition is expected June 15th at Shasta Springs with his family..." (Sisson Headlight, May 25, 1922, p. 1, col. 1)

"J. R. Hall, J. M. Schuler, A. J. Barr, L. T. Solaro, Hall McAllister of the Sierra Club and Mr. Beck of San Francisco made a trip to Horse Camp Tuesday for the purpose of choosing a site for the Mt. Shasta Rest House. They found a beautiful spot near the sign post at Horse Camp about 2000 feet from the springs. Plenty of rock and sand was found nearby and this will cut the cost of the building considerably..." (Sisson Headlight, June 22, 1922, p. 1, col. 2)

"An inspection party of some six persons... visited the Horse Camp (8000 feet) on June 16th, and after several sites were discussed a final decision was made and a one-hundred-foot square was measured off in accordance with the lease to the Sierra Club from the Southern Pacific Company (Central Pacific Land Co.), who granted the club ten years, to September, 1931, at a rental of one dollar per year." (Sierra Club Bulletin, Vol. XI, 1923, p. 438)

"Nearly all the materials required for the Mt. Shasta Rest house have been received and packed to the site at Horse Camp. A number of carpenters and stonemasons are now engaged in the work." (Mount Shasta Herald, July 13, 1922, p. 6, col. 4)

"Construction of the Lodge was commenced July 1 1922 and continued steadily until October, weather being favorable until that late. October 1 a heavy fall of snow came when the roof was half finished and we had to work in snow two feet deep to finish the roof. Seven men were employed in its building, viz: 2 stone-masons, 1 stone-mason helper, 1 quarry man, 1 cook, 1 teamster, 1 rustler and roustabout; besides these seven there were 1 superintendent and a carpenter who worked a few weeks framing the heavy timbers for the roof and putting it on. All material such as cement, iron roofing, food supplies, and pipe had to be brought up by pack horses over the five mile trail and then end of the road. Sand, stone and timber were obtained near to the lodge. Total cost for lodge, labor, material, provisions, and pack-train 7,000.00 dollars. The Lodge was built by the Sierra Club of San Francisco, one of whose members, Mr. M. Hall McAllister, took a leading part in all details incident to its construction." ("Construction of the Shasta Alpine Lodge" from record by J. M. Olberman)

1923

The dedication of the new Lodge at Horse Camp, Mount Shasta took place at high noon on Fourth of July 1923. Members of the Sierra Club arrived there on the 1st of July,

comprising about fifteen in the party. They spent the intervening two days in climbing the mountain and exploring the slopes." By noon on July 4th "a number of visitors from the surrounding towns had arrived on horseback and on foot for the dedication and the assemblage was called to order by Mr. Augustus S. Kibbe, who acted as Chairman. Short addresses were made by Jesse R. Hall of the Forest Service, J. M. Schuler of Sisson and Hall McAllister. The crowning event was when Miss Harwood of Los Angeles stepped forward and with much vim and enthusiasm pronounced the words: 'I christen thee Shasta Alpine Lodge (crash went the bottle of Shasta Ginger Ale on the stone doorway) and dedicate thee to all lovers of the great out-of doors. A farewell 'America' was sung by all present and we then turned to the tables which were groaning under the prospective mountain appetites which then pounced upon the good things provided." (Sierra Club Circular, Sept. 1, 1923, p. 1)

"According to word received... from Hall McAllister of the Sierra Club, that organization will soon start a drive for funds to erect a rest house at Thumb Rock on Mt. Shasta... the club will endeavor to put up this rest house next spring and as soon as this is completed a drive will be started for funds to erect a house at the top of the mountain..." (Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 6, 1923, p. 1)

1924

"The custodian of the lodge, J. M. Olberman, opened the season about the first of May, and did not close same until the end of September. The official dates, however, remained as heretofore--June 15th to September 15th... Total number of visitors at the lodge was 368, of which approximately 150 reached the summit of Shasta." (M. Hall McAllister, Chairman, Shasta Alpine Lodge Committee, Sierra Club Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 2, 1925, p. 187-188)

1925

Mac Olberman... states that "there is snow a short distance from the Rest House and hikers can get on a snow field a short distance after starting up the mountain and stay on the snow until they reach the red banks. This is unusual and makes climbing the mountain an easy task--in fact, conditions for ascending Mt. Shasta have been and are ideal. It has been many years since the hiker has had such an easy task." (Mount Shasta Herald, Aug. 6, 1925, p. 1, col. 6)

"A number of members of the Sierra Club propose to celebrate this state's Diamond Jubilee at the Rest House at Horse Camp on Mount Shasta and therefore the committee is sending to Custodian Mack Olberman a large 'Bear Flag' and suitable bunting showing the official colors of red, yellow and green. The lodge will show the bunting and the Bear Flag will be placed on a new pole alongside that bearing the Stars and Stripes, in front of the lodge." (California's Diamond Jubilee at Alpine Lodge, by Hall McAllister, Mount Shasta Herald, Aug. 27, 1925, p. 4, col. 3.)

Mac Olberman built the fountain, which stands in front of the Lodge in 1925. Up until this year there was an intake pipe inside an outlet jacket. The outlet was high enough to allow the water to rise nearly to the top of the bowl, which was finished with rough rock. (Mount Shasta Herald, July 10, 1947, p. 1)

"The number of visitors who registered at the Lodge totaled 402, which is 34 more than during 1924... only about 75 climbers reached the summit of the mountain being half the usual number." (Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 22, 1925, p. 1, col. 1)

1927

If present plans, while not entirely completed, are carried out, the committee in charge of the Shasta Alpine Rest House at Horse Camp for the Sierra Club, will make a number of improvements at this popular timberline stopping place. They will probably have a bi-weekly mail service from this city to the lodge. Landmarks Committee. The Native Sons have under contemplation the erection of a memorial plaque at the lodge. The local forest service office will, as in past years, put the trail and road to the three-mile post in good shape during the early summer. The Coast and Geodetic Government Survey have made known their intention to make a re-survey of the summit glaciers within the near future. M. Hall McAllister, the man who has championed the cause of the Lodge at Horse Camp, says in a direct communication to the Herald that he will obtain the stand of the Sierra Club officers on the matter of the creation of the Mount Shasta National Park." ("Will improve Rest House," Mount Shasta Herald, Feb. 10, 1927, p. 1)

"The Sierra Club of San Francisco, under the direction of M. Hall McAllister, is having bronze plaques designed which will be placed at the Rest House and at the summit of Shasta." ("Shasta has Dropped Another Foot," Mount Shasta Herald, March 17, 1927, p. 1, col. 2)

"Last Saturday Mac Olberman, custodian of the Mt. Shasta rest house, returned to town after spending a number of months at Horse Camp. Olberman has been complimented upon his good work in keeping up the rest house grounds and in beautifying the place. He has erected several small cabins, which are rented at a nominal sum. Custodian's Report for 1927: Total number of visitors to October 9, 468. Number who reached summit, 125..." ("Rest House Closed for '27 Season," Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 13, 1927, p. 6)

1928

"Last week 'Rocky' Ford of Weed rode a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to the Shasta Lodge on Mt. Shasta. Only those who have been over the steep, rocky trail can realize to what a severe test both man and machine were put to accomplish the feat..." ("Ford Rode Motorcycle to Rest house," Mount Shasta herald, Aug. 23, 1928, p. 4)

A handsome gold watch with a fancy horsehair Mexican watch fob was purchased by M. Hall McAllister and the Sierra Club Lodge Committee and presented to J. M. Olberman

by the president of the Mount Shasta Chamber of Commerce as a "token of esteem for faithful services..." and for "faithful attendance at the Shasta Alpine Lodge for the past six years and also as a medal of reward for your record circuit of the snowline of Mount Shasta during August, 1926." ("Shasta Lodge Custodian Presented with Gold Watch," Mount Shasta Herald, Nov. 8, 1928, p. 1)

1929

"Many visitors remained for days at the lodge during the summer, for there was much of interest to see in the line of flowers and animate life. The flock of ruffed grouse are tame enough to be fed like chickens, and Clark crows and linnets are there in flocks..." (Sierra Club Bulletin, Feb. 1929, p. 76)

"Due to an error in the county surveyor's office, a great deal of trouble has resulted. It is now definitely decided that the building (Shasta Alpine Lodge) is on the private property owned by C.H. Gooch of this city..." "It is now the plan of the club to deed all the property over to the state next year and the club will request that the Horse Camp property be designated at (sic) a state park under the law passed last year." (Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 24, 1929, p. 1, col. 1)

"A new trail for winter visitors was opened this year. Turning from the old trail, it is well marked by signs, blazed trees and sacks tied to trees and can be easily followed. It affords a more direct route, avoiding the steeps and hillsides which are so difficult to travel on snow shoes." Receipts and expenditures for the Lodge in 1929 totaled \$725, the largest expenditure being \$390 for the custodian. (Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 24, 1929, p. 1)

1931

M. Hall McAllister reported that he received a deed to the 80 acres of land where the Shasta Alpine Lodge was built. "With the help and enthusiasm of the newly organized Snowmen, the Sierra Club hopes to see the lodge register tally a total of one thousand names for the season of 1931." One (member) of the (lodge) committee... has ordered for the lodge four unique and artistic pieces of metal work for the four rock corner posts which stand one hundred feet apart at the four corners of the building. These columns are two feet square by about six feet high, with pyramidal tops of cement. The southwest one will have the seal and escutcheon of the Sierra Club in silhouette made in copper and mounted on a steel frame, 12 by 18 inches. The seal was designed when the club was organized in 1892 by the distinguished architect, the late Willis Polk, who built a number of the first skyscrapers in San Francisco after the 1906 fire... The southwest post will have mounted on it a set of genuine old 'saddle bells...' The bells will be rung for 'soup's on' or 'grub is ready.' The northwest post is to have an anemometer or wind measure... The custodian can keep records of the storms. The investment of the Sierra Club and its friends for the benefit of California, totals nearly \$25,000 for this rest house--the lodge \$10,000--the land eighty acres at \$100 per acre and an average of \$600 per year for ten years or \$6,000 for maintenance." McAllister mentioned future plans including a wide-

paved highway from the valley to Horse Camp, a million-dollar hotel near the Lodge and an astronomical observatory. (Mount Shasta Herald, Jan. 22, 1931)

"Later in the year of 1931, the Sierra Club committee having charge of the Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp decided not to purchase an anemometer to go on one of the stone pyramids at the lodge, the reason being that the only reliable instrument cost over \$200, which was considered to be 'entirely too expensive...'. Instead, they ordered a very attractive weather vane consisting of two horses, the front one having a cowboy rider and the rear horse having a pack saddle. These were made of copper in silhouette and mounted so they would not turn with the wind. Underneath them were two cross-bars with the points of the compass shown by the steel letters N, E, S, and W. On the north and south rod or bar the words 'A.J. Barr' were shown to identify the outfit as the weekly pack train that went up to horse Camp every Saturday during the summer. The lodge itself was also to be adorned. Placed on top of the lodge chimney and on the peak of the roof were two quail cut from sheet copper in silhouette -- one was a valley quail with his top-knot turning forward and the other a mountain quail with his feather or plume turned backward, or down." ("Reflections at Horse Camp," by Emily A. Frank. Weed Press, October 25, 1979, section 2, p. 1)

1932

"During the summer a cut-off has been made on the trail to the lodge, shortening the trail nearly one-fourth mile, and leading by water. There has also been about 2000 feet of causeway built of large flagstones and leading from the lodge towards the summit." (Report for Season At the Shasta Alpine Lodge by J. M. Olberman. Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 27, 1932, p.1)

1933

A new metal sign reading "Summit Trail" will be erected next summer to show the start of the climb for the summit. The sign, made of letters some eight inches high of solid steel rod, half -inch diameter, will replace a wooden arch with large brass letters erected some years ago, but ripped apart by gale winds. (Mount Shasta Herald, Jan. 26, 1933, p. 7) The steel sign can be seen today at the Sisson Hatchery Museum. (Mount Shasta Herald, Feb. 4, 1998, p. A-4)

A blanket woven by Mexican Indians and depicting Mount Shasta in profile with the words "Shasta" and "Sierra Club" in six-inch high letters, was placed on exhibit in Schuler's store window before being delivered to the Lodge. M. Hall McAllister commissioned the blanket for the Lodge through his son, Otis McAllister, who lives in Mexico City. (Mount Shasta Herald, July 20, 1933, p. 1)

1934

Funds for the Lodge was reduced to \$450 and McAllister appeals for more donations. The Mount Shasta Chamber of Commerce contributed \$100. (Mount Shasta Herald, Jan. 25, 1934, p.1)

M. Hall McAllister and the Sierra Club lodge committee announce that "meals are served at the lodge, breakfast 50c, supper 50c, dinner \$1.00. Lodging in the lodge is free of charge. Visitors should bring their own blankets. The custodian in charge will furnish bedding, making a reasonable charge for same." (Mount Shasta Herald, June 21, 1934, p. 1)

1935

Edward and Rosie Stuhl make an "Easter jaunt to the Shasta Alpine Lodge" on snowshoes and skis. They encourage more out-of-door men and women to come to Shasta's lofty heights in winter time. (Mount Shasta Herald, May 2, 1935)

M. Hall McAllister announced the opening of the Lodge for the summer on June 15, with a new custodian, Morgan Harris. McAllister expressed regret that the Sierra Club accepted the resignation of custodian J. Mack Olberman, who serviced as custodian for twelve seasons, since the rest house was built in 1922. Olberman was noted as the "Sage of Shasta." (Mount Shasta Herald, June 20, 1935, p. 1)

"C.E. Daniels, caretaker at the Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp, came down to obtain material for the repair of the lodge building, the foundation of which was slightly damaged during the runoff of the recent cloudburst on Shasta. Arthur Barr sent a pack train with cement and other material. (Looking Back - 65 Years Ago - Mount Shasta, Sept. 19, 1935, Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 20, 2000, p. A-4.)

The Sierra Club announces that they may have to close the Lodge if sufficient funds are not raised toward the upkeep. Mount Shasta City has for many years given \$100 yearly, but the city council rejected the donation this year. (Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 26, 1935, p. 1)

The Mount Shasta Chamber of Commerce request that some plan be worked out to keep the lodge open to the public next year, especially since the Everitt Memorial Highway will be travelable next year and more people will visit the lodge. (Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 10, 1935, p. 1)

1936

After a long discussion, the Chamber of Commerce decided that it could not finance or care for the lodge in the way the Sierra Club wanted it. As soon as the John Everitt Memorial Highway was completed to Panther Creek meadows, "there will be a demand for accommodations at the panther creek terminus and it will be up to the community to

devise ways and means for placing such buildings and camp sites there." (Mount Shasta Herald, April 30, 1936, p. 1)

Due to the curtailment of contributions, the semi-weekly pack train to the lodge will not be a part of the service given to mountain hikers this year. (Mount Shasta Herald, June 18, 1936, p. 8)

According to M. Hall McAllister, the Sierra Club spent more money on the Shasta Alpine Lodge last year (\$583.09) than the club spent on the Le Conte Lodge in Yosemite Valley and Parsons Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows combined. (Mount Shasta Herald, June 25, 1936, p. 1)

The 1936 summer season at the lodge ended on September 20th. Custodian Morgan Harris was called back to school and was relieved by William Bridge Cooke. ("Looking Back - 65 Years Ago - Mt Shasta, Sept. 24, 1936," Mount Shasta Herald, September 26, 2001, p. A-4)

1937

William Bridge Cooke of Cincinnati, Ohio will arrive on June 19th to assume the duties of custodian at the Shasta Alpine Lodge until the third weekend in September. ("Looking Back - 65 Years Ago - Mount Shasta, June 2, 1937," Mount Shasta Herald, June 5, 2002, p. A-4)

William B. Cooke explains the hunting trophies above the fireplace of the lodge. M. Hall McAllister donated the horns of mountain sheep, elk and antelope. (Mount Shasta Herald, Aug. 12, 1937, p. 3)

During the 1937 season, 751 persons registered at the Shasta Alpine Lodge. (Looking Back - 65 years Ago - Mount Shasta, September 23, 1937," Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 25, 2002, p. A-4)

1938

A chimney addition was well received. "All who have used it on overnight parties claim that it no longer causes them to be smoked out. Among the improvements scheduled for the coming season are an almost complete renewal of bedding on the bunks, the rebuilding of three of the cabins, and the erection of permanent latrines. Coleman kerosene lamps are also being provided for the lodge and kitchen." New meal rates will be started this summer. (Mount Shasta Herald, June 16, 1938, p.1)

"The custodian will be able to supply food and shelter to parties of reasonable size. The lodge will hold 15 to 20 persons comfortably; in addition, five two-bunk cabins will be in service shortly. Rates for bunks are 50 cents per night. Lunches and suppers are 75 cents each, breakfasts 50 cents, Reservations should be made in advance..." "For the best route from Mount Shasta City to the lodge use the McCloud Avenue route which passes

Bear Springs, Wagon Camp, and comes out on the John Everitt memorial Highway. A lane branches from this highway at 'The Sand Flats' and ends in a parking lot in a grove of Shasta firs. Cars have always been perfectly safe in this parking lot. From here it is a walk of about 100 yards to the Sisson Southern Train, then about one and one-half miles up this trail to the lodge. As an alternative, there is a well blazed five-mile trail leading from Wagon Camp to the lodge." (Sierra Club Bulletin, June 1938, pp. 14-15.)

1940

On June 10, custodian William Bridge Cooke found the lodge to be in a terrible mess. Winter visitors apparently left food cans open, dirty dishes and supplies uncovered with subsequent damage by squirrels, mice and rats. "Such conditions are distressing and make one wonder if users of the Lodge are really as appreciative of it as their use would indicate." (Mount Shasta Herald, June 20, 1940, p. 1)

Cooke reports on a trip down Mud Creek Canyon and notes a snow avalanche down Horse Camp Creek. (Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 12, 1940)

"A new ski trail from Sand Flats to the Shasta Alpine Lodge has been completed by the Forest Service with the exception of posting signs, which are currently being painted." (Looking Back – 65 Years Ago – Mount Shasta, Dec. 19, 1940 in Mount Shasta Herald, December 21, 2005, p. A-4)

1941

"The custodian of the Sierra Club Shasta Lodge hiked to the lodge on June 17th via the old horse trail through the chaparral to McBride Springs, over the old foot and horse trail to the parking lot near Sand Flats, and over portions of the old trail to the lodge. The entire forest floor for the last 2 ½ miles was snow covered. The trip took about 8 ½ hours and a 50 pound pack was carried." (Looking Back – 65 Years Ago – Mount Shasta, June 26, 1941 in The Mount Shasta Herald, June 28, 2006, p. A-4)

1946

Former lodge custodian, J. M. "Mac" Olberman died at the county hospital at 84 years of age. Olberman was born in Kentucky, December 19, 1862. (Mount Shasta Herald, March 14, 1946). "The Sierra Club will dedicate a memorial tablet this summer to be placed on the trail above Shasta Lodge, naming the trail 'Olberman's Causeway.'" While custodian of the lodge for 12 summers, Olberman built about 100 feet of the trail each season. "The trail leads up the mountain east to the cliffs. The plaque will be placed on a cairn, at the foot of the cliffs." (Mount Shasta Herald, May 23, 1946.)

1947

Custodian William Bridge Cooke reported on repairs to the lodge chimney, and the installation of a cairn to house the bronze plaque donated by M. Hall McAllister to commemorate the Olberman Causeway. (Mount Shasta Herald, July 10, 1947, p. 1)

“On July 29th Tom Blankenship and Paul Varga brought to Horse Camp a mule loaded with the parts of a flagpole which Mr. M. Hall McAllister had arranged with Mr. George Schrader of the Shasta National Forest to have constructed. Of course, then it was up to us to furnish a hole for the base of the pole and to erect it.” (New Flagpole at Horse Camp, by Wm. Bridge Cooke. Mount Shasta Herald, Aug. 7, 1947, p. 6)

1948

M. Hall McAllister, often called "the father of the Shasta Alpine Lodge," died at his home in Redlands, California on June 3rd. He was 87 years old. (Redlands Daily Facts, June 4, 1948, p. 5)

“The Shasta Alpine Lodge was opened June 26th by the custodians, Mr. And Mrs. Martin M. Rhodes... The Rhodes have been studying at the University of Illinois at Champaign, Ill.... During the winter someone ripped all the boards off the front of the kitchen shack. This vandalism should not be tolerated by any organization, but when it is not possible to know who did it, they cannot be prosecuted. Surely there was other firewood available upon a little search...” (Shasta Alpine Lodge Opened June 26th by William Bridge Cooke. Mount Shasta Herald, July 8, 1948, p. 1)

“On September 5th Boy Scout Troop No. 42 from McCloud arrived to camp at the Lodge overnight and make their annual ascent of the mountain on Labor Day. The boys and other guests enjoyed the evening around the campfire, with songs and stories... On September 2nd 103 members of the ‘I AM’ conclave visited the Lodge and held a short meeting here.” (Record: 986 Visitors at The Shasta Alpine Lodge by Marion B. Rhodes and Martin M. Rhodes. Mount Shasta Herald, September 9, 1948, p. 1)

1950

“It was reported that Shasta Lodge needs quarters for the custodian, and that the custodian for this year would be willing to undertake construction, using native rock as building material. The Reddington Fund had carried the suggestion from the donor that it be used for improvements at Shasta Lodge. The Executive Committee was authorized to work with the Lodge Committee to plan construction of a custodian’s stone hut. The Board again expressed sincere appreciation to the family of M. Hall McAllister for his generous gifts in connection with the Shasta Lodge, both during his life and in his generous bequest, and authorized the placing of a plaque, at the Shasta Lodge, in memory of M. Hall McAllister.” (Report on the Lodges by Richard N. Burnley, Chairman of the Lodge Committee. Sierra Club Bulletin, May, 1950, p. 14)

1956

“Harry Watkins and Roland Walker took a 54 inch chain saw over the weekend to cut up the winter’s wood supply for the lodge.” (Looking Back – 45 Years Ago – Mount Shasta, Aug. 16, 1956 in The Mount Shasta Herald, August 15, 2001, p. A-4)

1968

The Sierra Club requests a scenic easement deed from Siskiyou County so the Club would no longer have to pay property taxes on 720 acres of land the club owns on the slopes of Mt. Shasta. Sierra Club member Ed Stuhl made the request. (Letter from Richard N. Pitman, Sierra Club Committee on Lodges and Lands, to Edward Stuhl, August 27, 1968.)

1991

Local Sierra Club members, Sierra Club Foundation controller Gene Ho, and members of the Horse Camp Committee met to discuss the management of the foundations' private land as it pertains to the Mt. Shasta Wilderness Area management plan now being developed by the Forest Service. (Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 25, 1991, p. C-2)

1992

The last bundle of building supplies to build a two-seat self-composting toilet at Horse Camp was delivered. About 2,500 pounds of supplies were transported up the mountain by hikers, bicycles and horses, but mostly by helicopter. The new toilet facility will replace a pit toilet built in the 1950's. (Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 16, 1992, p. A-8)

1997

"Horse Camp, the Sierra Club Foundation's popular 720-acre property on the south slope of Mt. Shasta, is celebrating its 75th birthday this year." (Mount Shasta Herald, Sept. 10, 1997, p. A-3)

2004

“Eric White, a Mount Shasta climbing Ranger for the US Forest Service, said the cabin is a common stopping point for 70 percent of the 10,000 climbers who attempt to summit Mt. Shasta using the Avalanche Gulch route. ‘In all, about 40,000 people per year use that trail,’ said White.” (Plans for New Sierra Club Cabin Roof Questioned by Michael Le Guellec. Mount Shasta Herald, August 25, 2004, p. B-7)

“After four weeks of construction, the Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp is complete. The Sierra Club Foundation decided to replace the roof after concerns that it may not survive another winter’s snow pack. The Foundation used all recyclable materials and

planned the reconstruction with the help of Marrone Construction company.” (New Look for Climbers’ Hut, Mount Shasta Herald, Oct. 20, 2004, p. A-1)

2005

“Seasonal caretakers answer questions, keep the campground clean, and help in rescue situations. ‘It’s demanding, physically and mentally,’ says 27-year-old caretaker Ryan Johnston. ‘When you start in May, there’s still ten feet of snow. It takes a different kind of person to enjoy that...’ Says former caretaker Michael Zanger, ‘it was easily the best job I’ve ever had.’” (Sweet Retreat by Jennifer Hattam. Sierra, May/June 2005, p. 65)