

1 continued for many years as well as riding, boating, yachting and fox
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3 hunts. Some referred to Burns Valley as "Little England".
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5 As families moved into this territory there developed need for a
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7 school. 5/8/1868 the Burns Valley School District was formed from the
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9 Lower Lake School District. Lines of the new school district went as
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11 far as Paradise Valley, northwest of Glen Haven.
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13 A small school house was built opposite the Ed Moak place on present
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15 Arrowhead Road. In 1885 it was cut in two pieces and hauled on two
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17 wagon running gears with four horses to a new location east of the Four
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19 Corners. In 1889 the building was torn down and a larger one built in
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21 the same place. Additions were made from time to time. In 1937 school
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23 was moved to a modern school near Austins, the present one.
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25 In 1869 there were 28 pupils, in 1881 19 pupils, and as of October
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27 1961 there were 307. In 1872 the Burns Valley School District had an
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29 assessed value of \$183,754 with a tax rate of 14¢. Today it has an
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31 assessed value of \$6,337,610 with a tax rate of \$1.38.
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33 Values compared with todays worth; in 1918 Beakbane sold to Uhl his
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35 holdings for \$15,000. It involved 180 acres east of old State Highway 53
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37 and 420 acres west of that thoroughfare to Clear Lake. The property
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39 extended from Redbud Park to Austins on the north and contained some
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41 one and one quarter miles of lakeshore.
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43 Subdivisions created an explosive change. In 1922 the first opened
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45 in Burns Valley with 119 lots; then followed 1923 with 3812 lots; 1924
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47 with 6267, and 1925 with 3971. After this latter year subdivision of
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49 adjoining acreage nearly ceased.
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51 With the tremendous growth of Burns Valley it is believed that only
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53 wonderment would show in the eyes of Caleb Greenwood, Burns, Willis,
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55 Bowers and our English friends if they could see it today.
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1 HIGH VALLEY Story #110 3/20/1962 By Henry Mauldin

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3 While nature was creating the Coast Range a fault or slippage took
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5 place which formed what was later to become High Valley. Rocks, sur-
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7 rounding part of this depression, are among the oldest in Lake County.
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9 For ages this depression was a canyon with drainage going easterly
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11 into the North Fork of Cache Creek. Lake County's only perfect volcanic
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13 or cinder cone, Round Mountain, erupted in the eastern part of the trough.
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15 In time it built to such a size that it blocked off the western end.
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17 This cone is some 355 feet high above the more level land with a
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19 crater 870 feet across and a depth of 100 feet, with an area in the bottom
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21 200 feet across.
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23 This caused a lake to build up west of the volcano. The backed up
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25 water found a low spot and breaking over a crest flowed to Clear Lake at
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27 Clearlake Oaks, forming Schindler Creek.
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29 Over a very long period of time the channel of Schindler Creek
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31 wore down which lowered the lake level, while at the same time sediments,
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33 from entering streams and wash from the hills, added to the level of the
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35 valley lands. Deeper drainage penetrates the gravels of the old canyon,
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37 beneath Round Mountain, and today emerges in year around springs on the
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39 western slopes alongside the North Fork of Cache Creek.
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41 Indian trails not only crisscrossed the valley but it was a cross-
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43 road for travel down High Valley Ridge to the west, to Long Valley in the
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45 north, Clearlake Oaks to the south and the North Fork Of Cache Creek
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47 to the east.
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49 Indians were on friendly terms with each other and other adjoining
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51 tribes. Just over the ridge to the north was Long Valley, where the
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53 Indians had another language as they belonged to the Patwins, a subtribe
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55 of the Wintuns. Regardless of this fact there was much trading, visiting
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57 and some intermarriage.
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59 The Indian name for the valley was, "kas". It was inhabited by two
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1 tribes. The eastern half was Elem territory with headquarters on
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3 Rattlesnake Island and the nearby mainland village on Sulphur Bank
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5 Rancheria Point. The western part was claimed by the Kamdots with
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7 their main village on Anderson Island and closeby Buckingham Point.
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9 Several old camp sites indicated now where the Indian stayed while in
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11 High Valley.

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13 Acorns, wild oats, wild game and quail were abundant in High Valley
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15 and it was only a short distance to Clear Lake for the Indian to get a
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17 plentiful supply of fish and water birds.

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19 Henry L. Wildegrube was born in Germany, 1835. He came to Lake County
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21 in 1856 and established the first store in Upper Lake, August 23rd. He
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23 soon sold out. Partnership was then entered into between he and Sam
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25 Morrison on ownership of what is now Lucerne. Wildegrube asold his
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27 interest for a saddle and horse.

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29 Although he had seen High Valley in 1857 it was not until 1859 that
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31 he located and became the first settler of that area. He said that when
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33 he saw the valley for the first time it had a great many large oaks and
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35 was covered with a fine stand of grass and wild oats, a beautiful sight.

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37 Bear were plentiful and before Wildegrube's time a bear trap had
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39 been erected in the valley, out of logs, which was as large as a small
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41 house. He lived in this for several years until he built a family home.
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43 This first settler was married in 1864 and raised five children. Several
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45 of his descendants are in our county now. He died when seventy-five.

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47 Some of the early citizens of High Valley or nearby surroundings, but
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49 not listed in rotation as to when they arrived, were: Finn, Gruell,
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51 Foutch, Morlan, Steyner or Stiener, Schindler, Howard, Butler, Weston,
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53 Knauer, Walker, Warren, Mitchell, Shaul, Pluth, Ogulin, and Walfoegal.

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55 At an early date the road from Upper Lake, along High Valley Ridge,
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57 went through High Valley and on to Sacramento; it was an important
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59 thoroughfare. High Valley Ridge Road also had side roads to Lucerne, via
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1 Foarde Range, to various ranches, logging activities, and a mountain
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3 school along it's course. At one time a route was to Bartlett Springs and
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5 the Foutch family had, "Foutch's Stage Station" in High Valley.

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7 High Valley Ridge, with elevations from 1800 to 3400 feet and a
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9 seven mile length, was the dividing line between Lake and Colusa Counties.
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11 until 1868 when Long and Indian Valleys were added to our county.

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13 As families moved in a school was started in the 1870's in an old
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15 miners cabin, with only a few children. Later another location was chosen
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17 with another building; this time there were 20 children; it closed in the
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19 1880's. The third school site was on the Schindler place, near the road,
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21 and it lapsed around 1902 with children then going to the Sulphur Banks
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23 School. From then High Valley School it's name changed to the East Lake
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25 School while at the Schindler place.

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27 The High Valley Post Office was established 7/30/1872 with James M.
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29 Foutch, Postmaster. It closed 2/5/1875.

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31 With irrigated pastures being introduced in its farming acreage and
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33 with mounting activity in Federal Forest lands, of which it joins,
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35 there may be added life and a changing pattern for those who live in
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37 attractive High Valley.

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41 LONG VALLEY Story #111 4/3/1962 By Henry Mauldin

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43 Three mountainous miles north of Clearlake Oaks, but ten miles by
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45 road, is one of our most beautiful valleys, Long Valley. It has a length
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47 of nine and one half miles, a width up to a mile and elevations are from
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49 1100 to 1500 feet. The area is drained by Long Valley Creek which runs
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51 into the North Fork of Cache Creek.

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53 This valley contains some very fine land and until the last few
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55 years a large number of wonderful oak groves. Sawmills and wood cutters
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57 are seriously taking their toll.

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59 Long Valley was noted for the number of bear. Bear hunters erected
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