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Northern California Trivia

- Q. What Plumas County town was named for an early lumberman who organized the Grizzly Creek Ice Co?
- A. Gulling (for Charles Gulling)
- Q. In what county are the small towns of Ono and Igo?
- A. Shasta.

From *Northern California Trivia*
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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Happy Halloween

New Members

Please welcome two new members to our group. Walt Kransky and Mary Ann Stanfield.

Some of you may remember Walt as he is a past member who at one point was very active including being co-chair of Filatelice Fiesta. Having recently undergone some surgery, Walt is on the mend and seems to be progressing very well.

Mary Ann is presently secretary of the Western Philatelic Library and while not a stamp collector at this point has a strong interest in learning what it's all about.

Both Walt and Mary Ann are active members of the San Jose Post Card Club. With the overlap deltiology has with philately it's a natural for some to become involved with both.

Please introduce yourselves to both of them at our next meeting and make them feel welcome—you are coming to the next meeting aren't you? Try it you'll like it. ■

October

- 8th Yom Kippur begins at sundown
- 12th Columbus Day
- 13th Columbus Day (observed)
- 13th Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
- 24th United Nations Day
- 31st Halloween



CLOSED ALBUMS

It's with a great sadness that I report the passing of Leonard Holmsten. Those that knew him will indeed miss him. Leonard was the consummate mentor, helper and philatelist. I know of no time or place where he did not help when asked. Whether it was getting exhibits for a show, as a mentor to a collector (old or new) or aspiring exhibitor, he would always lend a hand.

As a gold medal exhibitor, he had also competed in the Champion of Champions at StampShow having won the Grand at Pipex in Eugene, Oregon; a long time member of the Fremont Stamp Club where he held most offices at one time or another; a member of the Collectors Club of San Francisco; Philatelic Society of San Leandro and San Jose Stamp Club. Leonard was a recipient of the Chaloner Award and the Mae Vignola award, a past president of the Council and a philatelic judge.

A past chairman of Coalpex and an honorary director of Westpex where he was in charge of security.

I felt particularly close to him as we had traveled to so many stamp shows and events together which over time created a strong bond of mutual trust and respect between us.

However, I was not the only one as there are many of you that had also established a strong relationship of trust and mutual respect. He was that kind of a man.

We could continue on and on but suffice it to say he will be missed by any and all who knew or were associated with him. Truly every philatelist' friend.

God speed Leonard and rest in peace.

