

Quality featured in triathlon

The route certainly isn't any more difficult. Yet, the third annual World's Toughest Triathlon is shaping up as a bigger test than ever.

Nearly 200 individuals, including a handful of world-class athletes, will try to swim, pedal and run their way through the Sierra and Carson Valley when the 149.1-mile endurance challenge is held Saturday. Mother Nature could even have a say about the outcome.

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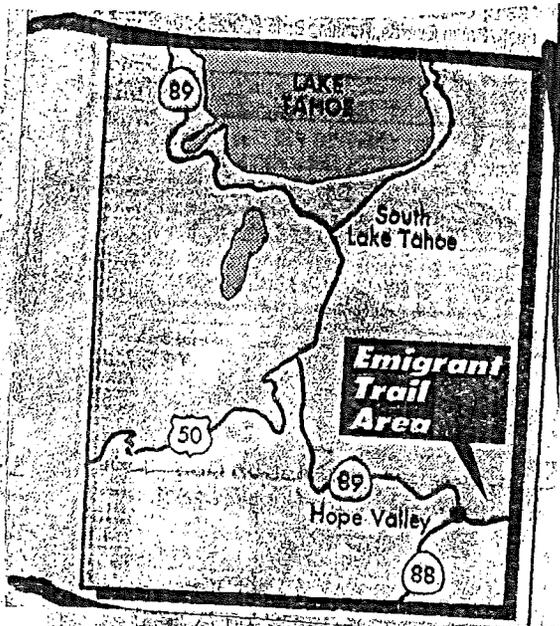
right now. It could be a cold race," race director Charlie Lincoln said Tuesday. "They say there's a possibility of snow at 8,500 feet. But that shouldn't do anything to us, because the race will go on as long as the roads are open. Everybody will just have to dress a little warmer, that's all. "Then the race will really live up to its name," he added.

That it does. Competitors will start off at 7:30 a.m. by splashing into Lake Tahoe for a 2.4-mile

swim, followed by a 120-mile bicycle leg that covers Luther Pass, comes through the Carson Valley (and Gardnerville at Lampe Park), over Monitor Pass back to Luther Pass and ends at Harrah's Tahoe, and finally a 26.7-mile run to Spooner Summit, then back to Harrah's on a fire access road across the mountain tops (peaking at 9,000 feet).

The incentive? The U.S.S. ...

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Classic cars to tour the area

Forty pre-1916 automobiles will be touring the area Sept. 6-8 as the Nevada Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America holds its 1985 Silver State Tour from the Carson Valley Inn.

The 40 participants in the tour will take three different tours during their weekend get-together.

On Friday, the autos will tour

the Minden-Gardnerville area 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Saturday's all-day tour starts at 8:30 a.m. from the inn and proceeds south on Highway 88, joins Highway 89 and continues over Luther Pass to Meyers. South Lake Tahoe will get to view the procession along Pioneer Trail before they take the new Lake Parkway (the Loop Road) to a lunch stop at Edgewood Country Club. Satur-

day afternoon's route goes north on U.S. 50 to Spooner Summit and then south through Jacks Valley and Genoa back to the Carson Valley Inn.

Sunday morning's tour heads south on Highway 88 and Diamond Valley Road, makes a rest stop at Turtle Rock Park on Highway 89 and then heads north on Emigrant Trail and Foothill Road to a brunch finale at Walley's Hot Springs.

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History Hike In the Sierra

In 1929, Jess Machado of Stockton re-discovered the Mormon-Emigrant trail, and now at age 73, he is the lead tour guide for a leisurely hiking adventure sponsored by Sorensen's Resort near Hope Valley. The autumn walk also will lead across the early Pony Express Route used over Kit Carson Pass.

Sorensen's Resort is located just east of the Highway 88/89 junction. A package, which includes two nights lodging, four meals and a tour guide, costs \$98 per person double occupancy. A day trip costs \$35 per person and includes coffee and lunch. To make reservations, call Sorensen's Resort at (516) 694-2203.

Host Wooster

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Douglas unveiling Friday

by JOE LOWELL
Staff writer

It's a new season, with a new coach and many new players.

On that note, a relatively inexperienced Douglas High School football squad begins its Northern AAA gridiron season by hosting the Wooster Colts Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wooster is a perennial conference power, and is favored to make a championship run this season. But first-year Douglas coach Mike Rippee is looking for some new wrinkles.

"They run a more wide-open offense," Rippee said of the traditionally run-oriented Colts. "They'll open up a little bit with a new quarterback."

The Colts have lost their quarterback from last year, Donnie Walker, who defected to arch rival Reno. His replacement is highly touted junior Scott Conrad.

Wooster Coach Joe Sellers points out that only three starters are back on offense. However, the Colts boast eight veterans on a stalwart defensive unit.

"We should be pretty good on defense. We're counting on them to be our strength," Sellers said.

"A lot of people have picked us (to win league),

but I don't know. We have a lot of juniors on offense, so we're pretty green. We'll just try to bring them along slow," he added.

"We've got a tough one up there (South Tahoe) next week, but we want to take them one at a time. Right now, we're looking at Douglas."

Rippee's Tigers begin the season with two returning starters on offense and four on defense.

"We've got some kids, but we're quite inexperienced," Rippee said. "They're going to get thrown in the fire right away."

"We're looking forward to it," he said of the Wooster challenge. "It's a big opportunity for us. The kids are real enthusiastic and are flying around."

"Hey, Douglas always hits. They may not be real big, but they have those wrestlers down there who are real tough. They always hustle," Sellers said of his squad's season opening opponent.

"I always look forward to playing them," added Sellers, who played college ball at Bakersfield City College and then at the University of Nevada-Reno. "I've known those guys (Douglas coaches) for years. I went to school with (Mike) Leck, (Steve) Wilcox and (Rick) Booth, and Mike (Rippee) used to coach here. We go back a long way."

Looking at the Douglas lineup, Rippee has plans

selected junior Blair Roman as his starting quarterback for Friday. Senior Sean Hall had battled for the position.

"Roman has had a better pre-season," Rippee said Tuesday. "He's done a good job. He deserves a shot."

Rippee said he wants to establish his passing game by earning opposing defenses' respect for the Tiger's running game.

Roman will combine with wide receiver Rich Meadows for an air show and will hand off to senior Mike Sheets, last year's quarterback, and senior fullback Steve Shaffer.

He'll work out of a Wing-T offense base which will allow different formations, according to Rippee.

It will take the Tigers a couple of games for the offense to take shape, however. Rippee only has two players with starting experience on his offense.

Offensive linemen Jerod Frank, Troy Willis and Chris Vasey will work at blowing some holes open for the runners while trying to protect their quarterback.

Four starters on last year's defensive team are back.

Nose guard Jim Tillman, end John McAuliffe and Willis are key defensive members who will

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try to slow offensive ground attacks.

Myrt Running Wolf and Ray Van Winkle will hold up the ends.

John Park will have a chance to spend time at a line backer position along with Shaffer, Van Winkle and Frank.

Sheets and senior Jeff Hart, the team's safeties, and Hall and Sean Sullivan, the corner backs, will try to control opposing teams' passing

"Our secondary looks good," Rippee said. "We have some good, intelligent kids back there. That looks like our strength on defense."

The Tigers' first-year head coach also is pleased with the enthusiasm displayed in camp so far.

"If you get out there, play 100 percent, and get a few breaks, teams can be beaten," Rippee said.

"If we play hard and get a few breaks, we'll surprise some people."

For the record: Football is here

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Before closing out for the week, I'd like to take time to mention some other notes of interest.

Sticking to football, at least five local products will play at the college level this fall: Todd Vasey at Montana State, Ron Spallone at the University of Nevada-Reno, Albert Aikins and Ken Menasco at Modesto City College and Kurt Lundergreen at Merced College.

Vasey, a 1982 Douglas High grad, started as an offensive guard for the Big Sky Conference and NCAA Division I-AA championship Montana State Bobcats last season.

Aikins and Menasco, 1983 Douglas graduates, have been touted as starting defensive linemen for Modesto City, which opens its season Saturday against Merced. Lundergreen, who graduated from Whittell High School in 1984, is playing at linebacker for the Merced Blue Devils. Merced was ranked as one of the top junior college squads in California last year.

Spallone is in his third season at Nevada-Reno. He is listed as an outside linebacker and special teams member.

Last week, rugby was discussed as a sport athletes can still play even after reaching the ripe old age of 30. Here are a couple of other examples:

Gary Ceragioli, 31, of Woodfords, completed

the grueling Pikes Peak Marathon two weeks ago. He covered the 28-mile distance on 14,110-foot Pikes Peak in a time of four hours, 55 minutes, good for a 40th place finish in a field of 600 runners.

His wife, Kathy, ran 3:44 one day earlier in the half marathon race.

And Ashby Harper, 68, of Albuquerque, N.M., became the oldest person to swim the length of Lake Tahoe on Aug. 23. Harper finished the 22-mile trek in 14 hours, 23 minutes.

He was the first person to swim the length of Tahoe since Kevin O'Connell of Hayward, Calif., turned the trick in 12 hours, 45 minutes on Sept. 18, 1980. Before that, 16-year-old Helena Christopherson in 1962 had been the only other swimmer to accomplish the feat.

Record-Courier 9-5-85 Kirkwood run Sunday

The fifth annual Kirkwood 10-K run will be held Sunday at Kirkwood Ski Resort.

The race course will cover both paved roads and wooded trails around Kirkwood meadow, starting at 9 a.m. from

the ski area's Timber Creek Lodge.

An \$8 entry fee will be charged, with proceeds going to the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department. T-shirts will be given to all entries.

Outrageous Alpine?

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Reservoir hope ebbs

A committee created by the Nevada Legislature this year to consider damming the Carson River for "upstream storage" met for the first time last week and heard that there may be nothing to put in a reservoir if one is built.

Chairman Roland Westergard, director of the state's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, told the group — made up of representatives of area governments including the Douglas County Commission, that there are no more water rights available from the Carson River. A reservoir, such as the one proposed years ago with the never-built Watasheamu Dam, couldn't be used until Lake Lahontan, a reservoir for the Newlands Project, was filled and overflowing.

Watasheamu Dam has been proposed, rejected and proposed again for a location about nine miles of Gardnerville on the Carson River.

Farmers have complained that water from wet years has been lost because there is no storage above Carson Valley on the river. If excess water were stored in a reservoir it could be used in dry years, such as this one.

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Valley ranch in bankruptcy court

Anderson files chap. 11

California farmer Jack Anderson, whose Carson Valley Land Co. has 12,000 acres of timberland in Alpine County and 8,500 acres of agriculture lands in the Valley, filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 last Friday, the Sacramento Bee reported Tuesday.

Anderson's holdings include the H.F. Dangberg Ranch in the Valley.

Anderson is facing lawsuits that charge he has defaulted on loans totaling more than \$56 million.

Locally, Anderson defaulted on a \$10 million loan last October that he used to buy 48,000 acres of land once belonging to Minden founder H.F. Dangberg.

A Valley title company halted the foreclosure proceedings against Anderson in April after

he came up with money to pay interest payments, late payment penalties and foreclosure fees.

Anderson obtained loans of \$2.5 million and \$7 million from an Oregon bank last spring to do so.

The Valley foreclosure proceedings dragged on for about six months before Anderson settled with the banks.

Travelers Insurance Co., beneficiary of the 1978 deed, started foreclosure proceedings in October 1984. Lawyers Title Insurance Co. in Minden, hand-

ed the proceedings.

Anderson's Carson Valley Land Co., a real estate holding company, listed \$48 million in assets and \$42.7 million in liabilities.

A Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing is used to protect a company from its creditors until it can put together a plan to straighten out its finances. While in bankruptcy, activities of the company

must be approved by the court. Any reorganization plan must be approved by a majority of the creditors.

You said it!



Should children with AIDS be allowed in public school?



LUCIA RUNZO
Social worker

"If I had the approval of a couple of doctors, it would be OK, but I'd want to make sure there is medical approval."



DAVE MERCURIO
Teacher

"No, because in my opinion, there are too many things about the saliva, and they're not really sure about it. It's not something you can turn around and take tetracycline, and maybe it'll go away. You die from this thing."



MICHELLE RYAN
Rancher

"Yes and no. They need the education, but then if everybody else is going to get it, then... I really don't know how contagious it is and how the other kids can contact it, but if they can contact it, then no, I don't think they should be allowed. But the kids still need an education."



MARVEL DAVIS
Housewife

"I don't know. As far as I've heard it, they haven't been able to prove that it is contagious. I feel sorry for the kids that do have it."



PATRICIA BIERSDORFF
Housewife

"No. I have a sister that's a nurse, and she says that they haven't clearly defined what the safety factors are even in the medical profession. They haven't told her how to prevent being contaminated. I think it's just too ambiguous and that until they get some clear definition, they shouldn't be allowed."



LARRY HATCHER
Retired

"I certainly think they should be allowed to go to public schools. If they are not going to be allowed, then we better get some kind of a special class to take care of their needs."

Sewer district drains

Indian Creek

Hopes to prevent spring spills

by JOE LOWELL
Staff writer

A thin blanket of freshly fallen snow covers most of the soft black sludge bed of the nearly empty Indian Creek Reservoir this fall.

Moss-covered rocks, thousands of snail shells, which the reservoir's trout once fed on, and garbage, tossed out by summer boaters on this treated-effluent fed recreation lake, all combine to add the finishing touches to this gloomy, wasteland-like scene.

The South Tahoe Public Utility District, in an effort to halt spillage into the East Fork of the Carson River next spring and to kill off an unwanted species of fish, has drained nearly all of the wastewater at ICR in Alpine County.

The reservoir, which holds about 3,200 acre-feet of wastewater when full, has less than 400 acre-feet of wastewater in it, STPUD manager Jim Cofer said Monday.

The drainage should give STPUD enough storage area to avoid dumping its excess effluent into the Carson River, something the district has done five of the past six springs.

"If we have a normal winter, we should be able to hold the water without any spillage," Cofer said.

Alpine County ranchers have taken the drained wastewater for about the past four weeks.

California's Department of Fish and Game spent Monday and Tuesday at ICR eliminating "tui chubs," or minnows, which have invaded the reservoir. Anglers introduced the chubs to

the reservoir in hopes of luring the stocked trout.

However, the species has multiplied while numbers of the trout, unable to compete with the minnows for oxygen and food in the reservoir, have dwindled.

Last spring, the department of fish and game ran a net through the water to determine a trout-to-chub ratio. The net caught 2,400 chubs and only four trout.

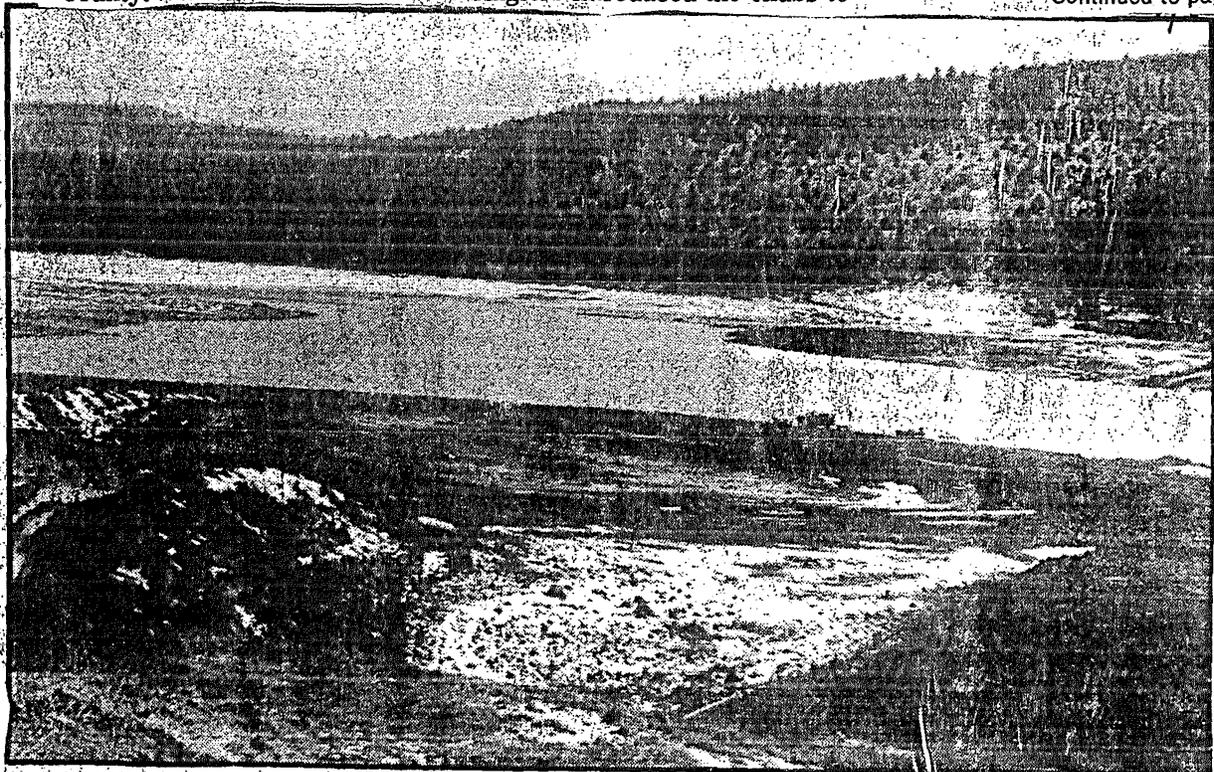
The department dumped 50 gallons of a chemical called Rotenone into the reservoir Tuesday, which disabled the chubs' ability to take in oxygen, a fish and game spokesman said.

The chemical also killed what few trout remained in the ammonia-ridden reservoir.

The dead fish eventually will sink to the bottom of the reservoir and won't wash up on the

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DRAINED. Indian Creek Reservoir lies nearly empty after STPUD drained it to store additional water over the winter which should prevent spillage into the Carson River, officials say. R-C photo

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Reservoir: Minnows to go

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shoreline, the spokesman said.

The reservoir will receive a \$4,000 stock of fish next spring.

STPUD also cleaned the reservoir's shoreline of algae and organic materials.

"We should have a cleaner lake," Cofer said.

STPUD began filling the reservoir, once the site of a grazing meadow, late Tuesday afternoon. And at a rate of four million gallons a day, ICR

should reach capacity by next spring, according to Cofer.

In other STPUD developments, Cofer said the district's plan to build a new reservoir about a quarter of a mile away from ICR, remains tied up in the courts.

The new reservoir would end the spillage of effluent in the Carson River, officials said.

Some Alpine County residents have objected to STPUD's plan to lower its quality of treatment and have fought the issue in court. The shift in treatment means a lower effluent quality that poses a virus and bacteria threat, critics charge.

Cofer also said he thought the district would get an extension of another year for \$20 million in state and federal funds that will pay the cost of the larger reservoir.

DHS Christmas Faire is largest

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Students and faculty at Douglas High School are busy working to make the 1985 Carson Valley Christmas Faire even better than last year's event, according to Barbara Gallagher, student body adviser.

This year will be the sixth year that Douglas High School has sponsored the Christmas Faire, one of Carson Valley's largest pre-holiday crafts faire and exhibition.

The Faire will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. in the commons of Douglas High School. Admission is free to all who wish to come, look, sample, admire or purchase any of the great variety of handcrafted gifts and homebaked goods.

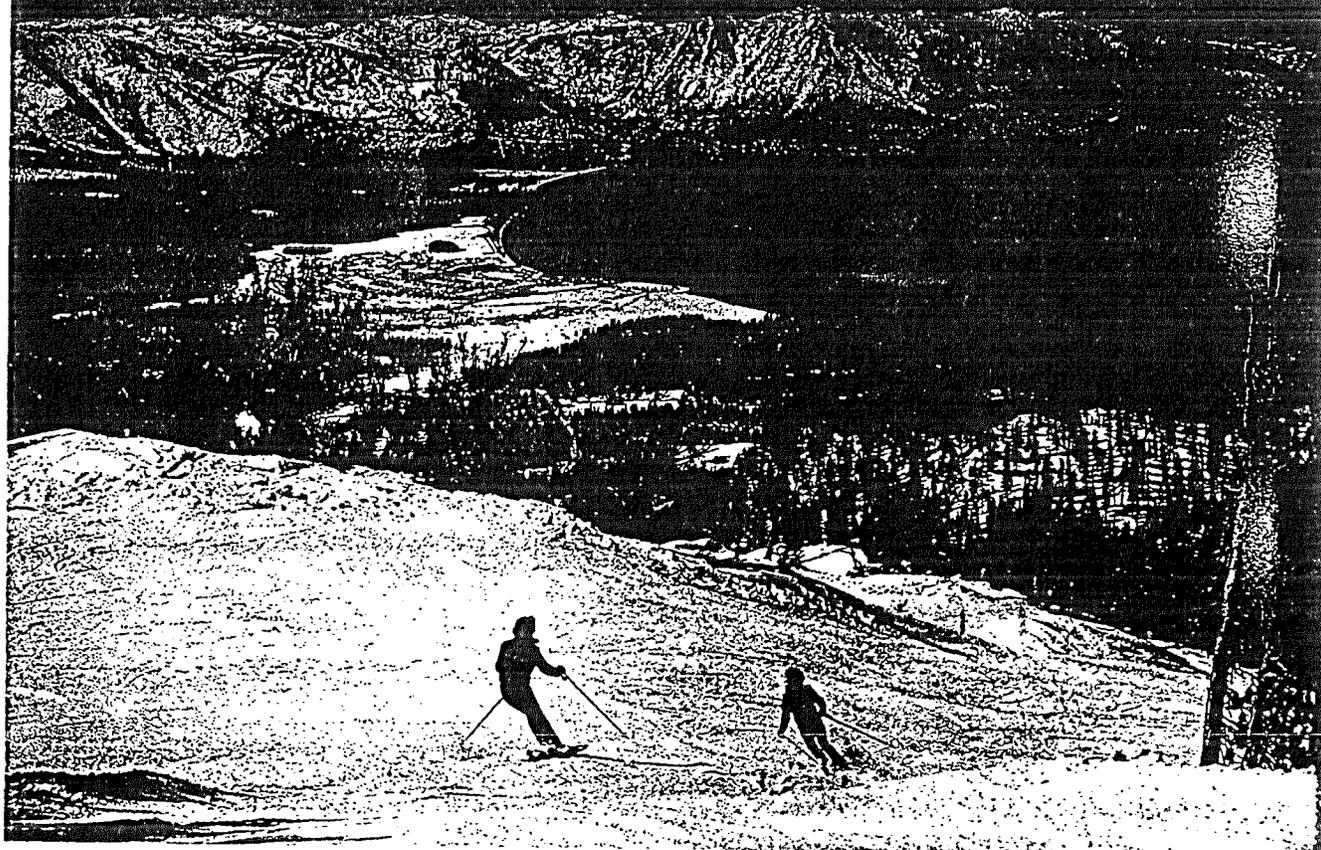
Forty exhibitors have already reserved spaces for the Christmas Faire. Items that will be on sale or exhibited include doll clothing, Christmas ornaments and stockings, kitchen knick-knacks and apparel, toys, fast portraits, jewelry, quilts, burl clocks, balloons and much, much more.

"There will be many, many yummy homebaked goodies (all guaranteed to contain absolutely no calories!)," Gallagher said.

New this year will be Douglas High School's Computer Club displaying personalized computerized Christmas cards which may be ordered for the holiday season.

Some booths are still available for rental at this time. Any person interested in renting a space, please contact Gallagher at Douglas High School (782-5136) as soon as possible.

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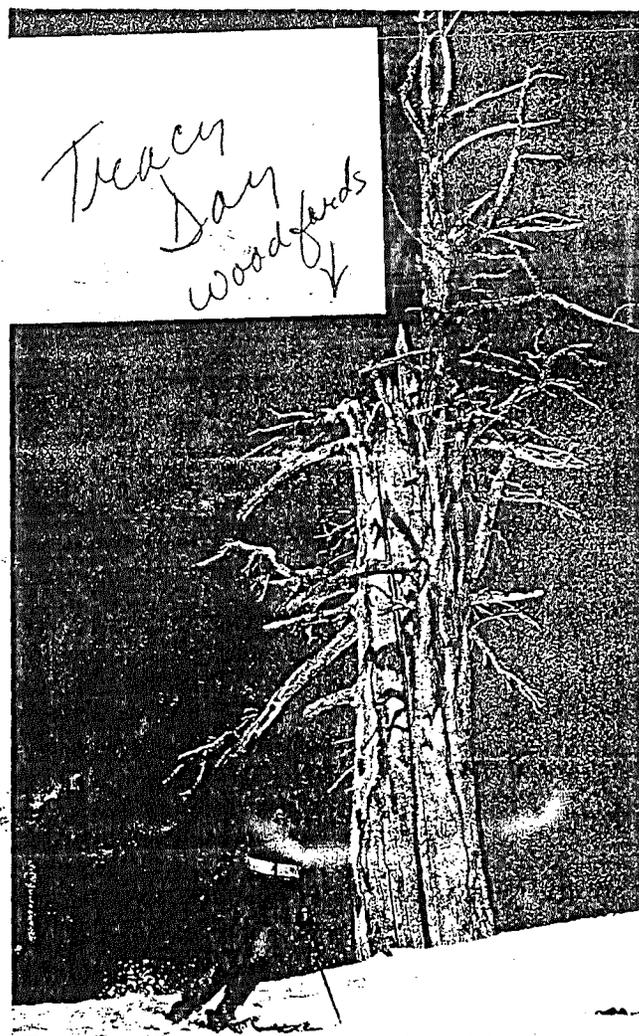
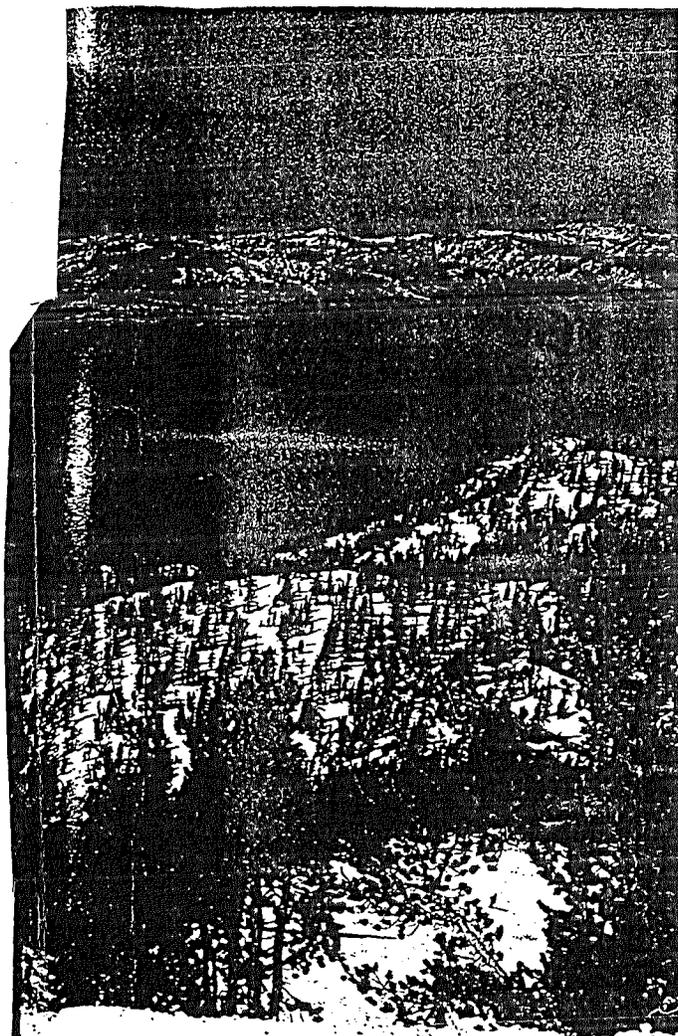


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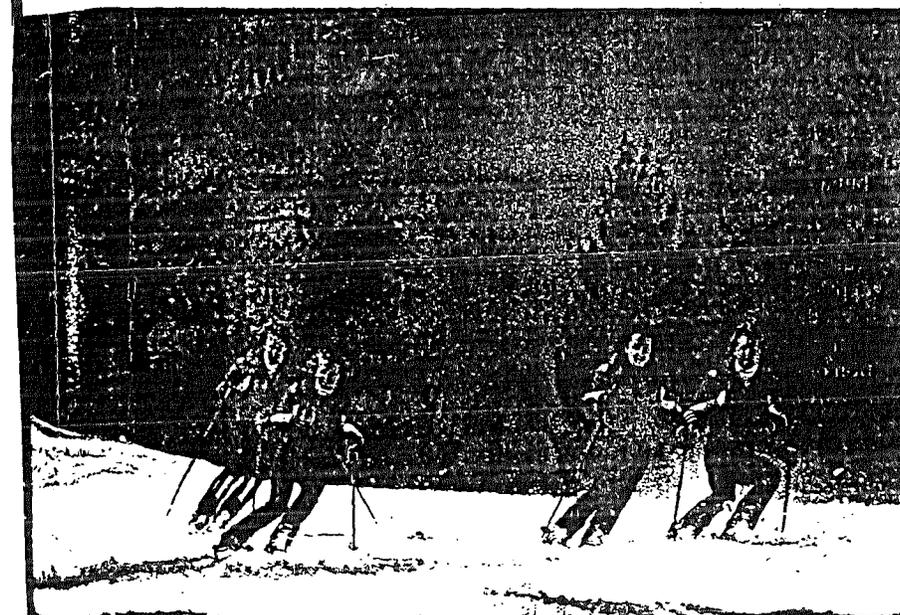
At South Lake Tahoe's Heavenly Valley and Kirkwood, high-class gambling casinos combine with high-class skiing terrain, giving vacationers a chance to mix chairs and tables, downhill and dealers. . . .

The Sierra Nevada is dotted with reservoirs and lakes with wonderful names: Hell Hole Reservoir. Ice House Reservoir. Fallen Leaf Lake. Lake Tahoe. In the native Washoe Indian language, *Tahoe* means "Big Water." Accurate. Unimaginative, but accurate. Lake Tahoe is 12 miles wide and 22 miles long, 1,645 feet deep at its maximum, and is said to contain enough water to cover the state of California to a depth of 14 inches. Lake Tahoe is partly in Nevada, mostly in California; that division is arbitrary, determined by the location of longitude 120 degrees, which is the northwest boundary between California and Nevada. Lake Tahoe is also said to have a monster, as any proper lake of its size should. The Lake Tahoe Monster is sighted only in the summer; it probably winters in Palm Springs as any California monster would.

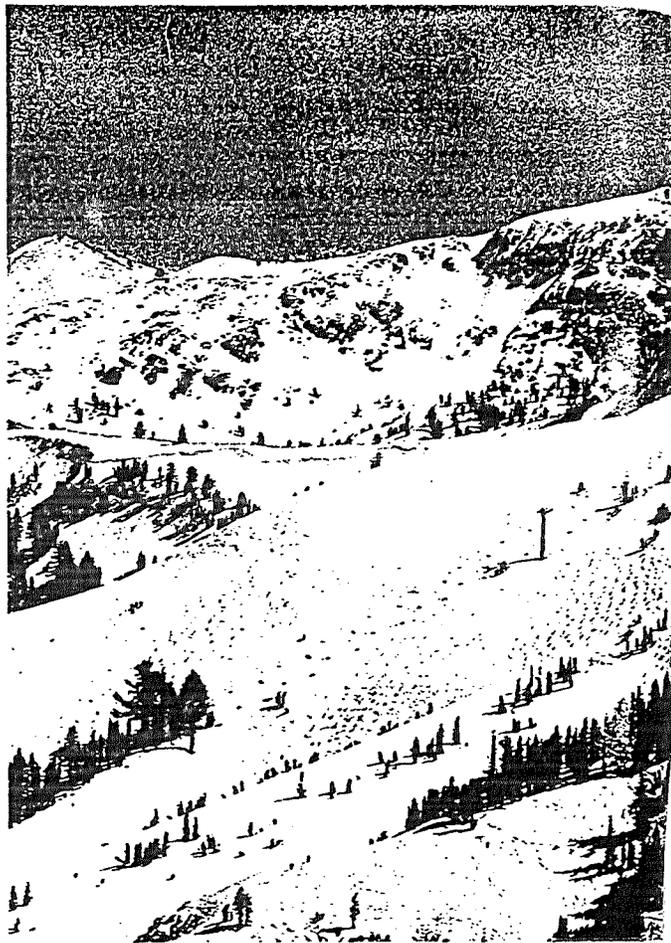
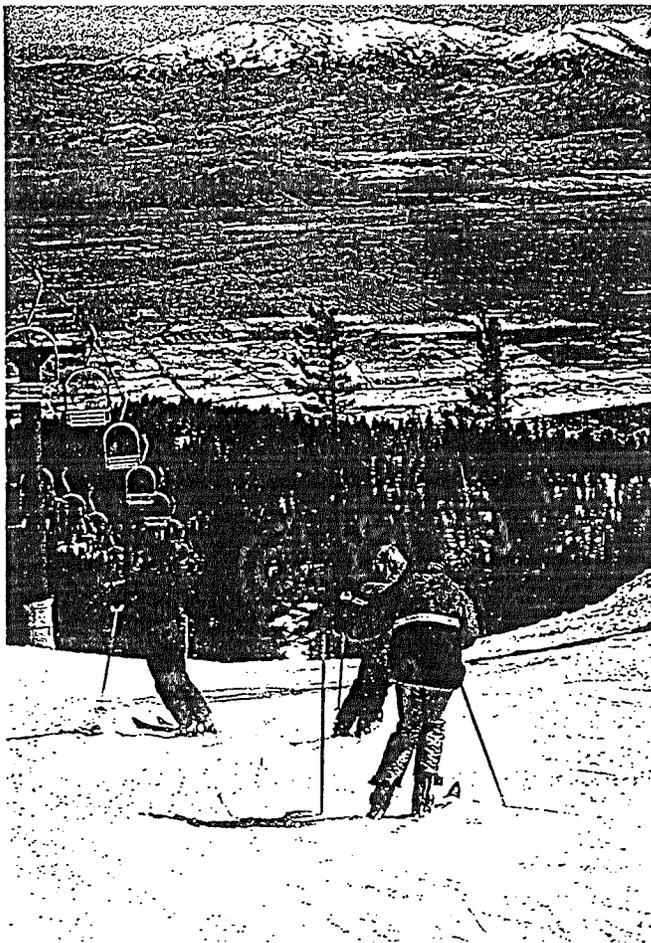
This information on Lake Tahoe is presented because the lake so dominates the skiing experience at many of the ski areas in this region. From the California side of



Variety, thy name is Heavenly: ABOVE, LEFT, Lake Tahoe from the California side; ABOVE, RIGHT, gnarled and twisted trees at the summit.



LEFT: Free-skiing in uniform is a no-no for Heavenly instructors, but sometimes they do it anyway. RIGHT: The big smile and the California tan come with the lift ticket at Kirkwood, where open bowls make skiers feel expansive.



Heavenly Valley, for instance, the lake is always visible as you descend the mountain; it is a lake that lifts the spirit, a lake of transcendent beauty that seems to embrace the light from the sky and hold it shimmering. The illusion is frequent that the next turn will bring you to its shore.

Like Lake Tahoe, Heavenly Valley crosses state lines. At latitude 39 degrees at the southern end of the lake, the boundary between California and Nevada hangs an oblique right, heading southeast away from the Sierra crest and toward the desert. Just at the point where the boundary climbs between East Peak and Monument Park is Heavenly. The name is apt. At a certain point near the summit on the California trail leading from Nevada to California, a look to the left reveals a view of the lake and the majestic snow-covered mountains beyond; look to the right—the view is of the pale browns and yellows and reds of the Nevada desert. It gives a skier a certain sense of omniscience, a privileged overview of earth usually available only to astronauts.

There was no discussion of the beauty of Lake Tahoe on the plane to Reno. Instead, a sizable group of eager young men—longtime friends from school days,

apparently—were outlining the daily agenda for a late-winter ski vacation. If everything clicked and there was no delay on the rental car at the Reno airport, they could drive the 55 miles to South Lake Tahoe and be on Heavenly's slopes by 2 P.M., in time for a couple of hours' skiing. (They were already dressed in jeans, and parkas were stuffed into the overhead.) Then they'd check into the motel, clean up, and track down a cheap meal (how does \$3.99 sound?) at one of the Stateline, Nev., casinos. After dinner, maybe they'd catch a show in one of the smaller lounges, drop a few dollars at the blackjack tables, and head for a disco to check out the social scene. Next day, grab the Heavenly Valley shuttle bus at 8:30, to be in the lift line by 9—well, maybe by 10, ski all day, back to the room for a quick change, hit the Strip. . . .

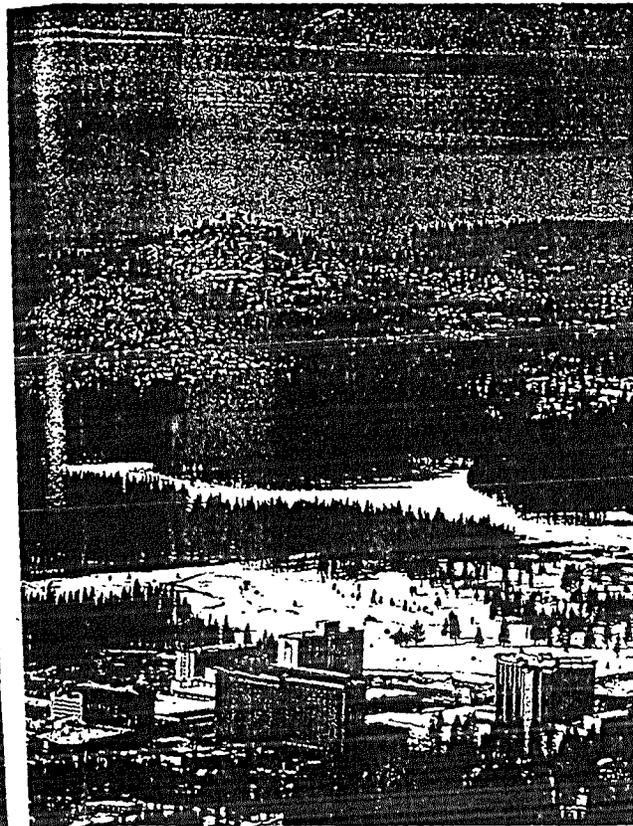
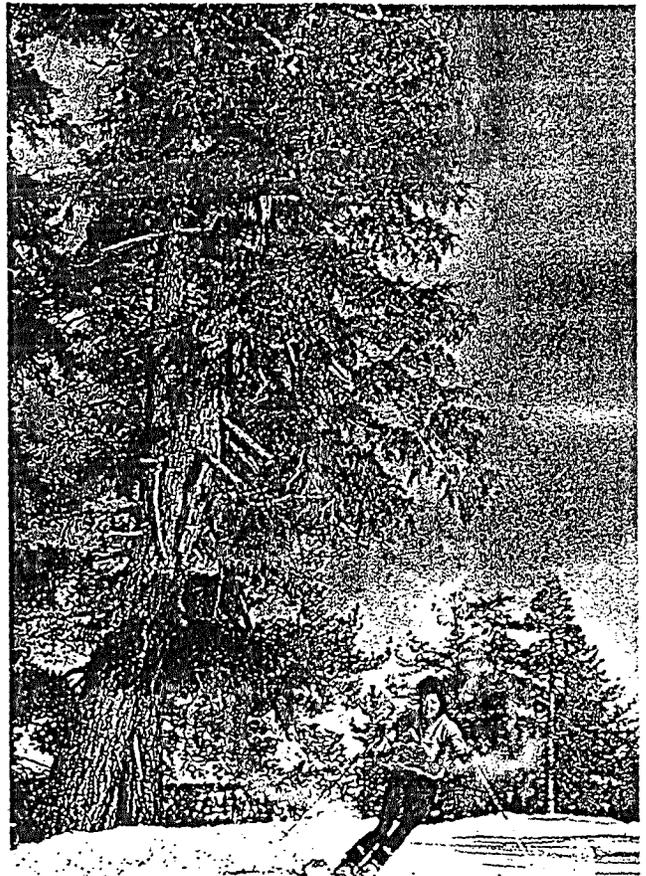
Indeed, what draws people to Heavenly Valley, Kirkwood, and other South Lake Tahoe skiing is not the magnificent scenery. What draws many of them from as far away as Japan and as nearby as Sacramento is the combination of high-rise gambling casinos on the lake and high-class skiing terrain, where the snow is measured by the foot and not by the inch. The same

snow and more falls on the northern Tahoe areas like Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows, but nowhere in the world is there the same combination of glitz and glamour as will be found on Tahoe's South Shore.

Those whose motors don't fall into the 18-to-24-year-old supercharged category of the young men on the plane may modify the schedule, but the goal is the same: a vacation combining high mountains and high life.

In my ski school class, for instance, were Marlene and Charles and Debbie. Marlene and her husband had achieved an admirable compromise in their vacation schedule. She skied all day, he gambled at night, and they took turns caring for their ten-day-old baby. Charles was an oral sur-

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE, LEFT: The leanness of the Nevada desert contrasts with the richness of the snow and the trees at Heavenly; open slopes let Kirkwood skiers open up; sun shines 80 percent of the time in California or Nevada; outdoor barbecue tastes better at Kirkwood than in Bay Area backyards; Kirkwood's Mogul Mountain is exclusive turf for these new skiers; casinos beckon as Heavenly skiers head down on last run.



Residents fighting STPUD plant plan

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BY KATHRYN ARRINGTON
Tribune Staff Writer

As proposed, the initiative would limit the dimension and location of dams and reservoirs within portions of Alpine County. To create another weapon in their war against a South Shore utility, some Alpine County residents are attempting to pass an initiative which would again delay the district's plans for rehabilitation. Organizers of citizens opposed to the South Shore Public Utility District's plans to construct a new wastewater reservoir in the county plan to circulate a petition which could result in an initiative being placed on the June ballot.

Several Alpine County citizens have opposed the rehabilitation project from day one, citing environmental concerns and earthquake danger. (See Residents, Page 4)

Residents

(Continued from Page 1) The Harvey Place Reservoir, which STPUD has proposed building in the county, would lie in a heavy earthquake area, citizens allege. They cite studies and documents which demonstrate the dangers of building such a structure in an earthquake-prone area. Bill Peppin, research seismologist at the University of Nevada at Reno Seismological Laboratory, confirmed that the area of the proposed reservoir is

prone to earthquakes. "It's definitely an area which gets earthquakes," he said. One of the largest recorded earthquakes in the area recently occurred in 1978 with a Richter scale reading of 5. As recently as February 1984, an earthquake of magnitude 4.7 was felt in the Diamond Valley area. Alpine County resident Edie Oldfield said she's seen evidence that the epicenter of that quake was where the district plans to build the dam.

Lisa Chacon

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boosts ranking

Lisa Chacon is making a rapid climb on the Northern California Tennis Association ladder.

The 13-year-old Carson Valley Middle School 8th-grader gained NCTA championship status by advancing to the semifinals in her age bracket at the Country Oaks Racquet Club junior tournament Saturday in Woodland, Calif.

Chacon dispatched three straight opponents while advancing to the girls' 14-year-old semifinals, where she lost in straight sets to No. 1 seed Heidi Chincholo of Stockton, Calif., 6-1, 6-1.

Chacon had qualified for the semifinals earlier in the day by defeating Gloria Bittner from

Cupertino, Calif., 6-2, 6-3.

That performance gives Chacon a championship classification and entitles her to enter any NCTA open tournament.

Sam Chacon, coming off a successful season for the Douglas High School team, played in the Country Oaks tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals before losing on Nov. 3. Chacon, the Northern Nevada AAA zone champion for Douglas High, lost to No. 2 seeded Toby Crawl from Pacific Grove, Calif., 6-3, 6-0.

Lisa and Sam Chacon also are entered in the Amador Valley Racquet Club indoor tournament later this month in Pleasanton, Calif.

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Looking ahead on the calendar, Kirkwood will stage two special events the first week of December. Glenn Jobe's Kirkwood Ski Touring Center will host its annual Kirkwood 10-K cross country race on Dec. 1, and the Napa Naturals Challenge Cup will be held the weekend of Dec. 6-7.

The Challenge Cup will be open to all recreational ski racers, with the top prize being a trip to New Zealand. The trip will be awarded to the Cup's sweepstakes winner.

In other racing news, the Kirkwood Ski Team has organized a non-profit training foundation for young skiers. Tracy Day of Woodfords heads a staff of four coaches.

The Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation already has begun preparation for the season with dry land training. The group has been meeting every Saturday at 1 p.m. at Diamond Valley School.

The team includes a mighty-mite program for 5-9 year olds. Regular team members range in age from 8 to 20.

The mighty-mites are grouped according to their ability, with an emphasis on "fun," skill level development as well as safety awareness and knowledge of the mountain.

"We want our kids to learn good sportsmanship and self confidence, and have a lot of fun, according to Day.

At the same time, she points out that the ultimate goal of the program is to produce an Olympic racer.

Day, a product of San Clemente in southern California, has an extensive skiing background. She was an instructor at Mammoth Mountain for five years (1972-77) and holds a United States Ski Coaches Association level II certificate.

She was also a bronze medalist in her 25-31 age group at the 1983 national masters championships in McCall, Idaho.

11/14/85

Sports

Winter arrives

Winter has arrived.

No genius is required to figure that out. Just look out your window at all the white stuff on the ground.

Much to the delight of the ski community, up to three feet of snow fell in the Sierra this past weekend, and reports say more is on the way. For you local ski buffs, Kirkwood will get an early start on the winter season by opening its mountain for business Friday.

Officials at the Alpine County resort reported 30 to 36 inches of snowfall on Sunday and four more inches Monday. Four chairs will be in operation this weekend, serving beginning and intermediate level runs.

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Alpine council hosts Italian dinner, concert

The Amati Chamber Ensemble, a string quartet from the Bay Area, will perform for an Italian dinner and concert at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville, on Dec. 14. Tickets are \$7.50 per person (including a complimentary glass of wine with dinner), and advanced reservation is required. All proceeds benefit the Alpine County Arts Council.

The evening's entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour featuring wine and antipasto (Crostoni Fiorentini). Guests may view the art exhibit by Alpine artists and visit with the artists and musicians. Highlighting the hour will be the "vernissage" or unveiling of the second Alpine Community Quilt.

The Florentine dinner — Lasagne al Forno, insalata and dessert (Macedonia) — follows at 7 p.m. Ruggero Gigli, native of Italy and culinary expert, is chef. The Alpine artists will assist in the preparation of the meal.

Guests will remain seated at the tables for the concert of Italian classical music that follows dessert. Each musical selection will be introduced with a brief explanation of the style and composition of the work.

The dinner-concert is sponsored by and benefits the Alpine County Arts Council. The Arts Council was founded in 1983 by a

grant from the California Arts Council to promote the arts and artists in Alpine County. The Alpine Visual Arts Guild, a guild of artists that has received grants from the Alpine County Arts Council to run art classes, an art gallery and other related art activities in the county, will set up the art display at the event.

The Alpine Community Quilt unveiled at the event represents the work of 23 local residents. This ambitious quilt features native Alpine County wildflowers. The flowers are rendered in embroidery, crewel, punch needle and applique and set on a free-form, panoramic background. Drawing tickets (\$1 each) will go on sale at the dinner-concert. All proceeds benefit the Alpine County Arts Council. Last year's Alpine Community Quilt raised \$1,200 for the arts in Alpine County.

The Alpine County Arts Council has a fund-raising goal this year of \$4,000. Funds raised toward this goal will be matched by the California Arts Council. The Italian dinner-concert is the first of many such fund-raising efforts for the arts in Alpine County.

For reservations, send check to arrive before Dec. 10 to Alpine County Arts Council, P.O. Box 306, Markleeville, Calif. 96120.



ACTIVE MEMBER. Grace Dangberg was an active member and benefactor of the Carson Valley Historical Society. She is shown atten-

ding the annual Society's potluck picnic at the Mormon Station State Park in Genoa a few years ago. R-C file photo by Jay Aldrich

'Her help made Historical Society what it is today'

by **MICHAEL E. FISCHER**
President
Carson Valley Historical
Society

Grace Dangberg, born February 1896, died Nov. 28, 1985.

In many ways, Miss Dangberg, as all of H.F. Dangberg's grandchildren, led a charmed life. Raised in an era when the Dangbergs were as close as any American family to patricians, Miss Dangberg was educated at the University of California-Berkeley and Columbia University in New York City.

Miss Dangberg worked as a research assistant to Chairman Fred Teggart in the department of social institutions at Berkeley from 1920 to 1932. In 1932, she returned to Carson Valley and began her lifelong interest in the

history of the Valley, its native Americans and its settlers and their descendants.

Perhaps now is the time to emphasize the interrelationship of Carson Valley history and the Dangbergs.

Heinrich Frederick Dangberg Sr. came to Carson Valley in 1856, became a U.S. citizen in 1863 and died in 1904. He and his wife, Margaret Gale Ferris, sister of George Washington Gale Ferris of Ferris wheel fame, raised five children, H.F. Dangberg Jr., John B. Dangberg (father of Grace), George Dangberg, Clarence O. Dangberg (C.O.D. Garage) and Eva Dangberg Greenfield.

In 1902, the H.F. Dangberg Land and Livestock Corp. was formed. In 1906, town lots in Minden were available from the Dangberg Company and the

V&T Railroad made Minden its southern terminus. H.F. Dangberg Land and Livestock held stock in the Minden Flour Milling Co., the Minden Butter Manufacturing Co, the Minden Wool Warehouse, the Minden Inn, C.O.D. Garage and the Farmers Bank of Carson Valley, in whose building the Dangberg Company offices were quartered.

Land holdings were about 20,000 deeded acres in 1906. By 1965, land holdings of the Dangberg Company included 48,864 acres of deeded land, of which 23,425 acres were in Carson Valley. On that land, the company ranged 5,900 cattle, 4,700 sheep and 254 hogs.

They also raised hay and grain to feed the livestock.

At the time of its sale, the prin-

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principal stockholder of the H.F. Dangberg Land and Livestock Corp. was Miss Dangberg.

However, this was not her first love. Rather, her interest was centered on history.

A founder of the Carson Valley Historical Society, Miss Dangberg authored "Carson Valley, Historical Sketches of Nevada's First Settlement" (Minden, 1972). This remains the most comprehensive book on Carson Valley history.

Later she wrote "Conflict on the Carson" (Minden, 1975), a comprehensive, if somewhat detailed, study of water rights on the Carson River. She also published extensively on various Native American subjects.

Miss Dangberg formed the Grace Dangberg Foundation, which has published several volumes related to local history. She was instrumental in perpetuating the Carson Valley Historical Society functions; the Dangberg Trust guarantees salaries for personnel involved with the society. I personally would like to thank her for her help over the years. Without it, the historical society would not be where it is today.

Certainly, in closing, I must apologize for there are many other people who could have written much more and much better. However, they have chosen not to and I must respect that.

Finally, I must note that Miss Dangberg would not have liked this article. She was much too private for that. With apologies to her for the publicity, the Carson Valley Historical Society wishes to publicly thank her for all.

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Grace Dangberg dies at Stanford

Historian was 89

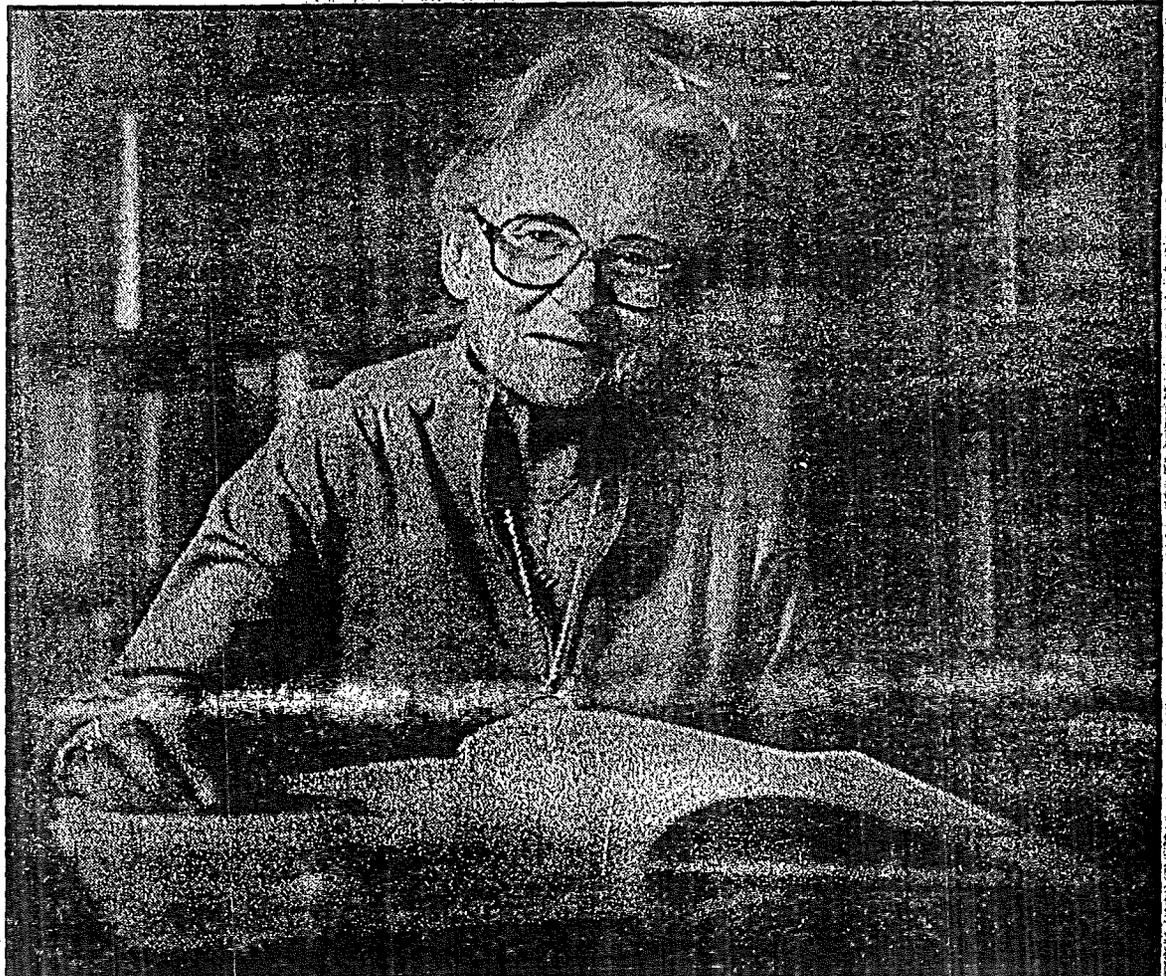
by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

Grace Dangberg, 89, granddaughter of Carson Valley pioneers and respected scholar, died Thanksgiving night at the Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto.

Described as a "very private person" by those who knew her well, Miss Dangberg devoted her life to history and education.

"Grace was interested in scholarship and very much in seeking the truth," Jodie Shull, a Carson Valley writer, said of her former colleague. Shull worked with Miss Dangberg on a number of her many projects.

"She was interested in the world rather than in personal things. She was also interested



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in preserving the way of life in Carson Valley and its artifacts."

Miss Dangberg was active in the Carson Valley Historical Society and endowed the group with a trust to operate the Genoa Courthouse Museum.

Roy Heise, permanent trustee of the Carson Valley Historical Trust, said, "Nevada and especially Carson Valley are richer for the dreams and accomplishments of the Dangberg family."

"Miss Dangberg did not during her life call attention to her accomplishments nor to herself. She was a private person," Jim Bean, secretary of the Grace Dangberg Foundation, said.

"Her main effort as I heard her say many times was not to build monuments but to preserve the historical records of the past."

The Grace Dangberg Foundation was formed in 1982. The foundation has researched and published numerous works on Nevada and world history as well as two textbooks on Nevada history for junior high school students. A third textbook is in the works.

The foundation also supports tuition scholarships for history students at Old College.

In 1983, she published "A Guide to the Life and Works of Frederick J. Teggart," her mentor at the University of California at Berkeley.

She is perhaps best known for her "Carson Valley — Historical Sketches" (1972) and "Conflict on the Carson" (1975), the proceeds of which go to the Carson Valley Historical Society.

Born Feb. 26, 1896, she was the daughter of John B. and Georgie Dangberg and granddaughter of pioneer H.F. Dangberg and Margaret Gale Ferris Dangberg.

She graduated from Douglas County High School in 1913, and

attended the University of California at Berkeley 1914-1918, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and history.

In 1919, she did a year of graduate study in anthropology at Columbia University, New York City, and in 1919-1920 she began pioneer anthropological work on the Washo Indians.

In 1922 she published a book on the Washo language.

She became a research assistant to Teggart, chairman of the department of social institutions at U.C. Berkeley in 1922, and for 10 years was the primary researcher on his epic work, "Rome and China."

In 1927, the U.C. Publications printed her works on Washo texts under the title "American Archeology and Ethnology No. 22."

In 1932, she returned to Carson Valley and became secretary-treasurer of the Dangberg Land and Livestock Co.

In 1968, she continued her anthropological work and published "Washo Tales" and "Wovoka." In 1972, her book "Carson Valley" was the winner of the National Cowboy Hall of fame award for best non-fiction work of that year.

From 1975 to 1977, she collected and indexed the water rights cases concerning the Carson, Truckee and Walker rivers. This was a joint U.S. Bicentennial effort with the Carson Valley Historical Society.

She funded the microfilming of historical records of western Utah, Nevada Territory and the counties of northwestern Nevada. She donated this work to the special collections branch at the library at the University of Nevada-Reno.

In 1978, she was named professor emeritus by UNR.

From 1978 to 1980, she provided almost \$1 million to UNR for scholarly research and publications in the field of

education, and mainly in history.

This year she donated "The First Records of Carson County" to the Nevada State Archives.

The state Parent Teachers Association awarded her a lifetime membership for her work in providing history textbooks to Nevada schools. She was a member of the board of directors of the Douglas County Education Foundation.

Left unfinished at the time of her death was a biography of her grandfather, a work that she had planned for many years.

Her writings were published by the Smithsonian Institution, the University of California Press, the University of California Publications, the Nevada State Museum, the Carson Valley Historical Society and the Carson Valley Historical Society.

In an interview published in The Record-Courier in 1976, Miss Dangberg told Jodie Shull that she fell in love with history at an early age.

"It started when I was about 6 years old. There was a story in the San Francisco Examiner about the mystery of the Sphinx. My mother read it to me, and I was much excited. From that time, I was always interested in history."

Miss Dangberg said that it was the historian's obligation to "write without praise or blame and not to make moral judgments."

Miss Dangberg is survived by numerous cousins. Her brother Gale H. Dangberg died as a young boy, and her sister Doris Taber died in 1946.

Following Miss Dangberg's wishes, there will be no public services. A private cremation and inurnment were held. Those wishing to help with the projects in which she believed may send contributions to the Carson Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 957, Minden 89423.

There's help for those thinking about suicide

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

Help for people who have such feelings of hopelessness and helplessness that they consider suicide as a way out is available through a Carson Valley 24-hour emergency line and toll-free telephone number.

Mental health counselors at the Douglas Mental Health Center trade off time on the center's 24-hour emergency telephone line, and trained crisis line volunteers operate the Reno-based program that can be reached by dialing 1-800-992-5757. The local number is 782-3671.

Dr. Tom Embree of Douglas Mental Health said that both lines are excellent for people who "in the middle of the night are just plain feeling bad" and need to talk to someone.

The Douglas staff member who takes a call either during the night or during office hours listens to the caller and tries to help the person clarify the situation and determine what should be done next.

It's important to remember, Embree said, that a person who is considering suicide is not thinking normally; in a few days or even hours, he may find his feelings have changed, and suicide is no longer a viable op-

tion.

"That's part of the suicide problem—the person feels hopeless and helpless and his thinking is distorted. He doesn't realize that life is going to change, and usually for the better," Embree said.

After the initial crisis is passed, the caller can make an appointment to meet with the counselor of his choice at the Mental Health Center, the next working day if necessary.

Mental Health staff try to work with the client's family to get some kind of support for him and to work out a way to relieve the situation.

If the client has no family,

"then we look at other resources, friends, church if he's an active member—beyond the immediate family to extended family possibilities," Embree said.

"When those resources are not available, and of course that's part of the problem," he said, "then we try to build up contact and relationships he can be involved with."

One of the most popular misconceptions Embree said, is that people who talk about wanting to kill themselves don't really do it.

"This is a myth. What a person is saying is really a serious signal and there is an indication

that a response should be made."

Other clues to watch for is a person who is seriously depressed, who gives away a cherished object in a casual manner, or who makes attempts to "put his business in order."

Among teen-agers, the same warning signs apply, Embree said. Other clues include changes in a teen-ager's personality or behavior—grades slipping when the teen is usually a good student—or the loss of a loved one. The end of a romance or other relationship can be especially hard on teen-agers, Embree added.

What can a concerned fami-

ly member or friend do if he recognizes these signs?

Embree said the first step is to offer yourself as a listener—to talk about what is going on in the person's life.

"Exploring feelings and perceptions of what's going on would be helpful. If you have a genuine concern that suicide is possible, you shouldn't hesitate to mention that the person should seek help from mental health professionals."

Three Douglas County deaths in the past four weeks were believed to have been suicides, including that of a teenager living in the Gardnerville Ranchos.

JUSTICE COURT

The following were sentenced in East Fork Township Justice Court by Justice Court Judge Donald L. Garrison:

• Robert W. Osgood of Markleeville, Calif., to four days in jail (two deferred) and a \$400 fine for driving under the influence, and four days in jail (two deferred) and a \$100 fine for failing to stop at the signal of a peace officer.

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died Jan. 15 at his home in Reno.

He was born in Calaveras County, Calif., June 19, 1917, and lived in the Reno area 10 years.

Prior to moving to Reno, he lived for 15 years in Alpine County, where he retired as superintendent of schools.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Gardnerville and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a sister, Carol A. Rieman of Minden, and a brother, Jack T. Ness of Long Beach, Calif.

Cremation was at Mountain View Crematorium in Reno.

Those wishing to make contributions may donate to Little League Baseball in care of Cathy at Sierra Savings, P.O.

Box 1390, Minden 89423; or to the Alpine County Mother's Club.

Walton's in Reno was in charge of arrangements.

George Clary

George William Clary, 68,

Remember When?

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1961: Alpine escape foiled

25 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Feb. 9, 1961

WATER PROSPECTS. Based on snow surveys made February 1, another poor water year is in prospect, Manes Barton, Snow Survey Leader for the Soil Conservation Service advised this week. The water supply outlook for Carson Valley water users this coming spring and summer, shows little improvement over that experienced during the last two years. February 1st snow surveys indicate the mountain snow pack is varied, but similar to the pack on this date in 1959 and 1960. It is 35 percent of normal.

RUNAWAY PIG. Thirteen prizes were auctioned off last week at the Alpine County March of Dimes Benefit in Markleeville, but perhaps the highlight of the evening was when a pig, donated by Otis "Cotton" Byrom, and brought to the benefit by Undertaker Ber Thomas, made a break for freedom. It was quickly recaptured, however, and order restored.

AIRPORT LEASE. Lester Daniels, of the Douglas-Tahoe Development Corporation, the County Commissioners, and several other interested parties will meet sometime next week to discuss the lease on Tahoe-Douglas Airport, currently held by Daniels.

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LUNCH. Teachers and staff were treated to lunch last Thursday by members of the Parent-Faculty Advisory Committee. Sue Grif-

fin serves kindergarten teacher Mary Ellen Zellmer, left, and Cindi Monroe of the resource room. R-C photos



Tribune photo by Kurt Molnar

A PARTICIPANT in last weekend's dog driver races at Markleeville skims across the snow. More races are planned in Truckee this weekend.

You said it!



What has been your worst experience from this storm?



PAM PENROSE
GES teacher
"We've had some damage around our house and we've had some of the fences blown down. We live over in the Westwood Village apartments. The wind has been really bad over there."



TOM NAGEL
Alpine deputy
"I live up in Woodfords, and so far we've experienced no problems, no flooding, not where we live. We're high."



DIANE GRIFFIN
Administrative assistant
"My horses, they're OK, I just worry about them. I live at Fish Springs. We're very fortunate, really."



ARTHUR STANFORD
Retired
"I've got a sister here that needs to get back to Los Angeles, and she can't get out of here. We drove her up from Los Angeles and we can't get from here to the airport because 395 is closed."



JOE DELOREY
Security supervisor
"It's just a normal winter day. We haven't had a real storm since '50 and '51. I was at the Lake and we had 12 feet of snow and 22-foot drifts. Then there was a problem. I live over here behind the pool."



JOHN WITCHEY
Engineer
"The wind is blowing water through my window sills and my sliding glass doors, and getting my carpet wet. I live in Rancho Estates. I don't get to go to school today, and the wind's keeping me up at night."

By JOANNA MILLER

When Caesars Tahoe sponsors a major event, Lynda Moritz has brought it all together.

And that is no small task.

The coordination of title boxing bouts, karate matches, the Olympic Torch relay last summer, golf tournaments or private receptions for a celebrity are just a few of her credentials as special events manager for the Stateline casino.

"Do I like this job?" she asks, dropping her pencil and looking up from a cluttered desk. "Of course I do. How could I help it?"

With a slight sideways toss of her head, she sweeps thick blond bangs away from her eyes to talk about the daily fast pace and excitement of her job and the relaxation of her personal life.

"This job is never boring. It is terrifying and sometimes amazing, but never boring.

"It's a very high-stress job."

Ms. Moritz, though, has other interests in her busy life.

"We live in Woodfords, a little town with about 150 people and three businesses."

Woodfords is situated near the intersection of highways 88 and 89, near the picturesque Alpine County community of Markleeville.

"We own and run the general store at Woodfords Station there. My husband always wanted to do that. He loves the area."

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Life isn't half-baked for Lynda Moritz



Lynda Moritz and her husband, Dave Kirby, at the counter of their Woodfords store

Tribune photo

Life

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Her husband is Dave Kirby, a naturalist, history and archeology lover and full-time manager of the general store they own.

The Kirbys, who were married last year, live in the restored 100-year-old home once a Pony Express stop.

Two of Ms. Moritz's three children from an earlier marriage, Jim and Addah, attend the University of Nevada at Reno. The youngest, Robert, lives with his mother and stepfather and attends Douglas High School in Minden.

Since her husband is at the store six days a week, Ms. Moritz fills in on Sunday afternoons behind the counter. She also bakes the pies they sell. And she is proud of it.

"People come from all over to try

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my sour cream apple pie. It's the best. One time a guy even insisted we send a piece through the mail."

Another big hit is the rhubarb pie. "Rhubarb grows wild up behind the house," she said.

The pies she makes depend on fruit in season.

"Right now it's pumpkin and pecan."

Ms. Moritz is also an active member of Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe.

Does she find the transition from casino to kitchen a difficult one?

Hardly. She loves the diversity and the daily commute.

"On the way home I'm able to unwind and think about the day. By the time I get home, I'm calm and relaxed."

She likes the blend of rural relaxation and casino dazzle. At home, she bakes, helps at the store, cross-country skis or relaxes.

At work, she puts her inquisitive mind, intellect and creative spirit to the test.

There, she has the opportunity to expand her horizons.

"When we had the billiards tournament, I learned about table covers and television crews shooting the event. When we have fights, I see the sidemen and the

managers. And I hear the special kind of language they use. I get a little glimpse into many different occupations."

There is also the creativity, which she enjoys.

"We get real creative with our invitations."

When a private reception with comedian George Burns was planned, she directed the design of invitation covers with a Caesars ashtray, cigar and a pair of horn-rimmed glasses to depict the comedian's trademarks. A real cigar was attached.

"No one even had to open the invitation and they knew Gorge Burns was going to be here. When we planned a reception with Willie

Nelson, we drew the entire invitation on a red bandana."

The parties themselves are theme-oriented, with elaborate sets and often gourmet spreads. For country singer Nelson, Texas cuisine was served. Straight shots of tequila were served from the base of a ice sculpture in the form of cowboy boot.

Sometimes gifts are prepared for special customers and Ms. Moritz makes sure those are correct. During the Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl exhibition tennis match last August, guests received paperweights of a silver tennis ball attached to a wooden base, T-shirts and ball caps.

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She is busily involved in planning a variety of upcoming sports events, with big name athletes, such as the Connors / Lendl match. More boxing matches are in the works.

For the summer, it's golf. Ms. Moritz said Caesars is working closely with the planning of the U.S. Senior Open tournament in June at Edgewood Tahoe, for instance.

Ms. Moritz acquired her skills in 17 years of on-the-job training that began dealing 21 in Reno. She credits much of her success to a longtime South Lake Tahoe resident who has since become one of her dearest friends.

"I owe a great deal for what I learned in the business to Carol Thomson. She took an unpolished non-office type person and taught me what being in business was all about."

Ms. Moritz said her break began while she was dealing 21 at Harrah's in Reno. One of her customers was a Canadian who regularly scheduled tours to Virginia City.

He asked Ms. Moritz if she would help coordinate the tours on the destination end.

She worked with him for five

years building it up before going into business on her own. Then, Mrs. Thomson asked her to work with Travel Systems, a company she and M.S. Dixie owner Robert Kimball operated.

But Ms. Moritz decided to go it alone, despite a lack of solid business background.

"I had just barely started and kept getting cancellations. But I did not want to go back to work in the casinos."

When Mrs. Thomson asked her, "Are you hungry yet, Lynda?" Ms. Moritz decided to go to work with Travel Systems. She operated the Reno outlet for the company during which time Travel Systems acquired the M.S. Dixie.

Meanwhile, Ms. Moritz started a non-profit language service that provided interpreters for non-English speaking visitors to the area. The interpreters helped with travel planning as well as during times of medical needs.

During her years in Reno, Ms. Moritz, a single mother who reared her children alone for 15 years, wanted a house for her family.

"The banks wouldn't make a loan to a single woman with three dependents. I had to come up with everything in cash but the part of the loan I was assuming."

So, she sold her share of the travel business, liquidated assets and bought the Reno home. She went to work as a hotel manager.

Friends of Hope Valley hope to stop power

The Friends of Hope Valley, a recently formed group in Alpine County, held its first public meeting last week with the expressed goal of preserving and protecting the "historic, recreational and scenic values of Hope Valley."

"The group intends to explore positive avenues of achieving our goal — one that will ultimately benefit the landowners, residents and visitors of Alpine County alike," said Heidi Hopkins, coordinator of the group's steering committee.

Hope Valley is popular with California and Nevada residents for its historic sites, alpine scenery, and summer and winter recreational opportunities.

The area has been used for grazing of livestock for 100 years. Most of the meadowlands are privately owned, used and maintained by ranchers for summer pasture.

The Friends of Hope Valley was formed in response to developments affecting the valley area, including the pending trustee's sale of 6,000 acres owned by rancher and casino owner John Anderson, which formerly belonged to the Dangberg family; increasing

truck traffic; a proposed gravel pit; and the electrical intertie proposed by Sierra Pacific Power Co. (SPPCo.) and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), according to Hopkins.

Last week's meeting, which focused on the intertie project, drew a crowd of residents of the county and other areas.

The utility companies are studying several possible routes for the 345,000-volt transmission line, including one connecting the Buckeye Substation east of Minden with a substation near Folsom, Calif. That route would run west of Hope Valley or approach the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Two other possible routes would follow Interstate 80 between Reno and Roseville.

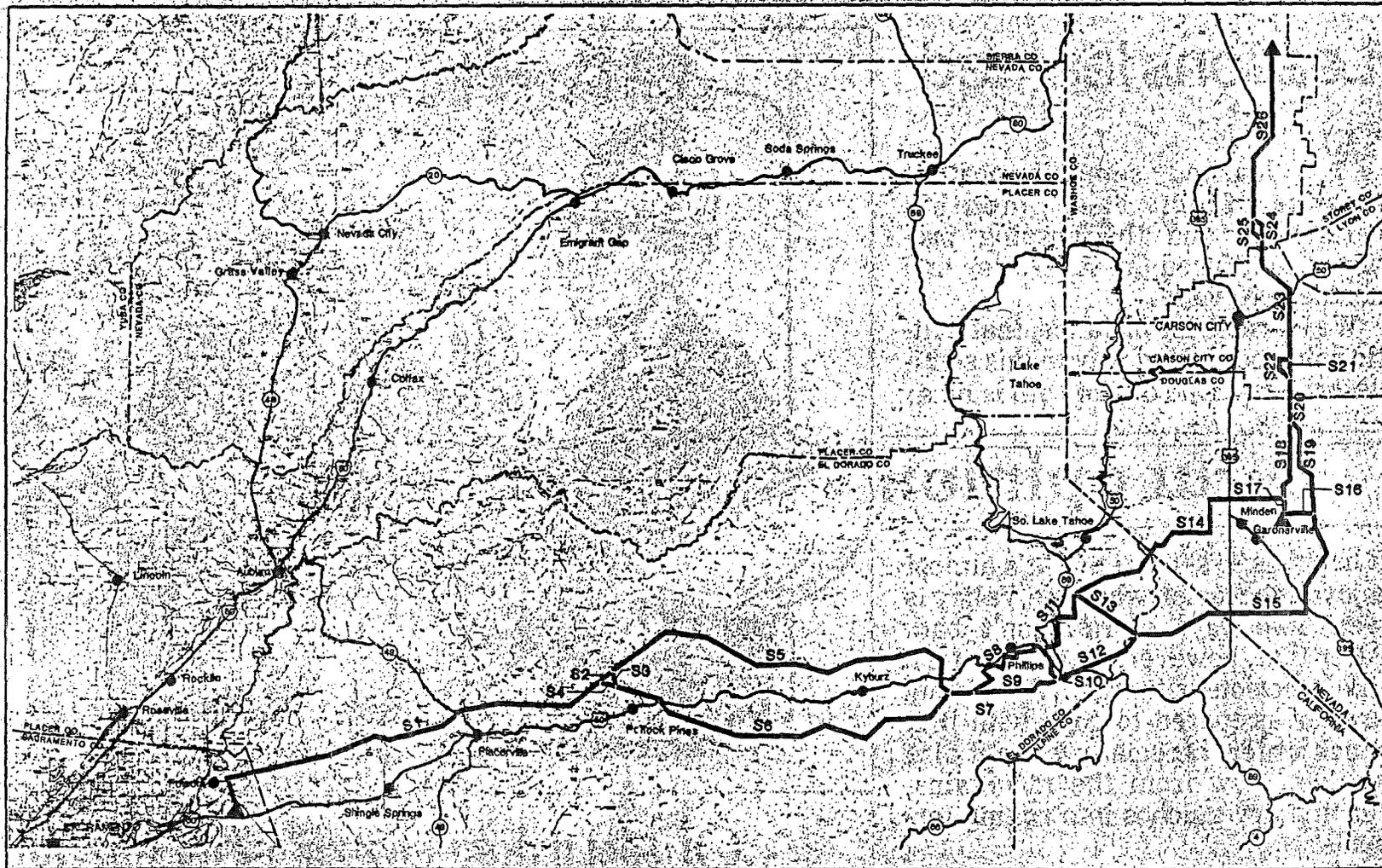
Most of those at the meeting agreed that the presence of a transmission line in Hope Valley would diminish the valley's scenic qualities.

Several immediate steps for the group to take were identified, including completion of paperwork for acquiring tax-exempt status, establishment of contact with all counties affected by the proposed intertie project, and the raising of funds for legal and other research needed to study the project.

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line intertie

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SOUTHERN ROUTE: The bold lines show possible "centerlines," 1,000-foot-wide corridors being studied by Sierra Pacific Power Co. and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for a

345,000-volt electricity transmission line connecting the two utilities. The numbers identify possible segments of the line. The southern route runs from

Minden to Folsom, Calif., and also would tie Minden into a substation in Reno. Northern routes would follow Interstate 80 between Reno and Roseville.

PEOPLE

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Fred Dressler, a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame, still lives in the weathered Carson Valley ranch house where he was born 87 years ago

PHOTOS BY ERIC LUSE



LYNNE KELLY



AMINA COGLEY



KANANI NAHINU



JULIE OLSEN

Five vie for title of Miss Alpine

On March 22, Edwina Chavez, Miss Alpine County, will crown the new queen at the annual Miss Alpine County Ball at Turtle Rock Park between Woodfords and Markleeville.

Contestants for the title are Julie Olsen, LaShell Alpaugh, Kanani Nahinu, Amina Cogley and Lynne Kelly. The girls are seniors attending Douglas High School.

The ball is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and begins at 7 p.m. The pageant starts at 8 p.m. and admission is free. There will be a no-host bar. Music will be provided by the Alpine Trio.

Anyone who would like to help at the ball or make hors d'oeuvres should call Edie Veatch, 694-2934.

Water officials look to stop sewage spills

save article

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writer

The savage string of winter storms which slammed into the High Sierra in late February deluged sewer systems and wastewater reservoirs with flood waters, causing a number of serious spills into Lake Tahoe and other local watersheds.

California water quality officials on Friday pieced together details of these spills, which included history's largest documented discharge of sewage into Lake Tahoe, and discussed how to avoid such instances in the future.

The following sewage spills are the subject of concern:

- An estimated 12.7 million gallons of partially treated sewage was discharged into Lake Tahoe when storm waters overtaxed the emergency holding capacity at the South Tahoe Public Utility District's wastewater treatment plant in South Lake Tahoe. It was the largest such spill in the Tahoe

Basin known to water quality officials.

- An undetermined amount of raw sewage was discharged into Lake Tahoe during flooding of the Bijou area of South Lake Tahoe.

- An undetermined amount of raw sewage overflowed into Lake Tahoe when a manhole cover belonging to the Tahoe City Public Utility District was dislodged north of Homewood.

- An estimated three million gallons of untreated but highly diluted sewage was discharged into groundwater from an emergency holding pond belonging to the Tahoe Truckee Sanitation District.

- An estimated 150,000 gallons of partially treated sewage was discharged onto property surrounding a wastewater holding pond belonging to the Woodfords Indian community in Alpine County.

- Treated wastewater continues to overflow from the In-

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Water

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dian Creek Reservoir in Alpine County and into the Carson River at the rate of 5.8 million gallons a day.

Officials with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board are also investigating the storm-related spill into Lake Tahoe of about 100 gallons of oil waste from a flooded under-

ground storage tank at the Perfection Connection automobile repair shop in South Lake Tahoe.

Lahontan officials delayed any formal action regarding the sewage discharge from the South Lake Tahoe sewage plant, citing the need to collect additional information on the incident.

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Three presumed dead in

By TONY SIN and JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writers

Two men and a woman may have perished Saturday when their single-engine plane disintegrated over Pickett's Peak in Alpine County, strewing aircraft debris over a three-quarter mile area.

The bodies of victims have not been recovered,

and the search continues today.

Identities of the victims are being withheld until relatives have been notified. Some of the relatives are at the scene of the crash today.

Officials declined to say where the three victims were from, but did say they were en route from Washington state to Southern California when the plane smashed into the peak about 1:50 p.m.

Rescue efforts by Alpine, Placer, Douglas and El Dorado counties search and rescue teams were hampered by inclement weather Sunday afternoon. Fragments of the plane, including portions of the fuselage and canopy, were discovered, but rescue workers have not been able find any traces of the victims.

"They found all kinds of debris," said El Dorado

crash

County Sheriff's Deputy Lew Long, "but no people." This morning, Alpine County acting sheriff Larry Kuhl said the most of the wreckage had been found, including the empty seats. "We have found the majority of the wreckage," he said. "We have not found any remains." (See Three, Page 5)

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He added that it was unlikely anyone survived the crash.

Kuhl said the victims were probably buried by the winter storm, and specially trained dogs from the Placer County Search and Rescue team were called in to assist in the recovery operation.

"We're still out there searching hard, hoping we'll come up with something," Alpine County Deputy John Crawford said today.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration arrived at the scene today. And officials of Continental Teledyne of Alabama, manufacturers of the plane's engine, and Beechcraft were also starting their own investigation.

The Beechcraft Bonanza was flying from Seattle to Oxnard when it broke up and smashed into the peak about 1½ miles north of the Highway 88 and Highway 89 junction.

According to the Sierra Area Flight Manager, out of Oakland, the plane was off course. It had been flying at an altitude of about 17,000 feet on autopilot when it drifted off course.

The SAFM notified the pilot and the pilot attempted to correct the aircraft. The pilot said he was having trouble controlling the plane just before it disappeared from Oakland's radar.

According to experts at the scene, the plane probably disintegrated in the air due to gravitational stress which may account for the debris being so widely scattered.

There was no report of the aircraft landing at the South Lake Tahoe airport prior to the crash, and at least one airport official was mystified as to why the plane was in the Sierra Nevada.

"It wasn't single engine weather," said Jim Grady. "You'd stay over the Sacramento Valley. You wouldn't get into

Sierra during a major winter storm.

"They must have been off course," he speculated.

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Intertie concerns

Editor:

Richard Frost is right on the money with his recent letter to the editor. The proposed trans-Sierra intertie between Sacramento and the Carson Valley has NOT gone away. It has just moved a little.

The latest plan calls for the line to run from the Buckeye Substation along the eastern side of the Carson Valley. The line would then cross the southern end of the Valley, cross the Gansberg Ranch and Foothill Road, and go up Fay Canyon. From here the line will turn and parallel Highway 88 through Hope Valley, crossing the Carson Pass adjacent to the highway.

It is this latest version which has upset Alpine County residents. Hope Valley is widely used by residents and tourists, and deserves more than huge towers and utility lines.

A second point which should concern residents of Nevada is the construction and possible ownership of a new coal-burning plant in northern Nevada by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

SMUD directors have proposed owning such plants in Nevada because of difficulty with approval in California. As Mr. Frost points out: California gets the power, Nevada (Carson Valley) gets the towers and the lines, and Utah and Idaho will probably get the acid rain.

Residents who wish to question the placement of huge towers across Hope and Carson Valleys need to join with Alpine County residents and speak up soon. The project is scheduled to get under way in September next year. Write the Nevada Public Service Commission, 505 E. King, Carson City 89710, or: Sierra Pacific Power Co., Board of Directors, P.O. Box 30150, Reno 89520.

RICHARD A. HARVEY M.D.

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Markleeville, Calif.

March 18

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Hope Valley wreck kills three in plane

A plane wreck in the Sierra Nevada near Hope Valley killed three people Sunday.

The plane was enroute to Oxnard, Calif., from Seattle, officials reported. Identified Tuesday as killed in the crash were pilot Frank W. Aurich, wife Barbara Aurich and her son, Eric Shansen.

The wreckage was found Monday by investigators, including the Douglas County Search and Rescue Team.

In a separate incident, five skiers were reported to have suffered minor injuries when a helicopter made a "hard" landing near Freel Peak Monday afternoon. The helicopter was operated by Tahoe Heli-ski of Hope Valley.

Alvina Hellwinkel

Alvina Henrietta Hellwinkel, 76, who died March 31 following a short illness, was a long-time resident of Carson Valley.

She was born in Fredericksburg, Alpine County,

Calif., on March 4, 1910, to Herman and Elizabeth Leifer Scheele. Her parents resided on a small ranch on the West Fork of the Carson River near the Neddenriep Ranch. Her father hauled milk and cream for area farmers to the creamery while she was growing up. Following his death, the family moved to

the Gardnerville area.

In later years, Mrs. Hellwinkel lived in Dutch Valley in Alpine County, where she was engaged in ranching for about 32 years; returning to Gardnerville in 1961.

Mrs. Hellwinkel was preceded

in death by her sisters and brothers, Freida Hellwinkel, Dora Heidtman, Fred Scheele and Henry Scheele. She also was preceded in death by her daughter, Harriet Hellwinkel Stever in 1958.

Mrs. Hellwinkel was active in the senior citizens and was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, where she served on the mailing committee for many years.

Surviving are her son, Kenneth W. Hellwinkel Sr., and grandchildren Frances Pedroarena of Minden, Kenneth Hellwinkel Jr. of Riverton, Wyo., and Kendra and Kale Hellwinkel of Wyoming. She is survived by one sister, Clara Krueger of Reno, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hellwinkel had a desire that memorials to the MS Society instead of flowers be made. She was interested in this since Harriet's death in 1958.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Emil Leising officiating. Arrangements were made with Walton's Funeral Home, and burial was in the Fredericksburg Cemetery.

George Koenig

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A memorial service was held Saturday for George C. Koenig, 75, of Topaz.

Mr. Koenig died at home March 19. He was born in Markleeville May 20, 1910.

He was a resident of Topaz for 65 years, coming from Markleeville.

He was a rancher.

Mr. Koenig was survived by his wife Alice of Topaz; son Ray of Montrose, Calif.; daughter Marilyn Summer of Topaz; brother Cecil of Grangeville, Idaho; brother Ray of Carson City; sister Lucille Chain of Colville; sister Ellen Byassbe of Reno; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Inurnment will be at the Fredericksburg Cemetery at a later date.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley was in charge of arrangements.

yesterday at Trinity Lutheran Church for Alvina Henrietta Hellwinkel, 76, who died Monday in a Reno hospital.

She was born March 4, 1910, in Fredricksburg, Calif. She lived in Gardnerville 25 years coming from Alpine County.

She was a homemaker.

She was also a member of the Young at Heart Senior Citizen's Club.

Mrs. Hellwinkel is survived by a son, Kenneth W. Hellwinkel Sr. of Gardnerville; sister, Clara Krueger of Reno; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Inurnment was in the Fredericksburg Cemetery.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Northern Nevada Chapter, 3100 Mill St., Reno 89502.

Alvina Hellwinkel

A funeral service was held

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Sorenson's offers guided tours into High Sierra

Three guided tours into the High Sierra will be available this spring at Sorenson's Resort in Alpine County.

Families, groups and individuals can choose between whitewater rafting, back country fishing and hiking the historic Emigrant Trail.

Bill Colescott, a 20-year veteran of eastern Sierra fishing, will take guests to a setting of their choice including a meadow, high country creek or an Alpine Lake. He also is available for overnight trips to the back country.

Mort Testerman of Mort's Outrageous River Trips is in his fourth season with Sorenson's, offering raft trips down the East Carson. Trips begin in the high

meadows near Markleeville and twist through the volcanic canyon that was once home to the Washoe Indians. The trip includes a stop at one of the natural hot springs along the way.

Jess Machado, who first walked the Mormon Emigrant Trail in 1929, will lead tours over the famous path from May through October. The hike includes por-

tions of the route taken by John Fremont and Kit Carson in 1843 and part of the Pony Express Trail used in 1864.

For further information and prices, contact Sorenson's at (916)-694-2203 or write Sorenson's Resort, Hope Valley, Calif., 96120.

The resort is located one mile east of the junction of Highways 88 and 89.

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Campground opened

The Markleeville Campground in the Toiyabe National Forest has been opened, according to Mike King, district ranger.

The campground is located off Highway 4 next to Markleeville Creek. At an elevation of 5,500 feet, it offers good fishing for rainbow trout and is seven miles from Grovers Hot Springs State Park.

Ten campground units are available, each with a picnic table, fire pit, free-standing grill and parking pad. One vault toilet, garbage pick-up and water are available. Vehicles more than 16 feet long are not recommended. Daily fee is \$6.

On May 23, Crystal Springs Campground, Snowshoe Springs Campground and Kit Carson Campgrounds will open. All are located along the West Fork of the Carson River, a few miles south of Gardnerville off Highway 88.

For more information, contact the Carson District Office at 882-2766 in Carson City.



Scholarship

Exalted Ruler Gene Robinson of the Minden-Douglas Elks Lodge presents Julie Olsen, a student at Douglas High School, with a \$500 check to be used as tuition in a college of her choice. Julie lives in Markleeville. The local lodge makes this award

every year to provide educational opportunity to worthy youth who have maintained a high academic rating. The ceremony was held at Sharkey's Banquet room last week to honor several youths at a recognition dinner. Harold Hall photo.



WILLIAM F. NEDDENRIEP

He was a lifetime resident of Carson Valley and was a rancher.

He attended business college in Oakland, Calif.

He was married Oct. 12, 1927, to Lena Herbig at Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served as a member of the board under the Rev. Paul Felten and the Rev. Emil Leising.

He was a charter member of the Carson Valley Kiwanis Club, a supporter of 4-H Clubs, and a booster of Douglas Engine Co.

He served on the board of supervisors for Alpine County from 1921 to 1929.

Soroptimists honored him as father of the year in 1975.

He was a lifetime rancher with holdings in Alpine and Douglas counties. He irrigated up to the time of his illness in August of 1985.

He was an avid sportsman and particularly enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Mr. Neddenriep was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Lena, and son Wilton.

He is survived by his wife of Gardnerville; daughter, Marlana Hellwinkel of Minden; daughter, Angela Courtney of Hawthorne, Calif.; brother, Fritz Neddenriep of Gardnerville; sisters, Anna Dressler of Gardnerville and Dorothy Ber-

rum of Minden; grandchildren Heidi Weyland of Frankfort, Germany; Kent, Mark, Lori and Lisa Neddenriep of Gardnerville; Donna Armuth of Ref. Robb Hellwinkel of Minden; Ross and Todd Courtney of Hawthorne, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Larry Miller presided at the service and the Rev. Emil Leising gave the eulogy. The Trinity choir sang.

Pallbearers were Herman Herbig, Daniel Hellwinkel, Ed Schumann, Chris Gansberg Jr., Samuel Chacon, and Eugene Felten.

Honorary pallbearers were Chris Gansberg Sr., Hubert Bruns, Henry Dreyer, Cecil Stodieck, John Pasek and William Lampe.

Ushers were L.E. Jacobsen and Clarence Godecke Jr.

Burial was in the Fredricksburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the World Relief Fund in care of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville or a charity of choice.

Walton's Chapel of the Ve was in charge of arrangements.

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100 YEARS AGO Friday, May 7, 1886 Genoa Weekly Courier

COLT SHOT. A fine three-year-old colt belonging to Dan Hawkins, of Alpine county, was shot and crippled for life by some unknown person on Wednesday of last week. The instrument used was a shotgun, the charge taking effect in the hip, making a hole about two inches in diameter and showing plainly that the shot

Remember when?

was fired at close range. If not an accidental shot, the guilty party should be detected and punished to the fullest extent of the law. Nothing but fear will deter such a person from committing any crime on the calendar.

William Neddenriep

A funeral service was held yesterday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville for William F. Neddenriep, 91. Mr. Neddenriep died at a Gardnerville care center April 27.

He was born May 28, 1894, in Fredricksburg, Calif., to Christian Freiedrich and Anna Dreier Neddenriep, early Carson Valley pioneers.

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Three hurt in weekend accidents

Three people were injured in two separate automobile accidents on U.S. 395 Saturday.

John Cornett, 40, of Gardnerville, was taken to Carson-Tahoe Hospital with serious injuries after the northbound 1969 Ford pickup he was driving ran off the road.

According to Highway Patrol reports, the vehicle ran off the east side of the road at 3 a.m.

Saturday, hit a mile marker, re-entered the roadway, overturned off the west edge of the road and hit a tree.

The accident is under investigation.

Two women, Estella Conway, 23, and Cynthia Lundy, 26, both of Markleeville, were taken to the Carson Valley Emergency Health Center with minor injuries after a head-on collision

Saturday on U.S. 395, 23 miles north of the state line, according to the NHP.

Conway, driving a 1975 Audi station wagon northbound apparently crossed into the southbound lane at 11 a.m. and struck the 1974 Dodge pickup truck driven by Randy Moore of Minden.

Moore was not injured.

The accident is under investigation.

Editor:

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A big thank you to all who participated in the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce recent election. It was a great turn-out.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead with all of the events planned and some to be announced. We have embarked on a bold advertising campaign to attract more visitors to our California Alps.

We continue to expand our support and cooperative efforts with local groups, supporting the Bear Valley Music Festival, Miss Alpine County pageant, children's Halloween party, Candidates' Night, Community School, Bear Valley Wine Festival, the Country Faire, the Arts Festival, Little League, the Death Ride, dog sled races, Showshoe Thompson Mail Run, Miss Teen ALL-American, Pony Express re-ride and dinner, among others.

We invite all in the Carson Valley to join with us in making a better community.

A special thanks to Roy Hatcher who joined us from the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce.

John Brissenden, President

Paul Washam, Vice-President

Nadine Wickham, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Kirby, Director

Roberta Felesina, Director

Chuck Keebaugh, Director

John Wipfl, Director

Frank Higgenbotham, Alternate Director

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e material to be mixed with
oil on the Heise Land and Live-
stock ranch near Woodfords.

But some area residents,
many from the Woodfords In-
dian Community, are not con-
vinced the sludge poses no
threat and feel government of-
ficials should have notified res-
idents before disposing of the
material.

"We don't want this stuff in
our area," said Desiree Cruz, a
Washoe Indian who has two
children attending Diamond
Valley School. "If the sludge
does get into the water table it
could get into our water. They're
toying with our lives, with our
health."

About 40 Washoe Indians and
other area residents last Satur-
day held a protest at the ranch
and attempted to halt trucks
transporting the sludge from
South Lake Tahoe. Alpine Coun-
ty sheriff's deputies arrived on
scene but no arrests were made

or citations issued.

The Indian community took its
concerns to Alpine County
School District trustees Tuesday
night and planned another
meeting tonight with various
county officials, including some
county supervisors.

Superintendent Martin said he
is confident the sludge poses no
hazard to students at Diamond
Valley School, but added he ap-
proved requests to provide bot-
tled water and test the school's
wells to put parents' concerns at
ease. He stressed the school dis-
trict does not want to become po-
litically involved in the issue.

About 25 of the school's 121
students did not attend school
Monday, Martin said. The
children were kept at home in
protest of the sludge being
dumped near school grounds,
Cruz said.

Alpine County Health Officer
Greg Hayes agreed the sludge
poses no health hazard.

The Daily Tribune

Sewage sludge causes concern

By JEFF D. LONG
Tribune Staff Writer

Students at Diamond Valley
School in Alpine County will be
given bottled water for the dura-
tion of the school year due to cit-
izen concern about possible well
contamination from sewage
sludge.

Despite assurances by state
and county officials that no
health hazard exists, Alpine
County Schools Superintendent
Richard Martin said today that
bottled water will be made
available to the students at the
elementary school and testing of
the school's well will begin
Thursday.

"We're taking no chances and
we just want to assure people,"
Martin said.

About 2,500 tons of sewage
sludge was spread out as soil
conditioner on a ranch near the
school over the past week. The
sludge material, which settles
during the wastewater treat-
ment process, was removed
from the South Tahoe Public
Utility District's wastewater
treatment plant in South Lake
Tahoe as part of the rehabilita-
tion project under way there,
according to utility manager
Jim Coter.

"This is not hazardous
waste," said Gary Lilton of the
state's Lahontan Regional
Water Quality Control Board.
After testing the material for
possible contaminants, the state
board issued a waiver allowing

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Essay earns boy trip to Washington

by MAUREEN CROCKETT
Special to the R-C

Russell "Beaver" James, a seventh grade student at Diamond Valley School in Woodfords, Calif., was recently posed a thought-provoking question: "What would you do to make the future better for yourself and your children?"

He thought quite a bit about his future and decided that he would very much like to attend college and become a counselor, enabling him to help his community to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

He wrote an essay and sent it to the Reno office of Save the Children. One week later he was notified that he had won a trip to Washington D.C. for one week. On Sunday, April 27, Beaver left for the nation's capital. Ahead of him was a week of tours, museums, video-movies, and other special-arranged events. Thursday, May 1, was the most important day of the trip; it was National Save the Children Day.

Thursday morning the group either testified before the U.S. Senate, or, like Beaver, posed questions to the Senators. Their afternoon was filled with visits to the Congressional gallery, where each student met with his or her state congressmen.

One day prior to Beaver's

departure for Washington D.C., his sister Stacey also left for the same destination. Bernice Servillican, counselor and advisor for the Washoe Indian Education Program, was asked by Unity (United National Indian Tribal Youth Inc.) to select an outstanding tribal member (a high school junior or senior) in which she would entrust the very fate of her tribe.

She chose Stacey James, a Douglas High School junior. While in Washington D.C. Stacey attended many presentations, meetings, and discussions about many topics, including the Pride of Native Americans. She also testified before a Congressional committee.

MAKING A FUTURE FOR MYSELF AND MY CHILDREN

By: Russell "Beaver" James

In the future I would like to help kids that are having problems with alcohol and drugs. We have a Washo counselor, and I think, I'd like to do the kind of work she's doing.

The only way I will get there is by going to college. It will be hard but I think that I can do it. The only way I will get to college is by getting good grades in high school. Once I am out of high school I will have to look for a job. When I get enough money I

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will go to college. It will be rather hard because I will be all alone. None of my friends will probably go to college. So I will be all alone. But sooner or later I will try to make a lot of friends.

When kids get involved with drugs and alcohol it just wastes their lives. I would try to help them try to stop taking drugs and alcohol. I know it will be hard to work with these kids.

They will call me bad names and pressure me, but I can try to learn to cope with them.

The reason I would like to do this is because I don't like to see lives wasted. Another problem that I would like to try to solve is try to help Indians obtain more and better jobs.

After I finish my education I hope to return to my own area and help the young children and teenagers there. I will talk to the younger children and try to stop

them from getting involved in drugs and alcohol before it is too late. I would set up activities, counseling sessions and field trips.

Helping kids with drugs and alcohol problems I feel I can better their lives, by giving the encouragement and support that these kids will need so that they will have a better outlook on the future—as well as their future families and life styles.

Dumped sludge angers residents

by TREVA ZELLER
Staff writer

Residents of the Woodford's Indian community in Alpine County want answers. They want to know why treated waste from the South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) is being spread on land near their homes.

Contractors who obtained a state permit began spreading the treated waste last week as fertilizer for private farmland, a few miles from the Woodford's community.

Officials are saying the treated waste has been extensively tested and is considered non-hazardous. The material, treated sludge, was removed from a holding pond at the utility district's treatment plant.

But residents who unsuccessfully tried to stop the spreading of the sludge with protests are questioning what impact the treated waste will have on the quality of water in the area.

"We've lived here all our lives," said Bruce Jones, who added that he lives about three miles from the farmland where treated sludge was spread.

"We don't want to be the dumping ground for the big businesses of Lake Tahoe."

"They don't realize that 15 years from now it will seep into the water system."

Jones said he was among a

group of residents who tried to stop trucks from spreading the sludge, but they were later told to leave the area by law enforcement officials.

In order to get some of the answers they want, those residents were scheduled to meet with county and state officials Wednesday.

Caroline Gutierrez, chairperson of the Woodford's Indian Community, said she was 100 percent behind those who got upset because she also lives in the area. But she added that she needed to find out what really happened.

"People do get upset when they don't know what's behind the scenes."

The residents probably will hear that the sludge, a by-product of sewage treatment, was spread by a contractor involved in its removal from the plant.

According to STPUD General Manager James Cofer, the sludge is from the tertiary process for sewage treatment. He said the material is treated with lime and chlorine, and extensive testing determined it to be non-hazardous.

He said a similar sludge material was used on the same farmland a few years ago. The sludge helps the acidic soil in that area, according to Cofer.

The contractors are scheduled to remove material for the cleaning of another pond, Cofer

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said, but he was not certain when that would be or where the material would go. The pond that already has been cleaned has a lower level of chlorination than the second pond, which is a breakpoint chlorination pond in the tertiary process, according to Cofer.

Michael James, senior water resource control engineer with the California Regional Water Control Board—Lahontan Region, confirmed that the agency issued the permit. He said the permit was a conditional waiver of the waste discharge requirements.

He explained that the board reviewed the project and found that use of the non-hazardous

material was not against the public interest.

The use of the material is not considered to be hazardous to the quality of water or to the water table because of certain restrictions placed on the project, according to James.

Constituents detectable in the material also were measured at levels 100 times less than that which could affect the water level, James said.

The agency required the contractors to create a 100 foot buffer zone from any irrigation ditch or streams. The west fork of the Carson River is in the vicinity of the 11 acres where the sludge was applied.

According to James, the site is about one-third of a mile from

Indian Creek, which flows into the east fork of the Carson River. The field is not in the vicinity of any domestic wells, but there are several irrigation ditches in the area, James said.

But James stressed that the agency has insured "fully adequate controls" for public health.

The material poses "very little threat" with only a slight chance that it contains some pathogens (bacteria and virus), James said. He added that only someone who touched the material might be endangered, and that the soil breaks the material down further.

The permit allows a one-time application for the land owned by Clarence Bu

Heise Land and Livestock Co., for a proposed crop of alfalfa.

Contractors had permission to spread 285 tons of liquid sludge per acre, or a total of 2,500 tons including water, according to James.

Alpine County planner Leonard Turnbeaugh also said the project went through the proper process, "and it poses no threat to the people or to the water."

He said the county was informed but required no permits that he was aware of because the material was non-hazardous.

"We don't control a farmer fertilizing his field," Turn-

from the
blic Utility
o by Laura



SLUDGE. This field in Alpine County became the site of protest last week as residents tried to prevent the spreading of treated waste from the South Tahoe Public Utility District. R-C photo by Laura Desimone

High-voltage power line: Should it cross the Sierra?

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After crossing the state line, it would go through the mountains south of Heavenly Valley and the city of South Lake Tahoe to Meyers, staying just north of Luther Pass on Highway 89. After exiting the Tahoe Basin at Echo Summit, it would follow high ridges either a few miles north or south of Highway 50 to drop down to a new substation at Folsom, just outside of Sacramento. Unlike the I-80 route, most of the Highway 50 corridor has no existing high-voltage lines.

Nobody along either route is eager to have 80- to 120-foot steel towers and massive, high-voltage cables near their homes or communities.

But a question as important as where it should go is whether it should go at all.

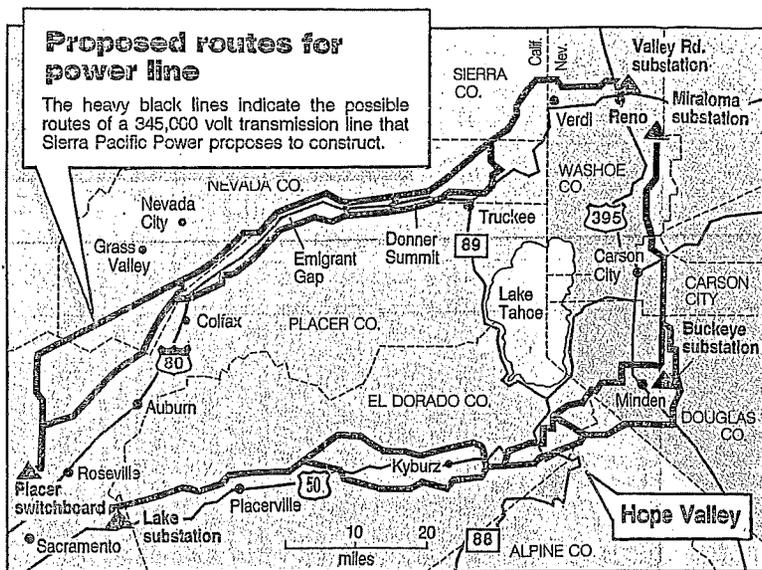
Homeowners, environmental groups, planners and county officials are asking whether the power line has to be built on either route.

Even confidential memos between executives of the two utilities question whether the \$130 million project is needed now. The memos were obtained from SMUD's files under the Freedom of Information Act by Friends of Hope Valley, an Alpine County, Calif., group trying to keep the power line out of that meadow-covered high country south of Lake Tahoe.

As recently as late December, Gerald Canning, Sierra Pacific's vice president of electrical system planning, was worrying in a memo to his counterpart at SMUD, George Fraser, that the economic justification for the project appeared to be weakening.

"There have been three significant events since the start of the SMUD Intertie Project that have substantially reduced the primary benefits upon which the tie was . . . to take its hard justification," said Canning, listing them in his Dec. 27 memo:

□ New contracts Sierra Pacific has negotiated with the Utah Power and Light Co. have increased the ability of the northern Nevada utility to import surplus



□ The cost of the intertie is growing. If, in fact, the parties are forced into the northern route, the cost of the intertie could be better than double the original estimates.

Gerald Canning/vice president of electrical system planning Sierra Pacific Power Co.

intertie to out-of-state utilities.
"The permit if received is of great

When the Reno-to-Minden line is added, plus necessary "system upgrades" such as new substations and measures to overcome the sensitive environmental problems on the southern route, the costs equalize, Sullivan said.

"It makes no difference what we prefer as far as economics, or engineering, or some other aspect," said Sierra Pacific spokesman Mike Reed. "What it amounts to is that the project has to be looked at in total, and that includes environmental concerns. And those are what the environmental impact statement will address."

NEVERTHELESS, SMUD and Sierra Pacific are not going to wait for the U.S. Forest Service to issue the environmental report in August or September. The utilities plan to announce their "preferred

governmental agencies routinely include "no-action" alternatives as hypothetical examples against which the real "action" alternatives are merely compared, O'Connell said, "but we try to treat all three alternatives equally."

She said the Forest Service might agree with the two utilities on a preferred alternative. If not, the agency and the proponents could pick different alternatives.

In either case, she said, the process will not be done until the public gets a chance to comment on the preliminary environmental impact statement. Within 60 days after it is issued in late August or early September, the Forest Service will hold public hearings on it as well as accept written comments.

Then it will issue the final environmental impact statement and its final decision early next winter.

THE UTILITIES HOPE to have the project approved by March 1987 and built by January 1990.

But the project has to clear still another major hurdle before that can happen: a permit from the Nevada Public Service Commission under the state's Utility Environmental Protection Act.

Sierra Pacific plans to submit a separate environmental report to the PSC by October.

While the PSC also will be concerned with the environment, it will question Sierra Pacific even more closely than the Forest Service on the economic justification for the project.

At this point, Mitchell said, Sierra Pacific is going to have to present "some cold hard facts," to prove it is needed.

Despite Canning's memo, Reed insists there is a need for it.

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seasonal peaks. We're looking at daily peaks, too. We might buy (power from SMUD) only two or three hours a day."

Thus, Sierra Pacific power could flow west when Sacramento's air conditioners start kicking on at midday, and SMUD power could flow east when Sierra Pacific's customers come home from work and start turning on their TVs and electric ranges.

□ The intertie would increase the reliability of the entire Sierra Pacific system by opening up additional new power sources. It would reduce the likelihood of blackouts, brownouts or power shortages in northern Nevada.

That might be true, Mitchell said, but utility companies do not build interties for that purpose alone. They do it to gain access to "leased import capability" — in other words, definite contracts for imported power. Increased reliability "would be gravy."

Canning's memo, however, said that since Sierra Pacific is going to have to spend \$5 million to \$10 million to increase its "system stability," the SMUD intertie could absorb those costs since it would accomplish the same thing.

□ The trans-Sierra intertie would free an additional 100 megawatts of capacity on Sierra Pacific's Idaho and Utah interties that could be used to import cheap hydroelectric power from the Northwest.

Sierra Pacific normally has to hold this capacity in reserve in case something happens to one of its major power sources, but the SMUD intertie would provide that cushion.

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SMUD, George Fraser, that the economic justification for the project appeared to be weakening.

"There have been three significant events since the start of the SMUD Intertie Project that have substantially reduced the primary benefits upon which the tie was . . . to take its hard justification," said Canning, listing them in his Dec. 27 memo:

□ New contracts Sierra Pacific has negotiated with the Utah Power and Light Co. have increased the ability of the northern Nevada utility to import surplus power from the Pacific Northwest. "The benefit of additional import capacity has been substantially lessened."

□ One of SMUD's rationales for the intertie was to sell excess power from its Rancho Seco nuclear project to Sierra Pacific. However, the Western Area Power Administration has agreed to buy all excess power from Rancho Seco.

That could be a moot point anyway. Rancho Seco has been shut down since it automatically turned itself off in December. It could be down a lot longer while SMUD and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission find out why. The plant, nearly identical to the ill-fated Three-Mile Island plant, faces extensive safety checks.

□ "The cost of the intertie is growing. If, in fact, the parties are forced into the northern route, the cost of the intertie could be better than double the original estimates."

The \$130 million estimate the utilities are using already reflects that. A year ago, they were quoting figures in the \$50 to \$80 million range.

SMUD would have to sell power to Sierra Pacific at between 5 and 6 cents per kilowatt-hour to recapture its share of the cost, Canning wrote. Sierra Pacific's coal-fired Valmy plant currently produces electricity for about 4½ cents per kilowatt hour.

That is significantly higher than what the company is paying for its imported power now. "As a practical matter, this virtually eliminates the possibility that Sierra will be buying large blocks of power from SMUD, except on an as-available, occasional basis," he said.

It might be time to start looking for additional partners for the project, Canning suggested, or at least determining if Sierra Pacific could use the intertie to "wheel" electricity from the power-rich Northwest to power-hungry Southern California.

Sierra Pacific and SMUD officials even discussed the possibility of selling the

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Gerald Canning/vice president of electrical system planning Sierra Pacific Power Co.

intertie to out-of-state utilities.

"The permit, if received, is of great value itself," said a "confidential meeting summary" dated Oct. 15. "Many utilities have expressed interest and would likely reimburse SMUD and Sierra for permit expenditures, if they could take over the line."

SMUD and Sierra Pacific might even make a profit by selling their governmental approvals, the discussion continued.

Prospective buyers mentioned included Pacific Gas and Electric, Idaho Power, Portland Power and Light Co. and the Western Area Power Administration, a federal agency that markets power from large hydroelectric projects.

That idea was dropped, however, after utility officials realized they could not transfer their permits; other utilities would have to make their own applications if they wanted the intertie.

Canning's December memo concluded that the whole project might have to be dropped if the Forest Service insisted on the northern route.

"It appears that the project would have to be revisited," he said, "if we were forced onto the northern route."

DESPITE THAT, Sierra Pacific officials say the two routes are equal in cost and are being given equal consideration.

Heidi Hopkins, president of Friends of Hope Valley, charges that the utilities have wanted to go the southern route all along, because it appeared shorter and cheaper. Planning officials from Douglas and Alpine counties share those suspicions.

Mike Sullivan, Sierra Pacific's project leader, admits the southern corridor was the original choice. It was only half as long as the northern route, about 116 miles, so the choice was "simple economics."

But they weren't counting the 39-mile Reno-to-Minden segment they would have to build to reach the trans-Sierra starting point at the Buckeye Substation north of Minden.

It makes no difference what we prefer as far as economics, or engineering, or some other aspect," Sierra Pacific spokesman Mike Reed said. "That it amounts to is that the project has to be looked at in total, and that includes environmental concerns. And those are what the environmental impact statement will address."

NEVERTHELESS, SMUD and Sierra Pacific are not going to wait for the U.S. Forest Service to issue the environmental report in August or September. The utilities plan to announce their "preferred alternative" in a joint newsletter in late June, Reed said.

Paul Olmstead, assistant project leader for SMUD, said the announcement could come sooner than that. He said the utility companies want to start talking as soon as possible with the counties in the path of their preferred routes: Washoe, Sierra, Nevada and Placer counties in the north or Carson City and Douglas, Alpine and El Dorado counties, if the southern route is chosen.

"We want to deal directly with the counties that are going to be directly impacted," he said.

The utility partners, Reed said, don't need to wait for the environmental impact statement because they will base their decision on the same data used in the report.

"Basically all of the work is done that leads to that conclusion (the preferred route) and we can go ahead and release it."

Reed said the two utilities have budgeted \$5.4 million just to plan the project and have spent about half of that already.

THE FOREST SERVICE is in charge of the federally-required environmental impact study because it and the federal Bureau of Land Management control the majority of the acreage the transmission line would cross, whether on the northern or southern route.

Peggy O'Connell, leader of the Forest Service environmental study team, said the report will consider a third alternative the utilities don't like to talk about: the "no-action alternative."

Forest planners want the utilities to show the "purpose and need" for the project so they can weigh that against its impacts on scenic beauty, recreation, wildlife, timber stands, soil erosion, water quality and other environmental values.

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"We have to do something to strengthen our ability to provide electricity to Carson City and the Carson Valley," the Sierra Pacific spokesman said. Residential and industrial projects approved in Douglas County "will result in a tremendous additional demand" and there will be some population increase at South Lake Tahoe despite growth limitations there.

Douglas County officials, who oppose the project, scoff at that argument.

The line's 400-megawatt capacity would be many times the power the Carson Valley will need in this century, said Douglas County Planner John Renz.

"They know that's BS," said Renz. "This line isn't designed to serve Douglas County."

Douglas County and Alpine County, Calif., supervisors have voted unanimously against the project going through their jurisdictions.

Carson City and Washoe County officials have yet to take a position.

Reed said the situation has changed in the five months since Canning wrote his memo that justification for the project appeared to be waning.

"Anything we say today is based on today," he said. "Tomorrow it may change."

HOWEVER, he cited several of the same benefits Canning listed in his memo, as well as arguments the utilities used in their Intertie newsletters last year to justify the project:

□ When Rancho Seco is out of commission, SMUD will need to buy power from Sierra Pacific more than ever.

Then, "who knows," Reed added, once Rancho Seco gets up and running, Sierra Pacific might be able to buy nuclear-generated power from SMUD.

If not, he said, SMUD has interties with other northern California utilities that could "wheel" their excess power over SMUD lines to Sierra Pacific.

□ SMUD is a summer-peaking utility while Sierra Pacific has its biggest peak around Christmas. That would allow the two to trade power to meet their peak demands.

However, Cynthia Mitchell of the Nevada consumer advocate's office said Sierra Pacific's summer peak has become almost as big as its winter peak.

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Although Sierra Pacific has not agreed to do that, said Reed, "There's no two ways about it. California is a market, and most of the available power is to the north and east of us. We're the bottleneck."

In the electric power industry, Nevada is known as "the doughnut hole," because of its huge area void of interstate power lines, Reed said.

But once again, Mitchell said, "wheeling revenues" alone cannot justify building the line.

□ Most important, Reed said, the intertie might help both utilities postpone construction of new power plants.

"Sierra Pacific Power Co. is trying to avoid having to build any more power plants for the remainder of this century, and this power line will help us avoid it," he said. "Generally, building transmission lines is much less expensive than power plants."

Many of the assumed benefits are based on "what-ifs," Reed and Sullivan admit.

But, said Sullivan: "All of those what-ifs open up tremendous flexibility for the company buying and selling electricity."

Reed denied the intertie has anything to do with a 2,000-megawatt "energy park" that its parent company, Sierra Pacific Resources, wants to build at Thousand Springs, north of Wells.

Sullivan said the SMUD intertie would be too small, anyway. Thousand Springs would need 500 megawatts for its first phase alone, and the new intertie would only have 400 megawatts of capacity; and Sierra Pacific Power Co. would own only half of that.

Sullivan also said the company has rejected Canning's idea of finding additional partners to share the cost of the intertie.

"It becomes too unwieldy for projects of this type," he said. It brings more regulatory agencies and financing problems into the picture. And because different utilities would have different reasons for building it, Reed said, the more utilities that share the intertie, the more Sierra Pacific would have to compromise the benefits it seeks from the project.

Alpine County, rightfully named 'The Alps of America'

By Arthur Ribbel

ALPINE COUNTY — This tiny bit of country, mounted prettily in the high Sierra, has much to set it apart from ordinary counties in America. It is the smallest county in California, and one of the smallest in the country. Its population "is just under 200 and the registered voters number approximately 650," reported the

Yesterday In the West

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

The county has no public transportation, no hospitals, no drugstores, no supermarkets and no high school, said Dody Halvorson, Chamber secretary.

There are only two small elementary schools, one with 120 pupils, the other with 20.

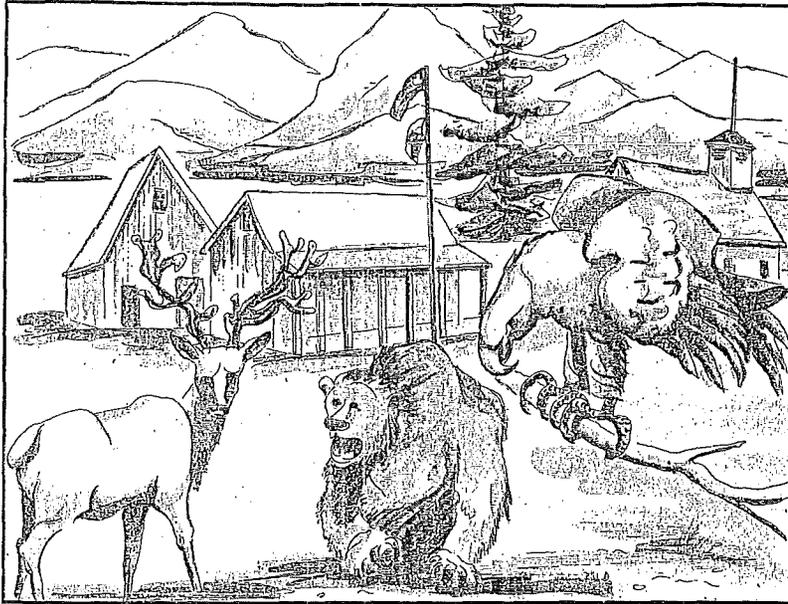
"There are no major industries in Alpine County. Timber and cattle ranching cover most of the county," said the secretary, adding that the county has two "very large and popular ski resorts, Kirkwood and Mount Shasta."

"The promotion of tourism is the most important factor in Alpine County," Halvorson said. "This is a lovely county offering visitors a round recreation and sightseeing activities."

Alpine also has a health clinic, a doctor and a nurse on call, and a beautician-barber.

Highways 88, 89 and 4 serve the county, which has as its county seat a quaint and historical Markleeville.

The Alpine County Library is located in the Courthouse Annex at Markleeville. The courthouse is a useful edifice of native stone and stands on the site of the cabin of 1855 J. Marklee, who settled there



Sketch by Virginia Ribbel

in 1861. Marklee was shot and killed during a quarrel years later.

There is an impressive roster of volunteer organizations, including the Native Sons of the Golden West, County Historical Society, Parents Club, Arts Council, Visual Arts Guild, Family Support Council, Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse, Red Cross, senior citizens and church services and activities.

Alpine County is rightfully named "The Alps of America," with its majestic mountains set high in the Sierra Nevada, an emerald land of fir, pine, aspen and juniper and jeweled by blue lakes and streams.

The slow growth of the county is in striking contrast to the amazing population explosion in Southern California and other places in the Golden State.

An Alpine County enthusiast had these golden words to say about the high land more than a decade ago:

"This is the land of the big sky and open spaces (776 square miles); its horizons are not blighted by man's works — smoking chimneys, high-rises and monolithic concrete — and the air here has a special quality. Let it remain so. It may be one of California's last frontiers of primeval forests and open space.

"Maybe it is well that snow covers

the earth here in the winter, swelling the streams and cleansing the land of people's summer litter and repairing their defacements."

Most of the Alpine citizens, no doubt, feel the same way.

Some years ago, the good people of Markleeville erected on Main Street a memorial to a doe deer, Mollie, the town's pet and the mother of its deer herd. A wooden plaque was erected in Mollie's memory after she was killed by some thoughtless boys.

It was calculated once that Alpine County might have had more black bears than people — certainly more trout than two-legged inhabitants.

The county was disturbed in the

1970s over an unusual threat to the status quo of the little community. Its people said at the time that a gay liberation group was contemplating moving in enough voter members to take over the government of Alpine County. There were only about 385 voters in the county then, and if the liberation group voters moved in enough votes, they could take over all of the elected offices, including the members of the board of supervisors, sheriff, assessor, judges and other offices.

The settlers at Alpine County "circled their wagons," so to speak, formed committees and prepared to fight the threatened takeover.

But the sheriff's offices came out with the intelligence that Alpine's ferocious mosquitoes and its winter freezing cold discouraged the new would-be voters.

(One old-timer said the mosquitoes were so large they barked.)

A sheriff's informal report said that the carnivorous mosquitoes attacked some naked people with vigor at surrounding lakes and streams, and the cold penetrated deep in their bones.

There are big mountains, big boulders and big trees in this rugged land. There are foxes, coyotes, porcupines, badgers, bears, raccoons, deer, marmots, skunks, squirrels, chipmunks and bobcats hereabouts.

The birds number blackbirds, redwings, bluebirds, brown creepers, chickadees, doves, eagles, flickers, flycatchers, grosbeaks, grouse, hawks, jays, juncos, magpies, owls, wrens and many more.

Some big names have passed this way. J.A. Thompson, called "Showshoe Thompson," was a most extraordinary mailman, for he plowed laboriously through the awesome snow of the Sierra, starting in the 1850s, to carry his mail pack from Placerville in California to Genoa, in western Nevada. His route

lay via Alpine, a distance of more than 80 miles. Sometimes his mail pack weighed as much as 100 pounds.

Thompson said once that his snowshoes were nine feet long, were turned up in front and flat-bottomed, four inches wide in front, 3½ inches behind and 1½ inches thick in the center. Snowshoe Thompson is buried in Genoa.

There is a Kit Carson marker on Highway 88, at the summit of the Kit Carson Pass. On a tree there, the famous scout was said to have inscribed his name in 1844, when he guided an expedition commanded by Capt. John Fremont over the Sierra Nevada. The original inscription was cut from the tree in 1889 and placed in Sutter's Fort in Sacramento.

Ebbetts Pass on Highway 4 at Alpine was discovered by and named after John Ebbett in the 1850s.

On Highway 89 at Alpine, there was a Pony Express Remount station.

On March 16, 1864, Alpine County was created by an act of the Legislature.

It has seen some rousing silver mining years on its eminence of 5,500 feet not far from Nevada. Markleeville boasted a population of 2,600 in 1864, when its silver mining was booming and lumbering was going strong. The town was swept by fire in 1866.

Markleeville is 187 miles from San Francisco; 122 from Sacramento; 67 from Reno; 175 from Bishop; 35 from Carson City; 223 from Lone Pine; 457 from Los Angeles, and about 550 from San Diego.

"Get Lost In Alpine County!" is one of the most recent promotional slogans put out by Alpine boosters.

Another is "All Highways in Alpine County Are Scenic Highways!"

A longtime San Diego newspaperman, Ribbel is retired in Carlsbad.

Alpine candidates at open forum

Candidates for nine posts and an issue will appear on the ballot for Alpine County residents during the June 3 primary election. Supervisor for district one and the sheriff/coroner post are contested, while other candidates are running unopposed. They all will appear at a forum, hosted by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, at 6 p.m. Thursday at Turtle Rock Community Center.

Auditor-Recorder

Alpine County Auditor-Recorder Barbara J. Ryan faces no opponents in her bid for election to the post to which she was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on Jan. 1, 1974.

Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Ryan was employed as the chief deputy clerk.

Her husband is the manager of the Ace Hereford Ranch in

Alpine County. They have five grown children.

Treasurer

Alpine County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dolores Clark was appointed to her position by the Board of Supervisors on Nov. 7, 1983. She is running unopposed.

A graduate of Napa College with a major in business administration, Mrs. Clark was in the banking profession 19 years before her appointment to the treasurer-tax collector position.

She and her husband, Jim, have four grown children and four grandchildren.

County Question

One question will be on Alpine County's June 3 primary election ballot. It is a proposal to abolish trustee areas and to elect the Alpine County Board of Education and Board of Trust-

ees on a countywide basis.

School Superintendent

The Alpine County Unified School district needs to better deal with student drug and alcohol abuse, according to the lone school superintendent candidate.

Incumbent Richard L. Martin, 51, said all departments of government working together will be one of the answers to the problem, however, not the only one. Other ways to solve the problem include developing recreational opportunities, encouraging drop-outs back into the schools and developing opportunity classes for drop-outs, high school and middle school students who have a high potential for drug and alcohol abuse. He also called for improving the schools drug education program.

The district will be working on the science curriculum and it has just completed a portion of a multi-purpose lab. In addition, with the large Native American population, the district needs to work on a curriculum that keys into their needs, particularly in grades kindergarten through third, he said.

The only capital construction required is the bus garage, a project currently underway. With the garage, the district will be able to do more work on the buses as well as keep the weather from deteriorating them.

Don Jardine, candidate for district one supervisor in Alpine County, wants to see more planned economic growth within the county.

Jardine, 35, said growth in the private sector can be stimulated

through changes in some ordinance, particularly those that the planning commission deal with. But, he said, the changes would have to be fair not only to the local businessmen but also the local residents.

He complimented the current county administration, saying "We've got a good county government right now." However, he said the area now is facing federal funding adjustments. The county must continue to apply for federal money if it wants to maintain the high level of services.

Having served as a sheriff reserve, a volunteer in the fire department and as an emergency medical technician, Jardine said he is familiar with the county departments.

Sheriff

John Bennett, the current

Alpine County supervisor for District 3, is seeking the post for county sheriff.

Bennett, 58, said as a supervisor, he has learned to be a competent and efficient administrator able to work smoothly with other counties and various agencies.

Claiming 24 years of law enforcement experience — the last seven as an Alpine County deputy sheriff, Bennett said he understands the bigger picture of how the sheriff's office fits into the community and interacts with other departments. He said it is particularly important a sheriff understand the responsibilities, needs and troubles of his staff.

He calls for upgrading public protection and restoring public confidence in the sheriff's position.

Candidates

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The forum, attended by about 50 people, was sponsored by the Alliance for Business and Lodging Enterprises.

In her opening remarks, incumbent Mayor Neva Roberts said the city faces the problem of a decrease in revenues but she expects the shortfall to be made up in revenues generated through redevelopment and from special events, many of which she said may take place at the proposed city park.

Candidate Robert O'Grady said in a familiar campaign stance that the Lake Tahoe Airport is draining the city coffers. He suggested corporate contributions from Stateline casinos and Heavenly Valley Ski Resort to help subsidize the airport. He also said those industries could promote packages that encourage visitors to use the Tahoe airport rather than the one at Reno.

Incumbent Terry Trupp said the city cannot make a demand on Heavenly Valley, which is not within the city limits, or the casinos, which are in another

state, to contribute to the airport.

Rather, Trupp suggested innovation and holding down spending.

Candidate Keith Klein believes, there are "creative ways" that the city can tap into state and federal grants in the coming year. However, he said the city would have to study the grants closely to make sure there were no strings attached.

Candidate Linda Mendizabal echoed Trupp's feelings that revenues can be raised through the tourism industry, saying the tourists have to be treated "like they are our guest."

Candidate Harry Ariza said he did not have an answer as to what the city should do to cope with revenue shortfalls. But in his opening remarks, he said the money used to subsidize the airport should go toward the wages for city employees.

Running for El Dorado District 5 supervisor, John Cefalu said although there are no figures to substantiate it, he believes that a majority of the population lives on the western slope.

You said it!



Why didn't you sign up for the school's alcohol-free senior party on the M.S. Dixie?



TERI FIORE
Senior

"Nobody else was going. I thought it would be fun being with your friends for the last time. I kind of thought it was a good idea because no one would get hurt and everyone would remember what a good time they had, but then I also thought it was a little strange because everybody else would be drinking somewhere else, celebrating the fact that they're getting out of school."



LYNNE KELLY
Senior

"My boyfriend and I were going to go out that night. I kind of thought it was dumb, because last year they had alcohol but they took all the keys away so no one would drive drunk, so no one would get hurt. This year, a lot of people want alcohol at the party so they won't go to their class senior party. They're going to get drunk, and they're going to drive, so I think it's more dangerous."



AMINA COGLEY
Senior

"My mom and her boyfriend and I were going to see the Jefferson Starship concert. Alcohol doesn't really bother me, but a lot of the kids in the school want that. They're not having it this year because of Sarita's death. But I know they're going to drink because they only sold like 15 tickets to the senior party. A lot of the kids are going to have their own parties, and they're going to probably drive, some of them are probably going to get hurt."



TRAVIS BINKLEY
Senior

"I think it's unfair personally all of a sudden. It's just traditional to have some type of alcoholic beverage such as champagne for a celebration like that. If they'd have had all that plus alcoholic beverages, I think they would have gotten a lot more response to it. They had too much packed into one night, and it was like we had to follow a schedule. Senior parties should be kind of relaxed."



RICK HARRIS
Senior

"I didn't sign up because I couldn't afford it. It was fifteen bucks. They'll probably go out and drink anyway, no matter what."



ANDREA RODGERS
Senior

"I was planning on going out of town that night. But if I were to stay, I would have liked to have gone because I think it's good that the school was willing to do something like that. It sounded like a lot of fun. It was a good idea to bus everybody up there."

Woodfords seeks help with sludge

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School kids to drink bottled water

by TREVA ZELLER
Staff writer

Although residents of the Woodfords Indian Community were told the dumping of sludge in the area was "a reasonable risk," they plan to seek their own monitoring for possible hazardous material.

Meanwhile, children at the Diamond Valley School will drink bottled water through the end of the school year as a precaution, according to Alpine County Superintendent of Schools Richard Martin.

"There's no indication there is anything wrong with the water,"

Martin said, "but because of the concern of many parents, we decided to put bottled water in the classrooms."

The Diamond Valley School, with an enrollment of 121 students, is located one mile from the site where treated waste from the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) was spread. The school district also has ordered a special testing of a nearby well.

Contractors who obtained a state permit recently spread the sludge on private farmland a few miles from the Woodfords Indian Community in Alpine County.

Officials have said the treated waste was extensively tested and is considered non-hazardous. The material, which is being used as fertilizer, was removed from a holding pond at the utility district's treatment plant.

However, residents who unsuccessfully tried to stop the spreading of the sludge with protests are questioning the impact the treated waste will have on the quality of water in the area.

People of the Woodfords Indian Community and the Washoe Tribal Council met with state and county officials last week to get answers regarding

the sludge and the process that allowed for its dumping.

Residents asked how accurate the testing of the material was and whether they could be guaranteed that the sludge would not harm them. Resident Desiree Cruz said she was concerned because the sludge, a by-product of sewage treatment, included waste not only from dishwater, showers and toilets but also from hospitals in the Lake Tahoe area.

"How can we get a guarantee in writing that this won't harm us?" Cruz asked.

Cruz also suggested that the dumping of the sludge violated county ordinances as well as state laws against public nuisances. If so, she said

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Woodfords: Sludge worries residents

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id should seek court action to have the sludge removed. Another resident, Edie Field, said the Tahoe area attracts thousands of transients who might carry viruses. She added that waste would come from hotels, dry cleaners and photo shops.

Those who attended the meeting last Wednesday also questioned the possible presence of Giardia in the sludge, a one-celled animal common in the streams of the Sierra that can cause long-term intestinal problems.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRW-3), the controlling agency, issued the waiver for the dumping of the sludge, had not required testing for Giardia, according to state representative Hiko Itagaki. Testing for Giardia is an expensive and complicated procedure, according to Itagaki. She said testing now is in the experimental phase and often gives false positive results.

Attorney Tim Pemberton suggested that officials made an improper conclusion if the "non-hazardous" material was not tested for more harmful items such as Giardia and viruses.

Another audience member, Tinseth, said she has not been pleased with past testing for Giardia in the area. A member of her family had contracted the disease a few years

The runoff will mix with (the sludge) and run into the

streams, and it will increase Giardia in our water system," Tinseth said.

An independent laboratory did test for heavy metals and organic compounds, which registered below limits of detection, officials said. Those present were in concentrations at least 100 times less than the designated levels necessary to protect groundwater, according to Itagaki, an engineer with the Lahontan board.

Because the material was determined to be non-hazardous, a conditional waiver was granted to allow the spreading of 285 tons of liquid sludge per acre, or a total of 2,500 tons including water. A public hearing was not required because the waiver dealt with "non-hazardous" material, according to Itagaki.

But when residents asked whether the material is 100 percent "non-hazardous" they were told that a very small risk was involved. Alpine County Health Officer Greg Hayes said officials could not make a 100 percent determination that the sludge posed no threat.

Hayes also agreed with residents that the issue involved more than health. Residents had questioned why the sludge could not be used to fertilize lawns at Lake Tahoe, if it was determined to be safe. However, the state requires that all treated waste be removed from the Tahoe Basin.

"This is Alpine County and this is someone else's waste," Hayes said. "If it was our own waste, it would be easier to say,

'Well we made this, we need to do something about it.'"

"Why do we have to take the risk?"

But Hayes said his job in this case was only to determine whether the material posed an unreasonable risk or a reasonable risk.

After reviewing information, he said he came to the conclusion that "it is a reasonable risk" and that risk is very low. He added that it would be hypothetical to say that viruses are in the sludge or that any viruses could cause harm.

He said the only danger might come if someone ingested the material. The sun also dries out anything harmful in the sludge, and mixing with the soil breaks the sludge down further, officials said.

According to STPUD General Manager James Cofer, the sludge is from the tertiary process for sewage treatment. He said the material is treated with lime and chlorine.

STPUD has a \$10,000 contract for the cleaning of two holding ponds as part of a rehabilitation project. Sludge from another pond is expected to be removed in September, but Cofer said he did not know where the sludge would be dumped.

Contractors reportedly had looked at land disposal sites before they agreed to the private arrangement in Alpine County.

Alpine County did not issue any permits for the dumping of the sludge because it was determined to be non-hazardous by the controlling agency, the

Water Quality Control Board, according to Elinor Sawdy, a member of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

Sawdy apologized to residents who had not been notified about the dumping before it began. She said the information had been posted in some areas, but not in the Woodfords Indian Community.

State and county officials agreed to work with the residents and the Washoe Tribal Council regarding the need for possible testing. They said monitoring would continue to insure that contractors are following conditions, such as proper fencing and signs to keep people out of the areas.

Meanwhile, Washoe Tribe Chairman Robert Frank said Indian Health Services would look at the analysis and provide input.

The tribe could then go back to Water Quality Control Board with their concerns and possibly build a case to stop the dumping of sludge, according to Frank.

The real power to stop the importation of the sludge are the people themselves," Frank said. He added that the residents also had to ensure that the county follows its own ordinances.

Frank urged the residents to continue to be involved in the issue as a whole. The tribe is involved in an ongoing legal battle against a proposal to construct a new wastewater reservoir in Alpine County. All of STPUD's treated sewage is pumped to Alpine County for storage.

The 11 acres of land where the sludge was spread is about one-third of a mile from Indian Creek, which flows into the east fork of the Carson River. The field is not in the vicinity of any domestic wells, but there are several irrigation ditches in the area, according to LRWQCB engineer Michael James.

The waiver allowed a one-time application on land owned by Clarence Burr of the F. Heise Land and Livestock Co. for a proposed crop of alfalfa.

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Two killed in accident

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Two Carson Valley women were killed Monday in a traffic accident on Highway 88 just east of Fredricksburg Road in California when their sports car hit another vehicle head-on.

The driver, Lesly Ann Price, 23, of Gardnerville, died at the Carson Valley Emergency Health Center. Her passenger, Caren Ann Tognotti, 21, also of

Gardnerville, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The driver of the second vehicle, Bonnie Jean Symmonds, 55, of Woodland, Calif., was transported by Care Flight from the CVEHC to St. Mary's Hospital in Reno where she was listed yesterday in serious but stable condition.

According to the California

Highway Patrol, Price drove her yellow 1977 Corvette off the road at a high speed Monday at about 1:30 p.m. and overcorrected directly into the path of Symmonds' white Toyota.

Price was the sister of Gary Price, who was injured in a hit-and-run accident in Virginia two years ago and since has been confined to a wheelchair.

Alpine County

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MARKLEEVILLE — There will be no runoffs for Alpine County offices in the November general election.

Miner Donald Jardine captured 65 percent of the vote in Tuesday's primary to outpoll three opponents for the District 1 supervisor's seat being vacated by Eleanor Sawdey, who chose not to run again.

Final, unofficial returns showed Undersheriff Larry Kuhl easily defeated County Supervisor John Bennett 266 to 164 for sheriff, assuring that Bennett will stay on the Board of Supervisors for another two years, rather than move into the sheriff's office. Incumbent Sheriff Archie Wood is retiring.

Auditor-recorder Barbara Ryan coasted to an easy win over write-in candidate Gail Steinman, 270 to 152.

Locals high in carcass event

by WALLACE J. PETERSON
Extension Agent-in-Charge

Carson Valley 4-Hers and FFA members won a number of top awards at the annual Carcass Evaluation Field Day and Program held at UNR's Main Station.

All 350 animals slaughtered from the Nevada Junior Livestock Show were graded and evaluated for a maximum cutability with ten of the top carcasses of sheep, swine and beef taken to UNR's Meat Lab for further breakdown and evaluation. These animals were then displayed for livestock members, parents and the general public.

In the lamb division, Douglas County did extremely well in having seven of 12 carcasses displayed. Heather Robison's lamb carcass placed third, Cheryl McMurray's fifth, Dave Bourne's eighth, Mark Johnson's ninth and Paula Pawlisyzy's 10th. Also on display were the carcasses of Gary Aldax's grand champion and Nikki Rice's reserve champion.

In the swine division, Joshua



CARCASS AWARD. Joshua Coyan received a second place carcass award in the swine division at University of Nevada-Reno. Joshua received a check from the Nevada

Junior Show Board Executive Secretary, Don Hanks and State 4-H Leader, Larry Haskell. Wallace Peterson photo.

Coyan's swine carcass placed second.

Each of the 10 top award winners received cash scholarships

sponsored by Carson Valley Meats, Lahontan Valley Meat Company, Mori Wholesale Meats and local individuals

Holiday crashes claim four lives

By JO EWALD
Tribune Staff Writer

Four people were killed in area automobile accidents over the holiday weekend, two near Placerville and two in Alpine County.

A Sacramento woman and an 11-year-old girl were killed in a five-car pileup Sunday at 1:45 p.m. on U.S. Highway 50 near Fresh Pond between Placerville and Lake Tahoe.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Elaine Salzberg, 40, drifted over the center divider into oncoming traffic and struck another car head-on. Both cars went out of control and were struck by three other vehicles.

Elaine Salzberg died at the scene. Her husband, Harvey Salzberg, and her mother-in-law, Mitzy Salzberg of San Francisco, were hospitalized with injuries. Three children in the vehicle were reportedly unharmed.

An 11-year-old girl the family was baby-sitting

died from injuries after she was transported to University Medical Center. She was identified as Karen Elder.

Harvey Salzberg is listed in fair condition at UMC. His mother is listed in stable condition at Marshall Hospital in Placerville. The CHP said the driver of the car struck by the Salzberg vehicle was treated for injuries and released.

*A head-on collision Monday at 1:43 p.m. on State Highway 88 in Diamond Valley in Alpine County resulted in the deaths of two people and the injury of another.

According to the CHP, a Corvette and a Toyota were involved in the crash. Both people in the Corvette were killed, while the driver of the Toyota was transported to Saint Mary's Hospital in Reno.

The names of people killed are being withheld pending notification of relatives. The injured person is identified as 55-year-old Bonnie Symmonds.

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Douglas High students earn many scholarships

Big money in the form of scholarships was won by many Douglas High School students this year, and at a special awards assembly last week, some students learned for the first time they had earned them.

One of the biggest winners was Troy Liput, who was appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy, a four-year scholarship that could be worth more than \$100,000.

Another special winner during the evening was Michael Sheets, valedictorian of the class. He was awarded the Timkin-Sturgess \$5,000 scholarship and a Notre Dame wrestling scholarship worth \$3,000. He as well as Liput and other students were awarded more than one scholarship or given special recognition during the evening.

Stefanie Kramer took the Bently scholarship worth \$4,000 and Sam Terzich was given the Xebec scholarship worth \$4,000.

Kahani Nahinu earned a \$6,950 scholarship to Johns Hopkins University and Cheryl Ericsson earned a \$2,000 scholarship from the Nevada Gaming Commission. Steve Shaffer earned a full-tuition scholarship to Ricks College, and Heidi Feil took the \$2,500 scholarship from the Douglas County Memorial Fund. John McAuliffe won a \$3,000 scholarship from Caesars Tahoe.

Others to win scholarships are Western Nevada Community College, Julie Homer, \$240; Nevada Gaming Commission, Julie Olsen, \$1,000; First Federal Savings business award, Jeff Hart, \$200; Outlaws Softball Team, Chris Mistak, \$250; Soroptimist International of Carson Valley, Heidi Feil, \$500 and Darcy Hart, \$200; Northern Nevada Beauty Academy, Kelli White and Annette Melvin, \$600 each; and Douglas County Republican Women's Club, Annette Melvin and Kelly White, \$150 each.

Silver State Beauty College, Adrienne Laughlin and Connie Adams, \$500 each; Minden Rotary, Jaime Williams and Cheryl Ericsson, \$1,000 each;

University of California at Davis, Suzy Voorhies School, Julie Olsen, \$500; University of Northern Colorado National Award, Heidi Feil, \$1,000; Douglas County Memorial, Kathy Dangberg, \$1,500 and Mark McKibben, \$1,000; Alpine Parent's Club, Kanani Nahinu, \$1,200, and Debbie Wood, \$600; and Alpine Parent's Club Merit Award, Amina Cogley, \$50.

Pacific Soaring Council, Kathy Dangberg, \$500; Sierra Savings, Craig Morrison, \$1,000; Minden Fortnightly Club, Todd Gansberg and Heidi Feil, \$300 each; Contel, Chris Mistak, \$1,400; Topaz Sagehens Homemakers, John McAuliffe, \$500; Douglas High School Drama, Vikki Gardner, \$200.

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Senior Girl, Heidi Feil, \$50; Outstanding Senior Boy, Michael Sheets, \$50; Carson Valley Lions Club wrestling, Michael Sheets, \$250; John Ascuaga's Nugget, Richard Meadows, \$1,000; University Women's Club of Carson Valley, Jennifer White, \$350; Sally Lyda Journalism, Janell Palmatier, \$500; Elks International, Julie Olsen, \$500.

Robert Z. Hawkins, Ardis DeVaney, \$1,000; Town and Country Homemakers, Heidi Feil, \$300; Carson Valley Sertoma, Darcy Hart and Jose Ituri, \$1,000 each; University of Nevada-Reno E.J. Questa 4-H, Lori DeFelice, \$800; Carson Valley Art Association, Julie Homer, two courses at WNCC; and Kelli White, art course by Geri Lawrence; Topaz La Sertoma, Cari Mortimer, \$500; Topaz La Sertoma service award, Ardis DeVaney and Cheryl Ericsson, \$50 bond gift certificate each; Lassen College honors, Michael May, \$1,000; Beauty Masters, Dana Toreson and Darlene Reeves, \$600 each.

Awards, including medals, certificates and plaques were also given to students during the evening. Among them were dictionaries that were awarded to members of the National Honor Society donated by the Gardnerville Women's Literary Club. Senior members are:

Kathy Dangberg, Ardis DeVaney, Cheryl Ericsson, Heidi Feil, Kim Fry, Todd Gansberg, Laura Helstedt, Desiree Koslov, Stefanie Kramer, Troy Liput, John McAuliffe, Mark McKibben, Richard Meadows, Craig Morrison, Cari Mortimer, Kanani Nahinu, Julie Olsen, Janell Palmatier, Chris Reynolds, Michael Sheets, Jeff Springer, Sam Terzich, Lauren Tingley and Yuko Watanabe.

A ROTC scholarship certificate was given to Troy Liput, and DHS departmental awards were given to: outstanding business student, Sheri Vazanko; outstanding English student, Julie Olsen; outstanding math students, Michael Sheets and Kim Fry; outstanding science student, Michael Sheets; outstanding social studies, Troy Liput; outstanding speech and debate, Craig Morrison and Jeff Springer; outstanding band student, Lauren Tingley; outstanding chorus student, Yuko Watanabe; outstanding art student, Julie Homer; outstanding drama student, Jon Chism; outstanding leadership, Stephen Ascuaga and outstanding vocational arts, Mike May.

The Marine Corps distinguished athlete award was given to Michael Sheets.

Army college fund certificates were awarded to Mark Atanasio, Jon Chism, Paul Larsen, Robert Mortiz, Mike Phillips, Jon Shields, Jeff Springer, James Tilman and Jeff Ramsden.

The Bank of America plaque for achievement in the field of science and math was given to Julie Olsen, and in the field of liberal arts, Kanani Nahinu.

The University of Nevada-Reno pin was given to John McAuliffe.

Nevada Scholar medals and certificates were given to Kimberly Fry, Troy Liput, John McAuliffe, Michael Sheets, Sam Terzich and Lauren Tingley.

National Scholar athlete medals were given to Stefanie Kramer and Michael Sheets.



"The Dungeon" - where Alpine County's historical records are currently stored.

Historical Records Commission prepares for Archivist

The Alpine County Historical Records Commission has been asked to provide a speaker for the annual meeting of County Historical Records Commissions in Sacramento on May 16.

"We're 'the new kid on the block'", said commission member Karen Keebaugh. "Everyone wants to know how we've gotten as far as we have."

The commission is the recipient of a \$27,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a part of the National Archives. The grant is primarily for the services of an Archivist for one year.

The Board of Supervisors has been very supportive of the project to organize the County's historical records collection and to create an Archives area in the Library for storage of the material.

They approved funding for shelving, for remodeling the Library kitchen for storage and workroom use so that the 9x12 room next to the Librarian's office can be used as an Archives, and they have funded a half-time Historical Records Clerk position.

"Without that support, we never would have qualified for the grant," said commission chairman Nancy Thornburg.

The Records Clerk, Elaine Klavon, has already processed thousands of the older historical documents, humidified and flattened them and organized them in acid-free folders ready for accessioning. This has involved many hours of work in the "dungeon", the Courthouse basement, which is not the most pleasant working environment.

Ms. Klavon also completed a lengthy inventory of the County records which are stored in numerous places.

Interviews for the Archivist will be held in May, and the successful candidate will begin work July 1. The position is funded for one year.

The Archivist will be responsible for determining what records should be kept, for organizing the collection and creating indexes and finding aids, for creating Archives policies, for developing a microfilming program, and for recommending what should be done after the grant year is over so that the Records Management Program and the Archives program continue efficiently.

"It took one county we know of eleven years to get to the point we are now," said Mrs. Thornburg. "Our commission was formed in November, 1984. We have met 24 times and have really accomplished a great deal. We have a very hard-working commission, and all the members really believe in what we are doing and work well together. We hope that by June 30, 1987 the job will be done and the Archives will be complete and accessible to the public."

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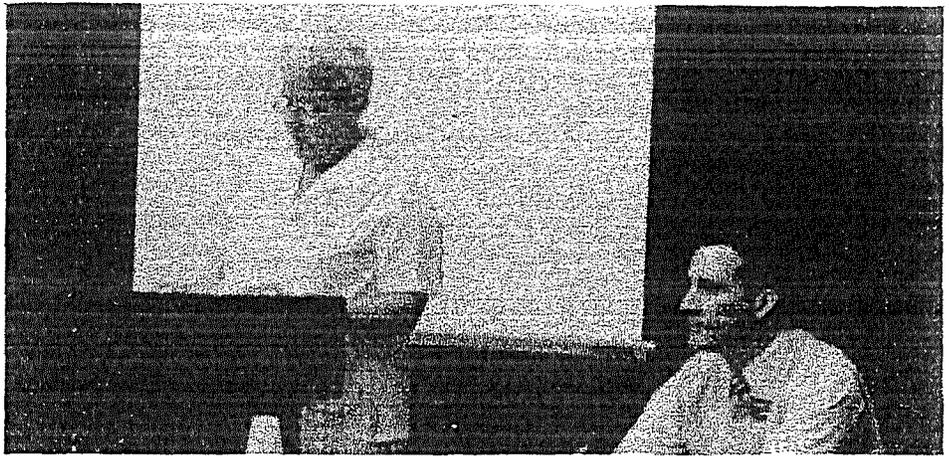
COUNTY HISTORICAL RECORDS MEETING FOCUSES ON "HOW TO"

Fifty-one participants from 24 counties met at the 12th Annual Meeting of the County Historical Records Commissions to share information on how to develop effective county commissions and conduct records programs.

Sheila Thornton of the California State Library welcomed participants on behalf of State Librarian Gary Strong. She noted the library is involved in several projects, including a microfilming program of newspaper and name indexes and a publication listing histories of newspaper companies.

John Burns, Chief of Archives, welcomed everyone on behalf of the State Archives. He praised Alpine County for their recent efforts in establishing a local records program and noted the active involvement of Bob Woodall as a consultant in records management. He discussed the status of the NHPRC and mentioned the change in schedule that concerns local records grants. In the future, local records applications will be received only for the October 1st and February 1st deadlines. The Archives will continue to be available to review grant applications and to assist applicants.

Although there continues to be a need for some local records legislation, Burns indicated that nothing will be introduced this year. This is due in part



Nancy Thornberg and Laren Metzger share the speaker's podium at the 12th Annual Meeting of the County Historical Records Commissions.

to limitations on state spending for new programs. He emphasized that any local records assistance program will require strong statewide support from the historical community. He urged participants in need of assistance to avail themselves of the Information Center at the Archives.

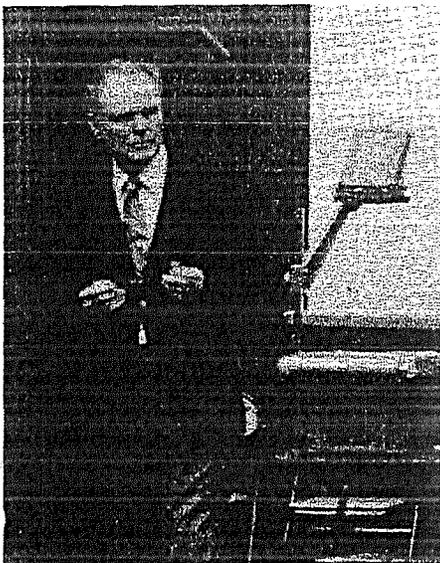
Robert Woodall, records management consultant, kicked off the first session by summarizing the steps necessary to implement a basic records management program in county government. Woodall emphasized that the basic premise of records management is to save money. To achieve this end, he listed the key elements of any program: systematic approach to records control, including use of records retention schedules and a records center for the off-site, cost-effective storage of records; protection of vital records and historical documents; and, as a first step, implementation of a records inventory.

Woodall noted the importance of winning the support of administrators and the active involvement of representatives from county agencies. Despite recent advances in the use of new technologies, the volume of records to deal with is growing and the vast proportion of this increase continues to be paper materials. As a result, microfilm, particularly computer-output microfilm, will continue to play a vital role in the management of records. Woodall briefly covered the steps in executing a records survey: inventory

of all records; appraisal, including review of records for administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value; archival review, which enlists the support of local resource people; scheduling of records; and disposition.

Nancy Thornberg, chair of the Alpine County Historical Records Commission, discussed the development of the Alpine County program, focusing on the in-progress NHPRC project. She noted that although most of the county's older records are still available, little has been done with them. In part, this is because of Alpine's small size and isolated location and partially due to lack of interest shown by county administrators. She emphasized the importance of tapping resources available to the county to receive archival training and information, including workshops of the Society of California Archivists, the State Archives and others.

The key step in the Alpine program was the application to NHPRC for financial support and the commitment by the county to provide personnel and proper storage. Thornberg closed by listing the major points in establishing a basic county records program: commitment by at least one person to "seeing the project through"; ability of the county commission to work together, especially in applying political leverage as necessary; and a willingness to seek out appropriate information, education, and people that will assist in the overall effort. (See Pg. 4)



Bob Woodall stressed practical applications of a records management program at the annual meeting.

County Records Commissions

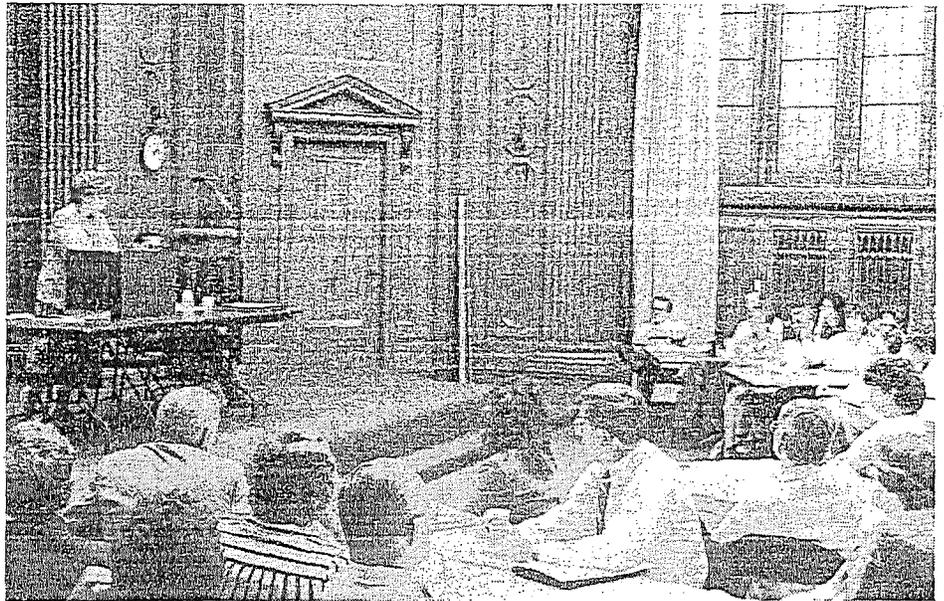
During lunch those attending the meeting divided into three groups to discuss questions related to the activities of the county commissions. Following lunch, the meeting reconvened to summarize the group discussions.

A majority of the participants felt they could make effective use of an archival "circuit rider", a professional archivist who would be on call to several counties that would share the costs of salary and supplies proportionally to the time they used the resource. Several counties argued against the idea because they felt county administrators might too easily become accustomed to part-time assistance when something more was really needed. The need for counties to have their "house in order", i.e. to have completed some initial phase of a records program, prior to making good use of a professional was also discussed. Some noted that perhaps large counties needed more than a part-time professional, while the choice for smaller counties might be between part-time aid or none at all.

Time was devoted to the discussion of the needs of county commissions. The following needs were noted:

- State laws that relate to local government records disposition
- A centralized information resource
- Guidelines on what constitutes a good records management program
- A law to make county historical records commissions mandatory

A motion to appoint a committee to work with the Archives in drafting



Lucinda Woodward shared her knowledge of the wide use of historical records with those attending the CHRC meeting.

legislation which would make county historical records commissions mandatory was presented and approved. Dennis Harris (Sonoma), Michael Bennett (San Joaquin) and David Cameron (Los Angeles) were selected to serve on the committee.

Lucinda Woodward of the Office of Historic Preservation spoke on the uses of historical records. She related her experiences in working with historical materials and emphasized the importance of records to an understanding of the built environment, cultural resource preservation work, and archaeology. She gave several examples from her work with the Old Sacramento Redevelopment Project.

Laren Metzger provided a brief update of two State Archives programs of interest to local governments. He summarized the final results of the

county survey project, which the Archives undertook in cooperation with the Genealogical Society of Utah. This project afforded the Archives an opportunity to discuss local records problems, needs and conditions with county officials. He also mentioned the Archives on-going efforts to establish automated control over its records through membership in the Research Libraries Group's national bibliographic database.

The meeting concluded with a further consideration of the topics discussed during lunch. Several additional suggestions were made, including the possibility of inviting the Office of Historic Preservation to take a more active part in the annual meeting and the identification of a principal contact person on each of the county commissions.

"Outlaws" Successful

"The Outlaws of California, 1853-1925" an exhibit of documents from the Archives on display at the California State Capitol Museum, was far more successful than any of the outlaws depicted. The exhibit was viewed by nearly 200,000 visitors during the six months it was in place at the Capitol. This makes it the second most popular presentation installed in the Archives Exhibit Room at the museum.

Shortly before the exhibit was to be replaced, it was the subject of an article in the *Los Angeles Times*, was included as part of the 6 o'clock news on a local television station and prompted an inquiry about living outlaws by the *Tonight Show* staff.

The late blooming interest in the exhibit led the Archives to install a smaller version in the Archives Building. Utilizing two existing exhibit cases in the Searchroom, and some of the text borrowed from the Capitol Museum, the exhibit staff provided one of its quicker installations and had the exhibit ready for the public within a week of its transfer from the Capitol.

REWARD!!

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Champions reunite

They stood out in front of Douglas High School — all clad in jerseys and striped black orange and white sweat pants — just as they had eight years before after returning home from Elko with the Nevada AA championship. This is the 1978-79 Douglas basketball team. All 12 players from a fabled 29-4 team of "The Championship Season" gathered for a reunion Saturday. The alums came from as far as southern California to attend a day of memories (they could be found in the gym shooting hoops) and even a mini-coast of coach Randy Green.

They started by assembling for a morning photo session in front of the high school. The old uniforms and sweats were brought out of storage, and everyone lined up in the same order they had in March 1979. Calvin Hunt and Eric Reuter even had nets draped around their necks. It represented the best of times.

A lot has changed since then. The faces have aged, hairlines have receded in some instances, lives have been touched by success, others by tragedy.

Eric Reuter is an engineer for Stanford University Research; Paul Sarman is running his family ranch in Paradise Valley near Elko; Joe DeBock is an assistant golf pro in Incline Village; Mike Bernard supervises an automobile repair service shop in Sacramento; Mike Graham went on to graduate from the Air Force Academy and now is a pilot stationed at Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento; Joe Bertolone is finishing his education at California State University-Chico; Hunt is doing the same at the University of Nevada-Reno; Mike Pieretti is at UNR to pursue a career in music; Matt Bernard works locally as a surveyor.

The team, along with other Tiger old-timers such as Rory Hickok, Mark Custis and Steve Chappell, got together to see Green and reflect on memories past.

"It was great because everyone came," reflected Green, who directed the Douglas basketball program from 1977 until the announcement of his resignation in March. "We had a lot of fun. Everyone looked good, too."

"This was one of my favorite parts of coaching. Maybe if you win eight or nine state championships, it doesn't mean as much, but when you only have one, that's what makes this group special," he continued.

"It was nice for them because I had always felt they never really got to celebrate their state championship. At the time, everyone expected them to win, and when they finally did win, it was anticlimactic. Now, eight years later, they're able to appreciate it more than they did then."

Matt Bernard knows exactly what the coach means.

"At the time, it was no big deal," he recalls. "Randy said, 'Wait a few years. When you guys all get together again and start talking about it, then it will mean more.' He was right."

"Winning the state championship was so anticlimactic, it was depressing," Gary Price remembered. "The last 10 games, everyone tried to stall on us."

"It (the state championship) is something you appreciate more as you get older," Hunt asserted. "It's one of those things you can hold onto forever."

Bernard, Price and Hunt have another common bond because they worked for Green as assistant coaches last season. Hunt and Price helped out with the varsity squad; Bernard and

Reno to attend practices and games. "We liked to compare notes when we watched the kids do the same things we used to do."

"It always seemed like we had to run more," he added with a chuckle.

"They kept reminding me how tough I had been on them," Green said. "Was I? Probably not, but in their own perception, it was that way."

"It was a really enjoyable experience to work

For the record

by DAVID PRICE, sports editor

with those guys," the coach said of his alumni assistants. "I enjoyed them as players, I enjoyed them equally as much as coaches."

"It's always nice to see players come back. It was a good experience for me and an equally good experience for the kids because they had a chance to see and meet somebody they may have only heard about before."

A lot of people have heard of Gary Price. Eric Reuter and Price were the tall timber from Alpine County, the catalysts of this championship team, and possibly the best big men to play in Nevada at any level that season. They were selected co-Most Valuable Players at a state tournament in which the Tigers capped off their season by turning back Incline and its stall, 34-19.

Price led the team in scoring with a 19.4 average, shot 62 percent from the field and was tops in rebounds and steals. Reuter averaged 15.2 points and 11 rebounds.

Their presence was a large reason Douglas enjoyed the No. 1 ranking among AA schools from start to finish that season. The Tigers were 23-0 against AA opponents and lost only to Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas, Campolindo of Moraga, Calif., Bonanza of Las Vegas and Sparks.

Reuter went on to play at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif., and then at the University of California-Davis. Price played four years at Navy.

Gary Price doesn't spend a lot of time dwelling on the past these days. Shortly after his graduation from the Naval Academy in June, 1984, he was struck down by a hit-and-run driver as he was walking on a expressway in Virginia. The accident has left him confined to a wheelchair. *Continued on page 2*

Price was active as a coach at Douglas this past winter, and in March, the Naval Academy flew him back to Syracuse, N.Y., where he sat at courtside watching the Midshipmen play in the NCAA East Regional finals.

Coaching the big men at Douglas had its rewards, as well as frustrations.

"I enjoyed coaching with Randy. He gave me a lot of leeway in that I could do things on my own," Price said in an interview after returning from Syracuse. "It was frustrating, too, because there were a lot of times when I wanted to try and show the kids how to do something. It's hard when you're just talking, it's better if you can show them."

"There were times in some of those close games when I would have liked to go out and slam a couple," he added. "I look back now and I don't feel as though I ever really reached my potential. If I had it all to do over again. But I can't look back now."

But Saturday was an opportunity to relive the best of times.

"Now the season's over," Reuter told R-C

The Carson River

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Oasis for sports

by LAURA DESIMONE
R-C photographer

I always assumed the Carson River was just the body of water that flowed through Gardnerville and caused lots of problems during the February flooding. Not so. The river is an oasis for river sports such as kayaking and rafting. In the photo above, Charles Albright gives Doug Connor a few last minute tips before taking the big plunge. The "put-in" is a bridge just above Markleeville. The water is clear, and believe me, COLD. In the top left photo, Doug Connor walks his kayak upriver to reshoot some good rapids. The river can be extremely dangerous and has many rough spots for inexperienced boaters. In the top right photo, Tim White maneuvers his boat through some dangerous, and, to my inexperienced eye, huge rapids. We eventually came to my favorite spot, the hot springs. The springs are not accessible from the road, only by way of the river. In the middle right photo, Grant Wunsch takes time out from his rafting to soak in the springs. Taking the trip in one day made for a very long trip. Fortunately there are campgrounds along the river so people can stay overnight if they want. In the bottom photo, the sun is setting and we still had quite a few miles to go through the canyons below the hot springs. We made the take-out just as it got dark and it was a trip well worth it. R-C photos by Laura Desimone

Power line set for 80

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by SANDI WRIGHT
Staff writer

Carson Valley and Hope Valley residents can rest a little easier this week. A power line intertie will not cut through their valleys.

Sierra Pacific Power Co. and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District announced last

Thursday afternoon that although the specific route had not been finalized, Interstate 80 had been selected as the preferred corridor for their controversial project.

SPPCo. and SMUD officials said the selection was based on a number of factors including land use and environmental impacts as well as engineering and operating criteria.

Valley residents may have the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to thank for the choice of routes.

TRPA "was a big consideration," according to Paul Olmstead, environmental specialist for SMUD.

"They control all activity inside the basin and have very explicit requirements."

"Their power is overwhelming."

From this point on, the southern route will be kept on the back burner only, Olmstead said.

"It is considered a reasonable alternative," he said, "but Highway 50 is not a preferred route," and as for the Hope Valley route, "it never existed."

"We were required to study

alternatives out of the Tahoe Basin. We'd never even considered Hope Valley until then, but it was a requirement," Olmstead said.

"Before that, it was never in our study; it was never part of our scope of work. The Hope Valley issue is dead."

The \$130 million intertie project and the choice of corridors have been the topic of hot debate between locals and utility officials during the past year.

Heidi Hopkins, who heads up the Friends of Hope Valley, said she feels a lot better now that the preferred route has been announced, but that it's not over "until the project is formally abandoned (here) or they start construction and it isn't down here."

"We're delighted, but we're in sympathy with the people to the north," she said.

"We're still urging the Forest Service to look at the overall purpose and need for the project, though," Hopkins said. "That's still the primary question."

The power line project completion date is targeted for January 1990, assuming all necessary permits are obtained

Over line route proposed



Marilyn Newton/Gazette-Journal

brush fire along the Nevada Division of Forestry. Three NDF engines, two Thursday. The 4 1/2 prison inmate crews and three engines from the Lagomar fire, according to sino volunteers fought the wind-whipped fire.

Back off '86 fire season early

at about 4 p.m. The other, 30 minutes later, was just a little brush that burned near Fourth Avenue and Leon Drive in Sun Valley.

The Reno Fire Department controlled back-to-back small fires near Fourth Street and Stoker Avenue starting at 7:30 p.m. The first was to the rear of 475 Cemetery Road and the second was at 1791 W. Fourth. Causes of all the fires remained under investigation.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Gene Le Blanc said normal moisture during the spring created a bumper crop of grasses and light fuels in the wildland area.

"The unseasonably warm weather during the past two weeks has speeded the curing of these natural fuels that now have the potential for spreading wildland fires," Le Blanc said.

Truckee Meadows is recommending that people visiting hazardous fire areas carry an ax, shovel and a gallon of water in case they see or start a fire. It also recommends that people should keep vehicles on dirt roads.

Utilities reject southern course

By Doug McMillan/Gazette-Journal

Sierra Pacific Power Co. and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District have chosen Interstate 80 as the route they would most like to follow with their proposed \$130 million power line.

The companies announced their "preferred corridor" for a 345-kilovolt intertie in a joint statement Thursday.

That does not necessarily mean that the southern route, which would go through part of the Tahoe Basin as well as Douglas and Alpine counties, has been dropped.

The U.S. Forest Service is due to release an extensive environmental impact statement recommending the northern or southern route, or a "no-build alternative," in late September. The final decision will probably not be made until early next year.

The northern route would start at the Valley Substation on McCarran Boulevard near Hug High School, then skirt the bottom of Peavine Mountain around northwest Reno before veering north of Verdi.

Steel towers as tall as 10-story buildings would carry the spans of cables across the mountains.

Sierra Pacific spokesman Mike Reed said early findings in the Forest Service's environmental impact study point toward selecting the northern route.

"It turned out that the environmental factors were so overwhelming that we never got into the engineering and cost factors," agreed Gerald Canning, Sierra Pacific's vice president of electric system planning, whose office is spearheading the project from the Nevada side.

Environmental factors included how much timber would have to be cleared, drainage problems, soil stability and visual impacts, Reed said. Utility employees used a Forest Service system of comparing scenic values, he added. "They actually drove U.S. Highway 50 and Interstate 80 and mapped whether this line would be in the foreground, background or middle ground."

They also considered how close the line would come to homes. That actually favored the southern route, said Reed, since it is more sparsely populated.

For the same reason, land acquisition costs favored the southern route. Although most of the 109-mile southern route and 116-mile northern route go through public land, less private land

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Reno-Sacramento power line to follow I-80

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would have to be bought along the southern route.

The utilities also considered "land use policies" of the governments along the two routes.

But "none of these non-environmental factors had anywhere near the impact the environmental factors had," Reed stressed. "Environmental factors controlled everything. There was no way to override the environment."

Opponents of the project along the southern route were breathing a collective sigh of relief Thursday.

"We tentatively opened a bottle of champagne and drank it," said Heid Hopkins, president of Friends of Hope Valley. That group formed more than a year ago to try to keep the power line out of the pristine valley just south of the Tahoe Basin. Although Hope Valley has been dropped from further consideration, even if the power line should follow the northern route, the Alpine County group is still scrutinizing it.

However, the utilities' selection of the northern route appears to eliminate the need for Friends of Hope Valley "to fight a major legal battle," she said.

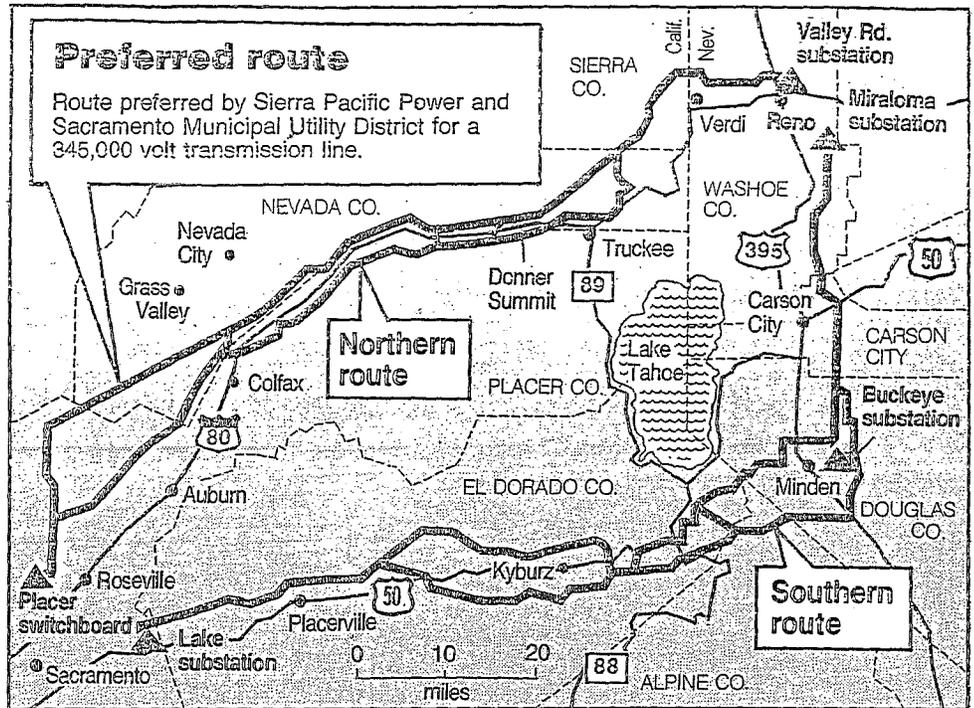
Alpine County officials, who also had vowed to take legal steps to stop the project from going through their mountain territory, were cautiously elated.

"We want to stay actively involved throughout environmental process," said Alpine County Planning Director Leonard Turnbaugh, "because there's always a chance in a few years this same issue will come up again — not necessarily with Sierra Pacific or SMUD but another utility."

Turnbaugh said he did not think the little county's opposition had much to do with the utilities' choice, even though it would avoid Alpine County.

"I think they really found out what we were telling them is true: This is a unique area. There is something here worth saving . . . worth protecting."

Douglas County officials, also on record against the project, could not be reached



Paul Carbo/Gazette-Journal

for comment. The southern way would either dissect the Carson Valley or go around its eastern and southern edges.

It also would pass the Virginia Foot-hills, Steamboat, Washoe Valley and Carson City to the east.

"Obviously we're elated that they're leaning toward selecting the northern alternative," said Tom Martens executive director of the League to Save Lake Tahoe, which endorsed the northern route as less environmentally damaging. "When we first entered the process a year ago, we thought that was the sound alternative. . . . Any other alternatives would have caused much more damage to get this line through."

"We're happy that they're following the wisdom of thousands of people who told them that this was the way to go."

Comments at public meetings on both sides of the Sierra Nevada has been "practically unanimous" against the

southern route, he added.

That line follows U.S. Highway 50 the rest of the way through the mountains to Sacramento, after leaving Lake Tahoe. Much of it is unmarked by major utility lines, unlike the northern route, which already has several high-tension power lines going across the Donner Summit.

The next step, said Sierra Pacific's Canning, will be to pin down more precisely the exact alignment on the northern corridor.

The final decision to build the line has not been made, Reed cautioned. The boards of directors of the two companies haven't even approved it, he said.

Sierra Pacific serves more than 200,000 customers in northern Nevada and eastern California while SMUD serves 350,000 in a 750-square-mile area on the other side of the mountains.

The two would split the \$130 million cost 50-50.

Casino owner

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had later put the details of that talk into a memo.

Pitaro said he will take depositions to discover if members of the Control Board or its agents have told people if they had dealings with Slyman, it would reflect adversely upon them and that Slyman's fall casino off the Strip would be closed in June.

should be extended until the complaint against him is resolved.

Slyman's legal difficulties date back to March 1983 when he was indicted for allegedly laundering \$390,000 for federal agents posing as drug dealers. He and his former general manager, Paul Dottore, were secretly tape recorded while allegedly agreeing to exchange small denominations for \$100 bills for a 4 percent fee.

But since this was before the state or the federal laundering regulations had been passed, his actions were not a

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to take on such cases is better for the child, he said.

The temporary shelter is used by law enforcement officials when they feel the child is in danger at home or in a similar situation, Kasprzyk said.

La Casa came about because of lawsuits filed in 1979 against the county by public defender Scott Jordan, now inve-

Indians seek to protect artifacts

June 19, 1986

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writer

An initiative measure to protect Indian artifacts in Alpine County that could stop the South Tahoe Public Utility District's plans to build a new wastewater reservoir there will go before voters in November.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors agreed Tuesday to include the "Alpine County Historic Resources Protection Ordinance" on the ballot and asked the STPUD to delay plans to remove Indian artifacts from the site of its proposed Harvey Place reservoir until the issue is decided by voters.

"It's obvious the intent of the petitioners is to stop our project," said utility manager Jim Cofer. "If it's found legal it will probably stop the project. It's very bad news."

One Washoe Indian activist denied the intent of the measure is specifically designed to halt construction of Harvey Place

reservoir, which is the second phase of the STPUD's \$25 million project to upgrade its South Tahoe sewage treatment system. All treated sewage from South Lake Tahoe and the Meyers area is exported by pipeline to Alpine County for storage.

"It doesn't have anything to do with the sewage anymore," said Desiree Cruz. "STPUD has been removing these Indian artifacts. There are Indian people who don't want them touched."

Cruz accused Cofer and other utility officials of being "heartless" in their disturbance of Indian artifacts.

"It's not for Cofer or any of these other individuals to take anything that does not belong to them," Cruz said. "This is the Indian people's country. I don't believe STPUD has taken into consideration the emotional feelings of the Indian people."

"The relics and artifacts that
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Indians

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have been found are very precious to the Washoe Indians here," said Pat Banks, a white Alpine County resident opposed to the STPUD's construction plans. "This is one more instance where their heritage and their culture have not been taken into account."

Banks pointed out the measure is designed to not only protect Indian artifacts, but those of white settlers in Alpine County as well.

Should the utility agree to the request by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to delay

plans to remove Indian artifacts from the site of the proposed Harvey Place reservoir, Cofer said the project would be delayed at least a year.

He said such a delay would put the utility in an especially difficult position due to increasing pressure being applied by state water quality officials to improve its sewage collection system and avoid major spills such as occurred last winter.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is scheduled July 1 to consider issuance of a cease and desist order against the STPUD regarding

discharge of sewage in the Tahoe Basin.

Elinor Sawdey, chairman of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors, said the proposed ballot measure does appear targeted toward stopping construction of the Harvey Place reservoir.

Sawdey said that if approved, the ordinance could have a detrimental impact on other development in Alpine County.

"There was not a lot of consideration given to the far-reaching effects on other lands or other development," she said.

Mom's baby book revised

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"Names given babies have changed a great deal since my mother's book, "Name Your Baby" was first published almost 25 years ago," according to Wilma Rule, Alpine County resident. "For example, the name Courtney, which is Old French for court or farm dweller, is now often given to girls as well as boys."

The trend to unisex names,

she said, does not mean that traditional names or family keepsake names have gone out of style.

"Families still name children after a favored grandmother or uncle. Also, biblical names such as Matthew, which is Hebrew for gift of God, and Ruth, the beautiful and compassionate, are still very popular," Rule said.

When asked if unisex names don't eventually harm the child psychologically, she replied that studies show girls may benefit from unisex names whereas boys may not.

"It's still a man's world and a unisex name often results in girls' work being considered on its own merits without prejudice," Rule explained, "Since most girls born today will be in the paid work force when they grow up, a unisex name will give them a little advantage."

She said she learned a great deal about names when she served as consultant to Bantam Books for the revision of the paperback book written by her mother, Lareina Rule, now deceased. "Name Your Baby," which consists of an introduction on the origin of names, a horoscope for babies, and lists of first names and their meanings, has gone through 48 printings. It has sold over three million copies in the United States and abroad.

"I was amazed to see it on the bookstand at the Manila Hotel a few years ago when my husband and I were researching in the Philippines," she said.

Asked about the astrology section of the book which Rule revised, assisted by her husband Irving Krauss, she said, "Although I am a social scientist trained in the scientific method, it does seem to me that the dates when babies are born result in their having certain tendencies."

Yet family, peer groups and a child's cultural experiences can overcome the negative aspects and promote the positive aspects

of astrological tendencies, she said.

"For example, identical twins raised by different families, in different cultures may develop into quite unique personalities despite both being born under the sign of Taurus."

The Taurus child, one born between April 21 and May 21, may be stubborn and temperamental, but on the other hand may be principled and artistic, Rule said.

"Outstanding people in this sign include Golda Meir, former prime minister of Israel, Harry S. Truman, Barbara Streisand and symphony conductor Zubin Mehta."

Rule explained that astrological predictions of a child's nature are given by peoples all over the world. This was true in ancient times as well as today. In Thailand, which is modern Siam, the astrologer is often consulted before the baby is conceived so the parents may plan the best time for their child's birth, Rule said.

Rule noted that her mother and her stepfather, William Hammond, who assisted Lareina Rule particularly with the astrology section of the book, were expert astrologists. They were well qualified to advise parents in "Name Your Baby" of the astrological tendencies of children.

"My main contribution to this new edition was to oversee the book up-date, which included the addition of some 3,000 newly-popular names. Among these were Natassia, after the nasturtium flower and Tennessee, a Cherokee native-American placename. I also updated the examples of famous people with certain names such as Ronald (means "mighty power") Reagan and Margaret ("a pearl") Thatcher, the prime minister of Great Britain," she said.

Copies are on sale at Kennedy's Books in the Carson City Silver Mall and other bookstores.

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Awards / Grads

Tami Gansberg, daughter of Chris Jr. and Faye Gansberg, was placed on the Dean's Honor List at the University of California at Davis. She is a 1985 graduate of Douglas High School and is majoring in chemistry at UCD.

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Lisa and Lori Neddenriep of Gardnerville, have graduated from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo with bachelor of science degrees in agricultural management.

They were among more than 3,300 candidates for diplomas and certificates honored during the 1986 Spring Commencement at Cal Poly.

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Lacey graduates from UW

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Fritz Lacey, a 1982 graduate of Douglas High School, will graduate from University of Washington in Seattle on June 14.

Lacey, a resident of Kirkwood, is the son of Larry and Linda

Lacey of Kirkwood. Larry is an attorney with offices in Minden and Kirkwood.

Fritz is graduating history major and plan in the Seattle area before making a career. He is a member

Chi Fraternity and was on the UW ski team while in school.

Alpine residents seek to protect historic

By TREVA ZELLER
Staff writer

More than 100 Alpine County residents have undertaken another battle against the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD). The fight this time involves the protection of historical artifacts.

Organizers gathered 143 signatures on an initiative petition to create an ordinance protecting certain artifacts found on private lands. It would in effect hamper the construction of a proposed reservoir for the sewer district's treated waste.

Three "significant" archaeological sites would be affected by the reservoir, which continues to be tied up in the courts, according to a STPUD Manager James Cofer.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors responded to the petition by voting unanimously Tuesday to place the issue on the November ballot. The board also decided to draft a resolution asking STPUD not to have any artifacts removed from the proposed site until the election in November.

However, Cofer said in a telephone interview after the meeting that STPUD is working under a mandate of the state to proceed with the project because of spills from the Indian Creek Reservoir. STPUD pumps treated sewage water to the pre-

sent reservoir, which had to be drained last year to minimize spillage into the Carson River.

"It's going to be difficult not to proceed with the project, but the (STPUD) board will have to decide that," Cofer said. He is expected to present Alpine County's resolution to the board this week.

Some artifacts already have been removed by an archaeological firm hired by STPUD. The sewer district received recent mitigation approval from four state agencies for the removal of artifacts after an extensive study, according to Cofer, who added that the district followed federal and state requirements.

Cofer said only a few items found near the surface were removed, such as one bead, a few arrowheads and some obsidian not native to this area. He said there is no evidence of burial grounds at the sites, but the Silver City, Nev., Intermountain Research firm did find the artifacts to be eligible for the National Register.

"We don't know what else we will find," Cofer said, adding that there is enough evidence for a thorough search of the sites.

Some Alpine County residents have been involved in litigation against STPUD during the past few years. All of the utility's treated sewage is pumped to Alpine County for storage.

STPUD has proposed to make the Indian Creek Reservoir a fresh water reservoir for recreation while re-routing the treated waste water to the new reservoir. The waste water would be treated in a filtered secondary process, which would be a lesser degree than what is done under the present system.

During discussion at Tuesday's meeting, some supervisors said the board should hear from the other 75 percent of the voters who did not sign the petition.

Only 83 signatures were required on the petition for the consideration of the board, which had the option of adopting the initiative as an ordinance or voting to place the issue on the election ballot. Supervisor John Bennett requested that the initiative be adopted as an ordinance. However the motion died for lack of a second.

Supporters of the petition who filled the standing-room-only meeting room said they were not satisfied with the board's action. They requested stronger action to prevent removal of the ar-

tifacts before the election and booed board members as Chairman Elinor Sawdy adjourned the meeting for lunch.

Supporters, including attorney Tim Pemberton, urged the board to take legal action to protect any artifacts left behind by white settlers and Native Americans who lived in the county.

Petition organizer Desiree Cruz said the supervisors should be responsible to the residents of the county who want their Native American heritage protected.

Cruz said many older tribal members recall burying their dead in the hills of Alpine County. Artifacts such as arrowheads are common to the area as well. "We are a displaced people as it is; now you want to displace our artifacts from their natural museum," she said.

Gardnerville and South Lake Tahoe resident Majorie Springmeyer, who said she has come to know many of the Native Americans in the area, urged the board to listen to their request. She also talked of how

STPUD was involved in condemning some of her land and her mother's land, which through stress, "put her mother in the grave."

"They (Native Americans) are the ones who have the true feeling of nature, and I would appreciate it if you would give them some respect," Springmeyer said.

But an Alpine County property owner, Clarence Burr, asked the board to put the issue to the voters because "we pay taxes and I think we have the right with our private property to do what we want with it."

Burr, of the Heise Land and Livestock Co., owns the land on which treated sludge from STPUD was used to fertilize a

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artifacts

crop of alfalfa near the Woodfords Indian Community. The company also owns land where two of the archaeological sites are located and which STPUD is attempting to acquire for the reservoir.

The petition lists a category of artifacts by their historical significance, requiring that they be left in their natural state if they qualify for listing in the National Register. It would affect artifacts found only on private lands.

Many who attended Tuesday's meeting live in the Woodfords Indian Community, which protested the recent dumping of treated sludge from the sewer district near the Diamond Valley School.

Markleeville hosts Story Tailors at festival

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A program of stories, puppets and songs will be presented on Saturday, July 5, at the Alpine County Arts Festival. The performance will be held on the lawn area behind the J. Marklee Toll Station restaurant in

Markleeville at 11 a.m.

The Story Tailors, a professional storytelling group from Columbia, Calif., will offer a variety of storytelling activities including folk-tales, puppet plays and specially selected

songs. The program will be performed by B. Z. Smith, a children's librarian, and Claudia Tonge, a former preschool teacher, along with guitarist Steve LaVine providing musical accompaniment. The program

is geared for children of all ages and their families.

The performance is sponsored by a grant from the Alpine County Arts Council.

Ashley McKenzie

Marilyn and Glenn McKenzie of Woodfords are the parents of a baby girl, Ashley Iva, born June 16 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital. Ashley weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

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Spills prompt state to give utility order

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writer

Repeated spills of millions of gallons of sewage into Lake Tahoe and its tributaries was ordered stopped Tuesday by California water quality officials.

But in issuing a cease and desist order against the South Tahoe Public Utility District, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board agreed to give the utility six months to come up with detailed plans of how it will correct deficiencies in its sewage collection, export and emergency retention systems which have led to those spills.

Lahontan officials said they understood unending environmental controversies and political and legal debates have delayed planned improvements to the STPUD's wastewater system, but said they cannot tolerate continued violations of state water quality law.

"I appreciate the STPUD has an octopus in its hands and it's hard to tie down all its tentacles," said board member Leo Poppoff. "But the number of spills and violations have to cease."

Tom Martens, executive director of the League to Save Lake Tahoe, called the frequency of spills by the STPUD "dizzying at best" and implored the

Lahontan board to "solve this problem once and for all."

Lahontan water quality engineer Sachiko Itagaki listed a history of sewage spills by the South Shore utility, including the discharge of 20 million gallons of partially treated sewage into Lake Tahoe via Heavenly Valley Creek in three incidents since 1980. The worst such spill occurred last February, when nearly 13 million gallons of partially treated sewage was discharged during a period of heavy winter storms.

Itagaki also cited a study by the State Water Resources Control Board which found as much as 21 million gallons of sewage may have seeped from the utility's emergency retention system during an 18-month period. STPUD representatives questioned the validity of that study.

Lahontan officials listed a number of steps the STPUD should take to avoid future spills, including repair of its collection system to avoid inflow and infiltration of water, expansion of its emergency holding system and improvement of its export system pumping treated sewage to Alpine County.

"The district is committed to solving the many sewer problems," said Jim Cofer, STPUD manager.

Spills

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blems," said Jim Cofer, STPUD manager.

Cofer and representatives of a consulting firm hired by the utility district outlined an ongoing program to identify problems with its wastewater system and prioritize projects to correct them.

The Lahontan board agreed to give the STPUD until Dec. 15 to complete its master plan study.

Shooting in Alpine County

2-year-old boy critical

By ERICA GLESSING
Tribune Staff Writer

WOODFORDS - A 2-year-old Gardnerville boy remained in critical condition at Washoe Medical Center this morning after being shot in the head outside of an Alpine County residence Sunday night.

Ferguson Yazzie was still on a life support system early this morning, according to a medical center spokeswoman.

The victim's father, Art Lee Yazzie, was backing a pickup truck out of a driveway Sunday night when shots were fired from the home. Four rounds were fired, hitting the boy in the passenger seat, and the window and radiator of the truck, according to Larry Kuhl, sheriff of Alpine County. Authorities suspect the weapon was a .22-caliber rifle, Kuhl said.

"We don't know of any

motive, but we believe there was drinking involved," said Kuhl.

The radiator of the truck burst as the father, uninjured, tried to leave, and the boy and his father were transported to a hospital in Gardnerville by a passing motorist before being transported to Washoe Medical Center by helicopter, Kuhl said.

Rhonda Jim, 25, was arrested on charges of attempted murder, and Rhonda Fred, 33, on charges of attack with a deadly weapon. They were booked at El Dorado County Jail early Monday morning.

About 20 deputies, including the Douglas County Special Operational Response Team, were called to the scene. Inside the residence were the two women, four men and six children, Kuhl said.

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Two held in tot's death

Two Alpine County women remain in custody in South Lake Tahoe following the shooting death of a 2-year-old Gardnerville boy Sunday in Woodfords.

Hubert Yazzie died late Tuesday, two days after being shot in the head as his father backed a pickup truck out of the driveway of a Woodfords residence.

Rhonda Jim, 25, was expected to be charged with murder

yesterday after allegedly firing at the pickup driven by the victim's father, Art Lee Yazzi, following a dispute over automobile parts. Young Yazzie, seated inside the pickup, was struck in the head by one round.

Charges of attack with a deadly weapon have also been filed against Rhonda Fred, 33, alleged to have fired five rounds into the air with the same .22-calibre ri-

fle used in the fatal shooting.

Both women are being held in the El Dorado County Jail in South Lake Tahoe.

The shooting occurred late Sunday when Yazzie stopped at the Carson River Road residence to buy automobile parts. The man was attempting to leave following a dispute when the women reportedly exited the home with a rifle.

First guide to Alpine published

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

The first of what one hopes will be an annual guide to Alpine County, "What to do in Alpine County, 1986-87," is packed with information presented in an easy-to-read manner.

People who don't like history will easily assimilate the interesting facts about the early

days of Alpine County and get on quickly to the information about camping, hiking and other stuff they really want to know.

Those who like history and also like the outdoors will appreciate these tidbits that are offered in a pleasant, breezy style. Either way, you learn a lot about the county in a hurry.

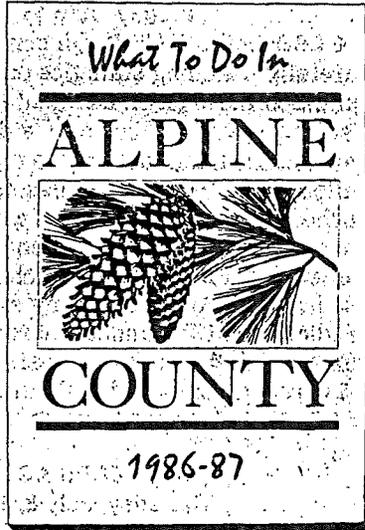
There is, for example, this description of an early altercation: "Jacob J. Marklee laid claim to 160 beautiful acres here in 1861. In January of 1864, the year Alpine was to become a county, he got in a beef over who owned a ranch site and was shot and killed by a man named Tuttle. Tuttle was acquitted: self-defense."

One might have noted that the county seat was named Markleeville and not Tuttleville.

The book contains all the information that a visitor could want regarding camping sites, hiking trails, bicycling tours, driving tours, fishing and boating, hunting, rafting, off-road vehicles including snowmobiles, skiing and ski tours.

The publication also features a business directory of Alpine County and county services and schools and their telephone numbers. There is also a calendar for the year's events.

It is enlivened with delightfully old-fashioned drawings and



COVER. The cover of "What to do in Alpine County" features pine cones and needles. Art courtesy Diamond Valley Co.

nice black and white photographs of the scenic spots of the mountains and lakes.

"What to do in Alpine County" was put together by Janine and Jerome Sprout and published by Diamond Valley Co., with acknowledgements to Gregory Hayes and Elwood Davis.

It can be ordered for \$3.95, plus 56 cents postage (California residents add 24 cents sales tax) from the Diamond Valley Co., Rt. 1, Box 30, Markleeville, Calif. 96120.

Woodfords Jamboree. The Woodfords Chili and Craft Jamboree will feature a chili cookoff and chili sampling, crafts fair, games and drawing prizes July 12. Music will be played all day. The crafts fair will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., the Markleeville Death Ride, with one, three and five pass rides, begins at 6 a.m., and a dance begins at 6 p.m. Entrance to the dance is three drawing tickets at \$1 each. Prizes for the drawing include a week for four at a tennis resort courtesy of Tahoe Season's Resort, season midweek ski pass at Kirkwood, two-night, three-day stay for two at Caesars Tahoe, Carson Valley Inn and Lakeside Inn, one night's stay for two at Sorenson's Resort in Hope Valley and at Woodfords Inn. Proceeds benefit the South Lake Tahoe Humane Society.

Endurance cycling

Death Ride set Saturday

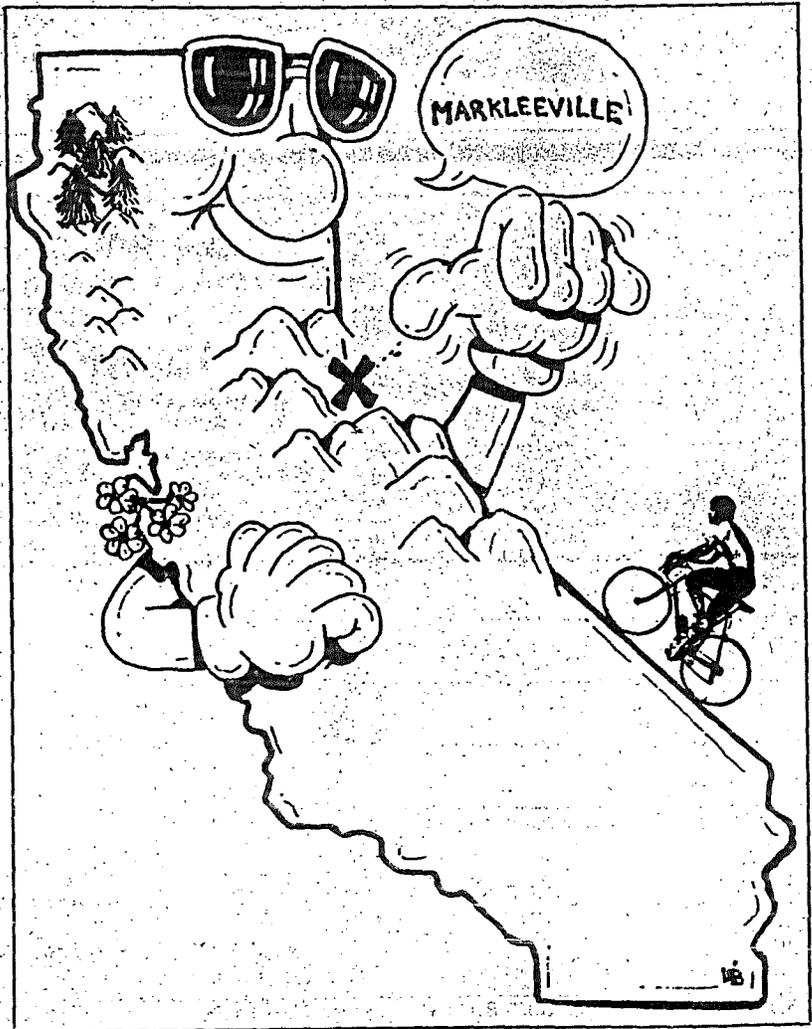
Markleeville Death Ride. The name may not sound appealing, but it won't deter the nearly 1,000 bicycle riders who will embark on the fifth annual Death Ride Saturday.

It won't be any ordinary ride through the park, either, because cyclists will follow a route that navigates 150 miles and five mountain passes: Daggett (7,334 feet), Luther (7,740), Carson (8,573), Monitor (8,314) and Ebbetts (8,730). The five-pass ride represents an elevation gain of 15,000 feet.

Riders in the event, sponsored by the Alpine Chamber of Commerce and Alta Alpina Cycling Club, are scheduled to depart at 6 a.m. from Turtle Rock Park, located near Woodfords.

Officials like to bill the Death Ride as an endurance ride rather than a race. For example, no awards are given for speed, although participation patches are given to every rider.

There are even other options for cyclists who do not wish to tackle the entire 150-mile distance. A single-pass ride up Kingsbury Grade to the top of



Daggett Pass is held, as well as a climbs to the top of Daggett, three-pass ride that includes Luther and Ebbetts.



Mountain challenge

More than 1,300 cyclists turned out for the fifth annual Markleeville Death Ride Saturday. Participants rode on a challenging course that included climbs to the top of Daggett, Luther, Carson, Monitor and Ebetts passes. Bear Wyrsch, who hails from

Switzerland, turned the fastest time of the day on the 150-mile, five-pass ride, finishing in eight hours, 17 minutes and 13 seconds. John Zebrach of Reno was fastest over the three-pass route (Daggett, Luther and Carson) in just over four hours; and Rod Fick of

South Lake Tahoe was the first to finish the one-pass test up Kingsbury Grade to Daggett Pass in a time of 2:34:25. R-C photos by Laura DeSimone

Death Ride offers new twist

By BRIAN BULLOCK
Tribune Staff Writer

Contrary to its ominous name, the Markleeville Death Ride is becoming an increasingly popular bicycling event in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Who in their right mind would pay to ride in something called a Death Ride?

Answer: Anyone who enjoys a

challenge of the toughest one-day bicycle ride in the country while enjoying some of nature's most spectacular scenery.

The Markleeville Death Ride, which begins Saturday, July 12 at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville, will scale five of the most formidable mountain passes in the area. The ride has been so difficult during the

previous six-year events that organizers are offering two shorter versions of the Death Ride.

Cyclists should check in at Turtle Rock Park between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, July 11 or Saturday between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Friday check-ins are preferred.

Five-pass riders will start the ride at 6 a.m. July 12, three-pass riders will begin at 6:15 a.m. and single-pass riders will start at 6:30 a.m.

"It's close to the ultimate in biking endurance and spectacular scenery," said John Bressinden, president of the Markleeville Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsor of this year's ride.

The total Death Ride will scale five mountain passes — Daggett, Luther, Carson, Eb-betts and Monitor. This ride is for hard-core cyclists only. The ride is 150 miles long and will climb approximately 15,000 vertical feet, an altitude normally reserved for jumbo jets.

A shorter version, consisting of three of the towering passes — Daggett, Luther and Carson — is a more conservative 100-mile course that climbs just 10,000 feet.

The novice version of the Death Ride is a one-pass option covering 50 miles and a measly 5,000 vertical feet up Daggett Pass.

This year, several groups are helping out as support for the race, including a group of emergency medical technicians who will be roving the course to make sure the Death Ride doesn't live up to its name.

"We're going to have some real good support this year,"

explained Vicki Wells, secretary/treasurer of Alta Alpina Cycling Club, another co-sponsor of the event. "We are going to have food out there — fuel foods, like fruit, sandwiches and cold drinks. We will have two aid stations on the passes and roving EMTs. There will be plenty of people out there making sure no one will be out there exhausted or alone with a flat."

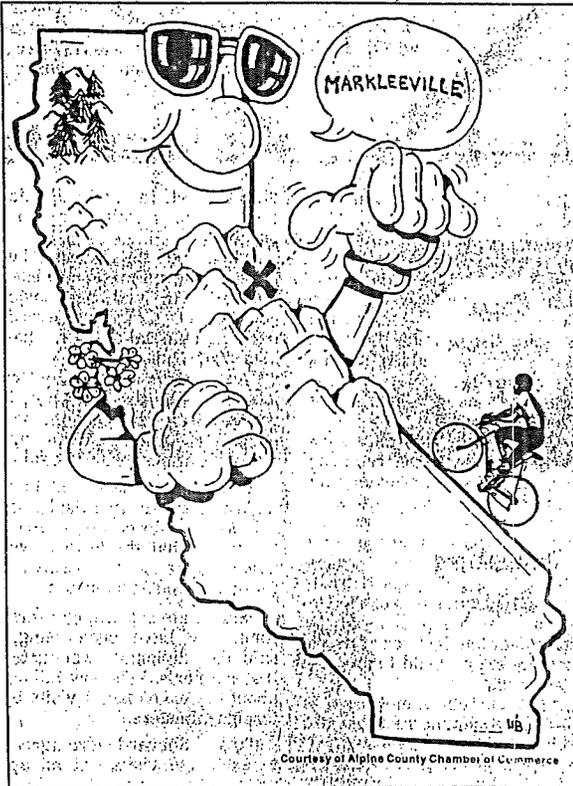
Other groups that have been involved in organizing the event or will be working the race at the aid stations are: Rite of Passage, an organization for troubled youth; Alpine County Search and Rescue; the South Lake Tahoe Amateur Radio Club; members of Alta Alpina Cycling Club; and the Markleeville Chamber of Commerce.

The ride organizers expect 1,000 to 1,200 riders from throughout the Western United States to participate.

The ride was conceived approximately seven years ago by Wayne Martin and Pat Banks. Martin approached the Markleeville Chamber of Commerce with the idea and said he could deliver at least 300 riders for the inaugural ride.

"We went to the chamber of commerce and Wayne guaranteed them there would be at least 300 riders and it turned out there were about 700 that year," Banks said. Since that first year the sponsorship of the ride has changed, but enthusiasm for the event has grown.

With such a demanding course and large entrant's list, anyone wanting to watch the ride and get a good feel for the grueling event and what the (See Death, Page 7A)



Courtesy of Alpine County Chamber of Commerce

Death

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riders are going through should settle in near an aid station, according to Banks. Other good viewing spots would be in Markleeville or at Turtle Rock Park, where the ride begins.

While viewing the race might be colorful and relaxing, the event isn't named a Death Ride for nothing.

"This ride is really the ultimate for people who enjoy abusing their bodies," said Don Wells of Alta Alpina Cycling Club, who has personally experienced the ride, also known as "Pain in the Passes." "You start out by going up Daggett Pass — that climbs something like 7,300 feet. When you get done with that, you're really

tapped out and you still have four passes to climb.

"The scenery is what makes the ride bearable. This has to be the most spectacular scenery around here."

In the past, some riders have bitten off more of the ride than they could chew, so ride organizers have instituted a 12-hour time limit. Any die-hards riding the five-pass option who have not reached the top of Monitor Pass or three-pass riders who have not reached the top of Carson Pass by 7 p.m. will be sent back to the starting point at Turtle Rock Park. Race organizers do not want any riders on the steep mountain roads after dark.

Overheard

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Darsi J. Parker of Stateline. To make the honor roll, a student must complete 15 credits in regularly graded courses with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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Airman Mark A. Nagel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Nagel of Markleeville, has graduated from Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
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The Death Ride

“There aren't many things on earth quite like the Death Ride,” Joel Stein mused.

An apt description. Nobody in the world of cycling will argue that the Markleeville Death Ride belongs in a special class. The 150-mile distance is challenge enough for most bicycle riders, but throw in five mountain passes that tower above 7,000 feet and one can understand how this event earned its name.

For the record

by DAVID PRICE, sports editor

That still didn't deter approximately 1,300 cyclists from entering the fifth annual Markleeville Death Ride and its lineup of Sierra passes that included climbs to the top of Daggett (7,334 feet), Luther (7,740), Carson (8,573), Monitor (8,314) and Ebbetts (8,730). A hardy few attempted all five passes; most tried the three-pass Pain in the Passes ride or the one-pass tour up Kingsbury Grade to the top of Daggett.

It represented a record turnout for an event that was once the brainchild of Wayne Martin, a Bay Area bicycle enthusiast. Stein, a Gardnerville resident who serves as one of the Death Ride coordinators for the Alta Alpina Bicycle Club, remembers that beginning.

“Wayne started it back in about 1977 or '78. He wanted to know how many of these passes could be done in a day,” Stein said. “He went out one day with a bunch of friends, who were all strong riders, and they did the five passes.”

“That was it for a while. It didn't get going again until 1982, and even then you just some die-hard bikees out there; nothing like what we had



JOEL STEIN

— his event is billed as an endurance ride rather than a race, with an emphasis on participation, although some talented cyclists were present. The speed riders were paced by Beat (pronounced Be-ah-t) Wyrsh, a member of the Swiss amateur cycling team who is spending his summer in South Lake Tahoe. Wyrsh tamed the 150-mile Death Ride route in a time of eight hours, 17 minutes and 13 seconds — 34 minutes behind the course record set by Reno's Mark Denton last year.

Many took their time, stopping for rest and refreshments at the top of each pass. Some riders were out simply to enjoy the scenery, even to take a few photographs. Others were out for a good workout.

It's all part of the magnetism of the Death Ride.

"Some people race it; others ride for fun," observed Stein, who operates a Gardnerville bicycle shop. "You see anything from world class racing bikes to touring bikes and sport bikes, some of them aren't even tuned up, and the riders come in every shape, size and description.

"I saw one guy out there, and I'd love to know his name, who was in his 50s and overweight, but he did all five passes. I was impressed."

However, the actual Death Ride isn't something Stein recommends to everyone.

"I have some misgivings about it," he conceded. "I think it pushes a lot of people beyond what their bodies are equipped to handle. Twelve to 13 hours on a bicycle gets to a point where it becomes a matter of how much punishment you can inflict on yourself.

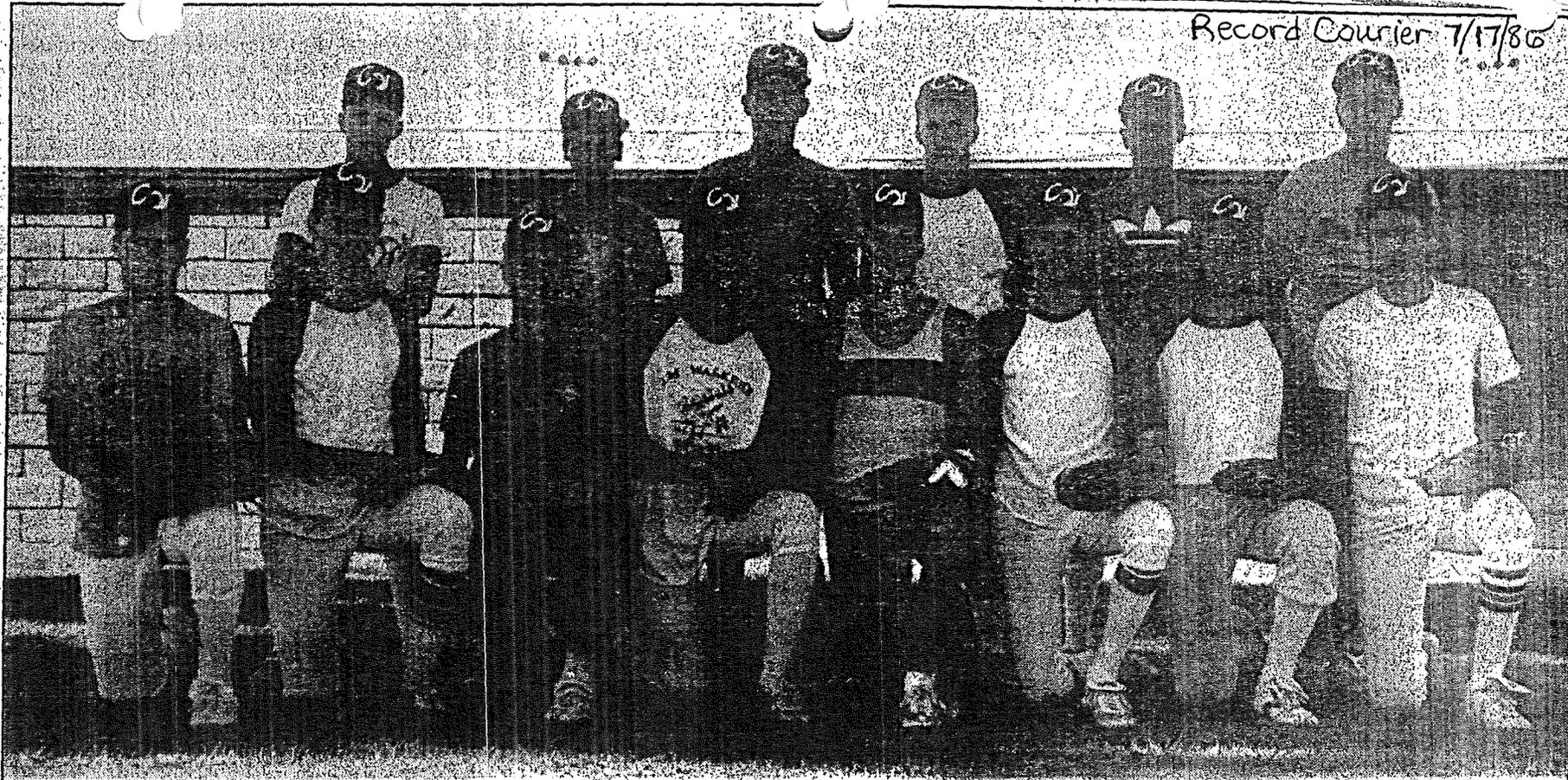
"Take Beat (Wyrsh). He was tired after the ride, but it wasn't anything excessive for him because he trains about 100 miles a day. But for most mere mortals, it (Death Ride) teases them. It says 'come on, keep going. Just one more.' And they keep on trying."

The Death Ride is a world class event, according to the 41-year-old Stein. Grueling, yet rewarding.

"This is one of the most challenging rides in the world," he said. "There are are a couple of climbs in the Alps that are really, really difficult, but this is one of the toughest climbs.

"But as difficult as it is, some of the vista points along the way are spectacular. There aren't many places in the world where you get views like that."

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ALL-STARs. The Carson Valley Senior League 14-15 year old all-star team will be playing for the northern Nevada district championship this weekend in Ely. The local roster includes:

(front row, from the left) Matt Sheets, Doug Broughton, Doug Lilly, Brian Davis, Frank Raschilla, Jake Rogers, Chuck Njblack, Ryan Allen, (back row) Mitch Bradley, Pat Winchell, Jon Murray, Lance Hutchinson, Mike Lawton and Jeff Wood. R-C photo

Woman injured in head-on crash

A head-on collision on Highway 88 at Kimmerling Road resulted in minor injuries to a Fredricksburg woman.

Kelly Garcia, 24, of Gardnerville was southbound in a 1977 Jeep on the highway, and at-

tempted to make a left turn onto Kimmerling about 6 p.m. last Thursday.

According to the Nevada Highway Patrol, Garcia cut the corner and hit head-on the northbound 1983 Toyota driven by

20-year-old Tammy Gansberg.

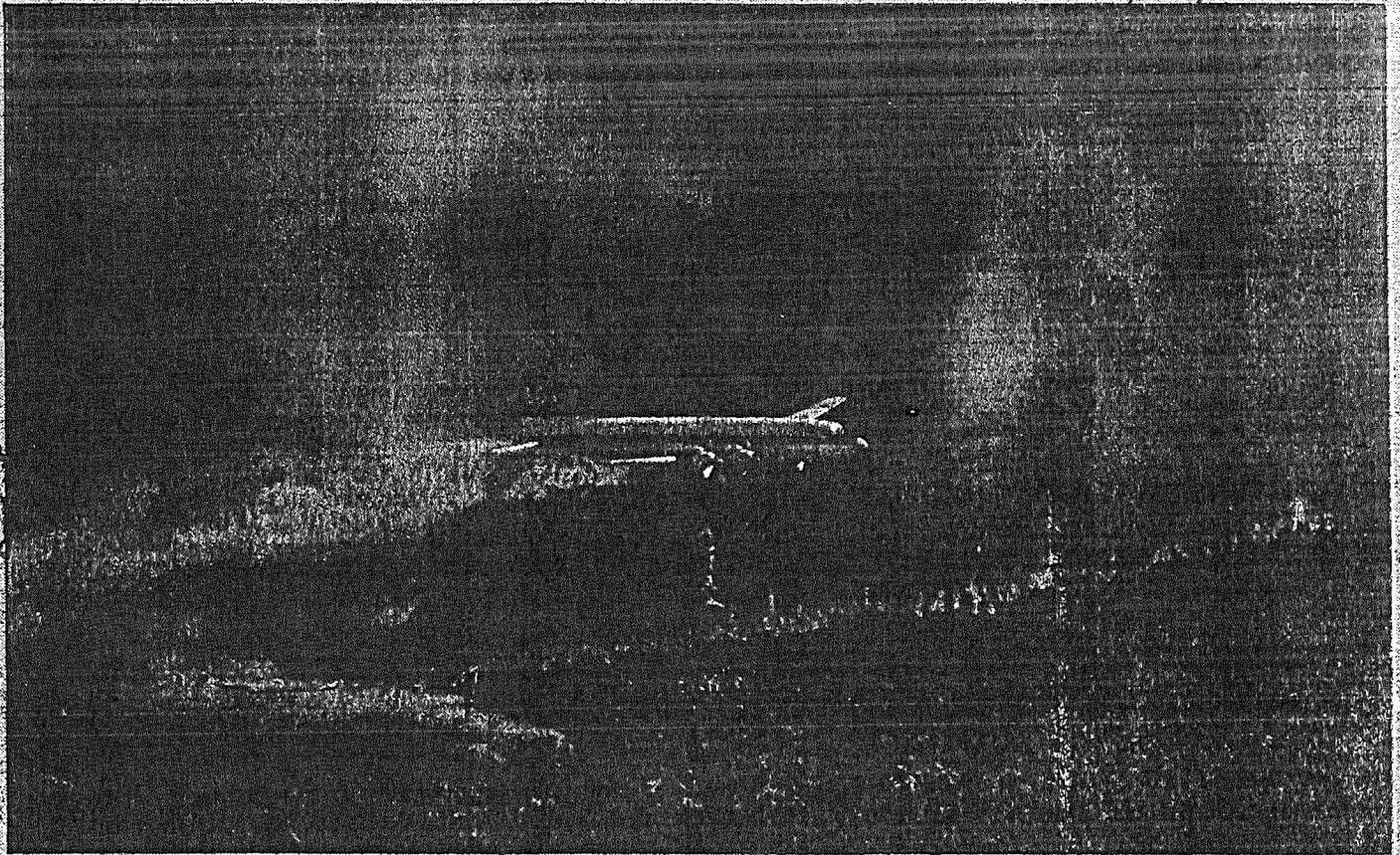
Garcia was cited for a turning violation.

Gansberg was taken to the Carson Valley Emergency Health Center with possible minor injuries to the head or neck.

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2,000 acres ablaze in Sierra

Reno Gazette-Journal
July 17, 1986



Craig Saffor/Gazette-Journal

BOMBS AWAY: A DC-7 from the Nevada Division of Forestry, based in Battle Mountain, drops borate on a brush and timber fire south of Centerville, Nev., and north of Fredericksburg, Calif., off U.S. Highway 88 on Wednesday.

Alpine County fire rages out of control

By Phil Barber/Gazette-Journal

WOODFORDS, Calif. — A raging brush and timber fire swept through Alpine County, Calif., Wednesday, scorching 2,000 acres and destroying some ranch outbuildings and an old school house.

At one point firefighters were forced to retreat in the face of a runaway firestorm, but no serious injuries were reported.

The blaze started Wednesday afternoon near Highway 88, about 45 miles south of Reno. It threatened several homes, but no one was evacuated.

"It's sad. I feel so frustrated," Karen Keebaugh of Woodfords said as she watched the fire roar up a nearby mountain.

"We just lost the old Fredericksburg School," reported Dave Kirby, a volunteer firefighter who also owns the Woodfords Station store. He said the 50-

year-old school had been used mostly as a church.

Ground and aerial firefighters saved several houses in the fire's path. Toiyabe National Forest information officer CeCe Stewart said there had been no evacuation of residents.

Late Wednesday, the north end of the fire was about four miles from houses in Sheridan Acres.

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Paul Carbo/Gazette-Journal

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Sierra blaze

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"Our priority is houses and ranches, and bulldozers are cutting lines around them," Stewart said.

No structures were in danger, but the fire was burning in dense Jeffrey pine.

Marilyn Morris, a Nevada Division of Forestry dispatcher, said the blaze began at 1:30 p.m. on Emigrant Trail Road, ½ mile north of Woodfords Station on the eastern slope of the Sierra. The cause was unknown.

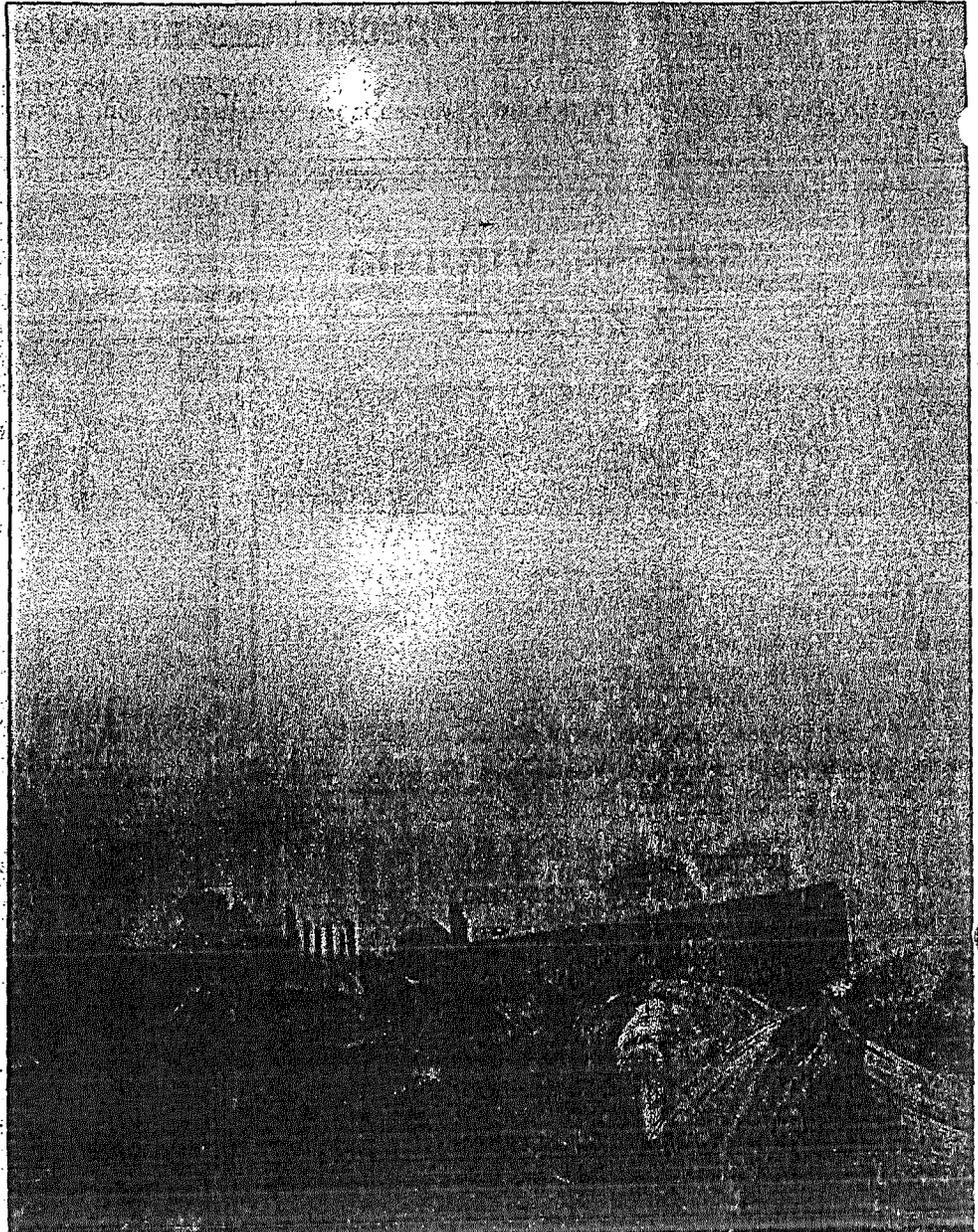
By 9 p.m., it was only 15 percent contained and still heading north near the California-Nevada border. An estimated 200 firefighters with 36 engines, three bulldozers, four aerial tankers, and a lead plane and helicopter were fighting the blaze.

Erratic winds pushed flames through sagebrush, cheat grass and some large trees over hard-to-reach, steep terrain. Morris said flames destroyed at least two ranch outbuildings, some corrals and hay.

Kirby, who returned from the fire line to close his store and stand by at a fire station late in the afternoon, said two well-known ranches in the area had escaped serious damage.

"The Bruns Ranch is OK and so is the Gansberg Ranch. North of there I can't tell. I didn't go farther north than the state line (on State Route 88)."

He said his job was to help keep the fire away from residences. Asked if it came close to houses, he replied, "It sure did. There's red slurry (fire retardant from bombers) on several of them, especially on Foothill Road. There are about a half dozen homes down there."



Craig Sailor/Gazette-Journal

BARN DESTROYED: An orange sun hangs over the twisted wreckage of a hay barn while the hay inside still burns and smoke drifts through an unburned forest in the background Wednesday afternoon near Fredericksburg, Calif.

Keebaugh, who with her husband owns the Woodfords Inn, said about a dozen houses in the Mesa Vista subdivision had been threatened, but no one was evacuated.

She also said Woodfords was not threatened. "The wind is blowing the other way."

Highway 88 was closed for a time, but the California Highway Patrol reported the highway was re-opened at 6:02 p.m. for through traffic only.

The NDF reported additional fire-

fighters had been summoned from other states. The operations were under the direction of a Class One Overhead Team, an elite management group used in major forest fires.

Assisting in fire control were the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, NDF, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Douglas County and the Sheridan Acres, Jacks Valley and Woodfords volunteer fire departments.

The weather forecast for today was for 5 to 15-mph winds with gusts to 20 mph.

You said it!



How early should campaign signs go up?



LESLIE ZABELSKY
Cashier

"I think they should go up no more than two weeks in advance. If they put them up too soon, it just clutters everything up. And I think they should be taken down no more than a week after the election."



SHANNON COUNCIL
DHS student

"Thirty days. A month is a good time, not too long, not too short."



HAZEL PAYNE
Housewife

"I don't know. It's 60 days I think. They don't bother me."



WILLIAM OCENAS
Retired

"Well, I really don't care. I don't pay too much attention anymore."



JULIE HOMER
Graphic artist

"I don't even think they should go up. All they do is clutter the roads, and they're ruining the land."



LILA WAYT
Housewife

"I really get sick and tired of them, so as late as possible. I'm so relieved when elections are over. I would think two months should be enough."

Commission wants sewer sludge kept in California

Editor's note: The following actions were taken by Douglas County commissioners at their July 10 meeting. All commissioners were present.

Douglas County will take no sewage sludge from California.

Commissioners sent out that message last week, telling California to keep its own sewage by rejecting a request to store treated sludge from the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) at the county dump.

The 4-1 vote came despite assurances that the sewage was not hazardous and a promise by a contractor that he would line the pit in which the sludge would be stored.

"As far as I'm concerned California can dispose of its own in California — forget Nevada," Commissioner Barbara Cook said.

She was joined by Chairman Bob Pruett and Commissioner Jerry Bing, who said they were concerned about nearby water sources. Although a lining could be placed in the pit, Pruett said the lining may not hold up and the liquid material could percolate downward.

And Commissioner Bob Oswald told contractor Thomas Haen that "we have enough of our own in Douglas County."

However, Commissioner Herb Witt suggested that Nevada shouldn't appear so hard-nosed about accepting the sludge because Nevada industries at Stateline supported much of the population living nearby in California. His was the only vote against the action to reject the request.

Witt added that Nevada is trying to attract industry to the state, which could create more hazardous wastes than the sludge.

During discussion, Pruett started to lean toward a compromise, but he soon returned to his original position. He asked whether the sludge would meet Nevada standards for soil "amendments."

"I'd like to cooperate but, God, I don't want that stuff at all," he said.

Prior to the vote, Haen told

commissioners that his company was under contract to clean two sewage ponds for STPUD as part of the district's \$27,000 reconstruction plan. It was a one-time request because future material would be cycled back through the STPUD plant, he said. The present sludge is too concentrated to be used in the new process.

He proposed to dispose of 3,600 tons of liquid sludge at the county landfill, south of Gardnerville, because of strong public protest in Alpine County. Residents protested two months ago when sludge from another pond was used as fertilizer on a private farm in Alpine.

Haen said he could spread the remainder of the sludge from a second pond on the farmland again, but he had told Alpine County officials that he would try to find some place else for it.

Haen added that many who protested were not well informed about the sludge, which can be put to beneficial use as fertilizer. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection also said the sludge would meet requirements for a soil amendment, according to Douglas County Public Works Director Paul Fillebrown.

The sludge, treated with chlorine, was tested by an independent lab. Haen said results showed some possibly harmful materials to be at least 100 times lower than that which would harm nearby water sources, while others were not detectable. The lab tested for heavy metals, PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl), pH (acidity), nitrogen and solids. The domestic sewage sludge settles out of the tertiary treatment process.

Gardnerville engineer Bob Gardner told commissioners he reviewed test results and found that the material would not harm surface or ground water.

Haen proposed to allow the sludge to dry in an isolated pond, leaving 360 tons of sludge for

possible use as a fertilizer on county-owned property or on ranch land.

However, Cook said use of the sludge would draw a lot of protest in Douglas County.

"If it's so great let California keep it," she said. Others agreed that although this was a one-time request, similar requests have come in front of the board before.

In other business, commissioners:

- Adopted a resolution lending no more than \$20,000 to the mosquito abatement district. The amount will be re-paid to the county as the district's property tax is collected during fiscal 1986-87.

- Adopted a resolution commemorating long-time Douglas County resident Henry Berrum, who died in June. Berrum served as state senator, assemblyman, member of the Douglas County School Board and member of the Douglas County Planning Commission. The resolution expressed sympathy to his family.

- Approved a participatory agreement with Nevada Home Health Services. The County will pay \$10,500 toward the service, which provides home health care for people who would otherwise require indigent hospital care. Several Nevada counties contribute to the agency, and money is matched by federal funding.

- Approved a cabaret liquor license for Hassan Chahidi and Djamchid Jim Bayat for Faces Cafe and Dancing at Stateline.

- Allowed the insurance requirement for the Heritage Days crafts fair to be lowered from \$100,000 to \$50,000 because of an increase in premium costs. Commissioner Cook, the Commission's representative on the Carson Valley Marketing Council, said the organization could not afford the maximum insurance coverage at the higher premium. A requirement of \$100,000 for the balloon race was kept.

Wooland schools win grant

By Mark Glover
Bee Staff Writer

When the Woodland Joint Unified School District was one of only eight recipients nationwide to receive a dropout-prevention grant earlier this month, teacher Sandi Redenbach "felt like God was watching over Woodland students."

Redenbach, a Woodland High School public-speaking and English teacher who helped devise and will direct the district's dropout-prevention program, had a better reason than most to be overjoyed.

The 46-year-old, 15-year teaching veteran dropped out of a Fall River, Mass., high school as a teenager.

"I think I can relate to the problems facing these students more than a lot of people," she said Wednesday at her home in Davis. "I did my share of waitressing and odd jobs."

"I was one of the lucky ones. I got back into school and got my degree at (the University of California at) Davis."

Now, Redenbach will have the chance to help students in her Yolo County district stay in school and enhance their employment chances.

She earned the chance against long odds. More than 120 schools throughout the United States submitted dropout-prevention programs to be studied by a panel of the National Education Association, which announced it would award grants for the first time this

year.

The NEA said the grants were "Operation Rescue," a \$1.8 million parceled out to those districts that extraordinary programs.

On July 3, an NEA panel meeting in Louisville, Ky., announced that Wooland had been chosen for a \$36,300 grant.

The Los Angeles Unified School District also received one of the eight \$35,000 awards that will provide support services to 7th- and 8th-grade students from predominantly Hispanic families.

Figures released by the state earlier this year showed California's dropout rate at about 30 percent — almost 5 percent

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY INFORMATION CENTER

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Sierra blaze burns 3,400 Alpine acres

Bee Metro Staff

A fire that officials called the biggest of the season in the Sierra had burned more than 3,400 acres by nightfall Thursday near the Alpine County town of Fredricksburg on the Nevada border.

By late Thursday, the fire was reported 60 percent contained. It had destroyed a 50-year-old schoolhouse that had been used recently as a church and leveled several ranch outbuildings, including two small barns.

A 750-member force was fighting the fire late Thursday and helped prevent the blaze from damaging any main buildings on the ranches.

The fire began Wednesday afternoon as a brush blaze, but by Thursday afternoon was burning mostly up steep slopes of Jeffrey pine trees, said Ce Ce Stewart, spokeswoman for Toiyabe National Forest.

Stewart said the fire apparently was "human-caused," and was under investigation.

She said the fire is the worst in the

Sierra so far this season, with fire danger in the area rated "high to extreme" Thursday.

"We've been very fortunate in the Sierra so far," Stewart said.

California Highway 88 was closed part of Wednesday afternoon because of the fire, but all roads in the area were open late Thursday, Stewart said.

The blaze was fanned Wednesday by wind gusts up to 30 mph, which reportedly whipped the flames in different directions, making it hazardous for firefighters. Stewart said extremely dry air also was making fire-fighting difficult.

Agencies involved in fighting the fire were the U.S. Forest Service, the Nevada Division of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Four air tankers, which carry liquid fire retardant, were called in to help.

Stewart said fire officials did not know when the blaze would be controlled. No injuries had been reported.

Officials cut back Sierra lake closure

By Mike Dobbins
Special to The Bee

NEVADA CITY — Health officials in Nevada County backed off Thursday from closing all of Lake Vera after 35 cases of "swimmers' itch" — cercarial dermatitis — were diagnosed in children swimming in the reservoir since last week.

Noting that now only a small part of the lake will be closed, Nevada County Health Officer Dr. Jerry Zarriello said that "all of the infants

the lake beginning today.

Carmichael said the chemical would not be harmful to humans, "But we are not taking chances, especially with children. We will begin testing the water in 72 hours, and I expect the area to be closed for about 10 days," he said.

In the meantime, officials at the Camp Celio and Camp Augusta will run the summer camps as usual but eliminate swimming during the treatment process.



Montgomery Ward

Githa Lee, 19, is one of five Laurel Ruff Center

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By Gracie Bonds Staples
Bee Staff Writer

Lisa Gilli has her first job and is looking forward to going to Great America — maybe.

The 22-year-old woman, with a smile as soft as her green eyes, is working as a cook at a lo-

Sierra Fire Ravages 3000 Acres

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Woodfords, Alpine County

A brushfire in the eastern Sierra had scorched more than 3000 acres by late yesterday as fire crews struggled over steep terrain to halt its advance.

Mike King, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service, called it the worst Sierra fire so far this year. He said 560 firefighters were working along a 2½-mile front to keep the blaze from spreading north into Nevada, where denser brush and undergrowth would refuel the flames.

Firefighters were aided by cooler temperatures and lighter winds yesterday, a day after gusts of up to 30 miles an hour fanned the fire into an inferno that blackened more than 500 acres in under three hours.

The flames destroyed the 50-year-old Fredericksburg school, which had been used most recently as a church, and leveled two small barns and some outbuildings and corrals on ranches, although firefighters were able to save the main buildings.

King said no structures were threatened yesterday as the fire moved west into heavier forests. The Forest Service said the fire was about 40 percent contained late yesterday, but said that could change with higher winds.

Associated Press

-The Historical Records Commission held interviews last month with applicants for the position of Archivist. The Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors that Dr. Inez Prinster be hired, and the board concurred. Dr. Prinster has accepted the position and will arrive in Alpine around June 27 and will begin work on July 1.

Dr. Prinster comes from South Dakota. She obtained her Ed.D. from the Univ. of Northern Colorado with a major in Archives, and her M.A.L.S. from the University of Denver with a major in Archives. Her undergraduate work was done at the University of Colorado with a major in history. The Commission feels that Dr. Prinster's varied experience and excellent recommendations well suit her to the challenging and interesting job of organizing the County's historical records collection and creating a County Archives in the Library.

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Tractor cause of Alpine wild fire

San Diego Daily Tribune 7/19/86

Exhaust sparks from a tractor driven by an Alpine County man were responsible for starting a wild fire that charred 3,400 acres near Woodfords.

John Lyle Cassidy for responsibility in the blaze.

Cassidy is accused of driving a tractor that did not have a spark arrester. A spark from the vehicle's exhaust is believed responsible for starting the fire which needed 1,200 firefighters and cost more than \$800,000 to put out. Authorities say Cassidy is liable for firefighting costs.

Following an investigation of the fire that started July 16 and burned through rolling ranchland and steep forest terrain near the California/Nevada border for several days, the U.S. Forest Service has cited

Rancher watches his property burn

Alpine fire moves west

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writer

For five generations, the Gansberg family has cherished its rolling ranchland on the eastern flank of the Sierra where California meets Nevada.

But Wednesday, as ranch patriarch Chris Gansberg Sr. watched a searing freight train of flame blast its way across his property, he feared it might all be over.

Firefighters by this morning had contained 60 percent of a 3,400-acre fire that had moved west, into rugged high-mountain country in Alpine County, leaving ranchers like Gansberg on the Carson Valley floor little to do but clean up.

"It was just the most helpless feeling I have ever had," Gansberg Sr., 76, said. "I thought that if I can just save my house, if I can just save my wife, that will be enough."

Chris Gansberg Jr., an Alpine County supervisor, dashed from a board meeting upon learning of the blaze, which started about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday near Immigrant Trail Road and fanned by high wind, spread quickly through dry brush in the Fredericksburg area and toward the Gansberg ranch.

When Gansberg Jr. reached his family's property, he faced an inferno.

"There was a whirlwind, just like a solid sheet of fire," Gansberg Jr., 42, said. "It tore



Chris Gansberg, Sr. watched the roof off the barn and the next thing I knew the whole barn was on fire. (See Rancher, Page 5)

San Diego Daily Tribune 7/19/86

Rancher

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In a matter of minutes, the Gansbergs lost their barn and an estimated 15,000 bales of hay worth as much as \$80,000.

They count themselves lucky. "Hay is only money and what's money?" Gansberg Sr. asked. "Now we've got quite a mess to clean up but that can be done. If we had a funeral tomorrow, that would have been terrible. Everything we had was at stake."

Rancher Clarence Burr, who lost property in a similar Alpine County wild fire two years ago, surveyed the charred carnage at the Gansberg Ranch dismally.

"We're not being protected," Burr said, critical of the hastily assembled coalition of federal, state, local and volunteer firefighters that he said was not assembled hastily enough.

Burr said Alpine County ranchers should have been allowed to combat the fire while official firefighters organized, but were not allowed to do so.

"They've got to let the locals get on these fires immediately," he said. "Too much bureaucracy, that's the bottom line. You give them another 10 years and there won't be anything left of Alpine County."

District Ranger Mike King of the U.S. Forest Service said firefighting personnel responded to the fire as quickly as possible. He denied knowledge of officials stopping local ranchers from fighting the blaze which threatened their proper-

ty, but added a situation as dangerous as existed Wednesday should be left to professionals.

"It's not worth anybody's life to put them in a position where they don't know what's going on," King said. "There's a lot of factors that come into play when you fight a wild fire. It's like a war."

An estimated 1,200 firefighters were on the Fredericksburg Fire, the worst Sierra fire this year, as of this morning, according to CeCe Stewart, Toiyabe National Forest information officer. Ground crews continue to be aided by air tankers dropping fire retardant.

In addition to ranch outbuildings, the fire burned the historic Fredericksburg School Wednesday.

Crews this morning were focusing their efforts in the high country in the eastern Sierra, where the fire is now burning Jeffrey pine forest.

"We're having rough goes with crown fires and trees torching," Stewart said. "There's a lot of danger to our crews."

No serious injuries have been reported.

Fire burns out of control in Alpine

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Tahoe joins battle to stomp blaze

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writer

A quick-moving wild fire has scorched more than 2,000 acres in Alpine County near the California/Nevada border and continued to burn out of control in mountainous country this morning.

Firefighting agencies from throughout the region, including Lake Tahoe, are on the scene.

"It is burning in rough terrain and going up into the valleys and canyons," said Toiyabe National Forest information of-

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ficer CeCe Stewart at 8 a.m. "No homes or structures are threatened at this point."

The fire, which started for an unknown reason at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fredericksburg north of Woodfords, burned a historic school house and several barns in Alpine County Wednesday afternoon.

Stewart said the fire was 40 percent contained this morning but gave no estimate of when it might be fully contained.

"It's still basically out of control," she said. "We're splitting our forces into four divisions to try and get an upper hand on this."

Reinforcements for the 200 firefighters already on line (See Fire, Page 6)

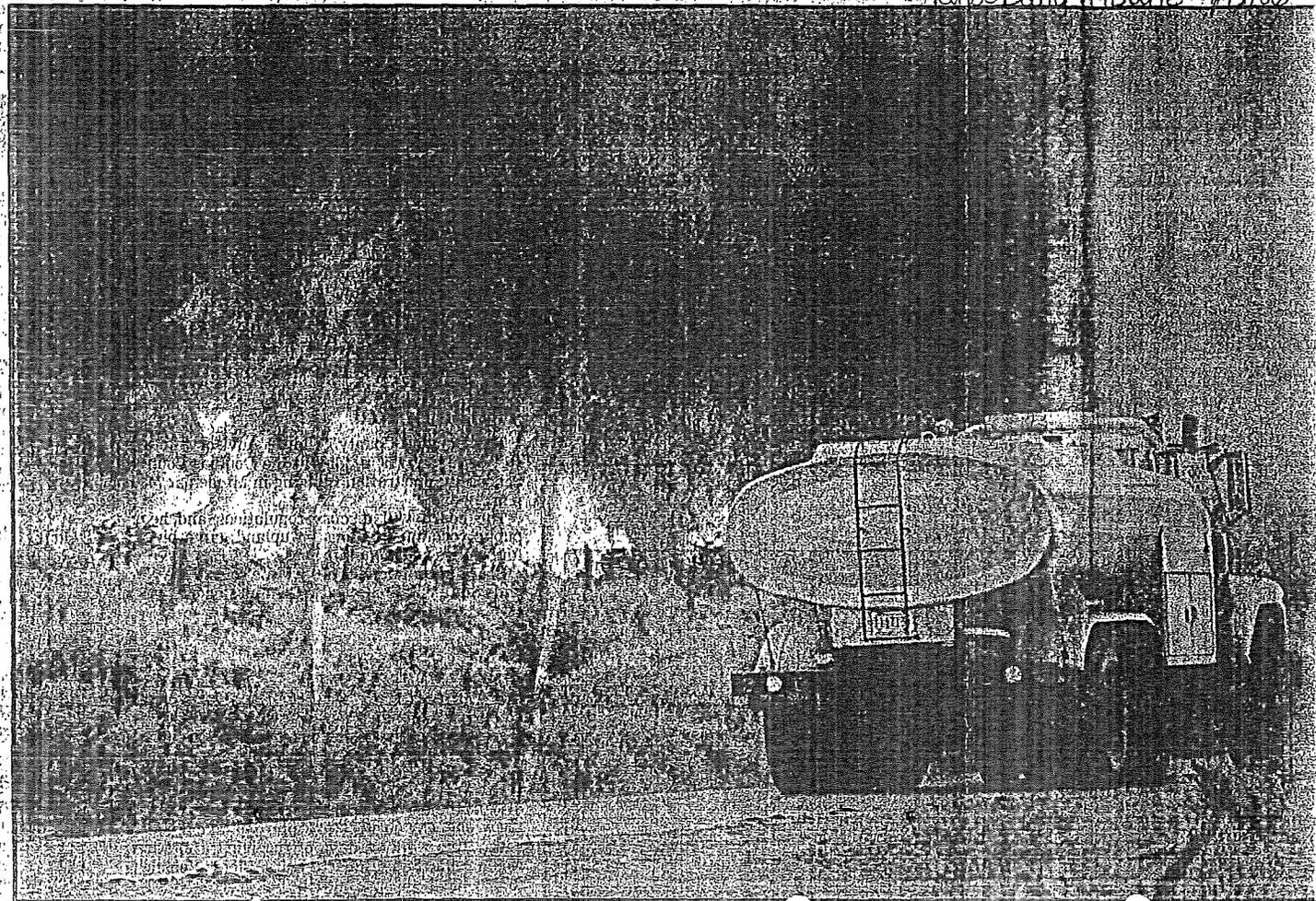


Photo by Steven L. Nelson

Firefighters from throughout the region, including Lake Tahoe, are struggling to control this 2,000-acre wild fire

Fire

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were being brought in from across the western United States.

Erratic winds pushed the fire through dry sagebrush and trees throughout the afternoon, with a sudden firestorm at one point forcing firefighters, police and reporters on Frederickburg Road to scramble for safety as flames leaped the roadway.

"Everybody got out of it, I don't know how," said Douglas County firefighter Dennis Atchison Wednesday afternoon. "We just got our ass kicked."

Atchison described conditions as very difficult and dangerous.

"There's a lot of fuel out there

and a lot of firestorms," he said. "It jumped us. It jumped everybody...."

Two well-known ranches along Frederickburg Road escaped major damage but lost hay barns, corrals and other out-buildings. The 50-year-old Frederickburg School, a historic structure used primarily as a church, was destroyed by wind-whipped flames.

Officials did not order the evacuation of any residences near the fire, though the towering column of smoke nearby was enough to prompt some to leave on their own.

"We're going to move out before the fire hits us," said Foot-

hill Road resident Julie Hellwinkel while loading her family's possessions into a truck. "We don't have any choice."

Firefighters were using air tankers, helicopters, bulldozers and more than 30 fire engines to fight the flames, though Stewart said by this morning they were relying primarily on hand crews due to the steepness of terrain on the western edge of the blaze.

"All the agencies are in on this one," Stewart said. An elite Class Overhead Team has been brought to oversee fire operations.

in Benicia toxic case

By Deborah Blum
Bee Staff Writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has agreed on a \$45,000 settlement against Northern California's major toxic waste disposal site, the Panoche facility in Benicia.

Terry Wilson, spokesman for the EPA's regional office in San Francisco, said unresolved problems mean that the Benicia site — like two other California hazardous waste repositories — is not considered fit to receive material from Superfund cleanups.

The federal government awarded a recent contract to remove 7,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil from Sacramento's Jibboom junkyard to a company that will haul the debris to Utah. Wilson said that until problems at the California sites are corrected, all Superfund waste will be sent out of state.

An EPA statement on the Benicia facility, operated by IT Corp. of Martinez, notes that "compliance has been an ongoing issue at IT facilities" and that further enforcement actions are anticipated.

Wilson said that in addition to the payment to the agency for violation of EPA regulations, the agency is also requiring the closing of ponds at the site, and a technical review of pipelines. A national groundwater task force is also inspecting and reviewing the facility.

Paul Kaufmann, IT executive vice president, said the settlement was reached this month and that no fur-

ther comment was needed. He added, however, that the groundwater-monitoring program is a routine review going on nationwide.

Wilson said that hazardous waste disposal sites near Kettleman City, Kings County; and Casmalia, Santa Barbara County, also fail to meet standards for receiving Superfund waste. The Superfund is a federal program to clean up the most dangerous toxic sites.

Jibboom, on the east bank of the Sacramento River near Richards Boulevard, was put on the list because of heavy metal contamination within a half mile of drinking water intake pipes. Work by U.S. Pollution Control Inc. is expected to begin by fall. The metal-saturated soil will be taken to Clive, Utah, in the state's western desert.

Problems with the Kettleman Hills and Casmalia operations include improper groundwater monitoring and lack of double-lined disposal areas, according to the EPA. Chemical Waste Management, which operates the Kings County site, agreed last fall to a \$4 million settlement.

The 4-year-old Utah facility, which meets federal standards, received the highest ranking in the country from an independent auditing team, Utah officials said.

That site is now providing storage for most Western states, including California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico and Canada. They expect it to be full within one year, and predict that U.S. Pollution Control will request an expansion.

Fire crews getting a handle on big blaze in Alpine County

Bee Metro Staff

The biggest fire of the season in the Sierra should be contained by 6 a.m. today and controlled by 6 p.m. Sunday, a Toiyabe National Forest official said Friday.

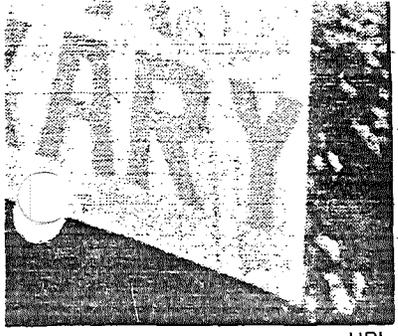
CeCe Stewart, a U.S. Forest Service fire information officer, said the fire has destroyed more than 3,400 acres near the Alpine County town of Fredericksburg, but lower winds are helping firefighters bring the blaze under control.

"The winds died down. We haven't had whipping winds, and the winds we do have are blowing the fire back into itself," Stewart said.

High winds earlier in the week stymied the nearly 1,200 firefighters battling the blaze near the Nevada border, but now the fire is almost completely surrounded.

Erosion from the fire may cause windstorms and flooding, and the loss of vegetation may make the area uninhabitable for deer and other wildlife, Stewart said.

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ter nearly 20 hours later. An autopsy will
today, Denton said.

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4-DAY-OLD BLAZE IN*SIERRA*CONTAINED*

Firefighters aided by favorable weather Saturday*contained*a 3,480-acre fire that has Raged for four days on the east slopes of the*Sierra*Nevada south of Lake Tahoe.

A spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service said the blaze in the Toiyabe National Forest near the Nevada State line was*contained*about 6 a.m. Saturday; and that full control was Expected sometime this evening.

A corps of 1,200 firefighters assembled in the heavily timbered Area near the town of Woodfords has Been reduced to about 1,000, and will Be scaled down further today, the Spokesman said.

The fire, largest in the*Sierra*this Year, began Wednesday near Woodfords, about 15 miles south of Lake Tahoe. No injuries were reported. The fire destroyed a 50-year-old Schoolhouse in the Alpine County Community of

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*BLAZE*CONTROLLED*

Firefighters Sunday*controlled*a human-caused forest fire that had Raged for five days, blackening 3,480 acres on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada south of Lake Tahoe.

Foothill Road, a local roadway Along the east flank of the Sierra that Was closed while the fire burned, Was to be reopened Sunday night, Said fire-fighting spokesman Gary Cornell.

He said six firefighters were injured battling the*blaze,*which at its Peak engaged 1,200 personnel. Injuries were minor, he said, and included a broken foot and severely Strained knees.

The fire was known to have been Started by a person, or persons, but Its precise origin was under investigation, Cornell said. The cost of Fighting it was \$518,000 as of Sunday And was expected to total \$800,000, He said.

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Cornell said 600 firefighters were Mopping up remnants of the*blaze*Sunday.

Fire-fighting crews from half a Dozen Western states, aided by the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies, were mobilized in the Heavily timbered terrain, he said.

The*blaze,*the largest in the Sierra This year, began Wednesday near Woodfords, about 15 miles south of Lake Tahoe. It destroyed a 50-year-Old schoolhouse in the Alpine County Community of Fredericksburg and Several farm buildings.

Firefighters finally get wild fire under control

By JEFF DeLONG
Tribune Staff Writer

The year's largest Sierra wild fire was brought under control by firefighters working in rugged mountain terrain over the weekend, with final mop up of the blaze taking place this morning.

The human-caused fire, still under investigation, scorched nearly 3,500 acres of forest and brush on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada in Alpine County 15 miles south of Lake Tahoe.

As many as 1,200 firefighters from throughout the western United States were called to combat the fire, which at one point threatened ranch structures and firefighters alike as wind-whipped fireforms raced through the community of Fredericksburg.

Six firefighters had suffered minor injuries fighting the fire as of Sunday night, including a broken foot, hand and thumb, said Gary Cornell,

a firefighting spokesman on the scene from the Utah State Lands and Forestry Department.

Cost of battling the fire may reach as much as \$800,000, Cornell said.

Investigators have determined the fire was started by a person or persons at 1:30 p.m. last Wednesday off Immigrant Trail Road near Woodfords, though few details as to the cause of the blaze have been released.

Pushed by erratic winds, the fire Wednesday swept through Fredericksburg, destroying a barn and \$80,000 hay crop at the Gansberg Ranch, several other ranch outbuildings and the 50-year-old Fredericksburg School, a historical monument.

By Thursday the fire veered west and into the high country, forcing firefighters into steep terrain on foot.

A group of firefighters resting last Friday dur-
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ing efforts to contain the northern edge of the fire near Fay Canyon had dubbed their journey over nearly vertical slopes a "death walk."

"Every two steps you take you go down one step," said Gary Reynolds, a Forest Service firefighter from Eldorado National Forest. "We pulled the first 48 straight hours. It's been tough."

Bill Krushak, supervisor of

the Blue Ridge Hot Shots of Flagstaff, Ariz., said poor footing and rolling materials made conditions especially difficult for firefighters.

Bureau of Land Management firefighter Craig Bullis said the wind dictated firefighters' actions during the early stages of the blaze.

"Sometimes there was really nothing you could do except get out of the way," he said. "We did a lot of that."

Fire command center essential

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The average person probably doesn't have a clue as to what goes on in the wings while the drama of a forest fire is being played on the mountain stage.

While the Fredericksburg fire angrily consumed 3,500 acres of California wilderness and civilization, more than 1,200 men — yes, and women — battled desperately to keep the destruction to a minimum.

Firefighters and experts rallied to the area from Utah, Idaho, Arizona and Nevada to help their California neighbors.

But who tends to the basic needs of all those people? Who organizes their efforts? Where do they sleep? How are they fed?

The answer to all those questions lies at the "command center."

The command center for the Fredericksburg fire was set up at the Diamond Valley School in Woodfords.

Schools are ideally suited to command centers.

While the Indian Creek Fire raged in the hills surrounding Carson Valley two years ago, a command center was established at Gardnerville Elementary School.

The mood at the Woodfords command center was pretty low-key.

Sleeping bags and tents were strewn on the pine needle-covered ground in the wooded

areas surrounding the school.

Exhausted firefighters, some having had no rest for up to 36 hours, slept peacefully in the shade while a warm summer breeze blew over them.

Those whose adrenalin hadn't

injuries, even deaths.

A weather information room was critical to every aspect of the firefighting efforts, and topographical maps were used to coordinate firefighting tac-

Sandi Wright

yet returned to a normal level, sat on the ground and propped themselves against the building while they came down.

You knew there were some very good-looking faces and some very fit bodies underneath all the smoke, dirt and fire gear that covered them.

A convoy of trucks and buses carried exhausted crews back from their shifts and refreshed crews in to replace them.

Man-sized meals were served up in the school cafeteria, and the food looked excellent — we're talking barbecued spareribs here, not reddish-brown tubes of mystery meat.

And there were centers inside the center.

In some respects, fighting a fire is very much like fighting a war, complete with strategy, offense and defense.

A first aid station was set up in one of the rooms although, fortunately, it didn't get too much use during this blaze. According to some officials, the erratic fire behavior could have resulted in some very serious

tics.

But the media information center was the most useful room for a reporter to hang his hat.

Well-organized operations anticipate media attention and make arrangements to deal accurately and courteously with the onslaught of queries from reporters.

Mike King, Carson City District ranger for the Toiyabe National Forest, was especially helpful. You never got the impression anyone was ever trying to hide anything from the press.

Several reporters were actually supplied with fire gear and bused into the mountains behind the fire. They hiked up the fire line for a first-hand look at the damage, a first-hand understanding of rugged terrain, and a first-hand testament to physical fitness.

Even though the eastern slope of the Sierra will be scarred for decades to come, the command center was critical to holding down the destruction to a mere 3,500 acres.

NIGHTMARE ALMOST COMES

by DAVE PRICE
Staff writer

Four months ago, Kathy Ceragioli dreamed of a fire burning next to her hillside home near Woodfords. It was a dream she hoped would never come true.

Upon his return home from Kirkwood early Wednesday (July 16) afternoon, Gary Ceragioli knew something was wrong the moment he reached the top of Carson Pass.

It was the start of a nightmare, a fire that raged across more than 3,000 acres of sage and timber in Alpine County before it was finally tamed by firefighters representing agencies from six states.

The fire started in an open field across from the Ceragioli home on Frontier Road and Emigrant Trail sometime around 1:30 p.m. The possibility of fire is something they have known about since moving in February of 1983.

"Gary has always said that if this house goes, it will be by fire," Kathy Ceragioli said.

"It's strange, but about four months ago, I dreamed we had a fire out there," she said. "It wasn't anything as intense as this; I don't even remember the road being in the dream. I just remember the smoldering."

Gary Ceragioli, 33, a self-employed cabinet-maker, was cutting wood near Kirkwood Wednesday morning and was driving home on Highway 88 when he spotted smoke.

"I saw the smoke from up on Carson Pass. I just started driving like a madman down the mountain. I stopped at Sorenson's to call Kathy and see

what was going on. That's when I found out the fire was on the other side of the road," he recalled, "but the closer I got, the worse it looked. By the time I got to Emigrant Trail, I thought the house was history. When I was driving, I was expecting to come around the corner and seeing all this charred timber."

"I missed the turn at Emigrant Trail because my brakes were gone. I remember I had the pedal to the floor and I wasn't slowing down. When I pulled in the driveway, smoke was just pouring out from the wheels."

Kathy Ceragioli saw the smoke after being alerted by her two children, 7-year-old Drake and 5-year-old Shasta.

"The kids ran in and told me there was a fire outside," Kathy said, looking back to the fire's origin. "I didn't know what to think. I'm not sure what I would have done if the wind had been blowing the fire toward the house."

Instead, a northward wind carried the fire away from the populated area around Emigrant Trail — for the time being.

"When I got home, I unloaded the wood right away, just in case we needed it (the truck) to start hauling things away," Gary Ceragioli remembered. "I was going to drive down and see if (rancher Hubert) Bruns needed any help, but then the fire started coming back at us. I knew then that I'd better stay right where I was."

Gary Ceragioli was out on a tractor trying to carve out a fire break between his house and fire. Tom Riebe, a fellow worker, and Rudy Ceragioli, his

father (who had driven from Carson City), were busy with shovels.

"I don't know how those guys fight fires for a living; maybe they build up an immunity or something. It was hard, I remember not being able to breathe, and my eyes were running so bad, I almost had to hold them open."

An Alpine County sheriff's deputy was the first person to respond to the fire call. More help was right behind, according to Kathy Ceragioli.

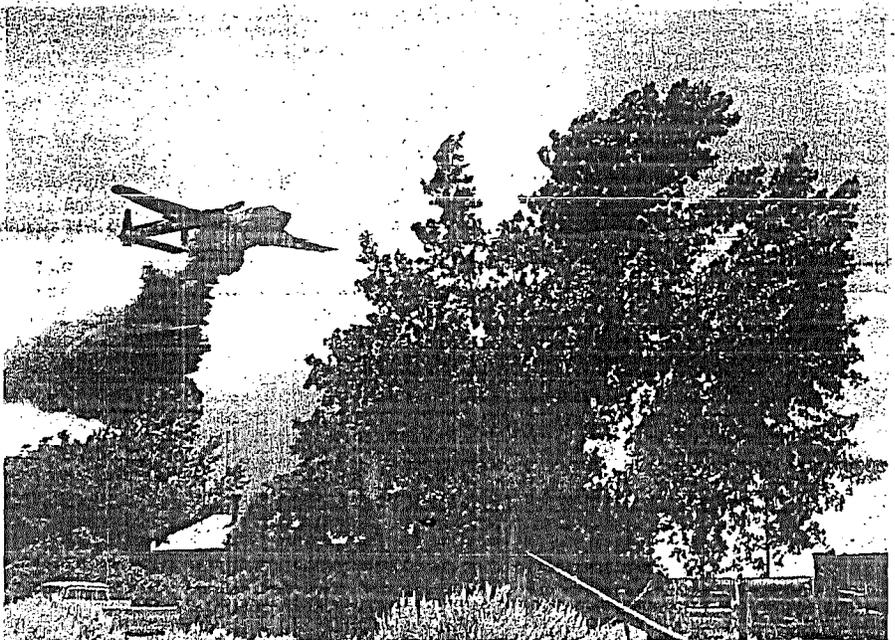
"At first I couldn't believe how many people were out here at first, then all of a sudden there wasn't anybody. I think they realized where the wind was taking the fire and everyone took off," she said. "When it started to come back, Gary and his dad and Tom were the only ones out there fighting the fire."

"I guess somebody was keeping an eye on this end of the fire. Before long a spotter plane came by, and we got the hell out of there; after that two borate bombers came in and dumped on us," Gary Ceragioli said.

Assistance even came from private sources, including Shaw Construction in Carson City. Shaw dispatched one of its converted fire trucks, complete with 500-gallon tank and gas pump.

"They're one of my customers," Ceragioli pointed out. "They saw the smoke from Carson and knew it was out in our area. They sent the truck up because they thought our power might be out; if there's no power you can't pump any water. That was nice of them."

"Actually, we had a lot of calls from people offering to help; it



FIRE ATTACK. This air tanker was one of four used to battle the five-day Fredericksburg fire. Fire retardant dropped in key areas helped protect homes along Fredericksburg Road

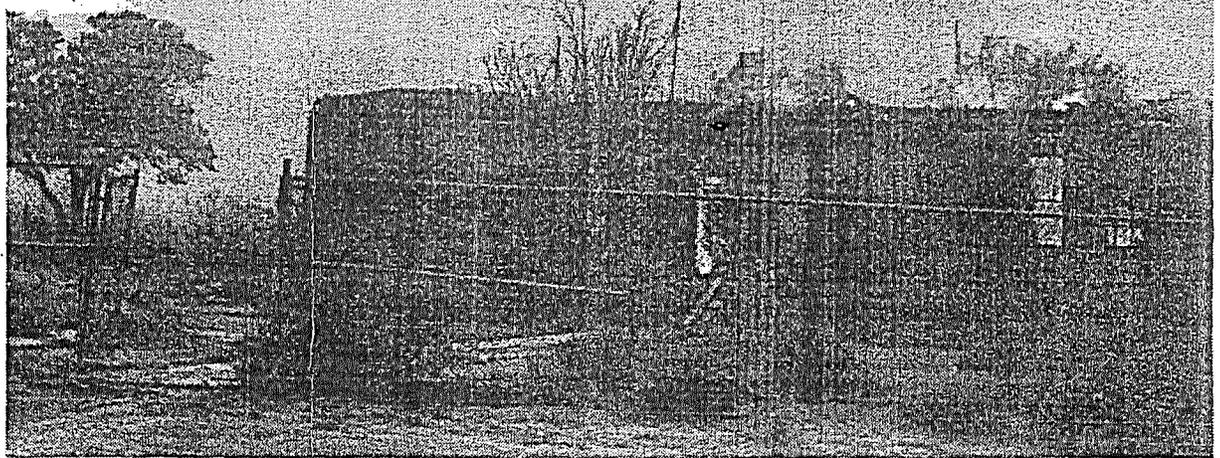
and aided in keeping the blaze from spreading north into Douglas County. R-C photo by Treva Zeller

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SCHOOL. The 50-year-old Fredericksburg School burns from behind before efforts could be made to save it. Douglas County volunteers were on standby at the state border and could

not help protect the school already in flames when they were called in for help, according to reports. R-C photo by Treva Zeller

was impressive," he went on. "It's amazing what something like this does to bring people together. Alpine County is kind of a tight little community. Everyone always stands behind each other."

The fire is gone, but certainly not forgotten. There are more reminders than just the charred landslide.

"There was no sleep for us Thursday and Friday. There were trucks driving up and down the road all night; then at the crack of dawn, here came the helicopters," Gary Ceragioli recalled.

"We had three fire trucks out in front of our place all night Wednesday. They were out there in case the fire came back down the mountain again. When we woke up in the morning, we looked out and there were trucks at all of the houses around us.

"I felt sorry for the guys who

were at our place. They said they hadn't eaten in 18 hours because they had been up at the Mt. Rose fire (and) then had to turn right around and drive down here."

Rain was a welcome sight on Monday, although there was one anxious moment. More scars from the fire.

"The wind kicked up a while ago and before we knew what was happening, all we could see was a big wall of dust," he said Monday afternoon. "It was kind of eerie because we couldn't see more than 50 feet away; we couldn't tell whether it was smoke or dust. We were thinking, 'Oh no, here it goes again.'"

"You know, fire does a lot more down the road than you might realize. You think it just burns brush and trees; it does a lot more," he said. "I still have to take the air hose to the tops of

all the surfaces here in the shop. Otherwise, anything you set down collects all sorts of black dust.

"And that really isn't much when you consider how bad the ranchers like Bruns and Gansberg were hit by this. I feel really bad for them because they've been here for generations and generations; then to have something like this happen, it's sad."

As the couple surveyed the mountainside, Kathy Ceragioli noticed a patch of evergreens that appeared to survive the blaze.

"I understand there was a big fire here in 1907. Those trees must have survived that one, too," Gary said.

"I hope they make it," Kathy answered. "If they made it through that fire and then this one, that would be great."

Change in wind kept fire away from Valley homes

by TREVA ZELLER
Staff writer

Although it was much smaller than the Indian Creek fire of two years ago, last week's Fredericksburg fire did pose a dangerous threat to Douglas County, according to East Fork Fire Protection Chief Bill Driscoll.

If the fire hadn't changed direction west into higher elevations, it was expected to head north into the Sheridan Acres area where several homes are located. The fire had the potential to spread on toward the Kingsbury area, he said.

Air tankers dropping fire retardant helped direct the fire into the steep, rocky terrain of three mountain canyons after the blaze reached within a half a mile from the Nevada border.

Sheridan volunteer firefighters and members of the Douglas County road department also secured a line just south of Sheridan Acres to prevent flames from leaping across.

The U.S. Forest Service will begin mop-up work this week on 3,500 acres blackened in the fire which threatened homes and destroyed valuable ranch property.

Firefighters had the forest fire under control by Sunday morning. The man-caused blaze cost

an estimated \$800,000, and the exact cause is still under investigation.

Rehabilitation crews also began work this week to plant vegetation in the devastated area of brush and timber. Some of the lower-lying lands where the fire hit were popular Sierra wintering areas for deer.

The fire started Wednesday afternoon on the valley floor just north of the homes in the Mesa Vista Estates. Gustly winds up to 40 miles per hour quickly pushed the fire northeast from Emigrant Road toward Fredericksburg and the Bruns and Gansberg ranches near the Nevada border.

Several state and federal agencies, volunteer fire departments and residents worked to save the eight homes threatened in the area as flames came within feet of some structures.

The fire did engulf a large barn on the Gansberg ranch, some out-buildings and the unoccupied Fredericksburg School on the Bruns ranch. Tons of hay stored on the two large ranches were also destroyed before the fire spread west to higher elevations.

Heavy smoke caused the closure of Highway 88 for about four hours Wednesday afternoon because of poor visibility. Other roads lending access to the fire area, such as Fredericksburg

and Foothill — also were closed during most of the week.

By last Wednesday night, the fire spread within three mountain canyons in Alpine County — Larson Canyon to the south, Dry Canyon and Fredericksburg Canyon to the north.

Specially trained hand crews from the western states were called in late Wednesday and early Thursday to combat the blaze in the higher slopes of the eastern Sierra. Four air tankers, which dumped fire retardant, were also used in battling the blaze.

Firefighters, who were flown in by helicopter or hiked up the steep, rough terrain to reach the fire, saw some relief Thursday and Friday as winds stayed mostly calm. Night and day crews with an estimated 1,200 firefighters worked to secure a line around the blaze, clearing away brush and timber.

The main objective was to keep the fire from spreading further north into Douglas County and Fay Canyon, a primary watershed for Carson Valley ranchers.

By Thursday afternoon, the blaze was 40 percent contained, still heading toward the higher elevations to the west. Crews were dispatched from a command post set up at the Diamond Valley School near Woodfords

Meanwhile, ranchers and residents living along Fredericksburg Road were able to check the damage around their homes Thursday and to begin cleaning up.

Hubert Bruns and his son Bruce estimated they had lost 250-300 tons of hay, stored from this summer's work.

"It could have been a lot worse," Hubert Bruns said Wednesday soon after the fire threatened his property. "At least we still have our home."

A whirlwind of fire, creating winds at least 50 miles per hour, took out a large barn on the Gansberg family land, according to witnesses.

Chris Gansberg Jr. said he couldn't put an estimate on the value of the barn, which he guessed was about 70 years old, but he figured that at least 15,000 bails of hay were burned with a total loss of \$80,000.

The family did not have insurance for the hay because the season wasn't over yet, Gansberg said. But Gansberg said that with the winds and intensity of the fire, he feels fortunate that the family did not lose more.

For the senior Gansberg, the priority was saving his house, and his wife who has health problems. The Gansbergs, coming to the Valley from Germany,

have lived on the land for five generations.

"We're very fortunate that we didn't lose any lives," Gansberg said. "Hay is only money and what's money? We just have to change our feeding order."

"Now we have a mess to clean up but that can be done. If we had a funeral tomorrow that would be terrible, and if we would have had to move out that would have been terrible."

Gansberg credited the Douglas County Engine crew with saving two of his barns. Douglas County sent seven

pieces of equipment to the ranch, which reaches to the Nevada border, according to chief Dan Hellwinkel.

U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Mike King said the first priority when the fire broke out was to protect lives from the swift-moving blaze and to protect the structures.

This is the first major fire on the Eastern Sierra slope this year. Another fire in Alpine and Douglas counties, the Indian Creek fire, burned 17,000 acres two years ago but no structures were damaged.

A fire storm, from the inside

by SANDI WRIGHT
Staff writer

To resident Linda Rigdon, parked miles away on Highway 88, it looked like the fire up in the tree line suddenly exploded onto Fredericksburg Road below like a giant ball of fire.

To Mike Cassidy, chief of Lyon County's Valley Fire Department, watching the fire from the roadblock on the corner of Fredericksburg Road and Fairview Drive, the situation looked as calm as could be expected one minute. In the next instant the huge Gansberg barn was engulfed in flames.

To Douglas County sheriff's Sgt. Ross Chichester, a hundred or so yards away, it looked like a 50 to 100-foot-high tornado blasting down the road from seemingly out of nowhere.

All three people saw the same thing at the onset of the fire last Wednesday afternoon. It's commonly known as a fire storm.

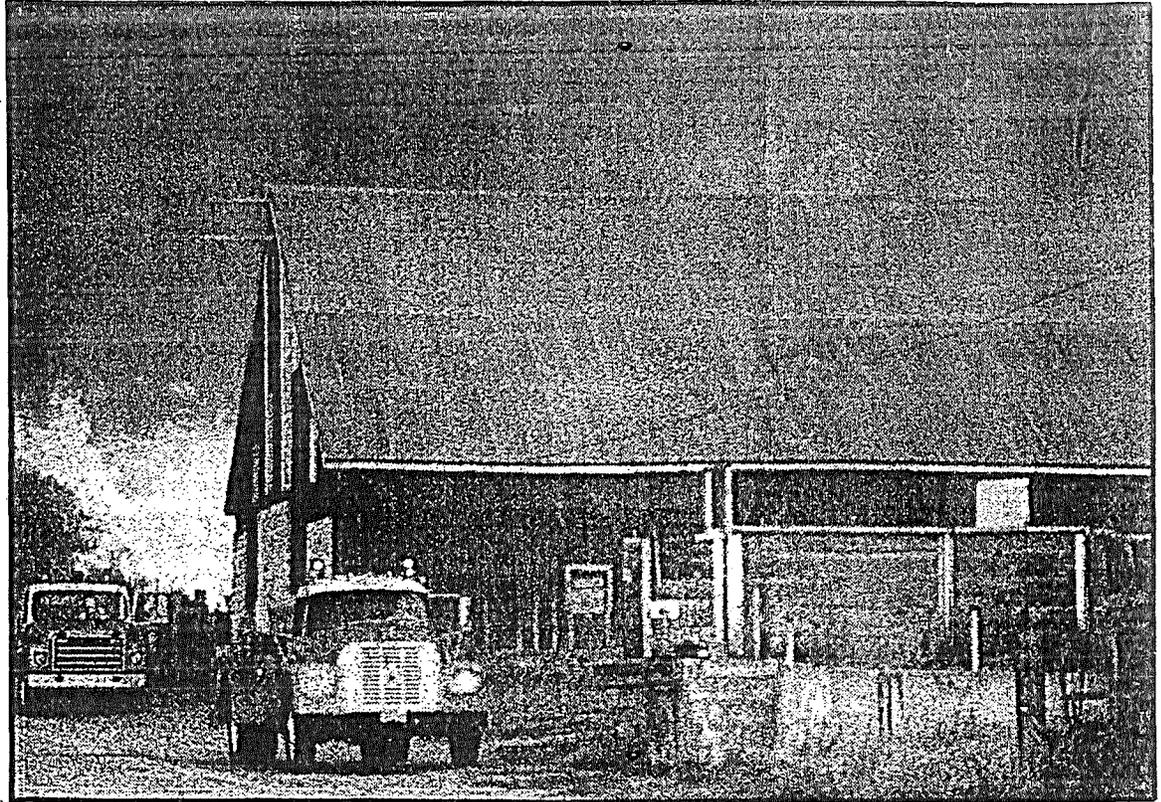
BEFORE THE FIRESTORM

I first noticed the massive plume of smoke rising from the south end of the Valley as I waited at the check-out counter at Raley's that day.

There was no doubt in my mind that the Valley's first forest fire of the season was well under way. As soon as I could get out of the store, I loaded my camera and headed out.

I turned onto Fredericksburg Road and pulled to a stop at the Gansberg Ranch just in time to see Chris Gansburg Sr. sitting next to his hay barn on the west side of the road.

He was clearly agitated. I could see the agony in his



BEFORE. Flames blast through the brush and timber behind the 70-year-old Gansberg Fredericksburg Road. R-C photo by Sandi Wright

eyes as he clutched his head and squinted into the smoke at the horrible sight confronting him.

Flames, fanned by erratic winds, were bearing down on his orchard, his home, his barns and his lush green pastures.

"Could you take me to my house?" he called out when he noticed me sitting in my car.

"Sure," I answered. "Get in."

We exchanged a few anxious words, and he said he had to check on his wife. I remember being impressed that he would think of her well-being in the midst of one of the biggest crises in his life.

I turned onto the dirt and

gravel driveway a few hundred yards down the road and drove around to the back of the old farmhouse. He thanked me and disappeared into his home.

By the time I got back to the hay barn and parked my car, several Nevada Division of Forestry trucks had arrived.

Chris Gansberg Jr. sped by on a three-wheeler, a shovel over one shoulder, a dog running closely behind.

I was worried about a small band of horses trapped in a pasture on the west side of the road across from the house. Frightened by the flames whipping toward them, they stampeded nervously around the pasture, keeping mostly

to the north corner.

But several ranch hands were already at work. As they cut through the northeast corner of the barbed wire fence, Gansberg Jr. drove up to give me my instructions.

They were going to try to run the horses up the road to larger and safer pasture adjacent to the hay barn, he explained.

"Don't let 'em get through there," he called out, pointing to a 12-foot opening in the fence paralleling the road between the barn and the horses.

"They're going to try to get

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back up in there," he shouted as he drove off.

A quick glance told me that the road I was to protect between the fence posts led straight up into the mountains. If the horses fled into the rangeland, it could be tragic.

I sized up the opening and braced myself as I saw the small herd running full speed in my direction. Sure enough, they had their sights set on that opening, and they didn't seem too concerned about seeing me directly in their path.

Mustering all my courage and calling up vague memories of "The Ponderosa," I stood my ground just as the band prepared to thunder past (or over) me, and gave my best "Hyaahhh."

Little Joe and the boys would have been proud.

To my astonishment, the horses were actually startled. They stopped briefly in their tracks, and then continued up the road to the eastside pasture opening where the gate was closed safely behind them.

Thereafter I made myself useful between snapping pictures by stomping out little spot fires I found smoldering alongside the road.

Except for the rush of the wind, there was an eerie sort of silence in the air, punctuated now and then by the roar of a passing truck or tractor, or the distant crackling of radio scanners.

I knew it was sunny down in the Valley, but up here it was almost night-like. The smoke was thick and acrid, and I couldn't keep my eyes from running.

I was witness to the heroic efforts of a man atop his haystack, trying to keep months of work from being devoured in a matter of minutes.

Gansberg Jr. was forced to give up his struggle when a nearby pine tree exploded into flames behind him and sent sparks and debris shooting in every direction.

DURING THE FIRESTORM

I'd parked my car on the east side of the road facing north using the emergency brake but had left the engine running so that I could get out in a hurry if need

be. But I wasn't particularly worried.

There were three or four fire trucks parked near me, and the fire was way up along the tree line. Besides, the huge Gansberg barn seemed to be an excellent barricade.

I got my reporter's pad out of the car and had just decided to cross the road to interview a couple of the NDF guys when what looked like an oil pan came flying through the air 30 feet above us, hitting the top of the NDF truck. The two men were as surprised as I was.

Looking up, I saw that the pan was accompanied by several large pieces of corrugated steel roofing slicing through the air. I was alarmed.

Then, glancing over my left shoulder, I saw it coming.

A wall of blackness filled with a blizzard of glowing red embers overtook me, nearly knocking me to the ground. It happened so fast, there was no time to even jump in my car and drive away.

The force of the wind was terrifying. I stumbled to the front of my car and scooped down beneath the front bumper for protection. But the wind was so powerful, I could feel the car starting to roll over me.

I decided in a flash that the car was history, and dove face down into the grass alongside of the road and tried to cover myself with grasses. The fierce inferno roared overhead like a freight train, pelting me with rocks and hot embers.

I remember thinking that people actually die in forest fires, that I wasn't indestructible, that I could be a crispy critter before this was over.

There wasn't time to worry about it, but there was time to pray. I didn't make any promises, but I did beg for mercy.

Curiously, I remember wondering who was going to save me, and in almost the same instant, realizing that no one was. If people were out there, they were undoubtedly trying to save their own lives.

Meanwhile, someone actually had been trying to save me.

Ross Chichester later told me that he and the men with him had seen the fire storm coming. They were heading in to get me out when it hit.

"When we first pulled up, we saw it coming," he said. "It was like a tornado, but we couldn't even see the top of it. We found we couldn't get to you because of all the tin flying around."

It happened so fast, he said, "that we didn't know where you were. We didn't know if you were in it or out of it."

He said it only lasted about 10 seconds, that it traveled out into the Valley and dissipated.

AFTER THE FIRESTORM

Lying in the grass, I was aware of a subtle change. I wasn't sure what it was but instinctively knew that there was a time to take cover and a time to flee. This was the time to flee.

I raised my head a little and saw a young Mexican man lying next to me with eyes as big around as half dollars. I jumped up and ran for the driver's side of my car screaming over the rush of the wind for the man to "Get up! Get in my car! Let's get out of here."

As the door slammed behind me, I realized the man wasn't in my car, that he was still lying underneath it. Thinking that he hadn't heard me the first time, I shrieked at him again to "Get in the car!"

He stood up this time but headed off in the other direction — toward the ranch house.

I passed a worried-looking Chichester on my way out. I remember him shouting, asking me if I was OK. I called out that I was, but I didn't stop to elaborate.

About a mile down the road I smelled smoke and saw flames coming from the floor of the passenger side of my convertible. The cocomat was ablaze. I slammed on my brakes, ripped it out of the car and used my hands to bury it with dirt from the side of the road.

Only then did I notice I was no longer wearing shoes. I had also lost my sunglasses and reporter's pad, but had managed to hang onto my camera throughout the ordeal.

My nylons were tattered from dozens of tiny embers, and my legs had little burns all over them where my dress had blown up in the wind. There were also burns on my neck and face, even on the skin inside my clothes.

Later at home, I looked in the

appeared to explode



AFTER. All that remains of the Gansberg barn is a pile of mangled corrugated steel roofing, burned timbers and a foundation wall. The Gansbergs estimated that \$80,000 in hay was lost in the fire. R-C photo by Sandi Wright

mirror and saw a dirt-blackened face and singed hair. As I took off each piece of clothing for my shower, I dumped out dirt, weeds, gravel, manure, burned out embers and dead bugs. It took four or five washings to get my hair clean.

But my car showed the real violence of the storm. The windshield was cracked, both mirrors were shattered and burned, the body and paint were pitted extensively and the interior was littered with gravel, broken glass and all manner of debris.

I later learned that the fire storm had blown out all the windows of the two trucks parked across the road from my car. There were also reports that flying two-by-fours had hit a truck.

WHAT IS A FIRESTORM?

According to Bill Henning, fire weather meteorologist on the Fredericksburg fire, the winds in the fire storm were "probably well in excess of 50 miles per hour." And many said they were closer to 70.

He called the storm a "fire devil," a mini-tornado caused when the hot air from the fire rises so fast that it causes a circular motion. The situation was further complicated by the strong, erratic winds, he said.

Cassidy said that the wall of flames he saw from a distance was taller than the barn.

It was coming down pretty fast when it hit the barn, igniting the old wood, he said. It whipped around the corner, and then headed down the road.

Many witnesses said that the force of that blast caused the 70-plus-year-old barn to explode. Others say the barn fire broke out within minutes of the storm.

A firestorm "sort of feeds on itself," Cassidy said. "It preheats the stuff in front of it as it travels. It's bizarre; it grows like a monster."

Henning, who works for the National Weather Service in Sacramento, said a fire storm "creates its own wind."

The intense heat rises so fast that something has to replace it underneath.

"Mother nature sends in cooler air that acts like a giant bellows; the harder it's pumped, the redder it (the fire) glows, and the more heat it produces," he said.

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Looking back, a variety of emotions well up inside of me.

Life-threatening situations often create bonds between people, and I guess I tend to get attached more easily than most. But I feel a tenderness toward the ranch hand who hid in the grass with me. I know he was as frightened as I was.

I feel a kind of hero-worship for Ross Chichester. I know that in his line of work he probably faces danger many times every year to protect other people, and it was nothing more than a day's work for him. But I'm in awe of someone who would be willing to risk his own life to try to save mine.

I also have a new admiration for the 1,000-plus firefighters we visited at the command post in Woodfords in the days the fire burned. I realized how very courageous they really were to face the unpredictable conditions that confront them every time they go out on that fire line.

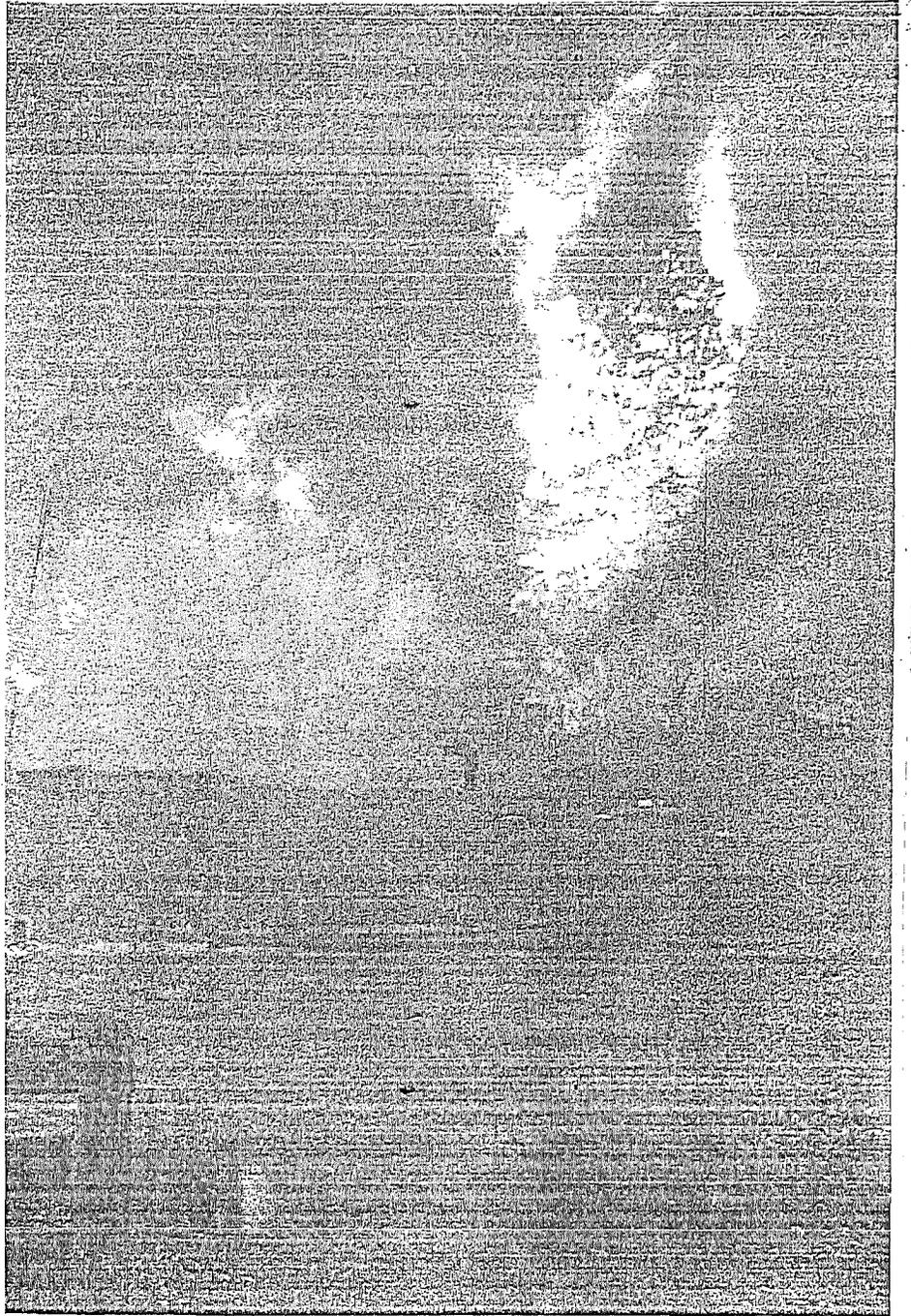
And I felt a great deal of compassion for Mr. Gansberg. He lost his great old hay barn, \$80,000 worth of hay, and probably a lot of sleep this past week.

I remember something he said as I drove him to his house through the thick, black smoke last Wednesday afternoon:

"All my life I've dreaded this."

It seemed he was close to tears, and I wanted to stop the car to comfort him, but it would have been impractical.

Instead I rested my hand on his back as we drove and let the tears roll quietly down my own cheeks.



HEROIC STRUGGLE. A pine tree explodes in flames in the background as Chris Gansberg Jr. stands atop his haystack in heavy smoke searching for sparks that would put a quick end to months of work. The haystack—as well as all the hay stored in the Gansberg barn—burned to the ground before the hour was up. R-C photo by Sandi Wright



GRAPHIC STATEMENT. A U.S. Forest Service sign on Fredericksburg Road will remind visitors for decades to come, of the tragedy of forest fires. Officials are blaming last week's fire on man's carelessness. R-C photo by Sandi Wright