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# Around Alpine

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June Thran was librarian for the Alpine schools since 1968. Before retiring from teaching in 1967, Mrs. Thran taught at our Fredricksburg school for 21 years. Born in Salt Lake City, June was raised in Southern Nevada, and came to Reno to attend the University of Nevada. She taught two years for the Mottsville School District in the town of Sheridan, located near the present day Sheridan Acres. At that point in her history she married and raised four sons. In 1945 she came to Fredricksburg and has worked in Alpine until her retirement in December 1973. She moved our library to the Diamond Valley location at the new school and has helped train Mrs. Mary Lou Neddenreip, her replacement. Mrs. Thran is a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints where she has taught primary and Sunday school and is now secretary of the Relief Society. She states, "I enjoyed every minute my career and really miss the children and the library."

## A FAIR WORKSHOP

The Western Fair Association held its 1975 Workshop Feb. 3-5 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco. All western states are represented at such workshops, and it is here that fair directors share ideas and meet with various personages. Like this year's Governor Herschler of Wyoming. Our Tri-County Fair representative, Advisory Director Archie Wood Jr. and his wife attended the workshop.

## BOX SOCIAL WINNERS

Everyone attending the Mothers' Club Box Social seemed to have a fun time, but of course you can't beat winning a prize. Special winners for the evening were: Patty Asay and Jenny Thornburg, three-day ski passes at Kirkwood Meadows; Jack Swift, Viggo Nordic Ski certificate; Chuck Keebaugh, Ashurst-Kincade Cable TV; Jimmy Burnside, Bank of America; Bill Brundage, Egger's certificate; Eloise James, East Fork Resort certificate; Lion's Rock Shop and C & M gift certificates both won by Jack Stephenson; Harold Doerksen, Brown's dinner for two.

## SO. TAHOE INVITATIONAL

The Hawks enter this tourney Thursday,

Feb. 20, against Battle Mountain. Teams competing in this three day tournament are: Schurz, So. Tahoe, Mark Twain, Buckeye, Battle Mountain, Alpine, Whittell, and Rescue. Monday's game with Carson City saw a close 33-36 defeat for the Hawks. This Friday the Hawks play Truckee at Diamond Valley at 3 p.m.

## SKI NEWS

A Valentine's Couples Race is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. on Chair 2 at Kirkwood. Couples holding hands will ski the NASTAR course and prizes of boxed candy will go to eight age brackets. This race is free to all NASTAR participants.

The next "Boogie in the Bumps" race at Kirkwood is tomorrow. This is a free style and ballet event for 18 years olds and over, with both male and female division. Total purse is \$250, donated by Buck Henry Ski Shop at So. Lake Tahoe.

Remember the four girls from South California, who skied with BOLD two weeks ago. A special race was set in which blind-folded Kirkwood ski instructor Mark Dowd set a par 21.5 course time. In order to win a gold medal the girls had to come within 20 percent of the pace setters time. Well, each girl won a gold medal and three times were better than the par set by Mark: Lorita Vepraun, 17.5, Colleen Movehill, 18.7, Dora Nova 19.8, Maria Chacon 23.0. Blind skiing, fascinating! Another clinic to be announced soon.

## ALPINE WEDDING

The wedding of Linda Ellen Zellmer of Woodfords to A-1C Wm. Price New York, will take place this Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 5 p.m. The couple will be honeymooning in Southern California for two weeks. Linda is presently an airman stationed at Travis AFB and will be applying for a joint spouse assignment to join her husband at Canon AFB in Clovis, New Mex.

## CALENDAR

Tomorrow, Cupid's Sweethearts Dance, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, Monday, Feb. 17, school holiday at Diamond Valley. Tuesday, Feb. 18, Health Advisory Board and Sheriff's Posse.

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The members of the Alpine Men's Basketball Team 8 wish to express special thanks to the following businesses who are serving as sponsors this season: Brown's Motel, Tom's Arco, Valley Hardware, East Fork Resort, Coyan's Cones and Cabins, and Bank of America, Markleeville.

### SCHOOL NEWS

At the February 11 meeting of the Alpine School Board, Sup. Richard Martin was instructed to represent the governing board of trustees in writing and application for Indian Educational Funds through the Johnson-O'Malley Act and Title 4.

The board also approved a part-time position of custodial maintenance at Diamond Valley School. The position will be for Saturdays only and will service the gymnasium, locker room and bathrooms open for use by the public. It will also be the duty of this custodian to work with and supervise two high school students presently employed by the Neighborhood Youth Corps out of the Reno Inter-Tribal Council who will be working at the school.

And the superintendent is presently interviewing those persons interested in a position of teacher's aid for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

On Feb. 25 at 10 a.m., Krimhilde Lamp will speak to the kindergarten and first grade about the country of Germany. Parents are invited to attend this special ECE feature.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Woodfords Washoe Community Council last Sunday sponsored an afternoon of men's basketball and evening of films at the Diamond Valley School. Two films dealing with Canadian Indian affairs and the American Indian were, "You Are On Indian Land," and "The Ballad of Crow Foot."

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

Under the direction of the Sierra Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation, a program of education for parents and children about the dangers of

inhalants was presented Monday, at the center in Woodfords. Mr. Tom Buchta, who is now living at the center, introduced guest speakers, Scott Wharton and Coleman Wiseman from the Awakening Peace Drug Abuse Center in So. Lake Tahoe. Each Wednesday the center is providing an evening of educational and recreational films in service to the community.

### SKINEWS

Sierra Parks and Recreation has a snowshoe and cross country ski trek scheduled for Sunday, atop beautiful Carson Pass to commemorate the John C. Fremont winter crossing of the Sierra. The tour group will see Red Lake Peak where Fremont first sighted Lake Tahoe on Feb. 14, 1844.

Leading Rangers: Al Beilharz, John Bollinger.

Duration: 3-4 hours.

Equipment: Snowshoes, cross-country skis

Difficulty: Moderately difficult.

Meet: Parking lot area just west of Carson Pass Summit on Hwy. 88, 10:30 a.m.

### COACH NAMED

Glenn Jobe, director of the Kirkwood Ski Touring Center, has been named coach of the 1975 Junior National Cross-Country Team for the Far West Ski Association. Consisting of five boys and five girls, the FWSA Team will vie with seven squads from other U. S. Ski Association regions, on March 10-17 at Ishpeming, Mich. Jobe is currently seeking a spot on the 1976 Olympic Cross-Country Team.

### SPECIAL TOURS

A moonlight tour leaving Kirkwood Touring Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. will include a snack around a fire, cost \$3. Saturday, guided by tour to Round Top. The \$9 fee includes instruction avalanche danger, technique and waxing.

### CALENDAR

Tuesday, Feb. 25, school advisory committee (SAC).

Wednesday, Feb. 26, Chamber of Commerce.

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# Remember When?

## 25 YEARS AGO

(EDITORIAL.) PEOPLE ARE awakening to the fact that the power to tax is the power to destroy. National defense is the excuse now used in Washington to cover its glaring increase in expenditures for all manner of federal projects.

THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION is still too cocky to pay attention to taxpayers, although it is by far the worst offender in taking the citizen's earnings. It asks for larger and larger budgets each year and unblushingly suggests tax increases instead of making any honest effort to cut extravagance and waste. Only the people, by showing their resentment to bureaucratic waste, can save themselves from increasing deprivations at the hands of the political money jugglers.

RENEWED ACTIVITY IN real estate in Douglas County was shown last month when ten pieces of property changed hands. Six of the ten transfers were at Lake Tahoe and three pieces in Gardnerville.

## 45 YEARS AGO

\* OFFICIALS OF CALIFORNIA say that the marriage business in Alpine County is poor. Nobody got married there last year, or in 1928. The last wedding being in 1927 records, records of the state health department show. In the 12 years since 1918, only 19 couples have plucked up their courage and marched up to the altar. The year of 1926 was the big year for weddings there. There were six.

BIDS FOR WIDENING and resurfacing three and one-half miles of highway north of Minden were opened by the Nevada Highway

Commission Monday. Contract was awarded Dodge Brothers, of Fallon, on a low bid of \$32,334. Work will start at once.

## 65 YEARS AGO

MRS. OLINE STEWART, of Tonopah, president of the Nevada Rebekah Assembly, will arrive in Gardnerville Friday and endeavor to reorganize the local lodge.

\* IT WAS LEARNED THAT 14 inches of snow fell at Twin Lakes, in Alpine County, during Wednesday night, bringing the total snowfall in that region up to 48 inches on the ground. Twelve inches fell at Elk Point at Lake Tahoe.

A MALE QUARTET composed of Dr. Sweet, Will Nelson, Lawrence M. Jacobsen and Gene Phillips made the round of town Saturday night and serenaded the inhabitants.

## 75 YEARS AGO

FRANK DAKE HAS TAKEN a lease on a mine at Butte, Mont. He left this week for that mining camp and says he intends to return in a few years with a fortune.

THERE IS STILL A lot of hay that can be bought in Smith Valley from \$4 to \$5 a ton.

THE THREE-YEAR-OLD son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Heise fell from the loft in a barn, striking his head on a can and cutting a deep gash. He was rushed to Genoa, where Dr. Young took several stitches to close the wound.

YANK'S HOTEL, SITUATED about a quarter of a mile from Tallac, Lake Tahoe, was destroyed by fire. It was a light two-story structure and loss was estimated at about \$2,000.

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Welcoming Greg Bergfeld of the Alpine Co. Sheriff's Department. Resident of Markleeville, and single, Mr. Bergfeld came to us from the Bear Valley division of the department where he has been employed since Nov. 73. He is the fourth deputy serving the western divisions of the county.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 1 marks the official beginning of the Bicentennial year. The officers of the Alpine Historical Society have been appointed Official Committee for the Bicentennial by the County Board of Supervisors.

At the Society's quarterly meeting Feb. 19, called to order by president Skip Veatch, a special program was presented in conjunction with a current project of the society, the Hope Valley Pony Express marker. Dr. Jim Anderson, vice president of the University of Nevada at Reno, was guest speaker. Presenting a slide program on the Immigrant Trail, out of St. Joe, Mo., to the Great Salt Lake and on into Nevada, Dr. Anderson showed the work being done with historical markers in Nevada, climaxing the program with the Immigrant Trail's north fork over Donner Summit and south fork over Carson Pass. Some ninety persons enjoyed a pot luck dinner and inspiring program.

## SKI NEWS

Mr. Jean Esmere, director of Aspen

BOLD will be at Kirkwood this weekend as part of a special filming program. Warren Miller of Miller Productions, Los Angeles, will be filming segments of the BOLD program. Jerry Chambers, a blind skier from Los Angeles, will be featured in the films. Mr. Chamber will be the weekend guest of June and Rick Seim of Kirkwood.

Of interest to Kirkwood skiers . . . a dance contest is held every Saturday night at the lodge. Winners get two free dinners at the Kirkwood Inn.

D-Day on Fridays has been discontinued. Boogie-in-the-Bumps is the Friday special feature.

K-Day on Wednesday's still offers special prices on lifts and lessons. So. Lake Tahoe to Kirkwood bus has been discontinued. No more bus service to and from Kirkwood.

Ski shop is featuring spring sales.

Easter Egg hunt on the ski slope March 30 . . . . And by the way, the weater has been so great, we've had a few bikini skiers!

## CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 28, Alpine County Health Clinic, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28, Two-day Coleville Basketball Tournament.

Monday, March 3, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 4, County School Board Election of Trustees.

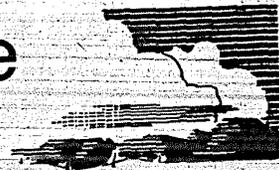
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Harold Doerkson, Supervising Ranger at Grover Hot Springs State Park is being promoted from a State Park Ranger II to State Park Ranger III. His new position will be at Silverwood Lake Recreation Area where he will be Chief Ranger and is effective April 1.

Silverwood Lake is a fairly new lake created by the Los Angeles aqueduct. The water is impounded by a dam on the West Fork of the Mojave River, covers 975 surface acres. The lake stores the drinking water for the city of Los Angeles.

Silverwood Lake is used for recreation purposes—boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming, and at present is a day use park but future plans call for camping and more day use areas. The park is located in the high desert (gets snow occasionally) 30 miles north of San Bernardino off of Hwy. 395.

A replacement for Harold Doerkson is being transferred in from Molacoff Diggins, near Nevada City, Calif. Eric Leffinwell, his wife Alice and three children will be moving into the area the early part of April. Children are a daughter who is a freshman in high school, a son in the sixth grade, and another daughter in the third grade.

## COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Alpine Co. Employees Association was held Sunday, to review The Memorandum of Understanding that the Association has with the County Board of Supervisors. A resolution was adopted by the board of directors and presented to the County Supervisors Monday, charging the supervisors changed job classifications and titles of certain employees "without proper consideration" and that the public works director took actions to terminate certain employees "without due process." The employees say the actions are "in conflict with the memorandum of understanding" and threaten to take "all steps necessary" if the actions are not rescinded.

## OPEN HOUSE

On its January-February Operations Report, the Woodfords Service Center shows considerable input from teenagers and pre-

teens. Special activities and projects are being planned so as to help produce recreational alternatives while developing a flow of awareness about alcoholism and drug abuse. Weekly rap sessions for junior high students is one example of community service being conducted by the county nurse. The Center has started a recycling center with its first 55 gallon drum being donated by Lovetti's Lady Shop of So. Lake Tahoe. For information about recycled items, phone 694-2155. It is hoped that this project and fundraising dinners will help provide additional monies to purchase equipment for the Center. This Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center will be having an Open House. A buffet will be served and the public is invited to attend.

## HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Douglas High School counselors Teresa Masterson and John Colepil presented a parents' orientation at the Diamond Valley School March 5. As part of a program to better prepare the Alpine Junior high students for Douglas, parents of eighth graders were encouraged to attend.

## NEW SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

Newly elected trustees for the Alpine County School Board are Arlene Coleman of Woodfords and Carl Sandel of Markleeville. Retiring from the board will be two Markleeville residents, Mrs. Ilene Long, having served eight years or two full terms, and Mr. Frank Rebello, having served since July 1971. The April 8 meeting of the board at Diamond Valley will be the official installation of officers.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

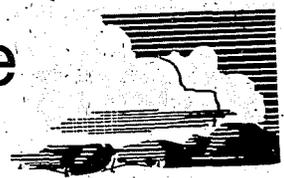
After tallying a poll of public opinion on county recreational needs a special recreation committee met Tuesday, to finalize its list of recommendations to the board of supervisors concerning special state funds available for public, outdoor recreational facilities. The committee feels that more work has to be done before their report can be complete.

## CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 11, School Board of Trustees at Bear Valley.



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William Lyons, long time resident of Markleeville, died last week in Spokane, Wash. where he had been living for three years. Bill and his wife Dede owned and managed the Alpine Hotel in Markleeville for some 20 years. Among his many community duties, Mr. Lyons served as probation officer. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1969 and survived by son and daughter-in-law, Cathy and Jim Lyons of Markleeville, and daughter and son-in-law, Jeri and Jim Doolittle of Spokane. Internment ceremonies will be held Friday at the Fredricksburg Cemetery at 2 p.m.

### SPECIAL PERSONAL THANKS

"I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to those residents of Alpine County who contributed unsolicited support in behalf of my job as building official for the county before the Board of Supervisors March 3. I thank you all for your vote of confidence.

Alan Jones, Bldg. Inspr.

### POOL TOURNEY

The third Brown's Cafe Pool Tournament, which started last Friday and continues to the next two Friday nights, is being held in Markleeville at the cafe. This is a double elimination tournament with 18 entries, five of whom are women. Winners of the second Brown's Pool Tournament were first, Andy Lovested; second, Cathy Lyons; third, Kathy Able.

### SPRINGTIME BASKETBALL

Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. the eighth

grade class at Diamond Valley School will hold its fourth annual Oldster-Youngster game. The purpose of this function is to raise money for the year-end class trip to Disneyland. Students will be selling tickets to this event. Game one features the girls team against an array of women and mothers from the community. In the nightcap game, the boys team will oppose fathers and other "able" interested adults. Hawks coach Jerry Price predicts that his team, 16-6 over the season, will out-last their experienced opponents. Meanwhile, girls coach Sharon Osgood, affectionately referred to as "Coach Ozzie" by her players, will rely on stealth and execution for a victory.

Besides competition and eatertainment, refreshments will be sold. The conclusion of the evening will be the giving away of a ten speed Huffy bicycle. This bike was originally given away at the annual Christmas Bazaar and won by Supervisor Hubert Bruns, who donated it back to the class for further fund raising.

Everyone is invited to attend and join in the fun March 21, honoring the First Day of Spring!

### CALENDAR

Friday, March 21—First day of spring vacation and "Springing Basketball" at Diamond Valley School.

Wednesday, March 26—Parable Players at Mt. Sierra Assembly of God Easter Musical.

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# Remember When?

## 25 YEARS AGO

**INJUNCTION SHOULD BE** sought in the court to prevent the Virginia and Truckee Railroad from carrying out the order of the Nevada Public Service Commission to abandon its line. The days on which the ancient open vestibule, wooden, yellow and painted coaches of the V and T will stand alongside the red station in Minden are apparently fast dwindling, with recommendation of PSC this week to grant permission for abandonment of the line.

**AN UNDERGROUND WATER** survey of Carson Valley, as a preliminary step in the effort to gain upstream storage and flood control, got underway Wednesday. First of approximately 100 test wells to be sunk in an effort to chart the underground water table were started by a U.S. Reclamation Service crew of three men.

**TWENTY RESIDENTS OF THE** area served by Douglas-Tahoe Airport will receive a 30-minute free ride in one of the big Bonanza airliners Wednesday. The rides were awarded by the progressive merchants of Gardnerville and Minden, cooperating with Douglas-Tahoe Flyers, Inc., and Bonanza Airlines.

## 45 YEARS AGO

**A NEW STORM SWEPT** in from the Pacific Ocean Monday and brought generous precipitation to most areas. Snow and rain fell on Carson Valley Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Fields received another splendid wetting and the lower ranges were greatly improved. Ten inches fell at Twin Lakes, making the pack there 102 inches in depth. Twelve inches of new snow was reported at Bridgeport.

**OUT OF MORE THAN** 300 young Hereford steers of the herd of Dangberg Land and Live Stock Company, five were selected Saturday for boys of the 4-H Club, who will carry on a baby beef project and endeavor to win prizes at the stock shows this fall.

**BARRETT BROTHERS RETURNED** to Markleeville Sunday, from a trip to Blue Lakes, where they took snow measurements, and report an average of 156 inches on the ground. This indicates there is more than 50 inches more snow on the ground there than at Twin Lakes.

**A CARLOAD OF REGISTERED** purebred Hereford cattle arrived at Minden yesterday afternoon, consigned to Fred Dressler and Schacht and Settelmeyer. The animals were shipped from Iowa last Friday.

**MRS. WILLIAM CARDINAL**, of Gardnerville, and Arnot Hawkins, of Genoa, have

been appointed census takers for Douglas County. They will start their work about the first of April. The estimated population of Gardnerville is 600 and Minden 200.

## 65 YEARS AGO

**THE MONTH OF MARCH** started off with ideal weather, a combination of which is eagerly wished for by the farmers of this section.

**JULIE PITT, AN INDIAN** squaw about 50 years of age, was shot to death last Saturday evening as she was cooking her evening meal in her tent on the Hussman Ranch. Eight bullets passed through her body and a ninth lodged against a bone and remained in the body. Jim Jack, an Indian, whose wife was under treatment by Julie, who is said to have been a witch doctor, was taken into custody and returned to jail in Genoa, and charged with murder.

**A GREAT DESTRUCTION** of trout resulted this week in the drainage of a large irrigation reservoir. Persons who visited the site declare that at least a large wagonload of trout, ranging in size from five to six pounds down to small ones, were left in the mud. It was not known there was any large number of trout in the reservoir before the water was turned out.

**AMOVEMENT HAS BEEN** started by some of the crack shots in this community that may result in the formation of a rifle club.

**GEORGE HUSSMAN SOLD** a dressed porker last week that brought him the tidy sum of \$26.60. Do you wonder that farmers are happy when such prices prevail?

## 85 YEARS AGO

**WILD DUCKS HAVE BEEN** extremely plentiful in the Valley, but very wild. The hunters have only a few more days to hunt before the season closes.

**BUD BLISS AND JOHN** Griffin came down from Glenbrook on snowshoes Tuesday. They reported that the Lake level has risen two feet since the warmer weather and they expect a three- or four-foot raise in the next few months.

**ERNEST FOLSOM HAS BEEN** in the Valley during the last week buying steers to drive over to Lake Tahoe. Wales Averill, who runs a butcher shop at the Lake, will take the steers upon arrival. He supplies meat to the Hobart Mills camp.

**ROBERT FALCKE, PROPRIETOR** of the Farmer's Mill, is grinding wheat for \$8 a ton. Now is the time to get your flour at low rates.

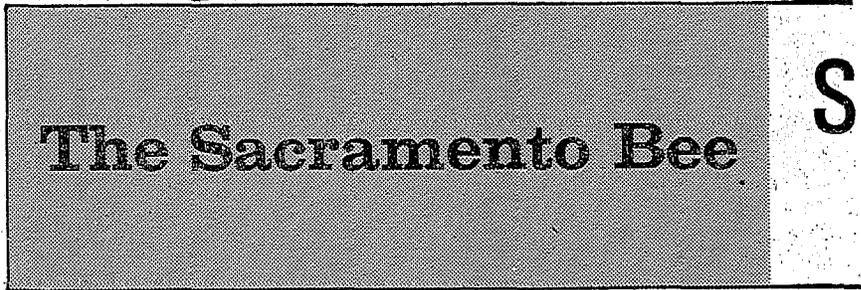
# Planners Oppose Funds For Major Kirkwood Sewage Plant

A recommendation that public financing of the controversial Kirkwood Meadows sewage treatment expansion be limited only to existing population, not that projected for the next 10 years, will go before the Sacramento Regional Area Planning Commission Thursday.

The El Dorado Irrigation District, which handles sewage from the resort community on Highway 88 near Carson Pass, applied for federal and state grants totaling 1 per cent of the \$1.84 million cost of the improvements, designed to accommodate a population of 2,600.

Instead, SRAPC's technical advisory committee, after a heated two-hour debate, recommended only approval of facilities to serve the estimated 400 to 500 present residents plus the skiing population.

Dee McKenzie, Sacramento County deputy public works director, argued



against accommodating future population on the ground that resort developers appear to be backing away from a 1972 promise to pay sewage treatment costs.

And he and Robert Koski, Regional Transit's representative on the advisory committee, noted with concern that many first home communities such as Auburn, Marysville and

Woodland have major sewage projects further down on state priority lists than the one at Kirkwood Meadows, a second home-resort area.

Under sharp questioning, representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board, which sets the priorities, said Kirkwood's eligibility for state and federal money is being reviewed.

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EID spokesmen contended public financing is appropriate because of the wide area from which the resort draws skiers.

McKenzie retorted that as a sometime Kirkwood skier he would rather see his share of sewage costs come out of his lift ticket. He contended second home owners should pay their share from an assessment district.

He noted that before 1972, "two Basque shepherders" who didn't need an expensive sewage treatment plant constituted the area's total population.

EID also says the project is needed to protect Kirkwood Creek, a tributary of the American River, and to avoid trucking excess sewage generated from weekend skiing 68 miles to

the town of El Dorado. There have been both accidental and purposeful spills during that operation.

Ben Karoly, a State Health Department sanitary engineer, doubts the feasibility of pumping money into expanding a treatment plant whose process ("reverse osmosis") works poorly at such a high elevation (8,500 feet).

He noted that after the Bear Valley ski area failed to get public financing, it built its own treatment facility.

With an eye toward the future, the SRAPC advisory group also recommended disapproval of public funds to build sewage facilities at any new recreational and second home areas "while sewerage problems in urban areas remain of high priority."

The Sierra Club also has criticized spending of public money at Kirkwood.

## Killed in Crash 'Intoxicated'

Two of the three Tracy teenagers who died in a March 9 car-train crash had blood alcohol contents high enough to classify them as legally intoxicated, according to coroner's deputies.

The driver, Edward M. Sjogren, 17, of 223 Granada, had an alcohol content of .14 per cent; Rodney L. Eckman, 17, of 314 Percola, had .10 per cent and Stephen C. Eckman, 16, of 2577 S. Corral Hollow, had .09 per cent, deputies said.

Considered legally intoxicated is a blood alcohol content of .10 per cent.

March 18, 1975

## A Gillings 'Posse' To 'Fight Crime'

Francis E. Gillings, a Tracy filling station proprietor and thrice defeated political candidate, announced today that he has formed an armed "citizens posse" to stamp out crime and corruption in San Joaquin County.

"We swore in 23 members last night, and I expect we'll have 100 by our next meeting," Gillings said.

Gillings, 63, said the purpose of his organization is "to strike fear into the hearts of criminals and public officials who violate their oaths of office."

He said posse members will carry badges, identification cards, citizen arrest forms, handcuffs, billy clubs and short-barrel shotguns.

Sheriff Michael N. Conlis, who defeated Gillings by 50,644 to 5,523 votes in last June's election, said he knows about the private posse and takes a dim view of it.

"The law will survive through its established elements," Conlis declared.

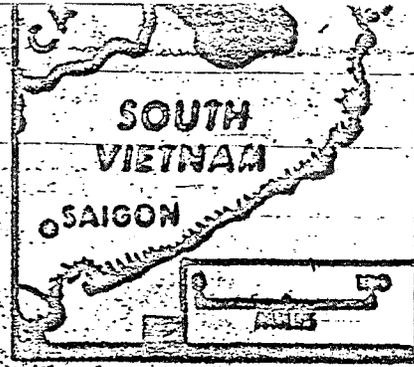
"Oh, we're not going to arrest anybody right away," Gillings promised.

"Take it easy now," Mrs. Crassia was heard to reply.

As waiting relatives embraced the widow and the daughter, Sen. Kennedy, D-Mass., got off the plane. Later, he entered a limousine with the two women for the short drive to Nôri, on Lovcos, and then the sea trip to this picturesque island.

Ten minutes later, the car bearing Mrs. Crassia, Christina and Sen. Kennedy, suddenly stopped. The door swung open abruptly and Christina got out and stopped the car approaching her and got in to continue the trip.

At the coast Christina and Mrs. Crassia boarded separate launches. The casket was placed aboard one of the yacht Christina's tenders for the final leg to Scepticos.



Map locates the South Vietnamese central highlands provinces of Kontum, Pleiku and Darlac. The government is abandoning the provinces to the North Vietnamese because they cannot be held.

AP Wirephoto

## Troops Pulled From Da Nang Guard Saigon

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu today ordered a paratrooper division from Da Nang back to Saigon to bolster its defenses as the North Vietnamese pressed their two-week-old offensive around the capital.

The Saigon command reported heavy Communist-led tank attacks against the district capital Dinh Quan and a series of assaults in Long Khanh Province, all in the 3rd military region that includes the capital and 11 surrounding provinces.

To the north, thousands of refugees and soldiers streamed across the central highlands toward the coastal lowlands following the Saigon government's decision to abandon three western highlands provinces to the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

After a two-week Communist offensive captured one of the area's chief cities and isolated the other two, President Thieu decided to give up the sparsely populated areas.

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"We have to get public opinion on our side first, or else people would call us vigilantes."

He claimed the posse is necessary because Conlis isn't doing his job.

Gillings said that as Stockton chairman of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms, he and six others charttered their "Posse Comitatus" on Feb. 18 by filling papers with the county recorder.

He named the other charter members as these:

- o Carl Nikulka, 715 Eaton Way, Lathrop.
- o Vernon Essig, a Lodi garagaman.
- o Harold Graves, 2327 W. Alpine, Stockton.
- o H.E. Wheeler, 7122 Inglewood, Stockton.
- o Dale C. Adams, 6131 Cresenda, Stockton.
- o Albert R. Purviance, 6060 N. Alhambra, Linden.

In the words of a prepared statement

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## Hwamei Places Fate in Judge's Hands

Tomy Hwamei, charged with double murder and double kidnapping in the 1963 robbery of a downtown Stockton store, asked for a Superior Court ruling on his fate Monday based on doctors' reports and case transcripts.

When Judge William Woodward warned him that denying a jury trial gave to his constitutional guarantees and was tantamount to a guilty plea, Hwamei replied:

"I think I'm guilty, too."

Hwamei was found insane by three psychiatrists in 1963, but today doctors say he is sane and able to enter his defense. Woodward said the court would decide if Hwamei was sane enough to stand trial.

study of his background in the Philippines. He is also known as Balmar Garcia Estolas.

Hwamei told Woodward he was able to understand the seven counts on which he is charged after they were read to him in open court.

Hwamei appeared in the courtroom in shackles and under heavy guard. In his filing Monday, Woodward will consider whether he believes Hwamei should be released into society or whether he is still a danger to society.

Hwamei was found guilty in 1973 of killing the owner

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# Admiral's Daughter To Get Soviet Visa

MOSCOW (AP) — Victoria Fyodorova, a child of a World War II romance between an American naval attaché and a Russian actress, said today she has received official permission to visit her father in the United States.

"The Ovir (passport) office just called and invited me to come down Thursday pick up my visa," the attractive 29-year-old woman, an actress like her mother, told a correspondent by telephone.

Fyodorova's father, 77-year-old Fred Ann. Jackson R. Tate, is suffering from a weak heart. He lives with his daughter in Orange Park, Fla.

Tate was a naval attaché in Moscow during World War II and there met Zoya Fyodorova, a film star at the time and now also 77.

Five months after they met Tate was expelled from Moscow, apparently because Stalin was irked by the affair. He died on his last night with Zoya on VE day, May 1945, and the child of the union was named after the victory.

Five years later Zoya was arrested and sentenced to death for espionage. The sentence was later reduced to 25 years imprisonment and she was released after serving 3½ years following Stalin's death.

Fyodorova meanwhile returned to the United States and married. He only learned that she had fathered a daughter in Russia

when an American friend of the actresses made contact with him several years ago.

He has since corresponded by telephone with his daughter.

"I'm ecstatic," Victoria said, declining to talk further so she could call the news to her father, whom she has never met. She had applied for a three-month visa last October to visit Tate.

Asked for her mother's reaction to the news, Victoria said: "She sat on the couch for 40 minutes and just smiled."

# — Continued — Hearst

announced she was joining her SLA kidnappers last year.

"Tania is no longer here," the letter continued. "She and a few others have gone to another region."

Meanwhile, the San Francisco Chronicle said sports radical Jack Scott, linked in published reports to the Hearst case, has been named in an auto embezzlement warrant by police in Burlingame, Calif.

The Chronicle said the car Scott rented Feb. 27 was supposed to be returned March 1, the day of an aborted jailbreak in Oakland by alleged Symbionese Liberation Army members Russell Little and Joseph Remiro.

The paper quoted an unidentified Alameda County official it said was close to the case as saying the Little-Remiro escape attempt was planned and that a "getaway car was known to have been nearby."

The FBI and the Alameda County official would not say if Scott's rented car was under investigation as the possible Little-Remiro getaway car, the Chronicle said.

# — Continued — Posse

by Gillings:

"The charter members say they are fed up with government officials who refuse to obey their constituted authority, that if law and order is to return to our society, it will take dedicated men and women of principle."

Gillings said his force intends to let "the criminal element of our society know that there are hundreds of good citizens... who refuse to allow crime to go unchecked."

He personally makes citizen arrests from time to time, Gillings added, mostly of drunken drivers on the freeway.

For his part, Sheriff Canis said, "I deplore inflammatory statements of any nature, so I don't want to make any comment on this. Besides, my recollection of vigilantes isn't too clear."

# — Continued — Vietnam

populated provinces of Kontum, Pleiku and Darlac. It is an area of 11,000 square miles — 433 square miles larger than the state of Maryland. Population of the provinces is more than half a million.

The fate of 11 Americans in the abandoned provinces was not yet known.

Although the decision to retreat was not made known until early today, the North Vietnamese threat started the exodus last week. Hundreds of civilians swarmed to get on planes at Pleiku, and thousands of others fled on foot as the North Vietnamese overran Ban Me Thuot, the capital of Darlac province.

The evacuation swelled today. Field reports said thousands moved south by road from Pleiku toward Chao Reo.

Scores of South Vietnamese air force planes at Pleiku that were either damaged or grounded for maintenance were destroyed before the army and air force pulled out.

# Surge as Yet Clemency Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than 1,000 pardons have been signed up for President Nixon's clemency program since he extended it on Feb. 23.

The White House spokesman for the Presidential Clemency Board said Monday, "I expect a surge during the final week," which ends at midnight March 1.

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# Remember When?

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## 25 YEARS AGO

\* Nine 4-H youths will enter livestock in the grand national junior livestock show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Included are Roland Dreyer, three pigs; Julian Larrouy, Jr., four pigs; Harold Anderson, four lambs; Harlan Anderson, six lambs; Gary Coyan, four lambs; Archie Wood, Jr., three lambs; Margaret Settlemeyer, one steer; Ruby Schacht, one steer; and Marlena Neddenriep, one steer.

**GRAND OPENING (ADV.)**—of Walley's Hot Springs Swimming Pool, March 11. Student tickets will be available for \$10, entitling use of the pool until fall closing.

## 45 YEARS AGO

**MALE PHEASANTS IN** Carson Valley now are in full plumage just prior to the mating season, and in actual cash value they are worth \$120 per bird when killed illegally, that being the price set last Saturday by Judge Krummes. C. L. Knight, of Reno, was fined that much for shooting a pheasant out of season.

**FOR THE SECOND TIME** since last fall, homes at the south end of Lake Tahoe have been plundered. The raiders have been apprehended. A man giving his name as Carl Raines confessed, after considerable questioning. He said he had broken into the homes but had taken nothing of value except food.

\* **HUBERT BRUNS WAS** painfully injured Monday morning while practicing for a track and field meet at Douglas High School. He was hit on the head by a 20-pound shot. A gash was cut on his temple and he was rendered unconscious for several minutes. An X-ray showed the skull had not been fractured.

## 65 YEARS AGO

**P. K. RAHBECK HAS** gone into the poultry business quite extensively and already several hundred little red hens are under his care. They are shipped here from Petaluma when only a day old at a very nominal price, thus eliminating the troubles attached to watching and caring for an incubator.

**THE BRANCH COUNTY** jail question was definitely settled by the commissioners last Monday when they put their final stamp of approval upon the erection of a jail in Gardnerville. The jail has been needed badly for years because the vile hole now doing service is no fit place to put a human being.

## 85 YEARS AGO

**TOM FOWLER AND** a crew of carpenters will soon commence work replacing the bridges that were washed out by the recent high waters on the Mottsville land area.

**SAM LONGABAUGH** expects to run about 20,000 cords of wood down the Carson River this spring.

**CARSON VALLEY RANCHERS** are turning their cattle out to rustle feed in the pine nut hills.

**S. A. KINSEY,** one of the largest fruit growers in Carson Valley, does not expect much fruit this year, owing to the large depth of snow in the hills nearby which he believes will bring continued frost. Kinsey this week hauled the last of his apple crop to the Carson City market.

\* **THE ROADS ARE IN** splendid condition from here to Woodfords, but from there to Markleeville, they have not been cleared of snow. The mail is still going in on snowshoes. About four inches of snow fell Tuesday night in that section.



# Around Alpine



by JEANNINE PRICE  
694-2149

Last Sunday's pot luck dinner saw some 130 people bid a fond farewell to the Doerkson family of Markleeville. Park Ranger Alan Bellharz entertained the group with song and guitar. Mrs. Doerksen said she hopes to purchase a painting of the area as a memento with the money tree presented the family from the community. Mr. Doerksen expressed sincere thanks to everyone for their thoughtfulness and years of friendship. He has been promoted to State Park Ranger III at the Silverwood Lake Recreation Area 30 miles north of San Bernardino off Hwy. 395. The Doerksens will be moving next week.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

The Alpine County area patrons can now return books to the library in Markleeville on a 24 hour basis. The new book return is located at the side door of the library. This accommodation was purchased and donated by the Alpine Co. Friends of the Library.

Librarian Joelle Barton will be presenting an evening of ski films Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

#### ECE GUEST SPEAKERS

As part of Early Childhood Education at the Diamond Valley School, Mrs. Irene Barrett has drawn up an interesting schedule of programs for children and parents alike: Archie Woods, Jr., Deputy Sheriff; Robert Parker, Graphic Arts demonstration; Clyde Booker, folk singer; and Frances Charlton, miniature collection. Early Childhood Education encourages in-put from all aspects of the community and is evaluated in part by its use of this voluntary aid. Immediately following Easter vacation, a monitoring and review team from Sacramento will be at Diamond Valley to assess the current ECE program.

#### PART TIME POSITION

Applications are now being taken at Diamond Valley School for Saturday-only custodial work. Position includes maintenance of the gymnasium and those areas of the school used by the public, and supervisor of two NYC students who will also be working on Saturdays. Applications close Wednesday, March 26 at noon.

#### KIRKWOOD SKIING

On St. Patrick's Day, Kirkwood added a touch of green to everything except its trees and money. There was green beer at the lodge along with a special "Irish" lunch, followed that evening by a torchlight parade down chair 5 and a live band for dancing. Special highlight of the occasion was the birthday cake for Kirkwood President, Andrew Kerr, who of course, was born on St. Pat's. This

included a live birthday cake—equipped with live girl.

#### NASTAR

Tuesday and Thursday of this week were special NASTAR events at Kirkwood. March 18 was the NASTAR Area Challenge inviting all NASTAR ski areas in the west. Today, Kirkwood was to host the Tahoe Local Challenge Race. All businesses in the So. Tahoe area were invited to enter four-man employee teams.

#### SPRING BASKETBALL

Oldsters, youngsters this Friday, March 21 at Diamond Valley its the annual fund raiser for the eighth grade class trip, and the parents last valiant attempt to get back some of that old "spring."

#### ZEPHYR COVE

Zephyr Cove is hosting a girls basketball tournament, grades 4-6 next Saturday.

#### EASTER CALENDAR

Community Easter Egg Hunt at Diamond Valley School sponsored by The Save the Children Federation, Easter Sunday. Details forthcoming.

Snow Hike—Sunday, March 23—Take a walk down to beautiful Emerald Bay to look at snow-shrouded Vikingsholm and Eagle Falls. Leading rangers: Jeff Jones, John Bollinger; Equipment: Snowshoes. Difficulty: moderately difficult; Duration: 4 hours. Meet: Emerald Bay overlook parking lot.

Snow Hike, Sunday, March 30, explore Blackwood Creek by cross-country skis or snowshoes. Leading rangers: Jeff Jones, Roger Titus; Equipment: cross-country skis or snowshoes; Duration: 4 hours; Difficulty: moderate 6000 feet; Meet: Entrance to Kaspian Recreation area about 5 miles south of Tahoe City on Hwy. 89.

The Parable Players will be presenting an Easter Passion Play entitled "Were You There" at the Mt. Sierra Assembly of God, three miles North of Woodfords, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ are incorporated in the play which is directed toward sharing what the resurrection of Jesus Christ means in the closing decades of this century. Love and joy are the major themes that gather the audience and members of the cast together in a contemporary worship.

"Were You There" is being presented as Mt. Sierra's Easter present to the community; everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be served at the close of the service. For additional information please telephone Pastor Farrington at 694-2117.

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Thurs, April 24, 1975

A CETA position at the Alpine County Library is being advertised for anyone interested in part time work. The applicant must be a high school graduate and apply by April 30. This CETA position is federally funded and will run through June 1976. A review of the position and funding will be conducted then.

## BATIK AT THE LIBRARY

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., Jane Gigli of Carson City will present "Batik," the technique of hand dying fabric by using wax as a die repellent to cover parts of a design, dyeing the uncovered fabric with a color or colors and dissolving the wax in boiling water. Mrs. Gigli is interested in making her own dye from natural resources and will be discussing this Friday night. The Alpine County Library invites everyone to attend.

## ALPINE ALL-STAR

Dayla Keebaugh earned her second all-star award at the Whittell fourth, fifth and sixth grade basketball tournament last week at Lake Tahoe. Out of two games in which the Alpine team missed victory by one point each time, Dayla was chosen most valuable player. Dayla, is fifth grader at Diamond Valley, has played basketball two years now, and she brings enthusiasm and spirit to the game, with some pretty good dribbling and a lot of speed. This will be Dayla's second season of softball also. She will be playing for

the Douglas County Girls Softball Association.

## HOTSPRINGS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At it's yearly election of officers, the Grover Hot Springs State Park Advisory Committee chose as chairman Lucille Chain and as secretary Rosella Jackson, both of Markleeville.

The Advisory Committee was organized to incorporate the ideas and experience of the citizens of Alpine County in the development of Grover Hot Springs State Park. The committee was instrumental in coordinating the effort to bring the new pool to the Hot Springs along with improvement of dressing room facilities.

The committee is interested in the current exchange program with the U. S. Forest Service and in improvements to the operating facilities for the entire park. The possibility of establishing a Washoe Indian culture center at the park is under study. The committee meets every other month.

## OPEN HOUSE AT TURTLE ROCK

On Mother's Day, May 11, the Alpine Historical Society will initiate the official opening of the Alpine County Bicentennial with an Open House at the Turtle Rock State Park. The park is located on Highway 4 between Woodfords and Markleeville. The public is invited to visit the facility from 1:30-5 p.m.

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Saturday a \$5 a plate prime rib dinner is being held at Turtle Rock Park, two miles north of Markleeville on Highway 4. Entertainment will be provided by the Alpine Three and dancing to the music of the Country Gentlemen will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are on sale at the Markleeville Store, Browns Cafe or Bank of America in Markleeville.

## 4-H FOODS

Home Economist, Sheila Burns, and Extension Officer Jan Louch from Minden attended the first meeting of 4-H Foods held at Diamond Valley School Monday, to help project leaders Edna Hellwinkle and Jeannine Price plan a six week program in cooking. Special projects in outdoor cooking for camping, breakfast for parents, and guest speakers will highlight the course. Mrs. Burns gave a presentation on nutrition and supplied the 4-H members with interesting project materials. Meeting days will be Mondays immediately after school.

## CONFERENCE WITH GOV. BROWN

Gov. Brown of California called a special meeting of the state welfare directors in

March in order to see and hear first hand about problems facing individual county agencies. Some 24 county directors heard Brown state that he recognizes that most problems facing the welfare agencies are caused by excessive legislation at the state and national level. Alpine County Welfare Director, Janice Lovett, attended the conference.

## MOTHER GOOSE

Mrs. Helen Moor of Woodfords presented a program entitled "The History of Mother Goose" Tuesday night at Diamond Valley for the Alpine Mothers' Club. Members and their guests applauded Mrs. Moor's program as very interesting and thanked her for her time and interest in the group. Items of business at this month's meeting of the club were the annual high school scholarships and the school picnic in June. Mother's Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, adjourning for the summer.

## CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 8, Alpine County School Board of Trustees; Diamond Valley School; Installation of new officers.

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April 8, 1975

# Money Woes Force Early Bear Valley Lodge Close

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BEAR VALLEY—Money problems are forcing Bear Valley Lodge to close at two weeks early this year.

Bruce Orvis, developer of this Western Alpine winter sports area, admitted today that the lodge has financial trouble caused by a slump in income resulting from a drop in reservations and outstanding debts.

"Our problems are economic—darn right they are. We've had problems for years and when business is poor we have to do something about it," he said.

The lodge officially closed Sunday but plans call for reopening it next weekend to accommodate those participating in a para-ski meet who had made prior reservations, according to a spokesman for the lodge management.

Orvis, a partner in Bear Valley with the William Messenger Co. of Newport Beach, explained there is a possibility of opening the lodge for weekends if reservations pick up.

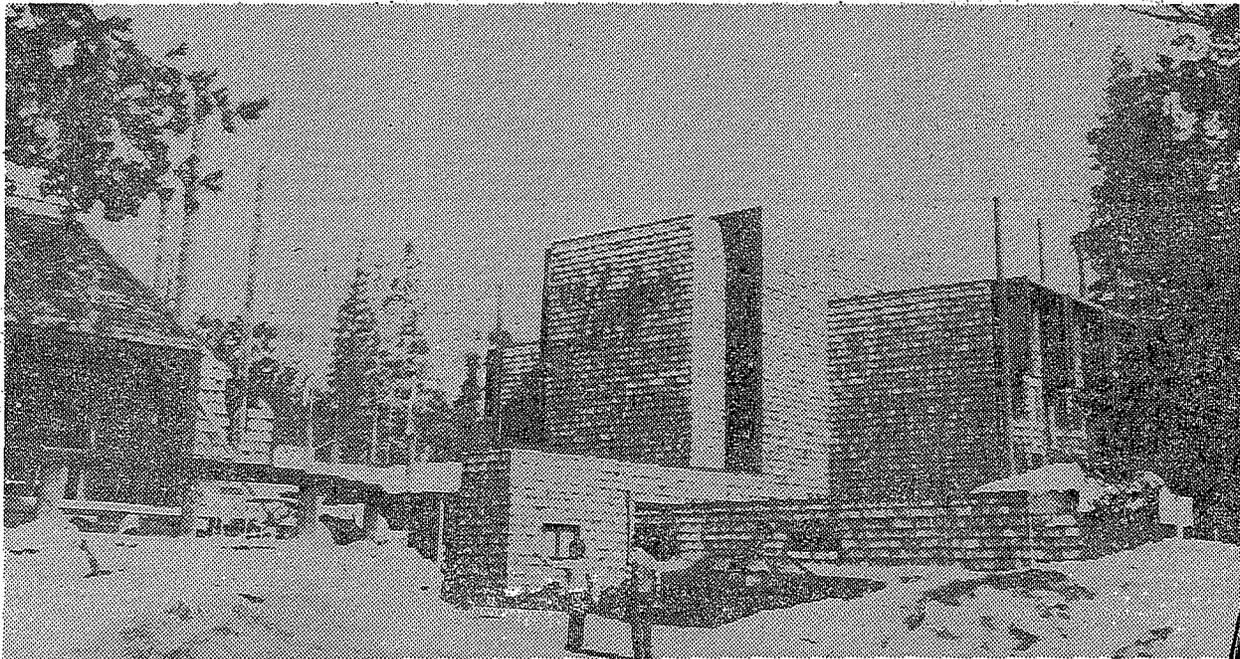
Closing the lodge, however, will not affect the Mt. Reba Ski area that oper-

ates in conjunction with Bear Valley but is a part of a separate corporation, authorities there said.

Ski facilities will be open seven days a week at least until April 20, and possibly until April 27.

"We have lots of snow—the skiing is great—but the people just are not there at the lodge to support its continued operation at this time," said Orvis.

About a 15-member staff will be kept at the lodge for general maintenance, Orvis said.



BEAR VALLEY LODGE WILL BE CLOSING EARLY THIS YEAR

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## Alpine Committee Will Study Bear Valley Resort Issues

MARKLEEVILLE — In response to requests from Bear Valley residents who want more local control in the resort area, Alpine County officials have created a citizens committee and authorized a study to investigate the matter.

The seven-member committee, formed by the county's Local Agency Formation Commission, will consist of Bear Valley residents Ed Pilkerton, Dwight Vorkoeper, Pete Alders, Sharon Krieger, Peggy Puccinelli, Jeanne Murray and a seventh member who will be named by the other six.

The committee will have until 60 days after it first meets to submit a reorganization proposal to county officials, said County Clerk Joan Chacon.

The group will be pondering the feasibility of incorporating Bear Valley as a city or providing the desired local control with some other alternative, such as formation of a service district, said Mrs. Chacon.

A county service area at Bear Valley is governed by the supervisors, who have agreed to pay up to \$10,000 for a study of the matter and a recommendation on which method would best assure Bear Valley residents of the local control they desire.

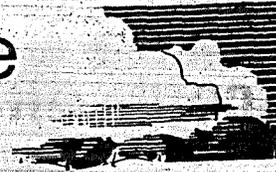
Bear Valley residents, noting the 60 miles from the resort to the county seat here and their winter isolation, have periodically raised the incorporation issue in the past. During the winter, when Highway 4 between the two areas is closed by snow, Bear Valley residents who want to visit county offices must drive through Angels Camp and Jackson and over Carson Pass to reach Markleeville, a distance of some 140 miles.

Bear Valley's population fluctuates by season. Fulltime year-around residents are believed to number around 200, although an unofficial count of registered voters in the area a year ago turned up about 400 persons.



# Around Alpine

by JEANNINE PRICE  
694-2149



As the ski season draws to a close in most local areas, we see some pretty exciting things happening at Kirkwood which makes it look like they are just getting started up there. Last week's 14 mile cross-country race from Echo Summit to the touring center at Kirkwood turned out to be most successful and in beautiful touring weather. One hundred and twenty-three persons entered the race in three team categories: man-woman, man-man, and woman-woman.

The Nordic Ski Patrol and the 88 Spur Riders patrolled the course and provided three "soup stations" for the contestants. The winning team was determined by the time of the last person in the team to cross the finish line. Winning team members were Craig Paterson and Carolyn Tiernan of Yosemite, time 2:45:00. Second place was Glen Jobe of Kirkwood and Mark Jorgensen of Sparks, time 2:45:30. Third place was Tony and Cindy Jorgensen of Sparks, time 3:06:00. The winners were awarded ski and pack merchandise from the Kirkwood Touring Center.

Some interesting statistics are: Oldest team (combined age) was Joan Godl and Camille White, 87 years. Youngest team Tony and Cindy Jorgensen, 31 years. Overall fastest female, Carolyn Tiernan, 2:45:00. Overall fastest male, Oddvar Helgesen of Tahoe City, 2:31:00.

Glen Jobe, director of the touring center at Kirkwood would like to invite all to come visit them and check their interesting schedule of events coming up yet this year. Spring tours, Glen says, are the best and he will be running some guided fishing tours.

## NASTAR AREA CHALLENGE CUP

This event was also run last week at Kirkwood and sponsored by the Schlitz Brewing Company. This all west invitational consisted of five area entries: North Star, June Mountain, Bear Valley, Alpine Meadows and Kirkwood.

One female entry was Cindy Ross from June Mountain. Each area entered two-four man teams. The winners were Kirkwood A Team, Hanas Lamprecht, Wolly Schweitzer, Kim Graham and Mark Wolford. Bear Valley, second and North Star, third.

## SPRING CARNIVAL

Hope you marked your calendar for the "Spring Thing" at Kirkwood this weekend. Friday if the final "Boogie N The Bumps Contest." Saturday at 10 a.m. is the famous Bump Run and at 10:30 the Jean-Claude

Kiddy Race for 12 and under. The afternoon is full of activities like the Gelandajump, obstacle race, pie eating contest and costume judging. NOTICE - all those dressed in costumes on Saturday will receive a discount on the lift ticket. Saturday evening features a dinner buffet at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Mad Hatter Party at 8 p.m. features dancing to live music and of course the dance contest at 10:30. Sunday will bring more carnival events like the tube race, dual giant slalom, kite flying exhibition, piggy back race, beer slalom, and the ankle and knee contest . . . whatever that is. It should be fun to just watch if you don't have the nerve to compete! I'll be watching the NASTAR bikini race from the side lines!

If you're interested in the Photo Contest, "Funniest Photo of Spring Thing," your entry must be submitted no later than April 26. There's a poster contest for the kids, 12 and under, so check that out too.

Outdoor beer and sandwich stands will "grace" the grounds around the lodge. Come on up—it's going to be quite a weekend.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls played South Lake Tahoe Tuesday at the intermediate school.

Coming up Saturday the 12th is a tournament at Zephyr Cove for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

## DIAMOND VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday nights meeting of the Alpine meeting was held at Diamond Valley. Installation of the new officers was held with a brief reception following. New member of the board are Mrs. Arlene Coleman of Woodfords and Mr. Carl Sandel of Markleeville. Outgoing officers are Mrs. Ilene Long and Mr. Frank Rebello of Markleeville.

Tuesday's agenda included the election of officers and organization of dates and meetings for the coming year.

The superintendent's report included a program for bus driver training, kitchen equipment, Bear Valley transportation of high school students, the annual audit, acquisition of the right of way to the Diamond Valley School, and classified and certificated salaries. Supt. Richard Martin reported on plans for parent conferences this month with a special program of home visits. He announced that Open House will be April 17 at 8 p.m.

Thurs, May 1, 1975

# Around Alpine

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Kirkwood Ski Area will climax its most successful ski season so far with a pair of special events Sunday. "Appreciation Day" for skiers is designed to show Kirkwood's gratitude for your interest and support this season. All day lift tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Also on Sunday, Kirkwood and PSA airlines will co-sponsor a "Money for Mexico" race for pro competitors. Some 80 contestants are expected for this giant slalom with two pro-style bumps. The winner will receive two round trip tickets on PSA to San Diego, the gateway to Mexico, plus \$250 cash. Overall cash prizes for first to fifth place winners will be \$600. This Dual Giant Slalom starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday and the deadline for signup is 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 and contestant's lift tickets are complimentary. After this Sunday, Kirkwood will discontinue daily service, but will operate weekends through Memorial Day, May 26.

### CLINIC DAY POSTPONED

Alpine County Clinic usually held the first Friday of each month has been postponed to Friday, May 9, at the Markleeville Annex.

### PARKS DEDICATION

Ceremonies marking the completion of the campgrounds at Indian Creek Reservoir and Turtle Rock Park are being planned for May 24 by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors. The day's activities will get underway at 11 a.m. with a tour of the

reservoir facilities in Diamond Valley southeast of Woodfords and conclude at 3 p.m. in the new Turtle Rock shelter building just north of Markleeville.

Turtle Rock Park is Alpine County's first county park and was built at a cost of about \$100,000. It features a multipurpose shelter large enough to accommodate 330 persons for any number of activities, and 40 outdoor campsites. Plans call for a softball diamond, archery range and tennis courts to be added eventually. The park's 200 acres were made available to the county by the U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

Indian Creek Reservoir has 30 new campground units, which were built by the BLM. The 3200 acre-foot reservoir was completed in 1968 by the South Tahoe Public Utility District at a cost of \$640,000 and impounds effluent from South Lake Tahoe's sewage treatment facilities. Dave Callahan, South Tahoe PUD general manager reported that the \$3 million pump station and 27 miles of pipeline to the reservoir were financed with federal grants and revenue bonds.

Carson and Folsom district Bureau of Land Management officials and directors of the South Tahoe PUD are assisting Alpine officials with the dedication ceremonies which will include lake activities and a buffet luncheon. Further information about transportation and activities can be obtained by phoning the courthouse at 694-2281.

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THE RECORD-COURIER—GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

# Around Alpine

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Thursday, April 10, Amy Beilharz was born to Linda and Alan Beilharz of Markleeville. Amy was 7 lbs. 5 oz. when she weighed in at Barton Memorial Hospital, South Lake Tahoe. She has an older sister Lisa, age 5 years.

### OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 17, at the Diamond Valley School, everyone is invited to a tour of the classrooms at 8 p.m. An assembly will follow at 9 p.m. in the gymnasium with a presentation by Supr. Richard Martin and a question and answer session. Refreshments were prepared for Open House by the Alpine 4-H Foods Class.

### CLOSED CIRCUIT TV

An experimental closed circuit TV program was brought into the classrooms at Diamond Valley this week, courtesy of the El Dorado County School District. Students were able to perform in front of the camera and

then view themselves on the screen, with many interesting results. This program is part in a series of workshops being brought to Alpine County Schools this spring.

### T-SHIRTS

The Mothers' Club of Diamond Valley School is sponsoring a project to sell T-shirts to children and adults. These shirts will be blue and encribed with a design significant to Alpine County. A contest to choose the best design and words for the shirts was conducted. The student submitting the winning logo will be awarded a free shirt. A sample of the sizes is being displayed at Open House and Mothers' Club is taking orders for them. Profits from these shirts will be used for the Mothers' Club General Fund.

### CLINIC REMINDER

Friday, May 2, Alpine County Clinic in Markleeville, resuming this first Friday of every month schedule.

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May 1, 1975

## Alpine gets sewer funds

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The Markleeville Public Utility District will receive \$2,900 as part of a federal program to reimburse municipalities for waste treatment system costs.

The U. S. government is reimbursing funds used for public sewage treatment works projects on which construction was initiated after June 30, 1966 but before July 1, 1972.

Other area recipients include South Tahoe Public Utility District, \$62,000.

Thurs May 8, 1975

# Around Alpine

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Plenty of school news to catch up on this week . . . In a message to the school community recently, Superintendent Dick Martin stated that with the arrival of spring, many activities are taking place. That includes some good field trips. Tuesday, the sixth, seventh and eighth grades attended the Nevada State Assembly and also took a "quick trip" through the Minimum Security Prison in Carson City. Then on May 15, 16 and 17, these students will travel to Walker Lake to attend a course being conducted by the University of Nevada Desert Institute and will be studying the plant and animal life in and around the lake. Disneyland is going to be the eighth grade class trip again this year on May 30. Pre-registration of the eighth graders for Douglas High took place last Wednesday, and with the availability of a courtyard at the new school, an outdoor graduation ceremony is being considered for Thursday, June 5. Last Friday, the kindergartners through fifth graders went to the Carson Museum, and this Friday they will be traveling to Reno to visit the Historical Society and the Atmospherium Planetarium at the University of Nevada.

"Immediate Projects" at the school for Spring are the installation of a tennis net at the school court and preparation of a baseball field behind the school, which hopefully will be large enough for Babe Ruth ball. And, preparation is now being made for a summer school program at both Diamond Valley and Bear Valley.

April 22, a Monitor and Review team from the State Department of Education in Sacramento evaluated the ECE program being conducted in K-1 at Diamond Valley. The state graded this program 8.1, using a grading scale of 0-9 with 0 representing no program development at all and 9 representing an exemplary program. This score placed Diamond Valley ECE in third place in the Tri-County Co-op of Alpine, Amador and El Dorado Counties.

Mr. Mike Petrillo from the California Court of Criminal Justice in Livermore, Calif., was a recent guest speaker at Diamond Valley where he conducted a communications workshop for students, teachers and parents. Mr. Petrillo spoke to each class during school hours and met with the staff after school. An evening assembly for parents at night concluded the workshop. He spoke on values clarification and transactional analysis.

At the May meeting of the Alpine Mothers' Club Tuesday night, election of officers concluded a busy agenda. The 1975-76 slate of officers will be Arlene Coleman, president; Betty Cruz, vice-president; Jean Martin, secretary, and Fern George, treasurer.

A reminder that on Mother's Day, May 11, the Alpine Historical Society will officially kick off its Bicentennial with an open house at the new Turtle Rock Park, located on Highway 14 just outside of Markleeville. The public is invited to visit the facility from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

**Kirkwood**  
The total snowfall recorded to date at Kirkwood Meadows is 528 inches. This year's reading is the highest recorded of any U.S. Forest Service owned and operated ski resort in the country. Last year's reading of 424 inches was also a record high of any resort in the United States. "Snow" is putting Kirkwood on the map!

The "Money for Mexico" Dual Giant Slalom Pro Race was held last Sunday at Kirkwood on Chair No. 2. The winner of the PSA round trip tickets from South Lake Tahoe to San Diego and \$250 was Tim Kennedy from Bear Valley. Second place was Gunter Bartsch of Heavenly Valley, \$150. Third was Sepp Staffler of South Lake Tahoe, \$100; and fourth was Mike Kerton of Bear Valley, \$40.

## CALENDAR

Friday, May 9—County Clinic Day.  
Tuesday, May 13—Volunteer Fire Department Training Session, 7 p.m.

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Kirkwood concluded its ski season with a sunny Memorial weekend and a good number of bikini skiers. The second annual Fourth of July activities have been planned including a mid-summer ski race and the "Avalanche Cup," a holiday slalom for amateur racers. This will be held in the Cirque Bowl at an elevation of 9,200 feet. Last year's Avalanche Cup was held on a snow pack of nearly 20 feet, and a similar depth is expected for the '75 affair. A \$4 barbecue featuring a whole beef on a spit is open to the public, so you might mark your calendar and plan to join the special activities at Kirkwood on the 4th.

## NASTAR

Kirkwood has been named the No. 1 NASTAR ski area on the Far West Region, which encompasses the states of California, Oregon and Washington. Kirkwood had the most participants in NASTAR races conducted in this region with a total of 1,961. Alpine Meadows was runner-up with 1,620 racers. Nationally, in competition for the most NASTAR participants, Kirkwood finished twelfth.

## DeANZA COLLEGE AT MUSEUM

Saturday morning, May 24, the Alpine County Museum was opened for special

viewing for the history students of DeAnza College at Cupertino, Calif. About 40 in number, the group spent a good one and one-half hours visiting the different units of the historical complex. The group then continued on their tour to Bridgeport and Bodie, Calif. Ms. Frances Charlton and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Love of the historical society of Alpine acted as hosts for the guests.

## SUMMER LIBRARY

A special reading program for summer has been planned for the county library in Markleeville. Designed for all children through eighth grade, the program will include games, films and fun.

Joel Barton has planned a special treat for those children signed up for reading. Every time you read a book you get to make a silly monster!

The new library hours are: Monday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9-11:30 a.m., 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 7-9 p.m.; Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m., 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## CALENDAR

Thursday, May 29, Planning Commission.  
Thursday, June 5, Diamond Valley Eighth Grade Graduation.

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Our second annual Community Picnic at the Grover Hot Springs Camp Grounds is scheduled for Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in games, good food, and good company. Bring your own place setting of dishes and a salad. Donations for the purchase of the main dish, can be made to the "hot dog jar" at the Bank of America in Markleeville.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting of the Alpine County Historical Society will be held at the new Turtle Rock Community Center Wednesday, May 21. A pot luck dinner at 6:30 a.m. will precede the meeting. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Alpine Three.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The County Board of Supervisors is working toward the establishment of a Commission on Aging for the Alpine community. An elderly study project began in 1973 by the AAUW as a community service project, for the four counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne, produced a formulation of several successful programs

which the Alpine commission will adapt for use here. The hiring of a co-ordinator for a half time job will be one of the major steps in realizing a beginning of such a service project. The County Board of Supervisors will review this issue at its Monday meeting, May 19.

## BASEBALL

Ten boys, ages 13-15, have signed up for a Babe Ruth team from Alpine. Keven Jones of Apynessville will be coaching the team for this season. Practices are in Gardnerville every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sign-ups are also being taken for Junior League Baseball for those boys, ages 9-12. Very few boys have signed up at this time and Richard Martin at Diamond Valley school is encouraging all those interested to contact him at school. This Junior League is also in need of a coach for the season; anyone willing to help, please call Mr. Martin.

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### SIERRA PARKS

Saturday, May 17 is a spring bicycle outing around the shoreline highway of Donner Lake. Rangers will present a program on Donner Lake History and the aquatic ecology. Duration of the trip is 4 to 5 hours. Approximate round trip is 12 miles. Meet at the Donner museum parking lot on the old highway 40, four miles west of Truckee.

Saturday, May 31 is a spring hike at the Grover Hot Springs. Bring your camera, and a field flower guide if you have one. Duration two to three hours. Meeting place at the pool, four miles west of Markleeville.

Saturday, June 7. This overnight campout into the Emerald Point area will be scheduled by registration in advance only. Call (916) 525-7232 on weekdays and leave your name and number. A ranger will call you back. Limited to 25 people.

Saturday, June 14 join a car caravan to the historic ghost town of Bodie. Meet in front of the Mono County Courthouse in the center of Bridgeport on Highway 395. Weather could cancel trip, so interested persons are asked to call (916) 525-7232 to confirm.

All hikes begin at 10:30 a.m. on the Saturday indicated.

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William Lyons, long time resident of Markleeville, died last week in Spokane, Wash. where he had been living for three years. Bill and his wife Dede owned and managed the Alpine Hotel in Markleeville for some 20 years. Among his many community duties, Mr. Lyons served as probation officer. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1969 and survived by son and daughter-in-law, Cathy and Jim Lyons of Markleeville, and daughter and son-in-law, Jeri and Jim Doolittle of Spokane. Internment ceremonies will be held Friday at the Fredricksburg Cemetery at 2 p.m.

### SPECIAL PERSONAL THANKS

"I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to those residents of Alpine County who contributed unsolicited support in behalf of my job as building official for the county before the Board of Supervisors March 3. I thank you all for your vote of confidence.

Alan Jones, Bldg. Insp.

### POOL TOURNEY

The third Brown's Cafe Pool Tournament, which started last Friday and continues to the next two Friday nights, is being held in Markleeville at the cafe. This is a double elimination tournament with 18 entries, five of whom are women. Winners of the second Brown's Pool Tournament were first, Andy Lovested; second, Cathy Lyons; third, Kathy Able.

### SPRINGTIME BASKETBALL

Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. the eighth

grade class at Diamond Valley School will hold its fourth annual Oldster-Youngster game. The purpose of this function is to raise money for the year-end class trip to Disneyland. Students will be selling tickets to this event. Game one features the girls team against an array of women and mothers from the community. In the nightcap game, the boys team will oppose fathers and other "able" interested adults. Hawks coach Jerry Price predicts that his team, 16-6 over the season, will out-last their experienced opponents. Meanwhile, girls coach Sharon Osgood, affectionately referred to as "Coach Ozzie" by her players, will rely on stealth and execution for a victory.

Besides competition and entertainment, refreshments will be sold. The conclusion of the evening will be the giving away of a ten speed Huff bicycle. This bike was originally given away at the annual Christmas Bazaar and won by Supervisor Hubert Bruns, who donated it back to the class for further fund raising.

Everyone is invited to attend and join in the fun March 21, honoring the First Day of Spring!

### CALENDAR

Friday, March 21—First day of spring vacation and "Springing Basketball" at Diamond Valley School.

Wednesday, March 26—Parable Players at Mt. Sierra Assembly of God Easter Musical.

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# Two Alpine parks open in ceremonies Saturday

Two new parks in Alpine County will be officially opened in ceremonies to be held Saturday by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

Transportation will be provided. A bus will leave Turtle Rock Park at 11 a.m. for Indian Creek Reservoir.

The ceremonies will begin upon arrival at the facility, with a guided tour to follow. There will be prizes awarded

for the largest fish caught in various categories.

Following the activities at Indian Creek Reservoir,

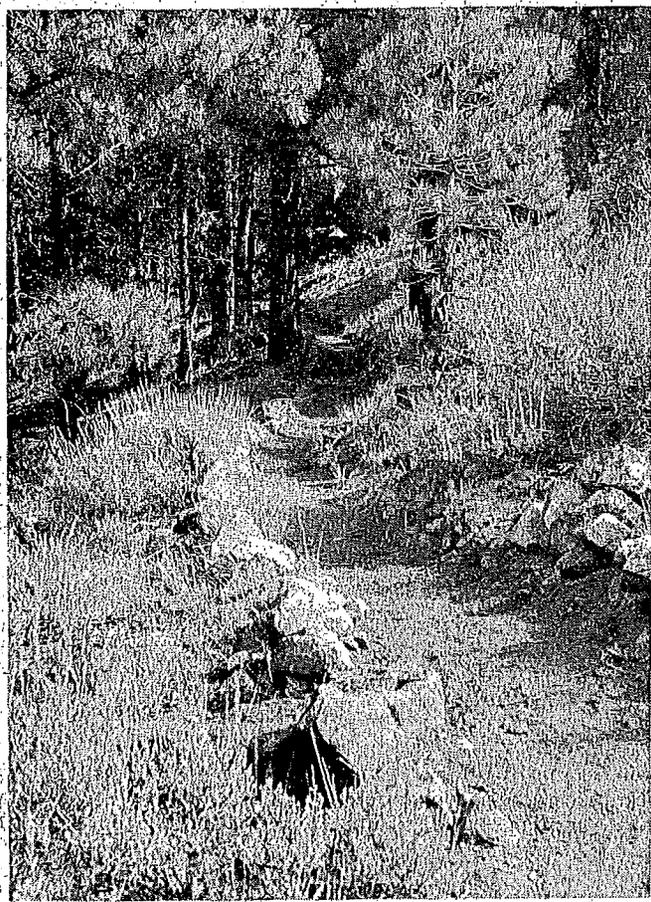
the ceremonies will continue at Turtle Rock Park. They will be followed by a buffet to be catered by Kirkwood Inc.

Turtle Rock Park features 40 campsites, and a multipurpose building capable of accommodating 330 persons. The park is 200 acres and will eventually have a softball diamond, archery range, and tennis courts. The U. S. Bureau of Land Management made the land available.

Indian Creek is located,

in Diamond Valley southeast of Woodfords. The site features 30 campground units, built by the BLM. Completed in 1968, by the South Tahoe Public Utility District, the 3200 acre reservoir impounds effluent from South Tahoe's tertiary sewage treatment plant.

District BLM officials will assist Alpine officials with the dedication ceremonies. Further information can be obtained by phoning 694-2281.



*Indian Creek trail*

PART OF the hiking trail system at the BLM's new Indian Creek Reservoir Recreation Site designed for those who "want to get away from it all."

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## Return of the Posse?

They were a motley group, assembled in a modern Stockton, Calif., public meeting hall, some in service-station uniforms and football jerseys, others in double-knit suits—most of them working-class Americans. They milled around for some moments sipping instant coffee from Styrofoam cups, stood earnestly at attention for the pledge of allegiance and a prayer, then took their seats as a mild-faced man of 71 rose to address them.

The speaker's sandy-gray hair was slicked back, his mustache small and carefully trimmed. "Our Republic has already gone down the drain," said Henry L. (Mike) Beach. "Parasites have come in and destroyed our republican form of government." As his audience nodded in agreement, Mike Beach outlined his personal scenario of what is happening in the United States. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller was the chief villain, as Beach told it: Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew and President Gerald Ford had all conspired to set Rockefeller up for the Presidency. "He is the man," said Mike Beach, "who is going to be dictator."

**Charter:** Beach's rapt audience of about 80 men and women, some accompanied by their children, was assembled for a meeting of an organization known as "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus."\* A number of the men carried revolvers conspicuously on their hips and wore silver imitation sheriff's badges on their chests. Card tables displayed "Genuine Citizen's Arrest Forms" and applications for a charter in the "National Christian Posse Association."

Posse Comitatus is the newest—and fastest growing—of a seemingly never-ending stream of militant right-wing organizations. Recently, Federal officials have begun to take keen interest in the Posse. They have found that its membership closely parallels the defunct paramilitary Sons of Liberty, as well as the National States Rights Party, which campaigns aggressively on an anti-black, anti-Semitic, anti-Federal platform. So far, Posse Comitatus seems to have found its most fertile ground in the Midwest and Far West. It has made little headway in the South, where the Ku Klux Klan carries many of the same

torches—but the Klan approves wholeheartedly. "We work with the posses wherever we can," says David Ernest Duke, national director of the Knights of the KKK. "We get their material and funnel it to our groups."

Beach, a retired laundry-equipment salesman, is the closest thing there is to an over-all leader of the loosely affiliated group. He founded the movement from his Portland, Ore., home in 1968. Now operating as the Citizens Law Enforce-



James D. Wilson—Newsweek

Gillings: Is Smith & Wesson a law firm?

ment & Research Committee, he busily mails out "Christian Posse" charters for \$21 apiece and sheriff's badges for \$6.50 each to charter members. Beach claims that chapters exist in every state except Hawaii and that membership is close to 500,000. The FBI scoffs at this figure, and the probabilities are that total membership so far is not much over 10,000. But the Posse seems to be growing, and its fondness for firearms is disquieting.

There is no greater law firm than Smith & Wesson, says Eugene E. Gillings, the State's attorney general. "I am a special agent in charge of a 12-man

view of the law, which ranges from the inaccurate to the absurd. The group's literature insists that the Federal income tax is unconstitutional, that the county sheriff is the only legal law-enforcement officer in the U.S., and that county government is the highest authority in the Republic—on the ground that it is closest to the people. The Posse also proclaims that all licenses, land-use planning and gun laws are illegal.

The Bluebook that Beach distributes to his devoted followers once prescribed punishment for public officials who misbehave: "He shall be removed by the Posse to the most populated intersection of streets in the township and at high noon be hung by the neck..." Now, new editions of the Bluebook leave a blank space where that statement once stood; Beach simply says it was "too controversial."

So far, Posse Comitatus has made only sporadic attempts to enforce its code. Last summer, Thomas F. Stockheimer, a Wisconsin Posse leader and unsuccessful American Party candidate for the state legislature, was convicted of assaulting an Internal Revenue Service agent and sentenced to 60 days in jail. In the fall, at a public hearing on land-use planning, Stockheimer, free on bond, was arrested for using Mace against security guards. In Kootenai County, Idaho, two months ago, a policeman on his way to testify against a Posse sympathizer was "arrested" by Posse members. It took the sheriff and several deputies to rescue the officer from the shouting, milling crowd.

**Jail:** Usually, Posse efforts end in futility. In Du Page County, Ill., this spring, a Posse Comitatus member was sentenced to jail for contempt of court during a divorce hearing. A fifteen-member posse "indicted" the judge and demanded that he be arrested by the sheriff—who ignored them. In Spooner, Wis., last summer, a "Christian Citizens Grand Jury" issued "indictments" against 43 state and local officials, including Gov. Patrick J. Lucey, for letting the state's department of natural resources become too powerful. When Judge Allen Kinney refused to take any action on their indictments, they indicted him too.

Despite the studied insults from law-enforcement officials, thousands of Posse Comitatus members seem determined to save the country from the evils they see all around them—whether the country wants it or not. What hurts them most of all, though, is the abhorrence displayed by the elected sheriffs who are their supposed beneficiaries. Many sheriffs who have been harassed by Posse groups openly scorn the proffered assistance. "Those SOB's aren't going to come in here to do my job," says Louis Gianoli, the veteran sheriff of Marathon County, Wis. "And the first one of those guys who steps out of line will get his butt in jail."

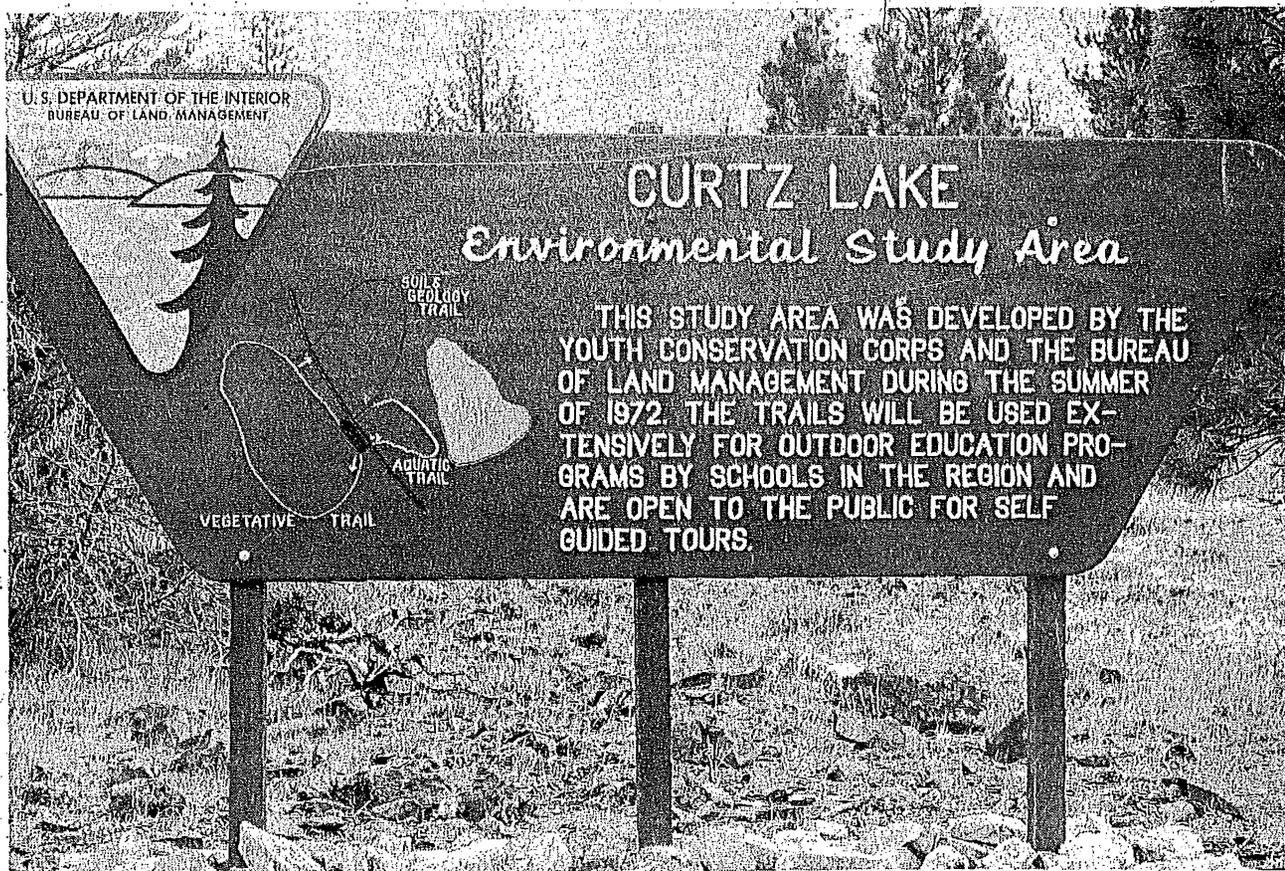
—JERROLD K. FOOTLICK with WILLIAM J. COOK in San Francisco and bureau reports.

\* "Posse Comitatus" (Latin for "Force of the County") has medieval English origins. In the U.S., it is understood to mean that force of able-bodied men in a county is summoned by the sheriff to help preserve public order. The best example is the posse of the sheriff's posse.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1975

THE RECORD-COURIER—GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

## Curtz Lake selected as environmental study area



CURTZ LAKE is just off a paved county road three miles northeast of Markleeville at an elevation of about 6,000 feet.

The area was selected by the Bureau of Land Management in Carson City as an environmental study area.

Can you identify a *Chrysothamnus nauseosus*? Do you know what natural factors cause a lake to dry up? Are you aware of the processes that transform rocks into soil?

If not, and you want to know more about the natural environment around you, a visit to Curtz Lake Environmental Study Area would be worth your while, according to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The study area, operated by the BLM Carson City District, is just off a paved county road three miles northeast of Markleeville, Calif. at an elevation of about 6,000 feet.

Paul Applegate, BLM Carson City district manager, says Curtz Lake is a highly diverse natural area containing an unusual and highly visible combination of natural environmental processes at work.

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It is a self-guiding study area, carefully marked, allowing the visitor to view and understand those processes in their natural setting. To aid the visitor, there are three interpretive trail loops, each showing a particular part of the natural system.

The longest, the vegetative trail, provides interpretation of the various characteristic species of plants and trees, unusual aspects of the plant community, and the interrelationships between vegetation and the rest of the environment.

The aquatic trail describes the transition of a lake to dry land through interpretive markers around the lake.

The soils and geology trail features such phenomena as the weathering process that transforms rocks to soil, the formation of igneous rocks (those formed under intense heat, such as volcanic rock) and the different layers of a soil profile.

Applegate said the trail loops are designed for comfortable, leisurely walking and the information markers are simply written for easy comprehension.

The environmental study area is adjacent to the Nevada BLM's newest

recreation area, the Indian Creek Reservoir Recreation Site. Overnight camping and day use facilities will be available at the area, slated for opening April 26.

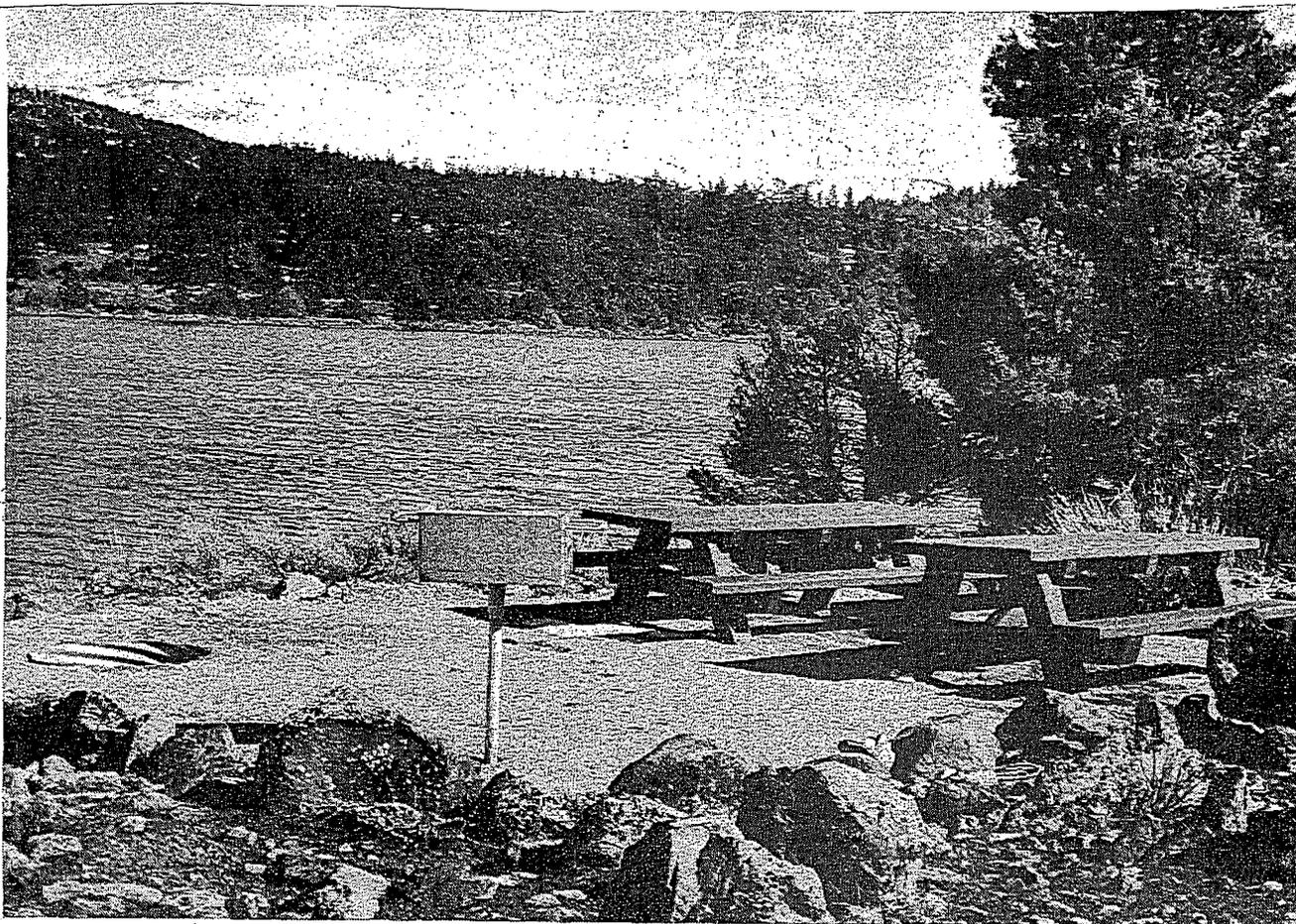
An additional recreation opportunity is the nearby scenic east fork of the Carson River. A hiking trail has been developed from Curtz Lake to the river and more scenic trails are planned for development this summer.

Applegate says the Curtz Lake project was a cooperative effort of the BLM and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). The YCC, now in its fifth year in the Carson City area, is a nationwide federal program employing young people to work in conservation projects during the summer.

"We'd received many requests for interpretation of the natural resources. We knew Curtz Lake was an ideal site for a study area, and when the YCC was created, we had the needed manpower, so in 1972 we started work," he says.

The study area was completed last summer and a brochure developed to stimulate interest in it and encourage its free use. Applegate advises any large group planning to use the area to contact the Carson City BLM office in advance so any possible conflicts can be avoided.

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## *Breath of fresh air*

A TYPICAL SIGHT at the picnic grounds at the newly-opened Indian Creek Reservoir in Alpine County—where facilities like these and scenic hiking trails promise to become popular for outdoor activities.

# Eager to get away? Try new Alpine park

For the recreationist eager to get away from it all, the scenic hiking trails at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) newly opened Indian Creek Reservoir Recreation Site offer a rare opportunity.

The trails link Indian Creek Reservoir, near Markleeville, to nearby Summit Lake and the east fork of the Carson River.

The new system of trails, designed for non-motorized travel only, provide access to these scenic areas for backpackers, picnickers, campers, fishermen, hunters, sightseers, horseback riders and others.

Constructing these trails has been a joint effort of the BLM and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). The YCC, now in its fifth year in this area, employs high school students during the summer for conservation projects.

So far, the youngsters have completed two trail segments and are planning a new segment this summer. One is a two and a half mile segment from the Curtz Lake Environmental Study Area (part of the Indian Creek recreation complex) to the east fork of the Carson River.

The hiking trail is on a relatively easy grade and well-defined. For the history-minded, part of the trail follows the route of western explorer Capt. John C. Fremont and his chief scout Kit Carson in 1843-1844.

A second trail segment leads from Indian Creek Reservoir to nearby Summit Lake. About one mile long, the trail becomes rather steep where it crosses the ridge west of the reservoir. This summer, work is planned to add a two and a half mile segment directly from Indian Creek Reservoir to the east fork of the Carson River.

The BLM has placed trail registers along these hiking trails and hikers are asked to sign in on the register sheet. Information gained from these registers will aid the BLM in determining the use and management guidelines for the area.

These trails are designed for foot or horse travel only and no motorized vehicles are allowed. There are other areas in the recreation complex for the use of off-road vehicles.

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### GRADUATING CLASS

Mike Berg, Steve Cruz, Manual Dick, Debra Ellis, Myran Ellis, Davin George, Carol Krull, Cynthia Lundy, Karen Lundy, Gary Price, Rick Stevens, Lonnie Sutter, Becky Thornburg, Gary Wade.

In graduation ceremonies last Thursday evening at Diamond Valley School, these students were awarded diplomas and were graduated to Douglas High School. The ceremonies, held outside in the school courtyard, were highlighted by awards presentations to those students, first through eighth, who made achievements in reading, history and constitution, band, physical fitness, and athletics. A presentation by Supt. Richard Martin, gave recognition to the staff

and all those volunteers from the community who have donated their time to the school program.

Students of the kindergarten class were presented their first diplomas. The eighth grade class awarded the special "Spirit of 76 Award" to Mrs. Nancy Thornburg, and Mother's Club also honored her for her work as editor of the Diamond Valley News.

Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Sandel of the school board of trustees presented the diplomas, and in a message to the graduates, Mr. Martin spoke of hope for their future and encouragement for their high school experiences. An indoor reception and dance followed the ceremonies.

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Our wishes for a happy and successful marriage go to Beth and Kit Jacoby, Alpine's newest newlyweds. The Jacobys were married Saturday, June 14, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville, and will be making their home in Markleeville where Kit is employed with the Forest Service.

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phase I in fire fighting for the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department was completed last week. Six three hour sessions were conducted by Frank Branson, assistant fire chief at South Lake Tahoe, through the Modesto Junior College. Training techniques in the use of hoses and the fire rig, and approaches to a fire were part of a program which will include Phase II next year. Alpine has 32 firemen; 15 regular and 17 reserve.

As part of this program of updating the department, a new Conference Line Alarm System has been installed to serve our area. Seventeen telephone lines in the community include five from each district, the Forest Service and the Sheriff.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At its last meeting June 2 the School Advisory Committee approved seven project components for the 1975-76 Early Childhood Education program at Diamond Valley. The components are Reading Language, Math, Health, Bi-Lingual-Cross Culture, Parent and Community Participation, and Parent Education.

Election of officers was held and Cameron Craik was elected chairman, Belma Jones, vice chairman; Nancy Thornburg, secretary. The next meeting of SAC will be Aug. 25 at Diamond Valley School.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Carol Sue Gibson, graduating senior at Douglas County High School was this year's recipient of the Alpine County Mother's Club Vocational Scholarship. Sue, who is interested in secretarial training, hopes to attend the Heald Business College in Sacramento.

As there were no applicants for the Academic Scholarship the award will be added to those scholarship next year, making it possible for Mother's Club to offer two

Academic and one vocational in 1976. The program of scholarship awards is set by the Mother's Club in this manner: one academic and one vocational scholarship is offered each year to an Alpine student who has attended Douglas High for the senior year. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, with consideration given to character, citizenship and need. The scholarship committee meets in May each year to receive applications meet the applicants, and make its decision. This voting committee of five consists of a chairman appointed by the president of the club, two more active members of Mother's Club, and two residents of Alpine who are non-members or in-active members of the club.

Non-voting members who assist the committee are the school principals and high school counselors. Payment of the scholarships is made to the recipient upon receipt of verification of enrollment in an institution and attendance under the requirements of that institution. If a scholarship is not awarded, or if the recipient does not fulfill the attendance requirements, and there is no qualified alternate, the money remains in the club saving account to be used for an additional scholarship the following year. This does not replace the regularly voted annual scholarships.

In the event that it is still unused that year, the money is placed in the Perpetual Scholarship Fund, a special bank account drawing as much interest as possible. It is the hope of Mother's Club that this fund will be enlarged enough that in the recent future, interest from this fund will pay for each years scholarships.

Because of this fund, the amount of money paid was doubled last year. The academic award is \$300. The vocational award is \$150. Mother's Club established this award May 16, 1959 and has given ten academic scholarships and 12 vocational scholarships. The establishment of the Mother's Club annual Christmas Bazaar made possible the Perpetual Fund and is the annual fund-raiser for scholarships. Contributions have been made by individuals and businesses and anyone wishing to do so may contact Bank of America in Markleeville.

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# Remember When ?

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**THIRD NAME** change since the organization of the group some months ago was voted at a meeting of what first was the Douglas County Junior Homemakers, then the town and Country Improvement club and now becomes the Town and Country Homemakers Club.

**IRENE HAASE**, a student at Douglas County High School was elected a state senator and served as auditor and recorder of a county during the recent Girl's State ceremonies in Reno.

## FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**BY GAINING** entrance through a window in the basement at the Minden Inn Saturday night, unknown parties carried off two slot machines containing between \$100 and \$200 in cash.

A **RATHER** heavy frost occurred in Carson Valley Tuesday night and in several instances potato vines, just above the ground were blackened but not seriously damaged. The cold nights of the last week caused the flow of the Carson River to drop at least a third over the measurements of a week ago. The flow, however, is ample for irrigation requirements.

\***DANGBERG** Land and Live Stock Company has two large bands of sheep grazing in Hope Valley where feed is excellent. Several bands of cattle owned by Carson Valley ranchers have been driven to

summer ranges above Hope Valley.

## SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**THE GARDNERVILLE** hotel owned and operated by J. C. Larson for the past several years has been purchased by P. K. Rahbeck and wife. The new owners took possession of the well known hostelry Tuesday morning and intend to thoroughly renovate every part of the house as well as add a few conveniences for the comfort of guests.

**HAY MEN** are beginning to arrive in the valley from California and from now until fall hundreds of men will be required to harvest the crops in this part of Nevada.

## EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

**SAM LONGABAUGH** has completed his boom in the river above Rodenbah's station and will commence fluming wood from Gray and Campbell and Cohn's camp in a few days. He says there will be at least 20,000 cords of wood in the drive this year, more than has been brought down for many years.

\***CYRUS COLEMAN** of Markleeville reports that the Blue Lakes still are covered with ice and snow and that in Hermit Valley the snow is from five to 12 feet in depth and as solid as ice.

A **METHODIST** minister from Oakland has been in the valley arranging to establish a Methodist church in Gardnerville. L. S. Ezell will donate sufficient acreage to build a church and parsonage if the minister meets with sufficient encouragement.

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# Remember When?

## 25 YEARS AGO

\* **MARKLEEVILLE (SPECIAL).** — Presentation of awards for citizenship marked the graduation exercises of the Alpine County schools held last Saturday at Woodfords. Completing their elementary school work were Ameryllis Barbara Franklin of the Lincoln School in Woodfords and Helen Lydia Wood of the Webster School in Markleeville. Good citizenship awards went to Flora James, Allen John, Vera Snooks, Dina Pete, Barbara Franklin, Mark Whitney, Helen Wood, Sue Whitney, Ted Crawford, Betty Payne, Dianne Jones, Randy Crawford, Shirley Burns, Beverly Loganbill, Elmer Crawford and Eleanor Gansberg.

**GARDNERVILLE**—Gardnerville grammar school was endangered three times during the last week when a group of juveniles obtained entrance to the building and at one time not only played with matches but set fire to rolled strips of paper. Youths were apprehended and school and county officials are making a study to determine what disposition will be made of their cases.

## 45 YEARS AGO

**REAL CELEBRATION**—The Carson Valley Days celebration, staged under auspices of the Douglas County Farm Bureau, and the American Legion, was a decided success and was attended by at least 1,000 persons. Judge Ballard was the principal speaker. In the horseshoe pitching contest, a Legion team composed of Hans R. Jepsen and W. Schrengohost won the championship from the Rotary team, composed of Grover Krick and C. W. Roberts, by a single point.

## 65 YEARS AGO

**HOME BURGLARIZED**—A burglar gained entrance to the J. C. Larson home last Monday where he stole \$18 from Dangberg's trouser pocket and made his escape without disturbing the slumbers of the household.

## 85 YEARS AGO

**NEW ARRIVALS**—A number of young Germans have just arrived from the old country. Among them are bakers tailors blacksmiths, and all sorts of trades. They will find ready employment in Carson Valley

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Doubts Cited

SAC BEE 7-17-1975

# Kirkwood Sewer Aid Dim

By Doug Dempster  
Bee Staff Writer

State water quality officials will recommend removing Kirkwood Meadows from a priority list through which the high Sierra development hoped to obtain up to \$1.6 million in federal and state grants to expand its sewer treatment plant.

During regional planning hearings last spring, the proposal had come under fire from the Sierra Club which questioned use of public money for sewer developments benefiting second-home areas before urban area (first-home) priorities are met.

"It shouldn't be the responsibility of a state or federal grant program to

bail out a developer over a problem he's created," concluded Larry Walker, chief of the state's clean water grants program, today after reviewing the Kirkwood file.

Developers installed the sewer plant to meet a 50,000 gallon per day capacity. But state officials say that while the Kirkwood area, near the 8,000-foot level on the Carson Pass Highway, produces more than that amount of sewage on a heavy ski weekend, the plant often experiences problems and can't meet its rated capacity. The excess is being trucked almost 70 miles to near Placerville.

Walker said his recommendation to kick Kirkwood off the priority list will go before the State Water Resources Control board at a public hearing in August or September.

The project doesn't meet grant regulations on two counts, Walker feels, and either would be enough to disqualify it.

Grants can't be made to areas unless 30 per cent of the residents live there six months of the year.

Previously, the El Dorado Irrigation District, which operates the sewage plant, had submitted information which indicated more permanent residents — without backup data.

"They must have presented non-factual information or we must have goofed," Walker said in explaining he did not know how Kirkwood got on the list.

The other provision which may apply is that typically grants won't go to expand a new development.

Kirkwood wanted the money to expand its plant capacity four-fold — to 200,000 gallons a day as development progresses. At full development, a plant of 600,000 gallons-a-day capacity might be needed.

Officials said such regulations were largely designed to "address Boise-Cascade type developers," reflecting a feeling that they should pay for their own facilities.

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## Alpine senior services office open

TAAC Senior Services, Inc. has established its Alpine County headquarters in Markleeville in the Welfare Building next to the public library.

Audrey Newberg has been hired under a federal grant awarded to TAAC thru ATAAP (Area Technical Agency for Aging Problems) to serve as Outreach Worker for Alpine County to find and to serve the older people and their needs. As an Outreach Worker, Mrs. Newberg will be helping all elderly residents who want advice on what to do with their free time, assistance in coping with health, transportation and housing problems, counseling needs when a spouse retires or dies, recruiting volunteers to

drive elderly to church and doctor appointments, and help in continuing education, counseling, and recreation. Other problem areas are cost of food, medical care, taxes, inadequate income, inability to keep up yard and homes, and loneliness.

Mrs. Newberg has been a resident of Markleeville for three years. Prior to that, she was a resident of the San Francisco East Bay area, and has had considerable experience in the business world.

Headquarters for the four counties of TAAC (Tuolumne, Alpine, Amador and Calaveras) Senior Services, Inc. have been opened in Jackson, Calif.

TAAC was organized as an incorporated non-profit group last November in order to provide services to older people of the four counties its board encompasses and to carry out the recommendation for such a board at the time that the needs of those 60 years and over were documented by the study conducted by the Amador Branch of the American Association of University Women in late 1973 and early 1974.

These needs include all of the problems that concern the older citizens, their families and their communities such as: public and special transportation, health needs, cost of living, employment, family counseling, volunteer service, home and yard care, a place to meet and in which to conduct recreational and educational activities, proper nutrition.

This is the first time that the counties have had an organization ready to serve

the full range of needs for older citizens. Since it is private and non-profit and, for the most part, its members serve completely on a volunteer basis, it can accept gifts for the use for which it was organized.

### Young at Heart club meets at noon today

A movie, crafts and games are on the agenda when the Young at Heart senior citizens club meets at noon today at the high school.

At last week's meeting, there were five speakers, including Douglas County Recreation Director Dan Patterson, who outlined the programs for senior citizens.

Mildred Thaheld introduced the other four speakers, including: Roy Godecke, former county commissioner, John McSweeney, administrator of the Aging Division of the State Department of Human Resources, J. Baker, State Rural Housing Authority, and Frances Osborne, county health nurse. They discussed the White House Conference on the Aging.

The club learned that principal Ray Currence has offered the use of the elementary school cafeteria to the senior citizens one night a week for recreation or games—after school starts in the fall.

Officers met with director Hap Haight to discuss building plans and other business.

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## Alpine, Mono ranked low in tax study

Alpine and Mono Counties ranked near the bottom in a California study of median adjusted gross incomes reported by taxpayers in 1974.

Alpine ranked 48th and Mono was 57th of the 58 California counties in terms of median income reported for the 1973 earning year.

The figures, released by the State of California's Franchise Tax Board, showed Californians reported a median gross income of \$9,362. In Alpine County, the median income was \$8,000. In Mono, it was \$6,448.

Alpine residents filing joint returns ranked higher—21st—with a median income average of \$12,300, compared to the statewide average of \$13,502. In Mono, those filing joint returns ranked 38th with a median \$11,407.

The two California counties border Douglas County.

The figures show 107 returns were filed in Alpine for 1973, including 65 joint returns. In Mono, there were 2,112 returns filed and 1,014 were joint returns.

Despite an 11 per cent rise in total adjusted gross income in the state over the previous year, the median gross income figure rose only two per cent, officials said. That was the result of "a large number of small or no tax returns filed," according to the tax board's manager, Allan Desin.

Median income is the point at which half of the returns show greater income and half show lesser income.

Alpine taxpayer's declared adjusted gross incomes for 1973 of \$1.02 million. Mono's taxpayers declared \$18.2 million.

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## **Oran Zellmer dies at 60**

Oran August Zellmer, 60, a resident of Carson Valley for the past three years, died recently. He lived in the Foothill Road area.

Zellmer was a retired Division of Highways employee. He worked for the California agency for 30 years in the Stockton area. He also ran an almond orchard for many years.

Zellmer was born Dec. 29, 1914 in Oregon. He died Aug. 6 and was buried Aug. 9 at Fredricksburg.

Survivors include his wife Ethel of Carson Valley; son David of Woodfords; daughter Mrs. Karen Burroughs of Vale, Ore.; and three granddaughters, Mrs. Bill Price of Clovis, N.M.; Mrs. Kit Jacoby of Markleeville, and David Zellmer of Woodfords.

...Even if the lines are not moved underground, the poles will have to be moved anyway because of the street widening."

Mayor Manuel Silveria agreed, saying "there is no reason why we shouldn't go ahead with the underground utilities district so it can be tied into the street widening."

Councilman Ralph L. White joined in the sentiment, expressing concern the utility companies' undergrounding project funds would be used elsewhere and noting most of California Street now is devoted to business uses. They were among the five councilmen voting for the project. Councilman Jesse L. Nabors was absent.

Utility company spokesmen anticipate the actual installation of lines under ground will begin next July and that removal of overhead facilities will be completed before July, 1977.

...for one reason: the road, as advocated by Big Valley, that the developers pay for the underground wiring and pass the cost on to house buyers who may not want cable TV.

The committee, which includes councilmen Rue, Edward Hannay, Charles Bott and chairman Ralph Lee White, recommended that an independent audit of Big Valley's cost factors and rate structure be made a part of the staff report to the full council.

Any amendments to the cable TV franchise would necessitate a public hearing.

Most residential cable TV installations in Stockton are by conventional overhead wires, which cost about a third less than underground systems.

Big Valley has been at an impasse for a year on how it can go underground to new dwellings, hold the line on subscription rates and remain in business.

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# Farm Labor Ballot Talks Set

It will be Monday before the staff of the state's Agricultural Labor Relations Board can hold pre-election conferences with growers and union officials in San Joaquin County, and the elections at three farms probably will be held Tuesday.

This is the timetable projected today by Apolinar Aguilar, regional director for the board.

The United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO, has filed for representation of workers at Vista Verde Farms, Hatanaka and Ota, and Ernest Perry fields.

The first election in the state under the new Agricultural Labor Relations Act is scheduled tonight at Molera Agricultural

Group, an artichoke farm in the Watsonville area that has fewer than 20 workers.

It may be some time, however, before the ballots are counted.

A temporary restraining order was issued in Sacramento County Superior Court late Thursday prohibiting the ALRB from counting ballots if the grower belongs to the Western Growers Association.

The association, which has about 150 members, filed suit to make its members a single bargaining unit.

A similar position has been taken by the Teamsters Union, which is battling

the UFW for representation of farm workers.

The Teamsters Union, which has a master contract with the association covering 30,000 workers at member ranches, has filed a petition with the ALRB seeking to have the association certified as a single bargaining unit.

Under that approach, a majority vote would determine union representation at all member farms, although workers at some of the farms may vote for another union.

An ALRB official in Salinas said he has not determined whether the Molera operation is a member of the association and thus subject to the court order.

# Who's Who in the Posse Today?

Francis Gillings declared today that the Posse Comitatus has tossed its county chairman, Jim McDaniel, out of the organization for his statements to the press—including a report that Gillings himself had been suspended from the posse.

Gillings, who was the posse's first leader when he helped Organize it in February, said the posse voted unanimously Thursday night to remove McDaniel for "perjury," breaking his oath

of office in the posse. Just before the posse met, he said, McDaniel and a man and woman new to the organization tendered their resignations.

"We didn't let it go with a resignation (in McDaniel's case) because that's a copout," Gillings asserted.

He said Harold Graves had been named temporary chairman until a successor can be elected.

McDaniel later disputed Gillings' account of his departure, saying he tend-

ered his resignation prior to Thursday night's meeting.

"Mr. Gillings is a liar, and that is for print. Mr. Gillings is a radical," McDaniel said.

He said he resigned because "Mr. Gillings cannot let anyone else have control over the organization."

Gillings was arrested in a tomato field south of Stockton on Tuesday along with his son and two other posse members.

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# Antibusing Group — Rac

BOSTON (AP) — Two-foot-high red letters pasted on the windows of City Hall spell out the name: ROAR.

In the lingo of Boston's busing controversy, they stand for Restore Our Alienated Rights.

But to many residents, they symbolize far more. Depending on their race and point of view, ROAR can mean the evils of racism and fear or the virtues of neighborhood schools and parental prerogatives.

Mrs. Hicks is at the focal point of ROAR. With her influence holds semisecret meetings each Wednesday night in the City Center. Her title is national chairwoman.

ROAR was founded in July, 1974, one month before Boston's integration plan ordered by U.S. District Court Judge W. A. ... goal since then has been to organize people to bring down the ... Among the activities ROAR has taken ...

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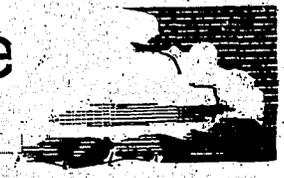
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# Around Alpine

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Summer School for Alpine County saw a total of eighty children enrolled at both the Diamond Valley and Bear Valley schools. High motivation activities were stressed in this program with classes in gymnastics, rocketry, craft skills and the like to make the summer school program interesting to the students. The five teacher team was headed by June Fox of the Bear Valley School.

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Supt. Richard Martin is happy to announce that the school district tax rate has been decreased this fiscal year from \$.85 to \$.78 per \$100 assessed valuation. This decrease is made possible because of a large ending budget balance from the previous school year, due in part from Alpine's large forestry income. Mr. Martin stressed that this rate could possibly increase in future years again depending on the availability of forestry money.

The new road into the Diamond Valley School will be completed and paved in time for the winter snows.

Planning for a special education program has begun at Diamond Valley. The district board approved this program and the state applications have been sent.

Gary Robinson of Fredricksburg has been named supervisor in charge of transportation for the Diamond Valley School. He will be in charge of scheduling and maintenance of school buses.

The schedule for the gymnasium has been posted. Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. is Adult Volleyball. Anyone interested in community use of the gym should call the school for reservations.

Up-coming "Back to School" Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Back to School night is designed to present the teachers and their programs for the year to the community. Materials to be used will also be displayed. This is not an open house or parent conference night.

### CUB SCOUTING

On Monday, Sept. 15, immediately following school, Mr. John Whetten, representative of Cub Scouts of America, will

be at Diamond Valley to recruit interested cubs. Following this introduction, on Sept. 22, there will be a parents meeting at 8 p.m. at the Diamond Valley School library.

### NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The nutrition program for the elderly will start serving a hot lunch five days a week at 11:45 a.m. in the cafeteria at the new Diamond Valley School on Sept. 15. This free program is for all those 60 years of age or older and their spouses. All participants must have a TB clearance and tests were given on Sept. 9 at the clinic in Markleeville. There is no charge for the tests and those who missed the 9th can still obtain the test by contacting the county nurse. If we have not contacted you and you wish more information please call Audrey Newberg at 694-2924 at The Commission on Aging and TAAC Senior Services Inc.

### DOLF-A-THON

In August the Douglas Dolphins Swim Team ran a Dolf-A-Thon to raise money for the club. The last week in August, the Alpine members of the team had their part of this Dolf-A-Thon. They raised in excess of \$100 with pledges from the Alpine community. Pledges varied in amounts from one cent to 25 cents per lap. Six participating swimmers completed close to eight hundred laps for their contribution to the team.

### MOTHERS' CLUB

On Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. at Diamond Valley School library, Dr. Duke, President and Superintendent of Tahoe Junior College, will address the members and guests of the Alpine Mothers' Club. Dr. Duke will be discussing the new junior college facility and will bring many items of interest to the community. All are urged to attend.

### SPECIAL THANKS

Mothers' Club raised \$222 at its bake sale table at the Country Fair at Turtle Rock Park in August. Many special thanks to all who made this project a success. The popular Alpine Cook Books and Alpine T-shirts are still available for sale by contacting any Mothers' Club member.

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## Around Alpine

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**BACK TO SCHOOL** night has been changed at Diamond Valley and will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The reason for this change is that on Wednesday evenings the Diamond Valley teaching staff is now attending a class entitled "Nevada Indians Today" at Western Nevada Community College. This class fulfills a requirement of education for Alpine of the State of California for those school districts having a high percentage of native Americans. So, be sure to mark your calendar change.

### DISTRICT 3 RESIDENTS

On Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park, Supervisor Jack Doyle has called the residents and voters of district 3 together for the purpose of discussing local government. Six county departments will be represented. They include the president of the County Employees Association, the assessor, auditor, sheriff, public works director and welfare director. Among the topics for discussion will be the Williamson Act, the need for a county administrative assistant, and recall of a supervisor. Mr. Doyle also reported that at Monday's board of supervisor meeting at the Markleeville court house, the board was able to finalize the purchase of the fire house and sheriff's sub-station at Bear Valley.

### JIMMY BEANBLOSSOM

Earl (Beanie) Beanblossom and his wife,

Jimmy, are the look-out personnel at the station on Leviathan Peak on Monitor Pass. Last Sept. 9 Jimmy was evidently bitten by an insect at the look-out station. An allergic reaction occurred with serious complications. Jimmy was admitted to Carson-Tahoe Hospital Sept. 10 and placed in intensive care. Her condition has not changed since. The Beanblossoms do not have medical insurance and the Forest Service has set a fund accepting donations in lieu of gifts. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so by mailing to Ms. Doris Adam, at the District Forest Ranger, 1536 So. Carson St., Carson City.

### MISSING HUNTER

During a week long blizzard last Oct. 27, 1974, John William Odom, 53, failed to return to camp at Mosquito Lake on Highway 4, where his family was waiting for him. At that time an intensive search was conducted for five days with approximately 200 men. Last weekend the Alpine Sheriff's department conducted a final search for Odom, at Mrs. Odom's request, but were unable to find any evidence of him. Approximately 150 men, consisting of the Bear Valley Sheriff's Reserve Search and Rescue Posse, members of the California Ecology Corps, and members of the San Francisco Bay Area Search and Rescue participated in the search under the direction of Sgt. Light of the Alpine Sheriff's Department.

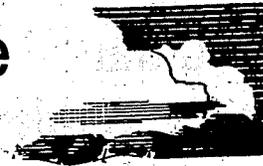
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**PAULA PEPPER**, back country patrolman for the U. S. Forest Service, Region Four California-Nevada, is one unique person you might have the pleasure to meet in Markleeville. She sometimes works out of the Forest Service Guard Station there, but her assignment station is the Carson City office of the U. S. Forest Service. And although there are other female day patrolmen, as far as the Carson office knows, Paula is the only female back country patrolman in the United States.

Last year, she came to our area as a patrol timber cruiser, marking trees, and lumber trails and selecting timber for cutting and thinning. This year she replaced "Montana Jack" Symons as back country patrolman at the duty station in Soda Springs out of the Wolf Creek area off Hwy. 4. Her duties there consist of law enforcement, fire patrol, rescue and aid, collection of garbage and litter and patrol of certain areas each day covering from 15 to 30 miles.

For equipment, Paula has Walter, the pack mule, Sylvester the horse, and her own dog, Mistral which is part wolf and part German Shepherd. A Handi-Talkie radio is her communication with the Leviathan Lookout Station and during the summer, Paula stays five days in the back country and two weekdays off.

She speaks of interesting episodes like black bear raiding her garbage cans and babysitting a herd of cattle which had stamped from Falls Meadows through her camp during a forest fire. She recently brought out of the back country on horseback a young boy who had been badly burned by boiling water.

Once in a while, people wander through camp and she will end up giving nature walks and talks. During this year's deer season Paula will be doing more game patrol, validating tags, issuing citations, and will rotate with other patrolmen for weekend back country work and weekday recreation crew work.

Paula was raised in Sacramento. An interest in photography took her to the San Francisco Art Institute. Most of her schooling was completed at University of Nevada where she took a forestry major and biology minor.

Her hobby of photography has proved very useful, interesting and profitable in her work. Some of her pictures have sold to leading magazines. Paula is 22 years old and is not a "libber" she says. Someday she will no doubt marry and become a very interesting wife and mother.

Paula Pepper, United States Forest Service.

## MOTHER'S CLUB

**MOTHER'S CLUB** membership drive will be held at Diamond Valley Oct. 1-17. Money collected from this drive pays for classroom parties, Santa Claus and school picnic, and a membership includes a copy of the monthly Diamond Valley News which Mother's Club publishes. About 150 people from the community and out of state have bought memberships in the past. One of the newspapers is mailed as far as Colorado.

**THE 1975 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be Saturday, Nov. 15, from noon to 4 p.m. this year at Turtle Rock Park. Workshops have now been started by chairman Virginia Cook, to be held every Thursday until the bazaar.

## EASTER SEAL SERVICES

Mr. Richard Saladana from New Castle, Calif., and representative in service to the Easter Seal Foundation, met last Thursday with representatives from Alpine's Health, Education and Welfare offices. Janice Lovett of the county welfare department will be the contact for Easter Seal for service to Alpine. Also discussed at this meeting were the educational services of the ALTA Regional Center for developmental service to children with special needs, which will be available to the Diamond Valley School.

## GUN SAFETY CLASS

The second meeting of Gun Safety conducted by Richard Martin at the Diamond Valley will be tomorrow at 6 p.m. Twelve persons signed up for the class on Monday evening.

## BOARD WORK SHOP

A school board member's work shop was held at South Lake Tahoe and conducted by the Mono County school district. Speakers were Carl Burson, Mono County Superintendent of Schools; Barnie Schur, personnel consultant for the State Department of Education, and Mike Taggart, of Peterson and Taggart, attorney and specialist in educational matters and procedures.

The work shop program consisted of a board's responsibilities to the superintendent in making policies, a superintendent's responsibilities to the board, administration, laws affecting current directives, and educational code requirement sections.

Members attending from the Alpine School District were Superintendent Richard Martin; President of the board, Ted Merry; and board member Arlene Coleman.

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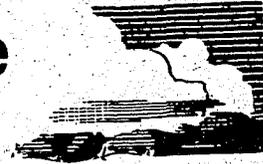
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With Halloween just around the corner, and the first snow flakes on the hills above us, everyone is digging out warm clothing and costumes.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Diamond Valley are planning a spooky house Nov. 30 at the school. Preparations for a community fun night are being made. These students are into their sports program, having already traveled to Bridgeport for football and volleyball this past Tuesday. School activities seem to really take hold just about the time the apples begin to ripen on the trees, don't they?

### NEW BAND LEADER

Bruce Cox of South Tahoe is the new band teacher at Diamond Valley School. Cox has previously taught vocal and instrumental music at So. Tahoe High and directed the high school marching band and choir. He has now opened a music store in So. Tahoe and will be working at Diamond Valley part time, two days a week.

### HEAD START

Head Start Program will begin Oct. 27 at the Fredricksburg School. A new project for the Alpine community, Head Start is now taking applications for teaching positions and is looking for credentialed persons. Contact the Diamond Valley School for further information.

### SIERRA STAGE COACH

On Sept. 15, a fifteen passenger mini bus called the Central Sierra Stage began its run collecting senior citizens for lunch as part of a program to provide community services for all those 60 years of age or older. As part of a four county project, Tuolumne, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, (TAAC), the Alpine Nutrition Program is the beginning of project to promote county awareness and insure a place in the community planning for the retired and aging. Central Sierra Elderly Assistance, offices in Sonora, working with state and federal funds, is providing the

administration needed to accomplish the weekday lunch program and transportation for senior citizens activities. This organization purchases the buses and gasoline which are used in the four counties. The Alpine Board of Supervisors has appointed a Commission on Aging, composed of residents of the Woodfords, Markleeville areas, to work for the senior citizens. Eight drivers have been recruited and are now sharing the driving of the mini bus. Transportation for medical purposes and field trips will be arranged. TAAC information and referral outreach worker is Audrey Newberg and she will be happy to answer any questions at 694-2924.

### BODY FOUND

Last Oct. 27, John W. Odom, 53, was lost while deer hunting on Ebbetts Pass near Mosquito Lake. He failed to return to camp during a blizzard. He has been the object of many intensive searches, one conducted just four weeks ago. This Sept. 27, Robert Edwards, a 17 year old hunter from Stockton, found Odom's body and reported it to the Alpine Sheriff's Department. The body was found in a remote, rocky area. Deputy Coroner Sgt. Don Light determined that Odom had fallen and struck his head on a rock and died from exposure.

### ACCIDENT REPORTS

The Sheriff's Department also reported six hunting accidents during the opening weekend of deer season in Alpine. Two accidental gun shot wounds, neither fatal; two injuries from knives, one 4 inch gash in the leg and one wrist slash which required emergency ambulance service; two fatal heart attacks, one on Hawkins Peak and one in Iceberg Meadows.

### NEW ARRIVAL

County Supervisor Harold Duarte and his wife Mary Ann announce the arrival of their grandson, Friday, Oct. 3. Todd Allen Balcon weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19 inches long.

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Mothers' Club Holiday Bazaar, scheduled for Nov. 15 at Turtle Rock Park, is going to feature a hostess fashion parade guests artists and special door prizes which will carry out the holiday theme. The bake sale table will have many delicious pies and cakes for Thanksgiving, some frozen, and of course the attractive holiday containers for cookies, etc. Thursday workshops are being held each week at the home of chairman, Virginia Cook. People come in and out all day long to sit and sew, knit, macrame, make ornaments, finish corn husk dolls, or puppets. The holiday bazaar will have gifts, decorations for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Saturday, Nov. 15 noon to 4 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

The SSI van from the area Technical Agency for the Aging Program (ATAAP) in Modesto, Calif., will be in Markleeville at the county library parking lot today from noon to 4 p.m. Mr. Daniel Johnson and Ms. Beverly Carr will be on hand with help and information for anyone interested in Social Security. Further information can be obtained from Audrey Newberg, TAAC Outreach, Information and Referral Worker at 694-2924.

#### QUILTING PARTY

TAAC Senior Services, Inc. with the cooperation of the Alpine County librarian,

Joelle Barton, has arranged for a "get together" for anyone interested in crafts and other forms of entertainment, to be held Friday, Oct. 17, at 1:15 p.m. at the Markleeville Library. Films will be shown and quilting will be featured. Everyone is invited to come and even though you may not be a senior citizen yet, your presence will be most welcomed. Transportation can be arranged for those seniors who would like to participate. Call Audrey Newberg, TAAC Senior Services, 694-2924.

#### SCHOOL CLOSES

This is the third year that Kirkwood has had a school. In 1973 Amador County opened the school in a converted trailer and had six students. The number rose slightly as new employees moved into Kirkwood.

This year two students enrolled at Kirkwood. With no hope for added enrollment, Amador County Schools will close Kirkwood School Oct. 31.

The teacher, Ms. Susan King, will be employed at the school in Pine Grove. Someday if Kirkwood opens a school again, it will have a few memories to look back on: one graduating eighth grader, two teachers, a great cross country ski program, digging the school trailer out of ten feet of snow for most of the winter, and those real live Christmas celebrations of a small community in the mountains.

# Alpine voters asked to decide recall question, new county post

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by BILL HEISE  
Staff Writer

Voters in all districts in Alpine County go to the polls Dec. 9 to decide if the county should hire a full-time county administrative officer.

Voters in district 3 will also vote that day on whether to recall supervisor Jack Doyal.

The supervisors voted July 21 to hire a full-time county administrator without a public vote, but they decided to schedule a referendum on the issue after county voters, unhappy with the board's decision, circulated petitions to force the supervisors to place the issue before the voters.

The recall question involving supervisor Doyal will be discussed at a meeting to be held Oct. 24 at Turtle Rock Park at 7:30 p.m. for all voters and residents of district 3. Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss major issues which have led to the recall attempt.

Doyal's opponents say they are unhappy with his voting record and his attitude toward other elected officials and county employees.

"He tended to vote for things we have no need for," said Elwood Davis, one of four persons who first filed the notice of intent to recall.

The notice said that Doyal's performance "has not been in the best interests of the district, that his voting record, attitude, and actions have reduced the effectiveness and respect of the board and that his attitude toward other elected officials and county employees has reduced the effectiveness and efficiency of county government."

There are approximately 120 voters in district 3, which includes part of Hope Valley,

part of Woodfords, all of Marklee Village, and all of Kirkwood.

The supervisors had tentatively approved a budget for the county administrative position of \$32,735 annually. This figure included \$18,600 for salary, \$6000 for a clerk-stenographer for the administrator, and \$5000 for a vehicle for the administrator.

"Most of the people signing the referendum petition expressed strong feelings that Alpine County does not need a county administrator at

this time," Nancy Thornburg told The Record-Courier in August, when the petitions were circulated.

"The amount budgeted for the administrator is viewed with alarm by many Alpine taxpayers as they become aware of the soaring cost of local county government," Thornburg said.

The Board of Supervisors budget has escalated from \$33,946 to \$57,625 in the last two years. In recent months board members voted a 100 per cent pay increase for themselves, from \$300 to \$600 a month.

# Doyal recall to be aired

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A public meeting will be held in Alpine County tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park for all voters in district 3. Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss major issues which have led to an attempt to recall District 3 supervisor Jack Doyal.

There are approximately 120 voters in district 3, which includes part of Hope Valley, part of Woodfords, all of Marklee Village, and all of Kirkwood.

## Alpine ambulance hearing is tonight

A public meeting will be held tonight at 7:15 p.m. in the courthouse at Markleeville to discuss the possibility of setting up an ambulance service in Alpine County.

Douglas County, whose emergency crews now transport Alpine residents to the hospital, has recently announced that the service will be discontinued next spring.

Bob Dinsmore of the Douglas County Fire

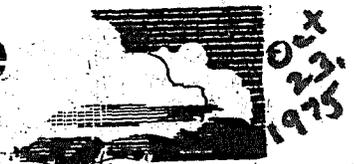
Department told the county commissioners Monday there was a danger of jeopardizing the lives of local taxpayers if the emergency equipment was in Alpine County when an emergency occurred in Douglas.

The commissioners, after making it clear they did not want to stop the service to Alpine until that county had made other arrangements, suggested that local emergency personnel attend tonight's meeting at Markleeville.



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In September, Mrs. Jimmy Beanblossom was bitten by a spider at the Leviathan Lookout Station. Her husband, Earl, rushed her to Carson Tahoe Hospital the next morning as complications from an allergic reaction led to swelling and difficulty in breathing. It became necessary to perform a tracheotomy on Jimmy. She was in the hospital almost three weeks. The Leviathan Lookout Station is closed now, and Earl (Beany) is working at the Markleeville Guard State while Jimmy recuperates in Reno at the home of a friend who is a registered nurse. Her weakened condition has made recovery slow. A fund was set for Jimmy through the U. S. Forest Service, Carson City office, to help defray the hospital expenses. Over \$400 has been contributed and the Beanblossoms wish to thank everyone very sincerely.

### SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORTS

Last weekend of deer season in Alpine County saw one more fatal heart attack. The hunter was in the Hope Valley area, male, 56 years, from Napa, Calif.

### STRAYS

Every year stray dogs are brought to Markleeville and abandoned by their owners. They become a problem for the sheriff's department. The AARF (Alpine Animal Refuge Fund) cannot support and find homes for all the animals, so they are eventually disposed of at the animal shelter. Presently there are two dogs at the sheriff's department: 1 year old female mixed Border-Collie

and Australian Shepherd, and a two or three year old male black and white mixed Shepherd wearing a green collar with no identification.

### KIRKWOOD OPENS NOV. 21

Kirkwood ski area launches its fourth season Nov. 21, with new runs, more parking, and other expanded facilities. Three new runs await intermediate and expert skiers on double chair lifts No. 5 (Solitude) and chair no. 6 (Cornice). Carson Pass and Mokelumne are two new intermediate runs emanating from the Solitude lift while Sentinel is a new expert run off the Cornice chair. Two expansions have taken place in Kirkwood's two story mountain lodge. The ski rental shop on the ground floor has been doubled in size while the cafeteria eating area on the upper level has been tripled. Two new parking lots have been added opposite the existing parking area.

Kirkwood will continue offering complimentary skiing to everyone, everyday of the season on its 500 foot-long rope tow. This tow has a vertical ascent of 150 feet, steeper than some beginner chair lifts. And it operates within walking distance of the ski lodge. The resort also offers 15 miles of marked cross-country trails. Kirkwood has become among the largest ski communities in the California High Sierra with six double chair lifts, 1900 acres of skiable terrain and overnight accommodations for 600 skiers.

# Opponents say Alpine's Doyal should go; he says 'no'

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by **BILL HEISE**  
Staff Writer

A public meeting to discuss major issues which have led to an attempt to recall Alpine County Supervisor Jack Doyal was held in Markleeville Friday night. The meeting took place at Turtle Rock Park and was attended by about 60 persons.

Among those attending the meeting was supervisor Doyal, who represents district 3, which includes part of Hope Valley, all of Kirkwood, all of Marklee Village, and part of Woodfords. Doyal had little to say throughout the entire meeting, which lasted three hours.

A committee comprised of district 3 voters has obtained the required number of signatures on recall petitions to force a special election Jan. 13 to decide whether Doyal should remain in office. The group is composed of several former county employees, several current county employees, and other residents of district 3.

The committee is unhappy with Doyal's voting record over the past three years, his alleged support of big-spending policies, and his alleged harrassment and indifference toward county employees. They claim Doyal participated in or condoned the forced resignations and involuntary retirements of several county employees. They also cite what they say is

harrassment in downgrading of certain county employees.

It was also revealed at the meeting that a notice of intent to circulate recall petitions against another supervisor, Harold Duarte of district 4, has been filed with the county clerk's office in Markleeville. Duarte's district includes Payneville, part of Woodfords, and Diamond Valley.

The group seeking to recall Doyal cited the case of long-time county employee Hoke Barrett, who was with the county 44 years, most recently as road department supervisor. Barrett said he was asked to resign in a closed session of the supervisors July 7. "It was a polite way of saying you're fired," Barrett said. The session dealt with Barrett's alleged improper use of sick leave. Supporters of Barrett claim that an investigation into the matter by the state controller's office was supported by Doyal and was an attempt to harrass Barrett.

"They took away 30 days of vacation time, 12 days of overtime, and 30 days of sick leave I had coming after being with the county 44 years. It cost me over \$4,000," Barrett said.

The group claims that another long-time county employee Fritz Thornburg spoke out against the supervisor's purchase of two new county vehicles for \$7,000 each without competitive bid and for his speaking out was recommended for six months probation by the

public works director. The group claims Doyal condoned this action.

Much controversy surrounds the public works department and its director, Aubrey Melton. The group claims Melton has "harrassed" county employees and that Doyal condones it.

The recall group read from past minutes of supervisors meetings concerning Doyal's votes on other county matters and his alleged support of big spending county policies. Nancy Thornburg said the supervisors budget has gone up over 70 per cent in the last two years, and that salaries have gone up 167 per cent. Thornburg said Doyal voted in favor of all salary increases and made the motion to increase supervisors salaries from \$300 to \$600 per month at the June 17 meeting. Thornburg said the overall budget increased \$503,000 in two years.

In response to all matters brought up by the recall group, Doyal said, "My only comment is that at this point you have made no point."

A fellow supervisor, Bill Freeman of Bear Valley, said, "Jack Doyal has done more for this county than any other person, including myself" and referred to the recall group as "a kangaroo court."

Doyal said he would take his fight "to my people" saying the people present at the meeting were "not my people."

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### GUN SAFETY CLASS

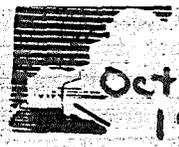
The second meeting of Gun Safety conducted by Richard Martin at the Diamond Valley will be tomorrow at 6 p.m. Twelve persons signed up for the class on Monday evening.

### BOARD WORK SHOP

A school board member's work shop was held at South Lake Tahoe and conducted by the Mono County school district. Speakers were Carl Burson, Mono County Superintendent of Schools, Bernie Schur, personnel consultant for the State Department of Education, and Mike Taggart, of Peterson and Taggart, attorney and specialist in educational matters and procedures.

The work shop program consisted of a board's responsibilities to the superintendent in making policies, a superintendent's responsibilities to the board, administration, laws affecting current directives, and educational code requirement sections.

Members attending from the Alpine School District were Superintendent Richard Martin; President of the board, Ted Merry; and board member Arlene Coleman.



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# Hot springs reopens Saturday

Grover Hot Springs has been undergoing some pre-winter maintenance and has been closed. Repainting is complete and the pool is being filled. The State Park plans to reopen the pool Saturday.

### MASONIC CEREMONY

At a special meeting Oct. 27 the Carson Valley Lodge No. 33 honored Alpine's game warden, Artie Brown of Markleeville. Artie received the Third Degree of Free Masons. He was accompanied by members of the lodge, Rebello, Sandell, Barrett and Fogety from Markleeville, and visiting game wardens. He received the Masonic Bible from his friends, and the Blue Lodge Ring from his wife. A reception followed the ceremonies.

### SKI FASHIONS

The Kirkwood Mountain Outfitter is having a second annual pre-season fashion show to introduce all new 1976 fashions on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. The sports shop will open at 10 a.m. that day. There will be a noon buffet luncheon and 6 p.m. dinner, no host, served at the lodge cafeteria. The event will feature live entertainment, ski movies and no-host cocktails. Further information can be obtained from Chris Willard at Kirkwood (209) 258-6000.

### GYM SCHEDULE

This year's gymnasium schedule for Diamond Valley has been completed under the direction of Gerald Price who is organizing a Saturday intramural sports program for the students. The weekly schedule will be as follows: 9 to 11 a.m. fifth through eighth graders; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., high school students; Monday, Tuesday, Friday, mens basketball; Thursday, womens basketball; Wednesday, mixed volleyball. Week night hours are 7 to 10 p.m.

### SAFETY PROGRAM

A student bus safety and first aid program was held at the Diamond Valley

School Wednesday morning for grades K through 8. The students attended four separate program centers starting with First Aid given by Lt. Archie Wood of the Alpine Sheriff's Department. The second session was bus safety film strips and discussion given by Gerald Price. Gary Robinson discussed bus rules, regulations and bus evacuation for the third session. Richard Martin concluded the program with a special assembly in the gym, where he treated the students to a magic show.

### HALLOWEEN

Thursday is school party day. There will be a costume parade after lunch, and the sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes will have a fun house for grades K-5 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. There will be an apple dunk, balloon bust, haunted house, and sponge throw. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades will have a dance Thursday evening at the school for their party.

### ECE

On Monday, Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m., Mrs. Dorothy Emery will be at Diamond Valley to conduct a workshop for parents of the Early Childhood Education. Immediately following the workshop there will be an ECE meeting.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Diamond Valley School is now receiving applications for a special education teaching position. Deadline for applications is Nov. 17.

### DELBERT SIMPSON

Delbert (Toy) Simpson, 49, was buried at Woodfords Cemetery Oct. 22. Mr. Simpson was born in Woodfords and had been living in Dresslerville. The burial was attended by friends and relatives from Alpine and Gardnerville. He is survived by one sister, Marie Kizer, and a half sister, Shirley Wade, and two half brothers, Clyde Wade and Layton Palmer.

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## Henry Tietje

Henry F. Tietje, 74, a longtime California rancher and former university groundskeeper, died in a Reno hospital Friday.

Tietje came to Carson Valley from Germany in 1922. He was a rancher in the Fredericksburg, Calif., area for 30 years, before coming to Reno to work for the University of Nevada. He retired from that post in 1969.

He is survived by his widow, Frieda; a daughter, Louanna Newell of Reno; a son, Henry E. Tietje of Minden; a sister in Germany and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Sierra Chapel of Walton's Funeral Home in Reno. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

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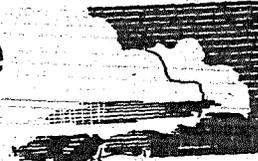
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# Holiday bazaar is planned

Ethel Fleischer of the Aladdin Gift Shop in Gardnerville was the guest speaker at the Monday evening workshop at Diamond Valley. Mrs. Fleischer demonstrated how to make attractive decorations out of many items that can be found around the home. The women attending the meeting are making decorations to sell at the holiday bazaar Nov. 15, at Turtle Rock Park. Some of the special attractions at this year's bazaar will be a Christmas letter typing service where orders may be placed for your holiday letters, hostess fashions at 1 p.m. and a silent auction at 1:45 for the fashions, recycled treasures, and Santa giving out wonderful door prizes throughout the afternoon. Santa is making an early appearance in Alpine this year so as to pose with you for Christmas pictures. Colored photographs with Santa will be sold.

### BOOKMOBILE

The Alpine County Library book service to the Woodfords and Fredericksburg areas will be following this new schedule:

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Diamond Valley School.

Thursdays, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Diamond Valley School; 1:45 to 2:30 p.m., Old Fredericksburg School; 2:45 to 3:15 p.m., Woodfords Store; 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., Sierra Nevada Trailer Court.

### HEAD START

Preparations are being made in the old Fredericksburg School for Head Start. Work in the classroom and repairs on the building have delayed this week's opening but we will

have complete program information soon. Carin O'Riely of Gardnerville is the hired teacher.

### SKI TOURING CLINIC

Kirkwood's first Ski Touring Clinic will be held Nov. 15 and 16 for cross-country skiers, instructors, and retailers. Special emphasis at the clinic will be placed on snow safety and snow survival. Director of the clinic is Glenn Jobe who is also director of the Kirkwood Touring Center. Special guest instructor will be Steve Williams who will give lessons on technique and waxing. Williams served three years as special cross-country coach for the U. S. Ski Team and two years as the women's Olympic coach. The Saturday, Nov. 15 program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will feature instruction on technique, waxing, racing, downhill skiing, and Nordic equipment. A short guided tour will be offered in the afternoon.

The Sunday, Nov. 16 program will offer an all-day tour for more experienced skiers, including emphasis on snowcave construction, snow survival, ski mountaineering, and avalanche danger. There also will be classes for beginners and advanced, a slide show, demonstration of snowcave construction, and instruction on attacking difficult terrain. There is a \$10 per day instruction fee. Sleeping bag accommodations are available on a group basis for \$7 per person per night. Reservations for the clinic should be mailed to Kirkwood Touring Center, Box 77, Kirkwood, Ca., 95646, or telephone 209-258-8864.

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# Alpine mothers host bazaar

A reminder that the Alpine Mothers' Club Fourth Holiday Bazaar is this Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. Hostess fashion show with silent auction following is at 1 p.m. Pictures with Santa from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission tickets include dessert and door prizes. Baked goods will be on sale. Come to Turtle Rock this Saturday. All proceeds go to the Mothers' Club Perpetual Scholarship Fund for Alpine seniors attending Douglas High.

### EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Deirdre Jones, project director for the Head Start program for the California Intertribal Council recently attended the National Indian Education Conference in Oklahoma City. The conference on Indian education was of interest to Miss Jones in her work for Head Start in Fredricksburg. Kevin Jones, a student at the American Indian Art Institute in Santa Fe, New Mexico, attended the conference and presented an Indian Art

display from the institute. Deirdre and Kevin are brother and sister from Woodfords.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual membership meeting of the Historical Society of Alpine County will be held at Turtle Rock Community Center on Wednesday, Nov. 19. A pot luck dinner will precede a short business session and election of officers. The Silver Miners Barber Shop Quartet from Carson City who participated in the recent Nevada Day celebration and parade will entertain after the meeting.

### STATE PARKS

Eric Leffingwell, the supervising ranger at the Grover Hot Springs State Park, just completed a two week peace officers training course at the State Training Center for the Department of Parks and Recreation at Asilomar, Calif. Twenty-four officers from California State Parks attended. Dec. 1-6, Mr. Leffingwell will be attending another training session at Asilomar on supervisory practices.

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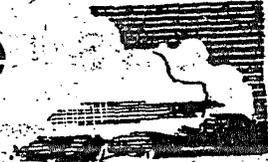
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## Getting ready to ski

Kirkwood Ski Resort opens this Friday, Nov. 21 and of course snow conditions will determine how many runs will be operating. With two new runs, expanded lodge and parking facilities, sleigh rides on Wednesdays, blind skiing clinics and a complete Alpine and cross-country program, Kirkwood promises an exciting season in the snow. To check ski and snow conditions, you are advised to call (209) 258-6000.

### DIAMOND VALLEY NEWS

On Friday, Dec. 5, the Diamond Valley School will begin its ski program for students 1-8. Fulfilling part of the district's PE requirements, skiing will be held every Friday for eight weeks. The program will consist of four Alpine and four cross-country lessons. At the Bear Valley school, students will participate in a more extensive ski program twice a week throughout the season.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, K-3 grades traveled to the Washoe Tribal Council Center in Gardnerville. A guided tour included lunch with representatives of Washoe Indian Action. On the way back to the school, the students were taken past the new Indian community on Diamond Valley Road, where they saw the new Indian community center under construction.

On Monday, the whole school will be traveling to Sparks to tour the Freedom Train. The tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. and students are expected to arrive back home by 5 p.m.

On Tuesday at noon all parents are invited to come to Diamond Valley School to join with the children and staff in an old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner. Senior citizens who are presently having lunch with the students each day will also be part of the program. Anyone wishing to bring salad or pie may do so. Please contact the school.

### BAZAAR REACHED GOAL

Close to 200 people enjoyed Santa Claus, fashions, baked goods, and the holiday bazaar at Turtle Rock Saturday, hosted by the Alpine Mothers' Club. Although sales are not complete as yet on some Christmas items, \$997 was raised for the perpetual scholarship fund. This year the club will be offering three scholarships to an Alpine senior at Douglas. One vocational, and two academic scholarships to include the academic scholarship which was not used last year, will be awarded in May. Mothers' Club wishes to thank all who contributed to make the bazaar and our scholarship program a success.

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About 75 persons attended annual membership meeting of the Alpine Historical Society on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Turtle Rock Park. Installation of officers was held and Lucille Chain became the society's first elected woman president. Other officers are Carl Sandell, vice president; Mabel Love, secretary; Ethel Sandell, treasurer; and Jane Gigli, director. Carry-over directors are Archie Wood Sr., and Dorothy Johnson. Silver Minors, Pete Marshall, Chuck Abercrombie, Ray Griffith and Bob Tobias, provided barber shop quartet entertainment. The next regular quarterly meeting will be Feb. 18, 1976, at Turtle Rock Park.

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 8 a.m., Communion Service Lutheran Liturgy; 9 a.m., general worship, with a planned Sunday School Bible study to follow general services; 7 p.m., song and prayer fellowship; Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible Study.

All services will be held in the home of Paul Smith on Montgomery Street in Markleeville. Reverend Eberhard Wiedenmeyers presiding.

Eberhard Wiedenmeyers attended the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley and in 1969 was ordained in San Francisco. His first ministry was in Hawaii where Rev. Wiedenmeyers served five and a half years at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lihue. When he and his wife, Carol, returned state side, they became the house guests of Virginia and Paul Smith in Markleeville. After visiting throughout the community, the Wiedenmeyers have become interested in Alpine and would like to establish a ministry here.

#### MASONIC DEGREE

Doug Ford of Markleeville was recently initiated into the Third Degree of Free Masons Carson Valley Lodge No. 33. During the ceremony, Mr. Ford received the Masonic Bible and lapel pin from friends and relatives. A special family reception followed in Gardnerville at the home of Mrs. Ford's parents, the Clifford Hudsons. Relatives and friends from Markleeville and Carson City attended.

#### SENIOR FIELD TRIP

Twenty Alpine seniors participated in a field trip to the Freedom Train on Monday. A boxed lunch was prepared by the school cook, Edna Hellwinkel, as part of the Alpine nutrition program for seniors. Reservations were made and the seniors toured the train without waiting in line. Transportation was provided by the 15 passenger Central Sierra Elderly Assistance van and one private car, driven by supervisor, Jack Doyle.

#### 4-H AWARDS

Alpine County 4-H Club awards were presented on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at Turtle Rock Park, following a potluck dinner.

Kent Neddenriep was the guest speaker, a 4-H movie was shown, and Jan Louch, 4-H Extension Officer, was there for the presentation.

Members receiving awards for the years 1973-74 and 1974-75 were: Michele Berg, Gary Berg, Mike Berg, Connie Coleman, Kelly Cone, Mike Cone, Cheryl Dutchy, Tina Ellis, Tamsen Ford, Peggy Greer, Dayla Keebaugh, Carol Krull, Jayne Martin, Lesley Price, Gary Price, Greg Price, Richard Ryan, Cami Stephens, Darlene Stephenson, Beckie Thornburg, Jenny Thornburg.

Leaders being honored were: Deana Hellwinkel (Junior Leader), Edna Hellwinkel, Jeannine Price, Bob Ryan, Vaudine Stephenson, Jack Stephenson, Gaye Tyndall, Dave Tyndall.

#### SPAGHETTI FEED

Native Sons of the Golden West, Alpine Parlor No. 200, held a fund raising spaghetti feed and bingo last Saturday night, Nov. 22 at Turtle Rock. The \$2 dinner ticket included a chance at the door prize, a Thanksgiving turkey. Bingo tickets sold for 25 cents a card or 5 for \$1. Entertainment was provided by The Alpine Three. Officers are Ed Schalbert, president; Skip Veatch, vice president; and Harold Brundige, secretary-treasurer.

Another evening of dinner and bingo is planned by the Native Sons for Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park.

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# Alpine supervisors, residents co

Alpine County Supervisors, concerned about the ratio of money spent to money taken in by the county, held a special meeting on the subject Tuesday.

The meeting, which began at 10 a.m., was packed with public officials and private residents.

William Basler, outside auditor, reviewed audit reports for the three fiscal years 1973, 1974, and 1975. The first two for justice court and revenue sharing were fairly routine, he said. The third—general county—he briefly reviewed each department. A summary showed "cash out" \$674,000 and "cash in" of \$634,000 for the fiscal year, reflecting that expenditures exceeded revenues by about \$40,000.

Basler said "This would be a matter of concern if it indicates a continuing trend."

In answer to a question, Basler stated that tax delinquencies and the decrease in the hotel-motel (room tax) revenues "certainly have a direct bearing on this financial situation."

He also said that if other revenues remain the same and tax delinquencies continue at the present rate, it is advisable for expenses to be curtailed. He suggested that the ratio of expenditures to revenue during the present fiscal year should be watched on a more current basis and repeated that "this one-year trend is in the wrong direction."

According to Basler, the county did collect \$50,000 more than estimated in over-all revenues, but that "general county" expenditures exceeded revenues by \$40,000.

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Tuesday, only \$155,873 in property taxes had been paid, whereas \$339,800 is due by Dec. 10. (Of the \$155,873 paid, included are some second installment payments not due until April). Auditor Barbara Ryan stated that revenues collected up to Oct. 31 in the general fund amounted to \$246,476, while \$372,235 has been expended.  
Concern was expressed by both Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Ryan, as well as by Chairman Hubert Bruns, that county expenditures are continuing to exceed revenues.  
For comparative purposes, Mrs. Jackson pointed out that on Nov. 30, 1974, the county had \$1,108,484, while on the same date this year it had only \$590,000. She pointed out that there will not be as much interest on half as much money, so this will inevitably lead to an additional loss of anticipated

revenue.  
Supervisors Doyal and Duarte said they could see no immediate cause for concern, and Basler replied that it's true this "dry" period before tax moneys come in is a common problem, and the logical time to look hard at the problem would be after taxes are apportioned later in December.  
Bruns said both the auditor and the treasurer believe that income will not catch up with expenditures by the end of the year, and he agreed.  
Concern was also expressed by several members of the audience.



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## Senior citizen hosted at party

A senior birthday party was held Monday at the Diamond Valley School lunch site for five people in that special age group of "senior citizens." Frances Charlton, Lillian Ford, Elizabeth Cohan and Buddy Barrett are all celebrating December birthdays. George Reimche celebrated a belated November birthday. Twenty persons attended and of course sang the traditional "Happy Birthday" which makes one think that a senior chorus would be fun activity. TAAC Senior Service worker, Audrey Newberg baked two cakes for the occasion and arranged the party atmosphere. The birthday celebration will become one of the regular senior activities.

### HEAD START

Head Start teacher Carin O'Reilly announces the opening of the Head Start School at Fredricksburg. Parent sign-up was held last Wednesday and classes begin on Thursday. Eight children have been enrolled for a 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. schedule. School will run through May. A mid-morning snack and hot lunch is served. Curriculum activities include independent play, small group activities, motor skills, music and art and story activities. Parents provide transportation now, but plans are being made for a Head Start mini bus. Carin O'Reilly has Kathrine Walker as her aid, Flora James, cook, and Dina Skinadore, cook's aid and bus driver. The community is invited to visit the school. The phone number is 694-2130.

### DIAMOND VALLEY NEWS

Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park. Diamond Valley School will be giving the annual community Christmas program. Santa will arrive to greet the children. The Mothers' Club will have a sale table of holiday decorations and gifts for "last week before Christmas" shopping.

Recreation program on week nights at Diamond Valley shows a total of 226 persons using the gym during the month of November. A schedule change shows Monday, Tuesday and Friday as "open nights." Wednesday remains adult volleyball, and Thursday remains girls basketball. If you are interested or have a group interested in using the gym, please call the school to sign up.

High school and elementary students are invited to come to Diamond Valley school on Mondays and Wednesdays nights to study and to receive help with homework. Adult volunteers will be assisting with this program and superintendent Richard Martin encourages all students to take advantage of this service.

### KATHY WINNINGHAM INJURED

Markleeville resident Kathy Winningham nearly made it home last Saturday night when apparently the right rear tire on her Volkswagen blew out, making the car difficult to maneuver around the last curve three blocks north of town. The Volkswagen wobbled several times before rolling over, and righting itself. Miss Winningham was taken to Carson-Tahoe Hospital emergency for treatment of facial cuts, head and neck injuries and a broken finger.

Kathy is employed as assessment clerk in the assessors office in Markleeville.

### MARKLEEVILLE WEDDING

Elfriede Driessel of South Lake Tahoe, and Hubert Greer of Markleeville were married in a civil ceremony performed by Judge James Lyons, Saturday, Dec. 6, at the home of Claudia and Artie Brown in

Markleeville. Rosie Kiys from Dublin, Calif. was the matron of honor and Artie Brown was best man. Sixty friends and relatives attended the wedding. Immediately following the civil ceremony, the Rev. Everhard Wiedenmeyers of Markleeville performed a Lutheran wedding service. Wedding and reception music was provided by The Alpine Three. A champagne reception was held at the Alpine Hotel. The Greers will reside in Markleeville.

### ALPINE'S OTHER SKI RESORT

The avid skier will travel quite a few miles to find a good ski area. Even though this side of the county is rather detached in the winter, some of you skiers would love traveling Highway 88 to Jackson, over to Angels Camp and up Highway 4 to Bear Valley and Mt. Reba, and some fantastic skiing. Yes, Bear Valley is tucked away at the winter's end of Highway 4, but the road is beautifully maintained, rarely closed, and the higher up you go the easier it is to drive. The Hungry Bear restaurant serves the skier at the day lodge on Mt. Reba. Three restaurants are open in Bear Valley at the lodge: Altitude 38, The Calico Kitchen and Narcisse's. Hotel and condominium facilities are available. The ski school is open daily. Mt. Reba has 32 certified instructors available for a new concept in ski instruction called The Academy. For those persons interested, The Academy offers a five day "total immersion" approach to help every skier whether beginner or expert. Mt. Reba phone is 209-753-2301. Each school class is limited to eight students, who will work for four hours a day. Evening clinics will be conducted at the Bear Valley Lodge.

The Bear Valley Nordic Ski School is also open daily and offers 20 miles of marked trails, day tours, full moon tours, survival clinics, racing and extended tours in the High Sierra. The Nordic Ski School is located in the Bear Valley Lodge. Phone 209-753-2844.

Keep in mind, and someday "Ski Bear."

#### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Came Family's "Parable Players," who have sung at the Assembly of God Church in Woodfords and filled many local residents with Thanksgiving and Christmas music, will present "The Horizon of Love," a musical play, on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the CVIC Hall in Minden. The musical centers around the 12th birthday of Jesus Christ. No admission, everyone invited to attend.

#### NATIVE SONS DINNER

Saturday, Dec. 13, at Turtle Rock Park will be the Native Sons Second Dinner-Bingo, open to the community public. Dinner is \$2 at 6:30 p.m. Bingo will follow at 8 p.m. Cards are five for \$1. "Alpine Three" will provide entertainment.

#### NINE YEARS OLD

Dec. 9, Clay Keebaugh of Woodfords, Calif., celebrated his ninth birthday. Immediately following school that day, Clay took his party guests on a mountain hike, followed by a dinner barbeque, and a sleeping bag party which undoubtedly kept Mr. and Mrs. Keebaugh up all night. The group drug off to work and school the next day with lots of fun memories.

#### STOCKING STUFFERS

Ten innocent, motherless one month old puppies need homes. Anyone interested in stocking stuffers call (916) 694-2979 after 7 p.m.

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## Alpine supervisors, residents concerned about lack of funds

Dec. 11, 1975

Alpine County Supervisors, concerned about the ratio of money spent to money taken in by the county, held a special meeting on the subject Tuesday.

The meeting, which began at 10 a.m., was packed with public officials and private residents.

William Basler, outside auditor, reviewed audit reports for the three fiscal years 1973, 1974, and 1975. The first two for justice court and revenue sharing were fairly routine, he said. The third—general county—he briefly reviewed each department. A summary showed "cash out" \$674,000 and "cash in" of \$634,000 for the fiscal year, reflecting that expenditures exceeded revenues by about \$40,000.

Basler said "This would be a matter of concern if it indicates a continuing trend."

In answer to a question, Basler stated that tax delinquencies and the decrease in the hotel-motel (room tax) revenues "certainly have a direct bearing on this financial situation."

He also said that if other revenues remain the same and tax delinquencies continue at the present rate, it is advisable for expenses to be curtailed. He suggested that the ratio of expenditures to revenues during the present fiscal year should be watched on a more current basis and repeated that "this one-year trend is in the wrong direction."

According to Basler, the county did collect \$50,000 more than estimated in over-all revenues, but that "general county" expenditures exceeded revenues by \$40,000.

County Treasurer Rosella Jackson said that as of

Tuesday, only \$155,873 in property taxes had been paid, whereas \$339,800 is due by Dec. 10. (Of the \$155,873 paid, included are some second installment payments not due until April). Auditor Barbara Ryan stated that revenues collected up to Oct. 31 in the general fund amounted to \$246,476, while \$372,235 has been expended.

Concern was expressed by both Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Ryan, as well as by Chairman Hubert Bruns, that county expenditures are continuing to exceed revenues.

For comparative purposes, Mrs. Jackson pointed out that on Nov. 30, 1974, the county had \$1,108,484, while on the same date this year it had only \$590,000. She pointed out that there will not be as much interest on half as much money, so this will inevitably lead to an additional loss of anticipated

revenue.

Supervisors Doyal and Duarte said they could see no immediate cause for concern, and Basler replied that it's true this "dry" period before tax moneys come in is a common problem, and the logical time to look hard at the problem would be after taxes are apportioned later in December.

Brunns said both the auditor and the treasurer believe that income will not catch up with expenditures by the end of the year, and he agreed.

Concern was also expressed by several members of the audience.

# Employees win one in Alpine

Dec. 12, 1975

## fight

After a months-long battle, two Alpine County employees have been offered the right to a public hearing over charges levied against them and disciplinary action taken in connection with those charges.

Horace (Hoke) Barrett, a 44-year veteran of Alpine County employment, was reportedly terminated from service only months before he was due for full retirement. The action allegedly caused Barrett to forfeit all accumulated overtime, sick leave, and vacation time.

Fritz Thornburg, a county employee for 15 years, was placed on 30 days probation.

Both disciplinary actions were taken last July and are said by some observers to be part of a countywide struggle between two groups on the board of supervisors. At Monday's meeting, the struggle expanded to a battle between one of the groups (Chairman Hubert Bruns, Alfred Chain, and William Freeman) and California officials in Sacramento.

The other two board members (Supervisors Jack Doyal and Harold Duarte) left Monday's meeting when the subject of Barrett and Thornburg arose. Doyal is the subject of a recall election to be held next month.

Rod Moon, a deputy in the office of Kenneth Cory, controller of the State of California, was present at a July meeting of the supervisors when the decision was made to discipline Barrett and Thornburg. Chairman

Bruns says (and Moon denies) that it was Moon who asked to be at the meeting, who requested an executive session, and who was responsible for the disciplinary action finally taken.

Seven Alpine citizens, saying they first heard of the alleged interference from Sacramento when they attended a voters meeting Oct. 24, wrote a letter of protest Nov. 5 to Controller Cory.

The letter questioned Moon's authority to deny county employees their right to a public hearing and asked Cory to conduct "an immediate in-depth investigation."

Cory's Nov. 25 reply said the discipline came from county officials. "The State Controller's Office did not and has no authority to do so," the letter said.

"The minutes of the July 3rd Board Meeting, which were included with your letter, indicate that Mr. Moon required an executive session be held and that he

also read the wording of a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Mr. Moon has stated that he did neither of the above and his statement has been substantiated by members of your Board of Supervisors."

In a reply to the Cory letter, Bruns said he was "extremely shocked" at its contents, "for it appears that you have been given information that is not entirely correct."

Minutes of the July 3 meeting, he said, are correct. "Mr. Moon did ask to meet with the Board. He did ask for an executive session. He did propose and read the proposed resolution and he was totally responsible for placing Mr. Thornburg on probation although the Board took the final action."

The Bruns letter also asked Cory for names of the supervisors who stated otherwise.

At Monday's meeting, it was stated that Barrett and Thornburg had been denied

the right of appeal and public hearing, and Alpine Dist. Atty. Tom Kelly said that if legal procedures had not been followed, a court might set the disciplinary action aside.

The three supervisors who had remained for the discussion asked Director of Public Works Aubrey Melton to prepare formal charges against the two employees and to allow them a hearing.

The charge against Barrett concerned sick leave he took last spring and early summer. A July 3 letter from the state controller's office to the Alpine Board of Supervisors says, "A total of 72 days of sick leave was used illegally by Mr. Hoke Barrett over a period of four months as follows: March 1 to 31, April 1 to 30, May 1 to 31, and June 1 to 18." The letter went on to detail how Barrett could compensate for the allegedly illegal use of sick leave.

Dr. Hoyt B. Miles, Reno urologist, requested sick leave for Barrett on several occasions during the period in question. On Feb. 24, he said, "At the present time I do not feel that Mr. Barrett can resume his duties of employment for at least 60 more days, and perhaps longer."

A May 5 letter from the controller's office in Sacramento to Public Works Director Melton in Markleeville asked "Is the current sixty (60) day sick leave of Horace (Hoke) Barrett a valid absence?"

In a May 13 letter, Dr. Miles again said he had advised Barrett not to return

## List: record until five

Atty. Gen. Bob List has backed up Douglas County Dist. Atty. Howard McKibben in the matter of hours which must be observed for recording documents in the office of Auditor-Recorder Pat Stanley.

In a Dec. 12 letter to Gardnerville realtor Larry Hatcher, List replied to Hatcher's complaint about Ms. Stanley's announced intent to cut off recording services at 4 p.m.

List referred to advice contained in a letter from McKibben to Ms. Stanley, advising her that her office must remain open until 5 p.m. each working day.

"This office is in agreement with Mr. McKibben's statement," the List letter said. "It would appear that this question has been satisfactorily answered."

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to work "for at least another 30 day period."

On June 24, Dr. Miles wrote Melton describing symptoms Barrett was still reporting, and asked for consultation with another doctor.

"In view of the previous misunderstanding concerning his sick leave time," the letter said, "and in the interest of determining the true extent of this man's disability, if any, I would respectfully request that an independent urologic opinion be obtained."

Two days later, Dr. John H. Pasek of Minden also wrote a letter about Barrett, this one about "marked disability noted on full weight bearing" on the right heel, a problem which Pasek said first developed in April 1973 and for which Barrett had been seen again in September 1974.

"I recommend further orthopedic consultation and sick leave extension until acute condition subsides and until patient tolerates occupational stress," the Pasek letter said.

Thornburg's probation resulted from an incident which also involved Barrett. Statements from a source close to Thornburg, confirmed by a courthouse official, give the following version:

While Barrett was out on sick leave, they said, an emergency developed in road maintenance work on a Saturday. With no additional crew members available, Barrett was asked to—and

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did work on the road crew that day.

Instead of crediting the time to Barrett, Thornburg (foreman at the time) credited it to Barrett's brother, Vernon Barrett.

A spokesman said that Vernon Barrett's pay rate was substantially less than that of Hoke Barrett and the technically-illegal timecard procedure did not cost Alpine County money, but resulted in a savings.

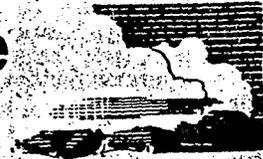
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## Around Alpine

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### Baby's named, they're just waiting

Wanda and Gary Coyan of Markleeville are expecting a baby girl, Laura Lee, sometime this month. At a surprise baby shower given for Mrs. Coyan Monday night, she admitted that they would have to see what the baby looks like before they could decide on a boy's name. The Coyans have two sons, George, 5 years and Adam, 3 years.

#### TAXPAYERS

Some 40 taxpayers attended the second meeting of the Alpine Taxpayers in order to investigate the possibility of establishing an association. Temporary chairman, George Asay, announced that the next meeting will involve establishing guide lines and will be held the week following Easter, to be announced.

#### DRUG PREVENTION

The California State Department of Education on Health Programs, headed by Dr. James Granger sponsored a training program toward the prevention of drug abuse and alternative activities. School administrators from Northern California were encouraged to send representation from their communities for the purpose of training school training teams. Two high school students and four eighth graders accompanied Diamond Valley teacher Gerald Price on the three-day seminar. Follow up programs will be conducted in the school under the direction of the Department of Education.

#### CALENDAR

Sunday, April 4, 8th grade, 10 a.m. to noon brunch, Diamond Valley School.

Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Alpine Mothers Club, School library.

Tuesday, April 13, 1 p.m. school board of trustees, school library.

Easter vacation at Diamond Valley, April 17-24. School resumes Monday, April 25.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

The Tahoe Human Services, Inc., under the direction of the Comprehensive Health Planning "B" Agencies and the State Department of Health, held a public forum at the Markleeville Courthouse, Wednesday, March 31, to discuss and inform residents of Alpine County about a proposed county youth program.

The project outlines positive and creative alternative activities for the youth population and their families in order to counteract negative and destructive behavior; a comprehensive information and referral service under a counseling program, was defined by directors from the Tahoe Human Services, Inc. The public forum fulfilled contract requirements and was designed to involve as many interested members of the Alpine community as possible.

#### RED CROSS

Alpine County Fund Drive chairman for the Red Cross, Elizabeth Coyan of Markleeville, announced the purchase and delivery to the Diamond Valley School, of a stretcher on wheels. The stretcher for school use is a red cross service to the community.

#### SUNDAY BRUNCH

This Sunday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon the eighth graders at Diamond Valley School and their parents will be serving a pancake brunch. Food is being donated to the eighth graders by the Kirkwood Ski Resort. Price for all you can eat is \$1.25 per person, \$7 per family with 6 or more members. Proceeds go to the eighth grade class trip to Disneyland in May.

# Alpine voters to decide Doyal's future

Chacon 1-8-76

Voters in Alpine County will decide Tuesday whether they need a county administrator, and those in District Three will decide whether they need County Supervisor Jack Doyal.

There are 597 registered voters countywide to decide the referendum on the administrative post and 137 in Doyal's district to decide Doyal's fate. If the recall should succeed—which requires one more than half the votes cast, according to County Clerk Joan

Chacon—there is another spot on the ballot for District Three voters to show whether they want Fritz Thornburg, the only opposing candidate, to succeed Doyal.

Doyal has been charged by his critics with fiscal irresponsibility and unfair treatment of county employees.

Voters can vote to recall Doyal, Ms. Chacon said, without voting for Thornburg. But with no opposition,

Thornburg does not need a specific number of votes to be elected as a replacement if Doyal is recalled.

Voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Alpine County Courthouse annex in Markleeville for District One, the Bear Valley school for District Two, the Turtle Rock Park shelter building for District Three, the County Road Department office at Woodfords for District Four, and the Woodfords Firehouse for District Five.

## Alpine Supervisor Recalled

MARKLEEVILLE — Alpine County Supervisor Jack Doyal was recalled and Frederick Thornburg was elected to succeed him during balloting here yesterday.

The vote in favor of recalling Doyal, whose third supervisory district includes the Hope Valley area north of here, was 59 yes votes to 49 no votes. Doyal, who owns and operates the Hope Valley Resort, was first elected to the board in 1968 and was re-elected in 1972.

Thornburg, 42, of Markleeville, the only candidate on the ballot, received 50 votes. A native and lifelong resident of Alpine County, he has been an equipment operator for the county's road department for 16 years. This was his first attempt to seek public office.

Petitions seeking Doyal's recall charged that his performance has not been in the best interests of the district, that his voting record, attitude and actions have reduced the effectiveness and respect of the board and that his attitude toward other elected officials and county employees has reduced the effectiveness and efficiency of county government.

Doyal, whose term would have expired at the end of the year, said he will attempt to be re-elected to the post in November despite yesterday's outcome.

"I still believe in good county government and we won't have it now," he said. "I believe my successor will regress instead of go ahead with good county government."

In the only countywide issue on yesterday's ballot, voters defeated by a more than 2-to-1 margin a proposal to hire the county's first fulltime administrative officer. The vote was 237 no to 115 yes.

The supervisors, who first agreed to create and fill the post, later decided to call for the referendum because of public concern about potential costs for the position. The vote is not binding on the board, however.

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## Alpine Supervisor Recalled

MARKLEEVILLE (AP) — Voters in Alpine County recalled a supervisor Tuesday and voted down a proposal to create the position of county administrative officer.

County Clerk Joan Chacon said the vote in Supervisor District No. 3 was 59-49 to recall Jack Doyal. She said this means the only other candidate for the post, Frederick B. Thornburg, will become the district's supervisor.

She said the vote at the polls was 41-41, but the absentee voters favored recall 18-8.

On the referendum to create the new job, the vote was 115 for and 237 against, Mrs. Chacon said.

## Alpine recall election

# Thornburg to replace Doyal

Fritz Thornburg is the new supervisor for Alpine County's District Three, replacing Jack Doyal, who was recalled in Tuesday's special election.

Countywide voters turned down the creation of a county administrative office, with a 237-115 vote in a referendum election.

Of District Three's 137 voters, 82 showed up at the polls to split their vote 41-41 in the recall question. The margin of defeat for Doyal came in absentee ballots, where the vote was 18 to 8 for recall.

"I'm glad it turned out the way it did," Thornburg said yesterday morning. As the only candidate to file as Doyal's replacement, Thornburg was automatically elected.

Doyal, also reached at his home yesterday morning, said he was not dejected.

"This is politics," he said. "I want to wish Mr. Thornburg success as a supervisor and to congratulate him and his followers for doing a good job."

Asked about his plans for the future, Doyal said, "I'm going to run my own business." He is owner-operator of a resort in Hope Valley.

Supervisors rescinded the July ordinance and scheduled Tuesday's referendum election after a number of other Alpine residents joined Thornburg in protesting the planned ex-

penditure of \$32,735 per year for the administrative office—\$18,600 for the administrator's salary, \$6,000 for a clerk-stenographer, and \$5,000 for a vehicle.

Also under criticism was the supervisors' vote doubling their own salaries from \$300 to \$600 per month.

Both the controversy over the recall question and the one over the administrative post reached the boiling point during the past three months. However, although the turnout was heavy and the results close on Doyal, the reverse was true in the countywide referendum, where only slightly more than half the registered voters turned out and gave a two-to-one defeat to the administrative question.

Thornburg will serve out the remainder of Doyal's term, which expires next year. Neither man has announced whether he will file as a candidate in the June 1976 primary election.

Voters who signed the petition to hold the recall election gave two major reasons for their dissatisfaction with Doyal: his attitude toward county employees and his position on county budgetary matters.

Thornburg, one of the Alpine County employees involved in the employee relations battle, was also a critic of the supervisory board's action last July creating the county administrative post.

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**RECREATION**  
 A Recreation Program is being carried out at the Diamond Valley gym. The gym is open five nights per week and Saturday mornings. The schedule is as follows:  
 Monday—Open recreation and basketball practice.  
 Tuesday—Adult basketball league, 2 games.  
 Wednesday—Adult volleyball  
 Thursday—Adult basketball league, 2 games.  
 Friday—Open recreation and basketball practice.  
 Saturday—9 to 1 p.m., open recreation.

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**Alpine supervisors won't take new census**

Alpine County Supervisors, who last September began discussing a new census to correct unbalanced voting districts, took emergency action Jan. 5 to authorize the counting of heads. Two days later, according to one member of the board, the county cancelled a contract with the California Department of Finance to conduct the census, because it was felt there was not enough time to do the job before Feb. 6, the deadline set by California law for redistricting.

Unaware that the action had been rescinded, some Alpine citizens on Jan. 8 asked for a court injunction against the census on the basis of three objections:

—There was no emergency, since the subject had been under discussion since September.

—A midwinter census would count seasonal residents at ski areas, thus would not be truly representative of the county's year-round population.

—The county did not budget the estimated \$2,500-\$3,000 which the census would cost.

Monday, Superior Judge J. Hilary Cook rejected the request for an injunction, but did issue a "show cause" order, setting a hearing on the subject for Jan. 30.

According to one of the three supervisors who voted for the census, he had hoped a more accurate census would result in an increase in Alpine's share of federal revenue-sharing funds, as well as a more balanced allocation of voters in the five districts. At present, he said, the largest district includes 280 voters, the smallest only 51.

The 1970 federal census, he said, showed Alpine's total population to be 660—only 32 more than the 628 now registered to vote. In September 1975, he added, the U. S. Bureau of Census conducted a special census, arriving at 806, but some predictions place the correct number at around 1,000.

With a special census no longer being considered, the supervisor said the board now will try to get the state to certify the 806 figure compiled by the federal census takers last September.

# Alpine Supervisor Appeals Disciplining While Worker

MARKLEEVILLE — Newly elected Alpine County Supervisor Frederick Thornburg will appear before a specially appointed hearing board Feb. 3 to appeal accusations and disciplinary action taken against him when he was still an employee of the county's public works department.

Thornburg, 42, of Markleeville, was elected to the board of supervisors Jan. 13 when Supervisor Jack Doyal was recalled. At the time, Thornburg was on leave from the public works department, and has since resigned. He had been a member of the department 16 years.

Thornburg's appeal stems from an incident last spring which prompted Public Works Director Aubrey Melton to put him on 30 days probation in the fall.

Although Melton said he was not at liberty to discuss details of the case, other than to note that the action stemmed from charges that Thornburg had falsified department payroll

records, Thornburg willingly talked.

"I made a mistake. I've admitted that, but it was no great national crime," said Thornburg. "The (disciplinary) action wasn't quite right. There's been a big hullabaloo about it. I just want to get the thing out in the open, then maybe it will die."

The incident started one Saturday morning last spring following a storm which left two feet of fresh snow on the county's roads, recalled Thornburg. At the time, he was acting foreman of the county's road department, and the only public works employe on call to clear snow. Melton was unavailable and two other men, brothers Hoke and Vernon Barrett, were on sick leave, said Thornburg.

With the approval of former board chairman Hubert Bruns, Thornburg said he called Hoke Barrett back to work the one day, but credited his brother Vernon with the time. "Then they started raising hell," said Thornburg.

"I did it, I'm not saying I'm not guilty," he added. "But the county was coming out ahead," he remarked, explaining that Vernon Barrett is paid less by the county than his brother.

Melton agreed that the county did not sustain any monetary loss in the matter.

Thornburg abstained from discussion of the incident when his fellow supervisors named the hearing board.

## Census need

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Plans for a special census County have been dropped, according to a member of the board of supervisors, but some Alpine citizens want to make sure the cancellation is official and have asked the court to issue a restraining order, forbidding the proposed census.

At 2 p.m. tomorrow, the board of supervisors will appear before El Dorado County's Judge Fogarty, at the courtroom in Markleeville, to show cause why such a restraining order should not be issued.

Those seeking the restraining order give three reasons for their action: The ordinance authorizing the census, they say, was passed illegally Jan. 5 as an emergency; a midwinter census would count temporary residents, as well as those who live in the county year-round, thus giving a distorted picture of how many Alpine citizens there are, and in which districts they live; and the county, they claim, does not have the \$3,000 the census is expected to cost.

In view of the lopsided counts of

districts (ranging from 275 in one district to 275 in another), opponents of this specific census say they agree that a new headcount is necessary. However, they say a more realistic census would be one taken in May or September, when only permanent residents would be counted.

Referring to a Jan. 15 report in The Record-Courier in which a supervisor was quoted, one of those calling for the restraining order said that some of the quoted remarks were misleading.

"It appeared that the group of citizens who sought a restraining order did so when in fact a decision had already been made to drop the idea," she said. "This is not true." She said the idea was abandoned only after the citizens' group made clear their intention to go to court over it.

She added that \$1,500 was raised in cash and pledges within three days to support the legal action, "because that many people were that angry about the whole thing."

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## A check of Alpine County voters

By Gale Cook  
Examiner Capitol Bureau

SACRAMENTO — Investigation of the Alpine County voter rolls was ordered today by the secretary of state's office.

Deputy Secretary Michael Gagan said names of the 651 persons registered to vote in that mountain county — smallest in the state — will be checked against records in the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A computer comparison of the address given by each voter to the Alpine registrar will be made with addresses shown in DMV files on driver licenses and vehicle registrations.

Alpine Dist. Atty. Thomas Kelly asked for the investigation at the instruction of the county board of supervisors.

"The board is of the opinion that many persons who are registered voters in Alpine County actually do not qualify as residents

of the county," Kelly said in a letter to Secretary of State March Fong Eu.

Alpine is a highly politicalized county with a population of 806 persons. It was once described by an elections officer as having "210 per cent voter registration."

The suspect voters are mainly those who own vacation cabins. In the 1974 general election a quarter of the votes cast were by absentee ballot, some mailed from Mexico.

Supervisors took umbrage recently when a resident of Bear Valley, a growing recreation area on the county's west Sierra slope, asked for a census to see if Bear Valley should have more representation. The biggest district with 248 voters, it has one of five supervisors.

The board majority, which regards Bear Valley with deep suspicion, voted instead for a voter roll investigation.

Kelly said another factor is the

recent influx of several members of the Posse Comitatus, a militantly right-wing organization from San Joaquin County.

The son of Francis Gillings of Tracy, organizer of the self-appointed law and order group, has bought 600 acres adjoining Markleeville, the Alpine County seat.

Several posse members have established residence and registered to vote. Rumors have circulated that the posse is scheming a political take-over.

Gillings called this "preposterous."

Sheriff Stuart Merrill said the newcomers have caused no trouble and he anticipates none.

"People naturally are wondering what his (Gilling's) purpose is," Merrill said. "He states his son inherited some money and intends to develop the land as an investment."

# Around Alpine

by JEANNINE PRICE  
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## Not much snow

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We don't have much snow down here, but the cross-country skiers are finding plenty. In Markleeville is located the Viggo Nordic Ski School for cross-country skiing and snowcamping. Unnar Vatvedt and Elena Vialo share the direction of the school with Dick Lenford, Judy Gough and Joe Daly from Echo, the Wilderness Company, and Hope Valley and Carson Pass area south of Lake Tahoe is their campus. Viggo is one of the oldest touring schools in the west. Gunnar Vatvedt is Norwegian-born and has collected some of the finest instruction in a staff of seasoned skiers and racers. Skiers stay with Viggo the whole weekend, Friday night through Sunday, and the meeting place is the old Alpine Hotel in Markleeville. At day's end the skiers relax in the Grover's Hot Springs Family Weekend packages are available and quite popular. Weekday packages, long weekends, long day tours, snowcamping, long tours for the experienced skiers, and races are all being offered. Main offices in Oakland, Ca. at (415) 658-5076, you may obtain information on weekends by calling the Alpine Hotel at (916) 694-2150.

### NEW LIBRARIAN

The Alpine County Library in Markleeville has a new librarian, John Coultas from Sylmar, Ca. Mr. Coultas is a recent graduate of U.S.C. and has a masters degree in Library Science. He served 2½ years in the Army with a tour of duty in Viet Nam, before returning to school. He will be on the job Monday, Feb. 2. He will bring with him his wife Kathy, and daughter Jennifer, age three.

### TUPPERWARE PARTY FOR HEAD START

A fund-raising Tupperware party for Head Start is planned for Saturday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Fredricksburg School. Proceeds from the Tupperware Party will purchase supplies for the school project such as educational toys and working materials. Anyone interested in making a purchase to benefit this program and who cannot attend on Saturday may call Linda Shoeshone at Indian Action in Gardnerville, 782-5191 or Nadine Walker in Woodfords, 694-2137.

### SENIOR SERVICES WORKER

All Senior Citizens of Alpine County, Calif., are invited to call Margaret Martin at 694-2924, or drop in at the Welfare Office in Markleeville for information and assistance with transportation, health care, escort services, nutrition, volunteer opportunities or just a friendly visit.

"TAAC" is a non-profit corporation, organized for and dedicated to the comfort and well-being of our senior citizens. Volunteer assistance is welcomed, and high on the priority list at this time is an urgent need for someone to help our senior citizens with their federal and state income tax returns.

To help our senior citizens with garden chores when spring is in the offing, Mr. Donald Richmond has generously offered to roto-till their gardens free of charge. Any senior citizen interested should call Mrs. Martin.

### TUTORIAL

The Tutorial Program has gotten underway at the Diamond Valley School. The program is open on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for elementary and high school students to study. There are trained

volunteers on hand to help with individual homework assignments. The sessions are held in the seventh grade room in the Diamond Valley School. The students attending have been very pleased with the kinds of help they have received.

### SENIOR CITIZENS OF ALPINE COUNTY VISIT MT. SIERRA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

On Thursday, Jan. 22, 14 senior ladies visited the church for the purpose of viewing the beautiful, warm quilts made of used wool materials by the ladies of the church. An impressive number of quilts are underway and, upon completion, it is hoped that these can be sold to raise funds to be used for the benefit of the church's many worthy activities.

Refreshments were served and the visitors were shown around to view the impressive progress made in the finishing and beautification of the interior of this fine church, which is located in Paynesville just off Hwy. 60, and is under the guidance and leadership of Pastor Archie Bostrom.

### HEAD START

At the Jan. 26 meeting of the Head Start Parent Committee and the Resource Committee, a selection for teacher was made. Jean Martin of Woodfords is the teacher appointed to complete the Head Start schedule through May. Mrs. Martin has a Standard Elementary Life Credential. She attended San Jose State, San Francisco State and the University of California at Berkeley. She brings to her job 12 years of teaching experience in grades one through five, and six months in pre-school and Head Start work. She has taught classes for handicapped and bilingual children. The original staff at the Fredricksburg School will remain the same with Kathy Walker as aid, Flora James, cook, Dina Skenadore as cook's aid and bus driver. Parent Committee is Nadine Walker, Ramona Dic, Linda Shoeshone, Coleen Bradley. Resource Committee is Janice Lovett, Mabel Love, and Molin Malecay.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Woodfords Arrows played their third league game at the Diamond Valley Gym against the Sierra Pipeline. Jerry Price lead the Arrows with 34 points and Terry Cruz followed with 12 points. Red Cruz and Bob Orsua both scored 11 points. Final score Arrows 91, Sierra Pipeline 72.

# Around Alpine

by JEANNINE PRICE  
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1-26-76  
There will be a temporary change in the library hours at the county library in Markleeville. Until further notice, the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuesdays it will be open from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The bookmobile will run to Diamond Valley School only on Tuesday mornings.

Former librarian Joelle Barton has moved to Redwood City where her husband is employed in the psychiatric field. Interviews for a new librarian are scheduled for Jan. 19, at which time the Commission hopes to make a new appointment.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The ten team Douglas-Alpine Recreational Basketball League, under the direction of Dan Paterson, got underway Jan. 6, with the first game being played at the Diamond Valley gym, where the Woodfords Arrows met the Bently Five. With "straight shooting" the final score was Arrows 78, Bently 69. High scorer was Jerry Price with 30 points; Red Cruz following with 24 points. Woodfords team members are J. Price, R. Cruz, G. Bennett, D. John, T. Cruz, D. George, M. George, A. Lundy, D. Martin. The team is coached and managed by Butch James. On the 8th of January, the Arrows played their second game, losing to Waybe's Glass 60-21.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Woodfords girls and women basketball team, the Doves, played their first game at Stewart, Monday evening, beating the Redskins 12-10. Point scorers for the Doves were Tina Ellis 8, Lesly Price 2, and Kelly Cone 2. Team members are J. Martin, C. Reuter, D. Keebaugh, L. Price, T. Ellis, D. Ellis, and K. Cone. More women are needed. Contact Butch James.

## CO-ED BASKETBALL

Diamond Valley School will play host to the Brentwood Union Elementary School for an evening of dinner, basketball and dancing. School superintendent Bill Bristow, will be bringing his co-ed basketball team to meet the Hawks, so the Alpine team will be drafting a couple of girls off

the cheerleading squad. The two schools are planning to exchange events and school activities. Saturday after breakfast, the Brentwood weekenders will be enjoying some fun in the snow, arranged by Alpine superintendent Dick Martin, and members of the school community.

## KIRKWOOD NEWS

"Boogie-In-The-Bumps" launches Kirkwood's freestyle season this Friday, Jan. 16, by offering \$500 in cash prizes to freestyle skiers. First place is worth \$250, second \$150, and third \$100. Entry fee is \$19 which includes the all-day lift ticket. This event will be contested at 1 p.m. adjacent to the Cornice double chairlift no. 6. Co-sponsored by Kirkwood and Buck Henry Ski and Sport Co. So. Lake Tahoe, this is an "open event" for amateurs only. No aerials or ballet are permitted. Kirkwood will host seven additional "Boogies" this season. Dates are Jan. 23, Feb. 6, March 5, 19 and April 2 and 16. All are on Fridays.

To add to a variety of special activities, every Wednesday has been proclaimed "Kirkwood Day." Adult skiers can obtain the following for a bargain price of \$8. One all-day lift ticket, a 90 minute ski school lesson, and a glass of wine. Either two runs in NASTAR or a ride in a horse-drawn sleigh may be substituted for the ski school lesson.

Dual NASTAR races will be held every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1 p.m. on double chairlift No. 2. NASTAR is a head-to-head giant slalom held on parallel course. Members of the public are invited to challenge their friends or family member in this fun

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And with a culinary flair, Kirkwood is transforming its cafeteria into a Basque Restaurant each weekend. Basque dinners are being served from 6 to 9 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are suggested.

## PREP OF WEEK

Junior Horse recently received the Reno Evening Gazette Prep of the Week Award as one of Nevada's outstanding high school athletes. Junior attended Diamond Valley Elementary School at Woodfords and then moved to McDermitt where he is in this third year at McDermitt High. Junior also made all state line backer in football and was the only player selected by all eight of the coaches he played against. He is presently a candidate for this year's Best Indian Athlete in Nevada. Junior's father is a rancher, and he has become quite a rodeo fan. He is out for high school rodeo and is entering bareback horse events and hopes to enter the Douglas Rodeo. He is the son of Helen and Wesley Horse and has one sister, Andrea.

# Census need questioned

1-29-76  
Courier

## Alpine court asked to rule

Plans for a special census in Alpine County have been dropped, according to a member of the board of supervisors, but some Alpine citizens want to make sure the cancellation is official and have asked the court to issue a restraining order, forbidding the proposed census.

At 2 p.m. tomorrow, the board of supervisors will appear before El Dorado County's Judge Fogarty, at the courtroom in Markleeville, to show cause why such a restraining order should not be issued.

Those seeking the restraining order give three reasons for their action: The ordinance authorizing the census, they say, was passed illegally Jan. 5 as an emergency; a midwinter census would count temporary residents, as well as those who live in the county year-round, thus giving a distorted picture of how many Alpine citizens there are, and in which districts they live; and the county, they claim, does not have the \$3,000 the census is expected to cost.

In view of the lopsided counts of

registered voters in the five districts (ranging from 51 in one district to 275 in another), opponents of this specific census say they agree that a new headcount is necessary. However, they say a more realistic census would be one taken in May or September, when only permanent residents would be counted.

Referring to a Jan. 15 report in The Record-Courier in which a supervisor was quoted, one of those calling for the restraining order said that some of the quoted remarks were misleading.

"It appeared that the group of citizens who sought a restraining order did so when in fact a decision had already been made to drop the idea," she said. "This is not true." She said the idea was abandoned only after the citizens' group made clear their intention to go to court over it.

She added that \$1,500 was raised in cash and pledges within three days to support the legal action, "because that many people were that angry about the whole thing."

Corner  
2-5-76

## Decision due Feb. 13

# Alpine employees get case review

A public hearing was held Tuesday at the Alpine County courthouse considering an incident involving two employees of the Alpine Public Works Department and action taken against them last summer by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

recommendations to the board. The board was comprised of: Ni Orsi, Bear Valley businessman; James Cone, Woodford resident and Gardnerville businessman; and committee chairman George Asay, Markleeville.

About 40 spectators saw attorney Mel Beverley of South Lake Tahoe present arguments for both employees. Alpine District Attorney Tom Kelley represented Alpine County and made presentations of pertinent documents to be entered into the county record. Results of a closed session following the public hearing will be released Feb. 13.

At the request of the two employees, Fritz Thornburg and Forrest Barrett, a three-man-hearing committee was appointed by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to serve as an impartial review of the case. The committee was charged with determining the facts involved and with making

## Alpine Board Upholds Action Against Member

2-19-76 SACTO-BEE

MARKLEEVILLE — The Alpine County supervisors have reaffirmed disciplinary action against a former county employe who is now a member of the board.

The action was based on the recommendation of a specially appointed hearing board, which endorsed a reprimand and 30-day probation imposed on former public works employe Frederick Thornburg by Public Works Director Aubrey Melton last fall.

Melton's action stemmed from an incident last spring when Thornburg,

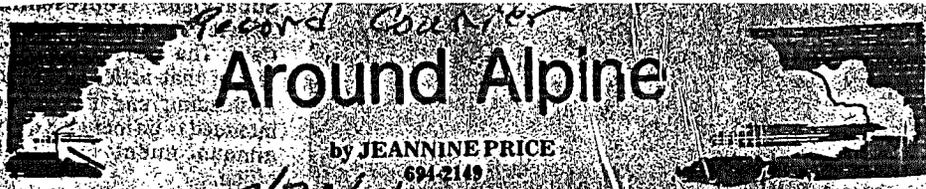
who at the time was acting foreman of the county's road department, called to work a fellow department employe who was on sick leave, Hoke Barrett. Thornburg then credited Barrett's brother, Vernon, also a department employe, with the time.

Last month, Thornburg was elected to the board when Supervisor Jack Doyal was recalled. Thornburg has since resigned from the county's public works department, where he had worked 16 years.

The hearing board, which was named by the supervisors, took testimony for about six hours Feb. 3 before meeting in closed session to consider its recommendations, which were presented the supervisors Tuesday.

Following the hearing, both Thornburg and Hoke Barrett said it had been fair, said County Clerk Joan Chacon.

Thornburg did not participate in the supervisors' action on the matter.



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# Around Alpine

by JEANNINE PRICE  
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## Cross country snow shoe trek set

This Sunday, State Parks and Recreation has scheduled a snowshoe and cross-country ski trek atop beautiful Carson Pass to commemorate the John C. Fremont winter crossing of the Sierra. Skiers will see Red Lake Peak where Fremont first sighted Lake Tahoe 132 years ago in 1844. Equipment needed is snowshoes or cross-country skis. Duration of hike will be four to five hours. It is designed for the skier with

mountain experience, covering an elevation of 8500 to 9200 feet. The group will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday at the parking lot area just west of Carson Pass summit on Hwy. 88.

### AGING FORUM IN JACKSON

The Area Technical Agency for Aging Programs which includes the four mountain counties of Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, and Alpine is holding a public forum in

Jackson, Calif. for Alpine and Amador Counties at the Courthouse board room at 11 a.m. today. Supervisors from both counties will conduct the forum, which has been called in order for ATAAP to outline its objectives for the fiscal year 1976-77. A group representing the Alpine Commission on Aging and the senior community will attend and discuss opinions from Alpine County.

### COUNTY SUPERVISORS

Because of the holiday weekend schedule, the Alpine Board of Supervisors met Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Of particular interest to the community is the result of a special hearing committee report concerning two former county employees, Hoak Barrett and newly elected county supervisor Fritz Thornburg. Recommendations of the three man hearing committee was to abide by the original decision of the director of Public Works regarding Fritz Thornburg and the board of supervisors ruling in favor of this decision.

The matter concerning Barrett's claim for vacation, sick time, and overtime is under investigation by the board. Pending is an investigation by the California State Controller's office of the use of state funds in payment of claims. This matter was carried over to Wednesday's agenda.

A request by sheriff Stuart Merrill for the hiring of another deputy sheriff was temporarily denied. Further discussion was to be held on the matter.

A report from Joe Rodriques was given from the Rifle Range Committee concerning plans for a tentative 20-acre range site in the Diamond Valley area.

The board discussed the need for establishment of a finance and auditing committee to be composed of two supervisors. The board rejected Supervisor Thornburg's resignation from the Williamson Act Commission. Thornburg agreed to remain on the commission at this time.

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## Bear Valley expands resort

**BEAR VALLEY**—Mt. Reba Ski Area at Bear Valley will open the 1976-77 ski season next November with a new double chairlift and 50 per cent more skiable terrain.

Located in Alpine County in the California High Sierra, Mt. Reba has received a permit from the Stanislaus National Forest, U. S. Forest Service, to proceed with a major expansion project at a cost of a half million dollars.

—A new double chairlift nearly a mile long will be constructed this summer. Called for the Polar Bear Lift, this Riblet chair will be 4,500 feet long with a vertical of 1,000 feet. It will have a base elevation of 7,500 feet and a top elevation of 8,506 feet.

This will be Mt. Reba's seventh double chairlift, giving the resort a total uphill capacity of nearly 9,000 skiers per hour.

—The new Polar Bear chair will open an entirely new area called Little Grouse Canyon. Located due west and adjacent to the present development, the Grouse Canyon slopes will increase the skiable terrain at Mt. Reba by 250 acres.

Six new major runs will be unveiled in

Little Grouse Canyon. The longest run will be two miles in length. The overall number of new runs in Little Grouse Canyon will be close to 20.

The Forest Service has rated Little Grouse Canyon as 90 per cent intermediate and 10 per cent expert, featuring a wide combination of open bowls, wide trails through green forests.

Skiers will ride Bear Chair to the top of Bear Peak. Then, they will ski down into the new development.

Upon reaching the bottom of Little Grouse, skiers will board the new Polar Bear chair for a pleasant 12-minute ride back to the top of Bear Peak.

Work already has begun on the construction of the new runs.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

At the March meeting of the Alpine Board of Supervisors Mr. Ruggero Giglie of Markleeville was approved for appointment to the Alpine Co. Planning Commission. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Markleeville.

Actually, before the general public takes its first outing on the new runs starting next November, we will have had one season of making "test" runs on the Little Grouse trails," said General Manager Dennis Rasmussen.

Mt. Reba is convinced its new intermediate slopes will be equal to the best found in the High Sierra and Colorado Rockies.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Tuesday, March 2, Ms. Sophie Brown, a counselor at the Upward Bound Program at the University of Nevada spoke to children at the Diamond Valley School. The community was invited to attend Ms. Brown's program

entitled "Being Black in America."

### SAC WORKSHOP

The School Advisory Committee is sponsoring a workshop on Parent-Child Communication on March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Diamond Valley School Library. Mr. Steve Yonker of Tahoe Community College will be the guest speaker. The community is invited to attend.

### WASHOE COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the Woodfords-Washoe Community Council will be Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. at Diamond Valley School.

### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Supervisor Fritz Thornburg is having an open house for all residents of District Three, at his home on Sawmill Road west of Markleeville.

# The story behind the story...of Alpine recall

CONFIDENTIAL

Editor:

I am Mary Ann Duarte, wife of Alpine County District Four Supervisor Harold R. Duarte. After witnessing what effect rumors and misleading information have on a community and after having made a decision to personally reach the voters in my district with this letter, I request that you publish the following open letter to the citizens in Alpine County, and the registered voters in District Four.

Upon hearing of another attempt to recall Harold Duarte, I contacted Nancy Thornburg, who recently headed the January supervisor recall in District Three which ended in her husband being elected District Three Supervisor. I asked her if it was fact that her political group was initiating another recall against Mr. Duarte.

Mrs. Thornburg stated, "Yes there is an attempted recall notice, and I am willing to help get it started if asked and in favor of the recall." I asked on what grounds this recall would be based and Mrs. Thornburg answered, "Mr. Durate's conduct." She added further that her group believed in good government and good conduct in office.

Since my husband has had the privilege to serve on the Alpine Board, he has been hassled and intimidated by a certain small group of citizens for over a year. I do not know how he has held his temper this long, and at the Supervisor's meeting of Feb. 18 almost came to blows with someone because of harrassment by members of this group who were in the audience doing their thing very dramatically in opposition to the Board's decision concerning two former county employees. I understand why my husband comes on rather strong at times; the harrassment by this group of people would get to any

sane man or woman.

Concerning recall, the fact remains that when Robert Parker and Glen Coleman first floated a petition stating untruths about Mr. Durate; and misled voters to obtain signatures, they attempted to damage his reputation, character, and principles. Mr. Duarte contacted the people of his district to see what had been represented by the

committee for recall and why some people had signed the petition. He was told that two men from the road department had lost their jobs and they were told Mr. Duarte was responsible. They were not told in many instances that the petition was a recall. These same citizens had their names removed from the petition with statements explaining reasons why they signed it in the first place. Mr. Duarte took action against the recall petition because of falsification of the election code, and this was presented to the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury indicted a Mrs. Sandra Cline for falsification of the Election Code and the charge is still pending in the attorney general's office.

The second attempted petition for recall did not materialize because the sixteen needed signatures for recall petition could not be obtained. The residents of District Four were more knowledgeable and aware by this time of the tactics and trouble caused by this small political group.

When I questioned Mrs. Thornburg

about her intentions to assist in another recall attempt, she stated her concern for good government and good conduct in office. She should realize, as does much of the Alpine community, that when her husband admitted in public that he falsified a county payroll document and then requested complete dismissal and tolerance on the part of the State Controllers Office and the Alpine Board of Supervisors, he made a mockery of county government.

What I have brought to the public attention here is all public record, and if needed can be substantiated by sworn statements.

I urge all members of the Alpine community to examine the facts before making hasty decisions in the future.

Mrs. Mary Ann Duarte  
Woodfords

## Clarify the misconception

3-11-76  
RC

Editor:

We the undersigned wish to clarify any misconceptions Mrs. Harold Duarte's letter in the March 4 Record-Courier may have created about the recall election of Jack Doyal in Alpine County.

As proponents, we alone were responsible for initiating the recall action and made a decision only after a great deal of serious thought, for we do not approve of recall except as a last

resort measure to protect one's right to fair representation.

Mrs. Thornburg was only one of many residents of our district who contributed a great deal of time and effort in the campaign to successfully recall Jack Doyal as supervisor for District Three of Alpine County.

Worth Moll  
Margaret E. Purdy  
Norman Morford  
Elwood B. Davis

# Alpine feud: dissension has racked the county

RC  
3-18-76

## Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to answer Mrs. Duarte's letter in the March 4 Record-Courier. Her letter is a sad example of one of the underlying causes of the dissension which has racked our county for so long; the formation of convictions and conclusions based on partial or inaccurate information and occasionally an outright lie.

When Mrs. Duarte called me on the telephone on Feb. 20, she said that she only wanted to know the truth and to clear up any misunderstandings, that she does not like to form conclusions based on rumor. She then wrote her letter wherein she creates, perhaps unintentionally, more misunderstandings and where she misrepresents what I said to her. Therefore, I feel that I must refute or challenge some of the statements which she made:

1. I did not "head" the January recall and told her so. I supported it and assisted where I could, but I neither started it nor led it.

2. I do not "head a political group" and never have. Many people have been involved in the recall of Jack Doyal, the restraining order to stop an illegal action by the Board of Supervisors, and other recent local issues. These people

are intelligent and independent; I do not "run" them and they do not "run me." To claim otherwise is to insult their intelligence and integrity. The Referendum measure was a different matter. I did start that and was largely responsible for getting it on the ballot. There was tremendous support and encouragement from throughout the community as the final vote showed.

3. Neither I nor others in District 3 have, so far as I know, initiated a recall against Mr. Duarte. Some of these people, having become familiar with the technicalities and legal requirements of the recall procedure have answered questions for others—just as people from Calaveras County answered technical questions for them. I told Mrs. Duarte this over the telephone.

4. Mrs. Duarte stated on the telephone that she was certain that I had initiated a recall action against her husband simply because on the day that the action was allegedly started, I was seen at the courthouse. This statement speaks for itself.

5. I informed Mrs. Duarte on the telephone that I do not know what grounds the recall would be based on although it is my personal opinion that his "conduct in office" would probably suffice.

6. I believe that Mr. Duarte has not been hassled or "intimated" (intimidated?) nearly so much as have many citizens in this community. It would seem that his definition of being "hassled" is synonymous with being questioned or corrected. Many citizens have been interrupted, insulted and yelled at by Mr. Duarte for doing no more than exercising their democratic right to state their opinions. Calling one member of the audience a "knucklehead" and another (and a Senior citizen, at that) an "s.o.b." is certainly not conduct becoming a county supervisor. That's "being hassled?"

7. My husband made a mistake and admitted it and served a 30 day probation for it, last July. But long after the probationary period was over, the rumors were still flying and the whole thing had been blown all out of proportion. He requested a public hearing simply to get everything out in the open and, hopefully, to put a stop to the rumors. He also wanted it brought out that someone else turned in the UNcorrected payroll and that no disciplinary action was ever taken about that.

I would very much appreciate it if Mrs. Duarte would provide the sworn statements and public record to which

she refers on the following matters:

1. That I headed the January recall.  
2. That I "head" a "small political group."

3. That I have initiated a recall against Mr. Duarte.

4. That the "case" against Mrs. Kline is still open in the attorney general's office. (The only "public information" which I know about on this matter is that the judge of the superior court set the indictment aside as being without legal grounds").

5. That persons in District 4 had the recall petition misrepresented to them. Mr. Duarte's stated goals of "honest, efficient government are no different from mine or anyone else's. The difference of opinion has centered around how to attain these goals, and I have not and never will condone a roughshod running over people and their legal rights, an "end justifies the means" attitude which has been shown by Mr. Duarte and other board members during the last year or so. It would appear that many people feel the same way. For the sake of us all, I urge both Mr. and Mrs. Duarte to make a truly sincere effort to really listen all sides and to learn the whole truth.

Sincerely,  
Nancy C. Thornburg  
Markleeville

# Recalled supervisor says he'll run again

RC  
3-18-76

**Editor:**

I was the subject of a January recall and consequently the subject of criticism and some controversy. The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I have decided not to retire from county government, but to enter the contest for county supervisor in June.

This was not an easy decision as I had hoped for new and competent supervision for district three, and I awaited the candidacy of someone who could serve knowledgeable and provide leadership in our county government. Recent incidents and the performance of the newly elected supervisor from my district has prompted me to seek the District Three seat once again in order, in my opinion, to insure proper representation and decision making necessary for effective government in California today.

I have contributed almost 13 years of dedicated service to the County of Alpine. Serving on the school board and watching its expansion in enrollment and stature in an orderly manner was

most rewarding. I served on the Planning Commission in its formative years. This was of great satisfaction to me to know we were enacting ordinances and regulations to protect the county and prepare for subdividing and growth. The members of the Planning Commission faced reality and knew we could not stop progress. We felt the best way to prepare for growth was to set up stringent controls. We did not have all the answers, but we kept an open mind to change.

The seven years I served as supervisor were of great reward and a time of challenge and responsibility I gladly accepted. I served honestly and fairly in all county business, studied county government and did my homework. I particularly enjoyed working with the State Legislature and various state agencies in what I believed produced many good benefits to Alpine County. I did not ignore the laws and if I did not believe in one I worked for a solution and attempted to have the law changed.

Just this month, a delegation from our county, led by two supervisors, converged on the office of the State Controller. This action proved to be embarrassing for our county.

Upon hearing that this delegation also approached Eugene Chappie, former assemblyman for Alpine County, I decided something must be done. Chappie, many of you may recall, is the legislator who on two occasions authored bills to annex the County of Alpine to El Dorado County.

With much effort, these bills were

defeated in committee. Understanding the various state agencies and how they affect Alpine is so vitally necessary today. I feel I have developed insight in this area through my years experience in county government.

Before the coming election I shall have much more to say on vital issues that affect our future. My hope is that all Alpine residents will keep an open mind and be alert to the true facts.

Jack Doyal  
Hope Valley

# Recently recalled, Doyal's back in the race

RC 3-18-76

Jack Doyal has filed as a candidate for the Alpine County Board of Supervisors, challenging incumbent Fritz Thornburg for representation of District 3. Thornburg unseated Doyal in a recall election held in January of this year.

Prior to the recall, Doyal had been a supervisor for seven years. He also has served on the school board and the planning commission during his 20-year residence in Hope Valley, where he

operates the Hope Valley Resort from May to November each year.

The 54-year-old Doyal is a native of Colorado. He and his wife Elyse have three married sons—Lynn in Idaho and twins Dennis (in Detroit) and Daniel (in Oregon). There are five Doyal grandchildren.

The piloting of light aircraft is one of Doyal's interests, which he says accounts for the part he

played in the development of the Alpine airport. He also enjoys skiing.

He says he decided to become a candidate again "to insure the proper representation and decision making necessary for effective government in California today," a theme he elaborates on in a letter to the editor on page 2 of this week's Record-Courier.

SACRAMENTO BEE  
MARCH 18, 1976

# Rafters On Carson River Churn Up Opposition

By MIKE DUNNE  
Bee Correspondent

**MARKLEEVILLE** — River rafters who have come under fire recently on the American and Cosumnes Rivers also face opposition on the East Fork of the Carson River.

Concerned about potential pollution of the river and the impact that rafters may have on the construction of a dam being considered on the stream, Alpine County supervisors earlier this week reaffirmed their objections to rafting on the river.

Officials of the Toiyabe National Forest and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, which control most of the land bordering the river between Markleeville and Gardnerville, Nev., are assessing the situation because of a significant increase in rafting on the river in the past few years.

Four years ago rafting on the river was negligible, said Gary Sayer, recreation forester with the Carson Ranger District in Carson City, Nev.

In 1975, however, as many as 125 rafters a day were floating down the river, he said.

Last year only three commercial rafting firms were offering trips on the river. So far this year 14 firms have applied for permits to use the land along the river for embarkation, camping and debarkation, and as many as 12 more firms may be planning to apply for permits, said Bill Garrels, outdoor recreation planner for the Bureau of Land Management in Carson City.

The report by the two agencies is expected by the end of the month. It will be used to decide whether to issue the permits, said Sayer. He indicated that the permits probably will be granted, but only on an interim one-year basis, pending preparation of a thorough management plan for the area.

According to Sayer, use of the river by rafters has not created any noticeable litter or pollution

problems, there has not been any need for search and rescue missions stemming from rafting, and there have not been any drownings in the river associated with the sport.

"There has been a dramatic increase in the use of the river," said Garrels. "We're looking at an increasing use that we didn't anticipate and we're attempting to avoid problems."

The objection from the supervisors stems in part from fears that raft firms will become firmly established along the river and then lead opposition to construction of the proposed Watasheam Dam, creating a conflict similar to the existing opposition to the New Melones Dam on the Stanislaus River, said Alpine County Clerk Joan Chacon.

The dam, which would be built about 36 miles southeast of Gardnerville, first was proposed several years ago primarily to provide agricultural water and flood control

in the Carson River Basin, said Bob Whitney, chief of the planning division in the Lahontan Basin Projects Office at U.S. Bureau of Reclamation headquarters in Carson City.

Prospective agricultural users of the water that would be stored behind the dam cooled on the project during the 1960's, however, and it was shelved, said Whitney.

Since then, water needs in the basin, especially for municipal water for the Carson City area, have been growing, renewing interest in the dam and prompting a preliminary reappraisal of the project.

Although construction costs have escalated tremendously since the project was first proposed, the dam today would produce benefits "equal to or greater than" its currently estimated \$56 million price tag, said Whitney.

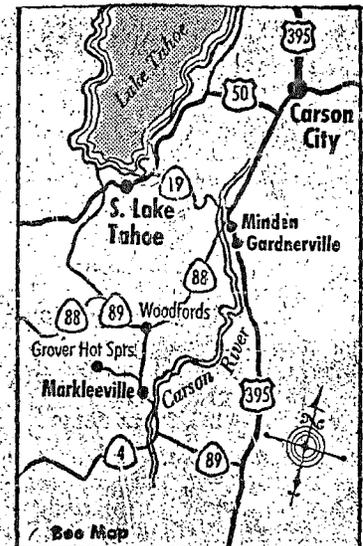
Bureau of Reclamation officials will conduct a series of meetings in

the Carson City area next month to gather public response on the project to help determine whether they should proceed with an intensive planning effort, he said.

The debate concerning rafting on the river may become academic this year because the Sierra snowpack which feeds the stream is so low that the spring runoff may not raise the river enough to accommodate rafts, said Sayer.

Ordinarily, the river is at its best between May 1 and sometime in June. An approximate 20-mile trip starts near Hangman's Bridge at Markleeville in California and ends just upstream from Gardnerville in Nevada. The slow-moving river is primarily suitable for beginner and intermediate rafters. The route slices through a remote scenic canyon and features some natural hot springs near the half-way point, said Sayer.

Littering, pollution, trespassing and other problems attributed to rafting



and other recreation along the South Fork of the American River and the Cosumnes River have prompted property owners along the two streams to appeal to the El Dorado and Amador supervisors for restrictions.

# Perhaps the Alpine County

## 'factions' could cooperate

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Editor:

In Mrs. Duarte's letter of March 4, she states that people removed their names from the Alpine County district 4 recall petition because they had not known they were signing a recall petition, and she stated that this fact could be verified by public documents.

Although two proponents did remove their names from the statement of intent, no names were removed from the actual petition that we are aware of. Furthermore, transcripts of Grand Jury proceedings indicate that every signer was aware of what he was signing. Does Mrs. Duarte know of their public records that contradict Grand Jury findings?

During the Grand Jury hearing about Mrs. Kline, a few people testified

that Mrs. Kline was not present when they signed the recall petition. This fact alone was the basis for her indictment. Our Superior Court Judge subsequently dismissed the case. However, Mrs. Duarte states that it is still under consideration by the office of the Attorney General. How does Mrs. Duarte happen to know what none else seems to know? Our experience is that the Attorney General does not heed private citizens. Therefore, we would like to know which public official asked the Attorney General to investigate Mrs. Kline—and why.

We would like to know which public records classify our "group" as being small, as she claims it is.

What public record tells Mrs. Duarte that Fritz Thornburg requested

"complete dismissal and tolerance?" Mr. Thornburg stated that he naively put one man's time on another man's card to facilitate bookkeeping. The Director of Public Works testified, under oath, that he didn't think it was important enough to worry about at the time of its occurrence, and considered a verbal reprimand sufficient.

A verbal reprimand was given followed by almost a year of harassment. At the time of the long-awaited public hearing, Mr. Thornburg had just been given his third 30-day probation period because of the time card incident; this period of probation was to begin three days after he resigned from the road department. It is interesting to note that none ever corrected the time cards, yet, there

was not even a verbal reprimand for the person who knowingly signed the payroll, verifying its accuracy under penalty of perjury.

Mr. Thornburg wanted a public hearing simply to get the facts before the public. The current series of letters also deals with "facts." If we can't even agree on facts, how do we find solutions? Does Mrs. Duarte or her husband have any suggestions about how to improve local communication? Is it possible for the various factions to cooperate in the best interests of Alpine County?

We certainly hope so.

Cameron Cralk  
Virginia Cralk  
Alpine County

# Another Alpine recall petition started

Another recall petition is circulating in Alpine County, this one aimed at Superintendent of Schools Richard L. Martin, who ran successfully against incumbent George Clary for the job in the June 1974 election.

A notice of intent to circulate the petition was filed at the Alpine County Courthouse in Mariposa, according to County Clerk Joan Chacon, who said it was signed by Edward L. Isaac, Henry Gutierrez, Harold Walker, James C. Maple, and Arnold E. Rakow.

Ms. Chacon said the notice cited Martin's "attitude toward certain teachers and employees" and his management of school budgets as the basis for the recall action.

Martin told The Record-Courier that he had been a school superintendent in Knightsen, Calif., prior to moving to Alpine, and that while budgets were not his strongest point, he feels the changes

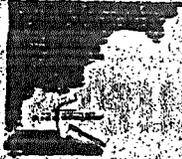
he has made have been improvements.

He said that in dealing with personnel problems, he had asked some teachers to make changes, where he thought harm might come to the students, "educationally, psychologically, or physically."

The 42-year-old Martin said he knew there were a few people unhappy with him in Alpine County, that he had heard rumors and innuendoes which were difficult to track.

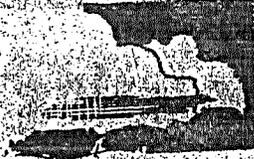
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He spoke of three programs initiated by him which he felt were significant contributions to Alpine's two elementary schools: a special education program for exceptional children; a repair program which he said brought an "excellent" rating from state officials who had previously red-tagged school buses as unsafe; and an early childhood program to provide more individualized attention to students in kindergarten through the third grade.



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### Season lift ticket offered

How would you like to win a season lift ticket to Mt. Reba Ski Area at Bear Valley for the 1976-77 ski season? One season pass will be awarded to the winner of a "Name the Run Contest." Mt. Reba will open its tenth season in November with a new double chairlift.

The name of the lift is Polar Bear Chair, which will be constructed this summer in a new areas called Little Grouse Canyon. Mt. Reba will award a season lift ticket to the person who suggests the winning name for the biggest new run in Little Grouse Canyon. All entries should be mailed to Mt. Reba's Name the Run Contest, P. O. Box 38, Bear Valley, Ca. 95221, by Friday, April 8. Announcement of the winner will be made on Easter Sunday, April 18.

#### SPRING THING COMING UP

Kirkwood's Fourth Annual Spring Thing will be held the weekend before Easter this year on April 10 and 11. Some of the fun events will include a Snowball Throwing Contest, the Bikini Race and of course, the Costume Judging which will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday the 10th. All persons wearing a costume that Saturday will receive a discount on their lift ticket. Saturday evening will also include a live band and dance contest in the Kirkwood Lodge.

#### NATIVE SONS

The Native Sons wrapped up their project of dinner and bingo for the community with the fifth and final evening last Saturday at Turtle Rock Park. The \$50 Blackout prize was split between two winners, and some of the 14 winners for the evening were Mary Ellen Zellmer, Jack Doyal, Colleen Bradley, Bill Schwake and Doyle Whipple.

Designed to provide an evening of entertainment for everyone, music was presented by the Alpine Trio composed of singers Rita Keebaugh and Dave Zellmer, and guitarist banker Skip Veatch. Proceeds collected for fund raising will go to the Native Sons statewide major project of the cleft pallet. The next scheduled project for the

Sons will be the Bicentennial county celebration at Turtle Rock Park, July 3 and 4; an afternoon of games and barbeque, and the special drawing for a side of beef.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

The first year for the Diamond Valley gymnasium schedule for public use has proved very popular. Attendance for the last four months was: November 237, December 330, January 332, and February 465. Mens and womens' basketball and volleyball dominated the winter weeknight and Saturday morning schedule. Groups interested in using the gym must call the school for reservations.

On March 23, the 6th and 7th and 8th grades at Diamond Valley School toured the Blind Training Department for the handicapped at the State Department of Training in Reno. Students saw how the blind learn to live in a sightless world and are trained to cook, sew, etc. This session was part in a project for general awareness of the problems of the handicapped in our society.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

Alpine seniors traveled this week to Volcano, Ca., to view spring in full bloom at Daffodil Hill in Amador County. After enjoying an outdoor picnic, the group continued on to the potluck dinner meeting of Central Sierra Elderly Assistance Project Council in San Andreas. Project Council represents the four-county nutrition program and transportation in Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador and Alpine.

Plans are being made for the hiring of a half-time senior service worker for Alpine County. This position will continue the nine month project of TAAC, a community service organization located in Jackson, Calif. Information and referral will include social, educational and recreational services for older persons of the community. Interested persons must have automobile and valid driver's license. Call Commission on Aging, 694-2924.

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### Guest benefit dance is April 24

The Diamond Valley eighth grade class wishes to thank Kirkwood Ski Resort and all those who supported their Sunday brunch held at the school. Some 90 persons enjoyed the pancake breakfast-brunch which netted the students \$115 for their class trip to Disneyland. Kirkwood Ski Resort furnished the menu of pancakes and syrup, Canadian bacon and orange juice. The class project of publishing and selling a school yearbook is underway also and proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the class treasury and Disneyland expenses. Students have been selling \$2 patronage for the yearbook to cover the cost of publication.

#### NASTAR IN ASPEN

Having qualified with the lowest handicap in his age group in the Western Region NASTAR, Stuart Merrill of Woodfords will be competing in the National NASTAR Finals in Aspen, Colo., April 8-11. The United States is divided into five ski regions. Two racers in each age group from each of the five ski regions will compete in the National NASTAR.

#### TOM GUEST-BENEFIT

Saturday, April 24, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Turtle Rock Park, there will be a Tom Guest Benefit Dance. Owner of Tom's Arco in Markleeville, Guest entered the Sacramento Medical Center April 7, for cancer surgery and will remain in intensive care for at least a week. Many friends of Hazel and Tom's have asked how they can help and the benefit dance was decided upon.

The Alpine Trio will contribute their services to the evening's entertainment. Admission to the dance will be \$5 per person and will include refreshments. Proceeds will be given to the Guests to help payment costs. Sacramento Medical Center is located on Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, Calif. 95818.

#### SPRING THING

This weekend, April 10 and 11, will be the fourth annual Kirkwood Spring Thing. Anyone wearing a costume on Saturday will be given a reduced rate on their lift ticket. Saturday's schedule begins with a 2 p.m. obstacle race followed by costume judging and the pie eating contest. A Basque dinner at the ski lodge will be served at 6:30 p.m. Live music and a 10 p.m. dance contest will conclude the day's activities. On Sunday the

day's events will include the tube race, dual giant slalom, snowball throwing contest, NASTAR bikini race and the beer slalom. The snow is great and the weather should be good for bikinis!

#### SAC

The Diamond Valley School Advisory Committee met Monday, April 5. Reports were given about the Early Childhood Education Program from the four grade levels involved, Kindergarten through fourth grade. Reports were also given about the recent M.A.R. (Management and Review) visit. Approximately 20 persons participated in the evening's main topic of discussion regarding desirable qualities in teachers. Many members of the community have shown interest in just this topic and have been encouraged to participate in school forums so as to express their concerns.

A formulated student survey regarding desirable qualities in teachers also provided the group with some interesting areas of discussion.

#### CALENDAR

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Diamond Valley School, Save the Children Federation meeting.

Tuesday, April 13, 1 p.m., Diamond Valley School Board of Trustees.

Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m., Open House, Diamond Valley School.

#### EASTER VACATION

Third grader, Clay Keebaugh of Woodfords, will be spending a special Easter vacation this year. On April 19, Clay will enter the Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, Calif., to have facial reconstructive surgery. Plastic surgeon Dr. Jay Stanger will reopen five-year-old scars which resulted from a dog bite. Scar tissue will be removed and the reconstruction performed. Clay is an Alpine member of the Douglas Swim Team and has requested surgery now in order to be able to participate in the summer Nevada-California Swim League.

#### MARKLEEVILLE CHURCH

Rev. Eberhart Weidenmeyers announces Good Friday services noon to 1 p.m. Special Easter Sunrise Services will be held at 6:30 a.m., with a regular Sunday Lutheran service at 9 a.m. All services are held at the Markleeville home of Virginia and Paul Smith.

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## Kirkwood's Spring Thing was big

Kirkwood's Spring Thing turned out to be a big weekend for some of the local residents. Winners for the two-day fun-in-the-snow events were: Obstacle and Tube races, Eric Reuter, Ernie Reuter eating the most pie in a certain amount of time; Robot, Sheila Reuter, as first prize in the costume contest; and sharing third prize in costumes were Carolyn Reuter and Linda Brown as the Alpine Twins.

Linda Brown won a pair of down gloves for her accuracy in throwing a snowball. In the racing contest, big winners in the Challenge Cup were, first, Joe Bryan; second, Hannis Lamprecht; and third, Mark Woolford. Challenge Cup consists of three events, the Bump Run, Galande Jump and Dual Giant Slalom.

Kirkwood is enjoying about 12 inches of new snow and the best snow all season. Lifts in operation are one, four, five and six. Lifts two and three are being used as access chairs.

### NATIONAL NASTAR

Alpine Sheriff Stuart Merrill took fifth place in the National NASTAR held in Aspen, Color. this week.

The best out of five timed runs for each contestant was recorded. At one point Stu Merrill was tied for third, but finished fifth in over-all times. Merrill was representing the Far Western District in the National NASTAR.

### EASTER SERVICES

Mount Sierra Assembly of God will be having a

candlelight service on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. Regular Sunday service for Easter will include 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

Reverend Archie Bostrom will be speaking on "He Is Risen." Easter evening worship will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mount Sierra is located on Highway 88, three miles north of Woodfords, 694-2117.

### ALPINE SENIORS

Alpine Senior Citizens attended an all-day workshop at the Sierra House Elementary School at South Lake Tahoe, April 10.

Beatrice Young from the University of Nevada conducted the class for the Lake Tahoe Junior College. Entitled "Self-Discovery and Enrichment Over 60," the class was especially designed for the older student who may have a physical handicap, living alone, or retired with retirement.

### CALENDAR

Diamond Valley Open House, Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Mothers' Club Bicentennial Ball and Banquet has been canceled until further notice.

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**'Preposterous,' Gillings Says**

## 'Posse' Founder Denies Move To Take Over Alpine County

Posse Comitatus organizer Francis E. Gillings angrily denied today that his organization is trying to gain voter control or control over the government in tiny Alpine County, where his son has purchased land and he and other posse members have been making frequent visits.

"For people in Alpine County to say that we would go in there to infringe upon their liberties or take away their property rights is preposterous," Gillings declared.

Gillings, of Tracy, is the man who organized the local arm of the posse, a militantly conservative organization dedicated to upholding the laws as it sees them. It has no connection with the sheriff's department.

"They (in Alpine County) are talking about the very people who only a few months ago put their lives on the line in the tomato fields to protect the property rights of farmers—and of the union, for that matter, too," he said.

"I flatly deny that any member of the posse has any such thought in mind. Our group was formed to protect property rights—we are Christian people."

The tomato field duty Gillings referred to, in which the posse volunteered to guard local fields to keep out United Farm Workers Union organizers, resulted in the arrests of Gillings and Norman Brown, 57, of

Montgomery Creek, on charges of assaulting a sheriff's official. They are scheduled for trial on the charge May 11 in Merced, where the trial was moved on grounds of excessive pretrial publicity in San Joaquin County.

Gillings said his son, David's, purchase of 600 acres on the edge of Markleeville, the Alpine County seat, is simply an investment in potential recreational land. He confirmed that his son and a number of posse members have been staying in Markleeville, but he said they are engaged only in development of the land.

He denied that the posse members are being visited by other out-of-state members of the organization.

"I can assure you nothing like that is going on—if it was, Francis Gillings would know about it," he said.

Gillings also denied that the posse has anything to do with his offer last week on the bankrupt Bear Valley Lodge complex. He said he made the offer on behalf of five Seattle area doctors.

"To my knowledge, none of the doctors are posse members, although you must realize the posse does have a wide membership and certainly I do not know all who belong to it," Gillings told the Record.

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Gillings' Report *Stockton Record*

## Confusion on '5 Doctors' In Bear Valley Deal

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Posse Comitatus organizer Francis E. Gillings' contention that it is five Seattle area doctors and not the posse that is interested in buying the bankrupt Bear Valley Lodge complex is difficult to check.

Gillings identified one of the five as a Dr. Gerald Heidelberg, but the Washington State Medical Association and the Washington State Division of Professional Licensing say they have no record of a physician by that name.

And Gillings refused Thursday and again today to divulge the names of the four others he says are associated with the Dr. Heidelberg in seeking to purchase the Bear Valley Lodge, Red Dog Lodge and 45 condominiums in Bear Valley.

Gillings maintains the Dr. Heidelberg does exist, that he has visited Bear Valley and that he and the

others want to buy it as an investment.

The posse organizer also refuted a statement attributed by *The Associated Press* to current posse chairman George Hill that the posse wants to develop Alpine County into a ski and tourist resort.

"George Hill doesn't know sic 'em about anything in Alpine County," said Gillings. "If he's involved in anything up there, then he's doing it secretly. I sure don't know that he or the posse is thinking about doing anything in Alpine, but I'm going to find out about it."

Gillings said several posse members have been in and out of Alpine County and some have spent considerable time there, but he said they only went there to help his son with development of his property.

His son, David, has purchased 600

acres of land on the edge of Markleville. That, along with the posse members' visits, have stirred fears among some Alpine County residents and businessmen that the militantly conservative group—which has no connection with the sheriff's department—may be trying to establish a base of operations there.

Remembering a threatened take-over a few years ago by the Gay Liberation Movement, a homosexual organization, some in Alpine County are worried that posse members might attempt by sheer number to gain a voter majority and take over public offices. One businessman said this would permit the posse to issue gun permits and operate as it wished without fear of harassment from county authorities.

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# 'Posse' Denies Link To Alpine Land Deal

months of this year, rate of less than 3 per cent, as the unemployment rate declines. In the months ahead, economists expect a decline in the leading indicators and assets held by consumers. Forms of investment grew by six-tenths of a per cent in February. There is a shorter work week and a slower formation of new orders, a smaller volume of sales and a slower formation of new orders.

The private San Joaquin County Sheriff's Posse Comitatus denies any connection as an organization with the purchase of 600 acres of land in Alpine County.

The property, on the edge of Markleeville, reportedly has been purchased by David Gillings, son of Francis E. Gillings, 45, of Tracy, founder of the private posse.

In a statement issued by the posse's board of directors and signed by George E. Hill, chairman, and Harold F. Graves, posse vice chairman, the posse denies having anything "to do (as an organiza-

tion) with a purchase of property by David Gillings in Alpine County."

The statement says also that David Gillings is not a member of the posse.

Hill says, "I personally have not purchased any property in Alpine County and at this time have no plans to do so." Graves says, "I have not bought and have no intention of buying any property in Alpine County."

The posse statement points out, however, that that "This is not to say that some Posse members may (Please See Pg. 2, Col. 3)

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### Pennsylvania Win

# Steamroller Unstoppable?

High Court Case

Pasadena Contesting

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HHH Gets Closer to

## ... in Brief

### Carter Recovering

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. ... presided over the bank robbery trial of Patricia Hearst, ... heart attack several days ago and is recovering, Carter's ... says.

Monoghue said Tuesday the jurist, who turned 65 last ... unaware of the heart attack when he visited his doctor ... up before he was to attend a judicial conference in New ... Monoghue said Carter was ordered hospitalized imme-

### at' Trial Nears End

IS, Tenn. (AP) — The nine-week-old "Deep Throat" ob- ... neared its end today, with closing arguments scheduled ... des.

Persons and four corporations are charged by the federal ... with conspiring to produce and distribute an obscene ...

erry Wellford overruled defense motions late Tuesday for ... acquittal.

### cy Bill Advances

MENTO (AP) — California's 320 state computers are hold- ... ion bits of personal information on individuals - and the ... iary Committee thinks the citizens should be protected.

Committee voted 6-0 Tuesday for the privacy bill. The author, ... or leader David Roberti, D-Los Angeles, said the legis- ... ments curbing the potential misuse of personal data such ... and financial records. The bill permits the collection of ... ta that is necessary for specified functions, insures accu- ... rd keeping, gives individuals the right to see and correct ... records, requires notice about how personal data is dis- ... and gives persons the right to know what data banks ex-

### omen Seek Office

MENTO (AP) — A record 77 women are running for office ... California, more than twice the number of female candi- ... sought congressional or state legislative seats eight years ...

ven of the women candidates are Democrats, according ... rt. Twenty-six are Republicans, 11 are Peace and Free- ... members and three are American Independent party ...

Forty-six of the 77 are running for state Assembly seats, ... are running for Congress, 13 for the state Senate and one ... Senate.

### Step Up Civil Defense

GTON (AP) — An atomic scientist told Congress today ... ited States has no reason to imitate the Soviet Union's ... emphasis on civil defense against nuclear war.

ing K.H. Panofsky, director of the Stanford Linear Ac- ... center, testified there is no evidence the Soviets' civil de- ... gram is any more effective in decreasing possible ... than the current 'low profile' U.S. program. Former Pen- ... al Paul H. Nitze said the Soviets spend about \$1 billion a ... ll ... compared with \$60 million in the United

Alameda County George C. Wal- ... lace had 3. There were 46 uncom- ... mitted.

Voters actually cast ballots for ... only 134 delegates; the other 44 are ... being apportioned on the basis of ... the popular vote totals.

In the popular contest, final unof- ... ficial returns showed:

Carter had 506,898 or 37 per cent.  
Jackson had 337,005 or 25 per cent.

Udall had 256,394 or 19 per cent.  
Wallace had 155,911 or 11 per cent.

Shapp had 35,581 or 3 per cent.  
Antiabortion candidate Ellen Mc- ... Cormack had 39,303 or 3 per cent.

Former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Har- ... ris, who quit the race earlier, had ... 13,808 or 1 per cent.

Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, who ... also withdrew, had 16,837 or 1 per cent.

President Ford won the Republi- ... can primary without opposition, ... since Ronald Reagan skipped Penn- ... sylvania and is making his next ... stand in Texas on Saturday.

### Girl Employed

### At Yosemite

### Found Slain

YOSEMITE (AP)—A 19-year-old ... employe of the Yosemite Park and ... Curry Co. found dead here Tuesday ... was apparently murdered, a public ... information officer said today.

An autopsy has been ordered to ... determine the cause of death of ... Barbara Lynn Bentley of Fremont, ... said David Bagozzi, a park official.

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### 'Posse'

may not have planned to buy recre- ... ational homes in Alpine County."

Hill last week was quoted by *The ... Associated Press* as saying the ... posse plans to develop Alpine ... County into a ski and tourist resort.

Hill declined to comment on that ... statement to the *Record*, however.

He did tell the news agency that ... some posse members, including ... himself, plan to move to Alpine ... County eventually.

Francois Gillingas also has told the ... news media he is registered to vote ... in Alpine County and is thinking of ... moving from Tracy.

The private posse has no connec- ... tion with the San Joaquin County ... Sheriff's Department.

Among other things, TAPC is ex- ... pected to recommend standardized ... procedures for the program, along ... with training and quality criteria. It ... also will accumulate data for eval- ... uating the program's effectiveness.

In response to Fondse, Dixon said ... that if the paramedic program is ... expanded to include areas in the ... southern part of the county, the hos- ... pitals there will each be entitled to ... two members on the committee.

Shumway noted that the supervi- ... sors will directly appoint the two ... paramedic members, the nurse rep- ... resentative, and the paramedic ... training physician. He expressed ... confidence the board will obtain ad- ... equate geographic balance through ... these two-year appointments, ex- ... pected to be made within the next ... month.

At one point, Barber argued for ... the inclusion of at least one lay ci- ... tizen member to serve as a watchdog ... against possibly excessive charges ... by any private ambulance company ... that might participate in the pro- ... gram. Ambulance companies ... usually pass their paramedic costs ... on to the patients.

But Barber appeared satisfied ... with Dixon's explanation that the ... Board of Supervisors, as the pro- ... gram policy-maker, will carry the ... role of consumer watchdog.

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### Jet Crash

Doyon, owner of the St. Thomas ... Flight Center at the airport.

"I felt like we didn't get down ... soon enough. We didn't touch ... ground until we were even with the ... terminal. Then I heard the engines ... roar as if he were trying to hold her ... straight. The next thing I knew we ... were crashing into the buildings," ... passenger Richard Rigden of New ... Canaan Conn., said.

An unidentified young woman ... passenger said: "I tried to open our ... door and couldn't a man on the ... other side got his door open and I ... ran out. I found my friend and we ... ran up the hill. Thank God I'm ... alive." Her hair was singed.

Eyewitnesses said the plane over- ... shot the landing mark at the Harry ... S Truman Airport and tried to re- ... gain full power but failed to get in ... the air again.

They said it hit a four-foot emb- ... bankment at the end of the runway, ... skidded 300 yards across the road ... that connects the airport and Char- ... lotta Amalie and slammed into a ... Shell gasoline station and the St. ... Thomas Bay Alum factory.

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A special thanks to all who donated time, food and money toward making the Tom Guest Benefit an inspiring success. Representing his friends, Cathy Lyons and Eddie Veatch presented Mr. Guest with a check for \$1,700 collected as a fund-raising project to help defer medical expenses. Mr. Guest underwent cancer surgery recently and will be receiving six weeks of daily cobalt treatment. Donations to the Guest Medical Fund may still be made to Bank of America in Markleeville. A garage sale has been suggested as another project and will be announced. It is good to see Tom home and all his friends wish him the very best recovery.

### COUNTY BLOOD BANK

Thursday, June 3, at Barton Memorial Hospital, anyone wishing to give blood may do so. Car pools are being arranged and information may be obtained from Eddie Veatch. Twelve pints of blood are needed by the Sacramento Blood Bank for Tom Guest. Our community is in the Sacramento Blood Bank district. Any blood donated on June 3 will go to an Alpine County account. If 100 donors can be obtained, the Sacramento Blood Bank will set up the donation station in our community.

### SCHOOL NEWS

Prior to Easter vacation a bulletin was sent to the school community regarding the board of trustees' meeting of April 13, wherein a request was received from Mrs. Irene Barrett asking for a change in assignment. The school board decided to honor this request and place Mrs. Barrett in a remedial reading position as of Monday, April 26. To fill the opening the board has appointed Mrs. Catherine Parker as a long-term substitute to finish the year in the K-1 classroom. Mrs. Parker began her teaching assignment Monday, April 26.

**KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION** is April 27 and 28, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Diamond Valley School. Bring birth certificates and immunization record.

**BASEBALL COACHES** and assistant coaches are needed to work with Babe Ruth League and possibly Junior League baseball for Alpine. Anyone interested call Dick

Martin, 694-2257.

### SUPPORT ALPINE 4-H

The Area Livestock Show on April 25, in Carson City, included Alpine, Douglas, Carson City, Dayton and Stewart. Alpine members in beef were Mike Berg, senior division and Gary Berg, junior. Gary Berg received the best Angus award.

Alpiners in lambs were Jayne Martin, senior, red ribbon, and special recognition for showmanship; Michele Berg, junior, blue ribbon; Cami Stephens, junior, blue ribbon; Darlene Stephenson, junior, red ribbon and special recognition for showmanship; Greg Price, amateur, red ribbon; Lesly Price, amateur, blue ribbon. 4-H encourages all interested persons to give support to the Junior Livestock Program.

The Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale is going to be at the Reno Fairgrounds, May 6-9. The Alpine beef and lambs will be weighed and tagged Friday. The official placing of beef classes and showing will be 1 p.m., Friday, May 7. Beef awards and auction sale is 7 p.m., Saturday, May 8. Official placing of lamb classes and showing is 8 a.m., Saturday, May 8. Lamb awards and auction sale is 10 a.m., Sunday, May 9. 4-H members will be seeking bid contracts.

### SENIOR SERVICES

The newly hired Senior Service worker for Alpine County is Ann Vanek. The Senior Service office is now located in the Markleeville Court House Annex and the phone number is 694-2177. Mrs. Vanek would like anyone to contact her weekday mornings and she will be available to work on all senior citizens' projects.

### MARKLEEVILLE GROWING

The population sign as you enter Markleeville will now have to be changed to read 172 to include Joshua Aaron Coyan, the third son of Wanda and Gary Coyan. Joshua weighed in at Carson-Tahoe Hospital, Monday, April 19, 1976, at 4:44 a.m., 20 inches long and 7 pounds 10 ounces.

His two older brothers are George, 4, and Adam, 3. Mother, father, baby and both grandmothers are all doing fine.

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# Around Alpine



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## Gertrude Couch will retire this year

Gertrude Couch came to the Diamond Valley School in 1968. She will retire from teaching at the end of this school year and will be honored through the dedication of the eighth grade yearbook. Her teaching career spans 45 years of educational experiences ranging from one-room school houses to the Diamond Valley early childhood education program.

Gertrude Moreland Couch began her higher education at Colorado State Teacher's College in Greeley (Colo.) and began teaching in 1931. For \$100 a month, Miss Moreland did her own janitor work, carried coal and built fires, and watched for storms so she could get the students home before blizzards could strand everyone in a one-room school on the prairie. Her teaching ended temporarily during the Depression, for she married and a married woman was not allowed to teach school.

Because of her husband's work in construction, she has traveled and lived in most states west of the Mississippi River.

Having moved to California in 1937, she went back to teaching, and again in a one-room school. Mrs. Couch had three sons when the family moved to Oregon, where she again taught in a small school with one other teacher. When she moved back to California, she went to Sacramento State College for her degree. She taught school ten years in Pollock Pines (Calif.), before coming to Diamond

Valley.

Mrs. Couch has four grandchildren and many hobbies. If it's art or craft work, she is interested. She is a 25-year member of Natoma Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Folsom, and a dual member of Artemisia Chapter in Gardnerville. While in Placerville, she joined Delta Kappa Gamma Society and later transferred to Delta Chapter in Carson City. She belongs to University Women's Club and has been a continuous member of California Teachers Association since 1952. She supports three historical societies, is a member of the Young at Heart senior citizens, and is active in her church.

In an interview, Gertrude Couch stated, "I believe my most treasured hobby is friendship. Because of our travels, I have friends in nearly every state in the union, and now I hope to travel back to see many of them, plus points of interest I have missed. I am now ready to retire and begin a new chapter in my life."

### VOTER REGISTRATION

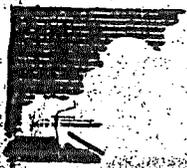
Voter registration for the primary election, June 8, closes May 8. The last working day to register at the Markleeville Courthouse is tomorrow, May 7, until 5 p.m.

### LONG-TIME RESIDENTS MOVE

Lily and Gus Egger, former owners of the Markleeville Store, left Wednesday for Whidbey Island, Wash., where they will be making their new home.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976



# Around Alpine



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## LUCILLE CHAIN HONORED

Lucille Chain, native of Markleeville, was honored as Alpine County's Senior Citizen of the Year at a luncheon given by the Area Technical Agency for Aging Programs in Modesto, Calif., Wednesday, May 12. Senior citizens from the eight counties represented by the area agency were honored by special presentations from Assemblyman John Garamendi and the California State Office on Aging. Twelve persons from the Alpine community accompanied Mrs. Chain on the senior van to the luncheon held at Mr. Ralph's Restaurant on McHenry Boulevard. Lucille Chain was chosen by the Alpine Commission on Aging and the County Supervisors who wished to express the community's appreciation for the many years of service which Mrs. Chain has devoted to Alpine County.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Men's night of the Alpine Historical Society of Alpine will be the quarterly membership meeting May 19, at Turtle Rock Park Community Center. Members are encouraged to bring guests to the 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner and 7:30 p.m. program given by Eric Leffingwell on the Malakoff Diggins. Please contact Carl Sandell at 694-2293 to let him know what you will bring to dinner.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Diamond Valley summer school is now being planned beginning Wednesday, July 7 to Tuesday, Aug. 3. School will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For further information concerning activities, etc., call Richard Martin, 694-2238.

## FISH AND GAME OFFICER

Alpine County's new fish and game officer is Duane Johnston, Long Beach Fish and Game Department. Johnston will be on the job June 1 and is now looking for residence in

the area. Johnston and his wife Landa have two children, Nathan, six, and Zachery, two. While at the Long Beach department for three and one-half years, Johnston has attended the Long Beach State University and will receive a degree in zoology this month. He was stationed at the Hot Creek Hatchery at Bishop, Calif. for three and one-half years before transferring to Long Beach.

## SUMMER CHURCH SCHEDULE

Rev. Eberhart Weidenmeyers announced the general worship services on Sunday to be at 8:30 a.m. at the Smith residence in Markleeville. The Smith home will be used for

services until September. Beginning after Memorial Day, outdoor Sunday morning services will be also held at the Grover Hot Springs campfire area throughout the summer. Specific time will be announced. Call 694-2196 for further information.

## RENO LIVESTOCK 4-H SHOW

The eight members of the Alpine 4-H Livestock group for 1976, Mike and Gary Berg, Cami Stevens, Darlene Stephenson, Michele Berg, Lesly and Greg Price, would like to thank the following for the support shown their livestock project for this year. In beef, Ace Hereford Ranch and Miller's Market. In lambs, George Collard, Bank of America, Markleeville, Carson Valley Country Club, John Carter, Architect; Neddenriep Ranch and Hilary Cook, Superior Court Judge. Project leaders were Vaudine and Jack Stephenson. All parents and community supporters are given special thanks for helping the 4-H'ers this year. An award for second place amateur lamb showmanship was won by Lesly Price. Mike and Gary Berg won third and fourth place awards in the Angus division. Lambs that were judged received choice red ribbon awards.

# Truck Crash Kills Driver, Pollutes Alpine Waterway

By CILLA BROWN  
Bee Correspondent

MARKLEEVILLE, Alpine Co. — A truck carrying 22 tons of liquid detergent crashed into a tributary of the Carson River yesterday, killing

Pictures on Page B1.

the driver and spilling several hundred gallons of the cleanser, which is toxic to fish, into the water.

Officials also express concern over the possible effects on livestock and agricultural crops in Nevada that depend on water from the river.

Alpine County sheriff's deputies said Gerald Rogers, 28, of Wichita, Kan., was killed when his truck veered off Monitor Pass southeast of

Markleeville, on Highway 89, and crashed into a creek adjacent to the road.

A passenger in the truck, Allen McCarrell, 26, of Wichita, Kan., is in critical condition in the Washoe Medical Center in Reno. Deputies said the accident resulted from brake failure.

Several hundred plastic one-gallon containers of the detergent ruptured on impact, authorities said.

David C. Antonucci, an engineer for the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, said the spill already has killed many large fish in the creek.

He said that although emergency crews dammed the creek down-

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## Pollution

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stream from the accident site yesterday afternoon and are working around the clock to pump the toxic water out of the creek, he isn't hopeful that the Carson River will be saved from contamination.

The creek runs into the river about five miles from the crash site.

Clouds of detergent suds started flowing toward the river seven hours before workers could begin the dam construction.

The river travels north from Markleeville through Minden and Gardnerville in Nevada and past Carson City.

"Fish have no chance to survive in this water," Antonucci said.

A representative of the California Fish and Game Department tested the water by placing several large healthy fish in the creek yesterday afternoon.

All died within 11 minutes, Antonucci reported.

Antonucci said the polluted water poses a grave threat to the Lahontan Fish Hatchery south of Gardnerville and agriculture in the Carson Valley which depends on the river for irrigation.

He also noted that cattle in the Carson Valley could be endangered if they drink the polluted river water.

The detergent, which carries the brand name Era, is labeled biodegradable by its manufacturers. However, according to Antonucci, the detergent will not break down for several days, and by that time it will be too late for the fish.

Crews from the U.S. Forest Service, fish and game, the State Department of Transportation and Alpine County, along with private trucking contractors from South Lake Tahoe, planned to work through today to clean up the crash site and prevent further flow of the detergent.

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# Soapy Water Is Diverted From Carson River

By CILLA BROWN 5-20, 1976  
Bee Correspondent

MARKLEEVILLE, Alpine Co. — The Carson River will be spared a major ecological disaster as a result of quick action to curb the flow of approximately 1,000 gallons of liquid detergent spilled when a truck crashed into a tributary of the river Tuesday morning.

Water quality experts at the Monitor Pass spill site southeast of Markleeville on Highway 89 made that assessment last night in the midst of an around-the-clock effort to prevent the detergent, which is highly toxic to fish, from polluting the Carson River.

David Antonucci, a Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board engineer, said that the detergent, which has killed virtually all fish life in the creek, has entered the Carson.

However Antonucci reported that dam construction at the crash site, along with constant pumping of the toxic water out of the creek, has reduced the concentration of detergent flowing into the river.

"We now feel that the effect of the spill on the Carson River will be minimal," Antonucci said.

He added that the detergent no longer poses a threat to the Lahontan Fish Hatchery near Gardnerville, Nev., and the agriculture of the Carson Valley which depends on the river for irrigation.

The river travels north from Markleeville through Gardnerville and Minden and past Carson City.

Antonucci said that although the spill has killed hundreds of fish in the creek, no dead fish have been spotted in the river itself.

He credits "extraordinary interagency cooperation, along with the efforts of private contractors from South Lake Tahoe" with the protection of the river.

At least 10 government agencies have contributed manpower and equipment to the dam building, pumping and cleanup efforts which have continued day and night since Tuesday morning.

Antonucci said pumping operations may continue through Saturday. Four machines are lifting the contaminated water into trucks which transport it to lined waste disposal ponds on the proposed Woodfords Indian Reservation.

Antonucci noted that the Bureau of Indian Affairs offered the use of the ponds on the uninhabited reservation.

Workers planned to install irrigation pipes donated by local ranchers to divert uncontaminated water around the spill site today.

The diverted water will reenter the creek bed further down stream and will help to dilute the detergent entering the river, Antonucci said.

After the entire area below the crash site is drained, fresh water will be used to flush the poisons from the creek bed.

Despite the fact that water experts do not foresee the return of fish life to the creek this year, they are hopeful that the huge volume of water in the river will dilute the masses of detergent suds that escaped before dam construction began.

"Provided that our dams hold and we continue 24-hour pumping, we can consider the threat to the Carson River greatly diminished," Antonucci said.

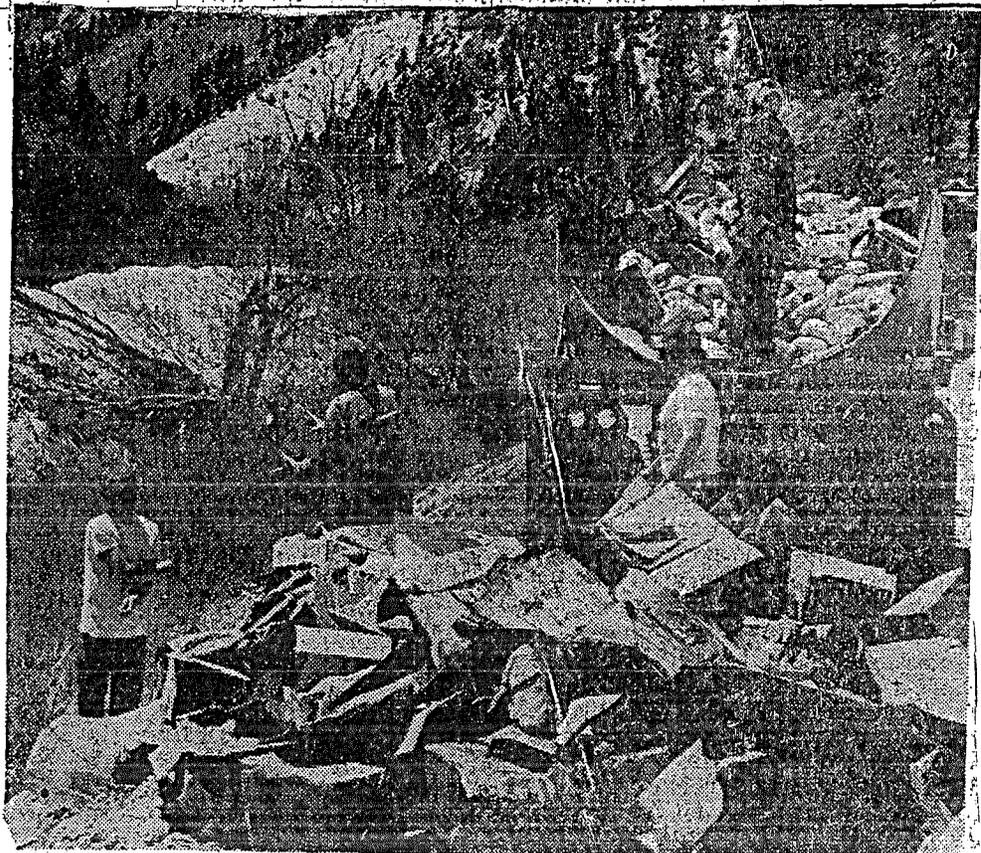
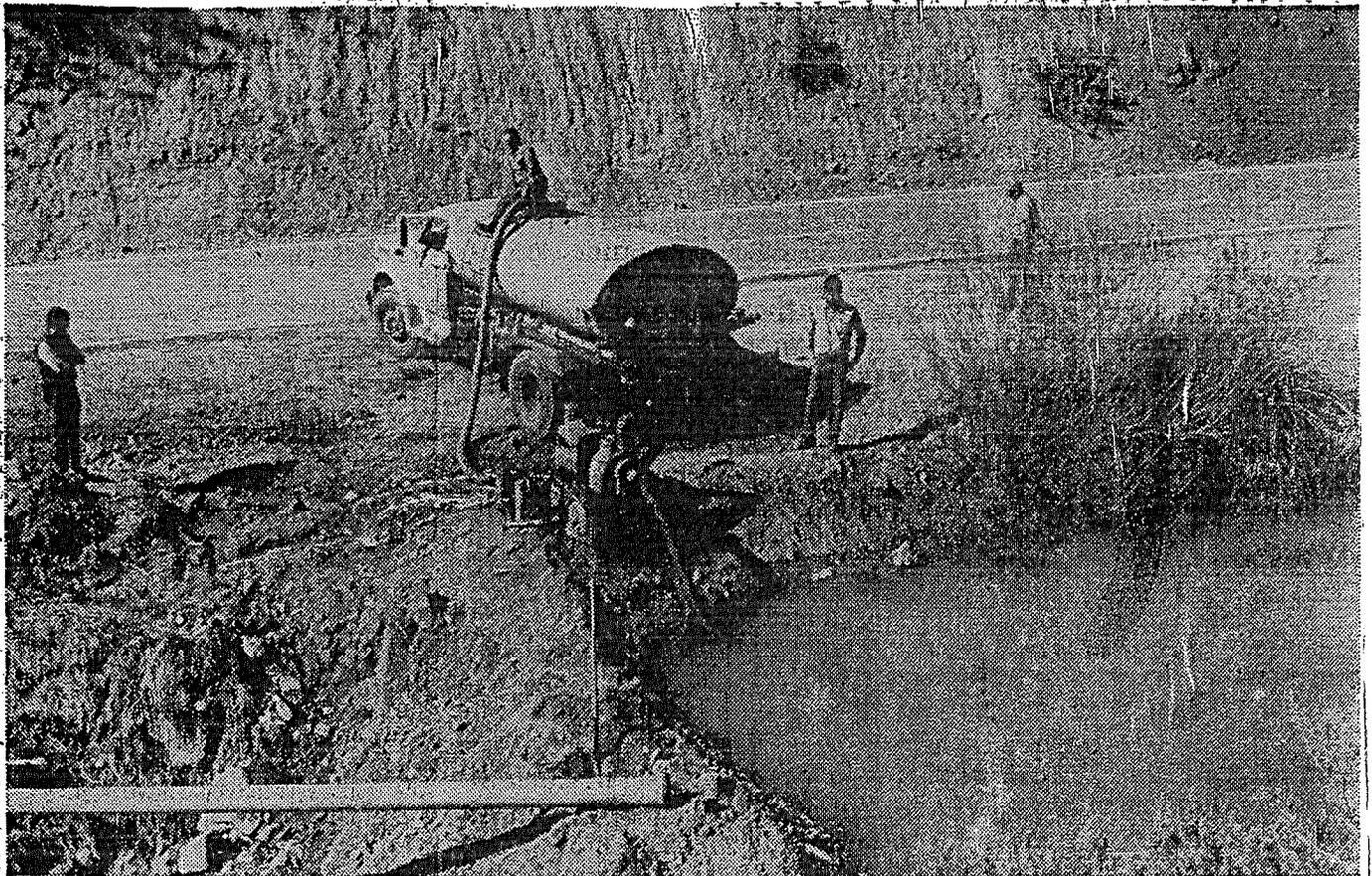
California Highway Patrol officials said the truck, which was carrying 22 tons of Era detergents, apparently had brake failure and veered off the road, crashing into the creek.

Workers at the site estimate that 1,000 plastic gallon containers of the detergent ruptured on impact.

The driver of the truck, Gerald Rogers, 28, of Wichita, Kan., was killed in the crash. A passenger, Allen McCarrell, 26, also of Wichita, suffered serious injuries.

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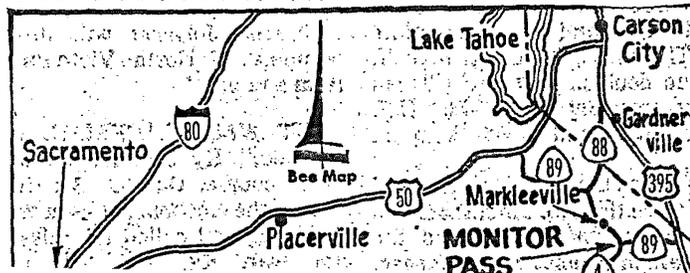
Above, a cleanup crew works feverishly to throw bottles of the detergent and other accident debris into a truck to prevent further pollution. Story on Page A1.

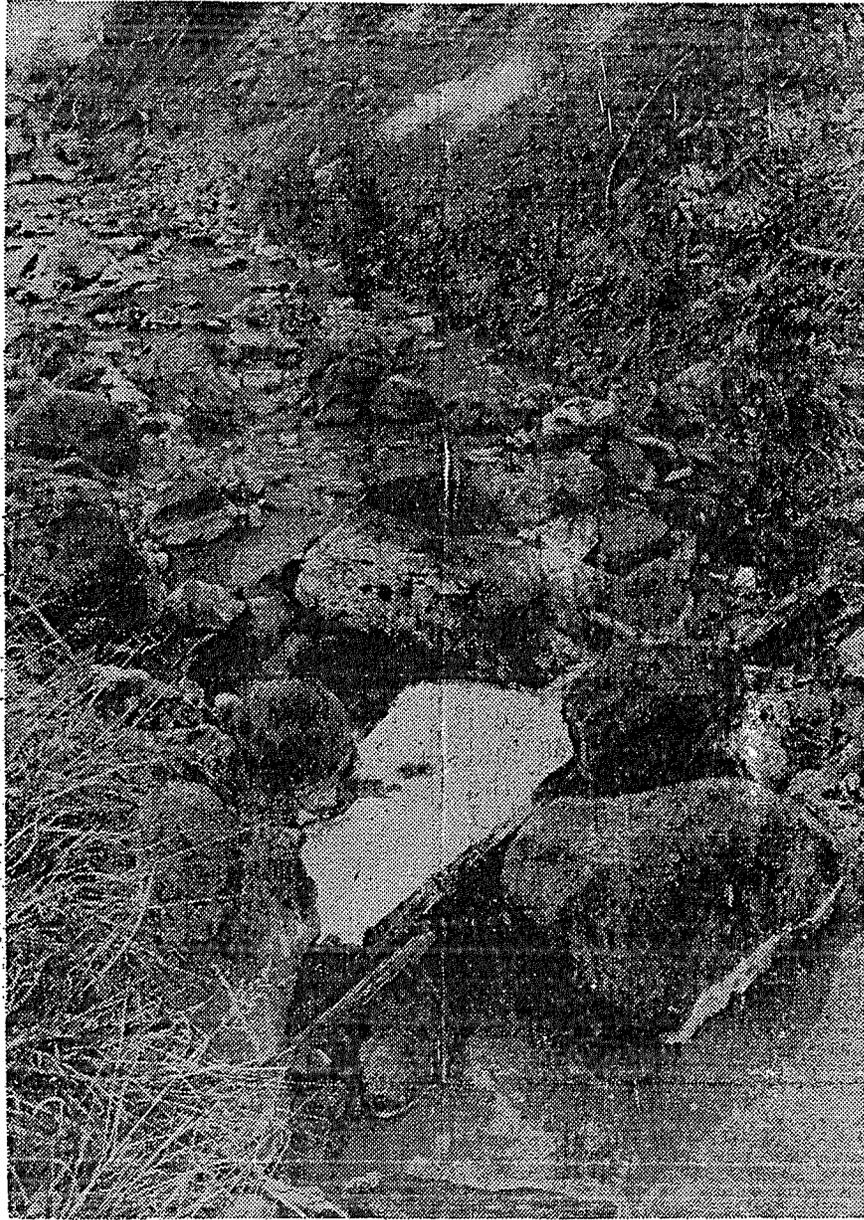
# Fish-Killing Foam



A rolling carpet of foaming detergent slips into a tributary of the Carson River near Markleeville, Alpine County, polluting the water and poisoning the fish. The detergent spill resulted when a truck carrying the toxic liquid crashed into the stream, spilling its contents.

# Cleaning The Creek





Soap suds still boil up in Monitor Creek, above, where a thousand gallons of detergents were spilled from a wrecked truck Tuesday morning, resulting in the death of nearly all the fish life below the crash site in the tributary to the Carson River. At right, Mark Reed of the U.S. Forest Service checks out a hose carrying contaminated water from the creek, while a tanker crew, below, pumps toxic water from behind a temporary dam built along the stream.

# Truck rolls over, kills man, dumps soap in river

by JEANNINE PRICE  
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A three axle cab-over tractor with a 40 foot van lost its brakes, went over the bank and plunged 30 feet into the canyon Tuesday morning on Monitor Pass near the Zacca Mine. The truck traveling west from Hwy. 395 was carrying a load of detergent which broke into the Monitor Creek which runs into the East Carson River. California Regional Water Quality Control engineers converged on the scene immediately along with men from California Fish and Game and the Forest Service. The East Carson River was dammed off Tuesday as work began to pump the detergent out of Monitor Creek. Killed in the accident was Gerald Rogers of Wichita, Kansas. A second victim remaining in critical condition is unidentified pending next of kin.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

To all of you who contributed so much for our benefit, words are inadequate to express our appreciation. Thank you so very much.

Tom and Hazel Guest

### GRADUATION

Sherri Smokey, teacher, announces that the Woodfords Head Start Program will complete its first year of operation with a graduation ceremony at the Fredricksburg School at 7:30 p.m. on May 20. The community is invited to attend. Out of the 12 students, the following five will be enrolling in kindergarten next year: Erika Frank, Danelle James, Leila Skenadore, Jason Walker and Clint Wyatt. There will be a picnic Friday afternoon at Grover Hot Springs. Next year the Head Start Program will move to the new facility building in Diamond Valley. Mrs. Sherri Smokey will be happy to talk to anyone interested in the program if you will call her home in Gardnerville, 782-4589.

### COMMUNITY TRIBUTE

The County Board of Supervisors has elected Mrs. Lucille Chain as Alpine's Senior Citizen of the Year. A special award presented to Mrs. Chain at the Historical Society meeting Wednesday evening by the Commission on Aging, honored her for her years of community service. Included with letters of congratulations was read a brief history of Mrs. Chain a life-long resident of Markleeville. The presented award was an engraved silver plate.

### FLAG RAISING

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration presented Alpine County last week with official certificate and Bicentennial flag as a registered member of the National Bicentennial Program. The official flag raising ceremony was held during the May 17 meeting of the County Board of Supervisors with all members in attendance. The Historical Society made presentation of the certificate and flag to the board. The K-3 grade children from

sang patriotic songs under the supervision of the directors of the school chorus. Alpine County is planning more Bicentennial activities for the summer and fall.

### PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Dorothy and Robert Betts will become permanent residents of Markleeville June 1 when they move from Sparks to the home they built here in 1971. Mr. Betts will be retiring from the Nevada

State Employment Security and Mrs. Betts will retire from 28 years of teaching.

The Peavine Elementary School in Sparks honored Mrs. Betts with a retirement party. Recently presented to

her from the Washoe County School District is a research

grant for the final development and printing of a play she wrote entitled, "The Pilgrim's Story."

# 'Posse' Eying Alpine

5-22-76

## County Takeover?

Tiny Alpine County, threatened a few years ago with takeover by the "Gay Liberation Movement," now may face a similar threat from the militantly conservative Posse Comitatus.

Francis Gillings, 44, founder of the Posse Comitatus in San Joaquin County, confirmed Tuesday that he is interested in purchase of the bankrupt Bear Valley Lodge complex in western Alpine County.

It also has been learned that 600 acres on the outskirts of Markleeville, the Alpine County seat, was purchased Feb. 19 in the name of David Gillings, son of the posse founder.

Gillings, his wife, Ruth, and David Gillings now are registered voters in Alpine County.

They, along with other posse members who last fall faced sheriff's deputies in open confrontation in San Joaquin County tomato fields, have

in recent weeks made frequent visits to Markleeville and Bear Valley.

Approximately 35 persons identified by law enforcement officials as Posse Comitatus members—mostly from San Joaquin County—have been in and out of Markleeville quite regularly, says Alpine Sheriff Stuart Merrill.

"They've caused no disturbance here—they've rented some cabins in and around Markleeville—and it's no secret that young Gillings bought that land," says Merrill.

"In the wintertime, in a town as small as Markleeville, strangers stand out like a sore thumb," said the sheriff.

But if Merrill is taking a calm view of the appearance of the Posse Comitatus in Alpine County, some of its other citizens are not.

A number of Bear Valley businessmen have expressed concern over

Gillings' interest in Bear Valley Lodge and its satellite facilities, which include the Red Dog Lodge and some 45 condominiums.

They feel it is entirely possible that the Posse Comitatus may be attempting to establish a base of operations in Alpine County.

The County has a voting population of about 625, and 566 cast ballots in the last general election.

Gillings, contacted Tuesday at his home in Tracy, emphatically denied the Posse Comitatus has any interest in obtaining voter control in Alpine County.

He termed such talk as "just so much gibberish."

He acknowledged that he expressed interest last week in purchase of the Bear Valley Lodge complex while attending a federal bankruptcy

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## 'Posse'

But George Hill, current chairman of the local posse, told *The Associated Press* that the posse plans to develop Alpine County into a ski and tourist resort. Hill declined comment to the *Record* today, but he told the news agency some posse members including himself plan to move to Alpine County eventually.

Terming Alpine County residents' reported fears of a posse takeover "just so much gibberish," Hill told the *AP*:

"They are overreacting. We want to make Alpine County the most entertaining county in California, as far as the tourists are concerned."

Residents of the tiny county persist in their fears, however.

A spokesman for a group of Markleeville businessmen, who asked not to be identified, said they fear tourists will be frightened off by presence of the posse and, "It is entirely possible that the posse may be attempting to establish a base of operations in Alpine County."

In his comments to the *Record* today, Gillings declared:

"The minute someone says Posse Comitatus, people become excited or begin worrying that they are going to be attacked by a bunch of nuts. That's just because of bad publicity."

"Just like that lapel pin that I was wearing when we conferred with those people in Newport Beach concerning the possible purchase of Bear Valley—that lapel pin with the hangman's noose on it. You know where I got that—those pins are given out by the Placerville Chamber of Commerce because in Gold Rush days Placerville was known as hangtown."

The "hangtown" chamber does distribute pins in the form of a hangman's noose, but a chamber spokesman said today its pins are tie tacks in bronze that have a gold appearance and are not black on a field of red, as was the pin Gillings was reported to have been wearing.

Stockton Record 5/27/76

## Soap suds: 'No major threat' <sup>5/27/76</sup>

*Recall Courier*

Detergent spilled in a tributary of the Carson River last week as a result of a truck wreck at Monitor Pass will not cause a major threat to livestock and agriculture in the Carson Valley as expected.

Douglas County Extension Agent Walley Peterson said the threat to livestock and agriculture is slight.

"From the agricultural and livestock

standpoint, I don't see any problem whatsoever."

Peterson also said, "in certain test experiments, plants such as tomatoes have improved or done better in production with a small amount of diluted detergent. But I'm not saying soap should be used as fertilizer."

The detergent, which carries the brand (see page 3)

## --Monitor Creek fish perish

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name "Era" is labeled biodegradable by manufacturers but still proved lethal to many fish in Monitor Creek.

David C. Antonucci, engineer for the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board said "fish had no chance to survive" in water contaminated by the soap.

A California Fish and Game representative tested the water toxicity by placing

several large healthy fish in Monitor Creek. All were dead within 11 minutes.

The soap truck crashed May 18. One person was killed and another seriously injured. The driver, Gerald Rogers, 28, of Wichita, Kansas was killed. A passenger, Allen McCarrell, 26, of Wichita was taken to Washoe Medical Center in Reno where he is listed in critical condition.

# Thornburg beats Doyal by 5 votes in Alpine

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Fritz Thornburg defeated Jack Doyal in the Alpine County District Three supervisor's race by only five votes as Thornburg collected 69 votes to Doyal's 64.

Doyal was removed from the District Three seat in January when he was defeated in a special recall election.

Alpine's District Five supervisor, Wilton Neddenriep, ran unopposed and received 69 votes while District Two supervisor Bill Freeman got 88 votes in his reelection attempt. He too was unopposed.

In the presidential primary Alpine County went along with the rest of California by supporting Ronald Reagan in the Republican presidential primary and Jerry Brown in the Democratic primary.

Reagan collected 121 votes to President Ford's 71. Brown garnered 123 votes to Jimmy Carter's 31, Frank Church's 13, Fred Harris' 6, "Scoop" Jackson's 3, Mo Udall's 5 and George Wallace's 3.

In the Mono County Board of Super-

visors races, Baldo Giorgi garnered 193 votes in the District Four race while Joan Green tallied 163 votes to win in District Three. Giorgi's closest competition came from Coy Ziglar (133), Mark Gentry (117) and Ken Remes (109).

Green's closest competitors were Robert Dore (123) and Madalene Good (100).

In the presidential primary in Mono County Reagan belted President Ford 745-303 while for the Democrats, Brown bested Carter 499 to 258.

County employees in Mono County who worked on election day did not collect overtime pay Tuesday, as was formerly the case. In their May 25 meeting, county supervisors removed election day from their list of regularly scheduled holidays. Instead, each employee will be entitled to a "personal" holiday at some other time during the year.

## Alpine Official Hangs Onto Job

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MARKLEEVILLE — By just five votes, incumbent Alpine County Supervisor Frederick Thornburg of Markleeville retained his seat yesterday against the man he defeated in a January recall election, former supervisor Jack Doyal of Hope Valley.

The rematch gave Thornburg 69 votes to 64 for Doyal in the supervisorial District 3 contest.

6-9-76

## Alpine election results weighed

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Alpine County Supervisors have delayed until next Tuesday any official action to certify results of the June 8 primary election in the District Three supervisorial race.

At their meeting June 22, acting on a request from former supervisor Jack Doyal, the board agreed unanimously to hold off the certification. Doyal was unseated in a recall election last January, to be replaced by Fritz Thornburg.

In the primary election, the two men faced each other as the only two candidates from the third district, with Thornburg emerging the victor by a narrow margin.

Several months ago, the supervisors asked the

California Secretary of State to survey the registered voters list in Alpine County. No official results of that request have yet been announced.

# Eighteen donate blood to Guest fund

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### BLOOD BANK DONORS

Eighteen donors turned out for contributions to a newly formed Alpine County Fund of the Sacramento Blood Bank last Thursday at Barton Memorial Hospital. Units of blood left after repayment was made to the Guest Account will go to an Alpine County account. Edie Veatch and Jean Martin will serve as chairmen of the Alpine Bank and would like to thank all those who participated in this community drive. The senior citizens van and drivers were used to transport donors to the hospital at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The next scheduled Blood Bank will be Sept. 23. The community will be notified. For further information, contact either Mrs. Veatch or Mrs. Martin.

### BANK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Skip Veatch, former manager of the Markleeville branch of Bank of America, has been transferred to Regional Administration in Sacramento. Replacing him is Jim Clark who managed this branch prior to Veatch. Edie Veatch will serve as full-time teller on a permanent basis and Dolores Clark will be employed on a part-time basis.

Bank of America would like to remind anyone wishing to donate to the Guest Medical Fund that they may do so at the bank in Markleeville. The fund has again reached \$500. Many thanks for all the generous donations.

### PRESTON WEST

A graduate of UNR and the University of Mexico Medical School, Dr. Preston West, son of Dorothy and Robert Betts of Markleeville, received special recognition recently when he spoke before the American Psychiatric Association Convention in Miami, Fla. During a week long convention, Dr. Preston presented two papers on Lythium and Amphetamines. Preston is completing three years residency in psychiatry at Bellings Hospital in Chicago this month.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Mothers' Club proudly announces two 1976 Mothers' Club High School Scholarship awards which were made at Friday night's graduation ceremony. Recipient of the \$300 academic award was Davi Zellmer. Jeff Greer was awarded the \$150 vocational scholarship. The Alpine Mothers' Club has established the Perpetual Scholarship Fund through Bank of America in order to insure future scholarships for Alpine high school students who continue their education. Recent donations to the fund by community organizations has been Bank of America and the Native Sons. Miss Zellmer was also the recipient of a Bank of America plaque award for a high grade point average for her four years of high school.

### NEW OFFICERS

New Mothers' Club officers for the coming year are Vaudine Stephenson, president; Jeanne Reuter, vice president; Beverly Frank, secretary; and Carolyn Stanfield, treasurer.

### SWIM SEASON

Last Saturday, June 5, several of our Alpine children participated in the first Dolfin swim meet of the year, at Lovelock, Nev. The following 17 children brought home 47 ribbons that range from first to sixth place: 8 years and under: Leah Jim, Lovelle Walker, Kelly Craik and Gregg Purdy. 9 to 10 years: Clay Keebaugh, Aaron Covington, John Craik, Bill Sandell, Rick Reynolds, Becky Standfield. 11 to 12

years: Jenny Thornburg, Elizabeth Covington, Paula Sandell, Arlen Dutchy. 13 to 14 years: Jayne Martin. 15 to 17 years: Becky Thornburg, Valerie Lef-fingwell. Jenny Thornburg did an outstanding job taking first in intermediate breast, freestyle and anchor position on mixed relay. Kelly Craik and Jayne Martin started out the year with all first place ribbons. The whole team gave an outstanding performance. Their next meet will be in Yerington on Monday, June 14.

### BOARD MEETING CHANGED

Alpine County School Board of Trustees will meet June 15 at the Diamond Valley School at 1 p.m. because of Bear Valley graduation and Election Day schedules. The July meeting will be held at Bear Valley.

### GET WELL

Get well wishes to recently hospitalized Nancy Thornburg and Clara Ellis.

### BASEBALL DIAMOND

On the weekend of June 12 and 13, the SeaBees from Fallon will be coming with their equipment and men to finish leveling the Diamond Valley baseball field. Kit Thornburg has volunteered his bulldozer and time to work on the field. The original project estimate was approximately \$10,000, but with the help of Mr. Thornburg and the Seabees, the cost will be just that of fuel and moving the equipment. Any able-bodied men available on those days are asked to contact Dick Martin.

# Silver Drew Miners to Alpine County; Demonetization Slashed Its Population

By Nancy C. Thornburg

Alpine County is located on the eastern edge of California, just south of Lake Tahoe. It is bordered by El Dorado, Amador, Tuolumne and Calaveras counties on the west and southwest, by Mono County on the southeast, and by the state of Nevada on the east. It is located approximately 125 miles due east of Sacramento.

The entire area of the county, which consists of 776 square miles, is mountainous, with elevations ranging from 11,000 feet to 5,000 feet along the eastern edge. The high country is a semi-timbered, rugged wilderness area.

Toward the east, there are many open, sparsely-timbered areas covered with sagebrush and other flora common to the eastern slope of the Sierra. The remainder of the county is covered by pine, fir and cedar forests.

What is now Alpine County was originally a part of the Territory of California and then a part of the Nevada Territory. Upon completion of the Survey of the California-Nevada boundary in 1863, it was found that the area was actually a part of California.

Probably the earliest reference to this area is found in the memoirs of Jedediah Strong Smith, who is believed to have traveled over some of this terrain as early as 1826 and 1827.

Kit Carson, that almost legendary figure of American frontier history, was another of the first white men to traverse this section. He was probably in and about the area as early as 1839, trapping and scouting. He later accompanied Capt. John C. Fremont's expedition to California.

As nearly as can be ascertained, his party traveled through the

winter snows of 1844 past what is now Markleeville and the Grover Hot Springs State Park above the townsite, then over the divide near Kit Carson Pass, and down the American River to Sutter's Fort.

Throughout this region the early travelers encountered friendly Indians of the Washoe tribe living along the river banks in peace and quiet, using wild game, fish and pinon nuts as their chief food.

Some of the pioneers, upon reaching this area, decided to remain on the eastern slope of the Sierra. Trading posts and hotels were established and settlements grew in population. The first white settlement was established in 1847 at what is now Woodfords, but which at that time was named Brannan Springs.

In 1861, Jacob Marklee staked out land for himself on the site of the present town of Markleeville.

In the late 1850s and early 1860s when mining discoveries at Silver Mountain became known, there was a veritable rush to that new land of promise, and this time the magic lure was silver.

By 1863, a town of considerable size had sprung up at Silver Mountain and the need was felt for an organized county government.

Application was made to the state, and the legislature passed a bill creating the new county of Alpine, with the county seat at Silver Mountain City.

The county, created on March 16, 1864, was formed of parts of the adjoining counties of Amador, Tuolumne, El Dorado, Calaveras and Mono, and was named Alpine because of its rugged mountain peaks and high mountain lakes.

Kongsberg was the name first given to what later became Silver Mountain City. The town was

named by a group of Scandinavian miners who began prospecting there for silver as early as 1858. There probably was not much semblance of a town before 1862. The name was changed to Silver Mountain City in 1863.

Mining had spread over the mountains, and between 2,000 to 3,000 people poured into the community. Around 1868, interest began to shift to the town of Monitor, and the population of Silver Mountain City rapidly diminished.

Then, in 1873, demonetization of silver sealed the doom of Silver Mountain City. By 1875 the county seat was moved to Markleeville, and Silver Mountain City was soon to become a ghost town. The only evidence remaining of this former town is the old jail, which was built of quarried rock.

The jail cells were removed from the building when the county seat was transferred in 1875, and were installed in the new jail in Markleeville.

They may still be seen in the Old Jail building in Markleeville; this building was originally a part of the first courthouse.

The original jail building at Silver Mountain City was rapidly succumbing to weather and vandalism until 1968, when the Historical Society of Alpine County, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, replaced the parts of the structure that were still there, and then fenced the area in order to protect it.

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A murder was committed in the county. Many who knew the accused believed him to be guilty, and it was probably impossible to obtain a jury for his trial. It was therefore, necessary to transfer him elsewhere, and Mono County was decided upon.

At this time Alpine County was suffering from a shortage of money in the treasury. Many residents felt it unfortunate that the county should now have the expense of a jury trial, or of a change of venue. Threatened with this, it seemed to some that the county might even be forced to disorganize.

A certain group in Mono County had long coveted the eastern area of Alpine County. If Alpine were further in debt or was disorganized it seemed possible that Mono might then acquire eastern Alpine.

When this became known among the local populace, some of the more hot-headed ones decided to take justice into their own hands.

A committee was formed to intercept the officers who were conducting the prisoner to Mono. At a point about one mile south of Markleeville on the East Carson River, this was accomplished, the prisoner forcibly taken from the officers, and hanged from the bridge.

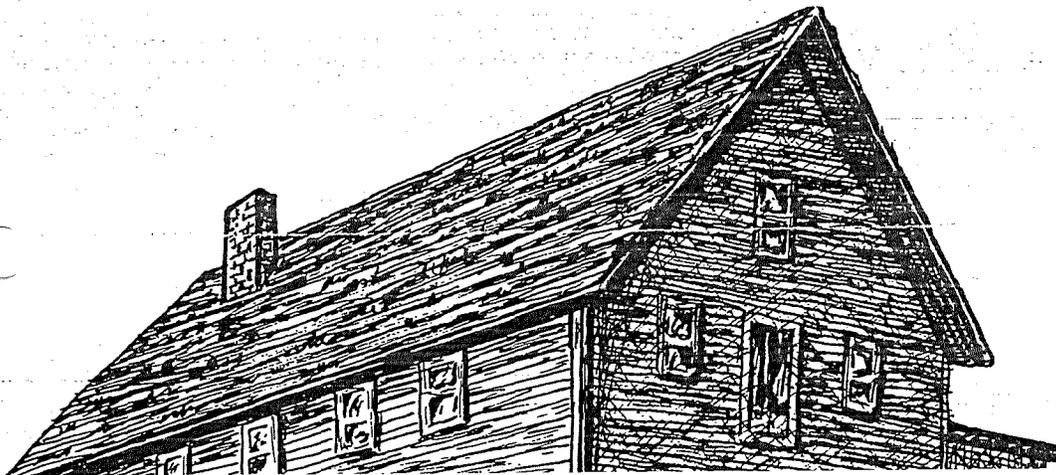
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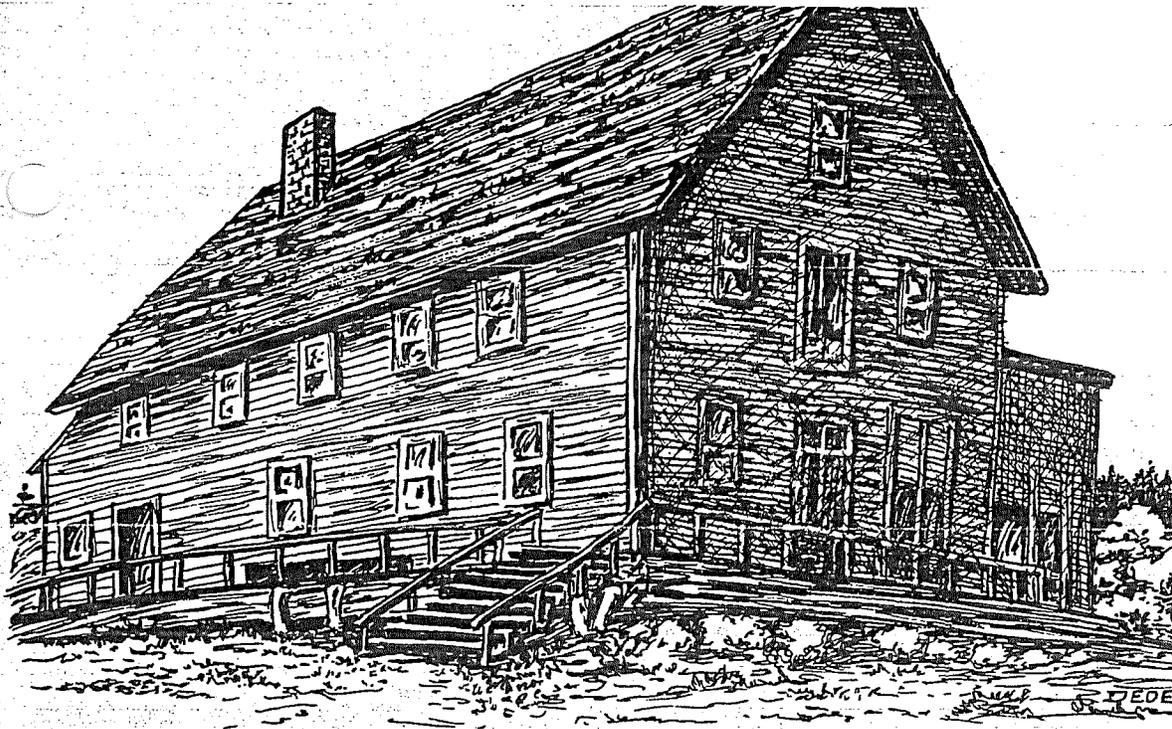
The courthouse built in 1928 is still in use. At the time that it was built enough native stone was quarried above the site of Silver Mountain City for a two-story courthouse, and sketches are still on hand showing the various plans that were considered.

For financial reasons, however, a smaller building was erected, and the surplus stone was used to construct the New Webster Schoolhouse a block away.

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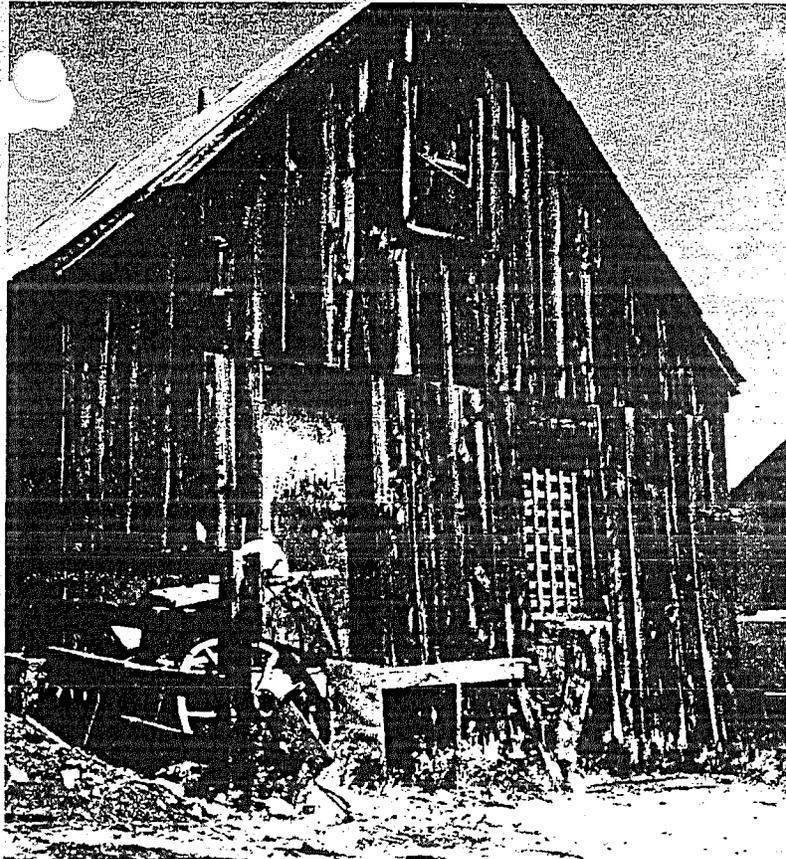


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Most of his income apparently was derived from tolls paid by miners crossing the bridge he built to span the "Middle Fork" of the Carson River (Markleeville Creek).

That Marklee met an untimely end is evidenced by the following quotation from the Sacramento Union on Jan. 19, 1864:

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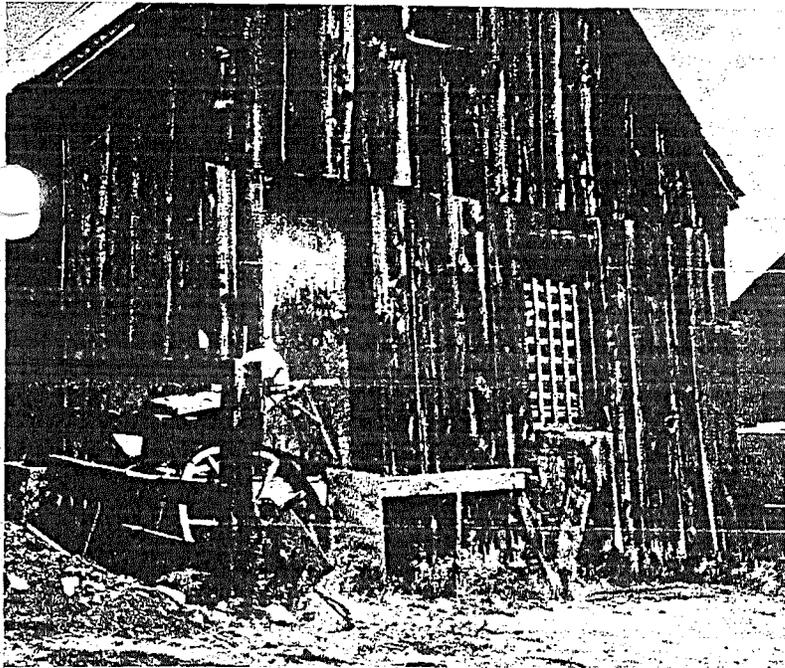
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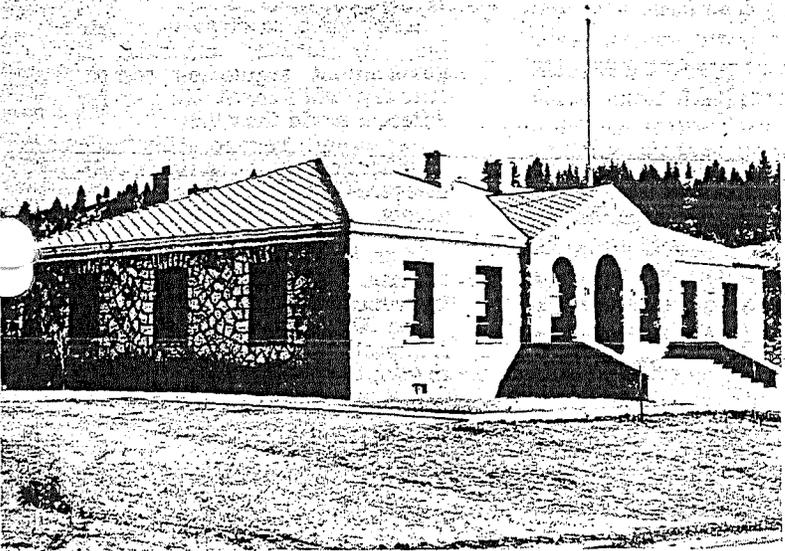
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The old Odd Fellows Hall became the new Alpine County Courthouse and remained in use until 1928.

During the eleven years between the two elections, the voting population of the county had decreased from 1,660 to 172. This reflected a drop in the total population from approximately 11,620 to 1,204, when the demonetization of silver caused a general exodus from all the mining communities.

The town suffered a disastrous fire about 1886 and was never rebuilt in its entirety. The population today is well under 100 people.

A story is told of Hangman's Bridge, which spans the East Carson River about two miles south of Markleeville.

Stockton Record, Sat. June 19, 1976

# D.A. Not Asking Prison Sentence for Gillings

Dist. Atty. Joseph H. Baker said Friday he will not ask a state prison sentence for Francis E. Gillings, a founder of the private San Joaquin County Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, who was convicted Thursday night by a Superior Court jury in Merced of assault with a deadly weapon.

"He's not the kind of man we want to send to state prison," the district attorney said.

Gillings, 45, of Tracy, could receive a prison sentence of six months to life on the felony conviction, which stems from the discharge of a shotgun Sept. 2 near the ear of Sheriff's Inspector Daniel Delfatti during a confrontation in a tomato field between posse members and sheriff's deputies.

The conviction could also bring a jail term of up to one year, a \$5,000 fine or a fine and a jail sentence.

Gillings, who was also found

guilty of a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency of his 14-year-old son, who was present that day in the tomato field, will be sentenced Aug. 9 by Judge Donald R. Fretz in Merced.

The ultimate sentence is up to Fretz, but a probation report will be presented to the judge before sentencing with a possible recommendation for a sentence.

Gillings has no previous record and has been on his own recognizance since his arraignment Sept. 3 in Stockton Municipal Court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer.

Baker said if Gillings should receive a jail sentence, "It is probable that he would be able to serve it in another county rather than in San Joaquin County Jail. We'd pay

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another county to keep him in its jail."

The likelihood of transporting Gillings to another county to serve a jail sentence, should it be imposed, the district attorney said, would be because Gillings had been accused of an assault upon a San Joaquin County law officer.

Fretz fined Norman Brown, 57, of Montgomery Creek, who was also convicted Thursday of a misdemeanor charge of simple assault, \$500 which he can pay within a year. Fretz suspended a 30-day jail sentence and placed Brown on probation for a year.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Michael Bantzke, who won the convictions of Gillings and Brown following a trial that began May 25 at Merced, had recommended a jail term for Brown. Brown had no previous record before his arrest with Gillings on Sept. 2.

Gillings' court-appointed attorney, James Van Dyke, said he planned no appeal on the lesser included offense of assault with a deadly weapon. Gillings had been tried for the more serious charge of assault with a weapon upon a peace officer.

Any appeal of the conviction would have to be based on judicial error committed during the trial.

Both the district attorney's office and the defense counsel appeared relatively happy with the convictions, although neither achieved what each had hoped for. The prosecution was able, Baker pointed out, to convict Gillings of a felony, and Van Dyke pointed out that the jury's verdict showed the jury believed deputies had exceeded their authority and used excessive force.

At the time of the xn's arrests, Delfatti was leading a team of deputies to serve a traffic warrant on Gillings.

Gillings and Brown won a change of venue for their trial to Merced County because of extensive local publicity, particularly that of Gillings' arrest.

The district attorney's office had also won a conviction in April of George E. Hill, the chairman of the private posse, on a charge of resisting arrest during the Sept. 2 confrontation. Hill was later fined \$100 on the misdemeanor charge in Stockton Municipal Court.

Both Hill and Harold Graves, the vice chairman of the posse, now face trial Sept. 13 on new charges filed by Baker's office, accusing them as officers of the posse of illegal use of a badge and the term "sheriff" in the posse name. Gillings and his wife, Ruth, are scheduled for a trial in July in U. S. District Court at Sacramento on an indictment charging them with failure to file income tax returns.

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**Alpine book van in operation**

Alpine County's library van, which began its summer program yesterday, will be available at three locations throughout the summer, operating on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Wednesdays, the van will be at Diamond Valley School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Thursdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m., it will visit Hope

Valley Resort. It will then go to Old Fredricksburg School, where it will remain until 10:30 a.m. Diamond Valley School will then be visited again, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Regular hours at the main library are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Wednesdays, when the library is open until 6 p.m.

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**Markleeville: the cold pool's open**

Grover Hot Springs State Park in Alpine County, closed June 11 due to a water contamination problem, has been reopened, according to Dr.

Ruth Jolly, Public Health Officer for the county. Dr.

Jolly said the water supply has been determined safe and will be kept under

surveillance throughout the summer.

While the regular pool is now open to the public, the mineral ("hot") pool is undergoing structural repairs. These repairs to improve the bottom surface and the water circulation system will keep that pool out of service for another week or two.

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**Alpine school hires new teacher**

Catherine Parker has been selected as one of two new teachers at Diamond Valley School. The choice was made by the board of trustees of the Alpine County Unified School District on June 15. Ms. Parker has served as a substitute teacher since April.

The board was to select a second new Diamond Valley teacher at a special meeting last night. At the same meeting, they planned to discuss a proposal to hire a principal at the school. At present, the principal's function at Diamond Valley is performed by Richard Martin, Alpine County Superintendent of Schools.

Before choosing Ms. Parker, board president Theodore Merry read to the other board members a statement in

support of the new teacher. The statement was in response to accusations which the board considered to be erroneous.

Also at the June 15 meeting, Martin reported that hot lunches will be provided in the summer school sessions. Board member Arlene Coleman made a motion, which carried unanimously, to make extra money available, as needed, for remedial opportunities.

It was reported that the baseball diamond surface at Diamond Valley School is expected to be completed by mid-summer, with costs remaining within budgeted amounts. Credit for keeping costs low was given to the volunteer labor of Alpine Supervisor Fritz Thornburg and Navy personnel from Fallon.

# Around Alpine County *Record Courier* 6/24/76 **School graduates 12**

by JEANNINE PRICE

(This is Jeannine Price's last column for the summer. During her absence "Around Alpine" will be handled by staff member John Martinson. During working hours phone him at the Record-Courier, weekends and evenings at Sorensens Resort in Hope Valley (916) 694-2203.)

## DIAMOND VALLEY

The twelve members of the graduating class from the Diamond Valley School during this Bicentennial Year are Jimmy Anthony, Gary Berg, Linda Brown, Commie Coleman, David Cook, Vanessa Cruz, Dorinda Dutchy, Lyman Joe, Clinton John, Mike Kemp, Jayne Martin and Lesly Price. Mr. Robert Frank, Washoe Tribal Council Chairman, was the guest speaker. Special presentations from the graduates included the class gift of a sign for the Diamond Valley School, presentation of the yearbook to teacher Gertrude Couch, and a "spirit of '76" Award to two mothers Arlene Coleman and Jeannine Price. The children from the 2nd and 3rd classes presented retiring teacher Gertrude Couch a special memento of a quilt which each child had worked on. An Mothers' Club gave her special thanks for her years of service to Diamond Valley. Benediction by Rev. Wiedenmeyer closed the ceremonies and guests greeted the graduates in a receiving line.

## STAFF DINNER

Gertrude Couch was honored guest at a staff dinner Friday night at Club Horizons at Topaz Lake. Retiring after a lifetime career in teaching, Mrs. Couch was presented with an old-fashioned engraved teacher's bell by the Diamond Valley staff.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Alpine County summer school is open to all children in grades one through eight who reside in the county. School starts July 7 and runs till August 3. Mrs. Fox,

teacher at Bear Valley, is coordinator for the session. A hot lunch will be served each day at 12:30 p.m., and the senior citizens will again be dining with the children. Red Cross swimming lessons will be offered through the Alpine Chapter of the Red Cross and be instructed by Mrs. Faye Gansberg.

It is planned that swim lessons will be given from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at which time the children will be taken to the Diamond Valley School. Members of the swim team will stay for competitive practice and Mrs. Craik will then take them to school. Please contact the school for details of the summer classes and registration.

## ECE

The deadline for program planning for Early Childhood Education for the 76-77 school year is the end of June. Staff and parent committees have been formed to coordinate four basic components of Reading, Language Development, Math, and Multi-Cultural and support components of Parent Education and Participation, Community Involvement, Staff Development and Health Auxiliary. Mrs. Cathrine Parker has been asked by Mr. Martin to coordinate the writing of the program and she will be happy to help any interested party if you will contact her.

## NATIVE SONS

The Native Sons of the Golden West, Alpine Parlor No. 200, donated \$150 to the Cleft Palate Program at the recent convention in San Francisco. The Cleft Palate Program is the major project of the Native Sons and the Sons are proud of their record in helping correct this birth defect. The Sons thank all those who participated in the Alpine fund raising program to make this donation possible. The next activity will be a barbecue, Saturday July 3rd, at Turtle Rock Park. Dinner at 4:00 p.m., drawing for 1/2 a beef, ham, bacon and other prizes at 6 p.m., bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. and dancing into the night. Dinner is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children. No charge for dancing.

*Record Courier 7/1/76*  
**Alpine election  
results weighed**

Alpine County Supervisors have delayed until next Tuesday any official action to certify results of the June 8 primary election in the District Three supervisory race.

At their meeting June 22, acting on a request from former supervisor Jack Doyal, the board agreed unanimously to hold off the certification. Doyal was unseated in a recall election last January, to be replaced by Fritz Thornburg.

In the primary election the two men faced each other as the only two candidates from the third district, with Thornburg emerging the victor by a narrow margin.

Several months ago, the supervisors asked the

California Secretary of State to survey the registered voters list in Alpine County. No official results of that request have yet been announced.

## Alpine summer programs begin July 7

Alpine County schools are ready to begin a full and varied program of activities

on July 7, according to summer school principal June Fox. There will be a primary program (K thru 4) and one for upper grades (5-8). With the exception of Mechanics (for upper grades only) each group will be able to participate in

gymnastics and swimming, film-making, outdoor nature study and camping, arts and crafts (with a wheel, kiln and glazing equipment for pottery), cooking, wood-working, experimental science and mechanics. A remedial instruction program will also be offered to anyone interested.

The program is open to

those children who reside in the county and who will be in grades K-8 this fall. Students who have completed eighth grade are not eligible. A special swim program will be conducted at Grover Hot Springs at beginning and competition levels. A hot lunch will be served.

For more information, call the school district.

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# Native sons host Turtle Rock feed

Alpine Native Sons, under the guidance of their president Ed Schälbert, will hold their annual Grand Officers Initiation and Barbeque Saturday at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville.

State president Richard Barnes and his corps of grand officers will conduct

the initiation, which is set to begin at 2 p.m.

The get acquainted hour will start at 1 p.m., and the full-course steak barbeque at 4. Tickets for the barbeque are \$5. Food will be served until bingo starts at 7 p.m.

At 6, there will be a drawing for prizes.

Music for entertainment and dancing will be provided by the well-known Alpine Trio.

The local Native Sons organization has worked hard to make this event a success, a spokesman said, and they hope for a large turnout to observe the

Bicentennial anniversary of the nation.

Assisting Schälbert in preparing for the affair are Harold Brundige, Herb Summerfield, Vic Gulley, Jim Prosser, John Coultas, Jim Cone, Skip Veatch, Jack Keaton, and Jim Clark.

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# Turtle Rock

## grant: \$68,000

Under terms of the grant, the county will provide an equal amount for the project at the park, located 2.5 miles north of Markleeville.

Fund to continue development of Alpine County's 140-acre Turtle Rock Park, Congressman John J. McFall (D-Manteca) announced.

The project will include installation of a sun le awning, barbeque es, picnic tables, signs, construction of roads, parking facilities, baseball field, tennis courts, landscaping and utility systems.

County officials advised McFall's office that they expect work on the project to begin within a month after receipt of the grant funds.

The Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has approved a \$68,743 matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation

*Record Courier 6/10/76*

# Thornburg beats Doyal by 5 votes in Alpine

Fritz Thornburg defeated Jack Doyal in the Alpine County District Three supervisor's race by only five votes as Thornburg collected 69 votes to Doyal's 64.

Doyal was removed from the District Three seat in January when he was defeated in a special recall election.

Alpine's District Five supervisor, Wilton Neddenriep, ran unopposed and received 69 votes while District Two supervisor Bill Freeman got 88 votes in his reelection attempt. He too was unopposed.

In the presidential primary Alpine County went along with the rest of California by supporting Ronald Reagan in the Republican presidential primary and Jerry Brown in the Democratic primary.

Reagan collected 121 votes to President Ford's 71. Brown garnered 123 votes to Jimmy Carter's 31, Frank Church's 13, Fred Harris' 6, "Scoop" Jackson's 3, Mo Udall's 5 and George Wallace's 3.

In the Mono County Board of Super-

visors races, Baldo Giorgi garnered 193 votes in the District Four race while Joan Green tallied 163 votes to win in District Three. Giorgi's closest competition came from Coy Ziglar (133), Mark Gentry (117) and Ken Remes (109).

Green's closest competitors were Robert Dore (123) and Madalene Good (100).

In the presidential primary in Mono County, Reagan belted President Ford 745-303 while for the Democrats, Brown bested Carter 499 to 258.

County employees in Mono County who worked on election day did not collect overtime pay Tuesday, as was formerly the case. In their May 25 meeting, county supervisors removed election day from their list of regularly scheduled holidays. Instead, each employee will be entitled to a "personal" holiday at some other time during the year.

*Record Courier 7/8/76*

## Wood cutting is restricted to Markleeville

Carson District Ranger Terry Hopson says the fire hazard on Toiyabe National Forest lands near Reno has caused free use wood cutting to be restricted to two areas near Markleeville.

Hopson emphasized persons who already have a woodcutting permit may use it only in the

Markleeville areas. This restriction is effective July 1 and will remain until the fire hazard decreases.

Permits and maps of the open woodcutting areas may be obtained at U.S. Forest Service offices in Carson City and Markleeville.

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## Alpine board meets

The Board of Trustees of the Alpine County School District will meet Tuesday at Bear Valley School at 2 p.m.

On the agenda are three reports from Superintendent Dick Martin. These are: a school bus for Kirkwood; the grievance policy for certificated employees; the approved CETA program for summer employees. A fourth report on the summer school program will be made by its director, June Fox.

Other items of business to be considered by the Board include a proposed VHF-FM radio system for communicating with school buses.

# State Checks Alpine County For Vote Fraud

SAC BEE 7-16-76

The district attorney of Alpine County is eying a list of 317 names to aid in a probe there into possible skulduggery in voter registration.

The basic question is how many are legal residents with a right to vote there and how many are city folk with vacation cabins.

Said Secretary of State March Fong Eu, "In response to a request from the board of supervisors and district attorney of Alpine County, I have

compared registered voter information with Department of Motor Vehicles drivers license and vehicle registration files for this small county and turned the results over to county legal investigators."

Alpine County District Attorney Thomas Kelly said he has looked the list over since getting it two days ago and finds two county supervisors on it.

"I see names on there of people I know are living here, people I see around every day," said Kelly.

Among the registered voters of Alpine County on Ms. Eu's list is the name of Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge John E. Longinotti, said Kelly.

Kelly has another list of names he will also investigate, about 25 absentee voters who cast ballots in the district of Supervisor Jack Doyle who Doyle believes are not actually permanent residents.

The county lists its January

population at 810. The May 9 voter registration list totals 652.

Voter registration fraud is a felony carrying a one- to three-year prison term upon conviction.

The Elections Code declares that a person does not gain residence in a precinct merely by living there, without the intention of remaining permanently.

In April the county supervisors asked the aid of the secretary of state in resolving the voter issue.

DMV tapes were compared with registered voter tapes to compile a list of voters who were not licensed to drive in the county or had any vehicle registered in the county.

The 317 names include voters registered in Markleeville, Bear Valley, Hope Valley, Woodfords, Kirkwood, Gardenville and Lake Alpine.

"This list is not in any way an accusation or conclusion of wrongdoing by any person found on it," cautioned Ms. Eu.

## SAC BEE 7/23/76 Alpine Facts

In reference to your July 16 article, entitled "State Checks Alpine County for Vote Fraud," I would like to point out the following:

Jack Doyal is not a supervisor in Alpine County, contrary to what someone may have led you to believe. He was recalled from that office in January of this year and was defeated again when he ran in June.

During the seven years Doyal was a supervisor, he did nothing about the nonresident voter problem in Alpine County — even after the grand jury investigated the matter and strongly recommended follow-through by the board of supervisors.

At the time of the January recall against him, Doyal was successful in getting the board of supervisors to agree to sending the sample ballots first-class mail, at extra expense and contrary to usual practice, so that the voters who were not in the county would receive them.

Doyal challenged no voters at the polls either in January or in June. He was satisfied with the voter list until the votes were counted and he had lost.

A number of names on the list of Doyal's allegedly illegal voters have been registered to vote for at least as long as he was a supervisor (seven years), but suddenly he has decided they're illegal.

FRITZ THORNBURG.

Markleeville.

## Markleeville Furor

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# Eviction Feared By Cabin Owners

MARKLEEVILLE — A group of 35 local property owners, fearing that the U.S. Forest Service is getting ready to evict them from their summer cabins, is gearing up for an anticipated lengthy battle to hang on to their residences.

Forest Service officials, however, indicated that the group is overreacting to a provision within a draft environmental impact statement and proposed land use plan for the Alpine unit of the Toiyabe National Forest.

That provision stipulates the Forest Service would evaluate federal recreation land around Grover Hot Springs State Park to determine its "highest and best use," said Terry Hopson, district ranger for the Carson Ranger District.

Specifically, the study would determine whether the area should continue to be used for summer homesites or revert to public recreation.

The 35 members of the Shay Creek Property Owners Association, however, are concerned that the evaluation is the first Forest Service step toward terminating their summer home contracts and converting their cabin sites into campgrounds.

The summer homes occupy a hillside overlooking Shay Creek and Grover Hot Springs State Park west of Markleeville.

The affected property totals 40 acres, with each cabin occupying a parcel of less than one acre, said Alpine County Assessor Harold Brundige, whose home is within the development and who is a spokesman for the association.

Each of the 35 homeowners has a Forest Service permit to build and occupy a residence in the area. The permits, which became effective in 1948, are renewable every 10 years. They are next scheduled to be renewed at the end of 1978. If the Forest Service terminates the contracts at that time, the residents would have until 1988 to vacate the premises, said Brundige.

Such terminations would have a "devastating effect" on local property values and the local economy, said Brundige, noting that many of the homes are now occupied year-round instead of just during the summer.

The 35 homes have a market value of some \$500,000, said Brundige. The average assessed value per unit is \$15,000. The homeowners paid Alpine County \$5,290 in property taxes this year and the Forest Service \$5,600 in rent. (Each site is leased for \$160 per year.) Most of the cabins were built during the 1950's, he noted.

"It seems like you're fighting the government more and more these days," remarked Brundige. "There's no excuse for this."

According to Brundige, the Forest Service would like to remove the cabins so campgrounds could be constructed along the stream. He said Forest Service authorities point to heavy recreation use in the area to justify the suggestion. The heavy use, however, is due primarily to the appeal of the nearby mineral hot springs rather than the stream or adjoining forest, argues Brundige.

"There is plenty of room up and down the stream for expansion (of camping facilities)," remarked Brundige.

He also is arguing that the Forest Service has some 221,000 other acres in the Toiyabe National Forest on which to add campgrounds. He specifically points to Faith Valley, where a 130-unit campground was proposed in the late 1950's or early 1960's. "There's never been a dime spent there, but people are camping all over without benefit of sanitation, water or other facilities. It's a beautiful area," said Brundige.

According to Hopson, the Forest Service does not have any plans to terminate the Shay Creek contracts. "We're not leaning one way or the other," said Hopson, noting that the proposed land use plan calls only for an evaluation of the area to determine whether campgrounds in the "intensely used" area should be expanded into the Shay Creek tract.

Brundige and other property owners, however, said they will not stand idly by awaiting Forest Service action. They are thinking of retaining legal counsel "to make them (Forest Service) show cause why this has to be done" and they are appealing to local congressmen for assistance in the dispute, said Brundige.

"We have until Dec. 31, 1978, to win or lose the battle," he commented.

# The Search Is On For

## Alpine's 'Phantom' Voters

JULY 31, 1970

By George Hooper  
Of the Record Staff

MARKLEEVILLE—Illegally registered voters may be altering the politics and course of local government in tiny Alpine County, whose population only slightly exceeds the number of people who claim voting rights there.

Although they own property there, 317 of Alpine's 652 registered voters have neither automobile nor operator's license listed to an Alpine County address, says Dist. Atty. Tom Kelly.

As a result, these 317 have been notified through a letter from the district attorney that there is some question concerning the validity of their voter registration.

So convinced of illegal registrations is former Alpine supervisor Jack Doyal, defeated by absentee ballots in a January recall election and again in June, that he has filed a court action to have results of the June election set aside.

"They register to vote here," said Doyal, "because in a little county like this with a permanent population of only about 800, their vote counts for so much more."

"And, they vote here because they can control local taxes by defeating school bonds or other local tax measures that might increase

the taxes on their property here.

"But, they also hurt us," said Doyal, "because defeat of school bonds hurt our kids' educations. The votes of these outsiders can kill our chances of obtaining local tax funded improvements we fulltime residents need. They don't care—they're only here part of the time anyway."

There are 155 registered voters in Supervisorial District Three, where Doyal lives, and 40 of them, representing slightly more than 25 per cent, requested absentee ballots in the June primary election.

Although the evidence involving Lack of Alpine County address on automobile registration or drivers licenses is in itself inconclusive concerning legitimacy of voting in this county, it is indicative that there are some people voting here who are not entitled to do so, says Kelly.

In his letter to the 317 voters, Kelly stated:

"Regardless of what you might have been told, a person's residence for voting purposes, is that place in which his habitation is fixed and to which whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning."

The fact that a person is a property owner in Alpine County and may even spend much of each year here is not enough to make it his residence and qualify him to voter here, in person or be absentee ballot, if his real home is elsewhere, says the district attorney.

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Strong evidence of where a person's residence actually is located is the following, Kelly said:

- Where he is employed.
- Where his spouse is employed.
- Where he spends most of his time during non-working hours.
- Where his minor children attend school.
- Where he files his homeowner's exemption.
- Where his drivers license and auto registration indicate his residence to be.
- Where his tax returns indicate he resides.
- Where lodges, clubs and other organizations to which he belongs are located.

Kelly said it is not his purpose in sending the letters to the 317 voters to imply that they are not legally entitled to vote in Alpine County, but to alert them of the situation so that they may guide their future voting registration accordingly.

He points to prosecutions in other areas of the state which have occurred where allegations of false registration have been made, and said "there apparently is a new breeze blowing concerning exercise of elective franchise."

Kelly also added that if sufficient evidence presented itself that a person had willfully violated the election laws by illegally registering to vote in Alpine County, he would not hesitate to prosecute.

# State Checks Alpine County For Vote Fraud

The district attorney of Alpine County is eying a list of 317 names to aid in a probe there into possible skulduggery in voter registration.

The basic question is how many are legal residents with a right to vote there and how many are city folk with vacation cabins.

Said Secretary of State March Fong Eu, "In response to a request from the board of supervisors and district attorney of Alpine County, I have

compared registered voter information with Department of Motor Vehicles drivers license and vehicle registration files for this small county and turned the results over to county legal investigators."

Alpine County District Attorney Thomas Kelly said he has looked the list over since getting it two days ago and finds two county supervisors on it.

"I see names on there of people I know are living here, people I see around every day," said Kelly.

Among the registered voters of Alpine County on Ms. Eu's list is the name of Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge John E. Longinotti, said Kelly.

Kelly has another list of names he will also investigate, about 25 absentee voters who cast ballots in the district of Supervisor Jack Doyle who Doyle believes are not actually permanent residents.

The county lists its January

population at 810. The May 9 voter registration list totals 652.

Voter registration fraud is a felony carrying a one- to three-year prison term upon conviction.

The Elections Code declares that a person does not gain residence in a precinct merely by living there, without the intention of remaining permanently.

In April the county supervisors asked the aid of the secretary of state in resolving the voter issue.

DMV tapes were compared with registered voter tapes to compile a list of voters who were not licensed to drive in the county or had any vehicle registered in the county.

The 317 names include voters registered in Markleeville, Bear Valley, Hope Valley, Woodfords, Kirkwood, Gardenville and Lake Alpine.

"This list is not in any way an accusation or conclusion of wrongdoing by any person found on it," cautioned Ms. Eu. *Sacto Bee 7/16/76*

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# Alpine to Borrow \$163,000; Blames Delinquent Taxes

By George Hooper  
Of the Record Staff

MARKLEEVILLE—Financially embarrassed Alpine County made arrangements Thursday to borrow \$163,000 to meet its upcoming payroll commitments and bolster its depleted general fund.

And, at the same time, the County Board of Supervisors heaped the blame for their county's financial plight on the tax delinquencies of bankrupt Bear Valley.

The loss of nearly \$200,000 in delinquent taxes that would have gone into the general fund during the past two years has put the county into a financial pinch, they said.

But, at the close of a two-hour special meeting, the supervisors received assurance from the manager of the Markleeville branch of Bank of America that a loan will be forthcoming in time to cover the county's \$40,000 payroll of July 31.

The loan also will provide funds to carry the county through a "dry period," until November when new tax monies will be forthcoming, and to cover the present \$4,600 overdraft of the county general fund.

But, even though the general fund has been technically overdrawn, there is no criminal liability on the part of the supervisors, according to Dist. Atty. Tom Kelly, who also serves as county counsel.

Reason for this is that County Auditor Barbara Ryan has refused to issue the warrants and is holding them in her office until there is money in the bank to cover them.

"There has not been a warrant drafted against the general fund that has left my office since July

1," Mrs. Ryan told the supervisors.

Mrs. Ryan also asserted that she has persistently warned the supervisors they were overspending the general fund and it would be in financial difficulty before new tax revenues would be forthcoming.

She said general fund expenditures totaled \$1,037,000 during the 1975-76 fiscal year, while revenues for that same period amounted to only \$874,000—a difference of \$163,000, and now the general fund is broke.

"It is against the law—flatly illegal—to transfer money from special district funds or special tax funds into the general fund," said Mrs. Ryan.

"The road department budget, for instance, still contains \$439,000," she said, "but I would go to jail if I transferred a penny of that money into the general fund."

Board Chairman Bill Freeman and Supervisor Harold Duarte both agreed that the problem lies in the fact the county overestimated its 1975-76 revenues.

Presently, Duarte said, Bear Valley Co. owes Alpine County \$154,000 in property taxes that would go into the general fund, plus approximately \$29,000 in delinquent room tax.

"Our other funds are in good shape," said Supervisor Hubert Bruns. "It is only in the general fund where we face the shortage."

"We are going to come out of this all right, and the employes are going to be paid, but for a while we are going to have to watch our expenditures awfully closely," said Bruns.

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# Why California's tiniest county is going broke

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"The loan's going to take care of the immediate problem," she said. "But I don't see how we can be back on our feet in a year."

She said the problem is twofold.

First, the county has been spending more than it can afford, she said. And second, a couple of the county's biggest property holders haven't been paying their property taxes.

Property owners still owe \$219,000 in taxes from last year and \$162,000 from the year before, reported Treasurer-Tax Collector Rosella Jackson.

Most of that money, she said, is owed by the Bear Valley Co., which owns much of the land near the Mt. Reba ski resort on the western edge of the county.

Another large chunk of tax money is owed by the Kirkwood Meadows ski resort near the county line on Highway 88, she said.

Before the big property owners of the ski resorts stopped paying their property taxes two years ago, tax delinquencies in Alpine County were running at about 4 per cent, said Jackson.

Two years ago the delinquency rate leaped to 22 per cent. Last year it was 26 per cent.

"These resorts are increasing our expenses. We are performing services for them and not getting anything in return except an awful lot of headaches," said Ryan.

"When Bear Valley first started it was supposed to be a revenue-making establishment for the county, but it's turned into — well, it's bankrupting the county," she said.

It should be noted that there is an ongoing political battle between property owners in the eastern, longer established section of the county and those in Bear Valley, which has seen most of its development in the last 10 years.

Though the county establishment lives in the eastern county areas, half the voters now live in Bear Valley. On election days, Bear Valley candidates square off against east county candidates.

The division is natural. Not only are western



## SLEEPY MARKLEEVILLE IS THE CENT

The county is paying out more and big

Alpine residents relative newcomers, they are cut off from the east when winter snows close the only connecting road through Ebbetts Pass.

William Freeman, Board of Supervisors Chairman, a Bear Valley service station owner, points out that the Bear Valley development was a real boon to the county tax base for a few years.

"And, he adds, the ski resort there is 'still' doing well."

Freeman disputes the auditor's claim that the supervisors have been well warned of impending financial problems.

"We've been more or less led down the garden path to believe we were in pretty good shape when all of a sudden it comes," he said.

Since learning of the county's predicament, he has been consulting with the Bear Valley Company's creditors, asking if the banks and savings associations would consider paying some of the back taxes to help the county out of the hole.

He was not offered much hope, he said.

"I think we're looking for one to 3 1/2 years of deficit from this ski area," he said. "I understand Kirkwood is doing better."

Another three years of tax delinquencies of the magnitude experienced recently would leave Alpine County short about \$1 million.

That's about the size of the general fund budget proposed for the county before county officials faced up to the current cash shortage.

Now, said Earl O'Neal, consultant to the Board of Supervisors, that proposal will have to be trimmed to around \$640,000.

County employes have already agreed to a salary freeze. O'Neal is proposing some cuts in services and supplies.

"We're really going to have to cut back," said Ryan.

Already, the county has \$381,000 in property taxes it has been unable to collect and, she said, "it doesn't look like we'll be collecting any of it this year. We'll

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... Ironically, the county, which has one of the lowest general fund tax rates in the state at \$3, cannot raise the rate enough to bail itself out. State law limits it to about \$3.30, said Jackson.

... The county treasurer, who has lived there for 23 years and worked for the county for 16, says that the financial fall of Alpine has been a shock.

... "For those of my vintage, it's a hard thing to face. It's a rather sad occurrence when it comes to an area as small as this which has always been stable as a rock," she said.

... But, she adds, "it's unavoidable, I think."

... Supervisor Hubert Bruns, a Fredericksburg rancher who has been on the board since 1940, (with one four-year hiatus), said the county is in trouble "because of the ski areas who have had a difficult time ..."

... He pointed out that for five years property tax payers are penalized only 6 per cent a year on unpaid taxes.

... At the end of that time, the property can be sold to the state if payment is not made. But until then, it is cheap money.

... "They can't borrow money from any banks at 6 per cent," he said.

... There was nothing the people of the county could have done to stop the ski resort developments that are now driving it to the lender's counter of the bank, Bruns said.

... "You don't have any choice. You can't say 'you can't develop.' They own the property. They think they have the money to develop. If it had worked out the way they thought originally, it might have been good for the county. It may eventually be in the future."

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# Markleeville hit by fiscal woes

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MARKLEEVILLE, Calif. (UPI) — California's smallest county has fallen prey to the fiscal termite, and its Board of Supervisors had only to walk across the street here to find a temporary solution.

When the fiscal year ended in July, Alpine County found that it was \$5,000 in the hole. It's annual budget amounts to about \$1 million.

Faced with payrolls — for some 50 employes — and no tax revenues until December, the supervisors went to the only bank in this hamlet and borrowed \$160,000.

Alpine County lies along the crest and eastern slopes of the Sierra. It has mountain peaks as high as 11,000 feet which are separated by deep valleys. The population hovers at about 1,000.

Silver miners first settled this area in the 1850s, and mining flourished until the decline of silver in the early 1870s. Cattle ranching is now about the biggest industry.

County Auditor Barbara Ryan said the fiscal woes resulted from spending more than the county could afford and the failure by the county's two

biggest property owners to pay their taxes.

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"These resorts are increasing our expenses," Auditor Ryan said. "We are performing services for them and not getting anything in return except an awful lot of headaches."

William Freeman, the chairman of the board of supervisors and a service station owner, said he believes the Bear Valley problem could be solved in about three years. "I understand Kirkwood is doing better," he said.

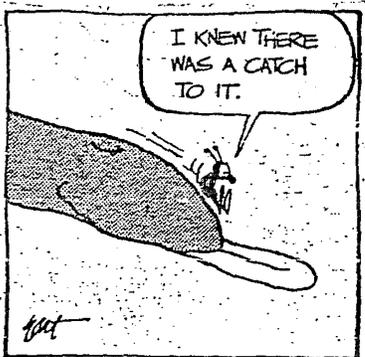
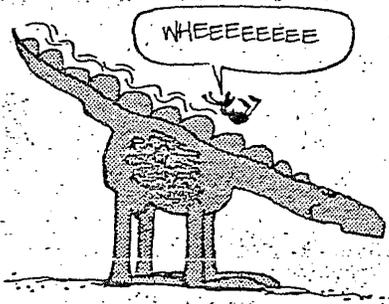
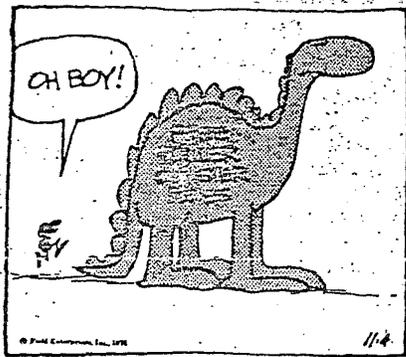
To help solve the problems, county employes agreed to a salary freeze. And some services and supplies will probably be cut.

Treasurer Jackson, a county resident for 28 years, said the financial deficit has come as a shock.

"For those of my vintage," she said, "it's a hard thing to face."

"It's a rather sad occurrence when it comes to an area as small as this which has always been stable as a rock."

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# 2 Ski Areas Put Alpine On Thin Ice

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By JON ENGELLENER  
Bee Staff Writer

MARKLEEVILLE — Little Alpine County faces a tax increase, salary freezes and hard times because its two largest ski resorts can't pay their taxes.

The board of supervisors in the mountain county of 800 has had to borrow \$160,000 from Markleeville's only bank in an attempt to offset the delinquent property taxes of the two resorts from the past two fiscal years.

The supervisors and county department heads have slashed about \$160,000 out of the county's spending plan for 1976-77, lowering the budget total to around \$800,000.

But county officials are predicting hard times.

They have until Aug. 30 to set the tax rate and adopt the final budget.

For the second year in a row, the financially troubled Bear Valley Development Co. and the Kirkwood Meadows ski resort have failed to pay their taxes. The Bear Valley ski resort area is separate from the Mt. Reba ski area in the same vicinity. Bear Valley and Kirkwood Meadows owe the county a total of \$380,000 in back taxes, according to Auditor-Recorder Barbara Ryan.

Mrs. Ryan said there is little prospect that Alpine County will get any of that money in the near future.

Taxes must be delinquent five years before the property can be claimed by

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## On Thin Ice

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the state and sold by the county in an attempt to recover the lost revenue.

Bear Valley, she noted, is in the midst of a bankruptcy action, and Kirkwood Meadows suffered through the past ski season with "simply no snow at all.

"It'll be kind of a long, hard year. Hopefully, we'll get through," said Mrs. Ryan of the fiscal crisis. "Right now the main thing we're trying to do is get a contingency fund.

"We won't have any reserves for this year, but we hope to build up a \$31,000 reserve for next year.

"The deficit didn't come as a surprise. The treasurer made the board aware of what was happening.

"With delinquencies the way they were and every month the ex-

penditures exceeding the revenues, an outside auditor told them they couldn't continue the trend.

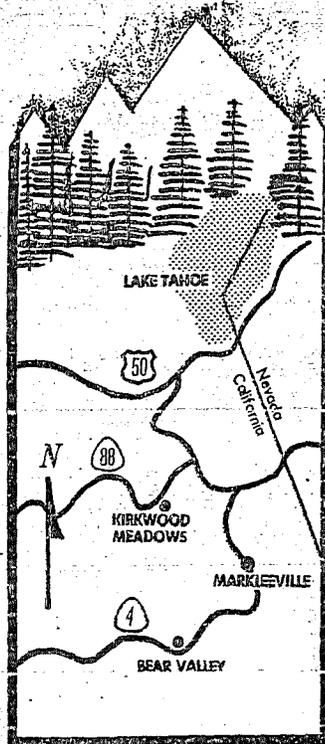
"The county employes (about 50 of them) are pretty much resigned to having a salary freeze for fiscal 1976-77," she declares.

Rosella M. Jackson, the treasurer-tax collector, points out that a few years ago the county had a four per cent tax delinquency rate. This year it soared to 26 per cent when Bear Valley and Kirkwood Meadows failed to pay their taxes.

"Next year we will have to set our delinquency factor much higher, which will require raising the tax rate to compensate.

"It will have a very direct effect on the taxpayers when they get their 1976-77 bills. I think they will be unpleasantly impressed," said Mrs. Jackson.

At present she is uncertain how high the total tax rate of \$4.40 can be pushed. She predicted, however, that the supervisors could set the rate at the maximum allowed by state law and "still not get enough" to cover the deficit.



**They're in the red**

# Crisis: Alpine has to borrow \$160,000

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Alpine County has borrowed \$160,000 from the Bank of America to meet payroll and other expenses because the tiny California county ended its fiscal year \$5,000 in the red.

Two of the county's largest taxpayers are in arrears and room taxes in the amount of \$31,000 are locked in a bankruptcy case. The impact on the county, which had a budget last year of about \$1 million, has been substantial.

"We had a deficit balance when the year ended June 30," said county auditor Barbara Ryan. The county went through reserve funds of \$45,000 before going in the red, she said.

Mrs. Ryan said the county's expenses exceeded last year's revenues by \$163,000, prompting the loan of \$160,000, which will be paid back in two instalments, one due in December, the other in May.

Alpine supervisors will have to raise the tax rate to the maximum \$3.75 per \$100 assessed valuation, a move that will cost the average homeowner an estimated \$75 a year. But that won't be enough. Supervisors are working on a new budget that, when proposed, hovered around the \$960,000 mark. It's in the process of being cut to around \$800,000, according to Mrs. Ryan. The final budget has to be in by Aug. 30.

Mrs. Ryan said there are two reasons for the deficit: the county spent too much money, and two big taxpayers had

financial problems and didn't pay.

Bear Valley Development Co., which built homes, condominiums and a resort on the west side of Alpine County near the Mt. Reba ski resort, owes \$160,000 in property taxes and another \$31,000 in room taxes. The company filed bankruptcy papers.

Kirkwood, a ski resort and development company on the east side of the county, owes the bulk of some \$55,000 in delinquent taxes from last year and some additional taxes from the year before, according to county treasurer Rosella Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson said much of the delinquent tax money will be paid eventually, but not this year. The money tied up in the bankruptcy case could be held for as long as 15 years, she said.

"None of us can predict the economic health of an area," Mrs. Jackson said. "And that, coupled with the very bad ski season last year, added up to the fact that we're on the brink of disaster and there's nothing we can do about it. I'm not saying it's bad management or anything. When you don't have any money in your account, you don't spend as readily as you would otherwise. I think our government should have looked more closely at expenditures. Watch your expenditures and the revenues will take care of themselves - that's the policy that we should have been following for a couple of years."

## *8-16-76* Alpine budget: conservative

Alpine County has adopted a conservative budget for 1977; one aimed at balancing revenues and expenses and eliminating the embarrassment of finishing the next year in the red.

The general fund budget was pared from a proposed \$960,000 to a final one of \$812,424. It was adopted this month.

Alpine County had to borrow \$160,000 last month to balance its '76 budget. Delinquent taxes in large amounts were cited as one reason for the imbalance.

To reverse the trend, budgets in all departments were trimmed to the bone, according to Earl O'Neal, a Bridgeport governmental consultant who acts as advisor to the Alpine Board of Supervisors.

and county employees went along with a one-year wage freeze.

"What we're going to do is watch income and expenditures each month during the year and see what areas it may effect," O'Neal said. "Certainly we're going to have to borrow from the contingency fund. It's \$40,000, which isn't

very much for a budget this size. Hopefully, our revenues will come in higher than we planned. In developing last year's budget, they anticipated \$200,000 more than they actually received. This year, we used actual revenues from last year as projected revenues for this year. It's a very conservative budget."

County officials have blamed delinquent taxpayers, particularly large development firms, for the shortage. At a recent meeting, representatives of a ski resort near Bear Valley bawled out "the supervisors," "and quite properly," according to one supervisor. The reason: statements in newspaper articles which implied the ski resorts weren't paying their taxes and weren't doing well financially.

"They're doing quite well and were upset that anyone thought they weren't paying their taxes," supervisor Hubert Bruns said, referring to representatives from Mt. Reba ski resort, which is near the financially-troubled Bear Valley Development Co. The resort owners pointed out they had no connection with the development company.

# Hot Springs pool undergoes repairs

by JOHN MARTINSON

Visitors to Grover Hot Springs State Park in Alpine County can be assured of a refreshing dip in the "cool" pool even though the "hot" mineral pool is closed temporarily for structural repairs.

Contamination of the drinking water resulted in the closing of the park on June 11 for almost two weeks. Actually, neither of the pools were danger spots, but with the threat to the safety of drinking water, the entire park including the pools were closed on orders of the public health authorities.

Concerted efforts by California State Health Department people, State Park personnel and county officials resulted in a rapid solution to the problem, according to County Health Officer Dr. Ruth Jolly. Dr. Jolly said four important changes have been made at Grover Hot Springs to restore and actually improve the situation at the park.

First, a new chlorinator has been installed for the drinking water system. One possible reason for the contamination problem was that increased popularity and use of the park simply overloaded the old chlorinator. Secondly, a back-up chlorinator has been added to the "cool" pool.

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Thirdly, since cold water is mixed with the hot mineral water to keep the mineral pool from going over 105 degrees, there was some possibility that pool water was getting back into the cold water system of the park. This cannot happen at present because the incoming cold water shoots across an "air gap" before mixing with the hot mineral water. In the previous mixing system the hot water came in direct contact with the cold water pipe and some possibility existed that pool water (contaminated by swimmers) could get into the cold water. This possibility no longer exists.

Finally, structural changes are being made in the mineral pool to improve the circulation of the water. In effect, the water in the mineral pool will be completely changed every five hours and will continue to be drained at the close of each day.

Dr. Jolly offered the opinion that the Grover Hot Springs mineral pool will probably be one of the purest hot springs in this part of the country after these changes are in effect. She explained that mineral pools cannot be chlorinated because the chlorine will react chemically with the minerals in the water. Accordingly, special features like constant drainage and replenishment must be used. Of course, since most

swimmers keep their face above water while in a hot pool, they are less likely to ingest water than in a regular pool where they dive and swim under water.

Contracts for the gunting and other structural repairs to the mineral pool have been let according to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the work is expected to be completed in six to eight weeks. This means visitors can expect to be able to use both pools around Labor Day.

The \$10 family passes for the season were discontinued this spring. However, public pressure for their reinstatement has been directed toward the Park Department in Sacramento according to Carl Anderson, Sierra District Parks Director, and he is hopeful that the passes in some form will be issued again. Interested individuals and park users can express themselves on this subject by writing to the department in Sacramento.

# 'Posse' Trials Cost County \$35,000

By Helen Flynn

Of the Record Staff

It cost to San Joaquin County more than \$35,000 to try three members of the private Sheriff's Posse Comitatus on charges arising from a confrontation last September with sheriff's deputies.

The estimates were provided by Dist. Atty. Joseph H. Baker and Asst. County Clerk Al Flor for the joint trial in Merced County of Francis E. Gillings, 45, and Norman E. Brown, 57, and of George E. Hill, who was tried in Stockton Municipal Court.

Baker says the trial at Merced, transferred from San Joaquin County because of publicity surrounding Gillings' arrest Sept. 2, 1975, cost "about \$25,000 when everything is considered." He says Hill's trial "was about \$10,000."

The entire cost of the two trials must be borne by San Joaquin County because the three defendants all had court-appointed attorneys.

Gillings was sentenced to 90 days in jail Monday for his conviction of assault with a deadly weapon in the discharge of a shotgun near the ear of Sheriff Inspector Daniel Delfatti. Brown was fined \$500 and given a suspended 30-day jail sentence on a conviction for simple assault for allegedly holding a rifle on a deputy. Hill was fined \$100 for a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Flor says Gillings' trial and defense cost \$14,306.98 of which \$7,438.51 was the bill from James Van Dyke, the defense attorney. In addition the Merced trial cost \$3,606.80 in court reporters' fees, \$2,187.17 for jury fees, \$998.50 for the Merced Sheriff Department costs and \$76 for witness fees.

To these figures Baker adds his office's costs of prosecution of Gillings and Brown, and the cost of Deputy Public Defender Ted Bastian for Brown, or "another \$10,000 altogether." In addition, Baker says his office had to keep Deputy Dist. Atty. Michael Babitzke and two investigators in Merced for the 16 days of trial. Transportation was by county cars.

Flor mentions "the extra costs" of having to send Superior Court Judge William Biddick Jr. to handle cases for Merced Superior Court Judge Donald R. Fretz, who was presiding in the trial. In addition a court reporter had to accompany Biddick.

Judge Ann Chargin appointed Michael Barkett, a Stockton attorney, to represent Hill midway in his trial after he admitted that representing himself was more difficult than he had anticipated. The cost of Barkett's services for part of Hill's trial was estimated at \$600.

There will also be an additional cost for the appointment of an attorney to represent Gillings' son, Stephen, 15, who was also taken into custody Sept. 2 during the aftermath of the confrontation. His case is still in Juvenile Court.

At the time of the confrontation, members of the private posse, which has no connection with San Joaquin Sheriff's Department, was in the tomato field at the invitation of the owner to keep out organizers of the United Farm Workers union, then recruiting for an election in the fields.

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# Alpine Feels Budget Strain

MARKLEEVILLE — Alpine County's supervisors have slashed the budget, frozen county employe wages and boosted the tax rate 81 cents in an attempt to break even in 1976-77.

Faced with the prospect of a deficit budget because two ski resorts have failed to pay a total of \$380,000 in taxes over the past two years, the supervisors adopted a bare-bones \$812,424 budget and upped the total tax rate from \$4.40 to \$5.21.

Earl O'Neal, consultant to the board, said yesterday the tax increase will cost the owner of a \$40,000 house and lot an additional \$74 a year.

He said the 50 county employes agreed last week to a salary freeze and to put off any anniversary pay increases in 1976-77.

O'Neal said the supervisors had begun their fiscal deliberations with a \$960,890 preliminary budget.

In recent weeks the state's smallest county has had some big money problems and had to borrow \$160,000 on a short-term loan from a bank in Markleeville.

The county has about 800 residents. "In a county this small, one big land owner not paying his taxes can have a major effect on the financial structure," said O'Neal.

The problems began two years ago

when Bear Valley Co., the operator of a ski resort and year-round recreational village, filed for bankruptcy.

The Kirkwood Meadows ski development also has been delinquent in paying its Alpine County taxes the last two years.

O'Neal noted that the new tax rate will be the maximum allowed under state rules.

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# Alpine Agonizes Over Financial Crisis

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Markleeville: The county seat is a hot one because of financial crisis.



Bee Photo

Alpine County Courthouse, where employes await wage thaw

## Shay Creek solution?

# Alpine, Forest service

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## consider swap

by TOM WIXON  
R-C Editor

Alpine County Supervisors and U.S. Forest Service officials plan to meet to discuss swapping some forest in order to save 34 summer homesites.

Supervisor Hubert Bruns said the plan, under which Alpine County would give some of its forest land to the Federal Government in exchange for the Shay Creek Summer Home Tract near Grover Hot Springs, is under study.

He said Forest Service officials have said they'll consider it.

The 34 homeowners at Shay Creek, at the entrance to the popular Grover Hot Springs campground and recreation area, have been up in arms for months over a proposed Federal land use plan which suggests their homes be cleared to expand the recreation area.

The homeowners are there on 20-year permits, which expire in 1988. But under the terms of the permits, the contracts could be

reevaluated after 10 years, or in 1978.

What's caused all the excitement is a Forest Service land use study that proposes—but doesn't specify—that the summer home sites at Shay Creek might be better used for camping and hiking.

Homeowners and their friends have packed two public hearings and presented forest officials with a petition signed by 1,600 persons in opposition to the proposed master plan. Forest

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## --Alpine land trade considered

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Service officials announced this week that public review and comment would be accepted until an extended deadline of Oct. 9.

"They're making a study right now," Bruns said, "to see if the land would be more beneficial to the public as a general recreation area rather than a summer home area. The Forest Service says it has no intention of canceling the permits at the present time, unless further in studies indicate that they should. The study will be completed by 1978."

Bruns said the board of supervisors has informally proposed a trade with the Forest Service. "We're studying the possibility of trading other land that the county owns, or may own in the future, and giving it to the Forest Service in exchange for the Shay Creek area. Then the county could sell the land to the homeowners and they'd own their own land. We don't know whether we can do this or not, but the homeowners have asked us to do it and we're studying it."

Bruns said a meeting would be held with forestry officials soon. "It could take one to three years to consummate," he said. "There's

a lot of red tape. But nobody's going to get kicked out of their homes right now."

Such a trade would benefit the county, tax-wise, Bruns said. "They pay a tax on their homes now and a small interest tax on the land they use, but their taxes would almost double if they owned the land. I'm not sure if that's absolutely true, but that was the indication at our last meeting. The home owners definitely feel it's worth it for the security. Owning a home on a permit, they're not allowed to do just anything they want. They need permission for everything. Nothing is winterized. They can't cut down a tree."

The tract is about 40 acres and the 34 homes amount to full build-out, Bruns said.

Gary Sayers, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service office in Carson City, said he knew of no specific date for a meeting between forest officials and the supervisors. But he said it was his understanding the trade had been proposed informally and that the supervisors had been told, "We'll consider anything, but there are no promises, no guarantees."

He said land trades are not unusual and the

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Forest Service has the power to make them. "We've got the authority," Sayers said. "They've got to be in the public interest. We'd had have to be shown public benefits."

Sayers said there were "some misunderstandings" since the plan was filed June 9.

"What generated this controversy is that the permits expire in 1988, but can be extended to 1998, providing the homeowners don't get written notice otherwise by Dec. 31, 1978."

Sayers said under that clause in the permit, the owners are virtually guaranteed the right to stay until 1988, at least. However, the permits also contain a clause which says the Forest Service can terminate the permits with 30 days notice—at any time—once both parties agree on a value and the owner is compensated for the early termination.

But that possibility, Sayers said, is extremely unlikely. "We don't even have a plan for that land," he said. Sayers said some homeowners were under the impression they were going to have to move out on Jan. 1, 1979.

Before the master plan, public hearings were held in Markleeville. They were well-attended, Sayers said.

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## Alpine recall petition filed

*Record Courier 8/10/76*

Another recall election in Alpine County has been set in motion by the filing last week of a petition signed by James Maple, Edward L. Isaac, and 121 other registered voters.

Subject of the new petition is Richard L. Martin, elected in 1974 to the job of Alpine County Superintendent of Schools. Maple and Isaac were said to be the two citizens most active in starting and circulating the petition.

Only general charges, not specific allegations, are given in the petition for recall. Martin's performance, it says, "has not been in the best interests of all of Alpine County." His attitude toward "certain teachers and employees" is criticized, as is his knowledge and management of the budget.

Martin is out of the area on vacation

and unavailable for comment.



# Letters From The People

Modesto Bee  
8-76

To The Editor Of The Bee

## Tiny Alpine County

The item about the fiscal troubles of Alpine County in The Bee raises some interesting questions. How could a county with a population of 1,000 have an annual budget of \$1 million? No wonder the taxpayers don't pay their taxes.

The 1970 census gave the county a population of 484. How could the population double in six years?

Finally, what earthly reason is there for the existence of Alpine County? Why should the machinery and expense of county government be maintained for 1,000 people or less who live on 727 square miles of land most of which are standing on end?

Bridgeport, the county seat of Mono County, is closer to the northern boundary of Alpine than it is to the southern boundary of Mono County. Bridgeport and Markleeville are connected by good highways and we are not now living in the horse-and-buggy days.

The consolidation of these two counties should effect a substantial reduction in the cost of government and the taxpayers of Alpine County might be motivated or influenced to pay their taxes.

By the way, how do you get away with ignoring tax bills year after year?

Modesto ALBERT G. DUNN

## Let Alpine Alone

Heaven rescue us from those who know nothing about Alpine County but who claim to have all the answers. Albert G. Dunn's letter screams for accurate answers.

Alpine County has been a viable economic and political entity for more than 100 years. It has managed to keep its population adequately served and reasonably happy on the lowest general county tax rate in the state. Residents have taken care of themselves and asked the minimum of their county government.

In the last 10 years, Alpine has been "improved" by city folk who came because they liked the county the way it was but who promptly sought to change most aspects of it, all in the name of "progress". The population has doubled since 1970.

Bear Valley and Kirkwood are the source of the property tax non-payment problem. They are developers, land speculators, people with no interest in the county other than what they can get out of it. People who live there pay taxes. How do people get away with not paying their taxes?

The other half of the problem that causes Alpine to have a \$1 million budget is legislators in Sacramento and Washington. The number of mandated programs is incredible — health, drug, alcohol rehabilitation, welfare, reconstruction of schools, land planning, air pollution, civil defense, etc. These programs are costly to local government and often appear to be wasteful and unnecessary. But many are mandated.

Mr. Dunn, how do you plan to get to Bridgeport in the winter, if Alpine is consolidated with Mono? Monitor Pass is closed six months out of the year, and the trip around through Nevada is lengthy and difficult in the winter.

Consolidation of Alpine and Mono Counties would not effect a substantial reduction in the cost of government. The bigger government gets, the more expensive and the less responsive it is to the wishes of the people. The people of Alpine County seem to like the set-up the way it is and do a reasonably good job of managing it, certainly better than many of the bigger counties.

I lived in Markleeville 10 years, and know a bit about the county.

Modesto

# Horsemen Recreate Pioneer Trek

SILVER LAKE, Amador Co. — Dogged by thunderclap, rain and the surprised stare of backpackers, the Kit Carson Mountain Men last night successfully completed their horseback reenactment of the 1844 crossing of the Sierra by John C. Fremont, Kit Carson, Thomas Fitzpatrick and 22 other frontiersmen.

The three-day trek took about two hours and five miles longer than anticipated, however, after the two dozen equestrians ran out of trail and had to blaze a new path during the final leg of the journey yesterday.

The trip started Saturday morning at Indian Creek Reservoir near Markleeville and meandered west over the Carson Pass to Tragedy Spring just west of here.

The group found itself without a trail and up against a rocky blockade on the north flank of Round Top yesterday and had to cut a new path north and west past Caples Lake and Kirkwood Meadow before it could reach Scout Carson Lake.

"It was rough, rocky, untrampled country," remarked Bill Anderson of Sutter Creek, one of the participating Mountain Men. Although the group was attempting to follow what it believed to be the pass used by Fremont and Carson, Anderson noted that "they wouldn't have gone the way we went . . . there are many rocks too big."

"We cut a new trail, all downhill. You couldn't go up it," added Chuck Huffman, another participating Mountain Man from Sutter Creek.

No mishaps or injuries were reported during the trek, although one rider quit the journey early yesterday because his horse was bucking and his saddle was slipping in the rugged terrain. The group also encountered an exhausted backpacker near Scout Carson Lake and gave him a lift to Silver Lake.

As a footnote, Jackson historian Larry Cenotto walked with the group throughout the journey, finishing the nearly 50-mile trek almost two hours ahead of the equestrians despite strained ligaments in his left knee.

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# Posse Comitatus Is Sued By Sheriff

By BILL LAWRENCE  
Bee Staff Writer

Which man wearing the badge in San Joaquin County is really a bona-fide representative of the San Joaquin County sheriff?

A Sacramento U.S. District Court suit says that unless an injunction is issued against the "San Joaquin County Sheriff's Posse Comitatus," it may be a confusing question for some citizens to answer.

The complaint also demands damages totaling \$198 million from the posse and others for problems they created for Sheriff Michael Canlis and his deputies' association.

The suit was brought by the sheriff and his officers and also names the Western Tomato Growers and Shippers, Inc., and the Stockton Tomato Co., Inc., whose top officers allegedly were posse members.

A year ago the posse, a private citizens group, was involved in a confrontation with the sheriff's department in a dispute over the access of union organizers to tomato fields near Stockton.

Three posse members, George E. Hill, Francis E. Gillings and Norman Brown, were arrested. Hill was

charged with resisting arrest and Gillings and Brown with assault.

On another occasion, seven posse members led by Hill, posse chairman, attempted to make a citizens arrest of Canlis and San Joaquin County district attorney for "conspiracy" and failure to uphold the constitution. But they failed to get their men.

According to the suit, some deputies also have received communications of an "intimidating" nature from the posse directing the officers to uphold the law as interpreted by the posse.

The posse, according to the suit, also placed a full-page advertisement in a Stockton newspaper, saying it was an association of private citizens, but it could make arrests of other citizens and county officials.

The suit pictures the ad as so misleading that its publication resulted in misdemeanor charges against Hill and another posse. These charges are still pending.

The suit maintains, however, that unless an injunction is issued the posse's literature and badges will so confuse citizens that they may not know whether a person who directs them to do something is a sworn law officer or a posse member.

# Self-Styled Law Group Reportedly Goes On Alert

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — The Posse Comitatus reportedly has been placed on "standby" status nationwide following the arrests of seven men last Friday involving takeover of a potato packing shed near Stanfield.

Velma Griggs, who said she is vice chairman of the San Joaquin chapter of the posse in California, said Monday that chapters in Oregon and California, as well as the national posse, were prepared to come here for legal proceedings against the defendants.

Sue Cooper, who identified herself as secretary of the San Joaquin chapter, said, "We are going to fight this. We are going to fight unlawfulness."

Mrs. Griggs is the mother of one

defendant, Farrell A. Griggs. Mrs. Cooper is the wife of Donald A. Cooper, another defendant.

The women made their statements here Monday after the seven men were granted a continuance of arraignment by Judge William Jackson of Umatilla County Circuit Court so they could obtain lawyers.

The judge said they could not be represented by their chosen counsel, Robert Wright of Eugene, because he isn't a member of the Oregon Bar.

All seven men are charged with burglary and riot, and three also face weapons charges. The incident apparently stemmed from a land dispute.

Bail ranges from \$45,000 to \$75,505.

The posse is a self-styled law enforcement organization.

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Pianist Eugene List, left, was a featured soloist

By CHARLES JOHNSON  
Bee Staff Writer

BEAR VALLEY, Alpine Co. — After a one-year hiatus occasioned by financial difficulties, Music From Bear Valley is being heard in the tall trees and broad meadows of this high country resort again this year. The difficulties were those of the

# Mountain Music

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resort, not the music festival, whose financial well-being is as anomalous as its quality, considering the circumstances.

Consider the circumstances: A smallish resort in the least-populated county in California, a three-hour drive from the nearest cities.

But this is not your typical family vacation spot. Behind all those trees and granite boulders are posh condos peopled by the moneyed sophisticates of the bay area and Southern California. And they support John Gosling's week-long classical music festival with cash and hard work. Actor Lloyd Bridges was pouring drinks at the concession stand Saturday night and San Francisco socialites had put on a little rummage sale that afternoon; proceeds: \$2,500.

**THE FESTIVAL** budget this year is \$38,000 and even a 100-per-cent sell-out audience for all seven concerts would raise only about \$21,000. The rest is being made up by the usual fund-raising projects and direct donations. The first half-dozen rows of seats are set aside for, and filled to capacity with, patrons who have given \$100 or more.

Gosling, who once was music director of the Monterey Symphony (he now heads the North Carolina Symphony), conceived the festival in 1969 when he went to Bear Valley looking for a summer place.

The resort management encouraged his festival idea, donated money and turned over the four-story lobby of the main lodge for the concerts. Almost from the outset the seats, balconies and were taken and this year audiences are filling or nearly filling the 600-seat tent into which the festival has moved — despite the chilling night-time temperatures at 7,000 feet elevation.

**GOSLING'S** musicians are all professionals — university faculty members, players with small orchestras, members of major symphonies. But they are not paid for performing at Bear Valley — they get only expenses.

Why do they come? Partly at least because, as Gosling puts it, the festival gives them a chance to do music they could not normally play. There are no symphonic warhorses; no pops or lightweight stuff. One concert — tonight's chamber music — is programmed by the musicians themselves. Stockton percussionist Jerry Katzakian, for example, has prepared a spectacular contemporary piece for piano and tympani.

**NOT THAT THERE** is anything ad hoc or improvisational about the festival; the preparation, rehearsals and drills go on all the time, everywhere, with an intensity perhaps lacking in a play-for-pay situation.

The physical setting is grand; the community spirit is warm and supportive; the professional spirit is the best. But is the music any good?

Yes it is, considering the circumstances and judging from Saturday night's concert featuring pianist Eugene List.

Although many of the 45 musicians have been at Bear Valley before, this is not an orchestra that has been through the rigors of a complete season, so it is not surprising that some edges are a little ragged, some intonations a bit off, some ensemble playing not quite ensemble. For comparison's sake, one could say the orchestra lies somewhere between the Camellia Symphony and the Sacramento Symphony, and much closer to the latter than the former.

**THE OPENING** piece, the overture to Beethoven's "Fidelio," was not grand (a bigger aggregation would be required for that), but acceptable and mostly on the money.

The orchestra did better, seemingly warming to the task as the temperature dropped, in the major work of the evening, Shostakovich's "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra." List, who recently returned from a Russian tour, had a wonderful grasp of this alternately abstract and amusing work and, frankly, his crystalline playing and plain zip put him well above his accompanists.

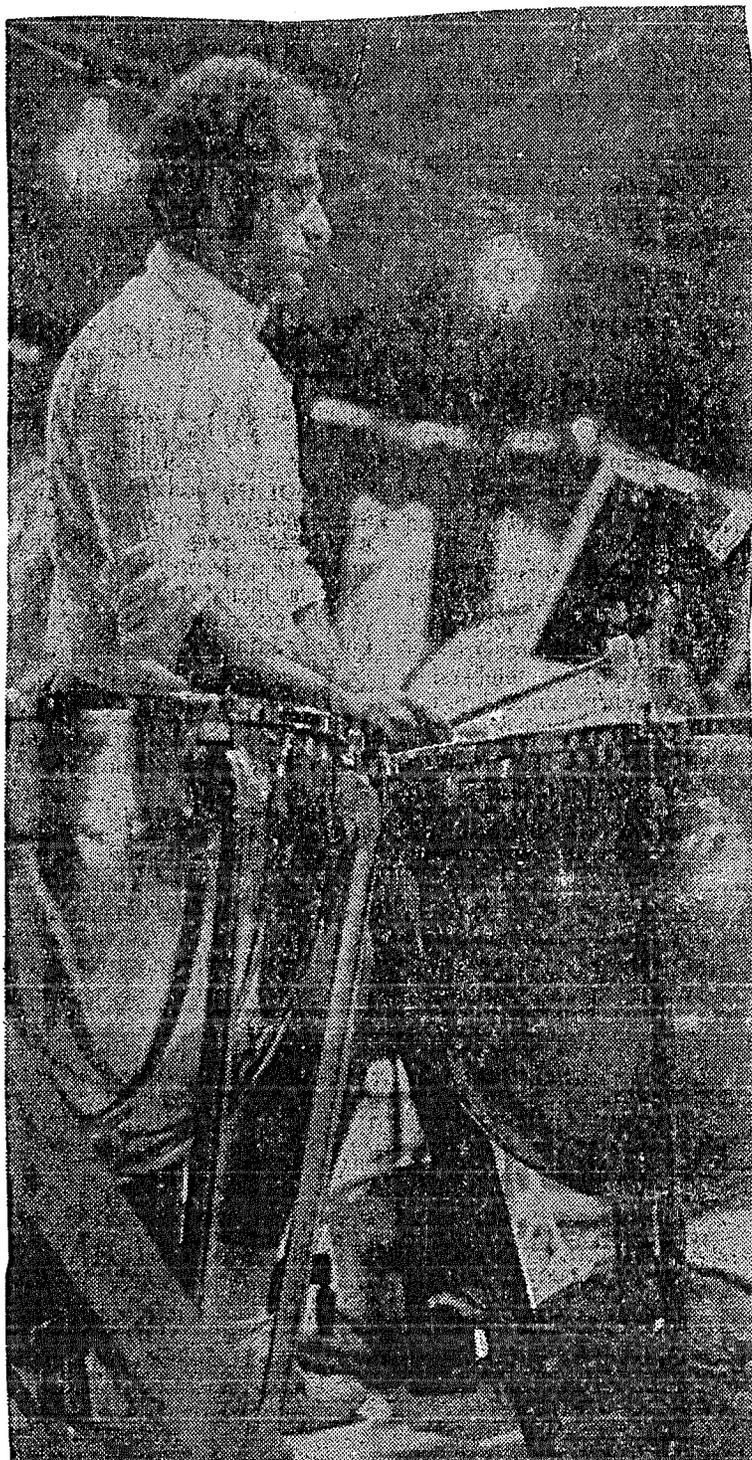
The concert was virtually a List recital. He and Carroll Glenn did Franck's episodic, Impressionist "Sonata for Violin and Piano," and List gave the concert a completely fulfilling finale with three virtuoso pieces by Louis Gottschalk, a Bicentennialish salute to America's first internationally acclaimed musician.

List shone in the Franck as well, outshining Ms. Glenn despite the piece's emphasis on the violin part. She has soul but the performance was marred with a few technical boo-boos.

Music from Bear Valley continues tonight and there are concerts at 7 p.m. Aug. 13 (modern and classical works), 2 p.m. Aug. 14 (Rossini's opera "Cinderella") and 2 p.m. Aug. 15, plus a free children's concert Saturday morning. For ticket information, call (209) 753-2311.

Below, Stockton percussionist Jerry Katzakian during a rehearsal session in the Bear Valley tent.

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# Letters to the editor

## Here's how Snowshoe's

## name is really spelled

### Editor:

Since Genoa will be the host to a Snowshoe Thompson affair in the near future, I wish to attempt to clear up the misguided interpretation of the famous Scandinavian's surname.

The man known as Snowshoe Thompson, who first carried the U.S. mail during the winter of 1856, by skiing over the unmarked terrain from Placerville to Carson Valley, is a National Hero.

He was born in Upper Tins, Prestijeld, Norway, April 30, 1827, in the County of Telemark. Jon Torsteinson Rue, or John Tostensen was his name in Norway. He and his family arrived in America when he was 10 or 11 years old, first settling in the East. In 1850 he traveled across the country to California.

The discrepancy over the spelling of his name arises from the spelling on his gravestone in the Genoa cemetery. It is spelled THOMPSON on the gravestone, which was erected in 1886. This was long after Snowshoe had died at his ranch in Diamond Valley, thirty miles south of Carson City, on May 15, 1876.

For a number of years, I have done research on this subject, in the hope of confirming, once and for all, the correct spelling of Snowshoe's surname.

I hereby present the following facts:

1. The Nevada American Revolution Bicentennial Commission officially endorsed the story on Snowshoe Thompson, in the fall of 1974 issue of 'Nevada Historical Review.' This article was originally written in 1886, by the noted Nevada journalist, Dan DeQuille. While working for the Territorial Enterprise, DeQuille personally interviewed John A. Thompson and upon his death, also wrote his obituary. He spelled Snowshoe's surname as THOMPSON.

2. The book 'Alpine Heritage,' a history of Alpine County, California, 1964, was written by Mabel Love and Angie Merrill. The chapter on Diamond Valley tells of John A. Thompson and of his being taken by wagon or sleigh, up Woodfords Canyon and there, set out alone on his skis for Hangtown (Placerville).

3. 'The Genoa Magazine,' edited by Nancy Miluck, 1970, tells of the saga of Snowshoe Thompson, Genoa's favorite legend.

4. Noted historian Grace Dangberg writes in her 'Carson Valley' book for the Carson Valley Historical Society 1972, of two letters written by John A. Thompson to his wife Agnes Singleton Thompson, while he was in the nation's capital in 1872. He instructed her to see that the spring plowing was done and the land sown. This book contains a photo of Snowshoe Thompson and his son Arthur.

5. 'The Nevada Highways and Parks' magazine No. 2, 1959, has an article written by Evelyn Dangberg Teal. She states that Snowshoe Thompson is remembered in many ways, such as: The Annual Sierra Snowshoe Thompson Memorial Ski Race; a United States stamp and the valleys carrying names he gave them—Faith, Hope, Charity, and Diamond.

6. The 'History of Nevada' by Thompson and West, 1881, has several references to Snowshoe.

John A. Thompson was the first man to carry mail over the Sierras during the winter, using the Norwegian pattern of snow-shoes which were 10 ft. long, turned up at the front, like skates or runners, about 5 or 6 inches wide and 1½ inches thick, made of fir. Previous to his trips several men had carried the mail using the basket form or Canadian pattern of snow-shoes.

7. 'Marvels of the New West' by Wm. M. Thayer, 1888, writes of John A. Thompson's making a bargain in 1854, with T. J. Matteson of Murphey's Camp, Calaveras County to continue postal service through the winter, on wages of \$200 a month, no matter if the snow was 20 feet deep.

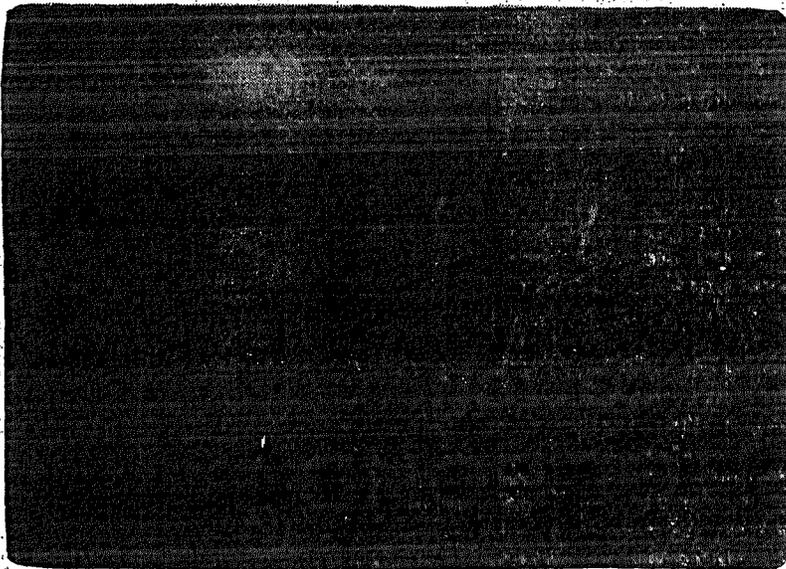
8. Hubert Howe Bancroft, Vol. XXV, written in 1890, writes of a new stage line between Placerville and Genoa, which was started in the winter of 1859, by John A. Thompson and Child, who used sleighs between Strawberry and Carson Valley, keeping the road open all winter for the first time.

9. During the VIII Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley, Feb. 1960, The Norwegian California Olympics Committee, representing the County of Telemark, Norway, journeyed to Genoa and placed on the grave of 'Snowshoe Thompson' a plaque, as a tribute from the Norwegian Ski Team. (I have a copy of the speech, made at that time.)

10. Snow-Shoe Thompson was elected in 1970 to the National Ski Hall of Fame, which was established in Ishpeming, Michigan, in 1954.

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DOCUMENTATION provided by the Nevada Landmarks Society appears to prove beyond a doubt that Snowshoe Thompson, whose grave is at Genoa, spelled his surname THOMPSON. A debate has raged in some circles over the correct spelling of the folk hero's last name.

11. In the U.S. Government publication titled 'Senate Reports of the 42nd Congress,' 1871-72, is a report to the United States Senate directed from the State of Nevada, asking for an appropriation of \$6,000 to compensate J. A. Thompson for carrying the U.S. mail from Placerville to Carson Valley, during the years of 1856, 1857, and 1858. In the report is a letter dated Dec. 26, 1856, from the postmaster S. A. Kinsey of Genoa, saying "The mail from Placerville to this office is carried by J. A. Thompson, who travels on snow-shoes and carried the mail on his back, ninety miles, and for his labor charges one dollar per letter each way, which most of the citizens are willing to pay. Some

decline to pay the dollar, and demand their letters, because they come in the U.S. mail," and he asks instructions as to the disposition of such letters.

In this U.S. publication of 1872, the committee recommended that J. A. Thompson be paid \$669.78 for the years of 1856 and 1857.

12. The Bancroft Library of California concurs that the spelling of Snowshoe's name is J.A. Thompson.

13. The Nevada State Park System concurs as to the spelling - THOMPSON

14. The Nevada State Museum and the Nevada State Historical Society concur as to the spelling

15. Every single one of the above mentioned citations spells

Snowshoe's surname as THOMPSON.

16. 'Desert Challenge' by Richards Lillard, 1942, states that for several winters a Norwegian named Thompson carried mail between Placerville and Carson Valley. He used a stick for braking uphill and supporting down, coasting a mile a minute.

17. My final and most conclusive proof is the certificate of United States Citizenship document, which is in the possession of the citizens of Markleeville, in Alpine County, California. It reads: "On the 16th day of October 1866, John A. Thompson, formerly of Norway, at present of the State of California aforesaid appeared in the District Court of the 16th Judicial District to be admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America."

18. Finally, I attended a most impressive dedication of 'The Snowshoe Thompson Monument' on May 15, 1976 at the Western American Ski Sport Museum located at Boreal Ridge. A marvelous 10 foot tall steel statue of Snowshoe Thompson balances atop a 12-foot granite shaft. This event was endorsed by both the California and Nevada Bicentennial Commissions. It was attended by over 600 Norwegian descendants, ski association members, citizens from Nevada and California, descendants of Snowshoe's brothers and sisters, plus numerous guests from across the country.

The Norwegian Ambassador, Soren Christian Sommerfelt gave a welcome address.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Noreen I.K. Humphreys  
Nevada Landmarks Society  
Carson City

P.S. A copy of this letter was sent to Nevada State Museum and the State Historical Society.

This copy has been typed and read by Charles L. Daniels, President of The Nevada Landmarks Society.

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# Secrecy Shattered . . . 11 In Alpine County Reveal Vo

MARKLEEVILLE — Eleven persons willingly broke their bond of secrecy with the ballot box during testimony in Alpine County Superior Court here.

They revealed which of two candidates received their votes in the county's 3rd Supervisorial District race June 8.

In that contest incumbent Supervisor Frederick Thornburg of Markleeville retained his seat by five votes as he defeated the man he ousted in a January recall election, Jack Doyal of Hope Valley. Thorn-

burg received 69 votes to 64 for Doyal in the June 8 rematch.

Doyal then contested the election, charging that about 25 voters were not legal residents of Alpine County.

Following three days of testimony which concluded yesterday, Calaveras County Superior Court Judge Joseph Huberty, substituting for Judge J. Hilary Cook, reaffirmed Thornburg's victory.

A new vote tally, however, gave Thornburg 64 votes to 60 for Doyal.

Although Judge Huberty did not hand down a formal decision in court, he met in chambers with the at-

torneys for Thornburg and Doyal and announced he was invalidating nine votes after determining that nine of the June 8 voters were not legally registered voters in the county, said County Clerk Joan Chacon.

The nine were among the 11 persons who admitted how they voted during questioning by the attorneys for Thornburg and Doyal. The two other persons testified how they voted before Judge Huberty determined that they were legally registered voters and that their ballots were valid.

Of three other persons asked how

they voted, two said they did not vote for either candidate and one said he has forgotten how he voted.

The witnesses were neither cajoled nor threatened with possible contempt citations, said Mrs. Chacon. None objected verbally, she added. "They might not have been pleased about it, but they didn't show it. They answered it just like the other questions," she remarked.

In another development Judge Huberty, at the request of District Attorney Thomas M. Kelly, granted immunity against prosecution for alleged voter registration fraud for

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## Losing Supervisor Appeals Election

MARKLEEVILLE — Former Alpine County Supervisor Jack Doyal of Hope Valley is appealing a Superior Court decision which last month reaffirmed the June 8 victory of Frederick Thornburg, the candidate who defeated him.

At that time, Doyal challenged the outcome of the June 8 election, which he lost by five votes, on the grounds that 23 voters were not legal residents of the county.

After three days of testimony, Judge Joseph Huberty of Calaveras County declared that nine residents were not legally registered voters in Alpine County and he invalidated their June 8 votes. The ruling, however, still left Thornburg the winner by four votes.

Doyal said today that he is asking the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento to review the entire case and to determine again the legal residency of all the 23 voters he originally challenged.

"I really believe the judge only disqualified those who were obvious," said Doyal.

Among the voters who were not disqualified, said Doyal, were a superior court judge from Santa Clara County, whose name he did not know, Dr. Johann Holton, a pathologist who owns a local resort but who lives and practices in San Jose, and William J. Cook, a lobbyist for the California Edison Co. who lives and works in Sacramento.

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**Thornburg wins,  
this time in court**

After three days of Superior Court hearings in Markleeville, Calif., several voters in last June's primary election were disqualified, but the results remained the same in the Alpine County District 3 supervisorial race. On June 8, Fritz Thornburg received 69 votes, Doyal 64. Doyal challenged the legality of some of the votes, and Judge Joseph Huberty started hearings Sept. 15. On Tuesday, Sept. 21, some of the challenged voters were disqualified. After finding out who the disqualified electors had voted for, the figures were adjusted, with Thornburg having 64, Doyal 60. The vote challenge was the latest in a series of confrontations between the two men. Doyal had been a member of the county board of supervisors, but in January was unseated in a recall election initiated by Thornburg, who ran in the recall election as Doyal's only opponent. Five months later, Doyal challenged Thornburg in the primary, losing by only five votes.

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witnesses who feared their testimony might incriminate them, said Mrs. Chacon.

Still undetermined is the impact of the issue on the county's voter registration rolls. Judge Huberty did not order that the nine voters be purged from the rolls, said Mrs. Chacon.

He declined last night to discuss the matter.

A spokesperson for Thornburg said he was pleased to have again won the election but was unhappy about \$1,000 in attorney fees he faces.

**Thornburg wins,**  
**this time in court**

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# Postscript: Issue of Voting Vacationers Up in Air in Alpine County

It was the Great Alpine County Voter Turnout.

In the June primary, 468 ballots were cast in the county even though the secretary of state's office listed only 459 persons of voting age.

Thus, 101.96% of the electorate apparently voted.

Apathy didn't appear to be a problem in the tiny county, which borders on Nevada just south of Lake Tahoe.

But what was the problem?

A month after the primary, Secretary of State March Fong Eu sent Alpine County Dist. Atty. Thomas Kelly a report noting that "many times in the past" the number of registered voters nearly equaled the county population—"and that population total includes children."

Were kids voting? Had kissing babies taken on real importance for Alpine County politicians?

Ms. Eu found that the confusion resulted from the fact that a number of vacationers own mountain cabins in the county, prompting "questions of legal residence determination . . ."

She sent Kelly a list of 317 Alpine County voters who had neither driver's licenses nor vehicle registrations with Alpine County addresses.

These included Alpine County Supervisors William Freeman and Harold Duarte and Alpine County Superior Judge J. Hilary Cook.

Although Ms. Eu cautioned that the list was not "accusatory or conclusionary," Freeman promptly fired off a letter accusing her of "passing possible allegations against leading citizens."

The list "basically . . . wasn't that reliable," Dist. Atty. Kelly told The Times. He determined that Freeman, Duarte and Cook do live in the county.

(Ms. Eu's office later said that Freeman might have been named because the DMV mistakenly considered his community, Bear Valley, to be a part of Calaveras County, whose border is only a few hops away.)

Duarte, however, said, "We do have people voting here who shouldn't be. They come to their ca-



**WHO LIVES WHERE?**—Secretary of State March Fong Eu . . . county poses puzzle.

AP photo

bins maybe once a month and some politicians feel, 'If it benefits me, register them.' The problem is that the election code is so ambiguous about residency requirements."

The code defines a person's residence as "that place in which his or her habitation is fixed and to which, whenever the person is absent, he or she has the intention of returning."

Kelly has sent out letters to each of the 317 people on Ms. Eu's list, defining residence for them.

He adds: "There's not much more I can do because it's difficult to prove who lives where."

One former Alpine County supervisor, who lost by five votes in June, is appealing the result in court, contending that several absentee voters in the county live elsewhere.

Notes Kelly: "You could swing a supervisory election here just by moving a family into the county."

And, so, there the matter rests.

"It's a mess," says Supervisor Duarte.

"I'm not sure we're satisfied," says a source in the secretary of state's office.

—By Steve Harvey

## Losing Supervisor Appeals Election

MARKLEEVILLE — Former Alpine County Supervisor Jack Doyal of Hope Valley is appealing a Superior Court decision which last month reaffirmed the June 8 victory of Frederick Thornburg, the candidate who defeated him.

At that time, Doyal challenged the outcome of the June 8 election, which he lost by five votes, on the grounds that 23 voters were not legal residents of the county.

After three days of testimony, Judge Joseph Huberty of Calaveras County declared that nine residents were not legally registered voters in Alpine County and he invalidated their June 8 votes. The ruling, however, still left Thornburg the winner by four votes.

Doyal said today that he is asking the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento to review the entire case and to determine again the legal residency of all the 23 voters he originally challenged.

"I really believe the judge only disqualified those who were obvious," said Doyal.

Among the voters who were not disqualified, said Doyal, were a superior court judge from Santa Clara County, whose name he did not know, Dr. Johann Holtan, a pathologist who owns a local resort but who lives and practices in San Jose, and William J. Cook, a lobbyist for the California Edison Co. who lives and works in Sacramento.

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## Kelly named to Alpine bench

Thomas M. Kelly, Alpine County district attorney, has been appointed to complete the term of former Justice Court Judge Jim Lyons. The term continues until after the general election in 1978. The appointment was

made by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors at their meeting of Sept. 21.

Kelly was asked by the supervisors to assist in the advertisement for a new district attorney. The job carries a monthly salary of \$1,000.

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## Alpine shares \$45,000 grant

The four-county Central Sierra Planning Council has received a \$45,000 Economic Development

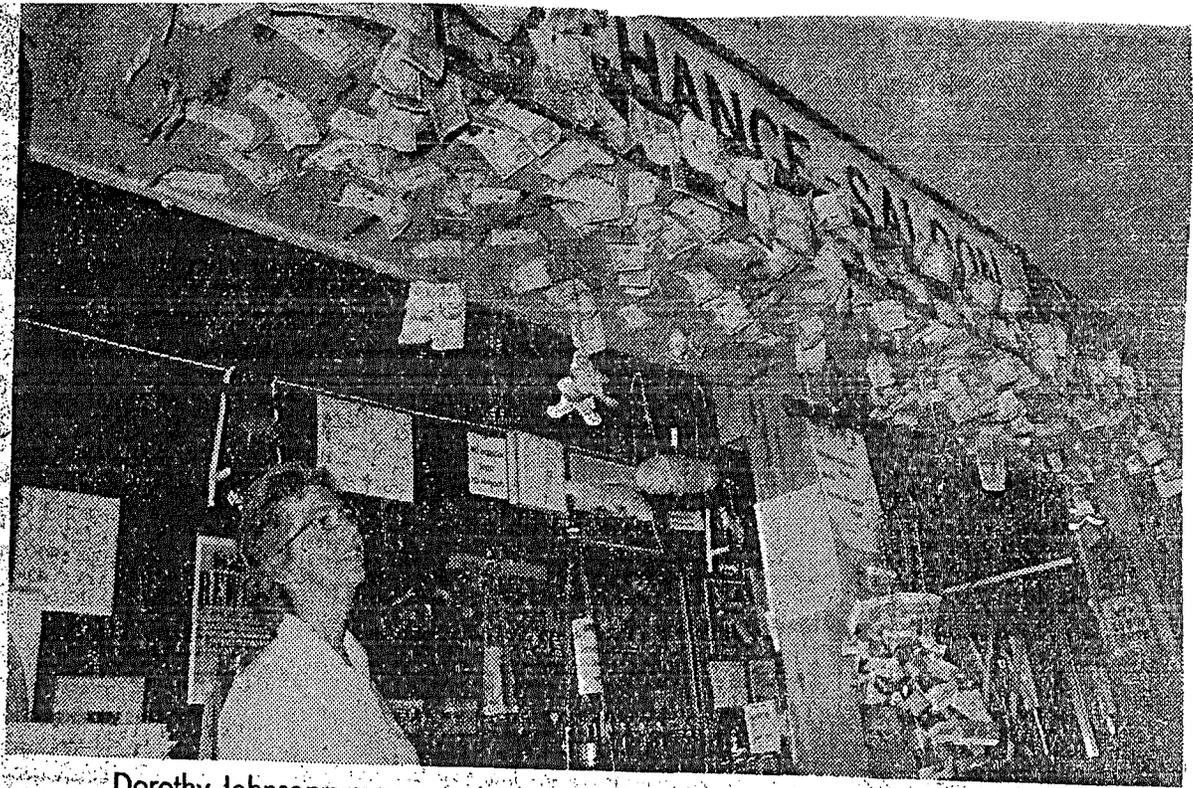
Administration grant to assist in planning for long range economic growth and new jobs in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties.

The Federal funds will be supplemented by \$15,000 in local funds, said

Congressman John J. McFall (D-Manteca) who announced the grant.

The planning will include surveys and research into the economic needs of the four counties and the availability of resources for economic development, the Fourteenth District Congressman was advised.

See Photo by Mike Dunne



Dorothy Johnson surveys party money pinned above her Markleeville bar.

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**Swine flu**

## shots available in Alpine

Swine flu shots will be given to Alpine County residents today from 1 to 7 p.m. in the old courthouse at Markleeville. Public Health Nurse Nancy Riebe said Dr. Ruth Jolly, public health officer, will be present to answer questions.

For those unable to take the shots today, Ms. Riebe said they will be given on the next regular clinic day, Nov. 12.

## Alpine school's truck stolen

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On the weekend of Oct. 8-10 the Alpine County Unified School District pick-up was stolen. It had been parked and locked in the school parking lot.

investigating the incident. They say they have some substantial clues under

investigation, but would appreciate any additional information.

It was found on Monday, Oct. 11 by a gentleman and his two grandsons who were picnicking in the area.

The pick-up, a 1975 Dodge Club Cab, 4-wheel drive, bronze and white, long wheel base, was found in an aspen grove on the mountain above the Alpine County dump site off of Emigrant Trail Road. It has been driven over rocks, brush and small trees. The windows had been kicked out, the tires slashed, the seats slashed, the gear shift levers ripped out, the lights broken, and words scratched into the paint.

The Alpine County Sheriff's Department is