

DATE	NEWSPAPER	HEADLINE	CATEGORY	PEOPLE
1/4/1987	Los Angeles Herald Examiner	Alpine County: A little bit of country in a lot of land	Community	Mario Generelli, Glenn Kelley, Sherman Glettig, Marilyn Generelli, Camilla DuLac, Jacob Marklee, Hubert Bruns, Eric Jung, Wern Essig, John Brissenden, Patty Brissenden, Heidi Hopkins, Kevin Jones, Belma Jones
1/9/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Mammoth Avalanche	Accident/Weather	Sandy Bryson
1/22/1987	Record Courier	Dog sled races	HopeValley/Event	
1/22/1987	Record Courier	Alpine County trying to protect Hope Valley meadow	Hope Valley	Elinore Sawdy
1/22/1987	Record Courier	Winery official speaks at wine appreciation meeting	Event	Gina Gigli, Ruggero Gigli
1/29/1987	Record Courier	How will highway widening affect Carson Valley	Opinion	Rose Bryan
1/29/1987	Record Courier	Dog races	HopeValley/Event	
1/1/1987	Sunset Magazine	Cross-country skiing south of Tahoe	Recreation	
2/5/1987	Record Courier	Valley families instrumental in birth of Carson Valley	Community	Dresslers, Settlemeyers
2/12/1987	Record Courier	Mush	HopeValley/Event	
2/18/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Cleaning up its sewage act	Sewage	
2/19/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Carson Sink bird, fish kill investigated	Water	
2/19/1987	Record Courier	End of era for Contel: No more 5-digit dialing	Communication	
2/19/1987	Record Courier	Head Start: Good way to start a day	Schools	Leora Crawford, Holly Dressler, David Roberts, Tanika Caldera, Rhiana Jones

2/26/1987	Record Courier	Leman Miller	Obituary	Leman Miller
2/26/1987	Record Courier	Winner	Contest	Robin Hook
2/26/1987	Record Courier	Chandler first, girls third in Northern AAA skiing	Schools/Sports	Joey Chandler, Nani Thornburg, Jeanne Turnbeaugh
2/26/1987	Record Courier	WINOs taste champagne	Event	Gina Gigli
2/26/1987	Record Courier	Here's Joey	Schools/Sports	Joey Chandler, Jeanne Turnbeaugh
2/26/1987	Record Courier	SADD band records song	Schools	Jennifer Johnson
2/26/1987	Record Courier	Bake sale	Schools	
3/5/1987	Record Courier	Couglas High Honor Society inducts new members	Schools/Awards	Dina Gigli, Kelli Lingelbach
3/12/1987	Record Courier	Teacher-principal exchange held	Schools	Jerry Price, Sharon Osgood, Gerald Herrick, Lisa Fontana, Lenn Mackey, Lynn Schaefer, George Cretilli, Catherine Parker, Mary Karrasch, Ginger Craik, Jeanne Lane, Rod Smith
3/12/1987	Record Courier	Avalanche slideshow	Library	
3/19/1987	Record Courier	Miss Alpine County pageant set March 21	Contest	Tiffany Branscombe, Laura Helsel, Monica Richert
3/20/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Dashing through the snow	Hope Valley	
3/26/1987	Record Courier	Alfreda Anthony	Obituary	Alfreda Anthony, Nadine Weller, France's Snooks, Carmelita Rakow, Ninga Anthony, Rena Anthony, Madelina Henry
3/26/1987	Record Courier	WINO group hears talk by winemaker from California	Event	Gina Gigli
3/26/1987	Record Courier	Still dry	Water	
4/2/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	STPUD wins court ruling	Sewage/Courts	

4/2/1987	Record Courier	SADD group helps at Fernley High Assembly	Schools	Jennifer Johnson
4/2/1987	Record Courier	Douglas takes 3rd; Whittell 2nd in academic contest	Schools	Becky Sturgeon, Angus Towse, Ann Robinson
4/9/1987	Record Courier	What's wrong with today's American?	Opinion	Jerry Cuccaro
4/9/1987	Record Courier	Reaction in town to dam is mixed	Water	
4/14/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Tahoe Choir travels around the world in song and dance	Arts	Jim Dunn
4/16/1987	Record Courier	Alpine correspondent debuts	Communication	Heidi Hopkins, Dianne Deadrich-Rogers, Dave Rogers
4/16/1987	Record Courier	Monitor Pass is now open	Roads	Heidi Hopkins, Forrest Robinson
4/16/1987	Record Courier	County opposes Bodie dam proposal	Water	
4/16/1987	Record Courier	River rafting	Recreation	
4/16/1987	Record Courier	Ski Club concludes season	Sports	Wendy Gansberg
4/16/1987	Record Courier	Band marches	Schools	Stephanie Knutson, Hope Rakow
4/23/1987	Record Courier	Alpine volunteers plant 500 pine seedlings	Community	Elwood Davis, Margaret Daniels, Heidi Hopkins, Marie Bravo
4/23/1987	Record Courier	Should educational R-rated movies be shown at the high school	Opinion	Pat Buchannan, Amber Buchannan
4/30/1987	Record Courier	Two departments act as one	Fire/Event	Heidi Hopkins, Dave Zellmer, LeRoy Wickham

				Nancy Thornburg, Edie Veatch, Bob Rudden, Elwood Davis, Jeff Martin, Jana Martin, Clint Celio, Jeff Hammpton, Phillip Sturgeon, Becky Sturgeon, Jason Glynn, Jamie Glynn, Lindsay Jones, Robin Jones, Angela Jones, Elvin Fred, Sylvia Fred, Freddie Fred, Marsha Fred, Carol Kelly, Josh Kelly, Daylene Persons, Korrie Callison, Chris Veatch, Tammy Shannon Veatch, Tamara Turnbeaugh, Lysle Turnbeaugh, Chuck Daugherty, Angus Towse, Kindra Raquino, Brian Doyal, Jason Watts, Mahlon Machado, Sandy Celio, Jo Daugherty, Ellen Martin, Beth Nelson, Lynn Doyal, Lindsay Jones, Janis Doyal, Jim Clark, Dolores Clark, Fritz Thornburg, Nancy Thornburg
5/7/1987	Record Courier	Museum clean-up draws 43	Community/History	Thornburg
5/7/1987	Record Courier	On the run	Schools/Sports	Jason Warren
5/13/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Indian artifacts unearthed	Washoe/Sewage	
5/14/1987	Record Courier	Three young people qualify as California Art Scholars	Schools/Awards	Don Jardine, Tiffany Branscombe, Ann Robinson
5/21/1987	Record Courier	Washoe sites excavated	Washoe/Sewage	Heidi Hopkins
5/21/1987	Record Courier	Imagine yourself 100 years ago	History	Heidi Hopkins, Harry Hawkins, John Ellis, Al Chain, Lou Wiese, George Coyan, Walt Monroe, Hubert Bruns, Gina Gigli, Nancy Thornburg

5/28/1987	Record Courier	Archivist speaks at potluck	Archives	Ileen Long, Dolores Clark, Heidi Hopkins, Edie Veatch, Jo Dougherty, Brenda Angelo, Frank Angelo, LeeAnne Rothstein, Paul Rothstein, Ellen Martin, Kate Harvey, Kathy Hartzell, JeTurnbeaugh, Donna McGeein, Lenny-Sue twinsets
5/28/1987	Record Courier	Take a closer look at these finely crafted reproductions	Arts	Jim Cone, LeRoy Wickham, Terry O'Toole, Heidi Hopkins
5/28/1987	Record Courier	Band nominated for honor	Schools/Awards	Jennifer Johnson
5/28/1987	Record Courier	Douglas dispatcher's tip led to suspect's arrest	Crime	Liz Hertz
6/4/1987	Record Courier	Dalton Boys take honors	Art	Jim Cone, LeRoy Wickham, Terry O'Toole, Heidi Hopkins
6/4/1987	Record Courier	Alison Pyne	Birth	Alison Pyne, Deborah Pyne, George Pyne
6/11/1987	Record Courier	The swallows are settling in	Environment	Heidi Hopkins, Gina Gigli, Lieen Long, Jeanne Turnbeaugh
6/11/1987	Record Courier	Talanted artists	Arts	Ralph Shoshone, Tiffany Branscombe, Ann Robinson, Richard Martin
6/11/1987	Record Courier	Douglas High School scholarship awards are presented	Schools/Awards	Laura Helsel, Becky Sturgeon, Monica Richert, Sam Chacon, Tiffany Branscombe
6/25/1987	Record Courier	Times are changing in Hope Valley	Hope Valley	Heidi Hopkins
6/25/1987	Record Courier	Help Hope	Hope Valley	
7/2/1987	Record Courier	Alpine slide show to be postponed	Event/Library	
7/2/1987	Record Courier	Haying time: First of the season	Agriculture	Heidi Hopkins
7/6/1987	Sacramento Bee	Tiny Alpine nests on Sierra's crest	History/Washoe	Linda Shoshone, Eric Jung, Chris Gansberg, Jr., Ileen Long, Robert Conrad, Lloyd Bridges

7/9/1987	Record Courier	County gears up for largest Death Ride ever this Saturday	Bicycle	Heidi Hopkins
7/9/1987	Record Courier	Record field is expected for Markleeville Death Ride	Bicycle	Curtis Fong
7/9/1987	Record Courier	Death Ride is commemorated in postmark	Bicycle	Margaret Daniels, Janine Sprout, Marie Bravo
7/16/1987	Record Courier	Indian taco sale this weekend	Schools,Bicycle	Heidi Hopkins, Beaver James, Hope Rakow, Linda Shoshone, Kevin Jones, James Ralph Shoshone
7/23/1987	Whittier Daily News Weekender	Life's speeding up in Alpine County high country	History	Don Jardine, Chris Gansberg Jr., Lynda Shoshone, Eric Jung, Ileen Long, Robert Conrad, Lloyd Bridges, Jacob Marklee
7/23/1987	Record Courier	UWK director well qualified	Community	Heidi Hopkins, Lynn Walker, Judy Warren
7/30/1987	Record Courier	Friends of Hope Valley	Hope Valley	
7/30/1987	Record Courier	More than meets the eye	Fire	
7/30/1987	Record Courier	New face on Woodfords	Washoe	Heidi Hopkins, Nadine Weller, Linda Shoshone, Kevin Jones, Dinah , Maureena Simmons, Ralph Shoshone,Jean Jones, Jackie Simmons, Dee Dee Dressler
7/30/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Sierra Fire destroys homes	Fire	Jim Shinn, Rod Smith
7/30/1987	Sacramento Bee	5,500 acre Alpine County fire destroys 26 homes	Fire	Tom Nagel, Ellie O'Toole
7/30/1987	Los Angeles Times	1,500 Battle Disastrous N. California Fire	Fire	Jim Cone, Larry Kuhl, Elyse Doyal
7/30/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Forest fire disrupts quiet communities	Fire	

7/30/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Fire victims distressed at loss of homes	Fire	George Abbott, Ray Ramos, George Cretilli
7/30/1987	Nevada Appeal	2nd tragedy	Fire	George Abbott
7/31/1987	Sacramento Bee	Blaze put dreams into smoke, ash	Fire	Jim Shinn, Marilyn Shinn, John Bennett, Skip Veatch, George Abbott, Bob Tucker, Dave Fontana
7/31/1987	Nevada Appeal	Dying winds help 1,500 firefighters	Fire	Clarence Burr, Bob Tucker, Skip Veatch, John Bennett, Barbara Jones
7/31/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	27 Homes Hit by big fire in Alpine County	Fire	Hilary Cook, Ellie O'Toole, Larry Kuhl
7/31/1987	Sacramento Bee	1,500 firefighters battle to halt ravaging Alpine County blaze	Fire	Dan Bennett, Jeri Enright, Skip Veatch, Bob Tucker, Dave Fontana
7/31/1987	New York Times	Brush Fire Burns 6000 Acres on California-Nevada Border	Fire	
7/31/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Fire crews slowly making gains	Fire	
8/1/1987	Reno Gazette Journal	Firefighters gaining on huge blaze in Woodfords	Fire	Jeff Bennett, Dan Bennett, Eileen Merrill, Mike McCormick, John Brissenden, John Bennett, Bob Tucker, Ed Schalbert
8/1/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	Big Sierra Blaze May Be Contained By This Evening	Fire	Denny Doyal
8/2/1987	Reno Gazette Journal	Woodfords fire contained	Fire	Jack Doyal, Ed Schalbert
8/3/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Sierra blaze quelled	Fire	
8/3/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	Sierra Blaze Just About Under Control	Fire	Jack Doyal

8/3/1987	Sacramento Bee	Big fire in Sierra controlled	Fire	Lary Kuhl
8/4/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	Alpine County Is Declared a Disaster Area	Fire	
8/4/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Fire site now disaster area	Fire	Clarence Burr, Fred Dressler
8/5/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	USFS imposes campfire restrictions	Fire	
8/5/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Woodfords begins recovery amid controversy	Fire	Jack Doyal, Eric Jung, Dave Zellmer, Ethyl Sandell, Dan Doyal, Dennis Doyal, Ed Schalbert, John Bennett
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Alpine rebuilds after fire destroys 24 homes	Fire	Janis Doyal, Lynn Doyal, Elyse Doyal, Bob Parker, Catherine Parker, Skip Veatch, Norman Reuther, Clint Celio
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Ham radio operators were link with outside	Fire	Bob Andrews
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Mystery man saves dog	Fire	Della Wood
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Community pulls together as fire ravages Alpine	Fire	Clarence Burr
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Residents, Forest Service swap charges afterward	Fire	Bob Stephens, Dave Zellmer, Clarence Burr, Fred Dressler, Larry Pedrett, Mel Schwake, Jr., Ken Hellwinkel
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Alpine County Faire to benefit fire victims	Fire/Event	Eric Jung, Nancy Thornburg
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Fire-fighting pilots say it's 'just a job'	Fire	
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Scorched yards need lots of water	Fire	
8/6/1987	Record Courier	Investigate, but don't forget heroes	Fire	
8/7/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Forest Service defends fire effort	Fire	Dave Zellmer, Chris Gansberg

8/8/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	Officials Defend Rejection of Aid At Big Sierra Blaze	Fire	
8/13/1987	Record Courier	In the wake of a terrible disaster	Fire	Heidi Hopkins, Jim Cone, LeRoy Wickham, Terry O'Toole, Kevin Jones, Carolyn Vaughn, Fred Holt, Diane Holt, Gina Gigle, Donna Cototti
8/13/1987	Record Courier	Fire response critique set	Fire	
8/13/1987	Record Courier	Phone Calls	Fire	
8/13/1987	Record Courier	Thanks	Fire	Larry Kuhl
8/13/1987	Record Courier	Search on for missing man	Search-Rescue	Albert Palmer
8/14/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	Bear Joins Pig, Dog, And Woman in Tent	Bear Valley	
8/14/1987	Motorland	Ebbetts Pass Ramble	Bear Valley/ History	
8/14/1987	Motorland	Nevada's other visitors	Wildlife	
8/16/1987	San Francisco Chronicle	Sierra fire victims fed up with Forest Service	Fire	Dave Zellmer
8/19/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine wants Feds to probe fire effort	Fire	Hank Murdock, Eric Jung, Lynn Doyal
8/20/1987	Sacramento Bee	They'burned up with anger	Fire	Jack Doyal, Lynn Doyal, Dave Zellmer, Chris Gansberg, Skip Veatch
8/20/1987	Record Courier	Chacon's career: It's academic now	Schools/Sports	Sam Chacon, Lisa con, Joan Chacon
8/20/1987	Record Courier	Congressman tours Alpine in wake of fire complaints	Fire	Lynn Doyal
8/20/1987	Record Courier	Baker pulls together successful fair	Fire/EventHeidi Hopkins, Fire/Event	Heidi Hopkins, Judy Baker
8/27/1987	Record Courier	Goodbye to summer, hello to fall	Community	Heidi Hopkins, George Coyan
8/27/1987	Record Courier	Top topic of 'Chat with Chic'	Fire	
8/27/1987	Record Courier	50 Years Ago	History	

8/27/1987	Record Courier	Congressmen hear complaints about firefighting	Fire	Dave Zellmer, John Bennett
8/27/1987	Record Courier	Season ends	Sports	Sylvia Simmons, Jackie Simmons
9/3/1987	Record Courier	Class of 1967 holds a reunion	Schools/Event	Lazy Barr, Jeanne Jackson, Judy Jackson
9/3/1987	Record Courier	\$28,000 donated to victims of Woodfords area fire	Fire	Dody Halvorson
9/3/1987	Record Courier	Reward offered for tree-cutter	Event	Jennifer Johnson
9/3/1987	Record Courier	Douglas responds to Alpine	Fire	Edie Veatch, Skip Veatch, Tammy Shannon Veatch, Chris Veatch, Heidi Hopkins, Ellie O'Toole
9/3/1987	Record Courier	Sorensen's plans annual benefit	Fire/Event	
9/10/1987	Record Courier	Wreck	Accident	Leah Matlock
9/10/1987	Record Courier	Markleeville now has archives	Archives	Mary Wood, Nancy Thornburg, Karen Keegaugh, Dianne Deadrich-Rogers, Heidi Hopkins, Elta Turner, E. Touché
9/17/1987	Record Courier	Douglas tennis team young	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon
9/17/1987	Record Courier	The Woodfords fire	Fire	John Bennett
9/17/1987	Record Courier	We need some normalcy	Fire	Dave Kirby, Heidi Hopkins, Lynda Kirby, Leah Matlock, Marie Bravo
9/17/1987	Record Courier	Small things considered	Fire	
9/17/1987	The Tahoe Reader	The Politics of Fire	Fire	John Cassidy, Dave Zellmer, Skip Veatch, Gary Helsel, Bob Tucker, Dave Kirby, Jason Cook, Elwood Davis, Cheryl Millham
9/24/1987	Record Courier	Hecht calls for probe of Acorn fire	Fire	
9/24/1987	Record Courier	Hollywood comes to Markleeville	Community/Arts	Judy Farnsworth, Rick Stephens, Bob Watkins, Heidi Hopkins, Linda Helsel, Bob Rudden, Robert Conrad
10/1/1987	Record Courier	Alpine seeding due this month	Fire/Environment	Leonard Turnbeaugh

10/15/1987	Record Courier	Fire investigators seek local testimony	Fire	Dolphins Frisius
10/1/1987	Record Courier	How has the football strike affected you?	Opinion	Karen Hamann
10/1/1987	Record Courier	Friends honor Leah Matlack	Obituary	Leah Matlock, Gina Gigli, eidi Hopkins, Dorothy Betts, Bob Jackson
10/8/1987	Record Courier	Investigatoors to seek victims complaints	Fire	
10/8/1987	Record Courier	Lisa Chacon top-ranked in Northern AAA	Sports	Lisa Chacon, Sam Chacon
10/8/1987	Record Courier	Alpine reseeding project off to flying start in Sierra	Fire	
10/15/1987	Record Courier	Top Tiger	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon
10/22/1987	Record Courier	Review calls for better cooperation	Fire	Don Jardine, Dave Zellmer
10/22/1987	Record Courier	Investigator's reports differ slightly on fire respo	Fire	
10/22/1987	Record Courier	What do you think of billboards in Carson Valley?	Opinion	Judy Warren, Mike Warren
10/22/1987	Record Courier	Mark Nagel	Armed Forces	Mark Nagel, Tom Nagel, Judy Nagel
10/22/1987	Record Courier	Benjamin Wood	Birth	Benjamin Wood, Mary Wood, Russell Wood
10/22/1987	Record Courier	Lisa Chacon third at zone	Sports	Lisa Chacon, Joan Chacon, Dina Gigli
10/29/1987	Record Courier	Say No' Fun Run raises \$50	Event	Josh Coyn, jAdam Coyan, Wanda Coyan, Gary Coyan, Gary Coyan, George Coyan, Mike Warren, Judy Warren, Lynn Walker

10/29/1987	Record Courier	Alpine officers elected	Schools	Curt John, Amber McGeein, Dinamarina Gigli, Rick Taylor, Jason Warren, Ann Robinson, Renee Halvorson, Joey Chandler, DeeDee Dressler, Cassandra Fred, George Coyan, Brandon Helsel, Beaver James
10/29/1987	Record Courier	Still working	Fire	
10/29/1987	Record Courier	TV film crew shoots at Markleeville's Cutthroat Saloon	Community/Arts	Robert Conrad
10/29/1987	Record Courier	12-year-old tries hand at acti	Arts	
11/5/1987	Record Courier	Volunteers help seed in Alpine fire area	Fire	Jane Martin
11/5/1987	Record Courier	Museum tour for students at DVS	Schools	Mary Southerland, Sheila Morgan, Waylon Dondero
11/12/1987	Record Courier	Alpine couple publishes Calif. community's Enterprise	Communication	Gina Gigli, Ruggero Gigli, Greg Hayes, Heidi Hopkins, Wilma Rule, Irving Krauss, Judy Baker, Donna McGeein
11/15/1987	This World	One-Room School in the Mountains	Bear Valley/School	Trish Fedderly, Jim Fedderly, Allie Huberty, Jerry Mettler, Kay Mettler
11/19/1987	Record Courier	Acorn smolder so	Fire	
11/19/1987	Record Courier	Honored	Awards	Liz Hertz
11/19/1987	Record Courier	Morris, Lynn entertain for love as former partner hits big time	Arts	Lynn Walker
11/26/1987	Record Courier	Bingo in Markleeville	Event	
11/26/1987	Record Courier	More embers from Acorn	Fire	Nancy Thornburg
11/26/1987	Record Courier	Clifford Barrett	Obituary	Clifford Barrett, Horace Barrett, Vernon Barrett
12/3/1987	Record Courier	Bingo in Markleeville	Event	

12/3/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Tree trimmer	Fire	Mike Warren
12/4/1987	Record Courier	Counties told to get tough on wildland development	Government	
12/10/1987	Record Courier	Bingo in Markleeville	Event	
12/10/1987	Record Courier	Ski sign-ups	Sports	
12/10/1987	Record Courier	'This is a really solid school' Douglas High School participates in state improvement program	Schools	Jeanne Turnbeaugh, Sunny Murphy
12/24/1987	Record Courier	50 Years Ago: Bridge replaced	Water/History	
12/24/1987	Record Courier	Native American Show	Washoe	James "Ralph" Shoshone
12/31/1987	Record Courier	Basketball Hall of Fame	Schools/Sports	Gary Price
12/31/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	A Cold Wind in the Willows	Washoe	Lynn Walker
12/31/1987	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Museum offers financial incentive to keep basket making art alive	Washoe	
12/31/1987	Carson Valley Almanac	Autumn In Alpine	Environment	Jerome Sprout

Alpine County: A little bit of country in a lot of land

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LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER

MARKLEEVILLE, Alpine County — Midway through jury selection for a big trial at the Alpine County Courthouse, they ran out of prospective jurors. As he does from time to time, the sole Superior Court judge in the state's least-populated county ordered the sheriff to round up some more.

When the deputies, armed with jury summonses, entered the tired-looking, two-story clapboard building that houses the Cutthroat Saloon, they found only owner Mario Generelli tending the empty bar. They turned to leave but noticed two drinks, only partly consumed, sweating circles of moisture on the old wooden bar.

The deputies decided to investigate further and found two potential jurors hiding behind a large wood pile in the bar's back room.

Tears came to Glenn Kelley's eyes, he laughed so hard as he told that story. He slapped the bar with

a hand as big as a dinner plate. He'd told the story again and again, but it never lost its humor.

There is more than one moral to the story. One is: It doesn't take much to make a darn good story in Alpine County. Another is: Everyone here pretty much knows everyone else's business. And a third one is: Don't rush off and leave your drink untended at the Cutthroat Saloon.

Alpine County's population is 1,200. That means that for every one of its 755 square miles of high mountain grandeur, it boasts about 1.5 residents. In contrast, the average square mile of Los Angeles County is home to almost 2,000 people.

Alpine County is tucked near the crook of California south of Lake Tahoe. Its high-school kids go to school in neighboring Nevada. During the winter, when snow closes a main mountain pass, it is impossible to drive from the east side of the county to the west side without tak-

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ing a four-hour detour through two other counties.

There is no barber in Alpine County. And when someone is arrested by the county sheriff's office, the culprit is jailed in El Dorado County, a two-hour drive from Markleeville.

While Glenn Kelley beat upon the Cutthroat's bar and told his story, Sherman Glettig and Camilla DuLac sat across from him. Meanwhile, Marilyn Generelli sat on a stool by the cash register, listening with half an ear to the story and keeping an eye on the comings and goings of Markleeville.

They all shared one thing in common. They all were there because where they had been before was too crowded, too noisy, too violent. They came looking for peace, a place where a good story has a long shelf life. A place where they could finish their drinks and not be late for anything.

Apparently, they found it.

There have been two murders here in as long as anyone can remember. One of them involved outsiders.

There is so little traffic a dog could sleep his life away in the sun in the middle of Markleeville's main street and remain there to a ripe old age.

It's so quiet throughout the county they call the California Alps that every sound — a slamming screen door, a distant voice, a hawk's cry — is distinct.

Much of Alpine County's early and recent history is a story of people passing through. The Washo Indians passed through in their endless wanderings from winter camps on the high desert plains to summer camps near Lake Tahoe.

Thousands of pioneers on the so-called Emigrant Trail passed through the steep, rocky canyons that climb swiftly to sharp, jutting peaks as they struggled westward over 8,500-foot Carson Pass.

Even the founder of Markleeville, one Jacob J. Marklee, had only a brief rest here. He founded the town in 1861 after claiming 160 acres in his name. Three years later, he died in a gunfight over a ranch. The man who shot him claimed self-defense and was acquitted.

The geographic and social center of the town Jacob Marklee founded is the building that houses the Cutthroat Saloon and the Alpine Hotel. It, too, has done its share of traveling.

It was once the Fisk Hotel in a silver boomtown called Silver City, set high in the Sierra west of Markleeville. In the 1860s, when miners and speculators flocked to Alpine County looking for their fortunes, silver City was home to 4,000 people.

A short decade later, when the

price of silver plummeted, almost all of them left, leaving Silver City a ghost town. The Fisk Hotel was dismantled board by board and moved to Markleeville in 1885.

If silver put Alpine County on the historical map, it is the sparseness of the population that has kept it in the news in recent times. Twice in the 1970s outsiders launched controversial efforts to turn the county into their own fiefdoms.

In November 1970, when the county's registered voters numbered fewer than 400, the Los Angeles-based Gay Liberation Front made plans to take over county government by relocating a bloc of voters to the area.

Local reaction was swift and predictable. "We are fighting this," vowed Hubert Bruns, member of a deeply rooted Alpine County ranch family and then chairman of the county Board of Supervisors. "If this thing came about, Alpine County would no longer be a place where we would want to raise our children or invite our friends to visit. They would destroy ... our way of life."

It never came about.

Eight years later, 150 members of the far right-wing Posse Comitatus bought 600 acres of Alpine County land and began developing it into a refuge from the civil war

they saw fast approaching. They wanted to call their spread Constitution City.

County officials called it illegal because work on the property was done without proper permits. The Posse ran a candidate for county

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— Eric Jung

supervisor who was badly defeated. The district attorney successfully prosecuted a dozen of the candidate's supporters for vote fraud.

In reality, though, it was not local resistance nor an aggressive district attorney that thwarted those takeover schemes. It was money — or, more precisely, the lack of opportunity to make it — that kept the Los Angeles homosexuals and the Posse Comitatus at bay. It is the

same thing that troubles Alpine County today.

It is very hard to make money here.

"This is frontier land. What both those groups found out was, if you want to come to Alpine County, you have to bring your money with you," said Supervisor Eric Jung.

Better than one of every three paychecks in Alpine County is a government check. The average personal income is \$9,570 a year, far below the statewide average of \$14,593. Two ski resorts, Kirkwood and Mount Reba, are the county's biggest taxpayers, but their employees come mostly from the Lake Tahoe area or the Central Valley.

Camilla DuLac, who migrated to Alpine County by way of Maine, Los Angeles and Lake Tahoe, is one of those who made do after arriving.

"I picked here because it was very country. I didn't think about making a living," she said dreamily, her elbows atop the Cutthroat bar, her hands clasped around a glass of beer.

For better than three years she made a living cutting and setting hair at Markleeville's beauty parlor. Recently, DuLac became the town's only "integrated therapy" masseuse.

"Integrated therapy has to do with the body and the mind, yoga

and breathing," she said.

She hopes to attract weary skiers who pass her small home on their way to Grover Hot Springs, a few miles outside Markleeville.

Vern Essig knows well how hard it is to make it in Alpine County. He is the last remaining member of the Posse Comitatus group that tried to take over Alpine County. Essig, a mechanic, stayed. Not because he loved it. Because it was easier than leaving.

"You've heard the song, 'Stuck in Lodi'? Well, that's me," Essig said.

"We felt there should be a place we could go to in a national emergency, like a nuclear war or terrorist activity like they have in the cities," he said. "I came up here to work on the equipment that was being used to build roads on our property."

Today, Essig works on cars, appliances and other mechanical devices in a weathered, leaning barn that looks as though it has been standing since Jacob Marklee's days. Essig is very much part of

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Alpine County now, tolerated for his extreme political views, admired for his generally likeable nature.

Although he has mellowed, Essig still believes an ill wind is blowing this country toward war. And though he now counts as his friend some of the county's political leaders, he has equally strong views on the way Alpine County is run.

Beyond the obvious conflict sparked by the designs of the Possessors and L.A.'s Gay Liberation Front, Alpine County's recent history has been marked by tension created by other, less threatening newcomers. Old-timers, mostly ranching families related to the county's earliest settlers, acknowledge that they resent new people who have come looking for the peace they can't find in cities.

"We were greedy. We were selfish. We thought of it as our place and we didn't want to share it." That's how one lifelong Alpine County resident described the reaction to the first trickle of growth in the 1970s. His sentiments are recorded on an oral history videotape prepared by the county's historical society.

Another old-timer, on the same tape, speaks in the present tense.

"We all don't want too many people coming in. Eventually, Alpine County will be like any other county. They're going to ruin it just like they've ruined every place else."

"They" are people like John and Patty Bressenden, who run a small resort in the county's spectacular High Sierra meadow called Hope Valley. They came here from Santa Cruz in 1984 to run the struggling Sorensen's Resort.

The Bressendens don't see themselves as developers or promoters. They are active in an organization trying to keep development out of Hope Valley. But they also are active in the small Chamber of Commerce, trying to attract new businesses and tourists.

"Most people see there is a need for growth," said John Bressenden, who recently became the chamber's president. "Most people also see the need to preserve Alpine County pretty much as it is. There is a back-to-the-land movement laced with a lot of common sense."

Heidi Hopkins, editor of the monthly Alpine Enterprise and a five-year resident of the county, is less sanguine about the situation. "Everyone is crying for money. (But) people say they don't want change. You can't have it both ways."

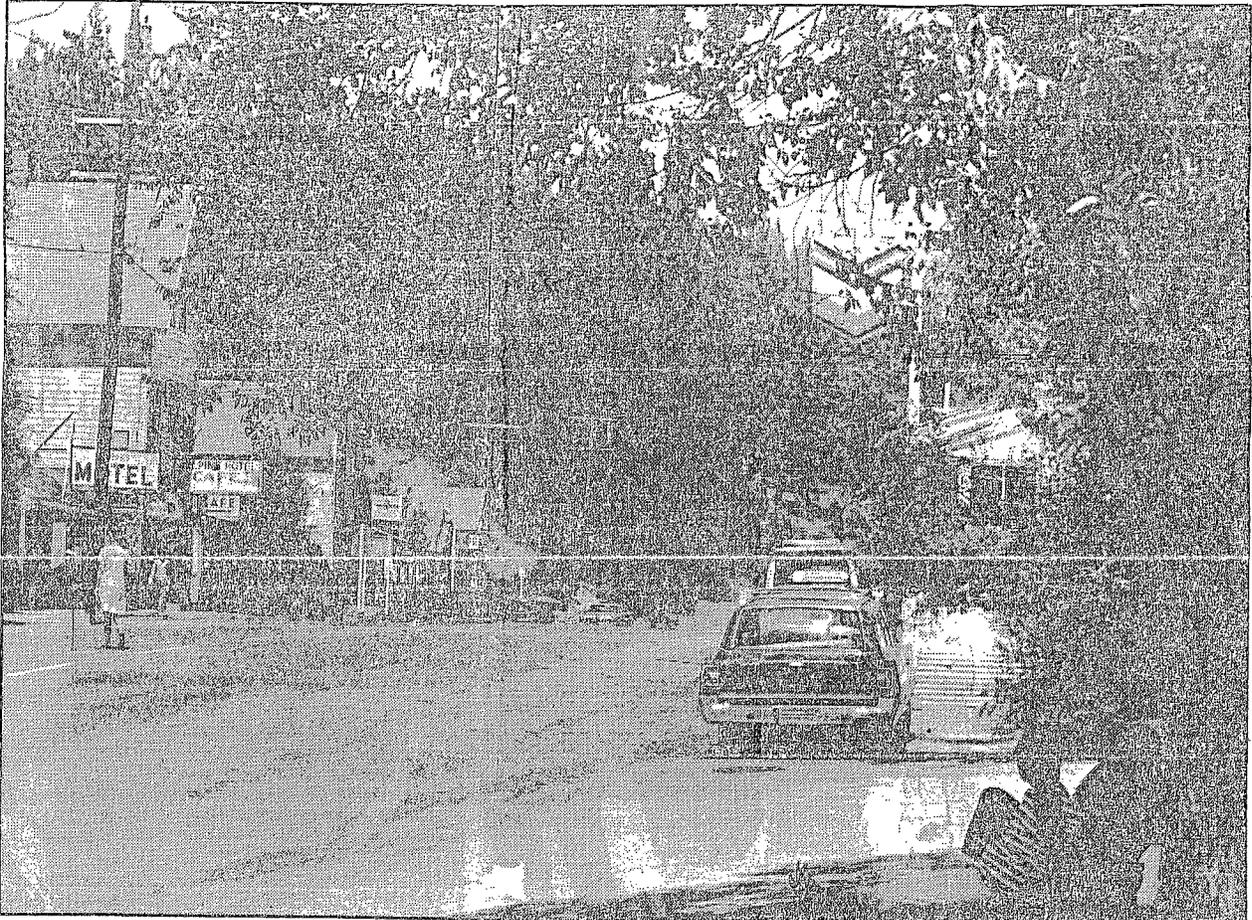
The term "old-timers" has a special meaning to Kevin Jones, 34, and his mother, Belma Jones, 75. If anyone can claim that tag, it is the

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Examiner file photo

Main street in Markleeville, Alpine County, offers a peaceful way of living with just 1,200 people in county

Tahoe Daily Tribune 1/9/87

Mammoth avalanche

Tahoe search team called in

From Tribune staff and UPI wire reports

South Lake Tahoe resident Marty Cross and golden retriever Zeke searched 11,000-foot Mammoth Mountain Thursday for possible trapped victims of an avalanche that thundered down the slopes early in the afternoon.

The team, part of WOOF, a non-profit search and rescue corporation, was flown out of South Lake Tahoe airport to Mammoth Thursday at the request of Mammoth Mountain ski area.

"When the avalanche went down at 1:45 p.m., they were pretty sure no one was left in it," said Sandy Bryson of Markleeville, founder of WOOF.

"They just called in one team, a handler, and a dog, to clear the area. The one person they thought might have been stuck skied out."

One 18-year-old skier nearly got caught in the avalanche, and lost his skis and poles, but survived.

Robert Burnett, of San Diego, was believed to be the only person in the path of the avalanche. He found his

way out, without his skis and poles, before Cross arrived Thursday.

The area was searched by about 150 people Thursday, primarily ski area personnel, according to Evan Russell, director of marketing. "As far as we knew, no one was missing, but we searched the area with the dog as a precaution."

About 4,200 skiers were on the mountain at the time of the avalanche, but most were on ski runs away from the snowslide.

"The ski area's avalanche crews used explosives and skied through the more avalanche-prone areas Wednesday, without triggering major slides," said Russell.

The avalanche happened just after Burnett dropped over the lip of the steep run where it occurred, a run designated for expert skiers.

"It was like a bang, or an explosion and then I heard the rumbling," said Burnett. "Some of the people who were skiing nearby started yelling 'avalanche,' but I already knew what (See Mammoth, Page 9)

Mammoth

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it was." The force of the slide ripped his skis and poles away, he said, but he was able to pull himself out of the slide area and walk away uninjured.

Cross and the dog are one of four teams in the South Lake Tahoe area, said Bryson.

"Many of the dogs are shepherds, but golden retrievers do just as well."

WOOF is dispatched out of Marin County now, but was founded in coordination with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department, and was dispatched out of El Dorado for six years, said Bryson.

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Dog sled races. The third annual Canine Connection dog sled races will be held Feb. 7-8, beginning at 9 a.m. each day, 2 miles west of Picketts Junction on Highway 88 in Hope Valley. The event is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers Association and Budweiser. There will be \$2,500 in prizes in 3-, 6- and 8-mile races plus a freight race and weight pull.

Alpine County trying to protect Hope Valley meadow

Alpine County officials have taken a step to protect valued recreational land by approving a plan to transfer Hope Valley's prime meadow area from private to public hands.

At the same time, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors recently supported a proposal that would keep some private lands on the county tax roll.

Under the plan, the county would accept a donation of 80 acres of U.S. Forest Service land near Woodfords. In exchange, 1,200 acres in Hope Valley belonging to Sierra Pacific Resources would go to the Forest Service.

The effort was helped along by a group of residents, Friends of

Hope Valley, which successfully opposed Sierra Pacific's proposal to bring a new power line through the area.

In an effort to protect the lands, the citizen's group contacted the San Francisco-based Trust for Public Lands, a non-profit corporation that acquires public land with open-space value.

That corporation has agreed to purchase the 80 acres of Forest Service land near Woodfords and donate it to the county, in exchange for the county board's approval of the transfer of Hope Valley lands.

The Forest Service land has an appraised value of \$3,000-\$4,000 an acre, or a pur-

chase price of about \$320,000. The Woodfords parcels are expected to grow in value, and the county may seek to include an additional 7 acres of Forest Service land, where the firehouse and county yard are located.

A Washoe Indian cemetery is located on the 80 acres, and

some of that property will go to the Washoe Tribe, according to the agreement.

But the county also will be able to develop about 50 of the 80 acres, allowing future revenue to offset the property tax lost by the sale of the Hope Valley parcels. The Hope Valley

parcels brought an estimated \$17,000 per year to the county.

Meanwhile, the Forest Service — which owns land around the meadow area — agreed to purchase the Sierra Pacific lands, actually owned by a subsidiary — Lands of Sierra.

More than 90 percent of the county is already owned by public entities such as the U.S. Forest Service. A critical concern for the county was a loss of additional property tax revenue, according to then-Board of Supervisors Chairman Elinor Sawdy.

Winery official speaks at wine appreciation meeting

by GINA GIGLI
Special to the R-C

Carson Valley Chapter of the WINO (Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles) met for dinner and wine tasting Jan. 14 at Walley's.

Jeffrey Flaum, vice president of sales for Rutherford Hill Winery in Napa Valley, was the guest speaker. He was accompanied by his wife, Karen Flaum, and Mary N. Lannin, national accounts manager for the winery.

Appetizers, rumaki and pate, were served with Rutherford Hill Gewurztraminer, surprising WINO members with a complement of spice and sweetness.

Mr. Flaum showed slides of Freemark Abbey Winery, also in Napa Valley, with "overlapping" ownership — some of the 23 partners are also owners of Rutherford Hill.

Chardonnays from both wineries were poured to accompany Rock Cornish Hen. When the slides depicting Rutherford Hill were presented, members were very interested to see the "kilometer of caves"; tunnels carved into the hillside for storage and aging of wines at a constant temperature.

Following the dessert of Crepe Nancy, paired with Freemark Abbey Riesling, an election of officers for 1987 was held.

The new officers are: President, Glen Webb; Vice President, Ruggero Gigli; Treasurer, Ted Rowe; Secretary, Gina Gigli.

Domaine Chandon, sparkling wine producer, will be the featured winery for the Feb. 18 meeting, to be held at Carson Valley Inn.

For those interested in attending, please phone 702-9711 for reservations.



WINO MEETING. Jeffrey Flaum, vice president of Rutherford Hill winery in Napa Valley, was guest speaker at a wine appreciation dinner. Gina Gigli photo

You said it!



How will highway widening affect Carson Valley?



DICK GARRETT
Retired

I think it would be a big improvement. I'm retired and I live here, but I think it will be a big improvement in all ways. I drive between here and Carson City every day to play the horses, and it's a mess sometimes. With all the building they have going on around here, it will be a real terrific thing.



ROSE BRYAN
Alpine Sheriff's dispatcher

The Valley's growing quite a bit, so I would think that that's the reason for it. Because of the fact that it's growing, I think it (the widening) will be an improvement. You can't stop the growth.



ROXANNE STANGLE

Tumblewind owner
It depends on where you live and where your business is located, but it will make it a lot easier for the commuter. It will be good for retail business in Carson Valley because people will think of us.



MILDRED RACHAC
Retired

There won't be as many accidents with the new highway. It's something they should have done 20 years ago.



NICK DISALVO
Retired rancher

They should have done that a long time ago. What we need real bad is for that highway to bypass the town of Gardnerville. The side streets are so hard to get through anymore. The traffic is so heavy, and people are moving in here, you can hardly keep up with the traffic flow.



PEGGY MOSELEY
Dealer

The worst effect, I think, is on the hawks; they took down the trees. That upset me immensely! There aren't that many trees in the Valley to start with, and they took them down and put up these little tiny twigs; good luck if they grow! Then when they put up the power lines, they didn't put up any cross poles for the hawks to land on, and if you'll notice, there are no hawks on those poles.



Dog races

The Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers Association and Alpine County Chamber of Commerce will present the third annual Alpine County Canine Connection Feb. 7-8 in Hope Valley. Teams from across the county are expected to compete for more than \$2,500 in prize money in 3-, 6- and 8-mile races during the two-day event, which will be held two miles west of Picketts Junction (Highways 88 and 89). File photos

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of city skyline and snowy Wasatch. Skates rent for just \$1; admission costs \$3 for adults, \$2 for ages 12 and under.

The rink is at Third West and South Temple streets, and it's open from 11 A.M. to 10 P.M. weekdays, 10 to 11 Saturdays, and noon to 6 Sundays. You might ride the free trolleys, which travel from downtown, head down Main Street, and stop at Triad Center and Trolley Square shops. The trolleys operate from 9 to 5 weekdays, 10 to 5 Saturdays, noon to 5 Sundays.

Old-time fiddling in San Jose

If you're going to play Western music, you've got to have a fiddle in the band. This old saw (as well as the actual sharp-toothed variety) is put to the test the first Sunday of every month at the Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association Jamboree.

Rain or shine; dozens of fiddlers and other musicians will gather at John Muir Junior High School in San Jose on February 1 to strum, pick, and fiddle their way through down-home music both old and new. While groups take turns on the auditorium's stage, informal clusters of players temporarily congregate on the patio outside. Strolling from group to group, you might hear bluegrass, Western swing, folk standards, or the latest country tear-jerker.

Seasoned musicians, struggling novices, and nonplaying listeners are all welcome at the jamboree. The music strikes up at 1:30 and goes on until 5:30. Admission

costs \$2 (\$1 for senior citizens).

The school is at 1260 Branham Lane. From U.S. 101, take Capitol Expressway southwest 4½ miles to Almaden Expressway; go south ¾ mile to Branham and turn right.

Sail with ancient Polynesians in Berkeley

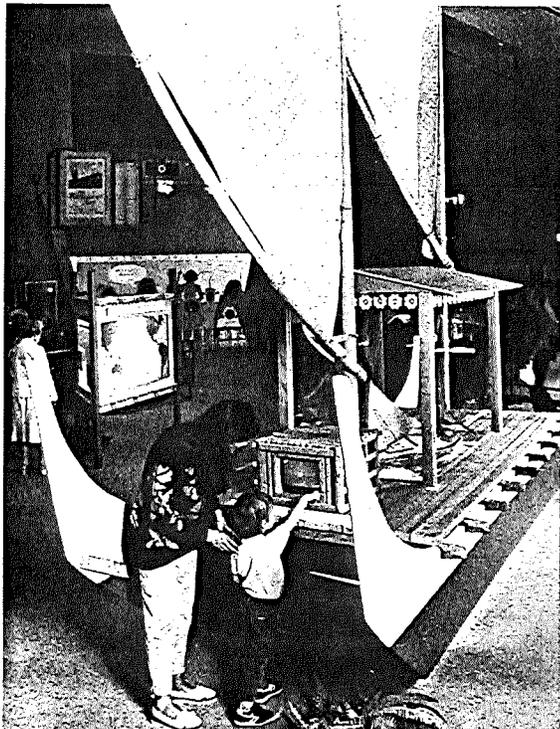
A leisurely modern-day traveler sailing between South Pacific islands on a luxury liner might be surprised to learn that the same waters were traversed a millenium or two earlier by people who didn't have the benefit of engines, charts, or navigational equipment. How the ancient Polynesians accomplished their long-distance island-hopping confounded the first European explorers in the area, and remains a matter of conjecture to this day.

"The Wayfinding Art," a new permanent exhibition at the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, allows you to explore this question on your own.

Eleven hands-on exhibits focus on the migration of the Polynesians from the Indonesian archipelago to the far-flung islands they now inhabit. An illuminated hemisphere illustrates the immensity of the so-called Polynesian Triangle, with Hawaii, New Zealand, and Easter Island at its corners.

The Polynesians' double-hulled sailing canoes, represented by a display of several models, were not as responsive as today's sleek sailboats. Using a computer-simu-

PETER CHRISTIANSEN



Electronic sailor holds course as computer demonstrates effects of wind on sailing canoe. It's at Berkeley's Lawrence Hall

lated video display, you can get a sense of the difficulty ancient navigators must have faced sailing league after league into the prevailing easterly trade winds.

A planetarium program entitled "Journey by Starlight" teaches you how to navigate at sea using only the stars. Shown on weekend afternoons, it costs \$1.

Lawrence Hall of Science is open daily from 10 to 4:30 (noon to 5 Sundays). Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for ages 7 to 18, students, and senior citizens. The hall is on Centennial Drive, above the UC Berkeley campus.

Cross-country skiing south of Tahoe

Nordic skiing enthusiasts seeking a respite from the crowds at Lake Tahoe might consider taking the short drive south on State Highway 89 to Alpine County. Within an hour's drive of the lake's south shore are four areas that offer excellent cross-country skiing.

A new loop trail has been cut through the woods for overnight guests and the general public at Sorensen's, a venerable resort located about 19 miles south of Lake Tahoe near the junction of state highways 88

Bass player belts out a tune during impromptu session at monthly jamboree

DAVID STUBBS



DARROW M. WATT



Inspecting harvest, Walheim weighs melon bolstered by row cover earlier on. He and Swezey checked Sunset test garden daily to gather their data on crop performance

Knee deep in melon testing

Row covers have shown their merits in university research, but how do they perform in Western gardens? Editors Lauren Swezey and Lance Walheim devised a detailed experiment to answer this question.

To begin, they chose test sites in five *Sunset* climate zones and enlisted extension agents to plant specified crops under five kinds of covers. Warm- and cool-season crops were monitored for weight, accelerated growth, and seasonal yield and were measured against an uncovered control at each site. For the results of this year-long study, turn to page 86. □

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and 89. One leg of the 15-kilometer trail leads directly to Hope Valley. There you can pick up trails along the Carson River, or ski south to Burnside Lake. Maps of area ski trails are available at the resort.

To find groomed tracks, head southwest from Sorensen's on State 88. A few miles past Carson Pass, you'll come to Kirkwood Cross Country Ski Area, which has 75 kilometers of groomed trails. Call (209) 258-6000 for current trail fees. At the pass itself, a state Sno-Park site allows access to trails of varying difficulty. You'll need a permit to park there, however; you can buy one at Kirkwood or Sorensen's (\$2 daily, \$10 seasonal).

Beginning skiers might want to take State 89 south to Markleeville, then drive west 4 miles to Grover Hot Springs State Park. On February 14, cross-country skiers and snowshoers can join a ranger on a moonlight tour around the park meadow's gentle terrain. Meet at 5:30 at the park's hot springs pool. After the tour, you can take a comforting dip (\$2).

New signs on San Francisco's coastal trails

The National Park Service has recently installed dozens of interpretive and trail-head panels along San Francisco's scenic coastline in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. They add a new dimension to some of the pleasantest and most accessible nature strolls in the Bay Area.

To help hikers decide how much ground to cover, distances to significant points are posted at major junctions on the 9-mile Coastal Trail from the Golden Gate Bridge to Fort Funston. Other panels along the way offer insights into past military and nautical uses of this area.

Most of the new signs are between the bridge and the Cliff House. One new kiosk, however, is at the southern end of the Coastal Trail, at Fort Funston's main parking lot. The paved 1-mile loop beginning here is a good choice when other trails are soggy. Also known as the *Sunset Trail*, this wheelchair-accessible route takes you past Battery Davis, a 1939 fortification described on a nearby panel.

Fort Funston's entrance is marked by a sign on Skyline Boulevard about a mile north of Daly City. Be sure to lock your car and remove any valuables.

Sled dogs race in Colorado

Downhill skiers are not the only ones flying across the snow in the Colorado Rockies this month. The Rocky Mountain

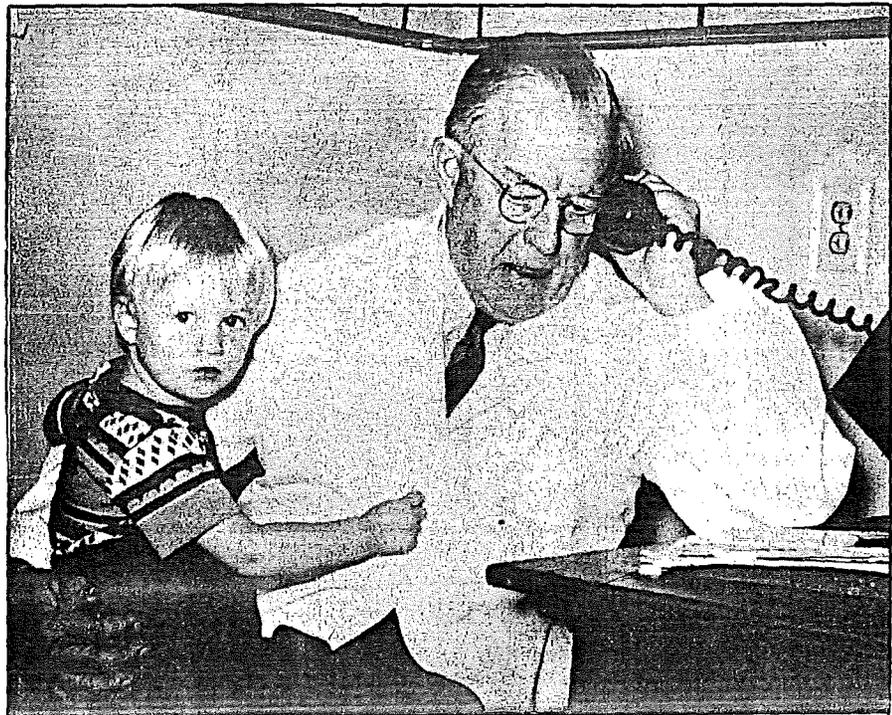
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Valley families instrumental in birth of Carson-Tahoe

Hospital celebrates its 40th year

by SHEILA GARDNER
Staff writer



DOCTOR ON CALL. Dr. Ernest Hand is pictured in his office with his granddaughter, Debble, in this undated photograph. The picture was presented to Carson Valley Emergen-

cy Health Center a few years ago by Frieda Pitts, Hand's former assistant, who was a midwife in the Valley for many years.

From its first board of directors in 1947 to the present day staff, Carson-Tahoe Hospital has meant a facility where patients would be helped by friends and neighbors.

As the hospital prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary with a gala dinner Tuesday, its history reads like a "Who's Who" of the Carson Valley.

Historic records show that Stanley Springmeyer and Robert Clark were the first patients, injured in a horse riding accident in Little Antelope Valley. Clark, according to the old documents, was admitted and Springmeyer was treated and released.

The Valley's legendary Dr. Ernest Hand was on the original board of directors who opened the hospital in 1948. Subsequent boards were made up of Dresslers, Settelmeyers and other members of established Valley families.

The hospital's history has been collected in a book by Carson Ci-

ty writer Willa Oldham, which will be distributed at Tuesday's dinner at the Ormsby House.

Administrator Tom Collier said he expects 300 people to attend the festivities, which will feature highlights from the hospital's history.

"We'll be taking stories from the book utilizing as many real players as we were able to get hold of," he said. "Wilma spent six months doing research and talking to individuals involved, poring over old records, board minutes and newspaper clippings."

Sisters LaVerne Indermuhl and Peggy O'Hearn of Minden were nurses at the hospital for several years, and their most vivid memory is of the devastating fire that destroyed the old wood-frame facility on Aug. 26, 1968, shortly before the new hospital was to open.

"What saved us was the time of the fire," said Indermuhl, who was in charge of the maternity ward from 1964 to 1972.

"The fire whistle blew at 12:07 p.m., just as all the state workers went home for lunch. I

can still see all those townspeople converging on Fleischman and Mountain streets, just leaving their cars running. The hel was instantaneous. They saved everything."

O'Hearn, who worked in the operating room from 1964 until her retirement last October said the nurses were between operations when the fire broke out.

"We nurses were standing there waiting for the doctor, and we could smell the smoke. First we thought it was the incinerator. Then the alarm went off," she said.

Miraculously, the patients were evacuated safely and the hospital set up operations at the Stewart Indian School, a Carson convalescent center and in an empty doctor's office. Surgery cases were sent to Reno until the new hospital opened in November.

The new facility represented a big change for the staff, the sisters agreed.

"Basically, we had a 20-times larger place with the same staff.

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facilities at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

"I used to give tours of the hospital at my own time."



Hospital: Dinner planned for Carson-Tahoe anniversary

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Before, if you needed help, you just stuck your head out and called for somebody, but that all changed," Indermuhl said.

O'Hearn said it was months after before all the equipment and records from the old hospital were in their proper place in the new facility.

Indermuhl planned to become a surgical nurse, but early in her career she was pressed into service in a maternity ward and stayed.

"It was one of the happiest places to work in," she said. "It's the only place where one patient comes in and two leave and you helped give them that life they are going home with."

She said she's too old-fashioned to go along with the current practice of 24-hour hospital stays for new mothers.

"If it's the first baby, I think the mother needs more than 24 hours to adjust to this new responsibility. If she's got more than one, I think she needs more peace than she's going to get at home."

Indermuhl was an early believer in introducing parents to natural childbirth and getting them acquainted with the facilities at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

"I used to give tours of the hospital on my own time for new moms and pops. I wanted to put them at ease before they came in to have the baby."

In her eight years at Carson-Tahoe, Indermuhl helped usher in a whole generation of Carson Valley babies, including all three children of Andy and Carol Aldax.

"I'd be in visiting Carol after the babies were born, sitting on the edge of the bed. She'd come in and give me hell. She told me I had to get off the bed."

The tables were turned a few years later, Aldax recalled, when he was undergoing surgery at the hospital.

"They had to put me in the maternity ward because they didn't have room in the other part of the hospital. Carol came in and she (Indermuhl) was still working that floor. She came in and told Carol she couldn't sit on the bed," he laughed.

Aldax also recalled a wild ride to Carson City when he was a teen-ager while Dr. Hand took him in for X-rays.

"Dr. Hand had this new Lin-

coln, and he had me in the car and this retired doctor — Dr. Young — in the back seat. He must have been going up Highway 395 at 90 miles an hour showing Dr. Young all the new gadgets on his car."

Carson Valley added its own chapter to the hospital history when the emergency health center opened in 1981.

"I think it's really exciting to be part of the hospital's 40-year history," said health center manager Ann Traverso.

"It's just wonderful the way the people support the hospital. They've always been helpful, but they are even more so now since we've been here."

Tickets for Tuesday's dinner are \$50 per person, which includes a copy of the hospital

history. Collier said families could purchase additional tickets for \$25 if they wanted on-

ly one copy of the book. For information or reservations, call the hospital at 882-1361, extension

255. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the program begins at 8:30 p.m.



ON THE ROAD. Sisters Laverne Indermuhl, left, and Peggy O'Hearn contributed many years' nursing service at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

Now that they've retired, they plan to travel in this 26-foot recreational vehicle. R-C photo



ANNIVERSARY. The Carson Valley Emergency Health Center 6th anniversary dinner was held last week. Among those attending were, from left, assistant administrator Tom Collier. R-C photo

Carson-Tahoe Hospital, Linda Hoover; liaison board chairman Hap Haight; center manager Ann Traverso; and hospital administrator in charge of the CVEHC at

Valley emergency center celebrates six years

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

Hap Haight, chairman of the Carson Valley Emergency Health Center liaison board, paid

upon the hospital's board of trustees.

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Valley emergency center celebrates six years

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Hap Haight, chairman of the Carson Valley Emergency Health Center liaison board, paid tribute to two former champions of the clinic at the CVEHC 6th anniversary dinner.

Haight said that it was because of the perseverance of the late Milt Fleischer that the center was ever opened.

"He had the idea for several years," Haight said. "I really question that without his leadership if it would have come to pass."

Also instrumental in establishing the CVEHC was Mary Lee Smith, Haight said.

"Between the two of them, they did more to generate enthusiasm in this community. . . . I feel we should pay tribute to them."

Haight spoke to the guests of the annual anniversary dinner held at the Carson Valley Country Club Restaurant Jan. 23. He also reminded guests that the center opened many months earlier than had been planned because of the \$200,000 raised in the community to purchase equipment.

Haight had been recruited by hospital administrator Tom Collier to help raise money for the center.

"The thing that appealed to me more than anything else was the attitude of the community, trying to get funds," he said.

Haight said that Collier, who was present at the dinner, also was instrumental in generating enthusiasm for the emergency center, urging it

upon the hospital's board of trustees.

The CVEHC began operating in the black last year, and Haight said that the news of this is "good and bad."

"People say, 'Why raise money for the center?'" he said. "There are certain intangibles we must take into consideration, such as insurance and other incidentals, that don't appear on the balance sheets. We're just a shade into the black, and we could easily go back into the red."

Haight referred to the drive now on to raise funds for replacement of used equipment at the CVEHC lab.

The CVEHC is an affiliate of Carson-Tahoe Hospital, and as such is subject to decisions by the hospital board.

"I feel this way," Haight said. "This center is a community effort and should continue to be so regardless of the affiliation with Carson-Tahoe. I think the relationship is great and will continue to be so."

Collier spoke briefly, commending employees for their dedication (several recently received five-year pins at an awards ceremony) and thanking Ann Traverso for her work as center manager.

He invited the assembled guests, who were employees, liaison board members and their guests, to the 40th anniversary celebration of Carson-Tahoe Hospital Feb. 10.

Haight also praised Traverso, saying "Annie has done a job for the emergency center that few people could have done."

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Mush

Sunshine and shirt-sleeve weather conditions greeted sled dog drivers from around the West who turned out for the third annual Alpine County Canine

Connection Saturday and Sunday in Hope Valley. Competitors were lured by a \$2,500 purse offered by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and

Budweiser-sponsored event. See Sports for more photos and race results. R-C photo by Dave Price



Canine Connection

Sunshine and warm weather greeted the third annual Alpine County Canine Connection, which attracted 46 teams from around California, Oregon and Nevada to Hope Valley Saturday and Sunday. They turned

out to compete for a \$2,500 purse during the two-day event sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and Budweiser and sanctioned by the International Sled Dog Racing Association. There

were some mushers from the local area, including Kurt Pastory of South Lake Tahoe, first in the 3-dog event and third in the 8-dog division; and Jay Hawkins of Tahoe Paradise, third in the freight race. There's

no race here, though, as Dawn Court (right) of South Lake Tahoe and her sister, Danele, try to introduce 5-month-old Mishka to the ropes of sledging. R-C photos by Dave Price

Cleaning up its sewage act

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STPUD struggles to solve wastewater spillage problems

Editor's note: The following story is the first of a two-part series on the significant decisions facing the South Tahoe Public Utility District in its effort to prevent disastrous sewage spills and to construct a new wastewater reservoir.

By JIM DIPESO
Tribune Staff Writer

Exactly one year after spilling 13 million gallons of wastewater into Heavenly Valley Creek, the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) is facing a day of accounting before the agency that has ordered it to put an end to such disasters.

On Friday, district officials will appear before the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board with the first phase of a master plan to patch up its sewage collection system.

STPUD officials can expect Lahontan to be peering over their shoulders to make sure the repairs and improved maintenance recommended in the plan are implemented, no matter what the cost is.

For the individual property owner, higher sewer service fees are inevitable, said STPUD General Manager Jim Cofer. The district may have to consider bond sales and will probably go after federal funds to

pay for future work that could cost millions, he added.

"Regardless of the cost, it has to be done," says Osian Butterfield, Lahontan's executive officer. "Time's up. We can't trade off money for polluting Lake Tahoe."

Cofer says STPUD has gotten the message. "We're going to try to convince Lahontan we're doing all we can. They've made it clear that if there's another spill, we'll get fined. We understand that message."

It was one year ago this week that a heavy winter storm bulled its way into the Sierra and poured more
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Sewage

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than 3 billion gallons of rain and snow onto the Tahoe Basin.

Torrents of water poured into STPUD's sewage treatment system and overwhelmed it. A power failure impaired the plant's pumping capacity, emergency storage ponds filled rapidly and 13 million gallons of partially treated sewage flooded into Heavenly Valley Creek, a tributary of Lake Tahoe.

It was the third major sewage dump into the creek in this decade, during which about 20 million gallons have spilled from STPUD's system.

To comply with a cease and desist order issued by Lahontan last summer, STPUD released the first phase of the master plan in December. Cost of the recommended first-phase program is \$103,000.

That information, drafted by Montgomery Engineers of Walnut Creek, and an implementation schedule will be reviewed by the board at its Truckee meeting.

The cease and desist order identified four areas where the district must take action:

- Finding and sealing holes in its collection system where ground water and storm runoff — "inflow-infiltration" as it's termed in the order — leak in. Infiltration is a serious problem because it adds to the amount of wastewater the district must treat.

During the February 1986 storm, more water entered the plant than the district was able to treat and store, and discharge into the creek was necessary "to prevent washout of treatment plant facilities," according to the Lahontan report that recommended the cease and desist order.

Between Feb. 15 and Feb. 23, 1986, the district was receiving each day an average of more than 2 million gallons of wastewater than is permitted by Lahontan.

In addition, Cofer says about half of the district's lines are in stream zones, vulnerable to infiltration from high ground water. Later on, Montgomery will draft a complete rehabilitation program for the 400-mile collector system.

County. Under state and federal law, treated sewage cannot be discharged in the Tahoe Basin.

Power failures were factors in the 1980 and 1986 spills, according to Lahontan.

- Checking for and fixing leaks in the district's 60 million-gallon emergency storage basin at the corner of Pioneer Trail and Black Bart Road.

The holding pond long has been suspected of allowing wastewater to seep into the ground, where algae nutrients could find their way into Lake Tahoe. According to a 1985 estimate, 21 million gallons of wastewater stored in the pond between December 1983 and June 1985 are unaccounted for.

"Percolation seems the most likely fate of this wastewater," according to a report from Lahontan's parent agency, the state Water Resources Control Board.

Results of well monitoring to further pin down pond leakage will be presented to Lahontan this week. The district faces a pond lining project, which could cost millions.

- An improved maintenance program to prevent line blockages.

Cofer says the district has taken action on "high priority" problems this year. Among them are manholes — those ubiquitous metal plates that look as harmless as a penny loafer, but have received much of the blame for allowing water to pour into STPUD's lines.

Water can get into manholes a number of ways, through the "pick holes" used to pry them open or from people opening them up to relieve local flooding. Lifting a manhole just a few inches can drain thousands of gallons of storm flow in short order, Butterfield said.

The district has begun a public education program asking citizens to leave manholes and sewer cleanouts closed during storms and to avoid running tap water to prevent pipe freezing.

This year, Cofer says, five manholes have been rehabilitated and square manholes, difficult to seal, are being replaced.

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ed. Eventually, all of the more than 4,500 square and vented manhole covers should be replaced, according to the Montgomery study.

Manhole work is not cheap. Rehabilitating manhole structures can cost up to \$2,500 a pop, according to the Montgomery study.

To pay the \$103,000 cost of the manhole and maintenance programs outlined in the study, the district probably will impose a sewer fee increase, Cofer said, although he declined to estimate the amount. Single-family homeowners today pay about \$220 annually for sewer service.

Lining the emergency pond will be much more expensive. Cofer says the cost could range anywhere from \$333,000 to several million, depending on the kind of material that will be needed. The district has asked for bids from engineering firms to design the project. The implementation schedule calls for construction to begin next year.

Also under consideration is a second pond to accommodate 80 percent of storage needs. "This measure, at an estimated cost of approximately \$1.2 million, should be given further con-

sideration as construction of additional storage may be key to preventing further large-scale discharges within the Lake Tahoe Basin," Butterfield wrote to Cofer last month.

Lahontan also is prodding the district to have enough emergency power and pump capacity available to fully treat wastewater and get it out of the basin. Cost is an estimated \$1 million to \$1.4 million to have emergency power for full treatment and \$750,000 to \$1 million for emergency pumping at Luther Pass, according to Butterfield's letter to Cofer.

But Cofer says there are limits to what the district can afford. "It's not cost-effective to build a complete standby power plant ... You're talking millions of dollars."

As it stands today, a cutoff of power to the Luther Pass pump means the district must store wastewater in the emergency storage pond or at the plant itself. That could bring "catastrophic results" in a prolonged power cutoff, the cease and desist order said.

If the plant itself loses power, emergency generators could send wastewater to the storage

pond, but not out of the Tahoe Basin, even if Luther is running like a clock. That's because the district's emergency power can only provide first-stage, or "primary" treatment. Sending partially treated water into the Luther pump would quickly cause the equipment to break down, according to Lahontan.

"Consideration shall be given such that the export of effluent will occur under all conditions," Butterfield wrote to Cofer.

Thursday's story will look at Alpine County's wastewater reservoir.

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**Carson Sink
bird, fish kill
investigated**

FALLON, Nev., (UPI) — Federal biologists have started burning the carcasses of hundreds of birds in the Carson Sink to stop the spread of avian cholera to other birds in a nearby waterfowl migration area.

Piles of pelicans, ducks, coots, ravens and cormorants were set afire in the area east of here Wednesday. (See Kill, Page 6)

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Kill

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Avian cholera is a bacteria that spreads rapidly where large numbers of birds congregate. It biologists say it is not a health threat to humans. There are an estimated 200,000 waterfowl in the nearby Stillwater Wildlife Management Area.

Meanwhile, biologists have upped their estimates to 7 million of the number of fish that have mysteriously died in the sink. The previous estimate was 3 million.

Officials saw dead fish litter 30 to 40 miles of shoreline of the shrinking lake. The cause of death of the scavenger tui chub fish has not been found but it is apparently not related to the death of the birds.

Ron Anglin, manager of the wildlife area, said the results of tests should be completed in early March.

Anglin and others think the shrinking size of the sink increases the salinity and may be the cause of the death.

End of era for Contel: No more 5-digit dialing

by SHEILA GARDNER
Staff writer

Continental Telephone Co. customers who use the "782" and "694" dialing exchanges will have to give up shortcut dialing as of Feb. 28.

That's the date Contel implements another step in its \$2.7 million program to convert the service to a computer-driven central office. The company also will phase out the rest of its local operators that day.

"It all ties into the project that redirects our operator services traffic to Reno," said Jim McFarland, customer services manager.

Previously, customers on the "782" exchange could complete their calls by just dialing the "2" and the rest of the telephone number. The same service applied to Alpine County customers on the "694" exchange.

McFarland said 6,000 customers on the two exchanges will notice faster dialing with the new process, clearer exchanges and improved voice quality.

"This new project also allows us to provide these customers with call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling and speed dialing," he said.

"You can think of your push-button telephone pad as a computer terminal, and instead of buying and installing your own equipment, it gives you access to ours."

McFarland said the computer-driven equipment is part of a nationwide trend by telephone companies.

"Contel's western division hopes to complete the process by 1991, but we're a little bit ahead of things here in Nevada."

He said 356 Glenbrook customers are the only subscribers who haven't made the switch, which Contel began in 1982, but the telephone company hopes to complete that process within a year.

"It involves a lot of money anytime you change a central switching center like this, and that's why we've tried to stagger the process," McFarland said.

"We've had to wait until the old equipment was fully

depreciated and we had a cash reserve built up," he said.

Contel serves 17,500 lines from its Carson Valley facility, and McFarland said the new process could accommodate any increase in population.

He said the local directory assistance number also will change from "113" to "411" with the switchover to conform with the rest of the area.

"We'll finally have the whole Carson Valley switched to the computer-driven process, and everybody will have the same services available. It's the most dramatic change in service in the past 20 or 30 years," he said.

"I don't think anybody will notice the change. When you do a changeover, you run into problems, but this is the fifth or sixth time we've done this and we're really getting good at it."

Contel also is implementing a mechanized calling card service, which connects users with a computer instead of an operator, and an integrated calling service that provides customized calling for business customers, McFarland said.

Head Start: Good way to start a day

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by SHEILA GARDNER
Staff writer

With that dedication only a preschooler possesses, Holly Dressler helped set the table for her classmates. First the silverware wrapped in napkins; then the wooden bowls; and, finally, the hot food.

It's time for breakfast at the Head Start program at the Woodfords Community Center. This morning's menu prepared by cooks Betty Cruz and Flora James includes oatmeal with raisins, toast, fruit and milk.

It's an animated gathering as the 10 youngsters discuss the day's events with director Brenda Angelo and teacher's aide Laurie Pasqua. A few spoons hit the floor and an occasional cup of milk gets knocked over, but the spills are wiped up quickly by teacher and student.

After breakfast, the children help clean up and head for the bathrooms, where they get assistance brushing their teeth and washing little faces and hands.

This routine is repeated again at lunchtime five days a week in the free, federally funded program for eligible families based on income.

Angelo, who has been in charge of the program since mid-January, is hoping to boost enrollment to 25 students by attracting Douglas County parents.

"If we don't get our enrollment up to 25, there is a possibility that we would be relocated," she said.

Head Start offers free transportation for the 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. program, two meals, special assistance for handicapped or learning-disabled students and dental and medical care.

"This provides an alternative to parents who don't qualify for other programs in the area or who can't afford regular preschool costs, which can run up to \$40 a week," she said.

Students at the Woodfords program come from as far away as Genoa, Gardnerville and Jacks Valley, she said.

The purpose of the program is to help children develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally. Angelo said she places a lot of emphasis on building the child's self-esteem. With an active corps of parent-volunteers, Head Start is able to keep down the adult-child ratio with lots of time for individual attention.

The daily schedule includes meals, free time, circle time with each week emphasizing a different theme, crafts, motor-skills development and supervised outdoor play with a variety of equipment available to the children.

It's a busy schedule, but the children are allowed to move at their own pace with individual needs met.

"We're putting these children on an equal basis with other youngsters when they start

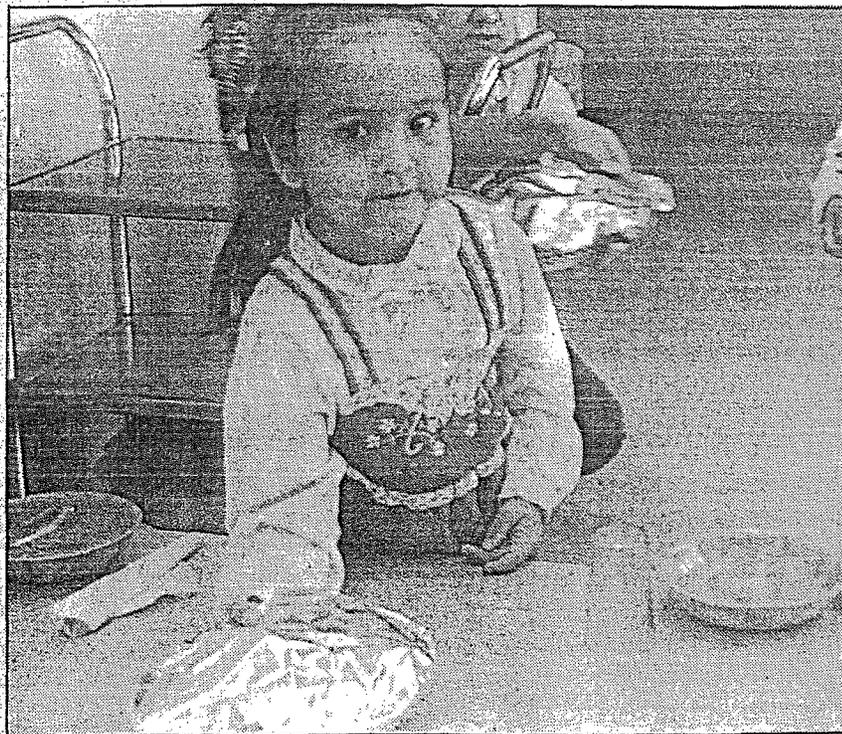
regular school. We emphasize socialization and nutrition here. We try to expose them to as many different activities as possible," Angelo said.

"All children share certain needs and benefit from a comprehensive developmental program."

Angelo received her bachelor of social services degree from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and has worked for more than two years as a parent-participant at Alpine Children's Center. She also has experience as a foster parent.

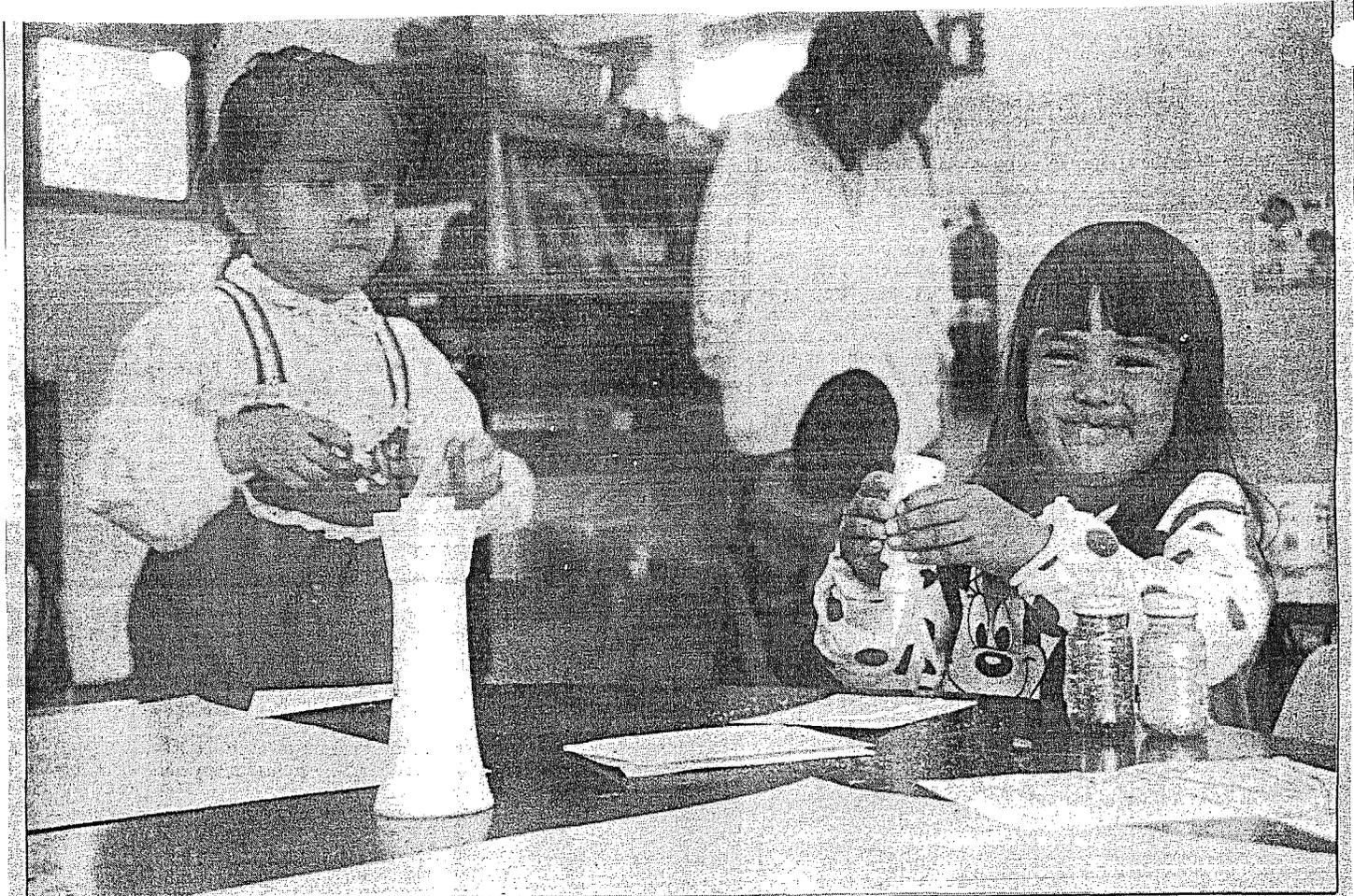
"We welcome any parents who might like to come up and visit for a day and bring their children," she said.

Angelo can be reached at the school at (916) 694-2170 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or evenings at 265-2193.



BREAKFAST. A nutritious meal starts off the day at the Woodfords Head Start program. At left is Leora Crawford, helping to put food on the table. Below left, teacher Brenda Angelo helps serve, from left, Holly Dressler, Leora Crawford and David Roberts. Below right, Tanika Caldera kneads her play dough. R-C photos by Joyce Hollister

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MAKING VALENTINES. Squeezing that pesky glue onto her Valentine is Riana "Oink" Jones. Riana is very proud of her nickname and wanted photographer Joyce Hollister to get it right. On the left is Leora Crawford. The two girls were busy with their crafts at the Head Start program in Woodfords last Thursday.



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Gardnerville

Record Courier
Leman H. Miller

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Woodfords native Lemman Henry Miller died Feb. 16 in Gardnerville. He was 83.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 7, 1904, and had been a lifetime Woodfords resident.

He was a lumberjack for the Manke Sawmill and an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a daughter, Carlene Mose of Westpoint, Calif.; son, Myron of Susanville, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside funeral was held Saturday at Woodfords Cemetery, under the direction of Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Carson City.

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WINNER. Robin Hook, gives a plaque to winner Antelope Valley Lions Club Farah Chichester. Mary Port-speech contest chairman, man photos

Chandler first, girls third in Northern AAA skiing

Douglas High School got a third-place finish from its girls squad and an individual championship on the boys side from Joey Chandler to highlight action at the Northern Nevada AAA alpine skiing championships last weekend at Slide Mountain.

Chandler earned a share of the combined boys individual title as he sped away with first place in Saturday's giant slalom, and then captured second in a shortened slalom race on Sunday.

The Douglas junior checked in with a time of 31.04 in the giant slalom, one-half second ahead of

Reno's Jon Olsen. Olsen won the slalom to give the two rivals a share of the combined title.

Meanwhile, top-10 finishes by Pam Hovey, Crystal Morrison and Gina Jenkins propelled Douglas to third place in the overall girls team standings. The Tigers finished the two-day meet with 524 points, behind only Reno (614) and Reed (537).

The Tigers stood second after the giant slalom, thanks to Hovey's third-place showing and a sixth by Morrison.

Morrison, a sophomore, came back to place fifth in the slalom. The two place finishes left her third in the

combined girls standings, behind Reno's Jennifer Porter and Reed's Holly Putnam.

Jenkins, who fell and didn't finish on Saturday, came back to place eighth in the slalom.

"Sunday was a strange day," Douglas coach Jeanne Turnbeaugh said with a laugh. "We had a lot of DQ's (disqualifications) because of the snow. Carolyn Whear came across the finish on one ski and with no poles."

The boys' slalom was a "rocky" affair — literally. Turnbeaugh pointed out that the race was stopped

when a boulder surfaced on the course. Because only 34 boys had come down, the race results were nullified and a new course was set.

"Eight kids came down and more rocks started showing. That was at about 3:30 in the afternoon, so we just decided to postpone it until Wednesday," she pointed out.

League officials later decided against the postponement and reverted back to the results of Sunday's original run, results in which Olsen finished first and Chandler second.

Skiing results

Northern AAA championships

Girls combined scoring: 1. Reno 614; 2. Reed 537; 3. Douglas 524; 4. Sparks 443; 5. McQueen 440; 6. Carson 429; 7. Manogue 383; 8. Wooster 302; 9. Hug 142.

Giant slalom

Feb. 21 at Slide Mtn.

Girls team scoring: 1. Reno 303; 2. Douglas 271; 3. Reed 263; 4. Sparks 253; 5. Carson 245; 6. McQueen 214; 7. Manogue 199; 8. Wooster 151; 9. Hug 97.

Individual: 1. Jennifer Porter (Rno) 31.84; 2. Holly Putnam (Rd) 32.49; 3. Pam Hovey (D) 32.60; 4. Kristanne Clubb (Man) 32.98; 5. Christie Olsen (Rno) 33.27; 6. Crystal Morrison (D)

33.28; 7. Kristy Grisemer (C) 33.45; 8. Sally Seeliger (W) 33.89; 9. Tracy Grose (C) 34.10; 10. Marci Trabert (S) 34.44. Other Douglas finishers: 20. Elise Miluck 36.51; 24. Nani Thornburg 37.44; 31. Carolyn Whear 38.25; 33. Wendi Hovey 38.38; 47. Chris Rathbun 41.52.

Boys team scoring: 1. Reno 307; 2. Reed 281; 3. Carson 275; 4. Wooster 266; 5. McQueen 222; 6. Manogue 217; 7. Sparks 205; 8. Hug 142; 9. Douglas 90.

Individual: 1. Joey Chandler (D) 31.04; 2. Jon Olsen (Rno) 31.54; 3. Charlie Wells (Rno) 31.71; 4. Peter Fischer (C) 31.84; 5. Andras Thelander (Rd) 31.88; 6. John Zebrack (Rno) 32.31; 7. Don Wiechers (Rd) 33.09; 8. George Richter (W) 33.51; 9. Eric

Leiberman (M) 33.80; 10. Pete Clark (W) 33.87. Other Douglas finisher: 51. Gregg Fricke 40.27.

Slalom

Feb. 22

Girls team scoring: 1. Reno 311; 2. Reed 274; 3. Douglas 253; 4. McQueen 226; 5. Wooster 207; 6. Sparks 190; 7. Carson and Manogue 184; 9. Hug 45.

Individual — 1. Laura Jordan (W) 36.03; 2. Porter (Rno) 36.29; 3. Putnam (Rd) 36.43; 4. Seeliger 37.56; 5. Morrison (D) 37.89; 6. Melissa Ross (Rno) 38.02; 7. Erickson (C) 38.38; 8. Gina Jenkins (D) 38.75; 9. Olsen (Rno) 39.07; 10. Grose (C) 40.49.

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WINOs taste champagne

by GINA GIGLI
Special to the R-C

Michael Jones, Director of Education at Domaine Chandon, Napa Valley, entertained WINO members and guests at their February 18th meeting at Carson Valley Inn.

WINO means Wine Investigations for Novices and Oenophiles.

Following a blind tasting of four California champagnes, Jones, effervescent as the sparkling wines he represented, dramatically demonstrated the art of silently and safely uncorking a bottle of the bubbly.

His Chandon Brut was poured to accompany lobster cocktail. Jones began his circuit and visited each of the round tables, informally describing the wine as, "Young, crisp; goes with everything," and answered questions.

After Strawberry Intermezzo, Veal Breast Sierra and vegetables were complemented with Chandon Reserve Brut, the Chardonnay grapes crushed for this aged wine were harvested in 1977, resulting in the fruit characteristics diminishing and a toastiness evolving.

Beautiful Blanc de Noirs, with

its 'pale blush' color from the dark skins of Pinot Noir grapes, completed the visual presentation with Cream Puff Swans in a pool of chocolate sauce. The crisp flavor of the sparkling wine matched the sweetness of the dessert, refreshing the palate.

The next dinner meeting of the Carson Valley Chapter of WINO will be March 18 at Walley's. Chateau St. Jean of Sonoma Valley, will be the featured winery. For those interested in attending, please phone Walley's 782-8155 for information or reservations.

Sports

Here's Joey

One of the coaches was asking, 'Who's that Chandler kid? We were sort of snickering to ourselves . . . We knew who he was.'

Douglas High School ski coach Jeanne Turnbeaugh was tickled to see **Joey Chandler** speed off with first place in the boys giant slalom race at the Northern Nevada AAA alpine skiing zone finals Saturday at Slide Mountain.

For Chandler it merely seemed like another day at the office.

"I did OK," the Douglas junior shrugged after his giant slalom victory, which he won by five-tenths of a second over runner-up Jon Olsen of Reno High.

Chandler and Olsen traded places in Sunday's slalom event, which was cut short when rocks

For the record

by DAVID PRICE, sports editor

were uncovered on the course. That result left the two rivals tied for the meet's combined boys' championship trophy.

Chandler's win actually shouldn't have come as any surprise, because he had won four races, placed second in another and fell in his two other appearances during the regular Northern AAA season.

He was a success on the high school circuit, but his winter season on the slopes is far from over. In fact, his schedule with the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation program has been very successful and is just about to get interesting.

"He's had quite a successful season," KSEF's Gretchen Weber said. "This is just his first year at this age level (16-17 year olds) and he's consistently been in the top 15. That's not dazzling, but it is pretty good."

Looking back for just a moment, he logged 17th- and 18th-place finishes during the two-day Rondele giant slalom just two weeks ago at Heavenly Valley. That was a strong performance, considering the field assembled for the Far West Ski Association event. There were 145 entries Feb. 15 in the men's race (ages 14-21),

Eskter with a time of 1:03.93. Chandler finished 17th that day in a time of 1:08.52, just .07 behind Gavin McCiurg of the Heavenly Valley ski team (and Whittell High School) in the No. 16 position.

Seven-100ths of a second seems like so little time: in ski racing, fractions of seconds mean a world of difference.

"I'm on the Far West development team. That gives me a hat, not much more. There's more if I make the Far West team — my race fees would be paid for — but that's about a second and a half away."

He will continue on that ski trail next week when he competes in a five-day Rondele series event at Bear Valley (three super giant slaloms and two slaloms). They are qualifying races for the Western States Junior-1 Championships March 16-21 in Mission Ridge, Wash.

Chandler expects to qualify for the trip to Washington. And once there, a good showing would be worth another trip, this time to Alaska for FIS international races.

"I'd like to go to Western States and to Alaska for the FIS races; those are my two big goals for this year," Chandler said.

"I'm skiing well right now, especially in the g.s. (giant slalom)," the 16-year-old from Kirkwood indicated. "This has been a good year. My results have improved; I've been in the top 20 in every race and I've had a lot of eighth and ninth."

It's an important season for a young man who started on skis at the age of 3.

"This is my deciding year. If I do well this year, then I'd like to go on," said Chandler, who has aspirations to compete in college (scholastically, he ranks near the top of his junior class at Douglas).

He stopped at that point, although he hinted that the North American Ski Series is a distant dream — "a super goal, if I started skiing really, really well."

"That's the way Joey is," Weber said. "He's an achiever. He always sets goals that he can reach. He sets them methodically and logically, then achieves them."



Top Tiger

Joey Chandler sped to first place in the slalom and second in the giant slalom and a first place tie in the combined boys standings at the Northern Nevada AAA alpine skiing finals last weekend at Slide Mountain, a performance that earned Douglas High's Athlete of the Week award. R-C photo



MIRAGE. The Students Against Driving Drunk band, "Mirage" recorded "The Sad Song" over the weekend and hope to make a video soon.

They are, from left, Eric Whitacre, Jennifer Johnson, Melanie Owen and Eric La Clare. R-C photo

SADD band records song

The new Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) band, "Mirage," recorded "The Sad Song" over the weekend at a studio in Sonoma, Calif.

The writers of the song, Eric Whitacre and Melanie Owen, were accompanied by the rest of the band, Eric La Clare and Jennifer Johnson. They are all students at Douglas High School.

The new name of the band, according to adviser Karen Owen, reflects the students' feeling that

people who believe they can drink and drive are "under an illusion" that they can do so.

The producer of the tape, Aaron Johnson of Sonoma Sound, was so enthusiastic about the song and the band, Owen said, that he is taking a copy of the tape to show some producers at the Grammy awards this week.

If the song makes any money, Owen said, the students want to donate all proceeds to SADD.

The students were interviewed

by a reporter from CBS on Sunday, and on Saturday a story about their taping session was on Bay Area television news.

The Sonoma producer was "visibly impressed" with the quality of the students' singing and the song, Owen added.

The song was written in response to the tragic death of DHS student Sarita Uhart in a drunk-driving accident. The students hope to make the song the national theme song for SADD.

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Bake sale

Seven-year-old Crista Hollenberg was a customer at the recent bake sale at Miller's Market sponsored by the Woodfords Head Start Parent Advisory Committee. The parents are raising money to take the preschoolers on a trip at the end of the school year. R-C photo



OFFICERS. Honor Society officers at Douglas High are, from left, Alisa Hicks, vice president; Gina Jenkins, president; Susan McKibben, class valedictorian; speaker Fred Dressler; Michelle Hall, secretary; Cris Etchegoyhen, adviser; and Tom Gregory, treasurer. R-C photo



HONOR SOCIETY. New members of the Douglas High School chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted in candlelight ceremonies at the high school last Thursday. Rancher Fred Dressler spoke to the group. R-C photo

Douglas High Honor Society inducts new members

Thirty new members of the Douglas High School chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted last week in a candlelight ceremony in the school's commons.

Fred Dressler, life-long ran-

cher of Carson Valley now 88 years old, spoke to the assembled gathering.

Heidi Kohz and Jeff Gardner provided music for the event. Refreshments were served

following the ceremony to parents and friends of the students.

New members are Darren Lancaster, Peyton Bertino, Jared Blackford, April Brown,

Tammy Bruns, Patrick Clark, Alan Draper, Niki Etheredge, Amy Falkenstein, Dina Gigli, William Heckman, Ralf Huggans, Alene Izoco, Michael Lawton, Kelli Lingelbach, Stephanie May, Paul Meadows,

Crystal Morrison, Brian Morton, Jon Murray, Linde Pirtle, Brandon Roman, Matt Sheets, Bonnie Shields, Susan Sullivan, Trina Valenzuela, Theresa Walton, Leah Weissman, Heide Winckler and David Woodard.

Adviser is teacher Cris Etchegoyhen.

Students must earn a 3.6 grade point average or better to be eligible for the Honor Society. Citizenship is also considered in the selection process.

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Teacher-principal exchange held

by SHEILA GARDNER
Staff writer

Educators from Alpine County and Gardnerville Elementary School recently completed a classroom exchange that both faculties say opened lines of communication.

GES Principal Klaire Pirtle said the concept developed while she was attending lectures at Diamond Valley School with Gene Bedley, an Irvine, Calif., principal who was named 1984 educator of the year.

"While I was at Diamond Valley School meeting the staff and faculty, we decided to exchange some teachers for a day to see what each school is doing," Pirtle said.

Diamond Valley Principal Gerald Herrick coordinated the plan with Pirtle, and the trade was arranged for the last week in February.

In addition to the principals' trading places for a day, each school exchanged at least 10 teachers and staff members.

GES participants included teachers Konnie Susich, Susan Mathews, Ken Dressler, Jan Sullivan, Nevalyn Miller, Jim Bell, Rod Jones, Bob Rajs, Cheryl Naumann and Mary Boykin, and counselor Marty Skaggs.

Diamond Valley sent teachers Lisa Fontana, Lenn Mackey, Lynn Schaeffer, George Cretilli, Catherine Parker, Mary Karasch, Sharon Osgood, Jerry Price and Ginger Cratik, librarian Jeanne Lane and counselor Rod Smith.

Pirtle said the first apparent difference in schools was size. Diamond Valley has 120 students and 10 teachers in kindergarten through 8th grade. GES has nearly 600 children in kindergarten through 5th grade and a staff of more than 50.

Class size at the Alpine County

school averages 14 to 16, students while Gardnerville has about 25 students in each class.

"Diamond Valley was like a family because it was so small," Pirtle said. "But it was just like my school. I learned we all share the same problems and concerns, hopes and joys. Their problems are so similar to ours."

Herrick said the exchange gave his staff the opportunity to visit a larger school with more classes at each grade level and see how the facility is organized.

"It was a positive experience. We had the opportunity to reach out to our closest school neighbor. We see this as a beginning in other areas of curriculum. We got to know the staff better and the school in general. The most important factor was opening up some lines of communication with our neighbor and putting the faces with the names," Herrick said.

Pirtle said students at Diamond Valley had many questions about their neighbors.

"They wanted to know what time school started and the number of field trips we take. One class didn't know a woman could be a principal. They all were very attentive, and it was a lot of fun," she said.

She said the children at GES enjoyed getting to know teachers from another school.

"The staff from Diamond Valley who came here were just teaching their hearts out," Pirtle said.

She hopes to initiate a student exchange with Diamond Valley, maybe bringing the entire student body to GES when the school celebrates its annual Basque Day in June.

"This is just the beginning of things we can do," Pirtle said. "It was very interesting and just a lot of fun. We didn't realize it would be so successful."



TRADING TEACHERS. Diamond Valley School 5th and 6th grade teacher Jerry Price is surrounded by the Gardnerville Elementary School students of Rod Jones whom Price taught for a day in a teacher exchange. They are,

Julie Whitacre, (kneeling), Jeanne Dossey, Jamie Hu, Darci Proffitt and Be Anderson (sitting); Brandi, Laura Edsall and Cioffi. R-C photos by Jo Hollister



TEACHER FOR A DAY. Fourth graders Teresa Hadfield, center and Kelley Menesini, right, welcome teacher Sharon Osgood to GES for a

day. Osgood swapped classes with Jim Bell, who taught her 4th grade at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County. R-C photo

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Avalanche slideshow A
slideshow about avalanches will be offered
at the Alpine County Library in
Markleeville, Friday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.
Avalanche expert David Beck will present

the program. Refreshments will be served.
The Alpine County Friends of the Library is
sponsoring the event, which is free and open
to the public.

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Miss Alpine County 3-19-87

pageant set March 21

Laura Helsel, Monica Richert, and Tiffany Branscombe are competing for the title of Miss Alpine County.

Hors d'oeuvres are needed. Families are invited to the event.

All three are Alpine seniors at Douglas High School.

The girls will be judged on poise, charm, personality, and talent at the coming annual pageant.

Miss Alpine will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. First runner-up receives a \$350 scholarship, and second runner-up will receive a \$50 savings bond.

The pageant will be held on March 21 at Turtle Rock Park. Guests may meet the girls at 7 p.m. and the competition starts at 8.

Admission is free. Music will be provided by the Alpine Trio.



TIFFANY BRANSCOMBE



MONICA RICHERT



LAURA HELSEL



SADD AT WOOSTER. The Students Against Driving Drunk band "Mirage" played at drunk driving accident, record producer Wooster High School in Reno. From left are Aaron Johnson, Eric Whitacre and Jennifer Melanie Owen, Eric La Clare, Joy Uhart Johnson, Kristin Young photo

Tahoe Daily Tribune 3-20-87
Dashing through the snow



Tribune photo by Kurt Molnar

A MEMBER of the California-Nevada Snowmobilers Association flies through the air on his machine during a recent group ride in the Blue Lakes area of Hope Valley. See more photos about the ride on-Page 1B.

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Cont (Tahoe Daily Tribune)

TRAILS

How do you spell, "Winter Fun"?

For hundreds of people who flock to Hope Valley each weekend, the answer comes in one word — snowmobiling.

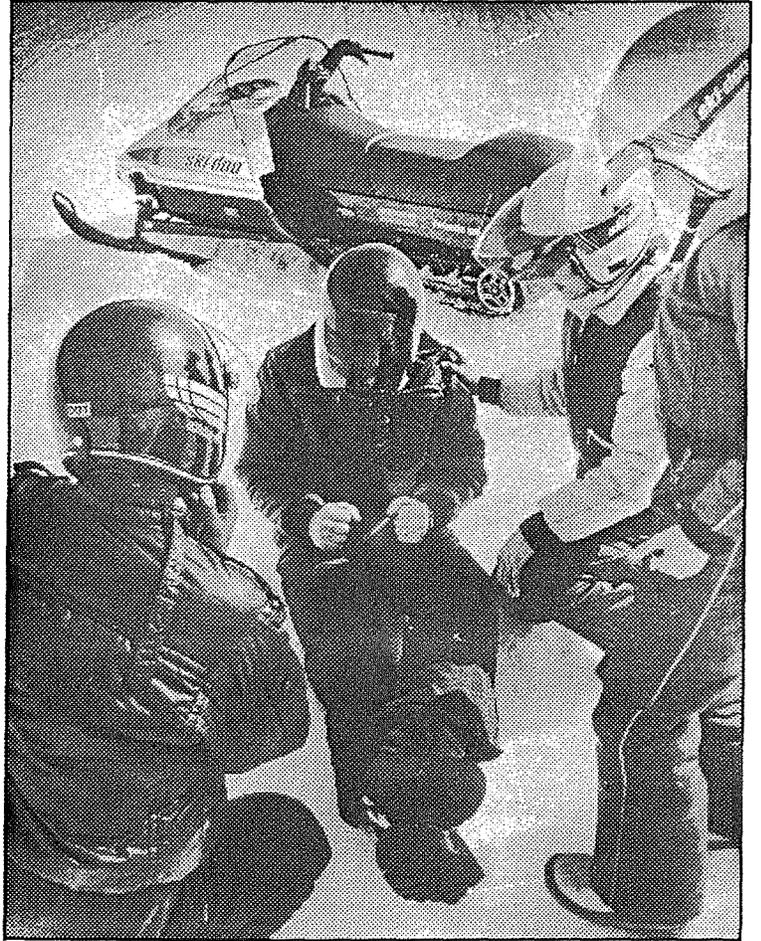
Over the last few years, the Blue Lake area of Hope Valley has become a mecca for snowmobiling enthusiasts. Designated as a snowmobile park, the wilderness area covers thousands of acres and is supervised by the U.S. Forest Service. The park is unique in the sense that it is maintained with revenues received from the registration of snowmobiles through the Department of Motor Vehicles. The riders themselves shoulder most of the responsibility for the park's upkeep. Since the snowmachines travel on the snow and not the ground, the impact to the terrain is minimal.

Recently, more than 350 enthusiasts gathered at South Lake Tahoe for the annual California-Nevada Snowmobilers Association Convention. Riders from as far away as Wisconsin enjoyed attending the meetings at the High Sierra Casino Hotel and riding through the beautiful Blue Lakes snowmobile park.

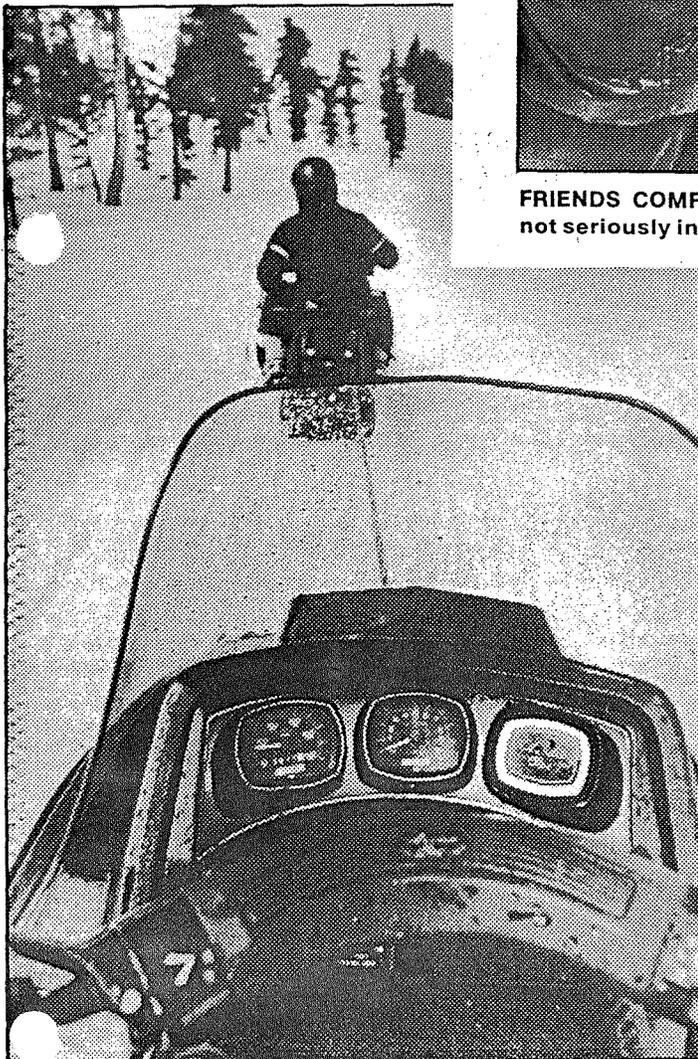
Pictured here are some of the activities enjoyed on a typical weekend.



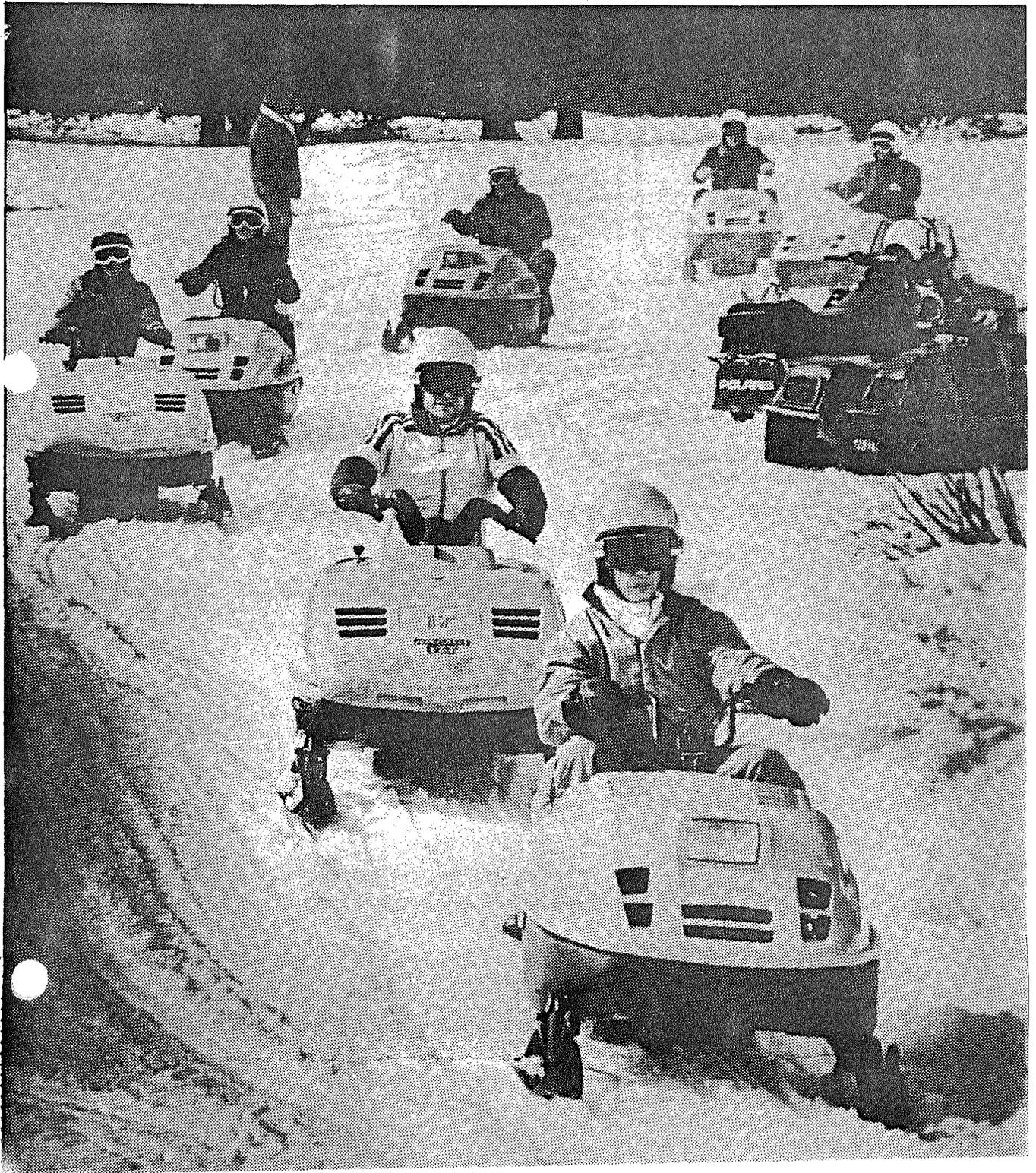
Photos by Kurt Molnar



FRIENDS COMFORT a rider who took a small spill, but was not seriously injured.



A RIDER gets a tow after running out of gas.





A LOCAL hot-dogger puts his machine through the paces on an open stretch of snow in Hope Valley.



Obituaries

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WINO group hears talk by winemaker from California

by GINA GIGLI

Pete Downs, the winemaker for Chateau St. Jean's sparkling wines, was the guest speaker for the March 18th Wine Investigation For Novices and Oenophiles (WINO) dinner meeting at Walley's.

Downs informed his audience that Chateau St. Jean has two winery facilities. White table wines are produced in the Kenwood, Sonoma County winery, which is open to the public.

The other winery, also in

Sonoma County, is not open for visitors, and makes Brut and Blanc de Blancs in the champagne method (methode champenoise).

As Downs described the steps used for sparkling wine — making the wine, fermenting it in bottle, ageing, riddling, disgorging, and adding the dosage — the WINO members sipped Chateau St. Jean 1983 Blanc de Blancs.

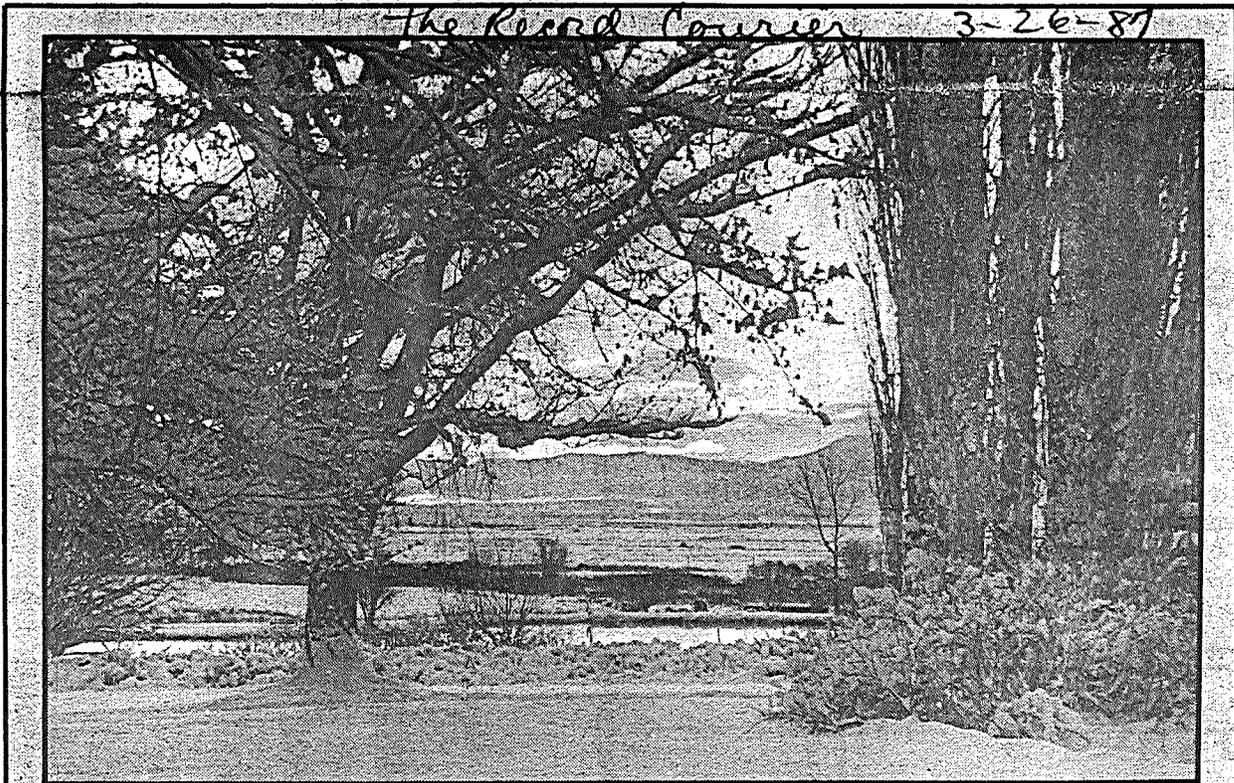
After an appetizer of sole and shrimp, 1985 Fume Blanc, Russian River Valley, was poured. The grassy, herbaceous white

wine complemented the green salad.

Two Chateau St. Jean wines, 1984 Chardonnay, Dry Creek Valley, and 1984 Pinot Blanc, Alexander Valley, were served with Chicken Kiev.

The winemaker said that Pinot Blanc may well be the next "hot" wine, though at the present time it's not recognized for its true value.

The evening was topped off with Lemon Chiffon Pie and honeyed Select Late Harvest Johannisberg Riesling.



Still dry

"Not a heck of a lot" was the answer to the question, "How much water did the last snow bring us?" At the top of Ebbetts Pass, the snow depth is 44 percent of the 20-year average, with 16.8 inches of water in 3½ feet of snow, according to the Soil Conser-

vation Service in Minden. District Conservationist Joe Chapman warned ranchers that the amount of water in the Carson River won't be "very much for very long." R-C photo by Joyce Hollister

STPUD wins court ruling

South Tahoe Public Utility District has won a court battle against an Alpine County sewage initiative, officials said today.

The 3rd District Court of Appeals for California dismissed on Monday an appeal filed by the Sierra Club and others. The appeal court's decision upholds STPUD's contention that the 1984 initiative setting tight sewage discharge standards in

Alpine County is invalid. STPUD pumps treated wastewater into Alpine.

The appeal court based its decision on legislation giving the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board sole authority to set wastewater discharge standards.

"This is great news for us," said STPUD General Manager Jim Cofer.

SADD group helps at

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Fernley High Assembly

On March 27, "Mirage" and four of the Students Against Driving Drunk officers participated at an assembly in Fernley.

"Mirage" played three songs including "The Sad Song" and was given two standing ovations. Speeches were made by Karen Owen, the group's adviser, on the dangers of alcohol; Joy Uhart spoke on the trauma of losing her daughter Sarita to a drunk driver; Trooper Steve Syzdek (Nevada Highway Patrol) spoke on the dangers of riding without seatbelts and drinking and driving.

Melanie Owen also read a speech prepared by Michelle Hall about losing your best friend. The students at Fernley were enthusiastic and seemed interested. Many students turn-

ed out after the assembly to ask questions and show their appreciation to the group for their performance.

On Sunday, March 29, Candee Gardner, Wendi Davis, Elise Miluck, Kristin Young, Susan Kuhl, Heather Smith and Karen Owen were interviewed on the Lynn and Morris Show which aired on KGVM, 99.3 FM from 5-6 p.m.

The group updated the community on their activities and restated their goals. Susan Kuhl presented a series of questions which she created for the community and her peers concerning the consequences of drinking and driving adding, "We'd like to give a special thank you to Lynn and Morris Walker for having us on their show."

SADD is sponsoring an Easter

egg hunt for the elementary kindergarten classes.

"We're dyeing approximately 1,000 eggs for the egg hunt. It will take place at all three elementary schools between April 14-16," reported Heather Smith.

Another sidelight took place on Saturday, March 28 in Carson City. Heather Smith observed the Carson High SADD chapter holding a fundraiser outside of Scolari's Warehouse Market. They were selling cokes and hot dogs.

"While purchasing a hot dog, I introduced myself as a member of the DHS SADD chapter. The adviser said how appreciative they were of the help we'd given them to start their chapter. I was happy to see how well they were doing," she said.



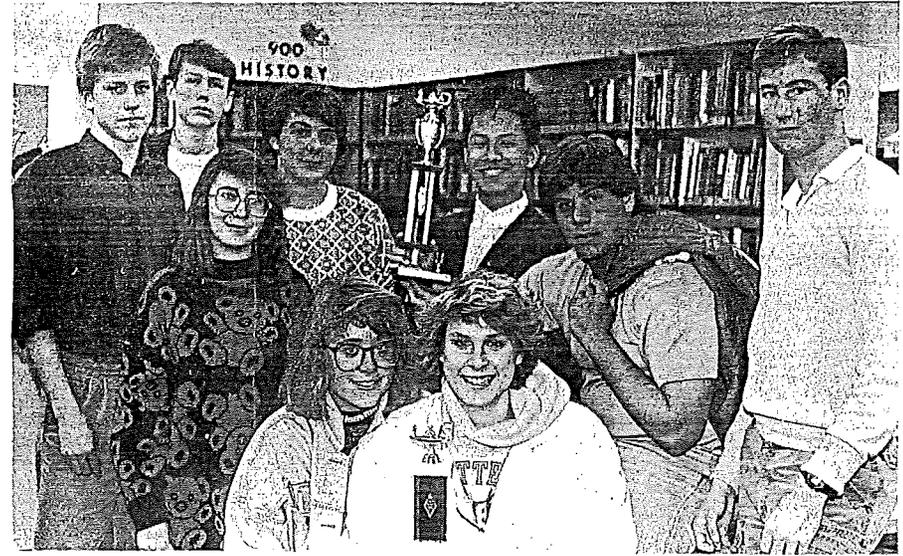
SADD ASSEMBLY. Members of the Douglas High School Students Against Driving Drunk participated in an assembly at Fernley High School recently. Back row from left are adviser Karen Owen; members Heather Smith,

Anna Starbuck, Audra Starbuck and Wendi Davis; front row, members Eric LaClare, Melanie Owen, Jennifer Johnson and Joy Uhart, mother of Sarita Uhart, who was killed in a drunk driving accident. DHS photo



DHS TEAM. Students in the Douglas High School Academic Olympics team are, back row from left, Bill Saylor, Jeff Turnipseed, Sean Patterson, Shannon Council and John

Judd; front row, B. J. Alder, Becky Sturgeon, Susan McKibben and Leah Rollins; not pictured, Marianne Ward, Ann Robinson and Angus Towse. R-C photo



WHITTELL TEAM. Students to compete in the Academic Olympics from Whittell High School are, back row from left, Kendall

Luck, Angel Naves and Zyg Kunczynski; front row, Deanne King, Sheri Monach and Heather McGraw; not pictured, Matt Bisbee, Heather Hartwick and Jessica Ostrow. R-C photo

Douglas takes 3rd, Whittell 2nd in academic contest

The Douglas High School Academic Olympics team came in third against six other high school teams in competition that ended last week.

Douglas took first in one of the rounds of the competition on March 16. Whittell High School took third place in the event March 9 and second on March 16.

In the final tally March 23 at DHS, Yerington High School was

first with 2,010 points, Whittell second with 1,890 points, and Douglas third with 1,780 points.

Adviser for the Douglas team was media center director Mary Ann McKibben, and for Whittell, Howard Bennett and Linda Cooper.

Students on the Douglas team included Leah Rollins, B.J. Alder, Sean Patterson, Bill Saylor, Angus Towse, Jeff Turnipseed, John Judd, Marianne

Ward, Ann Robinson, Susan McKibben, Becky Sturgeon and Shannon Council.

Students on the Whittell team included Matt Bisbee, Zyg Kunczynski, Sheri Monach, Heather McGraw, Matt Luck, Heather Hartwick, Deanne King, Jim Wiedman, Jeff Lankov, Jessica Ostrow, Kendall Wallace and Angel Naves.

According to McKibben, the Olympics is conducted like the

television game show "Jeopardy," and was first proposed by Yerington's Marty Bein.

Questions are flashed on a overhead projector screen, and students answer them. Each team has a maximum of six people, and questions are asked in six fields, English, geography-current events, government-history, science, math and fine arts.

The Douglas teams have an

expert in each field, McKibben said, with some students proficient in more than one field.

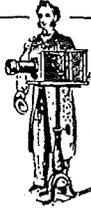
The questions range in difficulty, and those that are the most difficult earn 50 points, the least difficult 10 points.

The questions were "unbelievably tough," McKibben said. There were a lot of questions in math and science, and the fine arts questions were really technical, she added.

Superintendent of schools Greg Betts, in presenting awards to the winning teams, said "I hope this is the beginning of something big. I hope that some day we can have as much interest in this type of activity as we do in football games."

McKibben said that Douglas plans to take part in Academic Olympics again next year as well as the Reno television High School Bowl program.

You said it!



What's wrong
with today's
American
man?



TERI NIGRA
Courtesy clerk
They're not stable enough. I wish it was like when my mom and dad were young. You find one woman and you take care of her the rest of your life. Everything seems to be getting separated, scattered.



ARLENE MUSTO
Porterette
There aren't enough of them. Basically, when you reach my age, 40, most of them are married.



HEIDI FATH
DHS junior
They're too jealous. They're jerks, sometimes, and self-centered.



VICKI BROCKHAGE
Homemaker
I think they've become more enlightened, but they still have a long way to go. The women's movement has made them more aware of our feelings and rights.



JERRY CUCCARO
Aerobics instructor
As a matter of fact, I think he's improving. I think his compassion is growing. I think they're tuning in; at least mine is.



DELL SAMANIEGO
Bently worker
I don't think anything is wrong with my husband. They're all OK. I can't find anything wrong with them.

Reaction: Flood plain could go

Continued from page 1

Borda, also a Lyon County representative, Andy Aldax, Arthur Settelmeyer, Frederick Dressler, Pat Kimmerling, Gordon Fricke and Ed Sarman.

Initially, Carson City, already facing a possible water shortage by 1995, would be the main benefactor of the project.

But Carson Valley — or at least portions of it — is rapidly approaching the point where it will have to rely on a municipal system and reservoir as well, according to Rackley.

He estimated that Carson Valley may be only 20-30 years behind Carson City and Dayton Valley in its need for water to meet growth, especially in problem areas such as Johnson Lane and Ruhestroth.

Because some estimates show that water in Carson Valley is already over-allocated, the state engineer may shut off further re-

quests, Rackley added.

But much of the water is set aside for agricultural use and not always used, which will probably give Carson Valley some breathing room, according to Rackley.

At the same time, about 60 percent of the growth in the region is expected to occur in Carson Valley, he added.

"The three basins could make it through the next 10 years," he said. "Beyond that we have to start asking where are we going to get our water?"

"I hate to see it come, but I know it will," Gardnerville Town Board member Donald Garrison said. "We need to do something about it."

County commissioners had requested more public opinion before taking any position on the proposed project.

Town Board members also learned the following:

- It is estimated that by the year 2035, the three valleys would require 70,000-acre feet of water for municipal use. They now draw almost 14,000 acre feet.

- The Carson Water Sub-conservancy District agreed to take on the project, but Carson City would have to be brought in to the district by statute to make the project feasible.

- "Carson Valley has the water; Carson City has the tax base. That's really what it boils down to," Rackley said.

- The tentative budget for the district comes in at about \$440,000 for an additional year of study. Carson Valley's share would be \$12,000, Dayton's \$60,000 and Carson City \$358,000.

- The district also is proposing a 5.58 cent tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation.

- After 20-30 years, more domestic water could be made available by creating an adjacent reservoir near the Bodie Creek site to tie in use of the West Fork of the river.

- This reservoir also would be about 50,000 acre feet, with a current price tag of \$60-\$65 million.

Could speed development

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Reaction in towns to dam is mixed

by TREVA ZELLER
Staff writer

Reaction to a proposed dam on the Carson River remains mixed: Water is needed for growth, but flood protection would kill some of the Valley's famous greenbelt, residents say.

It also could invite spiraling development, according to local officials.

"This changes the whole ball game," said Minden Town Board member and former County Manager Bob Hadfield. "There would be no flood plain. There would be new areas that could be considered for development."

According to the county's chief planning official, John Renz, those concerns are legitimate. County law now prohibits residential subdivisions in the flood plain.

"I would suspect that the flood plain covers at least one-fourth of the Valley floor," Renz said. "It's much of the ranch land you see with crops and no development."

With a dam, "there would be immense development pressure," on some of those lands, according to Renz.

The proposed Bodie Creek dam and reservoir on the East Fork of the Carson River would provide 100-year flood protection and domestic water for three area basins into the next century.

State consultant Ira Rackley gave presentations last week to the Minden and Gardnerville town boards. He spoke before the Gardnerville Ranchos General Improvement District Monday.

Rackley's presentation was scheduled at the end of each town board agenda, bringing the topic late into the night. No members of the public remained, and Rackley only heard comments from town board members and their consultants.

"I don't want to see (land) where they take water turn into a brown spot," Minden Town Board member Ross Chichester said. "People move here because it's a green place to

live."

But both Minden and Gardnerville town board members, in separate board meetings, seemed to agree that growth will come anyway, and that officials need to look 20-30 years ahead for water sources.

Under proposals, about 20,000 acre feet of water would be purchased from the Carson Valley to fill the reservoir. That water, in turn, could be purchased by municipal water suppliers up and down the river.

Drying out large sections of land may be avoided by purchasing water in bits and pieces around the Valley, according to Rackley. He also has said the flood plain may be considered for purchase of land and water rights. The land would later be resold.

Coming from a ranching family, Chichester also asked what effect the dam and reservoir would have on area ranchers.

He was told that irrigation waters would not be affected greatly because purchased water rights would be used to fill

the reservoir. Ranchers could pay a fee to store irrigation water in the reservoir until they needed it, Rackley added.

Among other concerns, Hadfield attacked plans to tax residents under the authority of an appointed board, the Carson Water Subconservancy District.

He said members of that board should be elected by taxpayers to be more responsive to those people.

The water district has agreed to sponsor the next step toward dam construction, a year-long in-depth study that would be funded by its taxpayers in Carson Valley, rural Carson City and Dayton. Steps are being taken to include Carson City's tax base.

The district was formed in the 1950s as a local funding agency for the then-proposed Watasheamu dam project. By statute, it has the authority to tax up to 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Members of the district are all Carson Valley ranchers, Pete

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Tahoe Choir travels around the world in song and dance

Audiences attending the Tahoe Choir's 16th annual spring concert were in for a real treat this weekend as they were transported around the world in folk song and dance at South Tahoe High School's Little Theatre.

Linda Madden, director and founder of the Tahoe Choir, was assisted in the musical production by the choregraphic wizardry of Dorothy Farnon and Jim Dunn and their groups of dancers.

Technical Director Paul Renner transformed the auditorium into a medieval hall by hanging flags of the countries represented over the stage and the heads of the audience. Performers dressed in colorful folk costumes added to the pageantry as they sang and danced around the stage.

Ms. Madden not only selected the music and directed the choir, but sang in many of the numbers and accompanied the singers with a variety of musical sound effects.

The first part of the program featured music from many countries such as "Amazing

Grace" from Scotland and "Waltzing Matilda" from Australia.

The Dorothy Farnon Dancers, a troupe of young ladies dressed in ruffled skirts and fancy headpieces, charmed the audience with interpretations of "No Trick to a Can-Can" from France and the "Beer Barrel Polka" from Poland.

The "Ikiriatakos" a dance from Greece using a handkerchief, was performed by the Jim Dunn dancers with many whirls and twirls.

Rolando Magdamo, a member of the choir and a native of the Philippines, explained and performed a folk dance with Marion Loo, Trena Clair Lee and Lanny Ligutan. The dance called "Tinikling" is performed with bamboo poles clapped together in a three-quarter rhythm while dancers agilely step in and out.

The audience joined in the presentation of "Hava Nagila" by clapping hands in time to the music as the Jim Dunn Dancers and the Tahoe Choir performed the rousing number from Israel.

The second half of the program, which highlighted music

of the United States, began with sea chanties like "The Drunken Sailor," "Shenandoah" and "Blow the Candles Out." A favorite of the audience was the "Sailor's Hornpipe" danced by Joya Marcuscello attired in a sailor hat and shirt.

The men of the choir donned cowboy hats as they portrayed the old West with "Poor Lonesome Cowboy" and "Home on the Range."

The production took on a romantic aura and delighted the audience as the husband and wife team of Lori and Bob Sanders sang the duet "Wunderbar" and dancers in ball gowns and tuxedos floated across the floor to the strains of "The Shadow Waltz."

Accompanists for the concert were Sue Weiss, Al Sutton and Madden, while instrumentalists were Jam Clause and Jerry Peacock, guitar; Lisa Hyllested, flute; and Shaun Lyon, bells and snare drum.

At the conclusion of the show, Dorothy Farnon was brought to the stage and presented champagne by the cast in appreciation of her contributions to the production.



Tribune photo by Scott Haney

THE JIM Dunn Dancers perform the Greek dance 'Ikiriatakos' at the Tahoe Choir's 16th annual spring concert. From left are, Jim Dunn, Ron Triano, Bob Niedermier, Jyette Langlois, Pam Perkins, Sue Petrie and Cindy Archer.

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Alpine correspondent debuts

Heidi Hopkins is no stranger to newspapers — she edits and writes most of the Alpine Enterprise, and she does production work at the R-C — and this week she begins a new sideline as the author of the “Letter from Alpine.”

Hopkins said she wants to do the new R-C column because she wants to write and wants to have an editor.

At the Alpine Enterprise, she is the editor, so no one is there to help her refine her writing. (She added, however, that she is greatly assisted by Alpine residents Dianne Deadrick-Rogers and Dave Rogers.)

“It’s going to be a challenge to write to a different audience,” she added.

Hopkins also does all the production work at the Enterprise.

She has been editor there for two years, and for two years before that she was a volunteer staff member.

Hopkins is a former racing cyclist, and said she stills likes to “challenge herself physically” by hiking, skiing and running.

“I like being out of doors. I like watching nature and observing,” she said. Hopkins was the prime mover behind the Friends of Hope Valley organization, which was formed to fight the proposed power line across Hope Valley (it was dropped last year by Sierra Pacific Power Co. and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District).

“I think it certainly had an effect,” she said of the group. “I



HEIDI HOPKINS

know it had an effect. We get a lot of respect from those people.”

Hopkins plans to write about people and events in Alpine County each week. Anyone with news for her may call her at (916) 694-2466 in the early evenings.

Monitor Pass is now open

The opening of Monitor Pass marks the beginning of the summer season in eastern Alpine County.

Never mind the angle of the sun; never mind the length of days. Summer begins when CalTrans crews punch through the last drifts of snow on the stubborn north side of the pass. Once the drifts are gone, Markleeville is reconnected to the outside world and the tourist current flows again. Business owners breathe easy. Winter is over.

CalTrans crews work in their spare time on the pass highway, aiming for an April opening - in plenty of time for fishing season. Local CalTrans supervisor Forrest Robinson reported an easy job. "A minor thing this year," he explained in his typically quiet and understated way.

Minor or not, it's a big deal for Markleeville.

There were smiles this past week in town after a hard winter. The general store reported good business. Glenn Kelley, bartender at one of the local bars, said the first Saturday Monitor was open was the busiest day he had seen all winter. He didn't even have time for a cup of coffee. Who needs coffee when you've got good business?

The smiles are contagious. Townsfolk are out raking, scraping, painting, repairing in preparation for summer. Neighbors chat over backyard fences, pay visits to friends on "the other side of town," scrub off the barbecue grills. The lawns are sprouting green, splashed with tulips' red.

Of course, there's always another side to these things. The East Fork of the Carson is no longer the exclusive haunt of the Cal Silver miners and Markleeville's lunchtime runners. Early fishermen are out scouting their favorite holes; cars churn up to the hot springs; RVs lounge in highway turnouts;

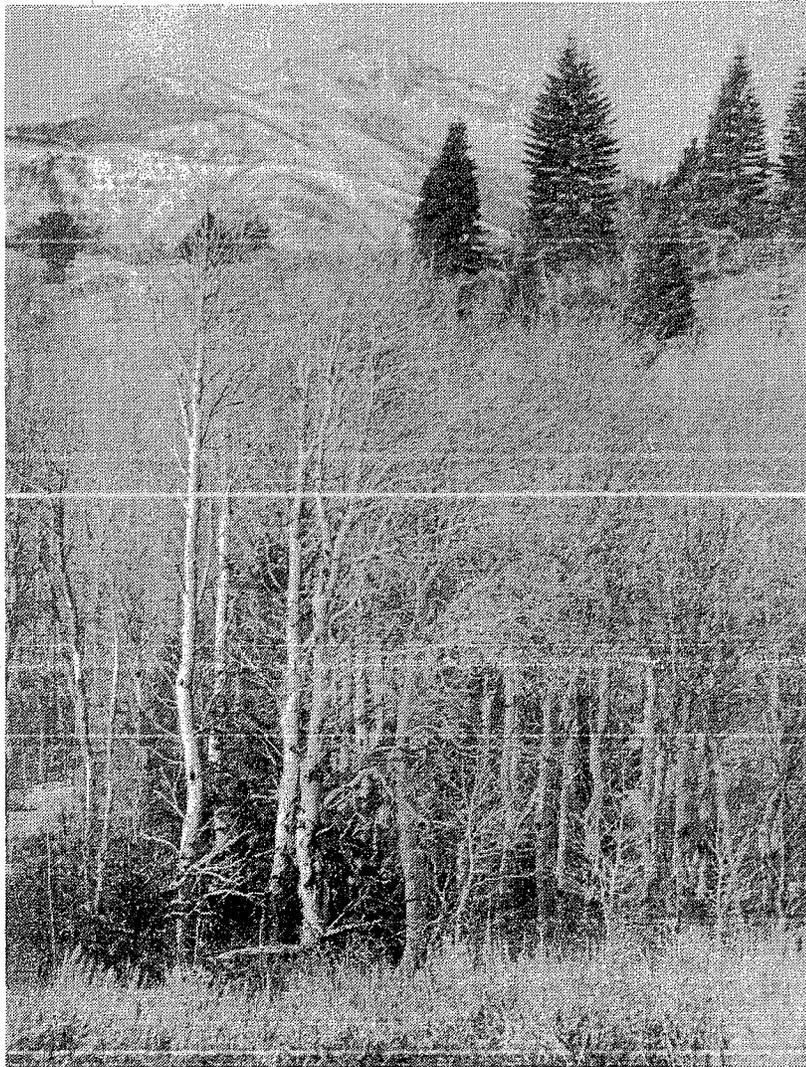
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hikers and sunbathers startle you in places you had come to regard as your own.

CalTrans' plows push aside winter's privacy with the snow. Here comes summer!

There are those who already begin to comment on the amount of traffic, the general noise, the terrible busyness of summer. They complain about the tourists. They're looking forward to the post-Labor Day quiet.



THIS IS the view for tourists and residents alike as spring

comes to Alpine County. Heidi Hopkins photo

County opposes Bodie dam proposal

After weeks of keeping a silent watch on proposals for a dam on the Carson River, Douglas County commissioners have come out opposed to a Senate bill that would allow further study.

And they also called for Carson Valley residents to have their say at a public meeting scheduled for May 7.

Last week, the Senate passed SB 279, calling for an intense one-year study of a dam project to be funded by taxpayers in Carson Valley, Carson City and Dayton.

The bill, which now goes to Assembly committee, would incorporate Carson City into the borders of the taxing entity, the Carson Water Subconservancy District. The district was formed in the 1950s as the local funding agency for the then-proposed Watasheamu Dam.

In addition, the Senate bill would increase the district's

bonding power and the amount of property tax it can levy. Under proposals, taxpayers would pay a 5.58-cent tax per \$100 of assessed valuation to fund the \$440,000 study.

The district now includes only the East Fork Township, rural Carson City and the Dayton corridor. Carson City's tax base is needed to make further steps feasible, and the area would be one of the main benefactors because of an estimated future water shortage.

However, Douglas County commissioners — led by Commissioner Mike Fischer — decided to take a stance against the bill at a meeting last week.

The board had waited until a state consultant was done meeting with local officials on the latest plans for a 50,000-acre-foot reservoir south of Gardnerville, known as the Bodie Creek site.

"We're in line for a 6-cent tax without a vote of the people," Fischer said. "There would be a lot of people who would be paying a 6-cent tax who are not going to benefit from it."

Fischer said Carson Valley residents would receive little benefit from the reservoir, other than allowing a few ranchers to sell water to fill the reservoir and open their land to development.

"As I see it, we're taking water rights from this valley to the Carson City and Dayton areas," Fischer said. "We have a valuable asset they want — water."

He added that the move also would speed up development in Carson Valley.

And as domestic and industrial water demands increase, the flood control storage would become less and less important, according to Fischer.

"Then it will cost more to put in a second reservoir," he said.

Commissioner Bob Pruett added that the bill could lead to Carson City's running the show, meaning Douglas County would have little to say about future decisions.

The board agreed to schedule the public hearing to receive more public input and reaction to proposed legislation.

Commissioner Barbara Cook said she has received comments both in favor and against proposals.

"They're really split in this valley," she said.

The proposed \$117-million project would include a dam, power plant, a pipeline and a water treatment facility, taking about 10 years to build. It would provide 100-year flood protection and a domestic water supply for the three basins.

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River rafting. River rafting on the East Fork of the Carson River is being offered Saturday, May 30 or Thursday, June 4, through the Douglas County Recreation Department, organized by Mort's Outrageous River Trips. Lunch is included in the \$45 fee. Advance registration is required, 782-9828.

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Ski club concludes season

The Douglas County Saturday Ski Club concluded the winter season with its annual "fun day activities" April 4 at Heavenly Valley. More than 50 skiers competed

in a slalom held on Heavenly's Nevada side, with winners in 14 age categories receiving turtleneck sweaters, hats and pins. Chad Rollins was clocked at

18.70, the day's fastest time among the boys. Wendy Gansberg was the fastest girl at 24.26. (See sports scoreboard for complete results)

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Band marches

The Douglas High School marching band recently marched in two parades, earning a trophy for participation and

one for second place in the Sacramento St. Patrick's Day parade and the Oakland St. Patrick's Day parade,

respectively. Members are shown their trophies. R-C photo

Stephanie Knutson

Wendy Rakow

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Alpine volunteers plant 500 pine seedlings

Oh, springtime! The willows are bursting into green, geese fly up river, jolly robins pull worms. Even the wind blew these last two weeks just like it's supposed to do in spring. Blew away though, that summer might already be here. No, it's spring.

Spring is the time for planting. In the mountains, it's too early for most garden things but it's a good time to plant trees.

The USFS was out in Markleeville on a blustery day to lead a group of local volunteers in a tree planting expedition. About 22 locals turned out to plant 500 jeffrey and sugar pine seedlings in an area adjacent to the Marklee Village subdivision. This area had been clearcut in an attempt to eradicate a mistletoe infestation.

USFS had already planted most of the area. The local volunteers finished the planting and planted extra trees along the Pleasant Valley Road to provide better cover for wildlife.

The volunteers spent the morning following the man with the auger, kneeling down at the hole, pulling rooted seedling trees out of their moist gunnysack rolls, whisking them quickly but carefully into the hole, backfilling the hole and tamping the earth firmly around the seedling's roots. Dee Sessions, timber management specialist for the Carson Ranger District, explained that the

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trees' roots could stand only 15 seconds exposure to the air, especially on that kind of windy day.

The volunteers, many of them families, worked as partners: one of them holding and passing the trees, the other preparing the hole for planting.

The kids seemed to really enjoy the experience. So did the adults. There is something about planting a tree, about holding that bit of delicate life in your hands and placing it in the soil so it can grow, that makes you care. You care whether or not the tree grows.

A dry year isn't a great year for planting trees. The auger dug down to nicely moist soil but the forest service representatives said they hoped for another rain or two to ensure success with the tree planting. Elwood Davis offered to get the local firemen out on a practise run to water the seedlings if it doesn't rain in the next two weeks.

They've also been doing some planting of bitterbrush out in the Indian Creek burn area. It took a long two years to get the plants but at least they got them and they're in the ground. The bitterbrush is for deer habitat



EASTER GREETINGS. Here's a cheery window at the Markleeville Post Office. Heidi Hopkins photo

rehabilitation. Postmistress Margaret Daniels did her own kind of planting this year. The Markleeville Post Office burst into bloom with a painting on its street front window. Lilies, tulips and daffodils wreath the window. The concept was Margaret's; the art work was by Marie Bravo, of Might As Well Graphics, who lives next door to the post office.

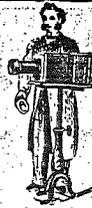
Margaret, who used to work in the Gardnerville Post Office before she became postmistress in Markleeville, says she pays for the artwork out of her own pocket as her way of giving back to the community that supports the post office. She has had Marie paint Christmas and Valentines Day decorations as

well.

The bank followed suit and sported a rollicking Easter bunny on its window, also by Marie. If you can't have the lowland spring in the mountains - the gentle and warm kind of spring - you can at least put it on your windows and decorate the town that way. Might as well.

I don't know if anyone searched the banks of the Carson River for eggs on Easter. There were sure to have been some, with all the pairs of geese we see up here.

You said it!



Should educational R-rated movies be shown at the high school?



PAT BUCHANAN
Housewife

I feel it's OK to a certain extent, especially if parents know about it ahead of time.



AMBER BUCHANAN
7th grader

I think it's all right, but they shouldn't show it in class. They should tell the kids to go to the (theater) instead.



ELLEN FRANCK
Housewife

Movies like that, they should show by choice. You would want to choose those kinds of movies for your children.



KEITH SHAFFER
College student

I just saw "Platoon" last Saturday night. Here in America we're in trouble because young people don't have a sense of patriotism; they don't understand war. I think the movies are a good way of teaching what war is really like. I think the system works; if parents don't want their kids to watch, then they (the students) don't have to be there.



NICK FLICKINGER
DHS senior

I think teachers should be able to show them. Parents should be able to have their say, but overall, most parents would feel it was OK anyway. Seniors are old enough; they should be able to decide for themselves.



DENNY JOHNSON
Postal clerk

When I was a senior, I felt I was mature enough to watch movies of that nature. When they're 17, they're old enough. If they're not ready, they've really been sheltered. I'd say juniors and below, no way; seniors, yes, because that's just the beginning of the real world.

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Two departments act as one

To the steady beat of the electric drum, the Alpine Trio shook out their tunes Saturday night, livening up the stark interior of the fire house in Woodfords and keeping the couples mixing on the dance floor. The event was the fifth annual Firemen's Ball, a benefit to raise spending money for the Markleeville and Woodfords Volunteer Fire Departments.

The music was interspersed with the calling out of raffle winners, lots of them, and what the dancers lost in music, the firemen gained in tickets sold and money earned. Prizes donated from the merchants of the Woodfords-Markleeville-Carson Valley area kept the raffle going all evening.

It was a family affair. Babies crawled between the legs of chairs; teens sat apart and talked their teen things; adults did the two-step or the polka or whatever was called for by the band. At least 100 locals and outsiders showed up for some down home fun.

Out in force were the green- and red-jacketed firemen: green for the Woodfords VFD, red for Markleeville VFD.

The event is one of the two major fundraisers for the two departments. The money raised goes into the guys' slush fund which buys jackets and hats (not the real kind that keep them safe in a fire — these are bought by the county which oversees the departments — but the fun kind

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that mark them out as "belonging"). The money also pays for each department's annual night on the town with the wives.

These are the kinds of details that make facing the black, searing reality of a fire more palatable.

Some people refer to the departments as the "boys' club." It is a club. They meet regularly, train, shoot the bull. They have matching jackets and hats.

Dave Zellmer is county fire chief as well as Woodfords VFD chief as well as Alpine Trio band leader and singer. He coordinates the departments, coordinates the band, coordinates the ball, crooning out love songs or shouting out the ticket stub number. It's one group, one fraternity, one team.

The departments act as teams. Requirements for joining are simple: You must be willing to do the job required and the others must be able to "trust you behind their backs" in a fire. It requires a unanimous vote of the department members for the new person to be admitted.

The departments keep lists of interested volunteers. When a vacancy opens up, new

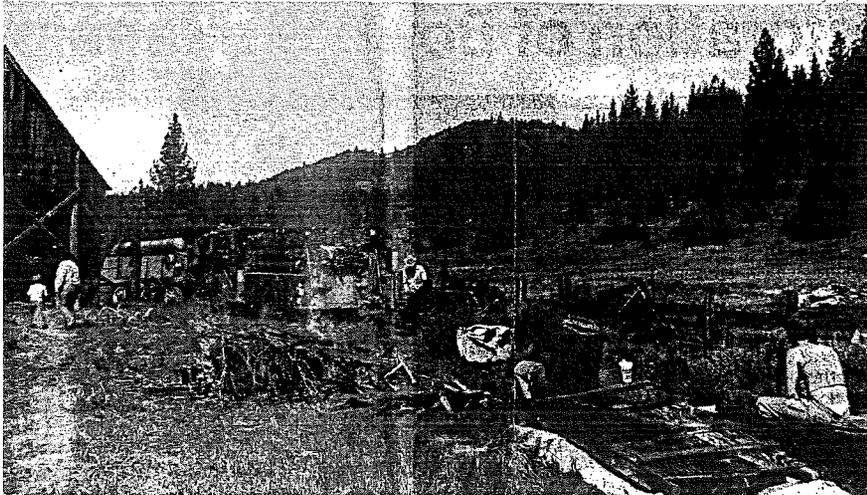
members are considered from this list. Women have applied to the departments but so far have not been selected to join. Maybe they just didn't stick it out long enough. Woodfords fireman LeRoy Wickham claimed he attended every firemen's meeting for a year before a vacancy opened up and he was invited to join. Or maybe the men can't feel comfortable yet with a woman on the team.

But the women are there, helping the department as women traditionally do. A sumptuous feast graced the firehouse last Saturday, the work of the wives. The wives have been there on the fires, too, with food and drink. The firemen still remember last year's Fredericksburg fire on which they spent a round-the-clock day, working to save structures and hay stacks. The women were there.

These departments are all that eastern Alpine County has to fight its local fires year-round. Summers, the Forest Service is stationed in Markleeville to fight forest fires; but all winter Alpine is a long 10-20 minutes away from other fire fighting units.

We depend on these teams.

The event raised about \$1,000 to be divided between the two departments. Their next fundraiser will be the hot dog and beer stand at the August Country Faire.



CLEANUP. Volunteers watch the debris pile cleaned up in preparation for summertime picnics at Markleeville's museum site as it was nickers. Photo by Nancy Thornburg

Museum clean-up draws 43

Nancy Thornburg turned to me recently with a sigh and said: "The days of volunteering are over."

She should know. She's been a workhorse in the Alpine community for over 15 years, throwing her weight in the community harness, making sure things get done.

And things have gotten done! Nancy does what she says. She's been the backbone of several organizations here as well as a gadfly which keeps the county administration on its toes. Currently, she is president of the Historical Society.

She proved herself wrong about volunteerism this weekend. 43 people turned out for the spring clean-up of the museum complex in Markleeville.

Saturday was a Community Service day for the local Camp Fire group. One of the goals of the Camp Fire program is to learn to be a part of a community, explained Camp Fire program coordinator Edie Veatch. Kids ages 4-16 joined eight leaders and parents to help get the museum ready for the summer season.

In just a morning's work, the volunteers scoured the museum complex which includes a one-room museum, a 100-year-old

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schoolhouse and an old log jail from the mining days in Alpine County.

Inside, the workers dusted and cleaned the museum displays, straightened out the workroom, took down curtains for laundering. They vacuumed up winter's accumulation of flies (the museum is open only in summer).

Outside, they painted the benches and tables and wooden artifacts with preservative. They raked and cut weeds. They sorted through the monumental assortment of "stuff" surrounding the museum complex: the old carts, farm machines and the several years' accumulation of scrap lumber whose only claim for sharing the hilltop with the museum was the extreme age of the materials.

The volunteers sorted historical junk from historical gem, throwing the junk into a fire overseen by Markleeville General Store owner Bob Rudden and Elwood Davis who turned out with the local fire engine to help.

The only casualties reported were a cut finger (Korrie Callison's) and dust in the eyes.

With so many volunteers, the work was done before lunch. A picnic, with sodas donated by the Historical Society, finished off the day.

Earning Community Service patches were: Jeff and Jana Martin; Clint Celio; Jeff Hampton; Phillip and Becky Sturgeon; Jason and Jamie Glynn; Lindsey, Robin and Angela Jones; Elvin, Sylvia, Freddie and Marsha Fred; Carol and Josh Kelly; Daylene Person; Korrie Callison; Chris and Tammy Shannen Veatch; Tamara and Lysle Turnbeaugh; Chuck Daugherty; Angus Towse; Kindra Raquena; Brian Doyal; Janson Watts; and Mahlon Macado.

Leaders and parents helping out were Sandy Celio, Edie Veatch, Jo Daugherty, Ellen Martin, Beth Nelson, Lindsey Jones, and Lynn and Janis Doyal. Other volunteers were Jim and Dolores Clark and Fritz and Nancy Thornburg.

The museum will be open to the public Memorial Day weekend. Mary Southerland, who worked formerly as a director of the Genoa museum, has been hired as museum director. She will begin preliminary work in the intervening weeks.

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ON THE RUN, Douglas junior Bryan Teglia leads the heading into the turn of the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at Saturday's Yerington Relays. Two of Teglia's Douglas teammates, Jason Warren (far left) and Dan Schuermann (far right) are also pictured. R-C photo

Indian artifacts unearthed

Sewage site is excavated in Alpine

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Tribune Staff Writer

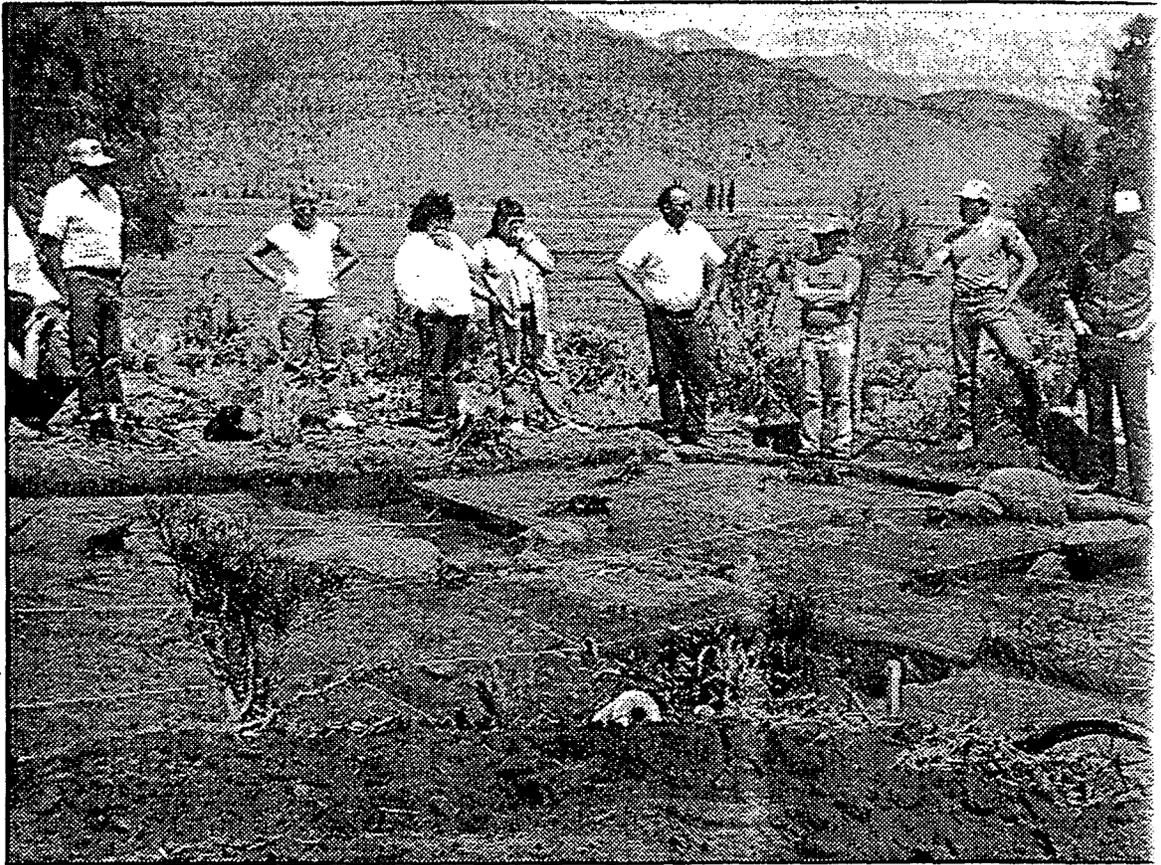
Rocks and clumps of dirt skittered back and forth across the thick mesh screens, as trained eyes searched for tiny flakes of rock chipped off arrowheads in bygone times.

Rock drills, cartridges, deer butchering tools, a mortar and ancient arrowheads were on display. The Indian debris is being lifted out of the soil in Alpine County where a white man's wastewater reservoir is moving in.

Archaeologists are excavating spots where Washoe Indians built homes, hunted deer and pounded pine-nuts into a nourishing soup flour. The artifacts, some of which date back 3,500 years, are on the spot where South Tahoe Public Utility District plans to dig its Harvey Place Reservoir, the future resting place for South Shore's treated sewage. The work is expected to start this summer.

The archaeologists, working for Intermountain Research Cultural Resources Consultants in Dayton, are removing artifacts from the soil to prevent irretrievable loss from water inundation. The materials will be turned over to University of Nevada-Reno, and the tribe will have the option of taking them back for cultural plays.

A party of STPUD officials, tribe members and Alpine residents took a walking tour of the digs Tuesday to see what the archaeologists have come up with and get a



Tribune photo by Jim Dipeso

THE SITE OF a century-old Washoe Indian house is being excavated in Alpine County, as part of an archaeological study being conducted on lands designated for a South Tahoe Public Utility District reservoir project. On this site, the scientists have found arrowhead flakes and cartridges from 19th century rifles.

first-hand look at where the district plans to build the reservoir, main and auxiliary dam, and spillways.

Dr. Robert Elston of the research firm is heading the \$250,000 study, required as a condition of the federal grant funding STPUD's project. The Washoes have a tribe member on the scene overseeing the work.

Elston showed the party a hunting blind, where Indians waited for deer and spent time keeping their hunting tools in sharp condition. Tiny flakes found in the blind are evidence of this activity, he explained.

A dig located where the reservoir will have an emergency spillway was apparently the site of a house. Square nails from scavenged lumber have been found,

along with projectiles from three kinds of firearms, including an old-fashioned cap-and-ball piece.

STPUD doesn't plan to move water over the slope regularly, but if the spillway is used in an emergency, the water would sweep away the shallow artifacts if they were left in the ground, explained Gene Eppler, the district's Alpine County projects manager.

Elston said the site probably dates to the 1870s, when the Indians were in a transition period between using traditional stone tools and borrowing the white man's metal implements.

How the Indians dealt with the technological changes imposed by white contact are not well understood and the dig is a chance to improve

that knowledge, Elston said.

He explained that it is a misconception that the Indians automatically stopped using centuries-old stone tools and instantly took to the white man's metals. The Indians were more accustomed to using stone implements and Elston showed one example, a stone used for deer butchering, where the Indians' tool was more suited for the work than, say, a steel knife.

Closer to the reservoir itself, the archaeologists found arrow points, some dating back to 1500 B.C.

A hunting ambush point also was found, Elston said. The hunters drove deer to a spot between natural ridges and the prey then was hit by waiting partners and butched on the spot.

Three young people qualify as California Art Scholars

Tiffany Branscombe has a problem.

Tiffany is expected to be in Bishop this Saturday as Miss Alpine County 1987 to participate in the Miss IMA (Inyo-Mono-Alpine) contest. If she qualified at Miss IMA, Tiffany would move on to the state-level Miss California competition.

Tiffany is also expected to be in Sacramento this Saturday to audition for the first-ever California State Summer School for the Arts, an intensive state-sponsored program for artistically talented California high school students. She was one of three Alpine students who qualified as a California Art Scholar.

Ann Robinson has her own dilemma.

She, too, qualified as a California Art Scholar and will audition for a spot in the summer school program. She qualified in two fields: visual arts (she paints and draws) and dance (she does jazz and tap). Ann said she wants to study both visual arts and dance at the summer school. Considering this first summer's program is only four weeks long, it's ambitious of Ann.

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Alpine's third qualifier, Ralph Shoshone, has his problems as well.

Artistically gifted, Ralph was selling his art before he left grammar school. The rumor mill now reports him goofing off in the special high school for Native American Indians he attends in Oregon, scribbling out drawings when he should be paying attention in class, selling the work he does as fast as he produces it. He barely got a portfolio together to apply for the summer school opportunity.

The summer school art program was created by a state legislative bill which provided an initial three-year appropriation for the program's operation. The California Arts Council coordinated the statewide talent search.

Tiffany, Ann and Ralph could be among the 450 students who will attend this first summer ses-

sion held at the California Institute for the Arts in Valencia, Calif. It would be a great opportunity for these young artists to study art rubbing shoulders with other talented youths from around the state.

The three qualifiers now proceed to the audition phase of the talent search.

The three were honored at a ceremony hosted by the Alpine County Arts Council. Supervisor Don Jardine handed out the medallions.

The recognition ceremony was held in the Alpine Art Gallery in Markleeville. Catering by the Toll Station was as delicious as it was artistic.

For those who are interested, the gallery is open weekends 11-4.

SNOWPLANTS

Snowplants, those brilliantly red, fleshy anomalies which push up through the pine needles each spring, are all over the forests. They probably like all the rain we have been getting. Walk carefully; snowplants hide just like mushrooms until they pop out of the forest floor.

The plant is considered to be rare, so don't disturb them.



SCHOLARS. Supervisor Don Jardine presented the medallions to Tiffany Branscombe and Ann Robinson as California Art Scholars. Ralph Shoshone was unable to attend the event.

Washoe sites excavated

About 25 people, including a number of Washoe tribal members, attended the tour last week of the Washoe sites under excavation on the vicinity of South Tahoe Public Utility District's (STPUD) new sewage reservoir in Alpine County.

The study was mandated during the project's environmental review process because of the significance of the sites.

Nature in its slow workings, moves, breaks, covers, erodes, leaving only the slightest clues to the past. In just 100 years, a well-used homesite becomes just another piece of sagebrush-covered ground to the casual observer. The archeologist needs education, experience, logic, imagination, several senses and technical laboratory equipment to piece the puzzle back together.

In the initial stage of excavation, explained Elston, the ground surface is searched for artifacts and any clues to the subsurface structure of the site. Depressions, indications of a possible homesite, are noted. Surface stones are examined for grinding activity, sometimes only detectible through touch.

A cross-section of core samples further clarifies the layout of the area.

When a location of particular interest is identified, the archeologists create a grid of the area delineated with stakes and string. Each square is dug out, the soil sifted through an 1/8 inch mesh. All items of possible interest — bits of bone, shards of stone, beads, metal objects,

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charcoal (for dating purposes) — are placed in one bag for each square section. These bags later are analyzed, the contents and the specific location within the site speaking of the habits of the people who used the area.

The first site pointed out on the tour was a rock wall hunting blind. The site offered few clues as to its age, Elston explained, noting that the lichen coating the wall could be anywhere from 200-2,000 years old.

The second site visited lies in the path of the emergency spillway for the dam.

Excavation uncovered a hard-packed floor with a central hearth about 6 inches under the topsoil. Elston believes this is a homesite from the 1870s when the traditional Washoe culture began to mesh with that of the intruding white settlers. Square nails and lard cans are mixed in with traditional stone tools.

According to Elston, the inhabitants had three guns (a Remington rolling block rifle, a Henry Rimfire and a 32 cal. cap-and-ball musket) as well as arrows.

The final site being excavated will be inundated by the reservoir itself.

This site is complex in its history, including historic as well as prehistoric components.

Historic artifacts such as the ubiquitous tin can pot are mixed in with prehistoric arrowheads, including one point estimated to be 3,500 years old.

Because of its location and other clues, the archeologists believe this latter site was used as an ambush area and hunting camp.

The 15 field days with 12 archeologists working will be followed by about two months of lab work conducted by four workers, said Cashin Calloway of Intermountain Research, the company conducting the study for STPUD.

Following analysis, a report will be written and the artifacts moved to the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Nevada-Reno, where they will be available for research and public viewing.

It's kind of sad that knowledge is pursued this way: excavating the area just before the bulldozer bears down with its indifferent blade. But there simply isn't sufficient funding (i.e. sufficient public interest) to pursue archeological study in a more positive way, it seems. The only ones with the money to do these studies are the large companies and developers. And they only do it under force of mandate.

The archeologists will leave the site this week, having gathered what information the money budgeted for the project could afford. The rest will be left in place to be covered by Tahoe's sewage.



ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE. Flanked by project archeologist Dr. Robert Elston, left, and project engineer Dan Hinrichs, crew supervisor Mike Drews explains the excavation process while staff archeologists sift soil on right. The site shown dates from the 1870s. Stones in upper right of grid section probably delineate the entrance to the home. For details, see Letter from Alpine. Heidi Hopkins photo.

Imagine yourself 100 years ago

by HEIDI HOPKINS
Special to the R-C

Take a close look at a dry goods store, a blacksmith's forge, Harry Hawkins' watchmaker's bench, all of the late 1800s. Examine the ski outfit of Johnny Ellis, proprietor of the Minden Mercantile; see ladies' fine laces.

Visit the schoolhouse. Looking down the neat row of desks, imagine yourself a student 100 years ago, dipping the braids of the girl in front of you into your ink pot.

On the wall of the sturdy log jail, examine the rough scar where one inmate scraped all night with a knife. He didn't escape...the logs are 15 inches thick.

Alpine County's Historical Complex, opening this weekend, offers the visitor a chance to feel what it was like to live in the boom-and-bust mining days.

Overlooking the town of Markleeville, with spectacular views of Raymond Peak and the Monitor area, the complex includes a restored schoolhouse (many tourists mistake this building for a church with its bell tower and simple, puritan-like structure), the county's old log jail and a one-room museum filled to capacity with relics of local history.

The historical complex is the product of a burst of community enthusiasm and volunteer activity.

In 1963, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors established a committee of three to plan for and create a museum for the county's centennial in 1964.



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The idea took fire. The Alpine community at that time was comprised of old families, many of which were original settlers of the county, as well as newly-retired individuals with contacts, enthusiasm and a deep love for the local history.

Garnering interest, expertise through various contacts, volunteer labor and financial support, the appointed committee of Al Chain, Lou Wiese and George Coyan carried out the mandate of the board. They formed the Historical Society of Alpine County and established a museum in the basement of one of the county's buildings.

The general enthusiasm grew, fed by the interest of tourists and friends of historic Alpine County.

In 1966, said Al Chain, an offhand comment of his to a tourist passing through town sparked the idea of restoring the old Webster Schoolhouse which perched above Markleeville in a state of dilapidation. The campaign was mounted soon after; donations of funds, materials and labor poured in. By 1968, the schoolhouse was fully restored.

In 1969, the old county jail was donated to the Historical Society. In a tremendous (and exciting) undertaking, the building was moved up the hill to rest near the schoolhouse.

Ground was broken on a museum building in 1970. This building, built entirely through funds raised by the society, grants and donations of labor and supplies, completed the historical complex. The museum collection was moved out of its cramped basement into the new building.

The Historical Society eventually donated the museum to the county. The county maintains the buildings and provides summertime staffing. The Historical Society continues to govern the running of the place with its volunteer support.

Intimacy characterizes the complex. Artist



Walt Monroe's work appears first in the student's chalk drawings on the schoolhouse wall, uncovered during restoration, and then as fine oil paintings in the museum's collection. Items in the drygoods store display actually came from the general store in town, the forge from local rancher Hubert Bruns.

Current local family names recur in the displays, many of which were donated to the museum from private collections.

Work has continued at the museum.

In recent years, the Historical Society has had several paintings in its collection restored by artist Gina Gigli. Nancy Thornburg has rephotographed the collection of photographs, establishing a file of negatives.

This summer, Mary Southerland of Genoa

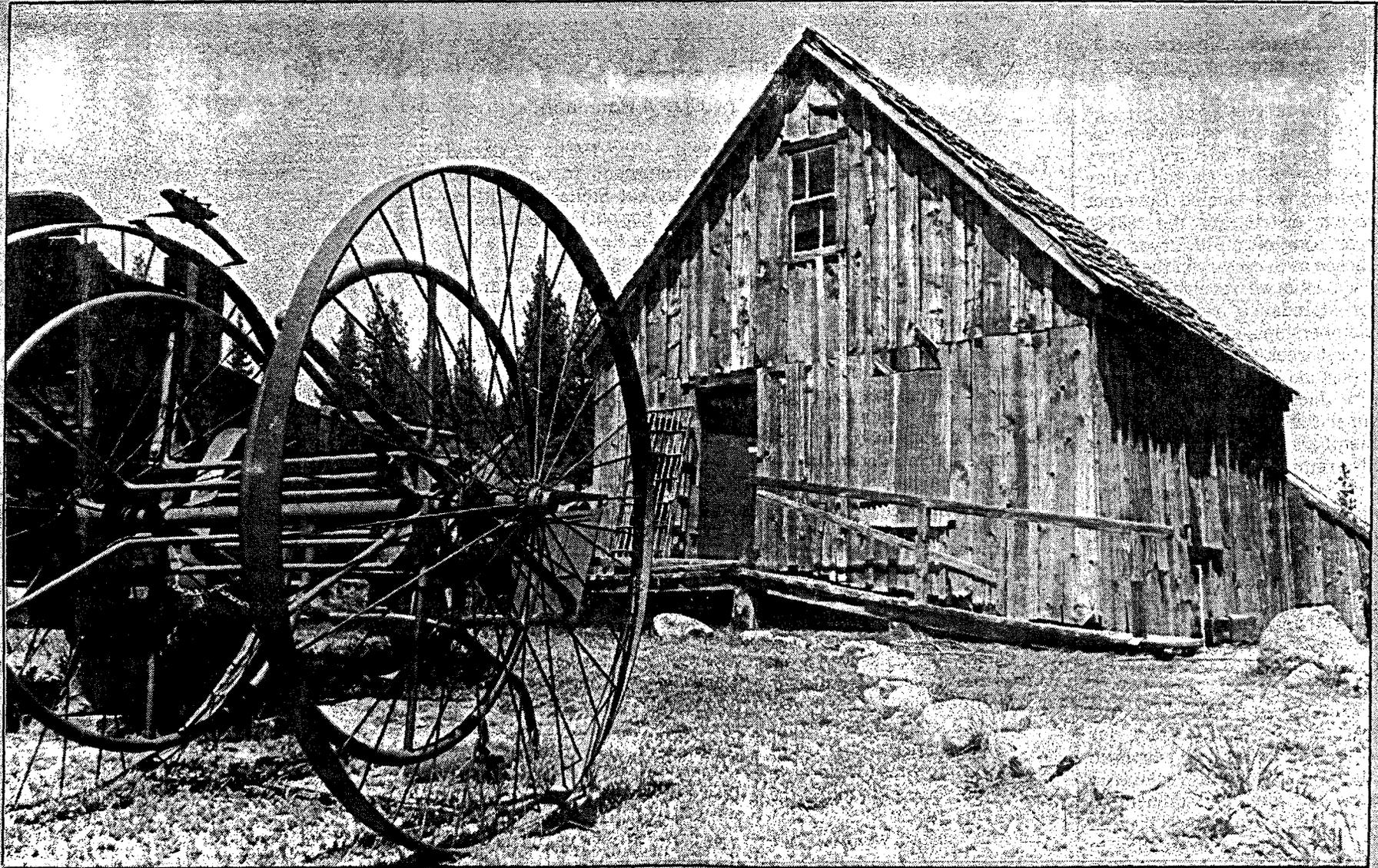
will be museum director. Mary worked for a year as director of the Genoa museum. Her husband is director of exhibits at the Nevada State Museum. She brings a lifetime of interest in and experience with preservation and restoration of historical objects.

Mary's expertise will be used in the museum to sort through the mountain of items still to be processed, update the inventory, set up guidelines for the running of the museum, establish a docent program of volunteers to help with cataloguing and cleaning of displays, and to develop a revolving display to show the many items with no permanent space in the full room.

The museum is open noon - 5 p.m. and is closed on Tuesdays. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Historical complex

At top, the county's original log jail is just one of the rooms which can be toured at the Alpine County Historical Complex in Markleeville. Middle photo, the 100-year-old Webster Schoolhouse still has its bell rung each day at noon. At left, the museum's dry goods store display contains items from the old general store in Markleeville.



Archivist speaks at potluck

The Historical Society of Alpine County hosted one of its quarterly potlucks last week.

The potlucks are a long-standing tradition with the society. It's a down-home event for families, friends and guests to mingle in an old-fashioned way. It's also a way to get historical society members to the quarterly meeting which follows the dinner.

Ileen Long, Dolores Clark and the untiring Ruth Summerfield organized and served the dinner.

The turnout was relatively small. About 35 people showed up as compared to a usual 60 or so. It's another long-standing tradition that when the weather is bad (it was raining that evening), the turnout is poor.

Besides the array of food — this time it was ham, meatloaf, vegetable dishes and lots of desserts — the society always offers some kind of interesting and informative program on an historical subject. These programs are usually excellent and, in my estimation, are THE cultural events of eastern Alpine County.

Dr. Inez Dillon Prinster, the archivist who has been sorting through Alpine County's records during the past year, was the

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evening's guest speaker.

Dr. Prinster was hired through a one-year National Archives grant last July to inventory Alpine's old records, documents, photos, etc., and establish a county archives. Nothing had been done with the county's records since the founding of the county in 1864. Dr. Prinster has spent the past year going through the rat's nest of boxes and mildewing files stored in the basement of the county courthouse.

"Snippets," Dr. Prinster's presentation, pointed out some of the fascinating aspects of Alpine's history uncovered in the old documents.

Population changes constitute some of the most remarkable statistics: In 1864, the county reached its maximum population, with Markleeville boasting a population of 2,600. By 1868, as the gold mines failed to develop, the population dropped to 400 in Markleeville, 1,200 in the county

— that of the county today!

Border disputes recurred throughout the county's history and are recorded up into the 1960s when a court case gave a section of Alpine County to Tuolumne County. The records also show that the shifting state line caused problems to those whose property straddled the California-Nevada border.

When Dr. Prinster finishes her work, the county archives will be available to the public through the Alpine County Library.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Alpine Children's Center raised over \$500 at its Saturday rummage sale at the Woodfords House.

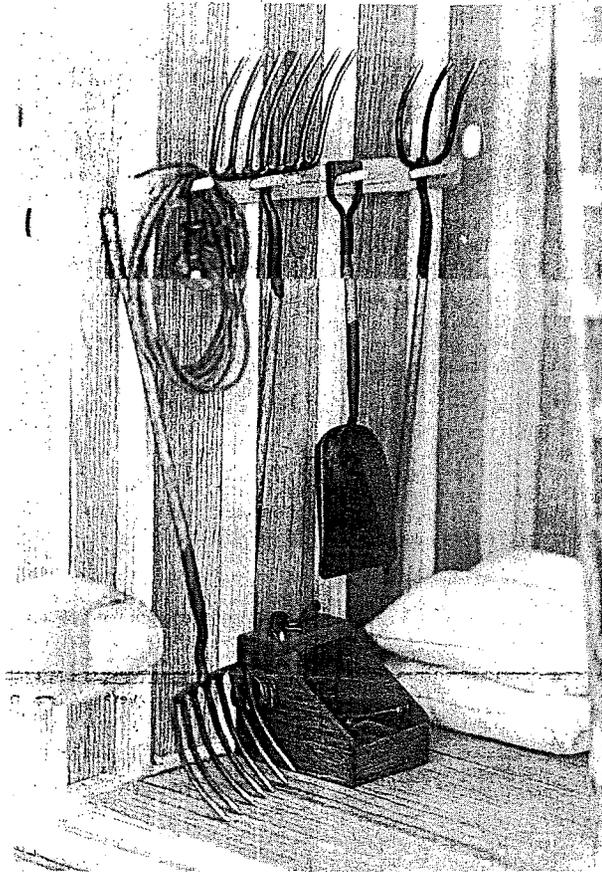
The event was successful thanks to the hard work of Edie Veatch, Jo Daugherty, Brenda and Frank Angelo, LeeAnne and Paul Rothstein, Ellen Martin, Kate Harvey, Kathy Hartzell, Jeannie Turnbeaugh, Donna McGeein and Lenny-Sue Tinseth.

There are still two tables, a bed, a gas stove, an electric stove and a portable dishwasher for sale. Contact the Children's Center at (916) 694-2390 if you're interested in any of these items.



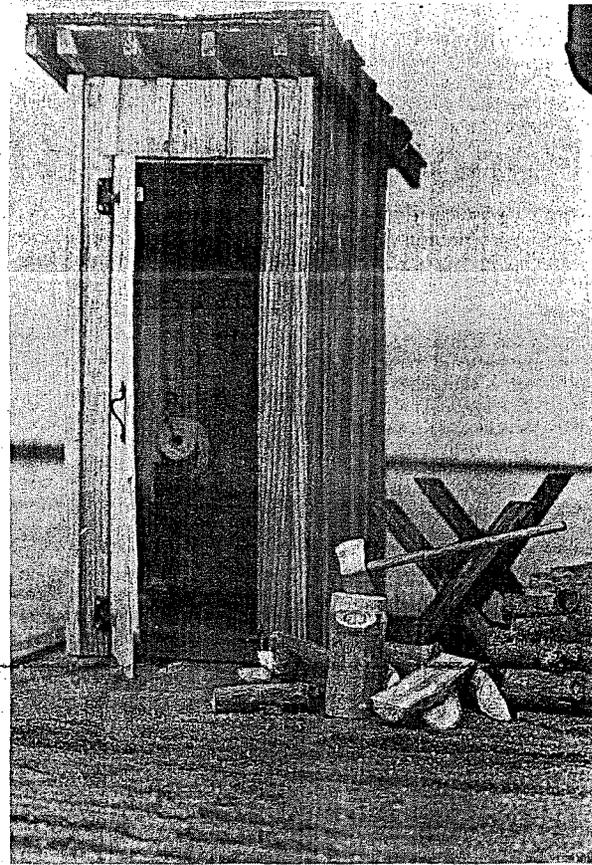
BORDER DISPUTES. Dr. Inez Prinster, archivist, pointed out areas of old border disputes at the Historical Society's quarterly meeting. For details, see Letter from Alpine. Heidi Hopkins photo

Take a closer look at these finely crafted reproductions



INTERIOR DETAIL: Fine craftsmanship is evident in the smallest detail. If it weren't

for the thumb at left, you'd think these tools were life-size.



OUTHOUSE. The outhouse adds a touch of "the boys' "

humor to the stable. Yes, the toilet paper unrolls!

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A blacksmith's anvil rests in the dusty entrance to the livery stable, tools of the trade arranged around its base. A cart supported by a winch and pulley system, stands in the rutted yard in front with one of its wheels removed for repair. Beyond, next to the outhouse, an axe is sunk into a round of wood, split logs stacked nearby.

Through the open doors of the stable, I can see a shovel, hay rake, pitchfork, bridle and rope arranged neatly on the wall. A coffeepot simmers on the old wood stove. A ladder leads up into the hay loft where grain sacks are stored.

I examined the tools on the anvil: two pairs of tongs, a drift, a hammer and a set of horseshoes. Picking up one of the tongs, I exclaimed: "It works!"

This fact was surprising only because the tongs are 1½ inches long and the anvil 2 inches high.

The livery stable is an exact miniature reproduction of an 1876 stable in Ouray, Colo.

This project is the first complete miniature building produced by Dalton Boys Artworks, a partnership of Alpine County residents LeRoy Wickham, Jim Cone and Terry O'Toole.

Cone and Wickham are partners in a furniture-making business. O'Toole makes jewelry and all kinds of metal sculpture. Their studio in Mesa Vista overlooks the historic Carson Valley.

The new business combines their various talents in wood-working and metal work with their mutual interest in the history of the American West. The Dalton Boys, namesakes for the business, were famous and elusive bandit brothers who travelled all over the West during the late 1800s. The three partners chose the name because they, like the Dalton boys, want to "cover the West and have a hell of a good time."

O'Toole showed me how a hay fork operates on the rope and pulley system outside the hayloft.

"The only things you're missing here are the bales," I laughed. Wickham quickly corrected my mistake: "Balers weren't invented yet in 1876."

Accuracy, he explained, is the Dalton Boys Artworks' trademark.

Not only is the building historically accurate down to the style of hinges and door latches, but it is painstakingly built to scale. Using tools expressly designed for miniature work — a lathe, table saw, router, belt sander, scroll saw and drill press — Cone and Wickham milled their own lumber out of scraps from their other wood-working projects.

Materials for the project were selected for their suitability for miniature work. Only the finest-grained wood was used. Exterior planks and shingles were milled from discolored "mineral" wood to simulate weathering. This

look was enhanced by brushing every plank with a wire brush to etch in a grain. The structural framing duplicates as closely as possible the style of the day; windows, doors and rooms are accurate in scale and proportion; even the kind of wood used is historically correct.

"We're not just interested in something that looks authentic," said Wickham. "We want it to be authentic in every detail."

Hours of meticulous research preceded the creation of the livery stable. The original idea for the project came from a photograph of the Ouray stable in a book. The details for the construction, the tools and other accessories came from a variety of sources including a reprint of an old Sears & Roebuck catalogue, books on the West, help from local historical societies and sources at the Nevada State Museum.

The business partners' primary interest lies in duplicating buildings of the rural West. Wickham pointed out that the historic buildings of the urban West — of San Francisco and Sacramento — have been studied, documented and preserved. The rural West is relatively neglected.

The three plan to duplicate some of the Carson Valley barns. Many of the old barns were built with mortise and tenon construction with solid wood joints. The construction specs for the planned miniatures will be based on actual measurements taken from the still-standing barns.

"The old barns are falling down. We want to duplicate these buildings so people can see how things were," explained Wickham.

Looking into the future, the partners have an endless supply of local buildings to recreate from the surrounding historic buildings of Genoa, the Carson Valley, Markleeville and the ghost town, Bodie. They have begun work on a general store which promises endless detail.

They plan on selling kits of their designs. The kits will include all lumber and roofing as well as blueprints for the building. But it won't be a building you can simply snap together, they explained. They're selling something the purchaser can have the satisfaction of actually building from scratch.

The work is addicting; the flow of ideas endless. "We have no idea where this will take us," said O'Toole, who creates most of the accessories.

When the partners found that to-scale corrugated tin was unavailable for roofing, rather than settle for the cardboard used by most miniaturists, they ordered dies to make their own. Now they plan to market corrugated tin roofing to other miniaturists.

There is a market for miniatures in the U.S., mainly among private collectors. Buildings such as the livery stable — and less accurate,

Wickham pointed out — have sold for tens of thousands of dollars.

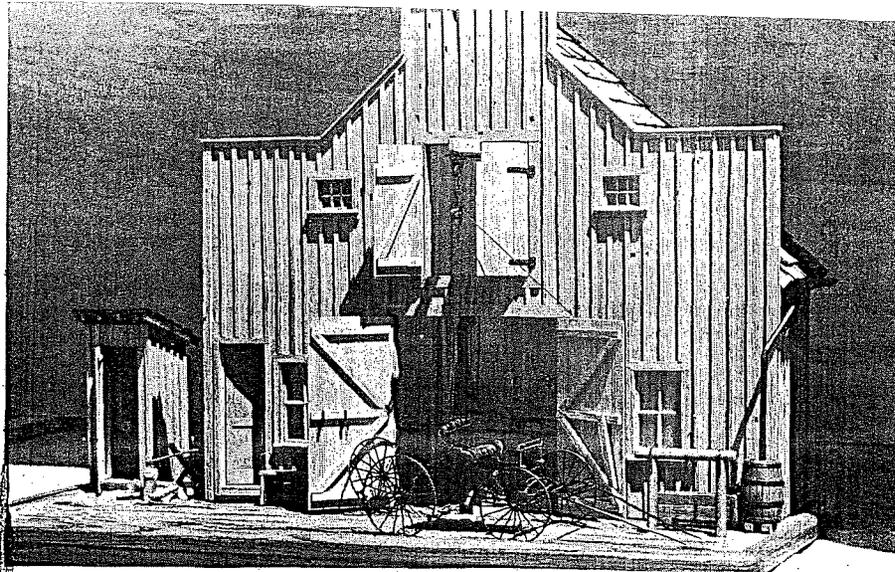
This weekend, Dalton Boys Artworks will participate in the third annual Reno, Miniatures and Dollhouse Show and Sale where they will display their livery stable and accessories. The show includes a competition. Both the livery stable and the partially-constructed general store will be entered, the latter in the "under construction" category.

Hours for the show, to be held in the Goldwyn Pavilion, Bally's Grand Hotel and Casino, are Saturday, May 30, 10-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 31, 11-5 p.m.

Fun is the bottom line of this business.

"We really like this work," said Cone. "We can build our own town, be our own mayors, do our own planning."

"You see," he chuckled, "We're still trying to decide what we're going to be when we grow up!"



MINIATURE STABLE. Dalton Boys Artworks' scale is 1 inch to 1 foot. R-C photos by Heidi
livery stable is historically accurate from the Hopkins
interior framing to the outside detail. The



MIRAGE: The Douglas High School Students LaClare, Jennifer Johnson, Melanie Owen and Eric Whitacre. Sands Photography photo
Against Driving Drunk band "Mirage" has played to 7,000 students. From left are Eric Whitacre, Sands Photography photo

Band nominated for honor

The four students from Douglas High School, all juniors, who make up the band "Mirage" have been nominated for the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the year" award.

The winner of this award will be announced at the chamber dinner on May 29. Eric Whitacre, Melanie Owen, Eric LaClare, and Jennifer Johnson say they are excited and happy about the groups' nomination. "It's an honor just to be nominated," said Melanie Owen, singer. "It makes us feel as though the community is really behind our message... not to drink and drive."

Keyboard players Eric Whitacre and Eric LaClare have spent hours composing and arranging the music they played at high schools in the area. Melanie and Jennifer have used their writing talents to put meaningful lyrics to their music in order to reach out to teens.

Together, the group has performed for Whittell, Smith Valley, Yerington, Bishop, Manogue, Fernley, Carson City and Douglas High schools. "Mirage" was the featured band at Northern Nevada's Students Against Driving Drunk benefit, UPBEAT, held at the Reno Sparks Convention Center, May 9. All proceeds went to benefit SADD.

They have brought their music and message to approximately

7,000 students. Assemblies are already being booked for next fall at Sparks High, South Lake Tahoe and Coleville. Some requests are coming from as far away as Fairfield, in the bay area. Their next engagement is to play for the Redwood Mountain Fair in Santa Cruz on June 6.

Members of Mirage are also active in school events. Eric Whitacre and Melanie Owen have been elected as student body officers for the coming year. Each were junior class officers as well. Eric LaClare has been a consistent member of the honor roll while holding down a job.

Jennifer Johnson has been ambitious through the winter with two outside jobs to keep her busy. These young people are active in their high school SADD chapter, and they compete on soccer team, volleyball, ski, and swim team...all on the varsity level.

"When you ask this group how they arrived at the name "Mirage," they will tell you that "people who drink and drive are under an illusion... and our message is to help them see it is only a mirage." These four young people who are "Mirage" are definitely FOR REAL!" said the group's advisor, Karen Owen.

The Douglas High SADD group recently won a \$4,000 third place award in the Reader's

Digest Don't Drink and Drive Challenge.

They were among 115 winners of the 1987 contest sponsored by Reader's Digest in which college scholarships are given to high schools that offer outstanding student-implemented programs to combat drinking and driving.

The song "The Sad Song" was part of the reason why Douglas won the award.

The competition kicked off in high schools last January. Students had until April 10 to take part in any anti-drinking-and-driving programs of their choosing and then submit a report to a judging committee describing the impact of their activities.

As part of this year's challenge, students also were encouraged to carry the "don't drive and drink" message to people of all ages in surrounding communities. To help, Reader's Digest distributed a public service newspaper ad and radio commercial to more than 20,000 high schools. Students were asked to place these materials with their local print and broadcast media.

Principals of the winning schools will notify NASSP of the names of the deserving students — or student — who will receive the scholarship monies in recognition of their contributions to the efforts to combat drinking and driving.

Douglas dispatcher's tip led to suspect's arrest

Two Douglas County sheriff's dispatchers gave Reno police a tip that led them to a man suspected of kidnapping two young girls and strangling their two elderly chaperones, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office said this week.

Dispatchers Liz Hertz and Roxanne Crawford were running a check on a possible vehicle used in the kidnapping of the Reno teen-agers.

The information from Reno said that a license may have read "TV TEEN," Sgt. Ross Chichester said, and the dispatchers made a possible connection to a South Lake Tahoe car dealer who gives out license plate logos for "Tevten motors."

The dispatchers called the information into Reno police who with FBI agents interviewed the car dealer about the vehicle description, Chichester said.

That car dealer identified Herbert James Coddington, 28, as having a vehicle that matched the description, leading to the South Lake Tahoe resident's arrest, Chichester added.

"It was the first real lead to actually getting to Coddington," Chichester said.

Hertz and Crawford have received letters of commendation from the sheriff's office.

Alison Pyne
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 Deborah and George Pyne of Woodford are the parents of a baby girl, Alison Michelle, born May 19 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital. Alison weighed 7 pounds, 8 3/4 ounces at birth.



BEST OF SHOW. Fine craftsmanship combined with accuracy in every detail set Dalton Boys Artworks' miniature livery stable apart from other competitors at the Reno miniature show and brought home Best of Show honors to its creators. Photo above shows some of the interior accessories. For details see Letter from Alpine.

Dalton Boys take honors

True to their bandit namesake, Dalton Boys Artworks charged last weekend's miniature and dollhouse show in Reno with their livery stable, capturing first place in the "outside" category and making off brilliantly with Best-of-Show.

That "you could have knocked us all over," as LeRoy Wickham described their reaction to getting the award, is no indication of weakness on the part of the three partners (Wickham, Jim Cone and Terry O'Toole). They're just new at this business. Even the original Dalton brothers must have felt that way sometimes.

Wickham had explained to me once that historical accuracy was Dalton Boys' trademark. It was precisely this which won them the coveted prize out of a field of 50.

According to the judges, the livery stable was accurate in scale and historical detail.

Moreover, everything within the stable had been constructed by the "boys" themselves. Only raw materials had been purchased. This set the stable apart from the other marvelous creations at the show.

The livery stable, with all its working tools and accessories, charmed the regional director of

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the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts," said Wickham. She wants to work the stable into a national tour to teach about the "missing," rural West.

The exposure at the weekend show opened up many new contacts for the three partners. Their plan to fabricate and sell corrugated tin roofing for miniature work met with great enthusiasm and lots of business cards from interested people.

Dalton Boys Artworks is off to a great start.

As if that wasn't enough excitement in the county for a week, the three high school "California Art Scholars," Tiffany Branscombe, Ann Robinson and Ralph Shoshone, have all been accepted to the first-ever California State Summer School for the Arts.

The news has left them in a tizzy as well.

There remains one more hurdle for them before they get to that first class at the California

Institute for the Arts in Valencia: coming up with the money.

The one-month intensive art course costs \$750. There are transportation and supply costs on top of that. Some scholarships are available through the state, based on financial need.

The Alpine Visual Arts Guild is offering a \$200 scholarship to each young artist. The guild has also set up a fund to receive contributions from the community. Call Ellen Martin at 694-2360 or mail contributions to: AVAG, P.O. Box 403, Markleeville 96120.

It would be a shame if these youngsters were unable to take advantage of this unique opportunity because of lack of funding.

After all, just because they come from out-of-the-mainstream Alpine County doesn't mean they don't have talent and potential to match any other artist in the state.

Take Ralph, for example.

When Superintendent Richard Martin received confirmation last week that Ralph Shoshone automatically qualifies for a full scholarship, the state representative passed on the word from the panel of judges regarding Ralph's art: the 9th grader is producing college-level art.

The swallows are settling in

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This past week marked the end of the annual stand-off between home owner and nest builder in Markleeville. The Cliff swallows have found places for their nests and are settling in for the summer.

Residents who did not want the birds nesting on their houses can put down their brooms and hoses for another year. Those swallows which were unsuccessful in establishing their nests on one of Markleeville's houses have found safe haven on the bridges near town where now they wheel and spin in the cool, moist evenings.

With infallible memory, the swallows return each year to nest in the same place they were born. The Cliff swallow is a colony nester. Hundreds of these birds return to nest together.

They adapt easily to humans. Over the years, a number of homes in Markleeville have been selected as suitable nesting sites. If the house's human residents do not want the flocks of chattering birds, they have to knock down the nests when they are abandoned in the fall and

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keep them knocked down as they are built again in the spring.

Several Markleeville residents kept vigilant watch this spring, scraping the mud formations as they grew under the patient labor of the swallows.

"I hate to do this to them," said Gina Gigli, "but we don't want to live with their noise and mess."

The Gigli's porch was occupied by swallows one year when the Giglis temporarily lived elsewhere. Since then, the colony has returned each year, seeking out its old home. The Giglis have doggedly discouraged the birds.

Their struggle is over for this year.

Bill and Ileen Long are delighted with the single pair of Barn swallows which return each year to their home. The Barn swallow is not a colony

nester and only one family seems to return. The Barn swallow is identified by its graceful forked tail.

Fortunately for the Cliff swallows, the Turnbeaugh's do not object to them nesting on the new house they are building by the creek in Markleeville. The birds come and go now in sweeping flocks, paying no attention to the sound of saws and the automatic screw gun putting up sheet rock.

Jeanne Turnbeaugh said she is watching for eggs but hasn't seen any yet.

The Turnbeaugh's count on the swallows providing a bug-catching service (as one family consumes up to 8,000 bugs a day). With all this rain and humidity, it looks like a buggy summer. The Turnbeaugh's will sit out on their porch sipping drinks in the long, warm evenings, entertained by the dancing birds.

The rest of Markleeville residents will be slapping their backs and necks or be harried by the zap-zap-zap of the electric bug eaters.

Talented

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artists

Editor:

First, I would like to register my concern regarding the article published in The Record-Courier on May 14.

I felt that the article regarding the three Alpine County art students Tiffany Branscombe, Ann Robinson and Ralph Shoshone, was written in poor taste. It left a negative feeling with the reader regarding a very positive and productive subject.

I feel that this was especially true in regards to Ralph Shoshone. Ralph is a very talented artist

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and needs to be recognized as such. I felt that the honor he received should have been the subject of the article and the problems or rumors had no place in the article.

I am pleased to report that all three artists were accepted into the California Summer School for the Arts. Tiffany was enrolled in the field of visual arts; Ann was enrolled in both dance and graphic arts; and Ralph was enrolled in graphic arts.

Ralph also received high praise from the judges on the admissions panel for his creative work as a Native American artist. He did get an excellent portfolio into the committee, but was unable to attend the audition as he was away at school.

This is a very special honor and challenge for these three fine artists. Congratulations and best wishes for an enjoyable and productive summer are in order.

RICHARD L. MARTIN
Superintendent
Alpine County Unified
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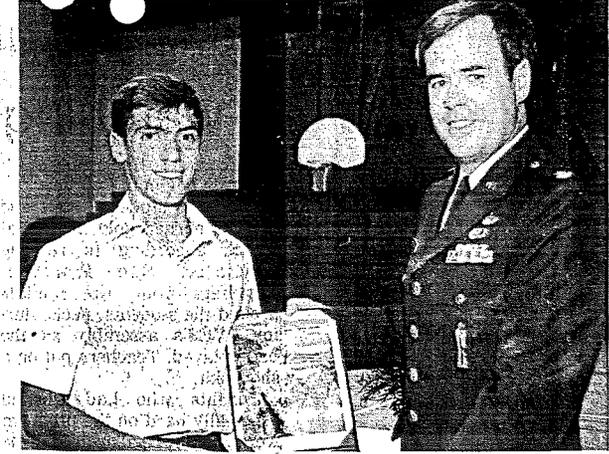
SCARSELLI SCHOLARSHIP. Tifini Hakanson won the first Gene Scarselli Memorial scholarship (in the amount of \$1,500) for a student who

wishes to be a teacher. Presenting her notification is School Board member Alicia Smalley. R-C photo.



ALPINE SCHOLARSHIP. Douglas High counselor Theresa Cordova presented notification of the Alpine

Parents' Club vocational scholarship for \$550 to Laura Helsel. R-C photo



AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Dan Scheuermann was presented with the notification of his appointment to the U.S. Air

Force Academy (a scholarship worth about \$150,000) by Major Larry Ratkoviak. R-C photo

Students honored for outstanding work Douglas High School scholarship awards are presented

The annual academic awards presentation at Douglas High School was held June 3 in the DHS gym. Coordinating activities were counselor Theresa Cordova and secretary Noeleen Wilckes.

Many of the awards were given by local businesses and organizations, and representatives made presentations to the winning students.

The Gardnerville Women's Literary Club presented dictionaries to all Honor Society members.

The Carson Valley Chamber of Com-

merce, Outstanding Senior Boy, Tom Gregory, plaque; Outstanding Senior Girl, Michelle Hall, plaque; Air Force Academy appointment, Dan Scheuermann, \$150,000 est. worth; Douglas County Memorial Scholarship, Nancy Reynolds, \$1200; Gregg Leiss, \$1300; Audra Starbuck, \$1300; Gene Scarselli Douglas County Memorial Scholarship, Tifini Hakanson, \$1500.

Douglas County Sheriff's Protective Association, Tony Cantwell, \$500; Alpine Parent's Club Academic Scholarship, Becky Sturgeon, \$100; Alpine Parent's Club Vocational Scholarship, Laura Helsel, \$550; Alpine Parent's Club Merit Award, Monica Richert, \$100; Town and Country Homemakers, Nancy Reynolds, \$300; Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation Scholarship, Michelle Hall, \$1000; University Women of Carson Valley, Cristee

Pedlar, \$400; John Ascuaga's Nugget Scholarship, Tom Gregory, \$1000; Minden Fortnightly Club Scholarship, Sam Chacon, \$375; Wendy Miles, \$375; Harrah's Tahoe Scholarship, Heather Robison, \$2500; Northern Nevada Beauty Academy, Apryl Allen, \$600; Santa Clara University grant, Gina Jenkins, \$667; Willamette University Merit scholarship, Gregg Leiss, \$4000 (per year); Mills College grant, Alisa Hicks, \$9710; University of Pacific grants, Tom Gregory, \$5200, Shelly McCrary, \$5700; Westmont College grant, Michelle Hall, \$2500; Pacific Soaring Council Scholarship, Marianne Ward, \$500; U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athletes, Shelle McCrary, medal, Blair Roman, medal; Carson Valley Art Association Scholarship, Robert Vastola, \$500; Caesars Tahoe Scholarship, Jeff Tur-

nispeed, \$3000; Caesars Employee Appreciation Scholarship, Barbra Ruger, \$1000; Douglas County Republican Central Committee, Anna Lyn Settelmeyer, \$250; Reader's Digest, SADD Scholarships, Wendi Davis, \$1000; Michelle Hall, \$1000; Soroptimist Scholarships, Gina Jenkins, \$500; Sam Chacon, \$300; Debbie Reich, \$200; Susan McKibben, \$200; Merchant Marine Academy, Christine Rathbun; Army ROTC Scholarship, Christine Rathbun; Carson-Douglas-Lyon-Tahoe Board of Realtors, Debbie Reich, \$500; Miss FBLA Scholarship, Natalie Tucker, \$100; Carson Valley Sertoma, Leah Rollins, \$1000; Sam Chacon, \$1000; Carson Valley Toastmasters, Marianne Ward, \$100; Bobby Sox Softball Scholarship, Michelle Hall, \$250; UNR Freshman/Hellman Engineering

Scholarship, Debbie Johnson, \$500; UNR Ag/A.J. Laxague Scholarships, Natalie Tucker, \$1000; UNR Freshman Scholarship, Shannon Council, \$2000; UNR Music Scholarship, Heidi Kohz, \$2000; UNR High School Principal's Scholarship, Michelle von Rotz, \$4000; UNR National Merit Finalist, Jeff Turnipseed, \$10,000; Topaz La Sertoma Scholarship, Nancy Reynolds, \$500; Topaz La Sertoma Youth Award, Gina Jenkins, \$50 bond, Michelle Hall, \$50 bond. First Federal Savings; Kim Chambers, \$200; Topaz Sagehen Homemakers, Natalie Tucker, \$500; Joyce's Antiques Scholarship, Jerry Van Sickle, \$300; Miss Alpine County Runner-up Scholarship, Monica Richert, \$350; Miss Alpine County Scholarship, Tiffany Branscombe, \$300; Douglas County Administrators' Association, Janelle Conka, \$500; Daughters of

the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, Marianne Ward, certificate and pin; Douglas County Republican Women's Club, Roxanne Steelman, \$250; Apryl Allen, \$250; Tom Hood, \$250; University of Pacific President's Honors, Becky Nicholson, \$100; National Association of Secondary School, Gina Jenkins, \$600; Nevada Gaming Commission, Leslie Swart, \$4000; Jennifer Ward, \$4000; Bently Nevada Scholarship, Becky Nicholson, \$4000; Minden Rotary, Shannon Council, \$1000; Leah Rollins, \$1000; Timken-Sturgis Foundation Scholarship, Susan McKibben, \$5000. Nevada High School Scholars are Erika Bowling, Darren Lancaster, Gregg Leiss, Becky Nicholson, Daniel Scheuermann, Natalie Tucker, Jeff Turnipseed, Michelle von Rotz, Susan McKibben and Leslie Kirby Swart.

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Times are changing in Hope Valley

Big news for some of us in Alpine County is that AT&T has said they will keep their fiber optics line out of Hope Valley.

The news was relayed to the Friends of Hope Valley by California State Sen. John Garamendi who had sent an aide to talk to AT&T to see why they wanted to put their line through pristine Hope Valley.

The company responded that clear opposition to the line — from the county Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and many strident residents — posed too much delay for the company. Delay is the last thing a company wants in this fast-moving world.

Fast-moving is an understatement. The punches are coming one right after another. This was the second utility line proposed for the Hope Valley area in just two years.

It's probably this same fast-moving world that sends the hordes of tourists up into Alpine County. They need respite. They seek beauty and quiet. They cer-

tainly find it in Hope Valley.

Whether you enter the valley from the wooded west side, from the crowded Tahoe Basin or rising out of the desert through Woodfords Canyon, the views you encounter are breathtaking and enervating. Hope Valley is a world apart.

Many people pass through the valley hardly aware that much of the land is privately owned. They take the land for granted: nothing on it, must be public. The ranchers generally have ignored the trespassing. They're tired of their fences being trampled by careless hikers and their fat cows chased, but the area is too vast and remote to patrol.

But times are changing in Hope Valley

The cattle industry has been hard hit. Ranchers have to look realistically at their finances, have to wonder if their children and grandchildren will stay in the cattle business.

Anderson, the businessman who juggles casinos and

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bankruptcy, owns a huge portion of the valley, one small asset among many for him. No one knows when his property will move or what will happen to it when it does.

Sierra Pacific Power Co. (SPPC) has land there which once was slated for hydroelectric power facilities. Now, with that plan gone, SPPC is divesting itself of its non-utility properties.

Recognizing the public open space values of Hope Valley, the company offered the land to the Forest Service (USFS). The USFS wants the land but if they can't come up with the money soon, SPPC will sell to someone else.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a nonprofit organization that arranges purchases of

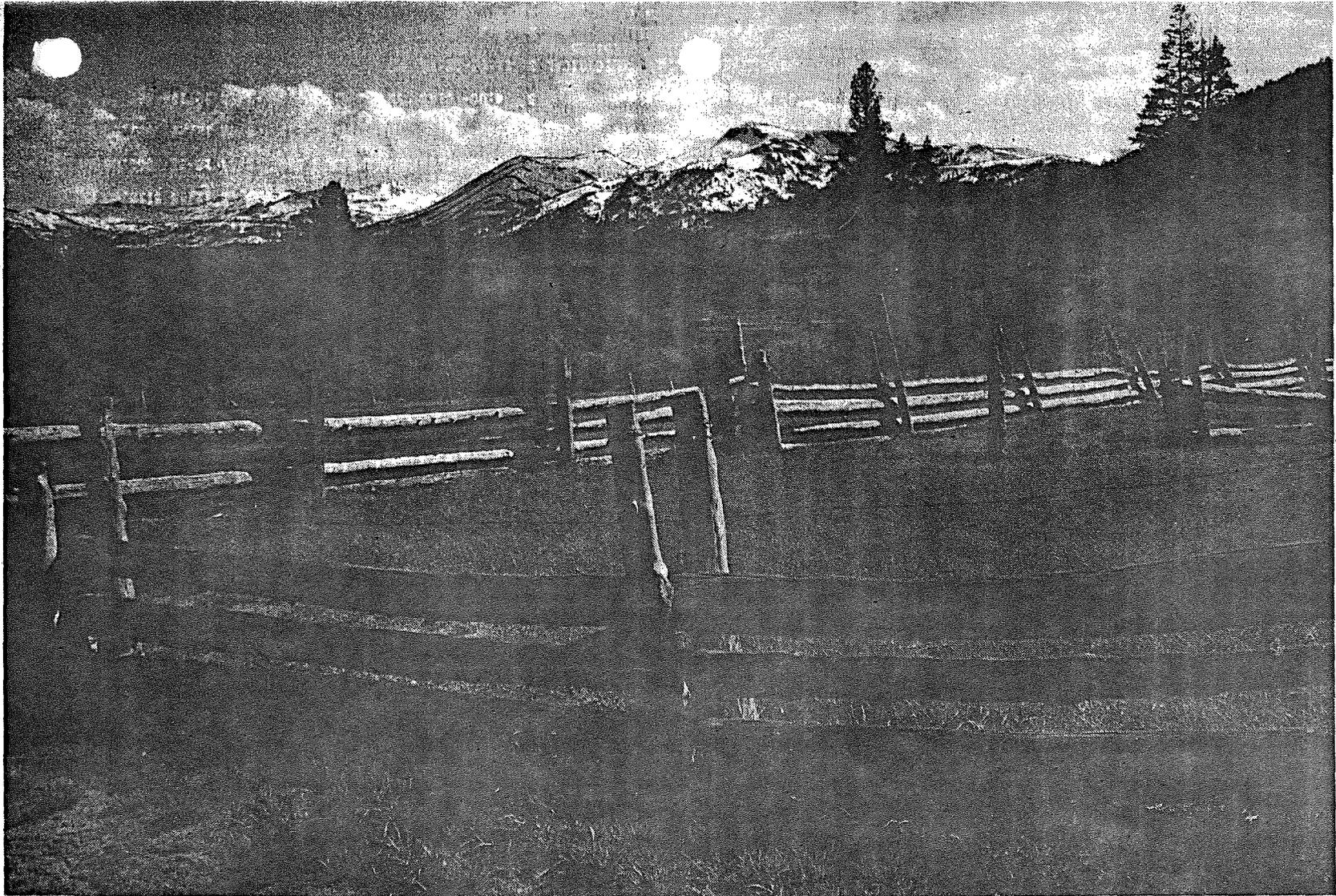
private land with public open space values by public entities, has been instrumental in working out a deal between SPPC, USFS and Alpine County. TPL representatives are in Washington now seeking federal appropriations in the Department of Interior's 1988 budget for USFS purchase of this property.

If you want a portion of the Land and Water Conservation budget to help keep Hope Valley the way it is today, write your senators in Washington (Reid, Wilson, Cranston) and let them know now.

People who use Hope Valley land as if it were public should do something to make it public. The present owners can't handle much more of this being taken for granted.

And in these fast-moving times, things as they are won't last long.

When you do go up and enjoy the valley this summer, be kind to the cows. They've been there much longer than most of us have.



HOPE VALLEY. This view south from the old Dangberg cow camp in Hope Valley, Basin, Alpine County from the Lake Tahoe Forest Service. For details, see Letter from Alpine. Photo courtesy of Richard Johnson greets travellers crossing over into are being considered for purchase by the

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Help Hope

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Editor:

The public finds Hope Valley a wonderful place to visit. It's filled with mountains, meadows, streams, lakes, flowers, trails, trees, camping places, the list is endless. However, much of the land there is privately owned and people trespass to use it.

Some of the large landowners would like to sell. The Forest Service (USFS) is interested in buying the land but federal appropriations are needed to purchase this property.

If you are a user of this spectacular valley and you'd like to continue to be a user, your voice is needed NOW in Washington.

Write your senators and representatives (Reid, Hecht and Vucanovich in Nevada; Wilson, Cranston and Shumway in California) and urge them to support the \$1.7 million appropriation in the Land and Water Conservation budget in the Department of the Interior for USFS purchase of open space in Hope Valley.

Now is the time to do something. Things won't stay the same in Hope Valley much longer.

Your senators and representatives can be reached at: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, or House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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Alpine slide show to be postponed

"The Reptiles and Amphibians of New Zealand, et al" slide show was cancelled because of all the lightning on June 26. The speaker was called out to patrol for fires.

The program is set for Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpine County Library in Markleeville. Jim Stuart, a summer employee with the United States Forest Service, spent last winter studying the reptiles and

amphibians of New Zealand and Australia.

Most people have misconceptions about reptiles and amphibians and Stuart said he would like the opportunity to dispel these myths and educate people about the creatures. Admission to this program is free and refreshments will be served. The Alpine County Friends of the Library is sponsoring this program.

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Haying time: First of the season

I am no advocate of commuting. I consider it one of the extravagant luxuries of our times, an indulgence, a squandering of resources.

Notwithstanding, I commute.

So do a number of other Alpiners, there being few jobs in Alpine. What jobs there are, are closely guarded. People who seek the quiet of the place for homes commute to Gardnerville, Carson or South Tahoe for work.

Relative to urban commutes, this commute is "easy" (as if easiness were the only factor to consider in the decision to commute). And it is unquestionably beautiful.

In my two-day-a-week commute I have enjoyed the passing of the seasons in the ranchers' fields. I have watched the pat-

chwork of light and shadow under summer's popcorn clouds and winter's tiered lenticulars. I have seen calves conceived, calves born, cows die.

Most recently, I have watched the season's first haying.

The grass is thick, tall and amber one day; mown down into neat rows over a bright green carpet the next; later baled into polka dots across the fields. I watch the daily progress.

According to the ranchers, this first crop was a great one: the early warm weather and the rains which followed got things off to a good start. But water cut-backs will begin soon, they report, and though in some years they get three crops of alfalfa, this year they only expect two.

It's time to hay when the alfalfa reaches 10 percent

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bloom. Swathers move steadily through the fields, leaving the windrows of mown hay. Rakes turn the piles. After several days, depending on the weather and humidity, the balers are brought in.

Baling is a delicate process, say the ranchers. The hay needs to be dry so it won't mold in the bale, but not so dry the protein-rich leaves are lost in the process.

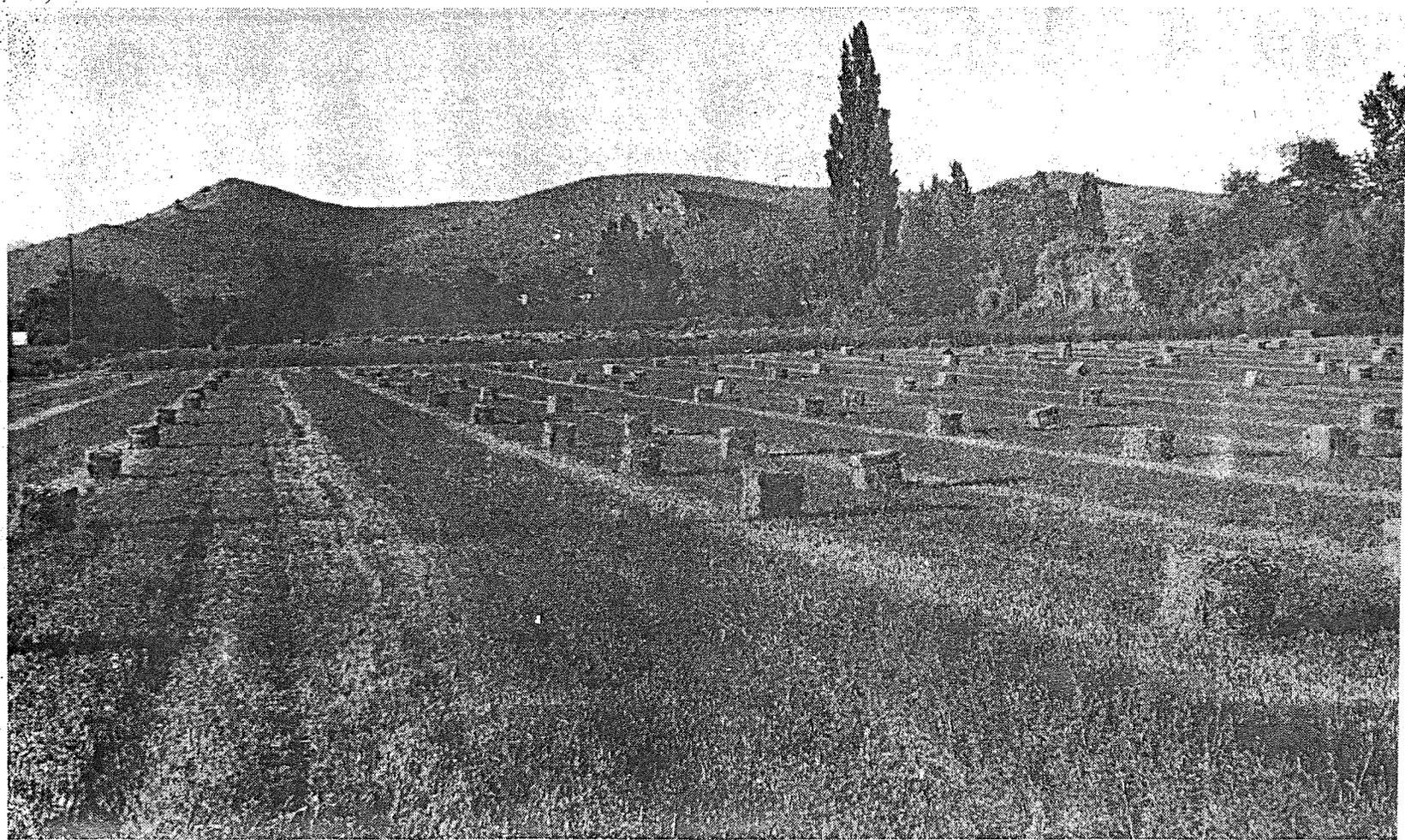
Some ranchers will get up after dew has fallen, about 2 a.m. and bale by the lights of their machine until the hay

either gets too wet from too much dew or too dry from the morning heat. (My commute doesn't take me by the fields at 2 a.m. but it would be fun to see lights dancing across the fields...)

The harrowbed is the back-saving — and bank-breaking — machine that picks up the bales and stacks them at the ranch headquarters. Forty years ago it took five ranch hands days of brutal labor to get the hay stacked; today, thanks to machines, one person can do it without any backstrain.

I, too, am dependent on my machine. Whizzing by these changing fields, foot on the pedal of an internal combustion machine, my eyes and thoughts are free to ramble across the valley land.

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HAYING TIME. Alpine rancher Hubert Bruns has his season's first alfalfa crop cut and baled, ready to be hauled away

and stacked. The alfalfa is already sprouting back beneath these bales in the season's second crop. This ever-

changing panorama in the Carson Valley relieves the tedium of the work commute for Alpiners. Heidi Hopkins photo

Tiny Alpine nests on Sierra's crest

Least-populated county ^{Sacto Bee}
is home to 1,200 people ^{6 July 87}

This is another in a series of articles spotlighting cities and towns in California — and the people who live in them.

By Bill Lawrence
Bee Staff Writer

MARKLEEVILLE — If proof is needed that nice things come in small packages, stroll through this east Sierra town, amid cool, alpine pastures where cattle graze on summer days far from the heat of the Central Valley.

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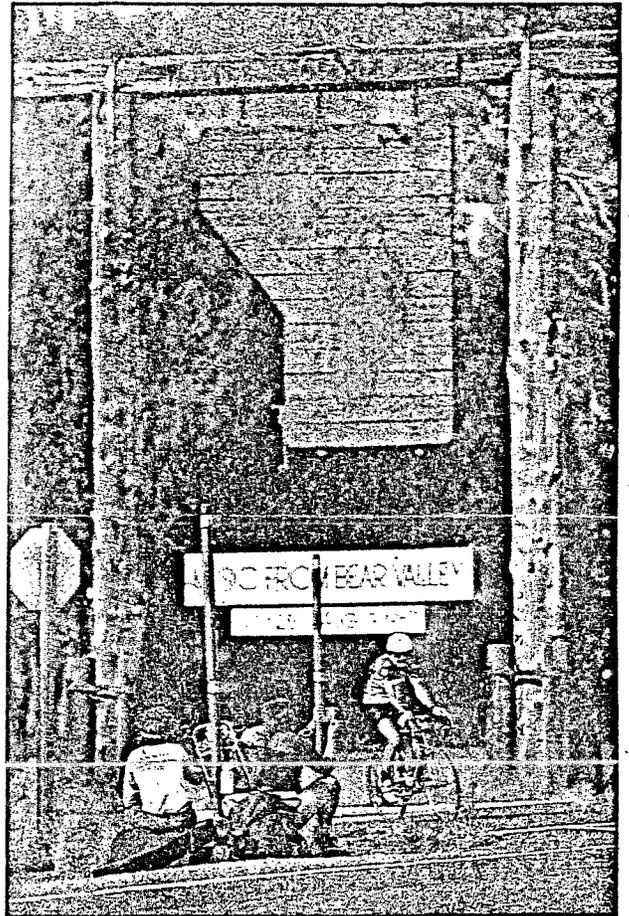
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A cyclist rides past two hitchhiking backpackers at the entrance to Bear Valley

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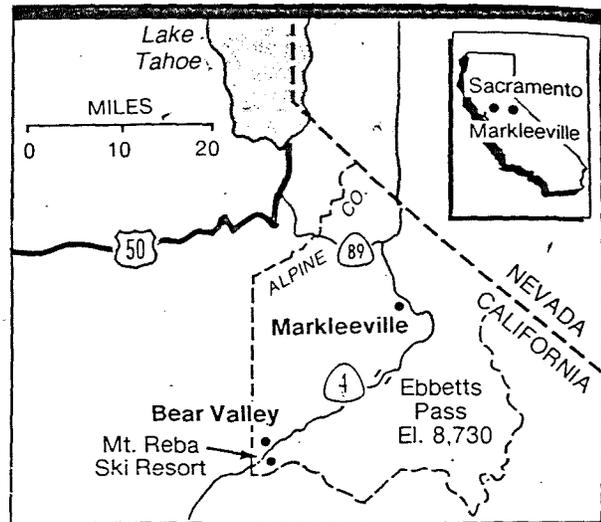
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Bee map

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However, he wondered about the political balance of power if the Indians unite in bloc voting. Although their housing development established seven years ago attracted mostly county residents, about 25 percent of the Indians came from outside Alpine County.

There are now 44 homes with 200 residents, Shoshone said. Another 150 Indians live outside the development. Sixteen more units are planned this fall and a request for future ones has been made to the government.

County gears up for largest Death Ride ever this Saturday

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With almost 1,400 riders already signed up for the July 11 Death Ride, the final preparations for this major Alpine event are in the home stretch.

The largest event in the county, the Death Ride taxes all the available local resources. It isn't surprising. On Saturday there will be more bicycle riders at Turtle Rock Park than there are residents in Alpine County.

Coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce, who hired two extra people in this final week to handle the nightmare of last-minute registrations, six local non-profit and volunteer groups are involved in the ride which is the year's major fundraiser.

Alpine Children's Center is preparing the Friday spaghetti dinner; Search and Rescue the Saturday pancake breakfast, and Friends of Hope Valley the Saturday barbecue.

The Tahoe-based Alta Alpine Cycling Club is handling the mountains of snacks, drinks and lunch food needed by the voracious athletes.

The Tahoe Amateur Radio Association will be on hand Saturday, maintaining a system of communication on the course from Luther Pass to the back side of Monitor. They will work

in conjunction with the approximately 10 local EMTs, also equipped with radios, who will be stationed along the course.

The EMTs are in their second year with the ride and based on what happened (and did not happen) last year, they expect no major problems despite the extraordinary numbers of people participating.

This week will be a whirlwind of last-minute preparations: marking the course, picking up and prepping truckloads of food (much of the food has been donated by Alpine, Tahoe and Carson Valley businesses), handling the flurry of late registrations, going over every last detail once again to make sure everything is considered.

The headaches! The numbers of applicants are stretching the projection limits. The Chamber looks in dismay at the 1,500 numbers they ordered to identify the riders and scurries around to get more before this weekend. The hours of kitchen prep work needed to get French bread and pasta on the plate of every rider grow with each new registration.

Most groups report things "under control." They are optimistic the event will meet the

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fundraising projections of \$30,000 split between the various participating groups.

THUNDERSTORM CAUSES FLASH FLOODS

A fierce and localized thunderstorm, disastrously situated over the Fredericksburg burn area, caused flooding, erosion and loss of fences and gardens to several of the Fredericksburg residences last week. The storm lasted barely an hour.

The deluge of rain and hail brought traffic to a crawl on Highway 88. There reportedly was talk of bringing out the snowplows to deal with the quantity of marble-sized hailstones that covered Foothill Road in some places.

In an eerie show, lightning bolts flickered through the storm, striking the Valley floor in the vicinity of Mesa Vista and Fredericksburg homes. The deluge prevented fires but caused a flash flood.

Fredericksburg resident and Grovers Hot Springs lifeguard Mark Thompson said he placed 12 by 12 beams he happened to have around in angled positions in the nearly foot-deep water sheeting across his property, a trick he learned as a lifeguard where such dams are used to build up beaches and prevent erosion. He diverted the flood from his home but a storage building on his property received significant damage.

He also lost a vigorous garden. Looking at the slim silver lining to this dark cloud, Thompson noted that the silt left in the wake of the flood was rich humus — fire ash and topsoil from the hillside above. He expects to have a good garden next year with this new material in his yard.

The Gansbergs were hard hit, losing fence, topsoil, ditches and gaining a silt-clogged water system and a pasture full of mountain boulders.

The hail took out the flowers in bloom but Faye Gansberg reported a revived garden scarcely a week later.

It has been a hard and fickle year in this corner of Alpine.



Record field is expected for Markleeville Death Ride

Markleeville Death Ride. This is one event that lives up to its name. Nevertheless, nearly 2,000 bicycle riders are expected for the sixth annual Death Ride Saturday.

Riders in the "endurance challenge," sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, will embark from Turtle Rock Park (located between Woodfords and Markleeville) between 6 and 9 a.m. Officials of the ride are looking for a record field, according to ride director Curtis Fong.

"As of last Thursday (July 2), we had 1,150 riders pre-registered, so we're guessing that somewhere in the vicinity of 2,000 riders will be out there," he said earlier this week.

That would represent a significant increase over last year, when approximately 1,100 participants turned out. What's the appeal?

"It's kind of been the premiere endurance

challenge," Fong said. "It's not a race; we won't even be timing anyone. It's a self-challenge of your own endurance."

The Alta Alpina Club spokesman added, however, that this is an event anybody can try.

"It's open to anybody. We get kids, a lot of women and men. Mostly, they come from around northern California, but now, we have people coming from all over the country," Fong said.

This is no ordinary ride through the park. In its entirety, the Death Ride covers 120 miles and navigates five mountain passes, including two trips over Monitor (8,314 feet), Ebbetts (8,730), Luther (7,740) and Carson (8,573).

In addition to the actual Death Ride, two other options are offered for riders: a 30-mile one-pass ride to the top of Monitor, and a 70-mile three-pass ride that includes Ebbetts and Monitor.



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Death Ride is commemorated in postmark

For the first time the U.S. Postal Service in Markleeville will offer a special cancellation postmark on Saturday July 11 to commemorate the 6th annual Death Ride.

The hand-cancellation stamp was designed by Markleeville Postmaster Margaret Daniels and the graphic work was done by Janine Sprout of Markleeville.

The design was submitted to the Reno Management Sectional Center and the Sacramento Divisional Office where the special cancellation hand stamp was prepared and provided at no charge to the Chamber of Commerce of Alpine County.

According to Daniels, the special postmark is free of charge. However, there is a commemorative post card

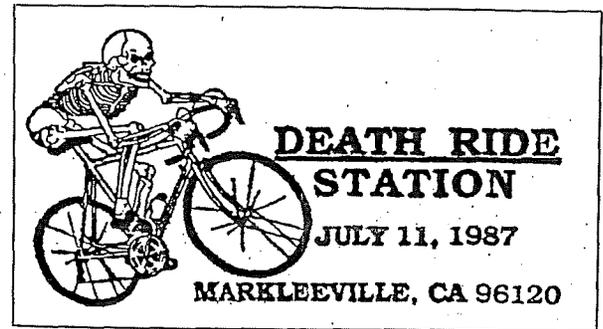
available at the site. The card, designed by Daniels, was drawn by Marie Bravo of Might As Well Graphics, Markleeville. Bravo also decorated the window of the Markleeville Post Office to commemorate the event.

The postal station will have retail and philatelic services available at Turtle Rock Park both Friday evening and all day Saturday. Sharon Danckwerth of

the Post Office and Daniels will be available to assist the public and the estimated 1,500 cyclists.

The Death Ride-Tour of the California Alps will be held on Saturday. The bicycle ride consists of challenging four mountain passes in Alpine County and is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Alta Alpina Cycling Club of Lake Tahoe.

POSTMARK. This special County. Cards and letters can be cancelled with this postmark at the Saturday bike ride at Turtle Rock Park.



BIKE RIDERS. Alpine County has been inundated with bicyclists preparing for this Saturday's Death Ride. Here, cyclists rest and rehydrate

outside Markleeville's General Store after a grueling ride over Monitor Pass. R-C photo by Heidi Hopkins

Indian taco sale this weekend

Ninth grader Beaver James and Douglas High sophomore Hope Rakow have been selected from the Woodfords Community to participate in the 8th National Indian child Conference Aug. 4-8, according to Community Council member Linda Shoshone.

The students were selected for participation based on essays they wrote on "the betterment of our community."

"Many trails, hard choices: Indian youth in the 1980s" is the theme of this year's conference sponsored by Save the Children. Topics to be covered include: leadership, self-image, teen problems, education and career choices, commitment and personal responsibility and the role of tribal culture in the life of today's Indian teens.

The participating students will have the opportunity to speak and discuss these issues following workshop presentations.

The Woodfords Community is holding various fundraisers this month to help cover transportation costs for Beaver and Hope to the North Carolina conference.

This coming Saturday the community is hosting an Indian taco sale all day. They'll even deliver!

On Aug. 1, there will be a spaghetti dinner and raffle. Prizes to be raffled off include art works by Kevin Jones and James Shoshone and Indian beadwork. Meals at many of the Alpine and Carson Valley restaurants will also be offered in the raffle prizes. Tickets are available at the Community Center.

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BEAVER JAMES

DEATH RIDE

Chamber of Commerce president John Brissenden sounded like the ghost of himself as he shut the door of Turtle Rock Park at 11 p.m. Saturday night, long after the last Death Ride bike rider had cleared out for home.

John was on automatic pilot. The whining harangue of one of the other coordinators of the event just blew in one of John's ears and out the other.

The complaints about some detail, the "better way to have done it," the "why didn't you..." could all wait for another day. This Death Ride was over. At least for the night.



HOPE RAKOW

Next day there were still the crates of oranges and piles of uneaten watermelons to distribute, the waterjugs and garbage cans and signs to return to their respective owners, the papers to file, the money to count, the thank yous to send off.

All the work must have been worth it, however, because most riders had a grand time. There was plenty of water and food (good food, at that) and these die-hard riders don't ask much more than that.

The few surprises — like one rider's mental collapse and the breakdown of Turtle Rock Park's refrigerator — just made things more "interesting." A few minor wrinkles in an otherwise amazingly smooth and successful event.

Those many who volunteered at the event went home exhausted and satisfied. We assume the riders did too.

Life's speeding up in Alpine County high country

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UWK director well qualified

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Lynn radiates health.

She's broad-shouldered and tan, with a strong voice, direct eyes and a ready smile. She brings years of recreation, entertainment and communication experience to her new job as well as boundless enthusiasm for nutrition, exercise, music and positive living.

Needless to say, the UWK directors are delighted with Lynn and the possibilities she offers to Alpine youth.

Lynn's resume is long and varied. It speaks of her positive philosophy of living.

Her career began at age 13 as a cheerleader. At 16 she was selected by her coach to be director of the recreation program for the American Cheerleaders' Association.

Since then she has worked directing recreation activities for World Campus Afloat and entertaining (with health and ecology as themes) at National School Assemblies around the U.S. She holds a California teaching credential.

She has worked with her own TV and radio shows, with State of the Heart productions, with journalism, as a hostess at Disneyland.

Much of her entertainment and communication career, including a stint in Viet Nam, has been done in conjunction with her husband of 20 years, Morris Walker.

Morris and Lynn came to the Carson Valley when Morris was

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hired as advertising director for Nevada magazine. Their two children, Skye and Amye, attend C.C. Meneley Elementary School.

Lynn works also as part-time director of the Douglas Recreation Department's teen advisory board. In this capacity, she currently is coordinating teen activities for the Reno-Tahoe-Carson Valley area.

According to UWK president Judy Warren, Lynn's affiliation with the Douglas Recreation Department holds great potential for including Alpine's youth in the Douglas County programs. Warren hopes this participation will alleviate the cultural shock Alpine students face when they graduate from little Diamond Valley School and enter Douglas High.

"It's a dream come true," said Warren.

Fourteen kids showed up on the first day of the program — a large number for Alpine.

In the first few weeks, Lynn expects to try out a variety of programs, tailoring the activities to suit the participants.

One of the initial classes will be karate, taught Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m., at the Woodford Community Center.

Lynn would like to incorporate the community's expertise into her ongoing program and urge



LYNN WALKER

interested community members to contact her with their ideas.

The volunteer UWK group worked for over a year to establish positive youth activities in Alpine County. Earlier this year, the group received a state grant to operate a recreation program.

Lynn Walker, with her effusive energy and positive attitude, more than fills the bill for program director.

Alpine's youths are certainly lucky.

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The Friends of Hope Valley would like to thank the local businesses who donated food and supplies to our Death Ride barbecue fund-raiser:

Harvey's Resort, Raley's-Gardnerville, Cream Puff Bakery-South Lake Tahoe, Raley's-South Lake Tahoe, Maddy's Restaurant and Bakery, K-Mart-South Lake Tahoe, Wilderness Locations-South Lake Tahoe, Miller's Market and Coast-to-Coast.

We would also like to thank Sorensen's Resort and Diamond Valley School for their special assistance.

The barbecue was a big success both for the riders who enjoyed the delicious food and for the Friends.

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More than meets the eye

Somehow, Alpine County seems like a second home to me.

I've enjoyed many of the common sights that are available to any passing tourist. I've enjoyed many other sights in the wilderness that are uncommon.

Much of the time I've spent in Alpine County has been passing through along Highway 88, through Woodfords and Hope Valley, then over Luther Pass to Lake Tahoe. It has been a regular commute virtually for the past seven years.

I've come to know every turn in the road between Picketts Junction and downtown Carson Valley. I could make the drive blindfolded, although I would never want to. Winter, fall or summer (does spring exist here?), the time of year never seems to matter.

It is always a peaceful drive. Light traffic, plenty of time to enjoy the breathtaking scenery. The contrast between the high desert and High Sierra is special in itself.

No wonder a small number of folks have decided to call Alpine County home. But, as always, there is more than meets the eye.

Isaw the smoke bellowing from Woodfords Canyon as I drove home after deadline day last Wednesday afternoon. Memories of last year's Fredericksburg fire immediately flashed to mind. Could it be happening again?

I wondered if the highway

would be closed. Upon arrival in Woodfords some time around 2 o'clock, I saw a lot of smoke, but there didn't appear to be evidence of any serious trouble. I don't even remember being concerned about driving behind a truck loaded with firewood.

The fire could be seen farther up, near Crystal Springs Road.

had been closed. I am relieved and count my blessings for having gotten through this particular episode.

Even at that, I never dreamed what the final outcome would be: more than 6,550 acres charred, a couple dozen homes destroyed, many others damaged severely.

David Price

The flames could be seen up and down one side of the canyon. At one point, sunlight turned to darkness — sort of like driving through the San Fernando Valley on a bad day. Then just as suddenly, the sunlight reappeared again. It was an eerie sight.

I turned off on Crystal Springs Road where I spotted a green Forest Service truck and a couple of people with cameras.

"Are they getting ready to close down the road?" I asked one man with a camera.

"Pretty quick," he replied. "I'd get out of here." After snapping a couple of shots of the blaze, just for the sake of history (or is it journalism), I followed the man's advice.

Farther up the road, I saw more people parked on the side of the road. Many had cameras; it was sort of like spectators at a 4th of July show.

A few more photographs were taken and I was back on the road again. Moments later, I heard the announcement from a passing California Highway Patrol vehicle that the highway

The green along Highway 88 around Woodfords has disappeared. It isn't likely to return in our lifetime.

Local residents have begun to try to piece their lives back together again. Many are angry; that's understandable. Officials have placed the price tag in damages at \$5 million. There is no way to describe these losses in dollars and cents — even to list or try and describe the losses. Not for me, anyway.

The interesting part is that the majority seems set on sticking it out — right there in Alpine County. Just like last year, after the Fredericksburg fire, one resident told me: "It's amazing what something like this does to bring people together. Alpine County is kind of a tight little community. Everyone always stands behind each other."

Must be special people for a special place. I'm willing to bet they'll make it.

Editor's note: Dave Price is R-C sports editor and lives in Meyers.



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP. Jackie Simmons (left) and Dee Dee Dressler have summer jobs at the Woodfords Community Center along with seven other local youths. Here they work clearing weeds, putting a "new face" on the community. For more news about activities at the Woodfords Community, see Letter From Alpine. R-C photo

New face on Woodfords

There may not be much news in Alpine but there's lots that is new.

The Woodfords Community Center has acquired new character under the leadership of the community council elected last fall (Linda Shoshone, Nadine Weller, Kevin Jones, Dinah Pete and Maureen Simmons).

Over the last few months an increasing number of activities have been offered at the center.

No on-going classes sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Commission, basic art and sewing, are taught at the center. Up With Kids is sponsoring a karate class there. Video movies for children are offered each Friday and Saturday night (25¢ admission).

If you catch the animal... night, they will be out the next day. If you'd rather take down the animal's tag number from the office, you can report it to the office and they will contact the owner with the complaint. Licenses, by the way, are required for all dogs over the age of four months.

Letter from Alpine

by HEIDI HOPKINS

James (Ralph) Shoshone, silver and beadwork, dinners at Alpine and Carson Valley restaurants)

Medicine woman Kachinas Kutenai will speak about healing herbs at 7 p.m. Saturday. This program is sponsored by Up With Kids.

Maybe that's what is new: cooperation. Groups seem to be working together instead of operating on two different and sometimes conflicting tracks.

The book store in Markleeville is gone, almost as quickly and as surprisingly as it arrived. Jean Jones has moved back to Wyoming. A chapter ends.

The new tenants, Dick and Virginia, have put a few days and a lot of elbow grease into the corner building. They've given it a cheery look with hanging plants, friendly curtains and a pruned garden.

They say they want to open up

a small arts and crafts store there next spring. There's an art and craft gallery right around the corner but that doesn't seem to daunt the new tenants.

That's nothing new. Markleeville's chapters always seem to begin that way. People move here with a very clear idea of what they want and generally without a very clear idea of what this place is really like.

After a while, the dreams adjust to the reality. People like it and stay or they move away.

ART COMPETITION

Don't forget that this Saturday is the final deadline for entering the Alpine County Arts Commission's art competition.

Categories include: oil painting, watercolor, drawing, graphics, photography, textiles, clay, sculpture, and utilitarian art (works of art that serve a function). There's a \$350 best of show award as well as \$100 for first place and \$50 for second.

Entry is \$4 per entry (limit of two). Works should be taken to the art gallery on Main St. in Markleeville on Saturday, 11 - 5 p.m. For further information, call Mark Vaughn (916) 694-2485.

Sierra fire destroys homes

Tahoe Daily Tribune 7/31/87

1 residences leveled, 60 others damaged in Woodfords Canyon blaze

By JOHN DUNBAR
Tribune Staff Writer
& United Press International

A fire believed caused by "human negligence" roared through 6,000 acres of rugged Sierra wilderness near Lake Tahoe today, leveling 24 homes and damaging 60 others.

Some 250 residents and summer campers were evacuated from the sparsely populated area south of the lake.

More than 900 firefighters were sent into the tinder-dry area to stop the blaze that broke out early Wednesday at Wood-

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fords Canyon, about 30 miles south of Carson City on the Nevada-California border.

No deaths or injuries have been reported.

A Nevada Division of Forestry spokesman said investigators blame "human negligence," such as a person carelessly flicking a cigarette or leaving a campfire.

The weather continued hot, dry and windy, hampering fire-fighting efforts. Firemen said they did not know how long it would take to contain the

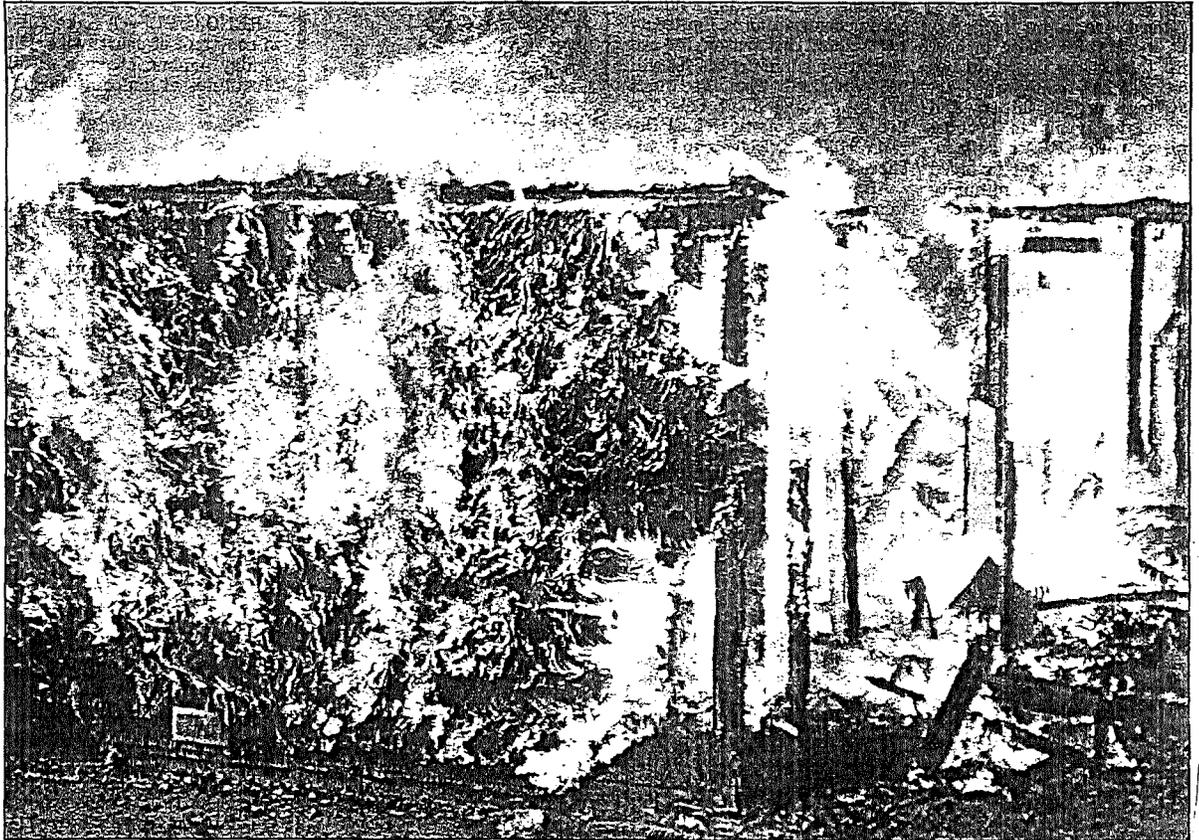
Smoke could be seen as far away as Reno, 60 miles north, and ashes from the flames fell in Carson City.

An evacuation center for residents and campers was established at the Carson Valley Middle School, in Minden, with up to 80 cots.

Charles and Anita Tronoff, residents of Crystal Springs for 29 years, said the fire crept to within 15 feet of their house.

"I was piling wood and I smelled smoke. I looked up to the canyon and saw the fire," said Mrs. Tronoff. "I called 911 in Markleeville but someone had

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Tribune photo by Steven L. Nelson

FIRE CONSUMED this structure during the blaze that started at about noon Wednesday in Woodfords Canyon. Numerous homes and commercial buildings were damaged or destroyed.

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already contacted them."

Charles Tronoff said he felt fortunate that their home wasn't damaged.

"Luckily the wind was blowing up the creek (away from our house) or we would have really been burned up," he said.

Jim Shinn, who lives near the junction of highways 4 and 88, wasn't so lucky. The one-story cabin he and his family have lived in for 25 years was destroyed. He said they only had one hour to evacuate.

"We got the cars out and a few personal things, but so much we didn't get," Shinn said.

Rod Smith said he was fixing the plumbing in his home in Woodfords when he was told to evacuate.

"I never saw the flames; there was just so much smoke," Smith said. "But the roar of the fire was tremendous."

He said they had about an hour to flee.

Smith said many people left their homes carrying small suitcases or nothing at all. He described the evacuation as orderly.

Sandy Sullivan, of the Forest Service, said Woodfords, a village of about 75 residents, and nearby Paynesville, with fewer

than 50 residents, were evacuated along with camping sites. About 60 homes were damaged in those areas.

Most of the two dozen burned homes were homes in the Mesa Vista subdivision with a total of about 35 houses, Sullivan said.

The Marklevillage subdivision, which has about the same number of homes, was also evacuated, and many campers were ordered out of the area.

Sullivan said the blaze broke out about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Woodfords Canyon, about 30 miles south of Carson City. There was no lightning in the area at the time, and the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Winds gusting to 25 mph fanned the flames.

Six air tankers swooped over the fire dropping flame retardant.

A "Class One Team" was called into action, bringing together the fire experts from the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Nevada Division of Forestry and units in California.

The fire in the high plateau country of California's Alpine County could be seen as far away as Reno, 60 miles to the north. Woodfords is about 25 miles southeast of Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada border.

5,500-acre Alpine County fire destroys 26 homes

By Ken Payton
Bee Staff Writer
and Walt Yost
Bee Correspondent

WOODFORDS — A 5,500-acre fire in the Toiyabe National Forest destroyed at least 26 homes in this summer resort community Wednesday, U.S. Forest Service officials said.

The fire, possibly caused by an out-of-control campfire, began about noon at the Crystal Springs campground west of Woodfords in Al-

pine County and moved quickly east with the help of a brisk wind, officials said.

Ronan Thornhill, conservation camp coordinator for the Nevada Division of Forestry, told the Associated Press that firefighters moved into Woodfords, just west of the Nevada state line, but were forced to retreat.

"Before we knew it, it was everywhere," he said.

Thornhill said at least nine homes were destroyed, two were badly damaged and several outbuildings were consumed in the Mesa Vista

subdivision outside the community.

Alpine County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Nagle said another 17 homes were burned in and around the town, most of those in the Alpine Village subdivision.

Officials said about 250 people were evacuated from Woodfords, the third largest community in Alpine County. There were no injuries reported.

Forest Service spokeswoman Lesley Foster said firefighters hoped to contain the fire today.

The blaze, called the Acorn Fire, knocked down power lines, making it dangerous for the more than 600 firefighters and cutting off all telephone contact with the town, Foster said.

Residents of a subdivision in Woodfords Canyon were evacuated, and firefighters built a backfire in an effort to protect about 35 homes, officials said.

The evacuees were taken to Diamond Valley Elementary School in Woodfords until the

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building was ordered emptied. The school was not damaged. The evacuees, who included campers from the Crystal Springs Campground, were sent to Markleeville on the California side and Minden on the Nevada side.

Highways 88 and 89 in California were closed, as were Highway 4 at Ebbetts Pass and Highway 395 near the Nevada state line, the California Highway Patrol said. Air traffic over the area was prohibited, the CHP said.

The lack of information emanating from Woodfords left residents frantic over the fate of their families, friends and homes.

A woman who identified herself only as Mary said she worked in Lake Tahoe Wednesday and returned to find the roads closed to Woodfords.

"I'm concerned about my kids — I haven't heard from them," she said from a Red Cross shelter set up at Carson Valley Middle School in Minden.

Another evacuee said, "We've heard nothing. The phones are out. It's terrible not to know."

The message board at the school was plastered with handwritten messages, many asking friends or family members to contact them.

Ellie O'Toole, a resident of the Mesa Vista subdivision, said she fled her home with two guitars and her husband grabbed his tools before they left. Their home was not damaged.

"It was a miracle. When we left, there was a solid wall of fire going 40 mph. We just thought we would never see our home again," she said.

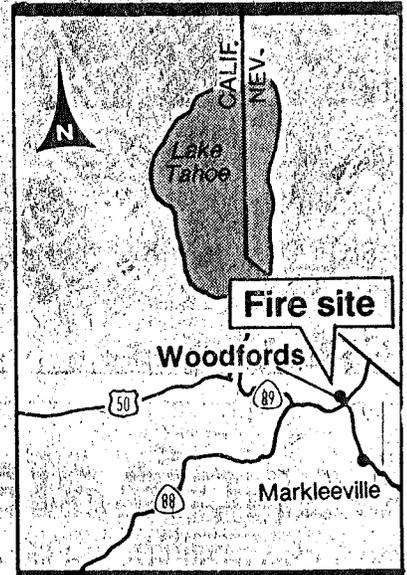
Joan Hawkins was concerned over the loss of wildlife. "It will take a long time before things ever grow back," she said.

The blaze in the hilly terrain of the Toiyabe National Forest sent thick smoke that could be seen as far away as the Lake Tahoe basin and Reno, 60 miles to the north.

Firefighters from the Forest Service, the Nevada Division of Forestry and local agencies as far away as Reno were at the scene. Aerial tankers also were being used to drop fire retardant in an effort to slow the fire's spread.

The fire is just west of a 3,500-acre area scorched one year ago last week in an accidental, man-caused blaze. Although no official cause has been given for Wednesday's fire, there was no lightning in the area when it began.

Ironically, California's top wild-land blaze investigator was at Lake



Bee graphic

Tahoe Wednesday and warned that fire conditions in much of the state were extremely critical.

Don Striepeke of the California Department of Forestry said the moisture level in brush and timber around much of California is much drier than normal.

"We're already into September burning conditions, which normally is our worst time," he said.

Striepeke, the state's assistant forestry chief for fire prevention and law enforcement, was attending a wildlife arson prevention meeting in Stateline, Nev.

Information compiled by Bee staff writer Art Campos and the Associated Press was included in this report.

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Tractor driver cuts a fire break in the Woodfords area; below, one of the homes that was lost.



1,500 Battle Disastrous N. California Fire

By DAN MORAIN, *Times Staff Writer*

WOODFORDS, Calif.—Anticipated winds failed to materialize late Thursday, raising hopes for control of a 6,500-acre blaze that has destroyed at least 24 homes and seriously damaged half a dozen others in this small Sierra Nevada community south of Lake Tahoe.

Six-hundred more firefighters from California, Nevada and Idaho joined the lines, bringing to 1,500 the number working to stop the fire's northeastward march through the sparsely populated region toward the Nevada line.

Winds of 35 to 40 m.p.h. eased during the day to 10 to 20 m.p.h.

Forecasters had expected stiff gusts to spring up again by mid-afternoon. U.S. Forest Service spokesman Jerry Snow told reporters at the firefighting command post in Minten, Nev., "If that sucker starts to blow up, I wouldn't want to be out there."

By late in the day, however, that had not happened. No more homes appeared immediately threatened.

The Sierra Pines trailer park was saved as bulldozers ringed it to dig a trench that the flames failed to leap.

Black smoke still hung over the mountains and made the sky hazy

in Reno, about 60 miles to the north. Highways through the area remained closed.

The fire began Wednesday morning as a small blaze about 200 feet outside a Toiyabe National Forest campground and seemed to pose no real problem. But the wind snatched the fire from the control of firefighters and pushed the flames downhill into Woodfords, where a sign proclaims a population of 150.

By late Wednesday afternoon, more than 2,000 acres were charred by the flames. Up to 350 people

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were evacuated from Woodfords and the smaller settlement of Paynesville.

The burned area tripled by Thursday morning. Homes were destroyed or damaged in scattered clusters on both sides of the valley in which Woodfords nestles.

Some Woodfords residents, including members of the 18-member volunteer Fire Department, were openly angry that the Forest Service failed to stop the fire in its tracks at the outset. The volunteers said they responded to the initial alarm, only to be waved away by the federal firefighters.

Woodfords volunteer Fire Capt. Jim Cone, 55, was bitter. He lost his furniture repair shop, the trailer in which he had been living and his

partially constructed home. With an anti-smoke bandanna over his mouth and the soot of a long night of firefighting covering his clothes, he stood surveying his \$200,000 loss with reddened eyes.

He said he shared the feeling that the Forest Service could have had the fire under control if they had not sent the volunteers away.

"It should have been a routine fire," he said, "but it ended up being a catastrophe."

Forest Service spokesman Snow said he could not respond to the complaints by Cone and others because he did not yet know the facts. Alpine County Sheriff Larry Kuhl, whose house survived, came to the defense of the federal forestry people, however. He blamed the wind, which came up at just the

wrong time.

"It [the fire] just got away from them," he said.

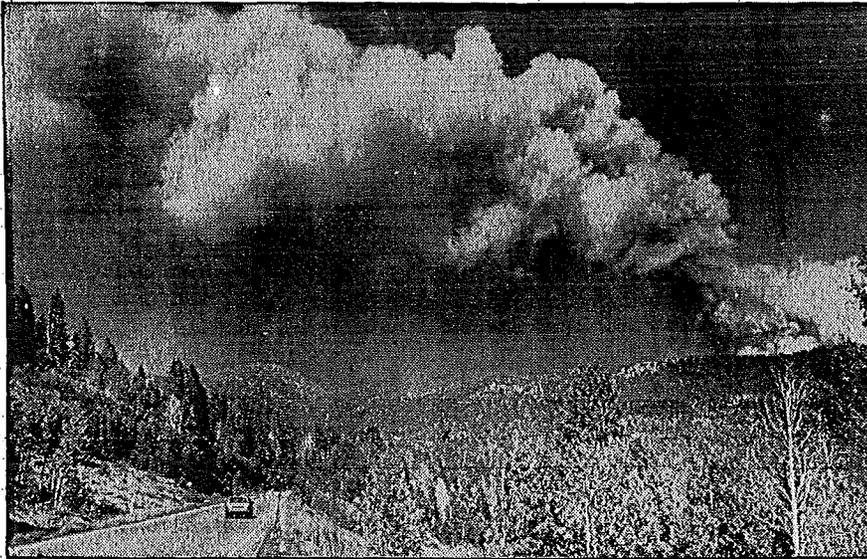
The sheriff said the latest fire appeared to have been man-caused, but he did not know whether it was intentional.

Elyse Doyal stood looking at a blackened chimney—all that was left of her home—pointing out her charred belongings.

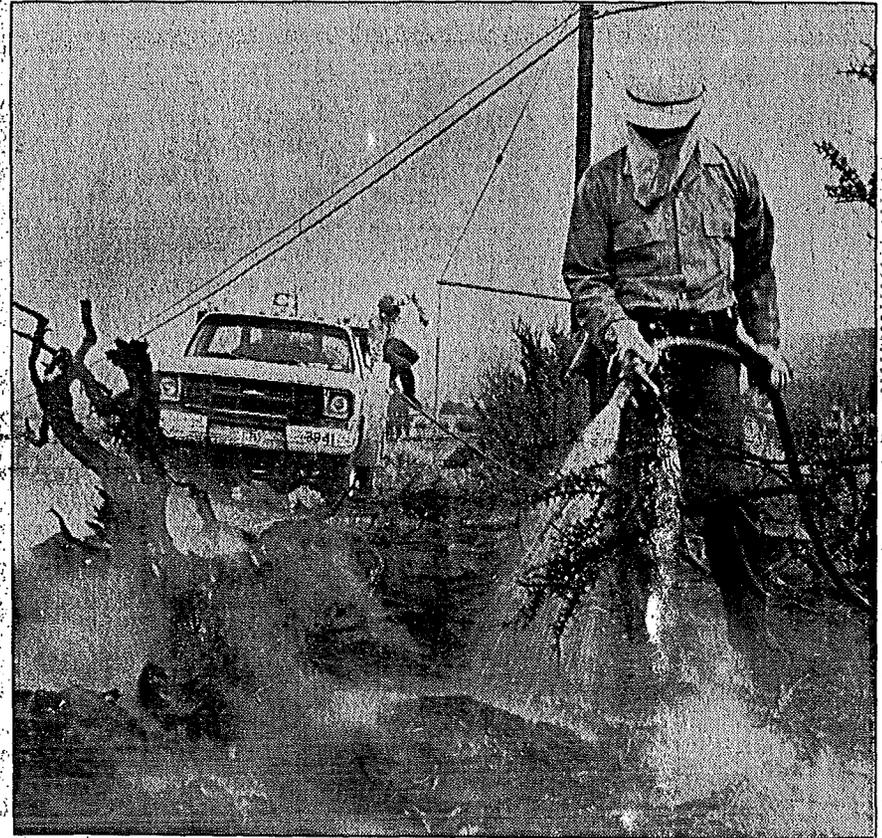
"There's my antique sewing machine," she said, indicating a mangled metallic mass. "All those papers—they're my income tax records. . . . That's an old ceramic pot-bellied stove. I didn't know I still had it."

Then she said, "I can't feel too bad, because some people have it worse. Next spring, we'll just start building again."

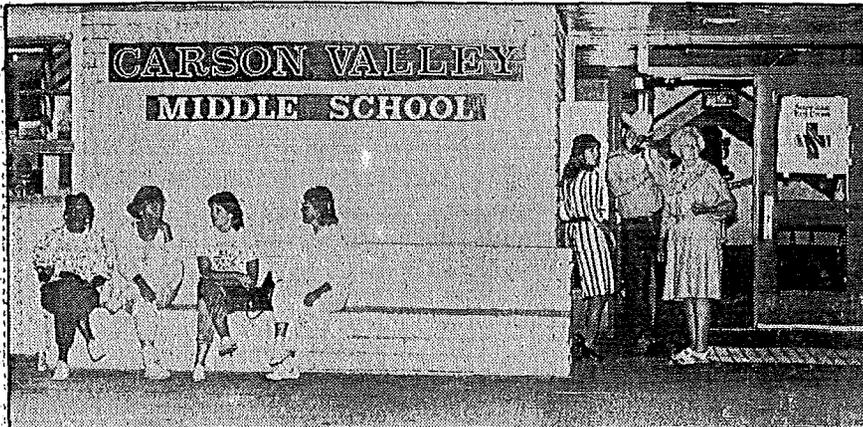
Forest fire disrupts quiet communities



FROM HIGHWAY 89 in Hope Valley, a massive plume of smoke can be seen drifting north-northeast toward Lake Tahoe and Carson City.

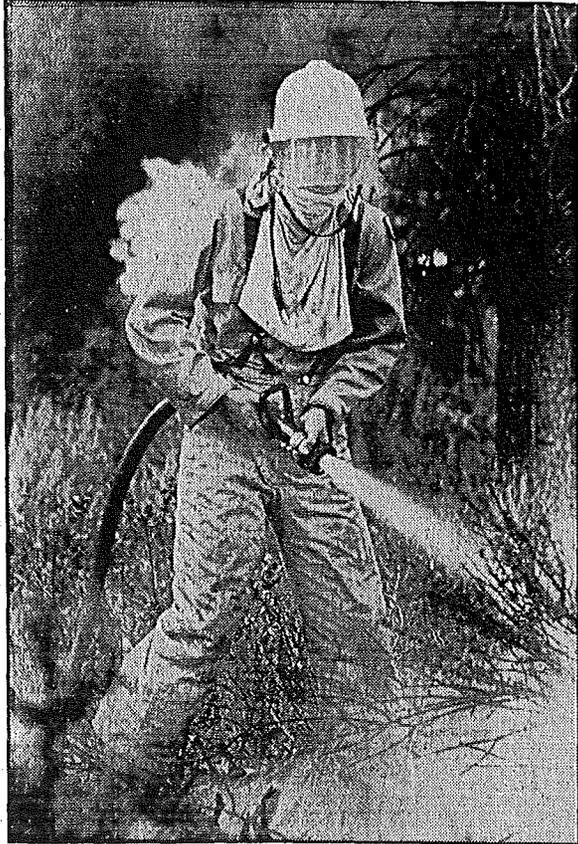


A FIREFIGHTER douses a hotspot off Highway 88 near Fredericksburg.



PEOPLE FORCED from their homes by Wednesday's blaze take refuge at the Red Cross disaster center at Carson Valley Middle School in Gardnerville.

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A FIREFIGHTER works to stop flames from overcoming structures near Woodfords and Alpine Village.



FIRE BURNS along the ground near homes along Highway 89, just south of Woodfords, while thick smoke dims the sunlight Wednesday.



A TRACTOR is used to make a fire break on the fireline near Woodfords and Alpine Village.



TRYING TO prevent further spread of fire, a firefighter douses flames in a tree near Woodfords.

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Fire victims distressed at loss of homes

JULIA PRODIS
Staff Writer

George Abbott lost his home. "It's burned. We lost everything up there." The home he lived in with his wife and father was located 500 yards from the the Woodfords fire station.

"Oh sure, we can replace the house," he said, "it's just other things that can never be replaced."

Abbott was lingering around the Red Cross aid station early this morning set up at Carson Valley Middle School in Minden. He was talking with other disaster victims, waiting to

learn more.

Ray Ramos thinks his home is still standing — it was when he fled from it Wednesday afternoon.

"The sheriff told us to evacuate right away," Ramos said, sitting at a cafeteria table, sipping coffee and looking out the window to a light smokey

haze. "He said the fire was coming at a rate of 40 mph. 'You gotta get out of here right now,' he said. We couldn't take anything."

A bulletin board of messages from friends to the displaced and from the displaced to fami-

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Victims

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ly members was in the hallway of the make-shift evacuation center.

"A lot of people come looking for their friends and neighbors," said Red Cross Coordinator Tom Taylor from Carson City.

On tear sheets of yellow paper, such messages as "Karen, Van and I are fine, Forrest." and "Helen, we were worried about you..." and "Mr. and Mrs. Harold, If you need a place to stay — Love..."

About 25 people — 10 families — spent the night at the school on army cots in a re-arranged classroom. If they slept, they woke up to hot cinnamon rolls and coffee provided by the Douglas County School District food supervisor. She starting baking at 4:30 a.m. About five Red Cross and 10 other volunteers helped.

Taylor said most of the reported 250-300 displaced persons stayed the night with friends in

the Minden and Garderville area or at motels.

He expects to keep up operations at the school for about two or three days.

George Cretilli, a resident of Mesa Vista and a Woodfords volunteer firefighter, was on the scene of the fire until midnight. The flames missed his house.

"It's a disaster. It looks like an atomic bomb went off," Cretilli said. "It's like a nightmare."

He spent long, hot, smokey hours on Highway 88 diverting traffic.

"I've never seen so many people stop their cars just to watch the place burn," he said.

"People were frantic that they left their pets behind — and their beautiful, expensive homes — just rubble.

"Deer came out of the mountain with the fire right behind them," Cretilli said. "If you went up there, it would make your stomach turn."

For information about friends and relatives in the fire area, contact the Red Cross aid station at (702) 782-2265.

Woodfords fire

2nd tragedy

Minden man's home leveled, just like 15 years ago

By SUE MORROW
Appeal City Editor

The adage "lightning strikes twice" must have a special significance to Minden attorney George Abbott whose Woodfords home was leveled by Wednesday's forest fire that raged through 6,000 acres in Alpine County.

It was 15 years ago when a fire destroyed his Foothill Road home in Carson Valley, just inside the Nevada border.

In that fire Abbott, an avid collector of antique clocks, lost dozens of valuable and unusual old clocks.

He was not at his \$150,000 Woodfords

summer home when it, along with about two dozen other homes, were destroyed in the raging forest fire Wednesday.

He has since been to the scene.

"Even if the house had survived, I wouldn't want to live in the canyon anymore," he said, noting the total devastation of the once beautifully wooded area.

He also seemed to express more concern for his neighbors than himself, noting that his neighbors' homes were "more valuable" and at least he "had somewhere else to go."

His home, he said, "was just a summer home. A place for the kids to go. I'm glad they had time to spend there" before it was destroyed.

He estimated the damages to the other homes as "multimillion dollars" worth.

As for Abbott's personal losses from the fire, he mentioned photos and "some rather valuable books."

The fire was so intense due to the combination of Ponderosa pine, cedar and manzanita, he said, that the windows melted to horse-shoe shapes and fell into the foundation.

Abbott expressed concern for the wildlife in Alpine County that has been deprived of its source of food.

The fire, he lamented, occurred in a major deer migratory area "and the impact on wildlife will be very great."

Recalling last year's major fire in the

Fredericksburg, Calif., area of Alpine, Abbott said, there was a "very serious effect on the feeding grounds for deer."

He also lamented the devastation of the landscape. "Alpine County is the only county in California where every mile of road was a scenic highway," he said.

He praised the efforts of local volunteer fire departments who he said "by getting on the scene as quickly as they did undoubtedly saved many, many structures. I was also impressed with both the Douglas County and Alpine County sheriff's departments ... they did a superb job of doing the things that had to be done."



George Abbott
Home destroyed again by fire

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Blaze put dreams into smoke, ash

Woodfords area looks like war zone



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Early-morning sun, left, is filtered through smoke and trees on the west side of Woodfords. Below, crews create a firebreak above the Crystal Springs campground in Woodfords.

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By Bill Walker
and Ken Payton
Bee Staff Writers

WOODFORDS — Jim and Marilyn Shinn sat amid a stand of soot-dusted pines Thursday morning, staring mutely at the ashes of their dreams.

The day before, when they heard that the Acorn Canyon forest fire was spreading into this resort village south of Lake Tahoe, they rushed to check on the home they had retired to 24 years ago.

It was too late.

The firefighters saved the guest cabin and the shed. Somehow the woodpile survived the blaze, and from a steel mast an American flag waved weakly. On a stump sat a few recovered treasures: souvenir spoons, a metal plate, a fragment of a vase. But the house itself was a smoking ruin of rubble, heaped around a naked chimney.

"It's hard to believe," Jim Shinn finally said. "You work 24 years for something, then one day you come home and this is it."

"You can replace a home, but other things . . . china . . . you just can't . . ."

His wife stopped him. "That's enough," she said.

The Shinnns were among the first residents of Woodfords to return to town — or to what was left of it — Thursday morning. The fire was still licking its way up the Sierra ridges, and Woodfords Canyon looked like a war zone, with acres upon acres of charred ground and blackened trees shrouded in smoke as thick as a Delta fog.

The fire, believed the result of human carelessness, apparently started about noon Wednesday in Acorn Canyon, a few miles west of town near the Crystal Springs Campground. After the first daylight inspection of the fire scene, the number of homes destroyed was downgraded to at least 24. The fire swept through Woodfords, whipped by 35-mph winds as it raced through the tall pines and scrubby bitterbrush of the Toiyabe National Forest.

"When I got to the fire line (Wednesday afternoon) at 4 it was 500 acres," said Jerry Snow, spokesman for U.S. Forest Service. "By 6:30, it was 2,000 acres. By 6 this morning, it was 6,000 acres and still growing."

Snow said there were three minor injuries, all of them involving firefighters.

The fire hopped through town, leveling one home but sparing the next in a crazy-quilt pattern.

"You could see it jumping across the meadow" between the campground and town, said John Bennett, an Alpine County supervisor and one of about 20 homeowners in the Alpine Village subdivision whose houses burned to the ground.

Another was Skip Veatch, an Alpine County sheriff's deputy and volunteer fireman. About 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, he was on the fire line at Crystal Springs Campground when word came that it was spreading toward his home.

"I stayed on the line," he said. "It was tough."

Veatch's wife, 13-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter got out in time. But he said his wife saved only "her car, her purse and the clothes on her back. That was it."

More than 250 people — virtually the entire summer population — were evacuated from Woodfords and neighboring subdivisions. Most went to stay with friends in nearby towns, but about 20 spent Wednesday night at a shelter set up by the American Red Cross at Douglas Junction High School, just across the state line in Gardnerville, Nev.

By midday Thursday, said Ginger Lengenfelder of the Red Cross, most of the shelter refugees had also found other lodging. But the school was still serving as a message center for those seeking word about friends and family, or who just wanted to help.

"Can we help? Our home is available," read one hand-scrawled note on the bulletin board. "Baby clothes and food. Please call," said another.

A few miles up the road, in Minden, Nev., the Douglas High School had become the command post for the army of firefighters and support crews battling the blaze. Their faces streaked with dirt, their clothes sweaty and stained red by fire retardant, weary firefighters described the hellish terrain in which they had to chase the fast-moving fire.

"It was hot and steep," said John Buckley, leader of a crew from the Mi-Wuk Fire Suppression Unit, which arrived Wednesday from Stanislaus County then worked through the night. In many places, he said, there was danger of falling hundreds of feet.

The crews feverishly dug containment lines, Buckley said, but "We just kept losing the line; the fire kept jumping. Finally, we caught up to it about 8:30 or 9 (Thursday morning)."

Still, there was no sign of when the fire might be contained — or of when authorities might be able to let the people of Woodfords back in their homes.

"If that sucker (the wind) blows back up again, I don't want to be in there," said the Forest Service's Jerry Snow. "And no one else should, either."

Thursday afternoon, a few residents had slipped past roadblocks to see just what they had lost.

For some, the loss seemed too much.

George Abbott, a prominent Gardnerville lawyer, lost a \$150,000 home. "I probably will never rebuild," he said. "Woodfords Canyon is gone."

But others said the community could come back.

"We all know the dangers of living out here," said John Bennett, "but what are you going to do?"

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Woodfords, and telephones were out in Markleeville. Highways 88 and 89 in the fire area were closed Thursday night when thick smoke cut visibility to a minimum.

The blaze comes at a time when state and federal forestry officials have warned of bone-dry conditions that have increased the fire hazard in California wild lands.

Fire had blackened over 40,000 acres of forest statewide this fire season — before the massive Sierra blaze.

Thursday's assessment of the Sierra fire means that it easily rivals the 6,420 acres burned earlier this month in the Modoc National Forest.

On Thursday, residents of the cabins and homes some 15 miles south of ice-blue Lake Tahoe sadly began returning to the rubble and charred land that was once a ruggedly beautiful mountain paradise known for fishing and serenity.

They pondered the future and spoke of how fire is an ever-present fear in these mountains.

"I got up this morning and I didn't have any place to take a shower," said Alpine County Sheriff's Deputy Skip Veatch. "So I went to brush my teeth and I didn't have a toothbrush."

Veatch, who lost his home and most of his possessions, slept Wednesday night in one of the few available bunks — in a county jail cell.

"We chose to live here for obvious reasons, but we knew the risks," said Veatch. "We always hoped it wouldn't happen, but it was always in the back of our minds."

U.S. Forest Service spokesman James Nelson said the fire — which started around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in a narrow canyon just north of Highway 88 — was thought to have been caused by "human negligence ... a cigarette or a campfire." No definite cause has been determined.

Jerry Snow, another U.S. Forest Service spokesman, said three firefighters suffered minor injuries. One twisted his knee, a second received a cut above an eye and the third was overcome from heat exhaustion.

By Thursday, one edge of the blaze had moved through Woodfords and was headed northeast toward the Nevada border. It moved through Paynesville but did little damage, Nelson said. Then it shifted and headed north, avoiding Fredericksburg as it burned the steep ridges in the direction of Jobs Peak.

Firefighters labored to keep the fire from moving through and around some 3,400 burned-out acres left a year ago by a blaze near Fredericksburg.

They watched hot spots near islands of dry grass and fought to outflank the blaze's southern advance toward trailer parks near Markleeville; and they burned and cleared a 10-mile-long swath in hopes of stopping the southward progress.

"It's setting up for us pretty good right now," said Nelson. "If we don't get the tough winds, there is an end in sight."

Meanwhile, families left homeless by the blaze coped with their losses at an emergency shelter set up at the Douglas Junior High School in Gardnerville. Others sought shelter in the homes of friends.

Some 158 residents of subdivisions such as Alpine Village, Shinville, Cherry Springs and Mesa Vista registered with the Red Cross at the shelter.

Snow of the Forest Service said the fire started in Acorn Canyon, a narrow chasm north of Highway 88 near the Crystal Springs Campground. The fire raced up a mountain to the north of the highway, then jumped to the south of the road before heading through Woodfords, a former Pony Express Remount Station.

Then it jumped back and forth across the highway, burning some buildings but missing others.

Alpine County Sheriff's Deputy Bob Tucker, on duty in the fire ravaged subdivision of Mesa Vista, said he learned of the fire from a motorist about 11:30. He radioed his department, which notified volunteer firefighters.

He said the fire was so small at first that he couldn't see it. But volunteer fireman Dave Fontana did see it — it was about 24 feet square — and drove the fire truck he operated as close as possible. Since his department doesn't have equipment to fight canyon fires, he called for Forest Service help from Markleeville.

Tucker said it took the Forest Service 15 minutes to roll three engines; and that the head of the contingent told Fontana to go home.

"He was walking up and down the highway saying, 'No problem,'" said Tucker. The deputy said the man in charge told him that the fire should be contained by a river next to Highway 88 and by rock outcroppings near the blaze.

Tucker recalled that the supervisor said, "There's no more need for your group to stand by."

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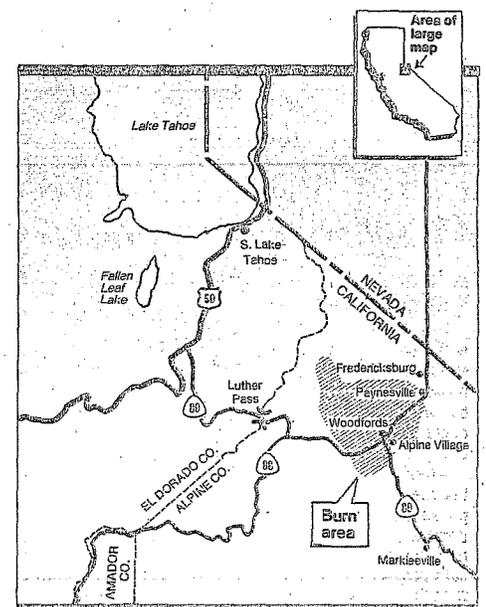
Snow, the Forest Service spokesman, said he did not know if the Forest Service fire team leader actually called off the volunteers. He said typically volunteers may be sent home for their own safety.

But the fire was fast-moving. It consumed 500 acres within five hours after it ignited. But in the next two hours, another 1,500 acres were blackened; and 12 hours after it started, 5,500 acres were burned.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday a computer analysis of the fire showed it would take 600 firefighters to contain it, but only 300 were at the scene with another 250 on the way. By Thursday, firefighters were arriving from agencies in the Sacramento area and other parts of California, as well as from Nevada, Oregon, Idaho and Utah.

Fire officials put the cost of fighting the blaze through Thursday night at \$560,000. There were some 90 engines, three helicopters, four air tankers, eight bulldozers and dozens of "hot shot" teams equipped with shovels and axes.

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Dying winds help 1,500 firefighters

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Victims— response too slow

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WOODFORDS, Calif. — Dejected victims of the Acorn Creek fire complain fire officials moved slowly on it after the initial call and an Alpine County sheriff's deputy said the blaze could have been extinguished well before it got out of hand.

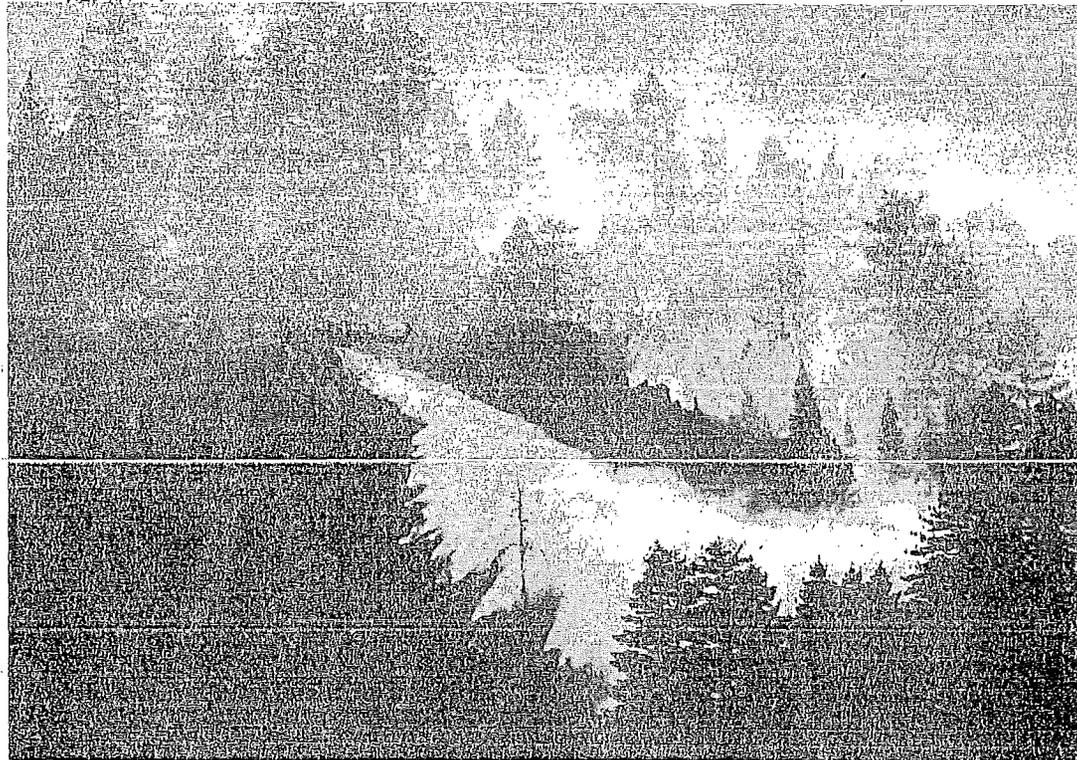
Alpine County rancher Clarence Burr, whose family has ranched for four generations in and around Diamond Valley, said he ended up fighting the fire himself, after pleading with forestry officials to do so.

Burr said he had a residential crew ready to fight the fire while the Forest Service wasted time looking at it.

"When we finally got the Forest Service off our back, I took a hand-picked crew, and we stopped the fire from going any further in Diamond Valley," Burr said today.

The fire so far has destroyed 24 homes, damaged 50 others, six seriously, and has charred 6,550 acres. More than 1,500 firefighters continue to battle the fire in the Woodfords area. They expect to contain the fire by 6 p.m. Saturday.

Burr said he suffered a \$1 million loss when the fire destroyed land that he was ready to put a subdivision on.



Examiner photo by Craig Lee

THE ACORN BLAZE near Woodfords, Calif., has destroyed 27 homes and more than 6,500 acres have been burned. Above, a

helicopter dumps a load of fire retardant in one section of the forest.

Tucker blamed a U.S. Forest Service supervisor's decision to release a volunteer fire crew early for allowing what had been a 24 square-foot blaze to escalate into a 6,550-acre firestorm, the AP said.

The AP reported that Tucker said he learned of the fire about noon Wednesday from a passing motorist. He radioed his department, which notified volunteer firefighters.

Since the blaze was in a steep canyon and the volunteer force doesn't have the equipment to fight canyon fires, Tucker said the Forest Service was called in for assistance.

Tucker said it took the Forest Service 15 minutes to roll three engines, and when the federal crew chief arrived he told the volunteers

to go home.

"He (the federal supervisor) was walking up and down the highway saying, 'No problem,'" Tucker said, adding that the supervisor told him that the fire should be contained by a river next to Highway 88 and by rock outcroppings near the blaze.

According to Tucker, the supervisor said, "There's no more need for your group to stand by."

"We said '10-4' and rolled our rigs out," added Tucker. "If they had asked the volunteers to stay there when the fire was started, we wouldn't be here now."

Forest Service spokesman Jerry Snow told the AP he doesn't know if the federal supervisor actually called off the volunteers.

Contacted by the Nevada Appeal,

Snow explained how the action developed on Wednesday's fire.

Snow said the initial report on Wednesday's fire came in about noon, and the service immediately contacted the local command center and dispatched four tankers plus numerous hand crews into the Woodfords area.

"We immediately saw this was going to be a hard one because of the terrain," Snow said.

"We then decided to dispatch an overhead flight crew to survey the area to find out exactly what we were going to need to stop this fire."

When asked if there was any delay Snow said, "No. Our main concern with fires, especially along the Sierra region, is getting crews and

All the manpower and equipment the nation's best firefighting agencies had to offer was of little consolation to Jim Shinn as he viewed the smoldering blackened mass he once called home. Page A-6
 Woodfords disaster: Photographs of the fire scene one day later. Page A-6

equipment immediately dispatched to the scene.

"When we first surveyed the area we saw that we would have to send in numerous hand crews."

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'Acorn' fire 40% contained

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WOODFORDS, Calif. — Dying winds have helped firefighters in their battle against a blaze that consumed 24 homes and blackened 6,550 acres in this Sierra Nevada community, and officials predicted the fire would be contained by Saturday evening.

Fire boss John Russell said today the blaze only grew by 100 acres overnight, largely because of cooler temperatures and decreasing winds.

Russell said 1,500 firefighters were battling the man-caused blaze today, including several crews that were airlifted into higher elevations on the fire's southern and western flanks.

Firefighters managed Thursday to set up a fire line around 40 percent of the blaze, and Russell said 100 percent containment should come by 6 p.m. Saturday.

As of 10 a.m. today all roads into the area were open to the public.

The south and west fronts were still burning out of control today, but U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Lesley Foster said the area is in the high rocky ridges above this small town and there was no immediate threat to homes.

Vicious mountain gusts whipped the flames through Woodfords and two subdivisions on Wednesday, leaving nearly one-fourth of the 100 families here homeless and damaging another 50 homes, six of them seriously, according to fire boss John Russell.

The costs of fighting the fire as of today were estimated at \$1 million \$560,000 by Jerry Snow, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

Forest Service investigators Nate Leising and Larry Dodds said there are signs of people in the immediate area of where the fire started, although there is no obvious evidence of arson or even an accidental fire cause such as a smoldering campfire. The investigators said it is unlikely that a passing motorist

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could have flipped a cigarette since it is 200 yards from the road to the spot where the fire appears to have started at the bottom of Acorn Canyon.

They said they haven't eliminated a campfire but due to the steepness it not a good place to camp.

They also said they don't know at this point of any eyewitnesses to the actual start of the fire although they have been talking with campers, fisherman and motorists who were in the area and saw the smoke soon after it started.

An unofficial estimate of damages to the homes and other structures

was at least \$2 million.

A re-evaluation of the fire damage, Snow said, revised the number of homes destroyed in Wednesday's firestorm down to 24 from 27. Fifty other homes were damaged, six of them extensively, he said. In addition, a number of outbuildings and vehicles were consumed.

Three minor injuries were reported among firefighters.

Although some of the 250 people who were ordered to leave their homes Wednesday were being allowed to return, the area was being patrolled against looters. All highways through the area remained closed, but one incidence of vandal-

ism had been reported.

The fire line succeeded in protecting a mobile home park on the fire's southern flank, officials said. They didn't know how many homes the park contained.

"I got my wife and two kids, my wife's car and her purse," said Alpine County Sheriff's Deputy Skip Veatch. "It got to be such a firestorm there was absolutely nothing we could do about it."

Veatch said he had been trying to fight the fire shortly after it broke out in a steep canyon across the highway from a campground, but had to rush home to help his family flee minutes before their home was

ignited.

County Supervisor John Bennett returned to his leveled home on Thursday where the heat remained so intense that bullets buried in the rubble occasionally exploded.

"We got out with about what I got on and my wife's organ. And we got some photo albums and a little gun collection," he said. Bennett added that a sleeping bag he threw over the organ to protect it caught fire.

The fire had moved upward into tall pine trees by Thursday, leaving behind a scorched desert of untouched or slightly damaged homes amid the rubble of houses which were destroyed.

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Conditions when the fire first started were less than good, he said.

Gusting winds between 25 and 35 mph quickly spread the fire from the Woodfords area north toward Fredricksburg.

"Our main concerns were for the safety of the people in the area," Snow said.

"We needed to get them out as quickly as possible."

"A second concern was for the firefighters themselves, many who displayed great heroism in fighting flames that at times reached 60 feet into the sky.

"Without the immediate help of the local volunteer firefighters, I think we would have lost many more houses.

"Our second major concern was for the houses in the immediate danger area. Our initial size-up dictated that this would be the focal point and to try and save as many of the homes as we could."

Woodfords area resident Barbara Jones said she first noticed a column of smoke trailing into the sky at just about noon Wednesday.

"We watched it for about 20 minutes, and the smoke seemed to be getting bigger," Jones said.

Jones said she called a neighbor in the Crystal Springs area, and they continued to listen to local scanner traffic.

Jones said that by 2 p.m. they saw fire retardant bombers heading toward the fire.

"We were here for last year's fire, and we suspected what was coming," Jones said.

Jones said that by 3 p.m. she had been told by sheriff's deputies from the Alpine County Sheriff's Department to evacuate her home immediately.

Jones said she threw some things in the car and retreated down the

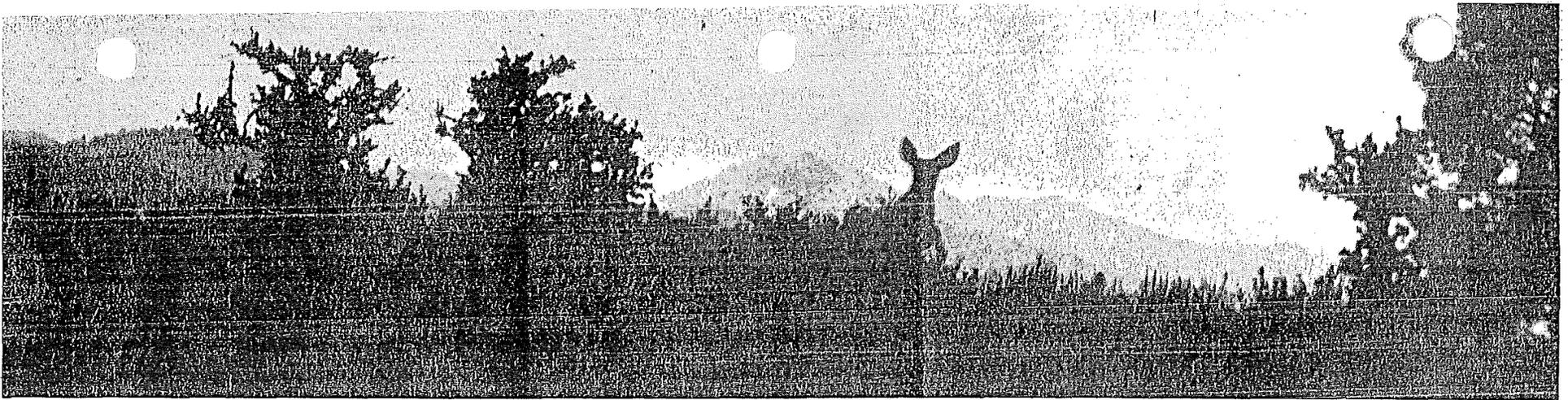
road to Highway 88.

"By that time we could see firefighters readying to fight the fire in the Mesa Vista area," Jones said.

Jones said she was finally forced to completely leave the area and went to the emergency Red Cross center which had been set up at the Gardnerville Middle School.

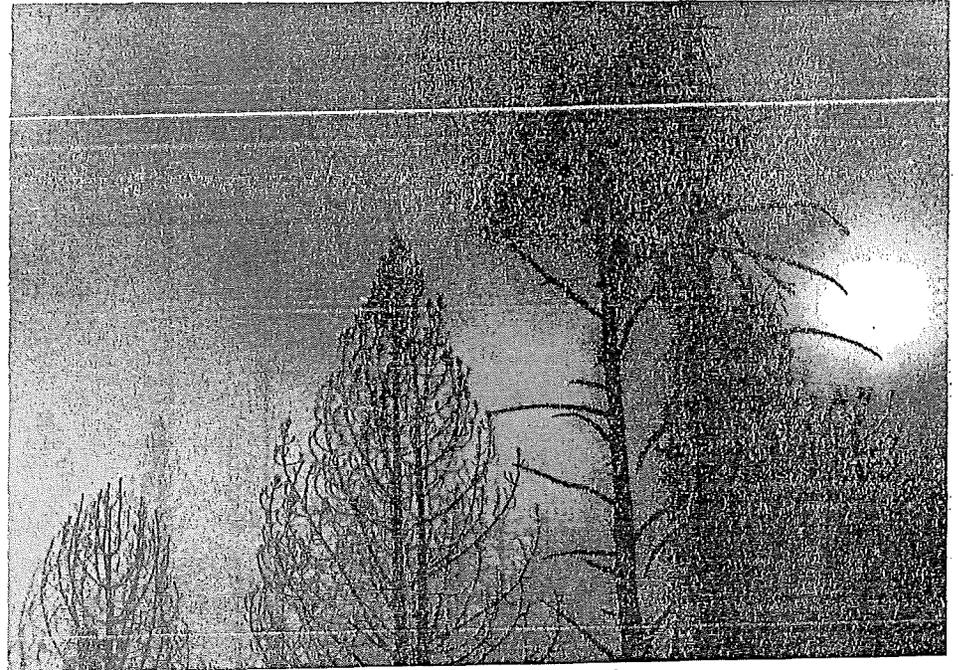
Jones said, "The fire was racing so quickly I'm surprised they managed to save anything."

Snow said, "Initially we tried to get our firefighting resources to the places where they would do the most good. Thank God we had the volunteers there."



A FLEEING DEER, frightened by flame and smoke from the Woodfords fire, jumps to safety amid backdrop of Sierra Nevada.

Through the haze



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