



1875 when Markleeville took over from the waning town. Today little remains of Kongsberg, where 3500 people once lived (more than the present county population).

Climbing up the valley, you cross a bridge over Raymond Creek. Stop and gasp at the sight of Raymond Creek Falls upstream. Just past a sharp bend up ahead, two campgrounds of the Toiyabe National Forest are spread out on both sides of the road. By turning right, you can get a campsite that offers a commanding view of the Silver Creek Valley and access to the falls. The campground on the other side has a trailhead that takes you through Nobel Canyon. Farther along the highway, on a sharp bend called "Cadillac Corner"—after a still-visible car that missed this curve and plunged into the canyon—there is a parking area that serves the trailhead to Nobel Canyon. A short distance along this trail, you reach a recently created beaver pond with logs scattered throughout the water.

As it snakes its way up past aspen groves, the highway passes several primitive, mostly roadside campsites. These are little more than dirt driveways leading to rocky fire circles. In fact, much of the high country on either side of Ebbetts Pass provides primitive roadside sites for the taking. One of my all-time favorite campsites is in this Silver Creek area. It is next to a small creek, surrounded by aspens and willows; from the top of a nearby hill, you can get a broad view of the valley. The sound of rushing water will lull you to sleep at night. The next morning, wade into the chilly creek and discover where it has carved smooth contours into the granite. Then sit and let the water caress your legs, like the jets of a cold water spa.

After passing the Kinney Reservoir, and probably a number of anglers, you reach the trailheads for the Pacific Crest Trail just before 8730' Ebbetts Pass. By taking the first trailhead, which heads south, you climb a ridge and curve around a slope toward Nobel Lake, which you reach in 4.3 miles. Taking the second trailhead, you climb to a

viewpoint of the highway and Kinney Reservoir; continuing north past Ebbetts Peak and some small ponds and lakes, you reach Upper Kinney Lake in less than two miles. Two backpack trips worth considering are (1) have a friend drop you and a hiking buddy off near Ebbetts Pass, then meet you at Carson Pass after you've hiked north along the PCT for about 28 miles; or (2) have him meet you at Sonora Pass after you've backpacked south for about 31 miles.

Notice that the Ebbetts Pass area is granite overlain in places by more recent volcanic outpourings. Glaciers did most of the carving, so the lakes usually occupy polished granite basins. Head west from the pass, and in about two miles you come to a dirt road leading south to the Highland Lakes area. Two miles along the dirt road, you'll see the Bloomfield Campground—an unimproved area at 7800 feet (bring your own water). Highland Lakes, 8600', is also an unimproved area, with water available from the lakes and streams that you will have to treat. Trails from here lead to Upper Gardner Meadow, The Iceberg, Iceberg Meadow, Airola Peak, and Iceberg Peak, all of which are in the 160,000 acre Carson-Iceberg Wilderness Area. In fact, Highway 4's high country is flanked by wilderness areas to the north (Mokelumne Wilderness, which gained an additional 55,000 acres from the California Wilderness Act, much of it along its southern boundary), and to the south (Carson-Iceberg).

Farther west on 4, the road leads past the Hermit Valley Campground and crosses the Mokelumne River. In this valley in the early 1860's, a place called Holden's was the stopping place for travelers. At this point, the old Emigrant Road from Calaveras County turned north toward Border Ruffian Pass, the Blue Lakes, and Charity, Faith, and Hope Valleys to join with the Kit Carson Pass Road. Later, the road to Silver Mountain City was extended from here.

Just before the highway begins a long climb, a dirt road to the south

leads to the Pacific Valley Campground at 7600 feet. Hermit and Pacific Valley Campgrounds are primitive. The dirt road narrows to a hiking trail that leads into Carson-Iceberg near Bull Run Peak.

Through a couple of hairpin turns, you reach the Pacific Grade Summit at 8050 feet, which is the end of the ridge that separates the Stanislaus River and Mokelumne River drainages. From here, you can see a small reservoir called Mosquito Lake, and Camp Kilkare, a summer home development. A trail starting at the west end of the lake leads to Heiser Lake on the boundary of the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness. Lined with red heather and aromatic Labrador tea, this lake—with granite boulder islands—is about a mile from the road.

Farther west, after you've navigated some more hairpin turns, the major recreational attraction along the Stanislaus National Forest portion of Highway 4 is Lake Alpine.

The pine-shrouded Lake Alpine is on the Alpine County-Calaveras County line at 7320 feet, 50 miles from Angels Camp. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company created the lake with a dam across Silver Creek, a tributary of the Stanislaus River. The old Emigrant Road, which went through Silver Creek Valley, was inundated by the 180 acre, 40'-deep lake. Motor boating is allowed here and the lake is stocked by the Department of Fish and Game with rainbow trout. Four developed, and one undeveloped overflow, drive-in campgrounds and a backpacker's campground provide site for campers. The more luxurious Alpine Resort also provides accommodations. These facilities and picnic areas are usually open from June 15 to October 15.

One good reason for the backpacker's campground is that the 186 mile Tahoe-Yosemite Trail runs by the eastern end of the lake. To head south on this trail, start at the east end of Silver Valley Campground. In about a mile, up and over a low ridge, you'll reach a meadow at Duck Lake (watch for mosquitoes in the early season) on the border of



Southeast of Lake Alpine, the Volcanic Inspiration Point gives views of several reservoirs of the Stanislaus River.

the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness. Rock Lake, a shallow, marshy body of water that can make for a warm swim, is farther on—4.5 miles from Lake Alpine. To head north on the TYT, starting across the highway from the major camping area. You'll quickly get a view of the Mokelumne Tetons, Mokelumne Peak, and Mokelumne River. In about 4 miles, you'll reach the Mokelumne Wilderness. Around Lake Alpine itself, trails lead to two volcanic ridges—Osborne Point on the western side and Inspiration Point on the southeast. Gracing these ridges, the broad sunflower heads of mule ears add yellow to the reddish-brown of the soil.

Enjoy the Ebbetts Pass area while you can. In the winter, this entire stretch of "narrowed deer trail" from Lake Alpine east to the Highway 4-Highway 89 Junction lies quietly under a blanket of snow.

Four books that will help you explore the trails along Highway 4, all by Wilderness Press, are *Sierra North* by Thomas Winnett, *Pacific Crest Trail: Volume 1- California* by

Winnett and others, *Tahoe-Yosemite Trail* by Thomas Winnett, and the *High Sierra Hiking Guide #18, Sonora Pass* (which includes Ebbetts Pass) by Jeffrey P. Schaffer. The U.S.G.S. quadrangle topo maps covering this area are: Silver Lake (north of, but not including Lake Alpine), Markleeville (Ebbetts Pass, Mosquito Lake), Topaz Lake (Wolf Creek Meadows), Sonora Pass (southern East Fork Carson River), Dardanelles (eastern Lake Alpine), and Big Meadows (west end of Lake Alpine).

For up-to-date information and permits for backpacking trips into the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, call the Stanislaus National Forest's Calaveras Ranger District at 209-795-1381 or the Toiyabe National Forest's Carson Ranger District at 702-882-2766. For Mokelumne Wilderness information, call the Eldorado National Forest at 916-644-6048.

If you'll be hauling a trailer, you should know that the Highway Department warns against trailers longer than 25 feet, due to the twisty and narrow nature of this stretch of highway. ❄️

Politics in Alpine are down to earth

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When local legislative bodies make a decision, the motion is usually framed in formal legal terms and recorded with great solemnity in the official minutes.

But the folks in Alpine County are not as stuffy as their cousins in bigger counties. When the Board of Supervisors makes up its mind, the decision is not phrased in lawyer babble, but in plain English.

On July 19, Supervisor Don Jardine brought up a proposal to house a California Youth Authority juvenile offender camp in the county to provide wildfire hand crews, which he feels the county desperately needs to prevent recurrence of last year's disastrous Acorn fire.

But in a June 7 advisory referendum, Alpine voters came down hard and fast against a proposed adult inmate camp in the sparsely populated county, and that was pointed out at the hearing. Jardine's heart is in the

right place, but the board ought to forget the whole thing, fellow Supervisor John Freeman said.

And that's the way the decision was recorded for all time in the minutes: a motion by Freeman to "forget the whole thing." The motion was approved 3-2.

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1 year later — Acorn Fire revisited

Tempers still sizzle over the 26 gutted homes

By MIKE KRAPFL
Appeal Staff Writer

WOODFORDS — The hard feelings of property owners who lost homes and of firefighters who were blamed for the losses still smolder more than a year after the tragic Acorn Fire here.

It only takes a few minutes of conversation with members of either group for hard-felt emotions to put an edge on voices as apparent as the charred trees above the tiny mountain community here.

But beneath the accusations and the defenses, there is a message as subtle as the new green now emerging from the charred black of the mountainside. A message that good has come from the harsh dialogue and both sides have learned some hard lessons,

Guy Pence, the head ranger of the Carson District of the Toiyabe National Forest headquartered in Carson City, said last week that he had certainly learned from the tragedy.

Sitting behind his desk, with reports defending how the United States Forest Service fought the Acorn Fire stacked before him, Pence pointed out a separate document and called it the biggest lesson learned from the fire.

The document was a plan to improve fire protection in Alpine County, Calif., whose slopes the Acorn Fire burned.

The plan was produced cooperatively by the county, the USFS and several other government agencies and several county residents who lost homes to the Acorn Fire.

The plan lists 16 improvements — No. 3, for example, is "Strengthening the capability of all

fire agencies through improved joint training" — that need to be made in order to effectively fight wildfire in Alpine County.

In addition to listing the 16 general improvements needed to better fight wildfires near here, the report lists a total of 83 steps that must be taken to accomplish the improvements.

Pointing to the document, Pence said "one thing that may not be in that thing, but what we did find out in going through the process (of writing it) is that we were able to sit across the table and discuss problems."

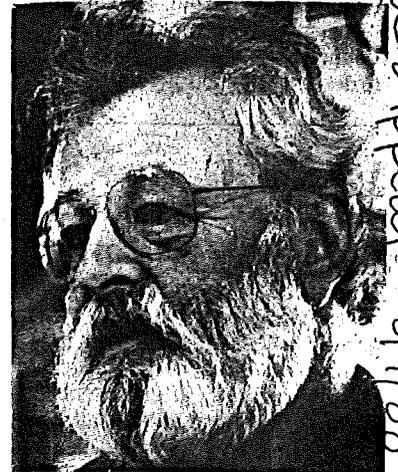
"We found out we were both human and could work together," he said. "I know a lot of people probably bet that couldn't happen."

And in order to prevent tragedies like the

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Guy Pence
district ranger



Dave Kirby
businessman

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Fire

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Acorn Fire in the future — the fire burned more than 6,500 acres of land around here and destroyed 26 homes — people here and elsewhere will have to work together, Pence said.

"This ranger district extends 100 miles up and down the Sierra's Eastern Front across eight counties and we could duplicate the tragedy of the Acorn Fire anywhere within those 100 miles," he said.

And so Pence is trekking out to county commissioner and county supervisor meetings up and down the front to introduce himself and show a videotape outlining how agencies and counties can cooperate now to prevent another Acorn tragedy.

Besides introducing himself, Pence also makes it a point to tell county officials at these meetings that they too have a responsibility in preventing tragedy.

"The counties have a big responsibility to require fire-safe development," Pence said. "That includes wide roads capable of handling fire equipment, fire-proof shingles and adequate water supplies," he said.

"If officials allow development without taking these things into consideration, they're letting their residents down," he said.

Don Jardine, an Alpine County supervisor, agreed that the responsibility for preventing fires isn't one the USFS can bear alone.

Since the Acorn Fire, "a lot of have learned the value of mutual cooperation and understanding."

That understanding is not only important in fighting fires, Jardine said, but in taking responsibility for their prevention.

He said Alpine County, as a result of the fire, now requires class-A, fire-resistant roofing.

He said the county, in conjunction with the USFS, is also increasing efforts to make residents of the wooded area here aware of their responsibility to make their homes fire safe.

Simply clearing brush, debris or firewood from a mountain home can make it much more fire resistant, Pence said.

Because of the fire, Jardine said residents have learned the importance of such preventive measures

and residents now understand how their homes can affect the fate of their neighbor's in case of a fire and visa versa.

"I think it's great that people are beginning to think about how their homes interact and how that could prevent tragedy," Jardine said.

Like the USFS, the county and some homeowners, Dave Kirby said the Woodfords Volunteer Fire Department has learned some lessons since the fire.

Lessons, however, that are at odds with those of cooperation and mutual responsibility Pence and Jardine said they had learned as a result of the tragic fire.

Kirby, standing behind the cash register of the Woodfords Station General Store he owns here, said "you're damn right feelings here are still strong about the fire."

Especially amongst the volunteers who will "never let that happen again," he said.

An emotional Kirby said "we'll never allow a wildlands fire to get to a house again. We'll get aggressive (toward a fire) if they (USFS firefighters) don't," he said.

Pence responded to Kirby's criticism that the USFS allowed the fire to get out of control by getting just as emotional and calling the criticisms "Monday morning quarterbacking."

He said the recent fire a Kingsbury Grade is another example of how people look at the job the USFS does.

"People will look at how we fought that (Kingsbury Grade) fire and say 'I would do it differently,'" Pence said. "But most of them couldn't put out a cigarette."

And so the accusations and defenses went at the time of the fire and so they continue today.

So far, some 30 people have filed suit against the USFS blaming it for negligence in allowing the Acorn Fire to get as big and destructive as it did.

Tom Pemberton, an attorney representing most of the property owners who lost homes to the fire, said some residents' hard feelings toward the forest service have grown stronger "because the system hasn't responded to them."

One year after the fire that destroyed their home, he estimated

the residents' suits against the forest service won't reach a courtroom for another two years.

E.V. Ed Schalbert, a resident who lost his home but isn't suing the USFS, stood in his new home's kitchen recently and said he isn't suing because "I was more worried about replacing my house."

Schalbert, the constable for Alpine County, said his insurance company paid most of the cost of building his comfortable new home where his old one burned.

Even though "we have a nicer house and nicer furniture now, we (he and his wife Mary) would still rather have what we had," he said.

Though he said "I can't be going out and saying you're guilty (of letting the fire get out of control), back here I know what happened," he said while pointing to the back of his head.

Though his implication was that the USFS was to blame, Schalbert did say he thought good had come from the tragedy of coming home to a burned-down house.

"From what I hear there will be more understanding with the different agencies to work together and that would be better," he said.

He also said "I hear that in other areas whenever there has been a fire there was damn near a (USFS) truck in front of every house."

And, above his head, his house was covered by a fire-resistant roof.

"So there was some good," he said.

Though Pence said he realized "there are some relationships that will never mend down there (in Woodfords), that doesn't mean I won't try."

He said he and his staffers are making an effort spend time "spitting and whittling" with people like Schalbert here and elsewhere in order to "listen, educate and be good neighbors."

Though that might not make friends of all the residents here, Pence said "hopefully we can at least change attitudes and minimize damage to property and life in other fires," he said.

"We're not going to ever be able to stop the fires, but hopefully we can lessen the chances of such a tragedy," Pence said. "Cooperation is the only way to do that."



Appeal photos by Lisa J. Tolda

WHILE THE house at top has not been rebuilt after it burned in the Acorn Fire, the two homes behind it have been restored. Below, E.V Ed Schalbert stands in front of his new home. He lost his other house in the tragic Woodfords fire last summer.

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10 YEARS AGO

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The Record-Courier

VOTER FRAUD CASE. "Political prisoners" was one of the terms four persons recently convicted of illegally registering to vote in Alpine County used to describe themselves to reporters last Thursday when they announced they would be filing 56 separate suits in connection with the case.

The four were released on their own recognizance after the jury found them guilty of registering to vote in the June primary although they were not residents of the county.

The four are connected with a group that many Alpine County residents believed was attempting to take over the county in order to establish a community based on "constitutional" principles. The group reportedly believes that the United States Constitution is not being followed by governments.

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Alpine County Faire will offer many different events

There will be a parade, and hot air balloon rides, and races, and food, and arts and crafts and . . .

Much much more, as the saying goes, will be offered at the 8th annual Alpine Country Faire in Markleeville Aug. 27 and 28.

Music and dancing, the yearly tug-o-war, chili cook-off, fun run, watermelon-eating contest, street dance and a community concert are among the other items on the schedule for the event.

The Fun Run begins at 7 a.m. with registration at the Alpine Hotel Saturday, Aug. 27. The fee is \$12 (seniors are half-

price).

Categories include men and women 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

Families are encouraged to take part.

The run begins at 8, with two timed routes, 10-kilometer or 2-mile. Runners will receive a T-shirt and a "Celebrate in '88" Lucky "8" buck.

The tug-o-war is at 10 a.m., and the chili cook-off is set for the morning with judging at 2:30 p.m. The treasure hunt is at 11.

The watermelon-eating contest is at 1, with the community concert by the Capitol City Or-

chestra from Carson City set for 4:30 at the Alpine County Historical Museum grounds on School Street and Webster.

The street dance begins at 8 p.m.

The arts and crafts (featuring food booths) reopens Sunday morning (Aug. 28) at 9:30 a.m.

The "biggest little parade in the world" with Honorary Grand Marshal Bertha the elephant from John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks begins at 11 a.m. The Pony Express Riders will form the color guard.

The fair closes at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the Alpine Country Faire Council, (916) 694-2475.

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Pages from the Past 8/12/88

By BILL DOLAN

..100 Years Ago..

* **THE MARKLEEVILLE** — creek is nearly dry at the town of Markleeville, persons can walk across it without wetting his feet. **ON ACCOUNT** — of the scarcity of water firemen have been ordered by the city trustees to take water from the cisterns with their engines and not use the hydrants. **SALE** — of the circus ring stock is advertised in another column for Monday. It may be a good time to pick up some bargains.

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REPORT — on Pvt. Dan Arratabel, Company I, 16th Infantry (in France) says the Germans were shelling the road and he was on a detail to haul ammunition and supplies to the front ... wounded in the left arm by a piece of high explosive shell ... letter to Mrs. S.S. Betten-court, chairman of the Red Cross Home Service Committee.

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CHARLEY DICK — an Indian who has been employed in Carson Valley for many years ... victim of hit-and-run accident ... apparently Dayton rancher on Dayton highway near Thomas Furlong home, injured.

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MEMBERS — of the Ormsby County Golf Course Study Committee will be accumulating information as to whether an 18-hole golf

course is needed for Carson City ...
John Bullis, chairman

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PICTURE FEATURE — "What do you think of politicians who campaign door-to-door?" Pam Jewett, Kurt Tella, Bob Parrish, Walt Hanks, Claudia Van Gordon, Elsie McCown ... three yes, one don't mind, one lives in areas where they don't come around.

Nevada, California take sides over proposed East Carson River dam

By Steve Papinchak/Gazette-Journal

MARKLEEVILLE — The silence is broken only by the water cascading over rocks at an isolated stretch of the East Carson River where Elwood Davis stands with his fly rod.

Davis flicks his wrist and a white fishing line gracefully curls overhead before it straightens and softly drops a lure onto a river pool that the 77-year-old fisherman says contains only wild trout.

This is an untamed river with no dams or hatchery-raised fish, and Davis wants it to stay that way. He supports an effort to get California to designate some 10 miles of the East Carson a wild and scenic river.

But it's a move that's raising a flood of protest downstream in Nevada, where officials want to dam the East Carson for flood control and to quench the thirst of growing communities in three counties.

"We've raised some concerns with the state of California," said Roland Westergard, Nevada's director of Conservation and Natural Resources. "We'd like to maintain the prerogative of building a dam in Nevada, even if it backs up into California."

For years, leaders in Nevada's Carson Valley and surrounding communities discussed the possibility of using a dam and reservoir for water storage and flood control. Water is so scarce in Carson City that growth is limited to 3 percent a year.

In Douglas County, there's concern about flooding along the East Carson, which enters the state to the south of Gardnerville.

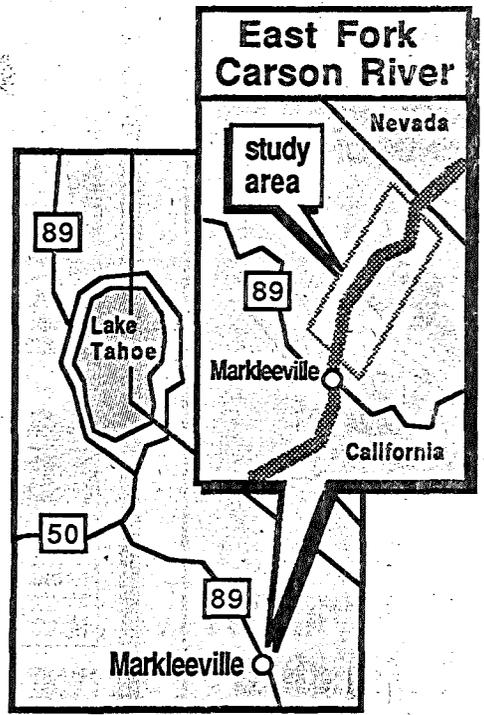
Although any dam is at least 15 years from becoming a reality, it's an issue right now because California is moving quickly in its consideration of a wild and scenic river designation for the East Carson, from just east of Markleeville, at Hangman's Bridge, to the California-Nevada border.

The designation would mandate the river remain free flowing, meaning it can't be dammed. Other types of development or water diversion along the river also would be prohibited or strictly controlled.

A hearing on naming the East Carson a wild and scenic river is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday at the South Lake Tahoe City Council chambers. At 2 p.m. Thursday, there'll be a South Lake Tahoe hearing on giving wild and scenic river status to the West Walker River, from the town of Walker to 33 miles upstream.

California also is considering declaring the McCloud River, near Mount Shasta, a wild and scenic river. Hearings concerning that river are set for Tuesday in Redding.

The California Legislature in 1986 ordered studies of the three rivers, and directed the California Resources Agency to make a recommendation by January 1, 1989. A recent consultant's report recom-



mended that all three rivers be designated wild and scenic. The final decision rests with California lawmakers.

The California Farm Bureau and others interested in eventually placing reservoirs or dams along the East Carson, West Walker and McCloud rivers are protesting the wild and scenic status. So far, however, most of the debate has focused

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River dispute

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on the East Carson.

Nevadans aren't the only foes of strict protection for the East Carson. The Alpine County Board of Supervisors in April recommended against the wild and scenic designation on a 3-1 vote. Some supervisors say the county might be able to get additional water should a dam be built; others protest the loss of local control should the state protect the river.

"This is a real controversial thing," Davis says, standing near the river's edge. "Everyone has a different opinion, but, personally, I like the river the way it is."

Davis looks downriver, toward a rocky hill that the East Carson goes around before a few miles later meandering past hot springs that flow over 8-foot-high falls.

"I have no money involved in this," he says, "but there are those in Carson Valley who want a dam, and they include the developers."

The spot where Davis stands is about two miles from the nearest paved road. He got there by driving a four-wheel-drive vehicle over a dirt road covered with ruts and boulders. It's the best road available for reaching the river section that's being considered for a wild and scenic river, he says.

Willows line the river where Davis fishes. Sagebrush, bitterbrush and mountain mahogany climb the hillside to pinyon-dotted mountains. Upstream, there are tall stands of mountain pine; downstream it's mostly sagebrush and desert. It's a perfect example of what's called a Great Basin transition zone.

Davis, head of the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission, has seen most of the river. He hikes or uses a four-wheeler to reach fishing spots, where mostly rainbow and brown trout, along with a few Lahontan cutthroat, can be caught.

"We don't plant hatchery fish in here," he says. "It's strictly wild trout, which are harder to catch."

Because it's relatively inaccessible, rafters are the most frequent visitors along the white waters of the East Carson. Some 20 commercial outfitters operate on the river, although the river has been too low for rafting for the last two years. They journey 21 miles down the river, from Hangman's Bridge to near Gardnerville.

"The scenery is incredible," says Sara Apker, manager of Morts Outrageous River Trips. "It's all wilderness, with lots of birds, fish and deer that migrate across the river."

One dam that has been discussed for 25 years would eliminate rafting and change the East Carson's fish population. The Watashaumu Dam would have a maximum capacity of 160,000 acre-feet and inundate the East Carson channel for about eight miles into California.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has declared the project infeasible, primarily because of its anticipated high cost and the difficult legal issues involved in any interstate water project.

But some Nevada officials say the Watashaumu Dam will become a reality when the demand for water increases.

Also under consideration is the Bodie Dam, about one-third the size of the Watashaumu. When its reservoir reaches capacity, this

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Nevada dam would back up water to within two-tenths of a mile from the California border.

The Sacramento consultants who recommended giving the East Carson a wild and scenic river designation say the Bodie Dam won't interfere with the California portion of the river.

In endorsing the protection of the river, the consultants recommended the California Legislature reserve the option of removing the East Carson's wild and scenic designation should it later decide to join with Nevada in the Wata-shaumu Dam.

But the Nevada areas that would most benefit from a dam — Douglas County, Carson City and Lyon County — have their own consultant. And he recommends against wild and scenic river des-

ignation for the East Carson.

Ira Rackley of Kennedy, Kenks, Chilton, Inc., the Carson City consulting engineers representing the tricounty Carson Water Subconservancy District, says protecting the California stretch of the East Carson could result in a similar declaration by the federal government.

There is reason for Rackley's concern. The land management plan for the Toiyabe National Forest says the entire river, including its 10-mile Nevada section, is eligible for national wild and scenic river status. About 80 percent of the East Carson is managed by the Toiyabe National Forest or Bureau of Land Management; the rest is mostly owned by ranchers.

Jim Nelson, forest supervisor of the Toiyabe National Forest, said

any effort to dam the East Carson would require a full-blown study to determine if all of the river — including the Nevada portion — should get federal wild and scenic river protection.

Bodie Dam is at least 15 years away, Rackley says, although planning would have to begin in the early 1990s. First, however, other water sources should be developed, and there's a chance that success in those efforts will eliminate the need for a dam.

But Assemblyman Lou Bergevin, R-Gardnerville, says a dam will be needed, and the Bodie Dam isn't big enough. The giant Wata-shaumu Dam will become a reality when water becomes so scarce that it'll be worth paying several hundred million dollars for a project that will back water up

into California, he says.

And that means California shouldn't declare its lower 10 miles of the East Carson as a wild and scenic river, Bergevin says.

"It's a move by the dyed-in-the-wool environmentalists to get the upper hand and try to prevent the use of the river in the future for anything but what they want it for," he says.

Paula Pennington, a California parks ranger stationed in Markleeville, says a dam will destroy the solitude of the river, alter the migration of deer and force bald eagles, golden eagles and other species from the area.

And perhaps stopping a Nevada dam will be a blessing for the Gardnerville-Minden area, she says.

"Maybe it would protect the

people of Carson Valley from themselves," she says. "It seems that they want to turn the valley down there into another Silicon Valley. Maybe this will give them the opportunity to think about it. Maybe it'll help them come to their senses."

In recommending the wild and scenic river designation, the Sacramento consultants note that the East Carson is one of only two rivers on the east side of the Sierra that have extensive portions of free-flowing water. The West Walker is the other.

Major portions of the Smith, Klamath, Trinity, American and Eel rivers are already in the Golden State's wild and scenic river system.

Nevada has no such designation.

Pony Express wants to preserve the heritage of the famous mail route

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The past belongs to the future, but only the present can preserve it."

by DAVE PRICE
Staff writer

The passage, from an anonymous donor, can be found in the Bureau of Land Management publication, "The Pony Express in Nevada," chronicling the history of that service in the Silver State.

It also offers a brief insight into the efforts of a small band of individuals that includes Carson Valley residents Greg Sherwood and Bob Moore.

Sherwood is the reigning president of the Nevada Division of the National Pony Express Association. Moore was the charter secretary and has served as president for an organization that has existed in Nevada for 10 years.

The modern-day Pony Express riders may be seen at parades, or special events such as the trail marker dedication held July 16 in Hope Valley. They are also visible during the Pony Express re-ride held annually in June.

The Nevada Division has approximately 100 members, according to Sherwood, a number that includes a handful of Valley residents. Among the Valley members is Fred Dressler, who at 90, is the elder statesman of Pony Express riders.

The Pony Express had a run that lasted only 18 months between 1860 and '61. And the aim of

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The Pony Express was actually a private enterprise devised to open the line of communication from East to West. It cut the time of delivering a letter from four weeks (via ship) to 10 days. The demise of the service came days after the completion of the transcontinental telegraph.

A total of 35,000 letters — including a copy of Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address — were delivered between April 3, 1860 and Oct. 28, 1861. Not a single letter was lost.

According to Sherwood and Moore, an estimated 80 riders would be in the saddle at a given time. Most of these riders were small, compact men who weighed between 100 and 120 pounds.

Many were seasoned guides or scouts, many were teen-agers as young as 14. Many did not live through the experience. In return, they received \$25 per week, two revolvers, a rifle, a bowie knife and a gold-imprinted Bible.

Delivery carried a steep price, averaging \$1 to \$5 an ounce. (Today, letters are sent for the same cost as part of the Pony Express re-ride). Important government dispatches and documents were transported at this time, linking the West with an East that was on the verge of the Civil War.

The actual trail passes through eight states, covering 2,000 miles between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento. In Nevada, it follows a route

to include between 100 and 150 miles a day of Sherwood, Moore and their fellow members is to see that the memory is everlasting.

"Our ultimate goal is to get this trail preserved for the generations to come," Moore explained. "This is our chance to remember the people who got us this far and look at what they went through."

"This is a great thing for the people of the Carson Valley. We're really blessed to have this piece of history right here in our own backyard," Sherwood added.

"The thing is, we have this tremendous piece of history we're sitting on, and 99 percent of the people in the Carson Valley don't know about it. They don't know where the trail is. We know it's there, and we want to get that story across to the people."

The labors of the National Pony Express Association haven't gone without reward. Legislation (Bill S-2400, co-sponsored by Chic Hecht of Nevada and California's Norm Shumway) has been introduced into the U.S. Senate that would place the historic trail as part of the national trails system.

Why the interest in the Pony Express? Call it a labor of love.

"We're all volunteers. We all do it for the love of history, anything to perpetuate the Pony Express," Moore said.

"This is something for my grandchildren," Sherwood added.

The annual re-ride is something they look forward to.

"The entire trip takes 10 days, just like it did in 1860," Sherwood said. "Every year since 1980, dispatches have been sent out, by mail and by Pony Express, from the governors of



RIDERS. Bob Moore, left, and Greg Sherwood changed the "mochila," or mailbag, during the 1987 Pony Express re-ride. R-C file photo

that parallels present-day U.S. 50, through the Carson Valley, up Kingsbury Grade to Friday's Station at Stateline, across Lake Tahoe's South Shore, up Hawley Grade to Echo Summit and then on to Sacramento.

Today, roadside markers commemorate the 2,000-mile route. Passage of S-2400 would pave the way for the actual trail to be marked and preserved.

"A lot of the markers have been placed with the tourist in mind," Sherwood said. "There are places in the eastern part of the state where you'll see a marker, but in reality, the trail may be 70 miles away out in the desert."

"We want that country opened up for backpackers and horseback riders," Moore said. "A lot of people think of desert as in the Sahara, but the desert out here is really pretty country. If you never ride it, you'll never see it."

"We're fortunate here in Nevada to have most of the trail still intact as far as it not being paved over," he added.

"The trail still actually exists, but it's disappearing and if it isn't saved, it's going to disappear completely within the next 25 years."

"Once it's gone, it's gone," Sherwood said. "There won't be any way to bring it back. You can look in the history books and read about it, but it's not the same."

A look of optimism appeared on Sherwood's face, as he looked to the future, or perhaps the past.

"If and when this trail goes through, then the work will have just begun."



DEDICATION. At the trail marker dedication in Hope Valley July 16, members of the Pony Express Association took their oath as Pony Express riders. The annual re-ride is held in June,

with riders following the 2,000-mile Pony Express route between Sacramento and St. Joseph, Mo. in 10 days. Riders cross the

Nevada desert, which, far from being a desolate place, is called "pretty" by Carson Valley members. R-C photo by Dave Price

Washoe baskets among Weaving on display in Genoa

by DAVID LOWE
Staff writer

Dat So La Lee, the Washoe basket weaver, is generally recognized as the most talented artisan from a tribe that prides itself on the beauty of its baskets.

The Carson City resident died in 1925 at the age of 90. But her works, baskets of ornate precision, are displayed in museums all over the world.

Hers is the standard that others shoot for.

Though they would never admit it, the current generation of Washoe basket weavers are worthy recipients of her legacy.

They displayed the degree of their skills to about 200 celebrants at the Mormon Station Stockade in Genoa during a picnic sponsored by the Carson Valley Historical Society (see related story).

Under the shade of a 50-foot black locust tree, Theresa Smokey Jackson, Jo Ann Smokey Martinez and Marie Kizer demonstrated the inherited skills that have been an integral part of Native American culture for millennia.

The weavers brought several contemporary and old baskets to display, among them a 100-year-old basket in such fine condition that it can still hold water.

"The Washoe baskets are the

best of all the northern tribes," said Jackson.

This can perhaps be attributed to the fact that every basket is made solely of willow wood, without any of the reeds and grasses that are used by other tribes. The weaker materials greatly reduce the utility and longevity of a basket.

"You use whatever grows in your area. The Fallon people use tules in their baskets," said Martinez.

While the Carson Valley has always been a good source of pencil-thin willows that grow along irrigation ditches and the Carson River, in recent years the young trees have been sprayed with herbicides that render them useless as basket material.

"Sometimes we have to go 40 or 50 miles to get willows," said Jackson.

Attempts to teach basketweaving to young Washoe girls have met with mixed results.

"About three years ago we taught classes. We started with 20 girls and they dwindled down to nine by the end. They say it's too hard to split the willows," Jackson said.

"I think there's enough young women learning it, but we need to keep telling them that it's important."

Basketweaving is not like crochet or macramé where you can buy supplies at the store

and crank out a basket while watching TV.

"When you're working on a basket, you can't talk to people, you can't do anything. You have to concentrate on what you're doing," said Jackson.

The willows are picked in late fall or early spring when the bark is brown. It is then aged for a month or more before it is ready to be processed.

Using teeth and hands to pull the wood into strips is the first step to making "thread" of uniform width that can then be woven around flexible gray willow rods that will give shape to the basket.

While most baskets are never used as anything but an object of art, there are practical applications for this ancient craft.

Marie Kizer's specialty is weaving cradleboards.

"The young people are going back to them because once a newborn is introduced to it, they sleep so well and they're happy and safe," she said. "We're getting more orders than we can fill. There's no way to make these quickly."

Pine nuts, historically a staple food of the Washoes, are still prepared by shaking the nuts with hot coals in a winnowing basket.

"It's artwork and practicality," said Martinez. "We have to have baskets for acorn and pinenut preparation. Nothing else will do."

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DISPLAY. Many contemporary and old baskets were on display at the Carson Valley Historical Society picnic which honored the Washoe Tribe last weekend in Genoa. Washoe baskets are known throughout the

country, indeed the world, for their style, utility and fine craftsmanship. Above is Jo Ann Martinez, a Washoe basketweaver. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

Up with Kids to hold dance to celebrate Turtle Rock addition

Up With Kids, a non-profit agency working in Alpine County to prevent delinquency and substance abuse through recreational activities, is sponsoring a teen dance Thursday, Aug. 25 at Turtle Rock Park, 6-10 p.m.

The dance commemorates the completion of a 680-square-foot addition to the existing TRP facility.

This new 17x42-foot addition, as well as extensive renovations within the existing Turtle Rock park community center, was made possible through funding received from a 1986 California Bond Act.

The money, received from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is supposed to be used for improving recreational resources within the county. Also nearing completion at the TRP site are two tennis courts

and tennis backstop. According to Judy Baker, UWK director.

In response to community support, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors cooperatively agreed to channel some of this funding into an addition that could one day be used by local youth as a meeting place and recreation center.

"Not since the days of the old Frosty Freeze in Markleeville has there been such a place for local kids to hang out!" she said.

Baker said Up With Kids is working to provide a program of activities for local youth that will serve as an alternative to drug and alcohol abuse. Utilizing the new building as a center for activities, the program offers pool, pingpong, boxing, tennis, weight lifting, dance and karate lessons, as well as many other art and

educational electives.

"Working with other local agencies as well as reaching out to resources available in Douglas County, the object of the program is to provide the same high level of educational and recreational opportunities as are available to youth in more populated neighboring counties," Baker said.

"On Thursday, Aug. 25, UWK invites kids from Markleeville and all over Carson Valley to enjoy an evening of dance and celebration. The Sound will provide state-of-the-art electronic sound equipment and professional disc jockeys to turn the tunes and get everyone's toes tapping."

Admission is \$1 with UWK offering sodas and homemade pizza for those who work up an appetite.

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Historical Society picnic honors Tribe

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California were honored guests at the Carson Valley Historical Society's annual picnic on Sunday.

Tribe members spoke and basketweavers demonstrated their craft (see other story). About 150 society members, their families and guests and Washoe Tribal members had a potluck lunch inside the stockade at the Mormon Station park in Genoa.

"It was a really good turnout," President Glenn Logan

said.

Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt spoke, as did Belma Jones of Woodfords, who talked about going to school at Stewart Indian School and in Dresslerville.

Her son, Lindsay Jones, talked about the future of the tribe, its proposed cultural center at Lake Tahoe, and building a better relationship between the tribe and the Carson Valley community.

Noreen Smokey Smith, a teacher in the Pacific Nor-

thwest, talked about going to school in the old Douglas County High School. She said she was glad to see the society's plans to restore the old DCHS.

Money is beginning to come in for the restoration, even though fund-raising hasn't yet begun in earnest, Logan said.

Three new trustees were introduced. They are Marlena Hellwinkel, Vic Hyden and Robert Fox.

Winners in the annual drawing were, Minnie Warren of Salinas, Calif., Elfriede Short's

painting; L. Teglia of Gardnerville, E-Ann Logan's painting; Lois Sarman of Gardnerville, winnowing basket woven by Flossie Bennett of Diamond Valley; Dan Stratton of Gardnerville, beadwork necklace donated by Clare Smokey; Mandy Skaggs of Gardnerville, pottery by Jan Godecke; Barbara Popof of Washington, lamp donated by Cecil Stodieck; and Shear Heaven of Gardnerville, Grace Dangberg's book, "Carson Valley."

Obituaries

Lena Neddenriep

Lena Herbig Neddenriep, a long-time resident of Carson Valley, died in an automobile accident in nearby Alpine County Aug. 19.

Mrs. Neddenriep, a native of Germany, was born on April 2, 1906 and traveled to the United States in 1926 to be the maid of honor at her sister's wedding.

During the festivities, she met her future husband, William F. Neddenriep, and they were married on Oct. 12, 1927. They were prominent ranchers with holdings in Alpine and Douglas counties. The couple celebrated 59 years of marriage before Mr. Neddenriep's death in 1986.

Mrs. Neddenriep was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the community. She held various office titles and memberships in Trinity Ladies Aid, Carson Valley Homemakers Club, CowBelles and Kiwaniannes. She had an outstanding record as a local 4-H leader for 27 years.

Always an active homemaker, fondly known as "Oma" to her family and close friends, Mrs. Neddenriep will be remembered for her many talents and hobbies. She enjoyed gardening, and her yard was appreciated and



LENA H. NEDDENRIEP

viewed by many driving past her home on Highway 88, by the Nevada-California state line.

She was an avid scrapbook keeper and one of her greatest accomplishments was researching and organizing the Neddenriep family genealogy and history. All this has been beautifully preserved for her appreciative and loving family. Mrs. Neddenriep enjoyed a variety of crafts and handiwork, which she shared with her family and friends. All of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have collections

of her handmade Christmas ornaments that was a traditional holiday gift. This year's ornaments have been completed and are ready for "giving" this Christmas.

Mrs. Neddenriep was preceded in death by her husband and son, Wilton. She is survived by two daughters, Marlena Hellwinkel of Minden and Angela Courtney of Richland, Washington; nine grandchildren: Heidi Weyland, Kent Neddenriep, Mark Neddenriep, Lisa Neddenriep, Lori Fabianac, Donna Armuth, Robert Hellwinkel, Ross Courtney and Todd Courtney; and three great-grandchildren, Desirae and Blake Weyland and Spencer Armuth.

As one of the founders and recent member of the church choir, a memorial for Trinity Lutheran Church choir has been established in her memory.

Services were held at the church with burial at Fredericksburg Cemetery on Tuesday, Aug. 23 with the Rev. Larry Miller officiating. Longtime friend, the Rev. Emil Leising, gave the eulogy, and music was provided by the church choir. Susie Jacobsen Erardy recited the Lord's Prayer in German, dedicating it to "Oma."



OSCAR MAYER WINNERS. Eileen Merrill of Markleeville won a \$1,000 shopping spree sponsored by Oscar Mayer. Her husband,

Stewart, raced against the clock at a harried pace through Raley's last week. R-C photo

Markleeville couple wins shot at \$1,000 Raley's shopping spree

by LISA WIXON
Staff Writer

Dashing through Raley's at a frenzied pace, a Markleeville man emptied shelves of \$1,000 in New York steaks, cameras and Campbell soup finishing the shopping spree flurry in five minutes flat.

Eileen Merrill of Markleeville was among three winners chosen randomly from 350,000 entries nationwide for a shopping spree sponsored by Raley's and bologna king Oscar Mayer, according to representative Earl Coleman.

After being notified, Eileen and her husband, Stewart, spent hours in the Gardnerville store plotting and planning the wild ride through Raley's last week.

"I'm exhausted, but it sure was fun. I want to do it again,"

Stewart said at the checkout stand. "They were real helpful, they made sure there was enough of what we wanted, including the bacon."

Stewart sported a promotional shirt and hat while tie-and-suit wearing representatives, who flew from Oakland to organize the event, raced behind the running shopper.

Local patrons gave up their tedious chores to witness the event while Raley's employees curiously watched the affair.

The spirit was contagious as people shouted their favorites: "chocolate, cigarettes and beef."

Ignoring their suggestions, Stewart stuck to his original plan while his wife nervously egged him on.

The couple had a five-minute deadline and a \$1,000 limit on the goods. More than \$400

dollars in New York steaks was taken as well as film, a curling iron and film equipment.

Eileen spotted an entry blank in the San Francisco Chronicle recently and sent it in.

"I thought it would be kind of fun but I didn't think I'd win," she said. "I was really surprised."

The 40-year Markleeville residents plan to share their good fortune with neighbors and friends.

"We'll have a big barbecue and freeze the rest," Stewart said.

According to Coleman, Oscar Mayer is footing the bill. They also forked out \$250 to the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. The charity plans to begin operation in mid-September, said the Rev. Pete Nelson, coordinator.

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Long-time resident dies in crash

A 40-year-old Grass Valley woman was arrested for felony drunk driving and involuntary manslaughter after an accident that killed Lena Neddenriep, 82, of Gardnerville and critically injured two.

Mark Neddenriep, 27, is in stable condition at Washoe Medical suffering head injuries and his 27-year-old wife Sally is suffering chest injuries at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

According to California Highway Patrol officer Bob Lillywhite, the accident occurred at 8:15 p.m. Friday at the Highway 88 and 89 Junction near the Woodfords Station in Alpine County.

Lopez was southbound on Highway 89 and reportedly failed to yield at the stop sign and struck the vehicle westbound on Highway 88. Lena, who was riding in the front passenger was pronounced dead on the scene, according to Don Stangle, Douglas County chief paramedic.

CareFlight helicopter was called to transport Mark Neddenriep to Washoe Medical Center, but according to CareFlight authorities, the craft was being repaired.

"I don't know what happened, the call came through and they went to start it and it

wouldn't go," a CareFlight authority said. "But they had it in operation by 12:25 a.m."

Lopez faces charges of felony drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter. She was released Monday on \$2,500 bail, according to Officer Lillywhite.

Arraignment will be next month in El Dorado County, authorities said.

Lena Neddenriep was a 62-year resident of Carson Valley. She was preceded in death by her husband William in 1936. They had been prominent ranchers and had been involved in several community activities.

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BENEFIT FOR SCOREBOARD. "Let's put the scoreboard over the top" will be the slogan this Sunday when the Carson Valley Lions Club stages a breakfast for the benefit of the Douglas County High School Scoreboard Fund.

The fund is being built to pay for a scoreboard for the new high school athletic field.

The breakfast will be held in Minden Town Park and will commence at 8:00 a.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED. Twenty-six old-time residents and former residents of Douglas and Alpine counties were honored Sunday at the Pioneer Picnic held in Minden Park.

The Carson Valley Historical Society was joined by the Alpine County Historical Society in the festivities, which lasted for some three and one-half hours.

Chris Gansberg Sr. was delightfully humorous and charming in his role as master of ceremonies.

The Carson Valley Historical Society was finally organized in 1962 under the able direction of Mrs. Fred Dressler. Current officers are Mrs. John Ellis, president; Mrs. Hans Jepsen, vice president; and Mrs. Melvin Springmeyer, secretary-treasurer.

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Raymond Bryan

Raymond Bryan, 66, died Aug. 16 at his Dresslerville home. He had been a life-time resident.

A native of Carson City, he was born Aug. 2, 1922 to Johnny and Sarah McCleod.

Bryan had been a truck driver and served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Surviving relatives include sons, Ricky and Ryan Bryan, both of Woodfords; and Randy of Klamath Falls, Ore.; daughters, Dolla Bryan and Dayle Bennett, both of Woodfords; Nadine Bryan of Klamath Falls, Oreg; and Jeannette Chavez and Carol Bryan, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; sisters, Josephine Burbank of Woodfords; and Dorothy Christensen of Nixon, Nev.; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane; brothers, Ralph and Eugene; and sister, Bessie McCleod.

Funeral services were held at the Stewart Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Thomas Hutson officiating. Burial followed at the Stewart Indian Cemetery under the direction of the War Veterans Memorial Association of Western Nevada.

FitzHenry's Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

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Funeral services for Siegfried Christian Heise will be Aug. 29 at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Pete Nelson officiating.

Heise, 89, died Aug. 19 in Gardnerville in the same home in which he was born on June 22, 1839. His parents were Frederick and Doretta Neddenriep Heise.

He had been a long-time Carson Valley rancher. He was a graduate of the first class attending the old Douglas County High School in 1917.

He attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. and the Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., majoring in engineering.

Heise was a member of the

Douglas County Farm Bureau, winning the "Conservationist of the Year" award in 1961.

Heise served as president and on the board of directors for the F. Heise Land and Livestock Co. since 1917. The company maintains cattle and ranching operations in Alpine

County and Nevada.

Surviving relatives include sisters, Anna Heise of Gardnerville; and Hilda Burr of Fresno, Calif.; nephews Roy Heise and Clarence Burr, both of Gardnerville and numerous other relatives.

Inurnment will be at a later date at the Fredericksburg

Cemetery.

Contributions can be made to the Future Farmers of America at Douglas High School, the Douglas County Livestock 4-H Club or any charity.

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

Bertha the elephant will a

The second annual Chili Cookoff and Craft Jamboree will be among the highlights at the Alpine Country Faire this weekend.

The big tug-o-war pitting local teams against visitors, always a special event, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m., after the official opening ceremonies

at 9:30 kick off the two-day festivities.

Another draw this year will be Bertha the elephant from John Ascuaga's Nugget. Bertha will be the honorary Grand Marshal of the parade on Sunday.

The Pony Express Riders

will be the color guard in the parade, and the Fort Bidwell Pioneers will be the Grand Marshals.

The 8th annual Marklee Toll Station Fun Run starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday (registration at 7).

The Chili Cookoff is a preliminary event for the regional chili cook



TUG-OF-WAR. The J. Marklee Toll Station team won the tug-o-war at the Alpine Country Faire in 1985. The tug-o-war is just one of the

traditional events held at the faire. Crafts and food booths will round out the fair. Nancy Thornberg photo

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September at the High Sierra at Lake Tahoe. The event begins with a complimentary chef's breakfast Saturday at 9 a.m., preparation begins at 10:30, and judging begins at 2:30.

A special treasure hunt for kids aged 8-11 and 12-16 will be held at 11; kids should meet behind J. Marklee Toll Station. At 1 is the watermelon-eating contest.

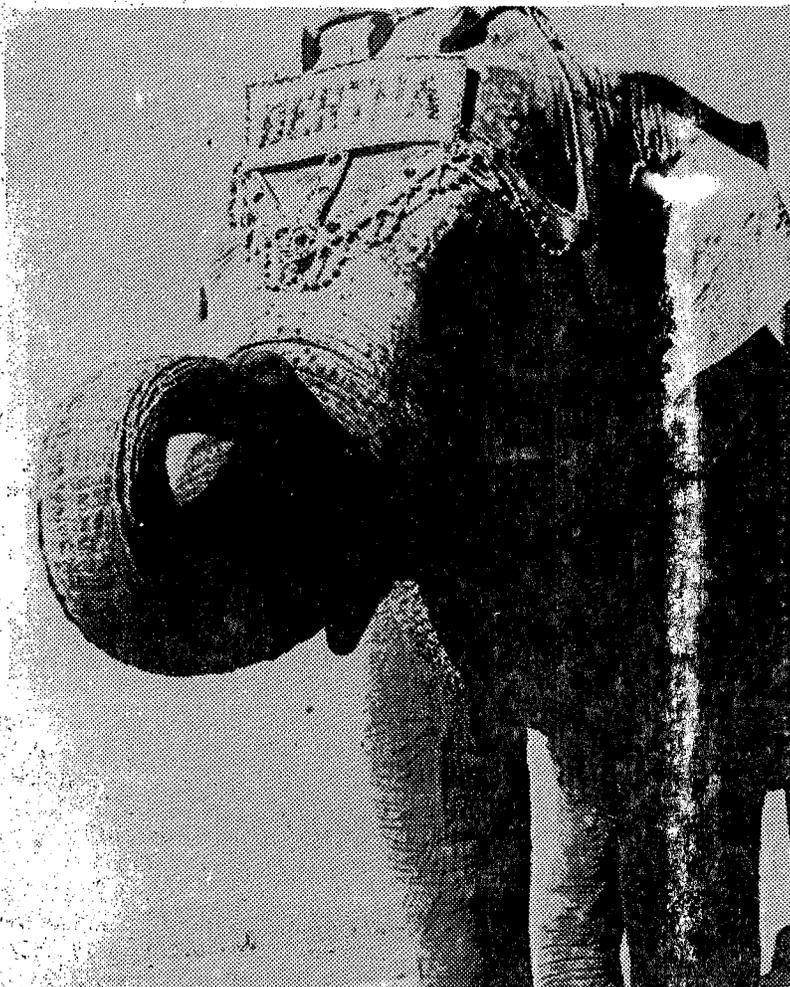
There will be a wine tasting at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road at 1, and at 4:30 the Capital City Community band, fresh from its tour of Australia, will perform in concert at the Alpine Historical Museum grounds.

A street dance begins at 8 p.m. on Montgomery Street.

The fair reopens with its continuous entertainment, games, arts and crafts and food booths Sunday at 9:30 a.m., with the parade at 11.

The faire this year will benefit the Alpine County Search and Rescue Team. What the team needs most, according to a spokesman, is vehicles. It now just has two vehicles. The team could use an old school bus, cross country tracked vehicle and radio equipment.

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GRAND MARSHAL. Bertha the elephant from John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks is the honorary Grand Mar-

shal of the parade for the Alpine Country Faire this weekend. John Ascuaga photo

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Wrong project to
Editor

Editor:

Alpine County residents' vigorous opposition to the Schoolhouse, Open 60' Gravel Pit/Hot Asphalt Plant/Concrete Production project proposed for 74 agricultural acres, on the slope to the eastern wall of the Sierra above Fredericksburg Road, is rapidly escalating. For truly objective, unbiased citizens the reasons for such opposition should appear obvious. They are:

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- Spot industrial zoning is now proposed merely to accommodate a paving operator and an individual property owner.

- Its approval would establish an ominous precedent, leaving other agricultural acreage available for, and all of us vulnerable to, similar re-zoning actions.

- It is certainly the wrong project in the wrong place.

- The inherent, cumulative impacts of this dirty, odorous, noisy, terrain-disturbing and unsightly operation, together with its necessarily attendant trucking is totally inconsistent with the county's "General Plan."

- It would tend to compound the visual devastation of two recent wildfires in the same general area.

- The economic trade-offs and revenue benefits to Alpine County of a handful of pit employees and transient non-resident truck operators are not at all apparent.

- There is no date certain for its closing and appropriate reclamation of the mess — many will not live to see its ending.

I would remind my fellow citizens that we only control seven to 9 percent of the County. 90 percent of Alpine's 723 square miles is in federal hands. Let's use our small part very wisely for good living, tourism and all the other reasons we chose to reside here. Please express your position on this matter to the Planning Commission and your Supervisor. Better still, appear at the public hearings. It is our privilege and responsibility. Let's put this one to rest!

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Native American Arts show planned

At two locations this year

The second Native American Cultural Arts Show, "Wa Pai Shone," is planned for two locations this year.

The shows will be held at Diamond Valley Elementary School Oct. 15 and Meneley Elementary School Nov. 19.

Many young Native American artists will display their work. Among the work to be displayed may be that of James Shoshone, former Douglas High School student, who recently took awards for his work from Sherman Indian High School in California and the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe.

Shoshone recently returned

to Sherman, where he is attending high school, after working at the Washoe Tribal Headquarters with the Job Opportunities in Nevada program this summer.

Sherman is a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding high school that works closely with the University of California at Irvine to prepare Native American young people for college.

The IAIA in Santa Fe is a college-level school of the arts also operated by the BIA, according to education counselor for the Washoe Tribe, Sherry Smokey.

Native American artists

from Nevada and California are invited to set up booths and display or sell their work at the shows, Smokey said. She expects that all media will be represented, from oils and acrylics to watercolor and clay.

An art school scholarship will be awarded.

Traditional Indian foods, dancing, clothing and other elements of Native American lifestyles will be featured, Smokey said. Special performances and lectures are planned.

Bead work, basketry, wood carving and various crafts may also be displayed and entered into the scholarship contest.

"This will be an opportunity to spotlight the young Native American artist," Smokey

said. "These artists will receive valuable encouragement and also be eligible for the art school scholarship."

Professional artists are also welcome, she added.

The event will be sponsored by Washoe Tribe, Diamond Valley Native American Artists' Guild, Alpine County Arts Commission, Up With Kids, Head Start, and Diamond Valley and Gardnerville elementary schools.

Twenty percent of all profits will go into the scholarship fund.

For information or an application and entry form, contact Sherry Smokey, education counselor, Washoe Tribe, 265-4191, 883-1446 or (916) 694-2339.



ARTIST. James Shoshone, former Douglas High student now attending Sher-

man Indian High School in California, displays some of his art work.

Alpine planners turn down gravel pit

by DAVID LOWE
Staff writer

A zoning change that would have paved the way for a controversial enlarged gravel pit in Fredericksburg has been rejected 3-1 by the Alpine County Planning Commission.

Las Vegas Paving Co. requested that zoning on 74 acres be changed from agricultural to industrial after the commission had given its approval of the environmental impact report the company submitted at the July 28 meeting.

Bill Wellman, underground superintendent for Las Vegas Paving, said, "obviously everything in life is to make money in one way or another."

He said that the land would be reclaimed as agricultural land when the pit is retired. He told the commissioners that his company had a good record of safety and that residents were overreacting.

"Las Vegas Paving is a big company. We are controlled by many federal regulations. We've never been fined because we've never been

found guilty of pollution or noise violations," he said.

As a result of the vote, the commission will recommend that the Board of County Supervisors deny the request at its Sept. 6 meeting.

If the change of zoning is approved, the southern Nevada company with 500 employees and over \$50 million in 1987 gross revenue, would still need to secure a special use permit from the county and a surface mining reclamation permit from the state.

The board delivered its decision to a standing room only crowd of about 60 Alpine and Douglas County residents on Aug. 25, who had come to register opposition to the pit that would be enlarged from what is now a small operation on the ranch of long-time Fredericksburg resident Hubert Bruns.

Tahoe Asphalt Co. of South Lake Tahoe has leased the roughly 20-acre School House pit since 1985 but has never used it. The pit was first used as a source of paving aggregate in 1972.

The 2½ hour meeting in the Alpine County Administration Building in Markleeville heard 30 residents tell the four commissioners present that the pit would diminish the quality of life and endanger Highway 88's designation as a California Scenic Highway.

Area resident Bob Stephens spoke in favor of the proposed terrace-style excavation.

"(Bruns) has lived here a long time. He's paid taxes here and he should be able to use his land as he sees fit," he said. "That area is good for two things, homes or a gravel pit. And I sure don't want to see homes there."

Lisa Embree of Fredericksburg told the board that besides being contrary to the county's master plan, the pit area is on a recognized fault line. She said that the soil on the hillside of the pit is loosely held because it was scorched by last summer's Acorn fire, and that it would be a landslide hazard.

Norris Barsumian said he moved from the San Fernando Valley to San Clemente, Calif., and then to Woodfords in an at-

tempt to escape what he called a "pattern of destruction."

"We're not here for money, we're here to live a good life. (The gravel pit) will benefit a few people with money, but it will be a detriment for many others," he said.

Barsumian and other residents said that the pit would cause increased truck traffic, air, noise and water pollution if it were approved.

Board member Bob Rudden told the audience that he saw the issue as a clear choice between money or quality of life.

"I don't believe that tenure or the amount of taxes someone pays should determine the suitability of a proposal," he said.

Before casting his vote, board member Paul Washam said, "When we sit on this board, the general plan is the Bible and we have to follow its dictates."

Saying that he was "torn between individual property owners' rights and the impact on the surrounding residents," Chairman Kent Neddenriep cast the only affirmative vote as the request was rejected 3-1.

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Threat to valley

Editor:

This letter is to alert residents of beautiful Carson Valley that there is a threat to Valley environment in the proposal by some ranchers and Carson City officials for a costly dam on the East Carson River.

To achieve this objective, these interested parties are now attempting to prevent the state of California from designating the East Carson in neighboring Alpine County as a wild and scenic river for recreational use.

Failure to designate the East Carson as wild and scenic would also affect many Carson Valley people and others who enjoy the river's natural beauty, its trout fishing, and rafting. Alpine County's economy today and in future also depends on the tourism brought in by the East Carson and other natural resources.

California Resources Secretary Gordon Van Vleck, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, Calif. 95814, is now seeking public input on the wild and scenic river designation for the East Fork of the Carson. Your letters need to reach him before Sept. 16, so write today!

WILMA RULE
Alpine County and
Minden resident
Sept. 6.

Soccer coach has high hopes

Douglas gives McQueen boot, 4-1

John Arnold was the Most Valuable Player for Douglas High School's soccer team as a sophomore last year. Saturday, he picked up right where he left off by scoring two goals to help the Tigers beat McQueen, 4-1, in season-opening action before nearly 100 spectators in Minden.

Arnold scored twice, while Hans Hansen and Joe Frock added one goal each, and sophomore goalie Todd McEwan sparkled in the net to spark Douglas in the Northern Nevada AAA match.

"They all played a terrific game, all of the kids did," coach Bela Zahar said.

"It was terrific to win the first game," he went on. "I think we're going to have a good season."

This is a season of change for soccer at Douglas, and the rest of Nevada as well. The sport, after six years of existence in the state, is now sanctioned by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA). Las Vegas has moved its season from spring to the fall, paving the way for a state playoff format.

Zahar believes his squad has a shot at post-season play, but he's waiting to see what happens.

"It's something we're looking forward to, but first, we have to play one game at a time," said Zahar, whose squad resumes action at Wooster on Tuesday. "We've only played one game so far; we can't say we're one of the best teams in Nevada yet."

Douglas has six returnees from a team that finished with a 5-12 record last season, including Mike Grass, Hans Hansen, David Wagner, Joe Frock, Scott Battcher and Arnold. Grass and Hansen are seniors entering their fourth varsity seasons at Douglas.



DEFENSE. Sophomore Scott Battcher knocks the ball out of bounds during action in front of the Douglas net during Northern

cher and his Douglas teammates went on to win the match against McQueen, 4-1. The Tigers came back to roll over Fallon on

seasons at Douglas.

Zahar has to replace last year's leading scorer, Ruud Buth, a native of Holland who came to Douglas and scored 11 goals last season. Arnold stepped into the middle striker position and responded with two goals in Saturday's opener.

Zahar also praised the performances of

in front of the Douglas net during Northern Nevada AAA soccer action Saturday. Batt-

Wagner, at center-fullback, as well as sophomore Battcher and McEwan in the net.

Depth is the primary strength of this squad, according to Zahar, who is entering his second

Tigers came back to roll over Fallon on Tuesday, 8-1. R-C photo by Dave Price

season as head coach at Douglas.

"We have good reserves," Zahar said. "There are 16 kids on this team; they're all talented soccer players and they all want to play."



Top Tiger

Sophomore Todd McEwen (left) enjoyed a successful debut as goalie for the Douglas High varsity soccer team Saturday, allowing just one goal in the Tigers' 4-1 season-opening triumph at home against McQueen. One of his key moments came midway through the second half when McEwen stopped two successive penalty kicks, enabling Douglas to protect a 3-1 cushion at the time. For his efforts, McEwen was honored as the first recipient of Douglas High's Athlete of the Week award. R-C photo

Markleeville race

Mantynen, Devine run to front

Linda Mantynen of Woodfords ran to a women's course record at the Markleeville 10-K fun run on Aug. 27.

Mantynen, 40, toured the 10-kilometer course in a time of 40:38 to win women's division by nearly a minute. Debbie Wagnon was second in 41:35.

Meanwhile Bill Devine of In-

cline Village ran away with top honors overall. Devine, a former distance running standout at Reno High and NCAA qualifier for Idaho State, blazed to a time of 33:17 on a course that included a 500-foot vertical climb in the first three miles.

Andy Takaha of South Lake Tahoe was the men's runner-up

with a 34:24 clocking. Terry Tubb of South Lake Tahoe was first in the masters (40-and-over) category with a time of 36:47.

Markleeville's Gary Brooks won the two-mile race in a time of 12:15, while Ellen Lucas of Gardnerville was the first woman to finish in 12:35.

Woodcutting area open

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The Carson Ranger District will open a woodcutting area for personal, household use for residents in the South Lake Tahoe, Markleeville, Gardnerville and Carson City area, said Guy Pence, Carson District ranger.

"For anyone who needs wood to burn this winter, this is a great opportunity," Pence said.

This wood is timber that was burned in July 1987 in the Acorn Fire. The area has just been logged with a helicopter to remove the timber with the least amount of damage to the environment, he said. Most of the trees were large, Jeffrey Pines. The slash pile is the limbs of the trees removed in the sale and are quite large themselves so, a chainsaw is suggested for removing the

limbs.

Permits sell for \$15 per cord and the limit is five cords per household. Permits are required before you may remove wood from the area and are now on sale at the Carson Ranger District, 1536 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

The Markleeville Guard Station in Markleeville will be selling the permits beginning today (Sept. 15).

The opening day of the woodcutting area will be today (Sept. 15). The estimated number of cords in this pile is over 600, however, the wood will be removed rapidly so the area should be closed by Oct. 31, Pence said. For further information, contact the Carson Ranger District at 882-2766, in Carson City.

DUI hearing Monday in Alpine

A 40-year-old Grass Valley woman charged with felony drunk driving after an accident that killed long-time Carson Valley resident Lena Neddenriep will be arraigned Sept. 19.

Linda Lopez was appointed a public defender Sept. 6. Arraignment will be in Alpine County, authorities said.

Mark and Sally Neddenriep of Gardnerville are recovering at home from injuries sustained in the Aug. 19 accident.

Mark suffered head injuries and was taken to Washoe Medical Center following the accident. His wife, Sally received chest injuries and was taken to Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

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TIGER BOOSTERS MASS TO BOULDER CITY

The long trip down to Boulder City for the Tiger football game tomorrow night won't be that long. The coming of age of the new, cheapo air fares now makes it possible for the whole Douglas team to fly to Las Vegas cheaper than if they took a bus. The proposed 11-hour bus trip has now been shortened to a 1-hour flight that will leave the hungry Tigers refreshed and ready to pummel the Boulder City Eagles. If you are interested in flying down, the airline is Braniff and the reserved fare is \$35 roundtrip. There are four flights leaving Reno for Las Vegas tomorrow.

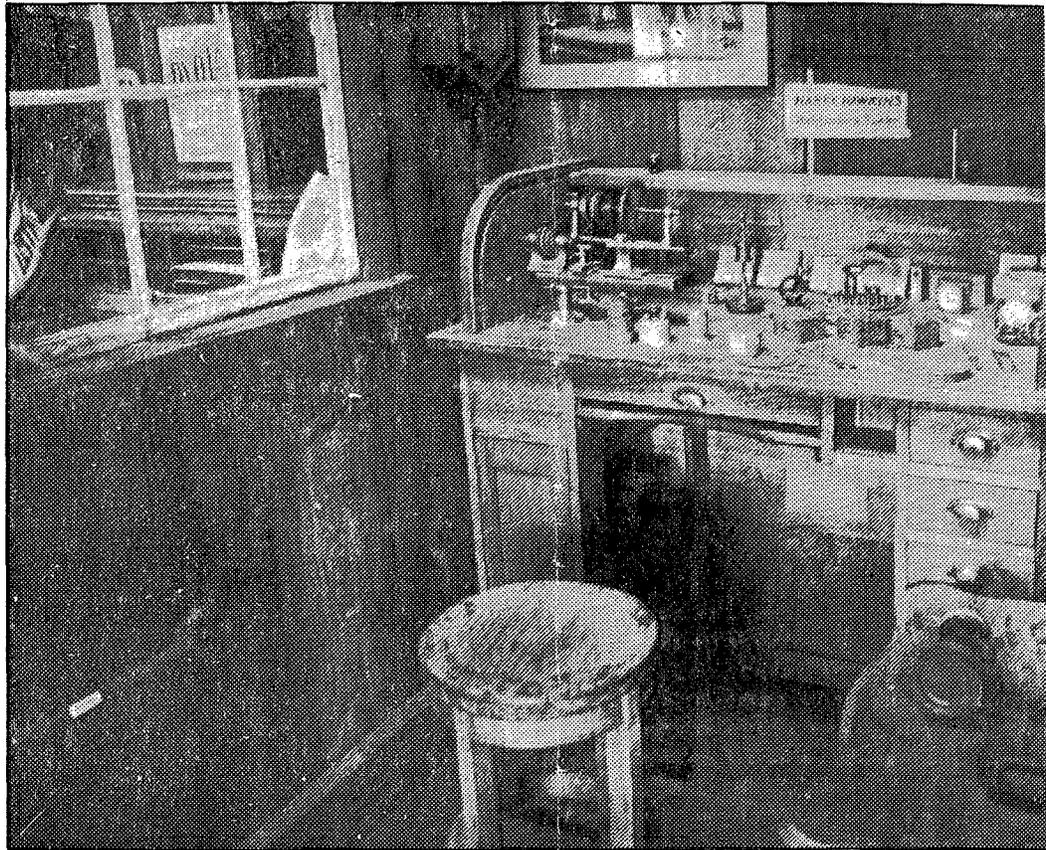
ALPINE BUILDING DEDICATED. Before a group of about 250 persons, William F. Neddenriep of Gardnerville Sunday afternoon cut the ribbon to officially open the 8,000-square-foot Alpine County Administrative Office Building in Markleeville.

The honor was given to Neddenriep, who was a member of the Alpine County board of supervisors in 1928 when the old courthouse was built there, by his son, Wilton, who is now chairman of the board of supervisors.

NEW MANAGER. Bob Hadfield, assistant to the Douglas County commissioners for the past 10½ months, has been appointed county manager.

Alpine Historical Complex

Young and old I



WATCHMAKER. Henry Hawkins, an Alpine County historian who died in 1971, specialized in watch and jewelry making.

This is his equipment. R-C photo by Tumbusch

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ove to visit museums

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

It's more than just another museum, an old schoolhouse and a forgotten jail.

The Alpine Historical Complex has captivated the interest of tourists from around the world, drawn to the nearby hot springs and breathtaking view.

Sitting on a grassy plateau, the museum overlooks the rolling meadows of Markleeville while pines offer their aroma.

Eerie iron cells that once housed criminals are surrounded by a creaky, decrepit jail house — triggering imaginations of the young and old.

The 100-year-old Webster schoolhouse, thick with layers of paint, was restored and furnished to its original state.

Reading, writing and arithmetic books from the early 1920s line the shelves, and wooden desks fill the one-room schoolhouse.

Displays of mining finds, a general store and a blacksmith shop "get a lot of looks," said Sheila Morgan, museum assistant.

Old toys and cracked china dolls of Alpine residents now gray-haired are a favorite among the kids, Morgan said.

A 30-minute drive from

Gardnerville, the Alpine museum is worth the trip, says Nancy Thornburg, director.

One can hardly disagree — the view is canvased with splashes of fall colors and falling leaves.

Picnicking is a treat. Tables are set up among the old buggy carriages and an ancient threshing machine. An old-fashioned deli and general store can cater to your needs.

Grover's Hot Springs is only two miles away and Thornburg encouraged people "to make a day of it."

Morgan, an Alpine resident, is impressed with the museum. "It has a lot of history," she says. Her large brown eyes light up with excitement when she tells the stories behind each display.

Doing some digging, you'll discover interesting things about Alpine's past. A voting register from the early 1900s reveals old-time Carson Valley ranchers and businessmen described as having scars or tattoos.

"There have been people from Sacramento come here and find their grandparents' names, they used to be miners or something. They get really excited about finding things in

their past," Morgan said.

The complex closes for the winter on Oct. 31. It's open every day except Tuesday from about 11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. But they'll stay open a little while longer if you still want to browse.

Other points of interest include:

- The mining display, various artifacts discovered in local mines.
- Jail cells, transported from Silver City and moved to the complex in 1972. "They're dark, damp and suitably horrible," Thornburg said.
- Studebaker tools, used in an Alpine County tire shop by the Studebaker brothers before they built their famous cars.
- An ancient eyeglass case filled with assorted spectacles.
- Paintings of local scenes done by Walt Monroe. He did a chalk drawing while attending the Webster School House. It was covered over and found when restored in 1964.
- A wedding dress worn by Mary Small Thornburg in 1882, with the tiniest waistline imaginable.
- The handiwork of Henry Hawkins, a local historian who died in 1971. He was also a watchmaker and jeweler.

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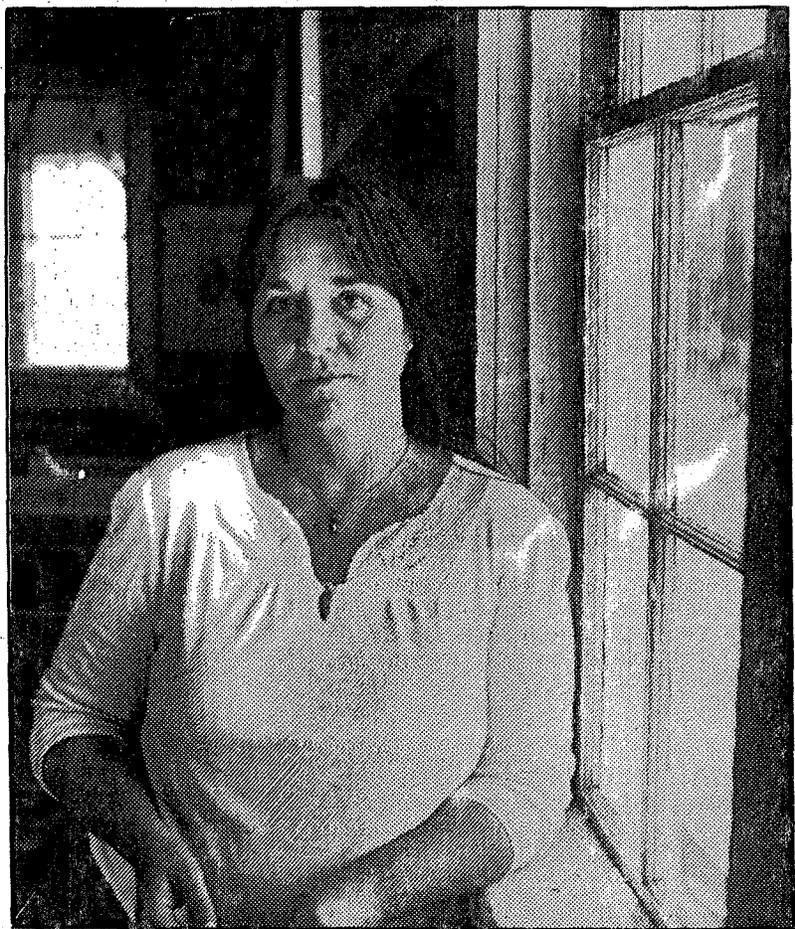
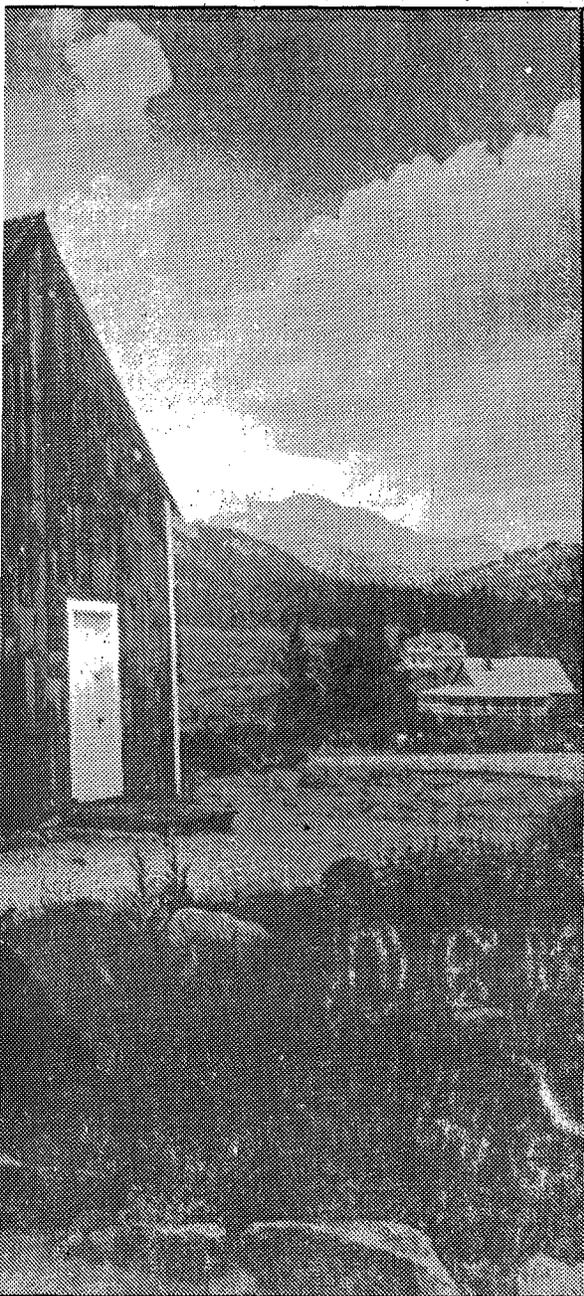
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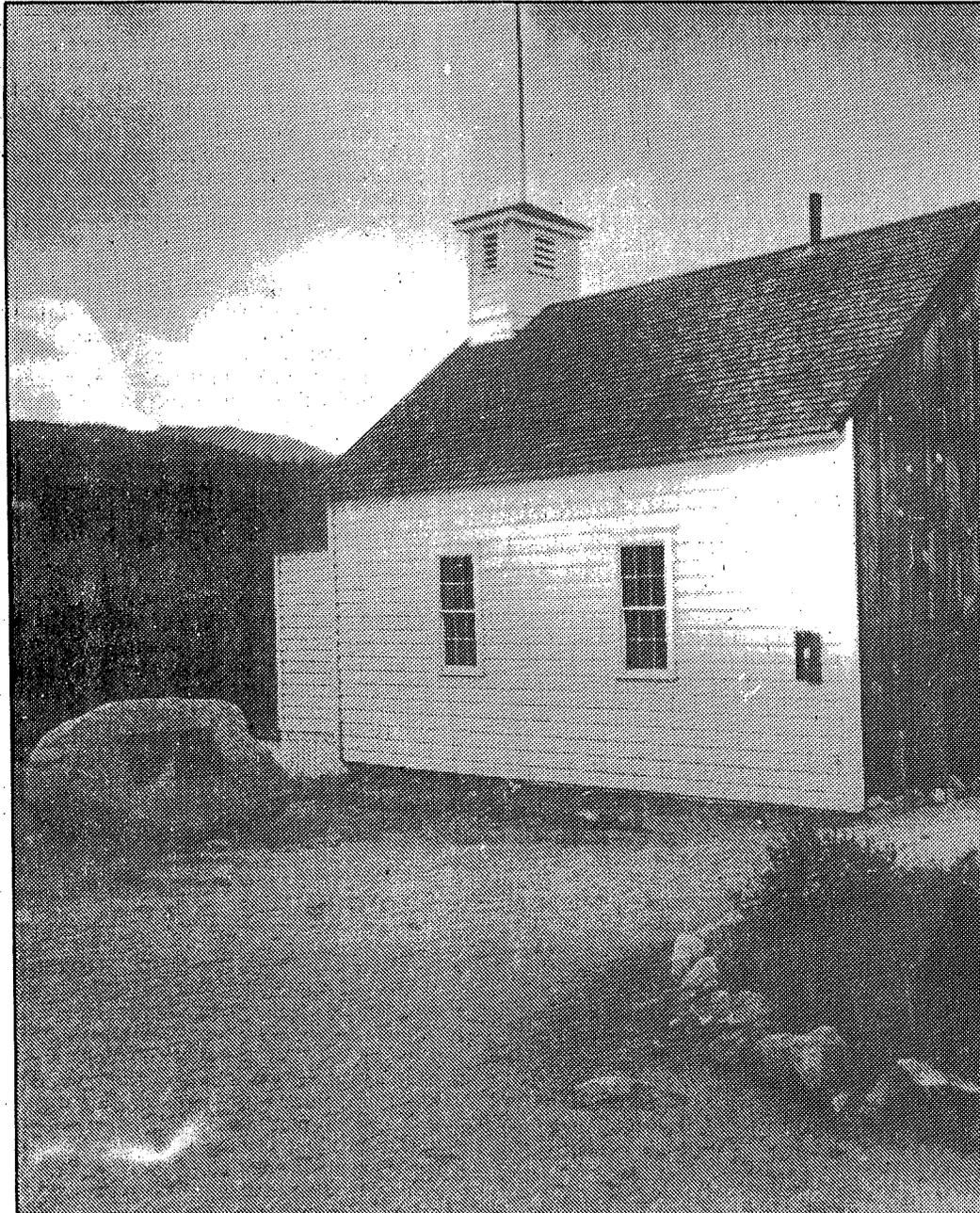
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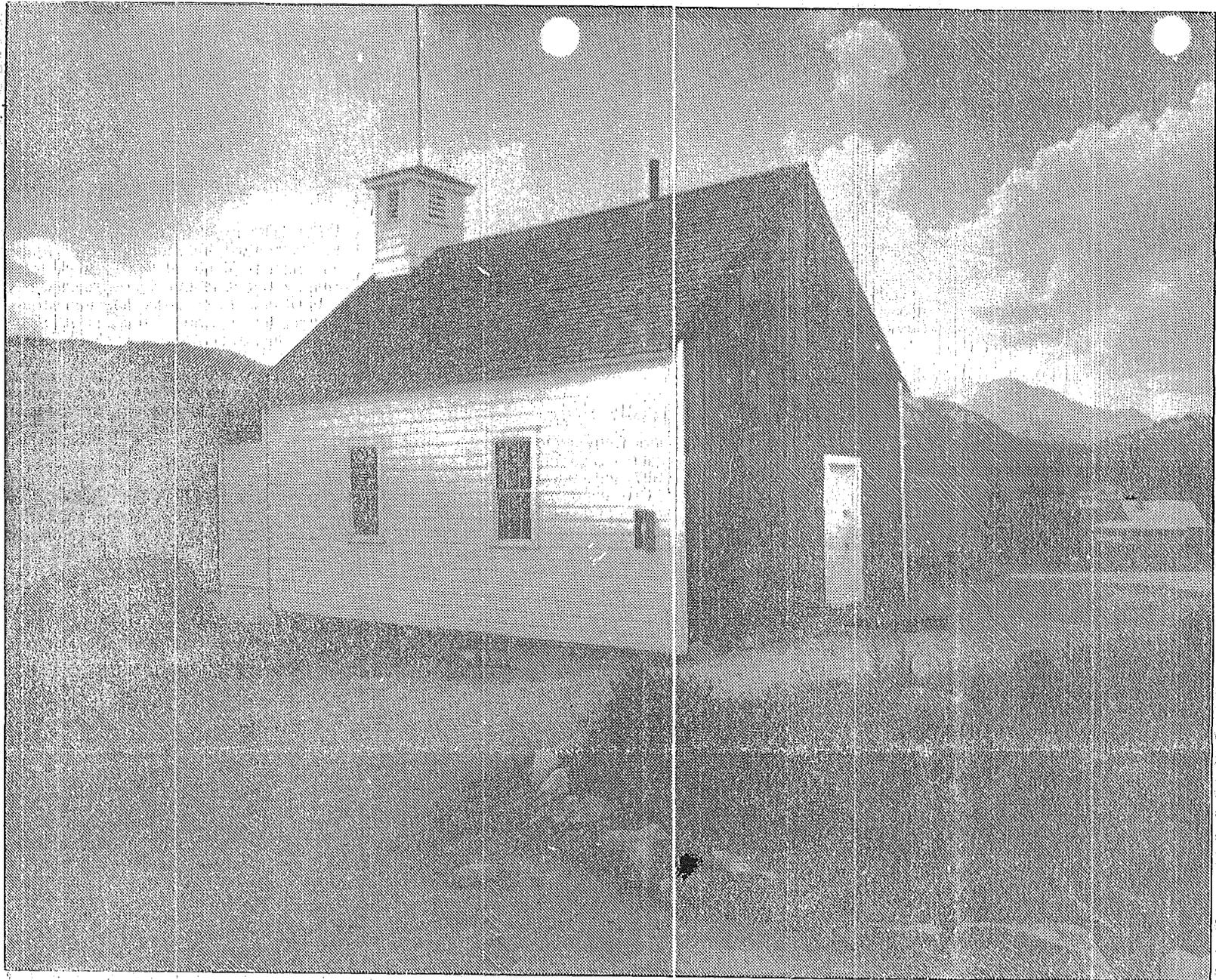
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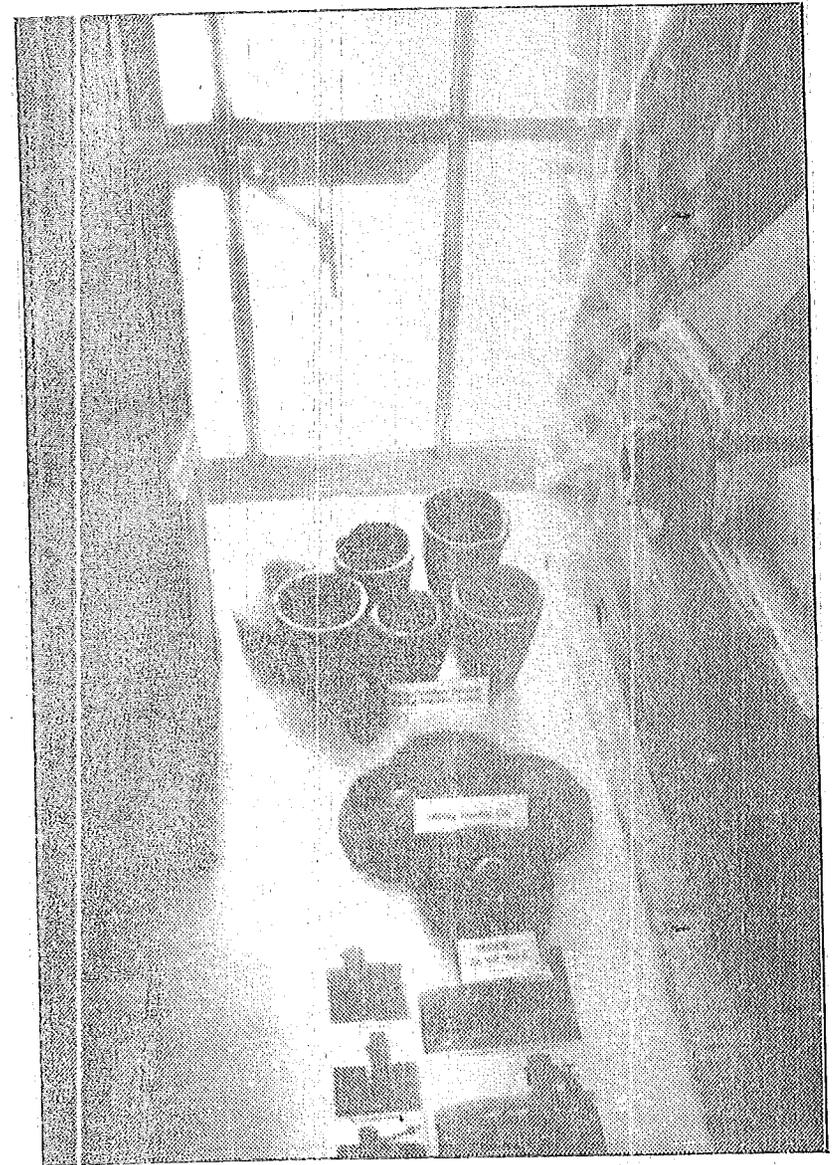
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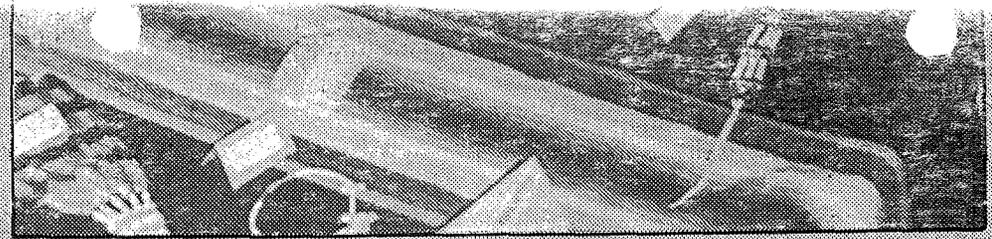
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DVS celebrates Native American Day

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

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And well-deserved applause rang through the auditorium at Diamond Valley School where the Native American students celebrated their

heritage recently in honor of National American Heritage Week, Sept. 23-30.

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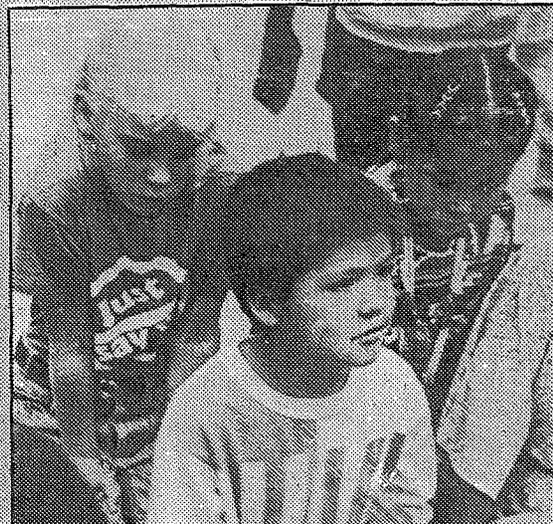
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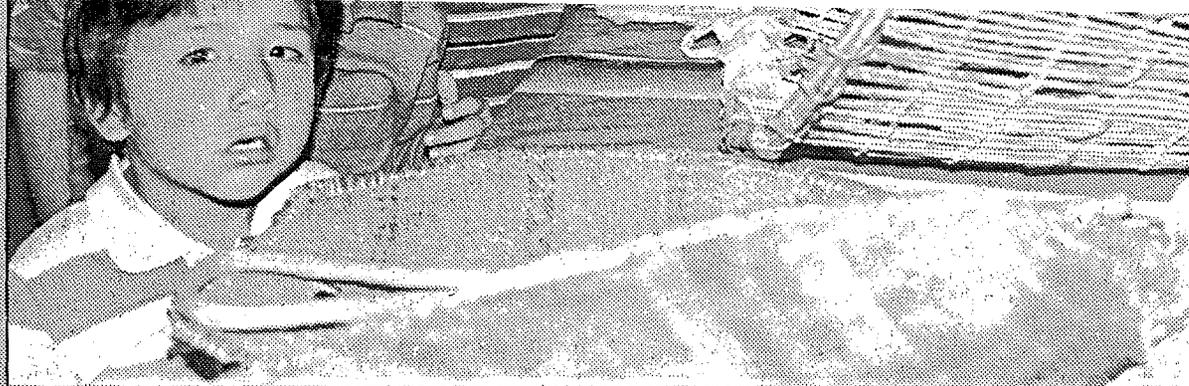
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KIDS HAVE FUN. Thurman Roberts, left, showed his fellow students how to play the stick game. Diamond Valley School photo. At right, children file up to see traditional Washoe baskets on display during Native American Day. R-C photo by Lisa Wixon

Wa-Pai-Shone cultural show is Oct. 15

Wa-Pai-Shone, the second annual Native American Cultural Show, will be held Oct. 15 at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County and in November at Meneley Elementary School in the Ranchos.

The name reflects the three Native American tribes in Nevada, the Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone, according to Washoe Tribe Education Counselor Sherry Smokey.

The show will feature Native American cultural traditions, from dancing to arts and

crafts, a fashion show to Indian tacos.

Besides basket-weaving demonstrations, three Washoe elders will also provide a model of a willow hut. The three women, Jo Ann Martinez, Theresa Jackson and Marie Kizer, have been demonstrating their weaving skills at various events for the last couple of years.

Fine Native American art will also be featured.

Artists and craftsmen from all over Nevada and California are invited to show and sell their wares. Twenty percent of all proceeds from the

event will provide scholarships for Native American students.

The show will take place 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and the public is invited. The Meneley Elementary School show will be held Nov. 19. Both shows are sponsored by the Washoe Tribe, Diamond Valley and Meneley Elementary Schools, Diamond Valley Native American Artists' Guild, Alpine County Arts Commission, Up With Kids and Head Start.

For information or for an application and entry form, contact Smokey at 265-4191, 883-1446 or (916) 694-2339.



DANCERS. Traditional Native American dancers from Carson City danced at the Native American Day celebration at Diamond Valley School and the Native American community last week. At right is Winnie Mendivil, a southern Cheyenne, who wore her traditional dress. She is liaison for Diamond Valley School and the Native American community. R-C photos by Lisa Wixon



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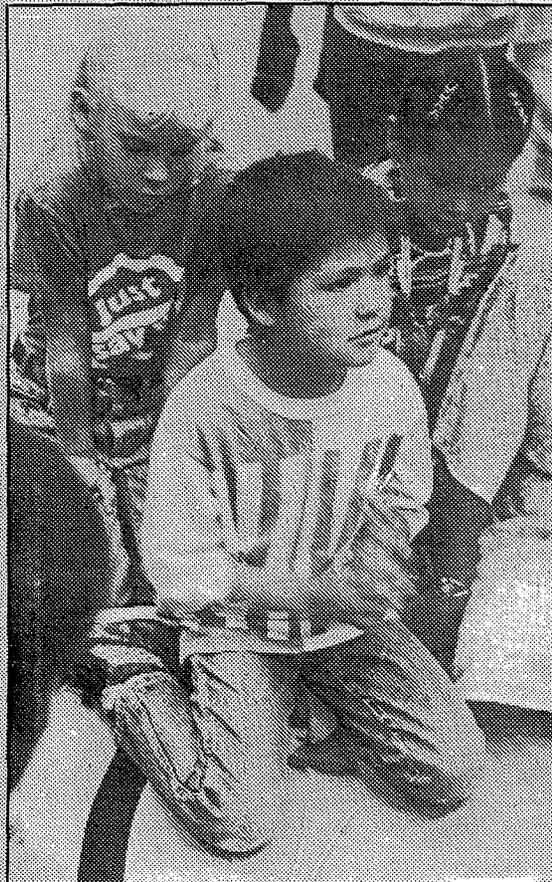
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KANIG KILLED IN FALL. Elsworth Kanig, of Markleeville, plunged to his death over a hundred foot cliff late Tuesday afternoon, where he had climbed to get a wider view of the country while hunting deer.

SECOND FIRE IN A WEEK. The second Carson Valley haystack fire in less than a week called the Minden fire department to the W. F. Dressler home ranch at three o'clock last Friday morning to combat a blaze in a two hundred-ton grass hay stack. Origin of the fire was known to have been spontaneous combustion as was the case in the previous blaze in a stack on the Eugene Scossa ranch.

POTATO HARVEST. Potato digging in Carson Valley will be underway within a short time and it is estimated that the crop this year will be above the average yield per acre and of excellent quality. While the Dangberg Land and Live Stock company, is by far, the largest grower of potatoes in this Valley, many farmers have substantial acreage devoted to this crop.

RR SEEKS PERMITS. The public service commission of Nevada is in receipt of an application from the Virginia & Truckee Railway company to operate a motor freight service between Reno and Minden, Reno and Virginia City, and between Carson City and Virginia City including Silver City and Gold Hill.

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Aspens are beautiful over Monitor Pass

We went on our drive over Monitor Pass last weekend. It's probably still a bit early since some of the aspens are still green, but the colors are still gorgeous. It adds more color to the usual autumn spectrum with that bright green in there.

Make sure you get out soon. We stopped at the summit to have lunch and I took a few pictures of the girls. Since we're so far away from the family, I try to take lots of pictures to keep them updated on our part of the group.

It's nice when I can get such a nice background as our Sierra. We went up Highway 89 through Markleeville then went over Highway 4 down to 395 then back past Topaz and through Gardnerville. We did forget to stop at the Cutthroat in Markleeville for a lottery ticket though.

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by DEBBIE TOPPING

Diamond Valley School's new liaison has high hopes

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

Winnie Mendivil has a purpose. She wants to make school a comfortable and an attractive place for Native American children.

Fortunately, she is in a position to do something about it.

Mendivil was hired as Diamond Valley School's first liaison representative for the Native American community. And because the Alpine County students attend high school in Douglas County, she has an interest in their education, too.

"I would like to see some long-term success. I would like to see more Indian high school graduates. I would like to see more of them go on to college, and also for Indian students to feel good about themselves — to feel proud of what they are."

Part of Mendivil's job is to coordinate cultural events that involve both the Indian and non-Indian communities.

One of Mendivil's first major events was the celebration of American Indian Day at DVS Sept. 30, which she coordinated with the help of the Washoe Tribe and other agencies in Alpine County.

She is also involved with the Wa-Pai-Shone cultural event, held at DVS last week and set for Nov. 19 at Meneley Elementary School.

But her job is more than sharing Native American culture (she is a southern Cheyenne) with the school and community.

"I serve as an adviser for teachers concerning the Native American community," she said. If a teacher has problems with a Native American student and he doesn't quite understand the situation because of cultural differences, Mendivil may set up a meeting with the student and parents and explore the problem.

She will meet with the student to assist him with his educational and social needs.

She will also assist with the

incorporation of Native American culture and history into the district curriculum, and foster communication between the Native American and the Alpine County School District.

Studying Native American history and culture helps build self-esteem, she said, because it stresses positive attributes of Native American culture.

Mendivil brings plenty of knowledge to her new job.

She holds a master's degree in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and is proud to say that she is the first generation in her family to graduate from college. She hopes her children will be the second generation to garner the sheepskin.

Her growing up and college experiences allow her to understand what young Native American students face.

"I was raised in a rural setting and I was educated in a university where there were not many Indian students, and sometimes when you go away to college, you experience isolation and you face adjustments.

"For one, you may not have the financial resources, you may not have positive encouragement from your family — so you are looking at drawing your strengths from within yourself."

One of her main goals is to reduce the high school dropout rate for Native American students and encourage them to attend college.

For instance, tomorrow she has scheduled a trip to San Joaquin Delta Community College in Stockton for the Native American Motivational and Career Day. There will be Native American counselors and professionals who will speak to high school students on career planning.

She was editor of "Red Voices," a magazine for Indian women. The publication offered information and discussion of such issues as alcoholism, parenting, health

as well as elders', youths' and children's issues.

She worked for a community counseling program which took her into schools in the Tracy and Stockton areas, teaching ways to prevent problems such as alcoholism and domestic violence.

Her most recent job was with the American Indian Training Institute in Sacramento. She was involved in training and providing technical assistance for Indian tribes, organizations and alcohol programs.

She also has done private consulting.

Having grown up in a rural area helps her to be able to relate to other Native Americans living in similar communities, she said.

"We were probably very poor, but we didn't realize that. I feel that I was very rich in traditions because I had my grandparents, and the fact that my family had such a strong position in the tribe had a very strong influence on me as well."

Mendivil hopes to bring two programs into the schools with the help from grants from the University of Nevada-Reno. One would bring Indian authors to school to talk to older students, and the other would provide Native American storytellers for the elementary schoolchildren.

These programs would also be open to the community, she added.

Mendivil also has set the goal of taking part in one non-school, community activity. She decided to set up an Indian women's group.

The first meeting, held Oct. 12, drew 17 women and teen-aged girls. They saw a film entitled, "In the Honor of All," which was a documentary about a Canadian tribe which, in order to solve serious social problems, returned to their historical culture.

"By learning their culture, they built self-esteem. They looked at human development instead of economic development," Mendivil said.

The film was so moving, she added, that women were weeping at the end.

The group will also talk about Indian women's issues and have plenty of time to socialize.



SHOW. Native American dancers performed at the Wa-Pai-Shone cultural show at Diamond Valley School last week. The show

repeats at Meneley Elementary Nov. 19. Barbara Garcia photo

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Wa-Pai-Shone cultural show is huge success at DVS

The Wa-Pai-Shone Art Show began on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Diamond Valley Elementary School in Alpine County, Calif. It was an in-school Indian cultural presentation which began with all classes watching a video of traditional Washoe ceremonies.

Children moved on to centers where there was a Washoe Baby Basket presentation. They also heard traditional

Paiute Tribe, lead a fashion show of traditional Indian outfits starring local Indian models.

Kachinas Kutenai and Susan Nichols performed the ceremonies the Russian delegates enjoyed last summer at "Earth Games '88." The Indian participants wore their gold medals on stage and received recognition for their participation in this first ever international children's

Sampson, Jr. of Reno. Second place went to Keena Jones and third to Bobby Jones (both from Markleeville).

The Dresslerville tutors Barbara Garcia and Lori Pasqua lead their tutoring student in a theatre rendition of the traditional Washoe tale "Pawetsile and Damollale." JoAnn Martinez and Theresa Jackson demonstrated willow work, and Delmar Stevens from the Yerington Paiute

Washoe tales, viewed a model of a Washoe willow hut and participated in Indian dancing and stick games. (Special recognition goes to Sandra Wilkinson and her daughter Vicki for their vocal accompaniment.)

Children were invited to return Saturday with their families to participate in a Native American celebration. And celebrate they did! The show was a huge success, according to co-ordinator Sampson, Jr. displayed their artwork for sale. On hand were many school personnel, including Jim Parsons, superintendent, Dan Makley, principal, Lynda Shoshone, Sherry Smokey. Washoe Tribal chairman Vernon Wyatt welcomed guests. Lori Motta, educator from the Yerington

international children's Olympic sports competition.

Radio personality Sam Hawks (Robert Moreno) from KUNR "Nevada In'n Drum" FM 88.7, helped raise money for next year's event by auctioning donated craft items.

La Ka Lel Be dancers performed pow-wow dance steps. Tony Suentes performed a traditional Hoop Dance and Adele Suentes performed Indian sign language to contemporary music.

Eileen Green and her judges selected children's art work to go around the world in her Na-Yah-EE children's art show. Jerome Evans, (owner of the Jerome Evans Art Gallery at Tahoe Keys) judged the children's art work submitted for the scholarship contest. First place winner was Carl

Tribe demonstrated fire starting and arrow making.

The Woodfords HeadStart staff and parents sold Indian tacos. Artists Arnold Aragon, Kevin Jones and Carl school board member, Winnie Mendivil, community liaison, and Judy Warren, secretary and one of the organizers of the show.

The Wa-Pai-Shone Art Show was funded in part by a grant from the California Arts Commission in partnership with the Alpine County Arts Commission. Bea Sweeter of the Lake Tahoe Historical Society documented the show.

"A special thanks to Barbara Garcia for all the work that went into producing the 1989 Native American Cultural Art Show Calendar that was hot off

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Wa-Pai-Shone: Successful

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the press in time for the show (proceeds from this calendar benefit local Indian youth)," Smokey said.

Thanks are also due to the following businesses who advertised in and helped pay for our Indian calendar, she said, including Carson Building Supply, Douglas Automotive, State Farm Insurance Co.-John Scott, Agent, Beach Comber Hair Design-Teri Moore, The Video Connection, Sharkey's Nugget, Thompson's Trophy & Engraving, All

American Tire Co., Snuffy's Magical Clown Review, Budget Printing & Copy Center, Domino's Pizza, McDonald's, Washoe Tribe Smoke Shops, Carpet Headquarters, Lone Tree Frame Company and Gallery, K & M Truck Rental, Winans-Yoder Furniture, 7-Eleven, Eastern Sierra Feed, Hobbies Plus, Carson Tahoe Rents, Valley Office Supply and Coast to Coast.

For those who missed the Diamond Valley show, they can attend the next show on Nov. 19 at the Meneley

Elementary School in Gardnerville. "We are actively seeking Indian artists to display their work and Indian crafts people to sell their wares. There is no charge for booth space — donate a craft item for auction. We are also looking for Indian models to wear their own Indian clothing in our fashion show or dancers who will perform," Smokey said.

For further information, contact Smokey at the Washoe Tribe, (702) 265-4191 or 883-1446 or (916) 694-2339.

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FOR SALE. Mr. Peter Van Sickle desires to sell all of his property in Genoa, consisting of the blacksmith shop situated north of

Remember when?

Raycraft's stable, one barn and two dwelling houses, and the Genoa Drug Store building. He also desires to sell his blacksmithing tools. All or part of any of the above property will be sold cheap. For particulars, apply to P.W. Van Sickle, Genoa, Nevada.

POTATOES. Some fine potatoes arrived this office last Tuesday from Mr. John Henningsen's ranch, near Woodfords. They are nearly as large as pumpkins. Mr. Henningsen has an acre and a half of ground from which he will harvest about 20 tons of spuds. Let's see: they are worth, say, a cent a pound — \$400. We wonder if there is land in any other country under the sun that will turn off \$266 to the acre with so little care and attention?

DEATH. John Haggerty was brought in from Pine Nut last Sunday in a demented condition and placed in the county hospital. Monday night he became so violent that he had to be moved to the county jail, where he died Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock. We was a coal burner in Pine Nut, and probably 50 years of age.

Fashion show, lunch

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Fund-raiser at Diamond Valley

The Alpine Parents' Club is sponsoring a fashion show and luncheon as this year's fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Diamond Valley Elementary School.

Entertainment, luncheon, show and door prizes will be

held between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A Pizza Barn coupon is included in the price of the admission ticket. Adults are \$5, children, \$3.50 and under 3 years, free.

Kirkwood wants everyone to

think S N O W and is bringing a line of ski wear to show, plus a season ski pass to give as the grand door prize.

Proceeds will go for scholarships and special school projects.

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Washoes gather support for tribe

by DAVID LOWE
Staff writer

Since the Indian Relocation Act of 1934 created the national reservation system, the federal government has been the major source of revenue for many Native American groups.

But becoming too dependent on Washington could prove as perilous to their welfare as independence was a century ago.

"Presently the buzzword in Congress is economic self-determination," said Washoe Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt. "I have a hard time comparing us to other tribes. We all share similar concerns, but to make comparisons is difficult because the only thing the Washoe Tribe has is the land base."

His comments came at a seminar last Thursday, held to acquaint the various entities concerned with bettering conditions for the thousands of Washoe Tribe members in the Northern Nevada area.

Wyatt was responding to

questions about the tribe's relative poverty when compared to other tribes that generate revenue through sales of natural resources such as oil, timber and minerals.

"Someday as I envision it, we could become less dependent on the federal government. It will take a general consensus of the tribe that that's what we want to do," he said.

Wyatt said that many tribes are kept afloat on a cushion of federal money, and that the wise tribes will prepare for the eventual end of the dole.

"All it would take is one stroke of a pen to eliminate the Indian tribes, one stroke of a pen and we are all private citizens," he said. "If you're not preparing for that day with education and vocational training, I don't know who's going to take care of you."

Though the tribe is looking at operating a cattle feedlot and a campground to become financially independent, Wyatt said

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it would take more than that to lift the tribe out of its largely dependent state.

In a society that marches to the staccato cadence of a snare drum, Native Americans can feel oddly out of step.

However, the situation has not gone unnoticed, and the Washoes are taking steps to insure that they are not chewed up in the machinery of progress.

Linda Bartlett, Vocational Training Coordinator for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, called together all the agencies and resources dealing with the tribe to make the delivery of services more efficient and compassionate.

"I thought by bringing all these people together, they'd see how (Indians) really are, not what they hear in the media," Bartlett said. "If they would learn about the culture first, they would be a lot more likely to get things done."

The workshop held last Thursday brought together 46 representatives of education, employment, health, and social services to untangle what many said was a frustrating and inefficient system of service delivery.

But as workshop attendees learned, to gain the autonomy tribal leaders desire, the tribe will have to overcome friction from within and without.

"The basic problem is the geographic span of control," said Bartlett. "The chairman is responsible for people in Alpine County, Carson City and Dresslerville. It's almost like three separate tribes."

Of the three, Woodfords with 324 people, poses the most perplexing problems to tribal, education, and social services officials.

"They have the same basic problems as any rural area, but it's compounded by a lack of direction," Bartlett said.

"What they have is a lot of young people with no managerial skills. What do you do with a group of people with no chain of command? How do you get things done? We're hoping that somebody will become an organizer up there. There's nobody like that in Woodfords now."

Despite the daunting figures of unemployment and high school dropouts, Bartlett feels that the tribe will successfully address its problems.

"In time the Washoes will come around, but they won't have (change) crammed down their throats, they need their own growth cycle," she said.

Bartlett, who has worked with the tribe for two months, believes that for the tribe's material standards to change, improvements will have to come for the whole tribe, not just individuals.

"They are an extremely family-oriented people and they don't want to leave their families," she said. "They like to move in groups so you can't split the family unit up. Change as a group is what they want, not change as individuals. They're incredibly tight knit."

Marsha DuPree, coordinator of recruitment and training at the University of Nevada-Reno, told participants at the Douglas High School Library that Native American enrollment at UNR has dropped by almost 20 percent since 1986.

"We are there to support our minority students," said DuPree. "However, there is not a lot of money for (Native American) scholarships and that plays a big part in it."

Such rudimentary shortcomings as lack of transportation and child care block the progress of many Woodfords Washoes in gaining economic self-sufficiency.

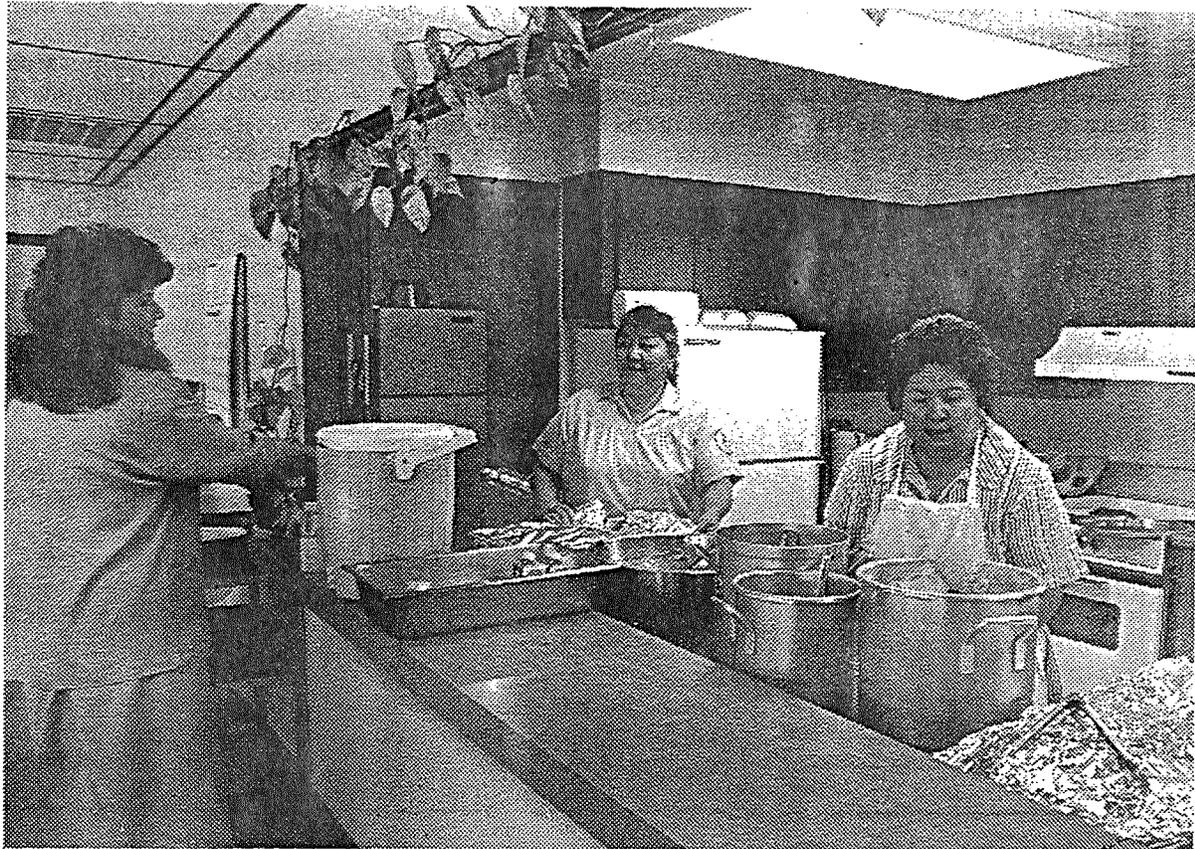
"I've got four girls in Woodfords who want to take the administrative aide course (in Carson City) but they have no transportation among the four of them," said Bartlett. "If there was better resource management, those four girls would be getting the training."

Truckee Meadows Community College representative Lucia Lewis said that the situation was worse at her school.

"In 1973, we had 100 Native American students, now we have about 43," she said. "That may be a result of funding cuts in the (Bureau of Indian Affairs) budget," she said.

Faced with a dizzying array of complex problems, this first attempt at organizing the available resources seems to

Washoes: Agencies outline available services



COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHEFS. Linda Bartlett commends, from left, Ramona Dick and Madelina Henry, for preparing lunch for 50 hungry visitors to the Dresslerville Senior Center. The guests were representative of numerous agencies and organizations

working with the Washoes. They were invited to the reservation's social center to meet the Wa-she-shu or Washoe people and to hear about their way of life. R-C photo by David Lowe

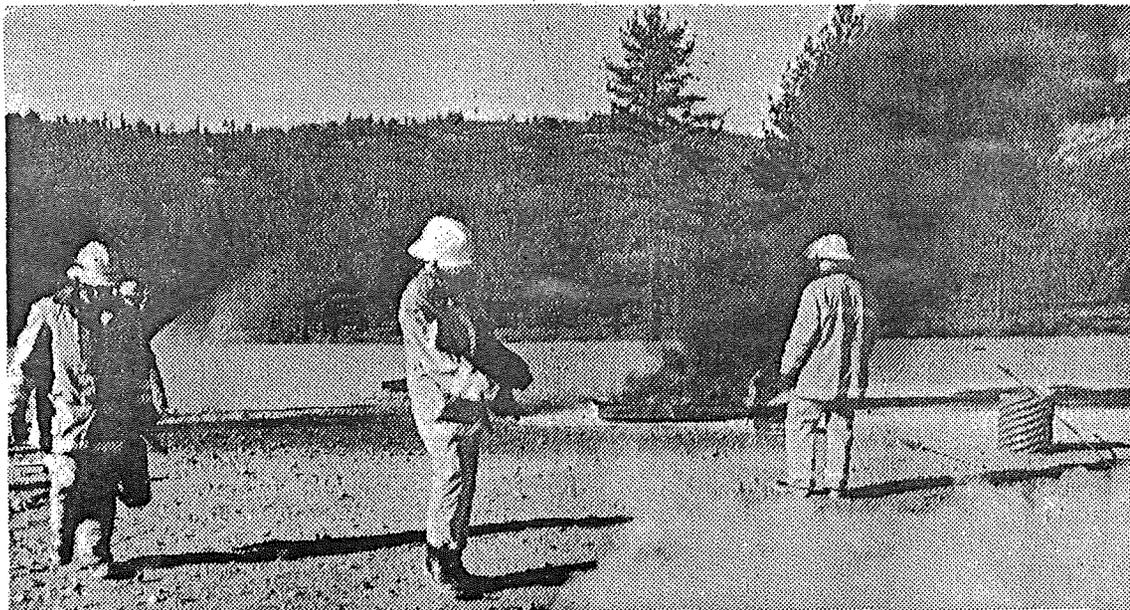
have borne immediate fruit.

"I've already made three referrals to people I met in the workshop," Bartlett said. "The

best way to get people to work together and to reduce the duplication of efforts is to talk

about the problems and to get them to realize they're not competitors."

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Training

The Alpine County Fire Department recently sponsored a workshop to teach volunteers how to handle fire extinguishers in a large flammable liquid fire. Trainer Mike Warren said 24 volunteers participated in the session at

Turtle Rock Park. He was assisted by David Brockhage, a Ruhenstroth volunteer and Steve Klitsch of Solon Fire Control in South Lake Tahoe. Nancy Thornburg photo

Ten compete in contest

The Farm Bureau speech contest was held last Thursday in the Carson Valley Middle School library. The subject for this year's competition was "Water, Nevada's most Valuable Resource."

There were 10 contestants. The first place prize was \$50. The winner also has the opportunity to go to the state finals in Winemucca. Second place was \$25, and 3rd place was \$10. Jeff Jenson, the first place winner, said, "The competition was pretty hard."

The other winners were 7th grader Brandi Lehmen, second place; and 7th grader Kim Halvorson, third place.

NEW TEACHER

John Falkenhagen is a brand new teacher at CVMS. He moved here from Bellevue, Wash. He has been a substitute for two years, and has taught all grades from 7-12. He will be

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by KIMBERLY SMITH

teaching 7th and 8th grade English and math.

John says, "CVMS is very nice."

He has been hired because of the overcrowded English and math classes. He said that he would like to stay here and teach for as long as possible. Good luck Mr. Falkenhagen!

BASKETBALL

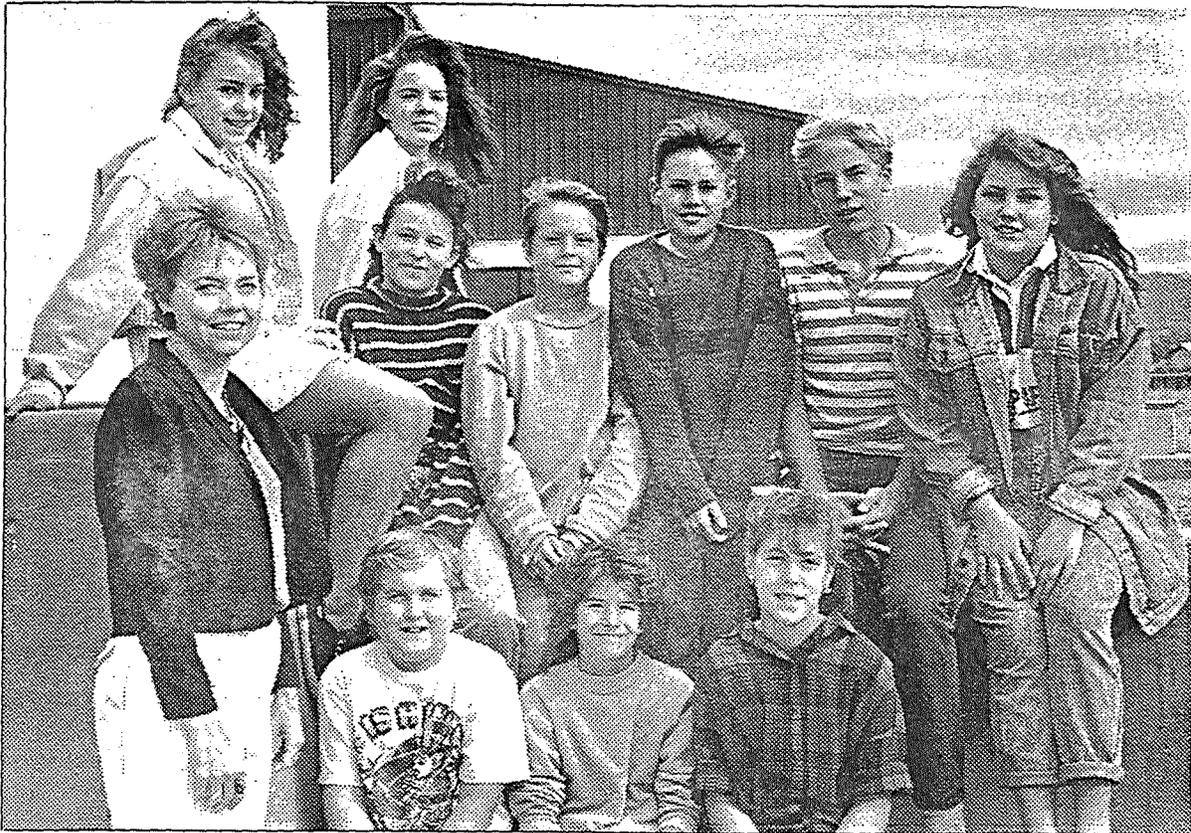
The members of the boys' basketball team were selected last week. The members of the 8th grade team are Tony Kizer, Joe Manoukian, Matt Makley, Andrew Strolin, Jason Sturgis, Wade Bennett, George Streeter, Corey Hawker,

Phillipe Jackson, Troy Valenzuela, Steven Battcher, Chris Hielt, Craig Berger, Jeremy Peterson and Chris Hodach. The manager is Joyie Vigil and the coach is Don Frensdorff.

The 7th grade team, coached by David Gray, was also selected. Brian Moore, Josh Cohan, Brad Rogers, Trevor Steenbakker, Matt Wheeler, Gregg Palmer, Mike Decker, Jason Damon, Tyler Streeter, Richard Burchett, Steven Hielt, Colin Supko, Bryan Moosburner, Mike Grafton and Bryan Ness are the members of the team.

The first basketball game will be at Kingsbury Middle School on Nov. 15. On Nov. 22 the Cubs will be at home against Eagle Valley. The games will begin at 3 p.m. in the gym.

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SPEECH CONTEST. Contestants in the annual Farm Bureau speech contest at Carson Valley Middle School are shown with the three winners, seated from left, Jeff Jensen, Brandi Lehman and Kim Halvorson;

behind are, from left, adviser Mary Ann Miller, Jeannie Dossey, Noelle Lamprecht, Michelle Hendon, Spencer Denna, Dan Biggs, Josh Coyan and Sally Frias. R-C photo by Laurie Keith

Top speeches on tap tonight

The Farm Bureau will hear the speeches of the three top winners of its annual Speech Contest tonight. The occasion is the group's yearly dinner to be held at the Genoa Town Hall.

Ten students from Carson Valley Middle School competed in the contest on Nov. 7 at the CVMS library. There were two 8th graders and eight 7th graders who competed.

Winners to speak tonight before the Farm Bureau are Jeff Jensen, first place (8th grade); Brandi Lehman, second (7th grade); and Kim Halvorson, third (7th grade).

The students may be accompanied by their parents, according to Farm Bureau speech contest chairperson Valree Hellwinkel.

Title of the contest's topic this year was "Nevada's Water, Its Most Precious Resource." Speeches had to be 3½-5 minutes in length.

Adviser for the students entering the speech contest is Mary Ann Miller, a CVMS English teacher.

At dinner, the students will be presented with their prize awards. The first place winner will receive \$50, second place,

\$25, and third, \$10.

Jeff Jensen will attend the State Farm Bureau convention in Elko where he will compete in the state speech contest. State winners will be awarded \$100 and a trophy for first; and second place is \$50 and a trophy.

The contest is a project for the Nevada Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Other students to compete were Michelle Hendon, Dan Biggs, Noelle Lamprecht, Josh Coyan, Sally Frias, Jeannie Dossey and Spencer Denna.



DISPATCHERS DUTY. Taking calls of burglaries, bombings and bandits, these dispatchers on duty handle floods of calls and send them to deputies. Ken Davis, the

only male among eight women dispatchers, and Sharon Maloney, handle their hectic job calmly. R-C photo by Laurie Keith

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TOP NOTCH. Barbara Gibbons, head dispatcher for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, says that although hectic, the job is

rewarding. She recently scored highest in Nevada's Crime Information Center test. R-C photo by Laurie Keith

quick thinking and swift action on the part of the dispatchers.

But it's not always a gratifying job.

Sharon Maloney, four-year dispatcher, says that when calls hang up before leaving enough information, it burdens her thoughts.

"You sit down and pray for another fast phone call. There are times when you take it home with you. Calls you can't let go. They are stressful and upsetting. Especially children calls and abuse calls," Maloney said. "You try to get as much information out of them as possible. Maybe a phone number or address so they can be traced. If you can't get anything, you notify the officer on duty to watch for it."

Hopes of getting a "911" emergency line rest with the 1989 Legislative session. The cost is enormous, but the benefits are worth it, Gibbons said. Benefits include recalling someone requesting

cess a day?" "Sometimes we start hash-marking them out. But we get so busy we have to stop. There's about 40 documented cases per day. Every communication comes through here, even traffic stops," Gibbons said. Uniformed dispatchers cover everything from Douglas and Alpine counties to Search and Rescue, fire departments and paramedics. When an arrest or even traffic stop is made, the names are checked through local and national computers to find warrants.

"We're not just looking for a wanted person, it's for the safety of the officers," she said. Gibbons, 14-year veteran of dispatch, recently tested for the Nevada Crime Information Center. She received the highest test score in the state.

"It's an exciting job. There's a lot of responsibility. I like what we attempt to accomplish — to protect the public. I like getting people off the streets who don't belong there."



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SECRET BALLOT? Leigh Hunt, 8, steals a glance at 9-year-old Drake Ceragioli's ballot during a mock election held in Konnie Susich's 3rd grade class at Gardnerville Elementary School Tuesday. Hunt voted for Michael Dukakis because "he's cute" while Ceragioli checked off George Bush. R-C photo by Lisa Wixon

Bush sweeps grade school poll

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

Our tomorrow people — the future voters of America — had a thing or two to say about the general election on Nov. 8. They knew the campaign slogans by heart. They watched televised debates. And they talked about it with friends in the classroom.

So, naturally, they felt they deserved to vote. Although aware that another decade must pass before their opinions officially count, the 8-year-olds at Meneley and Gardnerville elementary schools checked the box on the ballot for their preferred leaders during a mock election held Tuesday. Amber Botts, a fiery red-headed 3rd

grader in Mark Thomas Daniel's class at MES, says she voted for Gov. Richard Bryan because she met him in preschool "and he gave me a sucker." Eight-year-old Jason Murray voted for George Bush "because he was a Republican and he wants the school to be more educated." And Leigh Hunt, in Konnie Susich's

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Kids: Young voters approve Bush

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class at GES, also liked the idea of Dukakis for president.

"I think he would be sort of neat. I sort of like him in a way. I watch him on the news every night. You could say that he's cute," Hunt said.

Yet, not all of the articulate 3rd graders saw things exactly that way.

Eight-year-old Nick Gill, at GES, had good reasons for voting Bush.

"When the picture man came to our school and took our pictures he called me George Bush. I thought it would be pretty neat," Gill said.

Kate G dner, at GES, agreed.

"I voted for Bush and Quayle because Dukakis said he would let all criminals have weekend passes. But I don't think it's fair because they can go out and commit crimes. Bush said if they went to jail he would give penalties like kill them or whatever they deserved," she said.

Liam Ferguson, at GES, voted for Barbara Vucanovich because "she's Mrs. Susich's aunt." But he thought that "(Jim) Spoo looks like a nice person. (Vucanovich) will do a better job, though."

But the bright-eyed 1st graders in Gerdy

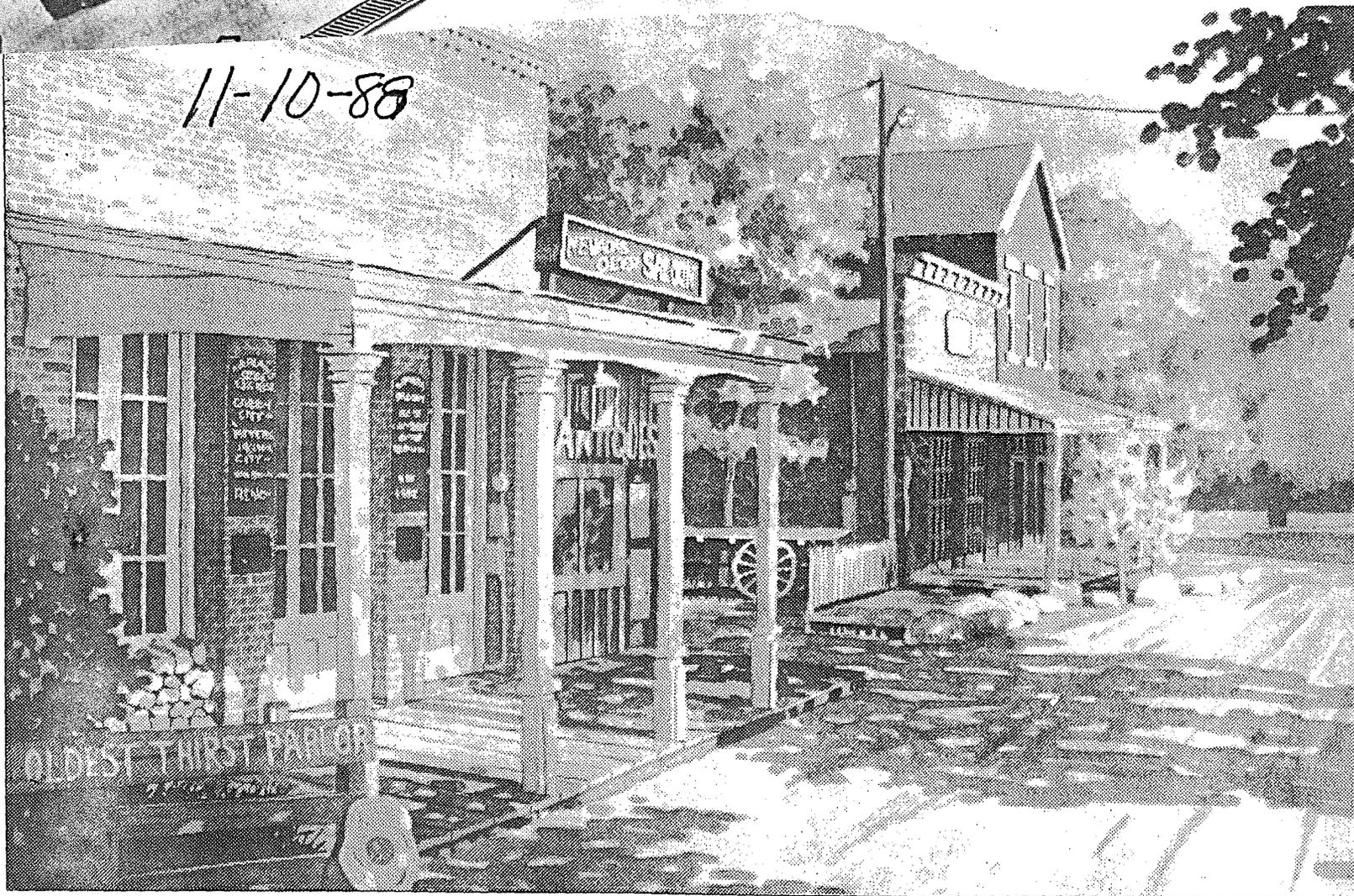
Hayes class at MES had trouble figuring out just who our current president is.

Eight students knew it's Ronald Reagan, seven said George Washington, five Bush, three Abraham Lincoln, two Dukakis and six kids thought it was Principal John Soderman.

For a split second, they imagined it was Christopher Columbus.

"Then they figured he's been dead 500 years so they knew it couldn't be him," Hayes said.

The tally in Daniel's class was four Dukakis, 17 Bush. In Susich's class, students voted three Dukakis, 28 Bush.



GENOA BAR. Artist Jeff Nicholson painted this rendering of the historic Genoa Bar. Prints are available at Bet-

ty Carver's antique store next to the 125-year-old bar. The scene depicts

Main Street of the state's oldest community.

Genoa Bar: 125 years of history

by DON WOODWARD
Special to the R-C

Soon after Genoa was
founded in 1851, some



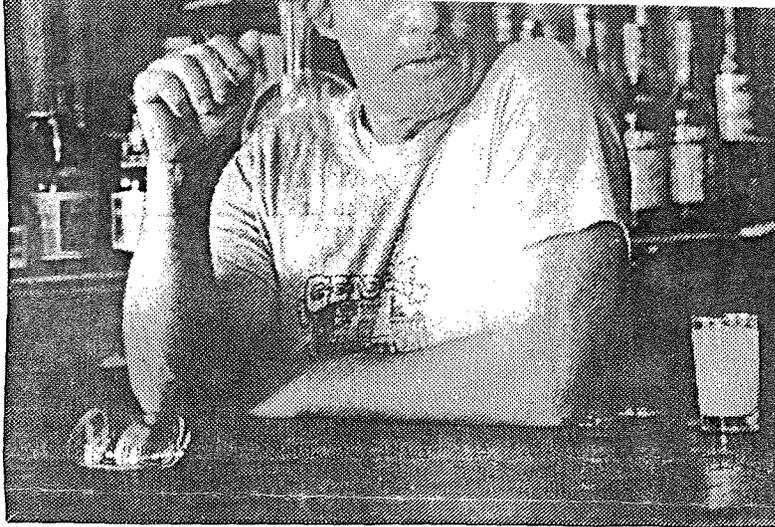
the premises from being upgraded. But a lot of changes were made when the Carvers first took it over, Betty says.

"All the fixtures, including the bar, were daubed with Army surplus paint. Dust was on

settled in 1851, some enterprising resident nailed a couple of planks together, threw a jug on top and inaugurated the town's first drinking emporium.

His name is unknown, and the bar probably consisted of little more than a wooden floor with canvas sides and roof. Following the evolution of most Western towns, the spot no doubt soon became popular with a certain element of the population to be joined by several other such establishments, catering to residents, emigrants, and parched prospectors from Alpine County and Virginia City.

The earliest saloon mentioned in Genoa is 'Gilbert's Saloon,' where meetings were first held to establish the Nevada Territory. Other known early-day watering holes included the Metropolitan Saloon, owned by Iams and Coddington and the Kohner & Heinz Bakery & Saloon, on the east side of Main Street near the post office.



BOB CARVER

my surplus paint. Bob was an inch thick everywhere and the only "facilities" consisted of an outhouse 20 feet beyond the back door," she recalls.

"Right after we bought it, Bob and a couple of friends decided to come down from the Lake and sample the stock to see if it was fit to serve," she said. "They showed up two days later and reported the stock was fine, but they didn't look too good themselves."

At the present time, Bob and his son, Torke, man the bar during the day, while Betty, a moving force in the huge arts and crafts fair during the annual Genoa Candy Dance, operates an antique store in the northeast corner of the building.

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Fire and business failures wiped out all of these places but one — The Genoa Bar and Saloon, which marks its 125th anniversary this year. It is generally acknowledged that this makes it "The Oldest Thirst Parlor in Nevada," as is proudly proclaimed on a sign outside. It may, in fact, be even older than its acknowledged founding date.

Research by E Clampus Vitus historians suggest that the original bar on the site was known as the "Monitor-Saloon," owned by the high-powered merchant M. Cohn. The second Business Directory of the Nevada Territory in 1863 lists Cohn as the owner, employing two clerks (bartenders). Not only did he operate the saloon, but he also owned one of the town's prominent general stores. According to the pages of the Genoa Weekly Courier, he was also a pitchman ahead of his time.

In the largest available type he advertised his operation as the "Original One-Price . . . Store," announcing a list of items as "A Blast from 'The Chief' of the Dry Goods Trade." Another ad takes on the competition by stating "The Dry Goods Trade Defied. The Astonishment of Lightning. . . was nothing

from this date that the bar's record longevity is measured.

The record has been challenged from time to time by several Virginia City saloon owners, but evidence seems to indicate that the Comstock establishments, although retaining the same names, operated at different locations and at least one had to be completely rebuilt after being razed by fire.

An Associated Press story quotes historian Philip Earl as conceding that the Genoa Bar and Saloon probably has "bragging rights" as the oldest continuously operating barroom in the state.

Livingston operated the bar for 21 years, calling it "Livingston's Exchange," and advertising it as a "Saloon kept in First-Class Style in every Particular." In 1884, he sold it to Frank Feticc, who promptly changed the name to "Feticc's Exchange."

Feticc was the very model of the genial publican, deeply involved in politics and a strong lodge member. This meant many trips away from Genoa and it is during one of these absences an incident occurred which produced a sign still hanging outside the bar today.

Charles Daudel was "a little old German bootmaker" who had a shop across the street from the Exchange. Once, when Feticc had to leave town, he hired Daudel to mind the bar for him. While he was gone, a wild bunch of sawmill hands from Alpine County rode into town and up to the front door of the bar. They told Daudel they didn't feel like leaving their horses out-

declaring "No Horses Allowed."

As the towns of Gardnerville and Minden grew in importance, many businesses moved out of Genoa. The final blow came in 1910 when a devastating fire swept the town. Few buildings survived, but among them was a block on the West side of Main Street, including the saloon.

After this, Genoa's commercial importance waned to a point where it served a only a few nearby ranches and residents. For this reason, the bar probably escaped notice of revenue agents during prohibition. Whatever it might have appeared on the outside, regulars who stopped by knew that there was more than roots in the root cellar. The trapdoor to the cellar can still be seen in the middle of the barroom floor.

The property changed hands in the ensuing years until it was acquired in 1963 — its centennial year — by Bob and Betty Carver.

Carver grew up in Placerville, but found his way to sea as a youth to become a fisherman on tuna clippers working out of San Diego. He later entered the construction business and worked on a number of projects at Lake Tahoe before his eye fell on the Genoa Bar and Saloon.

According to Betty, they were having dinner with friends in the Valley when they heard the bar was for sale. She remembers Bob turning to her and saying, "How would you like to be a saloon keeper?"

"You got to be out of your mind," she recalls replying.

Because of the bar's special ambience, it has played "character parts" in numerous movies as a Tulsa, Okla. honkytonk, a Las Cruces, N.M. cantina and a Petaluma, Calif. tavern. Celebrities such as Clint Eastwood drop in from time to time and Carver himself holds an actor's equity card, occasionally appearing in a scene or two.

"Raquel Welch was in here a while back," he said. "spent most of the afternoon and nobody recognized her."

Politicians, including many governors and ex-governors, are known to frequent the Genoa Bar and during legislative sessions, lawmakers can easily outnumber their constituents by a good margin.

Despite its colorful reputation, running an historic bar doesn't always please Carver.

"Summer's bad," he said. "There are a million tourists and most of them don't want to spend any money. I kept track the other day. During my shift that Sunday, there were 350 people. About 300 took flash shots inside the bar, 10 bought drinks and 200 used the bathroom. One even had the nerve to hit a \$50 jackpot."

Carver says the best days are in the fall. At this time of year, the bar is mostly filled with locals and a few old friends who drop by.

You can sit in a creaky chair on the front porch, listening to the crack of poolballs inside, and watch

M. COHN."

For whatever reason, Cohn sold the bar to one of his employees, Al Livingston, in 1863. There is no indication of what the original bar looked like, but Livingston had the present building erected in the fall of that year using red brick from the Rufus Adams brickyard up the road. It is

animals belly up to the bar with them. Over Daudel's strong, but unavailing protests, they rode inside and ordered drinks. When Fetic returned, he was incensed, particularly because he prided himself on running a "gentleman's establishment." He immediately had a sign posted by the front porch

"I forget how he talked me into it, but a little later we avoided it."

If saloons can have anniversaries this would be the bar's silver anniversary under the "barren's" proprietorship, as well as marking the 125th year of its existence. To the untrained eye, it would seem there has been a very diligent — and successful — attempt to keep

whatever action there is on Main Street. It doesn't amount to that much nowadays, but one is led to reflect on all those customers who have sat in the same spot, nursing a cool one, for over 125 years.

Through boom and bust, fire and storm, good times and bad, they never stopped pouring 'em at the Genoa Bar and Saloon.

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Pay attention

Editor:

It would be nice to hope that Tom Wixon's article "The Winds of Change", would stir up some kind of a reaction in Carson Valley. "...home building in Ranchos 6 and 7 continues at a staggering pace, with new homes popping up all over the far reaches of the sagebrush." "There's a building boom, it's obvious." "It's

past the point where we can argue about whether it's good or bad; it's coming, and what we have to do now is control it." "These things tend to steamroll. And as they do, Carson Valley will continue to outgrow its rural background and emerge tempestuously as a suburban community." "It will be interesting to see just how good a thing that is."

Do we really have to reinvent the wheel? Do we have to sit still and let this happen to Carson Valley "just to see how good a thing that is"? Take a trip to the Santa Clara Valley where beautiful orchards once laced the green and golden valley and foothills. Take a trip to the Livermore Valley where winding rural roads and small farms once dotted the landscape. Take a trip to South Lake Tahoe. Or just take a trip around the Carson Valley and see what has happened in the last 10 or 15 years.

Is this what the people of Carson Valley want? Non-stop suburbia throughout the valley with its attendant freeways and overpasses and traffic congestion and smog and overcrowded schools and crime? And on and on.

Can growth be controlled? Should it be? If it can, and if it should be, then some people had better get serious about it because the developers and the real estate folks are obviously running the show.

NANCY C. THORNBURG
Markleeville
Nov. 8

Wa-Pai-Shone cultural show Saturday



BEADED WORK. Sadie Jo Smokey shows off some of the beaded work to be sold by the kids in the Washoe Tutoring program this Saturday at Wa-Pai-Shone. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

Time to buy Christmas gifts? Why not try shopping at the second annual Wa-Pai-Shone, the Native American Cultural Arts Show, set for Saturday at Meneley Elementary School in the Gardnerville Ranchos.

Authentic Indian crafts at reasonable prices will be sold by Native American craftsmen, according to Washoe Tribe Education Counselor Sherry Smokey.

If you're not looking for gifts, you might just be interested in the display of crafts and fine art. Some of the proceeds of the show and sale will be used to develop a scholarship for Indian art students.

Then again, you might be interested in seeing traditional Native American dancing, which will take place at intervals throughout the afternoon.

The La Ka Lel Be dancers from the Carson City colony will perform, said Smokey. Washoe legends will be recited, and there will be a fashion show of Native American dress.

Also on display will be Washoe baskets, and a demonstration of basket weaving will be held during the day.

The event will be held at Meneley Elementary School, 1446 Muir Dr., in the Gardnerville Ranchos, 10

a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 19. An auction is planned for noon.

Traditional Native American foods will be served along with other refreshments.

The show, Smokey said, is a opportunity to spotlight the young Native American artist.

"These artists will receive valuable encouragement and also be eligible for an art school scholarship," she said.

Native American artists from all over Nevada and California, including professionals, will be displaying their work, using a variety of media including watercolor, oil and acrylics. Sculpture will also be exhibited.

The children at the three Washoe Tribe tutoring sites in Dresslerville, Woodfords and Carson colonies will be selling their beaded items, such as beaded bandannas, bracelets and necklaces, and tiles and feather work. The children have been working on these items to sell since last summer.

The Wa-Pai-Shone, held at Diamond Valley School in October, was a great success, as was the first event held last year at Gardnerville Elementary School.

The event is sponsored by the Washoe Tribe, Meneley Elementary School, Diamond Valley Native American Artists' Guild, Alpine County Arts Commission, Up With Kids, Head Start and Diamond Valley School.

Native American Cultural Show called a success

Fall '88

The first Native American Cultural Arts Day at Gardnerville Elementary School and the Native American Arts Show the next day proved to be more successful than their organizers dreamed.

"Between 500 and 600 people came through the door. That's a low figure," Lynn Walker, one of the organizers, said. "It was unbelievable. I'm still kind of staggered over the whole thing. The first year, I didn't expect such a big response."

Walker said the event will be held again next November at Meneley Elementary School, and those involved in the organizing have set a planning meeting for January.

At school last Friday, students learned about Washoe life through a video, participated in hand games, made bead necklaces with colored macaroni and got their faces painted.

They learned about the beliefs of Native Americans from Patsy Newton, a pipe-carrying medicine woman who set up her teepee on the front lawn of the school.

Kachinas Kutenai, an Apache medicine woman, told Native American stories and kept the children entranced.

These three women were on hand the next day as the first Native American Cultural Arts Show was held at GES in the multi-purpose room.

Organizers were Sherry Smokey, Kathy Dyke, Kevin Jones, Barbara Garcia of Dresslerville tutoring and Judy Warren, Walker said, adding that she thanked Principal Klaire Pirtle for all her help.

Winners of the art show were James Shoshone, 15, a student at Douglas High School, who took best of show, and Linda Rader of Carson City, who took second.

Awards were given to the Alpine County Children's Art group and Dresslerville Head Start.

"I want to thank Vernor Wyatt (chairman of the Washoe Tribe) for coming down and representing the tribe and speaking. He really added to the day," Walker said.

"He said that he was really pleased to see all the different tribes working together to uplift the community and to make our little corner of the world a better place to live," she said.

Native Americans of several tribes were represented in the art and craft show and sale, and many different tribal costumes were shown in a fashion show coordinated by Paulette Kelly of Sacramento, who wore a fringed and beaded doeskin outfit.

Local girls to wear the costumes were Lyla Pete, Sharess Wilson, Jenny Smokey, Cheryl Simmons, Sylvia Simmons, Annette Jones, Lawanda Fred, Jesse Silva, Sadie Jo Smokey, Tara Skenandore, Carolee Simpson, Darlene Smokey, Cindy Rodriguez, Stacy James, Lindsay Jones Jr., Annette Kizer, Stephanie Simpson, Amber Bennet, Jackie Simmons, Coleen Hernandez and Barbara Jones.

Also at the event were demonstrations of basket weaving by Jo Ann Martinez and Theresa Jackson from the Washoe Tribe.

"We don't want basket weaving to die out," Walker said. "We've got to keep it going. Everyone was so impressed watching them make baskets. It was wonderful to see the different stages of making a basket."

Dresslerville Head Start sold food, featuring Indian-style tacos. Also on sale were acorn biscuits and pine nuts.

Theresa Jackson worked for two days to make the acorn biscuits for sale. She and Jo Ann Martinez were also responsible for tape recording the Washoe hand games.

Several people who had booths with things for sale ranging from jewelry to crafts, T-shirts to leather and fur goods, reported good sales, Walker said.

Students at the Dresslerville Tutoring Pro-



James Shoshone, 15, a Douglas High School student, was awarded the best of show for his work. He is shown with two of his paintings. It is hoped that Shoshone

and other local students will be able to attend the Native American Arts Institute in Santa Fe. R-C photo

gram made necklaces and earrings of beads and Ojo de Dios (God's eyes) to sell. Faces of the Future calendars were sold. They are still on sale at Miller's Market. These feature photos taken by Barbara Garcia.

The Alpine County Children's Art group sold hand-painted T-shirts and chances on a quilt.

Dancing, stories, speeches and music rounded out the day.



Fashion show participants were, from left, Jackie Simmons, Amber Bennet and Stacy

James, all of Alpine County. R-C photo by Joyce Hollister

It Takes a Daily Trip Out of State for These Students to Get to Class

By CHARLES HILLINGER, Times Staff Writer

WOODFORDS, Calif.—In the chilly fall darkness just before sunup, eight high school students huddled together inside the small shed high on the eastern slope of 10,023-foot Mt. Hawkins. They were waiting for a school bus.

When the headlights of the Alpine County Unified School District bus rounded a bend on the steep, two-lane road and came to a stop, the students dashed from the shelter to join 34 other youths for the ride down the mountain and across

ly in late fall, winter and early spring when most of the county is buried in deep snow.

That is why all but three of Alpine's 45 high school students go to Douglas High School in Nevada. (Three youths who live in Bear Valley on the other side of the mountain go to Bret Harte High School at Arnold in California's Calaveras County.)

"We would send our kids to the South Lake Tahoe High School—about the same distance as Minden—but we can't get to Lake Tahoe in winter. The road over 7,740-foot Luther Pass is closed by snow," said James Parsons, 41, superintendent of the Alpine Unified School District.

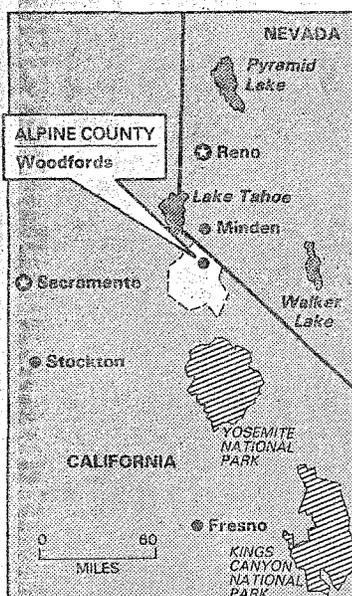
Not only is Luther Pass closed by snow much of the year but so are three of the four other roads leading into the county. Those roads cross 8,314-foot Monitor Pass, 8,573-foot Carson Pass and 8,730-foot Ebbetts pass. Only California 88 dropping down the mountain to Nevada is open year round.

There are three schools in Alpine County, Diamond Valley with 120 students from kindergarten through eighth grade, Kirkwood with five first graders and one kindergarten pupil, and Bear Valley with 19 in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Lloyd Lingelbach, 51, drives high school sophomore Katy Chandler, 15, and her brother Gary, 13, a freshman, in a school bus 23 miles each school day from Kirkwood to Woodfords, where they transfer to the regular Alpine County high school bus for the remaining 23 miles to Douglas High School. It takes the Chandler youngsters three hours a day to commute back and forth from their home to high school.

Many of the students who live in remote places in the mountains are picked up at home. "Sometimes they oversleep and we have to wake them up," said bus driver John Jackson.

"Lloyd [Lingelbach] holds the record for chaining [the tires on] his bus more than 100 days in one school year," said Jackson, 34, who drives the 42 high school students up and down the mountain range



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the state line to Douglas High School in Minden, Nev.

Alpine County on the eastern crest of the High Sierra, the least populated of the 58 counties in California with only 1,200 residents, is so small it is the only county in the state without a high school.

It also is the county with the highest average elevation. Its lowest point is more than a mile high, and more than two dozen peaks within its borders are more than two miles high.

They call Alpine County, with its towering mountains, glacial lakes, dense stands of pine, fir, birch and quaking aspen, the Switzerland of California. It is one of the most isolated areas of the state, special-



School bus crosses state line on its daily

every day to the Nevada school.

Both Lingelbach's and Jackson's buses have slipped off icy roads and been stuck in snowbanks on a few occasions over the years. But never has there been an injury in the incidents.

"It goes with the territory," Jackson said. "We know the roads by heart. . . . Every winter it gets so bad at times the kids get snowed in and stuck on the mountain unable to get to school."

For the young people of rural Alpine County there is quite an adjustment to go from an elementary and junior high school of 120 students to Douglas High School, with 1,040 students.

"We fit in pretty well down there, but it takes a little while for a freshman like myself to get settled in and make new friends," said Clint Celio, 14, who is picked up by the bus at the front door of his home in Woodfords at the same time as his mother, Sandy, 39, leaves for her job as a silver miner.

Senior Aaron Holt, 17, moved to Alpine County with his family last summer from Alameda. "California high schools are much harder, longer hours and more homework," Holt said during the ride down the mountain.

"Don't tell Nevada that," chimed in Susi Kuhl, 16, a junior. "I still have another year to go."

George Coyan, 17, a junior, said that most of the students have gone to school with one another since kindergarten. "We're so close," he said. "We're more like brothers and

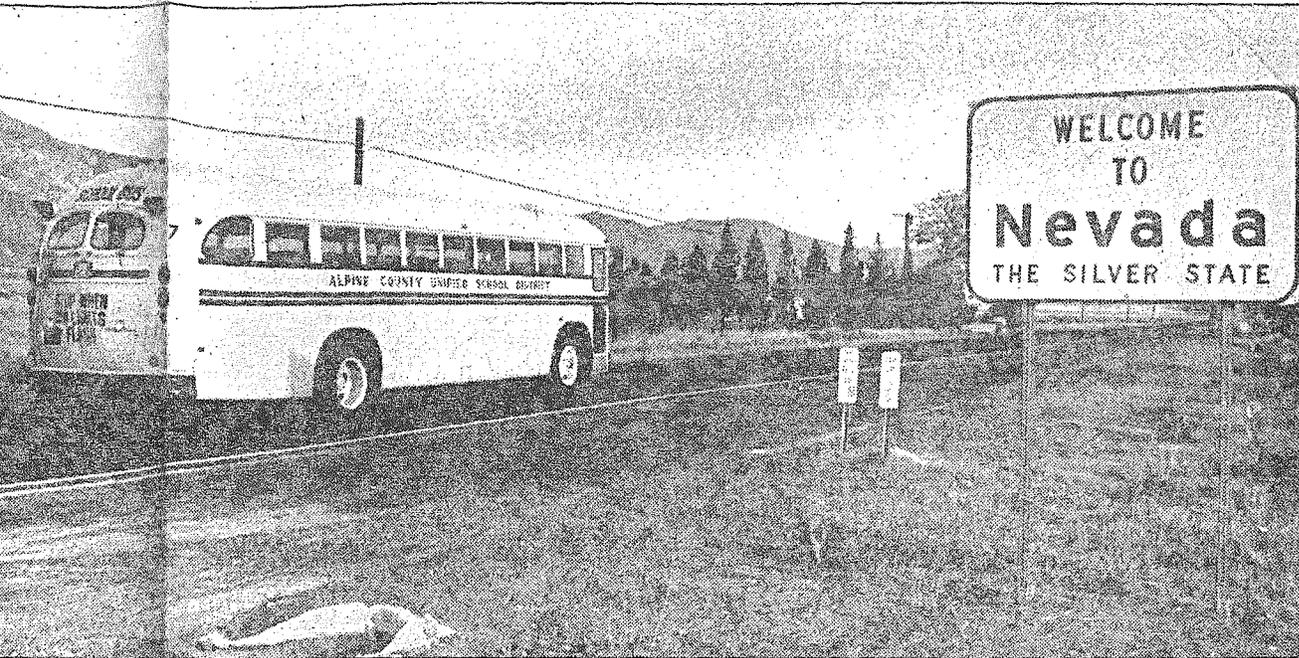
sisters. Some girlfriends, the girls there."

"What bills. It cost me my phone. We broke the phone."

His father is the head of the County school driver. He is in Alpine County. Coyan boarded the bus when they were in the mountains. "My mother is 92."

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"What happens is huge phone bills. It cost me \$200 one month to call my girlfriend, \$700 by the time we broke up. My dad put a lock on the phone."

His father is Gary Coyan, 55, head of transportation for Alpine County schools and a fill-in bus driver. He has been driving buses in Alpine County for 23 years. Coyan recalled that before 1940 "Alpine County high school kids boarded with families in Minden when they went to high school."

"My mother, Elizabeth Coyan, who is 92, went to high school from

her Alpine County home to Nevada from 1908 to 1912, living with a family there," he said.

"In 1940, when there were five Alpine County kids going to Douglas High School, one of the students was given a special driver's permit and paid to drive the other four to school. My sister, Betty, was one of the students who drove with him. School buses have been used since 1945."

Superintendent Parsons noted that there isn't a movie theater, a barber, a practicing doctor or dentist in Alpine County. There are three small country stores.

"We don't disown the kids when they go to high school in Nevada," he said. "We are very much in-

involved with them, dealing with any and all problems. Our school district pays \$3,687 per student per year to Douglas High School for their education."

David Sheets, 46, vice principal of Douglas High School, said the California students "get the best of both worlds. They are eligible for both Nevada and California scholarships. If California graduates of Douglas High go on to state universities in Nevada, out-of-state tuition is waived."

California students are encouraged to go out for sports and get involved in clubs and other activities at Douglas High. Alpine County runs a second bus for students who stay late.

-DEATH NOTICES/FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS-

ADLER, Esther
Glasband-Willen, West Hollywood
ARONOFF, Barbara
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BAER, Ann
Mount Sinai Mortuary
BAHAM, Evelyn Ferlman formerly of Massachusetts. Cherished wife of Gilbert A. Baham; loving sister of A. Ruby Gordon; caring aunt of Linda Gordon and Janet Gordon Kaplan; great-aunt of Beth Kaplan and Deborah Kaplan.
BURG, Anne L. passed away November 25, 1988, in West Los Angeles. She is survived by her husband, August.
Funeral Services Wednesday, November 30, 11:00 a.m. at Forest Lawn Mortuary, 2600

PLESCIA, Andrea born December 13, 1907, in Piana degli Albanesi, Sicily, Italy; passed away November 23, 1988 in Los Angeles. Survived by beloved wife, Saveria; children, Frances, George, Angie, Mary, Santo, Annie, Jackie, and Josie; 15 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.
Visitation 2-5pm, Sunday, at the Mortuary Chapel. Recitation of the Rosary 7pm, Sunday; Funeral Mass, 10am, Monday, November 28 (both at Sacred Heart Church, 2210 Sichel St., L.A. Entombment, Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum, S. San Gabriel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Junior Blind Foundation. **Pierce Bros. Mortuary**, 8180 Wilshire Blvd. (310) 282-1161

TOOLEN (Tolias), Aspasia mother of Mary (James) Ladicos. She was a charter member, past President, and participant in other offices, of the St. Sophia Philoptochos Society; also past President of the Daughters of Penelope, Hollywood Chapter, Melita No. 119.
Trisagion service Monday, 7:30 pm at Pierce Bros. Cunningham & O'Connor, Hollywood. Funeral service Tuesday, 12 noon at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral.
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Man no match for canine WOOF unit

Tahoe Daily Tribune
Nov. 28, 1988

By DIANA ELLIOTT
Tribune Staff Writer

The human eye is no match for the canine's keen sense of smell, which is thought to be 100,000 times stronger than a man's. So when it comes to searching — be it for lost children or homicide victims — a person is no match for a search dog.

Those versed in search and rescue have learned over the past two decades what an asset dogs are at finding people who are lost in the woods.

That's why Sandy Bryson of Markleeville started WOOF, a private non-profit search dog unit, in 1975.

The organization made up of search dogs and their masters from all over California is available to law enforcement agencies who need assistance in finding people.

Bryson started the organization by offering training to those who were interested in teaching their young dogs to find people.

She then organized the group, known as WOOF or Wilderness Finders, to be used when a search was called by law enforcement.

When the weather is bad, time is crucial and there are few leads — which is the case in most searches — a dog is usually the best tool for looking for a lost hiker in the wilderness, said Jim Lerum, who is the president of the board of directors of WOOF.

He recalled a search several years ago for a man who fell 30 to 40 feet through an icehole in Yosemite. He had been down in the hole three or four days and had broken his back, Lerum said.

Helicopters and ground searchers combed the area without a trace of the man. Then a WOOF dog arrived, passed by the hole at first, but caught the scent up wind and discovered the

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man down below.

"It was pretty remote and the weather was bad. About the time they found him, the weather went really bad," Lerum recalled. "It was the kind of thing that without the dog, this would have been a dead man."

The man, who suffered severe

frostbite on his feet, survived the ordeal, Lerum said.

WOOF averaged between 10 and 15 people who live in all parts of the state. In the early days, the organization was so new that members were called out to aid in searches in other states.

But now the search dog concept is becoming more common and similar organizations are operating elsewhere, Lerum said.

Roland Christensen

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Roland C. Christensen, 68, died Dec. 2 in a Loyaltan, Calif. rest home. He had been a Woodfords native and life-long resident.

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Born March 25, 1920, Mr. Christensen was a maintenance worker for the government and served in the Army during World War II.

His wife, Elaine, died March 9.

Surviving relatives, all of Woodfords, include brother, Lawrence; daughters, Jocelyn Christensen, Lorna Christensen' and Yvonne Crawford; sisters, Dina Pete and Flosie Bennett; 11 grandchildren; and two uncles.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7 at the Stewart Community Baptist Church. Burial followed with military honors at the Woodfords Cemetery.

FitzHenry's Funeral Home and Crematory in Carson City was in charge of the arrangements.

The sounds of humanity

We went to Los Angeles recently. Actually, we went to Riverside and Laguna Beach, but from my vantage point, it's all LA.

We sit in the yard, soaking up the afternoon warmth, talking, sipping ice tea. Peering through the "fog" for some sighting of the sun or nearby mountains. Suddenly jets from a nearby air base rev up their engines, and for

minutes we cannot hear each other talk. This happens several times. And we are very conscious of the ever-present background drone of cars, trains, police sirens, airplanes, and dogs barking nearby and far away, punctuated with the staccato yapping of the dog across the fence.

We took a drive through part of Riverside County, and I'm convinced there is not a square foot of the county left that isn't being surveyed or built on. Even the granite outcrop hills, once a sanctuary of green or brown rising from a sea of rooftops, now are sprouting roads and houses.

We went to a large mall on Sunday. People-watching there is better even than in the casinos. My overall impression is of a pervasive slovenliness, of people wearing clothes which are either absurdly too large or skin-tight and which appear to have been just tossed on in some helter-skelter manner. Yet one senses that this "random" effect is highly planned.

Then there is the hair. One fellow has gone to a great deal of trouble to apply something to his black, shiny locks which enables him to form a dozen or so vertical cones. His mall partner has a very precise Mohican cut. There is a middle-aged, paunchy man, balding, sporting two long, thin streamers of hair falling away from behind his ears.

There are two lovely Oriental girls, about 14 and 10, sisters, perhaps. The older one has bleached the front third of her hair to the color of an underripe orange. She has managed somehow to make this portion of her hair stand up vertically to create a sort of six inch fan, or tiara, and as she walks it bobs back and forth like a quail. The younger girl presents a crude imitation of the older.

It is difficult not to notice the number of grossly obese people, some middle-aged, but many in their twenties or teens. Even little kids.

And it is difficult for me not to notice the over-50s men and women with their traditional haircuts, their sport shirts and trousers or blouses and skirts and pumps, looking incredibly normal and incredibly out of place.

And then there are the little kids, the 4 through 8's. Running, screaming, whining, crying, dripping ice cream, fingering everything from store windows to glass showcases to clothing. One boy pushing a

stroller containing baby brother, bouncing the front wheels up and down, up and down, from one end of the mall to the other, with baby's head pitching forward and alongside, oblivious, talking with a friend.

That day there was an article in the paper about the death of John Houseman, the actor. Something he was quoted as having said caught my eye:

"We are in an unbelievable slump of mediocrity, timidity and greed in business, in politics, in television, in film, in publishing — it's the same everywhere. The preoccupation with profits is base, an appalling threat to our culture. Show business and the auto business are going down the same rat hole. We are creating a populace that swarms mindlessly like bees."

In both Riverside and Laguna Beach it is difficult to find information on things to do or places to go other than sales of every type, amusement parks, rock concerts and lousy movies. We did find refuge and peaceful respite for a couple of hours in the Riverside Museum.

Laguna Beach. Our \$60/night (off season rate) motel sits perched between Highway 1 and the beach. We can barely hear the soothing wave noises for the background roar of traffic, night and day, on the highway. The unit next door is undergoing renovation, and the workers drop 2x4's from the third floor into a dumpster below creating bone-jarring reverberations. The unit on the other side is having the carpets and drapes cleaned, and all day there is the sound of the machine with its high-pitched whine. Highway 1 is under construction. They have cut a trench down one side and are laying some kind of large pipe in it. It creates horrendous traffic congestion during the day. And at night they cover the trench with large sheets of heavy steel. As the cars drive over them all night there is the constant hammering noise of one sheet bouncing off another.

But none of this — NONE of this — compares with the experience of coming out of Laguna Canyon onto I-5, and the three hour, 65 mph bobsled run north to the San Fernando Valley, bumper to bumper, with cars darting criss-cross ahead and behind, carbon monoxide fumes making us light-headed, through the Genuine Downtown Los Angeles Freeway Madness, under a thick layer of yellow-brown sky, until at last we come down the Grapevine into the central valley. And freedom.

(Editor's note: A few weeks ago in this space, Tom Wixon wrote about the many signs of growth and development springing up in and around Carson Valley. The column elicited this response by Markleeville resident, writer and journalist Nancy Thornburg.)

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Woodfords man charged in death

Record Courier
Dec. 1, 1983

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

A 27-year-old Woodfords man was expected to be in custody today, charged with homicide in the stabbing death of the mother of four small children in what officials say was a lovers' quarrel.

A warrant was issued for the

arrest of Daniel Cloud in connection with the stabbing death of 24-year-old Dawna J. Koos of Woodfords, said Alpine County Sheriff Larry Kuhl.

According to District Attorney Henry Murdock, if convicted of charges of homicide and two counts of attack with a deadly weapon, Cloud faces 25-

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Murder: Holiday stabbing

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years to life in prison.

Kuhl said that a butcher knife was taken as evidence from the home where the incident occurred in the Woodfords Indian Colony.

Koos was pronounced dead on the scene at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving. Douglas County paramedics transported two other stab victims, Earnest Leggett, 38, and Robert Jim, 24.

Both suffered from hand wounds. Jim was taken to Washoe Medical Center because of the severity of the injury.

Cloud allegedly stabbed himself and was treated for abdominal wounds at Carson-Tahoe Hospital. According to Kuhl, Cloud wasn't taken into custody at the time of the incident because "the suspect was hospitalized."

Kuhl would not release other details of the incident.

Koos was pronounced dead on the scene. Results of an autopsy will be available by late this week or early next

week, according to Deputy Everett Brakensiek, in charge of the Alpine County investigation.

A call from a neighbor requesting emergency aid prompted Alpine deputies to respond to the incident, Brakensiek said.

The four children, sons, Shane and Curtis and daughters, Danille and Raina of Woodfords are being cared for by family and friends, Kuhl said.

Koos was a 22-year resident of Dresslerville before moving to the Woodfords Indian Colony two years ago. She attended Douglas County schools and was on the ski and softball teams at Douglas High School.

Koos was a Schurz, Nev., native. Her father, Norman, died in Vietnam when she was a year old.

Funeral services were held yesterday at the Stewart Baptists Church in Stewart. Burial followed at the Woodfords Indian Cemetery.

Kuhl says the incident is still under investigation.

Dawna Koos *Record
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Dawna Jaye Koos, 24, died Nov. 24 at her home in Woodfords Indian Colony. She had been a resident for two years, coming from Dresslerville where she lived for 22 years.

A native of Schurz, she was born Aug. 14, 1964.

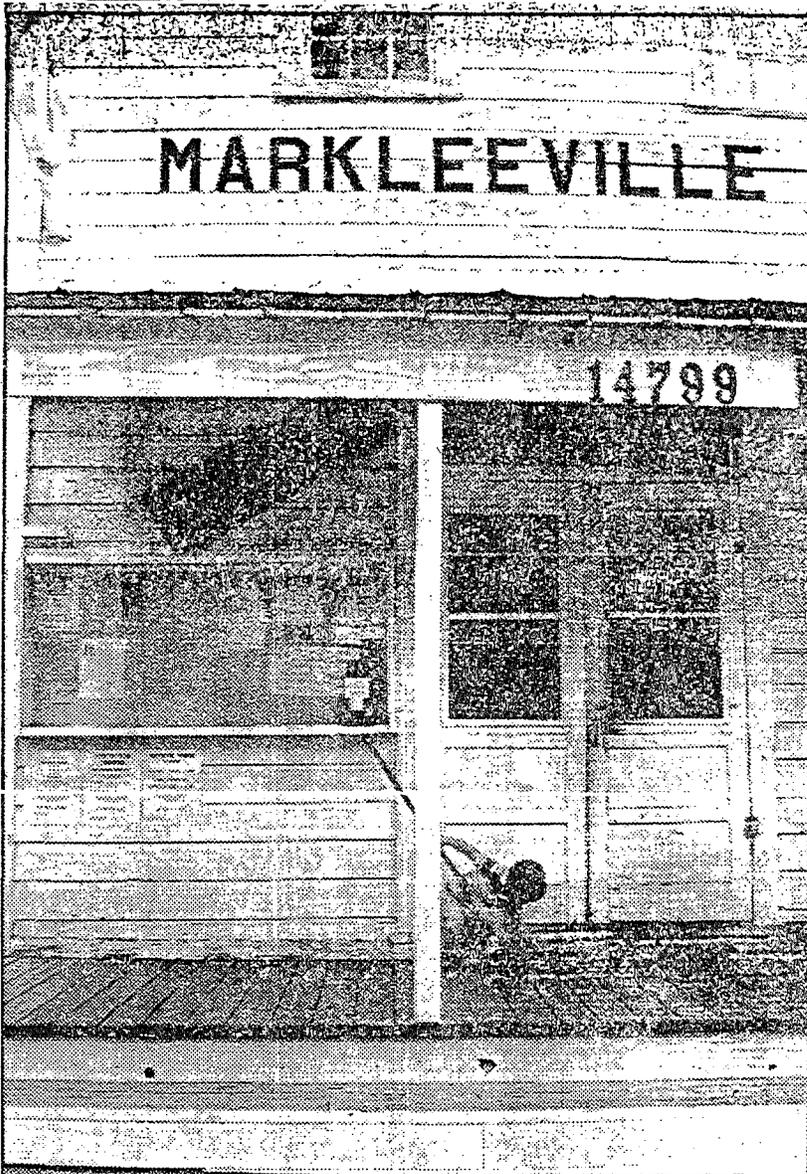
She attended Douglas County schools, and was on the Douglas High School ski and softball teams.

Her father, Norman, died in

Vietnam in 1965.

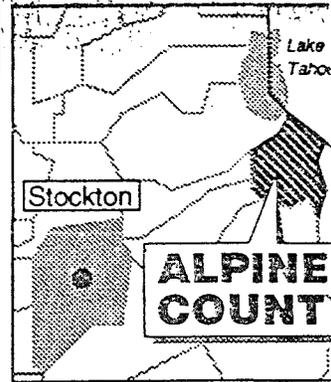
Survivors include her sons, Shane and Curtis, daughters, Danille and Raina, all of Woodfords; mother, Justine Koos, grandmother, Leona MacDonald, brother, John, sisters, Kristine and Charlene, all of Woodfords; grandparents, George and Florence of Charlotte, Mich; seven uncles, seven aunts; one great-uncle; three nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at the Stewart Baptist Church with burial following at the Woodfords Indian Cemetery.



Record photo by BARBARA WILCOX

TIME STANDS STILL: Chad Wickenberg, 2, cleans the porch of the Markleeville General Store. His parents are the owners.



A look at Alpine Count

Founded: 1864.
Peak population: 5,000 during silver mining boom 1860s.
Population: 1985 Special Census — 1,190 (9 whites, 243 American Indians, nine of other race)
1980 Census: 1,087.
Land area: 462,720 acres (423,520 owned by the U.S. Forest Service). A total 36,794 acres are privately owned.
Registered voters: as of March 1989 — 731.
Second homes: Of 1,111 homes counted in 1985 Special Census, 586 were second homes.
County seat: Markleeville population 220, unincorporated.
Industries: Recreation and tourism, forest management, cattle.

lonely valleys. Most of the county's growth has been near the Bear Valley and Kirkwood ski resorts on the western Sierra.

And quiet as Alpine seems, it is rocked by changes.

Even more Alpine land became public last year as local activists and the Trust for Public Lands used \$4 million in state Proposition 70 funds to buy much of Hope Valley for the Toiyabe National Forest. Though the sale was widely supported, many Alpine residents want reimbursement for the \$60,000 annually that will be taken off the tax rolls.

As land falls into the hands of west-slopers, public agencies or absentee owners, the Washo community has sought to gain power.

Last year, after threats of a lawsuit, the county redesigned its district boundaries so that one

Washo community.

A Native American curriculum was brought into each classroom of Diamond Valley School, at Woodfords near the Washo reservation. White and Washo second-graders now learn to make smudge sticks for incense; eighth-graders now read American Indian authors.

In contrast to previous years, all but one American Indian 1988 graduate of Diamond Valley finished his or her first year of high school, said district Native American liaison Winnie Mendevil.

Though residents say racism persists, they are hopeful for the future.

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lonely valleys. Most of the county's growth has been near the Bear Valley and Kirkwood ski resorts on the western Sierra.

And quiet as Alpine seems, it is rocked by changes.

Even more Alpine land became public last year as local activists and the Trust for Public Lands used \$4 million in state Proposition 70 funds to buy much of Hope Valley for the Toiyabe National Forest. Though the sale was widely supported, many Alpine residents want reimbursement for the \$60,000 annually that will be taken off the tax rolls.

As land falls into the hands of west-slopers, public agencies or absentee owners, the Washo community has sought to gain power.

Last year, after threats of a lawsuit, the county redesigned its district boundaries so that one seat on every county board or commission would be reserved for the Washo community.

Washo parents and concerned whites then successfully pressed the Alpine Unified School District — which is 50 percent Native American — to create an unusual system for electing board members: four at-large, one by the

Washo community.

A Native American curriculum was brought into each classroom of Diamond Valley School, at Woodfords near the Washo reservation. White and Washo second-graders now learn to make smudge sticks for incense; eighth-graders now read American Indian authors.

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Alpine children describe their worlds as small and cozy, surrounded by animals, family and simple pleasures.

"I can go sledding across the street," marveled second-grader Rene Mendivil, 7.

"I don't even have to cross the street," said first-grader Marlon Nelson, 6.

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Thornburg said the relentless need of the county for jur board members and other public officials can sometimes leave residents exhausted. But she said also gives them great satisfaction

"We're not unsophisticated people," she said. "We're volunteers who run the whole county for the good of us all."

Other people's business

by KENNETH E. MAW

The sound of an open mind

Editor's Note: Last week, this space was filled by Alpine County journalist Nancy Thornburg, whose piece was headlined, "The sounds of humanity." In it, Ms. Thornburg wrote of a recent trip to Southern California. It began, "We went to Los Angeles recently. Actually, we went to Riverside and Laguna Beach, but from my vantage point, it's all L.A." She went on to lament the lifestyle and congestion of the inland. Minden reader Kenneth E. Maw saw her column, and was inspired to write this parody.

I went to Reno recently. Actually, we went to Carson City and Minden, but from my vantage point, it's all Reno. We sit in the yard, trying to keep warm, hop-

ing a neighbor would talk to us. Peering through the "smoke" from woodstoves for some sighting of the sun or nearby mountains. Suddenly the scraping sound of snow plows clearing the highway makes your teeth clench. This happens several times. And we are very conscious of the ever-present background drone of cars on Highway 395, fire station sirens, airplanes, and locals complaining about life in L.A. as if all of Southern California was L.A.

We took a drive through part of Douglas County and I'm convinced there is not a cubic foot of water left that isn't argued over. Even the old mine outcroppings that some miner considered waste is now considered history.

We went to a large casino on Sunday. People-watching there is even better than in the malls. My overall impression is of a gambling addic-

ness, or people wearing clothes which were chased at a ranch or a second hand store. Yet one senses that this red-neck effect is highly planned.

Then there is the hair. One fellow has gone to a great deal of trouble to apply some sort of coloring to his obviously gray hair. His casino partner has a precise crew cut. There is a middle-aged man dressed in a plaid suit sporting a bright red scarf falling from around his collar.

It is not difficult to see the number of fat people in this area. Probably from all the exercise it takes to play video poker.

And it is difficult for me not to notice the number of DUI's listed in the local paper. Or of the problem a certain group of people are having trying to hold a rodeo.

In both Carson City or Minden it is difficult to find information on things to do or places to go that don't involve gambling, drinking, and of

course "art shows".

We did find refuge and peaceful respite along the banks of the East Carson River, but alas it was in California.

Carson City. Our motel sits perched between an abandoned store and a bar. We can barely hear the soothing sounds of the wind in the trees for the background roar of traffic night and day in this "24 hour city." The sound of the chain saw echoes against the abandoned casinos from a nearby house.

But none of this — NONE of this — compares with the experience of driving Highway 50. A bumper to bumper drive behind some farmer or triple gravel truck across flat open desert at 45 mph.

If this article makes you mad, think of what the articles about other's homes and ways of life might do. Before you ridicule someone else, take a look in your own back yard. There might be some weeds that need tending to.

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Woodfords man pleads not guilty

Daniel Cloud, 27, has pleaded not guilty to murder and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon in Alpine County, accused of stabbing to death the woman he had lived with for the past five years.

A preliminary hearing is set in Alpine County Justice Court Jan. 17 for the Woodfords man who authorities say stabbed himself with the same butcher knife used to kill Dawna J. Koos and injure two other men.

"The district attorney will produce just the basics of the case in attempts to have the judge bind the case over to a superior court trial," said Alpine County Sheriff's Deputy Everett Brakensiek.

Cloud is currently being held in the El Dorado County Jail under a \$125,000 bail.

Twenty-four-old Koos was stabbed to death Thanksgiving morning. Alpine County deputies responded to a call for

emergency medical aid at 7:30.

Her four children, Curtis, 9-months-old, Raina, 2, Danille, 4, and Shane, 7, are under care of relatives in Dresslerville, authorities said.

Treated for hand injuries following the incident were Earnest Leggett, 38, and Robert Jim, 24, both of Woodfords. They are pressing additional charges against Cloud for the lacerations inflicted, Brakensiek said.

Mike Day finishes third

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Mike Day of Woodfords broke into the Far West Division masters ski racing scene on a bright note recently.

Day, a former coach for the Kirkwood junior program, put on a racing bib of his own for the Giant Wailer Giant Slalom Dec. 3 at Mammoth Mountain, and came away with a third-

place finish in his age category. Day took third in the men's 30-39 class with a combined time of 65.07 for two runs, and his second run of 30.69 was the day's fastest overall. Grant Wells won the age class in 63.73.

Former Minden resident John Gianotti also captured

first-place in the men's 60-year-old slalom with a time of 70.58.

Nearly 100 racers participated in the weekend race event, which included the Dave McCoy Slalom on Dec. 4. The racers represented Nevada, California, Arizona, Texas and Pennsylvania.

New SES teachers love new school, students

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

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LISA FONTANA

Although diverse in skills and talents, the five new instructors at the year-around Scarselli Elementary School are unified in one belief: they love the excitement of teaching in a shiny new school.

"It's really exciting being back. And it's really neat being in a brand-new school," said kindergarten teacher Carla Paterson, who resumed a teaching position after raising a family. "There's a lot of enthusiasm here. Everyone has a real high-morale."

First grade teacher Lisa Fontana agreed.

"The principal is a super guy. And being in a brand-new school is terrific. There's more enthusiasm about school even with the kids. When they get tired and need a little break, m, the month-long vacation comes up," said Fontana, who teaches 1st grade.

Coming from Alpine County, Fontana had been an instructor there for for five years. She said the staff at SES "is the most dedicated group of people I've ever worked with."

Fontana says that making learning exciting is a challenge she enjoys.

"The thing I've found that is most important is making education enjoyable. I want the kids to want to come to school. I don't worry about laughing or crying when I'm reading a story and it catches their attention," Fontana said.

She enjoys hunting and fishing in her spare time with her husband, David.

"I have a whole new approach to teaching. I give more warmth since I've become a mom," Fontana said.

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Melvin Dondero

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Melvin L. Dondero, 37, died Jan. 8 in Gardnerville. He had been a Markleeville resident for the past five years, coming from Mariposa, Calif.

Dondero was a laborer in construction.

Survivors include his father, Carl of Diamond Valley, Calif.; mother, Loretta M. Burns of Schurz; brothers, John and Mike, and sisters, Judy and Tammy, all of Bishop, Calif.; brothers, Larry of Big Pine, Calif.; Gary of Mariposa; and Terry of Laytonville, Calif.; grandmother, Lucille Jamison of Schurz; and numerous relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11 at Schurz Methodist Church. Burial followed at the River Indian Reservation under the direction of FitzHenry's Funeral Home and Crematory in Carson City.



DONATIONS POUR IN. Several groups and businesses have donated to the Douglas High band's trip to Washington for the Inaugural Parade. Representatives recently posed for a picture with band director Bill Zabelsky and band member Troy Osgood. From left are Eleanor Nye and Sharon Inman

of the Douglas school bus drivers; Bruce Clark, representing Century 21; Zabelsky and Osgood; Claudette Springmeyer of Soroptimist International of Carson Valley; and DHS Principal Hal Butler of the Douglas County Administrators Association. R-C photo

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Airman Mark A. Nagel, son of Thomas A. and Judith I. Nagel of Woodfords, has been identified for early promotion to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

He was awarded the new rating by a promotion board which considered job performance, military knowledge, bearing and self-improvement efforts.

Nagel is a biomedical equipment maintenance specialist at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is a 1983 graduate of Douglas High School.

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Nordic skiing: It's now a slick business

by ROBERT MILLER
Special to the R-C

The fitness boom started in the early 1980s and joggers, cyclists and athletic clubs began to surface like definition in a toned muscle.

Aerobic exercise gained popularity and cross country, or nordic skiing began to develop a prominence it had never seen.

As with anything that gains popularity, an array of products and facilities for nordic skiers began to hit the marketplace. The newly popularized sport is a relatively less expensive and less crowded alternative to downhill, or alpine skiing. Because of the lower cost, the sport appeals to families.

Today, nordic skiing holds little resemblance to what it was a decade ago. The number of people participating in the sport has grown dramatically and the heavy, and cumbersome equipment of old has been replaced with high tech and sometimes expensive equipment.

Nordic skiing, which was once little more than hiking through the snow, has evolved into a slick business that's garnering a lot of attention.

"The image has changed quite a bit," said Skip Reedy, director of Tahoe Nordic Ski Center in Tahoe City. "Now it's Lycra and flashy colors. It used to be wooden skis, wool knickers, and wool sweaters.... It's almost like the beautiful people do it, so, now it's acceptable."

The popularity of the sport has been helped somewhat by its new-found glamorous image and the growth of ski areas. There has been substantial innovation and specialization in equipment, skiing techniques and skiing facilities. Big bucks have been poured into the research and development of equipment and clothing. Ski area grooming techniques have also come a long way since the sport's beginnings.

"It was very small," Debbi Waldear, manager of Kirkwood's Cross Country Ski Center, said of Kirkwood's first facilities. "It was a little hut and we rented a few pairs of skis."

Since Kirkwood's humble beginnings 15 years ago, the area has grown considerably. Today it has three separate trail systems with miles of groomed trails. The trails have a variety of terrain to accommodate beginning, intermediate and advanced skiers and classes to teach skiers of all abilities. A plethora of comfort facilities are available for the skier before, during and after skiing.

What Kirkwood offers is typical of nordic ski areas. Despite the growing number of skiers, the activity remains a way to get out in the country and away from everything, and often, everyone.

With miles of groomed trails at ski areas, bumping into slower skiers or getting passed by faster skiers is uncommon.

"People get really dispersed so they don't have the feeling they're skiing with a lot of other people," Waldear said.

In Soda Springs, Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort, which touts itself as the largest groomed cross country ski area in North America, has seen its business undergo substantial growth in its 19 years of existence.

"The first year we started, we had 300 clients and no groomed trails," said John Slober, the resort's general manager. "Last year we served 109,000 clients and had 305 kilometers of groomed trails."

Last year, Royal Gorge gave 18,000 lessons, Slober said.

Although the resort's business continues to grow, that growth is nowhere near the doubling and tripling the resort saw in its early years, Slober said.

"We've sustained a fairly steady 18 to 26 percent growth over the years," Slober said.

To remain competitive, the business has learned to adapt to changes and challenges.

The past two dry winters have made snow a premium substance. With a scant covering, obstacles have been a problem.

To continue to provide quality trails even in dry years, Royal Gorge, like most other cross country areas, has embarked upon an extensive off-season trail grooming program.

"We used to be very cavalier about rocks and stumps," Slober said, "but not any more."

Trails are now graded to roadbed quality and Royal Gorge undertook a "huge grass planting" during the summer, Slober said.

The grass acts as an insulating layer during the winter. Hay, bark and other natural substances are used under the snow for drainage.

However, just like alpine skiing, the work at the ski areas does not stop once the snow falls. Each day, machines groom the trail beds. Most areas will have two diagonal glide tracks, in addition to an area for skating; the newest technique in cross country skiing.

As the tracks are laid, huge machines till the snow, pumping it full of air and preserving it.

The biggest difference in skiing now is in grooming," Reedy said.

Many years ago, ski tracks were cut in the snow by a skier, Reedy said. The evolution has gone through snowmobiles and snowcats to state-of-the-art grooming machines, Reedy said.

The latest groomers — Pisten Bully snowcats — are expensive devices that have a variety of hydraulically-operated, interchangeable implements. They can till the snow, cut tracks at varying depths, bank turns, and put a slight angle in both the track bed and the trail cuts to allow for drainage.

Innovation in the actual skiing equipment has kept up with track improvements and both have helped the sport grow.

"The equipment is a great deal lighter," said Dickson Brown, a sales representative for Rossignol skis. "They're (skis' easier to use with less effort."

Easier use, coupled with eye-catching clothing and equipment, have essentially developed a new look for the sport over the past five or six years.

Resort facilities have created an easier place to ski and the trend has caught on with affluent people.

"We used to have VWs in our parking lot, now we have Mercedeses and Audis," Reedy said.

"The main change is in boot and binding systems that let people appreciate good skis," said Bill Sterling, a local representative for Fischer skis. "Right now, we're seeing increases in recreational skating."

Skating is a relatively new technique that requires a different type of ski and boot and binding system.

Because the number of cross country skiers is growing, the market for cross country equipment is growing as well.

Because the sport is still young there are a large number of people entering it for the first time and entry-level packages abound.

Fischer makes racing skis and high-end recreational skis, yet the entry-level market is lucrative enough that they produce equipment for the first time skier, Sterling said.

Rossignol, another ski manufacturer, also produces entry-level ski packages, in addition to other levels of skis. But whatever the level of the ski, Rossignol representative Dickson Brown said they all have a commonality.

"They're a great deal lighter," Brown said. "The reduction in weight makes them easier to use with less effort."

Sales of skis designed for the groomed trails have increased considerably, Brown said. To get a piece of the new market, the ski manufacturer has changed its focus.

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Alpine County river recommended for scenic status

But door left open for Nevada to study feasibility of bistate reservoir on East Fork of Carson River

By JIM DIPESO
Tribune Staff Writer

The East Fork of the Carson River was recommended Tuesday for wild and scenic status by California's top resources manager, but with a 12-year window for Nevada to study the feasibility of a bistate water reservoir to serve the fast-growing Carson Valley.

Supporters of protecting the east fork from dams and diversions applauded Resources Secretary Gordon Van Vleck's recommendation, but expressed concerns about leaving the door open to a dam that would inundate a whitewater rafting stretch and cold water trout fishery.

Van Vleck's recommendation covers 10.2 miles of the east fork from Hangman's Bridge on California State Route 89 to the state line. If approved by the state Legislature, wild and scenic status will prohibit dams and reservoirs on the river's California side.

Van Vleck also recommended simi-

lar protection for the West Walker River, and special legislative protection for the McCloud River in Shasta and Siskiyou counties.

Van Vleck, who held South Lake Tahoe public hearings on the wild and scenic proposals last year, said the Carson and Walker "clearly possess extraordinary values." Both were studied for wild and scenic status under 1986 legislation that prohibited dams and water diversions through this year while the studies were under way.

Van Vleck agreed with a 1988 consultant study that said designation of the east fork would preserve its recreation, trout fishing and wildlife values, and put an eastern Sierra stream into the state wild and scenic system. Except for the American River, all of the other rivers in the system are on the north coast or in the Klamath Basin.

"We're very pleased with the recommendation of the east fork for wild and scenic," Steve Evans, assoc-

iate conservation director for Friends of the River, commented Tuesday.

Evans said, however, that Friends

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— John Brissenden

Alpine County supervisor

of the River is "not too pleased" with the 12-year window. He was confident, though, that a bistate Watasheamu

reservoir, which has been talked about for decades, will never be built because of high costs.

Alpine County Supervisor John Brissenden said the recommendation would "further the goals and purposes of recreation in the area. It is a designated trophy stream and an excellent source for river rafting."

But the 12-year window provision "stinks," Brissenden said. "A dam would provide us with a bathtub ring. There's no need to develop further water sources for Nevada."

The Watasheamu dam would create a 160,000-acre-foot reservoir backing eight miles into California. Environmentalists also fear that the huge reservoir would disrupt the Carson deer herd's migration patterns.

Although a 1987 study mandated by the Nevada Legislature recommended against Watasheamu, state Conservation and Natural Resources Director Roland Westergard said Nevada wants the option to continue studying the project's feasibility.

Westergard said Tuesday the 12-year window "would give us adequate time" to study the Watasheamu project and finish water allocation discussions with California.

Nevada also is studying the Bodie reservoir that would hold less than third as much water and not back into California. At last year's hearing, Nevada officials told Van Vleck that the fast-growing Carson Valley, projected to grow to 177,000 residents by 2038, will need water storage and flood control that a dam could provide.

Westergard said the Nevada Legislature this year may set up a long-term Carson River management authority for Douglas, Carson and Lyon counties.

But Friends of the River and sportmen's groups have problems with the \$109 million Bodie project as well. Anglers fear that warm water "trash" fish would migrate into the river from the reservoir and decimate the trout fishery.

Douglas grand jury issues indictment

Tribune News Service

The Douglas County grand jury, the county's first such panel in 10 years, handed down an indictment against a man accused of extortion in connection with threatening telephone calls made to a wealthy Minden businessman. It's the jury's first

Labor opposes Deukmejian's prison work proposal

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The California Labor Federation quickly rejected Gov. George Deukmejian's proposed package of laws Tuesday designed to allow prison inmates to work for private industry.

"Quite simply, we oppose convict labor taking jobs away from free labor," said Jack

ference that his aim is to make more of the state's 76,000 prisoners pay for their keep and earn money to repay their victims.

"This measure would merely excite the appetite of private in-

dustry for more and more convict labor, once it has tasted the advantages of a controlled labor force," Henning said.

Deukmejian said the average cost of housing a prisoner in Cal-

ifornia is \$19,000 a year, and that only 7,000 prisoners currently are working at such enterprises as making license plates and clothing for state government and prison use.

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Mike Samuelson

Indian author comes to Alpine, Carson Valley

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Anna Walters, Indian author, will discuss her books and sign them at special events in Douglas and Alpine schools and the Douglas County Library Feb. 1.

The program is sponsored by the Diamond Valley School reading and discussion group, which includes people in Carson Valley. The group is led by Winnie Mendivil, American Indian liaison for DVS.

The public is invited to two of her presentations, one at the Douglas County Public Library at 11 a.m. for children's story hour, and the other at DVS where a reception will begin at 6, and the lecture at 6:30. Walters will sign her books at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served by the DVS reading and discussion group at the Diamond

Valley reception, Mendivil said.

"Her talk will be open to all the community," she said. "We feel this would enhance relations between the Indian and non-Indian community, and it would be good for the non-Indian community to see that we have Indian authors who do publish books."

Other presentations will be made at Douglas High School, 8:35 a.m. and 9:50 a.m., and Meneley Elementary School, 1:30 p.m.

Walters is of the Pawnee-Otoe-Missouria tribe and is director of the Navajo Community College Press in Tsalie, Ariz.

"We're really looking forward to it (the presentation)," said DHS librarian Mary Ann McKibben, who is also a

member of the reading and discussion group.

Students at DHS will meet with Walters in small groups, said McKibben. Many of them are reading Walters' short story, "The Warriors" in preparation for the discussion.

Members of the DVS reading and discussion group are reading Walters' latest novel, "Ghost Singer," as well as her short stories.

The event is also sponsored by the Nevada Humanities Committee.

Mendivil said that later in the year she hopes to have a traditional Indian storyteller visit students and the public.

For more information, call Mendivil at Diamond Valley School, (916) 694-2238.

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People

1964: Thrift Shop opens

100 YEARS AGO
Friday, Feb. 1, 1889
Genoa Weekly Courier

LONE COUNTY. Sheriff Grover of Alpine county was in town last Sunday on his way home from Carson. He thinks the time may come

Remember when?

when Alpine and Douglas will be one.

QUARRY. Mr. Harrison Berry of Carson Valley has purchased an interest in the Mono marble quarry, discovered about three years ago by W. E. Lindsey. They have ordered new machinery from the East and propose to take out marble enough to supply the Nevada market at least. This is probably the finest marble quarry in the United States, and there is a whole mountain of it. The marble is of a dozen different colors, and all are very beautiful.

DEAD HORSE. Last Saturday evening a dead horse was discovered about a mile up Genoa canyon in the center of the stream from which fully one half of the town obtains its water supply. The animal had been dead for some time, and when this fact became generally known our citizens experienced a bad taste in the mouth which lingered for several days. The Raycraft boys went up and removed the carcass.

50 YEARS AGO

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STORM BRINGS SNOW. The heaviest storm of the season started Monday and while the fall of snow in Carson Valley was light, coverage in the higher altitudes was of considerable depth, over 50 inches being reported on Donnor summit.

SKI CLUB. Preliminary plans for the organization of the Carson River Ski club were started Sunday night at the Minden Inn when a group representing sportsmen of Douglas and Alpine counties, started the foundation work.

MOVING. Work of moving of the Sierra Auto court from its present location to the Rife lot on the highway between Minden and Gardnerville, was started Monday and the buildings are being rapidly moved to the new site. It will be but a short time until the camp will again be ready for occupancy.

SNOWSHOE THOMPSON. Snowshoe Thompson, one of the West's most colorful figures, is to live again. At the World's Fair at Treasure Island, a life-sized figure of Thompson on snowshoes will be a part of a group of exhibits designed to attract attention of tourists to the Sierra region. In a beautiful setting in the snow-covered Sierras, the figure of Snowshoe Thompson will be shown as he carried the mail between Placerville and Genoa in that period before the transcontinental railroad was built. Also will be shown the cabin of Thompson that still stands in Diamond Valley in Alpine county.

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Turnbeaugh places in junior races

Tamara Turnbeaugh of Markleeville was a top-10 finisher during the Far West Ski Association North Series

races last weekend at Heavenly Valley.

Young Turnbeaugh took sixth in her J-5 division Satur-

day, then moved up to third place Sunday during competition held on World Cup Run. Both races were giant slaloms.

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Sheila Reuter of Kirkwood Meadows has been named to the college's fall 1988 dean's list at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho. She is a senior majoring in art.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a 3.75 grade point average.

Founded in 1891, the college is a private, liberal arts institution.

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Local sled race has gone to

the dogs

By PAT HORNE
Tribune Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever read Jack London probably has a picture in their mind of a sled dog team driven by a man in a fur-lined parka. It is a picture from another time, a time when man depended on dogs to transport him through the white expanse of the frozen North.

For most dwellers of the continental United States, this image is probably as close as they've come to actually seeing a team of sled dogs perform.

This weekend, South Shore residents and visitors can see for themselves when over 40 sled dog teams participate in the fifth annual Canine Connection Sled Dog Races.

Held in Hope Valley, two miles west of Picketts Junction, the Canine Connection is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers (SNDD) and Nor-Cal Beverage (Budweiser) and features International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) sanctioned three-, six- and eight-mile sprint races, an eight mile freight

race and a weight pull.

The Canine Connection came into being five years ago when the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce was looking for ways to boost its winter economy.

"We're on a dead end over here in the winter," said Paul Washam, events coordinator for the AGCC. "We were looking for a winter event to help generate some business. Through the Lions Club we heard that the sled dog races in Truckee were quite successful. We contacted Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers and they

put us in touch with Dotty Dennis, Jay Hawkins and Kurt Pastory, the local drivers who helped us put the race together."

After holding the inaugural 1985 race at the base of Monitor Pass, the ACCC moved it to Hope Valley the following year. It has been held there since.

"Don Moradian, who was our trail master the first year, waded through all the red tape for us to get the permits from the departments of Fish and Game and Forestry that allow us to hold the race in Hope Valley," Washam said.

Hawkins, who has had sled dogs all 11 years he has lived on the South Shore, said, "Spectator-wise, Hope Valley is one of the best race sites in the country. Normally spectators can only see the beginning and the end of races, but in Hope Valley there are viewpoints along Highway 89 where you can see 80 percent of the race. The setting doesn't hurt either."

Although Eskimos and Northern Indians used dogs to haul sleds before white men arrived in the arctic regions, it wasn't until the late 1800s that sled dog teams appeared in the lower 48 on freight hauling and rescue missions in the Sierra Nevada.

As an organized sport, sled dog racing began in 1908 with the first Alaska Sweepstakes, a 408-mile round trip across the Seward Peninsula.

Today, although long distance races such as the Iditarod -- a 1049-mile endurance contest that is the "Super Bowl" of sled dog racing -- are becoming more popular, ISDRA sanctioned events such as the Canine Connection are held in all the Northern states and Canada and are what keep sled dog racing alive and well.

"If you're willing to travel, you can race every weekend," Hawkins said.

Drivers, or mushers as they are called, and their teams compile points for top-five finishes at ISDRA sanctioned races. After the December to March season ends, champions are determined by accumulated points totals.

Contrary to popular belief, sled dogs, and especially sprint dogs, are relatively small.

Dennis, who recently retired from sprint racing to found Husky Express, which offers sled dog tours of Hope Valley, said, "Sprint dogs are lighter and faster. They're bred for speed."

"The most common dogs are Siberian and Alaskan Huskies and Samoyeds. Recently, people have been cross breeding them with hounds (greyhounds) to build speed."

Dennis said sprint dogs can weigh anywhere from 35 to 60 pounds and the sled, which is made of ash, weighs 15 to 30 pounds.

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Sled

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"In sprint racing, weight is kept to a minimum. Everything, from the sled to the lines and the

weigh 60-80 pounds and the emphasis is on pulling power and endurance.

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The mushers, especially those competing in freight races, also get in shape because sometimes it is necessary to help the dogs.

On flat sections drivers stand on one runner of the sled and pedal with their other foot in a motion similar to that used to propel a skateboard. On uphill they find themselves helping the dogs by pushing the sled.

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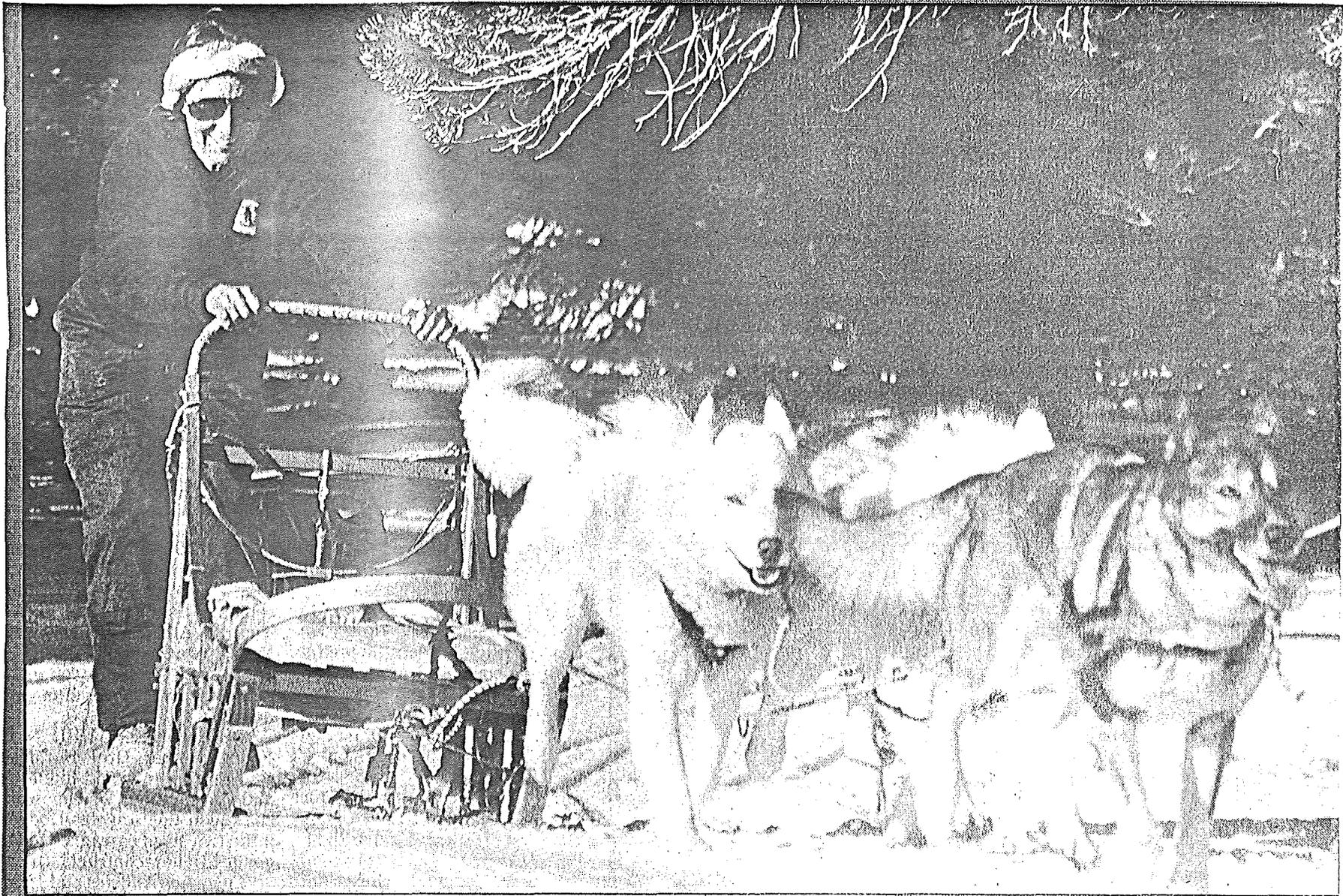
In addition to the sanctioned racing Dave Beck and Dotty Dennis of Husky Express will demonstrate sled dog search and rescue and provide kid's sled dog rides for a nominal fee. Rick Strle, the 1987 ISDRA six-dog freight champion, will also be on hand with Ricky, the under 60 pounds west coast weight pull champion.

Events get under way at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. each day.



Tribune photo by Pat Horne

DENNIS, LIKE most mushers, shares a unique closeness to her team of dogs, whether they are pulling a sled or playing at home.



FORMER SLED dog racer Dottie Dennis will take her team of six dogs into the Hope Valley wilderness for workouts.

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Indian author speaks here

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by SHERRY SMOKEY
Special to the R-C

Last week, teachers and students in the Carson City, Douglas and Alpine County School Districts heard traditional tales told by Indian author Anna Lee Walters, a member of the Pawnee-Otoe-Missouria Tribes.

Her visit was sponsored by the Nevada Humanities Committee and funded with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Winnie Mendivil, Alpine County American Indian Liaison, was instrumental in bringing this program to the area.

Mendivil has formed a reading discussion group to focus on stories by Indian authors. One of these stories, "The Warriors" by Anna Lee Walters, was the reading assignment last week of many of the local high school students.

Douglas High School librarian Mary Ann McKibben

said she secured the books, and then interested English teachers made the stories available to the students.

The students were able to ask questions of the author when Walters and Nevada Humanities Committee member LaVerne Jean visited Douglas High School Thursday morning, Feb. 1.

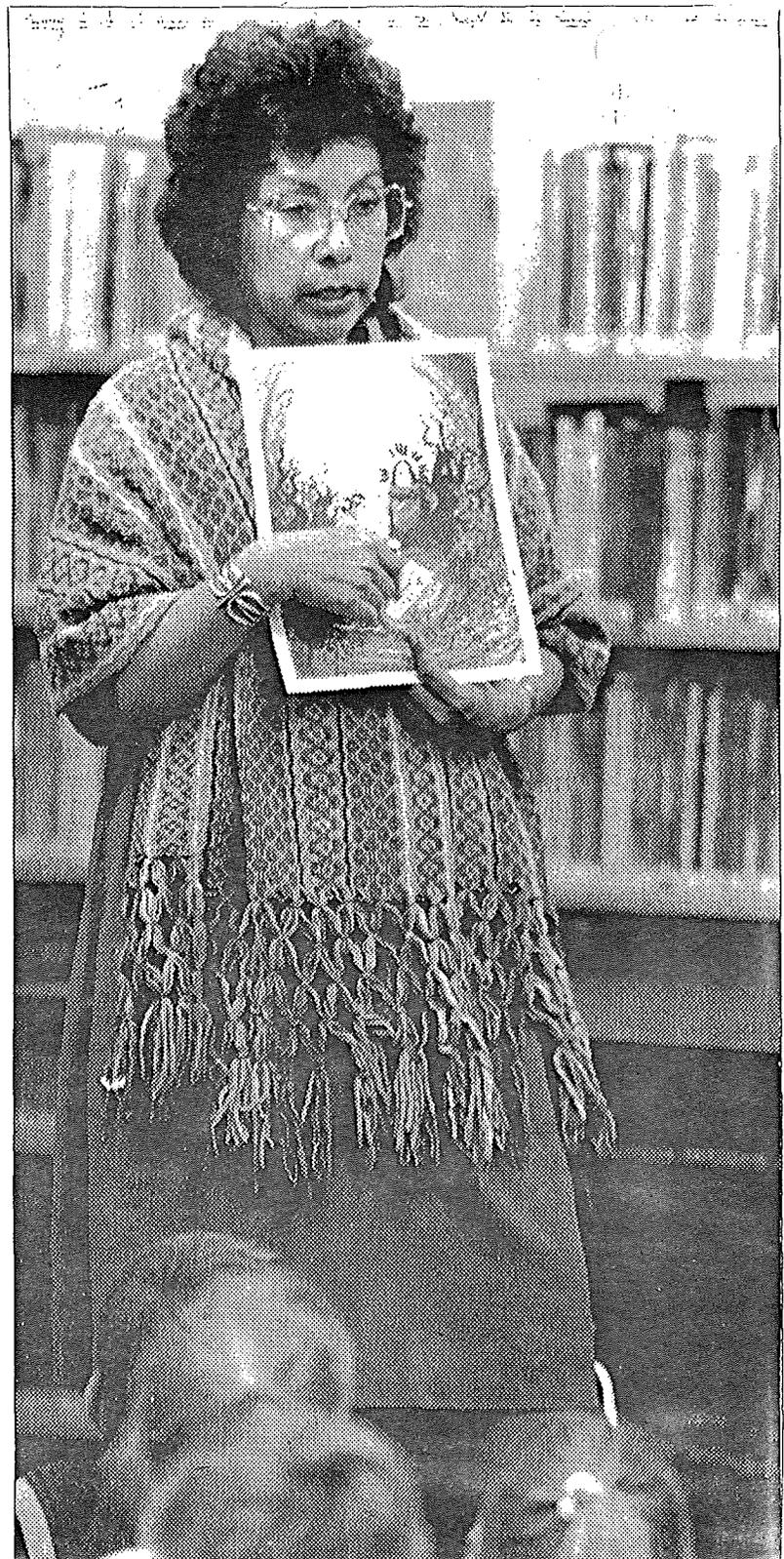
After lunch at the Dresslerville Senior Center, they visited Meneley Elementary School.

Principal John Soderman said, "Our students had the privilege to address attentive students who demonstrated a love of reading and writing.

Their last stop was Diamond Valley School, where Walters introduced her published works and autographed her books. Refreshments were provided by the Diamond Valley School Reading Discussion Group.

For further information about this group contact Winnie Mendivil, (916) 694-2238.

STORYTELLER. Anna Walters told traditional Indian tales when she visited schools and libraries in Alpine and Douglas counties last week. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch



Alpine sled dog competition attracts varied enthusiasts

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

A Serbian Husky paws the icy ground. He licks his chops, eyes the next-door dog and impatiently awaits the starting gun.

BANG! Off sprint six fluffy dogs tied to a sled for a slippery 8½-mile trek twisting through Hope Valley, Calif. during the fifth annual Canine Connection Alpine County Sled Dog Races.

The full-grown huskies aren't concerned about the bone-shaped biscuit treats or the \$3,500 cash prize. Nor would they skip a beat if their owners slipped off the speeding sled.

Not these canines. They know it's a dog-eat-dog world and winning is their only love.

"These are competitive spirited animals. They have an immense desire to win. They like interaction with other dogs," says Gary Slattengren, 10-year dog sled enthusiast from Loyalton, Calif.

Slattengren was among the dozens of racers who converged on Hope Valley last weekend for a "professional wannabe's" 3-dog, 6-dog and 8-dog races.

"It's a crazy hobby," said John Hoffman of Las Vegas. "I've been doing this for 17 years and I think being a little crazy is a prerequisite. You travel a lot and spend a lot of time training."

Oh sure, many say. Train in

Las Vegas?

"You put the cart on wheels and train wherever there's open space. Usually it's on dirt or sand, sometimes cement. When they hit the snow, it's much easier for them. They really love it," Hoffman said.

Many types of dogs, which are attached by ropes to a plastic sled controlled by the owner, are ideal for sledding. The tricky part, says Slattengren, is choosing a perfectly matched team of top dogs.

"You build a solid friendship with them. Dogs are a man's best friend and that is the perfect basis for a relationship. You make eye contact with them, touch and handle the dogs. Feed them. You'll eventually form a bond there and they reward you when they're out there to win," said Slattengren, who prefers Siberian Huskies because of their love for cold climates.

The Feb. 11-12 event in Hope Valley, Calif. was sponsored by the Alpine Chamber of Commerce and Budweiser Beer.

Sam Hlavaty, the chairman of the Internal Sled Dog Races (INSDR), vows that dog sled races are all the rage.

"It's one of the fastest growing sports in America," said Hlavaty. "Everyone relates to dogs. They're man's best friends."

Hlavaty says that sled dog racing doesn't infringe on the animal's rights.

"They'd make terrible watchdogs. You can't beat them to make them run. The dog would lay down and let you beat him to death before he ran faster. They're too smart for that. They are better provided than most household pets. They have regular veterinarian checkups and food costs. They are the ones who really get fired up for the big game," said the 15-year racer from San Bernardino, Calif.

Bill Betzer of Bend, Ore. drove his teams to two first-place finishes in the two-day race. He mushed his three-dog team over a 3.1 mile course in 24.07 minutes to claim first place for three-dog sprint class. Kenny Hess of Bozeman, Mont. took second while Pam Hlavaty finished third.

Betzer also took top honors in the eight-dog sprint class, guiding his eight-dog team over the 8½ mile course in 52.14 minutes.

Ralph Whitten of San Jose, Calif. took second and Lori Slattengren of Loyalton, Calif. placed third.

In the six-dog sprint class, Hess recorded his second top-three finish of the day, leading his six-dog team to first in the 6.2 mile race with a 47.25 clocking.

Scandinavian Rene Voelker came in second, ahead of third-place finisher Whitten.

Mush! ... These racers are for the dogs

by PAT HORNE
Special to the R-C

Anyone who has ever read Jack London probably has a picture in their mind of a sled dog team driven by a man in a fur-lined parka. It is a picture from another time, a time when man depended on dogs to transport him through the white expanse of the frozen North.

For most dwellers of the continental U.S., this image is probably as close as they've come to actually seeing a team of sled dogs perform.

This Saturday and Sunday local residents and visitors can see for themselves when more than 40 sled dog teams participate in the fifth annual Canine Connection Sled Dog Races.

Held in Hope Valley, two miles west of Pickett's Junction, the Canine Connection is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers and Nor-Cal Beverage and will feature International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) sanctioned three-, six- and eight-mile sprint races and eight-mile freight race as well as a weight pull.

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The Canine Connection came into being five years ago when the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce was looking for ways to boost its winter economy.

"We're on a dead end over here in the

winter," said Paul Washam, events coordinator for the ACCC. "We were looking for a winter event to help generate some business. Through the Lions Club we heard that the sled dog races in Truckee were quite successful. We contacted Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers and they put us in touch with Dotty Dennis, Jay Hawkins and Kurt Pastory, the local drivers who helped us put the race together."

After holding the inaugural 1985 race at the base of Monitor Pass, the race was moved to Hope Valley the following year. It has been held there since.

Hawkins, who has had sled dogs all 11 years he has lived on Lake Tahoe's South Shore, said, "Spectator-wise, Hope Valley is one of the best race sites in the country. Normally, spectators can only see the beginning and the end of races, but in Hope Valley, there are viewpoints along Highway 89 where you can see 80 percent of the race. The setting doesn't hurt, either."

As an organized sport, sled dog racing began in 1908 with the first Alaska Sweepstakes, a 408-mile round trip across the Seward Peninsula.

Today, although long distance races such as the Iditarod — a 1,049-mile endurance contest that is the "Super Bowl" of sled dog racing — are becoming more popular, ISDRA sanctioned events such as the Canine Connection are held in all the Northern states and Canada, and are what keep sled dog racing alive and well.

"If you're willing to travel, you can race every weekend," Hawkins said.

Drivers, or mushers as they are called, and their teams compile points for top-five finishes at ISDRA sanctioned races. After the December to March season ends, champions are determined by accumulated point totals.

Contrary to popular belief, sled dogs, and especially sprint dogs, are relatively small.

Dennis, who recently retired from sprint racing to found Husky Express, which offers sled dog tours of Hope Valley, said, "Sprint dogs are lighter and faster. They're bred for speed."

"The most common dogs are Siberian and Alaskan Huskies and Samoyeds. Recently, people have been cross breeding them with hounds (greyhounds) to build speed."

Dennis said sprint dogs can weigh anywhere from 35 to 60 pounds, and the sled, which is made of ash, weighs 15 to 30 pounds.

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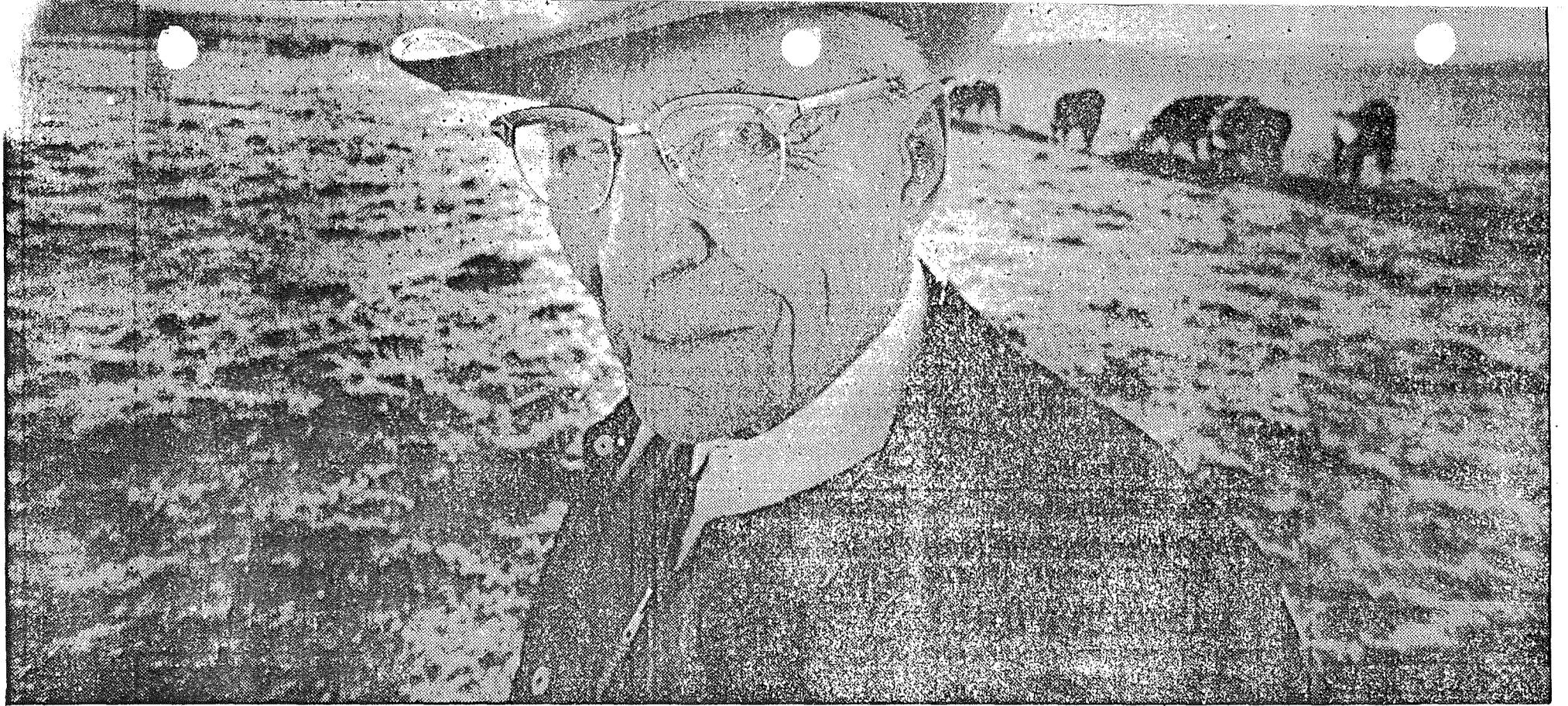
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Champion at the Bit

It was a close finish for Dave Deckers, left, of San Jose and competitor John Hoffman of Las Vegas when their six-dog team raced at the 5th Annual Canine Connection Alpine County Sled Dog Races Feb. 11-12. Dozens of enthusiasts packed down the freshly fallen snow in Hope Valley, Calif. for the amateur races last weekend bringing dogs of all breeds and brands to Alpine County. A \$3,500 prize award was divided among winners in various categories. See story page 14. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch



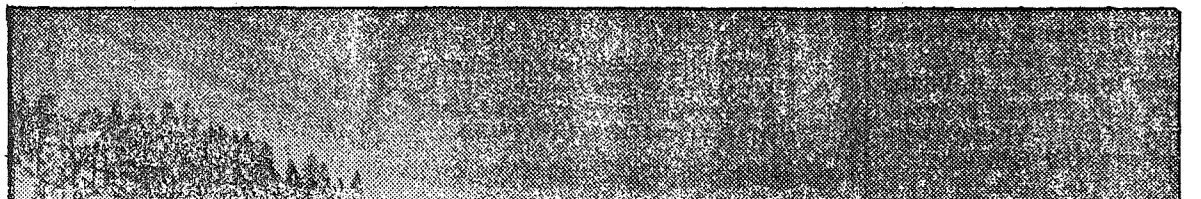
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Fred Dressler, a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame, still lives in the weathered Carson Valley ranch house where he was born 87 years ago

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Nature went overboard when it came to Alpine County, giving it snowy peaks, alpine lakes that reflect the sky like mirrors, rushing streams that teem with trout, forests crowded with game. You would think people would be beating down the door to live here.

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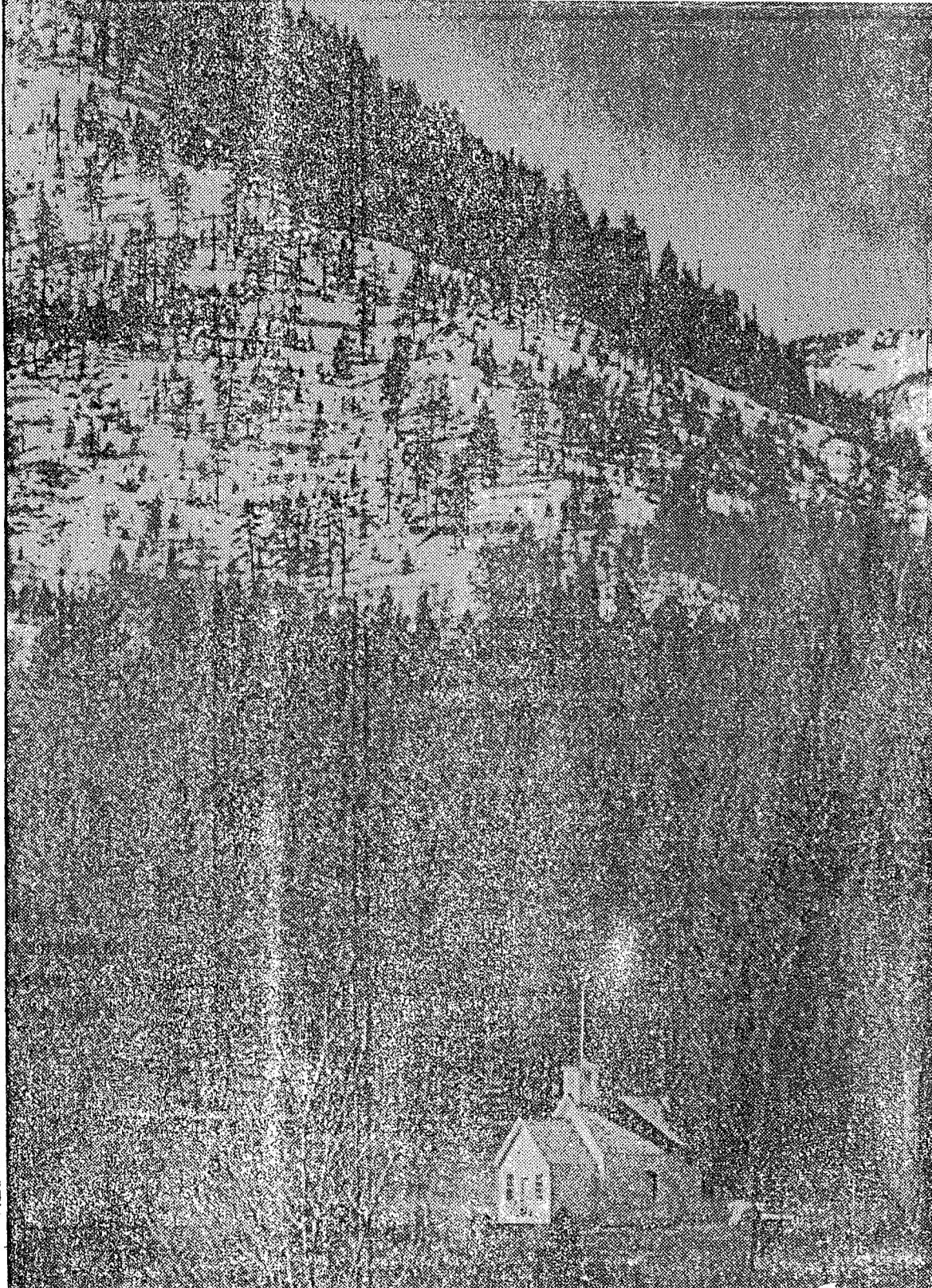
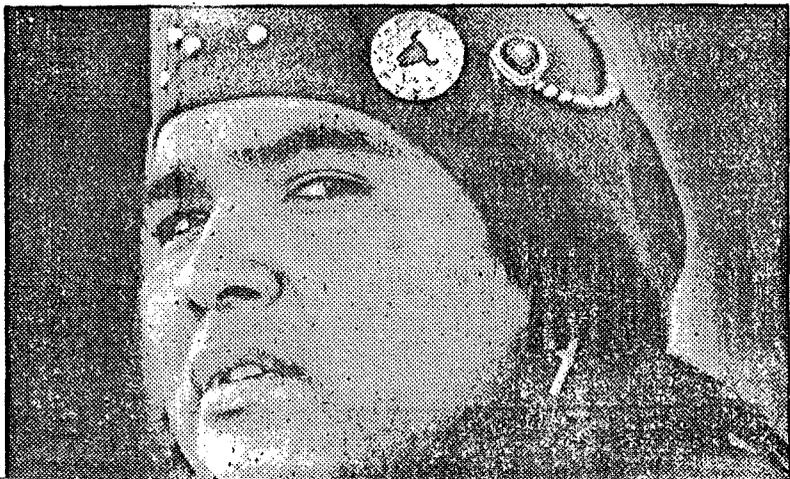
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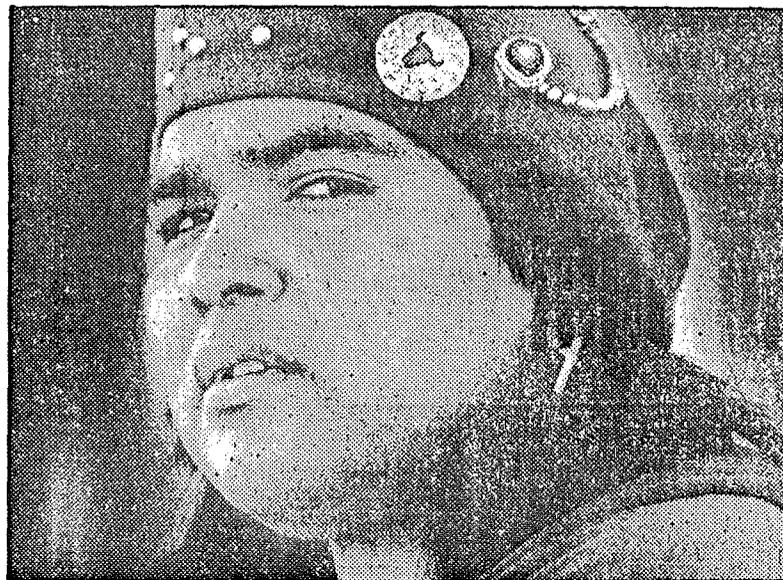
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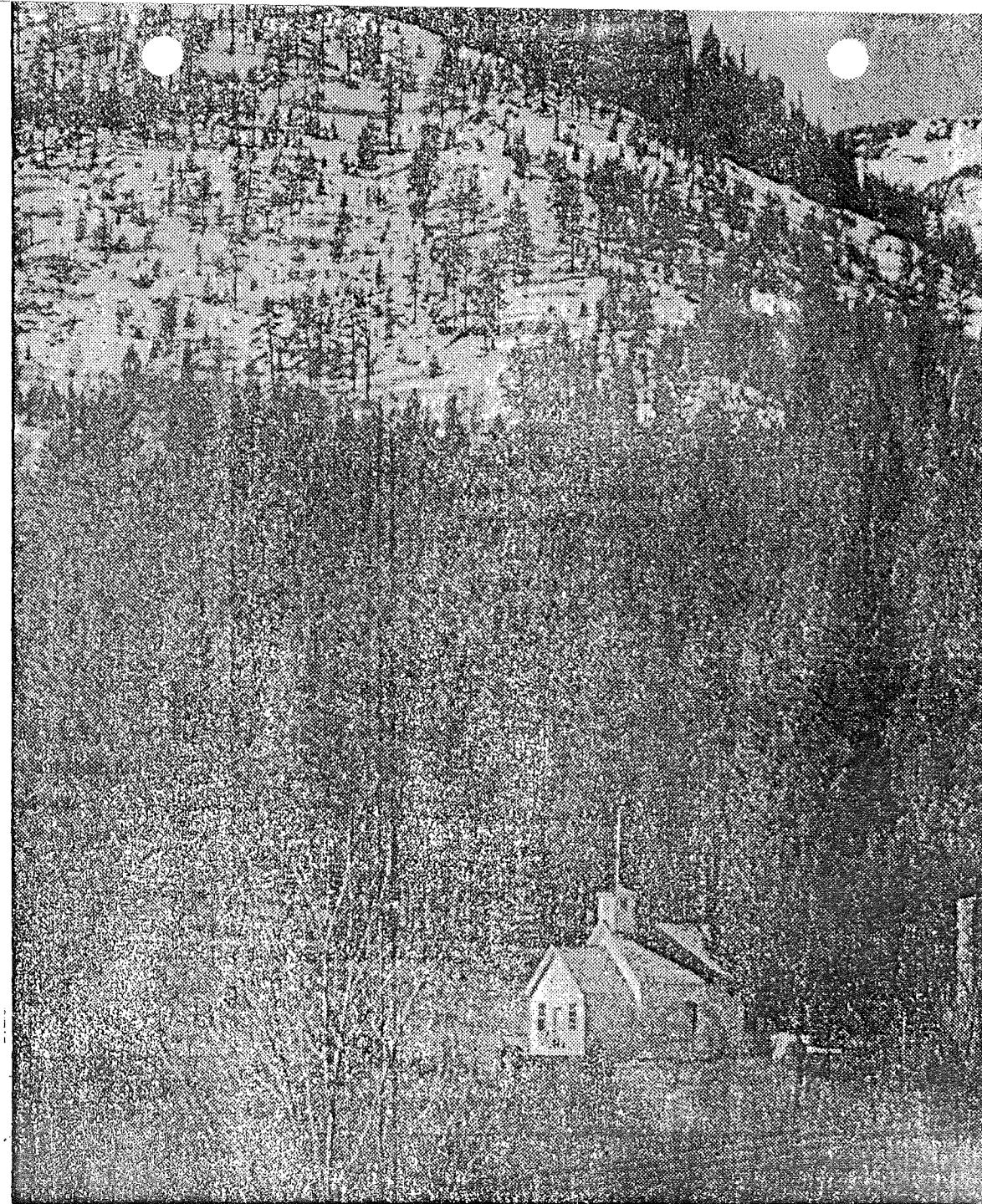
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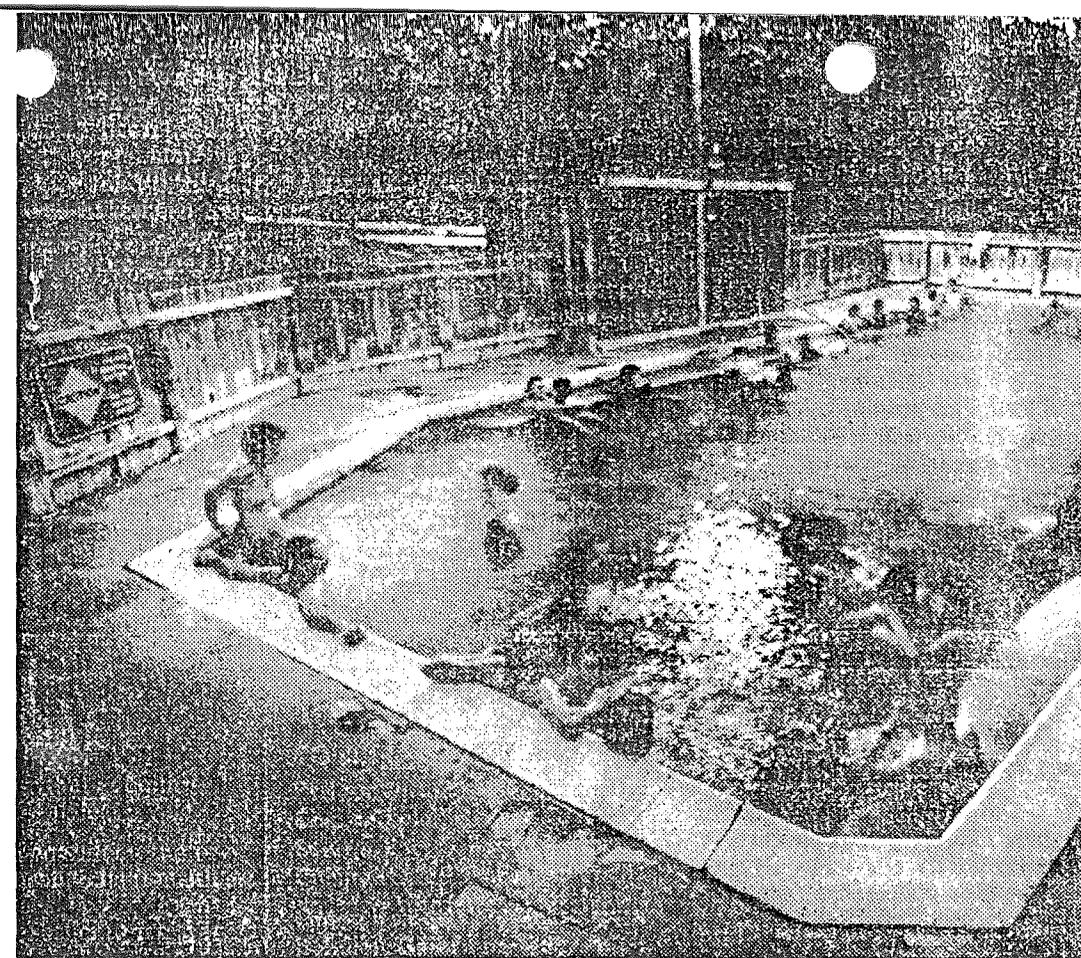
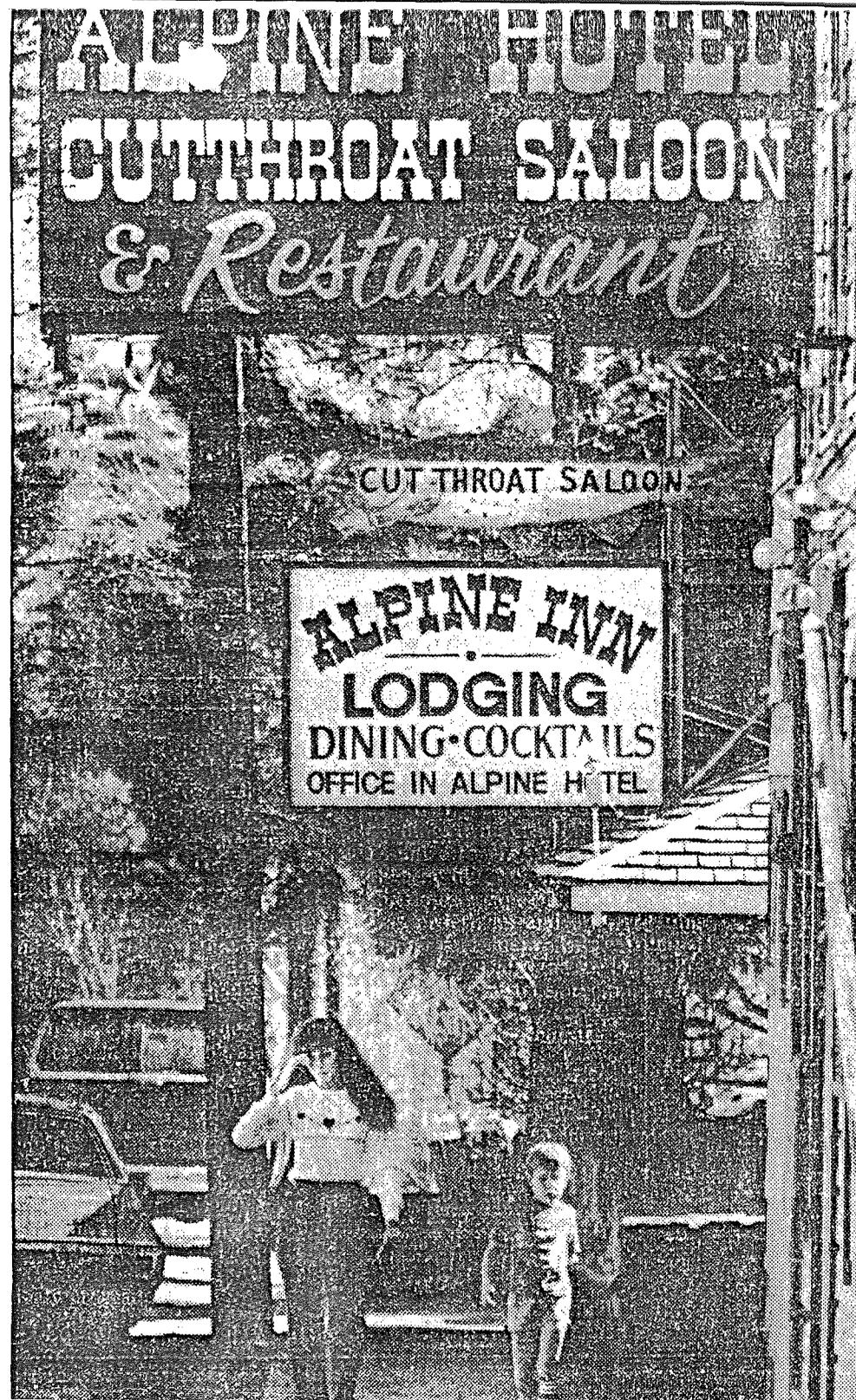
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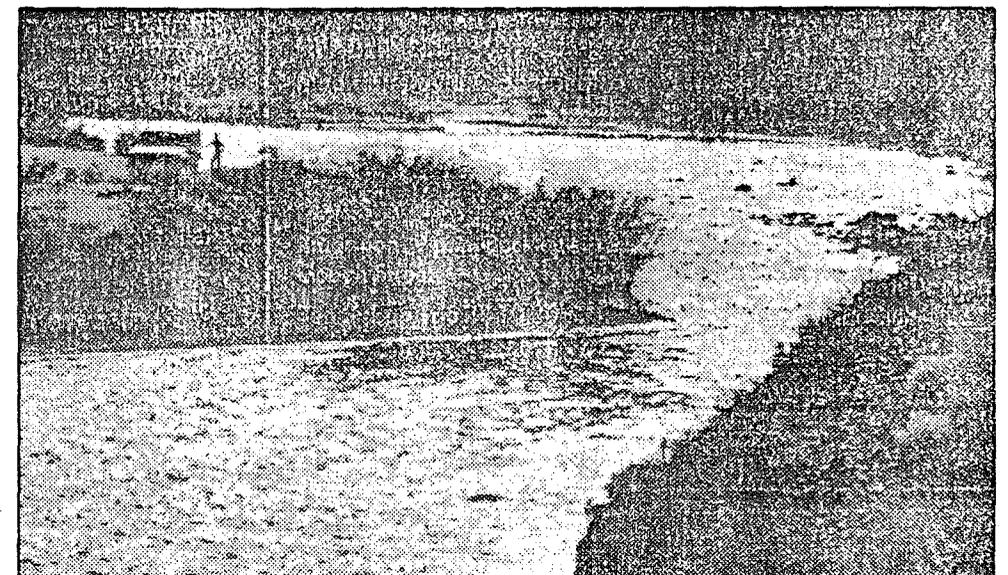
Manuel Dick, a Washoe Indian, moved out to find work



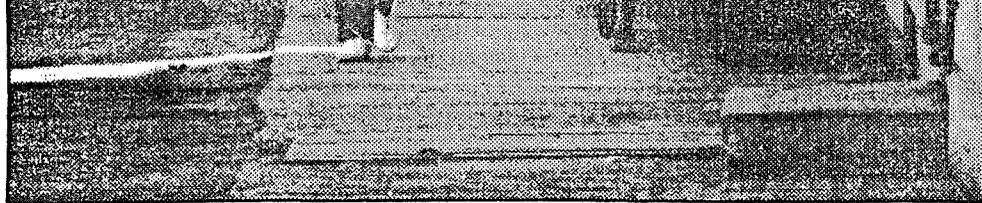
The Old Webster School, built in 1882, is nestled among trees in the tiny town of Markleeville



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The Cutthroat Saloon, where the talk is not always about philosophy

The State's Least Populated County

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uneasily about what it is, exactly, the rich folks dwelling in their second homes on the west slope want.

They wonder if intrigue is in the air when the moneyed doctors, lawyers and contractors gather with wives decked out in thousand-dollar Bogner apres-ski outfits to nibble crackers and brie and sip their imported white wines.

To state the question baldly: Is there some scheme afloat to grab power — maybe even move the county seat from Markleeville to Bear Valley?

'No Frame of Reference'

"They are really urban people with no frame of reference for the way we live," says Nancy Thornburg, a writer and retired teacher whose husband's family settled here on the east slope in the 1870s. "It's easy to come in and complain about backwardness without understanding how long it took for us for us to get this far."

When she rips into the west slope and its inhabitants, the salty Thornburg sometimes sounds like she's talking about the people and values you find in New York. Instead, the western part of the county — if you don't count the more than 6000 skiers who might show up on a winter weekend — is hard pressed to come up with 400 residents, half the number of the east slope.

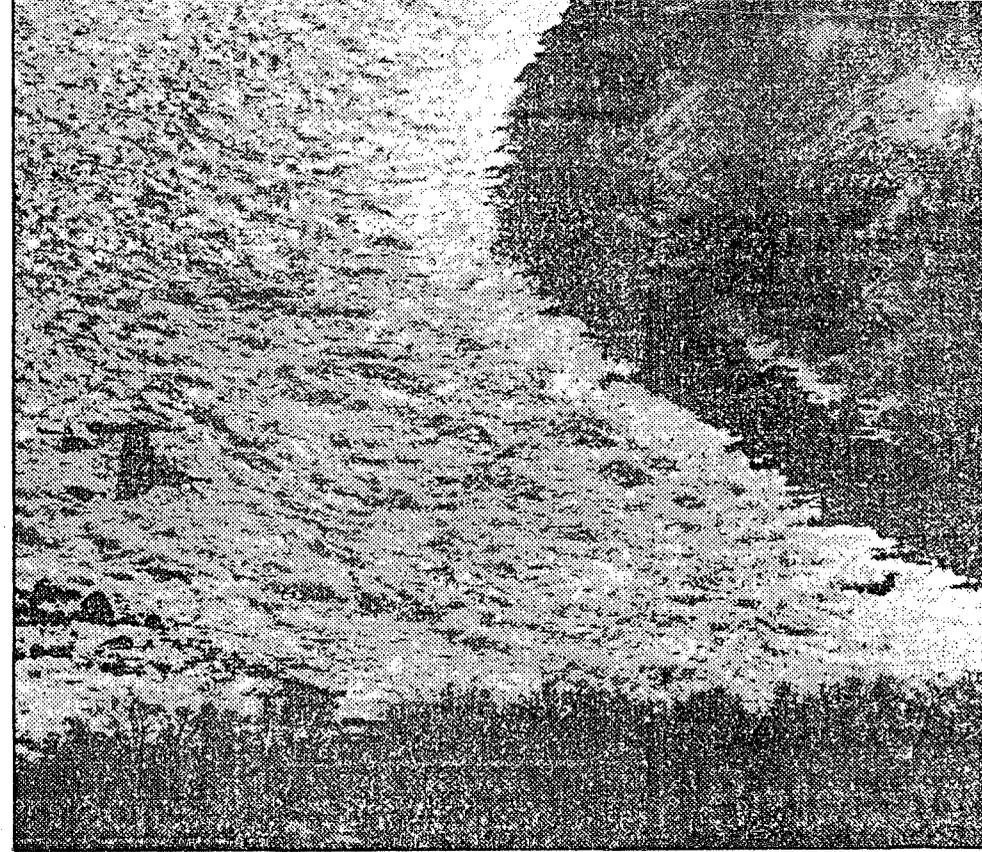
If the east side of the mountain has trouble figuring out the west, it's understandable when you consider that at this time of the year it can take 3½ hours to crawl over icy roads from one side of the county to the other — when you can get there at all.

The west side of Alpine County has two of the county's five supervisors, one of whom is Eric Jung of Bear Valley, home of one of the two ski resorts (the other is Kirkwood Meadows). He tells the easterners it is silly to think the west contemplates secession or is plotting some sort of political takeover.

Talk of switching the county seat to Bear Valley "never gets past the bull-session stage," Jung vows. "The political consciousness of the folks in the ski areas is very slow and sleepy. . . ."

"We like being in Alpine County," Jung writes in the current Alpine Enterprise, a monthly newspaper in which the two sides of the county regularly accuse one another of being up to something sly. But liking Alpine doesn't mean Jung overlooks certain things.

"I have noted a strong resentment of the more mobile lifestyles of ski-area people on the part of stable middle-class folks who don't own a second home and who don't tour the world every summer rowing the rivers of the world or teaching skiing in Australia," he says. "This kind of misunderstanding and jealousy of different lifestyles is the stuff of which religious wars and racism are made."



The Carson River winds its way through scenic Alpine County

or retired with independent means," says Turnbull. He arrived from the Livermore Valley five months ago "to breathe fresh air, drink clean water and build up my health. It's the first place where I've ever felt home."

Unless they can get on with the county or state, most young people have to move out of the area to get jobs. They are replaced by a trickle of retired people drawn by the fishing and the slow lifestyle.

The century-old general store here went bankrupt a couple years ago and has never reopened, meaning residents have to drive up to South Lake Tahoe or into Nevada to shop for staples. After the eighth grade, Alpine students are bused into Nevada for their schooling. Fact is, if geography means anything, Alpine really ought to belong to the Silver State rather than the Golden State.

Nevada-Oriented

The natural flow of everything from water to money is from Alpine to Nevada, says crusty Fred Dressler, who still lives in

says. "You could go up to the hot springs and skinny dip, and nobody would be there." Nowadays, 70,000 people use the springs in summer and 50,000 in winter.

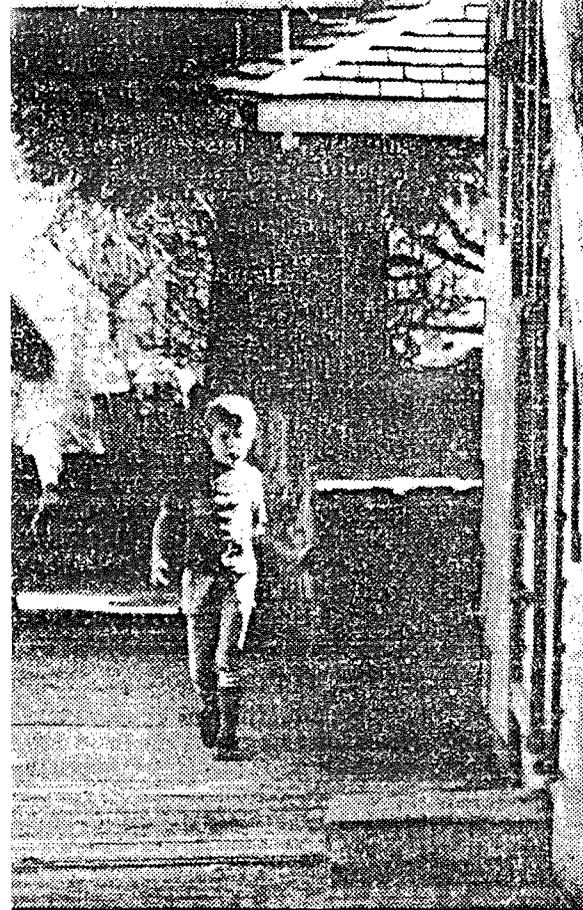
Dressler's parents were pioneers back when the only other people around were the peaceful Washoe Indians. The tract of homes the Bureau of Indian Affairs is building for Washoes just up the road apiece in Alpine sticks in his craw.

"The people called Indians today are not Indians," Dressler says biting. "They're descendants of Indians. They should have been encouraged to assimilate a long time ago. The BIA maintains them as wards, makes them underlings, when their intelligence is just as good and broad as

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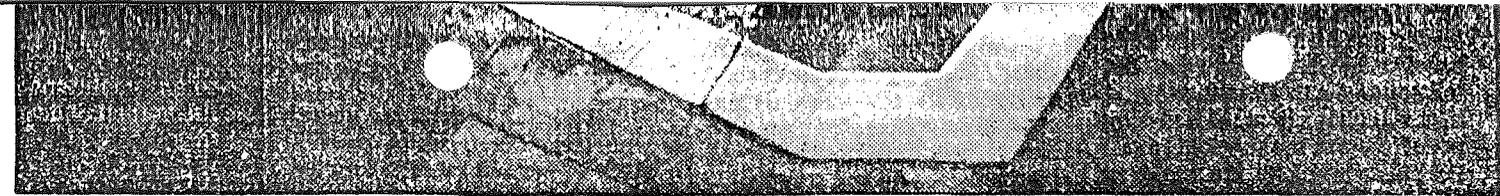


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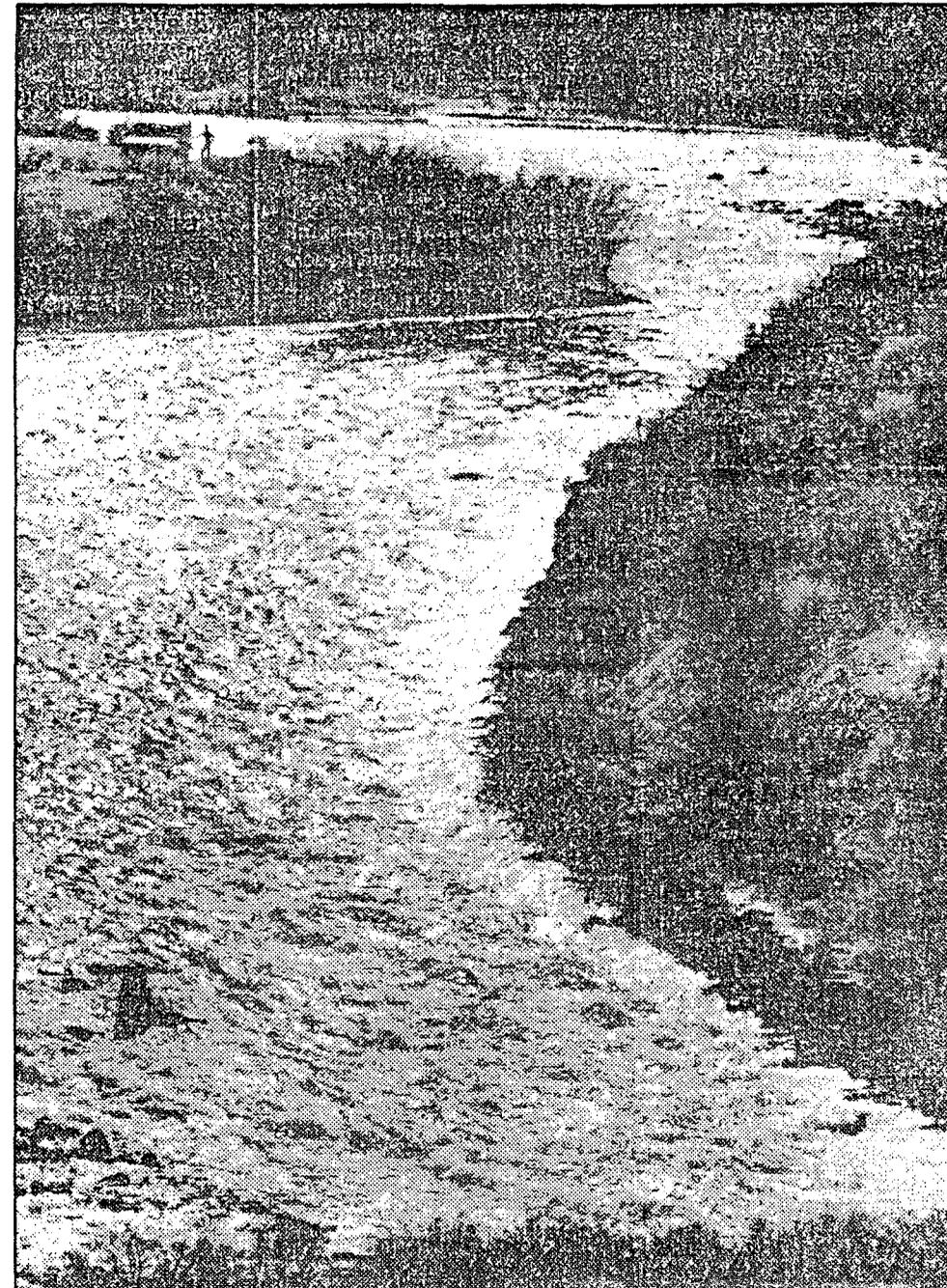
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But the Indians look like they are going to give the east side of the county a chance to win back the county supervisor's seat it lost to the west in a 1980 redistricting. Washoe tribe member Kent Jones, a 33-year-old construction worker, is already being groomed as a candidate.

"I thought I'd give it a shot," he said. "It depends on whether I'm working."

The Washoes say the board has not aggressively gone after grants for vocational training or tapped other federal programs from which they could benefit.

"The younger people moving in are thinking about getting out of the ditch, we've been in for so long," Jones said. "There's so much talent being wasted here. People aren't living. They're just existing."

Dody Halverson mans the Chamber of Commerce office here, an operation so modest it occupies a motel room next to the Cutthroat Saloon not greatly larger than a broom closet. There is only one chair, so visitors must stand.

Dog and Bike Races

"We don't have much money," she said.

Notwithstanding that, the chamber promotes a dogsled race in the winter and a summer bike race over the county's five passes (they range from 7334 to 8730 feet) called "the Death Ride." About 900 participated in the bike ride last year and 1200 are expected this summer, Halverson said.

"I came out here from Carson City 20 years ago. We just wanted to get out in the country where the pace is slower. It's good for raising kids." She may be with the chamber, but Halverson doesn't want to see the

A Valley Called Hope

William Poole
DETOURS

Markleeville, Alpine County

Excepting the ladies' underwear, the Cutthroat Saloon was not unlike other humble western taverns. The walls were papered with the usual woody photos and decorations, and dressed with the head of a dead animal, a mountain sheep. The place was dim and underpopulated on a midwinter Monday afternoon. Ed, the bartender — with bola tie and a gray crew cut — was pulling beers for a trio of locals when Aaron Peskin and I wandered in, drawing stares.

Peskin is dark and compact, a fresh-faced 24-year-old Berkeley native who first visited Alpine County as a teenager, to ski. These days he kind of works in real estate, and over the past two years has come to specialize in Alpine County land. That morning he had driven to Reno to execute yet one more deal, unloading a parcel called Horsethief Canyon to the Toiyabe National Forest. Now he was touring me around the county, and we had saved the Cutthroat Saloon, in downtown Markleeville, for last.

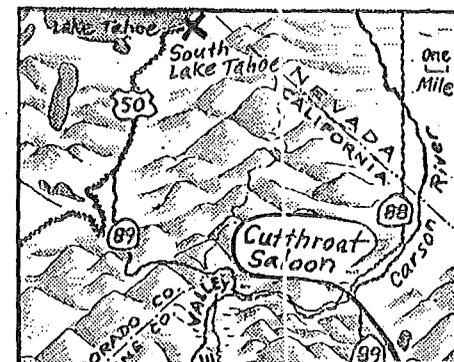
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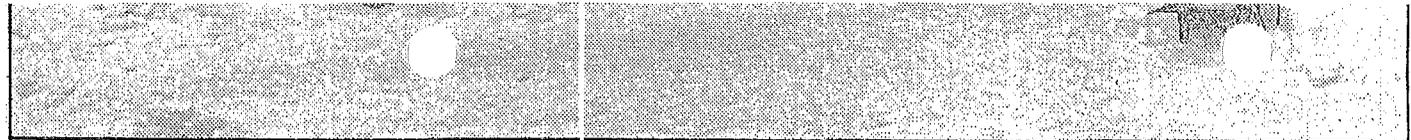
I fessed up, introducing first myself and then Aaron Peskin. "This gentleman is from the Trust for Public Lands."

Ohhhh. The gauze lifted. Suddenly they had us pegged. Hermits and slumbering bears may be the only locals unaware of TPL's land deals in Alpine County. In a county that is already 93 percent publicly owned, TPL has, over the past six years, bought or optioned about 30 percent of the remaining private land, hoping to transfer it, too, to public agencies — specifically the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Fish and Game.

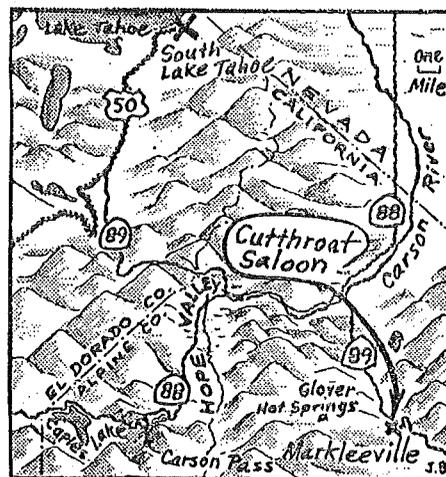
Most of these acquisitions have been in Hope Valley, approximately 15,000 acres of rolling mountain meadows along the West Fork of the Carson River. Grassy, well-watered, punctuated with graceful aspens, this has always been desirable land, which explains why it was claimed early, staying private while so much of this rumples, precipitous county slipped into the public domain.

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ers have pastured their bawling beeves in Hope Valley meadows. But about 10 years ago a few of the ranchers began to sell out, raising fears that the meadows might soon pasture houses instead. The most immediate danger: the neon and glitter of South Lake Tahoe, only 20 minutes to the north.

Given their first choice, many county residents would have welcomed the cattle for 100 summers more. This, at any rate, seemed the mood at the Cutthroat on the day we were there. A slender, shaggy, serviceable-looking man named John was the most eloquent spokesman. He was also drinking coffee, a perhaps not unrelated fact.

"Let me ask you something," he said to Aaron. "When you take the cows off that land, the place is going to grow up into sage. You know what comes after that, don't you? Then there'll be fire." (Alpine County residents are skittish about fire. During three years in the mid-1980s forest fires gobbled over 28,000 acres and more than 50 homes and other structures.)

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Finally he summed it up: "If you really want to know, I'd like to see the place stay rural."

It was the sort of thing TPL had been hearing in Alpine County since 1979.

Alpine County sits the Sierra Crest side-saddle, more land facing east than west. It is the least populated county in the state, with 1,203 residents, as of mid-January. Markleeville — a general store, post office, library, service station, courthouse, the Alpine Hotel with Cutthroat Saloon — must be the only county seat in the state straddling a dead-end road six months of the year. Ebbetts Pass, to the south west, is usually plugged by winter snow, as is Monitor Pass to the southeast.

Hope Valley was named in 1848 by a party of Mormons headed east over the mountains toward Salt Lake City. To that time, few whites had crossed the Sierra over what we now call Kit Carson Pass, and it was a disquieting adventure. Early on, the Mormons stumbled on the corpses of three of their own scouts, exhaustively and competently mutilated by Indians. The pass finally behind them, the party drew a collective

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John and Patty Brissenden, flatlanders from Santa Cruz, bought the old resort with investors in 1983. Since then, old cabins have been refurbished, new cabins built. A wizard publicist, John Brissenden has craftily marketed the county's pristine appeal. Cross-country skiing is the winter pot of gold. Brissenden also promotes more than 30 special programs each year, including rafting expeditions, dogsled tours, stargazing weekends and bicycle events (one of these, nicknamed "the death ride," crosses Carson, Monitor, Ebbetts and Luther passes in one lung-bursting day).

Brissenden — a casual, round-faced, mustachioed man — is past president of the county chamber of commerce, and was recently elected a county supervisor. His and Patty's success at Sorensen's is obvious. In the two days I hung around — eating meals, scrawling notes in one corner of the cozy, pine-paneled cafe and office — the phone was ever agitated by room-seekers. Weekends are often booked solid a month in ad-



John and Patty Brissenden visit with a customer outside the cafe at Sorensen's

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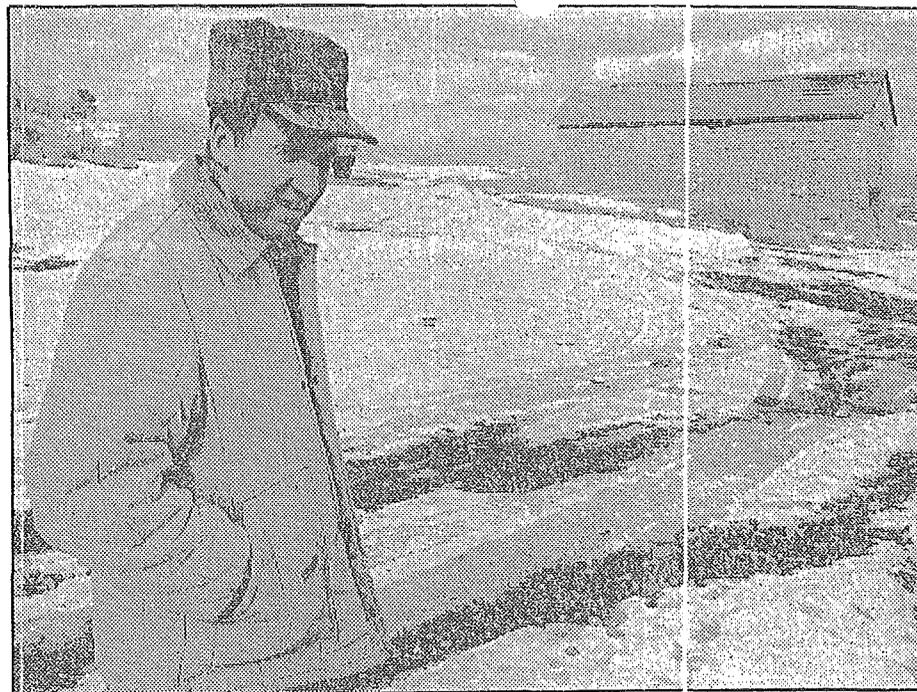
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For its part, TPL started studying the valley soon after the first rancher broke the 100-year-old ownership block in 1979. Over the past 15 years, the San Francisco-based conservation group has purchased and resold to public ownership almost 430,000 acres of land in 34 states. Deciding that Hope Valley should also belong to the public, they approached state and federal agencies to test their interest. Being nonprofit, TPL would be able to offer sellers certain tax advantages. They would also be quicker afoot than public agencies, able to buy and hold the land while the interminable process of governmental review and appropriation ground forward.

In the end, TPL launched the deal, despite some nervousness in the county that losing 30 percent of its remaining taxable land might prove a crippling sacrifice. TPL has tried to blunt this blow by opening up more easily developed land around Markleeville, Woodfords and other towns. Most of this land comes from the Forest Service, traded to TPL for newly purchased Hope Valley land. TPL has already awarded 80 acres of this mitigation land to the county outright. It will sell other developable parcels to private buyers, adding the land to the tax rolls.

All this seems based on a certain vision



Alpine County rancher Chris Gansberg

of Alpine County's future: development clustered in already-developing areas, an increasing reliance on recreation for local taxes. According to John Brissenden, room taxes — charged at motels and resorts — already bring in close to \$200,000 each year, mostly from rooms at Kirkwood and Bear Valley ski areas on the west side of the crest.

Last year TPL commissioned a study outlining how a pristine Hope Valley might fatten county coffers. No surprise that Sorensen's was prominently featured, being the major facility where tourists might drop a buck. In 1982, before the Brissendens started their renovations, the resort dribbled \$4,000 into Alpine County. This year, the figure will be about \$34,000, counting property, sales and room taxes.

By the turn of the century, Brissenden predicts, the business will have become a tax-gusher, generating an estimated \$184,000 in the year 2002. Plans call for 47 new cabins and a 20-room bed and breakfast

lodge. Thus built and fully occupied, Sorensen's would be one of the largest clusters of humans in eastern Alpine County.

I could find no one in Alpine County who would stand and duke it out in opposition to the Hope Valley plan. By all accounts, sentiment has always leaned toward keeping the valley rural. A few folks, however, seem as much resigned to the current course as enthusiastic. Two locals told me I should talk to a rancher named Chris Gansberg Jr., so one arctic morning I drove down through Woodfords Canyon, the bordering ponderosas glittering as if with icing sugar, to the county's Nevada margin.

From Gansberg's house, on a low rise, you can look out across thousands of spreading acres of sagebrush and irrigated pasture along the Carson River. A clod of cow ponies munched hay in a corral beside the house. Farther away, a few cattle huddled like warm, dark islands in the frigid fields.

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But the first rancher did sell out, I thought, as I headed back up the hill that morning. We do not always get our first choices. The future in Alpine County probably belongs to the John Brissendens more than the Chris Gansbergs or the folks at the Cutthroat Saloon.

In a way, also, it belongs to the mass of urban Californians, whose hunkering presence to the west is the real force for change here. Folks who drive up year after year to ski or hunt or fish, whose taxes increasingly chip in to pay the county's bills. Some of them come to think of Alpine County as a second home.

Aaron Peskin, for example, who by a happy coincidence in the third decade of his life got to spend some time working to save a place he loved. After we'd left the Cutthroat that first afternoon, Peskin and I drove in the gathering dusk up into the Hope Valley meadows. The aspen groves were blending into the dark behind the snowy curve of the fields. The late sun was playing incendiary tricks with the clouds.

"A lot of times I think if I come back here in 10 or 15 years and it still looks like this," Peskin said, "I will know we did a good thing." ■

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Mary Schalbert

Mary L. Schalbert, 66, died March 7 at a Reno hospital. She had been a Markleeville resident since 1964, coming from Milpitas, Calif.

A native of Great Falls, Mont. she was born Feb. 23, 1923.

In June, 1944 she married Edwin Schalbert in Reno.

Mrs. Schalbert was a homemaker and belonged to the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin of Markleeville; daughters, Marianne Cox of Northridge, Calif.; Barbara Stewart, Heidi Machado and Jill Quijada, all of San Jose; brothers, John Beucher of Napa, Calif.; and Elmo Phillips of Auburn, Calif.;

sisters, Josephine and Rose Knabke, both of California; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Gall Catholic Church on March 11 with Father John Corona officiating. Burial followed at the Fredricksburg Cemetery in Fredricksburg, Calif.

Contributions can be made to the Alpine Senior Center, 120 Pony Express Road, Markleeville, Calif. 96120.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum was in charge of the arrangements.