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The rains came...and came...and came.

Rains commenced in Southern California on February 13, 1980. Six storms and from 3.5 to 24 inches of rain later, they ended on February 22, 1980.

During the storm period CDF Region VI forces were heavily committed to rescue and flood relief work. Heaviest concentrations of CDF effort were in San Bernardino and Riverside County. Activities in San Bernardino County were in the East Highlands area where CDF was called on to do flood control work. At the peak of activity, 16 Conservation Camp Crews worked in this area.

At the same time, CDF was assisting the City of San Bernardino in the Harrison Canyon area just below last year's Shadow/Daley fires and responding to numerous flood relief and rescue incidents throughout the unit. In Riverside County, CDF forces were responding to requests for aid over a wide geographical area from Palm Springs to Corona.

The most spectacular and devastating event occurred on February 21 when the San Jacinto River broke through its levee and sent rampaging flood waters through the City of San Jacinto.

CDF commitments included Conservation Camp Crews, mobile kitchen units, and heavy equipment. Riverside Ranger Unit, during this period, distributed and used 147,763 sandbags and responded to 868 storm related incidents. In 253 of these responses it was necessary to use helicopters for rescue and related work. A mobile kitchen was set up at the Hemet-Ryan Airport to feed flood rescue workers and evacuees. A complete mobile field kitchen unit with cook crew was also set up in Los Angeles County from February 19-26.

In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Riv-

er Delta, emergency crews from CDF, CCC, Caltrans, OES, CYA, and the National Guard all responded the Department of Water Resources request for aid in the battle to save rain-swollen levees and valuable farm lands. A flood camp was set up at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds in Antioch and remained active until February 29.

In Sacramento, on February 22, Gray Davis, Governor Brown's executive secretary and chief-of-staff, directed Finance Director Mary Ann Graves to spend up to \$500,000 in emergency fund monies for relief efforts due to heavy flooding throughout California.

"You are hereby directed to expend up to \$500,000 in emergency fund mo-

nies as provided for in the 1979-80 budget and to ensure that all departments participating in current relief efforts have sufficient funds to accomplish their tasks," he said.

"In the event additional monies are needed beyond those presently available in the emergency fund and department budgets for relief efforts, the Governor's Office is prepared to seek additional assistance from the Legislature."

The worst is over. The massive job of digging out will remain for a long time. Preliminary damage assessments indicate that a major portion of CDF's fire roads have sustained major damage and will be impassable without major rehabilitation work.

THANK YOU CDF

Mr. David E. Pesonen, Director
Department of Forestry
1416 Ninth Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear David:

Members of my staff and I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your Department's quick response to our "cry for help" during the recent crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Your dispatchers, Wilmer Black, Alan Batchelder, and Stan Lake, are to be congratulated on their ability to mobilize hundreds of emergency personnel in an amazingly short time and conduct an effective flood fight under extremely bad weather conditions. There is no question that the California

Department of Forestry contributed significantly to preventing further loss of levees and additional inundation of prime agricultural land.

The events of the past weeks are an excellent example of how State agencies can and should work together in response to emergencies or natural disasters. All Californians should be heartened and pleased.

Thank you once again for your outstanding cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Robie
Director

Department of Water Resources

Legislative roundup

SENATE BILL 240 (Robbins): Adds firefighting personnel while on duty to exemptions from law which states that no person operating any motor vehicle may wear any headset covering or earplugs in both ears.—Passed Senate. In Assembly Committee on Transportation.

SENATE BILL 1156 (Johnson, et al): Authorizes community colleges to give employees or volunteers of fire protection or prevention agencies preference in registering for in-service courses sponsored by fire prevention or protection agencies or associations.—Passed Senate. In Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

SENATE BILL 1284 (Campbell): Includes firemen and emergency rescue personnel as having an absolute exemption from jury duty in state courts.—On 3rd Reading File in Senate.

SENATE BILL 1289 (Nejedly): Would require Board of Forestry to review classification of state responsibility areas and affirm or reclassify such areas in accordance with specified criteria by January 1, 1982 and at least once every two years thereafter.

SENATE BILL 1321 (Ayala, et al): Reconstitutes the California Conservation Corps. CCC will remain in Resources Agency, but programs will be administered by Director of the Corps rather than Secretary for Resources. Expands functions of the Corps and extends existence to January 1, 1986. Requires report to the Legislature on Corps activities on or before August 1, 1984. Spells out responsibilities of Director of the Corps and Director of Forestry in jointly administering the Fire Centers.—Passed Senate. In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

SENATE BILL 1537 (Alquist): Would authorize counties to collect charges in service areas for extended police, fire, park, recreation, library or parkway facilities and services.—In Senate Committee on Local Government.

SENATE BILL 1684 (Vuich): Would require the Department of Forestry to make its wildland fire prevention and vegetation management expertise available to local governments, to the extent possible within the Department's budgetary limitations.—In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife.

SENATE BILL 1704 (Keene): A person who negligently, in violation of the law, sets a fire, allows a fire to be set, or allows a fire kindled or attended by him to escape will be liable for the expense of fighting the fire. If he has complied fully pursuant to the permit issued for burning operations, he will not be liable for firefighting and suppression costs.—In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife.

SENATE BILL 1851 (Roberti): Would require CDF to purchase two airplanes designed for firefighting and specifies funding sources.—In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife.

ASSEMBLY BILL 1641 (Perino): Would permit state members of PERS to receive two extra years of service credit as encouragement for early retirement because of impending cutbacks or changes in service.—Passed Assembly. In Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement.

ASSEMBLY BILL 2127 (Rosenthal, et al): Would require fire retardancy of wood roof coverings of residences to be equal to that of asphalt shingle roofs.—In Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development.

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Ambulance beats the stork

A Crestline woman almost made it to the hospital Wednesday, February 13 ... but, either her timing was wrong or the stork was late. Her baby girl was delivered in an ambulance by the attendant and CDF firefighter Mike Vasquez.

Vasquez said he was called to the home of Joyce Mears who was having labor pains. He helped her into the Crestline Community Ambulance, a volunteer company, and they headed for St. Bernardine Hospital.

"She was calm and said she had had labor pains for about 40 minutes," Vasquez said. "The ambulance driver kept on rolling Code 3 (red lights and siren) down the hill ... as we passed Vista Point, ambulance attendance Herb Ruhl and I delivered the baby."

It was the first baby for Vasquez and Ruhl but the third for Mears. Vasquez said that was fortunate because she knew what was going to happen.

"I was a little scared and excited about helping deliver a baby," he said. "But I relied on my emergency medical technician training and got through."

Watch the Birdie!



New CDF identification cards, complete with photo and fingerprints are in the making. Mitch Finberg was caught posing for Senior Graphic Artist Dave Rodriguez.

CDF's fire prevention programs earn Golden Smokey

The Golden Smokey award has been given to CDF in recognition of outstanding forest fire prevention programs.

The award was presented to Director Pesonen by Max Petersen, chief of the United States Forest Service, during the Southern California Watershed Fire Council meeting held in Pasadena on March 21.

The Golden Smokey award is given for outstanding forest fire prevention on a national scope over an extended period of time by the USFS, National Association of State Foresters, and the Advertising Council, Inc., working through the National Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Committee.

"The California Department of Forestry has been a leading authority in the field of fire prevention and a strong supporter and promoter of the National Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Program in California and across the nation for many years," Petersen said.

"CDF, through the initiative of its employees, has not only expanded

upon the National Smokey Bear Fire Prevention Program in California but has also developed many other programs of national importance in the field of fire prevention."

In accepting the award, Pesonen pointed out that, "We are at the crossroads in wildland fire protection where we can no longer protect all of the homes threatened by a running brush fire and at the same time take effective action to stop the fast moving fire front."

"There is a need for built-in fire prevention before the fire starts," Pesonen said. "This can be accomplished through cooperative efforts of local citizens groups, planners, and govern-

ment agencies. To prevent widespread destruction of homes and property during conflagration situations, proper planning and application of proven fire safe standards is essential. These standards include: adequate water supply for fire protection; clearance and modification of fire prone natural vegetation; acceptable road access for fire equipment and evacuation; and fire resistant building construction."

Pesonen also noted that the cost effectiveness of adequate fire safe standards and proper land use planning is the key to a successful overall fire protection program.

Silver Smokey goes to Dick Ford



Richard Ernest (center) and Smokey Bear present Silver Smokey to Dick Ford.

Over 150 other persons and a very special guest turned out in Fresno to honor Fire Prevention Officer Dick Ford upon his retirement after 37 years of service.

Smokey Bear was there on behalf of Donald T. Hansen, program manager, USFS, Washington, D.C., and CDF's Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention, Dick Ernest, to present Ford with the highest individual national award given for outstanding public service in the field of Forest Fire Prevention.

The "Silver Smokey" award was given in recognition of Ford's leadership and expertise in Wildland Fire Investigation, Information and Education. This is evidenced by the many publications of the California Depart-

ment of Forestry, International Association of Arson Investigators, California Conference of Arson Investigators Association, and the California District Attorneys' Association, written by Ford.

During his 37-year career, Ford has also developed the text for Fire and Public Information and Education Handbooks widely used by CDF.

The "Silver Smokey" is a nine-inch statuette awarded annually by the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, to no more than three nominees from the United States and Canada. A total of 30 awards have been given during the past 13 years.

Association plans

May meeting

The Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will hold its 50th Annual Training and Safety Conference May 1 and 2 at Oak Glen near Yucaipa.

Association President, Jim Stumpf, said, "This conference offers the opportunity for wildland firefighters to discuss methods, and see some of the latest fire and rescue equipment available to the fire service."

Programs planned for the two-day session will cover air operations in the past and present; recap of 1979 major fires; an overview of Firescope; Jarvis II and its impact on the fire services; fire apparatus over the past fifty years; and the new Helitorch.

In addition to the formal presentations there will be many exhibits, displays, and demonstrations of interest to both wildland and structure firefighters.

For further information, contact Dick Pilkington, 26882 Calle Monterey, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624. Phone (714) 496-9682.

Legislative Analyst examines CDF budget

Each February, about a month after the Governor presents his proposed budget, the Legislative Analyst provides a detailed analysis of its contents to the Legislature. Items criticized by the Legislative Analyst usually provide the framework for Legislative budget hearings held with each department. In his analysis of the budget for 1980-81, the Legislative Analyst has taken to task Forestry's budget on several issues, and has recommended budget reductions totalling \$4,182,078. This analysis was made on the Governor's budget without consideration of alternative plans for Jarvis II. A summary of the Analyst's recommendations and their dollar impacts are:

Forest Improvement Program (\$3.5 million)

The new Forest Improvement Program is to be funded from revenues received from the sale of forest products harvested from state forests. The Analyst is recommending a reduction in monies (\$3.1 million) available for forest improvement. The basis for the recommendation is that state forest revenue estimates in the proposed budget are much higher than the estimates provided to the Legislature at the time the bill was heard creating the Forest Resources Improvement Fund. The Analyst does not address the critical need for rapid improvement of the state's declining resources. He further recommends that funds be allocated for forest restoration projects on school lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, and that tidelands oil revenue funds earmarked by the administration for north coast land conservation measures (\$400,000) not be used for that purpose.

Equipment replacement (-\$260,726)

The Analyst has recommended a reduction in the \$4.7 million planned expenditure for equipment purchases in 1980-81. The bases for his recommendation is that the department has not provided him with a detailed item by item listing of proposed equipment expenditures. In his assessment of our

equipment needs he has failed to consider all facets of the equipment budget.

Administrative Overhead Charge (- \$319,999)

The Analyst recommends that Forestry increase the charges for administrative overhead costs on local government fire protection contracts. This will result in local governments paying for a larger amount of the overhead costs for the department thereby saving state dollars. Forestry does not agree with his premise for overhead calculation.

State Responsibility Area (SRA)

The Analyst is recommending that the Legislature require the Board of Forestry to review and update all direct protection acres of the State to determine if Forestry is providing fire protection to correctly identified wildland (non-urban) areas. In addition he withholds recommendation on \$2.8 million budgeted for fire protection on state lands protected under contract with the U.S. Forest Service pending redefinition of those areas.

Firefighter Trainee Program (+ \$835,600)

Forestry's proposed budget includes operating expenses to provide 240 California Conservation Corpsmembers to be located at forty (40) two-engine stations in addition to the regular three person engine coverage. The Analyst has recommended that regular seasonal firefighters be funded in lieu of CCC members.

Medium-turbine Helicopters (- \$600,000; + \$515,491)

Forestry's proposed budget includes \$600,000 from tidelands oil revenue funds and \$109,688 from the General Fund to convert the use of three rented small helicopters to the year-round use of three medium size military surplus helicopters. The analyst supports the use of the military surplus helicopters for helitack units. However, he does not support using

CCC firefighters nor the use of helicopters for off-season forest management work. He recommends \$515,491 from the General Fund be added to the budget in lieu of tidelands oil funding and that seasonal firefighter helitack crews be budgeted.

Sacramento staff are working with the Legislative Analyst to resolve as many of the recommended issues prior to the start of Legislative budget hearings. The Analyst does have the option of revising his recommendations prior to or during budget deliberations. Forestry's budget hearings are expected to begin in early April.

25 years for Whitlock



Chief Joe Springer presents 25-year award to Forest Equipment Manager Al Whitlock.

Forest Equipment Manager Al Whitlock, Region VI, was honored at a Region Administrative meeting on January 23, 1980 in recognition of his quarter of a century of State Service.

In presenting the awards and letters, Chief Joe Springer noted that Al's career in State service began with the Department of Fish and Game, coming to work CDF as an Equipment Operator, and through promotion to his present position as Fleet Manager for the Southern California region.

Tree Race gets a good start



The Great Tree Race of 1980 got off to a growing start in Sacramento when State Legislators were presented with their own Douglas fir seedlings by the California Women in Timber (WIT) and CDF.

The "Legislators Tree Day" was held on the grounds of the State Capitol not only to announce the Great Tree Race but also to indicate WIT support for the California Forest Improvement Program that becomes operational July 1, 1980.

The Great Tree Race of 1980 is not a running race...it is a contest to seek the fastest growing Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine trees growing on private timberlands of 20 acres or more. Separate contests are also being held for the fastest growing Douglas fir and

Ponderosa pine trees on industrial timberlands.

Director Pesonen has issued a personal challenge to the State Foresters of Oregon and Washington to match California's winners to be declared at the contest's close, October 1, 1980.

During the tree give-away ceremonies, Pesonen planted a honey locust seedling in the Memorial Grove to honor Women in Timber and the implementation of California's forest improvement program.

"By planting this tree, I am pleased to encourage the people to take part in urban and rural tree planting activities on March 7 (Arbor Day) and throughout the year," he said.

On hand to present the seedlings to the individual legislators were WIT state board members and chapter representatives.

Arbor Day in Simi Valley

Arbor Day was celebrated in California on March 7, with tree planting activities in most areas of the state.

At Simi Valley High School in Region VI, the Arbor Day festivities marked the beginning of a large scale tree planting project.

Representatives from CDF; Ventura County; LA County; the California Forest Protective Association; Assemblyman Robert Cline (R-Northridge); and Simi Valley Mayor, Cathie Wright, were all on hand for the presentation of seedlings to the project.

Fifteen hundred pine seedlings were presented to Instructor Dick Par-

shall's horticulture class for future plantings. Four large Canary Island pines, plus 1,000 seedlings, were donated by the California Forest Protective Association, and 500 seedlings were received from LA County.

Region VI Chief Joe Springer, and Ventura County Fire District Chief Stan Masson presented Assemblyman Cline with a plaque for his continued interest and involvement in urban forestry.

Assemblyman Cline stated, "I think that this program represents an ideal balance of private industry and public agency responsibility."

Moran Grove dedicated

The California Conservation Corps has rehabilitated a logging site in Humboldt Redwoods State Park in honor of retired CDF Director Lew Moran.

On hand for the Arbor Day dedication of "Lew Moran Grove" were Moran; Director Pesonen; Harry Pritchard, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and ex-CDF Ranger I; Joe Harns, supervisor of the Six Rivers National Forest; and other representatives of CDF, CCC, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Suzy Lange, CCC camp director, explained to the group that corps members, under the direction of John Knight of the Department of Parks and Recreation, had planted approximately 1600 trees in what once was a logging landing site.

"The CCC is returning this park area to its natural state," she said, "Existing buildings were removed by corps members who used the wood to construct new quarters at the CCC's Humboldt Fire Center...nothing was wasted..."

Doyle Metheny, CDF Ranger at the Humboldt Fire Center, noted that corpsmembers will plant 10,000 Douglas Fir and Redwood trees over a fifteen-acre site.

As part of the ceremony, Moran planted a Redwood tree at the front end of the grove. Following this, virtually everyone present (about 30 persons) planted Redwood seedlings with the assistance of CCC corps members.



Carl Anderson, superintendent of District I, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Lew Moran at dedication ceremonies.

It was a special day at Yucaipa

February 16th was a very special day for all the personnel in the East Valley Battalion of the San Bernardino Ranger Unit. On that very rainy Saturday, over 200 people from the community turned out for the dedication ceremony of the new Yucaipa CDF Station, located at Bryant and Oak Glen Road.

For the crew of the station it marked a move to more modern quarters from the station at Avenue "A" and California Street. The old station was built at a cost of \$10,000 and was equipped with one model "A" fire truck when it opened in 1936.

Many changes have taken place since then with the new station construction costs in excess of \$300,000 and the equipment complement now being two state fire engines, one new diesel Class "A" county engine and a new all-wheel drive quick-attack unit.

The latter two units being paramedic equipped.

From the less than 20 responses in 1936 to 1,522 responses in 1979, Yucaipa (Station 13) remains the busiest station of the 41 stations in the San Bernardino Ranger Unit. Of their 1,522 responses, 902 were for medical assistance answered by the paramedics.

Tribute was given both to the growth of the Department and the increased level of professionalism of the Yucaipa personnel. Speakers included Assemblyman Bill Leonard, 67th State Assembly District; Dennis Hansberger, 3rd District Supervisor, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors; Chief Joe Springer, Chief, Region VI; and Don C. Banghart, County Fire Warden and Ranger in Charge of the San Bernardino Ranger Unit.

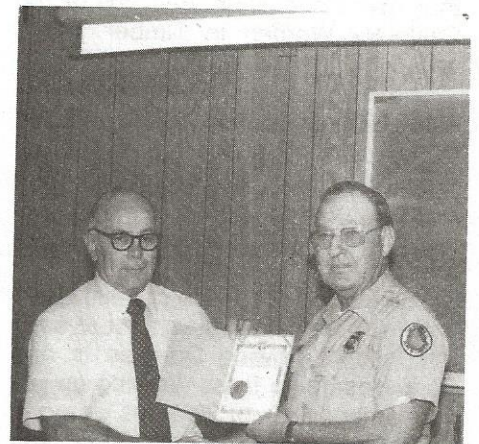
A ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by Assemblyman Leonard and

Supervisor Hansberger, and instead of a ribbon, an old piece of fire hose was cut.

The grand finale was planned by the East Valley Battalion personnel and came as a complete surprise to Battalion Chief Larry Young when they saluted him with crossed streams of water in colors of red, white and blue while the Yucaipa High School Band played America the Beautiful and Hail to the Chief. It was a stirring moment for all present.

Just as the ceremonies ended, the quick-call alarm went off at the new station and it was business as usual for the Station 13 paramedics.

Ferguson attains 25-years



SFR II John Ferguson receives 25-year award from Region VI Assistant Chief Rex Griggs.

John Ferguson, SFR II in charge of CDF operations in the Owens Valley, was honored at an Administrative Meeting in Riverside on January 30, 1980 in recognition of 25 years of State Service with the California Department of Forestry.

Assistant Chief Rex N. Griggs presented John with a letter of congratulations and commendation from Director Pesonen, a 25 Year Service Certificate and pin.

Griggs noted Ranger Ferguson commenced his career with CDF as a Firefighter in San Diego County. Prior to his present assignment he worked in many of CDF's varied programs including Air Attack and Fire Prevention.

Legislative roundup — From page 2

ASSEMBLY BILL 2206 (Leonard, et al): Would make general (land use) plans a permissive, instead of mandatory, function of cities and counties.—In Assembly Committee on Local Government.

ASSEMBLY BILL 2552 (Roos): Would require permits or bills of sale for harvest or transport of minor forest products.—In Assembly Committee on Resources, Land Use and Energy.

ASSEMBLY BILL 2569 (Chappie): Renames Department of Forestry and State Board of Forestry as Department of Fire and Forestry and State Board of Fire and Forestry.—In Assembly Committee on Resources, Land Use and Energy.

ASSEMBLY BILL 2714 (Mangers, et al): Provides for transfer of sick leave benefits for CDF employees who voluntarily resign from state service before cancellation of fire protection contract with Orange County and accept similar employment by Orange County in a fire protection organization.—In Assembly Committee on Public Employees and Retirement.

ASSEMBLY BILL 2715 (Mangers, et al.): Provides for reemployment lists for state employees affected by cancellation of Orange County fire protection contract and return of unused state sick leave credits should employee return to state service.—In Assembly Committee on Public Employees and Retirement.

ASSEMBLY BILL 2716 (Mangers, et al): Authorizes Director of General Services to transfer real property and facilities of CDF in Orange County to that county, upon its election to provide specified fire protection. Transfer would be conditioned upon county acceptance of accumulated and unused sick leave credits of specified CDF employees who, because of termination of the agreement, elect to leave state service and accept similar employment by Orange County.—In Assembly Committee on Local Government.

KATES 25 Year award



Florence receives her 25-year award from Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger-in-Charge William Harrington. In her left hand she holds a letter of appreciation from CDF Director David E. Pesonen.

Florence L. Kates, Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit, probably knows more about CDF operations in Fortuna than anyone else.

She should! Since 1959, she has worked with five different rangers-in-charge, including Bill Siler, Joe Springer, Bill Jamieson, Jim Dulitz, and now Bill Harrington.

Her duties have included performing tasks in almost every aspect of CDF including forest practice, fire control, administration, and most recently, personnel.

In presenting Florence with her 25-year award, pin, and letter of appreciation from Director Pesonen, Harrington commended her for "the many extra hours she has worked keeping the unit functioning smoothly, and for being a steadying influence on the headquarters office staff."

As a reminder, Amendment 7B591, Chapter 2170 of the Manual of Instructions was distributed in January. This is an update of the subsection relating to Pre-election Conduct.

Know your benefits _____ By John Swanson

Like to supplement your income?

In these Proposition 13-Jarvis II days there is one governmental activity that is alive and well. In fact it even should be stimulated by the efficiency and economy environment.

The Merit Award Program is participated in actively by a wide occupational range of departmental employees. Here are some of the past year's awards:

- Mattie Andrus, Accountant I, Region I, received \$65 for an improved handling of petty cash funds that applies to all State departments.
- Bill Wilcher, Fire Crew Supervisor, Region IV, received \$1000 (with \$1560 later) for a better use of paper sleeping bags to save \$25,590.
- Kay Hansen, Sr. Account Clerk, Region II, received \$35 for improving first aid kits.
- Steve Dibble, Fire Captain, Tulare, received \$60 for designing a metal hose rack.
- Jerry Kellar, Material & Stores Supervisor I, Siskiyou RU, received \$910 for suggesting a consolidated mailing of claim notices.

While the income from a merit award might not be considered a benefit in the usual sense, it's there, just waiting to be mined by an inquisitive prospector. A cash award of up to a \$1000 may be made by the Board of Control, and larger awards are made by the Legislature.

Recent Board of Control refinements enhance the cash aspects of the program. Awards shall be made for actual savings to the State of \$250 or more; however, the minimum award shall be \$100. Above \$1000 of actual savings it's 10%. Cash awards for intangible savings shall range from \$25 to \$95.

Every State Employee is eligible to participate except managers, as designated under the Collective Bargaining Act. Designated supervisors still are eligible.

No one in CDF, from the Director on down the chain of command, believes we don't have room for operational improvements. Rather the attitude is the positive one that the people on the job are more likely to be the "experts" on how best to do it. So look around. That pot of gold, small or large, may be just awaiting your answer to "Why don't we do it a better way?"

It's golf time again.



Attention all you duffers, hackers, and sandbaggers! It's spring - the birds are chirping and it's time for a birdie of your own.

The Mendocino Ranger Unit invites all active and retired CDFers to the Third Annual Region I Golf Tournament. Ladies, of course, are welcome.

Play will be on Saturday, May 2, 1980 at the Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

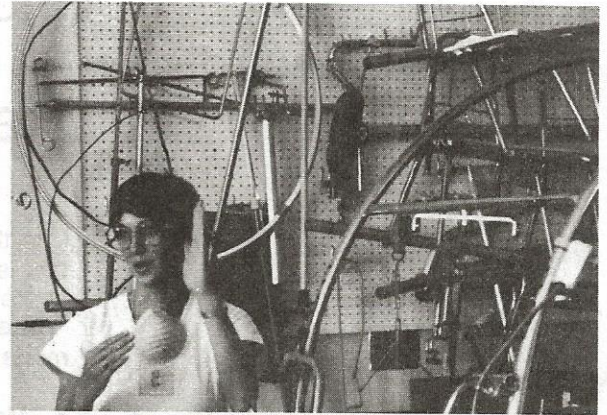
Frank H. Noyes, administrative officer, Mendocino Ranger Unit, and winner of the 1978 "Worst" golfer award, said "Ukiah is a beautiful and challenging course. Many outstanding awards and prizes have been obtained and we're looking forward to a large turnout."

Watch your bulletin boards for further information.

Sacramento Burn Center — testimony of respect



Head nurse Linda Munson hands Eileen King a sterile gown to wear while visiting the fully-designated comprehensive burn treatment center where over 100 patients with acute burns are treated each year.



Nurse Munson describes this special bed that rotates burn patients to allow relief from pain and to prevent bed sores.

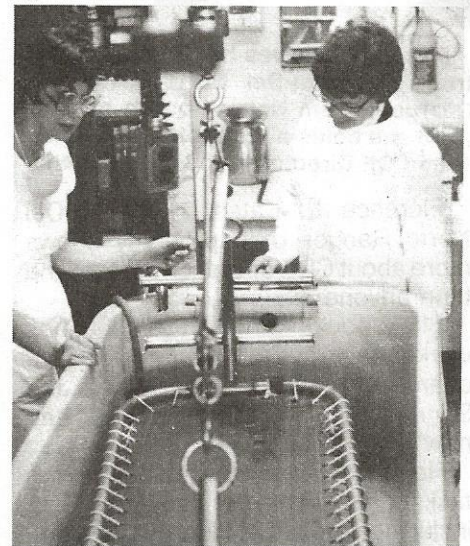


Human skin from deceased donors is stored for use and will replace pig skin that is usually applied immediately to start the healing process and ward off infection.

When Assistant Manpower Officer Wayne King died of cancer in October 1978, his wife Eileen suggested donations in his memory be made to the Burn Center of the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

Eileen King noted, "Wayne had long been a supporter of the Burn Center and was very instrumental in its development. Over \$1,000 was contributed in Wayne's name...a testimony of the respect held for him by his friends."

Recently, Mrs. King visited the expanded and remodeled facility which is now able to provide comprehensive care in one setting from the time patients enter the hospital until they are maximally rehabilitated. In the past, patients received burn care in three separate areas of the hospital.



Each day, patients are bathed in large hydrotherapy tubs containing salt solutions to soothe the burns, to remove bandages, and to prevent infection.

Citizen pleads guilty to arson

Investigation by CDF/Butte County Fire Department (BCFD) has resulted in a plea of guilty to one county of arson by Steven Robert Gravert in Butte County Superior Court.

According to Ranger-in-charge Arlen Cartwright, a fire on December 6, 1979, caused \$37,000 damage to a structure owned by Gravert's estranged wife and her sisters.

Cartwright said investigation by CDF/BCFD determined arson to be

the cause of the blaze and Gravert turned himself in on December 31 following issuance of an arrest warrant. He was bound over to Superior Court and held on \$10,000 bond following a preliminary hearing on December 27.

During a jury trial, Gravert changed his plea to guilty and was ordered by presiding Judge Lucian Vandegrift to be held without bail and to undergo psychiatric examination before being sentenced.

In Sacramento, Richard Diltz, chief law enforcement officer, said that 52 adults and 7 juveniles were arrested in 1979 and charged with felony arson on state responsibility lands. Of the adults, 41 percent were convicted, 33 percent of the cases are pending and 4 percent resulted in reduced charges. Petitions were sustained on 6 of the juveniles.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

North Coast Region

Transfer - Carp. Supv. Richard F. Ad-dor to Hq.
Appointment - Stephen A. Rice to M & SS I, Lake-Napa.
Retirement - FC Robert L. Thompson, Mendocino.

Sierra Cascade Region

Transfers - SFR I William E. Cotter to Siskiyou; For. I Peter J. Finnie to Shasta-Trinity.
Retirement - HFEO William E. Horn, Siskiyou.
25-Year Award - FC Robert D. Marshall.

South Sierra Region

25-Year Award FC Robert L. Kutz.

Southern California Region

Transfers - Steno. Lenora Ryan to San Bernardino; FF CDF Donald Croucher to Orange.
Promotions - Clark S. Cloninger to FCS at Pilot Rock CC; Eric L. Vogt to SFR I, Rancho Mirage Station; Jim Davis to SFR I, San Diego.
Appointment - Paul Drake to Acct. I, San Bernardino.
Reinstatements - FCS Michael Swanson, Fenner CC; and FAE Daren D. Wills, Jr., Orange.
Separations - FCS Ken Menell, Pilot Rock; FF, CDF Robert Walters, Craig Watson, and Steven J. Reese all from Orange.
Retirement - HFEO Merlin Seeley, Orange.

Sacramento Headquarters

Transfers - SFR II John Roland to Hq.
Promotions William Weaver to SFR II; Sylvia Ramos to Lt. Mgt. Svs. Tech.
Appointments - Jeanette Smith and Cokie Leach to OA II (T); and Ben Parker to LT For. I.
Separation - OA II (T) Phyllis Platt.

EXAMINATION CALENDAR

| TITLE | FINAL FILING DATE | EXAMINATION DATE |
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| Fire Apparatus Engineer (open, non-promotional) | Examining for this is being delegated to the Dept. | To Be Announced After 1980 fire season |
| Forestry Equipment Manager I (open) (Open) | April 3 April 3 | To Be Announced To Be Announced (60% written, 40% oral) |
| NOTE: (Changed to open, non-promotional) | | |
| Fire Crew Supervisor (open, non-promotional) | CANCELLED May 15 | To Be Announced - (P/F written, 100% QAP) |
| Research Assistant II (Soil Erosion & Vegetation Study) (open) | CANCELLED March 8 | To Be Announced - (100% Education & Experience Evaluation) |
| Fire Prevention Officer I (promotional) | April 3 | To Be Announced - (60% written, 40% oral) |
| Asst. Dept. State Forester (promotional) | June 5 NOTE: Deferred until Winter 1980 | To Be Announced (100% Employee Development Appraisal) |
| Fire Fighter, CDF (promotional) | April 3 | To Be Announced (100% QAP) |

DO Not submit applications for examinations until the bulletin has been released. Use Form 678 (1-77) printed in Green ink.

Watch for bulletins for the following exams:

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| Forestry Graduate Trainee | Open |
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The following lists have been extended:

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| State Forest Ranger I Forester III Forestry Graduate Trainee | Heavy Fire Equipment Operator Fire Captain Fire Crew Supervisor (open) & promotional |
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Just Between Us

- Come July 1, those employees under Social Security can claim refund for sick leave. The Controller will process the refunds, probably once a year. So the 6.13% you contribute to Social Security will be returned for each hour of sick leave you take with some excep-

tions. Details are still being worked out and you will hear more later.

- Look for a nearby reference copy of *Your Benefit Program*. Last month some 500 copies were distributed to each location where people work. It describes some 30 employer-paid benefits about which all employees and their families should be aware.
- The 1980 Workers Comp Information is available through a new brochure sent recently to all supervisors. It gives, in one place, the current rates for temporary and permanent disability, industrial disability leave, death benefits, and during vocational rehabilitation. Don't guess. Ask and know about this important benefit.

25 years for Kilner

Fire Captain Donald F. Kilner, Region IV, received his 25-year award during a luncheon attended by nearly 70 of his co-workers.

Jim Wagner, administrative officer, presented Kilner with a certificate from the Governor's Office and Ranger-in-Charge John Morrow, presented him with a letter of commendation from Director Pesonen, noting Kilner is presently working as the Madera County Mountain Training Officer for seven fire companies.

Bill Mar retires

Region V's Bill Mar, forestry cook I, is retiring after 27 years of service with CDF.

Mar is known by CDFers throughout the state...there are only a few who have not sat down to a meal prepared by Bill. Now it is his turn to be served. A retirement luncheon will be held April 19, 1980 at the Outrigger Restaurant in Monterey.

For further information, call Carmel Forest Fire Station (408) 649-2920.

Reminder

A retirement luncheon will be held Thursday, April 24, for Julian Lindsay.

The luncheon will be at the Riverbend Golf and Country Club in beautiful, almost downtown, Broderick.

For further information contact Laurie Watson or Joan Stanley at 445-4301.