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This month's cover is a reproduction of an original airbrush rendering by seasonal firefighter Barry Rudolph of Twain Haret F.F.S. Pictured is a #9 (4280 Coarsegold Sta.) that is at the Madera-Mariposa Ranger Unit.

Rudolph has been doing airbrush work for approximately five years now. His past focus has been on airtankers but his latest project is a calendar of CDF engines.

If you have a picture depicting the people and mission of CDF that you would like to see on the cover of *Communiqué*, please send your black and white glossy print, negative or color slide with a description to *Communiqué*, California Department of Forestry, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1516, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Our readers write

Region VI would like to share this letter of appreciation from a Riverside resident:

November 9, 1982

Dear Firemen:

On the night of October 20, close to mid-night, you were called to my home to help my husband. The speed with which you arrived and your efforts to save him will always be remembered. You were unable to save him but not because you didn't give your best efforts. I especially want to praise a *very big* man who knelt by the bed and spoke to my husband in a very compassionate manner while tenderly touching him. It was very impressive to me, for my husband, before his illness, and had been a very big man, tough, strong, but with a heart as tender as could be. I wish I knew the young man's name.

My husband's father was a Fire Captain in the city of Phila and received many awards for heroism, finally giving his life. So I want you all to know you have our thanks and praise and understanding of the daily risks you take for others.

God bless all of you.

Sylvia Sherman
14447 Judy Ann Dr.
Riverside, CA 92503

Captain Bart Sciacqua, Fireman of the Year.

John Morrow, Ranger-in-Charge of the Madera-Mariposa Ranger Unit, announces that Fire Captain Bart Sciacqua has been honored by the Exchange Club of Madera as its Fireman of the Year.

Sciacqua has been with Madera County Fire Department, which has contracted with the California Department of Forestry since 1965. Sciacqua worked for State Forest Ranger I Mike Macy, who nominated Bart for the award, citing his expertise and dedication to fire control and public safety, and his devotion to community activities and working with the youth of the county.

Dear Editor:

I would like to suggest a new perennial section be added to the *Communiqué*.

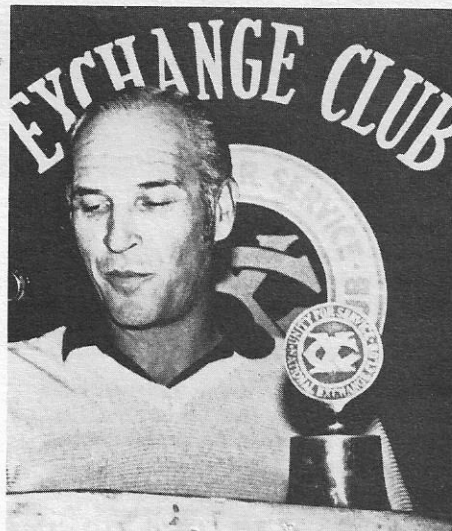
Every month the newsletter could include a column which would include "CDF pertinent" comical misquotes for the month. The material can be solicited from the readers of *Communiqué*, and, if desired, at the conclusion of each article credit could be given to the providers of the printed misquotes.

For example, the following misquote is derived from the minutes of a recent meeting. "When instituting the newly accepted Incidental Command System if a wildfire burns into the protection jurisdiction of two equally powerful agencies, it could result in a *duel* command system."

Sincerely,

K. R. Goings
Region I

While not exactly in the same vein, we might begin with the last issue of *Communiqué*. Not only was this issue very late in the printing process, but the cover is listed as December 1982 rather than January 1983. Don't know exactly what to attribute this to, but for those of you who care enough to maintain *Communiqué* files - beware - you now have two December 1982 issues and none for January 1983!



Fire protection agreement signed

CDF has entered into a cooperative fire protection agreement with the Valley Center Fire Protection District in north San Diego County. The agreement took effect November 1, 1982 with the assignments of Fire Captain Pat Russell and FAE's Tim Koshin and Don Gravett to the District.

San Diego's Ranger-in-Charge Barritt Neal stated that the fire district encompasses eighty-four square miles and has a population of 9,500. The district has two engine companies and a squad manned by 25 volunteer firefighters and three paid personnel.

Neal said the contract will provide a wide range of fire protection services to the Valley Center community. These will include training, communications, fire protection planning, suppression, fire prevention and investigation, to name a few. The administration of the district will be the responsibility of State Forest Ranger I Dave Lewis.

The Valley Center community formed a volunteer fire company in the mid-1970's when the County of San Diego was providing structural fire protection. In June of 1982, an election was held to form the Valley Center Fire Protection District. Chief Neal stated that Valley Center has been one of the more progressive communities in providing a reliable and professional emergency medical and fire service to its residents, and the new agreement will enhance and compliment that service.

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Owyoung acts as interim director

interim Director Al Owyoung



Governor Deukmejian has appointed Deputy Director for Management Services Al Owyoung as interim director for Forestry.

Owyoung has been with CDF since June 1981, and has over 26 years of experience in state service. He has an extensive background in auditing, fiscal administration, personnel administration, program monitoring and evaluation, and planning and program analysis.

The acting director began his career in August 1956 as an accountant and auditor with the Department of Motor Vehicles. In 1960 he trans-

ferred to the California Youth Authority as accounting officer. After serving in many responsible positions, he was appointed deputy director for the Planning, Research, Evaluation and Development Branch of that department in November 1980.

As interim director, Owyoung will maintain the day-to-day operation of this organization and does not plan any major policy or staffing changes.

"It is my expectation that all staff members will continue to carry on their responsibilities in a professional manner," he said.

Agency shop

by Allan Dailey

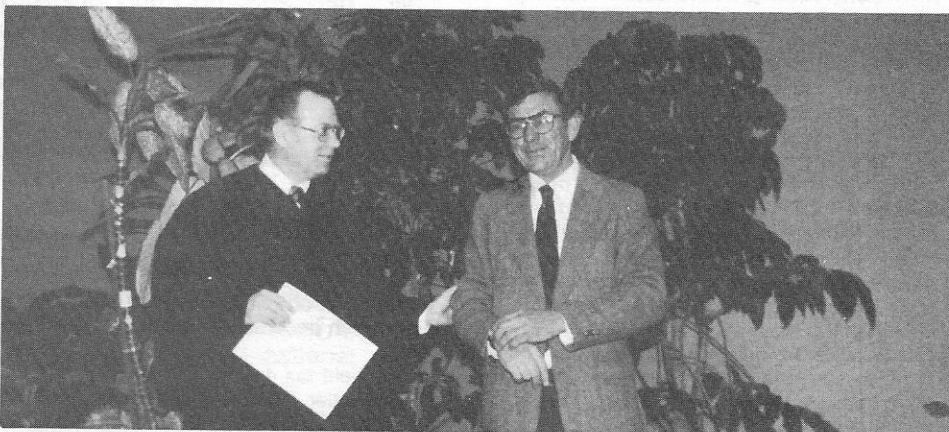
On New Year's Day, Governor Brown, in one of his last official acts, signed agreements providing for "agency shop" or ("Fair Share") with State employee organizations representing 18 of the 20 State employee bargaining units. Unit 2 (State Attorneys) and Unit 9 (Professional Engineers) did not sign such agreements.

These agreements essentially provide that the employee organization may collect a fee from those employees in the bargaining unit who have elected not to become union members, as their "fair share" of the costs of representation in the collective bargaining process. Thus, if you are a rank-and-file member of one of the affected bargaining units, and are not a union member, you can expect to be assessed a "fair share" fee when these agreements are implemented in the near future.

The assessment of fair share fees will be done by automatic payroll deductions through the State Controller's Office, and requires no action or authorization by the individual employee. The amount of fair share fees is left to the determination of the employee organization, although

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Pesonen appointed to court



Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso and Davie E. Pesonen

Former Director David E. Pesonen was appointed to the Contra Costa County Superior Court by former Governor Brown. The CDF director since 1979, formerly served as a

consultant to the Assembly Fish and Game Committee, was on the state Board of Forestry and worked as an attorney in private practice in San Francisco.

SFR 1 MICHAEL MACY

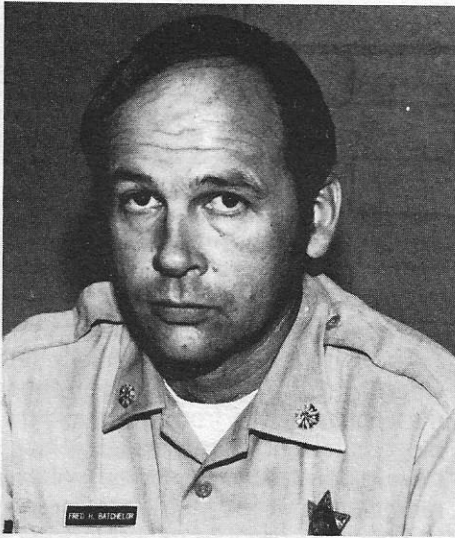
SFR I Michael Macy, Madera-Mariposa Ranger Unit, passed away December 4, 1982. He had been suffering for some time from cancer and earlier in 1982 contracted pneumonia. He was admitted to the hospital on November 9, 1982 and finally succumbed to the pneumonia on December 4. Funeral services were held in Madera on December 8.

He is survived by his wife Mary L. Macy and son Michael.

Donations may be sent to the Michael Macy Scholarship Fund, 4745 E. Garrett, Fresno, CA 93728 or the American Cancer Society.

Batchelor heads Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit

by Robert L. Kutz and Lee DeLap



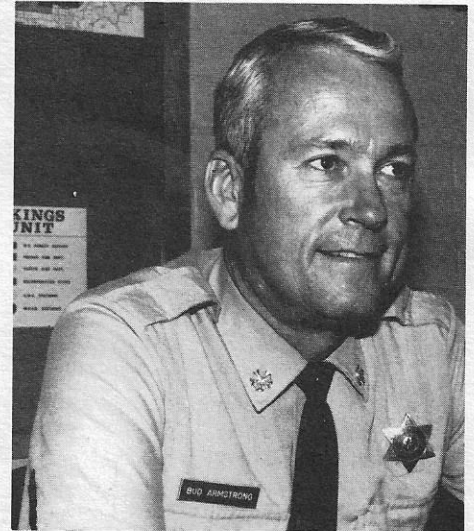
Fred Batchelor

Frederic H. Batchelor has been appointed as State Forest Ranger IV in the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit. As Ranger-in-Charge, Batchelor will command a fire fighting force of 300 personnel and will also act as chief for the Mid Valley, Westside, and Fig Garden Fire Protection Districts. He will succeed Bud Armstrong who recently left state service to become chief of the Fresno City Fire Department.

Batchelor's career started as a forest firefighter in 1955. For the past five years he acted as executive officer for the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit. Batchelor, a registered professional forester, is a member of the Society of American Foresters, California Forestry Alumni Association, California Rural Fire Association, the Fire Districts Association of California, and is actively involved in the California Fire Chiefs Association.

Carl "Bud" Armstrong began his new job as chief of the Fresno City Fire Department on January 1, 1983. He is the first chief ever appointed from outside that department.

Armstrong joined CDF in 1953 as a firefighter with the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit and advanced to battalion chief. In 1968, he was promoted to division chief in the Orange Ranger Unit. His next assignment was as fire control officer for the Sierra Cascade Region. He then went on to take charge of the Santa Clara Ranger Unit. In 1977 he was appointed chief of the Mid Valley and Westside Fire Protection Districts and ranger-in-charge of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit.



Carl "Bud" Armstrong

He serves as chairman of the legislative committee for the northern section of the California Fire Chiefs Association and is a member of the board of directors of the Fire Districts Association of California. In addition, he is second vice-president of the California Rural Fire Fighters Association and previously served as one of former Governor Ronald Reagan's appointees to the State Board of Fire Services.

Timber and taxes

Robert Maclean*, RPF

PART IV

TIMBERLAND PRODUCTION ZONE** (TPZ) REZONING; AND THE YIELD TAX

The Forest Taxation Reform Act (FTRA) provides three means of rezoning from TPZ: 1) ordinary rezoning, called 'rollout' or just 'rezoning'; 2) rezoning by local government (city council or county board or supervisors, depending on the property tax jurisdiction); and 3) 'immediate rezoning'.

1) Ordinary rezoning must be initiated by request of the property owner. Local government must hold a public hearing, and if the governing body approves by majority vote, the rezoning is effective ten years later.

2) The local governing body can terminate TPZ zoning after public hearing and majority vote by the governing body. If approved, the rezoning is effective ten years later.

3) Immediate rezoning, like ordinary rezoning, must be initiated by the property owner. It is effective upon final approval, but mandated criteria have been deliberately made rigorous in the law.

For immediate rezoning of three acres or more, the Director of Forestry must issue a timberland conversion permit subject to being able to make written findings specified in law before immediate rezoning can be made final.

By Board of Forestry regulation, a conversion permit is necessary for immediate rezoning, whether timber operations are involved or not.

Because a State agency is involved, local government as lead agency must first follow California Environmental Quality Act procedures at the State level, including submission of an Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration to the State Clearinghouse for review. The local governing body must also hold public hearings, be able to make written findings that the immediate rezoning is in the public interest, and then tentatively approve the rezoning by a 4/5 vote of the entire body (county supervisors or city council).

Among the most important specified findings the Director must be able to make to issue the conversion permit are: that the rezoning is in the public interest; that the soils, slopes, and watershed(s) are suited to the intended use when rezoned; and that there are no proximate non-TPZ lands available for the intended use. (This last finding is one of the most critical.)

For areas of less than three acres, the Director of Forestry is not required to make findings and issue the conversion permit. However, the local governing body must make the same specified findings the Director

of Forestry is otherwise required to make, and the 4/5 vote of approval is also still required.

If the immediate rezoning is given final approval, local government may levy a tax recoupment fee in accord with a statutory schedule. The fee is based on the difference in the value of the rezoned area between the market value under the new zoning and the TPZ value, and the time the area has been in TPZ.

The Timber Yield Tax

State legislation in 1976 replaced the ad valorem tax on timber with the Timber Yield Tax, which became effective part-way through 1977.

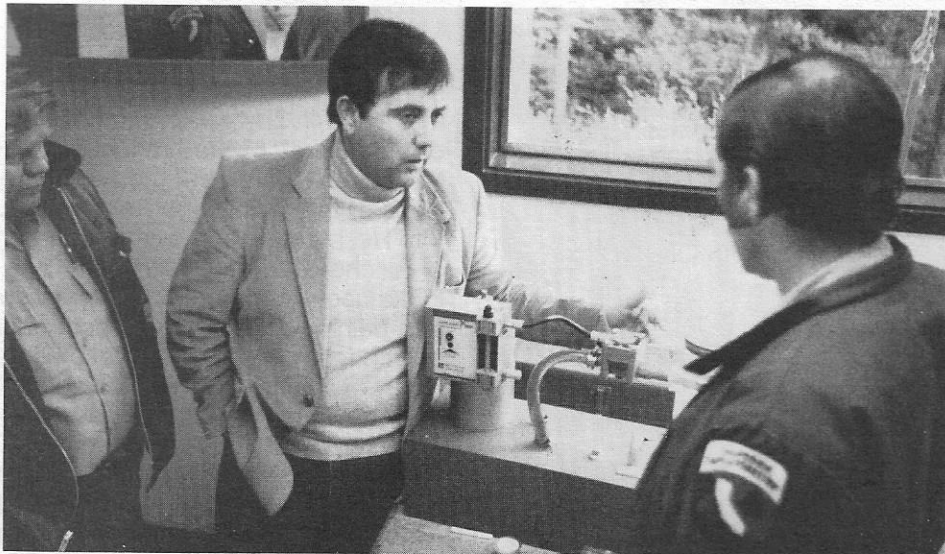
The yield tax applies to both private and public timber. The tax is a percentage of the immediate harvest value when the timber is cut. The owner of the tree when it hits the ground, or, in the case of public timber, the party possessing cutting rights, is liable for the tax. The tax is due at the end of each calendar quarter on timber cut during that quarter.

The advantage to the timber owner of the yield tax over the ad valorem tax is that the

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Don't -don't drink the water

By Louis Schultz, Region I Engineering Supervisor



Lou Schultz looks on as Inspector W. H. Boyes Jr. explains the intricacies of a chlorinator to Eel River Conservation Fire Crew Supervisor James Hoefler.

The following article was written by Region I Engineering Supervisor Louis Schultz. What he doesn't mention in the article is expressed by CDF's Chief Engineer Bob Everitt who said, "The department should conduct this type of training in the Regions each year. I commend Lou Schultz for having organized and conducted the Chlorination Seminar."

On December 7, 1982, a Chlorination Seminar was presented to Region I Camp and Engineering employees by Mr. Walt Boyes Jr. of W. H. Boyes and Company, San Jose, California. The course was excellent in scope and presentation.

Most people who hear the expression "Don't Drink The Water" think it refers to our neighbors to the south—not necessarily so. Most of us take quality drinking water for granted. As a matter of fact, we rarely give it a second thought.

The next time you pull into a CDF facility and have a drink of water, ask yourself these questions:

1. What is the *source* of this water—well, surface, commercial?
2. How does it appear as to taste, smell and sight?
3. Does it contain any harmful chemicals?

4. Does it contain harmful bacteria?
5. Has the water been *tested* to see that it is safe for consumption?
6. Is the water being *treated* and/or *disinfected*?
7. Is a *monitoring* program in effect to assure a continuing supply of quality potable drinking water?

America, in general, is fortunate in that waterborne diseases are rare and almost non-existent. This is due in large measure to the use of chlorine for water disinfection. Chlorine, in its various forms, is one of the most effective disinfectants of water known to man.

Region I has five conservation camps and two fire centers, each of which constitutes a "community water system" as defined by the State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Acts. All seven of these facilities employ gas chlorination to disinfect the water supplies.

Mr. Boyes discussed the various forms of chlorines, chlorine chemistry, application to water treatment, and design of chlorination systems. Also discussed was the installation, use, testing, maintenance, and monitoring of these systems.

Many aspects of safety were discussed relative to these systems, including Federal Department of

Transportation and Cal-Osha regulations on handling, storage, and transportation of chlorine gas cylinders. Chlorine improperly handled is *deadly* and *corrosive*. Properly handled it is a benefactor and friend. Training makes the difference. Training *must* be conducted on a regular basis to refresh the memory of long-term employees and to teach new employees proper techniques in the use of chlorination.

Under agreement with the State Department of Health, each Region's Engineering Section is required to have one licensed Water Treatment Operator to oversee the design, operation, and maintenance of these systems.

Open house disrupted

The annual Fire Prevention Week display at Ryan Air Attack Base was disrupted this year by the Gypsum Canyon and Dayton Fires. Prior to the airtankers leaving on their fire assignment, the general public saw a number of demonstrations and static displays by CDF, USFS, BLM, Hemet City Fire Department and the Riverside Search and Rescue Team. Smokey the Bear and Woodsey Owl mingled with other dignitaries such as Assemblyman Bill Leonard and Kay Cenicerros, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Riverside County. Dr. George Fishbeck, famous ABC-TV meteorologist was the keynote speaker.

Shortly after "Dr. George's" informative address on the effects of the southern California weather patterns on wildland fires, the 1,000 people attending watched as the air tankers were sent to a fire assignment. Many people stayed at the base braving the strong winds to see the S2's, C-119's and B-17's come in, reload and return to various fire assignments throughout Region VI.

Forestry warehouse burns



A three-alarm fire at the newly leased CDF warehouse in Sacramento during the early hours of Friday, January 7, caused an estimated \$200,000 damage to the building and contents.

The fire, of unknown origin at this writing, destroyed the second floor which was leased by the church of Scientology. Damage to CDF materials and property was basically caused by water and falling debris.

The total damage to CDF materials has not yet been fully determined but a significant amount of damage was done to many business

forms and office supplies. Fire prevention materials also received significant water damage.

The department moved into the warehouse at the corner of 23rd and R Streets. on November 1, 1982. Prior to that time CDF shared a warehouse with the Department of Conservation at 1721 20th Street. All salvageable material and new materials are now being placed in temporary storage at the Davis facility.

The department will be issuing a summary of losses once the final figures have been determined.

"SEX & POWER"

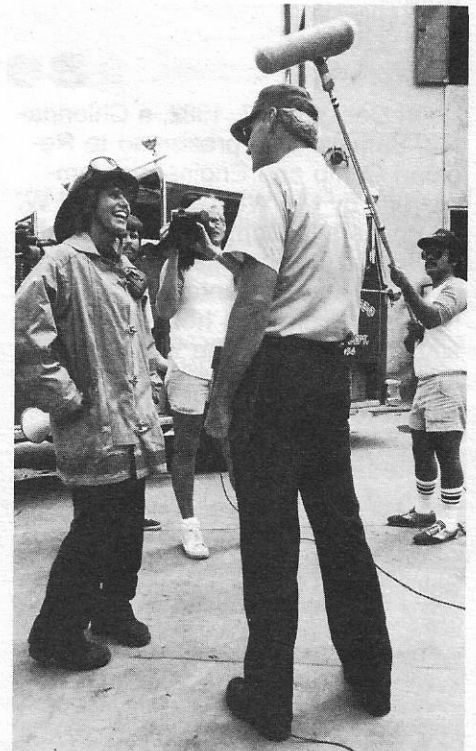
The City of San Diego has completed filming a training film designed to assist supervisors and managers in city government. One of the "stars" of the production is CDF Fire Apparatus Engineer Chris Hess of the San Diego Ranger Unit. Ms. Hess portrays a recruit firefighter for the city Fire Department. She looks upon her immediate supervisor and training officer with respect and admiration. She says he presents a father-like image to her. However, this admiration and friendliness is mistaken by the supervisor as a "come on" by Ms. Hess. Well it isn't long before he makes his move and asks her for a date. The scene ends leaving Mr. Supervisor in a state of confusion, he can't understand why his offer was refused. Ms. Firefighter on the other hand, is baffled by Mr. Supervisor's interpretation of her friendliness.

The video tape entitled "*Sex & Power*" runs about forty-five minutes and develops four scenarios involving women subordinates and male supervisors in different modes of government.

Smokey takes up jazzercise



Smokey joined the local jazzercise class in Hemet, hoping to educate the group on fire safety. In return they gave him an education on fitness. Smokey should be fully recovered and back to work soon. Pictured: Donna Washburn and Smokey.



FAE Chris Hess, in her role as "Ms. Firefighter" and Ray Sawyer (San Diego City Fire Department) as her supervisor during the filming of "Sex and Power."

CDF involved in massive manhunt

Early in the afternoon of January 3, 1983, two peace officers, one a Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff and the other a CHP officer, were shot by a transient suspect approximately one-quarter mile south of the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit headquarters in Felton.

The unfolding event was witnessed at various stages by CDF personnel. The first CDF officer to become involved was off-duty Fire Captain Mike Kelly. Kelly was a witness to the initial shooting of Deputy Mike Gray. This took place in front of the Kelly residence and Kelly was one of the first to assist and start medical treatment. Fire Captains Gilbert and Semple responded to page for medical aid, along with FPO Lewis who assisted in the initial search for the suspect and with crime scene protection.

The second shooting of CHP officer J. Lee was in front of Operations Officer Steve Richmond's residence and was witnessed by Richmond and his daughter, Diane.

The scenario started when Deputy Gray stopped to question a male suspect sitting alongside the road in front of the Kelly residence. Deputy

Gray was shot twice in the stomach area. The next unit on the scene was the CHP officer who received a shot through the windshield of his vehicle and then was struck in the hand and leg. Both officers were able to fire at the suspect who then fled into the area of Cowell State Park.

CDF became involved not only in the initial minutes of assisting with medical aid, but also in traffic control, armed searching for the suspect, crime scene protection and leading dog-search-teams into a large, undeveloped area south of Felton to the City of Santa Cruz.

On Sunday, January 9, 1983, at 7:45 a.m., a local fisherman led members of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department to a heavily wooded area in the Henry Cowell Park.

At the scene, the officers found suspect Leslie Grover Wyman dead from a gun shot wound to the head in an apparent suicide.

During the early morning hours of January 13, 1983, Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff Michael Gray died from results of massive internal damage resulting from the unprovoked shooting.

The following letter was sent to Ranger-in-Charge Dave Mack by Alfred F. Noren, sheriff-coroner of the County of Santa Cruz:

Dear Ranger Mack:

I'd like to thank you for the assistance and cooperation my department received during the recent manhunt for attempted murder suspect Leslie Wyman.

Your help and concern is something that will not soon be forgotten by this department.

Please convey to everyone involved my appreciation for a job well done. done.

Sincerely,

ALFRED F. NOREN
Sheriff-Coroner

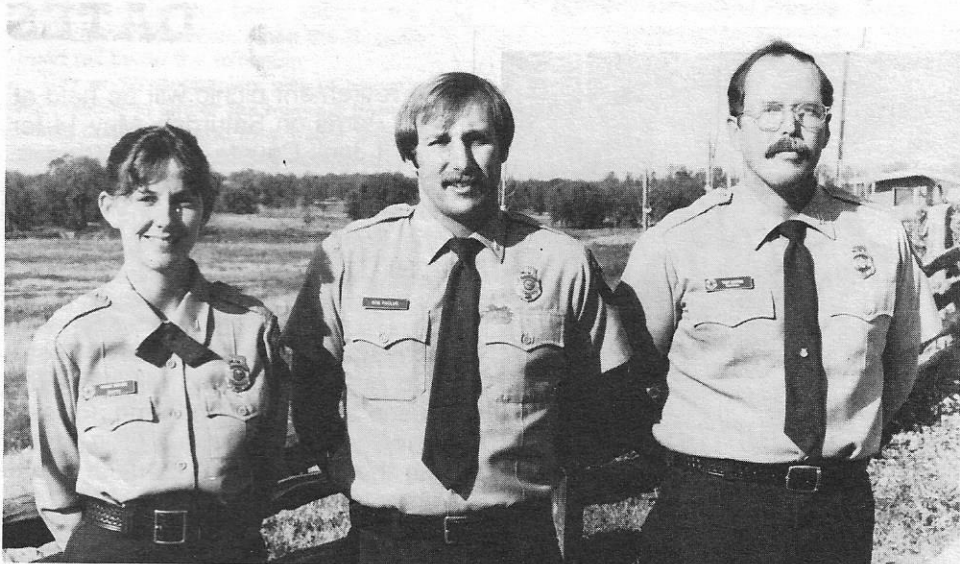
Medal of Merit awarded

Sonoma Air Attack Base (SAAB) was honored by the Larkfield Lions Club at a luncheon December 11th at D's Airport Inn as part of a dual "Medal of Merit" presentation to SAAB and Sis-Q Flying Service for "outstanding service to the people of the State of California."

The medals, mounted on very handsome plaques, were presented by Congressman Don Clausen, who is an aviator and a staunch supporter of the air attack program. Robert A. "Bud" Davis received the award for Sis-Q and Blaine Moore for SAAB. Both Sonoma Ranger Unit's rangers-in-charge, Frank Crossfield and Gene Bach, attended the awards' luncheon. It was one of Frank's last official appearances as Sonoma's ranger-in-charge before retiring at the end of the year. Gene takes over the post in January 1983.

Blaine Moore's acceptance speech for SAAB stressed the value of the long-standing, mutually beneficial association between CDF and Sis-Q; the combined efforts of all SAAB, Sonoma Ranger Unit, and contract personnel in making the whole wildfire control program work, and the extra special meaning of receiving an award from a public spirited group such as the Lions Club.

Basic Control class#80



Basic Fire Control Class #80 was completed December 10, 1982. Class coordinator Mike Boren reports that the average score for the graduates was 93.15%. The department was well represented with 2 foresters, 8 fire crew supervisors, 4 heavy fire equipment operators, and 14 engineers (3 of whom were female).

The top three students as pictured are (l. to r.): (3rd place) Engineer Margie Conners, Siskiyou Ranger Unit; (1st place) Engineer Robert E. Paulus, Lake-Napa Ranger Unit; and (2nd place) Fire Crew Supervisor Tony Morton from Konocti Conservation Camp.

International brotherhood of firefighters



Antonio, Assemblyman Bill Leonard, Adriano and Carlos discuss the relationship of government to the fire service.

There is an international brotherhood of firefighters. The bond of fellowship born from working together to solve common problems was evident during the recent tour of CDF facilities by three Portuguese fire officials, Antonio Augusto Bartolo, Carlos Fernando Bautista Ferreira De Castro, and Adriano Silverio Ferreira. The three fire officials arrived in Los Angeles on October 11 and went directly to work gathering information to assist them in improving their country's wildland firefighting capabilities.

The working tour, financed by the Federal Agency for International Development, was part of an international exchange that also took Chief Rex N. Griggs of Region VI to Portugal to analyze that country's wildland fire problems (see *Communiqué* July 1982).

Hosted by Chief Griggs and personnel of Region VI, the officials took part in CDF activities ranging from paramedic operations to fire academy instruction. They were also exposed to US Forest Service and Los Angeles County Fire Depart-

ment operations and techniques. Antonio, Carlos and Adriano asked questions and took notes and before they left the United States, they began to develop a lengthy report on possible ways to incorporate their experiences into their country's fire service operations.

Chief Griggs said, "At their farewell party on November 6, all three of our new friends asked once more that we express their heartfelt thanks to all those in CDF who participated in their instruction."

Griggs went on to say that those who played some role in the tour were given a better understanding of the success of CDF programs as well as a bond of friendship with three brother firefighters from Portugal.

Plans are now being made for the third part of the exchange. During the next phase, a delegation of CDF employees will go to Portugal to serve as advisors while the recommendations of our brother bombers are integrated into the Portuguese Fire Service.

SAVE THESE DATES

A retirement picnic will be held at Lake Perris on Saturday, May 14 for SFR II Jack Couste of Oakl Glen Youth Conservation Camp. For information, contact Tom Atkins at 41100 Pine Bench Rd., Yucaipa, CA 92399. (714) 797-5418.

On April 9, 1983, the CDF 25-year Club Annual gathering will be held in Fresno at the Hacienda Inn. President Ed Poe promises a "Big Affair" with this being the club's 25th anniversary meeting. Those wishing to attend or obtain more information should contact Orv Ingram, 714 E. 24th St., Marysville, CA 95901. The annual CDF Golf Classic will precede the "gathering-of-the-clan." Watch for more details or contact Fresno's FPO Bob Kutz.



Ranger Dave Flake and FC Gene Ostrander explain ECC operations to Portuguese visitors.

Timber and taxes (from p. 4)

owner pays the tax on timber only when there is income from the sale of timber to pay with. Consequently, the yield tax is neutral in its economic pressure to cut.

The Timber Yield Tax is administered by the State Board of Equalization (B/E) through its Timber Tax Division. Payments are sent to the B/E, and redistributed through the State Controller to the counties in accordance with specified provisions. By law, the B/E has established timber value areas (TVA's) each containing timber having similar growing, harvesting, and marketing conditions. The B/E, by law, in consultation with its Timber Advisory Committee (TAC) sets Immediate Harvest Values (IHV's) per unit of forest product for each TVA by species and category of timber each calendar half-year. The IHV's are based on analysis of timber sales for the previous two years, adjusted for significant later changes. The law specifies a representative of the Board of Forestry shall be one of the TAC members. So far this representative has been a CDF Headquarters' staff forester.

The B/E is required to adjust the yield tax rate at the beginning of each calendar year in the same proportion that the average of the general property tax rate in 17 specified timber (rate adjustment) counties changed over that of the previous calendar year. The timber owner applies the current yield tax rate to the total of the IHV cut for the calendar quarter to obtain the amount of yield tax to be paid.

Until 1983, the yield tax law provided for a minimum revenue guarantee (MRG) of timber tax revenue to the counties. The MRG for each timber county was the average annual revenue that a county previously received from timber for fiscal years 1972-73 through 1974-75. The MRG was supported by an equalizing pool of money called the Reserve Fund, maintained between a maximum and minimum level specified in law. The Reserve Fund was funded by a Reserve Fund rate sufficient to bring the Fund back to the minimum the reserve fund rate being added to the yield tax rate in those years when the Reserve Fund fell below the minimum.

This whole mechanism was to smooth out fluctuations in timber tax revenue from economic conditions, and from major shifts in timber harvesting from one county to another from year to year in a few areas.

The yield tax rate was initially fixed by law at 6%, and the reserve rate at ½% for the period April 1, 1977 through December 31, 1978. The 6% rate was that judged to have timber continue to carry its share of property taxes relative to the other classes of property as timber had when under the ad valorem system.

Proposition XIII, passed as a constitutional amendment in 1978, limited property taxes to 1% of market value. This had the effect of reducing the yield tax to 3%. During 1979 and 1980, good timber markets and rising stumpage values brought in enough yield tax revenue to both meet the MRG's to counties and to maintain the reserve fund above the minimum without any reserve fund tax rate. Beginning in 1980, however, the falling timber economy began causing reserve fund deficits and resultant increasing reserve fund rates. By the beginning of 1982, the total timber tax rate had reached 8.1% (2.9% yield tax rate and 5.2% reserve rate).

The law terminated the reserve fund after 1982, but was silent on ending the MRG. There was also increasing dissatisfaction by the timber industry with a rising total timber tax rate on such a poor economy, and by those counties that had to export surplus revenue above their MRG's to counties with less than the MRG.

These forces resulted in 1982 legislation phasing out the MRG and reserve fund mechanism over a two-year period, beginning January 1, 1983. Effective that date the reserve rate no longer applied and a yield tax rate of 2.9% became the total timber tax rate for 1983.

Other changes in timber tax legislation passed in 1982 effective January 1, 1983: The term 'Timber Preserve Zone' is changed to 'Timber Production Zone'; the growing and harvesting of timber on TPZ parcels is to be regulated solely according to State statutes and regulations; timber operations conducted on TPZ parcels in compliance with forest practice requirements is not to constitute a public or private nuisance; a residence or other structure necessary for management of a TPZ parcel is to be a compatible use; and zoning of a parcel as TPZ is a presumption that timber operations may be reasonably expected to occur on that parcel.

Despite the unforeseen problems of the last two years or so, the Forest Taxation Reform Act appears to be alive and well, and seems to be accomplishing its purposes both with Timberland Preserve Zoning and the Timber Yield Tax. This concludes this series on timberland and timber property taxes.

* Robert Maclean is a Headquarters' staff forester assigned to Timberland Conversion and Forest Taxation.

** Formerly Timberland Preserve Zone.

Smokey Joins the Air Force



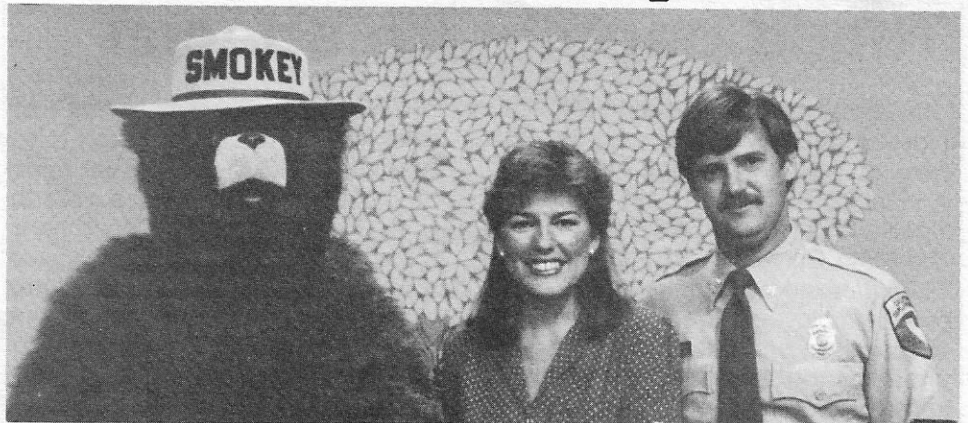
Smokey exits from KC135 jet tanker with Captain Jim Deshefy and Captain Herb Otten, members of the 452nd Air Refueling Wing at March Air Force Base.

On November 14, 1982, Smokey the Bear joined the United States Air Force at the annual Open House at March Air Force Base in western Riverside County. The base is a major refueling facility for the western United States.

Smokey was the main attraction when he made his appearance on the flight line where the Air Force had several large aircraft on display.

Along with the fire prevention message Smokey delivered, he led several tours through the aircraft. An estimated 140,000 people attended the open house.

Smokey visits Romper Room

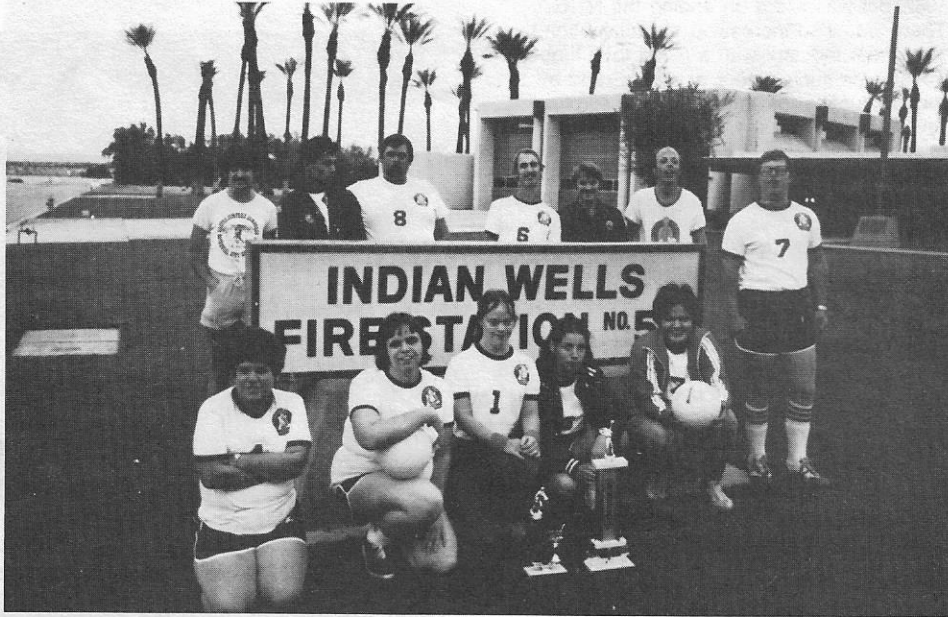


Friday, October 8th marked the end of Fire Prevention Week for Romper Room with Miss Nancy on KTVU Channel 2 in Oakland. The event was highlighted by a visit from Smokey the Bear and personnel from the Sunol Fire Station.

Appearing on the program with Smokey

were Fire Captain Jim Erler and Firefighter Antonette "Toni" Taylor. Captain Erler talked to the preschool and kindergarten children about playing with matches and starting fires. At the conclusion of the talk badges and coloring books were handed out to the children by firefighter Taylor.

Special people help special people



The Coachella Valley Special Olympics volleyball team organized and trained by the personnel of the Indian Wells Station.

by Terry Adkins

The personnel at the Indian Wells Fire Station of the Riverside Ranger Unit have been involved in a project helping 12 young adults, who have physical handicaps or learning disabilities, prepare for the Special Olympics.

Captains Tom O'Keefe, Rick Alexander, Jay Canning, Engineers Roy Dowdy, Mark Healy, Jim McBride, and Firefighters CDF Dave Ferguson, Ron Moran, Ned Nickerson, and Gil Barrier have organized a volleyball team from the Coachella Valley.

The project began in September with organizational meetings with the Coachella Valley Chapter of the Special Olympics, and on the 25th of September the first practice was held at the fire station. Since then the team has been practicing on Tuesdays and Saturdays, learning and sharpening their skills, all working towards their first game in Yucca Valley, November 20, with the Regional games being set in January at the UCLA Campus, and possible advancement to the State Games to

be held in Berkeley.

The purpose of the Special Olympics is to allow disabled children and young adults to compete in a positive atmosphere that encourages these individuals to expand their capabilities.

Why is the crew at Indian Wells involved with the Special Olympics? When asked, Captain O'Keefe said "We feel that we are a part of our community and should contribute to the well being of the community, even if it is outside our profession."

The crew provides the team with encouragement, coaching, and lots of patience. Off duty personnel will be traveling with the team to coach and root the team on. Several of the wives have volunteered to help on the road games. The uniforms are being donated by Battalion Chief Bill Lord.

AGENCY SHOP

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experience with agency shop provisions elsewhere reveals that such fees typically approximate normal union membership dues.

Employees who belong to religious bodies which object to joining or financially supporting employee organizations may make alternative arrangements to pay an amount equal to fair share fees to charity, rather than the employee organization.

These agency shop provisions may be rescinded by a majority vote of employees in the bargaining unit, provided that a request for such a vote is supported by a petition of at least 30 percent of unit employees (30 percent of permanent, full-time employees for Unit 8).

The Department of Personnel Administration is currently working with the various employee organizations and the State Caontroller to implement these provisions, and the timetable is not yet firm. However, the agreement with CDFEA calls for each employee to receive a notice 30 calendar days prior to implementation of fair share. No such notice requirement appears in the CSEA agreements.

These people are special

In spite of rainy weather, 16 employees of CDF were among the 560 persons who participated in the 4th Annual "Be Special - Help Someone Special" fun run at Sacramento's Cal-State University on September 18. Organized by Sacramento area public employees, the run-jog-walk event raises funds for recreational programs for handicapped persons in the Sacramento area.

The top fund-raisers from CDF were Pat Polson with \$111.25 in pledges, Theresa Wood with \$61.75, and Ron Hale with \$35.00. All told, forestry employees raised \$249 for a very worthwhile cause.

Run organizers estimate that final tallies will show that the effort raised \$12,000 to \$13,000. Honors for raising the most money in pledges went to Hank Greenfield of the Department of Rehabilitation with \$721; followed by Glen Craig of the Highway Patrol with \$561; Gary Dong whose parents work for Parks and Recreation with \$253; and Doug Bell of the Board of Equalization with \$246.

The run organizers wish to thank all those involved in making this event a success and are looking forward to even greater participation in the next Be Special Fun Run scheduled for the fall of 1983.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

NORTH COAST REGION

Appointments - James P. Thomas, Jr. to FCS, Chamberlain Creek CC.

Reinstatement - Wendi J. Williamson to Sr. Acct. Clk., Hq.

Separation - Sr. Acct. Clk. Phyllis A. Rice, Hq.

Retirements - SFR IV Frank E. Crossfield, Sonoma; and SFR I Bobby J. Groves, Mendocino.

Year Award - FCS Darrel F. Kohler

SIERRA CASCADE REGION

Transfer - Asst. Dep. St. For. Robert J. Malain and Bus. Serv. Ofcr. I Loren R. Houser to Hqs.; SFR II E. Alan Batchelder to Placer FC.

Appointment - Paul L. Benson to FCS, Antelope CC.

SOUTH SIERRA REGION

Promotions - Frederick H. Batchelor to SFR IV, Fresno-Kings; Robert Cathcart to Bus. Serv. Ofcr., Hq.; E. June Jones to PA I, Madera-Mariposa; Zera Spreadborough to PA I, Tuolumne-Calaveras.

Appointments - Debra Vasilovich to Acct. Clk. II, Hq.; Michael Jauregui to FAE, Tulare.

Separations - FAE Lyndon Bryant, Fresno-Kings; PA I Miyoko Kimura, Tulare.

Retirements - HFEO Edgar Bartlett, Tulare; HFEO Clarence "Bob" Neal, Tuolumne-Calaveras; and FCS Tommy Kinard, Mt. Bullion YCC.

25-Year Award - SFR I Pete Miller, and FAE John Miles.

CENTRAL COAST REGION

Transfer - FF,CDF Carson Phillips to Santa Clara.

Promotions - Gary Tienken to Bus. Serv. Ofcr. I, Hqs.; Daniel Law and Alex Long to FC, San Benito-Monterey, and Thomas Reed to FC, San Mateo-Santa Cruz; Felipe Gomez to FAE, Santa Clara.

Appointments - C. Bruce Bunger to For. I, Dutch Elm Disease, Palo Alto; James Rust to FC, San Mateo-Santa Cruz; Antoninette Taylor to FF,CDF, Santa Clara; Jeanine Landis to OA II(T) San Luis Obispo; Benjamin Brown to FCS, Ben Lomond CC.

25-Year Award - FCS Jack D. Crabtree.

SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS

Transfer - Bob McKelvey to Asst. Adm. Anal., Acctg. Systems.

Promotions - Judy Hansen to T & D, Asst. Adm. Anal., Acctg. Systems.

Appointments - John Robinson to Progrmr., Data Process.; Karen Yowell to Sec.; and Michael Ferguson to Acctnt. I.

Retirements - Asst. Dep. St. For. Frank Quadro; SFR III Walter Bolster.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

Promotions - Don Escher to SFR II, Owens Valley; Kenneth Sigsbee to SFR I, Riverside; Clyde L. Gamma to FAE, San Bernardino; and Daniel D. Miller to FC, San Diego.

Appointments - Robert F. Toups to FF,CDF, and Earl S. Reynolds to FEM I, both San Diego; Steven Hollett to For. Aid, Hqs.; James Hollingsworth to FF,CDF, San Bernardino; and Kenneth J. Mello to FAE, Riverside.

Retirement - SFR III Ernest Balmforth, Region Hqs.; FAE Walter F. Jensen, San Diego; FCS Arlie Hill, Jr., Morena CC; FCS John R. Peters, Rainbow CC; Ofc. Tech.(T) Rose Althea Cross, San Bernardino; and SFR I. Lawrence L. Young, San Bernardino.

25-Year Award - FC William S. Flesch.

Deadline for Sustained Accomplishment Nominations

February 15 is the deadline for submission of nominations for this award. The Program, new to CDF last year, recognizes departmental employees whose work has significantly exceeded in quality and quantity that usually expected of a CDF employee in a particular civil service class. Additional information is outlined in Section 2154.5.4 of the Manual of Instructions.

EXAMINATION CALENDAR

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

Title	Exam Base	Final Filing Date
State Forest Ranger II	Dept.Prom.	February 10
Word Processing Tech.	Dept.Prom./Open	February 10
Audio Visual Specialist	Dept.Prom./Open	February 14
Senior Data Process Analyst	Prom.	February 17
Senior Programmer Analyst	Prom.	February 17
Accounting Technician	Dept.Prom./Servicewide	February 24
Stationary Engineer I	Open	February

Examinations in Progress

Title	Status
Heavy Fire Equipment Oper.	Interviews anticipated in February
Training Officer I	Interviews anticipated in February
Personnel Assist. I	Written test: February 26
Architectural Associate	Interviews anticipated in March
Audio Visual Assistant	Interviews anticipated in March and/or April
Electrical Engineering Technician III	Interviews anticipated in March and/or April
Firefighter, CDF	Interviews anticipated in March and/or April
Graphic Services Supvr.	Interviews anticipated in March and/or April
Machine Operator I (General)	Interviews anticipated in March and/or April
Janitor	Interviews anticipated in April and/or May

Do **Not** submit applications for examinations until the Bulletin has been released.

Masters of the Muster

Last month's *Communique* contained a short article on page 2 about the Second Annual Exeter City Firemen's Muster. These are the photos of the "Masters of the Muster" from the CDF/Tulare County Fire Department.



CDF/TCDF Women's Team Back Row
From Left:
FAE Teresa Rausch, Ginny Krippner,
Stephanie Thomas; Front row from left:
Beckie Holt, Jonie Jordan. Missing from
picture is FAE Wendy Windsor.



CDF/TCDF Chief's Team From Left:
SFR I Steve Lombardo, SFR I Bill Trowbridge, FEM I Gary Shulman, SFR I Larry Jordan,
and SFR II Jack Wiest.

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