

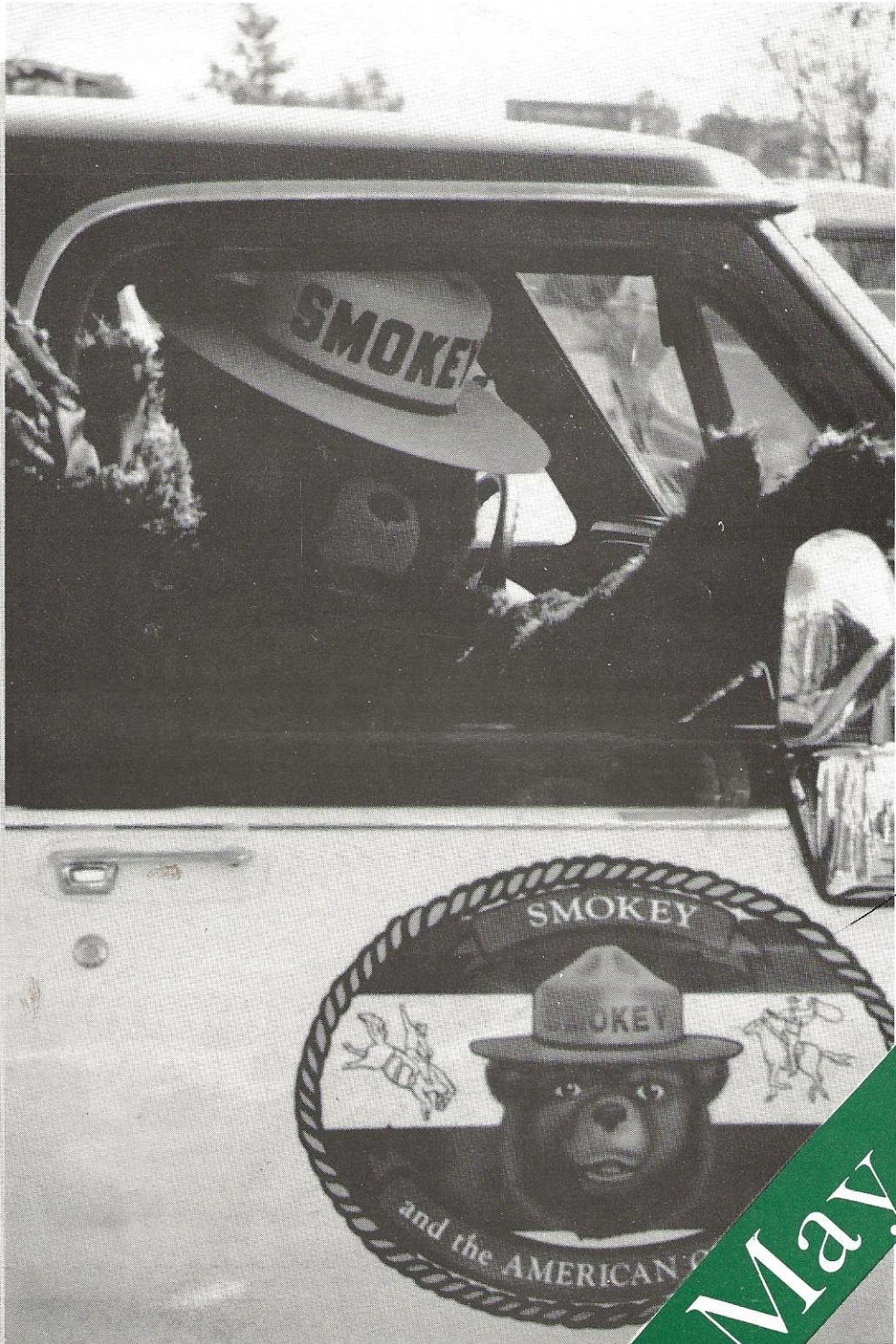
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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



May 1989

A "DAY?" in the life of the director

The director's office lies in the northeast corner of the Resources Building in Sacramento, a corner office with a view, a big desk, a conference table, couches, the amenities of a state executive office. Sitting behind that desk since March 15, has been Dick Ernest.

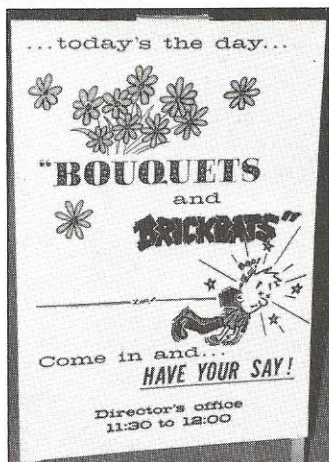


What's it like to sit behind that desk, in charge of the largest fire department in the country? We followed Dick around during April to get an idea.

Here's a list of highlights.
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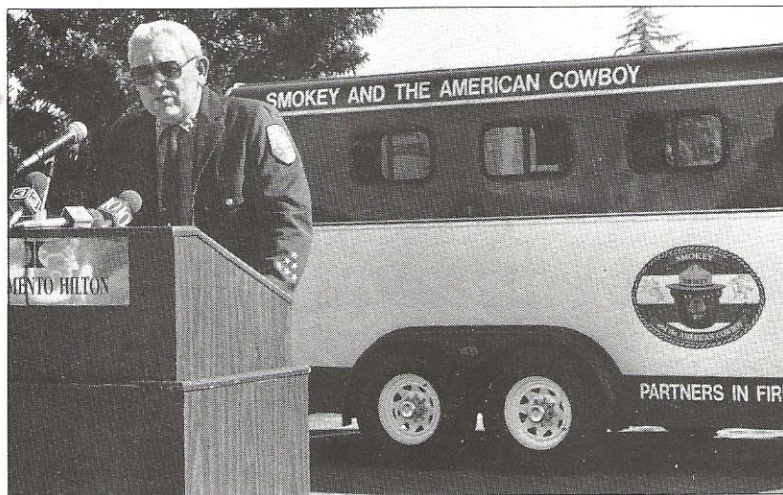
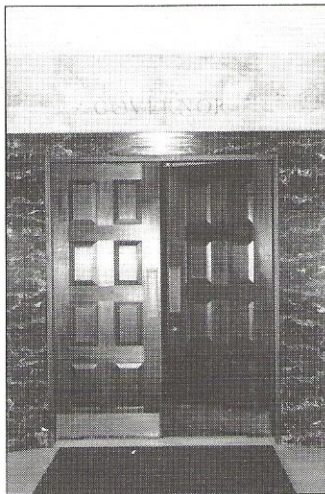
APRIL 3 - Addressed the Interagency Fire Prevention Workshop at the Sacramento Hilton.

APRIL 4 - Bouquets and Brickbats with CDF employees in the morning and a meeting with Assemblyman David Kelly in the afternoon.



APRIL 5 - Presented the Director's Report to the Board of Forestry. Participated in the Smokey and the American Cowboy Press Conference at the Sacramento Hilton. (Photo by Bob Moore, Sacramento Union.)

APRIL 6 - Attended the Governor's quarterly meeting with all department directors.



APRIL 7 - Presented the closing remarks at the CDF Finance Section Chiefs Workshop in Oakhurst.

APRIL 10 - Met with Director Tirapelle of the Department of Personnel Administration.

APRIL 11 - Traveled to San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit with Bill Hookano, chief, Management and Systems Planning, regarding station scheduling.

APRIL 12 - Met with Hemet Valley Flying Service to discuss the air program. Attended Executive Branch and Legislative Reception given by the County Supervisor's Association of California at the Sacramento Hyatt Regency.

APRIL 13 - Breakfast with the CDFEA president.

APRIL 18 - Attended an open house at the new headquarters of the California Professional Firefighters Association.

APRIL 19 - Met with a consultant of the Senate Finance Committee.

APRIL 21 - Addressed the California Rural Conference at the Holiday Inn in Redding.

APRIL 24 - Met with representatives of Cafe De Sacto., a Hispanic organization.

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APRIL 25 - Met with California Conservation Corps. Director Bud Sheble.



APRIL 26 - Attended mini-management meeting of deputies, chiefs and statewide managers at the El Rancho Hotel in Sacramento where he also presented the L.A. Moran Award to SFR I Jim Moranda.



And attended a reception of the California Firefighters Joint Apprenticeship Committee at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento.

AND



The staff meeting every Monday morning. Have to make sure everyone is on the same page as the chief.

Jim Moranda wins L.A. Moran Award

State Forest Ranger I Jim Moranda of the Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit was recently presented with the Sixth Annual L.A. Moran Superior Accomplishment Award by Director Ernest.

SFR I Moranda's work in the Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger spans over 20 years, during which he consistently displayed the dedication and superior job performance that earned him this recognition

He was nominated for the award by Cliff Chapman, ranger unit chief, Humboldt-Del Norte. Chief Chapman cited numerous accomplishments and praises for Jim in his nomination letter.

Jim worked as the Emergency Command Center Chief for 11 years and was instrumental in the construction of the joint CDF-USFS command center,



Cliff Chapman, ranger unit chief, Humboldt-Del Norte was on hand for the presentation to State Forest Ranger I Jim Moranda.

along with the development of many computer applications for the center.

His outside activities were equally impressive to the State Training Committee, which made the award selection. Jim is active in the California State Employees Association, the local Hospice, the Lions Club and in supporting his wife, acting city manager of Fortuna.

In addition to the L.A. Moran Award, Jim, for the first time, was automatically selected as one of the recipients of the Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award.

(Lewis A. Moran was the first "director" of the Department of Forestry as well as state forester of the Division of Forestry prior to that. He died in February 1983.)

Smokey and the American Cowboy

Smokey and Dodge Ram Trucks kicked off the Smokey Bear and the American Cowboy Program on April 5, 1989 in the parking lot of the Sacramento Hilton. As a large group of media and fire prevention personnel, (attending the week long interagency fire prevention workshop), looked on, Lee Farrell of Dodge presented Smokey with a set of keys to the Dodge Truck and trailer donated by Dodge for the new program.



Lee Farrell, Dodge Ram Trucks, presents Smokey with the keys to the truck and trailer. (Photo by Bruce Turbeville.)

Smokey Bear and the American Cowboy is a pilot program designed as a cooperative interagency effort between the U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Bureau of Land Management in California, utilizing Smokey Bear and his fire prevention message in conjunction with professional rodeo and the American Cowboy image. Representatives from each of the participating agencies were on hand during the press conference to get



From Left to Right are: CDF Director Dick Ernest, Pat Kidder from BLM, Al West, deputy chief, USFS and Lee Farrell of Dodge. (Photo by Bruce Turbeville)

the program off to a good start.

When Smokey hits the rodeo circuit this year it is estimated that 1.9 million people will receive his fire prevention message first hand. The campaign will include radio, television and print public service announcements. Additionally, ESPN will cover four of the rodeos this season that will feature a Smokey appearance.

The objective of the program is to market the fire prevention message using Smokey and the American Cowboy theme with the possibility of corporate sponsorship. The first two sponsors, Dodge Ram Trucks and the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association (PRCA), have contributed over \$82,000. More sponsors

are currently being lined up with the intention of saving taxpayer dollars while bringing corporations into the fire prevention movement.

The truck and trailer have fire prevention messages on the outside and when parked at rodeos visitors may walk through it to see the displays and pick-up fire prevention literature.

Rodeo has an annual paid audience larger than that of professional football and reaches a wider spectrum of the American public. The rodeo season is virtually year round so Smokey and his truck and trailer will be able to bring a continuous reminder to adults and children alike to be careful with fire.



Photo by Bob Moore, Sacramento Union

The final slot

The Sacramento Fire Prevention section is finally fully staffed. Dan Nichols assumed the position of fire suppression cost recovery officer on March 1, 1989.

He joins fire prevention, after leaving his position as CDFEA President, in the position formerly held by the current CDFEA President, Ron Bywater.

"I'm pleased for the opportunity to be integrated back into the department and placed in a job that presents many new challenges and opportunities," Dan said. As recovery officer for the department Dan will be busy collecting suppression costs from those companies and individuals whose negligence causes a wildland fire within CDF's jurisdiction.

Beyond the call of duty

“BETTER LATE THAN NEVER”. The famous old adage once again holds true at Growlersburg Camp. Fire Crew Captain Frank Clark was presented a Meritorious Award for Conspicuous Performance Beyond the Call of Duty. The award was presented at a gathering of family and friends in January at Growlersburg by then acting director, now director, Richard Ernest, and Region IV Chief Roy Killion.

Fire Captain Clark was being honored for his actions on the Grizzly Fire, part of the Stanislaus Complex, during 1987. Clark, a veteran of 29 years with the department, was leading Growlersburg Crew #4 and working with Crew #2 when a slopover occurred below the fire. Due to the extreme burning conditions and erratic winds it very quickly developed into a life threatening situation. Clark evaluated his position and began moving his crew back up the line toward a safe area. As Crew #4 met with



From Left to Right are Region IV Chief Roy Killion, Fire Crew Captain Frank Clark, Director Ernest, and Chuck Walters of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, (and a retired CDFer).

part of Crew #2 the fire ran past them and heat and smoke cut off their escape. As the excited crews looked to Clark for direction, he ordered them to move up into the burn on an old skid trail and deploy their fire shelters. Fire Captain Clark made several trips to ensure that all the inmate firefighters had made it to safety. Clark was the last one into a shelter and several times left it to check on the safety of his crew.

Two of the inmates and Fire Captain Clark were air lifted to the medical facility in Sonoma for evaluation. After a brief checkup Clark insisted on being returned to his crew which he continued to supervise until the complex was controlled.

In addition to the directors recognition, Frank's fellow firefighters at Growlersburg offer their congratulations to him for another job well done.

A bit of history from Ray Clar *(retired chief deputy state forester)*

John J. McCloy and the California Division of Forestry

On March 11, 1989, John J. McCloy, a lawyer, banker and statesman died at his Connecticut home.

President Roosevelt had persuaded him to accept a position as Assistant Secretary of Wars in 1940. Later, as Head of the World Bank and U.S. High Commissioner in Germany, McCloy exerted tremendous worldwide authority that he retained even after returning to civil life in the 1950's. Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson offered him cabinet posts, but he preferred to serve his country and the war-torn world as a member of several civilian commissions.

This small personal reminiscence will explain how John McCloy, a brilliant and powerful public servant of the United State during wartime, was aware of the existence and the needs of the California Division of Forestry. You see, that congenial gentleman was lectured on the complex subject by the writer - of all places - on the floor of his spacious office in the old war department building in Washington D.C., one day in April, 1942.

My recollection is quite clear that

the reason we “went to the mat”, so to speak, was that the walls of his office were lined with gold braid and service ribbons, politicians and fire officials, including men of the Forest Service and the California State Fire Marshal. Certainly, California Senator Sheridan Downey must have been there since he was the one who opened doors for me during that, my only visit to our nation's capital.

At that time I had served as chief deputy state forester for only a year. But my life had been saturated by the statewide fire plan (which the Board of Forestry eventually designated the Clar Plan) since 1934. During 1939 and 1940 I had talked and presented maps of fire incidence in California, and proposed plans for fire control units at two dozen meetings, mostly at county seats, from Yreka to San Diego.

The attack on Pearl Harbor had given me access to Governor Culbert Olson's ear and to the entire Legislature, which was meeting during the exciting “Pearl Harbor Session”. The division's budget (insignificant as it might now seem in dol-

lars) was actually tripled. And much of the reason for my being sent to Washington was to clear the way for the use of men and precious resources to implement the hard won Fire Plan.

Because that intensive effort by the then young men of the State Forester's Office has been so often misrepresented as consisting essentially of merely a listing of desired fire lookout, crew stations and other physical installations, I wish to digress here to explain that the approved plan contained several other equally important facets.

After decades of uncertainty the time had arrived to describe precisely where throughout California money should be spent to preserve flammable “public values” on both private and government owned land, and the relative intensity of fire control needs from place to place and which entity's dollars, (federal, state, county, district or private owner, or any of those combined), would be used. The plan did all of this as well as discuss the problem of which fire agency would as-

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sume the lead role in fire attack and management.

However, on my trip to Washington, Assistant Secretary of War McCloy did not learn the details about California wildland fire control. Instead he learned how vulnerable the Western Defense Command Zone was to the potential ravages of fire by enemy incendiaries. Incendiary fires in the forests and grain fields of California during World War I had not been forgotten. Both the Army and Navy were urging CDF to prevent the occurrences of fire beacons and drifting smoke screens. In California very real preparations for defense against fire and other damage had been initiated months before the surprise of Pearl Harbor in December 1941. The Legislature had created an Office of Civil Defense with the attorney general as chairman. One of its actions was to establish among fire agencies a California Fire Disaster Plan of 15 mutual-aid districts. This was done by the unit fire chiefs in their own open elections. The Division of Forestry and its elected plan leaders played a very important role in this scheme, especially in the matter of fire detection and communication. On the day of the devastating Pearl Harbor attack 30 coastal area lookouts were ordered occupied as planned aircraft warning stations. Special fire-truck standby units were also alerted.

Among the several books I was so bold as to pick off Mr. McCloy's desk to use as a paperweight on the maps was a new one titled "Defense Will Not Win The War." Nevertheless, I feel sure the Secretary was satisfied that the fire services in California had done a commendable job of preparing against sabotage or invasion. For my part I have always considered it a great personal privilege to have met this distinguished American.

We're #1

Renew America a prestigious non-profit educational organization issued their Forest Management Focus Paper in February. In this report they review the efforts of state forestry programs through out the United States. The emphasis was on the importance of multiple-use resource management. Out of the 50 states, California ranked num-

ber one overall with a score of 84 points.

In the forest management area, California and Oregon both scored nine of a possible 10 just behind the state of Washington which scored a 10. California's Forest Practice Act was judged the most comprehensive among the seven states that have a balanced program covering timber production, wildlife, water quality, forest diversity, recreation, and aesthetics.

Among the items of interest in the report, California is second, only to Alaska in total forested acres (39.4 million versus 129 million); CDF's fire protection budget of \$308 million exceeds that of all the other 49 state's combined (\$259 million), while our total budget of \$330 million is 55% of the national total of \$592 million. Georgia led all states in 1987 with 12,569 wildfires against California's 8,062; while West Virginia led in acres burned with 429,174 against our 86,945 acres. California is one of only a very few states that provides their own cost-share pro-

grams to promote forest management activities.

While the Planning and Conservation League (PCL) has generally given the current administration anywhere from a C- to a D for it's efforts in the forest practice arena, this report ranks CDF's efforts just behind that of the State of Washington; which received their 10 ranking principally due to the Timber, Fish and Wildlife Agreement reached in 1987.

Ken Delfino, deputy director, CDF Resource Management, was thrilled over the high ranking California received, indicating that it was much more meaningful than the biased report cards issued by the PCL.

Copies of this report have been distributed to the regions. If anyone wishes to obtain additional copies, contact Staff Chief Ross Johnson in Sacramento, at (916) 322-0173.

Italian visitors *by Carole Gary, office technician*

On Monday, April 3, 1989, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection was host to two firemen from the island of Sardinia, off the coast of Italy. Chief Gianni Mannucci and Helicopter Pilot Roberto Tassi, attended an Aircraft Management for Incident Commander Seminar at the CDF Paso Robles Air Attack Base.

Chief Mannucci and his pilot selected the San Luis Obispo Unit to sharpen their fire suppression air attack skills. They are in the process of putting together a fire fighting air attack school, and want to expand their air attack program by becoming more familiar with the ground and flight crew operations.

The two men work for a company that manages a large tourist resort in Sardinia. They provide the only fire fighting resources for the resort and occasionally help neighboring areas fight fires. Chief Mannucci's fire department is the only private fire fighting agency in Italy.

The department is very organ-

ized and they are very proud of its scope. Their services are invaluable. The tourist resort area they protect covers about 10 miles in length and, 3 to 4 miles across. Winter population is about 1000. In summer the population expands up to 30,000.

Their fire department has a helicopter that performs search and rescue, including sea rescues. At times they also provide emergency ambulance services with the helicopter. There are three helicopter bases; one base in manned, the other two are used depending on where the fires occur. The department also has two Mercedes fire trucks and 20 firefighters.

The local international airline company will soon be in charge of the helicopter. Tassi will then become the manager of the helicopter section.

New graduates

On February 24, 1989, Basic Fire Control #109 graduated from the Academy. This class was unique in several ways. First, they were the first class to graduate under new Academy Administrator, Staff Chief Dan Francis (look for more on Dan next month). Second, the class included the first female adjunct instructor Fire Captain Terrie Ridenhour. And third they were the first CDF/Merced County Fire Department personnel to attend Basic Fire Control. (Photos by Larry Angier.)



Fire Captain Terrie Ridenhour, the first female adjunct instructor.



Congratulations are in order for the top students in BFC #109. From Right to Left: graduating first in her class was, Marlene Heisey, with an overall score of 95.9 percent. Fire Apparatus Engineer David Junette and Forestry Assistant II Charles Abshear tied for second place with scores of 91.8 percent. Third place honors go to Heavy Fire Equipment Operator Paul Sans, with a score of 91.6 percent. Again, congratulations on a job well done.



The Merced graduates are from Left to Right, (Gary Gilbert, ranger unit chief, Madera-Mariposa, Merced), Larry Bergman, Gordon Winningham, Guy Daniels, James Beatty, Barry Boyles, Leo Zupancic, and Adjunct Instructor John Hesse.

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Top employee in Sonoma

Fire Captain Randy Sanders was recently awarded Sonoma Ranger Unit Employee of the Year for 1988 by Ranger Unit Chief Gene Bach.

Fire Captain Sanders received his award for outstanding contributions to the Sonoma Ranger Unit at Black Mountain Conservation Camp, and Glen Ellen station, and for his involvement in the rescue operation during the Travis Incident in 1987.

Randy has 12 years of service with CDF. He started in 1976 in the Amador-El Dorado Ranger Unit before promoting to fire apparatus engineer in Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit. As the years passed, Randy returned to Amador-El Dorado, then to Black Mountain Conservation Camp in Sonoma and currently is a fire captain at the Glen Ellen Fire Station.

Retiree get-together

On March 21 some well-known faces from CDF's past returned to Sacramento Headquarters to catch up on what the department's been doing. Sacramento's Fire Protection section organized the briefing for retirees, who were invited to come and listen to the current and future plans of CDF.

About 75 ex-CDFers showed up to listen to presentations covering new technology, ground and air attack projects, the Fire Academy and the Conservation Camp Program. They were also treated to a display of CDF engines and



Recognize anyone???

the new Smokey and the American Cowboy truck and trailer out in front of the Resources Building.

There were a lot of smiling faces

as old friends were reunited. It just goes to show you - once a CDFer, always a CDFer.

Your Health and Safety

Smoke studies continue

by Dr. Leonard Davis, CDF Medical Officer

In an ongoing effort to determine just what effects the smokey working conditions have on wildland firefighters, further studies will be conducted during the 1989 Fire Season.

Firefighters from one or more CDF ranger units will be asked to complete a health questionnaire and to blow into a spirometer, (a device which measures total lung volume and flow rates), at the start of fire season. The test will then be repeated periodically throughout the summer.

Additionally, a smaller group of firefighters will be asked to participate in

a methylcholine challenge test. This involves inhaling a small quantity of a harmless substance before breathing into the spirometer. The purpose of this test is to see whether smoke exposure increases lung irritability.

While participation in the program is entirely voluntary I hope that it will be widespread. The study requires 70 or more participants for the test results to be significant. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Employees Association (CDFEA) was instrumental in obtaining the funding for this project, which is being financed by the

U.S. Forest Service. The medical staff involved are Doctor Robert Harrison, chief, Department of Health Services, Occupational Health Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OHSEP); Dr. John Balmes, assistant professor, Division of Occupational Medicine, University of California, San Francisco; and Dr. Nat Rothman of Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

Results of these studies will be published in a national scientific medical journal, as well as be available to CDF and CDFEA. We'll keep you posted.

EAP

Alcohol and Teenagers

Teenage drinking is on the rise. The National Council on Alcoholism reports that teenagers are taking their first alcoholic drink at an average age of 13 years old. As many as 25 percent of high school students were found to be problem drinkers. These high school students were drunk at least six times a year or had negative consequences as a

result of alcohol consumption.

A 1987 survey of 16,000 high school seniors showed 66 percent of the seniors to be regular users of alcohol and 38 percent reported at least one incident of heavy drinking in the previous two weeks.

Increasing abuse of alcohol by young people is an alarming trend. Teen-

agers generally begin drinking as a result of peer pressure, curiosity, or possibly to cope with troubles at home or at school. Alcohol is accessible to teenagers because it is found in many of their homes.

When alcohol abuse becomes a pattern, problems begin to emerge in other areas of a teenagers life. School work

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begins to suffer and problems at home may become more apparent. Driving under the influence of alcohol is also a leading cause of death for young adults between the ages of 15 and 24.

Occupational Health Services, Inc., your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider, offers confidential counseling for teenagers and their parents. Professional assistance may be helpful for

parents to assess whether their child has a problem with alcohol, and if so, how to effectively deal with the problem. The counseling also offers education on alcohol use and abuse.

If you feel that you or a family member may have a problem with alcohol, call the number listed below and ask for an appointment. Initial sessions are pre-paid by your employee and all counseling

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San Francisco/Bay Area....(415) 653-4375

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TTY Line for the Hearing Impaired.....(415) 653-5569.



Camp Log

Prado Conservation Camp *by Jan Newman, division chief, Prado CC*



Prado Camp sits in the corner of San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties. It has been said that all highways in the state lead to Prado as attested to by the hundreds of crews that have staged here over the years.

Actually, Prado is located just north of the California Institution for Men within the city of Chino. It's been there since 1961, however, in those days it was known as the Don Lugo Conservation Camp.

In 1968 the federal government canceled the contract for Job Corp and CDF and the California Department of Corrections (CDC) closed up the camp and moved the staff and inmates to Oak Glen CC. For the next year Don Lugo was used exclusively as a master staging area.

Then, in 1969, the CDC decided it would be an ideal site for a new program called Work Furlough. The camp was used as a Work Furlough Center, of notable ill fame, until it was closed in 1971 and CDF again opened it as a conservation camp.

Due to some bad publicity the Work Furlough Center had received, the name Don Lugo was dropped and the camp was renamed Prado.

Prado crews are in high demand. Currently they are building a new Laguna Fuel Break in Orange County. The old fuel break has long since disappeared into the areas housing developments. The crews also maintain other CDF construction fuel breaks throughout the county.

If you ever spend any time in the Pendelton Coast District take note of the trails, Prado crews have done all of the maintenance and construction as well as rebuilding several historical landmarks.

The U.S. Forest Service has also benefited from Prado crews' projects including line construction and fire control on several large Vegetation Management Burns on the Cleveland National Forest, and the remodeling of the South Zone Headquarters on the Angeles National Forest. That project has saved the USFS over \$1 million.

Additionally, the San Dimas Experimental Forest has been a project for Prado crews for over 25 years. The camp performs all of the forests heavy maintenance.

If all California highways do lead to Prado the camp is looking forward to seeing you all this summer. Prado is just like Denny's, our kitchen never closes.

Don't forget

Make sure you're there!! Jim Wagoner, of the Camp Program in Sacramento, is retiring.

Come celebrate with him on Saturday, June 3, 1989. The festivities will take place on the Mariposa County Fairgrounds so there will be plenty of room for everyone.

There will also be plenty of food and fun. For more information contact Peggy Radanovich at (209) 966-2956.

Bitterwater provides added protection

Wildland fire protection in the central coast area of California is provided by ground forces from the San Benito-Monterey Ranger Unit, all tankers from Hollister and Paso Robles Air Attack Bases and since the 1987 fire season, copter 406.

Long agency response times to fires by both air and ground forces into the many remote and roadless areas of the San Benito-Monterey Ranger Unit, as well as the nearby Los Padres National Forest, indicated a need for a locally based helicopter. The siege of fires in the ranger unit in 1985 (Cherry Canyon, 40,000 acres; Gorda-Rat, 50,000 acres; Los Gatos, 28,000 acres; Parkfield Series, 8,000 acres), combined with the heavy commitment of existing helicopter resources to other incidents, accentuated the need to fill this gap in the helicopter "umbrella." The support of local citizens and landowners, in addition to long hours of work by unit personnel and Assemblyman Eric Seastrand led to Bitterwater Helitack becoming a reality.

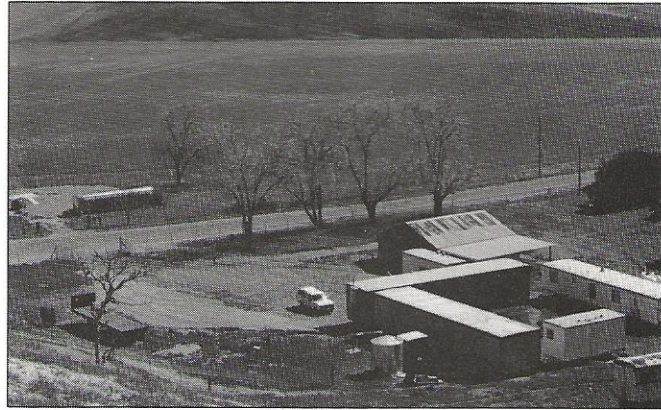
The ship was readied for service by Big Valley Aviation and after two or three false starts, Copter 406 was delivered to the ranger unit in late July 1987 where it took up temporary residence at the Bear Valley Fire Station. For the next two weeks the crew of Copter 406 went through a training program covering skills such as helicopter safety, helispot selection, target description, personnel loading, crew deployment and bucket drops. The skills were repeatedly practiced until each could be done efficiently, quickly and above all else, safely. After meetings were held with local air base personnel to discuss expectations and incident "protocol", Copter and crew received and passed their "final" examination and were made available for fire dispatch.

Each morning the copter would load up and ferry the crew to a local air strip and standby for dispatch. Prior to cutoff the ship would return to Bear Valley for "bed and breakfast." Having an additional 18 people living at a two engine station sometimes led to minor problems, but they were quickly and equitably settled. In spite of the cooperation between station and helitack personnel, everyone was hoping the lease for the temporary site would soon be signed. Copter

406 would then have a home and life at Bear Valley could get back to normal.

Work finally began on the temporary site which is located about one mile from the chosen permanent helibase site, 12 miles east of King City on Bitterwater Road. While Copter 406 sat in a grain field ready for dispatch, the crew began preparing the site for their new "accommodation." With the help of crews from Gabilan Conservation Camp and Beaver Dam Fire Station, a helipad was poured, weeds cleared, water and electrical systems upgraded. On August 18, 1987 the five trailers, to be used for temporary quarters, were in place and the Bitterwa-

ter Helitack crew moved to its present location. Except for a few "upgrades", Bitterwater Helitack looks much the same as it did when we moved in. Currently the base is staffed by Fire Captains Mikel Martin, Burl Kuska and Robert Wirtz, as well as Forestry Pilot Theodore Smith. As of this date, the permanent site has been surveyed, lease signed and plans drawn and redrawn. There is still no official completion date, but until that time crew and Copter 406 await the quick call and the opportunity to work with the engines, dozers, crews and air tankers which make CDF such a fine organization.



Functional, not fancy.

VIP News

Poster contest grows in Madera-Mariposa-Merced

by Dick Craig, fire prevention assistant

Each year the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit Volunteers In Prevention (VIPs) hold a poster contest in connection with National Fire Prevention Week. The contest has been held for three years and has grown from one area with nine schools, to three areas and 30 schools in 1988.

The contest is really three separate contests, because there are different winners in each geographic area. Students in grades K-6 are invited to participate and plaques are given for 1st, 2nd,

and 3rd place winners in each grade. Also, a Special Award Winner is chosen from each area and these winning posters are made into 4'x 8' roadside signs and displayed throughout the ranger unit.

We are extremely fortunate to have an artistic VIP, Janeen French, who reproduces the winning posters into roadside size. She also puts a custom message on the back of each sign so that we can display a fire prevention message as well as the winning poster.

COAST REGION

Promotions - David Hermosillo to FAE, Santa Clara.

Appointments - Marilyn Campbell to OT (T), Region I Hdqtrs; James Chapman to OA I (LT), LAMRC; and Mark McKey to FAE, Sonoma.

SIERRA CASCADE REGION

Transfers - FC "B" Ricky McNutt to Antelope; and Mgmt. Services Supervisor I Ronald Vandervolgen to Tehama-Glenn.

Appointments - Jeffrey Letson to FAE, Shasta-Trinity; and Gene Bach to FAE, Siskiyou.

Separations - OA II Susan Baker, Tehama-Glenn; and FAE Clarence Whipple, NYP.

SOUTHERN REGION

Transfers - HFEO Bob Lines to San Bernardino; FC "A" Dave Donely to Riverside; and FC "A" Mike Sowards to Region III Hdqtrs.

CENTRAL REGION

Transfers - FAE Julie Henriques to Fresno-Kings.

Promotions - Peter Marquez Jr. to FPO I, Madera-Mariposa-Merced.

Retirements - FC "B" Richard Rabe, Vallecito; and Senior Account Clerk Betty Hood, San Benito-Monterey.

CORRECTIONS FOR CENTRAL REGION

Appointments - Linda Jiler to Dis-

patcher Clerk, Amador-El Dorado.

Transfers - Dispatcher Clerk Linda Masters to Amador-El Dorado.

SACRAMENTO HEAD-QUARTERS

Promotions - Bud Gagner to Office Tech.

Appointments - Catharine Liddicoat to Assoc. Personnel Analyst; Maureen Matthews to Dispatcher Clerk;

Sharon Taylor to OA II; and Debbie Pacheco to SSA.

Separations - Stock Clerk Renee Emmons; Steno Rachel Chester; OA II Marla Dunn; and SSA Charlene Cordova.

Reinstatement - Account Clerk II Tina Gliddon.

CDF DEATHS

(Died 12/88) FC "A" Willis "Gary" Garrett (retired 1970)

(Died 4/4/89) Former Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger-in-Charge Jack Odgers.

EXAMINATION CALENDAR

Title	Upcoming	Examinations	Final
		Exam Plan	Filing Date
Operations Research Spec. I		Open-statewide	5/4/89
Business Service Officer II/III		Promotional	FFD delayed
Personnel Asst. I		Promotional	FFD delayed

Examinations In Progress

Title	Status
Senior Stenographer	Written test date 6/2/89
Personnel Asst. II	Test postponed until further notice
Assoc. Data Process. Anal.(Prom.)	Interviews anticipated June/July
Assoc. Data Process Anal.(Open)	Interviews anticipated May/June
Assoc. Programmer Anal.	Interviews anticipated June/July
Accounting Officer	Interviews anticipated in June/July
Sr. Accounting Officer	Interviews anticipated in June/July
Sr. Programmer Anal.	Interviews anticipated in July/August
Staff Programmer Anal.	Interviews anticipated in July/August
Fire Prevention Officer I	Interviews anticipated in May
State Forest Ranger I	Interviews anticipated in May
State Forest Ranger II	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Forestry Tech./Asst. I/II	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Management Serv. Tech.	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Accountant I	Interviews anticipate in June/July
Office Tech. (typing)	Interviews anticipated in May
Office Tech. (general)	Interviews anticipated in May
Secretary	Interviews anticipated in May
Sr. Account Clerk	Interviews anticipated in May
Forestry Cook I/II	Interviews anticipated in May/June
Forestry Equip. Mgr. II/III	Interviews anticipated in June/July

Fire Prevention Week 1989

Governor Deukmejian declared May 21-27, 1989 as Wildland Fire Prevention Week in California. Our state has the most critical wildland fire problem in the world - LEARN TO BE FIRE SAFE!!!!!!

Kudos!

To the following 25-year state service CDFers:
Fire Captain Ken Kenoyer of Region IV Headquarters
Fire Captain David Stowell of the Sierra Conservation Center
State Forest Ranger III Don Ferguson of Region I Headquarters.

To **Battalion Chief Leonard "Shep" Shepherd** and **Fire Captain Ethan Foote**, who responded with a Belmont Station Engine to a fire at the home of John and Joan Goble recently. The Gobles were away at the time and returned to find the smoke all but gone, and any mess created by the fire treatment cleaned. "It is good to know that when we are in trouble, we have your Department to help us." From Joan Goble, M.D.

To Gary Gilbert, ranger unit chief, Madera-Mariposa-Merced, for his efforts in allowing Mariposa Public Utility District personnel and Merced County Volunteers to attend training at the Fire Academy. From **William Bondshu**, fire chief and **Ernest Conner**, president, Merced County Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association.

To CDF Budget Officer Kay Fagunes for making "a hole in one" at a recent Sacramento golf tournament. How many of you golfers out there can say

that you've done the same?

To **Data Processing Assistant Heather Williams** for receiving a University of California Micro Fellowship for graduate study at U.C. Davis. That's quite a feat!! From the CDF Fire Planning staff in Sacramento.

To former CDF Ranger I Harry Pritchard who was recently reelected to his fourth term as Supervisor of Humboldt County's Second District. Pretty amazing when you consider that he didn't even begin his political career until after 25 years of service with CDF.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart

From Rene' Emmons, former stock clerk, Sacto. Hdqts.

I just want to thank each and everyone of you at Sacramento Headquarters for being the wonderful people that you are.

You made me feel welcome from the first day I started work with Forestry in October, 1986. You made me feel like part of a family when I promoted out of Forestry in April, 1989.

Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon you gave me for my promotion. The card, the gifts, the flowers -- the overall feeling was totally awesome! I know there were many of you who contributed, and I want to "Thank" everyone of you for your time, your efforts, your thoughtfulness, and especially your friendship.

"Cookbook" is really cooking now.

Response to the creation of a CDF employee cookbook has been great, but don't stop now. All proceeds will be donated to a California burn center. If you're interested in contributing to or helping out with the cookbook, please contact Darla Mills, CDF Budget Office, Sacramento, at (916) 445-1584 or ATSS 485-1584.

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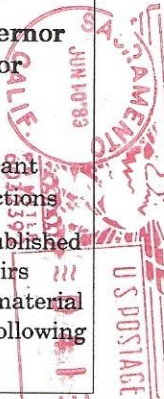


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