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Health and Safety Column

Fire and police agencies in Riverside County promote physical fitness through annual games. They got the idea from the California Firemen's Olympics. "We thought that it was a good idea to organize something like this on a local level" said engineer Ron Astorga of the Indio Fire Department, "something incorporating physical fitness and department pride."

In 1978 the first games drew more than 200 entrants in track and field, swimming, basketball and slo-pitch. These events were held on one weekend. The next year a triathlon, golf tournament, and bowling were added.

The triathlon drew so much interest outside fire and law enforcement that the event went public in 1983. This year there were about 250 entries, only 19 of them from fire and law enforcement agencies. The race may become part of the Bud Light Triathlon Series, according to CDF Forestry Captain Charles Price who is coordinating the games this year along with FC Tim Eckles.

This year the games were held over three weekends because of additional events including a 10 kilometer race, racquetball, and volleyball.

Plaques, trophies and medals are awarded through third place in each event and finishers win points for their agencies. The agency that receives the most points gets the perpetual trophy. CDF won the trophy in 1982 and 1984.

As far as proceeds from the games go; "we keep some for front money." Price said, and the rest is donated to good causes.

So far the games are restricted to fire and law enforcement agencies within Riverside County. Nevertheless, every year dozens of agencies from San Diego and Los Angeles want to enter the Riverside County-only event, Price said. "We just have to tell'em sorry."

"We're trying to maintain a family atmosphere."

Price feels other counties should develop their own program to encourage physical fitness and local department pride.

California Traffic Safety Week:

May 19-25, 1985

For many of us the idea of being killed or injured in a traffic accident is not even considered — it is something that happens to the other guy.

Consider these facts:

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for persons under age 45, and the fourth leading cause of death for all age groups.

Approximately 4,600 persons are killed and 300,000 injured annually in traffic crashes occurring somewhere along California's 138,350 miles of public roadways.

About 92% of the collisions are attributed to human error; only 8% are caused by mechanical failure, animals running into the road or other

unavoidable occurrences.

Excessive speed is indicated as the most frequent primary collision factor of all crashes.

Approximately 25% of the traffic fatalities occur in speed zones posted at 35 miles per hour or lower.

A traffic crash is reported on the average of every one minute and seven seconds.

Approximately one in every 5,500 persons is killed in a traffic crash; one in 85 is injured; and one in every 50 licensed drivers is involved in an injury-producing collision each year.

Think about it.


These guys want you to stop wasting your tax dollars.



Wildfires in our country are a terrible waste. A waste of natural resources. A waste of natural beauty. A waste of money.

Yet every single year, over one billion in tax dollars goes up in smoke. That's what it costs to protect our nation's resources and fight wildfires.

So, think of these famous faces next time you're in the great outdoors. And remember, only you can prevent forest fires.

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McFadden wins L.A. Moran Award



Jim McFadden, administrator of the CDF Fire Academy, was named as the second winner of the annual L. A. Moran Superior Accomplishment Award.

Nominated by the academy staff, McFadden was selected from a group of eight nominations received for the prestigious award established in the memory of the late Director Lewis A. Moran.

The State Training Committee reviewed the nominations, made the initial selection, and forwarded the names of the top three nominees to Director Partain for the final decision.

In his letter to McFadden, Partain cited the additional workload imposed on the academy by the Joint Apprenticeship Program, the increased burden imposed by the switch to the Incident Command System, the lengthened Peace Offi-

cer Training course, and the myriad of other assignments with essentially no additional staff or money, as the determining factors in his selection. Other factors included his involvement with improving interagency relationships with various state and federal agencies and his committee membership with the National Wild-fire Coordinating Group.

Through Jim's leadership, the CDF Fire Academy has become known not only nationally, but internationally as well. This is demonstrated by a constant stream of visitors from countries like Mexico, Italy, Australia, Spain, Portugal, and Korea.

The fact that Jim was nominated by three of his subordinates was also a positive factor in the review of the nominees.

Congratulations Jim!

HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE AWARD

CDF's prime helicopter maintenance contractor was recently honored at the Helicopter Association International's annual convention. Ray Etcheverry co-owner and general manager of Big Valley Aviation, received the top maintenance award of "Helicopter Maintenance Man of the Year" for 1984.

Big Valley Aviation did the original inspection and conversion of the department's nine UH-1F helicopters. They have been the prime maintenance contractor since the beginning of the UH-1F program and are currently entering their second year of a three-year contract to continue maintaining CDF UH-1F helicopters.

REGION VI "FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR"

Fire Captain Specialist Bruce Brown, San Bernardino Ranger Unit, has been named the Region VI "Fire Prevention Officer of the Year" for 1984. Brown displayed his skills in a wide range of prevention related activities during 1984. He was active in conducting follow up fire investigations and in felony and misdemeanor arrests of fire law violators. He gave numerous presentations to service clubs and actively recruited additional Volunteers-in-Prevention. Brown supervised an active team teaching program and also serves as a counselor for juvenile fire setters.

He was awarded a plaque by Chief Rex Griggs at the 3rd Annual Regional Fire Prevention Officers' Meeting. Chief Griggs stated, "It is gratifying to see individuals like Bruce who will effectively use all aspects of the prevention program to accomplish our goals."

Pilot Ed Real honored

At the Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association's Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards, Ed Real, the air tanker pilot killed fighting an arson fire on September 28, 1984, was honored for his dedication to service over the last 12 years.

The award stated that Ed flew out of the Hollister Air Attack Base in support of firefighters on the ground and further, that he had never missed a dispatch and took great pride in his ability to fly and complete his assignments.

Presenting the Plaque of Recognition was Chief of Region V John Hastings, and accepting in memory of Ed were his wife Betty and his stepson, Air Force Major Mark Lancaster.

Director's Certificate of Merit

The following letter resulted in CDF Director Jerry Partain presenting FPO I Larry Beck and FC Glen Koehl with a new and special commendation; the Director's Certificate of Merit.


The Director's Certificate of Merit is a special acknowledgment by our director for outstanding service by our CDFer's and occasionally members of the general public. Beck and Koehl were the first recipients of the certificate during a presentation on March 26 at the Region II Rangers Meeting.



Fire Captain "A" Glen Koehl, Director Partain and Fire Prevention Officer I. Larry Beck during the presentations of the Director's Certificate of Merit.

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February 5, 1985

Mr. Jerry Partain
Director
California Department of Forestry
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Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Partain:

On Wednesday, January 31, 1985, Charles Edward Ostrout was arrested in Lookout, California. Ostrout was charged with participating in the 3.6 million dollar robbery of a Brinks armored car on July 19, 1984, near Ukiah, California.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend two individuals of the California Department of Forestry who materially assisted us in this operation. Mr. Larry Beck, Fire Prevention Officer I, assigned to the Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit, and Fire Captain Glen Koehl, of your facility in Bieber, California, both provided invaluable assistance.

Initial arrangements and plans for our use of your Bieber, California facility were discussed with Mr. Beck. We requested absolute confidentiality due to the extremely high-risk nature of this arrest and the very small size of the community on which 40 Special Agents and a UH-1 helicopter were to converge at 5:00 a.m. in the morning. To Mr. Beck's credit, no one was alerted and our arrest was carried out with speed, efficiency, and, most importantly, the safety of all participants. Mr. Beck also stood by at Bieber to provide assistance as needed.

Fire Captain Koehl, at your Bieber facility, provided administrative assistance beyond our expectations. He furnished coffee for all hands, arriving at 4:30 a.m. in 14° temperatures, to personally see to its making! In addition, he had one of your helicopter landing pads cleared of snow and ice to accommodate our helicopter and, because no agent personnel were available, provided ground control in landing the helicopter. Throughout the day all of our needs were quickly and efficiently met by Mr. Koehl.

You can take justifiable pride in having men such as Messrs. Beck and Koehl employed by the Department of Forestry. We have often called on your agency for assistance and this is another example of the outstanding cooperation and hospitality we continuously receive.

Please be assured of my continued cooperation in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND P. YELCHAK
Special Agent in Charge

CENTENNIAL I

Its been 100 years for our California State Board of Forestry and it was celebrated this past March in Yosemite.

The following articles will give you some insight into the Board of Forestry, and the conference that took place in Yosemite and its importance to the future of forestry in California.

The Board of Forestry: 1885-1985

The California State Board of Forestry is the oldest body of its kind in the United States. The first meeting of this three-member board was held on April 1, 1885 in San Francisco. Similar boards were appointed later in 1885 in Colorado, New York, and Ohio. James V. Coleman was elected as chairman; having previously served as a member of the Lake Bigler Forestry Commission in 1883, which is considered to be the origin of the board.

The tasks of the first board included collection and dissemination of statistics in regard to forestry and tree culture, and the authority to make investigations. It was also mandated with carrying out national and state forestry laws and protecting watersheds. These changes reflected concerns of the Bigler Commission over the need for forestry information, prevention of unlawful cutting of trees, and reforestation and watershed protection.

In 1905 the Forest Protection Act was passed creating the post of state forester. The state forester

old act were less than they are today, the 1947 Act laid important foundations of experience and procedure which led to further development for the board.

Throughout the period of the 1950's and 1960's, the Board of Forestry functioned under the mandate of the 1947 Act formulating forest policy for the state and ratifying forest practice rules developed by district committees.

In 1973 the legislature passed the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act. This reorganized the board and expanded its powers and responsibilities. The board was charged with developing and adopting forest practice rules, not just ratifying them. Strong mandates for environmental protection were included in the law and the board membership was changed to have a majority of members with no financial interest significantly tied to forestry.

The board now consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. All members of the board are appointed on the basis of their pro-

served as secretary to the board and carried out their policies. This relationship between the board and state forester lasted until the 1970's. The Forest Protection Act also firmly established wildland fire protection as a concern of the board, as well as setting forth the principle that the board could oversee burning of slash by timber companies if necessary to reduce fire hazard.

In 1927 the Division of Forestry was created, with the board maintaining policy making authority. In 1940 the board approved its first fire plan to guide wildland fire protection.

In 1947 the original Forest Practice Act was passed by the state legislature. Although the responsibilities and powers of the board under the professional and educational qualification and their general knowledge, or interest in problems that relate to watershed management, forest management, fish and wildlife, range improvement, forest economics, and land use policy.



The Board of Forestry: Back row: Phil Berry, Jack Shannon, Henry Trobitz, Carl Yee, and Hal Walt. Front row: Roy Berridge, Virginia Harwood, and Jean Atkisson.

Centennial I: Forerunners of Forestry's Future

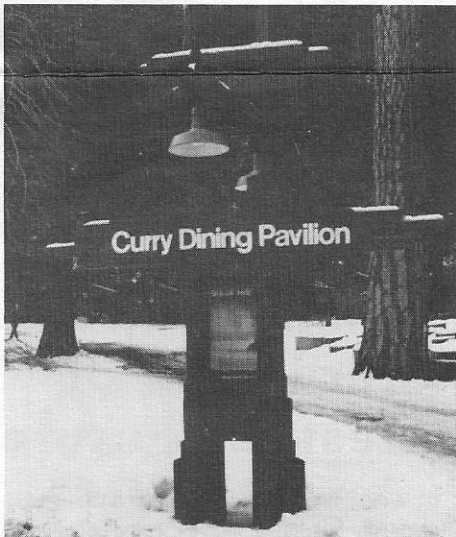
In what way would you like to see California forestry develop by the year 2000? Will the state's 35 million people expect less regulation, or stronger control by state and federal agencies? Will CDF be a statewide rural fire department? These were questions recently considered at a gathering of approximately 200 decision-makers associated with resource protection and management. The occasion was developed in conjunction with the Board of Forestry's 100th birthday, and was sponsored by CDF, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and Yosemite Park and Curry Company. The pur-

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pose was to identify the desired goals for forestry in the year 2000. The conference was designed to set aside differences and begin a meaningful dialogue among all people dedicated to forest resources. Chairman of the Board Harold Walt opened the conference by saying that we can no longer afford conflict. We have to start talking with each other in order to resolve perceived problems related to forest management and fire protection.

There were participants from CDF, the USFS, the Department of Interior - National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management, and several other fire control agencies. Both large industrial forestry, and owners of smaller private forestland were represented, as well as the registered professional foresters that work for them. Representatives of environmental groups, members of the general public, and natural resource educators and researchers were also involved.



The site of the conference.

Bob Binnewies, superintendent of Yosemite National Park, welcomed the group and noted that the park was a fitting location for such a conference. Yosemite uses prescribed burning and other management techniques annually. Willis Harman, Stanford Research Institute, provided a fascinating perspective of social and economic trends worldwide and in California's future. Future decisions will be geared more toward serving the goals of society than production and economic con-

cepts. The world is a very small place; we are all interrelated and this means a lot for forestry. Congressman Richard Lehman, House of Representatives, stressed that the challenge of management is to incorporate multiple uses and to meet the concerns of an expanding public.

The program included three main panels of speakers. The first two panels addressed forestry's future from a broad spectrum of interests.

The first panel, moderated by Assemblyman Byron Sher, began by providing a corporate view of forestry's future. Tim Lindgren, president of Fruit Growers Supply Company, explained the problems faced by private investors and in managing an industry in an urban state. Phil Berry, a public member of the Board of Forestry, was assigned the environmentalist perspective. He noted many of the concerns of the 60's have now become law; he sees protection of water and "cumulative impacts" of timber harvesting to be the primary concerns of the future. Robley Levy, supervisor of Santa Cruz County, discussed the pressures for local control and public involvement to resolve conflicts. Sandy Pricer, representing the California Forest Landowners Association, expressed concern that the private landowner is ultimately the one who absorbs the increased cost in meeting regulations. This occurs at a time when financial incentives have otherwise dwindled. He cited maintenance of scenic corridors as just one example of owner costs.

Julie McDonald of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Foundation was moderator of the afternoon session. She asked questions about issues facing agencies. Agency views were provided by leaders including CDF Director Jerry Partain, Zane Smith, regional forester USFS; Ed Hasty, state director U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and Howard Chapman, director W. Region, National Park Service.

Following this panel, a communication and goals identification process called "futuring" was conducted. With assistance from trained "facilitators" provided by USFS staff, participants gathered in small groups with a broad representation of inter-

ests. The question posed was "where do you want forestry to be in the year 2000?" Facilitators then assisted each group in developing common categories. Each group then reported to Henry Vaux, former chairman of the board, who had the difficult task of presenting the results the next day. See "You and Centennial I."

On the second day of the conference, Assemblyman Sam Farr presented some of his constituents' views on the importance of local control of road location in timber harvesting when there is a chance the property will later be subdivided. He stressed there is considerable local pressure for such control; he has currently proposed legislation to deal with this matter and hopes that a long-term solution will be found. Senator Barry Keene, majority leader in the Senate, spoke about the need for aggressive fire protection and resource management programs and called on the university to provide relevant research.

The final panel addressed the matter of "Can we achieve where we want to go?" The panel was moderated by Senator Jim Nielsen.



Senator Jim Nielsen

James Kendrick, vice president, University of California, boldly called for new initiative in forestry research and put forth a proposal to follow. Bill Walsh, president of Sequoia Industries, gave some thought provoking insight into private investment decisions in California forestland. Potential investors may be pension

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funds, insurance companies and foreign interests that view land in California as a safe investment. Resources Agency Secretary Gordon Van Vleck, discussed how the state



Resources Secretary Gordon Van Vleck

will likely participate in resource protection in the future. He emphasized a strong impact from resource protection and the need for cooperation. Harriet Burgess, vice president Trust for Public Land, presented the role of organizing private individuals to acquire land and turning it over to appropriate agencies for management. John Zieroid, retired legislative representative, Sierra Club, provided his perception of future mandated needs. We have come a long way, in that environmental interests are being addressed to a substantial degree, but we still have a long ways to go.

Carlton Yee, public member of the Board of Forestry, completed the meeting by providing the challenge for Centennial II. He identified the four issues below:

1. A clear vision is necessary of self concept and the path to achieve desired goals.
2. A broader message must be presented to non-foresters. Education efforts have predominantly been one-dimensional, covering primarily the biological and economic basis for management. This has proven to be an inadequate justification by public perception. The public must

also have the opportunity to educate foresters. The education process must be a long-term, well funded program; an "ad hoc" program will not suffice.

3. An endeavor must be made to understand differing attitudes using respect, reason, and understanding.

4. Communication must occur with open minds and positive attitude; there must be belief in the integrity of the parties involved. Last, but not least, ACTION plans must be developed.

The last statement is the goal for Centennial II which will be held November 1985 in Sacramento.



Past and present directors: Jerry Partain, "Swede" Nelson, Larry Richey, and David Peterson.

Director Partain: "Taking Charge of the future"

Director Partain presented his perceptions at Centennial I. On the light side, he quipped with Legislative Counsel Ted Cobb, who was assisting with managing the program, that if he held up the "time's up card," there would be a vacant office in the Resources Building. The director was assured of ample speaking time as Ted used the card as a frisbee. The following is a synopsis of the director's speech envisioning the future and calling for active participation in the process.

As we consider the future of forestry in California, we must be aware of the extreme difficulties involved in accurately portraying the type of environment the next generation of foresters will face. There are two related strategies we need to employ as we look ahead in California. Both involve a rather active stance towards the future. First, foresters and those responsible for

maintaining forest productivity in the state must do more now than in the past *to set the agenda for forest policy discussions*. Foresters need to communicate more effectively their values and priorities to various concerned publics and gain these individuals support for forestry programs. Second, the department, board, and forestry community must also learn *to anticipate better the type of policy issues that will be raised from outside the community*. Many issues only indirectly related to our profession can severely affect forestry if they become fixed in law or custom. The forestry community must learn to foresee outside concerns before they surface in the media, in the legislature, or in the courts. If we don't catch some issues early, viewpoints may already have become polarized, and we will have lost our opportunity to influence subsequent decisions.

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The administration of forest practice regulations in California is a dynamic, complex undertaking. One area of particular concern is the role of county governments in setting local rules and standards. Since 1982, five Bay Area counties have requested and received rules from the board. These highly urbanized counties now have controls on hours and dates of logging and hauling, noise limits, bonding for maintenance of private and county roads, and more protection of aesthetics. There is also more public notice and involvement as a result of rule changes.

Despite these new provisions, the issue of local control of harvesting remains active. Six lawsuits were filed against the board and the department during the year. These suits appear to be an expression of certain local groups' desire to all but eliminate timber harvesting in the more urban sections of the state. As urban encroachment continues to reach further into rural areas of California, such an attitude becomes a particular problem to our profession. The intent of the Forest Practice Act is to encourage prudent and responsible forest management, calculated to serve the public's need for timber production and other forest products.

We need to make sure the public understands the role California's timber industry plays in economic standards of being the second largest in the United States. Rural counties have not had high success in attracting light industry, and many are realizing the long-term advantage of the timber industry base. Many local officials have also come to see that timbering and ranching offers an opportunity to maintain the rural character of their communities. Foresters will do well to take advantage of this new attitude and to work more closely with local planning officials. People also need to learn of the benefits provided by the forests in overall perspective of the environment, such as water production.

Regarding forest fire protection, the director said that the department had a better public posture. However, a number of problems loom on the horizon, and most of these problems can be traced to the same forces of urbanization discussed. In many areas, local populations have come to expect that CDF will pro-

vide structural protection, emergency services, and public assistance. All of this is in addition to protecting the resource base. The impact of continued development in rural areas on the department's mission and on our relationship with myriad local fire districts, volunteer companies, contract counties, and private and federal cooperators also need careful review. The board has this year taken it upon itself to become more actively involved in the department's fire planning effort. Working together, CDF and the board will produce a fire plan late this summer which will begin to explicitly address changing trends in fire protection needs, technologies, and institutions. The planning process will then become an on-going department responsibility.

The forestry community needs to systematically prepare for a future that will be determined in large by events and changes outside of forestry. Failure to plan ahead will mean being seriously blind-sided by the changes endemic in California. To chart a course for California forestry over the next several decades, a synopsis of the discussions occurring at Centennial I, coupled with the work of other efforts (such as the department's Forest Resources Assessment Program) can provide direction and incentives for the next generation of land managers. We must all move ahead or risk squandering the tremendous progress made during the Board of Forestry's first 100 years.

YOU and CENTENNIAL I

What do the resource decision-makers want to see forestry achieve by the year 2000? The director and Board of Forestry are seeking your ideas. This question was the substance of the Centennial I Conference in Yosemite. Read on so you can participate.

The 200 participants of Centennial I were given an opportunity to discuss their goals and concepts in small groups. Dr. Henry Vaux, former chairman of the board, integrated the input and presented the following group results in four main categories.

- I. Land management practices should be both understood

and respected. A defined land base, possibly through zoning, must be established to allow for management certainty to provide for "stabilized" potential profit. Two-way communication between resource managers and non-managers must be refined. Broader forest values must be accounted for in addition to the consideration of tree utilization.

- II. A balance must be established between the costs and benefits of regulation which is acceptable to both the public and private sectors. This balance is necessary to minimize the perception of risk, if forestry is to attract investment capital.
- III. A sharing of, or at least accommodating of, divergent values must be accomplished. Communication must include improved consideration of facts to minimize misunderstanding. A re-thinking of basic attitudes is necessary to develop a united policy in upholding forest practices.
- IV. Problems must be anticipated and dealt with prior to reaching crisis levels. Resources need to be monitored as well as reactions to detect subtle shifts in acceptance. Research must have well defined, practical application.

Within these desired goals is the notion that wildland areas must receive adequate fire protection. Included is the concept that CDF and the USFS must continue to cooperate very closely.

Now for your thoughts - what do you see for forest practices and fire protection in the year 2000? Let your mind wander and give us your ideas. Please address your letters to:

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Your ideas will be used to help develop Centennial II during which action plans to achieve year 2000 goals will be developed.

On the cover

Station moves

On December 19, 1984 the original San Jacinto Forest Fire Station found a new home in the "forest" surrounding the present San Jacinto Forest Fire Station in Riverside County.

The original station was constructed around 1920 in a lot next the Charles Van Fleet (retired state forest ranger I) residence. The station facility consisted of a wooden one-room building with a corrugated tin engine barn and small tool shed. This facility housed the San Jacinto engine and crew until 1939 when the Works Projects Administration constructed a new rock station and facilities a few blocks away. The San Jacinto crew and its responsibilities had outgrown the small one-room building next to the Van Fleet residence.

Historical interest in the original station at the Van Fleet residence peaked during 1980 when the 1939 WPA station was replaced with a new facility. A campaign was undertaken to save the original station which might have been lost due to property sales.

The Van Fleets and others donated many forestry mementos to the present San Jacinto station and crews. Plans for the original building included making it into a museum and requesting historical monument status. The only answer to security and loving care was to move the old building to another location.

So, on December 19, 1984, the original San Jacinto Forest Fire Station began its journey to the newer station facility. A few weeks earlier, crews had trimmed trees, put it on skids, and cleared a path for the journey. Logs were used to roll the old building out to the street where a fork lift would carry it home. Traffic stopped and newspaper people took pictures; all watching as it gracefully moved down the street to its new home.

In the "forest" at the present San Jacinto Forest Fire Station, a concrete slab had been poured as a new foundation for the original San Jacinto Forest Fire Station.

A new home at last!

Dedication

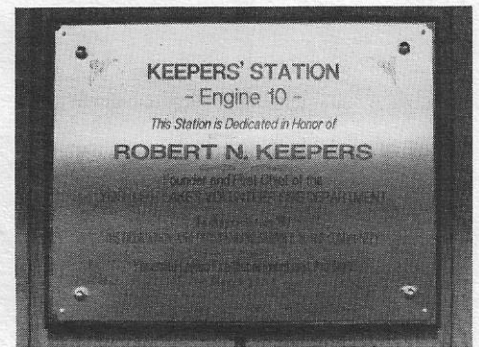
On Saturday, March 9, 1985 the new volunteer fire station at Yosemite Lakes subdivision in Madera County was dedicated to Robert N. Keepers, founder and first chief of the department. The dedication was a surprise to Keepers, who is fighting cancer at this time.



The ceremony was well attended by members of the volunteer department. Representatives from CDF and surrounding agencies included Region IV Chief Roy Killian; Dean Mosen, ranger-in-charge of Madera-Mariposa Ranger Unit; Ed

Bates, former Madera County Sheriff; Sam Garza and Larry Krogen, former investigators for Fresno-Kings

Ranger Unit; Al Conway, Jr., lieutenant for Madera Sheriff Office; Clint Mentzer, ranger I from Madera-Mariposa; and Don Kilner, training officer for Madera-Mariposa Ranger Unit. Many members of the Yosemite Lakes Homeowner's Association also attended the dedication, which was followed with refreshments for everyone.



Bob Keepers stated that this was one of the most memorable occasions in his long career with the fire service. He also said that he was going to beat this cancer and come back as an active chief for their great department.

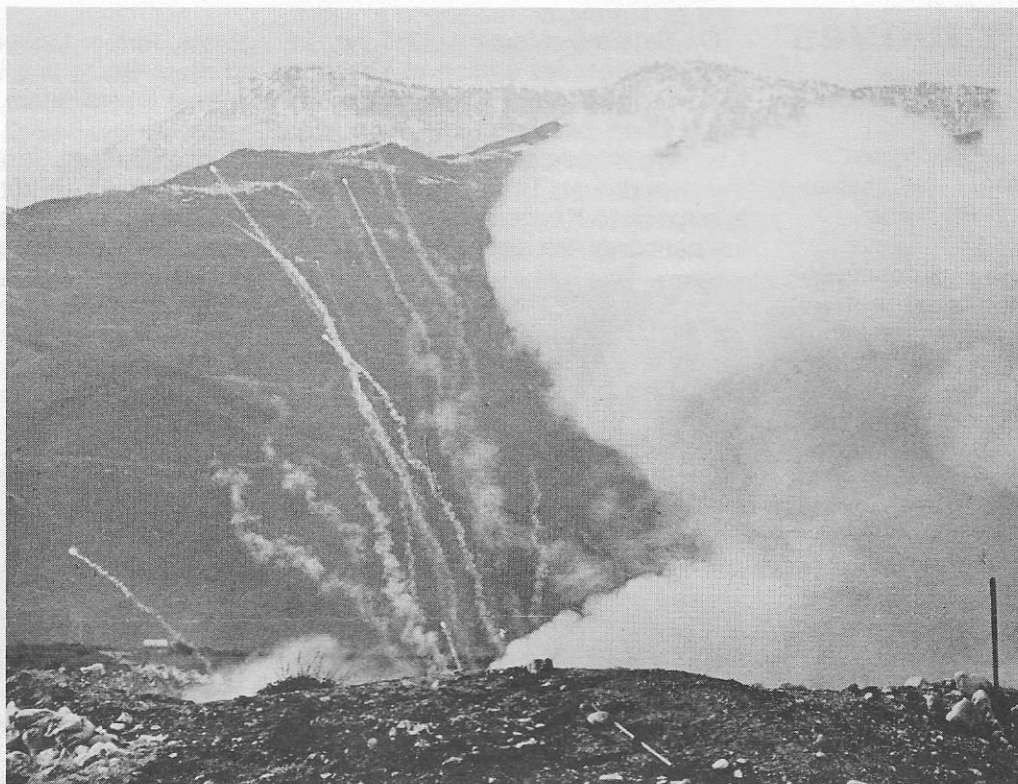
TO ALL CDF HISTORY BUFFS

Bill Friend (CDF retiree) recently wrote to us in hopes of getting in touch with fellow CDF history buffs, retired or not. He has been researching CDF history and may have some interesting things to share with you and vice-versa.

You can write Bill at:

Bill Friends
84 North Dunning Street
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San Bernardino RU celebrates 4th of July ???



On February 5, 1985, San Bernardino Ranger Unit personnel and the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department destroyed \$221,000 worth of illegal fireworks.

These fireworks were confiscated in early June 1984 during "Operation Blackjack". The operation was a joint effort involving local, county and state fire and law enforcement authorities to curtail the transportation, possession, and sale of illegal fireworks in California. In addition to the seizure of the fireworks, nine felony arrests were made in connection with the operation.

By preventing these fireworks from reaching the public it is certain that serious injuries and property losses were averted.

Graduation

February 22, 1985 was graduation day at the Fire Academy for Basic Fire Control Course #90. Region V Chief John Hastings addressed the 17 successful students which included six fire captains (B); six heavy fire equipment operators, three fire apparatus engineers, a Placerville city firefighter; and a fire training officer from the Nevada State Fire Marshal's Office. Top honors for Basic Fire Control #90 went to FAE Wayne Wilson, Butte Ranger Unit, number 1 in the class, FAE Terrie Ridenhour, Santa Clara Ranger Unit, number 2, and FAE Jerry Burke, Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit, number 3. Congratulations to all of Class #90 for a job well done in completing this seven weeks of training.



Pictured are the top three students from Basic Fire Control #90. FAE's Wayne T. Wilson, #1, Terrie E. Ridenhour, #2, and Jerry P. Burke, #3. The class graduated February 22, 1985.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

NORTH COAST REGION

Promotions - Esther V. Fleek to Ofc. Tech. (T), Humboldt-Del Norte; David R. Deforge and Donald H. Ferguson to SFR II; Edmund J. Stadelhofer, Ronald R. Childress and Ronald Matteoli all to SFR I, Lake-Napa; Charnell S. Shusda to FEM-I; John C. Bryden and Robert E. Paulus to FC (A) all to Lake-Napa; Earl W. Simning, Jr. to SFR I; and Robert F. Ceriani, Jr. to FC (A), both Mendocino; Harry H. Harland to Maint. Mech., L. A. Moran Refor. Ctr.

Appointments - Ronald E. Smith to SFR II, Konocti CC; Janice K. Carroll and Douglas C. McKain to LT FF II, Sonoma.

Separation - Sr. Acct. Clk. Wendi J. Williamson, Hqs.

Retirements - SFR III Earl M. Young, Hqs.; and John W. McLeod, Sr., Chamberlain Creek CC.

25-Year Awards - SFR I's Earl W. Simning, Jr. and Noel E. Lockwood.

SIERRA CASCADE REGION

Transfers - FC (B) James P. Thomas to Crystal Creek CC, and FC (B) Michael D. Sinclair to Washington Ridge YCC; FC (A) Donald H. Uhl and SFR I Ralph H. Minnich to Shasta-Trinity; FAE Charles Frey to Nevada-Yuba-Placer.

Promotion - Craig S. Konklin to FAE (JAC Comm), Lassen.

Appointments - Ted T. Tsudama to For. I, Siskiyou, Jeffrey W. Harter to Fire Prev. Asst., Nevada-Yuba-Placer; and Michael G. Brown to FAE (JAC Comm), Butte.

Retirement - FC (A) Donald W. Shackelford, Tehama-Glenn.

SOUTH SIERRA REGION

25-Year Awards - FC James Dreo and FC (B) John G. Ward.

CENTRAL COAST REGION

Promotions - Benton Stewart to SFR I, San Luis Obispo and Craig Herrett to SFR I, San Mateo-Santa Cruz; Ricky Giubbini, Stephen Vaughn, and Timothy Eckles to FC (A), San Luis Obispo, and Michael Gagarin and Wayne Cunningham to FC (A), San Mateo-Santa Cruz; Laurie Clark to Steno., Hqs.

Appointments - Jeanne De Stories to Fire Prev. Asst., Santa Clara; and Juan Ramos to OA II (T), Hqs.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

Transfers - Bus. Servs. Ofcr. I Michael Watkins, FC Michael Sowards, Hqs.

Promotions - Mark T. Baker, Gregory Burt, John

McLaughlin, Kerry Townsend, and James F. Benson, all to FC, Riverside; Timothy Kochen to FC, Prado CC, and John S. Hansler to FC, San Bernardino.

Appointments - Holly Kress to Fire Prev. Asst., San Bernardino, and Roxanne Stager to Fire Prev. Asst., San Diego.

Separation - Elect. II Robert M. Thomas, Hqs.
Retirements - SFR II's Stanley Overton, Morena CC; FC Louis A. Daniel, Riverside, FC Philip R. Moe, San Diego.

25-Year Award - FC John F. Bartlett, Jr.

SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS

Promotions - Karen Gabarini to Cook I; and Tina Newby to Food Servs. Worker.

Appointments - Kathy Matsunaga to OA II (T); Rosalie Martinez and Bernadette Fizer to Acctg. Tech.; and Tim Ebo to Sr. Acct. Clk.; Ed Lee to Assoc. Budget Anal.; Terri Tejada to Staff Serv. Mgr. I; and Barbara J. Koch to Budget Anal.

Separations - Acctg. Tech. Jane Gregori; Assoc. Budget Anal. Deborah Connelly; Acct. I Gustavo Vina.

25-Year Award - FPO II David E. Sharpe.

Transfer - FC Jim Hunter to Legislator Coord., SFR I Dan Turner, Academy.

EXAMINATION CALENDAR

Examinations in Progress

Title	Status
Forestry Technician	Interviews anticipated in June and/or July
Forestry Assistant I	Interviews anticipated in June and/or July
Forestry Assistant II	Interviews anticipated in June and/or July

Final filing dates are tentative. Do **Not** submit applications for examinations until the Bulletin has been released.

SAVE THIS DATE

You are invited to "share a few warm moments" with Elmore M. Dougherty a.k.a. "Oakie" and his wife Virginia when he hangs up his badge and gun after 35 years with CDF, Friday, May 10, 1985 at the Auburn District Fairgrounds.

The cost is \$11 per person (\$20 per couple). No host cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., prime rib dinner at 7:30 p.m. Send reservations to CDF, Attn: Maryanne Miller, 13760 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603, or for more information, (916) 823-4904.



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BATTER UP!!

The fifth annual coed softball tournament will be held at Elk Grove Part (20 minutes south of Sacramento) on Saturday/Sunday, June 1-2.

We expect 20-25 teams and over 400 people from all over the state to participate. Sign up with your local team or just come and watch. This year, options include a BBQ dinner and childcare by advance reservation. Stragglers can be placed on a team with advance notice.

Team entries and dinner/childcare reservations are due by May 1, 1985. Send \$75, the team name, and captain's name, address, and phone number to Tess Albin-Smith, CDF, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or for more information call (916) 322-0623.



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