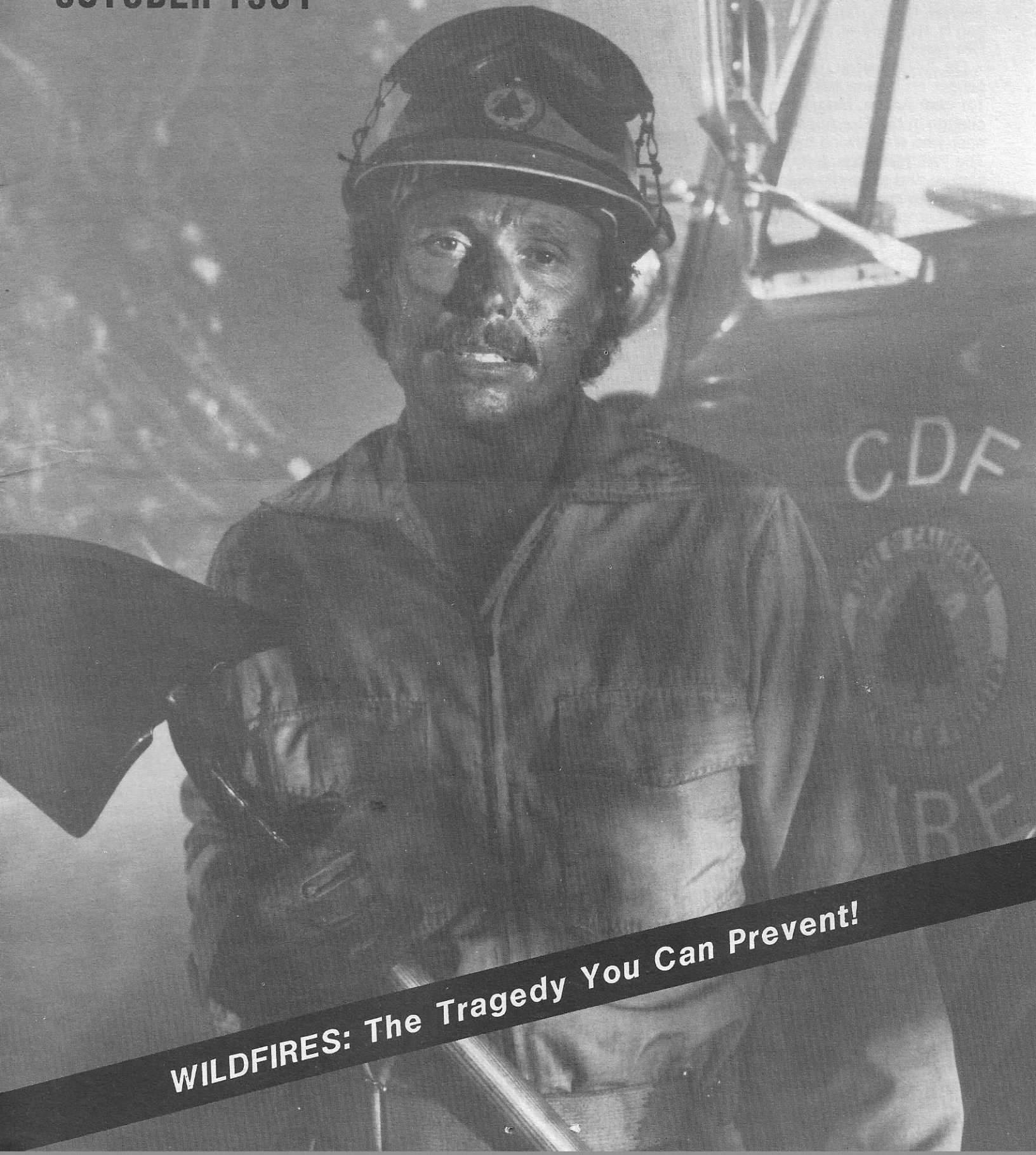


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COMMUNIQUE



WILDFIRES: The Tragedy You Can Prevent!

Editorial

Communiqué joins Ranger-in-Charge William Harrington, Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger Unit in commending Resource Protection Trainee (RPT) Terry Morgan. Morgan is stationed at the Weott Forest Fire Station.

On July 31, while riding as a passenger on Engine 1283 on Highway 101 near Arcata, Morgan noticed a change in the Fire Apparatus Engineer who was driving the engine. The FAE had apparently suffered a seizure and suddenly slumped over.

Morgan immediately grabbed the wheel of the Model #1 engine, placed the transmission into neutral and, by using the emergency brake, slowly brought the engine to a safe stop in the center divider strip. A fire captain who was following Engine 1283 assisted Morgan in removing the FAE from the engine and administering first aid care until an ambulance arrived.

"In bringing the engine to a safe stop, you showed considerable presence of mind and a quick response to a situation that could have been tragic for you, the engineer and many other motorists using the freeway at that time," Harrington told Morgan.

"It is with pride that I commend you for the quick and professional manner in which you handled this emergency. You demonstrated a courage that may have saved the lives of many people and the use of a valuable fire engine," said Harrington.

Morgan took positive action to avert a serious situation, and *Communiqué* agrees that such actions are always worthy of recognition.

Terry Morgan has been with CDF since July 1, 1980. He was previously with the California Conservation Corps.

On the Cover

Does this face look familiar to you? We hope so by now. The real person is Buck Beery, son of the famous Noah Beery, Jr., who was selected from a pool of interested candidates for the honor of representing a CDF firefighter in our TV commercials and billboards. Thanks to Ray Skeels and Ernie Balmforth who were "costume designers" and makeup artists for Mr. Beery, he has easily been mistaken for the real thing. Rumor has it that Ernie personally carried a bag of ashes from a Region VI fire to the studio for the finishing touches on the outfit.

The Fire Prevention Mass Media contract with Solem and Associates is nearing completion. Hopefully you have seen one of our three public service announcements on television, heard one of the five radio spots, or seen one of the many billboards strategically placed throughout the state. If you haven't you might try calling your local stations and asking them if they received our spots and if so, why aren't they being played! The catch with public service announcements is that stations play them at no cost to us but — we have no say about the time they are shown. We are pleased that the spots have received the prime time play they have gotten in some areas of the state. That's a commentary on the fine work of our contractor Solem and Associates, the media specialist

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Women's Committee

The Women's Advisory Committee is in the process of compiling information which will be incorporated into the Departmental Upward Mobility handbook. The Equal Employment Opportunity Committee and the Disabled Employees Advisory Committee will be assisting the Women's Committee in publishing a booklet that will provide information to assist employees in exploring the career options available within forestry and the civil service at large.

There are several vacancies on the Women's Advisory Committee which are available to persons interested in serving as representatives of their work unit. As the unit representative the individual will be responsible for presenting the ideas and interests of that unit to the committee on matters of interest to women employees. The individuals selected for the committee also have additional committee work assignments. Many of the assignments are made to utilize some of the unique skills and abilities possessed by the committee members. Frequently the assignments are educational and developmental in nature, providing training that can be included in producing your resume.

Persons interested in applying for

the committee should submit a resume, application, or letter of interest to:

Stephanie Black
c/o San Jacinto County Fire Station
132 So. San Jacinto Street
San Jacinto, CA 92383

Affirmative Action Officer's Message

by Manuel Román, Jr.

CDF has been successful in meeting overall seasonal Affirmative Action hiring goals. Due to the tireless efforts of field staff, goals were attained in most categories. Departmental recruitment and hiring efforts have not gone unnoticed. The State Personnel Board made favorable comments in the Annual Status Report on CDF Sanctions Implementation and several advocate groups have voiced laudatory comments. As usual CDF has been given a mission and has performed that mission with vigor and professionalism.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 4 through October 10, 1981. Salute your volunteers!

Arson suspects nabbed



Arson suspects were escorted from the Red Bluff Justice Court by Hamilton Mills, CDF investigator

Two Red Bluff residents were arrested by CDF arson investigators on Friday, September 4 in connection with the rash of incendiary forest fires that plagued Tehama County since June 17.

Leslie Jay Poppleton has been charged with forty-eight felony counts of wildland arson and Carolyn A. Wailes has been charged with eight felony counts of wildland arson by the Tehama County District Attorney. Arraignment for the pair was Thursday, September 10 in the Red Bluff Justice Court.

The arrests ended an exhaustive investigation by a team of 15 CDF specialists from throughout the state. Ranger-in-charge Bob Kersteins said the investigation began after the first of a series of arson fires was reported on Highway 36E on June 17.

"We just made our mind up we were going to crack this one," Kersteins said. "Arson is a lot harder case to make than many crimes because the evidence is usually burned up or gone - that's why I feel so good about it."

Hamilton Mills who was in charge of the investigation on the local level said, "This was the biggest arson arrest ever in the

county. There have never been 48 counts before." Mills said that the fires burned about 3,000 acres of rangeland and chaparral, causing an estimated \$800,000 in damages and suppression costs.

The arrest was made as the pair was traveling east on Highway 36E towards Lassen about four miles out of Red Bluff. A team of five CDF officers, backed up by the Tehama County sheriff's department, stopped the 1965 Willys pickup Poppleton was driving and arrested the pair without incident.

District Attorney Bill Scott said, "The CDF did a tremendous job of investigating. It was well organized and put together. We have some very good evidence. Scott will handle the prosecution himself, saying he expected the trial to take place within 60 days. If convicted, the suspects could be sentenced to 12 years in jail.

"The critical fire conditions this summer gave these fires the potential to destroy many thousands more acres," Kersteins said. "Any one of these could have been another Skinner's Mill situation."

In the summer of 1976, a spark from a lawnmower ignited a fire near Skinner's Mill that burned

about 78,000 acres, one of the worst fires in recent Tehama County history.

"We feel great, we're in high spirits," Kersteins said. "The whole Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit has been alert the last three months. Cracking this case was very important to all of us."

On the cover

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sub-contractor Vis/Art, and our very own Ray Skeels who helped direct the filming.

In addition to the TV and radio spots we are near completion on two feature films one directed at the teenage audience and another a FIRESAFE film. We hope to have those out and available for use in your communities in late October. Those of you who visited or assisted at the State Fair probably saw the new FIRESAFE brochure, also featuring Buck Beery on the cover. Copies of that piece should be out in the regions by now for use at local fairs, displays, etc.

We are very interested in hearing your reaction to this media campaign. Please let us know what you think of it and how we might better project our fire prevention message.

Notice

Mines Safety Appliance Company (MSA) reports that their air cylinders of the 401 series might be contaminated with hazardous levels of carbon monoxide (CO). The problem is limited to cylinders purchased between July 1, 1980 and July 1, 1981.

If such cylinders are found, immediately discontinue use and call MSA giving the serial numbers of the cylinders. Either call Larry Dewosky (415) 273-5539 or the nearest MSA office.

MSA will pick up defective cylinders and replace them at their expense.

Grants total \$238,878

Grants totaling \$238,878 have been made to 14 community projects statewide under the department's Urban Forestry Program headed by Jim Geiger. The grants include five (5) Bay Area, five (5) Southern California and four (4) Central Valley Projects.

The Urban Forestry program has evolved through a series of pilot projects intended to demonstrate community self-help ways of planting and maintaining trees in urban areas. Grants of up to 90 percent are provided to cities, counties, community groups and other non-profit organizations to establish tree planting programs that will enhance the liveability of urban areas. More than 70 community projects have been funded for almost \$1,300,000. To date, more than 100,000 people have been involved in planting over 100,000 trees in urban areas.

The success of the program continues to depend on the active participation of neighbors, business, and local government. Every city in Cali-

fornia can develop this potential for future prosperity of its natural resources by tapping its community resources. CDF's 'seed money', together with local resources will continue to be invested in communities across California to bring trees back to cities for the direct benefit of all urban dwellers and future generations.

The Urban Forestry Program was started in 1978 under the California Forest Improvement Act (AB 3304) now Chapter 1181, Part 2.5 of the California Public Resources Code. State funding for the program was provided in July, 1980, under AB 320 which authorizes the use of 10 percent of the net revenues from state forests for urban forestry. Prior to that, Federal Forest Service and Title II funds were used.

CDF goes to Maine

Nancy Tosta-Miller of the Forest Resources Assessment Program (FRAP) in Sacramento attended a National Workshop entitled "In-Place Resource Inventories: Principles and Practices" in Orono, Maine on August 10 through 14, 1981. This workshop was sponsored by the Society of American Foresters, the American Society of Photogrammetry, the Society for Range Management and others, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. Nancy presented a paper on "Ecological Stratification for Vegetation Classification Using Remotely Sensed Data."

FRAP is involved in inventorying and assessing the forest resources of California. Integrated multi-resource analysis is a complex and relatively new concept. Contact with other people involved in this field is essential for an up-to-date understanding of methods and techniques. Papers were presented on the concepts of multiresource inventories, information systems, classification systems, existing inventory techniques, sampling and statistical problems, and available computer systems and models.

Nancy's presentation on some of the work that CDF is doing in California with Landsat (Satellite) data elicited positive comments from workshop participants. CDF has gained recognition as an innovative leader in the field of Landsat analysis. FRAP hopes to use the information gathered from the workshop and other sources to create an information system capable of analysis of complex forest resource issues.

Memorial plaque presented



Ray Snodgrass presents plaque to Director Pesonen

On September 2, 1981, CDFEA President Ray Snodgrass presented a memorial plaque for CDF employees to Director Pesonen for placement in the Director's Office. The plaque construction and the collection of information was coordinated by Region VII of CDFEA. The actual plaque construction was completed by Hank Weston and Bill Teie.

Placement of the plaque in the Director's Office is temporary and it will ultimately be placed in the Capitol rotunda upon completion of the Capitol restoration project. The plaque is a fitting memorial to all CDF firefighters who died in the line of duty.

Friday, October 2, 1981 - retirement party for Roy Kemp at the Mansion Inn in Sacramento. Contact Hazel Dobbins at (916) 445-3501.

November 6-8, 1981 - Fifth Annual Firefighters Conference, sponsored by Hume Lake. Contact Hume Lake Christian Camps, (209) 335-2881.

November 7, 1981 - Retirement party for Larry Krogen and Steve Fees, Fresno- Kings Ranger Unit.

Pilot project gets underway at Gualala

The California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) headed by Audley Davidson recently announced that the 32,000 acre watershed of the South Fork of the Gualala River has been selected as an experimental and demonstration treatment area to receive intensive application of various resource management and protection programs. The watershed will be developed as a model statewide for upgrading forest resources management.

The Gualala project watershed is in a forested area located near Cazadero in Sonoma County. The area has a history of extensive timber harvesting and repeated forest fires. There has been considerable effort to convert some of the timberland to grazing with resultant land use changes. Erosion in some locations has resulted in a marked de-

cline in water quality and wildlife populations. Public and private foresters generally agree that the overall decline of environmental quality of the watershed has been a combination of poor coordination and management in past land use practice.

Resources that can be improved by this exciting new project include not only the forest itself, but the soil, water quality, grazing, and fish and wildlife. The basic management programs that will be applied are the California and Federal Forest Improvement Programs, agricultural conservation, chaparral management, service forestry, resource protection, forest practice, and wood utilization.

Many local public and private cooperators, including the Department of Fish and Game, Water

Quality Control Board, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, the Mendocino County Farm Advisor and Agricultural Commissioner, California Trout, Sea Ranch Association, Redwood Conservation Council, and Forest Landowners of California, will be working with the Department of Forestry applying their own projects and expertise to make a comprehensive pilot demonstration.

Region I Foresters are lead staff on the project and have made personal contacts with most of the area residents.

Wood Energy highlighted

The Special Projects Unit, headed by Dave Mack, recently announced publication of "Wood Energy in California," a report on projects using California's wood as an additional energy resource. This is the first published effort dealing with the state of wood energy in California and its potential for the future.

The report is part of the Resources Agency's Investing for Prosperity Program, a 20-year plan to restore and maintain the productivity of California's forests, fish, wildlife and other renewable natural resources.

Because they are renewable these resources can, if properly managed, become a permanent basis for a sound economy, a healthy environment and an acceptable quality of life for all of our citizens in future years.

This publication is one of several departmental projects designed to demonstrate the feasibility of growing, harvesting, and using wood products for energy. Wood is available now and can be cost competitive with other fuels.

Wood fuel from mill and forest

residues; noncommercial forest land including chaparral and brushland; and agricultural and urban wood residues can support a substantial increase in wood energy production.

The report shows that wood is a renewable, biodegradable, and domestically controlled fuel. California wood energy could provide over 625 megawatts of cogenerated electricity by 1985 and over 1140 megawatts by the year 2000, or enough to meet the needs of a city of 680,000. By comparison, the Rancho Seco nuclear power plant near Sacramento has an electrical capacity of 913 megawatts.

Although California's wood energy capability is not the total answer in meeting California's electrical generating capacity requirements during the 20th century, using wood wastes for energy can also alleviate costly and polluting disposal problems, reduce fire hazards, and stimulate improved silvicultural practices.

The report is being distributed to the State library system, California Department of Forestry offices, and to other agencies involved in energy related work.

Maewilda Downing

Maewilda Downing, wife of retired employee Darold Downing passed away Friday, September 11, 1981. Funeral services were held in Santa Rosa on Tuesday, September 15. Donations may be made to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 1620 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa in Maewilda's name.

Philip E. Olson

State Forest Ranger Philip E. Olson of the Tulare Ranger Unit passed away Thursday, September 10, 1981, from an apparent heart attack while at home. Services were held Monday, September 14 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Visalia.

Betty Olson and family have requested that donations be made to the Philip E. Olson Memorial Fund, Christ Lutheran Church, 3830 West Tulare Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.



Everybody came to the California State Fair

For the first time in many years, CDF had its own separate display at the California State Fair. The conveniently located outdoor space was made available free of charge to CDF and through the cooperation and efforts of a lot of people we were able to produce a quality exhibit. Nearly every section of the department was involved in one way or another. Public interest and response was overwhelming.

A rustic redwood information center was constructed for the exhibit area by the Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp from lumber cut by the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp, while Mt. Home Conservation Camp cut the lumber from downed trees on the Mt. Home State Forest and constructed the 14 redwood display panels and other fire prevention poster boxes.

Crews from the CCC Placer Fire Center and Growlersberg Conservation Camp supplied labor and assistance in preparing the outdoor site and installing all facilities. Staff personnel from the Growlersberg Camp built the facilities for the outdoor theater area.

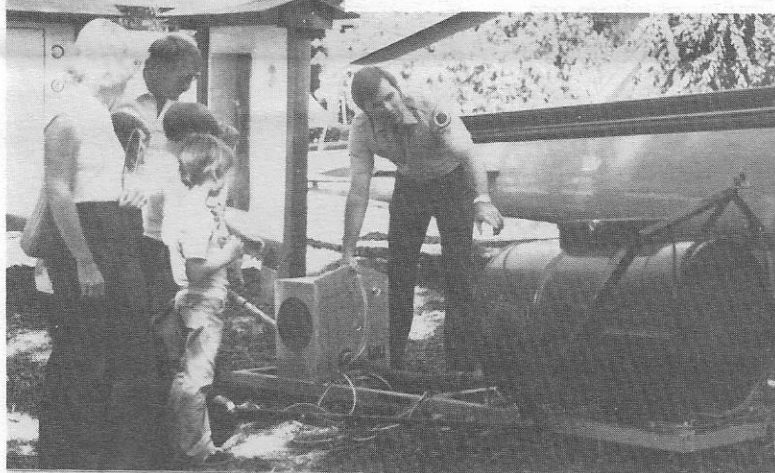
The 375,000 to 400,000 persons who visited the exhibit were treated to special programs such as the Children's Puppet Show; films and information on fire suppression systems and activities; Chaparral Management; Urban Forestry; Forest Improvement; Fire Protection/Fire Prevention; Volunteers in Prevention (VIP); and Recruitment.

There was a helicopter/helitorch display complete with an actual helicopter and live action photographs. The nursery staff provided landscape planting of native trees and a small demonstration area of appropriately labelled and potted commercial tree species. In each area of the exhibit, there was a friendly, informative person to answer questions from the public.

Headquarters personnel, VIPs from throughout the state, and Region personnel all turned out to make this a totally successful effort. It is impossible to thank everyone personally but special thanks should go to Bob Irby of the Amador/El Dorado Ranger Unit; Pete Graham from NYP; Duane Fry at headquarters and to the Sacramento Graphics Section for their invaluable assistance. I can only say that I am totally appreciative of the splendid cooperation and outstanding support of everyone involved in this project.

Lou Gunter

Information and Education Officer



Ham operators - extended eyes and ears of CDF

Ham radio operators are now playing a vital role in the San Luis Obispo County CDF fire prevention effort.

In conjunction with the Volunteers in Prevention (VIP) program, Fire Captain John Gibson has initiated the use of the amateur radio enthusiasts during Red Flag Alert periods. The ham operators are available to supplement the existing fire prevention force to achieve maximum detection and response. They are also involved in public information programs on fire prevention.

"The amateur radio operators in this Red Flag Fire Patrol are the extended eyes and ears of CDF," said Gibson. "They patrol designated areas to watch for smoke, fire, unattended campfires, and suspicious or illegal activity."

The operators may take no law enforcement action. Their primary function is to cruise and to report back to the Red Flag Patrol Control Center at CDF headquarters.

Gibson, who is also an amateur radio enthusiast, said there are approximately 300 amateur operators in San Luis Obispo County. All members of the Red Flag Patrol must op-

erate through the county's Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), under supervision of Emergency Coordinator Don Harrison. All ARES activities are under CDF direction.

Each patrol member must undergo two hours of Red Flag training to learn patrol and safety procedures and must have two hours of in-car experience before being placed on patrol. Patrol hours are generally between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Because the Ham operators have a good communications range and both teletype and scrambling capabilities, they can provide an alternate communications system in case of CDF failure.

According to Gibson, the San Luis Obispo Hams have available to them a portable radio mountaintop repeater for extended range. They also have two stable repeater sites covering 90 percent of the country, with plans to set two more repeaters for better coverage in the north coastal area.

To the Hams, many of whom are retirees, radio operation is a hobby they enjoy and use. "They know long distance communication, are organized, and a very efficient group

of volunteers," said Gibson.

"The patrol has been in operation since June 1980, and on their first call out, five units were patrolling within four hours, and it wasn't long before nine units were available," he continued.

by Student Intern Stacey McCormick

Another fair - another ribbon



Sharon Torrence, assistant Volunteers in Prevention (VIP) coordinator for Amador County, presents Ranger-in-Charge Jim Simmons with the blue ribbon won by the CDF exhibit at the Amador County Fair. The Sweepstakes Ribbon will hang in the front office at Mt. Danaher headquarters.

Ranger unit personnel the Amador-EI Dorado VIPs and inmates from Growlersburg Conservation Camp all worked together to make the exhibit a success. The ranger unit also participated in the El Dorado County and State fairs.

25 years for Owyong



Director Pesonen presents 25-year award to Al Owyong at recent EAC meeting.

Deputy Director for Management Services Alfred Owyong may be new to forestry but he has over 25 years of experience in California state government. He brings to CDF an extensive technical, professional, and managerial background in audit-

ing, fiscal administration, personnel administration, program monitoring and evaluation, and planning and program analysis.

Owyong began his career in August 1956 as an accountant and auditor with the Department of Motor Vehicles. In 1960 he transferred 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.

In announcing Owyong's appointment to forestry, Director Pesonen said, "The department is fortunate in having an individual of Mr.

Owyong's extensive fiscal, budgetary, program development and personnel management capabilities. I am happy to welcome him as a member of the Department of Forestry's management team."

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LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

This listing of legislation affecting CDF is compiled monthly by Legislative Secretary Carol Silva. For further information, contact Carol at (916) 445-6441, (ATSS) 485-6441, or Green Phone 62. NOTE: We have developed a new format for the "roundup". The bills will be categorized by subject matter. Bills of major importance to CDF will be updated as action is taken. Other bills will be updated periodically.

FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

SB 78 (Ayala) ROOF COVERINGS: FIRE ZONES.—Enrolled and to Governor.

SB 702 (Dills) FIRE MARSHAL: TRAINING FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTORS.—Enrolled and to Governor.

SB 799 (Mello) HAZARDOUS FIRE AREAS: FIREWORKS.—Enrolled and to Governor.

SB 812 (Vuich) AMADOR PLAN.—Enrolled and to Governor.

SB 999 (Campbell) FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT: FIREWORKS.—Passed Senate and Assembly. Pending Senate Concurrence in Assembly amendments.

SB 1132 (O'Keefe) FIREWORKS: LOCAL REGULATIONS.—In Senate Gov. Org.

SB 1162 (Craven) FIRE PROTECTION: STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS.—In Senate Nat. Res. & Wildlife.

AB 275 (Kapiloff) HOTELS & MOTELS: FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS.—Enrolled and to Governor.

AB 630 (Franzee) BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS.—Passed Assembly. On Senate inactive file.

AB 1922 (Floyd) SCHEDULE "A" AGREEMENTS.—Enrolled and to Governor.

AJR 50 (Cramer) FIRESCOPE: FEDERAL FUNDING.—Passed Assembly. In Senate Rules.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SB 720 (Greene) FOREST PRACTICE ACT: EXEMPTION FROM CEQA.—Passed Senate. In Assembly Energy & Nat. Res.

SB 856 (Keene) INSPECTIONS OF TIMBER OPERATIONS.—Passed Senate. In Assembly Energy & Nat. Res.

SB 857 (Keene) PRESCRIBED BURNING.—Enrolled and to Governor.

SB 899 (Garamendi) FOREST PRACTICES: BOARD OF FORESTRY REVIEW OF COUNTY & REGIONAL REGULATIONS.—Passed Senate. In Assembly Ways & Means.

AB 476 (Bosco) SALE OF STATE FOREST LAND.—Pending Assembly adoption of Conference report.

AB 1349 (Bosco) WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.—Passed Assembly. In Senate Gov. Org.

AB 1600 (Sher & Kapiloff) TIMBER OPERATIONS & PENALTIES.—On Assembly 3rd Rdg. File.

TIMBER TAXATION

SB 462 (Johnson) TIMBER YIELD TAXES.—Enrolled and to Governor.

SB 481 (Mello) TIMBERLAND PRESERVES VALUATION & SUBVENTIONS.—Enrolled and to Governor.

ADMINISTRATION AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

SB 329 (Keene) PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS: LICENSURE.—Signed by Governor Sept. 9. Takes effect 1/1/82.

SB 1135 (O'Keefe) DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY NAME CHANGE.—In Senate Nat. Res. & Wildlife.

MANPOWER, ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

SB 65 (Boatwright) EMERGENCY VEHICLES.—Passed Senate and Assembly. Enrolled and to Governor.

AB 124 (Nolan) EMERGENCY VEHICLES.—Enrolled and to Governor.

AB 75 (N. Waters) STUDDERED TIRES.—Enrolled and to Governor.

NOTE: This article was prepared on September 16. By the time you read it, many of the bills will have been acted upon by the Governor. As soon as chaptered bills are in print, copies will be sent to all Chiefs and Ranger Units.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Judy Balmain

From now until the Legislature reconvenes in January will be a busy time for the Department with interim hearings scheduled in October, November and December.

OCTOBER 20 and 21, 1981

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE STATE'S ECONOMY

Senator Holmdahl, Chairman

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Room 1194

State Auditorium, San Francisco

SUBJECT: The State's Leading and Lagging Business Sectors and the Effect on Employment and the Economy.

ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Hannigan, Chairman

(time and location to be announced)

Sacramento

SUBJECT: Urbanization of California's Wildlands.

1. Fire Prevention, Protection and Control in Wildlands.
2. Conversion of Timberland to Urban and Other Uses.

NOVEMBER 19, 1981

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN TIMBER AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

Assemblyman Norm Waters, Chairman

SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOREST LAND ISSUES

Senator Ray Johnson, Chairman

(time and location to be announced)

Eureka

SUBJECT: Economic Impacts on the Timber Industry, Resources Utilization and preservation, Regulation Issues, and Timber Yield Tax.

DECEMBER 9, 1981

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE Presley, Chairman

Time to be Announced - San Bernardino State Office Building Auditorium, 1st Floor, 303 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino

SUBJECT: Fire prevention: Chaparral Management Program.

DECEMBER 9 and 10, 1981

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DUO spends summer in "Paradise"



Ben and Barbara Jones at their "home in the sky."

This is the twelfth summer Ben and Barbara Jones have made their home in "paradise."

The Redding couple spends the fire season working as CDF Lookouts perched atop the 4,911-foot Paradise Craggy lookout station about eight miles northwest of Yreka.

They have been shaken by thunder, pelted with golf ball sized hailstones and withstood winds up to 50 mph. Snow does not fall on the lookout, but it frequently blows upward and sideways. Icicles form at 90 degree angles. Even so, one would have a hard time convincing them to abandon their usually peaceful existence. "This is our summer home," Barbara said. "Lightning doesn't frighten me."

Her 65-year old husband, Ben, said, "I think our first year was the toughest we've ever had." That's when hail the size of golf balls rained down on the station and on their trailer located on level ground 200 feet below the lookout. "I've never seen hail that size," Barbara said.

According to Ben, "The first few years we were up here, they (thunderstorms) were booming out. We'd get as many as 13 fires a night."

Their job has instilled the habit of being constantly on the watch for columns of smoke in the Shasta Valley and a part of the Klamath River Canyon. They use a circular fire finder situated in the middle of the lookout station to determine a fire's location. Any sightings are immediately reported to the inter-agency fire dispatch center in Yreka. Solar cells and a generator supply the energy to run their communication equipment while a small tram is used to haul supplies 200 feet from the road to the lookout.

One of their duties is to report the weather each day at two-hour intervals. Stiff winds frequently blow between 20 and 25 mph but 80 mph winds above gale force have been recorded. Barbara said, "We try to stay indoors when it's windy."

They can tolerate the sometimes severe weather conditions as long as the peace and quiet of the sights of soaring eagles and falcons return. There are the gorgeous sunsets to look forward to and the recent spectacular orange glow of the Northern Lights was an unexpected delight. Both say they have seen strange lights but later discovered they were actually missiles fired from Vandenburg Air Force Base. Ben said,

"We've had shooting stars where they'd just hang."

One unique sight other than the panoramic view is a hummingbird feeder hanging from one corner of the station. As many as a dozen hummingbirds at a time can be found sipping the sugar water.

Barbara said they applied for the job not really expecting to continue for 12 seasons. She said, "We thought it would be for one year. We didn't intend to do this but it worked out so well." They are on duty 24 hours a day although payroll records show each of them alternate their work weeks with four days on and three days off.

Barbara said with a gleam in her eyes, "You ought to see it at night. There are lights all over."

Story and photo by Mike Chapman,
Siskiyou Daily News

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

I read with interest, every article in the August 1981 *Communiqué*, and enjoyed it so much. Especially the photo on the front, since I too am a fire lookout working on my ninth summer on Soldier Mountain.

The reason I'm writing is to ask for a bundle of "Mr. DoBee" coloring books. We don't get much TV up here in Northeastern Shasta County, but we do try to educate the young concerning forestry.

We have lots of visitors up here and in the past we've given the kids copies of the "Smokey Bear Funny Book" supplied by the USFS on the Lassen Forest.

We would really appreciate hearing from you with notice of any broadcasts or new booklets you have.

Our lookouts are planning a get-together this fall - perhaps we'll have an interesting report to pass along.

Sincerely,
Millie Howard
Fire lookout
Hat Creek

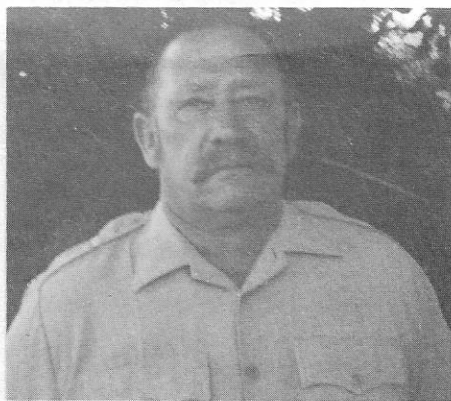
Two retire at Fresno-Kings

On August 31, 1981, two fire captain specialists retired from the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit, Fire Prevention Section at Sanger. They were also members of the CDF Arson Investigation Unit.

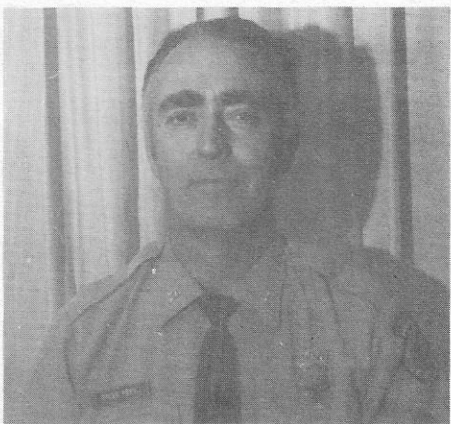
Larry Krogen, with 24+ years of service, has been with the Mid Valley Fire Protection District. For the last 20 years he has worked out of the office at Sanger in fire protection and planning, as well as fire investigation.

Steve Fees was with CDF for 25½ years. Fees was a patrolman in Western Fresno County before being assigned to the Sanger office. He was involved in fire investigation, follow-up law enforcement, and engineering.

With these retirements, the CDF has lost two experts, Larry on structures and Steve on wildland fires. Keep November 7, 1981 open for a farewell party for these two long-time working friends.



Larry Krogen



Steve Fees

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN TIMBER AND RELATED INDUSTRIES

Assemblyman Norman Waters, Chairman
(Time to be Announced)

SUBJECT: Economic Impacts on the Timber Industry, Resources Utilization and Preservation, Regulation Issues, and Timber Yield Tax.

The 1981 legislative year has come to an end. It has been a very rewarding year with the passage of major legislation that affects the Department. Bills awaiting the Governor's signature are:

SB 78 (Ayala)—Designation of hazardous wildland fire zones in State Responsibility Areas: roof coverings.

SB 812 (Vuich)—Fire prevention and suppression: cooperative agreements with counties (Amador plan).

SB 799 (Mello)—Fireworks ban: hazardous fire areas and state responsibility areas when designated by the Director as a hazardous fire area.

SB 857 (Keene)—Prescribed burning (SB 1704 clean-up).

The successful passage of the fire-related legislation was due to the cooperative efforts of Jerry Matthews of California State Firemen's Association, Brian Hatch of Federated Fire Fighters, Aaron Read of CDFFA, Dan Allen of California Fire Chiefs Association and Fire Districts Association of California, and the special efforts of CDFers Walt Bolster, Evan Long, Bud Armstrong, and Jack Odgers.

Spiva retires



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Retired lookout, Edward R. Spiva, was recently honored at an awards dinner by the Butte Ranger Unit after nine years on Bloomer Mountain. Ed and his wife, Arvolla (seated right), worked as a team on the mountain from 1971- 1978. Ed continued working on the lookout tower until 1980.

Battalion Chief, Bill Sager, presented Ed with a framed photograph of Ed at the lookout tower.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

NORTH COAST REGION

Transfer—OA II(T) Rosalinda Gomez to Humboldt

Promotions—Del Monte M. Walters to FC, Sonoma; Darrell F. Bressler to FPO I, Lake-Napa; Gregory K. Guyan to FC, Lake-Napa; and Marc J. Romero to FF, CDF, Sonoma.

Appointments—George W. Morris to FAE, Humboldt-Del Norte; George J. Matlock to HFEO, Konocti CC; Anthony Richardson to FAE, Sonoma; Richard L. Marsh to HFEO, Black Mtn. CC; and James A. Hoeffler to FCS, Eel River CC.

Leave of Absence—Sr. Acct. Clk. Pamela J. Tonella, Lake-Napa.

Retirement—FCS Donald B. McLeod, Eel River CC.

SIERRA CASCADE REGION

Promotions—Vernon L. Fox to M&SS I, Hq; Gary Ninman to FCS, Intermt. CC; Michael Shorrock to FC, Butte; and Steve Sherman to FCS, Tehama FC.

Retirement—For. II Theodore J. Paul, Nevada-Yuba-Placer.

25-Year Awards—FPO I Roger E. Hofhenke; SFR I William E. Smethers; SFR II Robert D. Pitts; and FCS Antonio Palmieri.

SOUTH SIERRA REGION

Transfers—SFR III Raymond Skeel to Hq.; For. II Steve Harcourt, Hq.

Promotions—Darwin Vargas to FCS, Growlersburg CC; Frederick Evans to SFR I, Tuolumne-Calaveras; and Willis Stenalt to SFR I, Amador-El Dorado.

Appointments—Candace Gregory to FGT, Hq.; Eugene Noland to FCS, Pine Grove YCC; Louis Phillips to HEM, Calaveras FC; Shirley Sue Taylor to LT FF, CDF, Fresno-Kings; Dorothy Stivers to Steno., Amador-El Dorado; and Virginia Tomasian to OA II(T), Fresno-Kings.

Separation—OA II(T) Jennifer Frie-din, Amador-El Dorado

Retirements—Acct. I Charles Rapp, Hq.; and FCS John Bach, Pine Grove YCC.

25-Year Awards—FAE Jerry W. Clark; FC's Ray M. Stockwell and Richard W. Rasmussen; and SFR I Donald R. Campbell.

CENTRAL COAST REGION

Promotions—Carson Phillips to FF, CDF, San Luis Obispo; and Celia Reeves to FF, CDF, San Mateo-Santa Cruz; David T. Wachtel to For. Grad. Trainee, Hq.

Appointment—James Ruth to For. Cook I, San Mateo-Santa Cruz.

Reinstatement—Ofc. Tech. (T) Nadi-ne Robin to Santa Clara.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

Transfers—FCS John A. Harrell to Oak Glen CC; FCS John Lee to La Cima CC; and FAE Randy L. Lyle to Riverside.

Promotions—Paul Miller to FPO I; Timothy Shay to SFR II; and James E. Taylor to FAE, all to San Bernardino.

Appointments—Richard M. Gardner and Michael Sanders to LT FAE, San Diego; Steven Hernandez and David S. Ferguson to FF, CDF, Riverside; Michael Mendez to FAE, Riverside; James D. Bradley and Samuel Sanchez to FF, CDF, San Bernardino;

Bobby Stapp to HFEO and Brian Beresford to FCS, Morena CC;; Maurice Watkins to HFEO, Fenner CC; and Starlett Havens to Steno., Hq.

Reinstatements—Phillip T. Cox, John King and James F. Benson all to FF, CDF, Riverside; and Michael Dowd to FAE, Riverside.

Leave of Absence—FF, CDF James A. Smith.

Separation—FF, CDF Charles Spicer, Riverside.

Retirements—Chief Joseph Springer, Hq.; FC Paul C. Kirlin and Gerald Vosburgh, Riverside; and FC Donald E. Ashley, San Bernardino.

SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS

Transfer—Dean Lucke to Departmental Planner, Planning, Legislation, Information and EDP.

Promotions—Kim Masunaga to SSA.

Appointments—Betty A. Hunter to Sec.; Karen Manners to Word Processing Tech.; James N. Hixon to Chief, Manpower and Tech. Serv.; Barbara Nixon and Carol Leslie to Steno. (B); Elisa To and Du Huu Vu to Acct. Clk. II.

Separation—Pers. Asst. I Kathleen Rose.

Retirement—Acct. Ofcr. Leon Hansen.

EXAMINATION CALENDAR

Upcoming Examinations

Title	Filing Date	Exam Date
Accountant I (Spec.)	October 1	November
Accountant I (Supv.)	October 1	November
State Forest Ranger I	October 15	November
Senior Accounting Officer (Spec.)	October 29	December
Senior Accounting Officer (Supv.)	October 29	December

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