

Yankee Hill Dwelling Destroyed by Blaze

YANKEE HILL (E-R) — Fire, apparently from a defective flue, destroyed a small, three-room cabin here this morning.

The cabin, owned by A. E. Smith, of Yankee Hill, was occupied by O. E. Williams. The cabin and possessions were valued at \$550.

Williams, who told firemen he was doing some chores when he saw the cabin engulfed in flames, turned in the alarm at 10:15 a. m.

When division of forest firemen arrived from Durham, the cabin virtually was destroyed. It is believed a defective flue from a wood stove ignited the fire.

Yankee Hill Items

YANKEE HILL—Recent guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ted Heimann were Mrs. Heimann's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hunt of Hermosa Beach.

IT'S "LIGHTS ON" for the Earl Hoecherl and more work on their new cabin-home in Yankee Hill Acres, with electricity now to power Hoecherl's machinery. Details with unusual rock pieces are being expressed with artistry, both indoors and out. Mrs. Hoecherl has a green thumb, with evidence all around. The eye-catching coffee table was made of many small pieces of wood inlaid by a special process, resulting in a mirrored finish. The Hoecherls came from Los Angeles several months ago to retire in their present paradise, where they already have started an orchard and garden. Recently they made a trip to West Los Angeles to visit Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scott Mrs. Hoecherl's parents, and to Dunsmuir to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns and family, who were their neighbors formerly at Yankee Hill Acres.

LITTLE MIKIE SCHAGER spent most of his vacation on their ranch at Lake Concow, and on returning home to Huntington Beach was accompanied by some of his favorite riding ponies that will be living at the new Schager Farm.

MR. AND MRS. Lorin Balsley spent a few days with their son Jerry and his family in Piedmont while the grandchildren were home from school during the holidays. It was the first visit with granddaughter Susan since she left for the University of California at Los Angeles, last fall. Before leaving on their trip they entertained relatives and some friends to dinner. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crafts, Mrs. Melvin Good and daughters, Donna and Jo Ann and son George, Miss Evelyn Hendricks, Johnny Peachler, Proctor Baker, Mrs. Paolo Grieco and sons Andre' and Darro.

A WEEK'S vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bartlett in Anaheim, was spent by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson's daughter, Dalene Snyder, and her sister Miss Alberta Fields. They witnessed one accident while enroute and endured fog and smog most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lockridge had a busy and happy holiday with Mrs. Lockridge's son's family, the Carl Carneys at Shible Springs, Calif. Grandchildren Carl Jr., Carlene, Wayne, Sharon Ann, Richard, Clarissa and Ellen kept grandpa on the go.

BERT JOHNSON and his family are temporarily staying with his mother Mrs. Prudence Hoskovec while Mrs. Johnson recuperates. She is showing improvement after hospitalizations since last October. Becky and Bert Johnson attend Concow School.

A **DINNER PARTY** honoring Jack Lockridge's natal day was very much enjoyed at the home of Miss Evelyn Hendricks. Dave Harris added to the evening's pleasure with his showing of colored pictures on a variety of subjects, but his capture of sunsets and sunrises and the deer family that frequented his lookout post at Mount Hough, were superb. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Balsley, Mr. and Mrs. George Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lockridge, Dave Harris, Miss E. Hendricks and Mrs. Paolo Grieco.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barr now living in their mobile home in the Sacramento area, visited friends and relatives in Yankee Hill recently. Their sons Larry and Max, who were on leave from the U. S. Navy spent a few days here at the same time. Larry returned to San Diego where he is attending school for advanced welding instructions and Max to his ship at Pearl Harbor. The brothers have been aboard the same ship on duty to Australia and Japan.

L.A. (MIKE) SCHAGER makes frequent trips to his cattle ranch on Lake Concow, from his Huntington Beach place of business, and usually is accompanied by a

friend. On one of his recent trips Leo Douglas from Anaheim came along to do some fishing and hunting. Although a lion hunter by choice, he had to be satisfied with a bear.

RECENT GUESTS at the Paolo Grieco home were Rev. and Mrs. Warren Wyrick and children Gail and Warren Hal, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wycoff of Gardena, Walt Brendahl of Berkeley, Charles Novak and sons Jan and Charlie of San Francisco. Jan is a senior (scholarship at Carnegie Tech.) in engineering. Mrs. Grieco's home was in Pennsylvania, and the two families have mutual friends.

THE MELVIN G. GOOD family is now comfortably settled in their home on Nelson Bar Road. Made it in time to have a Christmas tree. Their dinner guests recently were Mrs. Paolo Grieco and sons Andre and Darro. George and Donna Good attend O.U.H.S. and JoAnn is a student in the eighth grade at Concow. The Goods formerly lived in Oroville. Good drove the high school bus for several years, and now is employed as one of the bus drivers and maintenance at the Concow School.

IT WAS A BUSY and happy holiday for Mrs. Esther Detlow, on Big Bend Road. Her two nieces, Joan and Jeanette, Holzen from Stockton spent a week with her. Other houseguests were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Black from Richmond. Mrs. Detlow's home was decorated artfully and displayed treasures brought from Europe. While her guests were here Mrs. Detlow entertained several friends at dinner and games.

3-13-1959

Concow Board and Trustee Sued

Legal aftermaths of an altercation last fall between Elbert H. Legget, Concow school trustee, and former custodian-bus driver Harold E. Sloat has moved into superior court.

Sloat has filed a damage suit seeking \$2888 from the school district and board of education and \$12,888 from Legget. Also filed was an appeal by Legget from his conviction in Paradise district court.

Legget was found guilty of disturbing the peace while Sloat was found guilty of battery by Judge Kenneth H. Ohr last January. Both were placed on six months probation and given 30-day suspended county jail sentences.

The charges grew out of an altercation on the school grounds involving the condition of the school following its use as an emergency fire fighting camp during a forest fire near Yankee Hill.

Sloat, in his first cause of action filed in superior court, sought \$2888 in salary he claimed was due him under a contract entered into with the school district which was to run until June 30, 1959. He was discharged by the school board last November 8.

In the second cause, Sloat charged Legget while acting in a private capacity and not as a member of the school board provoked a fight that led to his discharge. He also alleged Legget conspired with Ray Giles, another member of the school board, to have him discharged.

He sought general damages amounting to \$10,000, plus the \$2888 allegedly due him under his salary contract, from Legget.

Legget has appealed his conviction on the ground that three witnesses were not sworn before they testified at the hearing here, that a defense witness was not permitted to testify, and that there was no competent evidence before the court to show he was guilty of disturbing the peace.

3-14-1959

Boy Survives 100 Foot Fall In FR Canyon

OROVILLE (E - R) — Richard Greer, 12, of Oregon City, fell 100 feet — the equivalent of a 10-story building — from a Table Mountain cliff onto the rocks of the rugged Feather River Canyon yesterday afternoon but is expected to survive despite multiple fractures.

Physicians, who performed emergency surgery for five hours last night and this morning, said it was a miracle that the boy had survived the fall.

A rescue team clambered swiftly in to reach the boy, who had fallen on a ledge. They then raced back at a dead run across the bottom of Morris Ravine to a waiting ambulance on Cherokee Road.

The total elapsed time of the rescue was about 1½ hours. The swiftness of the rescue was credited with helping to save the seriously injured boy.

Richard and a friend, Robert Seville, 13, also of Oregon City, rode their bikes yesterday afternoon after school to the rim of Table Mountain. Richard fell at about 4 p.m. while they were playing. Robert rode his bicycle to a nearby ranch for help.

Richard's mother, Mrs. Woodrow Greer, watched anxiously from the top of the mountain as the rescue was made. She later collapsed after she saw her boy being loaded into the Weiss Ambulance service vehicle.

Community Hospital officials

this morning said Richard was in "satisfactory" condition and was getting along fine "considering his injuries." He has fractures of both arms and a bad fracture of the left leg, plus possible internal injuries.

He has been given transfusions to help alleviate apparent internal bleeding. X-rays were taken last night and casts put on his broken extremities.

Sheriff's Deputies John Serpa, of Chico, and Lawrence Rix, of Paradise, and County Jailer Glenn Arbuckle, of Chico, led a six-man jail trusty rescue team into the rugged area. One trusty was treated at Butte County Hospital for a slight leg injury incurred in the rescue.

Dr. E. P. Goddard, Oroville physician, accompanied the rescue team and treated Richard's injuries on the way to the hospital.

Physicians expressed the belief Richard would have died if the rescue had not been made so swiftly.

5-22-1959

Dedication Set For Concow Park, Youth Campsite

PARADISE (E-R) — Sunday at 2 p. m. official dedication ceremonies will be held for Crain Memorial Park and the Soroptimist Organizational Campsite at Concow, under auspices of the Paradise Recreation District.

Invitations have been mailed to all representatives of youth groups in Butte County, and to various civic and governmental agencies, Director Harvey Roth announced.

The eight-acre parcel, beautifully wooded with meadow and stream flowing through it, was donated to the Paradise Recreation District by Mrs. E. Bolles in memory of her late husband, Donald Crain, a pioneer family member of Butte County.

Paradise Soroptimist Club members have for the past two seasons made development of a portion of the park as a campsite for youth groups their main civic project.

More than \$600 in club funds has been provided to furnish the initial ground preparation, culvert and road grading, installation of drainage, a concrete water storage system and piping for good water from a natural spring; installation of boys and girls restroom facilities, sturdy tables and benches, outdoor cooking stoves, a campfire circle with seats set into the hillside and a flagpole at the central area.



FINAL TOUCHES—Putting final touches to the redwood sign which will mark Crain Memorial Park at Concow, to be officially dedicated Sunday together with the Soroptimist Organizational Campsite, is Harvey Roth, Paradise Recreation District director. Viewing the new sign are Elsa Bussard, committee member, and Clara Brown, president-elect of the Paradise Soroptimist Club which financed installation of the basic needs for the area, which will be open for use by organized youth group camping. See adjacent story. (Enterprise-Record Photo)

Youth and adults who wish to take part in the caravan or desire transportation are asked to assemble at the Recreation Center Sunday at 12 noon. The route is via the Nelson Bar Road to Concow and along the road leading to Concow Lake.

At 1 p. m., a tour of the area, and a walk to the lake, some 200 yards from the park, will be conducted.

The dedication program will begin at 2 p. m., with flag raising ceremonies, dedication prayer and group singing. A special march of youth around the campfire, during which each young person will add a piece of wood to the fire, will be held. Representatives from various

youth groups, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, Pathfinders, Cubs, and Recreation youth groups will have a part in the ceremonies.

Prior to the campfire assembly, Soroptimist Club members, under the direction of Clara Brown, president-elect, and Alta Gillett, projects chairman, will unveil the redwood sign marking the youth campsite.

The dedication address will be given by Roy McKernan, a former member of the recreation district board of trustees, during whose tenure the project was launched.

10-20-1959

New Pentz 4-H Club Officers Are Elected

Officers elected to head the Pentz 4-H Club during a recent meeting at Pentz Community Hall were Lissy Porter, president; David Bennum, vice president; Tanny Worcester, secretary; Ronnie McClurkin, treasurer; James Ramey, sergeant-at-arms; Michael Boynton, reporter, and Arthur and Billy Ramey, song and game leaders.

Plans were made to have an achievement night program on Nov. 21, with a potluck dinner beginning at 7 p. m. at Pentz Hall. A program committee including James Ramey, David Bennum, Ronnie McClurkin, Tanny Worcester, Mike Boynton and Lissy Porter, was appointed.