

COMING EVENTS

The Golden Feather Chapter of the Golden State Mobile Homeowners League, will hold its regular meeting at the Concow Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M., on Thursday, January 20th. This meeting is open to all persons living in mobile homes on the property, also any persons contemplating future mobile home living are cordially invited to attend.

Keep the BH Fun Night in mind. This will be held on February 5th, at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico. Tickets will be selling for 25¢ each. It will be held from 5 to 9:30 P.M., with a dance for Junior Leaders to follow from 10 to 12 P.M. We will have a reminder again before that date. Support your local BH, it is certainly a worthwhile project.

January 11, 1972, a Teen Dance will be held at Concow School from 8 to 10 P.M. This will be a Chaperoned Dance.

The next School Board Meeting will be February 12, 1972, at 8:00 P.M. Bids will be accepted for the swimming pool.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Vic Crosby is still in the hospital. At present awaiting the results of the extensive tests made. He is resting comfortably, and we know he will be happy to get back home. If any of his friends would like to pay him a visit, he is in Butte County Hospital, and visiting hours are from 1:00 P.M. on up to 8:00 P.M.

Loren Balsley has recovered very well from his recent eye surgery. He

can once again drive his car, and is back doing all the things he has always enjoyed.

The bus garage at Concow School was vandalized over Christmas vacation. A battery charger and some personal tools of Ray Giles were taken. Mr. Giles tools are stamped with the initials R.G.

We understand that Lyman W. Moak is now stationed in Florida. He was home on leave, and spent most of that time recovering from a cold. Lyman is the son of Lyman and La Roe Moak of Big Bend.

Mrs. Elice Neher writes us that the Leo Neher family including Nancy and Steven Miller, journeyed up to Burney, California, to attend the service where a group of people gathered to enjoy fellowship, and people shared their experiences as to how the Lord had blessed them during 1971. Prayers were offered for wisdom and guidance to be given to those in authority of our land. An interesting program had been planned. Refreshments were served. At midnight, the communion service was observed, looking forward to the time when there will be peace upon this earth. She states that there was a lot of snow in the area, but warm and happy hearts created a happy feeling, making the trip very pleasant.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To remove grease spots on sweaters or other delicate fabrics, put liquid shampoo directly on spot and let soak for several minutes, then wash as you normally would. The spots disappear and the garment launders beautifully.

To press sweaters, place newspaper over sweater, turn iron up fairly hot and press. The sweater will come out to perfection.

The above hints were passed on to us

by Marian Driscoll, we appreciate that.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Credit for the following recipe goes to Betty Culpepper of Tallahassee, Florida.

PUMPKIN BREAD

2 cups sugar
1 cup oil
4 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
3/4 cups water
1 - 2 1/2 size can pumpkin
2 tsp. soda
3 1/3 cup flour

Mix all ingredients well. Bake in greased loaf pan at 350° for one hour, may take less time in some ovens, check to be sure.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Saturday night, January 8th, the School Board Meeting was called to order at 8:07 P.M.

Those attending were told that there are now 145 students enrolled at Concow and Spring Valley Schools.

Also, they were informed that the library books are now up on the shelves for the availability to students.

The Teen Dances were discussed. In the past Paradise Recreation District has handled these, but parents felt a dance should be held once a month. On January 14, 1972, the first "trial" dance will be held from 8 to 10 P.M. This is to be a chaperoned dance, with the provisions of not leaving the building, nor smoking on the school grounds to be enforced.

Next came a discussion on the proposed swimming pool. This met with approximately one hours worth of strong opposition from those in attendance. The original estimate on the pool was around \$50,000, but due to passing of time and the building of a larger pool, the cost

is somewhere around \$100,000.00.

The Board commented on the coming vote on unification into the Orovilla School District, (this will be up for vote in the June election), they feel that future unification is probably inevitable. But that if unification did pass, it would probably take approximately one year to go into effect. That would be sufficient time to spend some of the Building Reserve fund to construct additional facilities at Concow School. There is approximately \$250,000.00 in this fund. If unification goes through, this fund will revert back to the Orovilla District.

It was pointed out however, that it took 11 months to get the multi purpose room at Concow and 18 months to get multi purpose room at Spring Valley constructed.

Mrs. Menefee suggested a questionnaire be circulated getting the public opinion on the construction of the proposed pool. This is now being done, the questionnaire will be found at the back of this issue.

Mrs. Hahne gave a presentation on the S.R.A. Teaching Aids.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Board Members are:

James Mouk - Chairman

Mrs. Ann Menefee

Don Williams

Herman Neher

Jake Harris

Mr. Neher and Mr. Williams were not present at this meeting.

Editors Note: It would seem evident that strong voter support should be given in the matter of the coming unification decision. Regardless of your feelings on this issue, please be sure to vote.

People should attend the Board Meetings, whether you are for unification or against, for the swimming pool or against, or be it any other matter. Do not sit by and remain silent, you have an opinion and a right to voice it. School Board Meetings are open to the public, attend and get involved in the workings of the community.

We would also like to comment on the various calls we received from persons who

asked us to voice their protests to the proposed swimming pool in the CYHI. We will not do this, if anyone has anything to say - pro or con - write us a letter, and we will be more than happy to publish it. In this way there will be no danger of misquotation or misrepresentation of ones personal views.

We do not wish to take sides in this or any other matter where public feelings and emotions are so strongly involved, we wish to remain neutral, whereby we can print both sides of any issue, and thereby be of greater service to the community as a whole.

HOROSCOPES

Weekly-Horoscopes January 11, 1972 to January 21, 1972.

CAPRICORN December 21 to January 21

Put your best foot forward, have confidence in your ability. Chances are good that you can accomplish any undertaking this week with ease.

AQUARIUS January 22 to February 18

"Neither a borrower nor a lender be", you will find results best if you go about your usual tasks, and stick to yourself.

PISCES February 19 to March 19

A good time to try out new ideas and plans. Friends and family may be pleasantly surprised and pleased with the results.

ARIES March 20 to April 20

Good news may arrive by mail this week. This could involve money, be sure to use it wisely as it could cause a great deal of concern for you later on.

TAURUS April 21 to May 20

You too, would do well to enjoy your own company. Not a good time for your sign to mix and mingle. Parties should be avoided at all costs.

GEMINI May 21 to June 20

Do not undertake more tasks than you can handle. Attempt to complete each task you start, a difficult thing for Gemini's to do under the best circumstances.

CANCER June 21 to July 20

You may find yourself feeling overly rebellious this week, it could be over any subject. Speak your thoughts, but do not jeopardize those you love in so doing.

LEO July 21 to August 21

Contrary to the sign above, speaking out could be rather hazardous for you at this point. Bite your tongue and wait until your mind clears, and you can think objectively about the source of irritation.

VIRGO August 22 to September 22

A newcomer to your life could play an important role in influencing your future decisions. While this will not be a romantic involvement, be cautious you do not cause disturbances within your family life over this new friendship.

LIBRA September 23 to October 22

Do not put anything off this week, and do not shirk any task until later. Do what must be done, and do not look for easy ways out.

SCORPIO October 23 to November 22

A newly made decision may prove somewhat distressing to you and your mate. Make any adjustments necessary to maintain harmony in your life.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 to December 20

Something which has been gnawing at you for sometime may increase, causing you to react or perhaps over react. Try to maintain your self control and handle the problem to the best of your ability and then forget about it.

POETRY CORNER

The poem "The Touch of the Masters Hand" was read over the radio station KEWQ of

Paradise, and the reader said "Composer unknown". Since I knew the author and she is a relative of mine by marriage, it is now my privilege to let the Concord Yankee Hill Inquirer give first hand information. Altho Myra Brooks Welch wrote the poem and police kept her confined to a wheel chair in her home. She became internationally known by the following poem.

Mrs. E.B. Weber

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTERS HAND

"Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But he held it up with a smile,

"What am I bid y'ed folks" he cried
Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar, now two, only two?
Two dollars, and who who'll make it
three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars
twice,
Going and who'll make it three?" but
NO
From the room far back a gray haired
man
Came forward and picked up the bow:

Then wiping the dust from the old
violin
And tightening up the strings
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer
With voice that was quiet and low,
Said, "What am I bid for the old
violin?"

And he held it up with the bow
"A thousand dollars and who'll make
it two?
Two thousand and who'll make it
three?"

"Three thousand once and three thousand
twice,
And going and gone", said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand,
What changed its worth?"
THE TOUCH OF THE MASTERS HAND.

And many a man with life out of tune
And battered and worn with sin,
Is suctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd
Much like the old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He's going once, and going twice
He's going and almost gone -
But the Master comes
And the foolish crowd can never quite
understand
The worth of a soul, and the Change
that is wrought
By THE TOUCH OF THE MASTERS HAND.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

So, we face a New Year - an election year with the words of Mr. Nixon's latest message ringing in my ears, "America must remain NUMBER ONE among the nations of the world". My question is Number One WHAT? And with what or whom do we make comparison. And on what grounds do we compete.

As a Christian nation we celebrate Christmas with overindulgence. Consider Jesus, the man in sackcloth and sandals, washing his brothers feet, healing with love and compassion.

As Big Brother we wage war in "backward" countries by replacing bamboo lances with napalm bombs, troops, and armaments; go in as instructors, yet our President states that we must emerge Victorious! I can remember our victory over the "dirty Japs" and "German butchers", but now they're "friendly nations" and our former allies, Russia and China, are the boogie men.

As a productive nation, we export tons of food to starving nations and pay our wealthy farmers to let their land lie fallow, dump produce or let it rot unpicked, plow under live turkey chicks (from my own personal experience, because of overabundance in a country of unemployed hungry.

I am confident that Mr. Nixon can not answer my question. Perhaps some kind soul among the readers can solve this dilemma America, Number One WHAT?

L. Parker
Paradise, California

Dear CYHI Readers,

This letter is something I have wanted to say for years. I have been a long time resident of the community, have children in school, and attended Concow School for a short time myself. Of course, then, it was one room, it is amazing how we managed to learn as much as we did and even graduate without the marvelous "benefits" of a hundred thousand dollar swimming pool, operated by Paradise Recreation District! Look what wonderful things Paradise Rec. has done with Crane Memorial Park, in my opinion, we have too long been a part of that absurd district!

Mr. Moak and his "society" of followers will no doubt view this letter as being written by some poor welfare recipient. Not so, Mr. Moak, my husband and I are both working, property owning taxpayers.

When are the good people of this community going to realize that we need a change in the School Board Trustees, and that "Tobe" Moak, the Chairman of the Board, is not an object of worship, but merely a man, who, like everyone else, looks out for his interests first, those interests not necessarily being to the benefit of the rest of us "poor unfortunates".

Residents, take heed! Those of you who do not have children enrolled in "Moak's domain", should still be apprised of what goes on. Attend the School Board Meetings, alert yourself to what goes on in this tight little community clan, you are either in or out, and if you observe who is employed by the Golden Feather District, it will not take you

long to draw your own conclusions on who runs the school, and how they spend public funds!

At the next meeting, they will accept bids for the "all mighty pool", maybe they will even award the contract, but at what price?

I am asking the editor to withhold my name, not for my benefit, but the benefit of my children who reside in Concow School several hours each day.

Wake up residents, you have been silent too long, ask questions, investigate, you may be quite surprised!

Name withheld on request.

Dear Editor:

Why are taxes higher than sufficient to meet the needs that be? Why do we accept irresponsible spending simply because there is reserve capital? If we are to spend extravagantly, why don't we spend for increased educational quality? Since we can afford to inaugurate programs designed to inspire and expand the children's creative intellects, why are we not using available money to establish a dynamic and progressive spirit of education in our school system, borrowing from the finest in the country? Knowledge, capability, and inspiration are required on the parts of the governing board and administration. The school district's enrollment was reported at the last board meeting to be up by about one fourth this year. In a potential growth area of many land sales and at least one proposed subdivision, do we need an olympic sized swimming pool before we need larger and improved playgrounds or additional classrooms and related facilities? If we are to spend or splurge at all, we should bear in mind that it will be more difficult to meet necessities when we have one sixth the money available per student. Exceptional quality and privileged opportunity may well be the greatest asset to the community in the long run. Or it would be a pleasure to have the tax burden relieved a little.

Sincerely,
Derro Grieco

As a reader of your paper I don't believe a debate is quite necessary. Mrs.

Mansford's proposed debate is a waste of words and time. We who live out in the rural areas, are unprotected. We cannot even protect our own property the way the law here in Butte County is. My wife and I have been down two different times to see if we could get police protection. The last time we were down was about two years ago. We even went so far as to ask that a man, or men, be appointed so there would always be a person to call. The Captain told us they did not have the money or the men to spare, and if we did pick a man, or men, they would have to be trained in that line of work. On that matter he and I did not see alike, because we know better than that. I told him if one intruder came snooping around, I would shoot and talk afterwards. He said a crime would have to be committed before I could do that and before they, the Sheriff's Department, could or would do anything about it.

He also said in case of trouble to call in, I said "How in hell can a person call in when the wires are cut?" I said I would shoot and drag the party in the house. He did not say "do it" nor did he say "not do it". So two of us tried two times, now the only thing left to do is get up petitions and everybody sign them, and take them to the proper authorities, or wait until somebody is killed, then try and do something.

True, there is two things they will come out for, narcotics, which they will never combat, and a poor devil, be it him or her, who likes to have a few drinks, even at home.

Mrs. Mansford, we thank you for bringing this up, now you have the true answer, we tried two times!

Mr. & Mrs. Earl V. Hoehcherl
Route 1, Box 273-A
Oroville, California
(we live at Yankee Hill)

P.S. Please print all of this so the people will know what to expect of the Sheriff's Department.

Editors Note: We would like very much to hear from those in favor of the swimming pool, we have two letters this week in opposition, and we would like to hear your point of view for next week's issue. Now is your chance to speak up whatever your stand. We wish to thank those of you taking the time to write in, and for the new interest taken in the paper.

KANKAU (CONCOW) INDIANS

We plan to have a section on the past history and people of our region in each section, this week we will devote this section to those who lived upon this land for thousands of years before the "white invasion". We wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Lunt for allowing us to use some of their material for research for this and future articles.

The Maidu Nation extended from the Sacramento River to Honey Lake and from Big Chico Creek to Bear River. Many separate villages or tribes were a part of this vast nation. On the Feather River were the Ol-la, in Concow lived the Kankau, once a large and powerful tribe, probably the best representatives of this nation.

California Indians lived as peacefully together, perhaps as any tribes on this continent, they were, however, careful to place their camps so as to prevent surprise attacks. Necessity compelled them to live near a stream or spring. Lookout camps were often placed on a high spot overlooking the camps and the surrounding terrain. An Indian village stood on a gently rolling knoll beside a small live stream, the bed of which was a dense jungle of willows and aquatic weeds. Back of the village, the low rounded hills spread away in the arid, sweltering air, tawny-colored and crisped in pitiless drought. In the center of the camp stood the ceremonial lodge, on a knoll, usually with smoke billowing from the hole at the top of the lodge. The men spent most of their days inside the lodge talking, sleeping, sheltered from the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter. The squaws and children were not permitted inside the lodge except during festivities. They looked for shelter the best they could outside, or in their living quarters.

Many of the Maidu believed in "annihilation of the soul", or that they will never again live after death. But some believed that the departed spirits enter into inanimate forms, such as mountains, rocks and trees, or into animals, especially the grisly bear and the rattlesnake.

Old pioneers spoke of the giants they saw in the high foothills, weighing 180, 200 and 250 lbs., tall, fine fellows, not gross, but sinewy, magnificent specimens of free and fighting savagery.

The Maidu was a peaceable race, they did not indulge in the fiendish cruelty of torture, also they did not make slaves of female prisoners but destroyed them at once.

They were not a race of warriors, thus they were not a race of hunters. At least 1/5 of their diet was vegetation. They had only a few weapons, bows that were not very accurate, a few lances, usually picked up from another hunting party and a pole type weapon, effective usually only on small birds. So the game they killed was sparse. But they were experts at making traps, nets and snares for smaller game.

The Maidu had high morals. They were very often married at the age of 12, but there was no adultery, nor prostitution. They brewed ripe manzanita berries into a bitter drink, however, this was not intoxicating, and many white observers felt it had medicinal purposes to the Indian. They were, however, great and cunning thieves, one tribe stealing from the other at every opportunity.

As athletes the Maidu were superior, and were generally speaking, a healthy long lived race.

We will have more on this race of people in the coming issues and their downfall as the white man converged on their land seeking gold.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE: Three year old Registered Quarter Horse (American Quarter Horse Association), Chestnut Gelding. Started for western pleasure, and has been roped off of. For more in-

formation call Bill or Betty Samprucci at 534-6932.

FOR SALE: Small Table Saw - 20" long - 17" wide, Craftsman, good condition. \$15.00. Call 533-0711.

FOR SALE: Hens for butchering or for layers, averaging 4 to 5 pounds each, \$1.00 apiece. Call 533-9315.

FOR SALE: Cedar posts, 7 feet long, for 75¢ each. Call 533-0711.

FOR SALE: Beautiful antique teachers swivel chair, will sell for only \$30.00! Also ironing done in my home - 20¢ a piece. Alterations and sewing done too. Call Marian Triscoll at 533-8131.

Any items for Bulletin Board are welcome, call or write your items in. Give us a call when you have sold your items or no longer wish your ad to be run.

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SWIMMING POOL QUESTIONNAIRE

Since 1962 a swimming pool for school and community use has been under consideration. The Paradise Recreation District was first contacted. They couldn't justify the capital outlay for the number of residents in Concow in relation to the Paradise population. (Concow area is the only part of the Golden Feather in the Paradise Recreation District. Cherokee, Pentz, Pulga and Las Plumas are in the Feather River Recreation District of Oroville).

In April 1967 the school district considered constructing a pool as a water safety instruction program in the physical education program. An architect was hired. The

Paradise Recreation District agreed to provide the instruction and to operate the pool for the summer as a community recreation center.

Plans and discussion were set aside until October, 1970. Since then planning has gone on until we are now advertising for bids for construction. Originally a small 21 x 50 pool was planned. After consideration of need and use, it would not be adequate for instructional or recreational purposes. The size was increased to 36 x 75 which is slightly smaller than Biggs. This increased the cost.

At present cost estimates range from \$85,000 to an excess of \$100,000. Over the years the district has accumulated \$225,000 in a building fund for construction purposes. All new construction in the district has been paid for. Future building will be from the capital reserves and is being considered by the district board.

Bids will be opened February 12th. They could be under or over the estimates. Our next step is approving a bid and awarding a contract. Until the last board meeting held January 8th, opposition to the pool was not expressed. The governing board wants to know the opinion of the residents of the district. It is asked you complete the questionnaire and return it to the district office by January 24th. If you wish to give one to a neighbor, request one from the district office.

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1. Do you approve construction of a pool for the school and community recreational use? Yes _____ No _____
 2. Do not approve an expenditure in excess of \$80,000 _____; \$100,000 _____; \$115,000 _____; Other _____

Your comments will be appreciated and will assist the board in making their decision.

Comments:

(only one reply to a family)

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Signature