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COMMUNITY MEETING SET FOR JULY 6

Skip Clark, Golden Feather Community Association Chairman, has released the tentative agenda for the community meeting. We will have the finalized agenda by next week's issue.

1. Representatives from the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors and from the Fire Fighters to report on progress and future plans.
2. Report from Betty Hayes on the planning and accomplishments of the Health Clinic needs for the area.
3. Recreation Report from the Golden Feather Recreation Advisory Committee with the effects of Proposition 13 on the area and the Concow Pool.
4. A representative from the Golden Feather Union School District Governing Board to report on the effects of Proposition 13 on this school district.

Mr. Clark wishes to make this meeting a business meeting with a definite meeting date and time to be set for all future meetings, and all of those residents with thoughts on affairs needing community attention are urged to attend this meeting to lend your ideas and support.

The meeting will be held at Concow School on July 6th, beginning at 8 P.M.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

The following article appeared in the Sacramento Bee on March 12 of this year, it was written by Walt Wiley, Bee Staff writer, and the following is excerpted with his permission.

Volunteer Firemen, even in 1978, are the backbone of this state's fire protection system. Don Truhett, deputy state fire marshal, says there's no way to count the numbers of volunteers in California. But, without them, he says, a considerable part of the state would have no fire protection.

Three-fourths of the state's more than 1,000 fire departments are either all-volunteer or number volunteers among their forces. Every county in California, with the exception of the city-county of San Francisco, has some volunteers.

There are many kinds of fire departments, and what's a hard and fast prohibition in one department is routinely done in another. There are volunteer departments operated by cities, water districts, utility districts, service areas, and in addition the several kinds of fire districts. Some departments are governed by fire commissioners appointed by the county supervisors, others are governed by elected commissioners.

Some volunteers are actually paid a few dollars each time they answer a fire call; others would never think of taking a penny for their service.

Truhett explains that small volunteer departments grow as the towns they serve grow and eventually they tend to stop being all-volunteer departments.

"As they get larger, they start to look at hiring paid firemen - just a few at first. But as soon as they hire even a few paid men, the character of the department really changes. The volunteers look at some work that has to be done and say, 'Let the paid guys do it; that's what they're here for'.

"As soon as that happens, they start needing more and more paid men, and then you've got a paid fire department".

R.G. Anderson is paid what is considered a part-time salary to head the crack Quincy Volunteer Fire Department, and he is the department's only paid employee.

"We've got a waiting list. It's an honor to be a fireman in Quincy," says Anderson. "The community's really behind this department".

As an example of the kind of support that Quincy gives its

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firemen, Anderson tells of a recent rummage sale held by firemen's wives which brought in \$8,000 in three days.

"There were people buying things and giving them back to be sold again".

Upstairs at the Quincy fire hall is a large meeting hall, kitchen, cardroom and bar -

standing facilities at volunteer fire halls all over the state.

A social life among the volunteers is an major part of keeping a fire department going, but few fire chiefs call attention to the social side of things.

But in the small Colusa County town of Arbuckle, astride Interstate 5, they make no bones about the social side of fire-fighting. Gary Cox, the full-time, paid Arbuckle chief, maintains the social life is central to his department's operation and it does not interfere with the department's ability to fight fires. The department feeds fill the fire hall. Citizens from all over the area come to partake of the barbecue cooked in a pit over almond wood coals.

Besides the town of Arbuckle, the department is responsible for rural land sprawling 13 miles east and west and 12 miles north and south, including 12 miles of I-5 with its attendant vehicle and brush fires and crash rescues.

A direct result of how serious a fire department is is the price property owners pay for their fire insurance. An organization called the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rates each area on a scale of one to ten - one is best, ten is unprotected. The rating has a big influence on insurance rates.

According to John Barr, ISO supervisor for Northern California, ratings of five and six can be attained by a goof volunteer department, but it is extremely difficult for them to get below five. The ratings considers a department's equipment and communication and the community's water supply.

The ISO recommends homeowners insurance premiums almost twice as high for an area rated 10 as for an area rated six or below.

Auburn and Arbuckle, with ample water supplies, are rated five by the ISO. Quincy, with less-abundant water, gets a six rating

****A little kindness from person to person is better than a vast love for all human kind.**** - Richard Dehmel.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25

The Governing Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on June 25, at 2 P.M. at Concow School.

The agenda will deal with: The appointment and oath and signing for Mr. Gamette, PL 94-142 Master Plan, selection of screening committee for applicants for administrator, clarification on salaries, whether to freeze or freeze with steps, etc., clarification of budget cuts - this will include Night Watchman possible termination, if so when effective, also the community uses of the school for non-school related functions, if terminated - date effective, and finally the review of the tentative budget for 1978-79.

CONCOW GRANGE NEWS

July 8th, is the date that the Youth Committee of Concow Grange under the direction of Rita Moore will have a Swiss Steak dinner. Musical entertainment is slated for the evening. Dinner will be served at the Grange Hall from 6 - 7:30 P.M.

October 7th, has been the date agreed upon for the Grange sponsored Flea Market at the Hall. If you have items to donate to the Grange, now is the time to get them together. We will have more information as the date nears.

GOLDEN FEATHER VOLUNTEER COMPANY WORK PROGRESSES

Work is progressing at the site of the GFVFC future home. Those doing the work are limited as most of them maintain full time jobs, so weekends and evenings will be the rule-of-thumb. It is hoped that the foundation can be poured within the next week to ten days. If anyone has time to spend and would be willing to assist, please call any one of the Board of Directors and let them know. They will be grateful! Here, once again, is the list of Directors:

1. David A. De Spain, Chairman
2. Doran Hintz, Vice Chairman
3. Earnest H. "Bub" Brown
4. E. R. Hendricks
5. Lief Stienberger
6. P.H. "Bill" Miller
7. William Lunde
8. Rich Royal
9. Jim Laird
10. Clay Large

The next regular Board meeting will be July 12, at 7:30 P.M. at Concow School.

GFVFC AUXILIARY

Attempts to organize an auxiliary have been less than successful. This is something that must be done for all future fund raising events connected with the fire company. The most pressing event is the Ice Cream Social on August 12th in conjunction with the Beef Raffle.

Thus far, there have been four volunteers to work with the auxiliary - Betty Hayes, Mary Ellen Brown, Betty Sutton and Joyce Clark. If you can assist with the auxiliary, please contact any one of the above, phone numbers were listed in last week's issue, or contact the GFE and leave your name. We will call you back!

It should be pointed out here that although the auxiliary has been referred to as the "Women's Auxiliary", this is not quite correct, anyone, male or female can help the cause, and all help will be welcome. While it is true that one, two, three or four people can organize events, do the buying, advertising, etc., it is much easier with more help, exchanges of fresh ideas, and in the end the result will be more rewarding with a united effort.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all of my friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown me during the illness of my husband. Whenever I needed a ride to the hospital they were all willing to help.

Thank you, Clara Rodriguez.

NOTICE FROM BETTY HAYES

Mrs. Hayes asks that all those persons having "Health Questionnaires" please return them to the one who distributed them.

It is necessary that they be returned as soon as possible, if you have not completed your questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible.

THESE PATHS

By; Skip Clark

Skip was out on a forest fire this past week and did not return in time to get his column finished for this week's paper. Look for his regular column in next week's issue.

JAY'S POT POURRI

Clutter. "Get rid of the clutter", I have been aware of this repeated message, mumbling on awakening. Yes, I'm a pack rat -- but those words didn't seem to be directed to material possessions alone. Just not enough impact in that direction. (Maybe a little!).

Shouldn't have been such a surprise to arrive at the notion that there is a "Bigger Me" who wants my house (temple) cleansed. Got to remember, when people are forced to stay in bed, they have time to think and straighten out their priorities! Fortunately (thank God), I've been reasonably healthy and not forced to enjoy bed rest. Well..a lot of dross needs to be dropped to make this shell a purer vessel to receive and heed the voice within. Gonna try!

PERSONAL NOTES FROM GFE

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Hayes, of Concow, attended the June 8th graduation of their daughter Myrna. She graduated from Pacific Union College and will remain here with her parents through the summer, and perhaps for the next two years while attending Chico State.

Marie Hopkins spent a couple of days at Point Dawn - competitive games of scrabble were the main time usurpers. Talk of writing a book was a serious contender.

Both grandpas - Paul Molchen and Paolo Grieco and dad Andre Grieco were showered with attention and gifts at the family dinner at 1577 Hawthorne Avenue in Chico for Fathers Day. Grandpa Ken Crumley was an earlier guest for a special breakfast feast and gifting. Julie Michelle returned with uncle Darro to the ranch where she will stay a couple of weeks and have fun-time with friends, Sky Wallace and Chris Haight..

The Dick Norton home on Big Bend Road will be a quiet place next week. Last Sunday Joan's sisters Kelly and Deana arrived from Aberdeen, Washington. Their Mom and Dad, Bonnie & Orville Gregerson are vactioning in San Francisco, but will stop by to spend a day before motoring home to Aberdeen with the girls. Joan and Chrisie Haight have taken their guests swimming. Some California suntans will be carrying a story, too, to Washington.

Lorin Balsley, Big Bend Road, travelled to Los Angeles where he attended his grandson's graduation. Gerard E. Balsley, Jr., completed studies at U.C.L.A. School of Medicine, graduating cum laude. "Gerry" is continuing his internship in Amarillo, Texas. While in Southern California, Lorin spent a few days with granddaughter Susan's family - Dr. & Mrs. Bill Tully and sons Mike and Timothy, who reside in Orange, California.

Enroute from Los Angeles for home in Salem, Oregon, Gerard Balsley, with wife Betty and son Robert, visited for a few days with his father on Big Bend Road. Lorin's sister, Frances Bickford, shared in the family visit before returning home to

Napa, California.

Ed Rodriguez and Paul Braun, both recent patients at Feather River Hospital, are now home recuperating. Best wishes to them both.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Round Table Restaurant Recipe: "Italian Dressing"

1 packet Good Seasons Garlic Mix
3 packets Good Seasons Italian mix
2 cups vinegar
3 2/3 cups soy bean oil
2/3 cup water.

Beat in blender and refrigerate until chilled.

LITTLE CHURCH ON THE MOUNTAIN SCHEDULES SUMMER CAMP

The Youth Camp is scheduled for July 16th through July 22nd. Camp will be at Camp Yaweh at Lake Almanor, California. Ages 12 thru 20. \$23.00 covers all expenses including transportation.

Registration slips available on request from Youth Minister, Bill Wood, 533-9696, or Pastor Steve Lamkin - 533-3078. More information will be forthcoming.

CONCOW SWIMMING POOL

Since the passage of Proposition 13, rumors abound from the local, county and State levels. Please take note that pool closure IS NOT definite, and will not be known until after July 1st.

It is a very real possibility. The turnout at the swimming pool thus far this year has been sparse, lessons have been postponed for one week since there were not enough signed up as yet.

If you are interested in keeping Concow Pool open, and if you have thoughts, suggestions, you are requested to contact Frank Cunny, Recreation Advisory Committee Chairman, at 533-0273.

Paradise Recreation & Park District cannot give you the answer as yet either, they simply do not know how or if funding will be distributed.

The subject of the Pool will undoubtedly be a main topic of concern at the Community Meeting on July 6th, by then there should be some good indications of the future of the Pool.

THOUGHT & INSPIRATION

Selected by Judy Johnson

The following by Harold Dunn.

Many of the highest values and greatest riches of this life lie behind the door to the Great Vault that will open only when you insert your Key of Prayer.

BUS TRIP TO CRYSTAL BAY A SUCCESS

Lucille Morris wishes to thank all those who participated in the bus trip last Friday. She sponsored the trip with the proceeds to go to the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company.

All those who went enjoyed their day and the lovely weather. Lucille will turn the proceeds over to the fire company at the next Board of Directors meeting in July.

In spite of several emergencies and illness, 36 people took advantage of the trip.

POETRY CORNER

Submitted by Audrey Holden

We should be glad for distant things,
For beauty 'round the bend!
For highways that lead on and on
With never any end.
Be glad for goals just out of reach,
The challenge of a star,
The glory of a distant light
That beckons from afar.
For hopes and dreams are built on
That enchanted distant mile,
And far off bright horizons
Make the road today worthwhile.

By: Helen Lowrie Marshall

EDITORIAL

It is often pointed out to us that some of our readers would like to see more editorials in the paper. It is also pointed out to us that the editor should be contributing editorials at least once a month.

It is interesting to note that we have often sent out a plea for someone to proofread, someone to do the typing on occasion, and it is generally the standing rule that we call the various organizations in the community for the weekly items to go in the paper. Our pleas for help have gone somewhat "unanswered", and despite all the cooperation possible from various community organizations, very seldom do they call on us. There are, of course, exceptions, but they are the rarity.

People tend to think of this small, sometimes inefficient paper, as not being very time consuming. By itself, it certainly would not be, but considering the time spent in gathering articles, attending meetings of community concern, and attending to things that are not GFE connected, time is absorbed very quickly. So perhaps we have been lax in doing editorials. That does not mean that many are not written, but most of them never make it to print, because editorials are very easily written when one

is distraught.

This community has much to be proud of, beautiful scenic beauty all around, far enough removed from the turmoil of city life, but yet close enough to commute in a comfortable length of time, people in the community who are truly dedicated to this way of life and preserving it if possible, several organizations that are conscious of community concerns and future needs, a fine school system, and the list goes on.

Why is it then, that there are so few who are willing to sacrifice time or energy in the direction of community oriented functions? And why is it that the same ones are the doers and the remainder sit by and watch? No, this is not a new problem, nor is it unique to this area, but it becomes more apparent as the population grows and the workers diminish. Urging people to become involved seems to be pointless, this has been tried time and again from all areas - without success.

The changes that may be coming to this community may be disturbing to many. Let us consider a few hypothesis: What will happen if Concow Pool is closed? Will the school be able to finance its operation during the summer? Not likely. Will the school even continue to house community meetings, i.e., community association meetings, recreation advisory meetings, Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company Board meetings, 4-H meetings, Open Gate Pre-School, etc.? At this point continuance would seem doubtful. Where will these groups meet? Will they disband? What will be the alternatives? Will enough people be willing to form an Auxiliary for the Volunteer Fire Company? What happens if they do not? The Yankee Hill Cemetery is coming back into focus again as a few people are trying to find out options open for forming a Cemetery District, will a few again stand in the way of seeing this become a reality? Will any parents in the district take an active interest in the possible budget cuts for this school, will they let their feelings be known, or sit by quietly and let the Board of Trustees make the budget cuts where they see fit?

If you are concerned with any of these or other questions, then perhaps you will let your concern grow until you feel you would like to get involved in this community and let your voice be heard. If you are not concerned with any of these questions, then perhaps you are not really a part of this community, but simply reside here.

CHURCH NEWS

Church services are held each Sunday morning at Concow School. Services are under the direction of Rev. Steve Lamkin, Little Church on the Mountain. Services are inter-denominational. Bible study begins at 10 A.M., and worship services begin at 11 A.M.

How sweet it is when the strong are also gentle! -
Libbie Fudim.

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WORK WANTED: Babysitting, gardening, yard work, light housework. I'm the gal you need. Call Sherri at 533-2592.

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All letters to the editor must be signed, names will be withheld from the paper on request. Letters should be held to 500 words whenever possible. Letters must be legible, they need not be typewritten. All material for the following week must reach us by Wednesday noon.