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## COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA Submitted by Skip Clark

July 6th at 8 P.M. is when we will have our next community meeting. This is a very important meeting because we are going to be summing up all that has happened on the various community projects. It will also determine what our future concerning community meetings will be. Each topic will be discussed for about 15 minutes and then at the end questions can be addressed to the speakers.

Here is the evenings program:

1. Review of the progress made and the goals established by the Golden Feather Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Terry Ashe of the Paradise Recreation District will also speak on what the outlook for our area will be as influenced by passage of Proposition 13. We should get an answer about whether the pool will remain open for summer use.
2. Speakers from the board of directors of the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company and from the volunteer unit of fire fighters will speak on progress made and what programs are now in effect. Our fire truck will be on display for public inspection.
3. Mrs. Betty Hayes, Concow resident and employee of the Feather River Hospital, will talk about the need for a part time health clinic in our area, and efforts she has made to establish one. (She has already found a suitable building and a doctor who is willing to work. This could save a great deal of money for those needing medical attention, and not cost the community money).



4. A report on activities the governing board of trustees of the Golden Feather School District has been involved with. Included are: Cut backs in all areas of school operation - bus service will be one, and you may possibly be affected. Information regarding the method for choosing a new principal-administrator will also be given.

Also, we will talk about matters that can be handled in future meetings. These include:

1. Land zoning - we can stop our area from becoming another Paradise, but only we can! (Anyone for a lakeside condominium?)
2. Herbicide spraying in forest areas adjacent to us - if you shoot a deer this fall it could be carrying this deadly poison because nobody showed him the right plants to eat!
3. What do you think about the possible draining of Lake Concow?
4. Do you want to be living next to a coal plant? It might be put right down next to Oroville with its 1600 foot smokestack just about eye level with us!

Only by all residents taking part can we maintain the high standard of living we enjoy. Listen - freedom and democracy do not start in Washington. It can only be found on the local level. Please kill the switch on that ubiquitous T.V. for one night and come out for an evening of stimulating discussion and thought. Don't let others make the decision about how your life is going to be, you have got to decide for yourself.

Thanks for listening and please come.

#### TAMI CATON BECOMES BRIDE OF JAMES MOORE

Tami Caton and James Moore were married on June 17th, in Oroville. The wedding was held at the Lott Home in Sank Park.

Friends and relatives came from Southern California, Oregon and the San Francisco Bay area. Many of the guests were from the Yankee Hill area.

Tami was married in her mothers wedding dress. The decor was in blue and white.

Rev. Steve Lamkin, pastor of the Little Church on the Mountain, performed the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Moore is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Langes of Yankee Hill, and James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Moore of Yankee Hill.

The young couple left for Norfolk, Virginia, where James is stationed in the U.S. Navy.



## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The special meeting of the governing board of trustees of Golden Feather School District was held on Sunday, June 25th.

Mr. Gamette's appointed position on the board was officiated by signing and administration of the oath by the Clerk of the Board, Mr. William Morris. Mr. Gamette will fill out the term of Mr. Nicholas Verardo.

Approval was given of the Master Plan. This plan was tentative and is subject to state and local changes. All districts have to provide this service, but due to our small size we will have to be part of the County program.

Further budget cuts were made. They were: Elimination of the position of the three part time bus drivers, this will mean the bus routes will be made with the three large buses. The Jordan Hill bus route has been eliminated. The night watchman was retained with salary to remain the same as last year. Charges will be made for groups using the school for meeting purposes, i.e., recreation advisory, 4-H, community meetings, fire fighters and fire board meetings, etc., all non-school related functions. The charges will be very nominal and will be based on added utility costs due to extra meeting times. Prices probably to run from 50¢ per hour minimum to \$2.00 per hour maximum for the gym. Board members dropped medical insurance carried on themselves.

Teachers salaries were frozen at last years rate but room for later negotiations in the event more money were to be available to the district. There were no teacher dismissals.

Screening committee was not appointed to screen applicants for administrators position.

Next board meeting will be held on July 15th, at 8 P.M. at Concow School.

### DO YOU NEED HELP?

We were asked to run this again for the benefit of those who may have not seen it in the June 9 issue.

It has been called to our attention that there is a need for a list of available helpers that could be employed in individual homes as needed for light housework, preparing light meals, garden work, sitting with an elderly parent, etc. If you wish to be on this list for employment, call: Mrs. Gerri Layman, at 533-5953, or write Route 1, Box 239-J, Oroville, or call Mrs. Betty Hayes at 534-6943, or write Route 1, Box 230-J, Oroville.

PARK HILL  
GROCERY —

STORE HOURS ARE NOW:  
8 A.M. - 7 P.M.  
Open seven days a week.

WE WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY ON  
JULY 4  
-533-2086-



We are not responsible for the actions or work performed by individuals on this list. The employer should interview and ask for what references they feel are necessary before hiring any worker.

This list will be maintained in the above two homes so that calls may be placed to either request names for hire or to be hired.

No Friday evening or Saturday calls please.

### NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Saturday will be a work day at the Golden Feather Volunteer Station site. Bring your shovels, tools, work clothes and your strong backs! All those who can come and help - even if only for an hour or so - are requested to be there Saturday morning.

Last Saturday was a work day but only two people showed up to work. Let's try for a good turnout this time, now is the time for all of you who wanted to help get that building up to get in there and help!

### JAY'S POT POURRI

APPRECIATION. Learning from a 5½ year old about sharing. Our granddaughter, Julie, visiting from Chico, anxious to help in some areas, like planting seeds in the garden, a first time effort, with "Show me how - I can do it". Needing time and patience but with end results gratifying and satisfying. Seeds in each packet observed, compared to picture with comments of likes and dislikes. Promises to come back to shell the peas, snap the beans, but no no on limas because her sister, Vicki doesn't like them. "Let's plant lots of corn on the cob, extra rows for (BEBOP) my other grandmother and my sister Gina likes it best".

Explanations of need for water in rows before planting to help the seeds to sprout, tamping of the ground to bring the soil in close contact, to feed the new plants, etc., etc., This morning at breakfast, "Grace" by Julie, included a thank you of appreciation for last night's rain wetting the garden, naturally.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### Broccoli Casserole

1 package frozen broccoli  
1 can - celery soup with 1 can milk and 1 can water  
½ cup sliced water chestnuts  
½ cup sliced pimentos  
2 slices toast - crumbled & mixed with 1 cup cheddar cheese  
Cook broccoli until tender. Put in greased baking dish. Pour on diluted soup. Sprinkle on chestnuts, pimento, and toast-cheese crumbs. Bake 30 minutes in 350° oven.



## THESE PATHS

By Skip Clark

In my last column I discussed the negative aspects of the forest service's use of herbicide spray in forest areas. They use this spray to control the broadleaf tree growth so the conifers (salable timber) may grow faster with the lessened competition. Now I'd like to muse upon the idea of forest use - how should we manage the forests? Should it be put into timber production - especially the foothill areas?

Much of the western forest area soil is low in nitrogen, and the conifers further deplete this amount. But ceanothus, one of the most common "problem" broadleaves, is a nitrogen fixer. It is able to put nitrogen into the soil. It seems we are disturbing a natural process whereby nature enriches her soil when we cut out these shrubs for the sake of better conifer growth. I think this is short-sighted management - the same short-sightedness most farmers in the valley have - who goad their land into producing the maximum yield with chemical fertilizers, not considering what they are doing for their land in the long run. "We need the wood for production and industry", Mr. Businessman says. Well, we must change our technology if we are to avoid extinction. Look in your wastebasket and see what percentage of the trash is paper. Our grandmothers didn't have the same ratio. We are simply running through our raw materials faster than they can be replaced.

It also seems broadleaf plants enrich the soil with humus faster, and control erosion better, than conifers. Our foothill ground needs this soil builder to make the ground more fertile.

Man "benefits" from the conifers, but what about the other wildlife? They need the nuts and acorns, the brush and shrubbery, the berries and the fruits.

It all comes down to priorities. Are we going to sacrifice the future welfare of the inhabitants of Mother Earth for our immediate "need". Our generation must wake up to what our needs versus what our greeds are as we travel on these paths.

### SIGN-UPS FOR ICE FOLLIES BUS TRIP

Sign-ups begin Monday, July 10th at 8 A.M. for this year's Ice Follies Bus Trip, co-sponsored by the Adult Activity Center of the Paradise Recreation & Park District and the Paradise Council on Aging. This year the group will be travelling to Sacramento on Wednesday, August 2, 1978.

The two buses will leave from the Memorial Hall parking lot at 9:15 A.M. Lunch may be purchased in Sacramento at the Arden Fair Food Circus or participants may take a sack lunch. Excellent seats have been reserved at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.



Following the performance, a no-host dinner will be enjoyed at one of the many unique restaurants in "Old Sacramento". Buses will return to Paradise approximately 8:30 P.M. Sign-ups are being taken by calling the Recreation Center at 877-6211, or stopping by the office at 6626 Skyway. All interested residents 50 years or age and over are urged to make their reservations early.

The fee for this one day excursion is \$16.00 per person which includes round trip transportation via an air-conditioned Greyhound Bus and admission to the Ice Follies.

#### PERSONAL NOTES FROM GFE

Gene Holloter, of Colville, Washington, spent the week of June 12 through 20 visiting with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hollopeter, of Concow. Gene is a staff member of the Colville National Forest.

Visitors of Cora and Earl Anderson of Big Bend Road, were Shirley and Dave Davidson and children, Kelly and Shawn from Norco, California. Shirley and her husband attended the 1963 class reunion at Orland High School on Saturday, June 24th. They have returned home, but Shawn & Kelly will spend part of summer vacation helping Grandpa Earl in his garden patch.

Jim Kosta of San Francisco, California and Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Frisby of San Jose, California, were week-end guests of the Gile Mayfields' on Big Bend Road. Carl Kalor has been on the sick list.

Speedy recovery is wished to Harry Ohlson from all his friends on Yankee Hill Road and special thanks to Drs. Floyd and Bunstock, and the staff on Ward #400 at the Oroville Medical Center for all their help and wonderful aid.

#### SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULED BY LITTLE CHURCH ON THE MOUNTAIN

The Youth Camp is scheduled for July 16 through July 22. Camp will be at Camp Yeweh 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.

#### THOUGHT & INSPIRATION

Selected by Judy Johnson

The following from "Wings of Silver".

The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather loved in spite of ourselves:



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Many of my friends already know this, that when I was a young girl I stood by my window and gazed at the sky at dawn and wondered how the master of earth could discover the mixture of paints to put on to make the sky look so beautiful.

When I tried to paint a picture it took a lot of training to learn about all the colors and how to mix various colors to apply to the canvas before me to get a beautiful picture.

When I sought advice of the Master artist He referred me to His instructions written down in His instruction book, the Bible.

There I found that life is like a picture to be read by those who pass by. Each kindly deed and action causes a glow that only the Master can see. He is standing by His window and watching as our deeds go passing by. Some make Him glad and some make Him sad.

Sincerely,  
Grandma Neher

## GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

We have been negligent in including this column in our paper. We will attempt to get this column in on at least a semi-weekly basis.

The early inhabitants of Concow and surrounding areas, the Maidu, were very dependent on the seasons for their livelihood. The acorns, the berries, the wild roots and herbs were a mainstay to their diet. Drought or late freezes made life very difficult.

The Kankau, or "Hill Maidu" were not good game hunters, contrary to most stories, deer was a rarity in their diet. Their crude attempts at bows and arrows were just that - crude. At best they were inaccurate at a distance of more than 20 feet.

They were excellent fishermen, and their nets were unequalled in California tribes. They were also masters at making snares for smaller game - rabbit, gophers, ground squirrels, etc.

In the early 1800's the creeks in the area were abundant with game - otter, mink, beaver, fish, ducks and geese. All of these played a part in the diet of the Kankau. The bear was not killed for food, or at all unless he threatened a tribe. And according to most reports, the Kankau did not eat the meat of the coyote as a steady diet as did some of the Southwestern tribes, the meat of the coyote was eaten for special occasions and festivals.

Gathering of the acorn harvest was a time of hard work and



celebration. The "Acorn Dance" had great religious significance to the Indian, and would assure them of a bountiful crop the following year.

When the white miners came, the main complaint of the Indians, was the disastrous consequences upon the creeks, and the consequent elimination of the game. It was only after the game had been chased farther and farther back into the hills, that the Indian looked to other means for existence - "theft".

#### GOLDEN FEATHER VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY

Two new members joined the Auxiliary this week - Ruth Shuman and Clara Rodriguez.

We need to know exactly how much homemade ice cream we can count on for the Ice Cream Social in August. If you plan to donate, please contact Betty Sutton at 533-0505 or Mary Ellen Brown at 533-2557 and leave your name and how much ice cream you intend to donate.

If you would like to join the auxiliary, contact either of the above ladies or this paper and leave your name and phone number. Please note: The phone number for the editor, Joyce Clark, will change on Monday, July 3rd, to 534-7468.

#### CONCOW GRANGE NEWS

The Youth Committee of Concow Grange under the direction of Rita Moore will hold a Swiss Steak dinner on July 8th. Dinner will be served at the Grange Hall from 6 - 7:30 P.M. Musical entertainment has been planned for the evening as well.

#### 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.

#### RATTLESNAKES

We have had several requests for a repeat of an article we did a year ago, so here goes.

Be especially careful around any shaded areas near your home, your garden, fruit trees, sheds, etc. Barns and sheds, especially if they house mice or rats, are favorite haunts of rattlers, as are fruit trees holding temptations for birds.

Rattlesnakes hunt in the cooler part of the day, morning and evening, and when temperatures soar up around the 100 mark, they hunt at night. Be especially careful when walking outdoors after dark in hot weather. Do not be misled into believing that rattlers always rattle before they strike. This is absolutely not true! In fact, some scientists believe that rattlers,



through an evolutionary process, are losing their ability to use their rattles. There is even some evidence that they do not all possess rattles anymore, some have been killed in the past four years with only blunt areas on the tail and no rattles. Rattlesnakes can be easily confused with Bull Snakes, do not take chances.

There are mixed feelings about snake bite kits, with many doctors believing the only ones who benefit from the kits are the manufacturers. A poorly or improperly applied tourniquet is worse than nothing at all. The best advice seems to be to attempt to keep calm, cool, and get to a doctor or hospital as quickly as possible.

If you suspect a dog or cat has been bitten, call a veterinarian at once for directions.

There have been many reports from residents in the area this year. Since the weather has been cool, they will be out and hunting all day.

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 12' sliding glass door with aluminum frames. Good condition, call 534-6454.

FOR SALE: Baby ducks, wild Mallards, \$1.00 each. Call 534-0680.

FOR SALE: 1977 12 x 63 Sahara Mobile Home with parlor stove, shed, garden area, washer & dryer. Two bedroom, 1 bath, \$12,000.00 or easy to assume loan. Call 534-9208 anytime.

ATTENTION: Rock House Barber Shop is CLOSED. I am working at the Kingsman Barber Shop in Oroville. Call Vince Hutton at 534-1922.

WORK WANTED: Yardwork, animal care, gardening, check your house while you are away. Call Ricky at 533-2592.

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

WORK WANTED: Light yard work, care for animals or garden while you are away. Call Lance at 533-0714 or 534-7468.

FOUND: Bicycle, owner may claim by identifying and pay for ad. Call 533-1139.

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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.

Papers can be purchased at Park Hill Grocery, Jarbo Gap Cafe, and the Rock House, or by subscription.

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JULY 4, 1851

As the anniversary of our independence grew close and the sparks of patriotism began to glow in the breast of every native born American, Ophir (Oroville) made patriotic plans to celebrate. Of the utmost importance was plenty of whiskey and spirits to last well through the events, and two, any available females in the vicinity must be in attendance.

The citizens made their plans carefully. The whiskey was ordered in prodigious quantities. The only two American females had agreed to attend.

As the day came upon the fledgling town came alive. Plenty of food was on hand and the barbecue began - a whole ox was placed on the spit. They chose Judge C.F. Lott as their speaker (a young practicing attorney at the time) to deliver the stirring oration. James S. Law read the declaration of Independence. Volleys of salutes were fired all up and down the canyons on the river. Chinese fire crackers went off everywhere. Mrs. John Tatum and a young lady from Thompsons Flat, by the name of Miss Brown, arrived at the appropriate time... "the numerous attentions paid Miss Brown by her eager swains, was no doubt prompted by the sincere devotion to the sex... and the fact she was the only eligible female for 50 miles around."

The speeches were long and full of praise and glory for the union, California and Ophir, the Declaration of Independence reading was a huge success, many of the California miners had never before heard the words.

The events of the day ended in a glorious drunk, participated in by all parties. That 4th of July, 1851 was remembered for many years as one of the best... and most enthusiastic held in the county.

The staff of the GFE wishes you and yours a happy and safe 4th.