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## FOUNDATION POURED FOR FIRE COMPANY

The Saturday workday was a complete success. The cement trucks started to arrive at the fire station site at 7:20 A.M., and even at that early morning hour, the work crews, armed with boots and shovels were ready for them. Bert Hollopeter and Bill Miller had the plan of attack well rehearsed, and with more than twenty willing and able assistants the job was completed by eleven o'clock.

Some real talent in the concrete finishing business came to light as the work progressed. To name a few: Earl Hoecherl, Marion Miller, Michael Mettleton, Wilbur Hardy, Jim Laird, Jim Galli, Clay Large, and others too, including Bert Hollopeter who had to be everywhere at once.

The community has a real indebtedness to all the volunteers who are making our fire company a valuable, viable service to the Golden Feather area.

A special thanks to the ladies of the Auxiliary who had planned cold drinks and sandwiches at noon. A snafu developed due to local telephone trouble which did not permit notification to all that the timely delivery of cement and the cooperation of an energetic crew speeded up the completion beyond all expectations. However, some of the ladies came early with iced tea and cookies which were most welcome and appreciated by all, on that very hot day.

Thanks are due too, to June and Ray Giles for their contribution of burlap sacks to cover the cement during the curing process.

The next work day at the fire station will most likely involve erection of concrete block walls - so all who have brick mason

talents are urged to prepare themselves and keep on the look-out for announcements in the Golden Feather Echoes.

The next important fire company affair will be the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:30 P.M., on August 9, 1978, at Concow School - and then the Ice Cream Social at Concow Grange at 6:00 P.M. on August 12, 1978.

Plan to attend all these functions and really become involved in this worthwhile effort.

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WILLARD POTTER.

Died in a hospital in Walnut Creek following extended illness. Mr. Potter died on Wednesday, July 12, and was buried in the Girdley-Biggs Cemetery on Monday, July 17, 1978.

He leaves his wife, Ada, one brother, Chester Potter of Concow, three sisters, one Eleanor Vignola of Concow, two step-sons, one step-daughter, 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. Potter formerly lived in Concord, but spend vacations and free time on their property north of Kirby Creek Road, and the last few months of his life he and Mrs. Potter made their home here where Mrs. Potter will continue to reside.

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#### COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA SET

Chairman Skip Clark has announced the agenda for the next community meeting to be held on Thursday, August 3, at 8 P.M. at Concow School.

Thus far only two items are scheduled for the agenda, they are:

1. Mike Tegtmyer, of the Chico Chapter of the Lung Association, has requested time and will be speaking on the effects of the pending Coal Plant.
2. Review of the Constitution and by-laws that have been worked up by the committee who volunteered at the previous meeting.

Be sure to plan to attend this meeting, and remind a neighbor of the meeting and time. The July meeting received a very good and eager turnout, we hope to see more of the same.

\*\*\*Smiles cost nothing, yet they are most valuable - particularly when they are exchanged.\*\*\*

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## PERSONAL NOTES FROM GFE

Don Brosnac, cousin of Jay Grieco of GFE staff, will return to Point Dawn after a trip to Washington and Idaho where he is on a promotional trip for the sale of his fourth book - about guitars. Don lives in Merced, California.

Mary Hughes of Big Bend Road, is on the recovery list after undergoing surgery on both feet and also having a tooth extraction. She is mending well now minus her stitches. Presently, Mary's houseguests are Vera Heath and Lloyed Christmas of Mineral Wells, Texas.

Jimmie Lou and husband Gary Becker will be missed by family and friends in the area. They have moved to southern California, where Gary is employed.

Rusty Lee is spending a week with his brother Jim in Reno, Nevada and also visiting his father's family nearby.

Betsy Daniel and son Jeremiah are now residing in the family home on Highway 70. Grandma Mary's kitchen is a favorite room of Jeremiah's, he is tall enough to reach the goodie jar with a bit of climbing.

Antone Grieco has been a welcome sight at Point Dawn, struggling (cutting) with the tall grasses and weeds in the meadow, also on the watch for any rattlers near the ditch closeby. None found to date this year, several were killed last summer.

Della Gregory's sister and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Johnston, and Oscar Gregory's brother and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Gregory from Coos Bay, Oregon, and Della's niece and husband and children from Wisconsin, and friends from Santa Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Van Wambeke, have all been recent houseguests of the Gregorys' in Concow.

Recent visitors of the Hunts on Big Bend Road were the L.F. Mollers of Carlsbad and Bee Williams of Glendale.

Mrs. Pearl Brooks was assisted in moving to Point Dawn by her son, Allan Prevette. He is stationed with the Antarctic Development Squadron Six, at Pt. Mugu, California. Each year during the austral summer Antarctic Development Squadron Six provides air support for scientific research of the Antarctic continent. The Squadron deploys in October and returns at the end of February. Allan graduated from Oroville Union High School in 1957, and is a 21 year veteran. He is married and resides in Oxnard, California, with his wife Katy and daughter, Susan. Those residents at Griecos compound, Point Dawn, extend a big welcome to Pearl.

A very happy visit from Mr. & Mrs. H. Cavanaugh, after Mrs. Cavanaugh's recovery from her recent major surgery. They visited with Myrtle and Jim Langes of Yankee Hill, Mrs. Cavanaugh is a sister to Jim Langes.

#### NEW ARRIVAL

Father Jim Thomas, Garden Grove, California, and mother Becky Swinney Thomas, formerly of Yankee Hill, claimed their daughter Jessica Lynn on July 23rd at 9:30 A.M. at the U.C.L.A. Medical Center, in Orange County. Maternal grandparents are Juanita and Don Eubanks of Yankee Hill, great-grandparents are Jim and Nellie Bagley of Yankee Hill Road.

#### MOBERG - MOORE RITES AT SANK PARK

Peggy Moore, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Moore of Yankee Hill became the bride of William Moberg, in July 2nd ceremonies performed by Rev. Bill Wood.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Moberg of Orangevale, California.

The bride wore a white satin dress with matching train and carried flowers of white and blue carnations and Baby Breath. The brides party wore matching blue dresses and picture hats.

The beautiful cake was made by the brides sister, Carolyn Ahlers of Rio Linda.

Out of town guests came from Los Angeles, Rio Linda, Orangevale, Shingle Springs, Fairfield, Yuba City and Memphis, Tennessee.

The couple is making their home in Carmichael where he is employed at SK Industries.

#### FACTS

Submitted by Deanna Lickey

YOU should know about the proposed P.G.&E. Coal Fired Power Plant in Butte County which would be located on a 2,880 acre site at the northeast intersection of Highway 99 and Cottonwood Road, approximately 13 miles southeast of Chico, 13 miles southwest of Paradise, 5 miles northwest of Oroville and 12 miles north of Gridley.

The plant will burn 16,000 tons of coal per day. Each 800 Megawatt unit will require one train per day (two trains for complete plant). Each train will have 80 cars of 100 tons of coal per car hauled from Price, Utah. Less than 4 lbs. of coal dust per mile would be emitted from each unit train (8 lbs. of coal dust per mile per day). Western Pacific has had no major derailments since 1972 and Southern Pacific has had no service delays in excess of 6-10 hours in several years.

A 90 day supply of coal will be piled at the site in "dead storage". This will occupy a base area of 33 acres, about 40 feet high. Spontaneous combustion is not expected, but if fires should occur in the coal pile emissions would be higher in particulates (TSP) than those from the main boiler.

A total of about 20,000 acre feet of sludge (fly ash, bottom ash, limestone and sulphur, 10 minerals and 57 other trace elements) will have to be disposed of. In Butte County, disposal will be "on site", disposal area is about 600 acres and virtually surrounds the plant. (20,000 acre feet of sludge buried on a 600 acre site would mean a layer of coal waste 33' thick and would sit atop our invaluable underground water aquifers. The water table in this area is less than 40' deep and disposal area is just north of the Afterbay.

PRIMARY EMISSION CONCENTRATIONS. When fully operative the emissions from the 600 foot smokestack will contain:  $SO_2$ , 3,780 lbs. per hour;  $NO_2$ , 9,720 lbs. per hour; TSP, 324 lbs. per hour. This amounts to about 45 tons per day of Sulphur Dioxide ( $SO_2$ ), 117 tons of Nitrogen Dioxide ( $NO_2$ ) per day, and 4 tons per day of particulate matter (TSP), or Coal dust. By comparison the Kaiser Steel Mill of Fontana emits only 2 tons of particulate matter per day and has already been cited this year for air pollution violations 600 times. (This means that should this plant be located here, Butte County could probably boast of the largest single source of pollution in the State of California.

Additional trace elements contained in the particulate matter emitted from the smokestack include Arsenic, Antimony, Barium, Boron, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Germanium, Lead, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Strontium, Thorium, Uranium, Zinc and Vanadium. (You won't see these elements, but they will eventually be deposited throughout your respiratory system. Bear in mind that all emission concentrations assume that all scrubbing and particulate removal equipment is working at peak efficiency).

The plant will use 20,000 acre feet of water per year which is (supposedly) available from Butte County. In the "Joint Pre-hearing Conference Statement of Commission Staff and Applicant" of the State Energy Commission, "Butte County is presently offering 23,500 acre feet of water per year to the applicant (P.G.&E.)" Butte County Counsel, Dan Blackstock, has stipulated to the foregoing as a fact. The Butte County Board of Supervisors has never authorized such an offer (and we are waging a legal battle to have the offer voided). (Our statement)

Last year, Butte County farmers produced \$143,000,000.00 in crops. This would be impossible without clean air and pure water. No one can say for sure just how much agricultural production would drop with the pollution of our atmosphere and the contamination of our water, but extensive studies conducted at the University of California at Riverside indicate that sub-

stantial losses would occur. Virtually every crop grown in our county could be expected to suffer major damage, and our farm economy would cease to exist as we have known it.

These are a few of the things we felt you should know about the proposed coal burning power plant. We have formed an organization "Citizens Against Coal Power Plants", in an attempt to tell what this project is all about and its effect on human and plant life. We will be providing further data in the near future and if you would like to help, call -

Chico - 343-8785; Paradise - 877-2289; or Oroville - 533-4031. If you would like to express your comments on the proposed power plant you can write:

Office of the Public Advice  
California Energy Commission  
1111 Howe Avenue  
Sacramento, California 95825

Ed. Note: Deanna has referenced all of the facts stated in her article, and here is a list of those sources: P.G.&E. Notice of Intention, which is available at the Butte County Library, "Joint Prehearing Conference Statement of Commission Staff and Applicant, Preconference Hearing Statement of the County of Butte, and Official Minutes, B.C. Board of Supervisors, Minutes of 6/13/78.

#### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chilled Zucchini Soup, submitted by Rose Hunt, from the Los Angeles Times. Rose says this is, "a good and delicious way of using all that Zucchini".

1/3 cup butter	Salt & pepper
1 cup sliced green onions	4 cups milk
1 clove garlic, minced	2 tbsp. cornstarch
3 cups sliced Zucchini	1/4 cup Sauterne or dry Vermouth (optional)
1 cup water	1/2 cup finely diced raw Zucchini
2 chicken bouillon cubes	

Melt butter, add onions and garlic, cook 15 minutes. Add sliced Zucchini and cook til tender. Add water, bouillon cubes, salt and pepper, cover and cook 15 minutes. Place in blender and liquify - about 30 seconds. Return to pan; stir in milk and cornstarch. Stir over medium heat til soup boils - 1 minute. Stir in wine (if desired), cover and chill several hours or overnight. Add finely diced raw Zucchini before serving.

\*\*\*A New England newspaper published this announcement: "In case you find mistakes in this paper, please consider they were put there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some folks are always looking for mistakes". From Friendly Contact by Rev. Crosson.

### MORE OF OUR TAX MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN

Researchers working on federal grants in various parts of the nation have come up with the following statistics:

Scuba diving can be dangerous to the health of pregnant women. The life expectancy of the garden variety slug is shorter than previously thought (they don't tell us what it was previously thought to be). Given choices between bright colors and shiny objects, gorilla infants generally reach for the shiny objects!

### JAY'S POT POURRI

Company Time. Rev. Peter Stetz and wife Juanita visited cousin Jay Griecos' family enroute to their home in Oberlin, Ohio. They had vacationed with relatives in Bend, Oregon and expected to visit their three children in Kansas before returning home. One son and son-in-law also serve as pastors. Just natural to turn visiting hours to talk about the Bible. Really, a beautiful time of fellowship and sharing. Maybe the younger generations tempers its knowledge with discernment in spiritual wisdom. Very different attitude from the time when Peter's family left their church and joined with a more liberal group when I was just a youngster, but remember the furor and dissention caused among the family and friends who could not accept their separation. Now some fifty years later, hard to believe that ill feelings still exist among the oldsters.

### MORE ON COAL PLANT - THESE PATHS

By: Skip Clark

For the next couple of weeks I am going to be discussing the coal-fired power plant that may be built in the valley at 1 of 4 proposed sights. I am opposed to the plant for a variety of reasons to be elucidated upon later; this week I would like to give some background data on the plant.

PG&E has submitted a Notice of Intention (NOI) to file Application for Certification for a 2 unit, 1,600 megawatt coal-fired, steam-electric power plant. The plant is called "Fossil 1 & 2". This notice was accepted by the California Energy Commission (CEC) on March 1, 1978, thereby starting the procedure for possible eventual construction of the plant.

The CEC was created in 1975 by the state legislature to coordinate the state's energy policy. When a utility company wishes to build a power plant, it must seek permission from the commission in a 2 step process. Part 1 is the NOI procedure, the second is the Application for Certification. The NOI contains a statement for the need for the plant, size of the plant and fuel type, a summary of design criteria, operation explanations and at least 3 alternative sites with their relative advantages and disadvantages. A copy (4 volumes thick) of the

NOI is available at the Chico State Library.

All the required information was in the NOI, so the extensive public review process has begun. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in this process. Persons who wish to comment on the NOI but can't attend the hearings may send written statements to the secretary of the commission.

After the public reviews come the evidentiary hearing - open to the public though very legalistic. Next the commission compiles a preliminary report, then a final report is made, final hearings held and a decision is made by the CEC. If okayed, then the Application for Certification is made.

The coal plant will burn 16,000 tons of Utah low-sulphur coal per day. The plant has a life expectancy of 35 years.

The Butte County site is 2880 acres on the intersection of Highway 99 and Cottonwood Road. Pollution will fall on an area estimated to be 40 miles in a radius around the plant. Using data from the NOI the amount of pollutants emitted will be at least 44,685 tons or 89,370,000 lbs. per year! (The actual total may be twice this much - their data may be referring to only about one 800 mw. plant instead of the total plant. PG&E didn't make this clear in the graphs used for estimates).

Either way these numbers bear looking into, which we will do next week.

#### SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON JULY 29

There has been a special meeting called by the Governing Board of Trustees for Saturday, July 29, at 8 P.M. at Concow. The agenda is quite brief, and it is quite likely that most if not all of the meeting will take place in executive session. Only three items are on the agenda:

1. Estimates for blacktopping
2. Approval or denial of purchase. This consists of two fire doors for the new music room addition, doors would be between multi use room and kitchen.
3. Interviews of 6 applicants chosen to be interviewed from the applications received for administrator.

#### USING WAYSIDE PLANTS

By: Clare Rodriguez

A few words on the method of providing a supply of herbs for medicinal plants. It is important to have a supply of material for use throughout the year, so you must prepare and collect them at the right season of year. In the case of many plants the vital properties are usually most highly concentrated in the season just before the plant comes into bloom.

It is important to remember that you must pick your plants



when completely dry otherwise mold will develop on them. The best time to pick is when the sun has dried all dew and then hang them in bunches in a warm and well ventilated place.

BLACKBERRY. This entire plant contains an active principle which is about the best cure known for diarrhea. The roots of blackberry (and leaves as well) are dug and dried and stored until needed. To prepare for use, take a teaspoonful of crushed root and stir in a cup of boiling water. When cooled, drink one or two cups a day until the condition is remedied.

MULLEIN. With the dried foliage of mullein and/or of BONESET HERB, a cough syrup is suggested by the experts in herbal medicine. A handful of leaves are simmered for about 20 minutes, stirred and strained. To a cup of liquid add a little over a cup of brown sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved and bottle. This may be sipped to alleviate a cough. Or the same mixture may be boiled until it thickens and poured onto a pan and cut into lozenges while cooling to be used as coughdrops.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to your item of July 21, regarding the refusal of the Golden Feather Governing Board to allow the use of the new school auditorium for rehearsals of the play, "Peter Pan". Please allow me to acquaint the community with some facts about this endeavor. At first glance, the Concow Players may appear to be a special-interest group. Actually, we are a group of local people who have so far presented the community with two plays free of charge: "A Midsummer Night's Dream", three years ago in May at Crain Park and "The Pied Piper", presented to benefit Open Gate Pre-School at their benefit last June 4. At each play there were at least 200 people in attendance. We have decided once again to do a play to benefit the pre-school, this time, "Peter Pan". Our idea is to offer it free to schools in the surrounding areas in exchange for the use of their auditoriums where we might present it to the larger community for a nominal charge. Now, granted, I do have a partisan view-point, being one of the actresses. But I would like people to realize three things: (1) We have never thus far reimbursed ourselves for our time, gas, money, costumes, set, etc. We do plays purely in the interests of fun, culture and benefit to the pre-school. (2) This play is difficult for it requires flying onstage and this must be practiced in a suitably large environment, the next closet being (possibly) Oroville. (3) One other thing; this especially directed to the members of the Board, is that research has shown pre-schools help children to be better students later in grade school. Therefore, the Board's rationale that this is not an educational program is ridiculous. I understand the Board's fears and I do not personally think elitist groups not open to the community should have the benefit of the school's space. But in this country there is a long heritage

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 3rd, at 8 P.M. at Concow School, is the date for the next community meeting.

Wednesday, August 9th, is the date for the next Board of Directors meeting of the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company at Concow School. Begins at 7:30 P.M. Auxiliary meeting to follow.

Saturday, August 12, is the date for the Ice Cream Social and Beef Raffle at the Concow Grange Hall, for the benefit of the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company. Begins at 6 P.M.

Saturday, August 12, at 8 P.M., at Concow School is the next regular Governing Board of Trustees meeting.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

By: Rev. Steve Lamkin, Little Church on the Mountain

We can Change the World!

Luke 13;20-21 says: (Jesus speaking) "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like leaven (yeast), which a woman took and hid in three pecks of meal, until it was all leavened!"

Now most every cook knows what happens to a batch of dough when we stir in the right amount of yeast, it raises or swells up. In fact under ideal conditions it will even keep on raising beyond our expectations; it'll run over the sides of the pan if it's left in a heated room.

Now that's always true if there's life in the yeast. When you buy a package of yeast, you open it, you smell it, it looks like yeast, it smells like yeast but you don't know if there's any life in it until you blend it into the dough and see if it rises. If there is any life it will rise, if not, Nothing will happen....the dough won't change.

Christians like leaven can change the world if there's life in them. I'm speaking of the Spirit of Life (Romans 8;2) that God promises to every believer. Like the leaven though, we must be HIDDEN IN THE LUMP....that is we must allow ourselves to mix with the world (not be part of it) in order that the life of the Spirit of God that flows in our spirit may cause change in the world around us. Now, hear me church, if that life, that SPIRIT OF LIFE from God flows from us, we need not say a word, we need not tell the person of the world that he or she needs to change, they will change because the life that flows from the Spirit of God will change them.

God uses His kids to be the instrument of impartation of His Spirit to the World. Jesus said in John 17;18 (in prayer to His Father) "As thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." Jesus came "THAT WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY" and so He also sent you and I as believers, (LEAVEN) that world might have life.

Christian friend, BEYOND WORLD CHANGES. Be ye doers of the WORD. Be a little lump of leaven in a world that needs that life that flows in your spirit.

Hear "Gospel Road" Sunday 8-9 A.M. on KFMF radio 94 (FM).

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