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RESORT GUESTS ESCAPE FIERY DEATH

Prepare To Fight Annexation

62 Saved In Six Hour Life Battle

By WALTER BARKDULL

KING CITY, Calif. (UP) —Sixty-two guests and employes of swank Tassajara Hot Springs resort won a battle for their lives in six fearful hours last night when a burning cabin mushroomed into a forest fire death trap.

The fire continued to rage out of control near the Santa Lucia mountain resort today, but the 62 courageous men, women and children were safe, thanks to their own brave efforts.

At dawn, U. S. Forest Service rangers said the wind-whipped fire front had burned over the crest of nearby Black Butte mountain despite the efforts of more than 500 fire fighters.

In its wake were some than 1,200 acres of blackened oak and brushland, including the smouldering remains of the resort's 36-room stone hotel, nine cabins, a large recreation hall, a 20-car garage and a repair shop.

The fire, which broke out late yesterday afternoon in the cabin of resort owner Philip Terry, fanned out like a prairie blaze, cutting off the occupants' escape route and severing communications.

The fate of the trapped people was unknown for more than six hours and it was feared they had roasted alive in the fiery trap. It wasn't until 9 p.m. last night that two heroic rangers dashed through a veritable tunnel of flame to reach the resort.

District Ranger George Brannagh, who made the tortuous trip with fire control officer Jack Curran, reported over his portable radio that "all were safe."

Oyngor Terry, ex-actor and former husband of screen star Joan Crawford, was the first to reach the stranded resort. Fearful for the safety of his wife, Helga, and three children, he raced to the fire area from nearby Salinas, dashing the last mile on foot after he was forced to abandon his car at a burned-out bridge.

His automobile was completely destroyed by the wall of fire which swept across the road shortly after he passed through.

This correspondent reached the hot springs shortly after dawn to find the 62 guests and resort workers smoke-blackened and exhausted, but happy to be alive.

They said the fire broke out in Terry's cabin at about 3 p.m., shortly after his children, Michael 8, Edwin 6, and Mary 5, had left to go swimming. Mrs. Helen Terry suffered a burned arm when she attempted to enter the burning cabin thinking the children were still inside. Resort employe Charles Renson suffered a burned hand.

Rangers at the resort had high praise for hotel room clerk Berl Plump who quickly organized the 40 guests and 22 employes into a fire fighting unit.

Men, women and children grabbed up water buckets, shovels and axes and pitched in building fire breaks and sprinkling the roofs of the unburned buildings to prevent the spread of flames. There was no panic of any sort.

Leo Ross, Monterey, said the women guests were "marvelous."

"They took blankets and wet clothes and really pitched in to fight the fire," he said. "It was burning like an inferno."

Philip Lilienthal, Hillsboro, a cattleman, praised the actions of Mrs. Terry.

"Mrs. Terry and I tried to put out the fire in the first cabin, but it got away from us. She was calm, collected and perfectly marvelous."

R. E. Mehne, Watsonville, said he was taking a mid-afternoon nap in his hotel room when the fire started and he was awakened by fellow guests.

"I grabbed my clothes and a few things and ran," he recalled. Then he added embarrassedly: "I guess I was excited because I ran around stripped for about five minutes before I thought to put on my pants. The flames moved around like a bat out of hell."

Forest Service men said the guests would remain at the resort until it was considered "safe" for the women and children to leave. They pointed out it was a mile of rough, smoking trail to the nearest clear road and several "hot spots" between the resort and the road presented a hazard. The resort area itself was no longer considered in danger.

Ranger Brannagh told a dramatic story of his race to reach the marooned resort last night.

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Fair this afternoon, tonight and Saturday with morning fog. Little change in temperature.

Yesterday's high 71
Today's low 55

Petition For Russell Water

100 Sign Request For County Aid

More than 100 signatures of Russell City residents were secured in a few hours this morning on a petition asking that county funds be made available to provide the Russell City community with "a supply of pure water for domestic use and human consumption."

Mrs. J. G. Gonsalves of 25843 Adams street was continuing the circulation of the petition among Russell City residents, who are faced with a water "famine in the lap of plenty" unless the county will come to their aid.

To date the county has rejected an offer from the city of Hayward to share with the county the expense of providing Russell City residents with Hetch-Hetchy water.

Because of lack of proper sewage disposal, Russell City residents are forced to use impure water from wells into which surface water drains.

Immediately contemplated is the construction of a six-inch water main from the city's water distribution system down Winton avenue southwest into the Hayward municipal airport to furnish water to the California National Guard.

If money can be made available to pay the cost of installation of a 12-inch water main in place of the six-inch line, and for the purpose of extending that main from the National Guard installation to Russell City, a sufficient supply of water from Hayward's new source, Hetch-Hetchy, can be made available to Russell City.

The petitions ask that the county board of supervisors make county funds available for that project.

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VALLEY HOME BURNS

Unfinished Home Is Fire Victim

An unfinished home at the corner of Reamer and Parker roads was almost completely burned during a fire commencing at 2:10 a.m. this morning, according to the Castro Valley fire department.

It took two hours to extinguish the flames, and an investigation is being conducted today in an effort to determine the exact cause of the blaze. A couple has been living in the home, but they were not there at the time of the fire.

Two and one-half acres of grass and eucalyptus trees on the Clarence Elsworth ranch were destroyed during a fire at 2:30 p.m. yesterday afternoon. The blaze was started by a 7-year-old boy who was playing with matches.

Both the Fairview county patrol and Castro Valley department were called out to the fire at 1018 Crow Canyon road.

A small grass blaze occurred on the rear lots of 8017 Castro Valley Boulevard and 8047 Jamieson way at 12:10 p.m. The Castro Valley department answered the alarm. Ashland fire department men extinguished an incinerator started fire at 12:32 p.m. yesterday at President drive and Camino Dolores.

The Castro Valley firemen also put out a grass fire on Center street, east of Gen street, yesterday afternoon. Cause of the blaze has not yet been discovered.

New Officers of Patrol's Squad Club

New officers of the Alameda County Squad club, comprised of members of the California Highway Patrol, were installed in office at a club breakfast at Don's in Dublin last Sunday morning. Guests of honor at the meet were Captain Louis Eiler, CHP retired, and William George of the Livermore Sky Ranch. George discussed the possibility of an air show for the club's next yearly activity. The new officers of the club are, left to right: Larry Fowler, secretary; Tony Enos, president; A. F. Wehrenkamp, vice president, and Lloyd Wagner, treasurer. Five hundred dollars realized from the club's motorcycle hill-climb in Dublin canyon in April was sent to the widows and orphans fund of the state organization. A softball team made up of the patrolmen will play the Hayward police team next Sunday on the Bret Harte diamond at 9 a.m.

Russell City Water Need Is Backed

The water situation in outlying districts was the main subject of discussion at the meeting of Federated Improvement Clubs of Southern Alameda county, at the meeting held in the high school cafeteria last night.

Although Russell City was not represented at the meeting its water problem was discussed. Feelings expressed were in opposition to the action taken by the county board of supervisors. The board of supervisors recently said it has no legal authority to help finance Russell City's water problem when the Hayward council said it will offer to sell Hetch-Hetchy water if the county will cooperate in installing necessary pipe lines.

Realizing Russell's dire need for a water supply, Federated members authorized a letter be directed immediately to the board of supervisors to inform them that as representatives of Southern Alameda county, the club is opposed to their refusal to assist in working out a plan with the city of Hayward.

Delegates from Valle Vista and Alta Vista told of their need for additional water supply. One person stated that from a dishpan of water he could scoop out a cup of sand. Another said that after ten in the morning, she had no water, winter or summer. "It was stated by another Alta Vistan that Hayward was the only city he knew of where water was refused to outlying districts. The opinions expressed were that if water is essential to an area and if it is available, that area can "demand water."

Although the usual attendance was on hand last night, only eight member clubs were represented. Opening of the meeting was deferred until a quorum was present. Membership chairman, A. R. Bayliss in commenting on the poor attendance said he would make special efforts to contact club presidents to see to it that every club was represented by at least one delegate so it was only through the united efforts of all member clubs, that issues could be decided, and results expected.

A copy of federated's by-laws is available to all member clubs and may be obtained by an official delegate attending next month's meeting.

In the absence of 170th avenue club, refreshments were served by Hayward Highlands club.

State OK's Chabot Additions

State approval of four more classrooms, now in the drawing-board stage, for the Chabot grammar school in Castro Valley, and a kindergarten and all-purpose room at the new Marshall school were received by the Castro Valley school district board of trustees yesterday's late afternoon meeting.

Approval of the plans will bring the size of the Marshall school when completed up to four rooms and one kindergarten and all-purpose room; the Chabot school to eight classrooms and one kindergarten and all-purpose room, and the Redwood school to ten class-rooms and one kindergarten and all-purpose room.

To provide money for the school district between the start of school and the time tax funds start coming in December, the board voted to sell $75,000 worth of "tax-anticipation" notes.

These sales are a part of the regular procedure of school districts where needs are so great that adequate reserve funds cannot be built up.

The board moved to have all members attend the school trustees' convention to be held in Santa Cruz from October 2 through October 5.

Permission to proceed with plans for the landscaping of the grounds of the Chabot and Marshall schools was given the same landscape architect that has just completed the work at the Redwood school.

A "petty cash" account was also provided for office use in the Castro Valley school to pay bills where the district does not have established credit.

Members present at the meeting were A. B. Morris, superintendent; David J. Dickie, clerk; Arnold Anderson and John C. Gutleben.

Perry Speaks on Rehabilitation

J. Wallace Perry, dean of boys at Pleasanton high school and principal of the evening school, spoke on the educational rehabilitation of prisoners at Alameda county prison during the meeting of the Hayward Civic and Social club Thursday night.

Plans for the following club events were also discussed; barbecue and dance, Oct. 1; Homestead park, J. B. Lopes, chairman; Newark pavilion dance, Oct. 15; annual clam dig, Oct. 22, Watsonville; Halloween party for members and their families, Oct. 29.

Central Bank Here

Lease of a building at 505 Main street as temporary quarters for the new Hayward branch of Central Bank was announced today by Dunlap C. Clark, president.

In making this announcement, Clark added "In keeping with the

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continuing desire of Central Bank to make its services increasingly convenient for those we are privileged to serve in the Bay Area, we are pleased that the State Banking department has granted our request for a branch in Hayward."

The new branch will be in charge of G. F. Powers, who is now assistant vice president in the main office and who has been associated with Central Bank since March 26, 1928. "During Mr. Powers' twenty-one years' affiliation with the bank," Clark stated, "he has had wide and varied experience in all phases of banking, which makes him eminently qualified for this position."

Powers has already purchased a home in Hayward, located at 420 Sunset boulevard, where he will reside with his wife and two children.

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Polio Aid Urged by Governor

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—Gov. Earl Warren today urged Californians to contribute to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis emergency fund drive now under way.

Gov. Warren reminded Californians of the work the National Foundation did in California last year during the Western epidemic. He said with California cases fewer this year, it was California's turn to "pitch in and help" others.

Warren said that the special emergency drive ending Sept. 15 marked the first time the "March of Dimes" campaign had failed to produce enough revenue. He said this was because of a "staggering increase" in the number of cases in the nation.

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Registration For Schools Big Here

The 200 advanced registrations in the nine elementary schools of the Hayward area are the "biggest number I can recall," Jack D. Rees, district superintendent, stated this morning.

According to Rees the bulk of the students will enter the first grade and kindergarten classes. Previously only about 100 children have been registered before the opening day of school.

Total number of students enrolling in the district schools will be between 3600 and 3700. Rees also revealed, Hayward area schools include Baywood, Bret Harte, Burbank, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Highlands, Iwo Markhams and Muir.

Only two elementary schools will open Monday on a temporary two-shift basis. Baywood first and second graders will attend morning or afternoon classes for two or three weeks until the delayed completion of the additional rooms are finished. The new additions at Highland school are expected to be completed in one week, at which time first and second grade students will begin full day sessions.

Russell city school is anticipating its peak enrollment of more than 400 students on about Nov. 1, when the crop picking will have been finished.

With a total enrollment between 350 and 360, Tennyson school has registered five first graders, but expects the major registration to occur on Monday.

Jefferson School Dads Club Meets

The first business meeting of the Dads club of the Thomas Jefferson school, San Leandro, will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, according to President Dick Van Metre.

All dads have been invited to participate and attend. Many plans for the coming year will be discussed.

Opponents of Annexing Must Stop Proposal Prior to Ballot Box

"We may as well go home and prepare to fight!"

These words by John Kenney, president of the Associated Home Builders of Alameda County, Inc., last night climaxed a three-hour verbal clash between Foothill Manor proponents of annexation to San Leandro of a 4000 acre area south of the city and large landowners opposed to the move.

Seventy-eight persons were present at the meeting, which was held at Faria Brothers, Inc., on West 150th, at the call of Frank Faria. Warren Smith, secretary of the Eden chamber of commerce, was the moderator.

It was clear, as the meeting broke up, that residents of the farm area dare not let the annexation move reach a "battle of the ballot" stage if they hope to prevent annexation. As Faria pointed out last night 1700 acres in the area between the tracks are represented in the holdings of only 86 persons. They could be out-voted by voters in a couple of blocks in the thickly populated Foothill Manor area.

San Leandro isn't interested in the residential areas unless it can also take in the large lands of potential industrial development, Faria asserted. "Annexation now will load these farmers with taxes that their land won't produce. It's too soon to add this burden," he said.

Kenney's "fighting words" came after Foothill Manorites, who had been bombarded with questions throughout the protest session, had rejected his proposal that annexation action taken to date be withdrawn, and that the whole subject be re-opened for review and reconsideration.

"This matter is too important for a few people to decide," Kenney said. "This area (nearly 2000 acres bounded by the two sets of Southern Pacific tracks, the south city limits of San Leandro and West 150th) has too much to give and this action has been too hasty."

Kenney deplored the lack of professional engineering guidance, which he claims is evident in a pro-annexation report prepared by an annexation-study committee which included Foothill Manorites, residents of Milford Gardens and representatives of the city government of San Leandro, and said that annexation at this time would be a "serious mistake."

Ray Witcher, president of the Foothill Manor Improvement club, which has endorsed the annexation move, and one of the spokesmen for the proposal at last night's meeting put his rejection of the withdrawal move on the basis that "the annexation study was conducted over a period of nine months," explaining with a mass meeting to which a general invitation was issued to all people living within the annexation-study area, and that it was "not until it looked as if something was being done" that any interest in the movement was evidenced outside of Foothill Manor. Witcher said it could "not be right to ask the people who worked hard on this project" to repeat the work and the "wouldn't ask them."

Witcher was backed in his rebuttals to last night's attacks by Hiram Manning, E. B. Landre and John Boomer.

"We've brought the matter to a head. We know that some people will not be benefited as much as others by annexation. Now it is up to the people," was the gist of their comments.

Beth Kenney and Howard Duffman, another developer, listed problems of water and storm drainage as more pressing for the area between the tracks, which is comprised of farm lands, some areas devoted to light industry with a potential for further industrial and residential development, than the additional police and fire protection promised if the area is annexed to San Leandro.

Tom Fletcher, third executive vice-president of the Eden chamber of commerce and the incumbent rival of Foothill Manorite Harry Manning for the presidency of the Ashland Community council, hurled charges of "bias" at the Foothill Manor delegation. He accused them of studying only "one side of the picture" while purportedly to be interested in determining whether annexation, incorporation or status quo was the most advantageous for residents of the area between San Leandro and Hayward.

Shortly before the annexation study began the Eden chamber of commerce contributed existing funds to finance a professional study of the area with the three subjects in mind.

Though the Fairmont school, which lies within the annexation boundary, and would go to San Leandro in the event the annexation move is successful, has figured prominently in the opposition

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Man Shot Fleeing Turkey Farm

An Oakland man was shot last night by an irate Palomares ranch turkey rancher's son after he was surprised at the act of stuffing turkeys into a burlap sack, while his partner waited for him at the wheel of an automobile, according to sheriff's deputies reports at the Hayward substation this morning.

According to the sheriff's deputies reports they were investigating a car driven by Stanley J. Carlisle, 24, of Oakland which started to move away as the police car approached.

Two .22 caliber rifles were found in the car and Carlisle said he was alone in the car, up to hunt raccoons. As the officers questioned Carlisle a radio report instructed the officers to investigate a petty theft complaint at the turkey ranch of Jerry M. Ferguson, 2395 Palomares road.

Taking Carlisle into custody the deputies went to the Palomares canyon address where Ferguson stated that he had just surprised a man stuffing turkeys into a sack and that his son, Robert L. Ferguson, 17, had shot the man with a 16 gauge shot-gun, loaded with 7½ size birdshot as he ran from the scene.

Ferguson stated that when he approached the man he had lunged at Ferguson and struck him in the left eye. Ferguson shouted to the son to shoot him and the boy shot twice as the man ran. At the second shot the man screamed and continued running.

The officers then told Carlisle that the second man was wounded and he identified his partner as Gene Burkheimer, 20, of Oakland. A search of the surrounding area failed to disclose the whereabouts of Burkheimer and Carlisle was brought in and booked on charges of petty theft and the car was impounded.

After talking to his own wife and Carlisle's wife this morning and reporting to his place of employment, Burkheimer gave himself up to the San Leandro police department and was found to be suffering from 18 to 20 bird-shot wounds in his left side and arm.

A Hayward sheriff's office detective was sent to San Leandro to take the man in custody.

At Palomares canyon last night Carlisle identified the sack left at the scene of the theft as one from his car, in which he had been carrying a chain hoist. When asked how it got in Ferguson's barn he pointed to a tool chest that Burkheimer had often gone hunting raccoon with only a burlap sack.

The elder Burkheimer stated that he would come into the district attorney's office to sign charges of petty theft and battery against Burkheimer.

100 Guests at VFW Party

Approximately 100 guests and auxiliary and post members were present for the joint party held following the Veterans of Foreign Wars, post 1992, meeting Thursday night at the Memorial building.

Six new members were initiated into the post during the ceremony conducted by Louis Hudson, commander. A mass initiation of 50 new initiates is planned by the local VFW for Oct. 4 at the Memorial building. Frank Bernard and Louis Hudson head the committee in charge of arranging the initiation.

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