

South County Scene

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JOIN LOGAN FACULTY . . . At a Union City-South Hayward Rotary Club luncheon honoring new teachers, Judson Taylor, left, principal of Logan High School welcomes new Logan faculty members Mrs. Marjane Robinson, 359 Industrial Park Way, Hayward, who will teach English and Bill Osborn, San Jose, who will teach biological science. —Review Photo

Shoreline Plan Nixed

The vague but expensive \$25,000-a-shoreline development plan of the Hayward Area Recreation District has been rejected by the Alameda County Planning Commission and sent back to its designers for more detail.

Commissioners, docking formal disapproval of the shoreline park and parkway between Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo and the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge suggested two courses of action to HARD when they refused to approve the plans:

1. Submit the plans to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors during its public hearings on the revised county general plan, which does not include HARD's plan.
2. Resubmit the plans to the planning commission at a later date with more detail for the actual development.

HARD's bay park dream was drafted by a citizens advisory committee and then presented to the Alameda County Parks Commission for a slice of the county's \$1.8-million share of the state park bond issue funds by Gen. Mgr. Don Savatone.

The request was rejected by the parks board because it was submitted after the deadline. Savatone had applied for a \$25,000 development grant. The current general plan shows a proposed bridge drive from Neptune Drive in San Mateo to the Jackson Freeway (Loma Road) in Hayward, with City of Hayward.

Five-Hour Fight

Russell City Fire Razes 17 Buildings

The biggest fire yet to hit Russell City burned down 17 structures yesterday afternoon and blackened 23 acres of grass.

It was one of three major fires in Southern Alameda County yesterday.

Panned by a stiff wind, it took area firemen five hours to get the blaze under control and another four to put it out. No one was injured.

Alameda County Fire Patrol Chief Bill Walters said that with this blaze more than 50 percent of Russell City has gone up in smoke.

Although no occupied buildings were destroyed yesterday, two were threatened—a home housing 12 people and a Baptist Church. Several tons of waste paper, recently collected by the church members, went up in the fire.

The fire started about 3 p.m. on the street, Walters said. It took men from Hayward, Cherrylard, Alameda County firemen arrived. Damage was Civil Defense and the Fire Patrol to bring the fire under control. It was finally stopped on Louisiana Street.

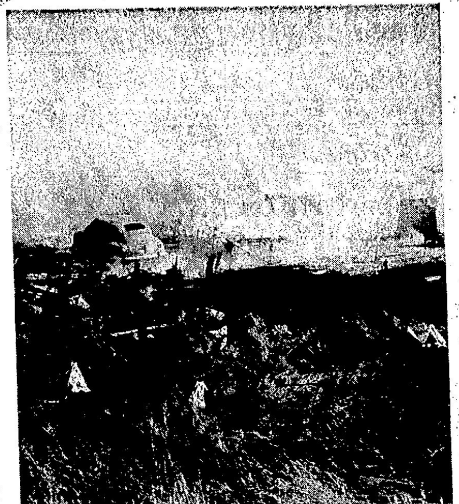
In Newark, children playing with matches were blamed for a \$1,000 house fire at the home of Michael Morrow, 7159 Calais Place, yesterday forenoon.

The children, 7 and 5, inadvertently set fire to their toys while playing in the garage, firemen said. A blanket was used to try to smother the fire but this spread the fire to the rest of the garage.

The blaze destroyed the interior of the garage and several items of furniture and household goods stored there.

Hayward firemen caught a potentially disastrous fire at Wagner's Furniture Store, 2219 Mission Blvd.

The fire had started in a trash heap containing broken-up cardboard boxes at the rear of the store, Walters said. It took men from Hayward, Cherrylard, Alameda County firemen arrived. Damage was Civil Defense and the Fire Patrol to bring the fire under control. It was finally stopped on Louisiana Street.



SMOKY BLAZE . . . The biggest fire so far in Russell City burned more than 25 acres yesterday and destroyed 17 structures, none of them occupied. The fire was fanned by a stiff wind and it took the 80 firemen at the scene about 5 hours to bring it under control. The fire started about 3 p.m. —Review Photo by Steve Rubio

B of A Wins Bid On WT Hospital Tax Notes

FREMONT -- Washington Township Hospital directors last night awarded interest bids on \$170,000 worth of tax anticipation notes and called for bids on construction of the emergency room expansion.

The low bid of three-submitted Bid opening for construction of the emergency room and addition of 231 beds was \$1,200,000, will be held at the directors' regular monthly meeting Oct. 5.

On the tax anticipation notes, four directors unanimously approved the action, with Director James Blawie abstaining. Blawie reiterated opposition to the emergency expansion plan, which caused considerable discussion at last month's meeting, will be attended to following completion of the expansion as originally drawn.

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Guard Group Returns Home

The 191 men 234th Mobile Construction Battalion, Flight of the California Air National Guard, based at Hayward, moved its personnel and equipment by air lift and motor convoy to the Siskiyou County Airport for its annual two-week field training exercises Aug. 14-22.

The unit, commanded by Major Edmund Petracek, established operations by setting up solid tents and equipment next to the 5,000-foot runway.

This was the first year the unit has conducted a complete field exercise, utilizing only tents and mobile equipment without the benefits of permanent buildings and facilities.

Local Steelers Not Involved

Next week's nation-wide steel strike deadline won't affect operations at Union City's huge Pacific States Steel Corp. facility.

A company spokesman said today the contract with the plant's 1,600-man work force, members of Local 3267 of the United Steel Workers, does not expire until Dec. 31, 1966.

The contract, won at the end of a bitter six-month long strike just a little more than a year ago, is independent of a nationwide pact negotiated with "big steel" representatives and now threatening to cause a cross-country strike and steel plant shut-down.



Fire District Consolidation Muled

SAN LORENZO -- Consolidation of fire protection districts in Southern Alameda County may provide a better tax base and more efficiency, but is it practical?

"That's one of the questions raised last night at a meeting of the committee appointed to explore the feasibility of consolidating eight fire protection districts in South County."

Commissioner Lee Jardine of the Fairview Fire Dist., pointed out that Fairview has a water problem which consolidation would not help.

He said he is inclined to think that annexation to Hayward would be better for his area, but "maybe the findings of this committee will convince me otherwise." He said a consolidated district worries him because it "puts too much power in the hands of too few people."

Commissioner Brian Thompson of the Castro Valley Fire Dist. indicated that fire protection is not a power structure and added that the concern of all present at the meeting is the saving of lives and property through fire protection.

He said he didn't want any snap decisions but an investigation into all angles of the proposed consolidation.

"We cannot dismiss this as impractical," Thompson said. "It is our duty to investigate it from all angles and report our findings to the board of supervisors."

J. F. Wittler, who is one of three commissioners in the District, said he would continue to participate in the study although he is convinced that Decatur could not benefit from consolidation. His district currently contracts for fire protection with Union City and has no equipment or personnel of its own. He said the present status is "most satisfactory."

Lloyd Brown, president of the Ashland Fire Protection Dist., said his district is concerned with the loss of assessed value from the district on a volunteer basis. The committee members agreed to meet again Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. at the San Lorenzo county center building. At that time each representative will present an inventory of his district's equipment, including the number, amount, and condition of equipment and the number of fire hydrants.

All the inventories will be combined to determine what a consolidated district would have to work with.

M. L. Sanford, manager of the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association, had been appointed as temporary chairman by Alameda County Supervisor Robert Hannon, but he declined the position after getting last night's news of the consolidation. He said he considered it a conflict of interests because he is employed by the association which controls the local fire department.

Thompson, of the Castro Valley Fire Dist., was elected chairman, and Director Jack Sharp of the San Lorenzo Homes Association was chosen as vice chairman. Sanford accepted the position of secretary.

It was agreed that a technical advisory committee would be made up of the fire chiefs of the districts involved. The districts are Cherrylard, Fairview, Ashland, Decolo, Redwood, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and Tenneyton.

Club To Hear Corpsman

SAN LEANDRO -- Miss Barbara Kral, a member of the Bancroft Junior High School faculty, who spent two years in Benoni, Liberia, as a member of the U.S. Peace Corps, will speak to members of the Broadmoor Men's Club at their next meeting on Sept. 8.

Miss Kral's assignment in the community development project at Benoni was as a teacher. She will be introduced by the club's president, Ted Geritz. She will supplement her talk with slides.

Club members, meeting for their first fall session, have changed their locale. They will meet for the 6:45 p.m. dinner session at the Bancroft Junior High School, 1256 Bancroft Ave. Their usual meeting place, the Broadmoor Church, is undergoing repairs and renovation.

Ice Pick Wielder Deflation Plight Strikes Dublin

DUBLIN -- No matter what anyone says regarding the national scene, there is a deflation problem here--tire deflation.

Since Tuesday 13 Dublin residents have told the county sheriff's department at Santa Rita that someone has punctured their cars' tires.

According to Detective George Matzek, the work is being done with an ice pick.

A gas station attendant at the village shopping center had already fixed five flats when his own car parked at the station suddenly got a flat tire.

Six cans of soda pop in a machine at the station received the same treatment.

Matzek said whoever is wielding the pick drives through the village station, lives at Firebrand Drive, Gunshot Court and Sanwood Drive and in the shopping center parking lot.

If the puncturer turns out to be an adult, Matzek said, malicious mischief charges will be filed. If the person is a juvenile, he could get a maximum six-month jail term and a \$500 fine.

If the person is a juvenile, Matzek said, his parents could be required to make restitution up to \$200.

County Youths Set for Meet

One hundred-fifty Alameda County youths in 30 teams will attend Gov. Brown's Conference on Youth Nov. 11-13. County Chairman Rock La Fleche announced.

The teams, made up of one adult and four youths, will meet for the three days in Sacramento. Theme of the annual conference is Communications with Youth -- An Experience in Understanding.

Principal participants will be young persons in or out of school from high school through college years. Adults who chaperone or accompany them, as well as other adults whose primary concern is for youth, will also participate.

The program will include some presentations on education, personal values, participation in community service, the family, job opportunities and the law.

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