



**MASTER OF RETIREMENT** ceremonies. Walter Trotter presents defunct television set filled with envelopes containing over \$1,000 for the Dengates from their friends.

From left to right are Ralph's sister-in-law, Ralph and Loretta Dengate, their son Wayne and three grandchildren. (Photo by Paula Walling)

## Dengates Retire in Style

By Gary Koeppel

Ralph and Loretta Dengate were treated as king and queen for a day at their retirement barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Over 350 friends, neighbors, and relatives turned out with hearty appetites and thoughtful well-wishing to bid the Dengates farewell and to feast at the sumptuous barbecue.

The Fire Brigade hosted the event, and Chief Trotter switched hats and ably performed as the chief cook and organizer.

### Recipe for 350

Chief Trotter described what it took to feed 350 people: 180 chickens weighing 3 to 4 pounds apiece, 24 gallons of beans, 60 loaves of bread, 30 pounds of butter, three crates of lettuce, one crate of green onions, two crates of tomatoes, several gallons of salad dressings and 30 delicious cakes.

"I personally want to thank everyone involved in Ralph's barbecue" said Chief

Chef Trotter.

Ken Wright, Julien Lopez, Frank Trotter, Ron Thrash, Jim Brand, Don Krausfeldt, Peter Stock, Pat Chamberlain, Danny Anderson and Mike Trotter made most of the arrangements and barbecued the chickens.

Barbara Chamberlain, Mary Harrington and Martha Wright helped prepare and serve heaping plates of food to the long line of hungry well-wishers. Jake Stock's Abalone Stompers entertained the festive crowd with their Dixieland Jazz and old-time favorites.

John and Ruth Harlan and Don Harlan of Lucia provided home-cooked beans, and John Harrington with the help of his Salinas cohorts provided greens for the salad.

The French bread was provided by a bread truck driver, and Bill Spahn, the Safeway manager, special-ordered the chickens.

### Ceremonies

After everyone had eaten

their fill, the "ceremonies" began. The Dengates were joined on the speakers stand by Bill Reynolds, Caltrans maintenance engineer, Bob Billings, Caltrans superintendent, and Walter Trotter, "master of ceremonies."

Ralph came prepared for a post-barbecue "roasting" with a duffle bag full of "anti-roast" tricks, including flash cards which read "truthful" and "falsehood" as well as a .44 magnum pistol, a whiskey bottle full of tea, and a roll of toilet paper.

Jimmy Sommerville added to his defenses with a spray can of B.S. Lotion to help clear the air.

### Presentations

Amidst friendly ribbing about Ralph's hunting abilities, particularly his aim at even stationary targets, his Big Sur crew, Ron Thrash, Don Krausfeldt, Gady Colin, and Larry Brown, presented him with a handsome fishing rod, which had been hand-crafted

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## TOWN HALL MEETINGS SET FOR INCORPORATION

Town Hall Meetings have been scheduled for Nov. 15 and 16 to present the feasibility of Big Sur becoming a town, announced the co-chairmen of the Incorporation Committee, John Harlan and Paula Walling.

The Wednesday, Nov. 15 meeting will be held at the Big Sur Grange Hall at 7 p.m. and the Thursday, Nov. 16 meeting will be held at the Pacific Valley School at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be identical in content: to present the feasibility of Big Sur becoming an incorporated town.

### Report to be Presented

The co-chairmen explained that a core group from the steering committee has been working through the summer with Bill Zion, a

consultant in local and regional government who, at the request of the committee, has just completed a report titled *Big Sur Incorporation Feasibility Study*.

The report addresses various governmental alternatives to incorporation, a plan of town services, a summary of the town's expenditures and revenues, an organizational chart for the town, the timing of incorporation and the first partial year, and its impact on the county.

The entire report will be presented to the community in the November Town Hall meetings. Copies of the report will be provided for all registered voters residing between Rancho El Sur and the county line.

### Origins of Incorporation

In January of 1978 the Coordinating Committee developed a preliminary and purely informational report on the feasibility of incorporation. On February 9 the report was presented to the community at a well-attended Town Hall meeting, at the end of which those present voted to pursue the gathering of information; a volunteer group formed and named itself the Incorporation Question Committee.

After another public meeting in March the group became the Committee for the Incorporation of Big Sur. The committee consists of over 30 members and comprises a broad cross-section of the various interests and local areas in Big Sur.

## Use Permit Now Required

# BIG SUR REZONED BY SUPERVISORS

On October 10, by a 3-2 margin, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to establish a new zoning district which is limited in application to properties within the Coastal Zone.

The new "CZ" District will require a use permit to be approved for all future applications.

The criteria for judging whether or not a use permit will be granted is taken word for word from Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act: Coastal Resource Planning and Management Policies.

County Zoning Administrator, Robert Slimmon, explained that "in order to apply it (the new zoning) to any piece of property in the Coastal Zone, regardless of what district, it would be necessary for both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to hold public hearings."

### CRITERIA MANDATED

The county is mandated by the state to adopt the Coastal Act Criteria, but the county cannot apply the criteria without enacting a "discretionary action," which is the new zoning district and the required Use Permit, Mr. Slimmon qualified.

Ed DeMars, County Planning Director, said that this action would give the county the same criteria as the Coastal Commission for evaluating permits.

Speaking first in favor of the proposal was Betty Hughes, spokesperson for the Monterey Audubon Society, who urged the board "to adopt the zoning and eventually apply it on the Coast so it would make it easier for the property owners to be sure where they stand."

Zad Leavy stated "I believe this ordinance is a necessary and logical step in the orderly process which will lead to the time that this county will be the sole permit authority in the Coastal Zone."

### SAME HYMNAL

Mr. Leavy viewed the ordinance as "the beginning of a collaborative process required by state law of cooperation between the state and local governments."

Roger Newell strongly urged adoption of the proposal: "otherwise," he said, "you would be inviting de facto planning at a critical time. I encourage you to support this logical and intelligent extension of a tool that will allow for an orderly planning process."

Lorrie Dillon praised the interim ordinance which was in effect during the time she was building her house, and she urged the "CZ" zoning to be adopted.

Kent White pointed out in August, 1976, seventy residents of Palo Colorado Canyon signed petitions supporting what became the interim ordinance. "I see this new CZ

ordinance as something that will have the County and Coastal Commission singing from the same Hymnal."

### OPPOSITION

Speaking in support of adopting the Coastal Criteria but in opposition to the rezoning and use permit aspects of the ordinance, Gary Koeppel said he believed it was "discriminatory, that it would tend to make use an arbitrary political decision on the Planning Commission level, and that it will perversely prejudice the new planning panacea, the LCP."

Mr. Koeppel objected to the creation of a new zoning district and the need for a Use Permit for all applications. He urged the board to seek a new mechanism to implement the criteria.

A letter from Sierra Club Spokesman Carl Larson in favor of the proposal was submitted for the record.

### COMMISSION CRITICIZED

Supervisor Farr moved the proposal for adoption because it would create "a consistency between county and coastal laws."

Supervisor Blohm objected to it "as another layer of government." Speaking as one who sits on both the county and coastal boards, he said "the Coastal Commission entirely interprets the law different than we do. If there was any assurance the Coastal Commission would approve the permits that we approve, I'd vote for it."

Mr. Blohm continued, "Mr. Leavy says it's working down in Big Sur. I question it. Several cases where we interpret the law and passed applications unanimously, they (Coastal Commission) turned it down, so the law has not worked, and I don't think this is the right tool."

Supervisor Moore seconded the motion but expressed dissatisfaction about the way Coastal Law was being carried out. "I see a lot of personal activity going on up there that I consider to be arbitrary and capricious. There has been very strong factional control of at least this regional board in implementing the law."

"I have a feeling there is a backlash coming," continued Mr. Moore, "and when it comes there's going to be a lot of sorrow that these people took as hard a line as they did, and they excluded some of the flexibility that was possible."

Chairman Petrovic stated "I believe it's a measure which is more than 50% acceptable. We had four or five speakers, and only one had some reservations about the Use Permit."

The Chairman concluded that "even if we didn't have Mr. Slimmon as our Zoning Administrator, people still have the Board of Supervisors for appeal."

## Captain Cooper Carnival Saturday, October 28th

The Big Sur community is invited to the annual fund-raising day at the school. Events include a raffle, cake walk, bean bag toss, dart throw, fish pond, people dunk, white elephant table, apple dunk, wheel of fortune, peanut toss, film shorts, and craft concessions. Costumes are optional. Please come enjoy a day with the children. At the same time you will be benefitting the school.

The annual carnival is sponsored by the Captain Cooper Parents' Club. The money raised is used for many classroom and playground materials. This year's carnival is especially important, as (due to Proposition 13) exact funding for the '79-'80 school year is uncertain, but sure to be less than recent years. In case of rain, the carnival will be held on the following Saturday.

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MAST helicopter takes off from the Forest Service helicopter pad to rescue Carol Endsley. Once they arrived on the scene, she estimated that rangers and MAST medics took only about 15 minutes to lift her inside.

## Endsleys' Happy Ending

by Paula Walling

Carol and John Endsley, new residents of Point Sur Naval Facility, found out the hard way why it is best to stay on the beaten path in Big Sur.

"We were climbing up the Gorge to get to the pass to go back behind the Gorge to go fishing. And as we were climbing up, I had ahold of an oak sapling and I went to reach for a rock to pull myself up, and the rock came loose and the foothold I had with my right foot slipped, too. So I sort of just rolled back out of the way, and the rock hit the back of my left leg," Carol Endsley recounted.

### Signals heard

Her husband John went up the hill about 100 yards and knocked down a few little trees to clear an area where he could call for help. Rangers later reprimanded him for cutting the trees, but Endsley was afraid to go too far from his wife for fear he might not be able to find her again. A woman at the State Park campground heard his calls and went for help.

### Help arrives

Park Rangers Joe Collins and Steve Chaney were not able to see the Endsleys although they could see the rangers and CHP Officer Pat Chamberlain through the thick brush.

Chamberlain, realizing the Endsleys were in an inaccessible area, called for the MAST (Military Aid to Safety and Traffic)

helicopter. Monterey County Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Bradford also assisted at the site.

### Airlift

Carol Endsley said that two rangers rode in the helicopter to where she was stranded, then one came down on the airlifting device and secured her to it. After lifting her, the ranger was lifted aboard. From there, the rangers were off-loaded at the Forest Service helicopter pad.

The Endsleys had about a two hour and 15 minute wait from the time of the accident until the MAST helicopter arrived. Once on the scene, she estimates that the rescue took only about 15 minutes.

### Taken to Ft. Ord

The flight landed at Monterey Airport where an ambulance was waiting to transport Endsley to Ft. Ord Army Hospital. She suffered severe bruises, damaged nerves and a blood clot on her left leg, but fortunately no fractures. She estimated the boulder that hit her at around 65 pounds.

As he was uninjured, John Endsley walked back on the trail aided by park rangers.

### In the future...

"I'd like to go over and see what it looks like from the air," said Carol Endsley, "but not lying on my back." She still likes fishing, "but I don't plan to go mountain-climbing anymore," she said. "We'll go by trail next time instead of on our own!"



## Big Sur Church Services

### San Lucia Mission

October 22nd, 5 p.m.  
Episcopal Service  
Between River Inn and Big Sur Campground

### St. Francis Church

Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.  
Catholic Service  
1/2 Mile North of Fernwood

### Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Sundays, 10 a.m.  
Non-denominational Service  
State Park Campfire Center

### Immaculate Heart Hermitage

Sunday Mass, 11 a.m.  
Mass on weekdays, 6:15 a.m.  
Evening Prayer, Sundays at 5 p.m. and weekdays at 6 p.m.  
Catholic Service  
1/2 Mile south of Lucia Lodge

# Thoughts on Conservation

by HANS EWOLDSEN

The following words were written by Plato around 450 B.C.: "There are now, as compared with the former land, only the bones of the sick body left; because the flesh and -fat (soil and humus) have washed away the only the bare skeleton of the land is left. In the past times, when the land was still unhurt, its mountains were high and covered with soil, and its flat-lands (which are now called 'stone-lands') were full of fertile soil. On the mountains stood dense forests of which even now traces are clearly found. Now our mountains offer only the bees nourishment. This change is fairly recent, for well preserved roofs still exist whose beams were cut from those forests' trees which were felled for making the largest buildings. The soil also produced many high fruit trees and offered the herds a seemingly inexhaustible rich pasture. The frequent rains during the year brought especially rich harvests; the water was not lost as it is now when it runs off the bare soil into the sea. Then the rich, vegetation-covered soils absorbed the water in its clay subsoil and let it drain slowly from the heights to the valleys, and so guaranteed dependable springs and rivers everywhere."

Thus Plato described the Grecian landscape of Attica whose principle city is now Athens. How many years hence will someone write the same words about our State of California? Or has man learned in 2400 years to avoid such catastrophes? Plato recognized the causes which brought about these conditions, so one should assume that he had also the knowledge of how to prevent them. In the years since, we have learned of many places on our earth where the land has been destroyed. We have also learned how this destruction can be prevented.

### Preserving Resources

In traveling through the state of California and comparing the land where man has used it with the areas where it has not been used and also with the descriptions of the landscape as early settlers found it, it becomes clear that we are not using it in a way that will preserve its fertility and resources. Why should this be, when we have not only knowledge but also the means to prevent destruction? Is it the ignorance of the people who are using the land and their unwillingness to learn and profit from previous experience? Or is it the indifference of the people in the cities? If the nation

expects to maintain a standard of living by which its citizens can eat steak and bread instead of fish and rice, if the farmers and ranchers want to see their descendants work their rich soil, and if the city dwellers want to continue enjoying the abundance of food and sparkling clear water in unlimited quantities - things they now take for granted - then a way must be found to make the people use the land in such a way that it will retain its fertility and productiveness indefinitely.

Since we have the knowledge to preserve our soil and water almost indefinitely, why do we not take the necessary steps to do so. Is it for the same reasons that we do many things which we know are harmful to ourselves or to our fellow humans? Perhaps in part, but there are more tangible reasons why we do not use our knowledge to conserve our soil better. Agricultural development of a country nearly always follows a set course. Beginning with the simple methods of primitive agriculture, the land and other resources are abundant and the use - or misuse - of them by man scarcely noticeable. The good land in the valleys is used first, either for farming or ranching or both. As population increases, the use of the good land increases since it is the most productive. This makes it necessary for the herders of cattle (or other livestock), usually more nomadic people, to find other pasture for their herds. This means land unsuitable for cultivation - such as the foothills and even the mountains themselves. As long as there is enough forage on the mountain range than the stock needs, all is well. But when the herds increase beyond the land's capacity so that eventually all or most of the cover on the slopes is removed, the waterholding capacity is destroyed and the soil begins to erode. This applies today as it did 1000 years ago.

### Learning from the Past

Often it is difficult to recognize the signs of wasting of the natural resources because this is a slow process, usually spread over centuries. In the eastern United States much land was destroyed within 300 years from the beginning of its use. The son of the farmer does not know how the land looked when his father started farming it, and at the end of his period of use, it may show only slight damage. But after each user, the land is worse until finally it becomes entirely useless. Instruction

in modern methods and the lessons from the past should correct this.

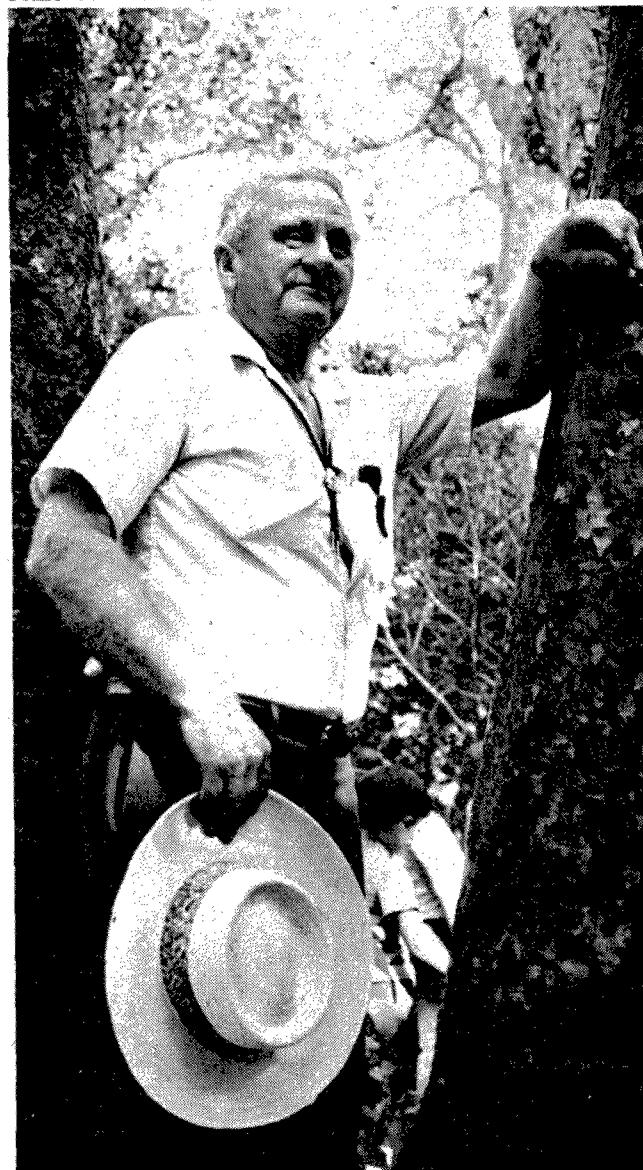
The city dweller usually does not show much interest in the conservation of our soil and water resources, considering this a matter for the farmers, ranchers and various government agencies. It would be well if these urban people realized that they would be the first to feel any shortage of our food or water supply. The country people will be the last to feel the shortage of our natural resources since they more or less have control over them. Therefore, it should be of the greatest importance to the city dwellers that their soil and water resources be conserved.

### Conserving Water

Since water is a natural resource that is even harder to control or produce than soil, it is of utmost importance, especially in the semi-arid parts of our state. We can increase the productivity of our soils by proper treatments which are comparatively easy to apply. We cannot make more water. We can only move a surplus of water to where it is needed, or conserve the water that falls on the land. Since all land cover, such as trees and brush, uses water for growing, it has been suggested that the cover be removed from the water-

sheds to increase the waterflow. This it would of course do - but into the ocean. The Forest Service has established the fact that by cutting all the trees in an area and leaving them on the land, the waterflow would be increased. Even so, it is hardly reasonable to assume that the Forest Service would cut down most of the trees on the lands they hold. The best way to be sure of a good water supply is to hold the precipitation on the land through proper cover or many small dams where necessary to retard run-off. A proper cover on the land will conserve more water than it will consume, especially in mountainous terrain.

Many people may wonder, "Why all this concern about conservation? Why look so far into the future?" If they are concerned only for themselves, they are right, of course. But should we not look further than our present generation? Man must have been put on earth for some purpose or if he was not, he should find a purpose to justify his being here. What would seem a better purpose than to assure the continuance of the human race through the conservation of all natural resources which are necessary to proper balance of nature and its survival and the good life for mankind?



HANS EWOLDSEN has maintained a long-term interest in conservation and has served on citizen committees advising the U.S. Soil Conservation and USFS on conservation matters. (Photo by Paula Walling)

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## Fire Suppression Training

By FRANK PINNEY

Smoke curled out of the corner room catching the light from the big red fire truck parked below. The two firefighters struggled in darkness and heat inside the building to find the unconscious victim before he succumbed to the poisonous gases produced by the fire. Smoke surrounded Frank Trotter and Robbie Warchen as they strained to keep their sense of direction. Touching the wall with his foot as a guide, each man reached out and swept the floor with his hands, feeling under furniture and obstacles where the victim might have crawled in panic. If they raised up from the floor level, the temperature at head height could be hot enough to sear flesh and at the ceiling 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit could ignite most combustible substances.

Suddenly Frank felt two sharp raps on his shoulder and heard Robbie's shout, muffled by the face mask of his breathing apparatus. He had found the victim crumpled unconscious in a closet. Frantically seeking relief from the involved room, the occupant had sought the false security of a closet, a place where so many victims are found each year. There they die long before the flames reach them from carbon monoxide poisoning, the number one killer in structure fires.

The airpicks Frank and Robbie were wearing gave a hiss of fresh air with each breath, but even as the men

grasped the victim, their warning bells began to ring, telling them they were on reserve and should head for the outside immediately. Working along the wall the way they came in, they dragged the victim under the arms back through the doorway to find helping hands to aid them in the clear area outside.

With the rescue accomplished the victim's crumpled body was dragged back into the smoke-filled room to serve as the dummy for another training drill. "Yes, it's just a drill," said Captain Dan Guice, "but with every structure fire, you'll find there's a good chance that someone could still be inside, especially at night. Remember, the first responsibility of a firefighter at the scene is rescue!"

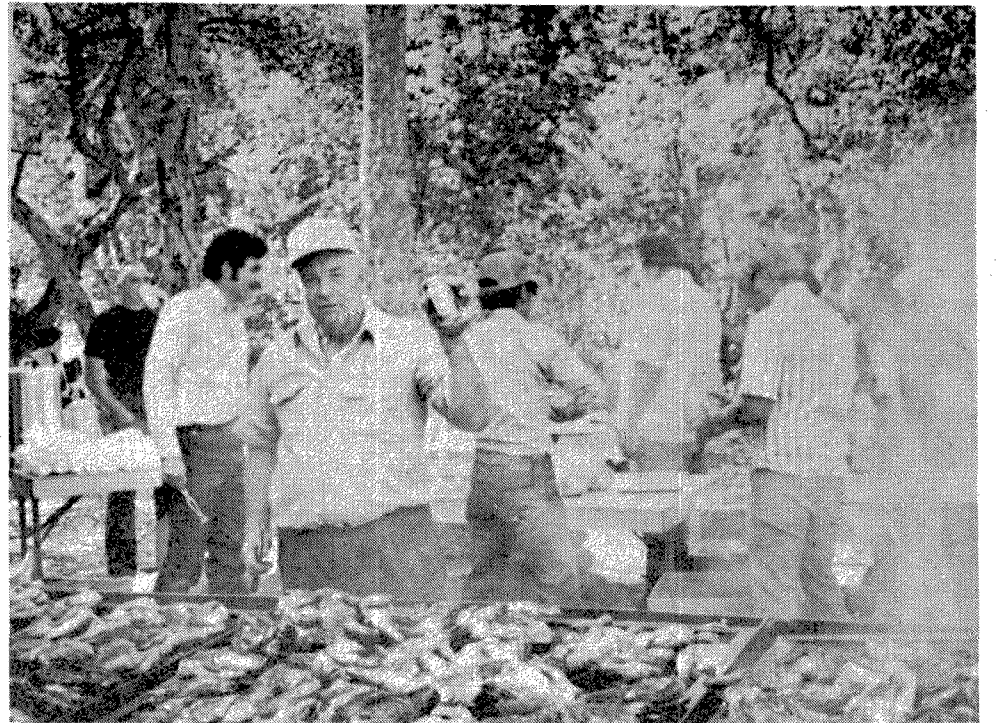
And so ended the first night of the six sessions of intensive training for the 20 men and women from the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade and the community at large. That class covered the proper use of the air packs, search and rescue techniques, culminating with a smoke drill at the old post office building.

On the following Thursday, Sept. 28, the brigade worked with Dan to learn proper techniques for utilizing extension and roof ladders for firefighting. As darkness came, we moved inside the Grange Hall to work with salvage covers; large tarps used to cover uninvolved areas in a building to protect them from damage. Dan stressed

the importance of protecting personal belongings and valuables from water damage and debris so the loss from a fire can be minimized. "Remember, your support comes from the community," he said, "and proper use of salvage covers can go a long way toward demonstrating your professionalism and concern for the well-being of the people you serve."

The training continues into October to be completed on Sunday, Oct. 15, with a series of simulated fire situations in which we will test our new skills. Attending the class are the regular members of the fire brigade along with several people from the community who will be called on to help for fires in their particular area. Also attending the class are three of the men from the state park responsible for fire suppression, as well as Curtis Rial and Tom Mount from the U.S. Forest Service station. Two representatives of Esalen are also attending, Lew Porter and Sherry Achenson. They will be coordinating the planning and implementation of the five suppression plans in the Esalen community.

"In many ways you are a lot like us," Dan Guice stated. "You don't have as many fires as a city department, so your training and readiness have to be that much sharper. You especially need the support of your community if you are going to be able to do your job."



FRANK TROTTER adds spices to chicken at Dengate barbecue hosted by the Fire Brigade. From left, other Brigade bar-

becuers are Ken Wright, Julien Lopez, Walter Trotter and Jim Brand.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS Carmel-By-The-Sea Chapter

#### BIG SUR AMBULANCE RESPONSE SHEET SUMMARY

##### AUGUST 1978

###### DISPATCHES

- 9 Accidents
- 4 Medical Emergencies
- 0 Stand-by Requests
- 0 Maintenance
- 1 Other

###### 14 TOTAL DISPATCH

(1 Cancelled)

###### MILEAGE:

- 29,588 Ending
- 28,616 Beginning

972 TOTAL MILEAGE

###### PERSONNEL RESPONDING

- 7 dispatches, Lois Farber
- 7 dispatches, Don Thompson
- 6 dispatches, Tori Chesebrough
- 5 dispatches, Martha Wright
- 4 dispatches, Beverly Newell
- 1 dispatch, Peter King Monk
- 1 dispatch, Hilton Riley
- 1 dispatch, Steve Beck
- 1 dispatch, Jon Hodson

###### 33 TOTAL PERSONAL RESPONSES

##### SEPTEMBER 1978

###### DISPATCHES

- 7 Accidents
- 2 Medical Emergencies
- 0 Stand-by Requests
- 0 Maintenance
- 1 Other

###### 10 TOTAL DISPATCH

(4 Cancelled)

###### MILEAGE:

- 30,158 Ending
- 29,588 Beginning

570 TOTAL MILES

###### PERSONNEL RESPONDING

- 8 dispatches, Tori Chesebrough
- 5 dispatches, Lois Farber
- 4 dispatches, Martha Wright
- 3 dispatches, Peter King Monk
- 2 dispatches, Hilton Riley
- 1 dispatch, Don Thompson
- 1 dispatch, Jon Hodson

###### 24 TOTAL PERSONAL RESPONSES

### BRIGADE FIRE CALLS

By MARY HARRINGTON

On Sept. 14 the Fire Brigade and U.S. Forest Service responded to an illegal campfire in Grimes Canyon. Two men from out of town were cited under Public Resources Code 4433. Citations generally require a court appearance, and last year fines ranged up to \$350 per person involved.

The Dengate's party ended with a bang when available Fire Brigade members were called away to a fire at the Estibu residence. The fire was found to be in a trash container; there was no damage. U.S. Forest Service also responded.

Thursday, Sept. 26, haze over Partington Ridge caused some concern, but investigation by the U.S. Forest Service and the Fire Brigade discovered that the haze was caused by smoke drifting from a controlled burn in the Hunter-Liggett area. Later that night the Brigade was called out again for a reported car fire at Molera campground. No car was found, but citations were issued for an illegal campfire.

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# Views and Viewpoints



Editorial

## The Tricky-Dickery of Prescriptive Rights

LAST ISSUE THE Gazette ran an article entitled *Attorney General Solicits Affidavits to Establish Prescriptive Land Rights*. The article disclosed a controversial questionnaire which had been distributed quietly to selected recipients and which, if used in a court of law, could establish the public's prescriptive rights on targeted areas of private property. If these test questionnaires are upheld as a legal tool, no private owner of property in the Coastal Zone is safe from prescriptive public easement of possible adverse possession—without any compensation.

Since the article appeared it has been learned that the questionnaires had been selectively distributed to skin diver schools and to members of the Sierra Club. More significantly, it has now surfaced that the questionnaire has been taken from a 112-page manual produced by the State Attorney General's Office entitled *Implied Dedication and Prescriptive Rights Manual Relating to California Coastal Commission Matters*. Hence the

questionnaire is not simply a casual, errant example of Tricky-Dickery, it is in fact a test program which, if allowed to continue without challenge, may well establish the questionnaire as the legal mechanism to obtain private property without fee or due process. Reactions to the AG's questionnaire were interesting. Affected residents of the Carmel Highlands held meetings and wrote letters to the Attorney General who so far, with one exception, has responded in silence.

On October 5 the Regional Coastal Commission held a public meeting in Carmel for public input on the Local Coastal Plans for unincorporated areas of the county. Carmel Highlands residents expressed their concern about the questionnaire. Although the document was originally requested by the Coastal Commission, and it has been distributed by the Santa Cruz AG's Office, it is curious to note that neither the chairperson of the Central Commission, Mrs. Henderson, nor the Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Getz, admitted knowledge of the

questionnaire.

Also interesting was the response of Linda Locklin, the person in charge of the distribution, to a phone call from a Highlands resident. Reportedly Ms. Locklin was shocked to hear that someone had "leaked" their questionnaire to the Gazette.

Media response to the "Newsbreak" could perhaps be best described as a Media Brown-out. The *Carmel Pine Cone's* September 28 article fully corroborated the Gazette story, but somewhat confused the issue by referring to the questionnaire becoming "a legal foundation for public acquisition." Public acquisition involves compensation, but prescriptive rights involves a taking without compensation.

No other media have picked up the story, despite the fact that similar test questionnaire programs are also being distributed in San Diego and Mendocino County target areas. This can perhaps be explained by the fact that this is an election year and neither the Brown camp nor the Younger camp want the issue to surface before

elections because both gubernatorial candidates are responsible for the use of the questionnaire to establish prescriptive rights on private property.

But the buck neither started nor will stop in the Office of the Governor or the Attorney General. And although the Coastal Commission allegedly requested the questionnaire, none of the commissioners and especially the chairperson have admitted knowledge of its existence. From whence, then, did this nefarious legal tactic originate? One wonders which Tricky Dicks concocted this scheme, from what motivations, and for what ultimate purpose?

It is time for some institutional house-cleaning before private rights are further eroded. Were the governor or attorney general interested in an equitable resolution of public vs. private rights, they would clean up their own offices, and in the process investigate the roles played by the Coastal Commission, Sierra Club, and Skin Diver Schools to determine the origins of this pernicious doctrine.

We have probed the earth, excavated it, burned it, ripped things from it, buried things in it, chopped down its forests, leveled its hills, muddied its waters and dirtied its air. That does not fit my definition of a good tenant. If we were here on a month-to-month basis, we would have been evicted long ago.

Chief Justice Rose Bird, California Supreme Court

## Viewpoints

As with anything new in Big Sur, *The Gazette* is likely to arouse interest and generate conversation. Happily, those who have ideas and comments may voice them in the opinion section titled "Viewpoints." We respect and welcome your thoughts. Write "Editor, The Gazette."

### Here are some rules:

Letters, preferably typed, should not exceed 300 words. *The Gazette* reserves the right to edit or reject letters which do not meet its standards of good taste, accuracy, and length. Letters must bear the name, mailing address, location and telephone number of the writer. Only your name and "Big Sur" (or elsewhere) will be printed. No anonymous letters accepted for publication.

Be your own editor. Brevity means more viewpoints per issue can be included. The success of *The Big Sur Gazette* depends on your response. Let us hear from you.

**APOLOGY:** The Gazette editors wish to apologize to Jimmy Sommerville for confusing his lovely handwritten tribute to Ralph Dengate with the statement of another person. Thinking we had two from the same person, Jimmy's was not published. If it is found, we will surely print it. Among other things, Jimmy said, "I could not have stayed the distance with anyone else."

## Wilderness areas

Dear Editor:

"Los Padres National Forest, land of many uses," in Monterey County is being threatened by the proposed incorporation of large chunks of forest land into the designation as "wilderness area." These areas should be eliminated from further consideration for the following reasons.

1. That portion of Los Padres National Forest lying to the west of the main north-south ridgeline including all of the streams and rivers draining westerly into the Pacific Ocean have been mapped for inclusion in the proposed town of Big Sur.

2. Roads criss-cross portions of the area being considered include Willow

Creek, Plaskett Ridge, Los Burros and the Coast Ridge. The presence of these roads render these areas unable to qualify under the definition of "wilderness area."

3. If Los Padres National Forest is going to continue to be a "land of many uses" care should be exercised to keep it within the availability of the most people, including the camper, backpacker, hiker, fisherman, hunter, stockman, lumberman and woodcutter.

Management of forest resources does not necessarily mean stockpiling, but rather the judicious use of all available assets to ensure that these assets serve the needs of the broadcast spectrum of the public in this generation and in the generations to come.

John L. Harlan

## Readers Respond to Attorney General's Questionnaire

Dear Editor:

It may come as a shock to a great many Carmel people that the state attorney general's office is passing out questionnaires to try to determine whether there has been any "violation of public rights and access" along the water areas of the Carmel Highlands, Otter Cove, Cannery Row and Big Sur.

What came as more of a shock to Carmel Highlands residents was the fact the questionnaire also has a well-defined map of these locations with all of our individual houses neatly stencilled in, tagged and pinpointed.

We wonder what our attorney general is thinking of in protecting "public rights" if indeed it means violation of "private rights" of property owners and taxpayers. For what could be a more explicit encouragement to trespassing than this questionnaire?

If proof can be obtained that enough "public use" has been made of our private property in the last five years, we property owners stand to lose that property through "adverse possession."

"No Trespassing" signs do not help. They are constantly being "ripped off" in the very literal sense. Fences are made, it would

seem, according to the language of this questionnaire, to be climbed over. All in all, I have never seen a document that was such a blatant encouragement to the general public to break the trespass laws.

The constitution of the United States gives us the right to own property and to protect it. It seems very strange that we should find ourselves in the unhappy position of having to protect our private property from the very office that should protect us: the attorney general.

Mr. Evelle Younger had better take a long look at this questionnaire and its very bad side effects well before Election Day. If the state has the right to "arrange" some "legal" way of acquiring our private property by affidavit and questionnaire survey, we are heading directly into the same sort of totalitarian condition that weakened and destroyed so many other nations.

Most of us who live in the beautiful area of Carmel choose to do so because of the freedom of its scenery, the ruggedness of its seas and the knowledge that we had a choice in locating here. We do not want to see this freedom or this choice denied to us.

Clare Carey Willard  
Carmel Highlands

To the Editor:

It was with great concern that I read in *The Big Sur Gazette* of the questionnaire being circulated under the auspices of the state's Attorney General's office. If indeed it is aimed, as it certainly appears to be, at encroaching upon private property rights, it is an outrage.

The primary responsibility of government is the protection of life, liberty and property. And yet we have government that has grown so arrogant and powerful that it leads the fight against private property rights.

Today we suffer from government created inflation of 8-10 per cent per year, oppressive taxation and suffocating regulations. Our founding fathers recognized that "The essence of liberty is the proper limitations on government."

I am committed to the defense of individual rights against big government and as your Congressman I will do everything in my power to halt this intrusion upon private property rights.

ERIC SEASTRAND

## GOOD LUCK

Editors, The Gazette:

Sorry to be so late in getting our subscription to you. We were cycling in Europe all summer and are only now knitting up our ravelled sleeve of care which

is the inevitable aftermath of a long vacation.

We wish you luck on the new venture, and hope that you will continue to print lots of articles about coast history, which is a particular interest of ours.

The article about Harrydick reminded us that we too have our "missing" Ross sign. Sam named a spring in the middle fork of Partington Canyon for our firstborn daughter 28 years ago, and Harrydick carved a sign for it which said "Jory Hopkins Spring." The sign was still there 12 years later when Jory and her two younger sisters made a pilgrimage to the spot, but sometime after that the sign disappeared. Perhaps it will turn up some day in somebody's barn... hope springs eternal.

Nancy Hopkins  
Big Sur

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# HEY NEIGHBOR! Too Late to Lock Your Gate?

by JIM JOSOFF

I just came back in from looking at the gate to the lane again. I was out there four times yesterday and this was my third trip this morning. I can't come to grips with what I have to do.

It's sort of like being in a ball game and suddenly all of the rules are changed, and I only found out by accident. (Maybe you haven't found out at all!)

That gate has stood open for a year or so, I guess. The woman who had the property before us was very old and the neighbors didn't push to have the gate restored because it would have meant her having to get in and out of her car to open and close it. But the neighbors and we agree: now there's no choice. The gate has got to be closed, chained and locked. It's not an awfully nice way to live. In fact it's pretty bad **having** to live behind locked gates.

A week or so ago I met a nice young girl out there in the lane and she said it was the loveliest roadway she had ever strolled along. Well, it must have been her mood, because it's certainly not **that** great. But it is pretty. Now of course, if the girl ever comes back, she is going to have to have more obviously break the law and climb over the gate.

Because the gate does have to be locked and the property is going to have to have new 'Posted' notices wherever they are worn, and I'm told they have to be every 200 feet, and had better quote the section of the law that pertains to trespass.

And everyone in the Coastal Zone who does not want to hand his property over to the State -- lock, stock and barrel -- had better do the same. The day of being casual about some nice looking strangers being on your property is gone -- the day of any real choice in the matter is gone.

Last week the *Gazette* and some other papers carried the story of the "trespass" questionnaire issued by the Attorney General's Office to a very select group of people, but **not** to the owners of the properties involved. My complaint about the *Gazette* is that it did not SCREAM with outrage that the Governor, legislature and Attorney General could let this questionnaire happen. **The questionnaire is trying to determine whether certain people have trespassed on other people's private property enough for the State to take that property.** Now read that sentence again. I can hardly believe I wrote it. But it's true. That is the design, the absolute intent of the questionnaire.

The very select people who received the questionnaire were those most likely to have trespassed, i.e., most likely to have broken the law—for there is a law against trespass, but I bet the governor will grant immunity to whoever fills out the questionnaire.

One property owner I know was so mad at seeing her property shown on the map attached to the questionnaire that she called the Attorney General's Office and let it fly. The girl she talked with told her that the thing was not intended for **her** and how ever in the world did she get a copy, anyway. There seemed to be more interest in finding a 'leak' in the system, than anything else.

The questionnaire purports to deal only with Macabee Beach and Otter Cove, although the accompanying maps

show every piece of property from the Highlands through Otter Cove. Several Big Sur people have said it doesn't effect us—but it does.

OH, MY! DOES IT!

The questionnaire is just one part of a major campaign to **take** (get it? **TAKE**) the whole Coast.

How do I know that? Because I have seen the battle plan. Because the state has released a Manual entitled: *Implied Dedication and Prescriptive Rights Manual Relating to California Coastal Commission Matters*. And it's got 112 pages.

You have to see this particular manual to believe it. I understand that it can be ordered from:

R.H. Connett  
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California Atty. General's Office  
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The manual is no simple throw-away pamphlet. It is a step-by-step explanation of just how the Coastal Commissioners and their staffs should proceed in order to acquire property in this manner—and it is published by our own Department of Justice. That is, **this is a manual that tells the Coastal Commission how to take private property without paying for it.** Something has got to be wrong with that sentence, but there isn't.

According to the manual, which even discusses the investigator's first visit to the subject property without any reference to the owner (I guess we are just supposed to lie down and die for the sake of the investigator's convenience), anyway, according to the manual our particular piece of property is safe because we are in a so-called upland area and trespass in upland areas must have occurred before 1972 for the land to be 'takable'. We're safe because our piece of property has been fenced and posted since the fifties, and we managed to get some proof of it. And then we put it in the safe deposit box.

We're not taking any chances, because the rules have changed. It is now 'O.K.' for the state to play dirty, the state in this case being the proponents of overkill that Governor Brown has appointed—and not yet removed—from the Commission. So we are not taking any chances. The gate is going to be rehung and any worn 'Posted' notices will be replaced with bright, shiny, visible, ugly ones. Who knows what law they will push through when I am not looking, and put me in the same fix as the owners of waterfront land.

Having read the questionnaire and having looked through the Manual, I am sure of three things:

1) Every piece of property in Big Sur and the entire Coastal Zone is now—or will be—in danger unless the owners can prove that there has not been "continual" usage of their property by members of the public.

2) The people Brown has set up before us on the Commission are predators. Although more than 50 per cent of the Coast is already in public hands, they are out for the full 100, and apparently care nothing for anyone's private property rights. One has to assume that or they would never have caused Younger's office to have the manual printed. They mean business, make no mistake

about that, and

3) They are going to continue to take advantage of the Justice Department's permission to play dirty. Otherwise the questionnaire would not have been handed out on such a selective basis. The most elementary kind of fair play would have seen that copies reached the property owners they were trying to rip off.

I find it incredible that this can happen in America.

Is it true that the Constitution never got across the Rockies?

Is it possible that the highest authorities in the State of California can espouse a policy which is in direct conflict with both the words and intent of the Constitution?: "No person ... shall be deprived of life, liberty or property ... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Is it possible that the State can issue questionnaires which in effect endorse trespass? And which by implication solicit perjury?

I don't know about you, but when I voted for Prop. 20 I did so because I believe in preserving the environment, and because I did not want to see a string of high-rise motels and billboards stretch without a break from one end of the coast to the other. I did not vote for assassination of the American dream. Remember that dream? It said that if you worked hard enough, and were thrifty enough to do without some things, well, then you could buy a nice piece of property and sit back and count pine needles, and do your thing. But you can't, not if your thing is in Mrs. Henderson's Coastal Zone.

I never voted for something that would force me to live behind locked gates -- that would force me to put blots all over the landscape in the form of No Trespass notices—that would force me to refuse to let people use my land—that would make me wonder if a 3'x8' addition to a bathroom is worth the whole Coastal Commission red tape procedure and the possibility (probability) of being exposed to the same kind of quasi-legal blackmail others have had to face.

I grow weary finally of all the anger in me at the demigods Brown has created through his misguided appointments to our Regional Coastal Commission, at their ridiculous decisions, at their sledge-hammer techniques, at their refusal to see that the people they are penalizing are the very ones who have for years provided the conservation that they and others just spout off about. I grow weary at their subservience to the Sierra Club (which I think has truly outlived its day), at the Commissioners' superdependence on a bright-eyed, theory-filled staff who seem to believe that there is some patron saint for planners -- and that that saint will ensure that all us 'wealthy' landowners on the coast will continue to cough up the money needed for vain attempts to clean-up, replant, clean-up, restore, clean-up, re-create, and clean-up after the tourist goes home. The planners seem to think the tourist will not do any real damage because after all, he's tuned in to conservation, whereas property owners are cast as despoilers.

I had better get out to that damn gate. My territorial imperative has been warring with a more charitable desire to share some of this beauty—and the territorial imperative just won.

## DIABLO CANYON PROTESTORS RECEIVE STIFF PENALTIES

By CARL PAUL ALASKO

The massive double-domed nuclear reactor situated at Diablo Canyon, a few miles south of San Luis Obispo, is scheduled to begin operation in early 1979 as P.G.&E. has announced in their recent electric bill.

The Abalone Alliance of San Luis Obispo, together with other concerned groups, is working to block this opening.

"Four hundred and eighty-seven of us were

arrested for trespassing," Nikki Craft, a resident of Big Sur and one of the participants stated. "But we're going to keep on protesting. We don't have any other choice." She spent three days in jail. "Our morale was always very high," she said. "In fact, it was one of the great learning experiences of my life."

Tony Metcalf of San Luis Obispo, a member of the Abalone Alliance and also one of the 487 arrested, was asked about the legal

situation of the protestors.

"Already 10 persons who pleaded 'no contest' have been sentenced," he said. "For a simple trespass that involved no risk to other persons, or to property, they've received 15 days in jail plus a \$500 fine and two years probation. Obviously, those are excessive sentences designed to intimidate. Justice is supposed to be justice—to fit the crime—and isn't supposed to be intimidation."

When asked about the

eventual scope of the protests, Metcalf replied, "Basically, education. We have to stir people up, make them aware of the enormous danger sitting in their backyard. Most people don't even know about the earthquake fault just a couple miles away from Diablo."

**Distance No Safeguard**

Even though Diablo—as it is referred to—is over 100 miles south of Big Sur, the distance is slight when one looks at the air currents

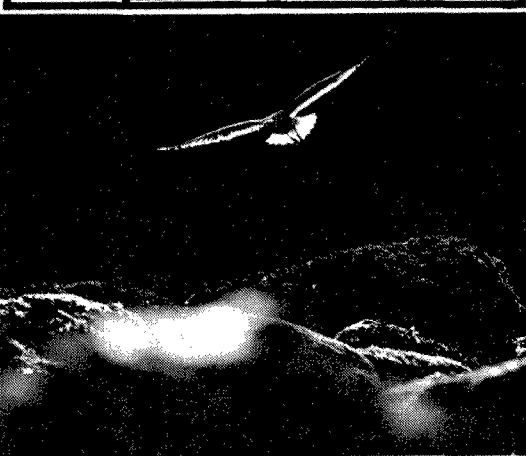
along the coast. The typical storms which move up and down our coast rotate in a cyclonic pattern with the winds traveling counter-clockwise. This means that the winds rotate around the center or "eye" of the storm and always arrive from the south.

Any accident at Diablo during one of these storms would bring radioactivity to Big Sur in a few hours.

As Metcalf and Craft and all of the other protestors await the outcome of their

many trials, they are planning another massive protest in the coming months.

"It's a hard decision to make," Metcalf said, "actually committing civil disobedience and getting arrested. It goes against a lot of what we've been taught. But for us it's a moral decision—deciding what is really important to our world. Radioactivity doesn't forgive. Once we've poisoned our planet, we can't move somewhere else."



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# Wildlife Section

## THE RACCOON: AMERICAN INDIVIDUALIST



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**FAMILIAR CHARACTER**, the local raccoon. Notice the difference in mask markings from the Texas raccoon on the right.

By Jeff Norman

"The raccoon . . . with its industrious energy and resourcefulness. . . deserves to be elevated to the status of the National Emblem in place of the parasitical, carrion-feeding Bald Eagle" says Ivan Sanderson in *Living Mammals of the World*.

Benjamin Franklin held a similar prejudice against the Bald Eagle, although his substitute was the turkey, which is, and was to the Pilgrims, an unquestionably useful bird from a dietary standpoint. Such a quality was certainly to be appreciated by a man like Franklin, but he overlooked a characteristic of our subject animal the raccoon which relates directly to the temperament of the newly liberated nation—that of high-spirited and ingenious individualism. It would be difficult indeed to come up with an animal that manifests American ideals as the raccoon does.

Captain John Smith was the first to describe, in English at least, this exclusively New World creature, which gets its name from the Algonquin Indian "arath-cone" or "arakun." He wrote of it as ". . . a beast they call Aroughcun, much like a badger, but useth to live in trees as squirrels doe."

The raccoon's scientific name, *Procyon lotor*, is the Latin equivalent of "Little Dog Star" (*Procyon*) and "the washer" (*lotor*). Perhaps the raccoon reminded the namer of a small dog, to which they are only distantly related, and raccoons frequently dip their food in water, although the quality of the water they frequently use could hardly cleanse the food item in question.

### Raccoon Genealogy

This contradictory animal will sound more and more American as we go along. To get a better idea, let's find out who this masked bandit is related to. Research his genealogy, if you will.

First of all, he's a mammal, so right off we must accept him into our extended family, which in scientific terms is really a "Class," the "Mammalia," or those who suckle their young. But our woodshed is already crowded with other, closer, mammals such as monkeys and apes, so let's proceed to the next, more exclusive, division: the Order Carnivora, the meat-eaters. The raccoon shares this order with the wolves, bears and lions, although anyone who has fed a raccoon on their back porch knows they don't limit themselves to just meat.

In the 1700's Linnaeus, the great classifier of plants and animals, wrote that a raccoon he observed preferred ". . . eggs, almonds, raisins, sugared cakes, sugar, and fruit of every kind." And John Lawson wrote in 1718 that the raccoon is ". . . the drunkenest Creature living, if he can get any Liquor that is sweet and strong."

The raccoon is distinct from other Carnivores and rates his own Family—the Procyonids. In this group are the exotic pandas, kinkajous and pottos, as well as some inhabitants of the States, such as the coat of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, and the ring-tail cat, or cacomistle, which ranges from Mexico up our coast to southwestern Oregon.

There are seven species of raccoons, five of which inhabit various islands in the Caribbean. The crab-eating raccoon lives from Costa Rica to northern South America, and our friend the washer inhabits North America from southern Canada into Central America. There is some variability in the coloration of the fur, as evidenced by the photographs on this page. The animal on the left is a frequent visitor to a resident of the Big Sur valley; the picture on the right shows a comfortably ensconced Texan.

### Longevity of Raccoons

In the wild, raccoons normally live 10 to 12 years, although one in captivity lived a happy 22 years. This great age was attributed to a living environment as well as a carefully selected diet of soft food, which kept the 'coon's teeth from suffering excessive wear. Since older wild raccoon skulls exhibit considerable tooth wear, it may be assumed that raccoons will die, if not from predation or disease, then from malnutrition due to an inability to chew food.

As mentioned before, raccoons frequently "wash" their food, although this is not a necessary requirement in the dining process. The raccoon is a true gourmand and every sense is employed in his enjoyment at table. 'Coons have extremely sensitive paws, and immersing food in water and daintily fondling it only heightens their appreciation, as well as making harder foods more chewable.

### Nocturnal Nature

The raccoon is primarily nocturnal. In fact, a raccoon seen in full daylight should be avoided, since an animal afflicted with rabies or distemper will often have altered habits. It should be mentioned that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is actively engaged in caring for sick and injured 'coons. Debbie Gornel, of the SPCA shelter on the Salinas Highway, supervises the "rehabilitation" of animals brought to the shelter, and releases them at the proper place and time, when they are able to fend for themselves.

### Reproductive Cycle

A female raccoon becomes sexually mature at about one year of age (as opposed to 2 years for males), and will give birth to as many as seven cubs in a litter, although three or four is average. The blind young are born after a 2½ month gestation; they open their eyes at 19 days. The young nurse for two months, and after a year are kicked out of the house to go forth and multiply. This they do in a very adequate fashion.

The raccoon is one animal which will most likely never suffer the fate of the sea otter or the peregrine falcon, although it has a marketable fur which leads to the trapping and killing of over one million a year in the United States. As early as the 1740s the Hudson Bay Company was buying 110,000 pelts per month, and at the height of the trade in the U.S., in 1948, over 1,500,000 skins of the "Alaskan bear" or Alaskan sable were taken. If you check the label on your fur coat, you may be in for a surprise.

We in Big Sur have an ample supply of raccoons to enjoy, both in the wild and as visitors to our homes. They are found in a wide variety of places—from wooded springs in the high country around Cone Peak, to below sea level where they compete with me and the sea otter for the elusive abalone. They are a constant source of retaliatory ingenuity on our part (I think the world would beat a path to the door of the inventor of a 'coon-proof garbage can), but they also provide a chance for us self-centered humans to step outside our introspective selves and watch and discover how other animals live and react. (And if you are a child and have indulgent parents, as I had, maybe you can even bring one into the living room as one of the family.)

### A Raccoon Bibliography

Below is a list of books on mammals in general and raccoons in particular that may be of interest to one wishing to know more about these animals. The list is divided into two parts: books which are directed primarily towards young children, and those titles which would be more enjoyable and informative to adults.

#### CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Bourne, Miriam Anne  
Brown, Margaret Wise  
Moore, Lillian

Moore, Lillian

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*Raccoons Are For Living*  
*Wait till the Moon is Full*  
*Little Raccoon and the Outside World*  
*Little Raccoon and the Thing in the Pool*  
*Little Raccoon and Poems from the Woods*  
*Thistle*

#### ADULT'S BOOKS:

Ewer, R.F.  
George, Jean & John

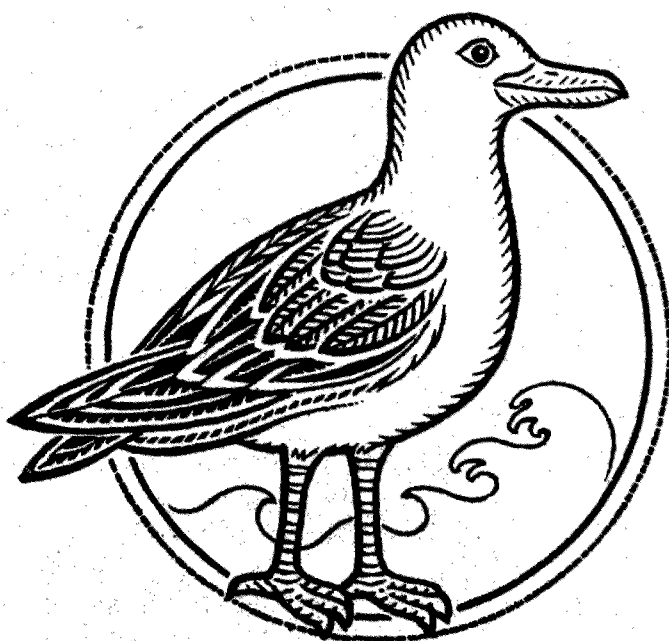
North, Sterling  
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Schaefer, Jack  
Weaver, Harriet

*The Carnivores*  
*Masked Prowler -- The Story of a Raccoon*  
*Rascal*  
*Raccoons Are the Brightest People*  
*An American Bestiary*  
*Frosty: A Raccoon to Remember*



Photo by John Robertson  
THE ABOVE RACCOON, photographed near Houghton, Texas, not only has a differently shaped mask, but also has taller, more upright ears.



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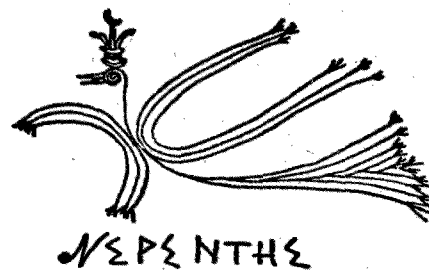
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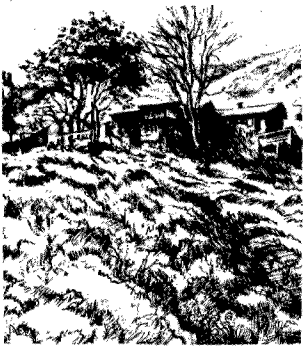
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## Historical Section

### Big Sur Historical Society Meets



By SYLVIA EISENBERG

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We will meet Sunday evening, Oct. 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and re-create the scene of the early resort days.

Bring your old pictures, memories, or just your curious selves—and join us for a night of remembrance.

Tea, coffee and dessert will be served after the meeting.

### FOG SHROUDS "JEFFERS COUNTRY"

The Tor House Foundation is engaged in a series of fund-raising efforts aimed at raising \$100,000 to establish the Robinson Jeffers home as a monument. The most recent of these was a bus tour of the Big Sur Coast, "Jeffers Country."

Although the drive succeeded in raising nearly \$1,500, little of the coast could be seen by passengers on the two chartered buses. A thick fog brought on by unusually hot temperatures obscured visibility.

In raising the money the Tor House Foundation is attempting to qualify for matching funds from the National Trust for Historical Preservation.

Participants hope for a clearer view when the second bus tour is held sometime in November.

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### Handleys Become

### 100th Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Handley of Coastlands, Big Sur, have become the 100th subscriber for the *Big Sur Gazette*, announced *Gazette* editor Gary Koeppel.

After buying their property in the Coastlands in 1964, the Handleys completed their home one year later. Their move from Los Angeles was complete in 1971 when they became permanent Big Sur residents.

When informed of his being the 100th subscriber, Mr. Handley said he was only sorry it took him so long to get his subscription form in.

"We've been pleased with the tremendous response for subscriptions in just two short months," stated editor Koeppel. Subscriptions have been received from many local residents as well as many from visitors as far away as Maine.

The *Gazette* wishes to thank each and every one on the growing subscription lists and looks forward to many years of service to the Big Sur community.

## Claire's Cooking Corner

## BIG SUR RECIPE

### CHALUPAS -- or How to Cure the Green Tomato Blues

Relish is one easy remedy, but a few jars go a long way! So, invite friends over and make a large quantity of this delightful Mexican dish and lighten the load of those slow-to-turn-red tomatoes that weight down your vines.

I quadruple the Cream Sauce 1 recipe, on page 428 in *Joy of Cooking* or any basic white sauce recipe. Then, stir in a mound of grated Jack Cheese; enough freshly squeezed lemon juice to add a tart flavor; one 27 oz. can of Ortega green chile peppers, diced; and two packages of corn tortillas, cut into one-inch strips. Add enough cooked turkey, cut into mouth-size pieces and when all this is well-heated, fold in piles of thinly sliced green tomatoes. These should warm through, but stay crisp. Serve with toasted corn tortilla chips and green salad.

### Perfect Turkey -- Quick & Easy

Just pop one turkey, stuffed or not, into a large brown paper bag that you have thoroughly greased inside with oil. Be sure the bag is **not** recycled paper! Fold over the ends of the bag and staple tightly closed. Cook for one hour in preheated 450 degree oven, then reduce to 350 degrees for 1½ hours. No fuss, and a perfectly cooked bird in 2½ hours, regardless of size.

### ARCHIVISTS WORKSHOP

Looking for a way to keep old family pictures and papers safely? Most of us have at least a few old family mementos that we're trying to take good care of. Unfortunately, these heirlooms can be literally destroyed by the best of intentions. For instance, plastic "protective" pages are ruinous—and so is contact with almost any other modern-day material.

We are fortunate then that next month the Society of California Archivists will be meeting in our central coast area. They will hold a one-day workshop of special interest whether you have

personal family material, or documents that you are responsible for preserving for an organization.

The date is Friday, October 27th. The place is Salinas City Hall, at 200 Lincoln (near the John Steinbeck Library). Fee for the workshop is only \$5.00. Arrangements are also being made for those who would like to have a no-host luncheon at the Steinbeck House.

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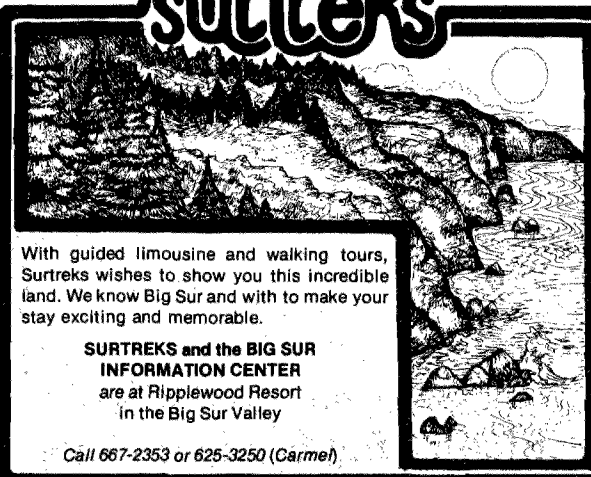
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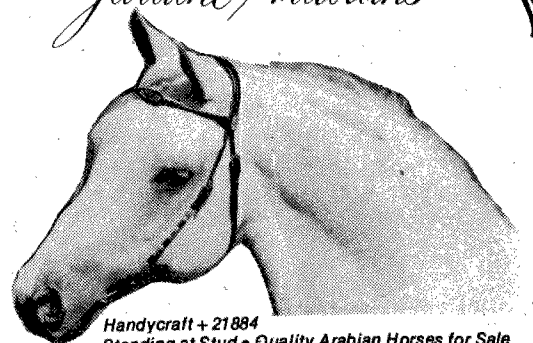
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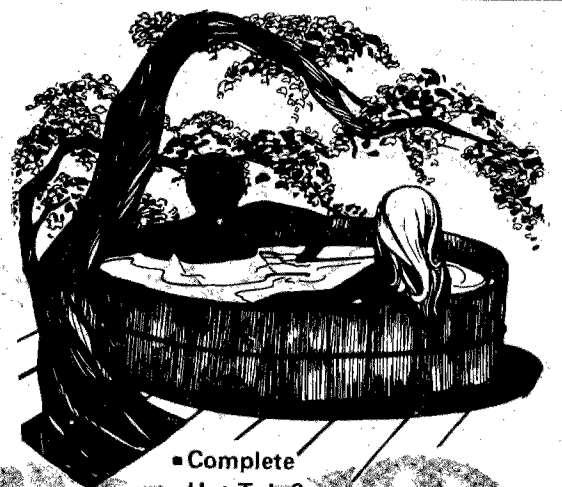
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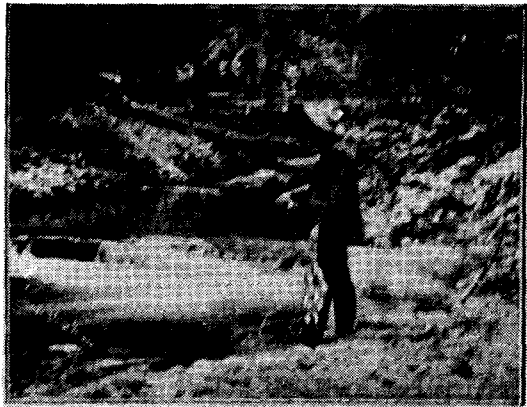
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## Hotel Idlewild



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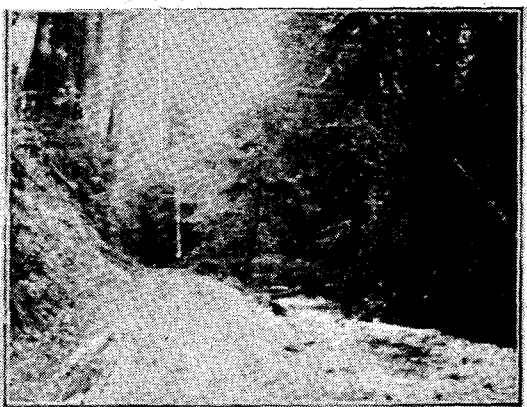
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To the east lies The Great Monterey Forest Reserve where the Government is establishing stations to care for its timber lands knowing full well that what is left to future generations is very little indeed.

Five miles to the south lies Big Sur River which also flows down to the sea through an immense Redwood canyon like its mate.

The road crosses the Little Sur at the junction of the North and South forks of redwoods. This stretch of stately forest is a fitting finish to a drive that for beauty and varied interest can not be excelled in this State of famous drives.

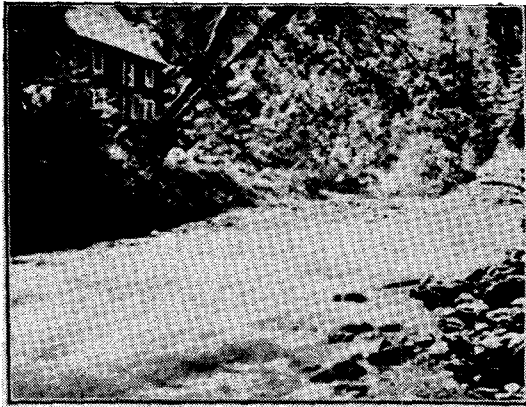
Numerous trails lure the lover of the "Great out-of-doors" to the mountains tops, flowery fields or beside rushing waters and to the beach beside the mighty ocean.



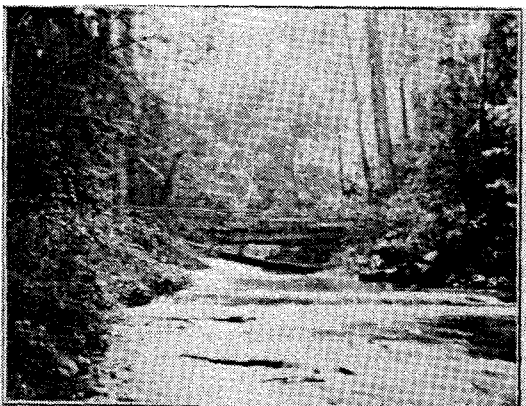
The Road Parallels the Little Sur River

Idlewild Hotel and camp grounds 25 miles down the beautiful coast from Monterey and Pacific Grove is on the Little Sur river which is the finest trout stream in the state. Furnished tents are pitched in an ideal site, close to the river, where one can catch enough trout for breakfast without leaving his own tent ground, or among the trees farther back if wished. The climate has the exhilaration of mountain air with a flavor of the sea in a most sheltered nook. No fogs or disagreeable coast winds mar the pleasure of perfect days. Idlewild is headquarters of artists, writers, botanists, photographers, both amateur and professional.

Little Sur Hot Springs at foot of Pico Blanco have wonderful curative properties, though they are little known except locally, for rheumatism, gout and kindred ailments.



Idlewild Hotel on Little Sur River



Idlewild Bridge South Fork Little Sur at Hotel and Camp Grounds

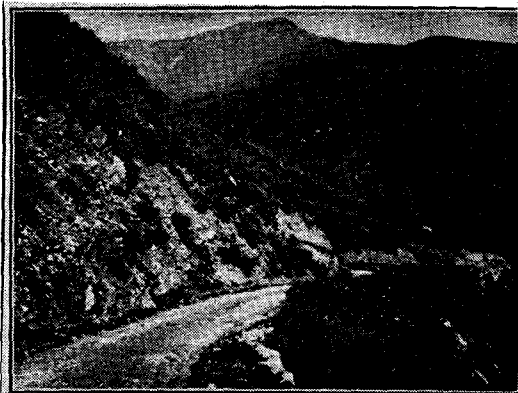
Salmon falls just below Idlewild bridge never fail to furnish sport for the lovers of big salmon. They can be seen running up the streams during a spawning time and stop to rest in the pool below these falls.

Even the children with bent pin hook and hazel rod catch fish near this pool. Many an amateur fisherman has caught his first "limit" along this part of the river.



From Stage Road, Abalone Bay, Twin Seal Rocks in Distance

The stage road from Monterey down the coast to Idlewild, follows the ocean for 15 miles, and is full of varied interest. From Abalone Bay, Twin Seal Rocks can be seen 6 miles away. They mark the halfway point between Monterey and Idlewild. Seal and Otter can be seen very clearly on these rocks any day as you ride along, though they are 2 miles from the mainland. The first 5 miles from Monterey is in the Pines and across Carmel Valley. Then after 15 miles of wonderful and unsurpassed coast ride, the last 5 miles is through the Redwoods which gives a variety not equaled by any other place anywhere.



Pico Blanco, 5,640 feet Elevation

The road from Mill Creek is through the Redwoods to top of the divide and makes rapid descent into charming valley of the Little Sur. Pico Blanco can be seen in the distance to your left. This white limerock mountain, as its name implies, is said to have an elevation of over 5,000 feet and has the headwaters of the North and South fork of Little Sur River at its base. The view from the summit is unparalleled and the trail leading to it is easily followed. It is a paradise for those who love to hunt deer, quail, wild pigeons, squirrels and other game which have their feeding grounds here.

## Esther Ewoldsen Remembers Turn-of-the-Century Hotel

By PAULA WALLING

Situated along the south fork of the Little Sur River, the Idlewild Hotel boasts rooms for \$1.50 per day; but don't phone for reservations. Nothing can be seen of the hotel today. All that remains is rich earth and thick vegetation, reminding us of our insignificance on these harsh and unforgiving hills.

Once a haven for artists, writers, botanists, photographers (though no hotel register exists to tell us exactly who they were), Esther Ewoldsen believes the hotel to have burned in about 1910 or 1912.

This month's centerfold shows the complete brochure of the resort as it was when W. T. Mitchell owned it. Charlie Howland owned it before Mitchell. Esther recalls that he started it.

"I remember seeing it as we passed on the way to Monterey," said Esther. "I'm pretty sure that it was gone when I went to high school . . . They had platforms out in the little slope. In the summertime, they put tents on them for the guests." There was not much activity in the winter. After Idlewild burned, there was a resort they called Idlewild that was situated up in the north fork; one cabin still exists there, according to Esther.

The brochure shows Mill Creek Canyon (Bixby Creek). The house shown was identified as Hoag's. Esther said, "They took some guests there. It was the stage stop, the mid-day mail stop." She recalls that there were a lot of different people living along the Old Coast Road at that time. Their mail was sorted into bags, then the driver of the horse stage dropped it off.

Big Sur Post Office was then called "Arbolado."

Mill Creek also had a school. Children could attend the first eight grades there.

Esther recalls, "When I went to high school, you might say I had to leave home because it was impossible to make the trip back and forth." At that time, they still used the horse stage in winter. Esther lived with her mother's mother for two years, then with a cousin. "I couldn't come home on weekends because the stage came south on Mondays and came back on Saturdays . . . I got home for Thanksgiving, Christmas and probably Easter, that was about all," she recalled.

Esther remembered the road conditions in the days of the old Idlewild Hotel. When the road got bad, they put the mail on horseback. If no saddle was available, they just tossed a sack over the horse's back and rode bareback. "That's something that always kind of bothered me: In the days when the horses pulled the wagon (and the load, of course) the roads were steep and narrow and the poor old horses used to sweat and strain going uphill, and then they'd sweat and strain holding the load back going downhill," Esther said sympathetically. "And now, with the automobile, an inanimate thing, why the roads have to be a certain grade all the time."

In those days, passengers would get out and walk when they came to a steep place so it wouldn't be such a strain on the horses. "And after sitting for an hour or so on those hard, bench-like seats, one was glad to get out and walk," Esther admitted.

Although the brochure says the Idlewild Stage was operated by "careful drivers who look after every comfort and wish of passengers," Esther recalls that the stage contractor could hire whomever he pleased if he did not wish to make the run himself. Then he would pick up anybody, "probably somebody that he found on the street or at the school door," she said. He would be offered a dollar or a dollar and a half to drive the stage down and back. Esther remembers having some pretty undependable drivers sometimes, although she says they nearly always got the mail through.

The Idlewild Stage was a regular mail stage. One driver Esther knew of got tired of being "wet all winter and sunburned all summer driving the stage." So he got a light wagon that had a top on it and used that to carry the mail and the occasional three or four passengers—usually no one. "So this poor man had to go along in all kinds of weather with no company, no one to talk to except the horses. And so he went riding in comfort and people thought he was doing pretty well," Esther recounted. But there came a stormy day. "The wind was blowing terrifically." And when the man came around a turn, not far from the present Mariculture Lab, the wind caught the top and turned the stage and horses over. No one was injured. But Esther recalls after that experience, "He gave up that idea and went back to an open stage and wore oil skins when it rained and a hat when it was sunny."

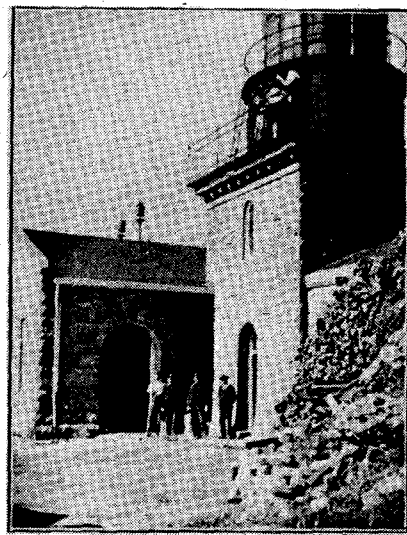
The brochure shows the Monterey Lime Company. I am way to be a point of interest along the Idlewild Stage route. Production of lime here gradually slackened off in the early 1900s. "After the San Francisco Earthquake then it really ended, because the money went for investment in San Francisco instead of down here," according to Esther. She remembers the tramline and faintly remembers seeing a car move on it, as well as remembering one being stuck up on the line for a long time. Occasionally, a workman would ride down in one of the buckets. "It wasn't supposed to be done," she said, "but it was a quicker way to get down to the landing than it was to get on a horse or in a wagon and go down by the road."

At Idlewild itself, there probably weren't many rooms to rent. In the summer when the weather was good, the porch was used as a dining room. "It was shady and nice outside, in spite of flies," (Esther said there were as many flies if not more in those days.) The salmon mentioned in the brochure are steelhead, the same as spawn now days in the Little Sur River. "Steelhead used to be called salmon," she said.

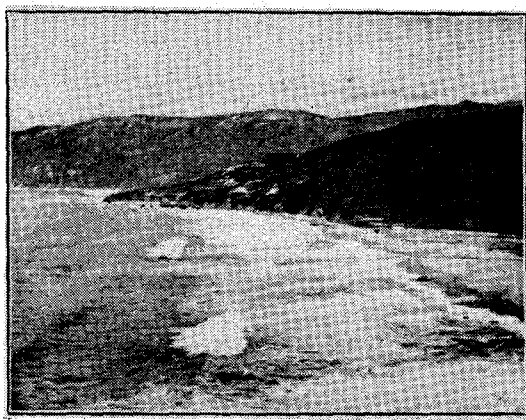
Esther recalls artists and writers from Carmel coming down to Pfeiffer Resort. She mentioned several, among them Robinson Jeffers. "Those and others probably stopped at Idlewild, too," she thought.

As you look into the pictures and read of the resort and the scenic stage ride, we hope you enjoy this journey back to the turn of the century. We are grateful to Esther Ewoldsen for helping bring this little-known chapter of Big Sur history to life. Also, our appreciation goes to Paul Hettich for loaning us the brochure for publication in the Gazette.

Point Sur Light House is but 4 miles from the Hotel and one can well spend a pleasant afternoon here as it is well worth a visit. It is situated on a Gibraltar like rock jutting out from the mainland 440 feet high. It is a first grade light and requires the services of a keeper and three assistants who always welcome visitors.



Point Sur Light on a Rock 440 feet High



Up the Coast from the Light House

The beautiful stretch of beach and rocky coast between the light house and Little river furnishes many a subject to the artist. Fine abalones tempt the epicure and pearl-bubble hunter to this shore. Seals and sea otter are hunted here at times.

After fishing down the river to the famous "1000 Salmon trout pool" near the ocean, one can add to his "limit" of speckled beauties, many a Surf Perch or Rock Cod and other salt water fish by fishing from the beach.



Idlewild Stage. O. Woodfin, Prop.

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A Fitting Finish to a Beautiful Drive

The last quarter of a mile the road parallels the river then crosses the rustic bridge that spans this unsurpassed trout stream, Idlewild Hotel and Camp Grounds are reached. The river flashes along so temptingly that few can resist casting a fly even before partaking of a dinner that satisfies the most exacting.

Mill Creek Canyon is a great point of interest on the stage drive. Soon after the road turns from the ocean a steep ascent is made, then a sharp turn at the summit gives a sweeping view down a surprisingly deep canyon and on to range after range of mountains. Crossing this little valley may be seen the huge wire rope Tramway of the Monterey Lime Co. which is 3 miles in length. Each bucket carries 2 barrels of lime from the Kilns to the landing at the mouth of Mill Creek on the ocean.



Mill Creek Canyon Looking Towards Idlewild

W. T. Mitchell  
Proprietor  
Hotel Idlewild  
Sur, Calif.

Stage Office:  
Pacific Ocean House  
Monterey, Cal.

## THREE BABY GIRLS BORN THREE DAYS IN SUCCESSION

Daughter born to Kathy Keenan  
and Frank Pinney

Kathy Keenan chose what seemed like the hottest afternoon of the year to give birth to the couple's 6-pound, 4-ounce girl. Husband Frank assisted as "Baby Girl" Keenan-Pinney entered the world at 3:10 p.m. Sept. 23, 1978 at their home. Her name has not yet been decided. Frank and Kathy have another daughter, Aryanna, 2 years old.

Trillis Murphy born  
at Natividad in Salinas

Elizabeth and Mark Murphy are the parents of a daughter. Trillis Irene Murphy, named for her grandmother, Della Trillis Martin, was born at 4 p.m. Sept. 24, 1978 at Natividad Hospital. She was 19½ inches long and weighed six pounds. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Martin, residents of Big Sur since 1964

Terri Lynn Brown born  
at Community Hospital

Helen Brown reports that she and husband Larry arrived at Community Hospital to deliver their 6-pound, 12-ounce daughter "with only 10 minutes to spare"—an event their doctor missed! Little Terri Lynn, measuring 19½ inches, arrived Sept. 25, 1978 at 4:20 a.m. The Browns have one other child, David, 11 years old.

Mr. & Mrs.  
Melvin Hooper, Jr.  
Married



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Hooper, Jr. were married Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Protestant Chapel at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

The bride, the former Jeannette Marie Rogers, is the daughter of HMC and Mrs. Jack W. Rogers of Naval Facility, Point Sur. She is a graduate of Bob Reeve High School, Adak, Alaska and attended Monterey Peninsula College.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Hooper Sr. of St. Joseph, Missouri, graduated from Benton High School and recently completed a four-year tour in the U.S. Navy.

The marriage ceremony was followed by a reception in the Gold Room at the Point Sur Naval Facility.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Hooper Jr. will reside in St. Joseph after a California honeymoon.

## GRANDPA DEETJEN REMEMBERED

Grandpa Deetjen came from Norway and lived in Hollywood and Carmel. Grandpa made a long walk of 30 miles all the way from the small city of Carmel to Big Sur in the late 20s and, in the late 30s, he started Big Sur Inn and traded travelers a night's sleep for some work. He did not talk very much to people.

Grandpa did not have a wine certificate so he had "gravy" and he would ask special people to have some. They would mostly say no if they did not know what it was. What he called "gravy" was red or white wine. Where Grandpa built a dining room there are two knot holes on the wall close together and they look exactly like real eyes except they are a bit bigger than normal. Above Big Sur Inn on the hill there is a house called the Top House. Grandpa finished it in 1945. In 1962 his wife died. Grandpa had lots of children. His children were his dogs. Grandpa went to Carmel to buy all his food for the Inn. Ed was riding his bicycle

up the California coast and stopped at Big Sur Inn and now runs the place. He has not gone further since he arrived in 1964. Grandpa died in 1971 at Big Sur Inn in the month of October. Grandpa's hobby was working with his hands. Big Sur Inn is still going today. Ed is a bit dingy so there are a lot of bells.

To work here all the people tell you what to do, how to do it, and they are all very happy about it. All the people like everyone and like each other so they work well together. Ellen, I think, is the head person as for training new people and helps you a lot. Ellen and the others make the best soups that I have ever tasted in my life.

When I first came here I was three months old. I feel that I have many friends here and wish I could come more often. When Ed went to Japan he met Kuniyo and married her. She helps run the place now along with him. Grandpa Deetjen made tables himself by hand with

is on Highway 1 in Big Sur, California. Right by the ocean there are big, tall redwood trees all around. There are also seven dwarf houses. In the family table room there is a sign which says, "Without music, life would be a mistake," by Nietzsche. At Big Sur Inn they are always playing classical music. A strong looking Buddha all smooth and rough in places sits calmly in the garden. Stokes came here because Mrs. Deetjen said he could live here as long as it lasted. Stokes died in April of 1978.

Big Sur Inn is very special for my parents because they like the woods. It is very quiet here for them and then, of course, they like Ed. They love it here just as much as Tucker and I do. Someday I might live and work here.

by Alexandra Baldwin  
September 13, 1978  
Lower Creek House

(Editor's note: Alexandra is 10 years old.)

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Time: 8:30 p.m. • Adm.: General \$1.50  
Place: MPC Standing Room Only (SRO) Theatre  
Continues 11/3 and 11/4

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Film: Audubon Wildlife Series  
Superior, Land of the Woodland Runner  
Time: 8 p.m. • Adm.: General \$2  
Place: MPC Music Hall

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

Play: "Roshoman" — MPC Players  
Time: 8:30 p.m. • Adm.: General \$1.50  
Place: MPC Standing Room Only (SRO) Theatre  
Continues 11/10 and 11/11

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

Concert: "Loffler & Camerick"  
International Folksongs  
Time: 8 p.m. • Adm. General \$2  
Place: MPC Music Hall

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

Dance Concert: Amparo & Cuadro Espanol  
with Juan Serrano — Spanish Dancers  
Time: 8 p.m. • Adm. General \$3  
Place: MPC Theatre

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

Film: "Top Hat"  
Time: 8 p.m. • Adm.: General \$2  
Place: MPC Theatre

SAURDAY & SUNDAY, NOV. 25-26

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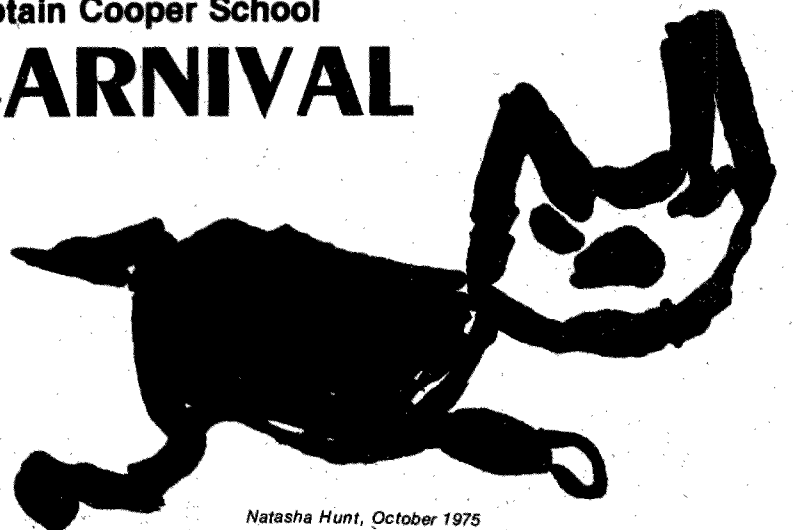
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## CAPTION CONTEST RESULTS



(Photo by G. Koepfel)

QUESTION, "Who is this man, and what is he doing?"

The man is Walter Trotter, of course, and the true caption should read, "Walter Trotter clowns with rock during February 1978 rockslide above the 'Sea Lions.'"

Other submitted captions included:

"It's one helluva job keeping this road open since Dengate left."—J.K.

"Hurry up, David, get that dime and get out from under there."—K.C.

"Walter, it just won't fit in my pickup."—P.C.

"Hell, my dad used to push bigger ones than that over."

"Now you know what Ralph means when he talks about the condition of his equipment."

"No, Walter, you can't have it in the house."

Walter and his Pet Rock.

Big Sur's Human Bulldozer at work.

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"OOOH—I just love this rock. Kiss, kiss, kiss."

"A little more to the left—no, no—too much—back to the right just a little bit—oh perfect, leave it right there. Thanks."

"Walter on the rocks with a twist."

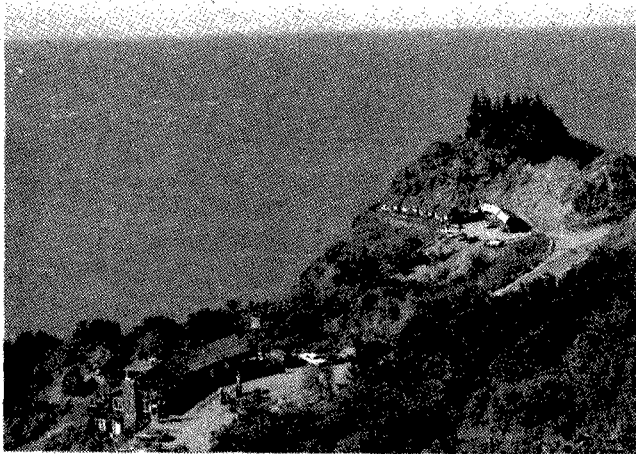
"Let me give it one more try. I know I can move it."

"Walter begins his new rock garden."

"You can tip it, Walter, but you can't pick it up, so I know you can't walk off with it."—R.D.

"Now you know why I'm retiring!"—R.D.

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BIG SUR ENDANGERED SPECIES: **Hymenoptera Trotteria**

By SYLVIA EISENBERG

(Editor's note: The author felt the "mystery caption picture" on page 12 of the September issue of the "Gazette" deserved more than a title and so submitted the following information which has been garnered through a two generation study of the subject.)

We were thrilled to see the photograph of Big Sur's native ant, Hymenoptera Trotteria, in the September issue of the Gazette.

Because this species is fighting against the rapid encroachment of civilization in the area, we feel an explanation of his interesting life habits would be in order.

Studying the picture we can determine that this is an elder of the family. Were this a Trotteria in its younger phase, the large boulder would be in motion, most likely carried above the head of the Trotteria by

its arm-like appendages. In its prime, a Trotteria would easily carry such a rock great distances before placing it in a wall-like structure.

Our local genus of Hymenoptera Trotteria have inhabited Big Sur for enough generations to be considered native, and are fierce protectors of their home territory.

Due to the extreme strength of the males, care should be taken not to antagonize them when they are around their nests.

Hymenoptera Trotteria are prolific builders, sometimes ranging great distances foraging for the materials used in their homes.

They have been known to fell a mature redwood tree singlehandedly, reducing it to the sticks with which they skillfully build. They are not to be confused with the carpenter ant, a large black ant that eats

redwood instead of using it to build.

Hymenoptera Trotterias are occasionally mistakenly identified as Fire Ants. There is a unique reason for this assumption: The Trotteria has always had a tremendous fear and loathing of fire which could annihilate this rugged country. He has often been seen actually extinguishing fires of any sort which threaten his habitat.

Trotterias, at the outbreak of a fire, organize many other species and work tirelessly until the blaze has been controlled.

Hymenoptera Trotteria are industrious, known as excellent hunters and providers of the food which makes up the omnivorous diet of their order.

They are skilled at gathering local fish and shellfish and sometimes seem to be amphibious.

One last incredible note on the individual specimen seen

in the picture. Photographers were indeed fortunate in recording a rare metamorphosis of this Trotteria occurring in 1957. For several consecutive evenings he appeared in the vicinity of the Big Sur Grange Hall in the form of a grotesquely lovely butterfly. (See picture.)

Crowds of people have returned to the hall at around the same time of year ever since, hoping to catch a glimpse of the phenomenon.

At the time of this writing there hasn't been a single recurrence and indeed, the author was not fortunate enough to have been in the area at the time.

Melodile Hathaway, the author's mother, who has a great interest in science, still recalls that a 300-mile trip from her home in Los Angeles was warranted for the unique experience of seeing Hymenoptera Trotteria as a butterfly.



THE HYMENOPTERA TROTTERIA captured on film

during a rare metamorphosis into a butterfly. (Photo by Geraldine Lamb)



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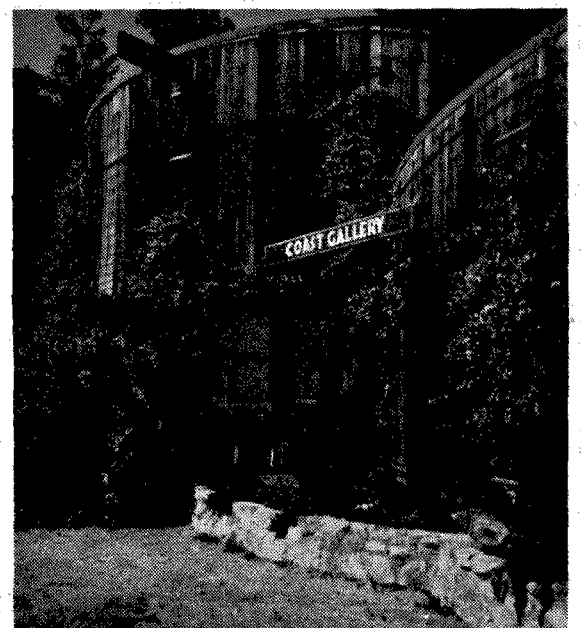
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# POINT SUR WINS TITLE

by Larry Brassfield

Point Sur became the 1978 softball league champions when they defeated Ventana in the final game of the playoffs by a score of 14-13. Point Sur combined a tight defense, and a devastating offense to dominate the final game as they did all their previous playoff games. The player that figured most heavily in the crushing final victory was appropriately named "Whoopie" Blanks. Ventana had high hopes going into the championship game after defeating the

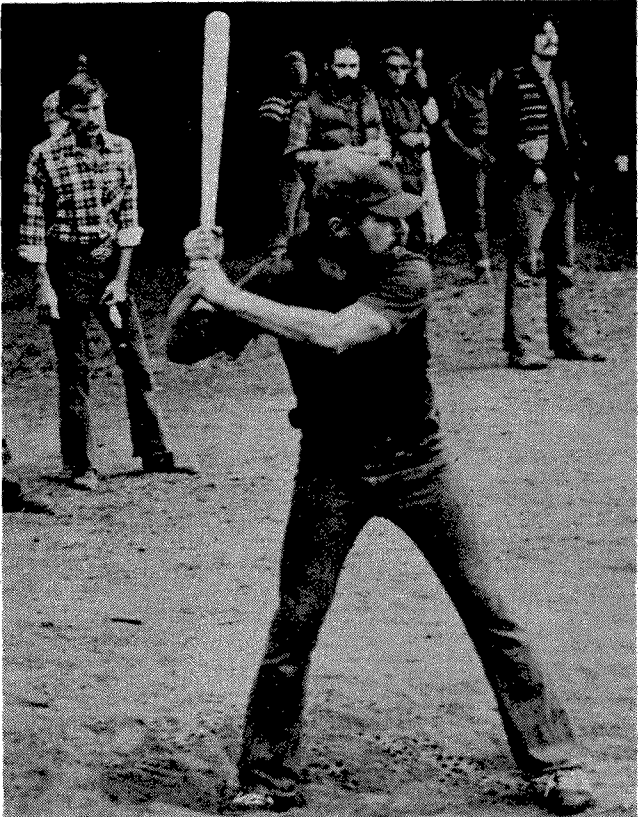
Outlaws in a down-to-the-wire contest. Ventana jumped off to a strong start against the Outlaws with 12 runs in the first inning. The Outlaws settling down held Ventana to 2 runs through the next 7 innings while closing the gap to within 3 runs going into the top of the ninth. So with a do-or-die situation in the ninth, the Outlaws loaded up the bases with no outs and the tying run on first. Ventana realizing that the

momentum was building on the other bench dug in and made a smooth doubleplay to cloud the Outlaw's chances of a comeback victory. The final score on that game: 14 Ventana, 13 Outlaws. In earlier playoff games the State Park was defeated by the Outlaws in their first game 5 to 2. Then in a come-from-behind last inning rally, Ventana defeated the State Park by a score of 8-7. This put an early end to the State Park's chances in the playoffs.

| PLAYOFF FINALS |     |
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| Point Sur      | 3 0 |
| Ventana        | 2 2 |
| Outlaws        | 1 2 |
| State Park     | 0 2 |



**THE WINNERS!** Kneeling left to right: John Pacheco, William Goldthorp, Phil Cromartie, Warren Sturtevant. Standing: Exec. Officer Andy Knutsen, Larry Basinski, Tony Mattie, David Warmley, Herbert Bessing (team manager), William "Whoopie" Blanks, Gregory Stalnaker.



**CASEY AT THE BAT.** Don Case of the Outlaws in the batter's box. (Photo by Greg Dodge)

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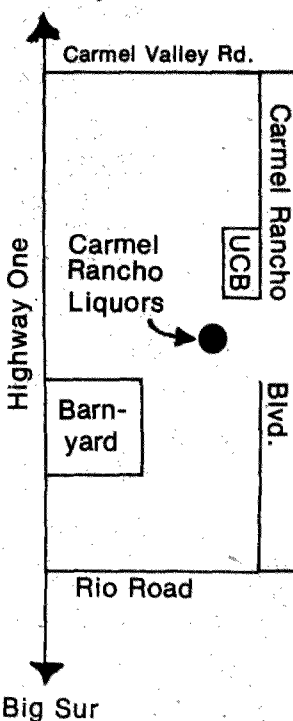
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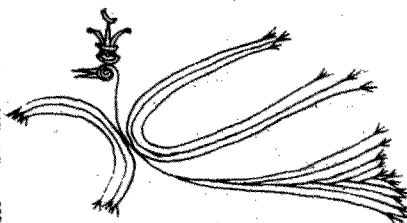
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# NPS LAND ACQUISITION POLICY DRAWS HEAVY FIRE

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By GENE ROSE  
Bee Staff Writer

Charges of intimidation, harassment and coercion were leveled against the National Park Service's land acquisition policy Wednesday in a Fresno hearing which could affect the future of the controversial program.

Witnesses told the NPS's Citizen Advisory Committee that the land acquisition policy violated basic property rights and the program should be terminated.

Only three persons spoke out in favor of the NPS policy for acquiring those parcels of private property located within the boundaries of the national parks.

The hearing, the first of five scheduled across the nation to determine the future of the land program, was held in the Sheraton Inn.

Charles S. Cushman, executive director of the National Park Inholders Association, a newly formed organization seeking to halt

the government's land program, told the committee that the NPS had become "arrogant and cavalier" in dealing with the property owners.

"The mandate of Congress is not to acquire all the property but to protect the scenic easement . . . and scenic easement has never been discussed," Cushman charged.

He urged that the land acquisition policy be halted and that the NPS adopt a "spirit of conciliation" and examine other approaches for acquiring the land.

Cushman blamed much of the existing hostility on Rep. Philip Burton, chairman of the Parks and Recreation subcommittee, claiming his recent amendments to the policy would force the NPS to acquire all the inholdings within four years.

"He tells Bill Whalen (the director of the NPS) to jump and Whalen says, 'how high,'" Cushman declared.

Most of Wednesday's testimony came from about 40 inholders at Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks. However,

property owners from as far away as Glacier and Grand Teton National Parks also gave statements.

Nancy Collin of Fresno, chairman of the Sierra Club's Tehipte Chapter, and one of those speaking for retention of the acquisition program, described the hearing as "very biased" and hoped Congress would look at the overall problem before making any changes.

"The inholders are a privileged group that is attempting to take advantage of its position," Ms. Collins told the committee.

She recommended that the program be continued but did allow that property owners should be able to make minor improvements with being threatened by condemnation. She also suggested that the acquisition program not be rushed.

Several witnesses, including Ernest N. Mobley, president of the Wilsonia Property Owners Association, said that those interpreting the intent of Congress had not read all of the enabling legislation.

Quoting from the Federal Register, Mobley said it was not essential to eliminate all private uses within the parks' boundaries; only that adequate lands be acquired for public use and enjoyment—along with control of adjacent lands to ensure preservation of the primary purpose of the parks.

Mobley said the NPS has taken beautiful cabins at Wilsonia and torn them down, only to replace them with large administration and maintenance buildings that are not in keeping with the mountain esthetics.

He said he was unable to understand why the NPS was so anxious to acquire the 62 acres around Wilsonia, when there was already half a million acres in the rest of Kings Canyon National Park.

Mobley also attacked Rep. Burton, claiming that his "technical amendments" to recent legislation only worsened the problem.

Howard Chapman, regional director of the NPS's western region, said he would anticipate that if the other public hearings

produced the same preponderance of adverse criticism that NPS Director William Whalen could amend the land acquisition policies.

However, Chapman explained that the interests of the inholders would have to be weighed against the needs of millions of other Americans.

Other inholders said the park service policy lacked logic and direction. And some critics said the Opportunity Purchase Program's "willing seller-willing buyer approach" was a sham.

Ned McKinnay of Wawona said the NPS had to close sections of the Wawona campground this summer because of sewage pollution, but that at the same time, the money that should have gone for a new sewage treatment facility at Wawona was being spent to acquire additional private property.

Robert M. Wash, deputy Mariposa County counsel, said NPS had used a "meat axe" approach to the problem.

He urged any future acquisitions be weighed individually—both for the property owner and local government.

Wash said Mariposa County expected more of the government and that the present action had seriously undermined the county's tax base.

Edward Vagim told the hearing that the government's condemnation of his land at Wawona would have to be settled by a jury trial.

Vagim has long sought to develop a commercial development there—an action the NPS considered incompatible.

"Our land is being taken by the sword of eminent domain because we are committing an 'incompatible act,'" Vagim declared.

"This hearing is simply window dressing."

Describing the acquisition program as fair and equitable, George Whitmore of the Sierra Club said the organization would make a complete statement on the inholding program at the Washington, D.C. hearing on Sept. 15.

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# Literary Section

## HAWK'S PERCH

Edited by  
WILLIAM WITHERUP

Beginning with this issue the *Gazette* will have a poetry section edited by William Witherup. Poems submitted should relate in some way to the experience of living or being on the Big Sur coast, especially the section from Bixby Canyon to Gorda. Though we will be provincial in content, style and form are open. The editor suggests interested contributors submit more than one poem at a time for consideration. Poems should be typewritten and, preferably, double-spaced. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must accompany all submissions. Address them to Hawk's Perch, *The Big Sur Gazette*, P.O. Box 7, Big Sur, CA 93920.

TURKEY BUZZARD  
By ERIC BARKER

Trapping their leaps to safety  
With our shattering wheels, leaving  
Then quivering, glued to the highway,  
Piling up the daily kills—  
Squirrels, raccoons, opossums,  
The nine crushed lives of cats,  
Our indifferent murders  
Left like rubbish on the road, —  
He ignores them for days,  
Whetting his sanitary hook  
In dreams of the bad aftermath  
Where advantages of distance keep him pure.  
Height is his element, steep and blue.  
On the ground he wobbles like a duck,  
A scavenger dedicated to untainting the air.  
At night in the roadside woods  
The freshening wind commends his graveyard  
Manners, stroking the backs of  
Raccoons, opossums, cats, squirrels  
Asleep in their dark and seesaw branches.

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"Under Orion," *Kayak Books, Santa Cruz, California, 1970.*

IN PRAISE OF RAIN  
By STEPHAN TAUGHER

The storm has pushed me  
inside, again, thank God.  
Enough dry wood to keep the tea hot,  
acorns thumping on the roof.  
Beneath the gas light an oak moth  
is laying her eggs in an open book.  
It is November. The hand growing around my pen  
has darkened like a manzanita root.

From "Horsetails," by Stephan Taugher and William  
Witherup, *Peter Gates Press, Monterey, CA 1970.*

ACRES OF OCEAN  
By NANCY J. KELLEY

Westernmost spot of the Western World, Ardently  
Toward the Pacific thrust,  
Where else would God Himself place Big Sur?  
Answer me soft in sea foam murmur  
Obviously blessed chip of earth crust,  
Could you cleave off at the inland edge,  
Forming Atlantean island dust?  
Acres of Ocean, waves flying unfurled  
Acres of Ocean, waves coming uncurled  
Into pools and eddies thund'rously swirled  
Birth, rebirth-life like the waves shoreward hurled  
Seen from above, third eyes acknowledge  
What earthly eyes just begin to see:  
The Surveyor sites lots with seaweed  
Heliotrope haphazardly strewn,  
Indelible dyes staining the sea  
No compass need to tell you where;  
They are where He thinks it best they be  
Edging out ocean-front, pounding the property line  
Of a civilization that thinks it's evolving  
So, misers and fools, you learn here that life goes  
nowhere  
Until again the spiral is upward revolving  
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YUCCA  
By WILLIAM WITHERUP

Our Lord's Candle  
bursts from the granite mountain.  
Honeybees fling themselves  
in and out of its sweet waxy flowers.  
I climbed to from a field of lupine,  
a field of blue fire,  
thinking no further beauty was possible  
this spring morning on the trail.  
And now this yucca seething with bees,  
this harp cracking the mountain  
with a continual hum.

From "Private and Public Poems," by William Witherup,  
*Peters Gate Press, Monterey, CA, 1972.*  
Witherup, *Peters Gate Press, Monterey, CA, 1970.*

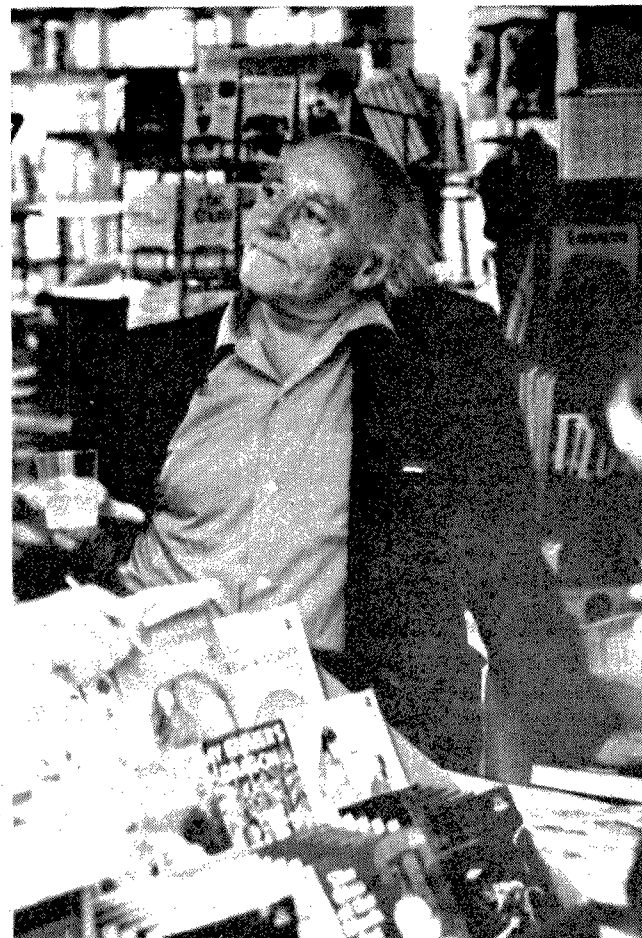
Poets in this issue:

Eric Barker was a resident of Big Sur for over 15 years  
until his death in 1974. A future issue of the *Gazette* will be  
devoted to his poetry.

Stephan Taugher is a former Big Sur resident, if we can  
stretch it a bit to include Palo Colorado Canyon. He and his  
family are now farming on the Fraser River in British  
Columbia.

William Witherup lives in Big Sur.

Nancy J. Kelley has been a resident of Big Sur for  
almost a year, and is about to embark for India.



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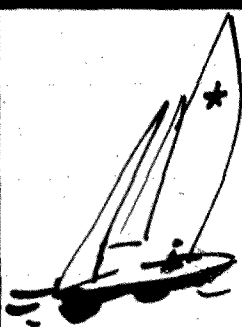
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## Dengates Retire in Style

Continued from page 1

by Bill Setterlund, a reel, and a tackle box.

Letters of commendation were awarded to Ralph from Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, and many friends stood up to express a variety of sentiments and appreciation.

On behalf of Ralph's friends, neighbors and fellow workmen who came from as far as Cambria, Walter Trotter presented the Dengates with a defunct television set; in place of the removed picture tube were collections totalling over

\$1,000 so they could purchase the color television set of their choice.

The barbecue ended abruptly for the Brigade Firemen who responded to a fire call at the Estibu house on Pfeiffer Ridge, which turned out to be a controlled burn without a permit.

Everyone agreed that the barbecue provided one of the most memorable afternoons for the community in recent history, and that the Dengates will be missed as well as they will be fondly remembered.

## EMILE NORMAN'S HEARING POSTPONED

Big Sur artist Emile Norman's Coastal Commission hearing on his application to replace a caretaker's trailer with a house has been postponed, according to attorney Richard Brownyard.

Initially scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, the hearing was postponed by the applicant because as of October 9, Mr. Norman had not received copies of the new staff report and conditions. As of this writing, no new date has been set.

By law the Coastal Commission must present the applicant with copies of the staff report and proposed conditions at least two weeks prior to the public hearing, which allows the applicant ample time to prepare his presentation and response.

### First Conditions Withdrawn

At Mr. Norman's first Coastal Commission hearing, held July 10 in Santa Cruz, the Deputy Attorney General who

represents the Coastal Commission, Charles Getz, officially withdrew the set of eleven conditions at the beginning of the hearing.

Authored by Coastal Staffer Rick Hyman, the conditions included a controversial "ten-foot pedestrian accessway" through the applicant's property, a provision to "prohibit any development visible from public use areas," and a restriction that solar collectors must be non-glare.

### Residents Angered

The controversial conditions angered friends and neighbors of the applicant and resulted in a blitz of 40-50 letters of protest to the Commission.

Commissioner Leavy called the protest a conspiratorial letter writing campaign, but deputy AG Getz pre-empted further criticism by withdrawing the eleven conditions and directing the staff to draft a new report.



## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Scheduled for

**NOVEMBER 15**

7:00 p.m. Big Sur Grange

**NOVEMBER 16**

7:00 p.m. Pacific Valley School

SUBJECT: Feasibility of Incorporation



CALTRANS SUPERINTENDENT Bob Billings presents the Dengates with an inscribed cake.



## CPOA SCHEDULES ANNUAL MEETING

The Big Sur Coast Property Owners Association will hold its annual meeting of the general membership to elect new officers on Monday, November 13 at the Big Sur Grange Hall.

Robert Slimmon, Monterey County Zoning Administrator, has been invited to speak on the subject of the proposed rezoning of Big Sur to "CZ," which would require a "Use Permit" for all future applications.

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