

HAVE FUN IN THE SUN
AT BIG BEAR LAKE

WEATHER REPORT	
JULY	Max. Min. Prec.
24	80 52 1.95
25	81 47 .04
26	77 45
27	74 48 fr
28	78 47 fr
29	72 46 .07
Season Total	2.08
Last Season	3.06
Lake Level:	50'4"

RECOVER BODY
OF DROWNING
VICTIM WED.

The body of Mrs. Ann C. Orne, 34 year old North Hollywood woman who drowned Sunday, was recovered from the lake at 7 a.m. yesterday, ending a three day search directed by Capt. Kendall Stone of the sheriff's office, his deputies and Constable Coy Brown.

The tragedy occurred Sunday, about 1:15 p.m., when in company with Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer and her 8 year old daughter, Bobbie Ann, she came to Big Bear for an all-day outing and was swimming in the lake near Moon Camp.

Following a picnic, the foursome rented a boat. When out on the lake, Mrs. Orne decided to go for a swim. She became chilled by the icy water and called for help to get back to the boat. As Mr. Spencer jumped in to help her, Mrs. Spencer became panicked by the excitement, was unable to get the motor started and the boat drifted farther away. Mr. Spencer had the exhausted woman put her hands on his shoulder so he could swim her to shore, but within a short time her grasp loosened and she slipped into the water, dropping out of sight.

Screams for help attracted the attention of Eva Swoffer, physical education instructor at Fullerton City College who was working on the hel boat at the nearby dock of the Mel Blanc's on Gliner Point. She was unable to get her speedboat started, and frantically called young Noel Blanc to run her out on the lake in his small craft. She dived immediately to recover the body, but reported she was unable to locate the victim because of grass and weeds.

Mrs. Orne-ran to her death in 10 feet of water, and deputies and firemen were immediately on the scene with grapple hooks to search for the body. They searched from dawn to dusk all Monday and Tuesday, and early Wednesday the body was spotted floating near the buoy which had been set up to mark the probable spot.

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More Trout
Planted Friday

Three thousand more trout were planted in Big Bear Lake Friday, July 25, bringing the total plant since the season opened to 25,500.

These trout have all averaged about 10 pounds to the pound, the last being brought from Fish Springs Hatchery above Big Pine running 5 and 6 to the pound.

Other trout waters of the state planted from July 17 to 23, included the east and north forks of San Gabriel river in Los Angeles county; Hemet lake in Riverside county; north fork of Lytle Creek, Mill Creek and Santa Ana river in these mountains; San Luis Rey river and Sweetwater river in San Diego county and Arroyo de la Cruz and Lopez creek in San Luis Obispo county.



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BIG BEAR VALLEY—ABOVE THE FOG & SMOG AVERAGES 339 SUNNY DAYS A YEAR

Summer Showers
Mark July

Almost daily summer showers, that commenced last Thursday morning early, produced some unusual phenomena in Big Bear Valley, from an "epidemic" of millions of tiny frogs to a landslide Tuesday afternoon on Arctic Circle that closed the front road between Lakeview point and the dam for several hours.

Intensity of the showers varied from near cloud-bursts to sprinkles that didn't even settle the dust. Some days the full force of the rain was felt in Big Bear City and Sugarloaf area, while the next would be on the North Shore and over in Holcomb.

But the summer rains were generally welcomed, for the freshening effect they had on the lake as well as the fact that they are maintaining lake level against usual evaporation.

Last July, thunder showers in July produced 3.06 inches to date and broke the long drought that for several summers went on record as cloudless.

STOCKER SELLS
HIP-O CATTLE

San Bernardino county's largest sprawling range and grazing empire figures in the news this month with announcement that Cattleman Jim Stocker has sold his ranch and cattle to Thomas F. Hamilton, doing business as Hamilton Ranch for a reported price of \$250,000.

The former sheriff, one of the last of the cowboy law officers, decided all of his ranch holdings in Hamilton, including 904 head of cattle, of which six are bulls. They all bear the famous Stocker Hip-O and IS brands, long associated with the cattle industry at Big Bear.

Stocker's cattle roamed over an area stretching from his Big Bear ranch at Erwin Lake eastward to Pioneer town. More than 4000 acres were involved in the sale, some 2000 owned outright by Stocker and the remainder consisting of government grazing leases.

Way stations along the line of Stocker's former holdings are a roll call of historic points in the county—Antelope valley, Smart's ranch, China Gardens, the Pipes, the Windmill and Roche's Well.

This vast cattle domain was first established in 1868, when Gus Knight Sr. visited the valley and figured the lush meadows of the valley would be excellent for cattle ranching. Other names, synonymous with the growth of the cattle industry in the valley, include Gus Knight Jr., John Metcalf, Jim Smart, Frank Rathbun and the Talmadge Bros., tracing the Stocker cattle interests. The Shays Brothers and C. O. Barker also had vast ranch holdings here, which have been merged with the others. Hitchcocks have had their cattle interests centered in Holcomb Valley and the La Flores

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YOU CAN STOP THIS
SHAMEFUL WASTE!

Remember—Only you can
PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Smokey Jingle Contest Offers
Fun In Rhymes For Readers

Break your matches right in two,
Down out your fire when
camping's through;
And when you camp another time,
You'll find the forest green
and fine!

Can you write a jingle or poem that Smokey, the Big Bear guardian of the forests, can use in his campaign to help keep California green and golden by preventing forest fires?

This week a contest is being launched through cooperation of the local paper and U. S. Forest Service to have rhymes submitted by readers of your favorite valley newspaper. Send your rhymes into The Grizzly. The best will be printed. The two persons who write the best rhyme each month as judged by Dist. Ranger Jack Magee and forest service personnel, will be given a personally conducted trip

to Butler Peak lookout.

The rhyme printed above was made up by Ranger Magee's young daughter, Dotty. Let's have some other contributions, so that Smokey's column which appears as a regular feature on the editorial page, can be introduced each week with a terse verse.

"Smokey Says" is a feature prepared by the U. S. Forest Service in the interests of educating the thousands of vacationers of the forest for care and cooperation in preventing forest fires. Grizzly readers are asked to be sure and read it each week, and then pass it along to a neighbor or friend who enjoys our mountains as a vacationland.

Right now, put your poetic talents and ability to work and send in your Smokey Jingle. Submit as many as you wish.

Four Japanese Scholars Visit
On School Administrators Field Trip

Four Japanese women, who arrived in the United States only 6 days before, were very interested visitors to Big Bear Friday.

They were among a group of 36 from Claremont Graduate School, including public school administrators enrolled at a graduate seminar. The field trip was under supervision of Dr. Stanley Warburton, and Big Bear Lake's elementary and high schools were visited as well as the new and old school plants at Running Springs.

Particularly enthusiastic over the beauty and grandeur of the mountains were Kikuko Ishikawa, studying to be a librarian, and May A. Hashimoto, business and personal

both enrolled at University of Colorado at Boulder; Atsuko Mori, literature major, and Nobuko Ike, teacher, who will attend Mills College.

The four are among a group of 21 Japanese scholars assigned to Claremont College for a 6 weeks orientation course, during which they will visit many different types of communities, towns and cities in the United States before taking up studies this fall. Speaking excellent English, they were still a bit reticent and shy in conversation with Big Bear folks but absorbed everything they could of this resort's charms. Ultimate pur-

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BUDGETS SET
UP FOR LOCAL
DISTRICTS

Special district budgets for Big Bear Valley were approved, as set up and submitted to the county board of supervisors, when public hearings were held Tuesday afternoon at the court house.

The budgets presented little change from last year, but some assurance was given taxpayers that the load might be lighter this year. The tax burden required to operate the various special districts here remains the same, but the rate should drop because of increased valuations and readjustment of assessments. Harold Zenz, county administrative officer informed The Grizzly.

This is due in part to the orders received by this county, together with several others, to bring their valuations up to a standard comparable with the balance of the state. Such revaluation provides more taxable dollars, which in turn often results in a reduction of the district tax. Mr. Zenz explains.

Other than setting up funds for

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H. E. Rich New
President Of
Victor Board

Harold E. Rich, senior member of Victor Valley Union High School board of trustees and Big Bear Lake's representative on the board since 1942, was unanimously elected president last week, and was installed by Mrs. Imogene Garner Hook, retiring member and president of the board.

Henry M. Johnson of Victorville was elected clerk, having served in that capacity for the past six years.

A resolution was unanimously adopted expressing appreciation of the board for the valuable contribution to the welfare of the schools made by Mr. Hook during her 18 years of faithful service as a member of the board.

Three high school districts are incorporated in the unified Victor Valley district, including Victorville, Big Bear Lake and Twenty-nine Palms. Mr. Rich succeeded W. C. McAllister on the high school board and has served the interests of Big Bear valley faithfully during the 11 years, he has been in office. He has attended regularly all meetings of the board, held monthly in Victorville, as well as many special sessions called during the past few years as plans were drawn up and work progressed on the new school plant at Big Bear. He has worked continuously to see that Big Bear's proportionate share of taxes in support of the district have been well invested for the future educational requirements here at Big Bear, and the beautiful new school has been credited by civic leaders and school officials as a testimonial to the time he has given in promoting better educational facilities here.