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"He was a wonderful old fellow," Detective John Hammond said, "a real gentleman of the old school."

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# Baymonte To Buy Valley Golf Course

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The Valley Gardens Golf Course in Scotts Valley, closed recently because of lack of water, reportedly is in the process of being sold to Baymonte Christian School for a school site.

Golf Course Owner Steve Barath stated Tuesday that he had signed papers with Baymonte representatives Monday and accepted a deposit for the sale of the land.

Although no Baymonte officials were available for comment, a Baymonte spokesman verified this morning that the sale was in process.

The sale comes in the midst of a public outcry to Scotts Valley over the closing of the golf course last week. Barath claimed he closed the course because he couldn't afford to pay the cost of wastewater formally supplied to him by the city for irrigation.

"I can't afford to reopen it," he said. "I lost about \$20,000 over the last two months. If they (the city) want it opened, let them buy it," he added.

After this statement, however, Barath explained that the papers for the sale of the acreage had just been signed with Baymonte.

Scotts Valley, in the meantime, has received a petition signed by about 150 people asking that the city "make available" wastewater to the course for irrigation.

Community Services Director John Crivello said that water is available from the city and all Barath has to do is pay for it.

The controversy over supplying Valley Gardens with treated effluent for irrigation has been raging ever since the city entered into an agreement with Barath in April, 1976, to sell him wastewater from the sewage treatment plant at 15 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The city had supplied the golf course with wastewater for free up to this point.

Barath claims that he was under the impression that his monthly water bill would be around \$150, but the bill for May, 1976 totaled \$723, the bill for June, 1976 was \$631. the bill

for July, 1976 came to \$1,047, the bill for August, 1976 was \$467 and the bill for September, 1976 came to \$543.

Barath has refused to pay the \$3,413 bill for this five-month supply of wastewater used to keep the golf course green. He took his complaint to court, but his request to stop the city from charging the golf course for treated effluent was denied in Superior Court.

Crivello pointed out that the

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## PUC Backs Big Basin Rationing

The Big Basin Water Co. was ordered to go on strict rationing by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Tuesday in a move that mirrored an emergency rationing order for area residents put out by the County Board of Supervisors last week.

Also on Tuesday, the county board placed a ban on the issuance of new building permits for the Big Basin area.

The PUC has jurisdiction over the small water company which serves about 360 customers above Boulder Creek. The county took emergency jurisdiction last week as the water company's supplies became dangerously low.

The PUC, like the county, has restricted Big Basin Water Co. customers to 85 gallons per day (gpd) per household and further limited the Boulder Creek Golf and Country Club restaurant and bar to 500 gallons a day.

The rationing order will be in effect during the current drought conditions and not beyond Dec. 1, 1977, according to the PUC.

The order also prohibits all lawn, landscape and vegetable irrigation. It also doesn't allow the installation, maintenance or filling of swimming pools, decorative or wading pools.

Any violation of this emergency rationing plan could result in the installation of a flow

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reported acre Pondosa fire reported to be 100 percent contained by early est Service, the CDF and the 101st Airborne.

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city's agreement with Barath to sell him wastewater at 15 cents per 1,000 gallons was far below the 50 cents per \$1,000 gallons charged to other customers who are now buying nearly every drop of wastewater the city treats.

City Maintenance Superintendent Jack Elzer said that Barath's bills for the wastewater probably were high because the golf course owner was losing a lot of water through percolation into the soil and through evaporation. He explained that Barath was storing the water in ponds on the course which led to this loss.

"Due to the drought year, he probably go a lot more percolation than normal," Elzer said. "If we gave him 100,000 gallons, he probably only got about 50,000 or 75,000 gallons. It's an unknown figure just how much percolation and evaporation he was experiencing."

Elzer further reported that the city even made an offer to Barath at the time to charge him only for what he used on the course, not for how much water he put in the ponds.

"We discussed with him at the time that he could put a meter in on his sprinkling system that would meter the amount of water actually used instead of water going into the ponds. We discussed it, but nothing ever came of it," Elzer said.

Elzer also added that it was the city attorney's position that the city wouldn't sell Barath anymore water until he paid the money owed to the city.

With the high demand on for treated effluent for irrigation and construction purposes now, the city is dumping very little wastewater into the pits at Kaiser Sand and Gravel Co., Elzer continued. Wastewater is being dumped into the pits at night, he said.

"There probably would be enough (effluent) to sell to Val-

ley Gardens in a week or so," he presumed. "We could pump them water in the late evening hours when CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) is not pumping."

"They (Valley Gardens) wouldn't be getting as much water as they did originally, but neither are our customers that are now purchasing water," Elzer added.

## Bitter Battle In Belfast

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reported from either city.

Queen Elizabeth was accompanied by her husband, Prince Philip, and two youngest children, Prince Albert, 17, and Prince Edward, 13.

It was the first time the 51-year-old queen has been in an area where troops are engaged in active combat.

The IRA, which wants to unite predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland with the largely Catholic Irish Republic in the south, sees the Queen's visit, marking the 25th anniversary of her reign, as a reaffirmation of British rule over the province.

Five days of rioting, gun battles and terrorist acts by IRA sympathizers led up to the royal visit. On Tuesday, a 16-year-old Roman Catholic youth and a British soldier were shot dead.

Later in the day, a one-pound bomb exploded on the grounds of the new University of Ulster at Coleraine, where the Queen is scheduled to visit Thursday. There were no casualties or damage.

Northern Ireland's million-strong Protestant majority, which wants to keep the province British, decorated its neighborhoods with festive bunting and Union Jacks to welcome the monarch.

The royal party will bypass Belfast during the Jubilee visit because the city has been the center of violence since 1969, when Northern Ireland's current round of sectarian warfare broke out.

When Elizabeth and Philip last toured Belfast, in 1966, a bottle was hurled at them and a concrete slab was dropped on the hood of their car. No one was injured in the incidents.

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