

Libraries to 1955

Soquel Library To Be Reopened Tomorrow

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Re-opening ceremonies for the Soquel library will be tomorrow, 2 p.m., on the lawn in front of the building on Old San Jose road.

The December flood swept into the building causing great damage. Books and furniture were scrambled in the swirling Soquel creek waters which rose over three feet inside the library.

Damage included a buckled floor, cracked walls, a silt-filled basement and a ripped wall outside where another building rammed it during the flood.

Through the efforts of the supervisors, working with Colonel Donald D. Gates, director of the county civil defense, repairs totaling over \$3000 were made. The funds were provided under the Flood Reimbursement program and county reserve funds.

According to Mrs. Geraldine Work, chief librarian for the county library system, losses in books alone came to about \$4800. Most of these were new titles. Others included reference books such as encyclopedias and year-books. Over 1600 were lost and damaged beyond repair.

Tomorrow at the opening, local Soquel citizens will find the library totally repaired, repainted and stocked with a collection of new books. Mrs. Work said that the Santa Cruz public library will continue to add to and build up the collection.

She said the Sacramento public library offered to loan some duplicate copies. Some 100 are now at Soquel.

The McNaughton Libraries, Inc., of Altoona, Pa., offered an outright gift of books published within the last two years. This firm rents collections to rental and public libraries.

Two hundred of these books were received for Soquel.

In the midst of the cleaning up

operation many offered their assistance. Mrs. Clara Bedient, Soquel librarian, and her husband worked daily to remove mud from the building. They were assisted by Wendell Garlick, Ernie Castro, Dave Peters and his son, David Jr.

The Soquel-Porter Memorial library has been in constant use since 1912 until the flood. It was built with funds raised by local residents and matching funds by the Porter family as a memorial to the parents.

Program for the re-opening includes: "Blaze of Glory March" by the Capitola school band under the baton of Curt Bowman; raising of the flag by Boy Scout Troop 70 of Soquel.

Speakers will be: Paul E. Walters, district superintendent of the Soquel union schools; Supervisor C. B. Harts; and Mrs. Work, city and county librarian.

An open house will follow with refreshments.

First Saba Yacht Race Is To Be Sailed Tomorrow

Capitola's waterfront will be enhanced tomorrow afternoon by some eight Mercury class yachts which will race from Moss Landing starting at 10 a.m.

Participants are mostly members of the Elkhorn Yacht club from Pebble Beach. They will be charter entrants of the first annual "Saba race." A trophy will be presented to the winner tomorrow night at a dinner in the Saba.

Finish line will be the Capitola wharf, according to Jack Macdonald, co-owner of the Saba.

He said he expects the 18-foot boats to arrive between 1 and