

Santa Cruz Will Ask State Legislature For Funds To Purchase San Lorenzo Riverbank Property

White Youths Save Negroes From Drowning

Jackson, Miss. (AP)—Two white high school students last night rescued five Negroes in a car submerged in a creek. Two other occupants drowned.

The students, Frank Arnold Jr., 16, and Phil Ray, 17, plunged into a creek along a county road 18 miles northwest of Jackson. They brought two adults and three children to safety, but found parents of the children dead when they succeeded in getting them out of the car and onto the bank.

Ray and Arnold told police they had been on a hunting trip when they found the car, upside down, its lights burning, under the water. Eugene and Violet Clark were dead, but their children, Fred, 2, Dorothy Mae, 3, and Robert, 6, were rescued.

Tom Stepney, grandfather of the children, and Willis Allen, a neighbor, were also saved. Allen, the driver, said the car plunged through a bridge railing when lights from an approaching car blinded him.

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The Santa Cruz

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will be

Caught B.O.S.E.D

Yosemite (AP).—Until the floods were taken yesterday.

Park accommodation operating normally despite the flood, the Yosemite and Curry company said.

Highway 41 from Fresno to Madera was expected to be opened to general travel today, being limited to emergency traffic. Highway 140 from Merced remained closed.

Council Approves Motion To Ask Knight To Request Funds From Lawmakers Next March

By John J. Corrigan

The state soon will be asked to set aside the funds necessary to purchase San Lorenzo riverbank property needed in the army's plan for flood protection.

By a motion passed last night the city council authorized an approach to Governor Goodwin J. Knight, who will be asked to make a special request for the money from the 1956 legislature.

With future erection of flood barriers pointed up as an urgent need by last week's flood, the council agreed with City Manager Robert Klein's thinking that the state should buy the required land before owners have rebuilt their devastated property.

According to present calculations, the state would furnish about \$670,000 for purchase of land for levees, walls and access roads and for acquisition of other right-of-way.

The state water resources board bound itself to support state-financed purchase of necessary land when, less than four weeks ago, it endorsed the army engineers' request for \$50,000 from congress for design of flood works on the San Lorenzo.

Klein told councilmen that Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge earlier yesterday had agreed that the time to put in a pitch for the \$670,000 was right now.

The appropriation will be sought under the state flood control act of 1945.

Gov. Knight will have to make the fund request—together with similar requests that will probably be advanced by other flood-stricken areas—a matter of special call because the 1956 legislature is scheduled to meet only in budgetary session.

Coolidge yesterday expressed the opinion that Santa Cruz' request should meet with little or no opposition in view of the havoc left by the flood.

Of the balance of the army-estimated overall cost of \$3.5 million to \$4 million for flood protection on the San Lorenzo and Branciforte creek, most will be borne by the federal government.

The city will have to put up a sum currently estimated at \$227,500.

Klein said the flood control scheme will provide for flood works, clearing of the island from near the river mouth, straightening of portions of the channel, and possibly will include the proposed lagoon and park between the Water street and Soquel avenue bridges.

The latter is a beautification factor advanced by former City Planning Director Leon Rimov. The army has indicated it will try to work the plan into the flood control scheme but has emphasized that any additional costs occasioned by it would have to be borne by agencies other than the federal government.

The council moved to place the request for a special call before Gov. Knight after Klein explained the stand shared by himself and Coolidge.

"Mr. Coolidge has agreed that it would be wise to move to request a special call," Klein said. "Most of the property is damaged and rather than have people spend money on economic improvement of this property and then have the state acquire it, it would be desirable to acquire it this coming year."

At Sacramento last night, Gov. Knight indicated he may call a special session of the legislature in March to consider this and similar problems.

The army will need strips of property along both sides of the river and Branciforte creek on which to erect walls and levees.

The recent flood came up repeatedly during the course of last night's two and one-half hour session.

Fire Chief Jack Sinnott said, "There is going to be a lot of talk about who was to blame." No one was to blame, he said, "... just the complacency of the people."

Sinnott said his men had tried to warn residents in the hard-hit sections by knocking on doors and shouting. He said the flood problem began this morning by the city lawmakers in their final scheduled session of 1955.

An emergency session will begin as soon as the flood problems have been settled.

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A lease with Calvary Episcopal church for establishment of a city-operated parking lot on church-owned property at Center and Cedar streets was approved.

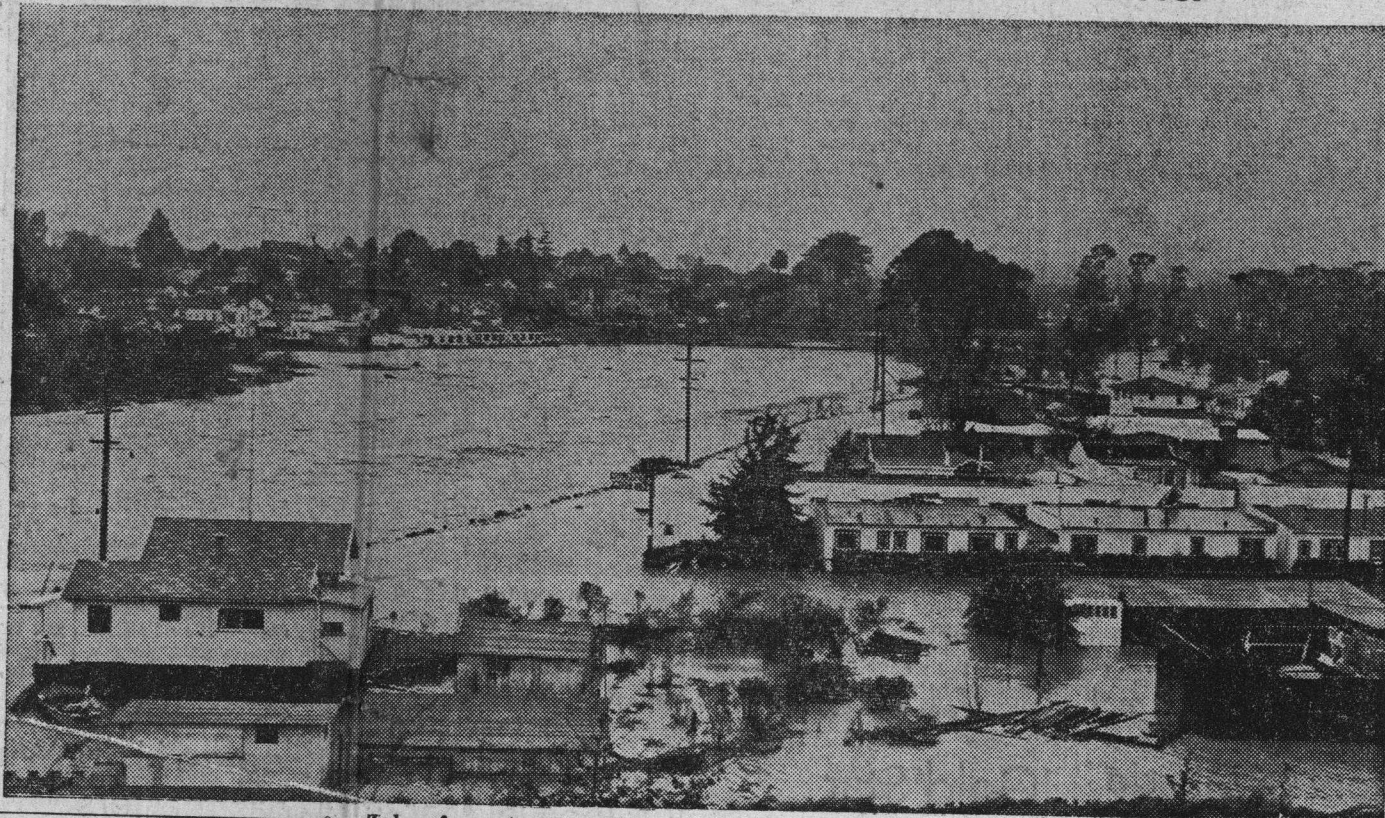
When it is opened, the lot will be the first such enterprise set up in accordance with recommendations of the city's off-street parking committee.

The terms of the 10-year lease stipulate that the city will bear the cost of paving and readying the lot for parking purposes and will receive all income for the first 30 months, during which time it is hoped the initial costs will be defrayed.

After that, the church will receive 50 per cent of gross income. An estimated 30 to 40 parking spaces will be marked off and motorists will provide a hoped-for revenue of about \$2400 yearly by dropping coins in meters or paying for a parking gate.

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Flood Waters Inundated Lowland District



Taken from atop Ocean View avenue hill, this wide photograph shows the San Lorenzo river with the Riverside avenue bridge in the background and the Holland motel in the foreground. The water was still several feet deep when this picture was taken.

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Grants, Gifts To Colleges Near Record

neyn Lester Burns. The city will ask the authorities concerned to padlock the hotel if concrete remedies have not been effected by that date.

Santa Cruz Roofing company was awarded the contract to complete re-roofing civic auditorium on its low bid of \$1002. Other bids ranged up to \$1535.

State Highway Engineer G. T. McCoy informed the council via telegram that the state will consider adoption of the proposed expressway routing on the Ocean Shore highway between Swift street and a point four miles south of Davenport. The expressway route was aired in recent hearings here. It will probably be approved at the January meeting of the highway commission.

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Washington (AP).—Grants and gifts to American colleges and universities during the 1954-55 fiscal year have been estimated at 507 million dollars — 168 millions more than three years ago when the last comparable estimate was made.

The latest calculation still fell about 100 million dollars short of the 608 million dollars which colleges and universities estimated last year as their need in each of the next 10 years.

It did not include a Ford foundation grant of 210 millions made earlier this month.

Donations were estimated in a survey made public last night by the American College Public Relations

Pneumonia Kills Only Sea Cow In Captivity

San Francisco (AP).—Eugenia the Dugong, believed to have been the only living sea cow in captivity, died yesterday at Steinhart aquarium.

Veterinarian William Mottram and Dr. Robert Orr of the California Academy of Science said death resulted from pneumonia. They also blamed a bone infection, possibly started when the mammal was speared and captured in the Palau islands.

An autopsy showed also that Eugenia should have been named Eugene.

The half-grown mammal weighed 180 pounds, was 6 feet long and looked like a cross between a walrus and a hippo.

Earl F. Herald, aquarium curator, said "He was a wonderful attraction, a real crowd pleaser" in the six weeks he milled around a tank at the aquarium.

Eugene dined on seaweed, snacked on clams.

Lions To Meet At Elks Club

The Santa Cruz Lions club will meet tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in the Elks club instead of the Palomar hotel because of the flood damage to the hotel.

Ecuador is the world's leading producer of bananas.

Meet 'Chica' Bruce



"Chica" Bruce

Ida H. Bruce has been office clerk for Suburban Gas Service of Santa Cruz since 1952. Most of her friends call her "Chica."

Chica was born in Pt. Conception, California. She graduated from Lompoc Union High School and from Hart's Business College. Chica came to Santa Cruz to make her home with her husband, Don, and their children, Wayne, Roger and Donna. She has been active in the Cub Scout movement for 10 years, serving 4 years as a Den Mother and devoting the last 6 years to training others.

Chica knows the young people of her community and she knows the details of Suburban Gas Service. If you have any

will go mostly to labor and machines, civil de- the clean-up job. The men to be reimbursed from government sources.

Thomas McHugh, editor of a mimeographed publication, was laughed out of the council chamber when he tried to tell the council he knew the flood was coming.

McHugh, who had scoffed at the army's bulls-eye predictions and preventive plans, said "any fool knew it was coming."

"Did you know it?" inquired Mayor Tom Polk Williams Sr.

"Sure I knew it," replied McHugh.

"Well," intervened Klein, "you just said any fool knew it."

McHugh made his exit amid one of the heartiest choruses of laughs ever heard in the council chamber.

An offer of aid came from nearby Pacific Grove and actual aid arrived from a Burlingame newspaperboy.

The mayor of Pacific Grove, Clarence Higgins, informed the council in a letter that the residents of his city will be willing to lend whatever assistance is requested.

The newsboy, David Day, enclosed \$2 in a letter. The money, he said, was to help the people of Santa Cruz "because I know they won't have any Christmas."

Santa Cruzans who responded to duty's call during and after the flood and city employees who risked their lives and performed headquarters duty were thanked in twin commendations approved by the council.

There were other actions taken

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four-year-old impasse over financing of needed improvements to the city water system in the Pasatiempo area.

Under terms of the agreement, the Pasatiempo golf course will stand one-third of the estimated \$33,000 cost of laying certain new lines and separating the systems supplying the links and domestic consumers.

The golf course also will tear up its contract calling for payment of 2½ cents per 100 cubic feet of water in favor of a new 15-year pact that will cost the links five cents per 100 cubic feet and subject them to general water rate hikes.

The old contract had five years to go.

Another share of the improvement costs will be borne through an \$80 surcharge levied by the city on initial water connections on residential lots in Pasatiempo Estates. The ordinance creating the special surcharge was passed for publication last night.

The final one-third will be paid by the city.

Klein was authorized to obtain an architectural and engineering estimate on the cost of relocating the city corporation yard on five acres of city-owned land at River street and Golf Club drive.

The move and construction of new buildings would be financed by sale of the present corporation yard on Quintana street.

Harry Farros, absentee owner of the Casa Del Rey hotel, the city's principal convention facility, was given a deadline—February 1—to bring his hotel up to health and building specifications of the city, county and state.

Farros often has promised to renovate the hotel to raise it to standard but the chamber of commerce has grown tired of waiting for action.

It was at the chamber's request that the deadline was set at a date suggested by City Attor-

A new design for an inlet structure will be drawn by the state if a city request approved by the council is granted. The structure, part of the River street drainage system constructed to facilitate drainage of the business district by-pass, gave way two weeks ago under unlooked-for pressure from underground water.

Cost of re-designing and replacing the facility will cost an estimated \$2500, with city and state sharing the bill equally.

An ordinance raising the salaries that go with certain city posts was passed for final adoption, as were ordinances abandoning the western dead end of Oregon street and re-zoning from two-family dwelling area to multiple-dwelling district the western portion of McCornick street.

Drug Firm Will Replace Flood Damaged Products

Officials of the E. R. Squibb & Sons pharmaceutical firm today announced the company will replace damaged Squibb products for druggists without charge.

In a telegram to The Sentinel-News, Robert L. Taylor of the drug firm said:

"Reaffirming traditional E. R. Squibb & Sons distaster policy, W. L. Arscott, Squibb vice president, said today that druggists who have suffered stock damage and losses due to flood are assured package for package replacement of damaged Squibb products without charge."

association, Washington, and the Council for Financial Aid to Education, New York.

The figure was a projection of findings that covered 748 four-year institutions which have 70 per cent of the nation's four-year college students.

The latest study indicated that non-alumni friends were the largest single source of donations last year, accounted for 17.6 per cent of the total. Next were alumni, with 15.5 per cent, and general welfare foundations, with 14.96. Following in order were estates, religious denominations and businesses.

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Sealed bids will be received by the purchasing agent of the County of Santa Cruz County, at the County Court House, Room 5, until 10 A. M., January 3, 1956, for gasoline and diesel requirements for the above governmental agencies during the calendar year of 1956 and/or 1956 and 1957.

The above mentioned agencies as a unit reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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