

13 Observers Check Weather Data For Santa Cruz Area

Volunteer Workers Covered All Sectors

By Frank N. Jones

It is a fact that most of us are interested in the weather—even if we don't like it—it may be too hot or too cold—but still most of us have some thoughts on the subject.

With this in mind, it has long been the goal of the Sentinel-News to secure better and more complete weather information for our readers.

Along with Weather Observer Robert E. Burton of Santa Cruz, there are now 12 other observers in northern Santa Cruz county who furnish this newspaper with figures on weather conditions in their respective localities.

After a variation in weather such as a rainstorm or unusual drop or rise in temperature, a telephone check is made with these observers. Thus, within a few hours a raintable or temperature table is printed.

There has been no particular system used to secure observers. They vary from gas station operators to ranchers. The important thing is to have an observer at home after a rain so the figure can be secured. There are several amateur weather observers, some with expensive meteorological equipment who have kept records for years. However, no matter how complete the equipment figures are of no use to a newspaper if they are not secured immediately.

The newspaper cannot expect people to either stay home or remember to telephone in the data if they are leaving home. So rain gauges and thermometers have been distributed to places where someone is available most of the time.

Almost the entire circulation area of the Sentinel-News from Aptos to Boulder Creek is represented in the figures obtained from the observers. From now on weather information will be more complete than ever.

Here are the observers who are cooperating to bring weather data to Sentinel-News readers:

Boulder Creek, George "Hoot" Cress and Kenneth R. Gleason; Ben Lomond, Nelson Shaw; Felton, state division of forestry; Empire Grade, Robert L. Smith; Cave Gulch, Richard Hugg; Davenport, Alvin and Francis Gregory.

Scotts Valley, Mrs. Ernest Blair; Paradise Park, A. J. Hone; Santa Cruz, Robert E. Burton; Capitola, Mrs. Bernice E. Jarvis; Soquel, Arlo C. Parsons; Ledyard Acres, Al Abudara; and Aptos, Bay View hotel, Fred Toney.

Sometimes figures are obtained from Postmaster Orin T. Howard near Mission Springs, Farm Advisor Ed Koch who lives at Glenwood, and state division of forestry fire lookouts at Loma Prieta and Eagle Rock.

In addition to information on local climatic changes the Associated Press wire furnishes facts and figures on the state and national weather conditions making a well rounded weather report.

For the first time wind velocity will be available this year. This information is submitted by Weatherman Burton and James

V. Couche, high school science teacher. In the past when Sidney B. House was weatherman the wind gauge was not functioning. In the spring a high school science class set up an anemometer, or wind gauge, on the high school roof. Now the two sources are available.

Couche is an expert in climatical matters having served as a meteorologist with the U.S. navy in the Atlantic and in England during World War II.

News coverage of the big rainstorm last Thursday and storm damage the following day from huge waves was the most comprehensive given by the Sentinel-News since the 1940 floods. More than 60 column inches of news matter and three pictures were printed in two days.

This coverage was, in large measure, made possible by residents of various parts of the county and volunteer weather observers giving reporters a "lead" on storm damage. The Sentinel-News greatly appreciates persons calling in tips after a storm. All such information is checked with authorities and if found to be authentic it is printed. The more calls the better the coverage.

Getting Ready For Next Rain Storm



Arlo C. Parsons (left), Soquel sporting goods dealer, one of more than a dozen amateur weather observers from Aptos to Boulder Creek who co-operate with the Sentinel-News, makes an adjustment of his rain gauge. He is getting a few pointers from

James V. Couche, high school science teacher and former U. S. navy meteorologist. Through the assistance of Parsons and other volunteers, the Sentinel-News is able to give weather data after each storm or major climatical change.

Seaside Co. Begins \$15,000 Repair Job Along Shoreline

Work has been started by the Santa Cruz Seaside company to repair the damage to the beach and pier caused by the storm last week.

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TOT NOT HURT IN ACCIDENT

A two-year-old child escaped unhurt after walking into the side of the car of Jack H. Finley, 103 Ocean View.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Eva Bernard of the Bernard Realty company on the old Santa Cruz highway this side of Aptos, told sheriff's deputies yesterday that six windows in the office had been broken Halloween by rocks.