

HIKING...

in a

Wheelchair

in the

Redwoods



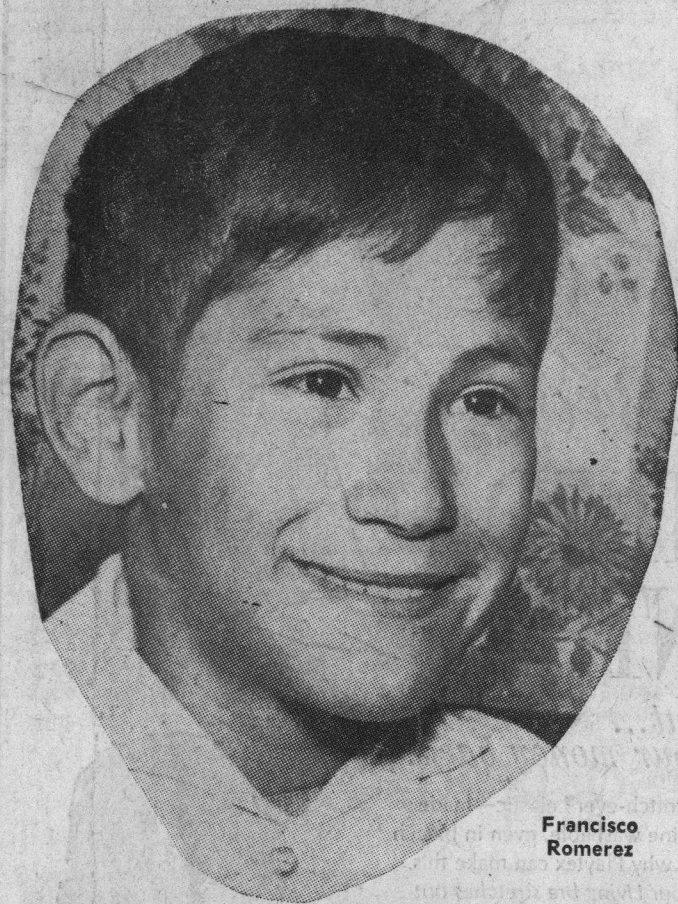
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MONEY FOR MIRACLES

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Located three miles north of Boulder Creek there is a place known as Camp Harmon.

It is a special sort of place. Small miracles happen there every summer: children whose own personal worlds have been shattered find joy in the great outdoor world of sky, trees, earth and water.

On 26 acres, they "hike", in wheelchairs or on crutches; some are carried "piggyback" by sturdy counselors. They swim, learning the freedom of floating, weightless, in the water; they ride in a row boat, shoot a gun, sing around a campfire and do simple handcrafts. They feed the birds and the squirrels. They even dance. (Those who can't, watch and clap, or maybe just smile.)

Camp Harmon is the Easter Seal camp for crippled children and youth, aged 6 to 25. Al-

most half the youngsters are victims of cerebral palsy. The others have had polio or birth defects, or are paralyzed as a result of accidents. Some are victims of heart disease.

The crippled children come to Camp Harmon from counties throughout California. At the same time come college students from all over the western states to serve as counselors.

There are cabins, a dining hall, swimming pool, laundry, restroom, shower and first aid facilities. This past summer 317 handicapped children attended the five two-week sessions at the camp.

But—these small miracles of joy and discovery can't happen without money. Dollars dig the foundation for cabins; dollars build the paths for wheelchair "hiking", and dollars buy each child three well balanced meals every day he's at camp.

Dollars come to Camp Harmon from many sources, public and private. But as camp attendance grows, more dollars are needed. Earning some of those dollars for Camp Harmon is the main project of Santa Cruz Marri-Eds, Junior Woman's club.

The Marri-Eds stage one big fund-raising event each year for the crippled children's camp. This year again it will be a giant bazaar offering gift items suitable for Christmas, handcrafted articles, a salad luncheon and snacks as well as entertainment for small fry while mother shops.

The bazaar will be Saturday, October 30, with hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Woman's clubhouse. The public is invited to come and to buy.

And remember—the money you spend at the bazaar will really be buying miracles—small ones, at Camp Harmon.