

## Weather Report

Temperature for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today — Maximum 76, minimum 52.

Monterey Bay Area — Fair through tomorrow but morning high fog; little temperature change; northwest wind 10-18 knots.

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## Story Of Mid-County Area —Growth, Growth, Growth

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Mid-County!

The term conjures up kaleidoscopic images.

Land. Views. Crowds. Solitude. Surf. Cliffs.

Jiggle it again. Hills. Redwoods. Begonias. Cabins. Estates. Fields. State beaches.

But the pattern the past several years has had one dramatic focal point—construction.

There are new homes—fields and lots of them. These, in turn, have drawn shopping cen-

ters. Required schools. Sewers. Streets and better freeways.

A picture page on Page illustrates this chain effect.

The Rancho Del Mar shopping center in Aptos, hitherto a no-man's-land between Santa Cruz and Watsonville commercial centers, is a striking example of Mid-County dynamics.

Developer James Fenton is watching the \$250,000, 33,040-square foot first phase near completion. It includes a \$150,000 Safeway supermarket and a County Bank branch in addition to 10 smaller shops. Fenton has plans to ultimately triple building area on the 11-acre site.

Aptos merchants are hitching up their belts, too, discussing a face-lifting program to provide a colorful Gay 90's facade for all stores.

Closer to Santa Cruz, the East Cliff Village corporation is busily erecting a \$300,000 shopping center development at East Cliff drive and 15th avenue. This is being geared to open November 2.

Schools have been appearing like mushrooms in the Mid-County.

There is the \$150,000 Rio Del Mar elementary school addition to the Aptos school district.

Contractors Werner Jasper is digging in on a \$1.6 million mid-county high school development on the knoll above Soquel. Including site development, the 48-classroom development is a \$2.3 million project.

Development of the Cabrillo college campus on Soquel drive between Soquel and Aptos is proceeding "right on the nose" as outlined in our \$6.6 million bond issue," according to Keith Shaffer, board chairman.

L. A. Crow company of Alameda is winding up its \$145,000 site preparation contract. Contractor George W. Davis of Watsonville already has moved into the campus grounds above Soquel drive to start "phase two" — four classroom buildings, water, sewer and gas systems.

Bids for the final three phases will be let by September. The 130-acre campus is to open for fall semester 1962.

Two massive sewer districts are interlacing the Mid-County lowland areas. Contractor Ernest Pestana of San Jose has completed the \$1.5 million basic phase of the East Cliff sanitation district. Fisher Contracting company is installing a \$1 million collection system to round out the \$2.3 million Aptos sanitation district.

Capitola corporation has broken ground for a \$475,000 80-unit senior citizens apartment development on the old Capitola airport property. A 34-lot subdivision is planned by the investors on another portion of the 90-acre property.

Finally, to move the scores of new year-around Mid-County residents safely to and from Santa Cruz and the bay area, the state has awarded a \$526,899 contract to L. C. Smith company of San Mateo for a 41st avenue freeway overpass and service roads.

## Harvey West Presents More Land To City

Harvey West has purchased 6.5 acres of land to provide a link between Harvey West municipal park and the idyllic Wagner grove picnic area.

The announcement was made today by the city parks and recreation department.

West completed the purchase from Gay Young last week. This was done with the intent to connect the existing facilities for a complete community park.

West, a native of Soquel, is owner of the Placerville Lumber company.

His benefaction to the Santa Cruz parks program includes donation of the present 21.5-acre park in 1954, cash contributions toward the swimming pool, and donation of the colorful tribe of wooden Indians which populate the children's playground.

West also presented the seven-acre Wagner grove to the city in January, 1958. In an isolated canyon south of the main park, it contains beautiful redwood stands, bay trees, hiking trails and barbecue and picnic facilities. West purchased the property, used as a community recreation area since before the turn of the century, from the heirs of John Wagner.

## Demos Make More Concessions On Reapportioning

Sacramento (AP). — Democratic leaders yielded further concessions to minority Republicans today in an effort to blunt GOP threats of a referendum against the embattled reapportionment plan.

The new compromise touched off bitter wrangling among Republicans over which faction deserved the credit for the gains.

Seven GOP assemblymen announced Tuesday they had negotiated changes they said would "save" the seats of Republicans Chet Wolfrum of Los Angeles and Clark Bradley of San Jose.

## MISHAP KILLS WOMAN

Alturas (AP). — A car left the road and overturned near here Tuesday night, killing Mrs. Jane Mottau, wife of a Tacoma detective, Paul Mottau.