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What Can County Do About Hippies?

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A county effort to see what can be done to rid the county of "undesirable" persons was ordered yesterday.

Nobody quite said it, but it was clear the undesirables are

A Fair Fee For Fair

Directors of the Santa Cruz County Fair have held the line against the dwindling purchasing power of the dollar.

A proposal to raise the fair's admission fee from the long-standing \$1 per adult was rejected Monday night. Children under 13 years of age will be charged 50 cents, and kids under 6 will get in free.

Fair directors also greeted a new member, Charles Lamb, a UCSC social science professor, who succeeds Ben Pino on the board.

They began study of a proposal for lizard races during the fair that could conceivably make Watsonville "the Lizard Capital of the World."

hippie types and a crop of young bums.

A delegation of eight San Lorenzo Valley residents appeared before the board of supervisors to ask for some action. Ruth Wilson of Ben Lomond said the group has made the rounds of law enforcement officials, and visited the district attorney with little success a week ago.

Later in the day, Rio del Mar was added to the areas needing special attention, by Dolores Miller. She said Rio del Mar beach is a gathering place for drug users and sellers who "operate flagrantly."

At Supervisors' Chairman Russ McCallie's suggestion, the

county administrative office is to meet with the health department, the sheriff's office and other county agencies to make a recommendation in two weeks. He said the study would include "the entire county."

Mrs. Wilson urged the use of health regulations and enforcement of other laws to clear out undesirable persons. She and Edwin Peterson of Ben Lomond said later that large numbers of dirty, unshaven and ill-dressed persons have had an enormous impact on valley tourist business. She said the incidence of venereal disease and hepatitis is high.

"You see them everywhere—in the streets and parks, hitch-

hiking along the roads. They sleep on the hillsides," she said.

She said the first step would be to add more sheriff's deputies, since Sheriff Doug James had told the valley chamber of commerce some months ago he needed more men to keep undesirables under control.

McCallie told the delegation the county can do nothing unless laws are broken. Mrs. Wilson said the most common violation is hitchhiking, but "there are so many of them" that few arrests are made.

Supervisor Robert Burton indicated the young people insisted on their own way of life, and commented that "self-determin-

ation began in the Garden of Eden."

San Lorenzo Supervisor Vincent Locatelli blamed absentee property owners, as did Mrs. Wilson, for renting homes to undesirables.

"I know a guy that lets them live on his ranch, because he says he's not going to let anybody tell him what he can do and that he has to get rid of them," Locatelli said.

When Mrs. Wilson complained about persons wandering around the streets and parks late at night, Burton asked, "What about a curfew law? Have everyone home at 9 o'clock?"

Elderly At 45? Not In SC, Thanks

It may come as a shock, but in the eyes of Congress and the federal bureaucracy, a doddering old man of 45 years is a senile creature who needs to be involved "in meaningful and worthwhile activities."

And it may be an even greater shock to know that, according to these federal bureaucrats there are some 13,224 persons in the City of Santa Cruz who should be helped by what is known in typical government gobbledegook as "Title III of the Older Americans Act."

If you're not impressed, neither is the city council.

By a 5-to-2 vote, the council last night denied a request to apply for a grant of some \$3000 to hire a part time coordinator of senior citizen activities.

Voting against the motion to deny were Councilmen Norman Walters and Richard Werner.

Underlying the council's action was a fear that the existing activities being carried on by the Senior Citizens Organization might be jeopardized.

The present program was described as "excellent" and should be spared the interference of government.

Council members also were concerned that at the end of the three year pilot program, the city, in effect, would be "stuck" with the financial burdens.

But perhaps the thing that rankled the city fathers most was the premise that to be 45 is to be an ancient relic. There were many attempts at humor, but lurking beneath them was a bit-tersweet quality that suggested profound displeasure.