

Rebuilding Is To Keep Brookdale Lodge Unique

The new Brookdale lodge will be unique as one of the world's most famous dining spots again—and with something new added. Barney Morrow, imaginative owner of the picturesque lodge which was destroyed in a blaze last October, and Ted Duro, foreman of construction at the new place, have come up with an idea that has amazed builders and engineers. For the first time prefabricated Butler homes, supplied by the California Steel Corporation in San Leandro, have been constructed on 16 different levels.

Never before has a Butler home ever gone up over a brook, let alone being erected and joined together with three other Butler prefabs on 16 different levels.

So ingenious and unique is the engineering feat that is taking place in the redwood clustered community of Brookdale, that California Steel Corporation plans to run a full page newspaper advertisement in 15 counties displaying the superb construction of the four Butler prefabs. The full page advertisement will show the lodge before the blaze and with the new prefabs.

This, however, is not the only "first" to be chalked up by the forever-planning, mild mannered owner of the spot which had more than one million visitors last year.

For the first time infra-red lighting is going to be used for heating. Duro reported this week that sun will appear to be shining in the place all the time. Infra-red heating, related the foreman, does away with any drafts and spreads heat evenly throughout the dining room and adjoining rooms.

The foreman did not stop here in listing the forthcoming features

of the new lodge, which will retain the same appearance as the destroyed redwood structure and is scheduled for an anticipated opening in June.

Recently a metal roof covered with zonalite plaster was put atop the steel structure. The roof, especially treated for acoustics, eliminates any chance of quick destruction in the event of a fire.

The picturesque spot will have an old world atmosphere, continued Duro. Plans call for a realistic wine cellar below the main dining room. Brookdale's bubbling brook, coming to life once again, will provide the center for 4000 trout, where ardent anglers can fish to their heart's content. Over the bridge, related the foreman, is going to be a setup for an elaborate smorgashbord room. The day that the redwood dining room erupted into sudden flames. The busy owner has traveled a long way to recovery since the lodge was leveled in a fire October 24 last year. More than 100 firemen from seven state forestry divisions, five volunteer fire departments and the Santa Cruz city fire department battled the \$200,000 blaze, which is believed to have started at 4 o'clock in the morning.

"People are still flocking up here," sighed Duro, who took time to chat awhile over the phone located in the coffee shop. "Barney is out practically every day touring the country in search of antiques."

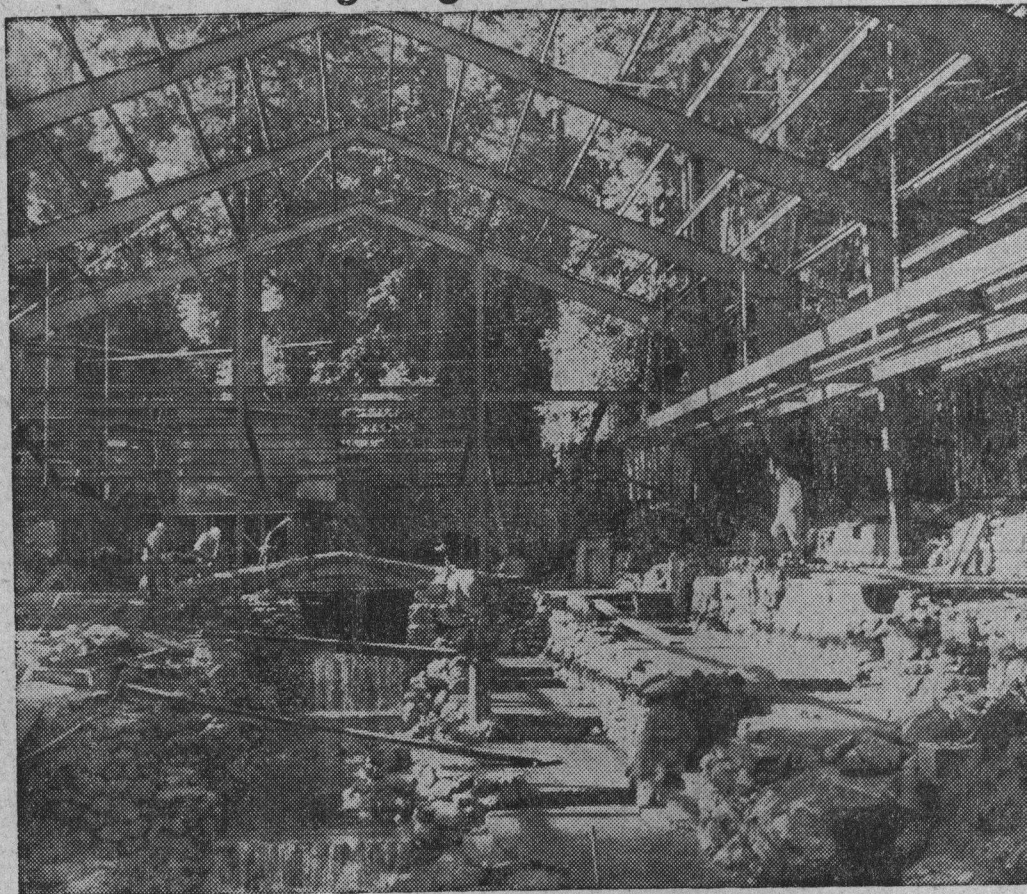
Morrow is bent on having the new lodge similar to the old redwood structure and hopes to display numerous collector's items in antiques that drew nationwide attention from visitors in previous years.

Posts for the balconies and porches come from the McGranahan mansion on Mission street; timbers for the framework of the lodge from the old Seabright hotel; and timber doors from a San Jose church.

Eye-catching, picturesque leaded windows from churches also go into the fabulous lodge. Ninety per cent of the interior work has been completed, reported Duro. The kitchen consists of hollow brick walls.

"We are putting up timbers in the dining room to look like it did before," said the foreman. "The new lodge will resemble the old one except for the seating capacity, which will be larger."

Lodge Begins To Take Shape



Brookdale lodge, destroyed by fire last October, begins to take shape. Owner Barney Morrow is taking no chances this time in the place being leveled by a fire. Formerly constructed only of wood, the place now is a steel structure with unique

infra-red heating. Dummy redwoods will cloak the steel structure to give the lodge the same breathtaking appearance it had before. In the background is the bridge from which ardent anglers can fish for 4000 trout

in a specially screened area. Two mezzanine floors are being erected. The rock terraces are being set up and the rebuilt lodge will have two more than the destroyed restaurant. In the foreground is the future front dining room.

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Scotts Valley Cubs Will Visit Planetarium

With "Eyes in the Sky" month's Cub Scout they will visit the Valley Pack 4 Saturday among the several 1000 visiting the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose. All meet at the Scotts Valley at 1 p.m. Saturday.

This announcement by Ben Frye at the meeting of Pack 4 at the time they gave a demonstration to the sun and moon. Also showed a movie. Pack inspection by Dr. Perry Olsen, receiving the award.

Cubmaster Al sent individual candles. Cubs welcomed were Perry Olsen and Fred Somers. Giving awards were and Joev Gl...

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