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Kapades This Week

That annual event of June, Kiwanis Kapades, begins tonight, Thursday, June 17, in Native Sons Hall on Spring Street the 23rd time the show has been held. There will be the usual three nights of the show, a St. Helena institution whose sole purpose has been to provide scholarships for St. Helena High School graduates.

It has always been an excellent performance, enlisting the talents of local people to a remarkable extent. You'll see people you know, your neighbors, city officials, business and professional people, all working hard to put on this show for the benefit of young people of our area. Students now benefiting from Kapades were not born when the club first started the program; throughout the years thousands of dollars have been raised by the Kapades.

We are told by those who should know that this year's production is one of the best, with a new twist. Anyway, plan to attend one of the three nights. As in the past, no one under 21 will be admitted Friday and Saturday nights when beer is served. Tonight is for anyone, old and young, but there will be no alcoholic beverages available.

As an honorary Kiwanian, we urge you to see this show, not only because it is a worthy community project, but because it will be fun.

Such things as Kapades and its purpose, epitomize the role of service clubs in the modern community. All of them, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, you name it, are dedicated to this idea of community leaders in many fields using their talents for the benefit of the entire spectrum. They are truly service clubs and Kiwanis demonstrates its role this week.

Again Premature

A piece in the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner Sunday, in the travel section, which we always read avidly in Walter Mitty fashion, laments the fact that Britain has become a bargain counter for the tourist. The writer sees in this, with the decline of the pound and Britain's economic crisis, the passing of England from the world role it so recently enjoyed.

We think this writer, probably a very young person, is premature in his judgment. If he were older he could recall that just this same dictum was pronounced against Britain in the 1930's. The British had become soft, they had lost their will to lead, they had become a second rate power. Hitler came to accept this pronouncement, as in earlier history had Napoleon and Kaiser Wilhelm. A nation of shopkeepers, decadent, soft, devoted to the good life no longer able to fill the breach, their role in history past.

Probably all three, Napoleon, the Kaiser, Hitler, and even earlier, Philip of Spain, had hoped this would be the case. Had come to believe it was the case.

But the judgment of history is something else again. Despite all the handwringing of Britain's friends, and the hopes of its enemies, the British have refused to roll over and play dead. They stood alone against Hitler after Dunkirk when they could have settled for a stalemate, they produced one of the great heroic figures of all time, who could promise them only blood, sweat and tears, their Spitfire and Hurricane pilots gave us time to prepare for the storm.

In that summer of 1940 the British belied completely, the label affixed to them but a few years earlier.

They stopped Goering cold, their Navy made the English Channel an impenetrable moat, they bought time for us as Hitler's Luftwaffe rained bombs on their cities and London burned while here in St. Helena we watched the filming of "They Knew What They Wanted".

The British, derided as a pulpy lion, rose to their greatest heights in that pleasant summer of 1940. They stood against the Barbarian when the chips were down, they were few, they made many mistakes, but guts they had.

"Thus we do believe that the British, again beset by problems, buffeted by economic storms, will, nevertheless regain their role, will again assume their world leadership. Their physical empire is gone, but not their character, geography is changed for them, but not the inwardness which stood us in such great stead.

The travel writer who sees their end because England is a bargain counter this year, had better look around him, had better turn back the pages of history, slowly and reverently, and ask himself if he really thinks that England is done.

So many others have made the same mistake.

Schools

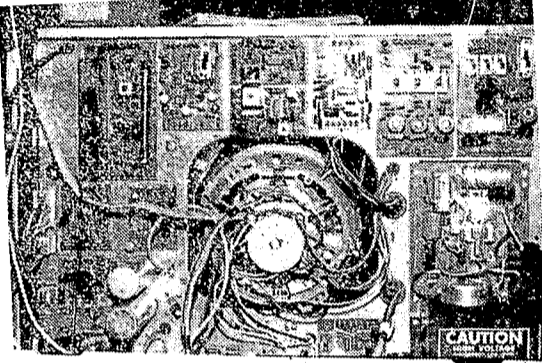
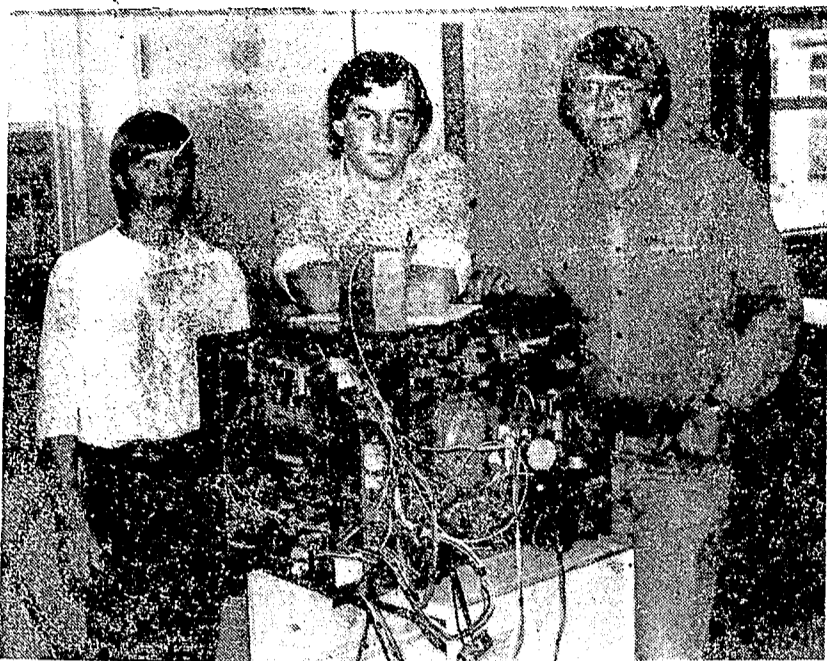
As schools closed for the summer last week, we were amiss in not noting that St. Helena is blessed with a very good educational system, excellent teachers, fine facilities reflected in a product evident at the graduation ceremonies. Thursday night was the first time in our personal history that we missed a high school graduation. However, it was educational for us too, learning how to survive the second six-hour city council meeting in consecutive nights. Always something to learn in St. Helena.

Well Deserved

Next Wednesday noon, at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Carl's, Eddie Paulson, the weather observer here for a lifetime, will receive the Edward H. Stoll Award with big wheels of the government's weather bureau here to make the presentation. This is the third time Eddie has been honored for the devotion and competence with which he has kept the records here. He is an institution in his time. The affair is open to the public, the time again, is noon, on June 23, place is Carl's restaurant.

For The Birds

A young lady whose kindness to animals is proverbial, asks us to remind you that this dry year is tough on birds, who find it difficult to get water to wrinkle. She suggests that people put out receptacles filled with water for their feathered friends, just as they do with food in the winter.



A COLOR T.V. built by the hands of Al Albright's electronics class, St. Helena High School. It was the pet project of Neil Homgren, Tim O'Connell and Dave Schnepfer although nearly all the students in electronics classes were involved with following diagrams, etc. "They started in January," Albright informed, "and although they had other projects in-between they discovered they can really put things together. It's not the idea of teaching electronics" he added, "it's encouraging students to solve problems."

Cable Television Freeloaders Are Warned

In a move to cut down the number of illegal connections to cable television in Napa and Sonoma Counties, Jack Harper, district manager of Storer Cable TV announced this week that all television viewers who are so connected will be prosecuted under a new state law. Freeloaders who knowingly and willfully make unauthorized connections, or attach any unauthorized device or devices to any cable of a franchised cable television system are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$200 or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days.

The legislation was signed into law last September. Harper said a security crew with three trucks has begun a street by street check of unauthorized connections to catch the freeloaders. Harper stated that a recent spot check showed four percent of possible subscribers were illegally hooked to cable. This, he pointed out, adds to the cost of service to legitimate subscribers and is thus unfair to them.

The company is forced to start enforcing the provisions of penal code 593d and prosecute violators. "If you find cable service on when you move into a house, call the cable TV office and there will be no prosecution," said Harper.

St. Helena Police Report For May

St. Helena police made 14 arrests during May, 9 of them adults, 5 juveniles. There were 7 for misdemeanor arrests, 7 for felonies, and there was one drunk driving misdemeanor.

The police report notes one major crime, an assault on a police officer, which was cleared, 3 burglaries, 1 residential, 1 commercial and 1 attempted. There were 6 thefts, of which 2 were cleared. Stolen property amounted to \$5,197.50, and of this \$904.50 was recovered.

Worthless checks totaled \$147.92 with restitution to the victims of the entire amount.

There were 13 traffic accidents, 3 involving injury, 3 hit and run, property damage in 10 cases.

There were 209 total citations for traffic offenses, 99 of them for hazardous violations, 38 non-hazardous, 26 for parking, 46 for parking, 46 for overtime parking.

St. Helena officers responded to 1534 details, made 948 citizen contacts, wrote 107 police reports, made 418 vacation house checks. The report was presented to council Mel Varreiman, police committee member, by Andrew Angel, St. Helena police chief.

The Veterans Administration has guaranteed or insured 9.1 million home loans to veterans since World War II.



MILJENKO MIKE GRGICH, Winemaker of Chateau Montelena, samples a glass of his prize-winning wine.

Napa Valley Wines Top French

Two Napa Valley cellars are proud to announce their wines triumphed over the French in a blind tasting sponsored by Steven Spurrier, an Englishman who runs a wineshop and the Academie du Vin, a school for tourists and Frenchmen alike in Paris.

The wines were limited to two types, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon and the nine judges were French, drawn from oenophile's Who's Who. French judges voted the 1973 Chardonnay from Chateau Montelena and the 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars as the two best bottles in the tasting.

Chateau Montelena's Winemaker, Miljenko Mike Grgich hoped the founding of the Calistoga celler was the establishing of a third level of quality wine. "We had set out to produce top quality wines," Grgich stated, "this being our first exposure outside of the United States."

Grgich, a resident of St. Helena with his wife Tatjana since 1957 added, "It's a terrific success for all the Napa Valley, not just us alone."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Baldwin: We would like to publicly thank everyone who worked so quickly and hard to contain the fire on our property last Sunday afternoon of last week. The response was tremendous, to say the least, and we appreciate it more than words can convey.

Through the years we have been witness to the fast response of an excellent and dedicated fire department, and Sunday we had opportunity to experience it first hand.

We would like to thank Deer Park Fire Department, the St. Helena Fire Department, the Division of Forestry, and the many volunteers who responded extremely fast and worked very hard, even to the point of placing themselves personally in danger. Our neighbors were tremendous, and had it not been for fast work, we may well have lost our entire home.

It is a very humbling experience to stand in front of a forest fire and see the tremendous power and destruction. We only hope and pray that those responsible for setting these fires will in some way realize the importance of preserving what is left of our forest areas in this valley. Everyone is a loser when a Napa Valley hillside goes up in smoke.

Again, a very big thank you to everyone who helped. Sincerely, Dr. L. Meade Baldwin and Family Alan Baldwin and Family

A Letter To City Council

To the City Council: Here is the text of a letter sent to the city council by Nancy Berghorn and read at the council meeting last night.

As a member of this community, I must protest the recent vote of the Council to accept the petition for rezoning of the Spottswoode property. Clearly the Council has chosen to ignore first the opinion of the neighboring residents of Dr. Novak and secondly, the recommendation of its own planning commission.

The taxpayers of this city have retained the members of the commission for four years at the cost of 30 thousand dollars, its members volunteering their time and conscientious effort to insure a well-planned community. Why did the Council completely ignore the commission's recommendation without so much as an explanation? Why do we bother to have a planning commission at all if the Council arbitrarily chooses to behave in this manner?

I, of course, am against the rezoning of the property and sympathize with the close neighbors who will find their privacy and quiet destroyed by a full-scale winery operation. But even more than I I despair at the suspension of an open forum and a vote clearly against the wishes of the neighborhood.

If the Council fears the use of the property for a housing development, a mediocre subdivision, or some other unknown fate, then it has allowed itself to be blackmailed before the fact, coerced, and will lose the trust of the community of St. Helena to act in a fair and unbiased manner.

Sincerely yours, Nancy Berghorn 1605 Spring Mt. Road, St. Helena

Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Baldwin: In a recent letter published by the STAR, Mrs. Coby criticized Senator John Dunlap for his efforts to have the 435 acres of Lyman Canyon acquired for a new park in Napa County by the State Park Department. She asks, "Why sacrifice the tax revenue from this property?"

I am amazed at this question. On the contrary, I think that we who are so fortunate as to live in the Napa Valley, should rejoice that this land which has been kept in its natural state by one family for over 100 years, should now become a permanent "Preserve" to be not only enjoyed by those now living but cherished safe and intact for future generations to see how our valley once looked with its forests and free-flowing streams. Mill Creek is not only a scenic delight but an historic treasure. Are our standards of community quality so limited and meager that we would not gladly forego a few tax dollars in return for a new Park given to Napa County by the whole State—particularly as Napa, among the 9 Bay Area counties, is the only one without a County Park and Recreation Department?

Rather, I think that those who love this land, should, through the columns of this paper, the St. Helena STAR, express our warm appreciation to Senator Dunlap, for his timely and successful effort to acquire this green and cool "Preserve" for all time. As the poet Keats said so long ago, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." A great service! Thank you, John! Gratefully, Dorothy W. Erskine

Abbey Restaurant Nears Completion

Last phase of the original plans for the Froemark Abbey Restaurant are near completion and after only three years, according to owner, John Pappas.

"We are happy to say, we have completed our original plans thanks to the people of the Napa Valley," Mr. Pappas smiled. "The latest and final addition is a covered patio making a garden room that will seat 70-80 people."

"The building is made up of screens and glass with a special roof, it's quite an improvement," Mr. Pappas assured. "We started with luncheons when we first opened, then organized our dinner operation, added the two banquet rooms, acquired a liquor license and now the patio."

The Froemark Abbey, located along north St. Helena Highway, is neighbor to the Hurd's Candle Factory and The Wine Garden.

To Late To Classify

ONE DAY ONLY Shooting Stars patio sale, 1179 Hudson, June 24th, 9-5. S-6-17-1tc Furnished 1 bdrm. Apt. for rent includes utilities. Adults, no pets—\$145. 603 Washington, Calistoga, see Apt. J. R-17-1tc

Harry A. Barger

Private services for Harry A. Barger, 80, were held recently under the direction of Morrison Funeral Chapel in St. Helena. He passed away at the Pine Breeze Nursing Home in Angwin, after a brief illness.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he came to California at the age of twelve and attended schools in San Francisco. He was married to Anita Helene Albusche in Vallejo in 1940 and they lived there where he worked as a supervisor at the Mare Island Shipyards for 23 years. He retired in 1958, his wife passing away in 1960 when he moved to Pine Breeze Nursing Home.

He was a member of Naval Masonic Lodge of Vallejo; a 2nd Degree Mason; Scottish Rite of Oakland and Shriner's Lodge of Oakland.

Survivors include a brother, Frank E. Barger of San Francisco.

Interment was in the family niche at the Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Colma. Memorial gifts may be made to the clarity of the donors choice.

Nancy E. Squier

Funeral services for Nancy E. Squier, 99, were held Tuesday, June 15 at the Morrison Funeral Chapel. She passed away at the Pine Breeze Nursing Home in Angwin, Thursday evening after a brief illness.

Born and educated in Pine Island, Minnesota, she met her husband in Fairbault, Minnesota and they were married there December of 1892.

They lived in various places in Minnesota before coming to California in 1909 and settled in Anaheim. In 1945 they moved to Turlock where her husband passed away in 1947 and in 1962 she came to the Napa Valley to be with her daughter in St. Helena.

She was a member of the Elmhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church and is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Forgye of St. Helena; Mrs. Gladys Lenz of Cedaredge, Colorado; Mrs. Joyce Adams of Calistoga; Miss Bernice Squier of St. Helena; Mrs. Clifford Emle of Merced; a son, Theo Squier of Turlock; 22 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 30 great great grandchildren.

Interment was in the family plot in the Turlock Cemetery.

Card Of Thanks The family of Ethel Hurd would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness extended to them during their recent bereavement. Gene and Carol Graff and family Phil and Shirley Pentland and family

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