

Curious fire path puzzling

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Fallbrook.

The ranchers don't know what to do. Some are holding on, some have evacuated.

Some who chose to stay regretted it. The fire changed direction and burned them out.

The blaze here has already destroyed about a dozen structures, including a \$500,000 home, and had residents packing up belongings and livestock.

Fire fighters don't expect containment until Sunday.

The 250 people that live in this canyon are an independent lot. Avocado ranchers, gourd growers, horse breeders.

"The forestry people have helped a lot in here," Otis Crabtree said. "But most of those people are from other counties. They just don't know this area like we do. They don't know where all the houses are."

When fire fighters were called to another front yesterday, gourd rancher Felix Garnsey and Arabian horse breeder Tom Woosley set backfires to protect Woosley's home and horses.

When Charles Key realized he might have to evacuate his De Luz Canyon Road ranch, friends helped him round up his horses and put them up at other ranches nearer town.

"I'll stay here to the bitter end, wetting down what I can if the wind shifts," Key said, squinting at the yellow-brown sky. "Then I'll run like hell."

"We're not evacuating," said Barbara McManus, whose family lives in a house that used to be a stop for the old Butterfield Stage. The house, later the De Luz Inn, was built in 1881. "We're just watching the fire closely."

Yesterday many McManus belongings were on the porch.

The old house stands between the fire line and De Luz Rd., which fire fighters have been trying to use, often unsuccessfully, as a firebreak.

This fire is treacherous, residents and fire fighters agree.

Yet most residents are calm about the fire. One put up a tarp over a sign reading, "Oranges, \$1 for 14 lbs.," before fleeing.

Mailman Lawson Ogden managed to deliver letters to the box with the Arterberry name. But the Arterberry ranch, 831 acres of avocado groves, livestock and a tree nursery, had been virtually destroyed Tuesday night.

Only a stone chimney still stood at the house. A \$100,000 Le Mans racecar was melted beyond recognition. An antique sterling silver punchbowl, recently appraised at \$50,000, was among the things destroyed by the fire.

A California Division of Forestry official estimated the damage to the house alone at \$300,000.

The ranch belongs to Dr. and Mrs. William Arterberry, racing enthusiasts and Los Angeles residents.

"I was here at 6 p.m. Tuesday and the fire people told us we were all right," Mrs. Arterberry said yesterday.

"But then the wind shifted and we had to leave. I had all I could do to get the ranch hands and the family of the ranch administrator evacuated," she said. "I didn't get a chance to take anything with me."

Avocado groves on all sides were black. A nursery of small trees the Arterberrys were planning on planting this fall was ruined. Leaves were curled and brown.

Only wrought iron patio furniture seemed untouched by the blaze, white under the skeleton of a black-limbed tree.

Mushroom crop kills 10 in Italy

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Ten persons have died and hundreds have been hospitalized in Italy's worst epidemic of mushroom poisoning in a decade, health officials say.

An unusual September, with rain followed by a warm sunshine, produced a bumper crop of edible and poisonous mushrooms.



AFTERMATH — Fire raced through this property in the De Luz area yesterday. Officials say the

North County blaze, which has been burning since Monday, still rages out of control.

Air crash starts fire near Julian

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De Luz Fire Station.

The 108-acre ranch is owned by Lawrence Butler, a retired Hollywood special effects director who won an Academy Award for his work on "The Thief of Bagdad." Fire officials said 80 per cent of the ranch was burned.

Four other homes, one of them valued at \$500,000, were destroyed by flames.

The state Division of Forestry and U.S. Forest

Service has 1,500 men fighting the blaze, using 48 fire trucks, 34 bulldozers, 10 air tankers and 3 helicopters.

Telephone service to De Luz was knocked out last night, with some residents without service today.

Glen Hildenman, a neighbor of Butler, said the fire moved within a "few feet" of his home yesterday but was turned away by a backfire set by fire crews.

"If it hadn't been for the backfire, I would have lost

everything," he said.

Fire fighters estimate the De Luz fire will be contained by 6 p.m. Saturday, with control by 6 p.m. Sunday.

Containment is when a fire line is established around the blaze and the fire has been checked for movement.

Control is when there is no danger of a major breakthrough.

Fire crews expected to have the Tecate blaze, that

destroyed seven structures, contained this afternoon.

The fire, located a mile east of Barrett Junction, caused the closing of Highway 94 yesterday from 3 to 10 p.m., the Sheriff's Department said.

The trailer destroyed was on the 1,000-acre Grapevine Ranch, owned by Dick Martin of San Diego, owner of San Diego Coin Exchange.

None of the four buildings on the ranch were burned.

Patty talks to doctor for 2 hours

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — An expert on the psychiatry of murderers spent two hours interviewing Patty Hearst at the direction of a federal judge who wants to know if she is sane, the sheriff's office disclosed today.

Dr. Donald Lunde quietly slipped into the San Mateo County Jail yesterday and held a visit with Patty in a conference room, assistant Sheriff Eugene Stewart said.

Patty went willingly from her cell to see the court-appointed psychiatrist. "She never presents any problems," Stewart said.

U.S. District Judge Oliver J. Carter appointed Lunde and two other psychiatric experts to examine Miss Hearst to determine whether she is in a mental condition to be tried.

Lunde, 38, is a psychiatrist on the faculty of Stanford University. He is an expert on the mentality of murderers, giving testimony during the trials of John Frazier, Edmund Kemper and Herbert Mullen, three young men found guilty of slaying a total of 26 persons between 1970 and 1973.

He has written a book, "Murder and Madness," in which he says the mental state of criminals "is always the crucial element."

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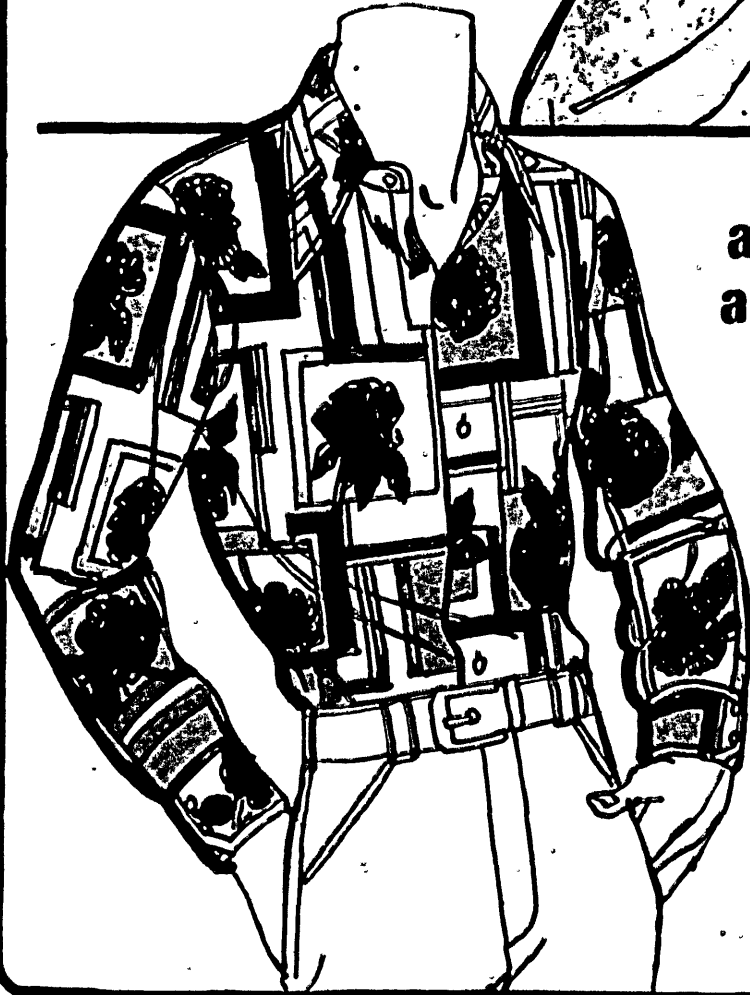
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