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## Bodwells Visit Mickey

Following Easter, during the school break the Bodwells went to Disneyland. They stayed in the Disneyland Hotel for the first time and visited the park for three days. During the stay they rode several of the attractions many times, the Matterhorn at least five, Big Thunder mountain at least six. The various gift shops and clothing stores felt the ravages of the frantic shoppers as they collected cargo for the family van's return trip to Sonoma. The Annual replenishment of the family wardrobe is partially accomplished on these trips. The only member of the family that did not attend was Pat for reasons described in other articles in this newspaper.

## Patrick Attends Fire Academy at El Toro

This was the second year for Pat to go to the Explorer Fire Fighting Academy held at the El Toro Marine Base. This is a California wide event in which Explorer Scouts from all over come together to receive training in all phases of fire and rescue skills. The academy was held just before Easter and when Pat returned he was exhausted so he did not go on the family trip to Disneyland the following week.

Pat is in his second year of college at Santa Rosa Junior College. He is studying engineering and beginning to think about where to transfer for his junior and senior years.

## Kevin Becomes Teenager!

Kevin had his thirteenth birthday this month. The boys are now all teenagers! Another milestone in the family history is passed. With the completion of sixth grade, Kevin is now a fullfledged adolescent. He had his oral surgery done during the summer to prepare for his orthodontic work. In moving

to his new school he had an interesting time because he arrived at school the first day with his right leg in a cast!

Kevin had signed up to play soccer again this year and had gone to just the first practice.

Near the end of practice he was kicked very hard while going after the ball. His right tibia was broken. This meant six weeks with a cast and crutches to start school. He is fine now and finally able to go to P.E.

Trombone is still his band instrument. He is playing in the school band and also the jazzband.

## Charlie Enters High School

More milestones in the family are passed every day. Charlie is now a freshman at Sonoma Valley High School. He is still playing his trumpet in the band, marching at the football games, and also is a member of the jazzband. He is talking about learning to drive already! He has become much more independent in the last year.

He was elected Senior Patrol Leader of his Scout troop and is learning what it means to be in

charge of the group. Planning meetings and coordinating activities is a big job, but he has some good ideas about how to get the job done.

## Summer is Busy

The family is rarely bored during the summers. A new Doughboy pool was erected by family members in the back yard this summer to replace an aging pool that came down last fall.

This year the usual trip to Scout summer camp took place in July. All three boys and Grant attended.

In August the extended family camping trip took Linda, Grant, Charlie, and Kevin on a tour that included six national parks. The trip lasted three weeks with stops at Lassen, Lava Beds, Crater Lake, Craters of the Moon, Yellowstone, and Glacier. As you can imagine this was a whirlwind affair with a tight schedule to maintain in order to get the family back to Sonoma in order to start school.

## September Means School

Grant and Linda are still teaching at Flowery. The school was selected as a California Distinguished School last Spring.

This means a neat t-shirt to wear, a flag to fly, and a sign to put in the cafeteria. The award was made because of improvement in test scores over the past couple of years. It is an honor but really doesn't change anything in terms of day to day life.

# **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**