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California quake shakes up local residents

Some local residents were jolted by news of Monday's California earthquake.

Hoopeston residents who have family members in California said they were shaken by the news - at least until they heard from their loved ones.

Betty Drollinger said she heard from daughter Sandy Boardman while the quake was going on. "She called from a car phone," Drollinger said.

Boardman and her husband, Greg, owners the Lorraine Theatre, are no strangers to earthquakes, having lived in California for several years. But this one was different.

"(Sandy) said it was the worst one she'd ever been in," Drollinger said. "She said it rolled and rolled. She was pretty upset."

Drollinger said the couple moved to Pasadena from Acton, which turned out to be a lucky move. "If they'd been living in Acton (Greg) would've been heading on that Route 5 about that time."

Part of Route 5 was demolished in the quake.

The earthquake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, came as no surprise to Darrin Barker, according to his mother, Mrs. Donald Barker.

"He aid he knew something was coming because they'd been having quivers the last two

weeks," she said.

Barker, who lives in Thousand Oaks, reported strong aftershocks, including one at 7:30 p.m. Monday that was over 5.0 on the Richter scale. "He said they felt aftershocks all day long," Mrs. Barker said.

One former resident was slightly injured after the quake, according to his father.

Joe Coon cut his foot on glass which broke after the quake, then was further injured when he tripped over a stereo that had fallen, said his father, Larry Coon.

The younger Coon did not seek medical attention, however. "He said he really cut his foot bad," Mr. Coon said, "but there's people who need medical help more than him, so he just bandaged it up himself."

Coon, who was in Hoopeston at Christmas time, could not wait to get back to California, his father said. "When I called him (Monday) he said he wished he'd stayed home a couple more weeks," Mr. Coon said.

All former residents living in California reported slight damage to their dwellings, including broken glass from pictures falling from walls, and slight cracks in walls from the quake.

Newest alderman plans united approach to problems

Hoopeston's newest alderman wants to be sure all areas of life in Hoopeston work.

Lloyd Blackwell, 51, was sworn in as fourth ward alderman at Tuesday's city council meeting. Concentrating on just one area of growth will

not work, Blackwell said. For example, while some want to bring jobs to Hoopeston, a substantial increase in employment would cause prob-

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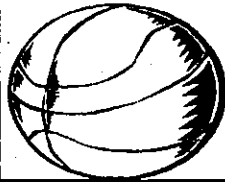
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lems in housing, damage to streets due to increased traffic and "stuff we don't even think about."

Calling himself "opinionated," Blackwell said he "may not be real popular" because of his ideas, but said something must be done in Hoopeston. "We've got to do something in Hoopeston or it's going to dry up," he said. "I plan to do all I can."

Being a representative of the fourth ward is important, he said. "We need someone up here for

sure," he said. "This is one of the largest wards in the town."

Blackwell has been employed at FMC for the past seven years. He and his wife, Marsha, have three children, Lori Montez of Cheneyville, Robin Regan of Birdstown, Tenn., and Jeremy, at home.

He will be the chairman of the civic and ambulance committees and a member of the police committee.

His term expires in 1995.

Briefly...

Appointees named

At Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting, Barbara Powley was named to the planning commission to fill a vacancy left by Lloyd Blackwell's appointment to the city council.

Powley, her husband, David, own the Ace Hardware store in Hoopeston.

Also, Dennis Neal was named to the city revolving loan committee. He replaces Byron "Barney" Hedgecock, who retired.

Support group meeting cancelled

The Alzheimer's support group meeting at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, scheduled for Friday, has been cancelled due to

weather. Letters will be sent to participants when the meeting is rescheduled.

Start of trial delayed

The sexual molestation trial of Dennis Catron, scheduled to begin yesterday, was delayed.

Catron is accused of molesting a then-13-year-old Ludlow student while he was superintendent there

Correction

The owner of a home damaged by fire earlier this week was incorrectly identified. The house at Boardman's Corner is owned by Mike Rhodes, not Dorothy Schwartz. We regret the error.

Obituaries

PEERS, Paul, 93, of Hoopeston, died at 7:38 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 1994 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

Thought for the day

Conscience is the inner voice which warns us somebody may be looking.

Henry Louis Mencken

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 18, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Deanna Correll and Robert Garman, both of Hoopeston.

Weather

Partly sunny today, not as cold. High 15-20. Tonight, clouds developing. Low in the single digits. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 34, low around 6.

J.C.

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D.C.

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