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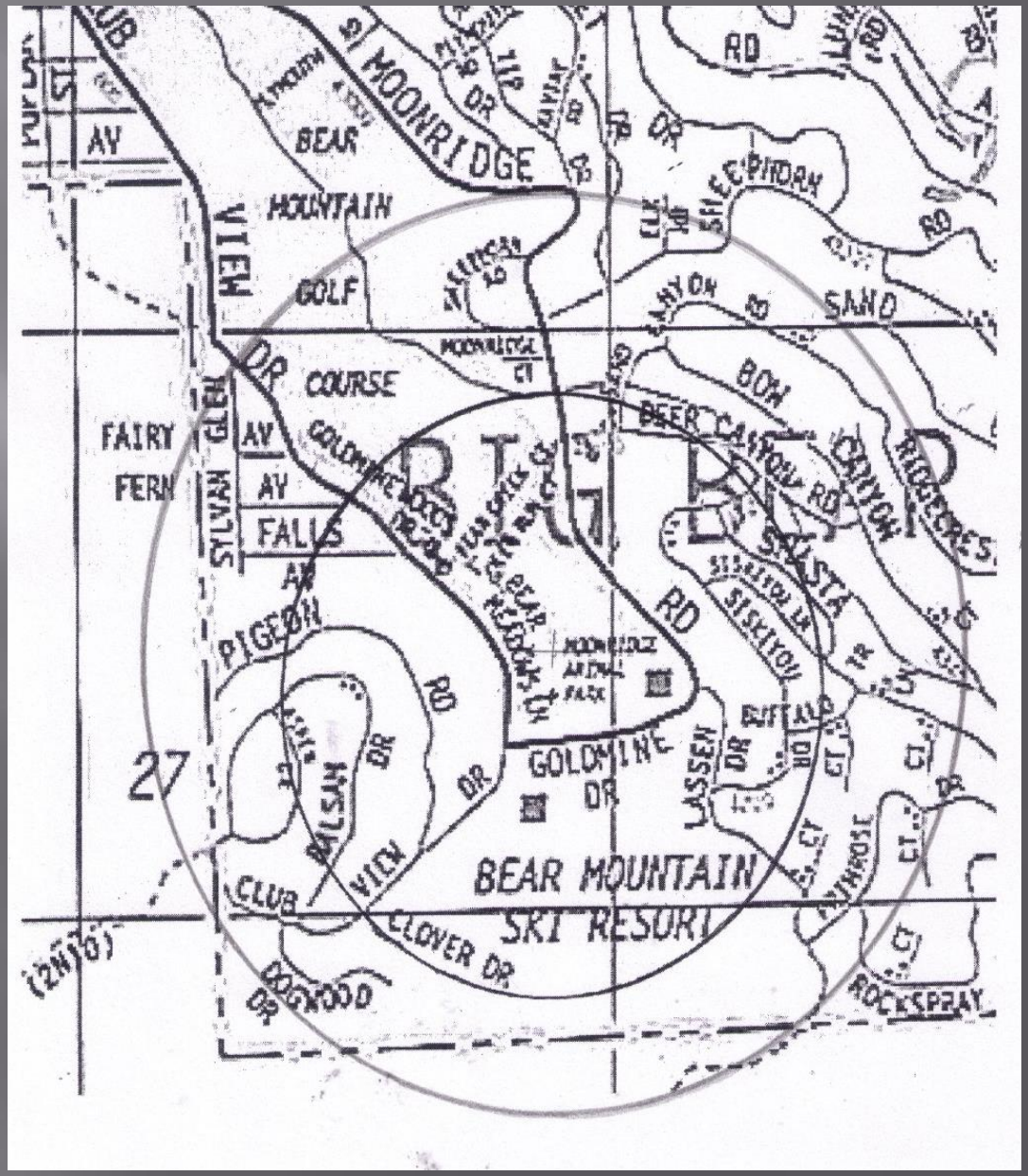
# Additional Newspaper Photos

# Points to be Considered when Determining the Bowl Location

- The bowl is on H.R. Eyer's property.
- The bowl is one-quarter of a mile from the club house.
- The stage is one-eighth of a mile long.
- The stage and seating area is separated by a creek bed
- The site is 10 acres in size
- The ridges-two pine sloped areas, are on either side of the hollow that holds the theater seats.
- The seating area for 4,000 on a hill side.
- Parking for 700 to 800 cars, within walking distance
- There needs to be a space for the "Two" orchestras.
- There is a horse race track going around a small mountain.
- There is a corral for the bull and bear fight in the center stage.

## From Google Map

- Small Circle ¼ of a mile radius from the Clubhouse.
- Larger Circle 3/8th of a mile radius from the Clubhouse.



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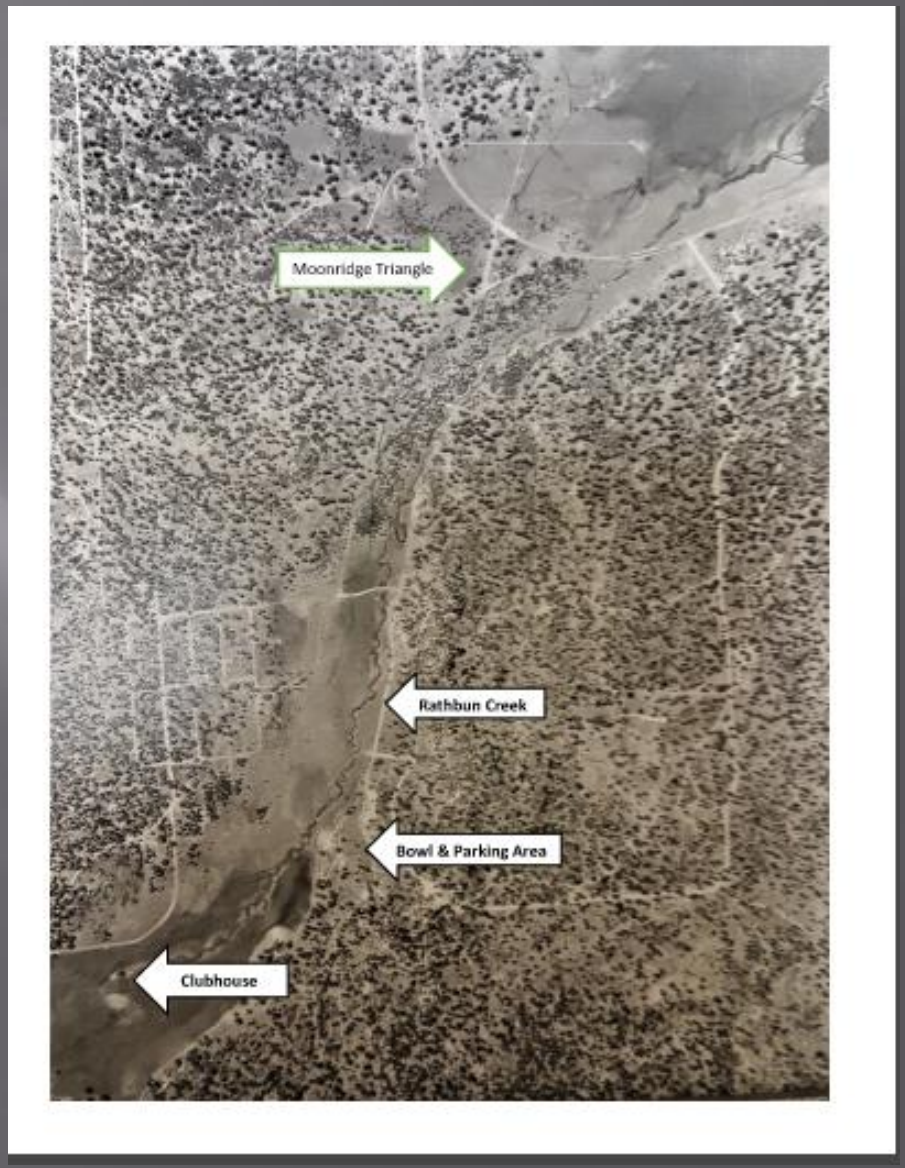

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## May 28, 1932
## Big Bear Life

**Moonridge Bowl to be used as a Political Rally Meeting Location.**

# PROMINENT SPEAKERS OF SOUTHLAND ARE TO SPEAK IN FORUM HERE

### Ideals Of Major Political Parties Will Be Discussed

Marking the opening of what its sponsor, Miss Alice Kuhn, hopes to see become one of the most unique and interesting forums in the country, prominent speakers from the Southland will tomorrow address an open-air Memorial Day gathering at Moonridge Bowl, the program beginning at 11 o'clock.

Prominent ...

# Questions Still Unanswered

- Exact location of the stage and audience area
  - Flood Control changed the area landscape
- Where did the orchestra sit?
- Where was this horse race run?
- Where and what happened to all the buildings?
- Who won the pageant naming contest?
- Several cast members  still to be identified

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