

Kaspian Park At Tahoe Dedicated With Ancient Rite

Truckee Man Praised For
Generous Gift To
Public Use 6-18-

More than 200 visitors from all parts of the county Sunday attended the impressive ceremonies marking the dedication of the beautiful 106-acre Kaspian Public Park near Tahoe Pines on Lake Tahoe, Saturday morning.

The 1400-foot shore line and adjoining wooded area was given to the public by George Kaspian, prominent Truckee resident, who acquired the land two years ago.

The dedication ceremonies were conducted under a ritual of the 1800 year old rites of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The impressive chant was led by Bishop Papken Varjabedian of the California Diocese of the church and the Rev. Father Garabed Kal-fayan of the Armenian Church of Yettam, Tulare County, the only community in the United States bearing an Armenian name.

The principal speaker was Henry Branagh, supervisor of the forest, who said at least three years will be needed to develop the area fully. It will have a 30 acre picnic ground, camping areas for 150 or more family groups and nature trails.

Public Beach

The 1,400 feet of shoreline is one of the longest stretches of public beach on Lake Tahoe.

Others featured were Carl Bachman, regional forest service recreation chief; L. A. Rickel, assistant regional forester; Roy Saarni, ranger of the Truckee district of Tahoe Forest; Aram Saroyan, a longtime friend of Kaspian, and Dr. Pergrouhi Najarian of the University of Beirut, Lebanon.

Harold A. Berliner, Nevada County district attorney, was master of ceremonies for the event held on the lake shore.

