

AREA POPULATION 3500	
Campo	1256
Descanso	776
Guatay	200
Jamul	952
Pine Valley	956
Jacumba	852
Harbison Canyon	1208
Total	9273

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NEW TREES REPLACE BURNED FORESTS



B. La Force Photo

Boy Scouts of Troop 899 planting trees in Pine Creek Campground, Pine Valley.

Spring Time Is Tree Planting Time Time In The Forest Service

By DOROTHY LOOMIS

Spring time is tree-planting time for everybody. People plant trees for beauty, and so too does the Forest Service at Descanso Ranger Station, giving careful thought to the color of the blossoms, the form, and the foliage of the grown tree. However, the tree-planting project takes on

the more serious aspect of reforestation of insect killed and erosion areas, and future campground sites, for the work of the Forest Service is not confined alone to fighting forest fires.

INTIMATE GLIMPSSES

The other day while I was taking pictures of the big pipe line excavation in the middle of town on the corner of Victoria Drive and Highway 80, a car and house trailer with Ohio license plates, pulled up beside me. Leaning out, the driver asked wistfully, "Is this going to be a community fall-out shelter?"

When I told him what the hole was for, he wagged his head in disappointment. "If it was for a shelter," he said, "I'd stay right in this town." Still wagging his head, he drove on up 80 East. The trailer looked as if it had traveled many searching miles.

They are wild cyclamen, those fragrant little pink flowers commonly called shooting stars blooming so abundantly in our fields right now.

People who like frog choruses can have a jubilee of these throaty singers now. They are holding forth in every refilled pond and creek in the area and in some new made ponds where they've never sung before.

Some people call her the first lady of Alpine, for she holds a high position in the town and has been here longer than most anybody. No one really knows what she's like for in all the years she's

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Pine Valley Views

By JANE ORBOM

AND THE SNOW CAME—more snow has fallen here than at any time since the big snow of 1949 causing this community to come to an almost complete standstill this past week. The county snow plow broke down on Sunrise Highway and the county roads could not be cleared for a couple of days. The California Division of Highways had trouble keeping Highway 80 open and would allow only those cars with chains to go through. It is a beautiful sight, but mighty hard to get around in—almost impossible without chains.

One of the most welcome sight is R. T. Hadley in his jeep breaking trail, not only on the roads, but in driveways, bringing mail, helping put on chains and being a good neighbor in general.

Buddy and Billie Hill looking cold and sleepy after being up all night towing stalled cars over Guatay Hill.

Jessie and Warren Currier on their way to Arizona came in to spend the night at their home on

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Fashion Show Luncheon Draws Large Crowd

Seventy-six women attended the Alpine Woman's Club's spring fashion show luncheon held Tuesday, February 27th in the club auditorium, according to Mrs. Joe Latham, treasurer, who handled ticket sales. Every available table was taken while extra places had to be set for late arrivals.

President Mrs. Mace Bratt dispensed with the usual business meeting following the luncheon to make way for the display of beautiful clothes brought out by Marthel's and Elizabeth's shops of El Cajon.

On hand to engineer the show from back stage were Mrs. McNutt of Marthel's and Elizabeth Ball to manage her own shop's showings.

Fashion models were Mesdames Knute Svensson, James Gavin, Tom Judd, Jack Wilson, Josephine Stur-

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New Kennel Club Meets In El Cajon

Miss Margaret Lowthian and E. L. Freeland who raise prize-winning show dogs at their Lamarde Kennels in Alpine, attended the dinner meeting of the Del Sur Kennel Club at El Nadadero in El Cajon Tuesday evening, February 27.

The Del Sur is a new all breed club organized especially for dog fanciers outside the city of San Diego, though city owners may join. The territory ranges from Del Mar south.

Miss Lowthian was speaker of the evening, giving an excellent talk on the meeting of the Westminster Dog Show which she attended in New York City in February.

The Del Sur Club will sponsor a Sanction Match to be held in El Cajon June 17 according to Mr. Freeland who is a director of the new organization. Further details of the match will be given in this paper as the date advances.

Alpine Chatter

Navy Family Returns

The M. E. Andersons have returned from Europe where they have been living for the past five years. Mr. Anderson is an auditor with the U. S. Navy. During their absence their home in Sycamore Springs, just off Arnold Way, has been cared for by Kay and Allen Warner, and their six-year-old son.

The Andersons are waiting for their furniture to arrive from abroad, so they can move back into their home which they purchased here over 10 years ago. They have four married children and several grandchildren. It is nice to welcome these fine people back home.

Cars Sink In Ditch

Norman and Hazel Foster live on the corner of South Grade and Arnold Way where the trenches are dug for water pipe installation. During the heavy rain, Norm got stuck in the ditch while trying to drive his car into his yard. Construction workers went to his aid with a truck to pull him out. The truck promptly went into the ditch with Norm's car. Other workers with a company tractor, pulled out both truck and car. The result is some deep holes now full of rain water. Neighbors suggest that the Fosters try raising frogs in the holes while waiting for the weather to clear so construction can go on and their driveway be repaired.

Hallets to Idaho

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hallet and children are leaving for Hope, Idaho this week, to take charge

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Harbison Hi-Lites

The Youth Recreation Rallies on Monday nights have been so encouraging that another ping pong table has been purchased and plans are to purchase other games and facilities for the young people. Don't forget kids . . . every Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Harbison Canyon Community Church (right next to the Fire Hall).

Georgie Michael has returned home to her family but we are sorry to report that her mother remains in serious condition in the hospital in Washington. Georgie's stepfather was scheduled to return to his home last Monday and he seems to be on the mend satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Decker have had Mrs. Decker's son, Rev. Lee Hoge, and his wife and baby as visitors this past week. They returned home in time for him to attend his duties as Pastor of the Lawndale Methodist Church in Lancaster.

Sharon Beeson is nursing a badly bruised eye after having been injured by a flying piece of wood while watching brother Jim at work chopping wood. Not too long before all this happened I had mentioned to Sharon that news was scarce and she should scout around for items for this column. Of course, she didn't have to go so far as to get hurt just so there would be something to write about. All joking aside, we're all very grateful that bruises are the only discomfort she suffered as this could have been a much more serious accident.

One thing I've noticed since we've had so much rain. Even the dogs are staying close to home. It's really quite a pleasure to drive down through the canyon and be able to let your eyes take in the

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CAMPO NEWS

By Fay Farris

Marie Lindemann and Jean Harris were co-hostesses at the latter's home on Buckman Springs Road at a baby shower for Elean Clune on Friday evening, Feb. 16, and 12 guests were present. Mrs. Clune's husband is in the Border Patrol Service, and most of those present were the wives of other Border Patrol men. The door prize was won by the honored guest, and game prizes were won by Anita Lapham and Marie Martin. Shortbread cookies, fruited salad and coffee were served for dessert. The Valentine motif was carried out.

Another Baby Shower was given by Arvilla Johnson, Sis Ballard and Gemma Flores on Sunday afternoon Feb. 18 at the Stone House in Campo for Lucy Thomas. The main table was covered with lace cloth and decorated with cupids. The other tables were in the form of a square, with white covers and red and white streamers down the centers, and the center of each of these tables contained a large red heart set in styrofoam. Twenty-five guests were present, and many of those who were not present sent gifts. The cake (made by the hostesses) was in the shape of a stork.

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Mrs. Mumma Enjoys Brazilian Trip

Home again after a month and a half in Brazil, is Mrs. Henry Mumma, of Victoria Hill. Mrs. Mumma, whose husband is wholesale district manager for the West Coast Maytag Company, flew to South America to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Graham who are working as Wycliffe Bible Translators in a remote area of Brazil and who also work with the National Museum of Brazil collecting anthropological data.

Since 1960, the young couple has been living with the Satere Indian tribe, a very primitive people, on the unmapped Andera River far South of the Amazon in Northern Brazil. To reach their tribe, the Missionaries must go by steamer down the Amazon river about three and a half days' journey, then transfer to a small motor boat on the Ramas River for one day's travel until they reach the Andera. From here on they must travel by canoe down this almost unknown stream for up to five days, depending on weather conditions. The Andera is a beautiful river, said Mrs. Mumma, regretting that she could not see it in person, but only on the colored slides brought out by her children. The Grahams lived at first in a straw thatch, but now have a mud hut built for them by the natives.

The Wycliffe method is to send a team into the jungle to a tribe having no written language. The translators first learn the native tongue, reduce it to writing, then write primers of Bible stories with which they then teach the natives to read. The next step is to translate the Bible into this language for the use of Missionaries of any denomination. Wycliffe texts are used by both Catholic and Protestant church workers.

Mrs. Mumma was accompanied by her son, Stanley, 18, who remained in Brazil for a longer visit. If he can get his visa extended, the young man will stay until May or June. At any rate, he hopes to stay until he becomes an uncle. Sue is expecting a baby about March 1st. The Grahams are now living in Belem, Brazil where they will stay until after the child is born. When the infant is six to eight weeks old, this dedicated young couple will return to their remote jungle post with the baby.

Mrs. Mumma is very enthusiastic about the beauty of Brazil and the climate, but found the political situation tense.

The young Grahams are in no danger, she said, but are quite safe as representatives of the

Local Industrial Exhibits Announced

A greatly expanded industrial exhibit for the Southern California Exposition and County Fair to be held at Del Mar and a one day industrial opportunities exhibit and conference to be held in the fall are two activities which will receive major attention by the San Diego County Industries Association, according to an announcement made by Arno Mueller, president.

Continuation of the annual essay contest, a variety of sports and trophy sponsorships and the launching of a promotional program to encourage the purchase of San Diego County made products were also announced as objectives.

Mueller, who is president of a San Diego trucking firm, made the announcement of objectives for the 1962 administrative year concurrent with assuming the presidency of the 35-year-old association of manufacturers, fabricators, processors and suppliers.

Serving with Mueller will be Jack William, General Fertilizer Company, vice president, and Mark Moore, Silk Screen Service, secretary-treasurer.

"The Association will continue to function in 1962 to serve the best interests of developing new industry in San Diego County and in protecting and continuing to support existing industries of the County through promotion, legislative activity community and public relations and member education through meetings, conferences and committee studies," Mueller said.

The expansion of the local industry exhibit area at the Southern California Exposition and County Fair will be a project of the association with the cooperation of the fair management. A special section of Bing Crosby Hall has been reserved for San Diego County industries to display locally manufactured products. Early reservations indicate that products to be shown will range from items of hardware used in missiles and aircraft to food products on grocer's shelves.

The one day industrial opportunities exhibit and conference to be held in the fall will be an intra-event designed to improve communications within the industrial and business community of the county and to provide liaison between agencies of Federal and State government with manufacturers of this area.

Brazilian National Museum. Sue speaks of their jungle home, a tropic paradise as "Heaven on Earth," Mrs. Mumma said.

It's In The Library

Two unusual little specialty books are now available in the Alpine branch of the San Diego County Library in the annex of the Woman's Club.

Amusing as well as packed with authentic information, is one with the cartoonish title What Kinda Cactus Izzat? Written by Reg Manning who won a Pulitzer Prize for his editorial cartoons syndicated in more than 175 newspapers in the United States, it is wittily illustrated with Mr. Manning's drawings. You learn what kinda cactus izzat by seeing the pictures, which gives you an idea of the nature of the plant in a way you won't soon forget. Despite the humor, his description of the cacti is accurate and clear.

Another good how-to book of especial interest to the busy hostess, is a neat little volume called 101 Best Party Recipes and Menus, by Edith M. Barber. It gives instructions and suggestions for every kind of party complete with market lists of how to purchase for 50 people. Included are co-operative meals, weddings, church and club affairs, formal parties and patio feeds; holiday fare and a section on what to serve the kindergarten crowd. Drinks are also included and some delectable hot and cold appetizers.

Employees Meet Retired Civil

The National Association of Retired Civil Employees will meet on Saturday, March 3, 1962, at 2 p.m. in the El Cajon Community Center.

Following the business meeting a group of singers and dancers from the El Cajon Recreation Center will entertain the members, and refreshments will be served. All Civil Service retirees are welcome.

Let's Hope The System Works

Within a very few years now, according to the National Automobile Club, you may be able to drive your car out on the highway, turn on "the system," then take a snooze in the back seat while you roll merrily along.

It's all going to be automatic. For around \$250 you'll get a 40 pound "system" installed in your car. When the switch is thrown, this system will attach itself electronically to a strip of foil or of special paint that will run the road and, from then until you choose to take over, the system will control your starting, steering, speed, and stopping.

It's all going to be automatic. It's all going to be "the system."

Antique Cars In Brighton Run

On an appointed day each year in England, owners of antique cars take their cars on a 50-mile run from London to Brighton.

Last year, a total of 223 cars, each one more than 50 years old, completed the run. The only car that didn't finish was the escort car, and it was brand new.

In the first year of the run, about 1897 or 1898, 60 cars started, only three completed the course, and a clown on a unicycle, who started with the cars, was the first to arrive at Brighton.

Local Red Cross Drive

The Red Cross Drive in the local area is being supported by the Gamma Gamma Society. This Drive is now starting throughout the County, and this local group which is active in philanthropic matters has consented to spearhead the Drive here.

In the near future letters will be mailed to area residents soliciting contributions to Red Cross.

Medical School For San Diego

The Board of Regents of the University of California has adopted a recommendation of their Committee on Educational Policy to locate a medical school in San Diego.

The medical school estimated to cost \$31,000,000 is proposed to be constructed adjacent to the New San Diego County Hospital now under construction at the north end of Front Street in San Diego. The new County Hospital was planned to be operated in conjunction with a medical school, and includes all of the basic facilities required in a hospital to be available to a medical school, and also was designed in a manner to provide for a future addition for additional bed capacity that would be required for medical school purposes.

The approval by the State for the school to be located in San Diego is contingent on the satisfactory conclusion of operating and land agreements with the County in connection with the County Hospital. Since the new County Hospital was planned in the expectation that its facilities would be available for use of the type of medical school proposed by the State, it is anticipated that a satisfactory agreement will be reached.

The establishment of a medical school of the type proposed will be one more step in the development of institutions of higher learning in the San Diego area which will provide exceptional educational facilities for students from this area and also attract many students from other areas.

Local Talent Wanted

The Gamma Gamma Society of Alpine is planning a benefit for the Angels Unaware, retarded children's school in El Cajon, which serves the Alpine area.

The program calls for an old-time vaudeville show, and participants do not have to be professional. In fact, the Gamma Gammas are especially looking for local talented amateurs.

If you can sing, dance, juggle or play a musical instrument and are interested in taking part in this vaudeville show, which is to be held in April, please contact Elsie Hoffman, HI 5-3076, or Renee Adams, HI 5-2758.

FLEET MOTTO

The motto of the Amphibious Force U. S. Pacific Fleet is "United We Land."

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

DR. FRED SCHWARZ, anti-communist crusader, answering Atty. Gen. Mosk's "fly by night" charge — "Very often we work at our cause all day and fly by night."

LEROY McDONALD, 20, Oakland student, on citizen initiative — "We could help ourselves if we TRIED to help ourselves. You can't expect city officials to assume all the responsibility."

MAY MUKLE, noted British cellist visiting in Sausalito — "I never play down to young people. Perhaps that is why we get along so well."

GORDON S. WATT, Torrance, on Kennedy urban affairs department plan — "If we do not resist this federal intrusion into our affairs now, it will not be long before federal agents will be interfering directives from Washington into the affairs of each block." DICK POWELL, Hollywood movie and TV actor, director, producer — "I'm so tired and old and so fat that all I really want to do is find a hammock and lie in it for the rest of my life."

County Studies Water Reclamation

The San Diego Department of Public Health yesterday announced the successful completion of a preliminary two-week study which marks the beginning of a water reclamation research project that may take three to five years.

Dr. J. B. Askew, director of public health, said the purpose of the project at Santee Recreational Lake is to collect data for determining under what conditions water reclaimed from sewage may be safely used for irrigation, public recreation and recharge of ground water.

Data obtained in the initial two-week study, he said, will be compiled in mid-March. It will then be carefully evaluated and the next intensive phase of analysis will be planned. This second phase is scheduled for May and June.

"There will be many periods of intensive laboratory investigation," Dr. Askew said, "before all the necessary data is collected."

Dr. Askew said a mobile laboratory from the State Department of Public Health has been stationed at the Santee lake project for the preliminary study. It carried a complement of three chemists and one laboratory assistant and brought 32,000 tubes of media and 1,000 pieces of glassware for the two-week survey.

Samples of the reclaimed lake water were taken at eight points every four hours around the clock for the full two weeks. Samples were taken of the ground water above the lake system and of the sewage at every stage of its treatment and filtration.

Three different bacterial tests were made on each sample and the oxygen and other chemical content was measured. Water samples were also sent to other State Department of Public Health and State Department of Water Resources laboratories to be analyzed for more than 30 organics and chemicals. Some of these laboratory tests took as long as five days for the results to be known.

Nathan Moskowitz, chemist in charge of the mobile laboratory, said the study was the most intensive study of its kind he had seen in 10 years with the State Department of Public Health.

"Each participating agency is enthusiastic over the possibilities of the project," Dr. Askew said, "because it will produce the first complete information on what happens in every step of water reclamation in actual practice in the field. This information will make it possible to evaluate the conditions under which reclaimed water may be used for boating, swimming, irrigation or recharging ground water."

Dr. Askew said the participating agencies have sent their top men to Santee to assist in the overall planning of the research project. Those involved are the U. S. Public Health Service and its Sanitary Engineering Center at Cincinnati; the State Department of Public Health; the State Department of Water Resources; the Santee County Water District; and the San Diego Department of Public Health.

Fair Sets 1963 Dates

Next Year's Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio will run 10 days—Feb. 15 through 24, Manager Bob Fullenwider announced yesterday.

Despite poor weather conditions, the Date Festival which ended last Sunday was visited by 207,544 persons. This was the second largest turnout for a 10-day run in its history.

Record high was recorded last year when 213,831 persons passed through the gates.

CHURCH SERVICES

- ALPINE COMMUNITY CHURCH**—Roger M. Larson, Ph.D., Pastor HI 5-2110
 - Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 - Morning Worship Service 9:45 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.
 - Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.
 - Pilgrim Fellowship (Junior and Senior) 7:00 P. M.
 - Church Guild, Every Wednesday 10:00 A. M.
 - Family Dinner, Thurs. Friday Each Month 7:00 P. M.
- QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH**—Rev. Thomas Bolten, Pastor HI 5-2145
 - Sunday Masses 8:00 and 10:00 A. M., and 5:00 P. M.
 - Daily Mass 8:00 A. M.
 - Receive Confessions Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.; 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.
 - Religious Instructions for Children Attending Public Schools: Harblson Vanyon 10:00 A. M. Saturdays
 - Alpine 11:30 A. M. Saturdays
- FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**—Rev. J. James Arnold, Pastor
 - Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 - Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 - Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.
 - Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE WILLOWS**—Rev. Vaughn Steen, Pastor
 - Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
 - Morning Worship Service 10:45 A. M.
 - Evening Worship Service 7:30 P. M.
 - Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evenings 7:30 P. M.
- ALPINE LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Rev. Charles W. Tedrahn, Pastor
 - Morning Worship Service, Women's Club 10:45 A. M.
 - Sunday School, Every Sunday 9:30 A. M.
- BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**—Rev. Eva Bailey
 - Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 - Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 - Evangelistic Sunday Night Service 7:30 P. M.
 - Prayer Service Wednesday Evening 7:00 P. M.
- BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, Descanso**—Rev. Joseph Prince, Pastor
 - Sunday Mass 9:00 A. M. and 10:30 A. M.
 - Holy Days and First Fridays Mass 7:00 P. M.
 - Daily Mass 8:00 A. M.
 - Confessions heard before all Masses
- CHAPEL OF THE HILLS, Descanso**—Rev. Robert Laird
 - Prayer Service Wednesday Evening 7:30 P. M.
- OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHAPEL, Mt. Laguna**
 - Sunday Mass 12:15 P. M.

NOTES FROM . . .
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FIREWOOD

I can get philosophical about firewood. If I were rich one of the first things I'd do would be to have the biggest woodpile in all Alpine. To me that would be a status symbol I'd be proud to display in my own backyard.

In Jack Wilson's store last Sunday I heard him talking to someone on the phone about firewood and I was immediately all ears. I placed an order for a half cord and it was delivered the next Wednesday. When I got home from San Diego that evening I could hardly wait until after dinner to get out and rick it up. So with the aid of the terrace flood light and my leather gloves I tackled those wonderful oak logs with delight. As we all know who have fireplaces, good wood is not only expensive these days but is also hard to come by.

Green wood, yes, is easier but the places where you can get the well-seasoned dry wood are far and few between. Being the old expert in fireplace and wood matters that I am or have been I know whereof I speak. There is a kind of integrity even in wood same as in people and you get to know one as well as the other.

HEART AND HEARTWARMING

I have lived to see fireplaces go out of style and out of use and then come back into style and use again as they now are. However, most fireplaces today are put in as decor and as a focal point around which a room is designed.

Few fireplaces fulfill their original purpose, that of heating. But they do satisfy man's desire to make his home his castle and perpetuate that inner need for keeping alive old traditions our forefathers depended upon. The day of having your firelogs warm you three times is enjoyed by only a few lucky persons today.

Who do you know who can still chop their own wood and be warmed by the exertion, who can lug the heavy logs into the house, warming No. 2, and then sit back and enjoy the flames, warming No. 3? I ask you.

**Gala Dinner Planned
For St. Patrick's Day**

An event that promises good food and fun for all members and friends of the Alpine Woman's Club is the St. Patrick's Day dinner to be given by the ladies at their club on Saturday evening, March 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Jane Orbom is chairman of the event working with a food committee composed of Mrs. Gordon Wilson, Mrs. Rennie Hollett, Mrs. A. G. Everson, Mrs. Bill San Souci, Mrs. George Butcher, Mrs. Catherine Black, Mrs. L. E. Peterson, and Mrs. Daniel Westfall.

Mrs. Joe Latham will be in charge of tickets. Decorations will be done by artist Jean McCullough. Mrs. Willard Hays will collect door prizes. Entertainment is in the capable hands of Mrs. Harry Colby; hostesses are Mrs. Mace Bratt and Mrs. H. W. Johnson. There will be about an hour's entertainment following dinner. Early reservations are suggested as the seating capacity is limited and a full house is anticipated.



B. La Force Photo

MR. AND MRS. B. F. DARNELL

**Three Day Storm
Closes Roads
And Schools**

A three-day storm visited San Diego county over the last weekend which brought winds, rain, sleet and snow, and caused the temporary closing of some of the roads and schools in the higher areas.

Portions of Highway 80 East of Alpine were temporarily closed part of the time during the storm and chains were required for a period of time after the Highway was opened for traffic.

Snow was reported to be 18 inches in Julian and drifts of five feet in the Lagunas. From Alpine are beautiful views of snow-capped mountains to the East.

There were several instances of power failure, but the San Diego Gas and Electric Company reported that power was restored to all areas by the end of the storm.

The weather and highway conditions caused the closing for two days of several schools including Julian High School, Julian Elementary School, Mt. Empire High School, Mt. Empire Jr. High School and Elementary Schools in Descanso, Pine Valley, Mt. Laguna, Campo, Potrero and Jacumba.

The rainfall brought about a substantial runoff into the reservoirs besides adding additional moisture to the soil throughout the county.

Work on the water mains being installed in the Alpine area was suspended in most cases during the storm. The construction, however, was continued in some instances and there was no appreciable damage to the work. The contractor on the service mains was able to maintain all of the roads on which work was being performed in a manner to permit vehicle traffic, and also to proceed with finishing work in some locations in preparing the streets for resurfacing of the trenches.

The storm raised the rainfall to an amount substantially above the seasonal average rainfall to this date. The rainfall for the Alpine area as recorded by the Alpine Echo rain gauge for the storm and for the season to date is as follows: Last storm 1.55 inches. February total 5.35 inches. Season to date 11.78 inches. Last year to date 3.40 inches. Average seasonal total, approximately 10.0 inches.

KEEPING BATTERIES UP
One of the first steps in keeping the battery properly charged is seeing that the generator is clean and the brushes in good condition.

Tryouts For Baseball

The Alpine Junior Baseball Association is about to start another season.

As parents of boys wishing to participate in the program, Gladys and Harry Jennings, feel that it is the duty of parents to assist in the program in some manner. Help is needed in managing, coaching, umpiring, refreshment stand workers, field maintenance crews, and on all money making projects.

The Association feels this is a reasonable request, as it will help give your boy a local baseball program.

Listed are the dates of the tryouts. No boy will be turned away, as everyone who tries out is put on a team. The ball field is located behind the Youth Center, just north of Highway 80.

March 10—8 and 9 years olds.
March 17—10 and 11 year olds.
March 24—12 thru 14 years.

Any boy trying out must be accompanied by an adult and pay a \$2 insurance fee. Further information may be obtained from Harry Jennings, HI 5-3188.

Hollywood Bus Trip

According to Mrs. Buell, Publicity Chairman of the Harbison Canyon PTA, a sponsored bus tour to Hollywood is in the planning stages. Plans are to visit the "Queen for a Day" show and Art Linkletter's "House Party," spend some time in Farmer's Market and then to Knott's Berry Farm for the evening meal. All this for the nominal fee of \$6. The date set for this event is April 12 and all reservations must be made in advance by March 15. For reservations call either Mrs. Buell, at HI 5-2235, or Mrs. Virgie Presley, HI 5-3173.

The bus will be leaving El Cajon at 8 a.m. and will return at 10 p.m. Arrangements can be made for transportation to El Cajon at the same time your bus reservation is taken care of. Anyone is welcome to join this fun group and all are urged to "take a day off and come along."

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION

American automotive factories produced a total of 4,571,038 passenger cars, trucks, and motor coaches in the period from January 1 through September 23, 1961.

Announcement

Marie West Parrish, Realtor, announces the acquisition of Alpine Realty at 1911 Highway 80, Alpine. Now open for business with an experienced sales force. Acreage, building sites, homes now available. Complete Real Estate Service. Notary. HI 5-2000

The Darnells See Destiny Unfold

How would it seem to awaken to the sound of gun fire and look out your window to see the beginning of a revolution?

Mrs. B. F. (Marie) Darnell of Willowside Terrace, Alpine, can answer that question. She and her husband, Bal, who was vice-president and general manager of the Moa Bay Mining Company at Moa Bay, Cuba, were living in nearby Santiago de Cuba at the time. Marie was alone in their apartment in Reparto Suenia when Castro and his men attacked the Moncado military post across the street from the apartment building July 26, 1953. This was Castro's first unsuccessful attempt to assume power.

Bal was away at the mine headquarters in Moa Bay that historic morning. In his 28 years in Latin America, Bal Darnell had witnessed stressful political situations, but never the actual overthrow of an existing form of government such as occurred when Castro and his followers finally took over the ill-fated Island in 1959. Those who helped him to power, had looked to Castro as a savior, releasing them from the uncouth Batista, whom they had considered unfit to head their country. The Darnells witnessed the bitter disillusionment of their friends in the upper income brackets, and of the intelligensia whose support had enabled Castro to succeed.

The Darnells lived nine years in Cuba with infrequent and short vacations home to Alpine. They found life on the island very pleasant and would have continued to make their home there had not the Communists moved in.

They had many friends among the educated Cubans who have a culture all their own, due to their mixed blood and, until of late years, their European educations. Marie found the local social functions delightful. When Cubans entertain, say the Darnells, they do it well, with a love of luxury and gaiety that is nice to share. Most

of their native friends spoke English as well as Spanish. A fashion show meant a display of the latest Parisian styles, since many of the local ladies made seasonal trips to Paris to buy their wardrobes.

The Darnells were members of the country club where parties were really dress affairs, as were theatre parties and many other occasions. The Cubans have the Latin flare for drama without being garish, the Darnells said. Marie was a member of the English Speaking Cuban Woman's club most of whose members were native Cubans. "My friends looked after me, during the trouble," Marie said, "They'd call and warn me when they felt it was not safe for me to go out alone, and send a chauffeur after me."

"It was like living in a nightmare," Bal said, of the hours after the Castro Regime swung into full force, "You couldn't believe it was actually happenings."

Within 24 hours of the crisis, Darnell and his men had managed to airlift all of the women and children of American employees of the plant out of Cuba, flying them first to Havana with 17 children, seven dogs, five or six cats, and several parrots, thence to New Orleans from where they were flown to their respective homes.

Marie stayed until May 1960 at which time she flew home with their pet dog. Bal was the last one of the company out, leaving in August 1960 just before Castro could capture his plane.

Mrs. Belle Darnell, mother of Dal, visited them twice during the revolutionary era in Cuba. Mrs. Darnell who has lived in Alpine for many years, speaks with much pleasure of her trip to the Island. Listening to Mr. Darnell and his wife tell of the historic events they experienced, it occurred to us that the full story would be more exciting coming from Mr. Darnell himself. He has agreed to write it for the Echo, beginning in a later issue.

Local Horsemen Participate In Horse Show

The Appaloosa Breeders Association have announced their Spring Show to be held in the Carnation Ring in the Los Angeles County Fair Grounds at Pomona, on March 17 and 18.

The Association was recently formed. The objectives of this new association are the promotion of the breeding and showing of Appaloosa horses.

The Show is a regular Show Member of the American Horse Shows Association, and has been approved by the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association.

There will be full Appaloosa breeding classes, Appaloosa performance classes and Open performance classes.

The Show is offering cash premiums for the various classes in a total amount of approximately \$3,000. The cash premiums and the number of classes offered in the Stock horse, Trail horse and Western Pleasure classes, meet the requirements of the AHSA for an "A" rating in these divisions. Also the cash premiums offered and the number of classes in the cutting horse division qualify the Premium lists have been mailed

Show as a Championship Cutting Horse Contest by the National Cutting Horse Association.

The Show will be managed by Mr. Frank Jordano of Santa Barbara, who managed the Horse Show at the recent Date Festival at Indio. Mr. Jordano announced the coming show to the exhibitors at the Indio Show and received great interest by them, and it is anticipated that there will be a large entry from these exhibitors to the Appaloosa owners throughout California and Arizona inviting them to attend the show.

Alpine will be represented by entries from Willoug Glen Farm and Peacock Ranch, whose Appaloosa horses have been giving a good account for themselves in past Appaloosa shows held in California and Arizona.

We don't know anything until we know it in human terms. Pearl Buck.

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Budget Making Time

At this time in each year our Governmental Agencies are preparing their annual budgets to determine the amount of money which they deem necessary to be spent during their next fiscal year for the "good of the people," and of course, there is but one source from which to obtain the funds that will be necessary to carry out the program outlined in these budgets, which is naturally the "tax-payers."

Consequently, the making of these budgets should be of great importance to the people who are going to foot the bill. We would like to point out the startling figures of two of the governmentl Agencies which the Alpine taxpayers will have to help support: namely, the State of California and the United States of America. (Of course, these are not the only Governmental Agencies which the Alpine taxpayers will have to help support. There are others including the County of San Diego, the School District and several other Districts). In order to comprehend the magnitude of their budgets, we will have to "think big," only kindergarten teachers are supposed to "think little."

The amount proposed for the budget for the next fiscal year for the State of California is the sum of \$2.9 billion (writing it this way does not make it appear very large, but how about writing it this way, Two Billion, Nine Hundred Million Dollars, or this way, \$2,900,000,000.00?)

It is said that the human mind cannot properly comprehend the true value of even one million of anything be it dollars, apples, sheep or toothpicks. But let's relate the meaning of \$2.9 billion against something that will give us an idea of its immensity. After borrowing a dollar bill and a tape measure, we found the dollar bill is, as advertised, approximately 6 inches in length. With that as a starting point, 2 billion, 900 million dollar bills pasted together end to end would reach approximately 274,600 miles, which is some considerable distance. This is the equivalent of 5 times the distance from the earth to the moon with enough left over to wrap around the moon about 11 times.

If the above example seems irrelevant, consider the budget for the next fiscal year of the United States of America, which has tentatively been set at \$92.5 billion. Get out your slide rule and figure out the number of trips that many dollar bills could take to the moon.

If these amounts are necessary, no one should complain. But there certainly should be a very strong justification for each penny involved in these budgets, and we do not believe that the budgets should be based solely on the amount that can be raised from the taxpayers, nor on the services that are desired by the taxpayers or our public officials, nor even on the requirement that we be prepared to defend our liberties and protect ourselves from outside aggression, without first considering the absolute need and the ability of the taxpayers to pay.

In making up a budget, it is our belief that the first things should come first based on the ability of the taxpayers to pay, and leave out the desirable but not necessary, before the taxpayers' limit is reached. It is all very well to say that the price of liberty cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but if the cost of liberty together with the cost of possibly desirable, but not necessary functions of Government, is greater than the reasonable ability to pay, which should be eliminated?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters must have signature and address, be subject to being condensed and will not be returned. The opinions expressed are the opinions of the writers and may not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Alpine Echo.

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Dear Editor:

I would like to write a few words to state why we are renewing this subscription. The past Echo was unsatisfactory and 10c would have been too much for a 3 year subscription.

You people have now proved that a small community can produce news worth reading. You give us worthwhile news about our Government, our State, and statistics that can be most important. You give us news of our neighboring communities which many times puts us back in touch with friends who have moved away. You give us news of our own community.

All this is good because the City papers don't give us the important things we want to hear about our own surrounding countryside. The past historical events of old timers and places are more than interesting. I am a native son of San Diego, and when I was a youngster, often we kids made hikes into the back county. Even as far as Imperial Valley. Alpine then was something to feel youful about. You could stop and get refreshed after a long journey and look about. The hillsides were always green from spring rains and the creeks always seemed to be running those days. There were a few homes dotted here and there.

But after a World War, the Depression came. We sold our home in Encanto and journeyed to Arkansas. The Depression there was much worse than here in California. No work and not much to eat, forced us back to San Diego. Our car was giving us lots of trouble in Imperial Valley. We spent half the night pushing the car to try to start it. We finally got into Alpine. This was back in 1938. My sister and brother-in-law owned the Old Houstin Ranch beside the LaForce place. We stayed there temporarily.

The morning after we arrived, I coasted down the hill and managed to get into Neil Galloway's service station. I introduced myself and told him of my trouble with the car. He lifted the hood, tinkered around, and said now try it. The car started. How much do I owe you, Mr. Galloway said "Nothin' at all. But you need new points for that distributor." This is good country, I thought, with good people.

We finally bought our home on Tavern Road. Our kids went to school with Frank Galloway's children. Later on I was the custodian at the old school and had close dealings with Frank who served on the School Board. He was a wonderful guy.

Mrs. Bertha Foss brought vegetables to us as a friendly gesture which we have not forgotten. There were hardships for everyone those days.

We have sold our old place and have built a new home just a little East of our old place.

With a closing word. We hope the Echo will expand and be more popular than ever. No one is wasting money on this wonderful little paper of Alpine.

Sincerely,

J. J. Spaulding
 Rt. 1, Box 218,
 Alpine, Calif.

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The Editor:

The Alpine water situation as it applies to the Victoria area:

The Victoria area comprises a number of easement roads that branch from Victoria Dr. If one would take the time to look at the

County Assessor's map it would be quite interesting to note that approximately 50 percent of the dwellings in the Victoria area are on easement roads. At the present time the Rio San Diego Municipal Water District hasn't seen fit to give us a definite answer as to whether they are going to deliver water down these easement roads, and yet they are billing us for water line installation costs.

I contacted Mr. Charles C. Price, general manager of the Rio San Diego Municipal Water District during the Xmas holiday season and he assured me that he would have his engineers look the situation over and give me a definite answer as to these easement roads. Having had no definite answer a few of my neighbors and myself went to see Mr. Price on Feb. 12 and received the same answer as before but as yet no definite answer. Most of us have paid the Water District a down payment of \$100 leaving a balance of \$363. Feb. 20 I received a form letter from the Water District wanting me to pay all but \$45 of the balance due. I don't intend to pay another cent until I can get a definite answer and this feeling is mutual with a good many of my neighbors. If we are not going to have water down our streets we will all demand the money back that has already been paid the Water District.

It appears to me that the Rio San Diego Municipal Water District is not promoting good will with the people in this area. Any successful business must be based on good will towards its customers.

William F. House
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 Alpine, Calif.

Editor's Note

In the February 8 issue of the Alpine Echo was published a notice entitled "Requirements for Water Service on the Easement Roads" in which was stated that the Rio San Diego MWD requests that property owners living on easement roads confer with Mr. Price (their general manager) who would advise them regarding the requirements to be met before the mains can be installed.

The notice also outlined the requirements in general as follows: First, the easement must be granted to the District without cost. Second, sufficient number of deposits must be made for water service for the length of line desired. Third, the District must then have a profile made of the easement road and a proposed profile for the water main for submission to the County Surveyor's office for their review and approval in order that the main may be installed at an elevation approved by them.

The above letter does not name the easement roads on which the writer and his neighbors reside. In fulfilling the above three requirements, the first two are the sole responsibility of the property owners living on easement roads and the third requirement is the responsibility of the Rio San Diego MWD.

Mr. Price states that the property owners on easement roads have complied with the first two requirements and the District complied with the third requirement and contracts have been awarded for the installation of water mains on easement roads as follows: Lilac Lane, Marshall Road North, Marshall Road South, Midway Drive, Rock Terrace Road, Upper Victoria Drive and Anderson Truck Trail.

Mr. Price further states that property owners on easement roads have complied with the first two requirements and Rio San Diego MWD is now in the process of complying with the third re-

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of the general store for which they traded their Alpine home.

Alpine Horse Show Planned

A full scale horse show is planned for Alpine, according to Bruce McKie of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. Tentative dates are set for the 19th and 20th of May, depending upon clearance with other groups possibly scheduling shows in the spring. It is hoped to arrange a date that will not conflict with any other such event. In additions to local entries, Mr. McKie says that Horse Clubs from other towns will be invited, making the show county-wide, with hopes of extending the area next time. As plans are completed, further announcements will be made. Peacock Ranch will be the site of the show.

Sunday School Class Entertained

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman on Alpine Heights was the scene of a very enjoyable afternoon last Saturday, Feb. 24, when they entertained the Adult Sunday School classes of the Alpine Community Church. Mrs. Henry Mumma gave an interesting talk about the work of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Graham, missionaries in Brazil.

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Newcomers Here From Minneapolis

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Schroeder of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in Alpine February 13 to make their permanent home here. They are the parents of Mrs. Lyle (Beverly) Nation and will live with Mr. and Mrs. Nation in their Willowside Terrace home. Beverly became the mother of twins on December 23, a boy and a girl. The boy died January 4, leaving Carol Lee whom the Schroeders came out to care for while Beverly works as secretary in Dr. Woodall's office on Victoria Drive. We trust the Schroeders realize that this cold rainy weather we've been having is unusual for our climate.

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Joseph Doerr on Sick List

Municipal Court Justice Doerr of El Cajon, is in Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena where he will undergo surgery Friday, March 2. Joe's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doerr of Alpine, and his brother-in-law is Jack Blankenship of the Empire Market.

requirement on easement roads as follows: Bon Vue Drive, Ruis Road, Sierra Alta Lane, Dunbar Lane, Louise Drive, Holly Road and the east end of Eltinge Drive.

The easement roads referred to by the writer of the above letter may, or may not, be in the above list of roads. If they are in the above list, either contracts have been awarded for the installation of water mains or will be in the near future after the Rio San Diego MWD engineers have completed their work.

If the easement roads referred to by the writer of the above letter are not included in the above lists, it is because the property owners on these easement roads have not complied with requirements No. 1 and No. 2. It would appear from the large number of easement roads that have complied, that it should not be too difficult to understand the requirements and to comply with them.

In regard to good will, it must be borne in mind that Rio San Diego MWD is not a private business concern, but a governmental agency governed by elected representatives who must follow the State Law and must deal impartially and equally with all of the property owners (not customers) owning property within the District which they govern, and naturally the policy should be what is generally termed "good will." But it should be borne in mind that good will should not be a one-way street, but should be a mutual policy between the District and the property owners.



B. LaForce Photo

View of a section of the crowd at the Alpine Woman's Club Fashion Show luncheon on Feb. 27, in the Club House.

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divant, Grace Wilcox, Carol Spense and C. P. Vancil. Narrating the show was Mrs. Woolman. Hostesses responsible for the delicious food were Mrs. Gordon Wilson, hospitality hostess; Mrs. Marcus Schaefer, hostess for the day whose assistants were Mrs. Jeannette Hinkle and Mrs. Harry Colby.

A highlight of the event was the announcement that it was the birthday of one of the loveliest models, Mrs. Josephine Sturdivant who was 83.



B. LaForce Photo

Models in the Alpine Woman's Club's Spring Fashion show, from left to right, Mesdames Gene Wilcox, JJames Gavin, C. P. Vancil, Knute Svensson; Club President, Mrs. Mace Bratt, who did not model; and Mrs. Josephine Sturdivant, Carol Spence, Tom Judd and Jack Wilson.

NEW TREES

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Pine, Coulter Pine, Big Cone Spruce, and Jeffrey-Coulter, a hybrid type. Already seedlings have arrived and through the cooperation of San Diego County have been potted in cans at the Viejas Honor Camp nursery by Honor Camp personnel. Plant food pellets, granular food, and other types of food will be used in an effort to improve survival.

Forest Service personnel have planted Coulter Pine and some Jeffrey Pine on the Cameron Multiple Use Project in three plots. These trees have been planted while still in cans with large holes punched in the bottoms to insure drainage and moisture and permit roots to grow in natural soil.

Cooperative groups work with the Forest Service at Descanso, as well as in other Forest Service areas, to plant seedling. Saturday, February 24th, Boy Scout Troop 899 of National City, worked in the Pine Creek Campground planting young pines. Earning Forestry Merit Badges were Robert Blanchard, Howard Cherry, Steven Ferovich, Teddy Foster, David Haley, Steven Hayes, Gregory Newell, David Palmer, David Taylor, Joe Tupta, Robert Webb, Robert Johnson, James Leggett, Donald Ende, Frank Scully and Murry Steeg. Working with them is Scout Master J. E. Blanchard and Assistant Scout Master, Tom Newell and Joseph Tupta. This area at one time was burned over and now has only oak and burned stumps on it. The seedling were furnished by the Forest Service, having been "holed in" (temporarily planted) in a small area in Pine Creek. These are seedlings about 18 inches high and three years old.

The final planting or tree plantation, once planted, is permanent, with the trees planted in six-foot squares for growing purposes.

Holes are dug, seedlings planted, and the earth filled in around the roots. At the Pine Creek area, there is a tank storing water which Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups and other cooperative groups later use for their project work of watering the seedlings.

In Flathead Flats, an area across the Laguna Highway from the Horse Heaven Campground, 750 trees were planted in 1961. To date, three fourths of them have survived.

Once planted, the only rule for the little tree is survival. When the tree is set out, watering is usually necessary for one to three years. Man-power in the Forest Service for the watering is not always available. Cooperative groups who plan to do the watering cannot always keep the appointment for the project. Drouth then shrivels the young tree and causes the greatest problem of survival. Man, oddly motivated at times, causes destruction by stepping on the young trees, by pulling them up for some unknown reason and tossing them aside, or by digging them up for home use.

If they survive these hazards, the young seedlings have a chance to grow and become large, beautiful trees, promising the continuance of the quiet of the forest. To assure us of the soothingly peaceful forest where camping can be truly an idyllic pleasure, let us remember to Save Our Forest—Help Our Reforestation.

Teen Talk

El Capitan's "Faculty Phantoms" are coming up in the world. Last Friday night they played a hilarious game against El Cap's varsity basketball and lost and next Friday night, March 9, they will match skills with the famous Harlem Clowns. Anyone who attended the Phantoms versus Harlem Clowns game last year will remember how very unusual (?) it was, and it promises to be even funnier this year. The game will take place in El Capitan's Foster Gym at 8 p.m. Admission price is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students, and 50c for children under 12.

Friday, March 2, the sophomore class will hold a dance in El Capitan's Foster Gym. The theme of the dance is "Mr. Irresistible," and in keeping in line with this a boy will be crowned and receive that title who has been chosen the preceding week as the most irresistible to the girls. The price is 50c with an ASB Card and 75c without one.

The eight top El Capitan students in the field of Algebra II went to Grossmont High School Monday, February 26, to represent El Cap in a test given to such student from all the schools in the Grossmont Union High School District. The hour and a half long test consisted of 25 problems made up by teachers of the various schools, and covered material from Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

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Corte Madera Road to find they could not get up their driveway. They spent the night at Hobart House then got up very early and started out to find the sun.

Last Tuesday, E. C. Bangs (affectionally known as "Uncle Bert") celebrated his 84th birthday by inviting 40 guests for cocktails and dinner at the Hobart House. He has lived there since selling his home, "Big Rock Candy Mountain" on Corte Madera Road. His brother Harry came from Portland, Oregon for the celebration. Honey Wellband and Mazie Houck were hostesses for the party. It was a wonderful evening, even if the guests did have trouble getting home because of the snow. Happy birthday Uncle Bert and our very best wishes for many more.

Mr. Bangs settled in San Diego in 1898 and was one of the San Diego Gas and Electric Company's 25 employees that year. Later he was treasurer of the old Garrick Theater and was associated in the development of Ocean Beach and Point Loma. From 1915 until his retirement to Pine Valley in 1943 he was a partner in the Johnson-Saum Mortuary. Since he retired and lived in Pine Valley permanently he has been very active in all community affairs. He was for many years an active member in the Executive Association, of which he is a past president. He was master of the San Diego Lodge 28, F and AM in 1912 and patron of the San Diego Chapter OES the same year. He is the oldest living past patron of the group. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, life and charter member of the Al Bahr Shrine. Mr. Bangs was also exalted ruler of the San Diego Lodge of Elks in 1919-20.

Nice to have Mrs. Stella Breedlove back in the valley for the past week. She opened her house here to entertain her sisters, Mrs. Lucille Benton of Pasadena and Mrs. Ruth Geppart of Cumberland, Maryland.

The first 1962 meeting of the Mountain Empire Republican Woman's Club will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Griswold, March 1, 12:30. Mrs. Kerns requests all members to attend as there will be a discussion on the new reapportionment law which vitally affects the Mountain Empire District.

The new officers for 1962 are, president, Mrs. Fred Kerns; Mrs. Charles Haskell, vice-president; Mrs. Alden Farris, recording secretary; Mrs. Harry Utt, treasurer; Mrs. Gene Gehring, corresponding secretary.

The Pine Valley Clubhouse has been a popular place on Saturday evenings this past month. A good crowd gathers for games with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Major as host and hostess.

The Pine Valley Improvement Club will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Clubhouse, Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. President John Pingley has on the agenda, the proposed fire district and the zoning ordinance. Square dancing and refreshments will follow the meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Mountain Empire Taxpayers Association met in Pine Valley, Wednesday, February 21. The new budget of the Mountain Empire Unified School District was discussed. President Forrest Stille reviewed the proposed state constitution amendment dealing with the control of subversive activities. President Stille told the Board that 420,000 signers were needed and asked them to circulate petitions. The regular membership meeting will be March 21, at 8 p.m. at the Pine Valley Clubhouse.

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been here she has never been known to speak to a soul or even nod to a neighbor. Aloof, yet of gentle mien, she keeps her own counsel, observing the goings on of the town and the passing of the populace as if nothing in the world could ever upset her. (We know what could but we sincerely hope it never happens). Folk have become accustomed to seeing her and would miss her stolid presence. She has a lot of good friends hereabouts. She's something to count on when the Santa Ana blows and the town gets cranky. She will never complain. In fact, this old dame would stand like a rock no matter what happened.

And why not? She is a rock named Victoria. The name was given to her many years ago because of her profiled resemblance to the former English queen. See her in the 2700 block on Victoria Road. The hill on which she stands and the road past her, were named for her. The only thing that would upset her is THAT BOMB.

Plumbing Ordinance

Mr. Charles Price, general manager of Rio San Diego MWD, states that the County of San Diego has a plumbing ordinance regulating the method of making connections from the water mains now being installed to the plumbing within the property.

The ordinance requires that a permit be obtained before connections are made and specifies the size of pipe, etc., depending on the pressure available at the main, and the size of the meter.

Mr. Price states that the County requires that the District furnish each meter owner a card which gives this information, and that permits should not be obtained before the card has been furnished by the District.

Permits can be obtained at the El Cajon office of the County Building Department, and for further information, property owners can either contact this office or Mr. Price.

Harbison Hi-Lites

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scenery without having to stop every few yards to keep from running down a puppy on the loose. Now please don't get me wrong, I like dogs . . . even have two of my own . . . but I'm afraid there will be some heartbroken pet owners when the weather turns off nice and strangers drive through the canyon who are not aware of all the dogs who use our main street as a playground.

There will be a special science film shown next Sunday evening in the Harbison Canyon Baptist Church. Wade White will be the guest speaker for this presentation and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. Elmer Zachay is starting a Gospel Music Group and would like for any young people who play instruments and would be interested in such a venture to contact him. The first rehearsal and organization meeting will be held Saturday from 5 to 6 p.m. in Rev. Zachay's home at 1538 Pepper Drive in El Cajon. Call Danny Mishler, HI 5-3142, for transportation.

All parents are urged to attend the meeting of the Harbison Canyon PTA on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. as an election of officers will be held at this important meeting. Special entertainment will be furnished by the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade choir.

Against stupidity even the Gods strive in vain. Marcus Aurius.

THE ALPINE GARDENER

By NEIL GALLOWAY

The braying jackass has started to bray again. There should be a law against it; probably is. I look for a bureaucrat to take the Jack away soon so he will not annoy the community any more.

You can have a garden all year long. Beets, turnips, rootabaga, chard, parsley, carrots. I have celery all year, but it requires a lot of water and nitrogen. I never pull it up or cut it off; just pull a few stalks and it will continue to make more until it seeds. Same thing with chard, spinach and parsley. Parsnips and carrots can be kept in the ground a long time and dug as you want them. Cabbage, cauliflower, rootabaga, collards, brussel sprouts and broccoli are all of the cabbage family. In warm weather aphids bother these badly; they do best in winter and early spring. Onions grow most all year, both multipliers and the drying kinds. I have so many multipliers, I'm going to throw some away. If you want some, come and get them. You plant a couple in a place about 8 inches apart and they multiply from the roots to 10 or more. You pull out part of them and they spread again. I have green onions nearly the whole year.

Salsify, or vegetable oyster plant, grows most any time; you eat it like carrots or parsnips. I grow the loose leaf lettuce, as head lettuce rots in rainy weather, but rain runs off the loose leaf kind and it is very tasty and tender. Beets, I usually select a variety that shows a lot of tops in the picture. They make excellent greens and will grow more if you pull some off. Endive is high in nutriment and minerals. Spinach will grow the year round. The New Zealand kind freezes, but one or two plants will furnish all you can use. It vines and runs on the ground. Early varieties of potatoes can be planted now. It takes them about a month to come up. The danger of frost will be gone by then. Start your tomato plants from seed now. You can plant them by the time they are ready, or buy plants, if you prefer. I never liked the commercial types. You can grow mustard greens any time. Mixed with chard or beet tops tones them down. Radishes grow any time. Garden peas can be planted now; just barely cover the seed, they'll do well if it doesn't turn too cold and rot the seed. It is too early to plant corn; it still might freeze.

In all the vegetables I have mentioned; thin them vigorously. If you don't you won't have a crop. Cabbage family must be at least 14 or 16 inches apart. Carrots, beets, and other root vegetables the same. Parsley plants, 8 to 10 inches. If you want these plants to really grow, put some 16-20 in the row before planting the seed, cover the 16-20 lightly with dirt then put your seed in. The roots will reach it immediately. 16-20 is a commercial fertilizer. 16 is nitrogen; 20 is phosphoric acid. If there is another number on the tag, that means potash. Say you get a mix 10-10-10; they come in the order mentioned above with some kind of filler added. You pay plenty high for the elements you get that way. You can get strength of nitrogen from 16% to 45%. The 45% is real hot. It must never touch the plant leaves, or roots.

In the National Geographic magazine for August 1949, is a large article on OUR VEGETABLE TRAVELERS by Victor B. Boswell. An excellent article telling the origin of nearly all our vegetables, nicely illustrated. I suggest you read it. Here are the highlights from it. Corn, or maize, came from Peru. There have been many crosses, hence many varieties. Some hard, some soft, some sweet or sugar corn and many varieties

of what we call roasting ears. Papay or patata, which we call Irish potato are of Andean origin. Indians of Peru dried them. Different species are found in Chile, Ecuador and Bolivia, as well as Peru. Beans probably came from Brazil; there are many varieties, perhaps from different parts of Brazil and nearby South American countries.

The Tomato is of the Nightshade family. Some Nightshades are poisonous. The tomato for a long time was also considered poisonous. It was sometimes called love apple. There are many varieties, some red and some yellow, some quite acid and some not, some earlier than others. Personally, I never liked the commercial types. I like varieties with a real tang.

Squash and pumpkin; natives of the Western Hemisphere. There are a host of both, soft or summer squash, to hard winter varieties that keep for months. Peppers are from Central America and Mexico. The Latin Americans use lots of them. Sweet potatoes are from the West Indies. Kohlrabi is of American origin, looks something like a turnip, but grows slightly above ground, tastes a little like cabbage. Very mild, can be eaten raw or cooked. Cabbage is from Asia Minor; there are many varieties, red and white. Asparagus came from the Mediterranean and Asia Minor. This is very easy to raise. It will sprout up early in spring. You eat the tender shoots until the middle of April. Then you let them go to seed. If you continue cutting them, you kill the parent plant as the leaves are the lungs of all plants. It makes a beautiful fern all summer and the female plants have red berries or seed on them. It can be raised from seed, but it takes two years or more. You don't cut the rooted plants you plant the first year. Parsnips are from Mediterranean Asia Minor. Endive, same place. Celery, also, as are beets and chard.

Watermelon is a native of Africa. Okra, Ethiopia; Lettuce, from Rome; musk melon, Persia; Carrots, Afghanistan; Onions, Asia Minor; Peas and garden spinach, middle East; Cucumbers, India, as are mustard and egg plant and cow peas. China gave us radishes and soy beans. Many Chinese live on these beans as well as make a high protein oil from them. Jerusalem artichokes are of the sunflower family, have flowers like sunflowers and puts tubers in the ground same as potatoes. It does not carry much starch so is good for people with diabetes or who are on a reducing diet. May be cooked or eaten raw in salads.

This month will be the last chance to plant fruit trees. As for varieties that will fruit in your locality, check with the County Farm Advisor. They have a list for every climate. The U. S. Department of Public Documents has a catalog of various bulletins that are available on almost any subject, even animal love life. I am tired. How about you Neil.

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"Many drivers apparently overlook the second purpose, driving through rain or fog with lights out. Perhaps they feel that visibility is adequate to operate their own vehicles, but they forget that it is extremely difficult for them to be seen by other drivers or pedestrians.

"The safest course is to turn your lights on if vision is at all reduced by weather conditions. Remember to use your headlights, not parking lights. It is a violation of the law to drive with only the parking lamps lighted."

The commissioner also cautioned motorists to check periodically for burned out lamps. "It is particularly hazardous to following vehicles when brake lights or taillights are not functioning, and confusing to approaching vehicles when one headlight is burned out."

The Village Idiot

Citizens who want open meetings of civic organizations are downright annoying. Us important men know the only way to run this town is with secret meetings. Above all never tell the local newspaper anything; they might print what the people have a right to know.

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Horses! Horses! Horses!

By JACKIE DALZELL

Horsefolks were on the go last week. Bad weather never stops a horseman.

Bob and Jerry Webb and youngest son attend the meeting of the Morgan Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association of Southern California. Held at the lovely home and ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weir in Orange. The Double FF Ranch is the home of Rex Major Monte and many other top Morgan horses. A potluck dinner and movie were enjoyed by the 35 folks that attended. The Webbs went up early so they could see the horses before the meeting and as Jerry put it "she wished she could bring them all home."

Jack Wilson braved the weather and attended the Indio Horse Show. He reported the show excellent and enjoyed watching a big hackamore class.

Mrs. McManus, whom I spelled McMahon last week, Tenn. Walking Horse mares Cindy Lou and Katydid are due to foal in March and May. The McManus' are building a small barn, so they can see the colts and mares from the house.

Dr. and Mrs. Immenschuh's long wait is over, Camalot Sissy their Quarter mare finally had a buckskin stallion colt last Thursday. He sure is a dandy and already has a mind of his own and takes no sass from anyone including mama.

New horse owners are Jim and Paula Roe, Lakeside. They purchased a registered Morgan mare Ramona Dawn from the Eagle Ranch Ramona. She will be in training with Les Avant, Ramona for a month.

The Los Cenderos braved the weather for their monthly ride, last week?end and rode at the Daly's Bernardo Ranch, Escondido. About 40 rode with 60 for the good chuck wagon dinner that is served after each ride.

Anyone having horse news call me at our new number 443-1801.

New Management At Alpine Realty

The Alpine Realty Company has recently reopened under the new management of Marie West Parrish who has been in the real estate business in the foothills area since 1930. Mrs. Parrish has been inactive for the past several years while she was recuperating from injuries sustained in an auto accident. She is fine now, and anxious to get back to her business.

The office will handle subdivisions, rentals, leases, property management and general real estate. They are now open for business and would appreciate listings.

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THE FRIENDLY SUCCULENTS

By FERN LATHAM

After following Mr. Galloway's very erudite articles on gardening, I wonder if I'm not sticking my neck out to try one myself. Perhaps I can justify my efforts with the explanation that I am writing from experience gained with actual work with these plants as a hobby and not as an authority.

Plants known as succulents can be briefly described as those capable of surviving long periods of drought due to their fleshy or moisture storing leaves and stems. Many plants have similar characteristics although one would not class them as succulents. For instance, all cacti are succulents, but bear in mind that all succulents are not cacti.

The soil for cacti and other succulents should be very porous, permitting water to drain through rapidly. They will rot if their feet are kept in a constant moist condition. A neutral soil is to their liking, preferring that to a strong alkaline or acid condition. So one does not have to worry about mixing some complicated formula for the planting medium.

If one is starting new plants from cuttings, these should be allowed to heal over. Spread them out in a cool dry place for several days before planting them in a starting frame or pots.

This is the easiest way to gain new plants. Starting from seed can become quite a tedious task

and a long one, as most cacti seed are slow to germinate.

One of the more attractive succulents is called Kolanchre Orgyalis, from Madagascar. The upper surface of the leaves is covered with a fine golden hair; the underside is a silvery white or grey. It makes quite a good showing planted against a wall. The growth habit gives the appearance of an espalier. Another succulent of unusual color is Klenia Repen, or blue chalk fingers. This is a vigorous plant but will not withstand a heavy frost. Neglected, this is not an attractive plant, as it has a tendency to become leggy, but when planted against a boulder it does make a good showing.

The sedum Guatamalense, or Christmas Cheer, is especially good for a touch of color. It is rather slow with its growth, but six or eight of these little fellows planted in a cluster will soon give you a fair size clump.

Crassula aeonium, or airplane plant; with our sleek jet planes of today, this comin name seems rather old-fashioned and I think crassula aeonium is so much prettier. The brown and soft lime green rosettes, and tall pyramids of bright yellow flowers will liven up even the dullest landscapes. I have noticed quite a few growing here in Alpine. This plant loses all of its attractiveness without periodic watering. It is true that most succulent and cacti will survive long periods of drought, but like most living things, they return in kind the treatment they receive.

LAW IN ACTION

TRESPASSING CHILDREN

What are a landowner's duties toward children who come on his property without permission? In what circumstances does he have to pay when they get hurt?

A landowner has a special duty to trespassing children to see that they do not get hurt on highly dangerous things about his place. He can well expect them to wander on his place; it is up to him, within reason, to see that they don't get hurt.

Must he pay for their injuries? Not, for example, if the child should have recognized the dangers, or if he could look out for himself, but doesn't.

What the Law Expects

The law expects only what is reasonable to protect the child without excessive costs.

In one case a 12-year-old girl played hide and seek on a lot the owner was building on. Chasing a playmate, she failed in a jump over a stack of windows, and fell and hurt herself.

The landowner was not liable, the court held. This trespasser was old enough to have seen and kept out of danger.

A landowner need not child-proof his place; he has only to use care and guard against dangers the trespassing children aren't likely to know about. Where a child realizes the risk and incurs injuries "in

a spirit of bravado," the courts have often held that the owner was not liable.

In another case though, neighborhood children played in a home owner's swimming pool during the summers. In the winter he partly drained it, but decayed leaves and dirt made the pool slippery. Although he fenced the pool off, the owner did not repair a gate that opened on to it. Playing children could see the pool from the street. One day a two-year-old boy strayed through the opening, slipped into the water, and hurt himself.

Watch Out for Traps

This time the court held the owner liable: He should have drained the whole pool, put in the gate, or both. Otherwise the risk was too great: The slippery, partly filled pool was like a "trap," easy to reach, and concealing unusual dangers—dangers that a child was not likely to realize — dangers which the owner could have repaired with ease at a small cost.



Pool owners owe a duty of care to neighbor boys and girls when the dangers are great, and could be avoided by proper care.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dorothy and Phil Hall came to Alpine to make their home in 1947 just after they were married in San Diego. Dorothy was a widow with two young children whose father had died three years before she met Phil at a party in the Laguna Mountains. Phil had come to Alpine in 1941 where his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Stotler then lived with their four children, in the old parsonage on the corner of Arnold Way and Tavern Road. Phil worked for the County as road foreman on the construction of the Sunrise Highway to Lagunas until, disliking the job, he quit to become a builder here. Dorothy quit her job with the 11th Naval District in San Diego after their marriage and became our acting postmistress in 1947, which post she held until 1949, when Phil became official postmaster of the town.

Sue Jeffers, Dorothy's daughter, was only eight years old, a third grader when they came here. Sue graduated from Alpine grammar school, went on to Grossmont High, graduating from there to San Diego State College. Sue's older brother, Charles, stayed in San Diego with his grandmother, Dorothy's mother, known affectionately to hundreds of Old Globe Theatre fans as Gram Jones. Gram was hostess for the coffee hour at Falstaff Tavern for many years where her smiling charm made many friends who still remember her. Charles was very much interested in theatre at the time so stayed with Gram to attend San Diego city schools and be near the Globe to pursue his hobby of acting.

When he was ready for higher education, Charles went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hills where he graduated and married a North Carolina girl who shares his interest in the theater. She took her doctorate in costume design. Charles and his wife have two small daughters, Bettina aged two and a half, and Elinor, one year.

Charles is now vice-president of the Duke Hosiery Mill in Hickory, North Carolina. This is a subsidiary of the Kayser-Roth Company of New York, the largest hosiery syndicate in the world. He is still interested in the theater work and indulges his hobby by taking active part in the local Community theater where his training and ability as director and actor are of much value. His wife works with him in this also.

After Sue had attended State College for two years, her brother persuaded her to go to the University of North Carolina, which he liked so well. Sue attended here for a year and a half before romance won over a degree and she married a young medical student, Paul Guiles, who was attending the School of Medicine at the same university.

Dorothy flew back to Chapel Hills last June to help celebrate his graduation as Doctor of Med-

icine. Sue and Paul have a daughter, Jocelyn, aged two, and a daughter born February 23 at St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island where Dr. Guiles is an intern.

Sue's best girl chum through Alpine's grammar school and high school was Linda (Caldwell) Moore. The girls are still just as close as in their school days though miles apart. Last week the girls gave birth to babies minutes apart. Linda had a boy in Los Angeles February 22 a few minutes before midnight, while Sue's new daughter was born after midnight on the 23rd in Long Island.

CAMPO NEWS

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and it was served with ice cream and coffee. There were also cupcakes. The usual games were played. The door prize was won by Pete Hill.

The Lake Morena Mexican Canasta Club met at the home of Gertrude Haskell on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21 and the following were present: Marie Martin, Marie Lindemann, Ardelle Craft, Phoebe Thompson, Jane Ham, Margaret Rolland, Fay Farris and the hostess. Prizes were won by Marie Lindemann and Fay Farris.

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of Sally Foster on Saturday, Feb. 17. She lived on Buckman Springs Road, and was well known in the area. Her late husband worked at the Morena Dam for many years.

A new 4H Club has been organized in Campo, and they will meet weekly at the Stone House at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining will be welcomed.

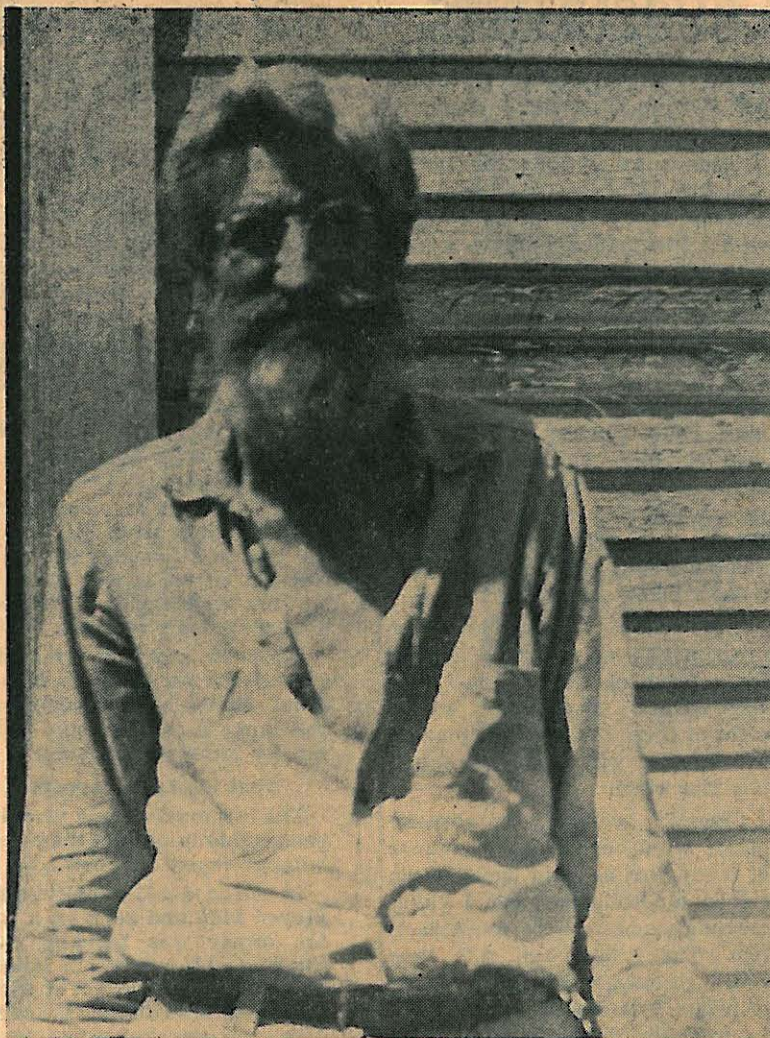
The Lake Morena Woman's Club will sponsor a St. Patrick's Turkey Dinner at the Stone House in Campo on the evening of March 17 (Saturday) at 6:30 p.m. Donation \$1.25 Adults, 75c Children under 12. There will be lots of good food, so mark the date on your calendar.

Kiwanis Meeting

Dr. Willis Miller, chairman of the San Diego County Planning Commission, spoke before the Alpine Kiwanis Club at their meeting last Thursday. He states that his agency would begin shortly to undertake a preliminary survey of the Alpine area. Hal Matley of the County Planning Commission staff, has been assigned to coordinate this study.

The first phase of the project will be the preparation of a Base Map which plots the current use of land parcels.

At the next regular meeting of the club, Mr. Louis Nicholas, Kiwanis' Lt. Governor, will be the speaker. He will bring an educational film sponsored by Kiwanis.



Niel Galloway, The "Old Timer." This is his favorite photo.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

The Old Timer

BY NIEL GALLOWAY

Palmer took up a 120-acre homestead partly in section 30. He, like a lot of others, worked some for me. The Palmers split up and she got the 120 acres and married T. M. Bullard which many of you knew. She was a lot older than Tom. A. L. McNett's second wife was one of Mrs. Bullard's daughters. She was married before to Littman. Both Mr. Bullard and Mrs. Littman are buried in the McNett plot in Alpine cemetery. Tom Bullard did odd jobs, some building and digging wells. He also used to drive team and do general farm work for me. He was always well-liked. He was buried in Alpine about two years ago at 79.

Now, we come near to Arnold Way. Up against the hill to the west of the valley, there are some old eucalyptus trees; that was the Decorsey homestead. Two boys, Billie, a bantamweight prize fighter, and Philip. He was suffering from a stroke when I knew him. The Decorsey house had been carried away piece by piece. There was none of it left. McNinch now has a poultry ranch there, but before him there was Landino, an Italian. He worked for McKie Construction Company (L. A. McKie). Landino came down here week-ends, built a nice home. His wife was not well. She died and Landino got killed by a bulldozer running over him. He had three children; two married and one boy six years old. Everyone that knew him liked him; he was too good-hearted for his own good. He made money but someone was always borrowing it and never paying back. So all he had was the land when he passed on and that was not clear.

Next, we go north on Arnold Way to where that clump of eucalyptus stand on a slight knole. That is the old Baily homestead. He was called Doc Bailey. He was a spiritualist; claimed he could cure your sickness by laying on his hands, but of course you were supposed to have a few dollars in your hand to complete the cure. Anyway, the old lady was crippled. She used a crutch to get around. I think they got some support from the Spiritualist Society and perhaps some relative. Bailey had worked as a clock and watch re-

pair man. After they both died, I a little more each time to pay the mortgage before, until he finally found a bow drill. This drill was run by sawing a bow back and forth. It is now in a collection in Julian. When the old lady died, my mother laid her out. There were no undertakers in those times. Yo neither made a casket or bought one ready made. Old Bailey was a kind of cantankerous old cuss, but the neighbors brought him what he needed, after she died. He finished his days in a home someplace. They willed the place to the Spiritualist Society, but a lawyer named Davis got it and still owns it to the best of my knowledge.

I am going to wander a little farther north where Arnold Way joins Highway 80. Looking off to the right down below the highway, there is a new house. That piece of property was homesteaded by Lanwer, a very well educated man. Lanwer had a family, but they did not live together. He made what he called a parabolic curve device to gather the heat from the sun to cook and bake what he ate. His trouble was alcohol. He made it himself, had a small home-made still. He did not sell it. It killed him, and he was found after he had been dead several days.

A couple named Wiley got the place. He was a brick and stone mason. They had two boys, and a girl who is now Mrs. Martha Radcliff and still lives there. One of the boys is a plumber in El Cajon. I don't know where the other one is. Old man Wiley took up more land under the grazing act, although he never grazed anything.

Next the now-known Galloway Valley. In the early days this was known by the old-timers as Mormon Johnson Valley. I will get to Mormon Johnson later. I have what is called an abstract of title. It tells every mortgage and divorce suit; in fact everything that was ever recorded in San Diego Court House. It is a 9x13 inches and about five-eight inch thick. The first 160 acres was proved up by Henry M. Johnson, Sept. 17, 1881 and was signed by James A. Garfield, President of the United States. In October 1881, Johnson borrowed the first \$1,700, the record says. This was sold to several

people before it was paid off. In fact, Johnson just kept borrowing lost it June 2, 1883, he obtained another 160 acres from the government. About that time Blanch P. Johnson filed suit for divorce. It was not granted, as she had no marriage certificate, although she had two children. She was given some money, and filed a separation Nov. 10, 1883, Johnson borrowed \$2,200 from Levi Chase July 2, 1885, Emily S. Johnson filed a suit for divorce. She had some children; doesn't say how many, but he agreed to pay her \$1,500. The next mortgage was for \$3,000 to D. C. Hermann. There are a lot more mortgages; you will get tired reading about them. These mortgages changed a lot of hands.

Finally, the High Brothers, William and John High, got it. They foreclosed on Johnson and became owners of the Valley, but apparently they also mortgaged it and lost it to the bank in San Diego. This bank failed and Melacton Barnett must have had stock in it for he got the mortgage as his share of bank assets. I bought the valley from his son, Melacton Barnett, Jr. in July 1909.

Now during the time between Johnson and Barnett there were quite a few renters. Some I knew well. There was George Benton who had children I remember. Laura Benton, a school teacher, never married. Another daughter, whose name I forgot, married and had a family. Frank Benton was the oldest. He was a dairyman in Santee. He had a family by two marriages. The first wife died. He finally built a home on Tavern Road and died there. Jake Benton worked for W. D. Hall Company in El Cajon for many years, is now retired and lives in El Cajon. He had one son who works for the Hall Company repairing automotive equipment.

Elmer Benton still manages the Quamadero Ranch in Descanso owned by Whitney and other businessmen of San Diego. Then there were the twins, Lawrence and Clarence Benton. Lawrence worked for the Forest Service and Clarence is in Northern California. So George Benton had a lot of help. I know all of them personally. He had a brother Robert, who was a big cattle rancher. I will get to him in some future article.

George Benton was a very interesting man to talk to. He lived to be nearly 90. Through a lot of his life he was interested in cattle. He told me he used to go into Mexico buying cattle. Now these cattle were a grand mixture, mostly longhorn, same as the early Texas cattle, long-legged and it took a good horse to catch one.

You never tried to walk among them; if you did the chances are you would be charged and riding on some of them horns. They were very spooky. It didn't take much to stampede them. George Benton told me about the early days driving those wild cattle across the desert to the mountains in San Diego County. He got \$15 a day; the common bowboy got \$1.50 per day and board. It seems George Benton knew all the water holes in the desert, and kept shovels buried near them. When they got some place near the water holes some of them rode ahead and shoveled out the water so the cattle could drink. George said he thought some of them shovels are still buried there.

George's wife passed on several years before he did. He died in La Mesa. The daughters still live there.

Continued next week

HOPE ASSURED

Contrary to many fears about the fatality of strokes, most patients who develop strokes do not die. The Heart Association says 90 percent of patients who are left with partial paralysis can be taught to work again—and 30 percent can be taught to do gainful work.