

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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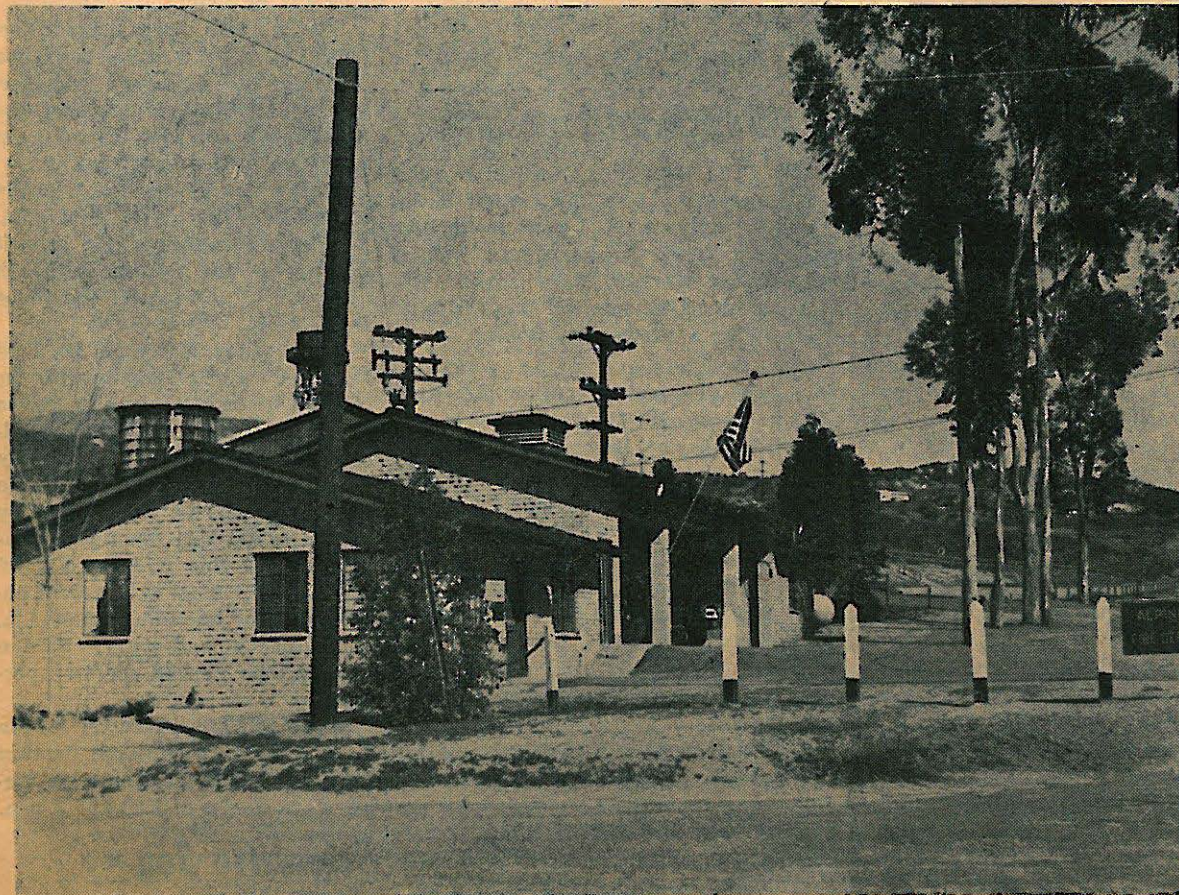
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ALPINE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1962

PRICE TEN CENTS

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT PAST AND PRESENT



ALPINE FIRE STATION ON HIGHWAY 80 — MARCH 4, 1962

—Bea LaForce Photo

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Mrs. Jane Orbom, who is well known for her remarkable talent as a party giver and whose delicious dinners are famous in these hills, announces further plans for the gala St. Patrick's Day dinner to be held at the Alpine Woman's club on Saturday evening, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. There'll be a rich Irish stew, hot biscuits and accompaniments suitable to the main course, followed by a special dessert. Everyone is invited and Fern Latham has charge of tickets and reservations.

Following dinner, entertainment will be provided in the Irish theme with music by Bill SanSouci who is tuning up a trio with songs from the Emerald Isles. There will also be songs and two playlets, one serious, one comic, featuring local talent. Sue Fuller, guitarist will write and perform in one of the numbers, and Beula Fair will give her comedy touch, for which she has won an Oscar at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego, to a comic interlude.

Special decorations are being made by Alpine artist, Jean McCullough, with the help of her committee Mrs. Tom Hill, Sr., and Mrs. Katherine Black. Mrs. Orbom announces that very nice door prizes will end the festive evening. Mrs. Willard Hays is collecting the prizes and says they are really nice.

Gamma Meeting

The Gamma Gamma Sorority will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, March 14th, 8 p.m. at the Youth Center Building. There will be a speaker with a film demonstrating mouth to mouth resuscitation. Inasmuch as this is in the public interest, this meeting will be open to visitors. Educational Director, Elsie Hoffman, reports this will be an informative program and urges Alpiners to take advantage of this opportunity.

Alpine Chatter

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sauter drove to Los Angeles the other Sunday to see the West Coast Hardware and Houseware Show. They took the inland route by way of Riverside and say the scenery was beautiful, green fields below snow capped mountains and the air wonderfully fresh and clear after all the fine rain.

The A. W. Club met at the home of Mrs. Clara Everson Saturday afternoon March 4 and had a delightful time, with delicious refreshments. Members present were Miss Edith Cromarty, the hostess, Mrs. Everson, and Mesdames Jean McCullough, Rose Reese, Adele Sells, Gladys Wotring, Dorothy Michael, Jeannette Hinkle, Catherine Black, Josephine Sturdivant, Maud Bratt and Lelia Hoggard.

Jack and Mimi Wilson went to see Louis Prima, popular singer and entertainer at the Roaring Twenties last week. Had a ball, says Mimi.

Dr. Roger Larson, minister of the Alpine Community Church went last week to Berkeley to attend the Earl Lectures at the Pacific School of Religion in that city. These lectures are given annually for ministers of all denominations on the West Coast. The lecture course was made possible by an endowment for religious scholars left by a man named Earl about 1900. This year's speakers were Dr. Richard Niebuhr of Yale and Dr. Driver of Union Theological Seminary of New York City. Their

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Harbison Hi-Lites

By BETTYE CARPENTER

Sincerest apologies to Roxanne Jordan for omitting the news about her party of Saturday, Feb. 18th. Had all the notes jotted down and then left out the whole bit. According to all the "kids" to was a "keen" party and the music provided by the Pharaohs made for "real fine" dancing. It was "neat" seeing the kids who came out from town to attend and Claire Crete, who now lives in San Diego and attends State College, said she "had a ball." My further apologies to the adult readers of this column for the "teen terms" but this was the way I got the message.

We have a new family in the canyon in a new house on Taylor Way. Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Miles and son and poodle. **HOLDOVER HOLDOVER HOLDO**

The happy smiles on the faces of the Carpenter clan (yours truly, Glenn & Co.) are due to the return of daughter Lynne (Crissman) who has been in Chicago for two years while Criss was stationed at Great Lakes. He won't be returning to California until July. She will be living with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crissman in La Cresta. This native San Diegan commented that the exact center of Chicago is the best part of it, then if you

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Alpine P.T.A. Dinner

A special committee of the Alpine P.T.A. had their kickoff banquet at Mrs. Bea McKaskle's on March 1st. They are planning a Slavic Dinner, May 12th, 6 to 9 p.m. at the School Auditorium. Mrs. McKaskle served a sample dinner which was heartily approved of by the committee of 14. Tickets will be sold by the P.T.A. members at \$2.00 per adult, \$1.00 for Juniors 7 to 16, children under 7 free. Reservations will be available by March 15th and the entertainment will be free.

Increase In Fire Commissioners To Be Voted In April

Fire in the mountains has always been a source of great hazard and heartache. For many years a house a fire was almost certainly a house lost to the flames in our town and its environs, for there was no fire fighting force dedicated to the protection of homes and property. The

INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

Scenes around the Rancho: The dainty grey cat strolling back and forth in front of the baby chicken run. Window shopping? Bonny, the old cow, is absent-minded as an old human. Sometimes she forgets that her barn was moved months ago, ambles back to the old site, to stand moaning plaintively at the gate. After a few minutes of bewilderment, she plods round to her new quarters. Though she has a nice new water trough, she frequently returns to the old laundry tub that was her drinker for years. The cow pony snubs the cow; the cow snubs the sheep; the sheep nubs the geese; the geese sass the dogs; the dogs cuss the coyotes. Only the white pigeons seem to feel no hostility towards any species except their own and little of that. Maybe that is why the dove was chosen to bring the olive branch to Noah. He wouldn't stop off for a fight along the way.

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One way to diet is to have a pet Great Dane share your food. That dog shares like the Reds "share" a country.

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"Women lack determination," declared a crusty bachelor at the church dinner. It's plain he never had any experience with a woman who thought she needed a new spring outfit.

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Heard a very interesting talk by Bert Smith, former editor of CALIFORNIA WATER NEWS, now Public Relations Director of the Production Credit Corporation, of Western United States. Mr. Smith said that "planned obsolescence" is the procedure of modern manufacturers, which means that while selling their latest product, vacuum cleaner, television or what not, they are already beginning

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Pine Valley Views

By JANE ORBOM

The weather still remains the main topic of conversation, although the sun has been out for several days and most of the snow has melted, leaving a fresh green look to our valley. However there is still 2-3 inches of snow in shaded areas and reports of frozen water pipes.

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The California Cooperative Snow Survey of February 28th at Little Laguna Meadow disclosed that the average snow dept was 24.6 inches, average water content 7.6 inches. This will raise the water table.

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One of the most amusing "snow scenes" was a gay young man dressed only in shorts and a straw hat posing for his picture by a huge snow man, wearing what

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U. S. Forestry has always given wonderful service, but they could not be expected to act as a local fire department to handle the many emergencies involved in a growing community.

In 1948 Arthur Pratt, John Jones, John Sheedy and others formed a committee to petition the Board of Supervisors to hold an election to form a fire district. The election was held and passed and the Alpine Fire Protection District was formed. A war surplus truck was purchased with voluntary funds, and parked at Greir Anderson's Standard Station in the center of town for easy accessibility. It soon proved to be too accessible to passing looters in need of spare parts and gasoline, so a building was put up to house the truck on Marshall Road. Free use of a site for the fire station was donated by Mrs. Hilton, once Alpine's postmaster. All the labor of construction was donated by local men, and Grier Anderson, who lived next door, and was an old man even then, volunteered to take the calls and rouse the volunteer firemen. This he did for some time, getting up any time of night, taking fire fighters to the scene of the blaze and often driving the truck. He is now very feeble and in a rest home somewhere back

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CAMPO NEWS

BL FAY FARRIS

Mt. Empire Woman's Club met at the home of Pauline Deacon in Pine Valley on Wednesday, Feb. 28, and 22 members were present. Refreshments were delicious Lemon Chess Pie, Prune Cake and coffee. The mystery prize was won by Mrs. O'Marr. A bus trip to Hemet to see "Ramona" is being planned for May 12. All members and friends should make their reservations as soon as possible with the President, Lee Pingley of Pine Valley. The next meeting will be at the home of Ruby Clark in Descanso on March 14. She is taking the place of Elizabeth Johnson.

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Mr. Winsworth of Pine Valley is in the hospital and is very ill.

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Mt. Empire Republican Women, Federated, enjoyed a pleasant meeting, and refreshments of delicious sandwiches, coffee and tea at the home of Mary Griswold in Pine Valley. The co-hostess was Bertha Zinn, and the sandwiches were made by Catherine Hadley. Twenty members attended.

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Phoebe Thompson of Lake Morena drove to Pasadena on Friday, Feb. 23 to see her two daughters, Sylvia and Natalie and their families. Sylvia and her husband had driven down from Paso Robles.

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Mt. Whirlers Square Dance Club officially disbanded on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28. Several members attended the meeting,

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Former Resident Visiting In Guatay

Visiting in Guatay last week was Thais de Tienne, D.V.M., daughter of Mrs. Louise McCormick, postmaster.

Dr. de Tienne is not a stranger in Pine Valley. Her family built a summer home in the Pine Creek tract during 1925. The house was one of several that burned during the disastrous Cenajos fire of 1950. Thais spent much of her time during holidays and summer vacations here as she grew up in San Diego. She graduated from San Diego High School in 1931. Took her pre-med work at UCLA as she thought she wanted to be a doctor. However, she decided that dogs were more interesting and less trouble than humans, so she enrolled in the State College of Washington, College of Veterinary Medicine at Pullman, Washington and received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1938. The only woman in a school of 400 men and the first woman member of Alpha Psi fraternity. After graduation she was a surgeon at the San Diego Zoo Hospital.

Enlisting in the Woman's Army Corps in September 1942, was graduated as 1st lieutenant from Officer's Candidate School at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. The first woman ever commissioned in the Veterinary Corps. Army regulations which specified only male graduate veterinarians as being eligible for commission had to be changed for her to get her commission. In January 1946 Lt. de Tienne was the first woman to receive the Legion of Merit for outstanding service for the government. She was cited for her professional skill as supervising veterinary sanitary inspector from January 1942 to September 1945 while stationed at Omaha. She played an active part in the program of research, development and production of dehydrated foods, particularly dehydrated egg products.

After the war she returned to Pasadena and opened her own small animal hospital which she still maintains.

She has doctored canine pets for a number of movie stars, including Jack Oakie (Afghans), Ann Sheridan (Boxers), Martha Scott (Great Danes) and Clifford McBride, originator of the comic strip "Napoleon and Uncle Elby" whose St. Bernard was the original "Napoleon."

Dr. de Tienne is the official veterinarian for the Hazel Hunt Seeing Eye Dog Foundation and has time to write professional articles for Veterinary Medicine and The American Veterinary Medicine Journal.

For recreation she writes poetry. Last year she bought a home site at Yucca Valley, which she im-

Local Church Holding Special Service

A special observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held March 9 at 10 a.m. at the Alpine Assembly of God Church on Arnold Way near Tavern Road. The announcement was made by Rev. Eva Bailey, pastor, who said that the following churches will participate in the services: Alpine Community, First Baptist of Willows, First Baptist of Alpine, Alpine Assembly of God, and guests from surrounding areas.

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually by churches throughout the world. "The Church—purchased with His own Blood" is the theme for the observance this year. Emphasis will be placed on prayer for Christians in many areas of the world where worship and witnessing are restricted or prohibited.

The prayer booklet which will be used as a guide for the services has been written by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, with an introduction by Dr. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals and well known for his revival-prayer conferences. The booklet, which contains devotional thoughts, responsive readings, and hymn selections, is prepared and issued by the National Association of Evangelicals, an organization representing 38 church denominations, which sponsors the worldwide observance.

Local services will be held in cooperation with the Southwest region, National Association of Evangelicals, with headquarters in Whittier, covering five southwest states, serving over 10 million Bible-Believing Christians. Dr. Walter L. Penner, regional director of N A E.

Boy Scout Membership Drive

Area chairmen for the Boy Scout Sustaining Membership Enrollment drive in Grossmont District have been announced by Ed March, District drive chairman.

They are Charles Decker, El Cajon North; A. J. Tortora, El Cajon South; Dr. Don Ackley, Fletcher Hills; K. E. McLaren, Monterey Heights; D. H. Freeman, Spring Valley; Harry Jackson, Lakeside; Charles Scribner, La Mesa West; Dr. L. M. Morrisset, Santee; Jim Dyer, Alpine; Cliff Whitehead, Grossmont - Fuerte;

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diately called "Snakey Acres." She has built a new house and plans to retire in the not too distant future.

Future Status Of Grossmont College

If the next bond issue for the building of Grossmont College fails, would the college lose its accredited status and slowly die?

If the bond issue fails, will district taxpayers then be relieved of the responsibility of paying for the junior college education of those in the district who wish to attend?

The answer to the first question is yes, and to the second, no.

These and a dozen other important questions and answers were dealt out at a session of the Grossmont Citizen's Advisory Committee, meeting on the college campus with the administrative leaders of the new institution.

Grossmont College President John S. Hansen, answering a question on what would happen if the voters should for a second time reject the bonds, said "this would eventually mean no accreditation. It is not possible to maintain a good or even adequate college system over any period of time in temporary, makeshift quarters. I feel the people of this area want a good college, not a second-rate or third-rate institution in temporary facilities indefinitely."

Harold Hughes, associate superintendent of the junior college district, told the group:

"If we fail to get those bonds that is not going to stop our youngsters from going to junior college after they graduate from high school. The sheer, inescapable force of statistics is going to take care of that. These facilities here (on Monte Vista High School campus) will not be available for more than another two years; then they must be used for the purpose for which they were built, for high school education. If we don't provide the facilities, the students will have to go to San Diego and we will have to pay the cost of their education there."

District Superintendent Lewis Smith, answering a question on seeking bond funds for two college sites, noted that each site purchase will be a separate item on the June ballot, giving voters the chance to vote for one or two. He said area growth shows a second, separate college will eventually be needed, perhaps in eight years, perhaps not for 15 years. Voters who feel the continuing rise in land values make it prudent to buy the second site now should vote to buy the Monte Vista Ranch site as well as the Fletcher Hills site, Smith said.

Many questions at the panel meeting revolved about entrance requirements and transfer credits at the new junior college.

Hansen said that while junior colleges are known for an "open door" policy, the door could be called a revolving one, too, because while Grossmont is not strictly selective about entry, it does maintain strict retention standards.

A woman questioner remarked, "Students who are now loafing in high school have the idea that junior college is always there, like a sort of spare tire."

Hansen noted that, once admitted, a student at Grossmont must maintain at least a C average to keep off probation, and that if he drops below a C average for two successive semesters, he is subject to disqualification—or a "blowout."

Hansen stated that there are critics of the open door policy, but he believes it to be a "real strength. Many junior college students go on to four-year colleges with great success, even when they had not been qualified to start their college education in a four-year institution."

Grossmont College is temporarily accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges,

Alpine 4H Club News

By MELINDA ROTH

March 3 to 10 is Boys' Club Week. In celebration of its we are having a family night pot luck on the 6th at Fuller Hall at 6:30 p.m. In case it rains, the dinner will be automatically postponed. There will also be a window display that week in the building where the cleaners were formerly located, next door to the Alpine Cafe.

Saturday, March 10 is Ag judging field day at the Santee School.

Wage Survey For San Diego

The San Diego Chamber of Commerce will ask the United States Department of Labor to include San Diego in its annual "Major Labor Market" wage survey program. Directors of the Chamber today approved the request.

Congressional representatives will be asked to support the move.

Chairman U. E. Bracht of the Chamber's Research Committee said the Department of Labor conducts occupational wage surveys in 82 major labor markets in the country.

"Although the 23rd largest metropolitan area in the United States, San Diego is the only area among the largest 30 which is not included in those surveyed," Bracht said.

Six broad industry divisions for which occupational earnings and wage benefits on a sample basis are secured are manufacturing; transportation, communication, other public utilities; wholesale trade, retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate, and services.

"San Diego's inclusion as an area surveyed by the Department of Labor would aid in the identity of San Diego as one of the 82 important labor markets of the United States," Bracht said. "It would also provide information on San Diego earnings and wage benefits on a basis which would be comparable to other industrial centers."

"The surveys would provide factual data helpful to the industrial promotion program of San Diego. They would also make earnings and wage benefit information on San Diego available to firms and organizations who do not have access to privately conducted surveys."

Bracht said that the committee has been advised that a top official of the Department of Labor in San Francisco has been approached on the possibility of conducting such an annual survey here, and he indicated that the interest of the local community is a factor given consideration in the determination of areas to be surveyed.

the official accredited agency. A WASC team will visit the makeshift campus next spring for formal accreditation. Meanwhile, credits earned at Grossmont are accepted by the University of California, all state colleges and all private colleges to which the administration has had occasion to write.

Hansen said officials of UC and state colleges have noted that transfers from junior colleges usually do as well and sometimes better than the "natives"—students who had gone all the way through the higher institutions. In the most recent graduating class at UC, the majority of the students were junior college transfers and the academic average of these students were slightly higher than those of the "natives" in the class.

The question-answering panel also included Charles C. Collins, dean of instruction; Laurance Coons, dean of admission and guidance, and John Burdick, dean of student affairs.

Borrego Wildflowers

In anticipation of a spectacular desert wildflower display this spring, the staff of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has announced a program of illustrated lectures starting March 10.

The lectures will be held at 2 p. m. every Saturday and Sunday during the wildflower season in the auditorium of Borrego Elementary School. Dalton E. Merkel, park naturalist, will describe the varieties of flowers and tell where they can be found.

Winter rains have soaked Borrego Valley with more than two inches of rain this year, and Merkel says indications are that the wildflowers will be blooming in profusion in the desert spring.

Merkel said he could not predict accurately when the first wildflowers will appear. He said it depends on the weather, although the peak of the season should be from March 15th to April 15th.

On Saturday, March 10, Dr. Reid Moran, Curator of Botany with the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park, San Diego, will lead an all-day trip to a San Diego county desert area. The exact localities to be visited will be determined by last minute reports on flower conditions, but this will be a good flower year. Meet at the west entrance of the Museum at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunches and water. Private cars will be needed for transportation.

Every Sunday afternoon in the Natural History Museum lecture hall, Balboa Park, free motion pictures are shown at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Scientific Sea Expedition

An 85-foot diesel vessel, the "San Agustin 11," chartered from Mr. Antero Diaz, will depart from Bahia de los Angeles about March 15 in what is termed as the most ambitious expedition yet undertaken by the San Diego Natural History Museum, according to Dr. George Lindsay, Museum Director, who is in charge of the expedition.

The personal interest of Mr. K. K. Bechtel, and a grant of \$11,000 from the Belvedere Scientific Fund of San Francisco, has made the trip possible. It is to an area of particular significance to the Museum's research program and will visit more than 20 islands, collecting land plants, reptiles, birds, mammals, insects, and living and fossil marine invertebrates.

Help For Nation's Number One Illness

A panel demonstration of Recovery Techniques for nervous individuals and former mental patients will be conducted Friday evening, March 9, at 8 p.m. at the La Mesa First Methodist Church, corner of Palm and Lemon Avenues, in La Mesa. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

This demonstration will illustrate the work of a group organized out of Chicago using the will-training methods set forth by the late Dr. Abraham A. Low, M.D. Dr. Low, a psychiatrist of National repute and high esteem, perfected his non-psychoanalytic system of psychotherapy while he was Assistant Director and later, Acting Director of the Psychiatric Institute of the University of Illinois Medical School. Dr. Low put his finding in a book, Mental Health Through Will Training, but withheld publication of the book until he had tested his methods with 13 years of actual experience and had collected a huge record of good results.

A Recovery group meets each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in Room F-3 at the First Methodist Church in La Mesa. These meetings are open to the public free of charge. Members report very satisfactory results obtained from this dynamic group therapy.

CHURCH SERVICES

Table listing church services for various congregations including Alpine Community Church, Queen of Angels Catholic Church, First Southern Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of the Willows, Alpine Lutheran Church, Bethel Assembly of God, Blessed Sacrament Church, Chapel of the Hills, and Our Lady of the Pines Chapel.

NOTES FROM . . .
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Cold Snap Brings Out Old Firescreen

A few years ago we remodeled our fireplace and wood paneled the end of the living room. We relegated the old folding firescreen to the garage and bought one of those more modern copper mesh screens on a track which slides back and forth and gives a neat modern front to the yawning fireplace opening. But this new screen beautiful as it is to look at has a drawback which became most apparent during our recent unseasonal cold snap. It holds back the heat from coming out into the room much more than we'd like for we depend on fireplace heat to supplement a large Thermodor electric heater.

This is the age of dual home appliances. Remember back when homes had only one radio, one refrigerator, one vacuum, one tv set, on record player and one firescreen? Today it seems most every home had a dual set of everything. All one has to do is go to the garage or storage room and find a duplicate still in usable condition. We have loaned and given away our old firescreen several times after we installed our new one but the old screen always manages to come back to us.

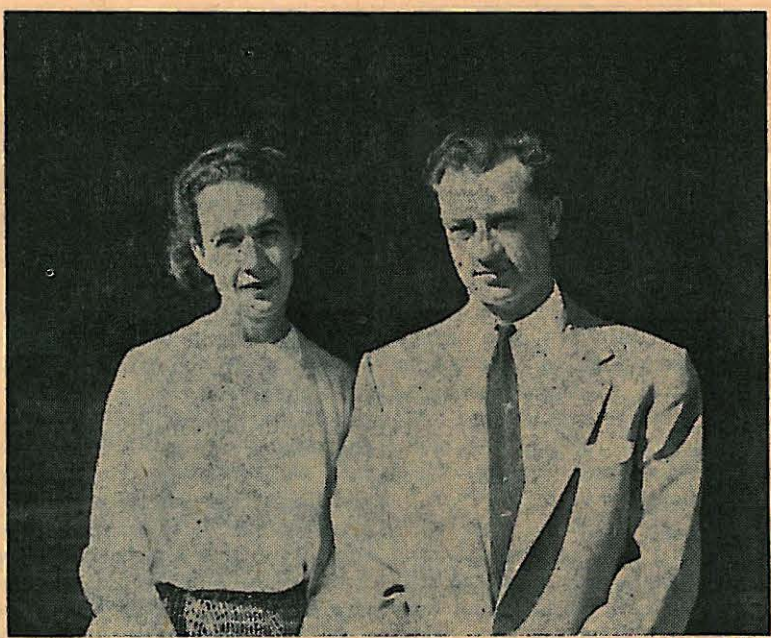
Tonight it's cold again and I removed the new screen and put up the old one which will serve us until the weather warms up. We immediately noticed the difference in the heat output for these old folding screens stand out in front of the fireplace instead of flush up against it, thus allowing more heat to radiate out the top, sides and front. The flat mesh screen has a tendency to curtain off the heat almost like doors. The old firescreen is made of fine screen wire and much more transparent than the mesh kind and you can actually see your fire burning more clearly through it.

It's a shame we have to have firescreens at all but with wall to wall carpeting and overstuffed furniture they are an absolute necessity. Of course, when the weather eases up we will go back to our modern, less efficient screen in the name of progress but it does seem at times that the more modern we get the more we sacrifice in some other direction. We wonder at times if our age is progressing or retrogressing when we consider what has happened to such things as the traditional fireplace.

Controls Youngsters
In a departmental story dealing with the home life of teen age youngsters, the Cleveland Press prints this significant paragraph contributed by a boy—"Every winter Dad makes us get out and cut logs and saw them. Every winter we burn many in our fireplace. We love to sit around and turn all the lights out and watch the fire clicker through the screen and just talk to each other. I think the fireplace does a lot more to bring us together than anything else we have."

The above item was reprinted in Donley Devices, monthly house organ of the Donley Bros. Co., Cleveland, Ohio, makers of fireplace equipment, who have faithfully kept me on their mailing list for over 20 years and to whom I'm indebted for much of my own fireplace enthusiasm theme many years.

Nothing is more pleasing to the eye while driving through the back country than to see woodsmoke curling out of the chimney of a home with a fireplace. That suggests home to us fully as much as the cross stitch framed sentiment we used to see hanging on the wall of homes visited.



MR. AND MRS. DICK ROBINSON—MARCH 5, 1962

THE VITAL ROBINSONS

At 2630 Victoria Drive you'll meet Dick Robinson, retired chief instrument man, USN and his graceful wife, Jo. In July, 1960 they sold a large home in Lemon Grove and bought their Alpine Hilltop, the former Campbell place, from which they command a remarkable view in every direction. San Diego bay is clearly visible on bright days.

After 21 years in the Navy during which Dick sampled the whole world in his travels, he says he likes Alpine best of all the places he has seen. To this Jo gives a hearty second. They like the climate with its clean air and sunshine and they like the people.

Dick is a native fo Seattle where he joined the Navy and was sent to San Diego for his basic training. "I liked the town immediately," he said, "and knew that I wanted to retire somewhere in the area." A very talented man, Dick is a jeweler and watchmaker, ivory carver, photographer and diesel engineer. He taught diesel engineering in the Navy and later, for the General Motors Corporation for three years in Cleveland, Ohio. He was also, at one time, ship's photographer. With all his artistic skill and engineering know-how, Dick does not quibble at the simple task of mending the neighbor's lawnmower as a favor. His ivory carvings are very delicate and beautifully made. He has a small shop in his home on Victoria drive where he repairs watches and creates and mends jewelry. Dick believes people should allow themselves time for relaxation. We tend to overload ourselves with work and responsibilities to our detriment, he thinks, and advises a less hurried way of life. Both Dick and Jo are now learning to play the Hammond organ and enjoy it very much. Vitrally interested in his community, Dick serves as fire commissioner, is an officer of the Alpine Community Church, and a member of Kiwanis Club.

Jo is a real western gal. Her grandparents went west in a covered wagon and settled in the Black Hills of Wyoming where the family grew and prospered. Jo was born on a Wyoming ranch 50 miles from the nearest town. Asked if she liked to ride, Dick said, "She was practically born on horseback."

She used to ride after cattle with the cowboys, and even wrangled horses. One pony was kept staked at night while the rest were let out to graze. This pony Jo saddled early in the morning and rode out to round up the horse herd for the day's work. Her family still runs cattle there in Wyoming. When she finished her education, Jo taught school in her community in a one-room school house, grades one through the eighth. Winters are severe in that part of the West but the icy weather seldom stopped the intrepid young school marm. She rode horseback five miles each way to

the schoolhouse where she had to build a fire in a wood and coal stove to heat the building for the children, who also rode to school horseback. A big barn was a standard part of the school property for the housing of student's horses. "It was a wonderful way of life," said Jo, "I'm glad to have lived it." Hearing her say it, you wish you could have lived it, too.

It was on a trip to visit friends in Albany, Oregon, on the coast, that Jo's Wyoming days ended, for it was then she met a sailor named Dick.

"The fleet was in," she smiled, "and there was this cute sailor."

Jo works as a comptometer operator for the Palomar Foods Company in San Diego five days a week. She enjoys her job very much but looks forward to the long weekends on the hill behind Alpine. They find life here very agreeable and plan to stay here forever, we are pleased to report.

Poway Valley Riders

The Poway Valley Riders Association announce their first 1962 horse show and gymkhana.

The event will be held at the Poway Valley Riders Association Arena in Poway Valley on Sunday, March 11, 1962. The events will commence at 9 a.m. and be judged by Judge Mike Schnarr of Rancho Santa Fe.

The events include Western Pleasure, Trail Horse, Western Horsemanship and several feature races.

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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

Dept. Of Commerce Field Office

Directors of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce voted today to ask the United States Department of Commerce to establish a full-time field office in San Diego.

Such an office, Chairman Frans ter Horst of the Chamber's World Trade Committee said, would replace a part-time local officer under jurisdiction of the Los Angeles field office which was closed last July.

Several reasons were cited by ter Horst for establishment of a San Diego office. He pointed out that San Diego is the second most populous county in the 11 Western states and the City of San Diego is more populous than 21 of the 34 cities throughout the nation in which there are Department of Commerce field offices.

San Diego's "most modern port facilities on the West Coast" have resulted in 532 ship arrivals in 1961 compared with only 65 in 1951, he said.

San Diego is one of very few U. S. ports of entry for both overland commerce—with Mexico—and waterborne commerce, ter Horst pointed out. In 1960 this trade amounted to \$126,800,000 in exports and \$40,900,000 in imports through the San Diego Customs District office, he said.

"Members of the Chamber's World Trade Committee believe that a Department of Commerce field office would be highly beneficial to San Diego's economic position in view of heavy unemployment now existing here."

"San Diego has been hampered
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Horses! Horses!

By JaJackie Dalzell

The first 1962 foal for Willow Glen Farm arrived in the mud. In fact he was so covered, all anyone knew is that it had four legs and a head and a fuzzy tail. Even mother, Red Lady, took one look and said "What's that?" and went back to her barn. But after all the mud was cleaned off she decided to own her new son as he took after her in color and is quite a handsome fellow.

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Horsemen were on the go again last weekend. Russ Denmark of Lakeside and Pete Dalzell attended the meeting of the California State Pony of the Americas Club held at Pomona, Saturday night. Which Pete is the inspector for. The club elected new officers for the coming year and discussed the shows that are having P.O.A. classes. The doctor had grounded your writer much to my unhappiness. As Pete reported home that the meeting was good and the food served was excellent.

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The Lakeside Frontier Riders held their monthly fun show Sunday. Entries are 25c a class and lots of fun is had by all.

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There is a new horse family in Alpine, but my informers didn't have their name. Only that they bought the Joe Marks place in Japatul Valley. Will find out more next week.

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

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PLANNING

We were quite interested in the viewpoint recently expressed by Dr. Willis Miller, planner for the San Diego County Planning Commission, particularly in regard to the attitude of the Planning Commission as it may pertain to the future economy of San Diego County.

San Diego County is unique in many respects. But, beautiful as it is, it has some serious economic disadvantages. It has no known sizable ore deposits or natural resources. Lacking a central location, it is a poor national distribution points. It has a definite regional quality due to fixed boundaries: the Pacific, the Mexican Border, Camp Pendleton, and Imperial Valley. There is limited attraction for industry. Restricted agriculture is fast disappearing.

Realizing these geographical limitations, Dr. Miller emphasized that indeed San Diego County is an excellent place to live, and that this primary facet of our locale should be developed. The Planning Commission apparently feels that San Diego should appeal especially to scientists, executives, technicians, etc.

Desirable as these particular individuals may be as neighbors, we must realize, realistically, that San Diego's fair climes are also beckoning to a cross segment of Eastern Americana—many portions of whom have been economically displaced from relatively stable regions of the nation.

The heavy influx of people, par se, certainly does not promote a stable expanding economy. Hardly one in a thousand brings capital enough to withstand joblessness for even a brief period.

Consequently, without adequate employment, more and more must seek a low cost existence—a definite insult to our economy. Ultimately, many become wards of the County (it's easier now). Our economy sags even more. Taxes go up.

If new residents are unable to purchase and improve property of their own (they still require the same per capita expenditure for schools, police protection, government agencies, WELFARE, etc.), then present property owners must bear this burden of increased population. This process is already in motion.

We feel that more stress should be placed upon efforts to promote the production of all types of commodities and services. Most manufactured items used in the building trades still come from Los Angeles or outside San Diego County. Our beef, packaged vegetables, and other foodstuffs as well. Some steps, of course, have been instituted to capitalize on our coastal location, but further activities and development of the harbor should be undertaken and coordinated.

There are ten cities within San Diego County—each with a Planning Commission. That means eleven separate agencies are involved with County planning. This is in itself a formidable barrier to prospective industry and small business. Let us hope that these agencies will adopt an attitude that will institute and encourage an equitable inducement for all phases of industry and commerce. We'll need it.

CORRECTION

In the March 1st issue of the Alpine Echo in the editorial regarding budget making time an error was made in regard to the relative length of 2,900,000,000 dollar bills pasted together end to end. The editorial should have stated, "This is the equivalent of 1 times the distance from the Earth to the Moon with enough left over to wrap around the Moon about 5 times."

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 Managing Editor:

To be truthful, we didn't renew our subscription to the Alpine Echo when the paper changed hands some year or so ago. We continued to receive the paper whether we liked it or not. Need I say more?

We find the Echo very enjoyable and informative now and would like to renew our subscription. I will fill out the order form we received from you and enclose a check for one year's subscription.

Sincerely,

Neda R. Hill
 Rt. 1, Box 219B
 Alpine, Calif.

P. S. If you like, I will be glad to pay for the papers received from you, printed under the new management.

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The Editor:

Under separate cover I have forwarded my subscription to the new "Alpine Echo"; and I want to take this opportunity to express my enjoyment and appreciation of your fine efforts to provide Alpine with an up-to-date and interesting newspaper. Your refreshing type of reporting and splendid editorials fill so admirably the needs of this community.

With every good wish for your success and prosperity in your new venture, I am,

Sincerely,

Mary Blyth Rector
 Rt. 1, Box 78-R
 Alpine

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Dear Editor:

Thanks for the copies of the ECHO. The Foss homestead article and those of Neil Galloway

are the sort of local history that we like to get into the files of the Society at the Serra Museum. I'll clip the needed articles from the copies you sent me, and see that they get into the museum files. We shall be very glad to have any further material of this kind.

The ECHO'S editor is to be commended for running stories on the history of his area and on the lives of the early settlers in it. As you know, the Society has always encouraged research of this nature, and for several years offered awards for the best of such writing. We may do so again. I should add that other county papers have found that in performing a valuable community service they have also supplied their subscribers with very interesting reading.

Lest you forget, I am going to mention again a subject we have discussed before—the possibility of forming an Alpine area historical society. With a boost from the local paper (as in National City, Carlsbad, Encinitas), you should soon be organized and functioning. Like the others, it need not be large—just interested and active. We'll be glad to lend a hand with the preliminary meetings if you think this would be a help.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: WILMER SHIELDS,
 Secretary
 San Diego Historical Society

Tragic News

Friends here were shocked to learn of the tragic train and automobile collision which claimed the lives of Mrs. Flo Casterline, eight months pregnant, and four children on February 27th in the Los Angeles area. Former residents of Harbison Canyon until last October, Mrs. Casterline had served as P.T.A. President of the Harbison Canyon School during the 1960-61 term. Mr. Casterline formerly served as Scoutmaster. He has resumed employment in this area.

STATE BUDGET

The State Legislature is now in session in what is generally called the "off year" session during which, under the terms of our Constitution, only budget matters can be presented and acted upon. However, our Governor has the authority to call a special session of the Legislature whenever, in his opinion, there are matters of such urgency that have to be acted upon by the Legislature which cannot await the next regular session. The Governor has chosen to call such a special session to run concurrently with the present off year session and he has named several items to be brought before the special session.

Among these items are the regulation of gambling and the hours of work for employed women. Also, the matter of reapportioning the State Senatorial Districts will be discussed.

The major item before this session of the Legislature is, of course, the budget. The preliminary proposal for the budget is, as reported before in the Echo, the tidy sum of \$2,900,000,000.00. We hope that the side issues that will be brought before the Legislature will not detract the attention of the Legislators to the extent that they will not make a thorough, honest and conscientious study of the items that are included in the budget so that their result will not be the passing of a budget containing larger amounts than will be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of this State for the next fiscal year.

It appears to us, from having read the papers for many years during the sessions of the Legislature, when budgets were being prepared that too little information is given to the public regarding the items included in the budget and the amounts involved. But, if such information were published we doubt whether the average citizen could understand it sufficiently well to pass judgment on its merits. So we must rely on the wisdom of our duly elected Representatives to devote their full energies to the task of protecting the taxpayer's interest to the greatest extent possible.

According to recommended criteria which states that there should be one police officer allotted to each one thousand population, it would seem that Alpine, a community of several thousand, deserves a resident sheriff.

Alpine Chatter

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subjects were religious drama, and religious significance in other dramatic works.

Sunday, March 4, Dr. Larson changed pulpits with Rev. E. Major Shavers of the Church of Christian Fellowship, an inter-racial congregation church in San Diego.

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Walter Mason of Glen Oaks is entering the hospital this week for observation, has been ailing for awhile.

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Edmond and Edith Dally are leaving soon for a visit to Tucson, Arizona. They often go to the Colorado River there to fish. Mr. Dally is a retired telephone company employee.

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Frances Caldwell drove up to Los Angeles last week to see her first grandchild, Roland Scott Moore. Mother of Roland is Frances' daughter Sue, whose husband is a former La Mesa boy, Gordon Moore. Uncle Kirby followed his mother to the scene on Friday via train and drove back with her Sunday night. Both are thrilled with this addition to the family.

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Hazel Hohanshelt was drunk Monday, March 5 . . . with joy. She went to the doctor, had her fractured hip x-rayed and was told it was well enough she could put her weight on it and throw away the crutches.

Determination Of Right Of Way

Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden of the California Highway Patrol states that one question that continually confuses drivers is: When do I have the right of way? Usually it comes up in connection with making left turns, or in passing through an uncontrolled intersection.

The law states, in the first instance, that the driver intending to make a left turn shall yield to approaching traffic which is close enough to constitute a hazard. Having yielded, he then may begin his turn and approaching traffic shall yield.

In the second instance, the driver approaching an intersection shall yield to a vehicle already in the intersection, but in the event both arrive at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield to the vehicle on the right.

"Both are explicit, yet both leave room for individual judgment," said Commissioner Crittenden.

"Because of this, it is impossible to set out patterns of action which cover every situation. But one thing is certain. If in situations where conflict seems imminent you yield the right of way instead of trying to take it, the combination of factors necessary for an accident is never formed."

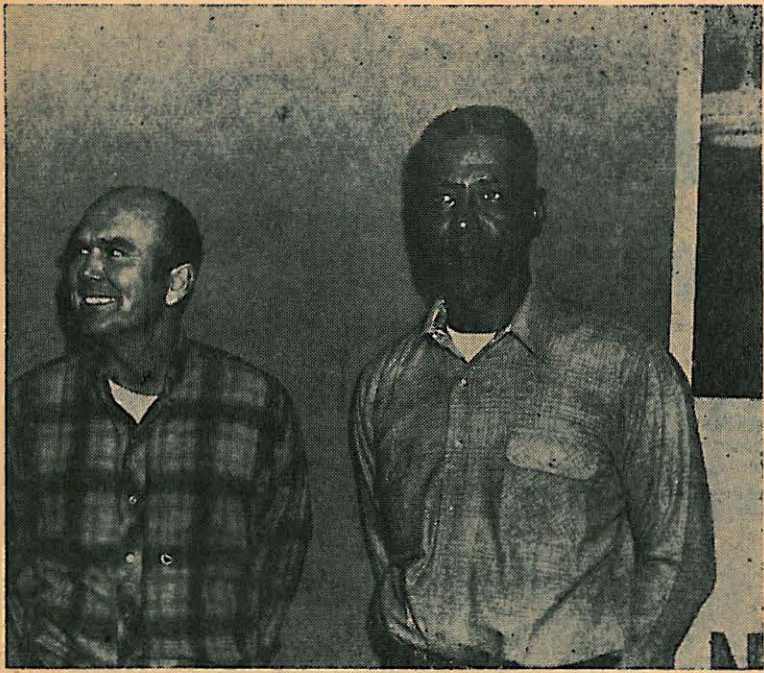
It may cost you a few seconds, but that seems a trifling loss when matched against the possible consequences of a collision."

Arts And Crafts Show Outlined For Spring

An event of interest to local residents who like art works and original hand crafts and to those who pursue these occupations, is the forthcoming ART MART and SHOW to be sponsored by the Alpine Woman's Club at the club rooms sometime in May, according to Mrs. Marcus Shaeffer, Chairman of the event.

Mrs. Shaeffer urges local artists and craftsmen to prepare for the event which is planned to display their works and also to function as a mart where these works may be offered for sale to the public.

A definite date and further details will be announced soon.



JACK BLANKENSHIP, left, and LEE ROPER, charter member of Alpine Fire Dept. March 6, 1962.

Fire Department—Past and Present

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East.
About 1953 or 54 the first real fire engine was added to the original old truck with its tank and pump. Opinions differ a little as to the exact time of this addition, but I remember the celebration attending its advent at the old Alpine grammar school. It was a nice old time community dinner with square dancing afterwards in the school patio and a demonstration of the trucks talents.

At first there was no formal organization such as now exists. It was generally agreed that whoever got to the truck first should drive it to the fire. Among the first of such driver-chiefs were Archie Hill, Ron Justice, C. E. Bennet, Lee Roper, Sam Randazzo, Jack Hoistad, Weldon Wilson, Jack Blankenship and possibly others. Their efforts were very successful and much appreciated by the community, but it soon became apparent that better facilities were needed, thus the next step was taken.

Commander Rudolph Oeser, USN, retired, of Alpine Heights Road, gave very valuable aid by donating his considerable administrative abilities to organizing and setting up a budget that put the Department on its feet. In this work the late Paul Black was of vital assistance working with Commander Oeser and their committees.

Early fire commissioners were J. H. McKie, Conard, Johnny Friedenberg, Claude Young, C. E. Bennett, Frank Wilson, Henry Mumma, John Neely, Commander Oeser, and Paul Black, and possibly others. Every effort has been made to name all concerned and any omissions are unintentional.

In 1957 a bond issue was presented to the people of Alpine in the sum of \$18,000 to build and equip a fire department. It passed six to one and the station was built on land bought on a 99 year lease agreement for \$2,000 from the Youth Center Organization.

The building is attractive and well constructed and consists of a meeting and recreation hall which also serves as an office; a modern apartment for the custodian who is always on duty; space for four fire trucks and a garage in back. Fronting on Highway 80, the station is well located for its purposes. Firemen are trained in first aid and in the use of the department's resuscitator and inhalator, which has saved a number of lives. Seldom a week passes but that it is brought into use.

First fire chief in the new station was Lee Roper who held the position four years, longer than has anyone else. Lee is the only charter member of the department who is still active. The new pick-up truck was a gift from Mr. Elmer Otto who bought the Sheedy place. The department is organized for

20 volunteers, all trained firemen, all insured. No one else can ride on the trucks. The present crew consists of Jack Blankenship, chief; Malcolm Huey, Jr., assistant chief; Mace Bratt, captain; Robert D. Wilson, Lt.; Clark M. Haney, secretary-treasurer, and Firemen, Hazen Alkire, Robert Bostrom, Milton Cooper, Lonnie Dennis, John Finkel, Phil Hall, Frank Hollett John Hoistad, Harry Jennings, Henry Lengbridge Jr., Frank Marino, George Lutz, Lee Roper and Leroy Wedel. The office of fire marshal is now vacant. Robert Fey is custodian, Atha Underwood, relief custodian, and Mrs. Clark Haney, fire commissioner's clerk.

Commissioners are Philip Hall, Alfred Hinkle, and Dick Robinson. A special election will be held on April 3 to determine whether to expand the Board of Fire Commissioners from three to five. Chief Jack Blankenship said, "I think the people should have what they want. If they want five, okay. We get harmony out of the Board now and we still would with five, I'm sure."

Former Commissioner J. H. McKie says, "I think it should be a five-man board. The community is growing and five men give the people a fairer representation than three."

Plans for installation of fire hydrants are being discussed with Rio officials. Hydrants will be placed strategically in each community where residents wish to acquire them. The main need is for easy availability of water to refill the tank trucks and also for attaching the fire hoses to hydrants for use with pressure pumps in spraying fires. For this reason it is hoped that such a pump set-up may be added to the present equipment. These improvements will be added gradually with a long range plan for community coverage.

Chief Blankenship says "The fire department would appreciate residents cleaning up weeds and brush early this year, since, due to the heavy rains, there will be unusually heavy weed and brush growth thus increasing the hazard considerably. This may be a bad fire year," he said, "and we will appreciate everyone's cooperation in this clean-up."

For the information in this article we are indebted to Mr. Blankenship, Mr. Hall, Mr. Oeser, Mr. Hinkle, Mrs. Haney, Mrs. Oeser, J. H. McKie, and any number of citizens who only said what we all feel: "We're proud of our fire department and the men who made it possible and who maintain it."

HEART SHAPE

A normal heart is shaped something like an oversized fig—and is a little more than four and a half inches at its widest point in a small woman—six inches wide in a large man.

New Wildflower Books For The Amateur

Three non-technical guides to the California Wildflowers, with which a person without botanical training can identify the flowers he finds are completed and two are now available. Written by Dr. Philip A. Munz, of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, the first "California Spring Wildflowers" treats of the kinds found at lower elevations, except the deserts. The second, "California Desert Wildflowers," and the third, now being printed, will be "California Mountain Wildflowers."

These little 120-page books contain much information. Three plants are illustrated and discussed on each page. There are 96 color plates and about 172 line drawings in each book. With these to guide him, the non-botanist should be able to find at least the group names for most of the common and conspicuous wildflowers.

The first two books, published by the University of California Press, are available at the Museum of National History in Balboa Park, San Diego.

Harbison Hi-Lites

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take a step, you are leaving!

Chuck and Vivian Regan have been transferred to Idaho for at least six months by Chuck's work.

The teenagers have enthusiastically turned out for the Youth Recreation Rallies on Monday nights at the Community Church. They have chosen the name "Crusaders for Christ" for their group. All Junior High and High School students are cordially invited to join with these young people for "fun" evenings.

MOUNTAIN BREEZES

MARCH

March is a rough and roudy elf, Rushing and shouting 'til He tires himself; Then, purring like a sly young cat, With one eye open, He steals a nap.

By Muriel Bowlus

Teen Talk

El Capitan's Band won first place at the Instrumental Music Festival which was held March 2 and 3 at Mission Bay High School. Bands from city and county schools participated in the event, and the El Cap students are to be congratulated for their fine achievement.

Enthusiasm is running high on El Cap's campus as the time for the March 9 basketball game between the Faculty Phantoms and the Harlem Clowns comes nearer. The time is 8:00 p.m. in the Foster Gym, and the price is \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for students, and fifty cents for children under 12. Young and old alike will enjoy this hilarious game!

The Specialty Corps of El Capitan will sponsor a dance after the big Phantoms vs. Harlem Clowns game Friday night. Admission price is 25c with an ASB card, 35c without one.

the past two weeks to determine A contest has been in full swing the Ugliest Man on El Capitan's natelli, sponsored by the then freshman class. The winner of the title this year will be announced at the after game, Friday, March 9, campus. The various classes and clubs around school sponsor a candidate for this title, and then back their man by trying to get as many

Pine Valley Views

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looked like the jacket the young man should have been wearing—temperature 35 degrees.

Twenty staunch members of the Mountain Empire Republican Woman's Club braved the snow, cold and mud to attend the meeting last Thursday at Mary Griswolds. Reports are that they have some very interesting plans. More about that next week.

The Pine Valley Improvement Club held its regular meeting last Saturday at the Club House. President, John F. Pingley made the following announcements:

There has been no further word on the final zoning of the area.

Progress is being made on the proposed two mile firebreak for the east side of the valley. It would start just below Laguna Junction, run east of the County Dump and come out just below the old private dump on the Torrence property.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, it was unanimously agreed that while the Improvement Club has been the parent organization of the Fire Department since its inception in 1948, all equipment and property should be taken off the rolls of the Improvement Club and transferred to the Pine Valley Protective Fire District, when it is formed, for the lawful remuneration of \$1.00.

After some discussion, this the members present voted to do. A number of other matters of business were discussed. After the meeting adjourned Ralph Mullins furnished the music and called for the square dancing. Pretty little Shirley Hoover did the twist for us. Mrs. Albert Daniels was hostess and served delicious refreshments.

Bless our Volunteer Firemen, they chalked up another miracle with the resuscitator when they restored normal breathing to a stricken neighbor. REMEMBER, this machine has been accepted by the Council on Physical Medicine of the American Medical Association. All members of the fire department have been thoroughly trained in the use of this equipment and it is available at all times, day or night, when a resuscitator is needed. Also all members carry an Advanced First Aid Card.

Speaking of First Aid, the Fire Department has instructors available for a first aid class. This class covers a 10-hour period. Anyone interested contact the Fire Department. Very important information to have in this day and age.

On Tuesday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon there will be Deputy Assessors from the county office at the Club House to help with problems on veterans exemptions, filing of property statements, livestock, grain and farm equipment reports. They will answer any of your assessment questions. Bring your property tax and veterans exemption forms. This will save a trip to San Diego and possibly a long wait in line.

The Mountain Empire Masonic Club will meet for dinner at the Club House, Friday, March 9th. Peggy Starr, Ella Belle Tondro and Mary Griswold will be hostesses.

The Mountain Empire Women's Club will meet Wednesday, March 14th at the home of Edna Maleski votes cast for him as possible. One penny equals one vote, and all the money received is used to help publish the school's annual. Last year's "ugly man" was Robbie Pignatelli, sponsored by the then freshman class. The winner of the title this year will be announced at the after game, Friday, March 9.

Intimate Glimpses

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production on the next model which outmodes the one you are buying. This keeps us permanently out of date, and in debt, unless we decide that obsolescence in its worst form is keeping up with the Joneses.

Neil Galloway's face is red. He says he stuck his neck out too far in some recent advice to Alpine gardeners. He planted potatoes and the moment they stuck their tender shoots above ground they were flattened by a hard freeze. He says he'll be more careful next time, with his advice.

One thousand 1000 dollar bills is one million dollars and makes a stack only eight inches high.

The town philosopher says, it's the way you handle the little daily emergencies that prove your metal in the long run.

Constitutional Amendments

The Californian's Committee to Combat Communism is sponsoring the circulation of petitions to place a State Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in November.

The Committee states that the proposed amendment is to provide State control of subversive activities and that much of the text of the amendment is identical to that of the "Senate Internal Security Act of 1950."

The Committee further states that petitions will be circulated and that 420,000 signatures of registered voters will be required to qualify the proposed amendment for the November election. The San Diego County representative of the Committee is Mrs. Pat Stieger assisted by Mrs. Beatrice Garrett who resides at 10765 Lupin Way, La Mesa, Telephone HO 5-3949 from whom additional information regarding the proposed amendment can be obtained.

in Pine Valley. Final arrangements will be made for the May 12th bus trip to Hemet to see "Ramona." Tentatively the bus will leave the Club House at 10 a.m. and return at 8 p.m.—DETAILS LATER—President, Mrs. Lee Pingley says all who plan to go should get their reservations in early. Cost—\$8.00 for bus fare and tickets for the play.

Lois Roe reminds us that the Church of Christ meets every Sunday in the Club House. Bible School 9:45 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m. and Evening Worship 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Merton Winsworth was in El Cajon Valley Hospital last week. Good to hear he is able to be at his daughter's home recuperating.

Introduced "Snow Ice Cream" to a little 5-year-old which brought back memories of childhood living in really snow country.

Heard on the porch of the Post Office "What do you know—Pine Creek is running, let's go fishing." This could be a reality as the Fish and Game is considering stocking again this year if there is plenty of water.

COMING EVENTS—Taxpayers' meeting, Wednesday, March 21st, Pine Valley Club House.

Annual Conference of the California Rural Fire Association, April 25-29, El Cortez Hotel in San Diego.

Pine Valley Annual Fireman's Ball—May 5th.

Bus Trip to the Ramona Play at Hemet, May 12th.

"May Fiesta" Style Show—date to be announced.

I WONDER WHY so many people are bored in a world full of so many thrilling, interesting things.

THE ALPINE GARDENER

By NEIL GALLOWAY

Grass is the most important thing that grows in the world. All life comes from it, directly or indirectly. Man, animal, bugs and insects, yes including man and even fish. Now, you know I am slightly daffey. You will say I don't eat grass. Well let's see if you don't. Wheat, corn, barley, rice, oats, in fact all grains are grass, you eat the seed, even your bread is grass. Now your milk, meat, eggs all come from grass. Your vegetables come from the humus created by decaying grass. If there was no humus, there would be neither vegetables or fruits. Now the fish, they don't eat grass in any way? Let's see if they don't. The decayed matter that makes fertility washes into the lakes and streams, rivers and the ocean creating food for the fish. Put your fish in distilled water and see how long they will live. The fish raisers that raise trouts, etc., even put commercial fertilizer in the water to feed them. Regardless of what you feed them it is mostly derived from grass.

Now if this grass should fail for one year, there would be no life on this planet. There would be nothing to eat. Are you still willing to shut me up as being slightly daffey?

There are over 6000 known species of grass that have been classified in the world. I bet you had no idea that there was that many. I have tried over 250 varieties from most all countries in the world in the past 45 years. Especially the world's dry parts. I combed the desert east of here, brought back plants. They just did not do anything here, wrong environment.

By nature most plants go dormant in the fall and come to life in the spring. That is what makes it so hard to find a good grass for California, which has to be just the reverse; the rains come in the fall and winter. To find a perennial that will go dormant in early summer and live six or eight months without moisture or at least very little, is quite an order. I have found a very few that will.

The plant breeders of genetics have cross-bred a few. One was originated by Ledyard Steffins, University of California, a cross-bred orchard has survived the last very dry year. There is no seed available. So far as I know the only plants are right here. The University took Steffins off the grass and put him on something else. This orchard grass was labeled No. 414.

We, the extension service and I, will be able to gather some of this seed this coming year. Veldt from Africa does quite well under some conditions. I have had Elymus triticoides or beardless wild rye. Alkali grass has lived here over 20 years and survived last year, it lives three to four years but doesn't volunteer too well. Smilo lives quite a long time but the stock like it too well and keep it eaten right down and kill it. The leaves are the lungs of all plants, keep them off and they die.

Over pasturing does the same thing. Bore love has lived every place I planted it. It is a kind of harsh grass from Africa, not easily started. That is the main trouble with all these grasses. They are slow to germinate and the surface moisture is gone before they get sprouted. Palestine orchard grass has done very well. It comes from Palestine where the rain fall is very light, about five inches. These natives in your gardens you home owners are all hollering about, are mostly annual bromes with plenty stickers to get in your socks; germinate very quickly.

The Alfileria germinates in two or three days from September on. It doesn't sprout in the summer even if it does get moisture. Bur clover has five seeds. It sprouts some this year and saves some for

next year. Those clovers are very necessary to gather nitrogen. Where the clovers are thickest the grass grows tallest. I have an Oregon winter blue grass, Poa Bulfossa; it is a bulb grass. It puts small bulbs in the ground about the size of a grain of wheat also on the top of the stem. Starts in September and quits growing in April, but it doesn't furnish much forage, but has never died any place I planted it. Where the bulbs are very small, they don't all dry up.

I had another Bulbous barley. The seed looked like fox tail yet it put a bulb size of a gavanza pear. The gophers love the bulbs. I have none left. The wheat grasses are a good bit in the higher elevations. For one reason the evaporation is not as great in high elevations as near the coast. Especially tall wheat grass at 3,000 feet or more elevation. We often read about the great fertility of the Nile Valley supposedly caused by its overflow.

I have read about a clover berseem that grows very luscious and furnishes abundant nitrogen, hence the great fertility. Summer grower annual or common rye grass, does very well providing we get late rains; does most of its growing in spring and summer.

Blue panicum is one grass that survives a lot of drouth but last year it gave up the ghost. That grass survived for 10 years or more, but I am not sure it survived last year. The stipas are long lived bunch grass; there are several varieties, but they don't take native annual crowding but will grow where the native annuals will not. I had an alfalfa I got by years of selection of plants that survived the drouth part of the year. I still have some plants around here.

Some of you mid-Westerners are going to ask about the grama grasses that made the prairies. They don't do here. Environment is wrong. Natal grass is a beautiful ornamental grass. It survives drouth but does not stand freezing. I could go on for a long time on grasses. I just touched some of the highlights. Colea also survived. I keep harping about humus.

Now in very poor land common cereal rye and wild oats are the two that will make the greatest growth on poor land, hence the most humus. One of the California live stock grower's failing is overgrazing, and leaving nothing to seed. Also, no protection for the young seedlings when they come up in the spring. Squeeze the last drop of blood out of the turnip hence no more turnips.

The head agronomist from Australia was here to see what I had and many others from the Southwest U.S.A. I started way ahead of Roosevelt's time when he had too much wheat and wanted to get the dust bowl back in grass. My first records was in 1914. I realized I had to get into live stock so started searching for better grasses than those that grew here. I have correspondence from many parts of the world. Sum it all up, we must have grass to live and replenish the earth. Some times I wonder where we are going to raise food for all this exploding population of the earth.

The main thought of Americans today is dollars—sell the land, build houses on it. It used to be when Americans built a house they used to expect to live there all their lives. Not any more. You can't grow food on house roofs or paved streets, and you can't take any dollars with you when you leave. Whatever is left taxes will get. Even in death you can't escape.

What the eye don't see and the ear don't hear the heart never grieves about. Americans hear too much and see too much, so are never satisfied.

P.S. Neil

AUTO CLUB MOTORLOG

San Diego's Missions Offer Visitors Historical Beauty

San Diego's Missions are beautiful historical monuments to the city's Spanish heritage, the Automobile Club of Southern California reports. In this modern coastal playground, monks led by Father Junipero Serra began a chain of missions in the 1700's.

Today visitors may enjoy recalling the past by wandering through San Diego's two missions and two assistencias, or branch missions.

Mission San Diego de Alcalá was first founded in 1769 on Presidio Hill in Old Town. Although it was moved to Mission Valley, Indian uprisings forced it to return to the Presidio. Finally in 1813 the Mission was permanently established in the valley.

Open to the public daily except Monday, the Mission invites visitors to attend services or join guided tours through the buildings and grounds. And the Mission Museum offers a fine collection of original manuscripts, liturgical robes and other relics.

San Diego's second mission lies four miles inland from Oceanside. Called the "King of the Missions," Mission San Luis Rey is the largest and richest of all 21 California missions.

Like the San Diego Mission,

tours and services are conducted daily. Most unique feature of this mission is the colorfully costumed Indians at work and play about the grounds during the summer months.

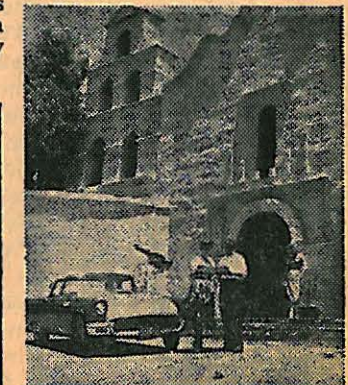
Located on State Highway 76, the Pala Mission is the branch of Mission San Luis Rey. Here, in this quaint Spanish structure, the Indians of Pala are continuing the original traditions of worship and school.

Like San Luis Rey, Mission San Diego de Alcalá has its sister mission. Santa Ysabel, located southeast of Pala, is also under the care of a religious order and still functioning as it did long ago.

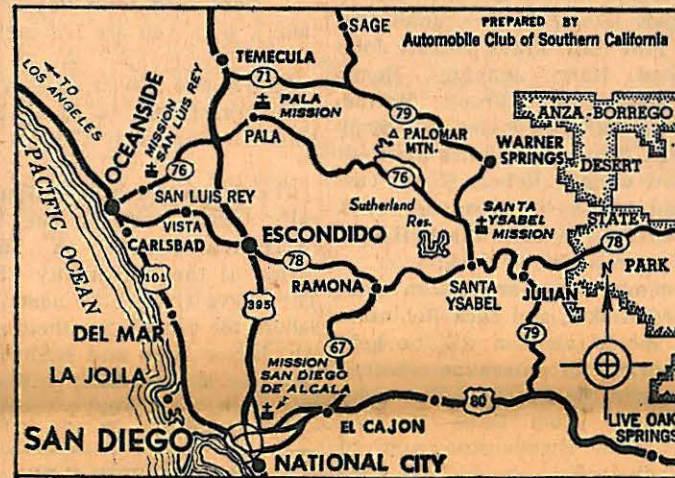
The San Diego area is easily reached from metropolitan Los Angeles by following the Santa Ana Freeway and coastal highway 101.



MISSION BELLS — Visitors to the old Mission San Diego de Alcalá may turn back the chapters of California history as they ring the bells in its picturesque bell-tower.



MOTHER MISSION — Mission San Diego de Alcalá is the first mission in a chain of 21 established throughout California by Father Junipero Serra. Founded in 1769, this San Diego Mission has been restored to its original grandeur and continues to conduct services.



Field Office

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in its foreign trade efforts by the lack of a field office. It also has been hampered in efforts to increase consular representation for the same reason."

Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges already has announced plans for creating a number of new field offices during 1962, ter Horst told the Chamber directors.

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BOY SCOUT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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Campo, Dean Matthews and Frank Armstrong, Lemon Grove.

The Sustaining Membership Enrollments are needed for the continued growth of the San Diego County Council, Boy Scouts of America, and to help provide

council services to nearly 25,000 Scouts and over 9,000 adult volunteer leaders, Marsh said.

V. Admr. C. E. Ekstrom, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Council vice president, is the county-wide drive chairman.

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LAW IN ACTION

HISTORY OF WILLS

Courts see that your intention or "will" as to property is carried out after you die. Before then you may revoke or change it any time.



The passing of property to heirs is one of man's oldest transactions. As far back as the Egyptian, Assyrian, and Jewish civilizations we have wills written and witnessed on papyrus, clay tablets, etc. In one will an early testator left some of his property to his wife and named a guardian for his children.

The Hammurabi code (2100 B.C.) permitted a father by deed to favor his son.

Under early Roman law the head of a house could tell the patrician assembly his wishes, but later Roman law favored a written will to keep the testator's plans secret until death. It also favored having a firm record of his wishes, not resting on memory.

By 1200 A.D. England, where we got our law of wills, was quite well advanced: The church courts (like our probate courts) supervised disposition of property according to a "testament" of how the testator wanted his property to go.

Church courts supervised personal property (movables

like armor or personal effects); land was passed on by wills which the king's court handled. Hence today we speak of "last will and testament" since English courts came to pass on both real and personal property, so that one court could handle the whole estate.

English church courts had "executors" who carried out one's testament. To die "intestate" (without a testament) was almost like dying unconfessed. Sometimes the church in the interests of a man's soul could give some of the man's goods to others besides his family. Then as now, some property had to be left to the surviving wife and children.

By the time of the American colonies, the laws were well settled, and law courts, rather than church courts, administered and distributed estates here.



Though some states have special probate surrogate or orphans' courts, California superior courts handle all probate matters.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

BILLIONS SPENT

Americans spent more than \$57 billion in 1960 to buy, operate, and maintain their motor vehicles.

NOTICE REGARDING GENERAL ELECTION

ALPINE LOCAL FIRE DISTRICT ALPINE, CALIFORNIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a general election will not be held within the ALPINE LOCAL FIRE DISTRICT on Tuesday, April 3, 1962; that for the position of member of the Board of Fire Commissioners no nomination petitions were filed within the time required by law; that no petition was received from voters of this District asking that an election be held; and that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors will appoint a suitable person as member of the Board of Fire Commissioners of this District in accordance with Section 14060 of the Health and Safety Code.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS ALPINE LOCAL FIRE DISTRICT
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election of the Alpine Local Fire District has been called by the Board of Fire Commissioners of said district and will be held Tuesday, April 3, 1962, concurrently with the general district election, with which it is consolidated, at which consolidated election there shall be submitted to the voters residing within said district the following proposition: "Shall the number of Fire Commissioners on the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Alpine Local Fire District be increased from three to five?"

For the purposes of said consolidated election the entire Alpine Local Fire District shall constitute one precinct, the polling place for which shall be at the Fire Station, 1810 Highway 80, Alpine, California, and the officers of which shall be as follows:
Inspector: Mrs. Dorothy C. Hall
Judge: Mrs. Myrtle L. Ingels
Clerk: Mrs. Eunice L. Haney
Clerk: Orville C. Palmer

The polls shall be open between the hours of 12 o'clock A.M. and 8 o'clock P.M. on the day of election.
Dated: March 5, 1962.

ALPINE LOCAL FIRE DISTRICT
By: **DICK A. ROBINSON**,
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MARIE WEST PARRISH

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of San Diego, ss.
On the 28th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, before me personally appeared Marie West Parrish, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office this 28th day of February, 1962.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Caldwell, Frances and Wayne, moved to Alpine in 1948 with their two lovely young daughters, Ann and Linda, when both girls were in grade school. The family had lived in San Diego for the previous ten years, having moved there from Searcy, Arkansas, in 1938.

A son, Kirby, whom many Alpiners will remember as a beautiful little blond cherub, was born here in 1949.

Wayne, who had always been in the grocery business, established the Empire Market here and ran it until his death in 1953. Frances then took over and managed the store for several years before she retired from the business, turning the market over to Jack Blankenship, who still maintains it.

Ann graduated from Alpine grammar school and from Grossmont High School and attended San Diego State for three years

Camping For Children

The Woman's Club meeting on Tuesday, March 13th, at 1:00 p.m. will feature a talk by Miss Cindy Cone, an executive in the Girl Scouts of San Diego County. Miss Cone is the President of the American Camping Association of the San Diego section. Mss Pat Russell, Director of Camp Fire Girls of San Diego, will show colored films on summer camping in our beautiful back country, followed by a short talk by Mrs. Blanche McCall on private camping. Mrs. McCall left March 5th to attend the National Conference of the American Camping Association in New York City, an event which is attended by camping leaders from all over the world, and will return March 12th. She is the owner of a private camp in Alpine since 1944 and a member of National and California Association of Private Camps.

Kiwanis Meeting

El Cajon Police Chief, Joe O'Connor, spoke before the Alpine Kiwanis Club last Thursday on "Police Work and You." He stressed the expanding problems involved in carrying on a satisfactory fight against crime. Chief O'Connor encouraged the cooperation of the public and emphasized particularly the need for engendering a sense of respect for authority in juveniles.

It was pointed out that crime is an exceedingly expensive problem, and figures were cited to show that for every dollar spent on schools, twenty-five dollars must be spent to combat crime.

El Cajon ranks fifth in the State for cities of similar size in regard to crime suppression. The El Cajon Police Department has forty-two full time police officers, approximately one per thousand of population which approaches the recommended proportion. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has only forty-six officers for all of San Diego County, including Oceanside.

before she married Edward Wolfensberger, a young electronics engineer at General Dynamics Corporation in San Diego. The interesting name of Ann's husband derives from his Swiss-German ancestry; his father was from Switzerland, but Edward was born in the United States. Ann now is a full time housewife, skilled in domestic arts, content to make a home for her husband. They live in San Diego.

Linda, another product of Alpine's school system and of Grossmont, graduated from UCLA with a degree in English before marrying Gordon Moore, who is an Insurance Adjuster. The young couple lives in Los Angeles where they have just become the parents of their first child, a boy named Roland Scott. Mr. Moore's parents live in La Mesa.

Kirby, still handsome, but no longer the little cherub, will start high school this year. Frances and Kirby now make their home in El Cajon, but often visit Alpine, which they will always hold dear.

CAMPO NEWS

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and took home the skulls with their names on them, which have hung on the walls of the club house in Campo since the club was formed in 1955. A few members have tried to keep it going for about two years, but there has not been enough interest to keep in going any longer. It formerly met twice a month, on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The club building has been turned back to Mr. Roberts, who so generously let the dance club use it all this time. It will be used as a community building.

It is reported that Lake Morena will be open for fishing in April. Exact date will be announced later.

Larry Garst, husband of Ina Mae Garst (formerly Ina Mae Wordley) has rejoined the United States Army, and has been sent to Fort Ord. Ina Mae and her baby daughter are staying with her parents in Lake Morena for the present.

The basketball game between the staffs of the Mt. Empire High School and Rancho del Campo held on Friday evening, March 2 was a huge success. There was a good turnout, and everyone had a hilarious time. Rancho won the trophy which has been held by Mt. Empire for two years. Before the game there were wrestling matches between students of each school, and a tumbling act from Junior High School. Between halves baton twirlers from Mt. Empire performed, and a drawing was held for two door prizes—one for a woman and one for a man. Connie Jones and Doris Piccus, dressed in clever gunnysack costumes, were cheerleaders, and Gloria Ketchum was song leader.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

The Old Timer

BY NIEL GALLOWAY

Ambrose Castro was another renter of Galloway Valley. Castro as every one called him, was a Portuguese from Portugal. A sailor, he came to San Diego on a sailing ship and jumped ship in San Diego. There was a large ranch in Bostonia called the Boston ranch. It was a kind of stock company owned by Bostonians. At one time El Cajon was the raisin center of the world. It employed quite a lot of people the year round and Castro was one of them. He had a wife and three children in Portugal. He got \$1.50 a day and saved up his money to send for his family.

When he had nearly enough another Portuguese borrowed it and Castro had to do it all over again. Somewhere along the line he took up a homestead. I think either 40 or 80 acres over the hill south of Alpine Heights. He planted it to fruit, olives and some grapes. Somewhere along the years he saved enough to send for that family, Charlie, Mary, and Delio. It was said, I can't prove this, that when they came to New York they knew no one or any English and were put in a box car with some household equipment and sent to California.

After they arrived, there was borne four more children. John, a pair of twins (Joe and Jack) both dead. The war was not kind to these two. And a girl Julia. Castro was a naturalized citizen. He was very fair. His wife very dark with kinky hair. They worked very hard and saved some money. They used to sit up half of the night cutting and drying fruit by lantern light. Somehow they took to liking me and when he had a letter to write, he came to me although I was a newcomer at the time. When they got quite old he, like a lot of old people, wanted to go back to Portugal.

He still owned a piece of land he inherited there being the oldest son of his family. His oldest son, Charles worked for the Llewelin Iron Works in Los Angeles, saved his money; went back to Portugal, married and lived on the Castro property. He finally inherited it. When Castro got ready to go to Portugal, he drew over \$2,000 from the bank and carried it in a money belt. When he got to France, he went to get some papers, so he could leave for Portugal and fell or someone bumped him off. Anyway, he was killed and the money belt removed.

The police claimed he had nothing on him. That left the old lady stranded in France. She could only talk Portuguese, however, they sent for the son, Charles, in Cape Verde Islands to come and get her. She did not want to leave here in the first place. She had three children still living here. The day they left she clung to my hand and said, "Neels, O Neels!" She did not want to go.

Well, Castro made a Power of Attorney naming A. L. McNett, a deputy sheriff of Alpine, and myself. He said you not being very well you do the head work and let McNett do the foot work, but it did not read that way. Our Power of Attorney ceased when Castro died. He had made a Will naming A. L. McNett and myself. It was signed by a butcher from Lakeside and a neighbor. They did not sign it in the presence of each other, so it was no good. The Castros had a son, John, neither one wanted John to have anything to do with it. However, he got appointed and got away with part of the funds before he was gotten out.

It took months to get papers to Portugal and back, then they were no good because legal papers in Portugal are signed on the back, not legal in U.S.A. Finally the American Counsel got it signed

right and McNett was appointed. He died some time later and I had to take over. I did not want it, but I wanted this old lady to have some money while she was living, and I sent it each month until World War II came then the only way I could send it was by radio telegram that cost \$8 each time. So I sent it twice a year until she died. I received \$25 from the estate. I wanted nothing. I hope this does not bore you.

After her death I wanted nothing to do with it. Now these old pioneers worked from before daylight to way after dark. There was nothing like relief money them days only the poor house after they were worn out if they had no money. They worked for a few cents a day or nothing at all, when crops failed, which they sometimes did.

Next there was a colored man named Coonie. He ran a kind of a wayside eating house and did some farming. The old timers from the mountains used to stay here overnight. It was too far from their homes to and from San Diego in one day. They told me Coonie was an excelent cook. I never met him. I believe the cattle drivers stopped there also.

Next was Nick Anderson. He was related to the Foss family in some way. He farmed the valley for awhile. Perhaps Coonie came after Anderson. I am not sure which way it was. Nick Anderson ran a thrasher and thrashed all over El Cajon Valley. Some of the Fosses traveled with him. He moved from here to Ramona and died there. I bought his old thrasher before he died. That sure was an awful old piece of equipment, part of it still lays up in the field west of the station. Rege Small broke it up for junk. Nick Anderson also freighted with horses. Like several others, he

Then Barnett quit renting it, the renters stopped the sales. That was where I came in. I told you some of my rials and tribulations in articles before. I soon saw I had to build up this land so I turned to live stock which made it rough. You don't cash in on live stock for a year or so. I ran a small dairy, sold sour cream, sent it to Lakeside on the stage, then by express on the San Diego Cuyamaca and Eastern Railroad. I tried hogs and made no money, no green pasture, a good part of the year.

During World War I the government wanted farmers to raise sheep to furnish wool for the soldiers. I had, in 1925, 200 sheep. When the war was over, the U. S. Government dumped their wool on the market and forced the price of wool from 40c a pound to 6c. I put mine in storage in Boston and a couple years later sold it for 35c.

The sheep did more to build up this land than any other form of livestock as they distributed the fertilizer more evenly over the ground and the droppings took several years before they entirely disintegrated — sheep made me more real money than any kind of livestock.

In 1925 I met up with a bad accident and had to sell the sheep. That was when I built the gas station. I was told I never could work again. After two or three years the State Highway 80 moved to the north. It seems we have traveling highways as well as highways to travel on.

Now, I am going back to the early days. I have always had daily mail. McCain (I think Arnold started it) ran a stage each way six days a week from Lakeside to Descanso and Cuyamaca with four horses. I had two canvas sacks, one home and one in Lakeside. The stage took one sack and left me one each day. This place was

Missing Woman

Mrs. La-Vera Clark has been missing since March 4th when she vanished from her home in Puetz Valley about 11 a.m.

Mrs. Clark was last seen walking towards Highway 80 on Puetz Valley Road. She took no purse, money or identification. She was dressed in a blue cotton uniform, a brown jacket, bowling shoes and anklets. She is about 45 years old, 5 feet, 2 inches tall, dark hair and blue eyes.

Any news of Mrs. Clark will be greatly appreciated by her husband. Phone HI 5-2414 or HI 5-2188.

Mosquito Control

Mosquitoes may be the price of San Diego County's wettest rainy season in years.

The San Diego Department of Public Health warned yesterday that with the ground saturated runoff water is collecting and standing in low spots throughout the county. Dr. J. B. Askew, director of public health, said the health department expects extensive mosquito breeding because of the situation.

He appealed to the public for help in finding sources of mosquito breeding and urged county residents to check their property for any low spots where water is standing. Such spots should be drained or filled.

The Department of Public Health carries out a year-round mosquito control program, Dr. Askew said. Mosquito control men regularly larvicide all salt marshes, lagoons and drainage ditches in the county.

"These are the normal breeding places for mosquitoes, and we keep them under careful control," Dr. Askew said. "Now, however, we have water standing everywhere. Mosquitoes can breed in the water standing in a tin can or a mud puddle or a bird bath as well as in large pools and ponds. Unless we can remove or control such breeding sources, we can expect a tremendous number of mosquitoes later in the year."

Dr. Askew urged county residents to look for wigglers in any water standing on their property. He said if wigglers are found in a permanent pond, the pond should be stocked with mosquito fish. The fish are available free of charge through the Department of Public Health, BE 9-7711, Ext. 611.

When wigglers are found in a temporary pond, Dr. Askew suggested draining the pond or filling it with soil, if possible. Otherwise it should be sprayed with any insecticide, kerosene or light oil.

well-known in the early days as many people stopped here. Part of the time, it was a sort of hostelry for man and beast.

The well was a sure attraction for the horses and later the autos got water here. They were just a boiling and a foaming by the time they got up the grade this far. When I came and for a couple years later, the water was drawn up with two buckets and a rope, a bucket on each end. The buckets were pointed on the bottom so they would dip and fill each time. After a while I got enough money for a hand pump; later on a windmill, second hand \$15 and put three whiskey barrels in the tower for tank storage, cost \$3.

A few years later a gas engine and a pump jack and a 2,000 gallon tank. Now a jet and pressure tank. I did what I could with the finances available after paying off the mortgage. I never went borrowing again. He who goes borrowing goes asorrowing. Also bonds are only a mortgage also. I am getting tired—my arm is worn out. Probably too gaffey for my own good. Next time I will take up the cattle drives out of the mountains and some of the characters that made up the drives. The Jaurnolistic Jackass