

AREA POPULATION 3500

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

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ALPINE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1962

PRICE TEN CENTS

ALPINE CITIZEN RECEIVES MERIT AWARD

Fire Chief Makes Special Request

The Alpine Volunteer Fire Department requests that all burning and clean-up of premises be completed within the next 30 to 45 days, according to Fire Chief Jack Blankenship. Permits are required for all burning outside of incinerators, the Chief said. These permits are issued every Saturday morning by the Fire Marshal, who will call at the homes of those residents who have signed up for permits. It is necessary to go to the Fire Station and sign a request for a permit, he said, before the Marshal will call.

"This is going to be a bad fire season, due to the heavy growth of weeds and brush," Mr. Blankenship said, "and we will sincerely appreciate the cooperation of all citizens in this clean-up campaign. Notices are being mailed this week regarding the fire ordinances and we urge that they be read very carefully." After the stated time limit, citations will be given to neglected premises, the Chief said.

Kiwanis Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter breakfast of the Alpine Kiwanis Club will be held again this year. All you can eat for \$1.00; children, 35 cents. The breakfast will be at the Alpine Youth Center on Easter morning from 8 to 11 a.m. The menu will be the famous enriched pancakes and all that goes with them.

The proceeds will go for Youth Work in the Alpine area. The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring Boy Scout Troop No. 305 for the 12th year and a Junior Baseball team for the 7th year. Kiwanis contributed manpower, material and money toward the building of the baseball diamond, and the tennis court at the Youth Center was provided through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club.

In the past Kiwanis has provided a day of supervised swimming and fun for all the children of the Alpine area at Shadybrook Ranch.

These are some of activities for the youth of Alpine which are sponsored by the Alpine Kiwanis Club, the only service club in our area.

Take your family out for breakfast on Easter morning—the Alpine Center from 8 to 11 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

The First Southern Baptist Church will hold Easter Sunrise Service at 5:30 a.m. on Easter morning. This Service will be held at the new Church building just completed, on East Victoria Drive just up from Highway 80.

Public Meeting On School Tax

The first of a series of open public meetings on the coming School Tax Election will be held at the Alpine School Auditorium on Friday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



Left to right, Phill Hall, Chairman Public Relations, Alpine Kiwanis Club; John Reynolds, Past President; Commander Oeser, holding plaque handed to him by the club's President, Bob Wilson. April 12, 1962. Bea La Force Photo

COMMANDER OESER HONORED BY ALPINE KIWANIS CLUB

Commander Rudolph Oeser, of Alpine Heights Road, was honored Thursday, April 12, by the Alpine Kiwanis Club, represented by a committee of three, Bob Wilson, John Reynolds and Phil Hall who presented a plaque to him for his work with the Alpine Fire Department.

The presentation was made by Kiwanis President Bob Wilson, following an address delivered by Past President John Reynolds.

In his address Mr. Reynolds said, "Officially, we represent the Alpine Kiwanis Club which is in its 12th year of service to the community. But in a larger and very real sense, we represent every citizen of Alpine.

"We salute you and commend you. First; for your long and devoted service to our country as an officer of the U. S. Navy, the world's mightiest Navy, both in time of peace and in time of war.

"It was a brilliant service. Most retiring officers, after having given this full measure, would have called it a day, and spent the remainder of their life in leisure. But not you, Commander Oeser. You came to Alpine and what did you observe? You found us living in a tinder box much of the year without a fire department worthy of the name, not even housed.

"You did not go about merely lamenting the fact. You went about doing something about it with bulldog tenacity. You worked at the job of bringing better fire protection to the Alpine area almost single handedly and with unrelenting energy. And you wrought well. Alpine now has a Fire Department second to nine in San Diego County, a county about the size of our two smallest Eastern States.

"We find our equipment almost fantastically upgraded. Housed in an ultra-modern Fire House that is architecturally and esthetically a credit to the community.

"Last year, with an almost unprecedented fire potential, locally

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INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

Of the many things that indicate character perhaps one of the most entertaining is the old saying the individual savors over and over. Knowing this, the local citizens who've given me their favorite old Saws, have asked not to be identified with them. Let's see if you can guess.

Who often says, "Where there's all the smoke, there has to be a little fire."

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Another is referring to the fear of working too hard, "More people rust out than wear out."

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Of these people who won't speak up in meetings, or write letters to congressmen, or editors, or the President, if need be, there's an old English saying that's very apt. "There's no worse bird in the woods than them as can sing, and won't."

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"Make haste only when pulling hand from mouth of tiger," says the ancient Chinese seer, through an Alpine seeress.

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A back-Easter says, when New Englanders see someone working at double speed they say, "He's right out straight." Bringing to mind a picture of a racing horse.

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The tolerant and patient individual borrows an old Saw from the Spanish. "Do not call the turtle unworthy because he is not something else."

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On a local telephone is pasted the warning, "Mend thy speech a little, lest it mar thy fortune."

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"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," says the man who knows birds very well, both wild and domestic ones.

Gala Pine Valley Ball Planned

The Pine Valley Fire Department will present its second annual Fireman's Ball Saturday evening, May 5th, at the Pine Valley Club House, in Pine Valley, according to John Pringley, Chief. There will be dancing from 8:00 p.m. until midnight with music provided by the Walt Borondo Quintette.

Queen of the Ball, to be chosen by popular vote, will be crowned at the affair. Queen candidates are the Misses Campbell, Deaton, Townsend, Jones, True, Sturat, Stone, Barrish, Davis and Prince, all students at Mountain Empire High School.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from members of the fire department in Pine Valley.

LOCAL DRIVER IN TRUCK UPSET ON HIGHWAY 80

Myron Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Aubrey Smith of South Grade Road escaped injury Monday morning, April 16, when the tank truck he was driving turned over on the Grade on Highway 80 about a mile west of the fire station.

Mr. Smith was headed for Manzanita with a load of pre-mixed concrete from the Gross Sand Company, Lakeside, when his engine got hot and quit. The big truck swerved and upset at the roadside, and caught fire. "I was not thrown out," Smith said, "I bounced around in the cab, and climbed out when it stopped."

Thomas Davison, who works at Alpine Motor Service reported the accident to the Alpine Fire Department which responded immediately with all three rigs. Jack Blankenship, Chief, and Hazen Alkire, Assistant Chief, were both at the scene and about two-thirds of the department turned out to help. The fire was quickly controlled.

The Lutz boys, from Lutz Garage, came with their two trucks, but it was necessary to call in

heavier equipment to right the big truck. W. E. Kaiser, California Highway Patrol officer, attended the accident.

(See Picture, Page 3)

Alpine Chatter

The Danas are building a new house on their place on Harbison Canyon Road (the former Frank Galloway property) and adding a number of new chicken units. They already have 5,000 chickens and will now have as many more.

Bruce Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill Jr. is in business for himself now. He has a new gasoline lawn mowing machine with which he does a slick job of crew-cutting these overgrown fields since the good rains.

Walter Mason died Friday night, April 13, of a long illness. He was buried in the Alpine Cemetery beside his father. Mr. Mason had lived here about 20 years. He was 78.

Neil Galloway is going to Uplands, California, the 23rd to the annual Homecoming supper of the Oddfellows Lodge of which he is the oldest living Uplands member. He has belonged to that same lodge for 55 years, and has missed only one of the Homecoming meetings, when he was in a hospital. That time he phoned them and visited a bit via wire.

Two Church Services For Easter

The Alpine Community Church will hold duplicate services Easter Sunday, April 22, one at 9:45 a.m., and the regular 11 a.m. The sermon will be titled "Good Morning."

There will be a Good Friday afternoon service at 3 p.m., Friday afternoon, April 20 and all denominations are cordially invited to attend.

School of Equitation To Open

Mr. and Mrs. David Armour and their five children, ranging in age from 5 to 15 years, have moved to 393 Arnold Way and have named their place Armour's Bright Valley Farm, School of Equitation.

David Armour, manager-trainer, has an extensive background in this work covering 40 years with most light breeds of horses. Mr. Armour managed the Bug Red Barn in Bonita the final two and a half years of its long existence. Before that he spent 13 years in Phoenix, Ariz., with Mountain View Farms and Captain Hogg's walking horse stables. During that time he showed three Pacific Coast walking champions and one junior champion, and the world champion model stallion. He went to Phoenix from New York where he worked hunter and polo ponies for some of the leading eastern stables.

Bright Valley Stables will specialize in testing, riding and training horses. There will also be horses for rent. The opening is planned for the end of April.

Harbison Fire Dept. Conducts Classes

Harbison Canyon firemen are now educated to the basic fundamentals of "Aircraft rescue" and fire suppression of same.

A class was conducted at the H. C. fire hall by Captain Norris, training instructor of Naval Air Station at North Island. The class included such factors as magnesium fires, fuel dangers, entry of cockpit, canopy safety, canopy releases, ejector seats, ejector seat safety releases, and pilot removal.

To follow up with the fire department training program, an 8-week course of First Aid for members and residents will begin on Thursday, April 19th, at the fire hall. The only charge will be for a First Aid Manual. The department is certainly trying to encourage as large an attendance as possible.

The annual Fire Department Fund Drive in Harbison Canyon is due to begin soon and due to the tremendous fire hazard we are facing the department is putting in a plea for as much support as possible from residents.

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School Tax

The Alpine School Board has called a second election for authority from the voters to increase the tax rate for school purposes to \$1.86, which if not passed, will limit the taxing authority of the District to 90 cents.

The request by the Board for this increase has brought forth many pros and cons. To us it appears that the difference between \$1.86 and 90 cents is so great that one of these amounts must be correct and the other incorrect.

The members of the Board have stated that it is their opinion that \$1.86 is the minimum amount that will provide the facilities and teachers to conduct the schools to properly educate the pupils. If the members of the School Board are correct, the voters should grant them the authority to increase the tax rate. If they are not correct, the proposition should be defeated.

All the voters in the district should attend the public meetings to be held at the school, in order to be properly advised on the question.

Fire Hazard

Even though the rainfall during the past few months has not been greatly in excess of our normal, it has developed a luxurious growth of vegetation. This will, in a short period of time, dry out and become a serious fire hazard.

Many fires in our back country are started by lightning which we have no way to prevent, but we have seen the disastrous results of back country brush fires that have been started by such means as children playing with matches, improper burning of trash, and carelessness in dealing with campfires. By using proper precautions all of the fires started by such means could have been prevented.

The Alpine Fire Department and the State Forest Service are rendering a great public service by disseminating information to the inhabitants of the County regarding the proper use of fire and it is urgent that we all cooperate with them.

CHURCH SERVICES

ALPINE COMMUNITY CHURCH—Roger M. Larson, Ph.D., Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Services 9:45 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.
 Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.
 Pilgrim Fellowship (Junior and Senior) 7:00 P. M.
 Church Guild, Every Wednesday 10:00 A. M.
 Family Dinner, Thurs. Friday Each Month 7:00 P. M.

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Thomas Bolten, Pastor HI 5-2145
 Sunday Masses 8:00 and 10:00 A. M., and 5:00 P. M.
 Daily Mass 8:00 A. M.
 Receive Confessions Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.; 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.
 Religious Instructions for Children Attending Public Schools:
 Harbison Canyon 10:00 A. M. Saturdays
 Alpine 11:30 A. M. Saturdays

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. J. James Arnold, Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE WILLOWS—Rev. Vaughn Steen, Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 A. M.
 Evening Worship Service 7:30 P. M.
 Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evenings 7:30 P. M.

ALPINE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. Charles W. Tedrahn, Pastor HI 5-2110
 Morning Worship Service, Women's Club 10:45 A. M.
 Sunday School, Every Sunday 9:30 A. M.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD—Rev. Eva Bailey HI 5-2110
 Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 Evangelistic Sunday Night Service 7:30 P. M.
 Prayer Service Wednesday Evening 7:00 P. M.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, Descanso—Rev. Joseph Prince, Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday Mass 9:00 A. M. and 10:30 A. M.
 Holy Days and First Fridays Mass 7:00 P. M.
 Daily Mass 8:00 A. M.
 Confessions heard before all Masses

HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY CHURCH—Rev. Floyd French, Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday School for all Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 "Crusaders for Christ," Each Monday 7:00 P. M.
 Women's Missionary Group, Each Wednesday 10:00 A. M.
 Bible Study Group, Each Friday 1:00 P. M.

HARBISON CANYON BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. Rolland Butler, Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday School for all Ages 9:30 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 10:30 A. M.
 Youth Group, Sunday Evening 6:00 P. M.
 Evangelistic Service, Sunday Evening 7:00 - 8:00 P. M.
 Prayer Meeting, Each Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 P. M.

CHAPEL OF THE HILLS, Descanso—Rev. Robert Laird HI 5-2110
 Prayer Service Wednesday Evening 7:30 P. M.

OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHAPEL, Mt. Laguna HI 5-2110
 Sunday Mass 12:15 P. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

People who write letters to the editor seem to dwell primarily on personal opinion based on gossip and hearsay. The enlightened citizen draws his conclusions from facts.

On March 7 a Citizens Committee was organized and chose as its first project a study of the financial needs of our school district.

Subsequently, this committee wholeheartedly recommended to the School Board that another election be called asking the voters to approve a maximum tax rate of \$1.86 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The election has been scheduled for June 12.

The School Board originally asked for this increase because the \$1.51 rate, in effect for the last six years, would no longer provide the minimum educational program to which our children are entitled.

Let's look at the facts taken directly from the public record, available to anyone who wants the truth. The total income for the 1960-61 school year was \$230,576. Obviously, the exact income for any given year cannot be determined until the books for that year are closed. Consequently, it is impossible for any school district to know accurately at this time the amount of revenue for 1961-62. We have learned, however, that the income in the Alpine District will be about \$16,000 less than in 1960-61 for the following reasons:

The beginning balance July 1, 1961, was \$2,290 less than on July 1, 1960. State apportionment was reduced by \$26,988. Revenue from delinquent taxes, unsecured taxes and other income is estimated to be about \$1000 less than expected.

On the other side of the ledger we will receive \$1528 more from Federal 874 funds. We expect \$450 more from other Federal and County income. Also, it is estimated at this time that the growth in average daily attendance will yield about \$9500 additional revenue. Finally, the increase in assessed valuation in 1961-62 over 1960-61 should produce, at the \$1.51 tax rate, \$2721.

In summary, then, the foregoing facts indicate a loss in revenue of \$30,278 on the one hand and a gain of \$14,199 on the other for a net loss of \$16,079.

The 35-cent tax rate increase that the Board is asking will bring in only about \$14,000 additional money, depending upon the percentage of collections and based on the present assessed valuation. It is significant to note at this point that as the assessed valuation per A.D.A. goes up State aid goes down. Therefore, an increase in total assessed valuation in our school district would increase our total revenue very little, if any, unless our A.D.A. increased concurrently. This equalization is the basic principle of State aid.

Furthermore, we have been informed by the County Assessor that our district will not be reassessed this year. The increase in assessed valuation will not appear on our tax bills before November, 1963. One cannot even speculate on what that will be. Even with a 30 percent increase our assessed valuation per A.D.A. would be only \$9533. In the other elementary school districts in San Diego County this ranges from \$4509 to \$43,441.

To shed more light on this subject it is important to note that of the 36 elementary school districts in San Diego County only 11 have a lower tax rate than Alpine; only four of these 11 have a lower assessed valuation per child; only one of these four teach as many grades as Alpine; and this one district receives a much higher percent of its revenue from the Federal Government due to its being an impacted area. Do

we want to make less effort in support of our schools than any other district in the County?

The School Board members are taxpayers, too. None of us rejoice at paying taxes but we should be reasonable enough to investigate and find out if a tax raise is really necessary. We have investigated and are convinced that the tax increase is necessary. We find that the school busses are from five to fifteen years old and some need to be replaced, that the buildings and grounds are badly in need of paint and repair, that classroom supplies and equipment are less than adequate, and that the curriculum is curtailed due to a lack of funds. Furthermore, if the number of students continues to increase as it did the first semester this year additional teachers will have to be hired for next fall.

Obviously, even the \$1.86 tax rate will not provide sufficient funds meet all these needs.

Those who are so tax-conscious should give the school supervisors a big pat on the back for running the school as well as it has been run without asking the poor taxpayer to make any greater effort for six years.

Realizing that our schools couldn't possibly operate on a 90-cent tax rate our Citizen Committee set out to study the tax need of our district and to do something about it. We, too, were happy with the \$1.51 rate until an unbiased investigation of the records disclosed facts which impressed us with the obvious stringent economy our Superintendent and Board have been practicing. They, too, are waiting for re-assessment because they are aware that even \$1.86 on the present assessed valuation will not provide our children with the kind of education they deserve.

The County Auditor pointed out that a district this size should have at least \$50,000 in cash reserve. He said Alpine has been "skaing on thin ice" by having less than \$30,000 to meet current expenses for the months before tax revenues come in.

There is a great deal to know about the operation of a public school and it deserves the attention of every taxpayer whether he has children in school or not. To read any guide to home buying is to know that the most valuable asset a community can have is a good school and water and, just like improving property, that takes money.

Don't take our word for these facts. We hope you will find out about the school first hand. There will be a series of meetings starting this month where a comprehensive study will be presented which will acquaint everyone with this most important subject.

Sincerely,
 Facts Finding Committee
 of "Action"

Baptist Church Plans Building Project

Rev. Vaughn Steen announces that the First Baptist Church of the Willows has started planning for a new building on their site at 3520 Highway 80. An initial Building Fund goal has been adopted which is set at \$25,000.

The Church will meet with the Rev. Paul S. Ray to discuss planning and procedure. Rev. Ray is the Director of Church Extension for the Southern California Baptist Convention with which the First Baptist Church of the Willows is affiliated.

Human felicity is produced not so much by the great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by the little advantages that occur every day. Ben Franklin.

Receives Award

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and state wide, Alpine had no major fire, although many small ones were nipped in the bud before they got out of hand. A mute testimonial to the efficiency of our Fire Department.

"Had there been any way we could have enticed you to a public meeting, a dinner, for the purpose of making this presentation, we believe it would have been the largest gathering of Alpine citizens in our history to honor you for your outstanding service to Alpine.

"Commander, we have the extreme honor and pleasure, in behalf of all members of our Kiwanis club, and in a way in behalf of all Citizens of Alpine, to present you with this plaque, a small memento indeed, compared to the outstanding and competent service you have rendered to our community, in all generosity, and without thought of compensation or remuneration, except the satisfaction of a job well done.

"We most heartily thank you; we most heartily congratulate you."

The presentation was made in Commander Oeser's home. In accepting the plaque he said: "I accept this with a great deal of pleasure and appreciation. I wish to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners and the boys on the Volunteer Fire Department of Alpine, for their cooperation and assistance and unselfish giving of their time and energy. Without them we could not have succeeded."

Commander Oeser saw 32 years of active duty in the Navy, and has been retired and living in Alpine for 17 years. He was treasurer of the Alpine Library Association for a number of years, and was one of the first members of the Alpine Board of Fire Commissioners.

Commander Oeser said, "During the seven years that I was a commissioner, on the Alpine Board, we had no accident involving either material or personnel. This accentuates the splendid cooperation of the men who formed the Fire Department."

It's In The Library

One of a series of good books on diseases, written for the layman, is a book treating heart trouble. The writer, H. M. Marvin, M. D. states firmly that the book will not enable the reader to diagnose and treat his own heart disease, but it may help him to interpret some of the symptoms so that he may seek competent medical advice. He warns that some parts of the book may be inaccurate or incomplete by the time it appears, since progress in the fields of medicine are now so rapid.

The value of the book lies in its careful discussion of the heart, its structure and function, and the meaning of the term "heart disease." On the whole it is comforting and encouraging reading whether or not you have anything wrong with your heart. You put down the well written volume with renewed respect for this amazing organ. Dr. Marvin discusses the most common forms of heart disease and gives consideration to some of the conflicting theories on cholesterol in the blood, surgical treatment of heart problems, the effects of tobacco on the heart, and various misconceptions.

The author is a consulting cardiologist and has been for many years associate clinical professor at the Yale University School of medicine.

FARMS COMPARED

The average size of farms in the U. S. was 302 acres in 1960, with an average of 84 acres of cropland. In Russia, the average is 6,785 sown acres on collective farms and 22,485 sown acres on state farms.

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R AS IN ROCK

Working with some big Rocks dRedged up Recently in fRont of our place, bRought about by the new water system, I got to thinking about how the letter R had effected my life. The heading of this column has quite a few R's in it if you should caRe to count them. But to get back to Rock. I built my fiRst fiReplace out of Rock and have Repeated that pRocedure thRee times, each time building them fFom Rock. If one is inteRested in fiReplace loRe they seem to get moRe than their shaRe of R's. Note these: they all have an R; andiRons, fiRe, hearth, gRill, fiRe foRk, scReen, pokeR, bRick, moRtar, Real work, Re-creAtion, waRmth, and Recollection. You get moRe satisfaction out of a fiReplace in winteR but you can't escape this inteRest even in summer. We weRe taught the thRee R's in ouR youth so I guess we will keep on Repeating ouRselves as long as we take an inteRest in wRiting.

Harbison Hi-Lites

Better late than never . . . I just heard that the Pekelder baby arrived . . . two weeks ago! On April 5th at the County Hospital, Brent Alan checked in weighing 9-lbs., 2 ozs. His proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shupe of Alpine and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pekelder of Encanto. He joins Larissa in the nursery at home. Bill and Karen are the beaming parents who are patiently teaching him the difference between days and nights.

Irene Pipes, President of the Harbison Canyon P.T.A., has expressed her appreciation for the fine support given to the bus trip to Hollywood and hopes that everyone enjoyed the activities. The "House Party" show will be shown on April 26th and some of the local gals should be able to be spotted during the filming. Tune in and watch for them. The group attended the "Vidio Village" telecast in place of the "Queen for a Day" show which was not being telecast that day. The ladies then prowled through Farmer's Market before heading to Knott's Berry Farm for dinner. Next time this gal intends to get in on the fun!

The H. C. Fire Department is sorry to lose a devoted and very hard working member, Bill Pekelder, who is now employed by the Federal Forest Service. Due to his new work schedule, Bill has resigned from his post as Secretary-Treasurer of the Department.

Have decided to stop dragging my feet—have spotted four snakes sunning themselves on the roads.

Local Fishermen Catch 'Em Big

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Haman are home from a nine day vacation fishing in San Felipe, Mexico. They report very good fishing indeed. Mrs. Haman caught a 106 pound Totuava off a boat 30 miles from shore near the mouth of the Colorado River. The big fish was between 5½ and 6 feet in length, she said, and gave her a hard 45 minute battle before it was finally reeled on deck.

Her husband caught a 56 pound Totuava, and others fishing at the same time caught fish weighing 169 and 260 pounds, both the sweet-meated Totuava.

CAMPO NEWS

By **FAY FARRIS**

Phoebe Thompson of Morena Village has just returned from a three week visit at her daughter's home in San Luis Obispo. This is her daughter Sylvia, and she and her husband have just recently purchased a new home.

Nick and Marie Martin of Lake Morena were on their usual monthly trip to Los Angeles, and returned last week, bringing her sister and husband back with them. Her sister's name is also Martin, and their husbands are brothers.

Ted Hicks, of Lake Morena, who was the Service Station attendant in Morena Village, suffered a heart attack on Wednesday, April 11th, and the resuscitator at the Pine Valley Fire Station was rushed over to his home and probably saved his life. He was taken to the hospital later in the evening in an ambulance.

While we are on the subject, this resuscitator was purchased by various clubs in the Mt. Empire area, and it is well that everyone know about it, as it is for everyone's benefit. If it is needed, all anyone has to do is telephone the Pine Valley Fire Station.

Christine Rasmussen of Guatay entertained the Mt. Empire Woman's Club on Wednesday, April 11th, and she served a delicious luncheon of gelatine salads, sandwiches, banana nut bread and coffee. Twenty-two members were present. The mystery prize was won by Madelyn Ledgerwood. The next meeting will be at the home of Mary Griswold in Pine Valley on Wednesday, April 25th, and a potluck luncheon will be served. Each member is asked to bring one dish of food, and also to bring their own service. There will be a special "Surprise," so do not miss it.

"Fiesta of Fashion" sponsored by the Mt. Empire Woman's Club and to be held at the Pine Valley Club House on Saturday evening, May 19th, is well in hand, and in addition to regular fashions and Hawaiian clothes, there will be maternity fashions. Understand there are a number of expectant mothers in the Mt. Empire area who would be interested in the latter fashions, and one of them will model. Tickets for the show are now available and the donation for same is \$1.00 adults, 50 cents children under 12. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Elizabeth's will furnish the Hawaiian and maternity fashions and Penney's the regular fashions. Both of these stores are in El Cajon.

The Junior Class of Mt. Empire School in Campo held a dance at the school on Friday evening, April 13th, known as "Cottontail Twist." Casual clothes were worn, even capris, and a gay time was had by all those attending.

A Variety Show was also given at the High School on Saturday evening, April 14th. A local dancing group performed, as well as a group from the Starlet Studio of El Cajon. Audrey Stephens is the teacher of the local group, and they meet every Thursday at the Square Dance Club House in Campo. Refreshments were served after the show.

Bill and Mabel Thompson of Alpine Oakes Mobile Estates were dinner guests of Alden and Fay Farris on Sunday, April 8th, which celebrated the birthday of Mabel, and was a bon voyage to both of them. They left with their small trailer for Guaymas, Mexico, on Wednesday, April 11th, and will be gone for one month.



Noel Loomis, author, of *Descanso*, at his linotype machine. April 6, 1962

NOEL LOOMIS, AUTHOR

There is a popular idea among readers that Western stories are written by dudes or little old ladies in La Jolla. One proof of the fallacy of this is Noel Loomis of Descanso, a fine writer of Western fiction and non-fiction and himself a real Westerner born in the Cherokee Strip in Indian Territory, in a town now known as Wakita, Oklahoma. Both of his grandfathers were pioneers, as was a great-grandfather. One great-great-grandfather died on the old Shawnee War Trail in what is now West Virginia.

Mr. Loomis was raised in West Texas and New Mexico. "In the days before violence and Longhorns were super-seded by law and order and Hereford cattle," he says, "I grew up as a printer and editor. My grandfather started a newspaper in the Cherokee Strip; I've worked as a newspaper man all over the West." He lived 30 years in the Southwest, 20 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where his wife, an internationally published short story writer, was born.

Noel Loomis has published freelance, 5,000,000 words, including 50 books, and 400 short stories and fact articles in National magazines. The books and short stories are in the Western science-fiction and mystery fields; the fact articles in the Western field and on writing. He has published one scholarly book of history, *The Texan and Santa Fe Pioneers*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press. In the frontpiece of this impressive volume, which can justly be called a permanent contribution to literature and history, is this dedication to the lady he married, "To Dorothy, my wife, with love. She's the kind of girl in her fifties that a man dreams about in his twenties."

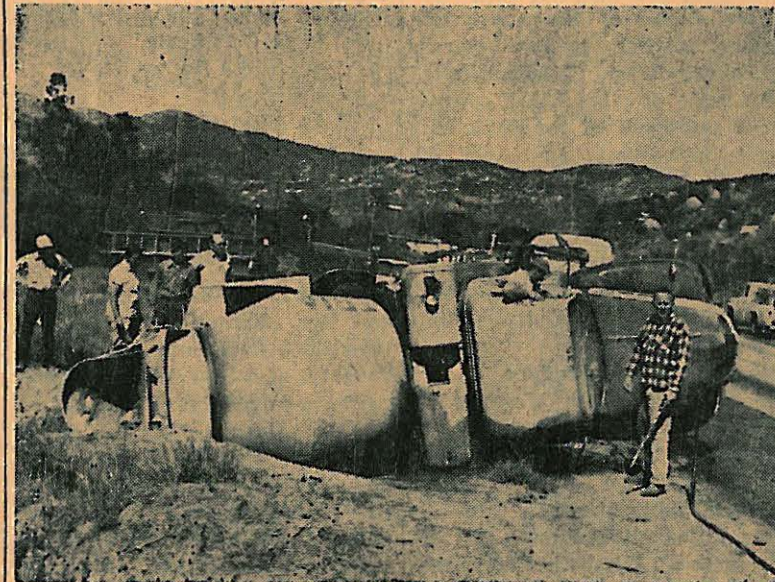
On the living room walls of their attractive mountain home are framed originals of the covers of his books, *Bonanza*; *Cheyenne War Cry*; *Johnny Concho*,

which was made into a movie with Frank Sinatra; *Hang the Men High*, shown on Desilu-Westinghouse Playhouse; *Ferguson's Ferry*, the newest book, just out, and many others. Three of his books have sold to motion pictures, several to television and he has won many awards and honors for his work. His, *Short Cut to Red River*, won a Silver Spur Award as Best Western Novel of 1958, while his Indian Novelette, *Grandfather Out of the Past*, won a Silver Spur Award as best Short Western Story of 1959.

Working in a studio in the rear garden of his home, Mr. Loomis does all his writing on a gold plated linotype. He has just finished a 1,400 page frontier epic of the Republic of Texas, *Ears of the Elephant*, and is now working on a second book for the University of Oklahoma Press, *Pedro Vial and the Roads to Santa Fe*, concerning the British, French and American intrusions, 1786-1808, and the Spanish answers to them.

Our local author is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the West*, *The Author's and Writer's Who's Who* (London) *Contemporary Authors*, and *Minnesota Writers*. He is Past-President, and was for several years secretary-treasurer of *Western Writers of America*, is a member of *Author's Guild*, *California Writers*, *P.E.N.* and other professional writers groups, while his academic affiliations are, *National Council of Teachers of College English*; *American Academy of Political and Social Science*; *American Association of University Professors*. He has been Lecturer in English at San Diego State College since 1958.

Asked what brought him to Descanso, Mr. Loomis said, "We got tired of the cold in Minnesota, and decided to move. We studied weather reports from all over the country and chose this area as having the climate nearest our liking."



Scene on Highway 80 where cement truck turned over. Second from left, driver Myron Smith of South Grade Road. Others are George Lutz and Fire Chief Jack Blankenship. Climbing in truck, Harold Lutz; right front, Hazen Alkire, assistant fire chief.

Horse! Horses! Horses!

By **JACKIE DALZELL**

Spots! Spots! Spots, and more spots! That's what Willow Glen Farm and Peacock Ranch had over the weekend. Willow Glen's Missoula Arrow is batting 200 percent with the last arrival. A real loud colored bay stud colt with a big blanket and blaze face. Proud mama is Miss Malheur, purchased in Oklahoma last year. With his blood lines and parents and color, this colt is destined to be a champion.

Peacock Ranch also had a loud colored bay stud colt. Mama is Maid of Blanca, owned by Mrs. Smart of Calavo Garden. Blanca is a Tennessee Walker. Her young son arrived with her breed's running walk, and his daddy's color. Daddy is an Appaloosa owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kussman of El Centro.

Jack Wilson attended the American Quarter Horse Convention at Los Alamitos which drew Quarter Horse folks from all over the United States. From Jack's report, we're sorry we didn't go. There were races, sale and show held in conjunction with the Convention.

The good Palomino gelding, Country King, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scilano of El Cajon, was second in a large gelding class at the Convention show.

Show dates for the Alpine Horse Show have been changed from July to August 4 and 5, with classes scheduled for all kinds of riders and horses.

Pine Valley Views

Last Wednesday a resuscitator call to Campo for Ted Hicks, a former resident of the valley. Ted suffered a severe heart attack. John Pingley and Louis Perna responded and worked with him until the ambulance arrived and took him to Naval Hospital, where it is reported he is resting comfortably. This was a close one. Congratulations on such prompt, efficient work. The very next day another call from Morena for an out-of-state visitor who also recovered after receiving oxygen. It is good to have these dedicated men on our department.

The first outdoor party of the year was at the Travis Calvins last weekend. A swimming party and barbecue for approximately 30 guests from Imperial Valley. The heater was turned on in the pool several days to assure the water temperature of 75 degrees.

Word from Louise and Milford Johnson, long time residents of Pine Valley, who now live in Paradise. They had received copies of this paper and enjoyed hearing about our valley. They have a new trailer and will leave in the near future for a tour of the mid-west to visit family and friends.

A visitor in Pine Valley last week was Col. Waldron J. Cheyney, Camp Commander at Camp Lockett during the war years. Col. and Mrs. Cheyney made their home here during that time and were both very active in community affairs. They now have a lovely home in Del Mar where Col. Cheyney maintains his interest in both civic and political affairs. While stationed at Camp Lockett, from the latter part of 1941 to the spring of 1944, Col. Cheyney was awarded the Legion of Merit. He retired in March 1944 because of physical disability.

The desert wildflowers are still attracting many visitors. Bille Requa and Lucille Hoitt took the long way around. Thru Julian over the Banner Grade to Borrego, Continued on Page 4

ECHOES OF THE PAST

The Old Timer

BY NIEL GALLOWAY

I am told that a man by the name of Whitney built the first Alpine store and it was somewhere near where Louie Landt's store now is. The next one Arnold built; the first storekeeper I knew any thing about was Charlie Emery. The Emerys were real old timers. The Post Office was in the store. Emery used to keep a little whiskey there. Not to sell, but to use as medicine. That was against the postal regulations. Some one complained on him and a U. S. postal inspector came out with a team of livery horses from El Cajon to check on it. When he got here to my ranch, Nick Anderson, a relative of the Fosses lived on the ranch at that time; he asked Nick how to get to Alpine and said he was a postal inspector. Now Nick Anderson was quite religious, but he knew about the jug of medical whiskey. So he sent the inspector up South Grade Road the long way round and he got on a horse and went the short way and told Charlie Emery of the coming of the inspector. So, of course, when the inspector got there, there was no whiskey around.

Ed Snow was the storekeeper when I came. He came to Alpine for his health; some kind of respiratory trouble. He got well and moved to San Diego and ran a store there for several years. He had three girls, Lotta, Jessie, and Helen.

I think C. V. Hilton was storekeeper next. They had one daughter. He had been a traveling salesman before they came to Alpine. Then there was Flegal, or perhaps it was the other way around. However, Flegan ran it for awhile. They had one boy. They also bought the Brabazon winery. There was another one in there before Hilton. The old store burned down, and Hilton built the two-story building that the Alpine Store is in now, and you all know of the Wilsons. They had quite a family.

The Snows used to live in a two-story house east of the Peacock Ranch. As I got it, Arnold built his home where the Peacock Ranch is. After his death, W. W. Putman bought it. Putman invented a machine to make barbed wire. Also a machine to make safety pins. Anyway, he was apparently wealthy. Roslin Penroyer was a caretaker there for several years. The road curved off south at Honey Hill. Stuyvesant built his home there. Stuyvesant was a Seventh Day Adventist Missionary from Guatamala. Came to Alpine to recuperate his health. He had three children, two girls, one boy. The boy was also a missionary in the south; still is. The girls, May and Esther, both became registered nurses. One married a doctor. Stuyvesant moved to Half Moon Bay, California. He was still alive last Christmas. He was over 90 years old. He came to see me two or three years ago. He regained his health here. She was very sick at one time with a bad heart, but she lived up to her eighties. Very nice people, very much respected by everyone.

On the same road, a little south of the present Highway 80 was one Fred Schepel, a German. Dutch Fred, as he was called, was an old timer. Some of the newcomers that thought they could raise some cattle on a mountain, asked Fred about it. Fred's advice was, first you get your feed, then your cattle. Of course, most of the land was too poor to raise any amount of feed on. Dutch Fred also had a vineyard and made some wine. One of the old winos got a jug there and met up with a bad Indian off the reservation, the Canajos, got the Indian

drunk also. The Indian went back to Fred for more wine. Fred refused him and the Indian shot and killed Fred, then got drunk and went to sleep under the bridge. A. L. McNett was deputy sheriff. I don't know who found Dutch Fred, however McNett took the Indian to jail. All the other Indians used to say he was a very bad Indian. All the evidence was circumstantial, so he got out in a few years. I don't know what finally came of him. However, he (Dutch Fred) willed his ranch to Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. Fisher sold the ranch to the Russels. They had one daughter, Lotta. She married a nephew of McNett's, Lloyd Baker. They split up and she shot herself a couple years ago. Her father was night watchman at Cudahy's Packing Plant for several years. He fell down an elevator shaft one night. That crippled him. Lotta Russel used to be to all the old time dances.

Next we come to the McNett place. He built a large adobe house which still stands. Dr. Hubbard had her office there for a long time. The McNetts had one boy and three girls: Burnham, Lea, Josephine and Mable. Mable married a man by the name of Brooks. I spoke of Burnham before; he married Willeta Eaton. They separated. Josephine is the only one left. She married Carl Strough. They had several children. The McNetts always had a houseful of company on Sundays. I knew all of them very well. A. L. McNett always had a lot of little deals going here and there. Burnham said he had no record of any of them when he died. McNett also used to butcher a beef about once a week and pedal it around the neighborhood.

F. B. Walker was next at the Willows. Walker also used to be the local butcher before McNett. The Willows got to be a very popular summer resort. They also served meals. They had seven children: Ralph, Lucille, Fred, Neine, Dorothy, Douglas and Beven. He died young. All the rest of the family are living. The Willows was a very well known resort in the days of the old horse stage, as well as the auto traffic. They had an excellent reputation for serving very fine meals. All the Walker children used to be at all the old time dances. I knew them all. They probably will be at the Old Timer's Picnic in June at Felecitas Park, near Escondido. There are very few real old timers left. They passed on a long time ago. The most of the Walkers were born at the Willows.

VFW Auxiliary To Install Officers

New officers of Alpine Post 5233 Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be installed with those of other V.F.W. Auxiliaries and Posts of the Area in a Joint Installation on April 29, 1962, at 1:00 p.m. at Lindo Park, Lakeside, California, in the Veterans Memorial Building. President—Margaret Engebretson Sr. Vice-President—Mark Wake Jr. Vice-President—Dorothy Ramsey Chaplain—Wilma Fordyce Treasurer—Elizabeth Wayrynen Conductress—Donna Findel Guard—Stella Barton Trustees—Grace Whitfield, Nita White, Betty Shorter County Council Delegates and Alternates: Elizabeth Wayrynen and Dorothy Ramsey, Donna Findel and Mary Wake District Delegate and Alternate—Donna Findel and Elizabeth Wayrynen.

THE ALPINE GARDENER

Portable Plantings

By JEAN McCULLOUGH

We all want to grow flowers for bouquets for the summer months. Roses, of course, are in a class by themselves as material for bouquets and so much expert opinion has been stated about them that there is little I can add other than tell you to go to your nursery man and let your taste and your pocketbook be your guide as to how many plants you come away with.

I think it would be wise to start the cut-flower plantings with some of the old standbys instead of trying the less known ones. Because geraniums grow so easily and in such great profusion here, they should be regarded more highly than they usually are. They come in a very wide range of lovely colors and make lovely bouquets for the house either alone or mixed with some more delicate blossoms such as Baby Breath or Bridal Wreath. The Pelargoniums are a type of geranium and there is no more beautiful flower in the market. Perhaps you would find it a pleasant surprise to visit a nursery and see for yourself how many varieties of geranium there are available to suit the most discriminating taste.

It is getting a little late in the season to set out Stocks and Snapdragon plants, but they can still be found and its worth a try, for they are top material for bouquets, as well as show pieces for your garden. Petunias, ruffled or plain are a good standby for bouquets; they bloom a long time and are durable when cut. Nasturtians, quick and easily grown, are a bright addition to any summer bouquet.

Lupin, Larkspur, Clarkia, are nice tall spikes. Marguerites are lovely, too. And do plant seeds of

Gypsophila (baby's breath). These tiny flowers do wonders for a bouquet.

Asters in all their lovely colors, zinnias and dhalias are all hardy annuals of the choicest kind. They bring summer right into your house and brighten the table for any meal. There are just endless flowers to choose from, and almost all of them grow well in Alpine with a little kindness, so get that green thumb to work.

Here is a list of plants you should get if you like dried bouquets for winter, known as the everlasting flowers. Chinese Lanterns, in tones of tan and red; Honesty with white silvery disks; Stalice sea lavender; Helichrysum, straw daisies, come in different colors.

Everlasting grasses are Job's Tears and Prize Maxima. Cut these grasses when in their prime and hang them up to dry, by their stems, heads down. Cut the flowers when in full bloom also, and hang them head down until they are good and dry. Arrange your bouquets of the mixed flowers and grasses when you wish. They stay bright and pretty for the winter months.

Next week: What to do with your flowering bulbs when they finish their season of bloom.

HORSE SHOW DATES CHANGED

The Alpine Viejas Days First Annual Horse Show date has been changed due to a conflict with the dates of the Santa Barbara National Horse Show which is to be held July 13 through 21st.

The date of Alpine's show has been extended to August 4th and 5th. Otherwise the show plans are progressing well, according to Bruce McKie of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman of the show will be Bruce McKie; co-chairman, Corky Jones; Horse Show manager, Norman Foster; Arena foreman, Jack Hoistad; and secretary to the Horse Show, John Bilskey. There are many more positions open and the Chamber of Commerce hopes for the cooperation of many local people.

Pine Valley Views

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then across to Highway 99 thru El Centro to Mexicali then over the new Mexico Highway to Tecate, crossing the border again to arrive home about midnight. They report a wonderfully exciting day.
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Gratus Roe checked in El Cajon Valley Hospital last Sunday for minor surgery. Coming along fine and expected home in a few days.
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School Tax Election Returns, Pine Valley Precinct. Yes 47, No 49.
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DATES TO REMEMBER: May 3, Mountain Empire Republican Woman's Club Federated will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Griswold on Pine Boulevard. Time 1:00 p.m. There will be several Republican candidates as guest speakers.
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May 8: Pine Valley registered voters will decide on the Pine Valley Fire District. Help keep our fire department by voting yes.

Kindergarten Enrollment

Application for attending kindergarten classes during the 1962-63 school term will be accepted between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. beginning May 1, 1962.

Applications will be accepted ONLY in the central office at the Alpine Elementary School building.

The first thirty-five (35) applications from the Alpine School attendance area and the first thirty (30) from the Haribson Canyon attendance area will be accepted to begin attending in September, 1962. All others will be placed on a waiting list.

As provided in the California Education Code, the following conditions must be met:

1. Child must be five (5) years of age on or before December 2, 1962.
2. Proof of birth date must be given by one of the following:
 - (a) Birth Certificate
 - (b) Baptismal Record
 - (c) A Passport
 - (d) An Affidavit

Horse Show Queen Named

Carole Sells, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Sells of Woodside, California, and granddaughter of Adella Sells, of Alpine, has been named horse show Queen for the Grand National Junior Livestock Exposition. With her horse, "Koko," Miss Sells has won five championships, 32 first place ribbons and 84 other ribbons in California horse shos. She is a member of Las Altos Hunt Club and rides at Stanford Riding School. She is a freshman at the college of Notre Dame at Bell Mount.

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LOST—Three peacock hens, vicinity of Alpine Hts. Rd. If seen please call Alpine Echo. HI 5-2616.

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GUATAY—Large 2 BR. mt. home, furnished, rock fireplace, electric range, patio, lots of oak tress, \$11,500. Cliff Treais Realty, 4056 Fairmount Ave., San Diego.

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