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By BEA

OVERHEARD IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE: The greatest mistake you can make in this life is to be continually fearing you will make one.

As my sister Lorraine and a friend were entering Disneyland a few Sundays ago, they were touched to see a white-haired old lady in a wheel chair trying to maneuver herself through the crowd. She was alone and obviously unaccustomed to managing the chair. The girls offered to steer her around. At first she hesitated, but as they insisted, she agreed, and soon the three were having a fine time. The girls took their new friend all over the grounds and bought her a fancy luncheon. At last, the old lady said she must get back to her car and start home ahead of the heavy traffic. She tried to persuade them to let her go alone, since their feet were very sore and tired, but the girls refused to give up their charge until they had seen her safely across the huge parking lot. By the time they reached her car, the girl's every step was agony and, when after an embarrassed pause, the old lady stepped from the wheelchair and stood before them, sound in wind and limb, Lorraine said it was a good thing they were momentarily startled into silence. By the time they had collected their wits and were about to release some angry words, the old lady was explaining. "I didn't mean to deceive you, girls," she said, "I was going to tell you immediately that I had only rented the chair to save my feet, but you were so sweet and I was afraid you'd think I didn't need you if you knew I was not crippled. So I took a chance that

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Announcement

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Alpine Heights Municipal Water District are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the residence of Alex L. Adams, 555 Alpine Heights Road, Rt. 1, Box 361, Alpine. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16.

California Speaks

Significant Statements By Interesting Californians

Charles Halleck, Indiana congressman in L. A. visit—"Unless voters, through the ballot box, show they mean business in this fight for economy, then I see no hope that we will be able to stem the spending tide in Washington."

Alex J. Rosborough, Yreka, on giving up his driving license, credit card and automobile at age 94—"Cars are just too fast for me now."

Dr. Ruth Dunbar, Chicago education writer telling Oakland teachers of her visit to Soviet schools—"Russian students never asked questions—they only answered them."

Actor Sterling Hayden, after return to Sausalito from South Seas trip—"Everything is wrong with Hollywood—it epitomizes all that's wrong with life."

ECHOES OF THE PAST



THE ALPINE TAVERN which stood at the corner of Tavern and South Grade Roads for 65 years, from 1890 when it was built by Mr. Benjamin Arnold, as the first hotel in this mountain area, until it was destroyed by fire in 1955. In its heyday, the Tavern was a popular resort visited by many prominent people of San Diego, La Jolla and Coronado, as well as those from out of the State, who hearing of Alpine's fine climate and the Tavern's charm, came as guests to regain their health or enjoy a holiday. Miss Katherine Dowd was the Tavern's operator for nearly 30 years and was the last one to maintain it as a hotel. Miss Dowd's many local friends used to say that the old Tavern would collapse when she died. It stood only about a year after her death.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Alpine Community Church's seventh annual Christmas Pageant will be presented in the church on Sunday evening, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. A cast of 26 is now rehearsing **THE PAGEANT OF THE SHEPHERDS AND THE KINGS** with the part of Mary played by Carol Cost; Joseph by Jeremy Standen; Gabriel, Randy Griggs; the three kings, Charles Bradley, Carl Strauch, and Russel Schaeffer. Shepherds are Grant Cooke, Ray Partridge, Roy Strauch, and Charles Butler. Stable boys are played by Michael Bradley, Dale Smith and Harry Way. Mr. Don Cost plays the part of the Inn Keeper for the seventh consecutive year. The Cost's daughters, Carol and Helen, have also been in the pageant from the first performance when they were the littlest angels. This year angels are, Jane Woodall, Linda Bradley, Karen Jordan, Roberta Welty, Diane Fleming, Helen Cost, Beverly Fleming, Lynn Rathbun, Carol Weas, Phyllis Hickey, and Linda Wilson, with Jean Ann Bradley and Vicky Dennis as the littlest angels.

This year marks the seventh for Mrs. Don Cost, the church's excellent choir leader, directing the music for the pageant. With Mrs.

Clara Standen at the organ, the lovely old Christmas songs are provided by members of the regular choir including, Mesdames Helene Allen, Dorothy Bradley, Muriel Bowlus, Clarence Stearns, Rathbun, Ford, Ingles, and Mr. Kent and Mr. Hollett and the chorus of angels. Soloists are: Linda Bradley, whose sweet young voice is well suited to her singing as an angel soloist; Mike Bradley who is the singing stable boy; and Charles Butler the singing shepherd. The three kings also each have a solo.

Stage crew is Chris Dennis and Norman Way. Ladies of the Guild, under the leadership of Mrs. Ed Nixon, are making four new shepherds costumes, while Mrs. Helene Allen is brightening up the angel's halos with a fresh coat of glitter. The scripture story will be read, as always, by the minister, Dr. Roger Larson, with Mrs. J. C. La Force once more directing the production.

The community is cordially invited to attend this celebration of the nativity and those who wish to do so may bring a white gift of food, clothing, or a toy to be distributed to the less fortunate of the area before Christmas.

Christmas Party Is Planned For Y Wives

The Alpine YW-Wives will have their first Christmas party at the Youth Center on Thursday, December 17, at 1 p.m. Each member will bring a \$1 gift and a 50c gift for her own child. Refreshments will be served by Marge Cooper and Joanne Nichols.

The YW-Wives have a regular meeting each Thursday at 1 p.m. with various classes throughout the afternoon. On the first Thursday of each month the club holds a potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

All women in Alpine are invited to attend.

P.T.A. Yule Party Will Be Held Dec. 17

The annual Christmas party of the Alpine P.T.A. will be held December 17 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The party will start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Girl Scouts. The business meeting will be postponed until January 12, 1960. The program for the evening will be presented by the intermediate grades.

Each child has been asked to bring a can of food to complete a Christmas dinner for a needy family. Due to the large crowds in the past refreshments will not

DISSOLUTION ELECTION TUESDAY; BOARD PLANS RIO ANNEXATION

Voters in the Alpine Heights Municipal Water District will go to the polls next Tuesday, December 15, to vote in the Heights Dissolution or Disincorporation Election. The election resulted from a petition filed during the hotly-contested Alpine Annexation campaign by persons opposed to formation of the Alpine Heights District.

One hundred seventy persons are eligible to vote in Tuesday's election. There is only one precinct and only one polling place at the residence of Mr. Claude Clerk on Alpine Heights Road. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters have been urged by representatives of the Alpine Heights District to read and mark their ballot carefully as the ballot does not call for a simple "yes" or "no" designation.

Alex Adams, president of the Alpine Heights Municipal Water District asked any persons who have questions or seek information regarding election procedure to call the secretary of the Heights District, Rene Adams, at HI 5-2758. Adams said that the agenda for the next meeting of the board of directors for the district on Wednesday calls for a preliminary discussion regarding redivision of the Alpine District and plans for the annexation of the Alpine District to the Rio San Diego Water District.

Jr. Baseball Assn. To Sponsor Turkey Shoot

Plans are being made for a turkey shoot to be sponsored by the Alpine Jr. Baseball Association.

The shoot will be held on the new ball field Dec. 20, starting at 9 a.m. and lasting until the turkeys run out. Large and small bore rifles can be used. All proceeds will go to the Alpine Jr. Baseball Association. The entry fee will be \$1.

Y. C. To Purchase Grounds Equipment

The regular meeting of the Youth Center board was held last Monday night at the Youth Center. Two topics were up for discussion at this time. One was the playground equipment. It was the decision of the board to purchase a slide and a merry-go-round before the end of the year.

The second topic was whether or not to hire a secretary-treasurer next year as the book work is getting to be a tremendous job. It was again the decision of the board to have a secretary-treasurer take care of the work load. Anyone interested in this work will please notify Tom Nichols, at HI 5-2854 or Miriam Bates, HI 5-2068.

CAMPO NEWS

By FAY FARRIS

Mrs. Paul Andrews of Campo has been going to Scripps Hospital in La Jolla for a check-up, and it may be necessary for her to undergo an operation. Her husband is one of the instructors at Rancho del Campo Boys School, and they recently moved to this area. We all wish her well.

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Mrs. Pearl Deines of Descanso visited her daughter, Mrs. Robert Liggitt of Morena Village over the last weekend. She lives with Mrs. Meave Sharman and is employed as her companion. Mr. Liggitt is in the real estate business and works out of the office of the Mitchell Agency in San Diego. They have one son who is employed by Gene Gehrunge who is a contractor and lives on Laguna Mountain. At present they are constructing an addition to the Village Inn in Morena Village, which is to be operated as a restaurant in connection with the Inn. The Inn recently changed hands and they are making a number of changes in the operation.

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The Lake Morena Woman's Club held its Christmas Party last Tuesday, December 1 at the Stone

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Rainfall Figures

Mr. Robert Fey reports that the official rainfall for Alpine during the last week was 0.53 inches up to Thursday morning. (0.14 inches on December 8, 0.12 on the ninth, 0.27 on the tenth.) The rainfall for the season now totals 0.93 inches. The rain was a welcome relief from extremely hazardous fire conditions which have prevailed for many months. Last Sunday the Division of Forestry established three roadblocks along Highway 80 to caution motorists of the existing fire conditions.

Club Installs Officers

The Alpine Kiwanis Club held its annual Installation of Officers and Christmas Party for members, their wives and guests on Thursday.

Officers for 1959 were deinstalled by George Kirk, out-going Lt. Governor of Division 31. Douglas Biggs, of Lakeside and Lt. Governor-Elect of 1960, installed Roy Crane as president, Phil Hall as first vice-president, Robert Wilson as second vice-president, and Mark Schaeffer as secretary of the Alpine club.

Jamul 4-H Club Meet

The next meeting of the Jamul 4-H Club will be on Tuesday, December 15, 1959, at Jamul school.

At the November meeting at the Dulzura Community Center, yearly Achievement Awards were given to some very deserving boys and

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Letter To The Editor

My Friends and Neighbors:

Just what is there to be gained by destroying a water district that is already formed and is a going concern? Why start all over again from scratch? There has been an awful lot of money spent to defeat the Alpine Heights District. I don't see why. Both the Alpine Heights and the Proposed East County are out to accomplish the same thing, namely to ultimately bring water from the Colorado River to this community. One proposes to get it the cheapest possible way; the other wanted to go to Slaughter House Canyon—about 8 or 9 miles farther.

The Rio District will ultimately bring the line to their east boundary, namely near the road which turns off to the community dump. This will save money for the Alpine District. From there gravity water can be had for this west end of the Heights District, also Harbison Canyon if they desire to do so. For some in my part of the district nothing will satisfy them but East County, hang the cost. It sums up about like this—one district proposes to get it at the cheapest possible way; the other the longest and most costly way.

You have been told time and again no one could get water but the proposed East County. That has proven false each time. One of the things you probably don't realize on account of this extremely dry time is that there are other new districts, large ones to the north and south being formed which will demand a lot of water. Now first come, first served. If the Alpine District is dissolved it is just possible that before another can be formed there will be no water for it. It is best to keep what advantage you now have.

As the Election of Dissolution gets nearer there will be all kinds of propaganda floating around. After coming this far and jumping all the hurdles thus far let's go the rest of the way. Keep what we have gained and not junk it to start all over. Be sure and mark your ballot correctly. Read it. Some did not in both the other elections.

Vote your convictions and don't vote yourselves out of water. If you change horses in the middle of the dry stream bed it may be a long time before you ever get another chance. The source may be dried up. It has been said that the reason Jamul, Jamacha and Blossom Valley joined the district adjoining was because they were near to an adjoining district. That was not so. I know people in those districts. Their reason for joining the other districts was because East County was going to annex them. and to their way of thinking the cost would be prohibitive. In other words Jamacha, Jamul, Blossom Valley and others in the process of voting a district, wanted no part of East County.

Let's end this controversy for once and all. Vote "No" on disincorporation. Be sure you have your "X" in the right place, and use the rubber stamp furnished you.
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of the Campo area were invited, and 22 attended. The buffet table was appropriately decorated and was spread with large platters of fruit cake, cookies and applesauce cake. The evening was spent playing "Cootie" and prizes were won by Ardelle Craft, Marie Martin, Pearl Deines, Daisy McCoy, and Gertrude Haskell. Ruth Hershey won the door prize. The hostesses were Alice Liggett, Bea Boyd, Fay Farris, Marie Martin, and Marie Lindemann, the president.

Mountain Empire Republican Women, Federated held its Christmas luncheon at the Stone House on Thursday, December 3. The tables were decorated with green cypress, pine cones and red berries. After the exchange of gifts the ladies went upstairs to play a fun game. It was played like "Cootie," but was appropriately called "Elephant." The prizes were won by Pat Chase, Peggy Fisher, and Flora Skonberg. The caterer for the luncheon was Mrs. Bob Looney of Cameron Corners.

Mountain Whirlers held its regular Square Dance Saturday night, December 5 at the Club House in Campo. Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Ison were host and hostess, and Walter House in Campo. All the women

Ellis did the calling in the absence of Al Schaeffer. The next dance will be held on December 19, and it will be a Christmas party. Each person is to bring a gift costing 50c. Refreshments will be barbecued ham sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and coffee. Guests are welcome.

Mrs. Lee of Lake Morena is going to the Navy Hospital on Wednesday and will undergo an operation on Thursday. The Lees recently moved to this area, and they have five children. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Real Estate Sales In Alpine Highlands

Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus W. Keller of La Mesa have purchased the attractive model ranch home built by Frank O'Neill in Alpine Highlands. Mr. and Mrs. Keller are planning to spend Christmas in their new home. Sale was by Charlene Brown of Alpine Branch La Mesa Realty.

Another sale this week in the Alpine Highlands Subdivision was a choice acre purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. McCarron of Ocean Beach. They plan to build a nice home in the near future. This sale was made by Bill Brown.

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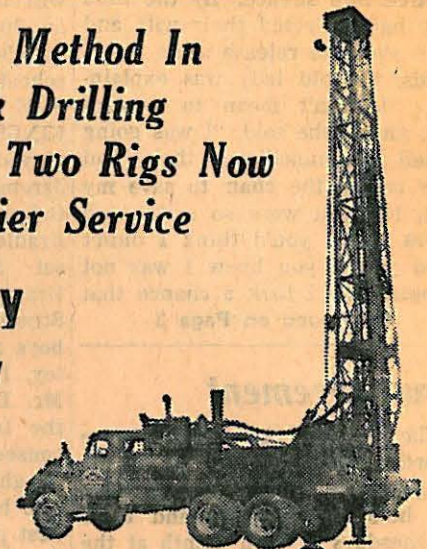
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If you ever get a piece of paper money with a star imprinted in one corner, you'll know it for a duplicate bill replacing an original that some how came out of the U. S. Mint printing press with a flaw in it. Postmaster Hall visited the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Washington, D. C. and watched the making of paper money. Each bill is inspected immediately it is printed and all imperfect ones set aside for the star-marked duplication.

The Halls saw, what the usual visitor to the nation's capitol does not see, the printing of U. S. Postage stamps. Because they are in the Post Office Department they were allowed to go through this Bureau. They saw two huge new machines for stamp printing made in Germany and brought here on some arrangement as partial repayment for money invested by our government in the German

war rehabilitation program.

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Neda Hill (Mrs. Tom Jr.), one of the nicest young mothers we know, was heard not long ago, speaking to her growing boys in a way that we think is both unusual and wonderful. "Boys," Neda said, "I've never been a mother before; this is my first time at the job, so I may make some mistakes. I hope if I do you boys'll excuse me, because I sure don't want to do anything wrong in raising you. But I'm inexperienced and since you're inexperienced at growing up, about all we can do is work it out together. Okay?"

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Bonny, Mrs. Claude Clerk, says never teach a cat to talk, if you do, he'll argue with you about everything!

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Markus Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Schaeffer and Mimi and Karen Wilson journeyed to Bakersfield to attend the wedding of a relative. Mimi was matron of honor and Karen was flower girl at the ceremony.

Alpine Jr. Baseball Association News

"Work is moving at a feverish pace on the new ball field, as we hope to have it completed in time for the next baseball season which is fast approaching.

"Saturday the scaffolding was rigged in spite of the strong wind so the block laying could continue on Sunday. Showing up to help were the following men: Blocklayers, Ken Drennon, Alvin Cox, John Bates, Clifford Wooldridge, and helping to supply the cement were Larry Wilcox, John Gilroy, Gordon Gilroy, Basil Spears, Gene Wilcox. The following women served a fine lunch at the Youth Center on Sunday for all the hun-

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ROAD BLOCKS WARN MOTORISTS

Sunday the U. S. Forest Service and the California Highway Patrol cooperated in a unique operation to prevent a serious fire as conditions in the forest at that time were extremely dry and dangerous.

Three road blocks in the Cleveland National Forest were set up

to warn drivers of the dangerous conditions. The three road blocks were at the ranger station east of Alpine on Highway 80, at the Cameron ranger station of Highway 80 near LaPosta, and at state Highway 79 and Sunrise Highway at the north end of Cuyamaca Lake.

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Fuchsias grown in pots should be cut back before the first frost and stored in a cool dry place. Keep them in a damp mulch all winter.

When growing fuchsias in the ground, dig them out in a small clump, lay them on their sides in a trench and cover with about eight inches of sawdust or mulch. After the frost has gone, under the mulch you will find the fuchsias sprouted and ready to replant.

If you wish to have special soil, add well-rotted manure and peat moss. The fuchsia has shallow roots and requires frequent waterings. Good drainage is necessary, but with sufficient mulch this will not be a problem. You cannot over-water fuchsia if the drainage is good. In Alpine every day during the summer would not be too often. Overhead sprinkling on hot, dry days will make up for the lack of moisture in the air.

Fuchsias will respond to organic or inorganic fertilizers. It is a good idea to try both and see which is best for your soil. Follow the directions and cut specified amount in four parts, applying once a week. The fuchsias will respond quickly, enabling you to judge which fertilizer is best for you.

Fuchsias flower on new wood so pruning forces the new wood, resulting in more flowers. Cut back all small weak branches to the stem, cut remaining branches to one or two pairs of dormant buds.

Fuchsias in pots need similar pruning, but, root pruning is also necessary. Trim roots and repot.

Learn the growth habit of the fuchsia before you try your hand at training. When buying a fuchsia to train, ask an experienced gardener about the type you are going to purchase.

A fuchsia in bush form is easy to grow and form. Regular pinching and pruning will produce a bushy, stocky plant.

Most fuchsias that produce long branches will make good espaliers. All but three or four of the branches should be removed at the base. Train these branches in a fan shape against a lattice or wall. All undesired growth should be removed. When branches reach the desired length, pinch off the ends, forcing sideshoots.

Fuchsias must be pruned throughout the growing season. One yearly pruning will not do the job. Remember the most important point is to water regularly, never let the roots get dry.

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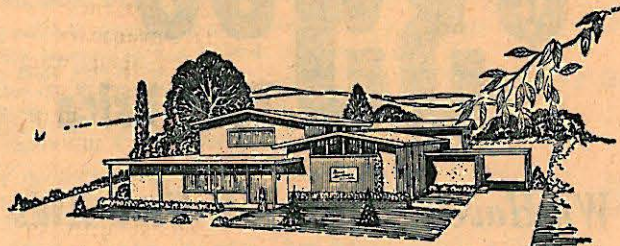


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Alpine Jr. Baseball

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gry men, Leona Wilcox, Leona Drennon, Grace Wilcox, Gladys Jennings, Francis Gilroy and Marian Woolridge. Thanks to every one for a job well done.

"The Baseball Association invites anyone who would like to help on this worthwhile project to come down to the field and lend a hand. Work days are Saturday and Sunday. We would like to see more new faces.

"The Alpine Jr. Baseball Association would like to thank the Alpine Echo for their fine coverage of the progress on the field.

"Donations are still being hoped for so this field can be completed. Anyone wishing to donate please call HI 5-3188. Your help will be greatly appreciated."

—Alpine Junior Baseball Assn.

The Alpine Ramblers are going to plan their Christmas party this Saturday night at the Youth Center.

Many of the teen-agers have asked "When are we going skating, etc"? The sponsors report the turnout on regular nights has been so poor that until the club builds up in attendance there will not be any trips. All teen-agers are invited to attend.

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By JANIE

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Dancing and games will be provided so that everyone will have a choice of things to do. Jack and June Smith will be there to help with the dance and to offer instruction in ballroom dancing or round dancing. Refreshments will be provided.

The party is open only to Alpine Junior High students and their parents. Admission is free.

Carla Wallenborn sold her donkey Monday night to Sherry Rose.

Another dress rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant at the Alpine Community Church will be held

Sunday night. (See Page 1 for members of the cast). Following the actual Pageant on December 20 the Pilgrim Fellowship group will go caroling as they have done in the past, and will stop at the Bradleys for refreshments. Another caroling party is planned for the 22nd of December.

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