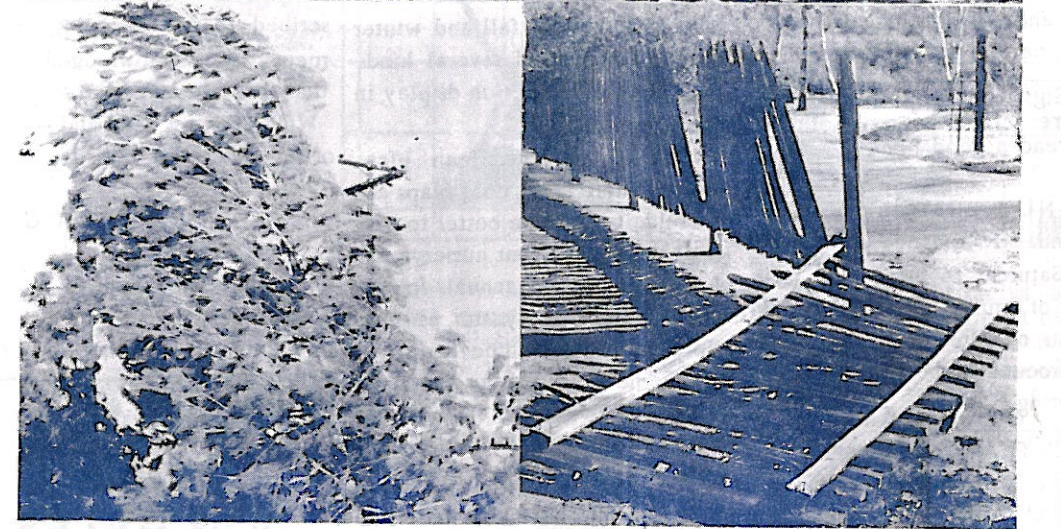
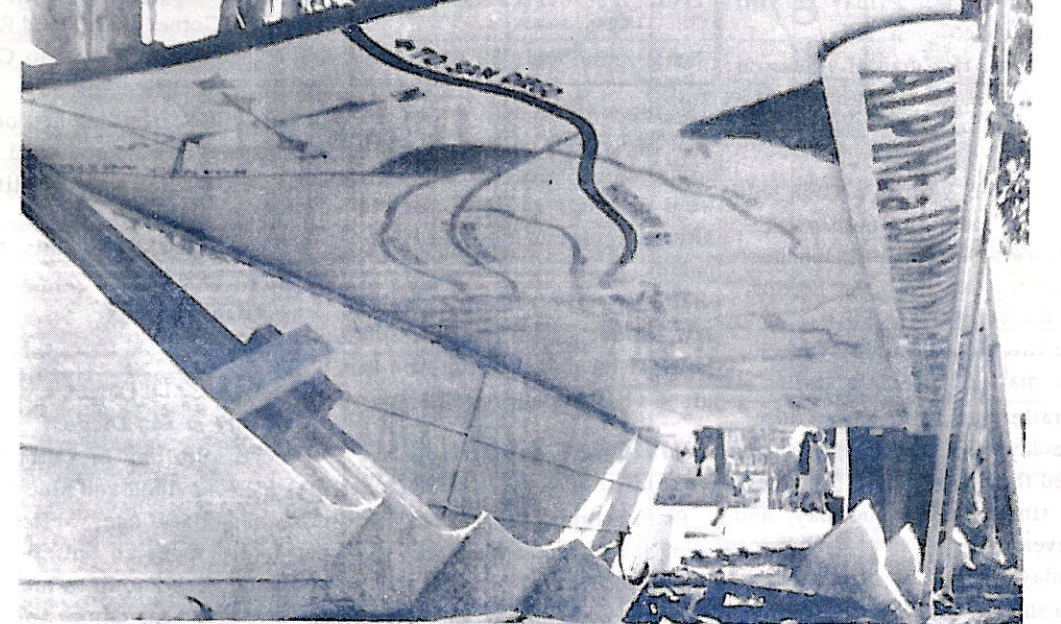


The Alpine

# ECHO



WIND

## HERE And THERE

by GLADYS JENNINGS-HI 5-3188

A surprise baby shower was given for Mrs. Robert Webb of So. Grade Road by Mrs. Charles Smith at her home on South Grade Road. Attending were Jackie Thompson, Leta Judd, Leona Wilcox, Elna Bratt, Donna Gault, Mrs. Barron, Edith Jones, Helen Boardmen, Shirley Dyer and Mrs. Weeks.

LaVerne Chynoweth Crosby, formerly of Alpine, was married in Long Beach last Friday to Jim Boyer of Long Beach.

Mrs. Wm. Hoffman of Anderson Road is home recuperating following her stay in the El Cajon Valley Hospital.

The Alpine Woman's Club will hold their meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, with a past-presidents luncheon for reservations call the hostess, Mrs. Schweiss, HI 5-2423.

The fire Monday night, Oct. 30, was a mattress fire in a trailer at the trailer park on Highway 80.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, shorts in wiring caused the fire whistle to blow several times during the day and the evening.

Sunday, Nov. 5, at 11 p. m. there was a short in the wiring at Fuller Hall and wiring along Olivewood Lane; neither caused a fire.

Sign on a failing book store: "Help stamp out TV—read a good book!"

### PEANUT BRITTLE SALE

Peanut brittle candy will be sold this Saturday morning, Nov. 11, in front of Empire Market by the Boy Scouts of Alpine Troop 105 with all proceeds to be used for Alpine Scouting.

### GIVES THANKS FOR CARDS

Betty Partridge wishes to give a note of thanks to all her kind friends for the many cards and lovely flowers sent during her stay in the hospital.

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Admiral Albert W. Goodall will visit Bert Fuller on Nov. 18 or 19. Both Admiral Goodall and Bert were prisoners of the Japanese after the surrender of the Philippines.

Bert also tells us that his son-in-law, Arthur T. Dittmye, is in the hospital for three months as a result of a belly landing at Chicago.

### Gardener's Checklist

by CALIF. ASSN. OF NURSERYMEN

1. Plant primroses for bloom next spring and primulas for bloom this winter.
2. Plant pyracantha and other berried shrubs for fall and winter color. You'll find several kinds with crops of berries on display in nurseries.
3. Coastal gardeners can plant lawns. Where early cold snaps are the rule, it might be better to wait until spring. Ask your nurseryman.
4. Plant a cover of annuals for the spring bulb bed. Alyssum, pansies, violas are all recommended.
5. The newer spreading lantanas, if planted now, will often bloom right through winter in California's milder regions.

The Log Cabin Cafe was closed Tuesday to permit the installation of a new stove with a charcoal broiler.

### CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP FICTITIOUS NAME

No. 31114

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County of San Diego.

We hereby certify that we are partners transacting business at Descanso in the State of California, under a designation not showing the names of the persons interested as partners in such business, to-wit:

#### LAMPLIGHTERS GIFTS

The names of the partners are:  
RUSSELL WICK, residing at Northwest Corner of Garwood Road and Miner's Trail, Descanso, California. Post Office Box 83,

LOLA WICK, residing at Northwest Corner of Garwood Road and Miner's Trail, Descanso, California. Post Office Box 83.

WITNESS our hands this 16th day of October, 1961.

RUSSELL WICK  
LOLA WICK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ss.  
County of San Diego,

On the 16th day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty one, before me personally appeared Russell Wick and Lola Wick known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office this 16th day of October, 1961.

ANNETTE K. UEHLING  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan. 7, 1962.

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### CANDIDATES FOR ACADEMY

State Senator Hugh Fisher (D-SD) announced today that he is accepting applications for candidates to the California Maritime Academy for the class of 1962.

In accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81 of the 1955 Session, a legislator from an even-numbered district may nominate a young man from his district for admission to the Academy in 1962.

Each legislator is authorized to designate as many candidates as he desires from his district to take the competitive examination, to be held on March 3, 1962. The candidate receiving the highest passing score on that test, if he also meets the other entrance requirements, will become the nominee from that district.

The College Entrance Examination Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test, which will be given throughout the State on March 3, 1962, will be considered to be the competitive examination for entrance to the Academy. The cost of taking the tests administered by the College Board must be met by the candidates.

All requests for further information should be directed to the office of State Senator Hugo Fisher, 438 San Diego Trust and Savings Building, San Diego 1, California (BE1mont 3-0169); or by writing to: The Dean, CMA, California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, California.

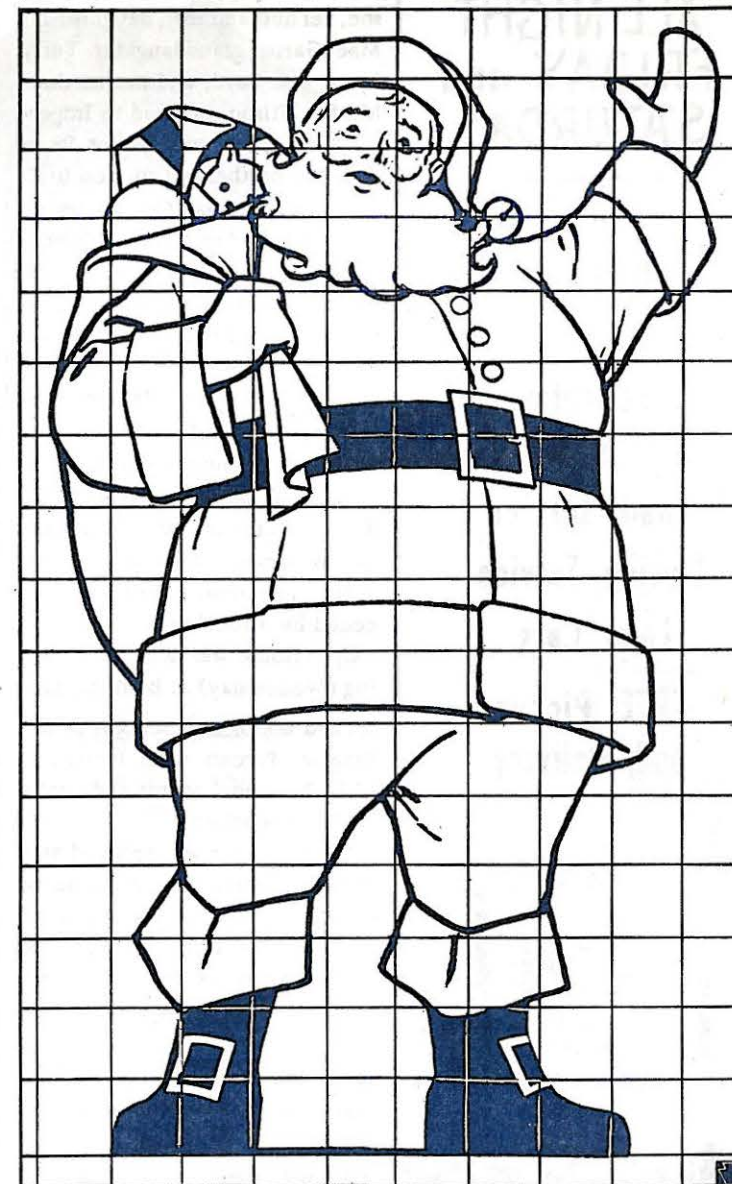
Applications and names must be submitted on or before Feb. 1, 1962.

#### SHOT

Someone took a shot at Alpine Cleaner's front door on Monday evening. The slug or pellet passed not more than a few inches from each of several people and left a round hole through the plate glass. Poor sense of humor or poor judgement on some ones part.

## WHAT TO MAKE

By Allan Carpenter, Director, Service Bureau  
Popular Mechanics Magazine



SANTA LAWN CUTOUT

There's nothing like a jolly old Santa Claus to give a cheerful greeting to passersby at Christmas time. Cut from a full-size pattern, Santa stands 42-in. high, can be placed in a window or on your lawn. Pattern can be traced on 1/4-in. plywood or hardboard. To order, send 50¢ for pattern B70 to this newspaper c/o Service Bureau, 200 E. Ontario, Chicago 11, Ill. Instructions for making other Christmas cutouts, as well as animated outdoor displays, are given in booklet 202, 25¢.

#### Appointed Rounds

pointed rounds—even on his wedding day—planned to take Nottingham, England, who the honeymoon he and his never failed to keep his ap-wife never had time to have.

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### CAMPO NEWS

by FAY FARRIS-GR 8-5396

Martha Wordley of Lake Morena enjoyed a happy birthday. First, she, her husband Bill, daughter Ina Mae Garst, granddaughter Terry Lynn, Bee Boyd, and her mother Mollie Wilson motored to Imperial Valley on Saturday, Oct. 28, to visit her brother and to shop in El Centro. On Monday, Oct. 30, which was her birthday and the birthday of Hugh Smyth, they celebrated together at a dinner prepared by Helen Smyth (Mrs. Hugh Smyth).

Rancho del Campo and Probation and Juvenile Hall of San Diego staff members held a Best Ball Golf Tournament on the Rancho course on Sunday, Oct. 29. The winner was Harry Christianson of Rancho, after playing off a tie. The tournament was preceded by a luncheon.

Open House was held last evening (Wednesday) at both the junior and senior high schools of Mt. Empire. Parents were invited to visit the school rooms and confer with the teachers.

Helen Cooper was honored at a birthday party at the home of Helen Pate on West Highway 94 on Tuesday evening, Oct. 31. The invited guests were Pauline Morton, Pearl Deines, Alice Liggett, Bee Boyd, Mollie Wilson, June Rinks and Fay Farris. The Halloween motif was carried out, and refreshments were chocolate cake with date frosting and coffee and tea. Canasta was played and the prize winners were Mollie Wilson and Fay Farris. Mrs. Pate's son Bill filled in for one of the players. The honoree received many lovely and useful gifts which were opened after the card games.

Dell Nielsen was the house guest of Phoebe Thompson in Morena Village from Friday, Oct. 27 to Thursday, Nov. 2, and while

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LOCAL WIND DAMAGE

The front page pictures of wind damage are only a few samples of the many roofs, windows, trees, signs, buildings, and power lines that were damaged by the wind storm last weekend.

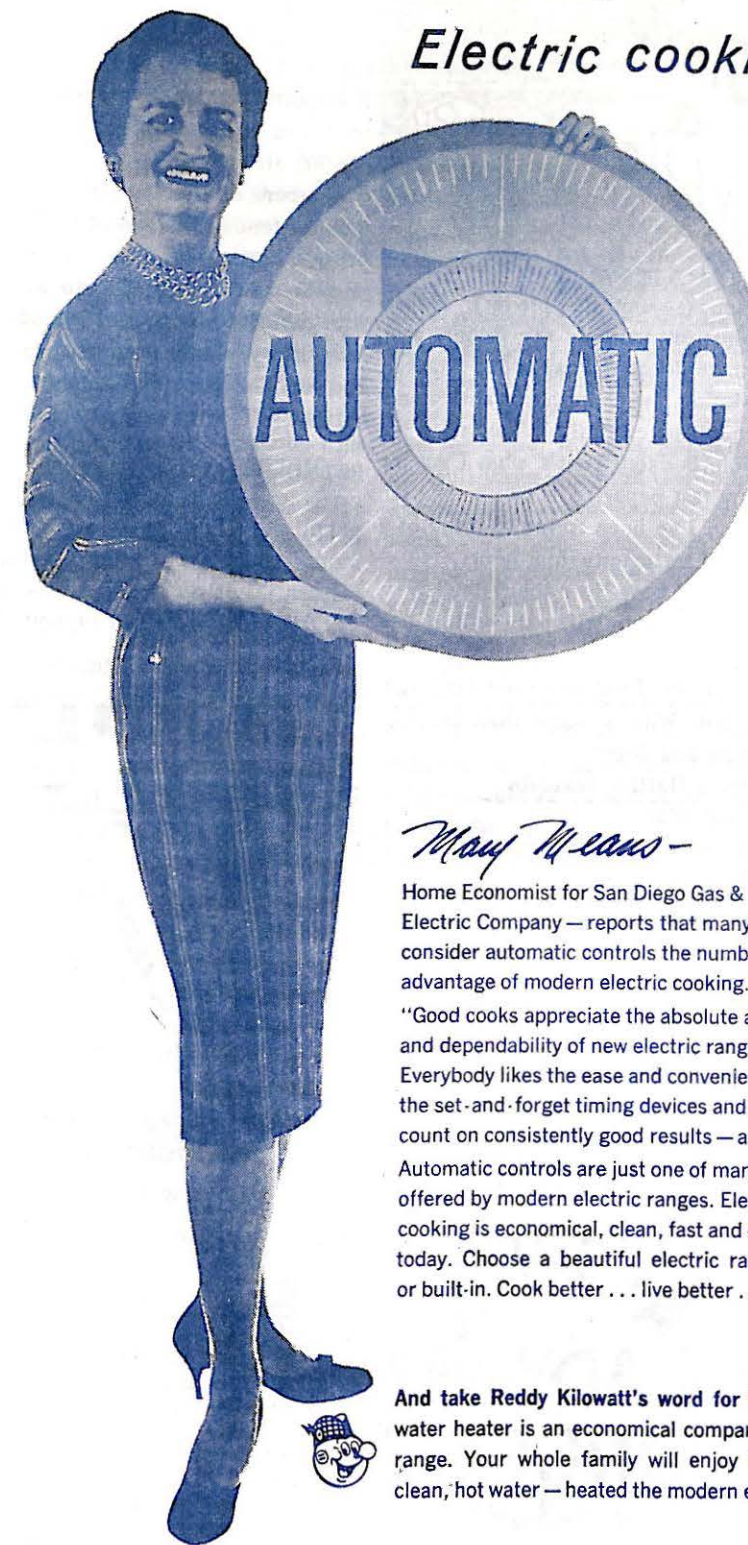
On Sunday evening a main transformer at Descanso went out darkening Alpine for over an hour.

Near midnight arcing power lines at the rear of the Community Church brought out the Fire Department and at some time in the night the map sign in Central Alpine blew down.

there she was hostess for the Mexican Canasta Club on Wednesday, Nov. 1. The guests were Ardell Craft, Marie Lindemann, Marie Martin, Gertrude Haskell, Phoebe Thompson, Helen Ulrich and Fay Farris. Prize winners were Phoebe Thompson and Ardell Craft.

The Mt. Empire Republican Women, Federated held a breakfast meeting at the home of Mary Kerns in Pine Valley on Thursday, Nov. 2, and 40 guests and members were present. The breakfast consisted of creamed chipped beef on hot biscuits, orange juice, preserves and coffee. Four men associates were present, and the out-of-town guests were past County President Ruth Jackson, Cynthia Laird, and a new citizen from behind the Iron Curtain, Mrs. Wilma Schroeder. Mrs. Schroeder has lived in San Diego with her family for five and a half years and has been a citizen for about one month. She gave one of the most interesting talks we ever heard about her experiences under the Communist rule in East Germany where she lived on a farm. It would be well worth anyone's time and money to hear this talk, and I believe she will speak for any club or organization that would be interested in her services.

Take my word for it!  
Electric cooking is



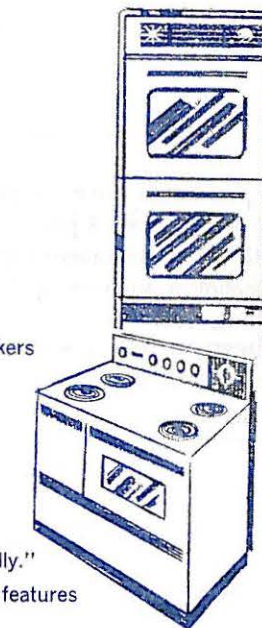
*Mary Means*

Home Economist for San Diego Gas & Electric Company — reports that many homemakers consider automatic controls the number-one advantage of modern electric cooking.

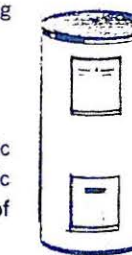
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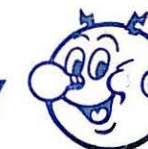
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### Date Book

THURSDAY, November 9th  
 Kiwanis, Fuller Hall, 7 pm  
 Spanish Class, Mt. Empire High School, 7 pm  
 El Capitan Freshman parents, Room 1009, 7:45 pm  
 El Capitan Senior parents, Library, 7:45 pm  
 FRIDAY, November 10th  
 Alpine Acacia Club, Fuller Hall, 6:30 pm  
 VFW Post 5233 meeting, Club House, 8 pm  
 SATURDAY, November 11th  
 Candy Sale, Boy Scout Troop 105, front of Empire Market, Alpine, 9 am  
 Luncheon, Hodge Podge and Food Sale by Mt. Empire Woman's Club, Pine Valley Fire Station, 10:30 am  
 VETERAN'S DAY  
 VFW Game Night, Club House, 8 pm  
 Alpine Youth Group, Alpine Youth Center, 8 pm  
 MONDAY, November 13th  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Fuller Hall, 8:15 pm  
 TUESDAY, November 14th  
 Alpine Fire Department, training meeting, Fire House, 7:30 pm  
 WEDNESDAY, November 15th  
 Alpine Church Guild, Fuller Hall, 10 am  
 Alpine Baseball Association, Youth Center, 8 pm  
 Round dance classes, Mt. Whirlers Club House, Campo, 7:30 pm  
 THURSDAY, November 16th  
 Ladies Guild of Queen of Angels Church, home of Mrs. Innocence Thanner, Viejas View Lane.  
 Kiwanis, Fuller Hall, 7 pm  
 Spanish Class, Mt. Empire High School, 7 pm  
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th  
 Family Night dinner, Alpine Community Church, Fuller Hall, 7 pm

### Socially Minded

"I'm clean," said the man in Raleigh, N.C. But it didn't help

Smile a While



by JACKIE WELTY

Son: (saying his prayer): Please bless my mother, my father, and make Nome the capital of Alaska.  
 Mother: Why do you want Nome to be the capital of Alaska?

Son: Because that's what I put on my test paper.

Boy: I've been trying to think of a word for twenty-four hours.

Second boy: How about day?

Mary: Do you still play with paper dolls?

Sue: No, I cut them out long ago.

Torn: What's worse than raining cats and dogs?

John: Hailing taxicabs.

### RIDDLES:

1. Why did the mouse gnaw a hole in the rug?
2. What is the end of everything?
3. When should a baker stop making doughnuts?
4. What did the man say to the wall?

THINKING CAP TIME: If you turn a left-hand glove inside out and then put it on your right hand, where will the palm of the glove be?



him; police charged him with shoplifting—two bottles of deodorant.

A new vice-president will be elected at the November 11 meeting of the Alpine Youth Group. It is important that all members attend and it is requested that more parents also come.

Members of the Descanso youth group attended the Nov. 4 meeting of AYG.

Local adults attending to assist with the club's activities included John Bilsky, Chuck Paddock, Janet and Jim Radford, Jack Fordyce, Ted Barton.

### REYNOLDS NAMED CAPTAIN

The United Team's 1961 campaign got right down to "grass roots" when its Alpine-Campo residential drive kicked off Tuesday, Nov. 7, in all-out support of 97 vital community agencies.



### BY SAM SWING

A simple test will convince you there's little sense in hitting one iron harder than another.

Hit a full shot with a short iron, count the seconds ball is in the air from impact to first bounce. Then hit a long iron. Chances are that the ball will bounce at the count of six on both shots.

The key to this is the loft and distance built into your clubs. Varying the address on long and short irons voids the clubs' effectiveness. Play all irons midway between the feet; use the same power in your swing for all irons.

### THE OLD ORDER PASSES

The map sign that was blown down by last Sunday's wind has a long history.

Some years ago what is Arnold Way was the main highway and the Woman's Club (then Alpine Hall) set well back from the 60 foot right-of-way. At this time a sign was erected on the property that belongs to the Woman's Club.

Later the 100 ft right-of-way of the present highway went close enough to the hall that the sign was on highway property but it was permitted to remain in place since it was not in the way and because there was no other suitable location. When World War II was being fought this old sign was replaced by the recent structure which at that time had a list of Alpine men in service.

After the war was over and the boys were home, the honor roll was replaced by the map sign. For many years the sign was maintained by the Coca Cola Company. This free goodwill gesture was secured for Alpine by John M. Jones, who was president of the San Diego Coca-Cola Company and a resident of Alpine.

We do not yet know whether the sign will be repaired or replaced but whatever is done will cost the merchants of Alpine a little wind bill.

### OVERGROWN EVERGREENS

There's a tendency among gardeners to treat all evergreen shrubs as though they were sacred. Up-rooting them would seem to be the cardinal sin.

That's the impression one gets after a close look at most older neighborhoods. It's all too obvious that many shrubs have outlived their usefulness. Some of them have overgrown their bounds and others are just plain suffering from old age.

For those that say, "But you can't just pull them out," the California Association of Nurserymen answers, "Why not?" And when you stop to think there really isn't a valid reason for keeping shrubs that are outsize and/or unattractive unless it's sentiment. But that's stretching sentiment pretty thin.

It's true in certain cases that judicious use of the pruning shears might restore some semblance of beauty. But many shrubs that have to be cut back severely never do regain their former grace. It's better to start from scratch and do the job right.

The need for renewal shows up most often in the foundation planting--that all-important link between a house and its landscape. Properly planted and cared for, the foundation shrubs should suggest a gentle transition from the straight lines of architecture into

Caught napping on dessert for tonight's supper? Check your pantry and refrigerator shelves. Of course you have flour, shortening, sugar and milk on hand. And if you find a spare can of fruit too, your dessert is practically on the table. Stir up a batch of these Drop Biscuit Shortcakes, heat the fruit, and in the time it takes to eat your main course you'll have Hot Fruit Shortcakes ready to serve. To make the biscuits, sift together 2 cups sifted enriched flour, 1 tablespoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt and 2 tablespoons sugar into a bowl. Cut or rub in 1/4 cup shortening until mixture is crumbly. Add 1 cup milk and stir until flour is moistened. Then drop six large spoonfuls onto an ungreased baking sheet and flatten slightly with the back of your spoon. Bake in a hot oven (425°F.) for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown. Split biscuits and spoon hot fruit between layers and over top. This recipe will make 6 shortcakes.

### C of C DINNER SUCCESS

The Chamber of Commerce dinners was a success in that 130 dinners were served, Both Alpiners and public officials went away with a good feeling to start from scratch and do the job right. Although no specific business was discussed, the reports and comments left all convinced that progress is being made. The committee, the C of C manager, and those who served are all to be commended. The contour of a landscape. You see foundation plantings, however, that look more like a barrier behind which the house hides.

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WAR DIARY BY BERT FULLER Part Fourteen

(Continuing about our food supply which was taken by the Nips) From March 25, 1942 until the surrender of the island, the Navy and Marines had been on reduced rations, as I said before, on rice and gravy. We had no coffee but the Army issued ninety pounds of sugar per month to the beach guard, which consisted of 258 men. We had been told by the Army that they had no food to issue.

Doi, the Nip with the passion for American civvies, entered our bunk room at Craighill and ordered Test, one of the Americans, to repack his suitcase because he was leaving for Corregidor. Test packed them; Doi inspected them; they hadn't been packed just right; Doi unpacked them, throwing clothes all over the room; Test picked them up; Doi counted them, one was missing; Doi accused Test of stealing the suit; Doi blew his lid, grabbed an arrow from a bow set left by an American. The arrow was about four feet long and spiked. Doi ran at Test. Test sidestepped. Doi missed. The arrow buried itself in a large timber support. Doi tried to get the arrow out of the timber. . . no can do. Doi grabbed a .45 pistol. Test did an exit to the passageway, Doi in pursuit. Test stopped. Doi pointed gun at Test. Doi threatened to kill Test. Test said nothing. Doi looked at him for a minute, turned and walked away, went to the ice box and started passing out Sake. The Sake passing continued until both Americans and Nips were well-crocked. We were learning that the Nip couldn't be depended upon to follow one line of thought. He changes from a "good guy" to a beast at a moment's notice.

We managed to get enough time alone with the radio to get the news of the Coral Sea Battle. Listening to Tokyo radio, the Nips played the battle up as a great victory, claiming they had sunk the Saratoga, Yorktown, California, and Portland, and damaged the North Carolina.

Several of the Nips became very sick from eating sugar. They ate the stuff by the handful. This only added to the filth around our quarters at Craighill. At night they didn't go to the toilet up the hill, they stopped just outside the door of our living room and it was one hell of a mess to clean up in the mornings.

May 27, 1942 - The Nips came over from Corregidor with fifty Americans to work on the American guns. Colonel Edison was in charge of the working detail. They all looked like they were just about dead. I talked with some of the who told me about the conditions on Corregidor. Colonel Edison said several hundred Americans had died from starvation since the surrender. The Nips were still refusing to render medical attention to those who were ill. Colonel Kirkpatrick was with them and said he had been on Fort Drum with the Nips for three days. They raised hell with him for spiking his turret guns at the time of the surrender. He told us how he placed sand bags in them, trained them down to the concrete deck and fired them. The barrels were burst open. They had worked him over but he said it had been well worth it.

I was down on the deck with Colonel Edison's men and the rain was coming down in sheets. The colonel tried to get the Nips to let the Americans knock off for a while but they refused. I was wearing a CPO raincoat and one of the Nips looked at it and told me to take it off. I thought he was going to take it from me but when I held it out to him he ran a bayonet through the back and ripped it open laughing

like a little monkey.

June 5, 1942 - We received news of the Japanese air attack on Dutch Harbor. San Francisco's KGEI said casualties and damage were slight but Tokyo news broadcasts said the whole place was wiped out. The Japanese sergeant was relieved as commanding officer by a little rosie-checked second lieutenant. He turned out to be a better CO than the sergeant had been. He seldom left his room more than once a day. The guards, too, started slacking off. We had more chances to move around on the island. I asked the skipper to let us repair one of the buildings down the hill for living quarters because we had been carrying water from the dock up the hill, a hundred and sixty-two steps. The water came over by boat in five gallon cans and when you carry two of those cans up to Craighill, it's bad. He said to go ahead and fix the place up but we needed more men to do the work. The skipper asked Corregidor for five more men who came over the following day.

The flies were so bad down the hill it was almost impossible to work. The island was filthy with human waste, spoiled food and garbage. The Nips said we could throw some of the spoiled food into the bay so we carried almost a ton of sugar to the end of the dock and dumped it into the bay along with seventy sacks of flour. We policed the island for canned food which might have been opened by the Nips and left to spoil. Most of us were suffering from dysentery and were so weak we could barely move, much less do any work.

The Nip captain said we could set up our own galley at the bottom of Craighill in Battery Woodruff. That was a great relief since most of us had been unable to eat anything in the Nip galley because of the filth and dirt. The Nips received their daily ration of fish from Corregidor and ate it either cooked or raw. When they cooked their fish, they didn't clean them, they just chopped them in a few pieces and threw them in a pot to boil. Many times I walked into their kitchen and the deck would be covered with parts of fish, garbage, tin cans and sugar. Roaches grew fat and healthy; thousands of them.

It took several days to get the island cleaned up. Some of the men worked on the galley, others carried water up the hill for the Nips who were using seventy cans a day in which to bathe, while the remainder of the men worked on the cleaning detail. The Nip skipper said we could use gasoline to kill the flies so we poured gas on all garbage piles and set fire to the them. The flies gradually disappeared and the island was once more liveable.

(We've cleaned up the island and settled down a bit) We had more freedom by living down the hill away from the Nips. They slackened off on the guard duty until at times we would have a whole day with no Nips around. Everyone of us managed to get our firearms cleaned, oiled and hidden away. We cleaned out Woodruff and burned the trash. There were hundreds of fifty and thirty calibre shells in the trash we had swept out of the battery rooms. The ammo started exploding and the Nips stayed up the hill. Smith, a Marine, suggested that we test our guns during the noises so all hands broke out with at least one gun. We held target practice for an hour with the Nips never knowing what was coming off.

PART FIFTEEN NEXT WEEK

Recent improvements at Alpine the entrance road and most of the Cemetery include the pavement of roads in the cemetery.

LIVING?

Do you really live or are you meekly hiding from life? Do you ever dare to do the things you want to do, to be yourself, to laugh, to sing, to speak out for the things you believe in, to work for a cause, to do some things because they mean a lot to you even though you know others will frown and some sneer and laugh?

Friends, no man, strong or weak, can traverse life without being ridiculed and criticized. If you can be true to the best that you know, then you are entitled to be yourself and so long as you do not hurt another, you even have a right to be a fool if it pleases you.

You have but one life. You should enjoy it for a good God gave you the senses by which enjoyment comes; yes, even set your heart and pulses dancing when you live in tune with His law.

First, know yourself and the world about you, that wisdom may guide your every wish. Then trust life, your own heart, and the goodwill of God. Knowing the truth, power and freedom are yours. Live well and enjoy life!

Rev. Edgar S. Welty

APOLOGIES-WRONG MONTH GIVEN FOR CHURCH DINNER

The Date Book erroneously gave Nov. 10 as the date for the dinner and bazaar planned by the ladies of Queen of Angels Catholic Church. You'll have to hold onto your appetite a whole month because the correct date is Dec. 10.

ANSWERS:

1. He wanted to see the floor show.
2. The letter "G".
3. When he's tired of the whole (hole) business.
4. "One more crack like that and I'll plaster you."
5. Against the palm of the hand.

**LENINGRAD I**

by Vant Neff



Come with me to Leningrad. Allow me to give you glimpses of a beautiful city, a peculiar people, and things that caused me wonder, even now that I have seen so much more of Russia.

As our boat left the Baltic and sailed into the waters approaching Leningrad, for some strange, unaccountable reason, the sea gulls abandoned the ship. When it docked at the quay there wasn't a gull in sight . . . instead soldiers lined the pier. The gangplank was lowered and a group of Intourist guides boarded the ship. Our papers and passports were examined again, though they had been cleared long before we entered Russia.

Close to the pier was an exchange office. You can buy cards, stamps, but primarily its purpose was to exchange foreign money for rubles. I left the boat, had my papers examined once more by a soldier . . . incidentally, every time you walk up or down the gangplank, although the soldier may have seen you many times before, he must examine your passport. I exchanged my dollars for rubles, \$1.00 for 1 ruble, less 10 percent for exchange. If I was to have any rubles over when I left Russia they could be converted into dollars, I was informed, less another 10 percent for the second exchange.

But let's look at Leningrad. As our bus, Intourist guide presiding, drove up the quay, once more we were stopped at the gate and the guards re-examined the passes.

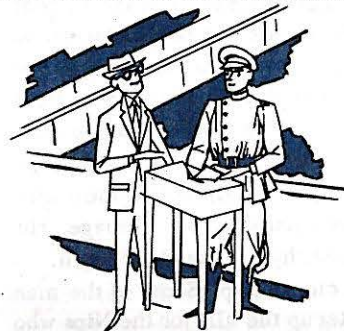
Now, as we drove along the exitway we saw posters of various men and women, obviously Russian, who were portrayed on a large, single sheet, but what their names were and what they had achieved was nowhere in evidence.

Then a grayness descended upon us and remained throughout most of our stay in Russia. With it came not a smell, but a light odor, and if you press me for a description I would have to say that it was akin to the cooking of cabbage. We drove further and through the appropriate aperture in each large house we could see courtyards. Each one was different, none were tidy. Some were in great disarray and all of them left much to be desired. And on

main streets or the byways, affixed to the corner of houses was a copy of a newspaper. Later, when the contents were read to me, I was surprised at the complete denunciation, the thorough vilification of all things capitalistic in general and everything American in particular. Complete lies were replete.

I couldn't help but think that certain industrialists, particularly in Ohio, and other notables, including a former first lady, knew this constant damning of things American and yet those two, and others, remained friendly towards the Russians. Why passengers and shippers supported a railroad the chairman of which feels that Americans are always at fault and the Russians always absolved, is beyond me.

Then it dawned on us. The full splendor of Leningrad, and



"papers examined . . . every time you walk up or down the gangplank."

truly it is splendid. Both sides of the river freshly painted, cheek by jowl with one impressive palace alongside another. Today they house ministries and departments of the USSR, but it took no great stretch of the imagination to think of them housing less sinister functions. I don't know how much damage they suffered, none was in evidence now. Strangely, while one house was being refurbished I noticed that in this worker's paradise the scaffolding was not only rusted but unsafe in appearance to my layman's appraisal.

It is interesting that almost everywhere tourists gathered, little boys would come up and offer to trade Lenin emblems for chewing gum. Most of the time the gum was given freely. Once or twice the gum was accepted but no emblem ex-

changed. But all of the urchins spoke English.

The city certainly is pretty and the parks, the fountains and the churches even prettier. I saw no one going in the churches and the fact that it wasn't Sunday seemingly made little difference for hordes of people attend museums, exhibitions, the Hermitage, picture galleries, and they are eager to see anything that is offered. In fact, you gain the impression that they have seen what is to be seen many times before.

Everyone seems sad, gray, no boy walks hand in hand with a girl. No man ogles a woman. I never did see a perambulator with a baby. There are no dogs or cats in evidence, nor did I ever see but one, and that much later, a woman with a small dog. I can't remember ever seeing anyone smile. People seem to plod along on a weary way.

Eventually you are taken to the Hermitage, the former Winter Palace of the Czar. There one Intourist guide after another leads various groups of tourists through the huge number of rooms. Each guide speaks either in Russian or in the tongue of the visiting nationality. (At this moment I must interrupt to say that if I could ever receive the deodorant concession in Russia I could make a fortune.) While I wasn't particularly impressed with the great exhibits of objects d'art, the fanciful clocks that were created for nobility and/or Czars, and other knick-knacks, and while the portrait gallery of military men, which was done under the supervision of an Englishman, left me cold, the paintings, representing the masters of the world, were very impressive.

At the Hermitage one guide said they had discovered an obscure American pianist named Van Cliburn and that they had paid for his passage and stay in Russia.

Everyone has heard about the magnificent splendor of the Russian subways, and they are. No palace is more awe-inspiring. Marble, chandeliers, are the decor of each station. Strangely, there isn't a single toilet for either man or woman. I guess normal functions are not to be performed in the subway.

**STUDENTS WANT KNOWLEDGE**

Residents of the area who have been the object of numerous fund-raising efforts by El Capitan High School students for such things as band uniforms and athletic equipment wondered what was happening recently when a group of students urgently began seeking money for their biology course.

A shortage of materials and chemicals developed at El Capitan because the school is participating in a new experimental biology course that emphasizes use of the labs.

When biology teacher Richard Lantz explained the shortage problem to his students, they took it upon themselves to find a way out.

They began by soliciting money from willing parents. Meanwhile, Lantz, who was unaware of his students' plan, had received additional funds from the Grossmont Union High School District for the needed material.

Lantz, learning of the collection, had his students return the money. "I was very pleased and appreciated the fact that students went to this extent for an academic course," he said.

**NEW LOOK IN PTA**

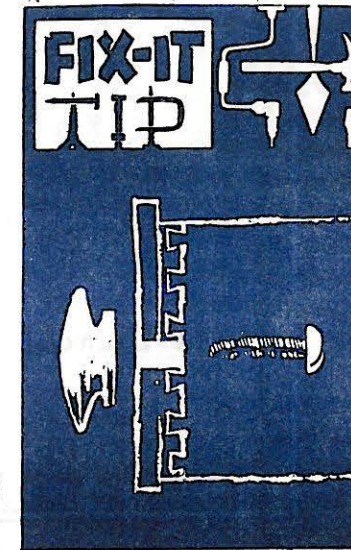
"The New Look in PTA" is under way at El Capitan High School.

Its purpose being to get parents more thoroughly acquainted with the school, "The New Look" includes organized parent service committees, separates business meetings and activities, and limits money-raising functions.

Already several organized parent service committees are actively helping the school each week.

Mrs. John Schneider, chairman of the library service committee, along with two or three other parents, assists the El Capitan librarian, Mrs. Elaine Warren, every Tuesday by mending books.

Mrs. William Castleberry, head



**Tight Bend**

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of the parent service transportation committee, makes arrangements for parents to chaperone the chartered buses which transport El Cap Vaqueros to their football games.

This year PTA executive board meetings, scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month and open to all parents who want to participate in PTA business, are the only business meetings held.

To allow more time for learning about and understanding the educational program at El Cap, the PTA has eliminated small, time-consuming fund-raising activities. To compensate for a loss of money, PTA has raised its annual dues to \$1 per parent and has scheduled only two money-raising functions this year.

**SCHOOL'S NEEDS EXPLAINED**

The Governing Board of the Alpine Union School District will ask the voters to go to the polls on January 16th and approve an operational tax rate of \$1.86 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The rate has been \$1.51 for the past six years, expiring June 30, 1962. Without an election the rate will automatically revert to \$.90.

In order to cope with the problems of growth and increased costs of operation the Board believes this increase is necessary. One example is the need for increasing teachers' salaries which in Alpine are far below the average for the State and the County. Alpine cannot hope to keep good classroom teachers and maintain a high standard of instruction without a more competitive salary schedule.

Of the 36 elementary schools in San Diego County only 11 have a lower authorized tax rate than Alpine, only eight have a lower assessed valuation per child, and only four have both a lower authorized tax rate AND lower assessed valuation per child.

Under the American form of government each community will have the kind of schools for which the people are willing to pay. The coming election is the Board's way of asking the people of the Alpine School District to make this decision.

"Regardless of how you feel we hope you will give us the benefit of your opinion, and regardless of how you vote we hope you will exercise your right to vote on January 16," is the message from the board members of your school district.

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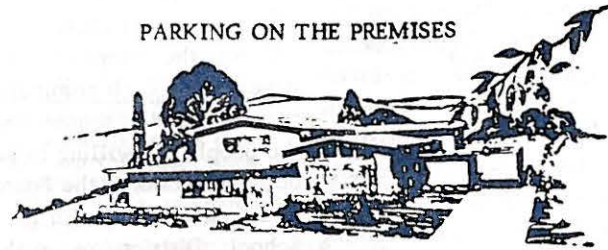
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