

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

ALPINE ECHO

Serving a Growing Area of Homes and Ranches

RECALL PETITIONS FILED FOR CHECKING

NEW DRUG STORE TO HOLD GRAND OPENING SATURDAY

The new Alpine Rexall Pharmacy will start its 8-day Grand Opening Celebration beginning on Saturday, December 1st.

For the past two weeks, owners Jerry and Bea Funk, together with Mr. John Funk, Jerry's father, and Richard Lane of Alpine, have been working hard to build shelves, counters and a prescription counter and bays preparatory to the Grand Opening. Mr. John Funk, who lives in Chula Vista, has been coming up every day, getting to Alpine at 7:00 a.m. He has done all the electrical work and plumbing, and has helped Mr. Lane with some of the carpentry.

The side shelves are all made of peg board to facilitate the attractive display of merchandise, and all the shelves are adjustable. There will be four center-floor gondolas, each with adjustable shelving.

During this week, just before the opening, men from Rexall, McKesson and Brunswick have been working to get all the merchandise supplied by their companies unpacked and arranged on the shelves.

The formal opening of this latest addition to Alpine business district will be on Saturday, December 1st. The store will be open on Sunday, the 2nd, although the regular hours of opening will be from Monday through Saturday in the future. Free orchids will be given to the first 100 ladies visiting the store. Every day there

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Grossmont High Plans Dedication

The Board of Trustees of the Grossmont Union High School District announces that the dedication of the new special educational facility on the Grossmont High School campus will be held on Sunday, December 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. The dedication will be followed by open house for the public to view the facility.

Fire Truck Gets New Tires

At a recent meeting, the Alpine Board of Fire Commissioners voted to purchase four new tires for the veteran truck of the department, according to Dick Robinson, Commissioner. The old tires were so worn as to constitute a definite hazard. These first tires, believed to have been on the truck when it was first issued, could have been as much as 20 years old.

Our thrifty Commissioners were careful to check widely for the best bargain before purchasing the four Michelin Steel heavy duty tires from the Dorman Company in San Diego.

Mr. Robinson warned that the fire hazard is now extreme, due to the long drought during which the grease wood brush, which thickly covers our area, puts forth a protective oil which burns very readily making an intensely hot fire of the kind that spreads rapidly and is difficult to check. The truck, which plays a vital part in the local fire protection program, is now in top shape to do its job.

Historical Society To Incorporate

An enthusiastic crowd attended the meeting of the Alpine Historical Society Sunday, November 25 at the Woman's Club at 2 p.m. It was voted to proceed with the Incorporation of the Club, thus making it possible for the group to accept donations of real or other valuable properties to constitute historical landmarks and a possible museum.

New members welcomed were Mrs. Katherine Black, Mrs. Belle Darnell, Mrs. Anna Jerney, Mr. John Reynolds and Dr. Roger Larson. This brings the membership to 52. Vital portions of the history of Alpine and environs are slowly being added to the society's files. Sunday, Dr. Larson told a little more about the old bell now in the church tower, originally in the old town hall. Mr. James Reading, president of the San Diego Historical Society and a charter member of the local one, spoke on the moving of the old Pendleton house in San Diego to its permanent site behind the Whaley House in Old Town. Rehabilitation on the Pendleton structure will soon be started.

A most enjoyable program was presented by the Madrigal Singers of El Capitan High School, 12 girls and boys in all, who sang old-time songs under the direction of their leader, Angela Marshall.

Social hour hostesses were Mrs. Orville Lusk, Mrs. Bessie Hickey and Mrs. H. W. Johnson. There will not be a meeting in December.

Minor Accident In Heart Of Alpine

An automobile driven by Cecil Smythe of Victoria Drive was involved in a minor automobile accident which occurred in the heart of Alpine at the intersection of Victoria Drive and Highway 80. The incident occurred about 5 p.m. November 27 and involved three cars. Mr. Smythe's car was making a turn into Victoria Drive, heading east when it was hit by a car heading west on Highway 80. Mr. Smythe's car was damaged to a great extent, however, there were no injuries to any of the occupants.

Frontier Town Has Float In Parade

Big Oak Ranch, better known as Frontier Town, in Harbison Canyon, will enter a float in the North Park Toyland Parade this Sunday.

The theme of the float is "First Christmas at Frontier Town" and will depict a living room scene, with fireplace, family playing and singing around the piano, an authentic old spinning wheel and a cradle.

INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

This is the season of year when we are all hearing voices of people who aren't exactly here or there, but whose demands are most persistent, striving as they are to plague the conscience of each and every responsible adult. Give, give, give, they cry. Give of your money, gifts, time, talents. This is all very well up to a point, but any fountain eventually runs dry if it is constantly drained and never replenished. The font of human kindness and sympathy not excepted.

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Gruesome pictures of war orphans, and other victims of all sorts of disaster and disease glut the mails. Appeals from every kind of cult, group, unit, foundation, school and individual (all-non-profit, of course) tug at our coat sleeves and sob in our ears. This attempt to take advantage of an upsurge of Christian sentiment at this time of year is quite unscrupulous. And their number increases each year, swelling the list to a staggering multitude of those who must be cared for, given to, worried about by those chosen to be on the mailing lists. A few requests are valid. Many, many are not. Bogus causes and individuals are forever being revealed to a gullible public. This we know, yet we continue to walk the uneasy treadmill of our era, made to feel guilty if we shut our eyes and ears to some of the demands and give our gifts as we believe they should be given.

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For instance, remembering the strong at Christmas time. Giving a token to those who "have everything" so are not expected to want gifts or friendship, or to need human sympathy. As if this impersonal, professional nagging were not enough, another sad influence is at work and rapidly growing. This joy-killer for the burden bearing adult is the silly idea that Christmas is only for children and unfortunates. All around you hear people say they are giving only to

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Interesting Speaker At Kiwanis

At the last meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Alpine, Mrs. Helen Cobb, San Diego Councilwoman spoke on the subject of "The Salk Institute." An interesting speaker at this week's meeting will be Mr. Harry LaDou, chairman, City and County War Against Litter Committee who will show a 17-minute Technicolor film entitled, Keep America Beautiful, and a seven-minute Walt Disney film entitled, Little Bug. This program is in keeping with the concerted campaign to educate our citizens to keep our highways clean. Mr. La Dou will present some startling figures of costs for clearing our highways of debris.

This should be an interesting meeting as the public is becoming more informed of the need for keeping California beautiful.

Remember the time, 7 p.m., the place, Fuller Hall and the date, Thursday, December 6.

PETITIONS TO BE CHECKED FOR SUFFICIENCY BY COUNTY OFFICES

Recall petitions asking for the recall of Trustees John Reynolds, Charles Kildgore and Laurence Wilcox of the Alpine Union School District, were submitted by Co-Chairmen Zane Dana and Al Wickens of the Alpine Recall Committee to the County School Superintendent at 4:00

p.m. last Monday, November 26.

Alpine Teachers Request Investigation

The teachers of the Alpine Union School District have made a formal request to the California Teachers Association that they make a survey and investigation of the situation now existing in the Alpine school system.

Mr. W. H. Strohte, one of the Alpine teachers and spokesman for the group, states that the request has been transmitted to the CTA Southern Branch through Mr. John Orcutt, CTA Coordinator for San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Mr. Orcutt says that the request has been transmitted to the CTA Commission in Los Angeles which is scheduled to hold a meeting either tomorrow evening or the following Friday evening at which time the request will be considered.

Mr. Orcutt states that the procedure when such a request is made is first for the Commission to have a staff member make a preliminary survey by interviewing the teaching staff in Alpine, and reporting back to the Commission. If the Commission feels that a full-scale investigation is justified, a committee of their staff members is selected to conduct a two- or three-day investigation in Alpine by interviewing all of the teaching staff who desire to be interviewed, as well as members of the School Board if they wish to be heard. This report is then reviewed by the Commission and a

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Animals and Autos Serviced at Flying 'A'

George Brant of the Flying A Service Station has recently acquired a new dealership from the Glenview Feed Company and now has Purina products to offer at his place of business.

George will handle a complete line of Purina products including food for horses, cattle, dogs, and cats. Along with the feed items he also has various insecticide sprays and poisons for rats and gophers.

Also for the horses and cattle he has alfalfa hay. So whether it be your animals or your automobile, George's Flying A has a complete line of "feed" for your needs.

Harbison Canyon PTA Meets

The Harbison Canyon PTA will meet at their regular session, next Tuesday, December 4 at the Harbison Canyon School. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Billie Hunt of the Family Service Bureau. The regular business meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. after which Mrs. Hunt will speak. Following this, refreshments will be served by the mothers of the Special Training Class.

The co-chairmen were furnished receipts for the documents by Miss Morissette of the legal staff of the County Education Department. They were informed by her that the petitions would probably be submitted to the County Clerk and Registrar of Voters on the following day for them to make a determination as to whether the petitions included the number of bonafide signatures required by the Education Code to call the elections.

The co-chairmen state that there are 388 signatures on the petitions asking for the recall of John Reynolds, 383 signatures on the petitions asking for the recall of Charles Kildgore, and 359 signatures on the petitions asking for the recall of Laurence Wilcox.

The provisions regarding recall elections require that there be bonafide signatures of 20 percent of the registered voters in the School District on each of the petitions. At the time that the petitions were first circulated, there were approximately 1500 registered voters in the District which would require a minimum of 300 bonafide signatures.

Miss Morissette stated that the Registrar of Voters was allowed 10 days for the determination of sufficiency of signatures, but anticipated that it would be completed in less time, and that if the petitions were certified to be sufficient that the elections would be set sometime next week. The Education Code provides that the elections be set immediately after certification of sufficiency, the elec-

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Type 2 Oral Polio Vaccine Due

The polio clinic will be opened from 11 until 6 Sunday, December 2 and 9, 1962 in the Auditorium of the Alpine Elementary School. Type 2 Sabin oral vaccine will be available at 25c per sip, reports Mrs. Mary Alice Griggs, substitute volunteer chairman in the absence of Mrs. Virgie Presley.

To achieve complete immunity against polio for the entire county oral vaccine produces an intestinal immunity to infection making it impossible for the vaccinated person to be a polio carrier. This protects not only the individual but the entire community against all three types of polio.

Only the oral vaccine can assure this protection. Sabin oral should therefore be taken by everyone, over the age of three months, whether or not he has had the Salk vaccine injection. It is given during the cool months of the year to avoid the many intestinal virus' present during the summer months.

At the last polio clinic held in Alpine, approximately 2400 County residents took advantage of this service. Many people out for a Sunday drive stopped for their important "sip." Don't forget the date.

UCS CONTINUES FUND DRIVE

United Community Services 1962 campaign is in serious trouble and that means that Alpine and the entire county is in serious trouble, too, Carl E. Hartnack, UCS president, has announced.

"We are 1 1/4 million dollars short of our countywide campaign goal of \$3,883,773, and if we don't raise it soon, thousands of persons throughout the county will be denied the services of UCS agencies next year," Hartnack said.

Alpine has raised more than \$1,000, according to Mrs. E. A. Wilcox, Alpine's UCS chairman.

"Even though this figure represents an increase in federated giving in Alpine, we are still continuing with our drive because of the increased need," said Mrs. Wilcox.

"Should the UCS drive fail this year, the unpleasant task of turning away people in need will become commonplace at our more than 65 health, youth, counseling, character - building, recreational, and social service agencies," Hartnack said.

"A needy family will have to be told that emergency shelter, food and other assistance is unavailable at the Salvation Army. A sick child from a poor family will have to be turned away at Mercy Guadalupe Clinic. And a tottering old widow will have to be denied medical care from the Visiting Nurses."

These community agencies rely on the annual, countywide UCS drive for their year-round operating funds.

"If you have not contributed to the UCS campaign, please do so immediately," Hartnack said. "Send your donation or pledge to UCS headquarters, P. O. Box 2671, San Diego 12; or call HI 5-2260 and Mrs. Wilcox will send a volunteer to pick it up.

"We must not let our UCS agencies be forced to close their doors or curtail their vital community services because of lack of funds.

"With unemployment still high throughout the county, the need for continuing these services is greater than ever. San Diego must rise to its community responsibility. I'm sure that it will," Hartnack said.

COUNTY SEEKS PARK CARETAKER

The San Diego County Personnel Department is in need of an experienced grounds and building caretaker who can effectively meet the public to operate the County's park and health resort at Agua Caliente Springs, located in the desert about 100 miles east of San Diego.

The position as Park Ranger III will involve supervision of other Park Rangers and the ability to take responsibility for administering a large trailer park and camp ground. Salary for this position is \$397 to \$483 monthly. The Ranger must live at the park in a trailer provided by the County Parks and Recreation Department at a nominal cost.

Applicants must be under 65 years of age with high school education or equivalent and have at least three years of responsible experience in the care of parks, playgrounds, beaches, institutional grounds or recreational areas, such experience to have included dealing with the public.

Applications and further information are available at the County Personnel Department, Room 403, Civic Center, San Diego.

NARCE Meeting

El Cajon Chapter No. 669 of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees is having the installation of officers Saturday, December 1, 1962 in the Community Center in El Cajon, at 11:30 a.m. There will be a potluck luncheon and an exchange of Christmas gifts preceding the meeting.

Cdr. Griswold To Preside at WWI Meet

Mountain Barracks 2716, Veterans of World War I, and Auxiliary, will meet at Fuller Hall at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 5.

Nomination of officers for the coming year will be held, and the group propose to change to monthly afternoon meetings instead of evening meetings as have been held in the past.

Commander Donn Griswold, who was ill while on his recent trip to the East, has recovered, and he will preside

Fibre Glass Animals Big Hit

Jim Rorie and Hazen Alkire of the Alpine Fibre-Glass Company have been traveling widely during the past year selling their fibre-glass animals to all kinds of businesses and enterprises.

A ski-lodge, a real estate office and a motel at Big Bear Lake mountain resort each bought one of Hazen's original design grizzly bears to advertise their establishments. A gas station chain in Idaho, whose emblem is a bear, bought four of these life-sized replicas, one for each of their stations.

The steers, cows and calves are in big demand by steak houses, cattle breeders and dairies. Many horse breeders and western-wear shops are getting one of the two types of horses being made by this Alpine industry.

The latest order is for two large elk from the La Jolla Chamber of Commerce for use in the big Christmas display to be erected by this group in La Jolla. The elk is the latest of the designs originated by Designer Hazen Alkire. The first of the two is now completed, with the second ready to put together.

Jim Rorie has just returned from a two-week selling trip through Arizona and New Mexico, with a stop at El Paso, where his animals were very popular. One of the grizzly bears was sold to a school in El Paso where the children were so taken with it that they offered to help raise the money to purchase the display.

North Park Toyland Parade

The 26th Annual North Park Toyland parade will be held Sunday afternoon, December 2, starting at 1:45 p.m., and will move west along University Ave. from 33rd St. to Arizona St., thence south to Morley Field, it was announced by Andrew E. Ekern and Dr. D. D. McElfresh, co-chairmen for the sponsoring North Park Business Club.

"This will be not only the largest but the most colorful and spectacular Toyland parade in its history," said Ekern.

The 18-division parade will move majestically along under new Christmas decorations, which has converted the whole North Park area into a veritable toyland. The decorations are designed around the theme of Santa filling a giant yuletide stocking. At 30th St. and University Ave. a miniature train with Santa pulling carloads of gifts will be seen far above the marchers in the parade.

Heralded by the three Aidas of the Jules Jacques Optimist Boys' Band, the parade will be held by the famed Long Beach Silver Mounted posse, composed of 26 riders on matched palominos.

The five winners of the Miss Parade Majorette of California contest will lead the first divisions of the parade. The Marine Recruit Depot band will lead the parade proper, followed by national, state, county and city dignitaries.

The first of 35 major floats in the parade will carry Queen Jeanne Martin, 15, Point Loma High School coed, and her seven princesses. Other floats in the parade will include those entered by the Spring Valley Chamber of Commerce, the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce, the National City Chamber of Commerce, the Pacific Beach Town Council, Julian, Brawley, Coronado Navy Wives, Big Oak Ranch, "War Against Litter Committee" of San Diego County, U. S. Air Force, Girl Scouts, Copley YMCA, Mission Valley Center, Astronautics Recreation Department and the Chula Vista Jr. Chamber of Commerce.



Center of Alpine in Snow Storm—1949

Old Woman Or Viejas Mountain

By TOM HILL, SR.

The town of Alpine lies at the foot of Viejas Mountain. The Indians called her "Old Woman." In the early days of brave warriors and Indian ways of life, the mountain was used as a lookout for hostile enemies, games, signals, or any other reason you might want to use a lookout. Maybe just to appreciate the wonderful view and be master of all they surveyed.

Early in the morning just as the sun peeks over the hills and there are shadows in the gullies and the hills are lit with sunlight, the form and features "the Old Woman's" may be seen clearly. Looking east from South Grade Road and Tavern Road are the best vantage points. She lays on her back and her head starts on the eastern slope at the Willows. Her breast, large stomach, thighs, legs and feet are layed out for miles to the north.

An old Indian saying was that if the Old Woman wore a cloud cap on her large tummy, this is a sure sign of rain. There have been times that this saying has proven itself to be true, especially if the mountain "El Capitan" also wears a cloud cover.

The Old Timers say that Viejas is like a large sponge. The ground is very porous and soaks up large amounts of water during the rains. This is reasonable for the many springs around Alpine and the Willows. These under-ground veins of water feed into Viejas Creek. Some of the springs are Deer Springs, Revina Springs, and other springs, I don't know their correct names. There used to be a spring on the Huey Ranch, the Campbell Ranch, the old Sheedy Ranch and one on the Anderson truck trail. I know some have been left out and that some of them are dry. Viejas Creek used to flow more abundantly when Mother Nature used to bless us with larger amounts of rainfall. There used to be a spring back of the Hatcliff's house. Monte Brabazon was born near this spring. The old home is gone, but the memory lingers on.

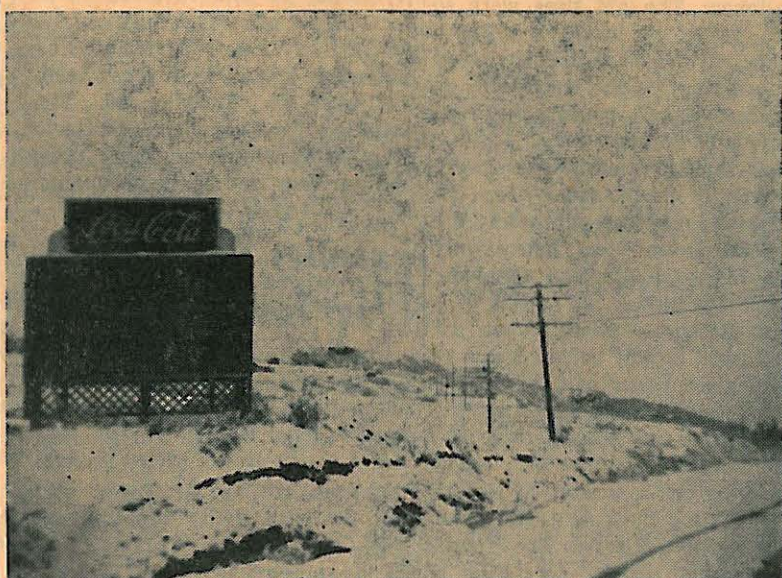
Doug Walker has a water right to use the water of Viejas Creek, he uses it for irrigation. He's the only one that I know of that has this right. There may be others. The creek that used to run

through Dinosaur Land flowed all summer long. There were springs on the property that used to keep the dams full. I don't know if these springs still flow or not. They might have to use the wells and pump the water into the dams now.

In the early 1940's the government did a geodetic survey of Alpine and the whole State of California. Several young men from Alpine helped survey this area. One told of surveying Viejas and while up on the top of the mountain, he saw lady bugs all over everything. There is a marker on top of Viejas and the mountain is over 5,000 ft. elevation. If sometime you desire to go for a mountain climb, you might try going to the top of Viejas. You can sign your name to the list of others that have ventured to the top, there is a paper inside a can there. Be sure before you go to check and see if the weather is going to be clear or foggy. People have been lost in a heavy fog on the mountain. Several years ago two sailors hiked up Viejas and they didn't get back before nightfall, so they got lost. Lucky for them some one heard them yelling for help and a searching party was sent out. They were found on the west side on a very steep slope. The best way to climb the mountain is the north side. You can drive up Victoria Drive and take the Anderson truck trail as far as possible and start your climb from there. Another way is to go to the Willows and hike up the eastern slope, it takes a little longer.

There is an old abandoned mine on the eastern slope of Viejas. This mine is known as the Spook Mine. A spiritualist medium told a man that the spirits told her there was lots of gold on Viejas. He became so interested and she took him to the mountain and

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Highway 80 Entrance to Alpine in Snow Storm—1949

CHURCH SERVICES

ALPINE COMMUNITY CHURCH —Rcger M. Larson, Ph.D., Pastor HI 5-2110		
Sunday School For All Ages	9:45 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	9:45 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Pilgrim Fellowship (Junior and Senior)	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Church Guild, Every Wednesday	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
Family Dinner, Thurd Friday Each Month	7:00 P. M.	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.	8:00 A. M.
Daily Mass	8:00 A. M.	8:00 A. M.
Receive Confessions Saturdays	3:00 to 4:00 P. M.; 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Religious Instructions for Children Attending Public Schools:		
Harblson Yanyon	10:00 A. M. Saturdays	10:00 A. M.
Alpine	11:30 A. M. Saturdays	11:30 A. M.
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH —Rev. JJames Arnold, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Sunday School For All Ages	9:45 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE WILLOWS —Rev. Vaughn Steen, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Sunday School	9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	10:45 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evenings	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
ALPINE LUTHERAN CHURCH —Rev. Charles W. Tedrahn, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Morning Worship Service, Women's Club	10:45 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
Sunday School, Every Sunday	9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD —Rev. Eva Bailey HI 5-2145		
Sunday School For All Ages	9:45 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
Evangelistic Sunday Night Service	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
Prayer Service Thursday Evening	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, Descanso —Rev. Joseph Prince, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Sunday Mass	9:00 A. M. and 10:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
Holy Days and First Fridays Mass	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Daily Mass	8:00 A. M.	8:00 A. M.
Confessions heard before all Masses		
HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY CHURCH —Rev. Floyd French, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Sunday School for all Ages	9:45 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
"Crusaders for Christ," Each Monday	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Women's Missionary Group, Each Wednesday	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
Bible Study Group, Each Friday	1:00 P. M.	1:00 P. M.
HARBISON CANYON BAPTIST CHURCH —Rev. Rolland Butler, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Sunday School for all Ages	9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.	10:30 A. M.
Youth Group, Sunday Evening	6:00 P. M.	6:00 P. M.
Evangelistic Service, Sunday Evening	7:00 - 8:00 P. M.	7:00 - 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Each Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 P. M.	7:00 - 8:00 P. M.
CHAPEL OF THE HILLS, Descanso —Rev. Ernest Meier, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Sunday School	9:45 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Church Worship	11:00 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
M. Y. F.	6:30 P. M.	6:30 P. M.
Evening Hymn Sing	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHAPEL, Mt. Laguna HI 5-2145		
Sunday Mass	12:15 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
CHURCH OF CHRIST —Clyde Goff, Pastor HI 5-2145		
Community Club House, Pine Valley		
Bible Study	9:45 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	10:45 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Weekly Bible Study, Roe home, Oak Lane, Friday	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.



MRS. LOUISE McCORMICK

GUATAY POSTMASTER RETIRES

Mrs. Louise McCormick, Postmaster of Guatay for the past 15 years, retires November 30th.

We asked her how she happened to choose Guatay and the following is her answer: "In 1946 with World War II over and after three years in the Engineering Department at Convair, I felt a much needed rest. The best place I decided to open a shop in Guatay. So I rented a storeroom, stocked up on wearing apparel for the entire family. I will always remember my first two customers, Dorothy Hollett and Mrs. Billy Ryan, from Descanso.

About a year later I circulated a petition asking for a post office to be installed in the Yankee Market, then owned by Johnson and Lytell. Weeks passed and then one day two government men came and checked the validity of the names on the petition. Four months later, October 15 I received a letter saying, "You have been appointed Acting Postmaster to set up a post office ready to send first mail out November 1." Much had to be done in two weeks, but the wonderful people of Guatay helped and on November 1, as the old saying goes "The mail must go through"—and it did. This was a gala affair as about 50 horses and riders met the mail truck at Descanso Bridge and escorted the truck to Guatay. We had a fake robbery—chased, caught and hung the robber (not really).

Looking back in retrospect over the years they have been very happy and satisfying ones. Meeting such wonderful people and the beginning of life-long friendships. I will miss them and the trees.

Post office work is interesting although 75 percent of it is routine. The balance you share the joys of your fellow man. We, as postmasters, are called upon to do many things beside casing the mail and selling stamps, and are happy to be of help.

When I leave the mountains I am sure I'll make many trips up here, until eventually I will be "sort of weaned away"—but never fade away, as the old soldier does."

This is all Louise would say about herself but knowing her, we can't let it stop at this. There are several stories we would like to share with you about her and going back we will start with the one about the dollar bill. In August 1950, following the disastrous Canajos fire that destroyed her

New Residents

Mrs. Charlene V. Brown, of Alpine Branch La Mesa Realty Company reports the sale of the 10 scenic acres on Alpine Heights Road belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Cesario Sr. The new owners are Col. and Mrs. Roy A. Murray. Col. Murray is stationed at Fort Huachaca, Arizona and plans to retire in about a year. The Murrays have two sons who enjoy riding, so their plans for the future include a nice home and horses for the boys.

Mrs. Brown also reports the rental of three fine properties this week. Mrs. Lesley McAmis of Calexico has rented the nice home of Mr. Charles DeWitt on DeWitt Terrace. Mr. R. J. Picard has rented the Dadmun property on East Highway 80, next to the Lazy A Ranch. Mr. Picard and his two sons, aged 7, and 12, have horses and were glad to find such nice facilities for their horses. They have leased this property for a year. It consists of 11 acres with barns and corrals, a large ranch house and guest house. Mr. Picard's parents will live in the guest house.

Also newcomers to Alpine are Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson of El Cajon, formerly of Campo who have rented the nice home just west of Alpine which Mrs. Carlstrom recently purchased. Their family consists of two little girls and a baby.

Old Timer In Hospital

Mr. Neil Galloway is confined to his bed now in the Foothills Hospital, but is cheerfully accepting visits from his many friends.

Local friends miss the familiar tall figure when they pass the old house on Arnold Way where Neil always gives a friendly wave if he is in his fine garden. Good wishes to our old timer.

Tuberculosis is the biggest killer of all the infectious diseases. Fight back, by using Christmas Seals on

Brusilow To Be Guest Soloist

Anshel Brusilow, the youthful, enormously talented concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who was last heard here when he performed with that world-famous orchestra in June, will be the guest soloist with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday night, December 4, at 8:30 p.m. in Russ Auditorium.

Mr. Brusilow, who has been hailed by critics from Boston to San Francisco as a "virtuoso of the first rank" will play the Violin Concerto in D by Tchaikovsky.

Another outstanding event in store for music-loving San Diegans will be the world-premiere of a work by the young American composer David Ward-Steinman. Mr. Steinman who has lived in San Diego since September of 1961 composed this, his first symphony in Paris in 1959 during a one-year tenure of foreign study from the University of Illinois.

The orchestra under the baton of its conductor and music director, Earl Bernard Murray will open Tuesday night's concert with Johann Sebastian Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3." The charming "La Valse," subtitled "A Choreographic Poem" by Maurice Ravel will conclude this concert.

1963 Auto Plates Now Available

California passenger car licenses are not being registered until January 1, 1963. However, license plates are now being issued to automobile dealers, wreckers, manufacturers and transporters throughout the state.

The Department of Motor Vehicles announce that the deadline for application for 1963 licenses is November 30. Applications received after that date are delinquent and a penalty of \$8 will be added to the fee for the first set of dealer, wrecker or similar license plates issued on the application.

Commercial vehicle operators will be the next group eligible for 1963 registration. Operators of commercial trucks, trailers and other vehicles used commercially or for hire may renew registration after Dec. 1.

The Department of Motor Vehicles also said that persons acquiring vehicles by transfer after Dec. 1 will be required to apply for the new year's registration and license plates when they seek recording of title.

It's In The Library

By ELIZABETH C. WEST

This past week the truck delivered its monthly allotment of books to the Alpine Library from the San Diego County headquarters at 3532 Meade Avenue.

Why not drop in sometime? We are open Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5, Saturday from 10 to 2.

Here is a reminder for those borrowers who are unfamiliar with the book drop in the library door. If it is inconvenient to return your books during library hours, they may always be pushed through the slot in the door. A wooden trough is hooked onto the inside of the door to keep the books from being damaged as they slide onto the floor.

But why not plan to return your books on a day when the library is open so that you can check out some new ones? Here is a brief list of recent acquisitions.

"Fail Safe"—a novel by the author of "The Ugly American," Eugene Burdick and Harvey Wheeler.

"The Desegregated Heart" by Sarah Patton Boyle—a Virginian's stand in time of transition.

"Celebrating Christmas Around the World," edited by Herbert Henry Wernecke.

New mystery novels and more young people's books about horses.

AUTO CLUB MOTORLOG

Geological Splendor, Variety Lure Visitors to Death Valley

It was the winter of 1849 when Death Valley gained its name and its reputation. A group of emigrants going west to the goldfields started across the forbidding land believing it to be a short cut to their destination. Lack of food and water was a major cause of the panic that resulted. The band split into frantic parties, each striving wildly to get out of the barren valley. After much hardship all members but one survived the ordeal and reached the western side of the valley.

Today Death Valley is a wonderfully scenic attraction, easily accessible over good roads with fine accommodations awaiting the visitor, reports the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Best known as a winter resort, the season runs from approximately October 15 through May 15. The

Annual Death Valley '49ers Encampment, an outing open to the public, is held each November.

The valley contains a wealth of geological phenomena, with every one of the eras represented. Although some precious metals have been found, it was the discovery of borax which initiated settlement in the area. The first roads were built in the eighties and over them the famous "Twenty Mule Teams" drew their wagonloads of borax from the desert.

Accommodations are available at Stovepipe Wells and Furnace Creek. Texas Springs Campground is near the mouth of Furnace Creek and has both camping and trailer sites.

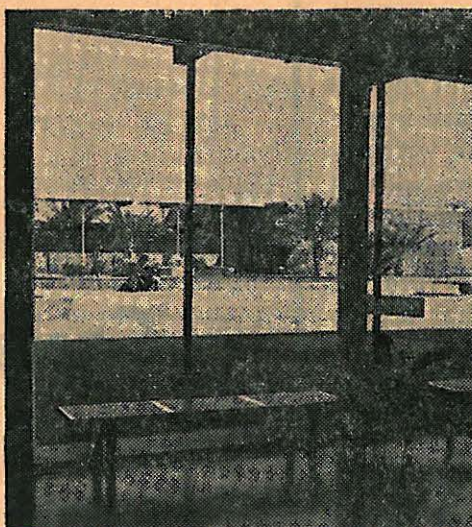
Water is scarce in the valley, so an extra supply should be kept on hand. Visitors should drink only from clearly marked springs.

Among the colorful points of interest are Dante's View, Badwater, Zabriskie Point, Corkscrew Canyon, Twenty Mule Team Canyon, Ryan, Devil's Golf Course, Titus Canyon, the Salt Pools, Golden Canyon, Ubehebe Crater, Mosaic Canyon, the Sand Dunes, Aguerberry Point, Chloride Cliffs, Artists Drive, Natural Bridge and Scotty's Castle. Recently added to the National

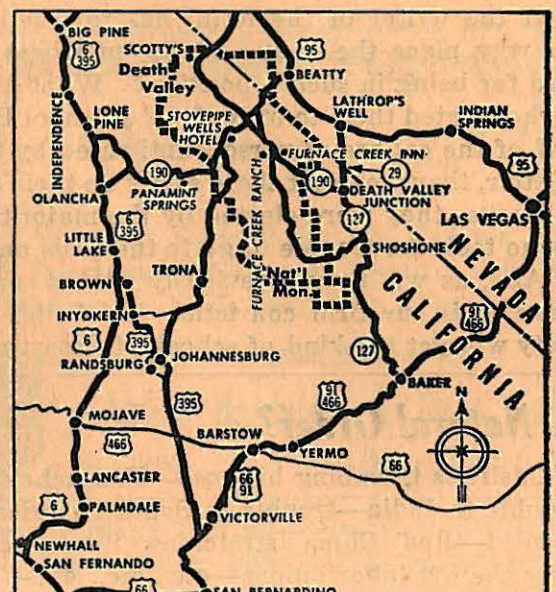


WEIRD — Geological phenomena of many varieties can be found throughout the Valley. Typical is Mushroom Rock, just off the road from Furnace Creek Ranch to Bad Water.

Monument attractions is the Museum and Visitors' Center. Dioramas, displays, paintings and photographs augmented with lectures by Park naturalists tell the Death Valley story.



MODERN — Death Valley Museum and Visitors' Center now provides travelers to the National Monument with historic, natural science and touring background.



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The Wheels Of Progress

The community of Alpine is typical of many communities throughout the country which began with early settlers in a sparsely settled community many miles from centers of population and transportation.

The next phase of many of these communities, as it was for Alpine, was the advent of improved roads which shortened the time of travel and brought new residents to the community. The third step for Alpine was the advent of a dependable water supply to replace the wells which were going dry.

During the growth of Alpine, the increase in population brought about by "new-comers" coming into the community has made changes in the thinking of the population regarding a number of factors which affect our daily lives.

With the increased number of inhabitants in this area there is becoming a need for more shopping and service organizations to be available within the community rather than have to do our shopping and seek services elsewhere.

Alpine has been well served up to this point by the local merchants and service businesses, but now is the time for decisions to be made as to whether the local business and service people will expand to provide more modern shopping and service facilities, or whether they will be furnished by others coming to our community, or by a combination of both.

It is readily understood that it would be a tremendous task for local residents to provide a bank that would fulfill the needs of this community, so we are pleased that one of the major banking institutions of the West has seen fit to plan the establishment of a branch in our community.

Also, it is understandable that not all of us are pharmacists or druggists, so again we are pleased to hear that a qualified pharmacist has seen fit to embark on a venture of furnishing this community with a modern drug store.

We wish them both the best of luck and the support of the community, and look forward to seeing other similar ventures established in the future.

Who Is Responsible For What?

We read in the daily press a letter to the editor written by a resident of the Alpine community on the present controversy involving the Alpine School Board.

In making his comments, the writer stated in part as follows: "It is an indictment against School Boards in general that they should be empowered to appraise and pass judgment upon individuals so often and so clearly superior to themselves."

If the writer of the letter has this belief, and it is true, why place the blame on the members of a School Board for being in such a position? What about the voters who elected them to office? If a School Board is composed of the calibre of persons intimated by the writer of the letter, they were not there solely on their own volition, but because they were elected by the majority of the voters who took the trouble to go to the polls and vote.

And, as we have previously stated on several occasions, it is our firm conviction and belief that a community will get the kind of schools it deserves.

The Natural Order?

Castro is thumbing his nose—Krushchev won't agree—trouble in India—trouble in South America—strikes at Lockheed—Red China stretching its muscles—turmoil among the big labor unions—etc., etc., etc.—ain't we got fun!

Guild Bazaar On Saturday

The Guild of the Alpine Community Church will hold their annual bazaar, Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bazaar will be held in Fuller Hall, Marshall Road.

Handwork, home-baked goods, candy, white elephants and rummage sales will be held.

Luncheon will be served from 11:30 until 2 p.m. Donations, adults \$1, children under 12 years, 75c.

If you want to buy lovelies, or goodies, or find bargains, please join us in fun, fellowship and a good cause.

Teachers Request

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 formal report prepared and transmitted to the teaching staff in Alpine.

Mr. Orcutt further states that the type and character of the investigation requested by the teachers is confidential and can only be made public if so desired by the teachers themselves.

The usual length of time required for a survey from the time that the request is submitted to the Commission is two months.

Drug Store Opens

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 will be free door prizes for each customer, and on the final day of the Opening there will be a drawing at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, December 8th. The grand prizes in this drawing include an electric blanket and a Brownie camera.

Jerry and Bea Funk invite everyone to attend the opening of their new drug store and get acquainted.

Petitions

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 tions to be held not less than 35 days and not more than 40 days after the date of setting of the elections. If the petitions are found sufficient, it was estimated that the elections would be called for January.

The co-chairmen state that the Alpine Recall Committee will sponsor and support candidates if the recall elections are set, to succeed the three Board members if they are recalled. Candidates cannot be nominated until after an election date is set.

INTIMATE GLIMPSES

Continued from Page 1
 the children, or the poor, or the sick, the weak, the victims of one calamity or another. And each season the list grows and the clamor increases threatening to drown out the very story of Christmas itself with its joyous song of angels and other manifestations of happiness and good tidings FOR ALL.

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With our wonderful human talent for inventing excuses for what we want and need we are gradually arranging categories which can cover us all as unfortunates of some kind. For we all want a share of Christmas, of its essential joy, a give and take share. In any mail I expect a pas-

sionate plea from the foundation for the poor victims of UNRULY HAIR who can't afford the best hair dressing and whose love life is about to crash because of it. Or the victims of B.O. who wish a free supply of roll-on. We'd feel miserably guilty if we didn't send the requested donation. We wouldn't want UNRULY HAIR'S broken heart on our conscience, would we?

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Christmas is for everyone, adults as well as children, the strong as well as those not so strong, the fortunate as well as those less fortunate. We are all victims of the constant war against human feclicity.

LAW IN ACTION

INFORMATION, PLEASE

The law favors open government records and papers to keep the people informed about their government.

Yet another policy makes some documents secret. A government's dealings with some people should be secret. For example, your income records must be kept secret to encourage full disclosure of your earnings to the tax collector.

The government keeps many public records. Your county recorder has facts about deeds, leases, bonds, property tax assessments, and the like. Your county clerk keeps files of business incorporations, those doing business under fictitious names, partnerships, lawsuits, probates, guardianships, and many other legal facts.

The state and county health departments have vital statistics of births, marriages, divorces, and of other personal information. The police keep records of arrests and like information. The Department of Motor Vehicles has facts on car ownership, driving abilities, and traffic citations. The public schools keep one's educational record.

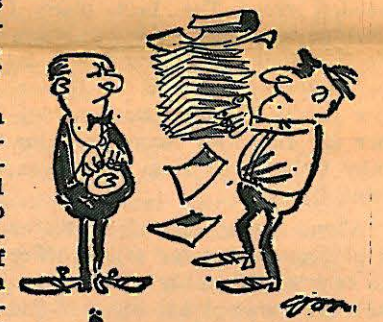
Some agencies report facts

about the professions or businesses they license.

Other records are public such as the acts of the courts, public officials, and the Legislature. Adoptions are confidential.

The government also keeps private documents in public places such as your request for licenses, permits and zoning variances.

Some other private papers belong to the government alone and are not, as a rule, public. Preliminary investigations do not lead to action. As a rule, the public may not see an investigation of a charge against a licensed businessman unless it leads to some action. As a rule, auditors who examine private books may not lawfully tell what they find.



But the aim is to have a free flow of facts to the well informed citizen.

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ALPINE

By DEBBIE MARSHALL

Friends of former Alpiners, Jo and Bob Baarlaer, Mary Kay and Mark, who formerly lived on Olive-wood Lane will be happy to hear of their newest heir, Chris Ann, born November 3 and who weighed 9 pounds, 11 ozs. The Baarlaers are now in Ossineke, Michigan where Bob, at last report, was participating in one of his famous pastimes, partridge hunting. The children are doing fine—with the exception of Mark, who at present has a good case of the mumps and mother, as usual, just doesn't have enough hands.

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Mrs. Josephine Sturdevant traveled to Yuma, Arizona to spend Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Harry T. Gantt and family, returning to Alpine with her grandson and reports a lovely trip.

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Many Alpiners spent the Thanksgiving holidays together with their relatives and friends at home feasting on the proverbial turkey and season foods. However, there was a group that got together and had their holiday festivities away from home, out under Mother Nature's skies. Neda and Tom Hill and boys, Pat and Jack Blankenship, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scribner and daughter, Ferd Gunkle, Bill and Pat Doerr and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doerr all drove over to the desert and spent their Thanksgiving enjoying their turkey, cranberries and all the rest that goes with such a feast, camping out. The children went frog hunting, returning to roast the frog legs over the camp fires, while the others went hiking and jeep riding through the desert trails. They report the sunsets were truly inspiring and the weather just about perfect. All in all, it was a most thankful and wonderful Thanksgiving get-together. Elna and Mace Bratt and son, Stevie, also drove down and spent one of the evenings together with the group and then returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Judd, Victoria Drive and family travelled to Los Angeles to be with Tom's father and his wife over the holidays. As is usual, they were very happy when they returned to Alpine where there was no fog or smog.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Woolridge of Alpine have moved to Jacumba. They bought a house trailer and will be living in it while Clifford is working on the new highway project.

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Miss Sara Smith was home for Thanksgiving with her parents the Wendell Smiths of Alpine Terrace Road. Miss Smith lives in the San Diego area now so as to be near her job.

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Mrs. Harry Colby, Mrs. Orville Lusk, and Mrs. Ed Orbom were among the ladies from the Alpine Women's Club attending the Coffee House play given by the La Mesa Woman's Club, Monday afternoon, November 26. The ladies report a good time with some merry laughs at the clever program the La Mesa Club presented.

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Miss Lorretta Tripp is visiting friends in Imperial Valley, and is expected to arrive home in a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Al Adams of Alpine Heights Road entertained a house full of Mrs. Adams' relatives on Thanksgiving Day and enjoyed one of Al's delicious white turkeys for dinner. Renee's great aunt and

waii where Mr. Ambrose is a retired professor from the Kamehameha University, were among the guests. Others were her grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Likes of Mt. Helix, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Glover, her aunt and uncle, and their family, and Renee's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Murray of Lakeside.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Trail were visited over the holiday weekend by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Odell and their little daughter, Diana, from Anaheim. Mr. Odell is attending an electronics school in Anaheim and when he finishes the course in about three weeks, he and his family will move to Newport News, Virginia, where he will be connected with the Interstate Electronics Corporation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallan, of South Grade Road, and their son, Phillip, joined Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis of San Diego at Jamar's Restaurant in La Mesa for their Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Wallan says they had an excellent meal, and she enjoyed not having the job of cooking the traditional large dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robyn Smith of Alpine Heights Road had 18 for Thanksgiving dinner at their home. Ellen Smith said she had "more cooks than customers." The guests included Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Harveta Smith of Compton, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lindsey, from Lynwood. The Smith's daughter, Adela, her husband, Don Palmer, and their small daughter, Linda came out from San Diego. The rest of the crowd was made up of children and grandchildren of the couples present.

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Mrs. Nellie Keller of Alpine Highlands had a nice Thanksgiving get-together with her brother, Charles Eggers and his family.

CAMPO

By FAY FARRIS

Paul and Ava Moreland and their 5 children of Lake Morena have moved to Wasco, California, where Paul is in the Welding business with another partner. He quit the U.S. Forestry Service about 7 weeks ago and has been in Wasco that long. Ava's brother came down Thanksgiving Day and drove the family to their new location, where they will probably be very happy as her mother lives near by.

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Helen and Pete Cooper of Buckman Springs Road hosted Mollie Wilson, Bee Boyd, Helen Pate and son Bill at Thanksgiving Day dinner. They had a wonderful time together, and enjoyed a delicious dinner, as Helen is an exceptionally good cook.

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Phoebe Thompson of Morena Village entertained her daughter Sylvia and husband and 3 children, and her daughter Natalie and 5 children, on Thanksgiving Day. Natalie lives in Pasadena and Sylvia lives in the Northern part of California. They had a happy reunion.

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Ardelle and George Craft of Morena Village enjoyed the company of their twin grandsons Dean and Ronnie Craft of San Diego at Thanksgiving dinner. The boys' mother and father are living in the East, and could not be present. The day was saddened by the death of the boys' dog "Nickie," which has been in the care of Ardelle and George since their son moved to his new location.

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key Dinner on Thanksgiving Day to their son Curt and his wife who were accompanied by their two sons—one 3 weeks old and the other 1½ years of age. Their son John is Foreman at the West Riverside Station of the Division of Forestry, and he just received an award of a \$370.00 Weatherby Rifle, which was third prize given by the Golden Nugget of Las Vegas for the largest buck shot during deer season. John's deer was shot in Utah.

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Alden and Fay Farris of Lake Morena hosted Nell and Pete Myers of Paramount, California at Thanksgiving Day dinner. Mrs. Myers is the sister of Mr. Farris. The Myers brought their house trailer, and left Sunday for Salton Sea to spend a few days.

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The Mt. Whirlers Square Dance Club enjoyed another wonderful evening of fun at the Mt. Empire High School Auditorium on Saturday evening Nov. 24, with Art Riding calling. Helen Pate and Goldie Davis were hostesses, and they served delicious cookies, with coffee for the grownups and a fruit drink for the youngsters.

DESCANSO

By PATRICIA RICE

Those lights you saw at the Hurlburt Grove Lodge over the Thanksgiving holiday were not a mirage. Some 50 relatives of Ken and Bonnie Schauers gathered together for a Thanksgiving dinner.

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Dave and Bonnie Rathbun and family have moved to National City to be nearer Dave's work.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Sturdy are busy these days visualizing their new home to be built in the near future on Oak Grove Drive.

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We welcome some new neighbors on River Road, the Hearn family. They are purchasing the old Voorhies home.

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Two frequent visitors to our area are the Connor's brothers, Francis and Richard. They are both now living in San Diego while they attend State College.

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Overheard in front of Perkin's Store by two elderly city ladies, exclaiming, "Just what we need, Emma, a wringer type washer" as advertised on the bulletin board in front of the store.

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Four cold, tired and lost Boy Scouts were picked up over the weekend by a local resident. They were returned to their troop who had made camp at the Descanso Campgrounds.

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Just a couple of notes of interest to our Descanso residents in passing, Christmas stamps are now available at our local post office. Many of our gardeners while inspecting their flower beds, have noted young deer are much in evidence.

MT. LAGUNA

By COLLEEN INGALLS

Had a nice visit with the Olsons, Sunday and finally was able to say hello to Steven, now two months old.

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Attended church on Mt. Laguna Sunday. Beautiful, clear day. Rev. Addison Moore's sermon was "Thanks for Missionaries." Only half hour drive from Alpine nestled in pines and oaks. Very picturesque.

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Mr. Charles Coolledge, age 87 suffered a heart attack recently. After being released from Sharp

before traveling north. Shows where his heart belongs.

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Good to see the smiling face of Ranger Jack Turmath. Mentioned some wonderful improvements in store for the camp grounds in Mt. Laguna.

PINE VALLEY

By JANE ORBOM

Congratulations to Jerry Walker for the very competent handling of the more than 400 Thanksgiving dinner guests at Hobart House. Most of these were by reservation and Jerry kept everything running smoothly the whole hectic day.

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Word was received that the William Healds, former residents of our area, now living in Ringgold, Georgia that son Bill recently graduated as an engineer from Georgia Tech. Bill will be remembered as a bright, lively youngster and we are always glad to hear of our young people who complete their education with honors.

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For the first time in over three years, Otis Amsdan was able to return to visit old friends and neighbors. So nice to see this very nice couple and best of all to know Mr. Amsdan is so much better since his very serious illness.

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Tex and Lois Jones accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, their Wilcox neighbors arrived late Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Billie Hill and her family. Bucky and Edna Harris joined them at the feast for 16. Friday the grownups "did the town" of San Diego. The Jones and Swansons left Sunday for home.

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Thursday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. the Mountain Empire Republican Women will enjoy their Christmas luncheon at the home of their president, Mrs. Mary Kerns. The ladies request those wishing to attend make their reservations early.

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Chief Pingley is all smiles about the new Junior Fire training. The first session was held last Friday. Isn't it wonderful to know we have these young men interested in our department?

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Remember the Pine Valley Improvement Club meeting, Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m. at the clubhouse. The entertainment after the

meeting sounds exciting.

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Connie Mulhauser missed fire training last Monday for the first time. Of all things he caught a cold on his trip to Tucson. He and Donna spent Thanksgiving with Ann and her family.

Wilcox Daughter In US

News was received this week of the arrival in the United States of Marilu Wilcox Sands and her family. They are now visiting in Georgia and are expected in Alpine for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilcox of Tavern Road, are very anxious to get acquainted with their two grandchildren, Robin, two years and Tony, eight weeks.

LOCAL WOMAN'S CLUB MEET

The Alpine Woman's Club met Tuesday, November 27 in the Community Clubhouse. Mr. Robert A. Bowden gave a very interesting talk on stocks to approximately 32 ladies of Alpine. A business meeting preceded the program. Mrs. L. E. Peterson is program chairman. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. J. E. Hoistad, Mrs. T. A. Smith and Mrs. Mace Bratt. Plans were made for the coming Christmas party.

CHATTER CORNER

By ROBIN LESLIE

Everyone attend the donkey basketball game Friday night in El Capitan's Foster gym at 8 p.m. Ten live donkeys will be the highlight of the night, as a faculty team opposes an alumni team in what promises to be the funniest and most unusual game of the year. Admission prices are, adults \$1, children 6-12, 50c, junior and senior high students, advance sale only 75c, at the door \$1.

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"Our Town" will be presented by the advanced drama class of El Capitan on December 4, 5, and 6 in the Foster gym at 8 p.m. The price is 25c with an ASB card and 50c without.

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Old Woman Or Viejas Mountain

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showed him where to start digging. The diggings started and much money was spent putting in a shaft. You guessed it, more money was put into the ground than was taken out. Later some other men started working the mine and claimed they struck it rich. They were going to be generous and give Alpiners the first chance to buy an interest in the mine. They were unable to fool the people so they disappeared and haven't been heard from since. The Spook Mine is still there waiting for the next party. Someone suggested the mine might be used for a fall-out shelter, if need be. There used to be a nice cool stream of water running out of the mine. It was a good place for the weary deer and hunters to get a nice cool, refreshing drink.

Years ago, before we had so many dry spells, many deer could be found on and around Viejas. The deer population has dwindled down to just a few, due to the lack of lush vegetation, water, hunting, and maybe departure to greener pastures.

On the west side of Viejas are lots of flat sided rocks. They would make good building material for fireplaces, walls, and homes. It would be expensive getting to them and hauling them out.

The year 1930 we had our biggest brush fire. It started on the Indian reservation and headed straight for Alpine with the help of a terrific east wind. It burned down to Alpine—destroying many homes. It burned the big two story house built by Mr. Arnold. At the time of the fire it was the main building for the sanitarium that had been operating there. Part of the foundation is still located on Mr. Doerr's property. The fire went down the old highway and up through Dr. Ball's Ranch clear over to Tom Hill's (Sr.) and came within 150 feet of his cabin. The ashes were huge burning pieces of brush and shingles. The east wind blew the fire like a bellows in a forge, keeping things red hot. During the fire the sky was obscure, nothing but big black clouds of smoke, and it began to rain. Yes, I said rain. Viejas looked like a corpse, and the wind blew ashes, black ashes everywhere. The Old Woman lay barren and black for a long, long time.

In 1949 we had a surprising snow storm, it snowed three times in one week. Viejas was a pure white majestic sight to behold. The snow measured from 4-6 inches, and farther up in the mountains the snow was 4-6 feet deep. It snowed as far down as El Cajon and El Capitan mountain was draped in a blanket of pure white. Several roofs of buildings collapsed that year. It was quite a sight to see orange trees and cactus, of all things, covered with snow. Viejas was completely covered; there wasn't any brush showing through the snow.

Malcolm Huey, Jr., and some other boys of Alpine built a big sled and pulled it to the top of Viejas. It took them hours to get to the top, but it took only minutes to ride the sled to the bottom. They figured they did about 45 miles an hour and the sled made jumps of about 10 feet in places. They landed safe and sound, but plenty tired. What an experience for this part of the country.

Notice some evening at sunset when there are clouds in the sky and the hills look purple. Look up to her Royal Majesty, draped in her robe of royalty and wearing her crown of beautiful clouds. This sight should inspire you and swell your heart with the love for Nature.

Hell is full of musical amateurs. George Bernard Shaw.

Schrade Reports On Legislation

It's quite a reversal of expected form, but it can be a considerable relief to learn from a qualified source that a tough legislative problem may not have to be brought up at our next session. This is especially true when an interim committee, after months of patient and intensive study, comes to the conclusion that legislation may not be the proper answer to the problem.

After the enactment a few years back of the implementing law for the state-wide water program, and voter approval of the needed bond issue, it was evident that some water problems still warranted careful review. The Assembly Interim Committee on Water embarked on a comprehensive study of the economic, engineering, geographic, legal and political factors on "ground water basin" management.

At present, there is complicated legal machinery for the determination and allocation of rights to water from surface streams. However, there is no similar system for fixing rights to pumping water from underground water storage basins, except in a few limited areas. Anyone outside such areas who is willing to spend the money for pumps is free to draw what he wants. A short cycle of dry years drained some of the important southern and coastal basins nearly dry, and created a real problem.

As a result, at its early hearings last year, the committee received suggestions from a number of sources, including state agencies, that some sort of state legislation to license and control use of underground water should be passed. However, a preliminary report on the committee's conclusions states that the group "has found no clear need for major statewide legislation on ground water at this time."

The committee finds, it was said, that local management of ground water basins is desirable, and enables workable solutions to management problems. A number of possible lines of action are available to local areas to help in devising management programs which will be acceptable and financially possible.

The basic importance of ground water to our California economy cannot be overestimated, the committee finds, because nearly half the water used in the state each year comes from underground reservoirs. The Legislature recognized this important fact in 1961, by passing a law setting forth a clear state policy as to the need for protecting and preserving underground water resources.

The committee pays tribute to

the well developed ground water management programs of several local water conservation districts, and says that continuation of such programs will help solve existing critical problems, and provide experience for the future.

The committee examined alternatives for state licensing and control. Parceling out of rights to underground water by formal court action, which has been done in the limited areas I referred to earlier, works satisfactorily, but takes years to achieve, and is terribly expensive. The group found that the replenishment assessment or "pump tax" solves many problems by direct economic action based on the cheapness of ground water compared to imported water, and distributes the cost fairly among users.

While ground water problems may not be a major issue at our 1963 session, the committee makes plain that the Legislature will find it necessary to watch them closely for years to come.

Who Designs The Christmas Seal?

A group of people got together last month with an almost impossible task ahead—to recommend one out of some 500 designs for the 1964 Christmas Seal. Designs were received from art students, hobbyists, professional artists, and interested individuals.

Early in October, art experts met with a committee representing TB association workers all over the country, to consider all the designs. As a result of many hours of careful deliberation, one design was selected. It was accepted as the 1964 Christmas Seal. You'll be seeing it two years from now.

The design for the current Christmas Seal was submitted by artist Paul Dohanos in 1960. Paul Dohanos is the son of artist Stevan Dohanos. Paul has a special interest in TB. His famous father fought two bouts with tuberculosis.

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Alpine Gardener

By JEAN McCULLOUGH

Now that harvest time is here and almost gone, I wonder if many gardeners around Alpine have garnered their seeds. For aside from the seed, you will want to start next spring's garden. You can use the extra seed to decorate any number of things to use as gifts for Christmas, birthdays or for around your own home.

Try to collect as many varieties of seed as you can. Also go to a feed store and I am sure you will get a great variety there, other than that which you may have from your own garden. Get clover, timothy, grass seeds of different kinds. Get also, some small kernel corn, small pea seed, color some of these seeds if you choose. Just try to collect as much of a variety as you can to have at hand when you start your design.

Now supply yourself with "will-hold" or any other transparent glue, a pair of tweezers and a knife and rag. Start on a white or light colored plate, or a small board you could use to put in a frame. First sketch out on a piece of paper some simple design you would like and use it as a guide when you start work on your plate or board. A basket or vase with a bouquet of "flowers" would do, using the small corn, peas, or other larger seeds for the flowers, and smaller long shaped seeds for the leaves. The real tiny seeds for containers.

Try your hand at it and you might be surprised at the good looking picture you can turn out. Don't forget to forage through your garden and out in the woods and fields for seed pods with stems, milk weed, teasel, dock, and other flowers and weeds which have gone to seed, for winter bouquets. This is all part of the harvest season.

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Mr. Bert Fuller again announces that he is available at his office to help the veterans make out their annual financial statement that is necessary at the end of each year in order that the veterans may keep their allotments. Mr. Fuller also will go to any veteran's home who is unable to come into his office, if they will call 445-2484.

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Favorite Recipes

NEW SWEET DIVINITY

This candy recipe is from a Karo book owned by Mrs. Ernest Wright of Arnold Way and is over fifty years old. Her one main hint in making it more successful is that it must be a sunshiny day, nice and dry.

First saucepan, 3 cups of sugar, 2/3 cups water and 1 cup of white Karo syrup. Second saucepan, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water. Cook contents of first saucepan until it is brittle when tested in cold water. Twenty minutes after starting first saucepan start second saucepan and cook until good long thread. When contents of first pan is ready, pour over beaten whites (four whites of large eggs) and beat briskly. When it is ready to turn out, add slowly the contents of second saucepan continuing to beat. Add nutmeats 1 to 2 cups as to your liking and 1 tsp. of vanilla.

Because of the fact that this recipe is a little premature to the birth of electric mixers, Mrs. Wright finishes the candy beating by hand. It is certainly delicious.

SWEDISH COFFEE CAKE

This recipe comes from a booklet entitled "Swedish Foods" and sold for 12.50 in Swedish crowns, equivalent to \$3.50 in American money.

8 cups flour 2 yeast cakes
2 1/2 cups luke-warm milk 1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

3/4 to 1 cup melted butter (use 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup Crisco but no oleo).

10 cardamon seeds, pounded. Mrs. Wright grinds them in a little brass mortar, 2 eggs yolks, if desired. Dissolve yeast cakes in cup lukewarm milk. Mix remaining milk, sugar, salt, butter and cardamon seeds and small amount of flour, beat smooth. Add yeast and remaining flour, beating with wooden spoon until smooth and firm. Sprinkle dough with small amount of flour, cover with clean towel and let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk. Turn onto lightly floured baking board and knead until smooth.

To Shape Coffee Bread

Take half of dough, divide in two or three parts and cut each part into three pieces of equal size. Roll with hands into long ropes and braid. Place on buttered baking sheet, cover and let rise. Brush with slightly beaten egg. Sprinkle with sugar and chopped almonds and bake in moderate oven (375 F., 15 to 20 minutes).

Alpiner Attends Convention

Mr. Jackson Isaacs, of Willows Road, Prudential agent for Alpine and the surrounding area, has just returned from a four-day convention of Prudential personnel held at the Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs. Mr. Isaacs and his family have been in Alpine for several months now and is available to assist persons in the community in any of the various insurance requirements that may be needed. His telephone number is 445-2241.

Postmaster

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Pine Creek cabin with most of her belongings, she moved into her little shop to plan where she would live. Among the many "start-again" gifts from her friends and neighbors was a "blessed" dollar bill which the giver told her would multiply. She put it in a box according to instructions and sure enough she found that she did have several hundred dollars of which she had not been aware. In 1951 she bought the house in Guatay in which she now lives.

For her the following years were broken only by vacation trips; to Europe, Mexico, Hawaii, Canada and other parts of the United States.

Just 10 days before she retires, history of her post office was to repeat itself and her little post office was again robbed—but this time for real. Tuesday morning, November 20 when she arrived to open the door of the post office, she found that it had been pried open. She called the sheriff and the postal inspector, who in turned called the FBI. It was established that a truck had backed up to the door, pried it open and the safe rolled out onto the truck bed. There was about \$60 in cash, approximately 500 blank postal money orders which could be worth \$100 each and a large number of stamps of all denominations. It was a very exciting and most hectic day trying to do business without her safe.

But again as the old saying goes, "The mail must go through" and it did. Friday the safe was found burned open in a canyon northeast of Alpine.

Saturday the excitement had died down and the residents of Guatay honored her at a tea in the home of Mrs. Angela Baum, who has been her assistant for about 12 of her 15 years. She received a beautiful silver Revere bowl engraved "To Louise McCormick from her Guatay friends," as well as their best wishes. Postmaster Ruth Stuart from Mt. Laguna and Postmaster "Honey" Wellband from Pine Valley also were on hand to add their best wishes.

On Friday, November 30 as soon as she closes the Guatay post office door for the last time, she will be guest of honor at a dinner by a group of her old cronies. On December 3 she plans to start for Florida for her Christmas holiday. We add our very best wishes for a wonderful, rewarding retirement.

Attention Cub Scouts

At a Cub Scout meeting in Fuller Hall, November 27th, a re-organization of Cub Scout activities was discussed.

Mr. William Sansouci volunteered as Cubmaster replacing Mr. Pike Mead who served last year. Four new Den Mothers were introduced, Mesdames Flume, Johnson, Alkire and Young. The first Pack meeting will be January 4th at Fuller Hall. Any boy interested contact Mr. Sansouci at HI 5-2912.

Echoes Of The Past

By DEDE PENNOYER WHITSON

These are echoes of the many welcomes that Alpine had for travelers in 1886. The very outlines or horizons of the mountains and hills said "welcome." The El Cajon mountain and Viejas stood out in bold and majestic acclaim. This is the same today, by free-ways and such. The valleys and ravines said "welcome." They had bubbling springs and streams of pure water promising refreshment and rest to whoever cared to stop and partake. Those winding wagon roads said "welcome." They were not set down in deep gorges made by the powerful bulldozers as high-ways today. They seemed to want to show the beautiful views of hill and dale. There were a few low banks that showed marks of shovels and pick axes, but no disfiguring.

The farm houses with blue smoke coming from chimneys to cook-stoves or fireplaces said "welcome," and added to the pleasing fragrance in the air.

The songs of the meadow larks, wild canaries and many kinds of birds I can't take time to name, yes, the very hum of the honey bees said "welcome."

There was music in the air, as well as natures fragrance, so Alpine said "welcome," I was there.

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