

AREA POPULATION

AREA POPULATION 3500	
Campo	1256
Descanso	776
Guatay	200
Jamul	952
Pine Valley	956
Jacumba	852
Harbison Canyon	1208
Total	9273

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CHURCH CELEBRATES IT'S 68th YEAR



Pipeline Installation Continues East

La Force Photo

RIO AWARDS NEW CONTRACT

At their meeting Tuesday, February 13th the Rio M.W.D. Board of Directors awarded a contract to Ham Brothers Construction Company for construction of phase two of the service line to furnish water to the property owners in this District. The work includes the installation of water mains on Midway Drive, Olivewood Lane, Marshall Road, Lilac Lane and the balance of Victoria Drive not covered in the previous contracts. The amount of the contract is \$76,400.03.

The Board also extended the time for the construction of the transmission line and reservoir being constructed by Einer Bros. to April 16. The extension was granted due to weather conditions and the time required for the delivery of the large valves to be installed.

The Board approved a plan prepared by the district attorney and general manager for furnishing service to the property owners in Harbison Canyon. The Harbison Canyon Water Board has also approved the plan.

A request made by the Alpine Fire District Commissioners for permission to use the blow-off valves on the main transmission line for filling their fire trucks was granted with the provision the Fire Department furnish its own adapters.

By an action of the Board of Directors, the District has joined

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

SUPERIOR JUDGE EDWARD HENDERSON of Ventura County, rejecting a petition of county jail inmates for improved living conditions—"A jail is not a home."

GEORGE BURNS, Hollywood comedian, on signing Carol Channing as his new partner—"We'll sing together, but we can't decide who'll be the tenor."

FRANK BOURGHOLTER, comentator in S. F. speech—"Analyzing the changing trends of Kremlin policy is like watching 11 men wrestle under a rug—you can't tell who's winning."

MALCOLM CHAMPLIN, Oakland, on current anti-anti-communism flurry—"Patriotism is not debatable. Let's have more of it."

LOUISE BURRILL, S. F. steno—"I've done the twist, but I hope it's only a fad, because I can't imagine doing it when I'm 80 years old."

INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

Helen Hunt Jackson who wrote California's famous love story of the Indian girl, Ramona, is a second cousin of Alpine's Clarence Stearns on his father's side. Sinclair Lewis once spent a whole afternoon with Clarence at the Stearns home in Zumbrota, Minnesota and drank a whole bottle of Clarence's best whisky while talking about the history of the beautiful old Congregational Church in that town.

Just before it began to rain last Saturday, Alice Dawson phoned a friend who lives a few miles away. "It's not really raining yet," Alice said, "It's just misty—sort of Windexing."

An exasperated young mother with a small boy firmly in tow, came out of the Empire Market the other day and as he was ushered into a waiting car, the future politician cried dramatically, "Nobody's wrong all the time . . . even me!"

Things to think of at night when you can't sleep: Of birds migrating in the darkness. The majority of small birds are nocturnal migrators. One observer focused a telescope on the full moon and saw birds pass at the rate of 9,000 an hour. The bulk of the flocks pass during the hours of 8 to 12 p.m. and 4 to 6 a.m. Our spring migrants will soon be back from their winter home, Swallows and Robins first, valiantly travelling their ancient flyway in the dark to nest here as they have for centuries. They arrive tired and hungry and deserve a friendly welcome. If you put out some feed for them, the Robins won't eat as many fruit buds.

Darnell Charms Woman's Club

About 50 members of the Alpine Woman's Club and their guests met at the club rooms Tuesday, February 13 at 2 p.m. for the regular meeting where the entertainment was provided by the well known citizens of Alpine and the world, Mr. Bal Darnell.

After the club business was disposed of by President Mrs. Mace Bratt, the speaker was introduced by program chairman, Mrs. Harold W. Johnson.

Mr. Darnell gave a fascinating talk on Cuba where he and his wife lived for many years. He founded his story of the Castro revolution on a brief but vital history of the Island which made the dramatic events much more realistic to the listeners. A question period followed which many of the ladies found far too short. Mr. Darnell is a very dynamic speaker, leaving an unforgettable aura of adventure behind him.

With him, as guests of the club, were his wife, his mother, Mrs. Bell Darnell, and his sister, Isabell Pelligrin.

Hostesses for the tea hour were Mrs. Jack Hoistad, Mrs. Norma K. Smith, Mrs. Willard Hays and Mrs. Tom Judd.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT FULLER HALL FEBRUARY 16TH

Sixty-eight years is a mighty long time for a small church to function continuously, but that is the proud record of the Alpine Community Church on Victoria Road. Organized in 1894 by a small group of residents who were ministered to by a series of Mission and other traveling preachers, it has held its own growing slowly, but steadily, and is still growing.

For 40 years it operated without a building of its own, meeting in the school and the Town Hall. In 1934 the first church was built on the site of the present one which was moved back to become Fuller Hall. The present church was built in 1953 at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

Dr. Roger Larson came to his

Alpine Chatter

Mr. and Mrs. John Manly of Alpine Heights Road had as their guests last week-end, their daughter, Janet, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gastil, and their two children, Garth, aged 18 months and Mary Marcy born in January. Both young people grew up in Alpine. Gordon's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gastil of Victoria Hill.

Mrs. Ed Nixon is home from the hospital her friends are happy to report.

Kathy Blankenship is getting along fine now, but must return to Children's Hospital for more surgery the 26th of this month. Her father says he doesn't think she'll be in for more than three or four days and that this will complete the treatment for her illness. Jack spoke warmly of the many acts of friendship he and his family received during the little girl's illness. "People were wonderful," he said, "I sure found out I had some friends."

The American Dairy Association of California held a contest for high school students throughout the county last week in Mission Valley Inn. One judge for the quiz was J. C. La Force Sr. of South Grade Road.

PTA Annual Founders Day Meet

The Alpine PTA will meet on February 20 at the School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Mrs. Virgil Wake, Founders Day and Honorary Life Membership chairman reports that a fine evening is in store for everyone, featuring the award of an Honorary Life Membership Pin given to a hard working, Community spirited person (a deep dark secret). Mr. Auren Pierce, local citizen, will be speaker for the evening. The inspirational will be given by Rev. Vaughn Steen of the Baptist Church of the Willows.

Hostesses for the evening will be from the fourth and sixth grades of Mrs. Campbell with Mrs. Thomas Judd, chairman. Mrs. Wilson of Mrs. Coombs third grade will assist. A special treat for the evening will be music by some of the students of Mr. Dillmore.

ministry here in the old church, and worked hard with the membership to build the new one. The beautiful rereados with its 1000 pieces of colorful enamel, was designed by Dr. Larson to embody the significant symbols of the faith.

The 68th birthday will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 16 with a dinner in Fuller Hall. Mrs. Esther Francesco, who is always in charge of the regular family dinners, held the third Friday of each month, will manage the affair. The hour has been changed from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Meat dishes will be made by the Guild ladies. Those attending are requested to bring a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert to pass, and their own table service.

Dr. Larson announces that the speaker for the evening will be Reverend Walter Smith, minister of the First Congregational Church of Lemon Grove, who is also moderator of the Southern California Congregational Conference. Reverend Smith is a very good speaker, whose sermons are inspiring, and whos informal talks are known for their warm appeal. Master of ceremonies will be our inimitable Clarence Stearns. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend this celebration.

Harbison Hi-Lites

By BETTYE CARPENTER

Wish I had a lot of happy news to report but either my spies aren't on the ball this week or there just isn't much going on . . . which reminds me . . . If you have any little "glimmers of news" just buzz me at home any evening, HI 5-2638, or daytime at the Echo office HI 5-2616. We'll print just about anything that you think others would enjoy knowing about . . . in other words, if you start to tell your neighbor something . . . don't! Call me instead!

Paul Doering was to leave for San Antonio, Texas, on Monday, the 12th to report for training in the Air Force. Best of luck, Paul.

We are sorry to report that another of our canyon boys lost out to a slippery road and a ditch. Seems Dickie Osley is in the hospital after losing control of his car and being thrown completely clear of it . . . which was lucky for him from the looks of the car.

On Friday, George Buell, 11, fractured his hand while playing on the school grounds. Report is that he will be in a cast for about four weeks.

Last Monday about 20 young people turned out for the meeting at the Community Church and from all indications a great time was had by all. These meetings are held every Monday night so

the State retirement system which will permit participation in the retirement plan by regular employees of the District.

As stated in last week's issue, the cost for installing one and one-half-inch meters and two-inch meters has been erroneously published in their regulations. The correction was authorized by the Board as follows: The cost of one and one-half-inch meters to be \$335 and the cost of two-inch meters to be \$440.

CAMPO NEWS

By FAY FARRIS

The Lake Morena Woman's Club met at the home of Phoebe Thompson on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6, and 11 members, including one guest, were present. After the business meeting the hostess served delicious fruit salad, crackers, coffee, tea, and homemade fudge. She also showed colored slides of the Thompson Ranch near Corvallis, Oregon, and other places she had visited. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Jane Ham entertained the Mexican Canasta Club at her home in Morena Village on Wednesday, Feb. 7, and the following were present: Marie Lindemann, Helen Ulrich, Gertrude Haskell, Ardelle Craft, Phoebe Thompson, Ruth Lawrence and Fay Farris. Prizes were won by Helen Ulrich and

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Dogpatch Officers To Be Installed

Installation of new officers for Dogpatch Cooties 53 and Cootiette Club 307 will be held March 3 in the Community Hall in Harbison Canyon.

New officers to be installed are: Seam Squirrel, Kelly Ricks; Blanket Bum, Harold Doughty; Hide Gimlet, H. Harrington; C.C.D.B., Charles Cobb; Shyster, John Gamble; Sky Pilot, Roy Allgair; Pill Pusher, C. Davis; K.L.R., John Bedford; Tightwads, Cliff Spons

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'Rurban' Alpine

With the rapid realization of a water system, Alpine is on its way to becoming a "Rurban" development—half rural, half urban. And with continued progress there will be new problems and certainly temporary inconveniences. But no one minds.

Caution is the password in Alpine these days as you drive along our community roads and especially if one tries to pass the intersection of Highway 80, Arnold Way and Victoria Drive. The already narrow two-lane country roads, very charming in their winding way, are now cut to a one-lane squeeze, with the large water conduits going along one side.

People pass each other with the pleased looks that anticipate an adequate water supply this summer. Driving along South Grade Road, we passed Bonny Clerk. "Well," she smiled, as we inched along slowly squeezing between her car and a gigantic earth trencher. "It's going to be wonderful, isn't it?" "Sure is," we smiled back. Last year many wells went dry and many residents suffered hardships from lack of water. Now, finally this problem is about to be solved for good.

Others commented: "I'm going to plant a wee patch of lawn, so help me." "There's a trench in front of my garage. And my car's inside." "Small fishpond is what I want." "I don't mind the mess, but it's driving my dog crazy." "This contractor sure has some good equipment." "I can get home, but it takes some doing." "Where did you kids get that pipe?" "I'm going to flush the toilet every day." "My driveway's better now than before." "I'm going to start building my swimming pool." "These guys work fast." "I'm going to start washing my dogs at home." "Think they will make it by March?" These workmen are very courteous. "I'd like a lily pond."

The state of Alabama has authorized the city of Mobile to float a bond issue (tax exempt, of course) to build a \$12,000,000 sugar refining plant—another first for socialism. Government has not heretofore been in the sugar refining business in the U.S.A.—at least, not directly.

With government's foot in this narrow-margined business, the end of private production can be foreseen. Margins on sugar are not sufficient to enable private enterprise to compete with socialized, that is, with subsidized operations.

The case of socialized sugar is no more objectionable than socialized anything else. It has special significance only because the socialization, in this instance, is not accompanied by the usual socialistic excuses.

For example, TVA was to be a "yardstick." A host of other activities have been socialized on the excuse that "government should do for the people what the people are unable to do for themselves." National Defense is often used as the excuse to socialize an industry.

None of these apply in the case of sugar. Socialism is government ownership and control. Socialism is no less socialism at the municipal level.

About 1,900 municipalities have socialized power and light. There may be as many as 700 communities where water and sewerage services are still privately supplied; in all the rest—thousands of towns and cities—these services are socialized. Cities are now operating hotels, growing wheat, producing fertilizer, marketing milk, producing asphalt and cement, operating parking lots, and even running cocktail bars!

CHURCH SERVICES

- ALPINE COMMUNITY CHURCH**—Roger M. Larson, Ph.D., Pastor HI 5-2110
 Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Services 9:45 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.
 Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.
 Pilgrim Fellowship (Junior and Senior) 7:00 P. M.
 Church Guild, Every Wednesday 10:00 A. M.
 Family Dinner, Thurs. Friday Each Month 7:00 P. M.
- QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH**—Rev. Thomas Bolten, Pastor HI 5-2145
 Sunday Masses 8:00 and 10:00 A. M., and 5:00 P. M.
 Daily Mass 8:00 A. M.
 Receive Confessions Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.; 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.
 Religious Instructions for Children Attending Public Schools:
 Harbison Vanyon 10:00 A. M. Saturdays
 Alpine 11:30 A. M. Saturdays
- FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**—Rev. J. James Arnold, Pastor
 Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 P. M.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE WILLOWS**—Rev. Vaughn Steen, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 A. M.
 Evening Worship Service 7:30 P. M.
 Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evenings 7:30 P. M.
- ALPINE LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Rev. Charles W. Tedrahn, Pastor
 Morning Worship Service, Women's Club 10:45 A. M.
 Sunday School, Every Sunday 9:30 A. M.
- BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**—Rev. Eva Bailey
 Sunday School For All Ages 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 Evangelistic Sunday Night Service 7:30 P. M.
 Prayer Service Wednesday Evening 7:00 P. M.
- BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, Descanso**—Rev. Joseph Prince, Pastor
 Sunday Mass 9:00 A. M. and 10:30 A. M.
 Holy Days and First Fridays Mass 7:00 P. M.
 Daily Mass 8:00 A. M.
 Confessions heard before all Masses
- CHAPEL OF THE HILLS, Descanso**—Rev. Robert Laird
 Prayer Service Wednesday Evening 7:30 P. M.
- OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHAPEL, Mt. Laguna**
 Sunday Mass 12:15 P. M.

Letter To The Editor

Alpine Echo February 12, 1962

Dear Editor:
As a resident of Alpine for less than five years I want to congratulate you on your fine job in revitalizing the Alpine Echo. Its coverage of local news in both story and picture is rewarding reading. And its forward looking editorials are meaningful and encouraging to those of us who may feel perplexed over the changes ahead.

Congratulations also on your attractive format and type of printing; it is easy to follow a "continued" article.

Your appreciative reader,
E. C. West (Mrs. John)
Rt. 1, Box 257
Alpine, California.

Jack Freedman Kiwanis Speaker

Kiwanis Club speaker at last night's meeting was Jack Freedman, Manager of Industrial Relations, Kelco Company who brought out a technicolor film titled, "Harvest of the Sea," the exciting story of a San Diego industry.

Lake Murray Kiwanis were interclub guests. Bob Wilson presided with Warren Strohte as chairman.

Next week the speaker will be Dr. Willis Miller, executive head of the San Diego County Planning Department. With planning and zoning just around the corner for Alpine, his talk should be of considerable interest, and apropos for the time.

ENERGY OUTPUT

The weekly energy output of petroleum in the United States has been estimated to exceed 40 hours' work of 22 billion people. That is more than 10 times the total population of the world.

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THE ALPINE GARDENER

HAY CROPS AND MELON: With Malcolm Huey, Sr. of Tavern Road, who has farmed for over 30 years in Imperial and San Diego counties. He has raised oat hay in Alpine for the past several years as well as corn, melons and other produce.

Mr. Huey says, "Alpine produces the best hay in the country on account of the long months of sunshine, providing there is enough deep moisture in the ground. Usually, the ground must be prepared and the crop in by January, but this year the season is later, due to the heavy frequent rains. You could still disc and plant now. Oat hay is the best crop for here, but you must use fertilizer. One dollar in fertilizer will get you two back in crop increase over the use of no fertilizer. After it's in, oats does not take too much moisture to mature. Its roots go deep and this year should produce good crops because of the deep moisture." Those who have the acreage and a horse or two to feed, would do well to put in a little patch of hay to help with the feed bill. For hay, plant about 40 pounds oats to the acre with 80 to 100 pounds 16-20 commercial fertilizer; for pasture, double both.

Crenshaw melons are a natural for this climate, says Mr. Huey. He is experimenting with this fruit, selecting for excellence and hardiness. These melons cannot stand fog or any dampness. For this reason the climate of Alpine is ideal as they are slow to mature, taking a full five months. Plant in March after danger of heavy rain is past. These melons are heavy producers and fruit grown here is delicious.

Excellent watermelons can be

grown here, too. Plow deep and plant in low spots. They don't take too much water.

Next week, Neil Galloway, who raises fine vegetables year round, will tell us how to prepare the soil. If you have any questions on gardening we'd like to help you. Write Alpine Gardener care this paper.

Local Dogs Shown In New York Show

Margaret Lowthian and E. L. Freeland of Willow Glen Farm returned yesterday from New York where they exhibited Rhodesian Ridgebacks at a Rhodesian Ridgeback specialty show last Saturday, and Rhodesian Ridgebacks and English Pointers at the Westminster Kennel Club Show at Madison Square Garden last Monday and Tuesday. Several dogs of their breeding which they had previously sold to exhibitors in the East took honors at both shows.

They also attended the Annual Meeting of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States where Mr. Freeland was elected president of the Club for the next year and Miss Lowthian was re-elected secretary for the fourth consecutive year.

They report that they had an enjoyable trip attending the shows and the meetings also seeing old friends and meeting new exhibitors of the dogs of their breed. The weather, however, they state did not compare with our Alpine weather being cold and windy with several flurries of snow.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Doerr family, Frank and Mary, first came to Alpine in 1928 or '29, for a year or so, then Frank, a naval officer, was sent to Panama taking the family with him. They returned in 1935 to make their permanent home here and raise their three children, Joseph, William and Patricia. The children all attended Alpine school and Grossmont High. The boys went on to college while pretty Patty chose marriage as her career.

Joseph became an attorney, practicing for awhile in El Cajon and Alpine, and is now Municipal Court Judge at El Cajon, married to Ethel Gain. They have two children, Lisa and Donovan.

William became an educator now teaching in El Cajon at Madison school. He is also married and has two children, Lance and Michael. His wife is the former Patricia

Jain. Patty married Jack Blankenship, popular proprietor of the Empire Market in Alpine, and they have three children, Kathleen, Jocelyn, and Kevin.

Asked what she and Frank did now for recreation, Mary said her grandchildren are their greatest source of pleasure. "They're our real fun," she said. Mary has done many fine things for our community. She was active in Youth center work for sometime, in the Woman's Club, and Church work as well as other civic groups. Frank can always be counted on to help out on election boards and to take a keen interest in the welfare of his home town. This is the kind of solid family group on which our community can count for future good citizens, our greatest need.

Asthma Attack Fatal To Local Woman

Mrs. F. D. (Helen) Cameron, who has lived at the Alpine Oaks Trailer Court for the past year, died early Tuesday evening, February 13 of what was apparently an attack of asthma.

Mrs. Cameron, who worked at Woolworth's in El Cajon, was driving home from her job at about 7 p.m. when she was taken ill. She managed to get as far as Dave's Malt Shop in Alpine where she halted her car and blew the horn for help. Clifford Woolrich, proprietor of the malt shop went out to her. She asked him for a glass of water so that she could take a pill. When he brought the water Woolrich saw that the woman was having great difficulty breathing so immediately drove her in her car to the Alpine Fire Station where Jack Blankenship was on duty. The men administered oxygen and called an ambulance. The woman was taken to El Cajon Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mrs. Cameron came from Boone, Iowa, and had lived in the area of El Cajon and Alpine for about six years. She is survived by her husband Forrest D. Friends may pay their respects at the Slumber Room in Greenwood Mortuary, San Diego. Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.

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CAMPO NEWS

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Marie Lindemann.

As Dell Nielsen has not been very well lately, a group of the Morena women drove to San Diego Monday, Feb. 5, to visit and play cards with her. They were Phoebe Thompson, Gertrude Haskell, Ardelle Craft and Marie Lindemann. Mrs. Nielsen formerly lived in Lake Morena and still owns a house there.

The Campo area might be interested to hear about one of its former residents. She is Geryl Cherry, daughter of Gerald and Evelyn Cherry, and granddaughter of Ruth Lawrence. Geryl was installed as Worthy Advisor of Alvarado Assembly No. 200 of the Rainbow Girls on Saturday evening, Jan. 27, 1962. She was beautiful in a royal blue and silver gown, and accepted her responsibility with charm and dignity. The affair was held at the Normal Heights Masonic Temple in San Diego.

The Mt. Empire Masonic Club met at the Pine Valley Club House on Friday evening, Feb. 9, for dinner, which consisted of oyster stew, fish salad, hot rolls and apple pie. Thirty members and friends were present and the evening was spent playing cards. The Valentine motif was carried out in the decorations.

On March 2, 1962, the annual basketball game between the faculties of the Mt. Empire High School and Rancho del Campo will be held. The perpetual trophy is now held by Mt. Empire. Donation will be \$1 adults, and 50 cents children under 12. Students buying their tickets in advance of the game will be able to secure them for 75 cents. There will be a special game between halves—probably between the women.

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ALPINE ECHO
The names of the persons interested in the business were:
EARL C. WOODALL, residing at P. O. Box 98, Alpine, San Diego County, California.
PAUL J. NICHOLS, residing at Route 1, Box 573, Alpine, San Diego County, California.
WITNESS my hand this 23rd day of January, 1962.

EARL C. WOODALL
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
County of San Diego, ss.
On the 23rd day of January, 1962, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, before me personally appeared EARL C. WOODALL, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office this 23rd day of January, 1962.
(Seal) JOHN B. GREGORY
Notary Public in and for said County and State
My Commission Expires Mar. 1, 1964
1-25, 2-1, 3, 15 '62.

Grossmont College Enrolls 1,510

Grossmont College enrolled 1,510 students for the starting spring semester, according to final registration figures released today by Dean of Admissions and Guidance, Laurance Coons.

Coons pointed out that the 1,510 figure represents a drop of only 28 students from the final enrollment figures in the fall of 1961. Normally, he said, a junior college anticipates a 10-15 percent drop in total enrollment between semesters.

The student body for the spring semester consists of 822 day students and 688 extended day (evening) students. The day student enrollment has dropped three percent from the fall figure, and the extended day student rolls have increased four percent.

Mt. Miguel High Wins Awards

Mr. Miguel High School students took top honors in the first Grossmont College Invitational Speech Tournament, held Friday and Saturday on the Monte Vista High School campus of the college.

The sweepstakes trophy and two more for first places went to the Mt. Miguel speakers. Hilltop, Grossmont and Sweetwater high schools placed second, third and

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A firm in Florida is canning water for use in fallout shelters to sell at 49 cents per 64 ounce can. Florida citrus spokesmen say Florida grapefruit juice could substitute for water and also supply vitamins and minerals. Florida grapefruit juice price averages at about 29 cents for a 46 ounce can.

fourth, respectively in the sweepstakes awards, with Mt. Miguel 45 points, Hilltop 34, Grossmont 34, and Sweetwater 27.

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ECHOES OF THE PAST

By NEIL GALLOWAY

In July 1909, at 25 years of age, I came to San Diego looking for U. S. Government land to homestead, and found it was all on top a mountain. Hearing of the land now called Galloway Valley, I made arrangements to buy it, with high hopes of paying for it from crops I could raise.

To my great disappointment, the soil had been so impoverished, I did well to get one-half ton to the acre. Homesteaders before me raised wheat and burned the straw. This wheat was hauled to San Diego by teams of horses and sometimes loaded on boats in the harbor there. On the road of that time, three-quarters of a ton was a big load for two horses going East or West.

When their worn-out soil would not raise wheat any more, the old timers turned to barley. Next they raised oats and sold the hay. The land had been mortgaged and lost several times and I came near to being the next victim and realized I must rebuild the soil or quit. Then began the long process of reclamation. This was done by years of hard work and good soil practices as known at the time. Coming from a citrus district in Western San Bernardino County, I knew much of what had to be done. Galloway Valley is now a productive piece of land which will probably be covered with houses.

One of the old time families that homesteaded before I came was named Hancock. They came from Austria to Oregon. The father was so madly crippled with rheumatism that they drove to San Diego in a covered wagon seeking a drier climate. He died before I came to Alpine, leaving three daughters and a niece, none married. They were not young, except for the niece. Mary did the cooking and housekeeping; Elizabeth did the farming; Anna did a little bit of everything, and worked out some, too. They always had a few heads of cattle which Minnie, the niece, herded on the mountains. They were herding them in the valley here when I came. It had been lost to the bank for mortgage. The bank failed and Melicaton Barnett got it for his part of the bank assets that were left. Now, I needed someone to help plow part of my land. I asked Liz, as Elizabeth was called, if she knew of anyone. She said, "What's the matter with me?" She was then about 60 years old. So she followed a walking plow several days for me from daylight till dark. These were hardy pioneers that made our early day's history.

Liz could sling a wicked black-snake whip. If one of the horses got balky, she sure could dress him down. They always raised a pig or two. Many times I was asked to get the life out of a pig, but from there on they did not need anybody's help. They raised a few chickens and a good garden most of the year. They had a spring on the south end of their property, between them and Harbison Canyon, that always ran. The

water was carried from the spring in a pail. In later years they had goats instead of cattle. The brush had encroached on the land, and other settlers moved in, so there was not much feed for cattle anymore.

Mr. Hancock had a very complete set of blacksmith tools all, or nearly all, handmade. He even made drills to drill iron. I expect he did a lot of smithy work for the early settlers.

For all that Liz' hands were badly malformed by arthritis, she did some beautiful needlework, and when she was 70 years old, I've seen her mount to horseback from the ground many times.

The Hancocks worked for me quite a bit. I had 27 acres of nice raisin muscat grapes. They picked them for me. I got \$10 a ton, paid them \$6. Freight from Lakeside to San Diego was \$2. This got \$2 for me and team all day hauling to the Cuyamaca and Eastern railroad that then ran as far as Foster where Joe Foster, the supervisor, lived and ran a stagecoach from Lakeside to Julian with mail and passengers. The old timers did not drive or ride a horse every day to the store. There was a store in Dehesa and a church, and a store and Town Hall at Alpine, the Woman's Clubhouse, still standing.

The Hancocks used to drive a wagon to El Cajon, maybe once or twice a month. I did the same. It took all day to make the 25-mile round trip. There was not much there, either. W. D. Hall company was just getting started. There was a general store—Stell Burgess, two blacksmith shops, a barber shop, a butcher—Bascombe, two hotels, a drug store—Bower's, a harness and shoe repair shop, a few groceries kept by Mrs. Stanifield in her front room across the street from where Weinstock's radio store is now. That building held the first El Cajon bank, and later the telephone exchange.

The present generation don't know what hardship is. They see too much, hear too much, and want too much, are never satisfied.

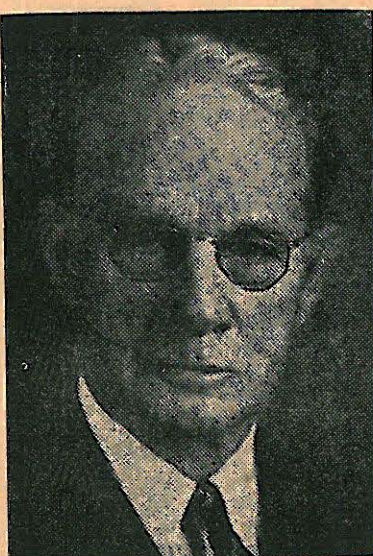
Harbison Hi-Lites

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come on out and join the fun. This invitation is extended to sixth through 12th graders.

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The Local Yokels and Yokelettes Teenage Club will hold a bake sale on Sunday, the 18th, starting at noon in the Community Hall. Cookies and coffee will be on sale. Cakes may be ordered by calling Sheryl Carpenter, HI 5-2638, or Sharon Beeson, HI 5-3029. No cakes will be sold unless ordered ahead so if you want to help the teenagers put some money in their treasury for summer activities, please call either Sharon or Sheryl. They will deliver the "goodies" if you will call ahead and place your order.



CLARENCE STEARNS

Horses! Horses!

By JACKIE DALZELL

For once there were a lot of horsefolks hoping and praying for no rain and snow last weekend. As they were headed for "over the mountain."

Lester Clings, big three-day ride at Borrego Springs, which is an annual affair and enjoyed by all. Good food and excellent riding.

The big Yuma, Arizona Rodeo, always draws a large group of our San Diego horsefolks. Jack Wilson, Alpine braved the weather and went over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Barnett, Descanso, drove over Saturday morning.

Then last but not least the rest of those horses you saw in trailers traveling highway 80 were on their way to the big Imperial Benefit Horse Show.

Then there were those of us who stayed home. Waiting on new foals to arrive, fixing fences and the other numerous things that have to be done when you own horses.

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Ivanhoe Ranch, Dehesa now has a new Junior stallion, "Ivanhoe Bob" standing his first year at stud. This is the fine buckskin son of their good stallion Brown Bob. "Little Bob" already is following in the footsteps of his "daddy" as he is placing high in his halter classes for owner Dr. Jeanne Immenschuh.

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A new addition to the Tennessee Walking horse set is "Uncle George" and owner Mrs. James Blanton. Looks like I'm going to have to gear up one of these Quarter horses to keep up with them and Mrs. Cunningham and her Walker Sandy, and Mrs. McMahon and her walking mare. Talk about being versatile, George has a true Plantation saddle, Sandy wears a western saddle and Mrs. McMahon rides hers English.

Hearth Beat

By HOMER HEARTHSTONE

I'm hunched on the HEARTH . . . I'm flying straight up a CHIMNEY . . . I'm astraddle a CHIMNEY POT . . . I'm dancing in the FLAMES and rolling in the ASHES . . . I'm all AGLOW . . . I'm shooting off SPARKS . . . I'm chasing the FIREDOGS and swinging from the CRANE . . . I'm coddling the CAPE COD LIGHTER and prodding the POKER . . . I'm whiskering the BROOM and screaming thru the FIRESCREEN . . . I'm nesting in a bed of COALS . . . I'm doing my sums on a wooden SHOVEL in CHARCOAL like Lincoln . . . I'm FLINTLOCKING the TINDER and rolling a SPILL . . . I'm squandering by APPLE WOOD . . . I'm smoking the SMOKE SHELF and damming the DAMPER . . . I'm getting intoxicated with the incense of PINON . . . I'm a CRICKET on the HEARTH . . . I'm a demon in the RED . . . I'm toasting my FIREBACK . . . I'm a BLAZING, CRACKLING, SPUTTERING bundle of FAGGOTS . . . I'm a FIREPLACE FANATIC!

Clarence Stearns Knows How To Live

Splendid accomplishment, excitement and adventure have filled the life of our townsman, Clarence Stearns, who with his wife, Inez, lives on Victoria Hill.

The son of pioneers whose ancestors were among the Puritans sailing to America on the Arabella, Clarence grew up in Minnesota where he became a noted photographer and friend of many of the world's great personalities. He is a member and past president of the Photographers Association of America, Camera-Craftsmen of America, the American Society of Photographers and the Minnesota Photographers Association.

When Clarence was a young boy, his father, Isaac, who settled in the Minnesota wilderness, told him, "It is wonderful to consider life an adventure, to awake each morning to a new adventure." This has been Clarence's life-long belief and practice.

In Rochester, Minnesota, he maintained a photography studio for 25 years. One day, hearing that William Allen White, renowned editor of the Emporia, Kansas Gazette, was in town, Clarence called on him, photographed him and thus began a friendship which lasted until White's death.

Several fine portraits of White are among those of famous people in the Stearn home on Zumbrota Road on Victoria Hill. Zumbrota, Minnesota was his birthplace. Clarence is a man who leaves landmarks behind him.

In his genial way, he says he began his career at age 15 with a camera given as a premium with the Youth's Companion. "When I was 17," he said, "a Zumbrota photographer took me in as an apprentice. He also took me in by selling me the studio. Here I struggled until the Spanish-American war came along. Although under age, I joined as a company "drummer boy." Later I became official photographer for the regiment while still drawing my private salary of \$15.60 a month."

Good fortune teamed with adventure to help the young photographer.

While working for a Yellowstone Park photographer, Clarence met George Eastman and this meeting led eventually to a job with the Eastman Company. For nine years he traveled as a demonstrator for Eastman. "This was a period of great learning," he said, "In trying to help others, I learned many of the fundamentals of photography in a way no school could have taught me."

In 1913 he opened a studio in Rochester, Minnesota, the site of the Mayo Clinic to which people travel from throughout the world. He soon proved to possess a great talent for drawing people out and photographing them at their best. In this studio he made portraits of many big-name visitors to the town. He also travelled extensively making photographs of notables elsewhere, among them President and Mrs. Coolidge, whom he photographed in the White House. Many of his portraits of famous men and women of the worlds of politics, sports, science, art, medicine and religion, are signed with a personal message. William A. White wrote, "To my friend Clarence Stearns, who for once in my life, made me cast an artistic shadow." Jack Dempsey signed his, "In appreciation of a splendid portrait." "To Clarence Stearns, with best wishes," wrote Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Clarence photographed Elias Calles of Mexico in the palace in Mexico City, and in Cuba, made a portrait of President Machado. Dancer Ruth St. Dennis, Billy Sunday, Myra Hess, and many more sat for him. Among his favorites are the Mayo Brothers, William and Charles, founders of the great clinic and his life-long friends. Clarence has photographed four generations of the Mayos. In one of his fascinating scrap books is a recent letter from the Chairman of the Mayo Clinic Historical Society, Arthur B. Hunt, M.D. Requesting an old friend's help, it concludes, "I am sure you know the lore of the early Clinic days better than almost anyone living and some of our committee would be most grateful if you could find time to have a chat with us when you are next in Rochester." And of course, Clarence found time. He is busy now writing anecdotes for the clinic's history.

Retired some years ago, the Stearns came to Alpine in 1952, bought land on Victoria Hill and built the home where they live all year except for a few months spent in Minnesota. Clarence and Inez both take an active part in the community life, and have made many friends here. We are lucky indeed that these people found the hill above our town to their liking and settled among us.

Danger In Household Chemicals

The San Diego Department of Public Health yesterday warned against using household bleach with other household chemicals.

Dr. J. B. Askew, director of public health, said a housewife complained this week of an irritating gas that was released when she used a bleach and a detergent to clean her kitchen sink.

All household bleaches, he said, are hypochlorites and contain chlorine. If certain chemicals are combined with a bleach, chlorine gas, a highly corrosive poison is released.

The chemicals that can release chlorine from bleach are in three groups: acids, alkalis, and reducing agents such as complex alcohols and phenols.

"If you mix a bleach, such as Purex or Clorox, with vinegar, ammonia, Sani-Flush, Drano, Lysol, or many of our common detergents, you may release chlorine," Dr. Askew said. "This sort of thing happens when you try to unplug a pipe or remove a stain with one household chemical and then immediately try something else to do the job."

He added that the amount of available chlorine in any bleach is

very small. "Chlorine, however, is highly corrosive," Dr. Askew said, "and can irritate the skin. If it is inhaled, it can irritate or burn the mucous membranes of the mouth and throat, the bronchial epithelium and the lungs. Chlorine is also extremely irritating to the eyes. Any part exposed to chlorine should be thoroughly flushed with water. A physician should be called at once, particularly if the eyes are burned."

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