

**AREA POPULATION 3500**

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

# ALPINE ECHO

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## SCHOOL TAX ELECTION TO BE APRIL 16

### PUBLIC ZONING MEETING HELD

Many area residents attended a public zoning meeting held by the County Planning Commission in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers last Friday afternoon, February 8, 1963. The Planning Department presented its proposed zoning plan to the Planning Commissioners at that time. After the committee had reviewed the proposal, members of the audience were asked if any would like to be heard.

Some 50 or more persons presented to the commission their reasons for wanting to request a change in zoning. There was some opposition to the plan from property owners along Highway 80 who had not been included in the commercial zone and are requesting this change. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held February 21 at which time the commission is expected to make its determination of the Alpine zoning plan.

The County Planning Commission will now study the proposed zoning plan along with the Requests for Change of Zoning and according to Dr. Willis Miller, County Planning Director, it will take at least three months before the plan is handed over to the Board of Supervisors for still further study and changes.

Dr. Miller spoke of the urgency of bringing the area under some form of zoning. He said that under present conditions, there is no way to prevent objectionable enterprises from forming in the Alpine area. Commissioner Warren K. Hooper also urged that Alpine residents be informed of the method for obtaining interim zoning to prevent such problems. It was pointed out that interim zoning would cover the period until the final zones are established for the area.

### Elizabeth Shop Moves To New Location

At 163 East Main Street, El Cajon, is the new address of Elizabeth, the only store in this area specializing in maternity wear and colorful Hawaiian costumes. Moving this week from the original location at 131 South Orange, El Cajon, the shop will be open for business as usual, without pause for the change of locations.

Owner and manager of the shop from its beginning is Elizabeth Ball (Mrs. Howard A.) who has recently taken as partner, her daughter-in-law, Nora, wife of Bill, youngest of the Ball children all well known in Alpine, where the family lived for many years at El Rancho Metate, on Tavern Road.

Says Elizabeth of her move, "Alpine is quite involved in this in that the building at the new address belongs to Mrs. Mary Findel of Alpine, and we'll be helped to move by Alpiners, Marvin Chenoweth and Mike McCall. We will transfer the clothing on hangers from their rods in the old shop to a long bamboo pole which the boys will carry up the street to the new shop. Maybe we'll hang a sign on the boys saying "Elizabeth is moving." Mrs. Ball points out that the shop name is simply Elizabeth, minus the possessive 's.

The move was necessary to se-

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### INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

It's here again, the season of grass, the green time when the county will be its brightest. Two days after the first big rainfall, green tints appear on ground which was bare and brown less than 24 hours earlier. Spring really does "bust out all over" here in this most southwesterly corner of the U. S. A.

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Frogs are chorusing in mud holes and renewed ponds, while our old rooster crows for hours each morning instead of sounding his bugle a few times at dawn then dispiritedly giving up. The geese and ducks are in water-fowl Heaven as they plow each little rivulet for worms and splash muddily all over the orchard. The ganders display their impressive wing spread and raise their heads skyward as if eager to lift away on the south wind. They make trial runs, wings out, like planes trying to take off but unable to make it. This does not seem to distress them, as they are watched admiringly by the hen, geese who spread their wings in timid imitation. The little hen duck is dirty as a door mat as she waddles about, hastening excitedly from mud hole to mud hole as if expecting momentarily to surprise something delightful in one of them. The joy of these creatures increases the meaning of the miracle of rain and its renewals.

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There are hardships to be endured in living here in this semi-arid land, where the dry season far, far out-measures the wet one and where the green time is so poignantly brief. But there is the compensation of this sudden miracle of lifting green. No slow melting of snow, no long gradual transition from winter to spring, but abruptly, after the first real rain, the dusty brown dead look is gone from the hills and mesas and replaced almost overnight by

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### Longest Fire Season In History Ends

Stanley R. Stevenson, Supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest, announced that the recent rains have ended the longest fire season in the history of the Cleveland National Forest. The season began in April, 1962 and continued until February 11, 1963.

Stevenson said that those areas of the Cleveland National Forest in Riverside and San Diego Counties from Mt. Palomar south which have been closed to public entry were officially opened to public use as of 10 a.m. February 11.

Stevenson stated that smoking is now permitted in safe locations within the Cleveland National Forest. He reminded everyone that San Diego, Riverside, and Orange County ordinances require that permits be obtained before any type of fire is built in those portion of the Forest located in these counties.

Fire prevention technicians are on duty throughout the forest and will issue campfire and burning permits upon request. Smokey says prevent forest fires.

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### BOARD VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO ASK FOR TAX RATE OF \$1.89

At the regular monthly meeting held February 11, 1963, of the Alpine Union School District Board of Trustees, the Board voted unanimously that a tax rate of \$1.89 per \$100 of assessed valuation was needed to provide adequate educational facilities for the Alpine School District for the 1963-64 school year.

### Fire Commissioners Explain Burning Rule

Since the recent fine rain, many people have requested permission to burn brush and grass on their properties, according to Orville Palmer, Fire Commissioner and publicity director for the Alpine Fire Department. Most of these requests have been phoned in to the fire chief, Jack Blankenship, or Fire Marshall.

Fire permits must be issued in writing, and are necessary for all burning outside of incinerators, despite the rain. If you want to do some extra burning around your place, it is best to go directly to the Fire Station on Highway 80 and fill out an official request blank there, says Dick Robinson, fire commissioner. These requests, containing the resident's name and address, will be processed as rapidly as possible by fire department personnel charged with the duty of inspecting areas to be burned. After the marshal, chief or other trained person has inspected the premises and okayed the permit, it will then be issued. Remember it must be in writing, following a safety check, a phone call is not enough.

The Fire Commissioners plan to revamp the fire districts regulations, bringing them up to date to better serve the present needs of the community.

### Florida By Bicycle

Have you ever wished you could jump on a bike and start pedaling for some distant spot? Mr. Bill Leasure, who formerly worked for the Blue Rock Mobil Oil Service Station here in Alpine is doing just that. He left Alpine last Friday afternoon and hitched a short ride to Jacumba on a truck, complete with his bike. From there he'll pedal onward. His destination—Florida. How long will it take him? He believes about a month. Good luck, Bill.

### Kiwanis News

The weekly Kiwanis Club meeting will be held this Thursday, at 7 p.m. in Fuller Hall. Norman and Grace Buchmiller will show a good collection of colored slides of historical landmarks in the Eastern Seaboard.

At the last meeting of the club, Mr. Kenneth Nye, principal at the La Mesa School gave a thrilling evening of entertainment and much of the current historical value as regards present day Liberia.

A special election was held at the end of the meeting. Bal Darnell and Carmelo Manuel were elected to fill vacancies on the board of directors. Mr. Ben Cerveny was elected first vice president and Bud Cooper was elected second vice president.

The Board agreed to combine the tax rate override election with the forthcoming trustee election set for April 16, thus saving the District the expense of a separate election later this year. This rate, if approved by the voters, will provide an estimated \$94,443 of income during the fiscal year 1963-64, and will be effective for the next two years.

The School District is presently operating on a rate of 90 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation which is the maximum allowable without voter approval.

The proposed tax rate was approved after consideration of a tentative budget of \$297,828. State and federal aid account for the difference between the income for the local tax rate and the tentative budget. The budget considers a present assessed valuation of \$4,345,210 plus an assumed 15 percent increase in assessed valuation due to recent reassessments of the School District, bringing the total estimated assessed valuation to \$4,996,991.

In discussing the proposed budget, Supt. Clyde Gilley explained that the ability and training of the teachers, the number of pupils for

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### Warning Issued By Superintendent

A warning was issued by Mr. Clyde Gilley, District Superintendent of the Alpine Union School District, concerning persons who are contacting people of this area and trying to sell subscriptions of magazines with the understanding the money derived from such a sale would go to the Alpine schools.

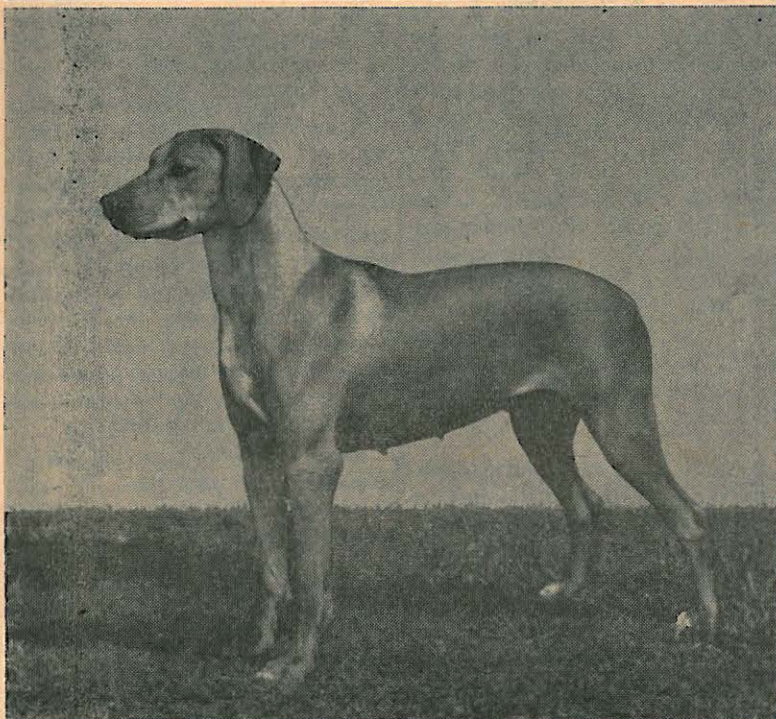
Mr. Gilley stated that this activity was definitely not authorized by the school, or anyone connected with the school. He mentioned that the school would be glad to have the money, of course. But that it was an error to go about it in this way without the authority of the school board.

### Baptist Churches Exchange Pastors

Brotherhood week is being observed in a unique way by two American Baptist churches in the area. On Sunday, February 17, the First Baptist Church of the Willows in Alpine and the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in San Diego will exchange pastors for the morning worship service.

The Reverend David Fleming, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church which is a Negro congregation will deliver the sermon at the First Baptist Church of the Willows, while Rev. Von Steen, pastor of the Alpine Church will preach the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Time for the morning service at the local church is 10:45 a.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Ch. Lamarde Perro Qa'Taba, top winning Rhodesian Ridgeback at New York Specialty Show. Photo by Joan Ludwig

### DOGS FROM LOCAL KENNEL WIN TOP HONORS IN NEW YORK SHOWS

At the Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty Show held in New York City last Saturday, dogs owned by Lamarde Perro Kennel on Alpine Heights Road won the top honors. The show was judged by Major Tom C. Hawley, the authority on the breed who traveled from Jo-

hannesburg, South Africa, to judge this particular show.

Ch. Lamarde Perro Qa'Taba, owned and bred by E. L. Freeland and Margaret Lowthian, was the top dog, winning Best of Breed. Another of their dogs, Ch. Rock-

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## School Budget

The die is cast! Either we have \$1.89 or 90 cents.

Now are we going to hear from the Progress Committee which has boasted that they would advise the public regarding the merits or demerits of the budget proposed by the School Board, and are we going to hear from the Parents Union for Better Schools which has, by their vote, endorsed and supported the School Board members who have set the budget and are proposing the tax rate?

## About Newspapers

The employees of the daily newspapers in the City of New York have been on strike for about the past three months. The strike has continued for a long period of time because the union leaders and the newspaper owners cannot agree on wages and other terms.

We are certain that the strike is of no value to the owners of the newspapers, and we doubt, regardless of the outcome, that it will be of substantial benefit to the employees. We found on our recent visit to New York that the lack of the daily newspapers is a serious handicap to the residents and business enterprises in the community.

The residents of New York are now having to read out-of-town newspapers which carry very little local New York news and advertising to get the national and international news.

The value of the local newspaper is taken for granted until we are forced to do without it.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**ALPINE COMMUNITY CHURCH—Rev. M. Larson, Ph.D., Pastor** HI 5-2110  
 Sunday School For All Ages ..... 9:45 A. M.  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 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, Thurd Friday Each Month ..... 7:00 P. M.

**QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Thomas Boltan, 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. 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 Thursday 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

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

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

**CHAPEL OF THE HILLS, Descanso—Rev. Ernest Mier, Pastor**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 A. M.  
 Church Worship ..... 11:00 A. M.  
 M. Y. F. ..... 6:30 P. M.  
 Evening Hymn Sing ..... 7:30 P. M.

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES CHAPEL, Mt. Laguna**  
 Sunday Mass ..... 12:15 P. M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST—Clyde Goff, Pastor**  
 Community Club House, Pine Valley  
 Bible Study ..... 9:45 A. M.  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 10:45 A. M.  
 Evening Worship Service ..... 7:00 P. M.  
 Weekly Bible Study, Roe home, Oak Lane, Friday ..... 7:30 P. M.

## Letters To The Editor

Letters must have signature and address, be subject to being condensed and will not be returned. The opinions expressed are the opinions of the writers and may not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Alpine Echo.

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Gentlemen:

We would like to commend your Feature Editor, Bea LaForce, for the outstanding bit of journalism and exceptionally accurate sketch of our good friend, Neil Galloway. The Echo is mighty fortunate to have Bea LaForce's weekly contributions. We read her Intimate Glimpses before we read the headlines.

Enclosed find 50c to cover cost of five copies of January 24 issue which carried the fine tribute to Neil.

Sincerely,  
 Catherine Warner  
 P. O. Box 427  
 Ramona, California

## Card Of Thanks

I want to say thank you to the many friends who sent cards to me during my recent stay in the hospital. I didn't know I had so many friends and it was very good to find this out. I'm sure the good wishes helped speed my recovery and still help now in my convalescent period at home.

Thanks also to the Echo for mentioning my illness and keeping folks posted on my progress. This is the right place to live.

Sincerely,  
 Dick Robinson

## TAX VOTE

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each teacher, the type of leadership for the teaching staff, and the type of equipment that the pupils will use at the school were some of the basic factors considered in preparing the budget.

In preliminary budget studies a budget calling for an estimated \$320,950 was considered, which would require a tax rate of \$2.35; however, this was dismissed as unrealistic at this time. "At this point, trustees sharpened their paring knives and started cutting," said Mr. Gilley.

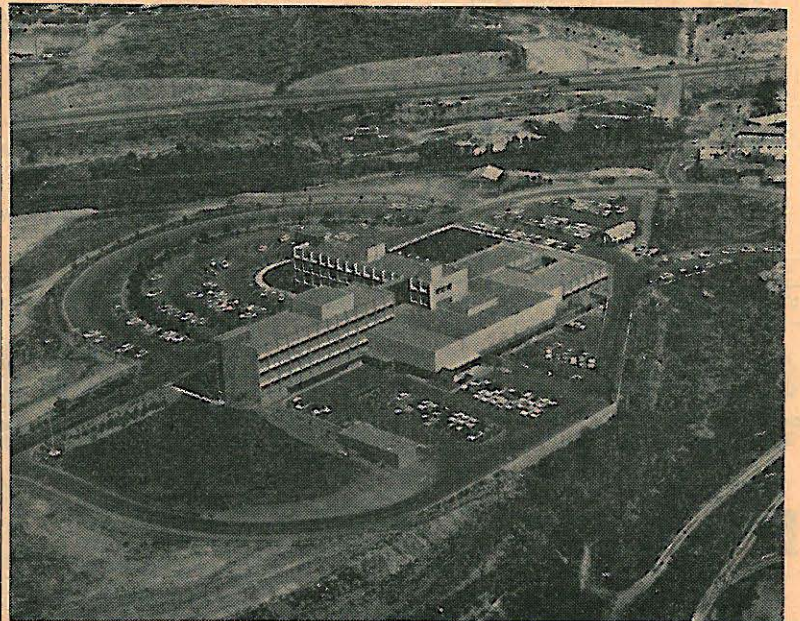
"Another factor in district financial problems is the uncertainty of state aid. We have budgeted this year \$146,000 for state aid. We have received only about \$70,000 to date."

The tentative budget breakdown is as follows: Instruction \$145,380, administration \$21,100, maintenance and operation \$28,775, capital outlay \$12,560, health \$3,135, transportation \$29,420, and other items \$57,458. The proposed budget will restore summer school which was required to be eliminated under the current budget, and will add one bus. Teacher salaries were increased from a current \$105,700 to a proposed \$112,150. There were also increases in other classifications not mentioned above. The new budget would set the superintendent's salary at \$11,500. In answer to a question posed by a local resident as to whether this would be adequate to hire a capable administrator, Chairman of the Board, John R. Reynolds, indicated that they hoped so.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Thursday at 8 p.m. when they will adopt the formal resolution.

## Don Fuller Wins Door Prize

Mr. Don Fuller of Tavern Road was the lucky recipient of a \$25 door prize given this month by the Fleet Reserve Association. The association held their regular monthly meeting February 12, at which time, Mr. Fuller was awarded the prize, which is given each month.



AERIAL VIEW OF GROSSMONT HOSPITAL

## HOSPITAL TAX BENEFITS PATIENT

By JANE ORBOM

As a recent patient, I would like to tell you something about the hospital that your tax dollar helped to build.

Grossmont Hospital District was formed by a vote of the people in 1952. The first Board of Directors was appointed by County Board of Supervisors. A bond issue of

## Intimate Glimpses

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the vibrant green of grass and other cover plants. The wind is so fresh and sweet you want to draw it clear down to the bottom of your lungs and the air has a remarkable polished visibility.

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This is when the sun really sparkles, when birds sing their liltingest, and toadstools dot the pastures, some of them deadly. One legend, dating back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, states that poisonous mushrooms are rendered thus by venomous snakes which, winding their way through the woods and pastures, stop to breath upon a mushroom and, as a consequence, such a mushroom instantly is converted into a deadly toadstool. One called "Caesar's mushroom" is so named because it is the one that history, for a time, blamed for having caused the death of Claudius Caesar when placed in his food by his wife, Agrippina. But experts say this is not true, for Caesar's mushroom is entirely edible; that Claudius was killed by mineral poisons in his food where the mushrooms were placed in the hopes that the death would be thought accidental. The ancients made a rite of preparing mushrooms using gold utensils for the purpose. Pliny describes them as "the food of the gods." One of the most beautifully innocent looking toadstool, snow white and graceful, is the deadliest, called the Death Angel. We wonder why spring adds this one grim note to the otherwise benign season? Perhaps it is to sober us a little, to remind us, that despite the fine feeling in the air, we are mortal. Like grass we have our brief season here.

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John James Ingalls, noted naturalist states, "Grass is the forgiveness of nature, her constant benefaction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass and the carnage is forgotten. . . . Grass is immortal. It yields no fruit, in earth or air, and yet, should its harvest fail for a single year, famine would depopulate the world."

## Church Anniversary

The Community Church of Alpine will celebrate their 69th anniversary on February 24. Dr. Howard Anderson from Los Angeles, representative of the Congregational Conference of Southern California will give the sermon to commemorate the anniversary date.

\$800,000 was voted in October 1953 and construction started early in 1954. The original wing opened July 1955 with 110 beds. Cost was divided one-third Federal, one-third State and one-third District. The second wing was built and opened August 1960, bringing the present capacity to 234 beds. Cost was divided as in the original wing. The 1962-63 budget is \$3 million dollars. No tax monies involved. The .005c tax rate (on your recent tax bill) is for retirement of bonds and interest.

During 1962 Grossmont Hospital admitted over 11,000 adults and children and 2500 newborn. The average patient stayed four to five days. There are 435 employees on the payroll which runs better than \$1 1/2 million dollars per year.

The hospital has all outside rooms and under the able direction of Mr. Leverett F. Bristol, Administrator it runs smoothly and efficiently. While I was there I couldn't help but feel grateful that it was so near to Mountain Empire and that the people had the foresight to vote to build it.

There are so many willing hands to help you. There are the graduate nurses in charge of the vocational nurses, the nurses' aids and the orderlies. One has only to press a button and one of them is at your bedside to take care of your every need.

Mrs. Kingbury, director of dietetics, sees that you have the right kind of well prepared food. Your food is brought to your floor in a specially built electrically heated and cooled "Meals on Wheels" mobile unit, similar to those used on airlines. Your tray and cold dishes have been kept cold—your dinner plate has been pre-heated. Your meal has been assembled only a few steps from your room to assure kitchen-fresh conditions.

Every morning a "Pink Lady" comes in with your mail, she asks if you wish her to open it for you. She will read it to you, if you do not feel up to it. She will answer your mail, make purchases, make phone calls for you and all the while she is visiting with you. While she is there she checks your flowers, changing the water on the cut flowers, watering the plants. Each Tuesday a group of these "Pink Ladies" gather to sew for the hospital. They mend the linens, and make whatever is necessary. This is all volunteer work given by ladies of the Grossmont District.

The Grossmont Adult Education program administers the Grossmont Vocational Program which is directed by Mrs. Abbott. Both men and women, irrespective of race and creed, if residing in the school district, are eligible for ad-

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# The Social Whirl

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## ALPINE

By DEBBIE MARSHALL

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Stone, their two lovely daughters, Peggy and Barbara, visited with the Fred Rushings a week ago Sunday. Dr. Stone is the brother of Van Rushing and while they were here, the girls really enjoyed riding horses with Rushing's young daughter, Linda, who is fast becoming an accomplished young equestrian.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Ellsberg and son, Jerry, of the Willows, attended a birthday dinner party for screen and TV actor, Victor Buono in San Diego, February 2. The dinner was attended by family friends, members of the Old Globe Theater, and friends from Hollywood. Mrs. Ellsberg has done several articles about Victor Buono for national magazines. He is a leading contender for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his work in the movie, "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane."

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Mrs. Lydia McKittrick and her daughter, Mrs. Muriel Bowlus, are enjoying a visit from Mrs. McKittrick's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Spicer of Monmouth, Illinois. The Spicers report that when they left their home the temperature was 25 degrees below zero. They came by train, but wish they had their car so that they could move more freely about the country. Mrs. Bowlus is driving them around a lot and they have, she said, fallen in love with Alpine. The visitors plan to remain about two weeks where they are very comfortable in a cozy bungalow at Tappy's Motel.

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Mrs. Beverly Nation, popular receptionist in Dr. Woodall's office here, is taking a week's vacation from her job and having a much needed rest at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Orville Palmer of Victoria Hill are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Oralee, Mrs. Arthur Shanks, and Mr. Shanks and their three children, Stevie, Ronnie and Becky. The Shanks have spent the past two years in Fort Fairfield, Maine where Mr. Shanks was stationed as an immigration officer. He has been transferred to the Los Angeles area and is up there now looking for a place to move his family. The Shanks

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## CAMPO

By FAY FARRIS

Marie Martin entertained the Lake Morena Woman's Club at her home in Morena Village on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5 for a meeting and cards. Delicious homemade lemon meringue pie was served for refreshments, and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

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Word has been received that Dell Nielsen will soon return to live in Lake Morena. She will occupy the home of Bernadine Reise. She has been visiting her daughter and family in Uvalde, Texas since before Christmas, and will return to California some time this month. She owns a home in Lake Morena, but it is rented to tenants who have occupied it for two or three years.

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One of the weather meters was picked up by Alvin Riddle of Lake Morena was week. He works at the Morena Conservation Camp, and the box with rubber balloon and red flag attached was found on Buckman Springs Road at the entrance to the Camp. Instructions were attached showing how and where to return the box. The meter was still ticking.

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The Lake Morena Mexican Canasta Club met at the home of

Helen Smyth in Lake Morena on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and the following were present, Marie Lindemann, Marie Martin, Ardelle Craft, Phoebe Thompson, Fay Barrish, Margaret Rolland and Fay Farris. Marie Martin and Fay Barrish were the lucky winners.

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Mary Kerns, president of the Mt. Empire Republican Women, Federated will be a delegate to the Republican Women's Conference in Washington in April. Other delegates will be Ann Pike, 1963 President of the San Diego County Federation, Junior Past President Eleanor Ring, and Past President Ruth Jackson.

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Don and Shirley Morton of Morena Village had some anxious moments recently when their son, Billy underwent a tonsilectomy in Grossmont Hospital, and then had to have more surgery due to trouble that developed after the first operation. He is home now and doing nicely.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Lake Morena have been enjoying their recently purchased house trailer, and spent some time at Agua Caliente Hot Springs. They enjoyed the mineral baths and desert air so much they hope to return soon.

## DESCANSO

By PATRICIA RICE

Pat Martin and her two small sons were not injured when the pickup truck she was driving turned over last Saturday evening on Highway 80 just east of Descanso Junction. Pat had a gallon of milk and some chocolate cup cakes in the cab with them and all three occupants were pretty well covered with milk and chocolate. We are grateful to know they came out of this harrowing experience unscratched.

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Mrs. Robert W. Lawrence and daughter, Mrs. Barbara Parker have just returned from a visit in Carmel with another daughter, a Carmelite Nun, Sister Electa.

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The Descanso Parent-Teachers Association will hold a special Founder's Day meeting, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. For the first time in the history of the organization, it will present a life membership award to some worthy person.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker are anxiously waiting the arrival of son, Larry, his wife and their brand new son, David Walter, from Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Larry is being transferred to Hawaii and will be here sometime next week on the way to his new assignment.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Van Oort also welcomed a new grandson, Joseph John, born February 2 to Carl and Kay Lacki.

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Carolyn Baker Harlan has moved to San Diego and is living in the Navy Housing project close to the Marine Base, in order for Walter to see her and their little son more often.

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Now that fire season is over due to the heavy rains this past week-end most of the temporary fire-fighters have left the area.

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We are sorry to learn that one of the Tyrrel twins has been ill, and hope he will soon be well again.

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We welcome new residents to our area, Mary Ellen Weston and family who are now living on Manzanita Lane.

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Other new residents on Manzanita Lane are Mr. and Mrs. Coultts who have recently purchased the

old Barkley place.

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The Girl Scout cookie sale got into high gear last Saturday when the Scouts manned a table on the veranda of Perkins Store. Mrs. Clara Arnold is leader of Troop 798. Mrs. M. Sykes is neighborhood chairman. If any girls sells 100 boxes of cookies she wins a week's stay at summer camp. Any member selling 25 boxes wins a citation. Eight percent of the price of each box sold is set aside for use by the selling troop. The cookie sale will continue until February 23. We think they are very fine cookies.

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Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Lingen who moved to the Merigan Ranch last week. They are from Holland under the sponsorship of Northminister Presbyterian Church of Clairemont. A group of the young people from the church helped them get settled by painting the house and bringing in necessary furniture and housekeeping supplies. This young couple was married in May last year and arrived in New York December 5. Mr. Van Lingen is a foreign car mechanic and is now working for Hilltop Service in Guatay.

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Mrs. Ruth Derr, a former member of the Chapel of the Hills died very suddenly last week. She will be remembered as a dedicated worker with the young couple. She lived in El Centro for the last five years.

## MT. LAGUNA

By COLLEEN INGALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oberlin are commuting these days between Mt. Laguna and Borrego. They have their trailer in the desert and a cabin in the mountains, who could ask for anything more?

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How about that winning streak of Millie McElvoy of the Mt. Laguna Lodge? The weekly bingo games held at the Air Force Base are popular with one and all.

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Time certainly flies. Steven Olson is now five months old. He and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson, Linda, Gayle and Carol are sporting a new Volkswagon.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Butts have lived on Mt. Laguna for a good long while dating back to camping days in 1917. In 1921, Mr. Butts built a cabin on the mountain to visit from Imperial Valley. They have fond memories of being snow-bound during that year and one particular event recall that Mr. Butts built wooden snowshoes with bits of leather and an old box literally nailed them to the children's shoes and hiked for miles before being rescued by a forset ranger. Ironically, some 40 years later this same ranger passed through Mt. Laguna. He was gathering material for a book he was writing and wanted to use that experience in it. Mr. and Mrs. Butts have seen many changes in this community. It was a pleasure to visit with them on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

## PINE VALLEY

By JANE ORBOM

My sincere thanks to all the wonderful people of the Mountain Empire and Alpine for their cards, flowers and prayers while I was in the hospital.

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The Holliday home on Deodar Trail has been sold to Mrs. Justine Brack, her mother, Mrs. Lucy Flowers and her aunt, Miss Mary Gaby of San Diego. Mrs. Brack told us that they purchased the home for a retreat, and plan to spend as much time as possible

here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Holliday came to Pine Valley in 1934 and lived in what is now the Wasson home at the corner of Corte Madera Road and Highway 80. Mr. Holliday was a well-known architect throughout the southwest. A few of the houses he designed in Pine Valley are the Ledgerwood home on Highway 80, the Patton Home on Rocky Pass Road, the Simmons and Mulligan residences and the Pine Valley Fire Station. He worked closely with Pine Valley Improvement Club officers overseeing the construction of the Fire Station as it was during the years of rationing and material was hard to get, and many changes had to be made in the original plans. Mr. Holliday served on the Pine Valley School Board for several years and took an active interest in all community affairs until his death in 1960.

Mrs. Holliday says she will miss Pine Valley but plans to come up now and then and stay at Hobart House.

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Have you seen the beautiful new Lincoln the Wohlers are driving? We don't see Chet and Margaret as often as we would like at their home on Corte Madera Road.

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Last Wednesday at approximately 11:30 a.m. a resuscitator call to Dennis McCarty at Descanso who suffered a slight heart attack. Chief Pingley and Louis Perna spent about an hour with Mr. McCarty giving him oxygen. He seems completely recovered at this writing.

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Thursday, February 7 the Pine Valley School took time out to see the Wonder Bakery in San Diego. They were taken by school bus, with mothers, Mrs. Louis Perna and Mrs. A. Martin going along to help Mrs. Turnbull.

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Mrs. W. A. (Marguerite) Thornburg has moved from her beautiful big country home south of El Centro back to her former home at 401 LenRay in El Centro. The old home has been completely remodeled and while it is much smaller, it has the same striking loveliness that is so typical of Mrs. Thornburg.

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John and Edie Straub are getting settled in their pretty new home at 705 Dessert Garden Drive in El Centro. This charming house is just two doors from another Pine Valley couple, John and Nell Hartzog. A few days after moving in the temperature dropped to 12 degrees and froze much of the shrubbery and some of the trees. John is busy replacing the dead ones and installing a sprinkler system in the lawn.

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On Saturday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Jack Blankenship of the NRA, assisted by two other instructors, will begin a series of classes on "Gun Safety" for youngsters at the Pine Valley Clubhouse. The course will be 10 hours' training, two and a half hours each week. One class will be actual firing on the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club range. There is a fee of only 50c for the entire course as the instructors are donating their time, the Pine Valley

Improvement Club is donating the clubhouse for the meetings and the NRA is furnishing guns for demonstrations. Any one interested should contact Buddy Hill at Union Service Station in Guatay for further information.

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The Mountain Empire Republican Woman's Club, Federated, met February 7 at the home of Mrs. Donna Muhlhauser. All took sack lunches and the hostess served pie, cake and coffee. Mrs. Mary Kerns, president, outlined her plans for a trip to Washington, D. C. in April. More about this later. Plans were also discussed about the party to be held in May.

## MRS. HAYS CALLED EAST

Mrs. Willard (Louise) Hays was suddenly called home to the bedside of her father, B. E. Thomas of Paducah, Kentucky, who is gravely ill. Mrs. Hays made the trip by air, and experienced some very rough travel, being grounded by fog and having to change planes twice enroute. In Dallas, Mrs. Hays met her brother, who, flying from his home in Phoenix, also had to change planes in the Texas city. The two made the remainder of the flight together.

Just how long she will be away, her husband, Willard, could not say. "It may be a month or six weeks," he said, "since if the father dies, it will leave the mother alone and provisions must be made for her care." Both of Mrs. Hays' parents are in their 80s.

## Patriotic Program Pleases Club

Forty members and guests of the Alpine Woman's Club were well entertained by a moving program honoring Abraham Lincoln on his birthday, Tuesday, Feb. 12. Lenore Oakley Lusk, arranged the program with a skilful choice of readings and music which brought sober awareness of our country's meaning to the assembled women.

Taking part in the program were Judy Ellis, reading the American Creed; Jane Orbom who read a moving account of Lincoln's boyhood, with emphasis on the parts played by his mother and his stepmother, Lenore read the Gettysburg Address, and a trio of club ladies, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Vancil and Mrs. Barrett, lead the crowd in the singing of the old Civil War favorite, Tenting Tonight. The program ended with the whole crowd singing The Star Spangled Banner, with Mrs. Lusk at the piano.

At the business meeting, conducted by President Mrs. H. W. Johnson, it was decided to donate a \$100 scholarship to a worthy local girl to assist with her college education. The quilt donated by Mrs. Sache was raffled off and won by Mrs. Kennevan.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. Vitalich, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Kennevan. The next meeting will be a pot-luck luncheon and fashion show.

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will remain in Alpine until they find a suitable home in the Los Angeles area.

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Very proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Westfall, who are displaying an Air Force photograph of their good looking son, John B. Westfall who recently went into the Air Force for a four-year enlistment. John is still in basic training stationed at San Antonio, Tex. His mother says he writes glowingly of the service, loves it all and is quite happy in his choice.

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Mrs. W. M. Tipple is here from Santa Ana, visiting her sister, Mrs. James Ansell of Olivewood Lane.

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Mrs. John C. Byrne arrived this week to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Kramer on Foss Road. Mr. Byrne, who arrived several weeks ago has had major surgery and is convalescing nicely in a local hospital.

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Mrs. S. S. Reynolds visited the Reynolds Ranch on February 12 having a nice day with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Pike Mead and children.

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A little bird told us that Mrs. Josephine Sturdivant has been a little under the weather these past days. Best wishes.

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More Easterners out here to escape the intense winter of their own state are Mr. and Mrs. Alford Champaign of Hammond, Indiana. The Couple is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Terry. The Terrys make their home at Foster's Cottages.

**HOSPITAL**

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mission. Pre-entrance examinations are administered by the California State Department of Employment, 18 is the minimum age, the upper age level is usually 50, but is not rigid and is determined in part by physical fitness rather than chronological age. One of the students told me that she was one of 33 selected out of over 100 applications. The nursing curriculum is approximately 1600 hours in length and consists of 15 weeks each in medical, surgical and maternal and child health. There are four full time instructors besides Mrs. Abbott.

A most interesting experience was to look out my window one morning to see a Coast Guard helicopter landing just beyond the car parking area. I watched while they brought a little 13-year-old Lake Murray boy, who had tumbled into a wash 500 feet from Crowles Mountain peak, into the hospital. I later learned that it was just 15 minutes from the time they located James Stephens until he was safely in bed in the hospital being taken care of.

A nice surprise awaited me on checking out I learned that because I had been paying taxes in the Grossmont District I had \$2 per day deducted from my bill.

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**LOCAL DOG**

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ridge's Temba, was Best of Opposite Sex, and Best Puppy in the Show was won by Lamarde Perro Yakala. A dog of their breeding, Lamarde Perro Posho, now owned by Walter Trada of New Jersey, was Winner's Dog which made him a Champion.

At the Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden on Monday and Tuesday, Ch. Lamarde Perro Qa'Taba did the honors by winning Best of Opposite Sex. In the Pointer ring, Ch. Crookrise Cadet of Muick, outstanding Pointer owned by Lamarde Perro Kennel, was Best of Opposite Sex.

The owners of the kennel are particularly pleased with the evaluation of their dogs by Major Hawley, as it proves that the six years of work they have done in their breeding program has been successful and toward the proper goal.

**Library News**

The Alpine Library, located on Highway 80 in Alpine was a busy place a week ago Saturday. Mrs. Elizabeth C. West, librarian reports six youngsters all from the J. W. Vought family, recently from Indiana and now residing in Alpine made application for library cards.

The library is opened Tuesday, Thursdays from 1-5 and on Saturdays from 10 until 2 p.m. The public is invited to use the library during these specific hours. There are many books available and if the particular book you are anxious to read is not in stock, Mrs. West will gladly order it for you from the Main Branch. The Alpine branch of the public library is one of 44 San Diego County branches.

Three bulletin boards are maintained for the convenience of borrowers listing (1) newest purchases of the county library (2) up-to-date current information about Adult Education (3) City and County information as well as two maps of Alpine, readily accessible.

The library is for your convenience—use it at your pleasure if just to sit quietly for a moment and browse through its many interesting magazines. For those interested in dogs or horses, the library now has late editions of various magazines concerning these subjects.

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**Alpine Gardener**

By JEAN McCULLOUGH

Among the catalogs and circulars from seed houses which are arriving these days, one sees a bewildering array of shrubs and flowers from which to choose. One of the most intriguing and yet practical things I've come across is a dwarf peach tree, the actual size three feet and bearing a full crop of good sized fruit. The name of this wonder tree is Bonanza. Plant it in a nice redwood planter box and set it in your patio and enjoy the lovely pink bloom then harvest the fruit later. Since we seem destined to get meager amounts of rainfall, it seems to me dwarf trees are the answer to a lot of our fruit, flower and shrubbery problems.

Start pruning fuschias right away so the plants will have a short time to rest before new growth starts. Water the plants lightly, but do not fertilize until a little later when we growth starts. Now a thrifty way to get a lot of small flowers started is to get seeds and plant them in small peat moss pots, just a few to a pot, and the beauty of this is that you plant pot and all after the small plants have grown sufficiently to set out in the ground and any danger of frost is past.

One lovely little boarder plant is Nierembergia lavender color, it will seed itself and keep going. Use it with yellow portulaca for a pretty border.

**Elizabeth**

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cure more room for the growing shop which also maintains two seamstresses, Maxine Bell and Jean James. These capable needlewomen do remodeling for the shop apparel and also design and make other garments to order. The new location has been completely refurnished, the decor designed by Nora Ball and executed by Jay Displays.

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