

AREA POPULATION 3500

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

SCHOOL BOARD TO CALL TAX ELECTION

AMOUNT OF INCREASE TO BE DETERMINED NEXT MONDAY NITE

Last Monday evening the Board of Trustees of the Alpine Union School District held the third of a series of public meetings to discuss the procedures and steps required to be taken to establish a budget for the next school year. There were present Trustees John Reynolds, Charles Kildgore, Stuart Day and Laurence Wilcox with Trustee Fred Rushing absent.

Chairman Reynolds conducted the meeting and called on District Superintendent Clyde Gilley to outline the presentation to be made at the meeting. Mr. Gilley stated that the teachers in the Alpine schools had made a study of the schedule of the salaries paid in the Alpine School District in comparison to the salaries paid teachers in other comparable school districts in San Diego County. He stated that they wished to present the results of their study. He said that while the teachers' salaries were not the first item in the list of items to be considered in making up a budget that he thought the teachers should be given the opportunity to be heard at this time.

Chairman Reynolds then called on the teachers who distributed tabulations to those present on which was shown the salaries paid the Alpine school teachers and the salaries paid teachers in other districts throughout Southern California. The tabulations indicated that the beginning salaries for Alpine teachers who have no experience and minimum qualifications compare favorably with the other district, but that the Alpine teachers' salaries become progressively lower as the teachers acquire ex-

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Type III Vaccine To Be Available

Type III vaccine will be available to all age groups at public SOS Clinics throughout the County of San Diego on February 10, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. ONE DAY ONLY.

Immunization with Type III is urged for children, in whom the danger of naturally occurring poliomyelitis is greatest. Dr. Robert T. Plumb, president of the Medical Society said, "The public should know that there is a potential, although minimal, risk of vaccine-induced poliomyelitis, especially in persons over 30 years of age. At the same time, the public should also know that there is a far greater risk of naturally occurring poliomyelitis for susceptible persons."

California state law requires that school children complete the series of three Salk vaccine injections or the Sabin vaccine series, which consists of each one of the three types of Sabin oral vaccine. Dr. Plumb pointed out that "those who take all three types of Sabin polio vaccine will have protection against the three types of paralytic polio for several years."

Donations from the public for Types I and II Sabin vaccine were so generous that it is now possible to offer Type III Sabin vaccine without charge. Alpine's clinic will be opened February 10, in the auditorium of the Alpine Elementary School, Highway 80 for all persons.

Special Attractions At Indio Fair

Many special events will be offered at the annual Riverside County's National Date Festival to be held in Indio February 15 through 24. Among the various attractions will be a true rockologist's paradise in the form of a gem and mineral show. You'll laugh yourself sick at the crazy camel and ostrich races staged as intermission excitement daily during the festival.

Another feature is a new display, "Aladdin's Barnyard" to delight the kiddies who have never seen a complete farmyard of animals before.

PTA Luncheon Held

Several members of the Alpine and Harbison Canyon PTA attended the annual PTA Founders' Day luncheon Monday in the International Room of the El Cortez Hotel.

Among the 1150 PTA members attending from all over the county, were the following from Alpine and Harbison Canyon, Mmes. Pipes, Dana, Whitman, Griggs, Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foster.

INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

February is a notable month in American history for in it occur the birthday anniversaries of two of the world's most famous champions of human freedom and political liberty—Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. It is also ground-hog day with the very old custom of weather forecasting brought to this country by early British and German settlers who believed that if the little hibernator saw his shadow on February 2 there's be six more weeks of winter. An old rhyme says: "If ground-hog day be bright and fair, the half of winter's to come and more." Needing rain, we can hope there's something to this, since the sun was bright and warm on Feb. 2 and our nearest kin to ground-hogs, the ground squirrels, were busy enough to see their shadows many times over.

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February is also the birth month of Charles Dickens, Thomas Alva Edison, Aaron Burr, James Russell Lowell, Buffalo Bill, Longfellow, and other noteworthy Americans. It's the anniversary of another of our nation's sympathetic gestures towards Cuba, resulting in the blowing up, by a home-made Cuban bomb, of the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor, on February 15, 1898, killing most of the men on board. Typically, it was done at night when most of the Maine's crew were sleeping. Boy Scouts day also is in this month, and Chinese New Year, and St. Valentine's Day.

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Of all these special days, the 14th will bring more real smiles to more faces than all the others put together. At least three saints were named Valentine according to martyrologists, but how their name and natal day came to be connected with the custom of exchanging Valentines is theoretical. One theory is founded on the belief current in Europe during the middle ages, that birds began mating on February 14. Thus it evolved into a day sacred to lovers and, since it was the Saint's birthday, and any day was thought to be improved by its association with a saint, it began to be called St. Valentine's Day, and the birds' habits extended to human beings who, unable to sing their sentiments like the birds, put them in flowery prose and verse. But somehow, through the years (one historian blames the Puritans) the adult valentine lost favor and by

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C of C Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Youth Center on February 13, at 8 p.m. All Alpine businessmen and anyone else who has an interest in Alpine are especially invited to attend.

The Chamber is now publishing a monthly newsletter to acquaint the community with its activities and is also working on a membership drive at this time. Come to the meeting and find out what your Chamber is doing.



Alpine Echo Photo

Mr. Norman Foster, President, Alpine PTA and Mrs. Leata Judd who was awarded Honorary Life Membership Pin in the PTA.

ALPINE AND HARBISON PTA'S HOLD FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM

The regular monthly meeting of the Alpine Parent Teachers' Association was held at the Alpine School Auditorium last Tuesday evening with the Alpine and Harbison Canyon PTA meeting jointly for the annual Founder's Day program. The evening began with the Harbison Canyon School Choir, which sang several songs under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Rosse, after which the Alpine School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Leo Ryan, sang several songs, some of which were accompanied by the Alpine School band.

The regular meeting of the two organizations then was called to order by Mr. Norman Foster, president of the Alpine PTA. After reading of the minutes and election of nominating committees for the following year, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Ann Clin-

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Vets Of WWI Name Officers

Mountain Barracks Veterans of World War I and their Ladies' Auxiliary, held a joint meeting Monday, Feb. 4 in Fuller Hall at 1:30 p.m. New officers for both groups were installed.

Coming from the El Cajon chapter as Installing Officer was Mrs. Vera Arrowsmith, who instated President, Goldie Vancil; Sr. Vice-President, Esther Francisco; Jr. Vice-President, Olive Casady; Treasurer, Julia Sachse; Secretary, Anna Hanneman; Chaplain, Sally Nixon; Commander, Chastina Griswold; Door Guard, Mona Hanson.

While the men's group were holding their installation the ladies retired to the kitchen to prepare refreshments which were served at the social hour following the veterans' formalities.

Alpine Scouts Win Blue Ribbon

A fine showing was made by the Alpine Boy Scout Troop 105, under the direction of Scoutmaster R. O. Partridge at the annual Boy Scout Roundup held in Santee last weekend.

Over 300 boys, consisting of 15 troops, from the Eastern section of San Diego County attended this annual affair to commemorate Boy Scout week. Twelve Scouts from the Alpine troop consisting of two patrols, Eagle and Arrow, won yellow ribbons for third place but the most exciting moment of all came Saturday evening. After songs and skits were performed by the boys around the campfire, the awards were presented and Troop 105 from Alpine had placed first in the Camp Craft Division which consists of neatness and arrangement of their camp.

Troop 105 returned home, tired, dirty and extremely proud of their new blue ribbon.

New Rental Of Property

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stebbins have rented the Donald L. Cline property on Highway 80 east of Alpine. They have two small children. Mr. Stebbins is employed at Florence's Market. Rental was made by Mrs. Charlene Brown of Alpine Branch, La Mesa Realty.

Club's Fish Dinner Draws Crowd

Another success was chalked up by the Alpine Woman's Club last Friday evening when they presented the community with a fine baked fish dinner in the Clubhouse. Put on to swell their benevolence fund, the dinner began at 6 p.m. and was served to a large crowd which kept arriving intermittently until almost 8 p.m.

Mrs. C. P. Vancil, chairman of the affair, praised her committee for their work towards the success of the event. These ladies were, Mmes. Daniel Westfall, Rennie Hollett, H. H. Latham, Orville Palmer, Marcus Schaefer, L. E. Peterson, Ed. Orbom, E. Sachse, J. C. La Force, Orville Luck and Keller.

Mrs. Vancil stated that a substantial profit was realized from the dinner. The fish was donated by an old friend of the Vancils, Mr. Cy Herbert of San Diego. The potatoes and cold slaw were donated by the club women. At the dinner's end, there was a good bit of fish left over which Mrs. Vancil offered for sale to the crowd, but Mr. Auren Pierce gave a liberal donation to the club with the suggestion that the food be taken to a local needy family instead.

Background music was provided by Mrs. Lusk and several nice door prizes were awarded to the guests at the evening's close.

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Alpine School Budget

At last Monday night's meeting held by the School Board, it was pointed out by Supt. Gilley that the Board now has available three school budgets for the District. One of them based on a tax levy of 90 cents on which the District is now operating, a second based on a tax rate of \$1.51 on which the District was operating last year, and one based on \$1.86 which was considered the amount required by the Board last year and for which a tax election was held but rejected by the voters.

In discussing the budget for the next school year at last Monday night's meeting, it was proposed by some present that no budget be prepared but that an election be called for a \$1.51 tax rate which, in their opinion, would receive a favorable vote, and then prepare a budget based on this rate.

However, the large majority of those present yelled "hokum" and "who do you think you're kidding," or words to that effect. These persons voiced the opinion that the Board should establish a sound, practical educational program and call for a vote on the tax rate that would provide such a program.

The Board unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendation of the majority of those present and to present such a budget and tax rate at next Monday night's meeting. All residents of the District should be at that meeting.

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.

Dear Editor:

Last Monday night at the budget discussion meeting in the auditorium of Alpine School, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Kildgore demonstrated once again by their attitude pertaining to the budget now being planned that they are not interested in our school program, they are most concerned with politics. They have no confidence in themselves nor in those who sustained them in the most recent election. Could it be that they are losing faith in Machiavellian philosophy?

Both Mr. Kildgore and Mr. Reynolds propose a tax over-ride of \$1.51. Neither of them have studied a budget based on current needs. "One half a loaf is better than no loaf at all," explained Mr. Reynolds. He admitted that the most recent proposed budget, calling for \$1.86, and which was voted down last year, was a compromise between what the Board thought to be adequate and what the voters would "go for."

Could it be that these men have made campaign promises that if fulfilled would be in serious conflict with basic principles of their offices? Trustees who would subordinate sound education and general welfare of our children to any other cause have no business in office.

Mr. Kildgore has volunteered that he does not understand the fundamentals of budget making. Yet, he has supposedly helped to plan and promote at least two

budgets previously. We suspect he must have been about as much help in planning those budgets as the tape-recorder secretary was in recording the minutes of the Board meeting a few weeks ago.

Whiningly, in his monotonous Jeremiah style, Mr. Kildgore pleaded for an extension of possibly six months of budget study. Within this time, he could "tear it apart, take the meat of it, put it back together to see what he had." He further proposes to invite the public to watch him "get the meat of it," this meat-getting will include a conducted tour of our school. By such maneuvering, he proposes to "sell" the people on the over-ride, the one which he will decide the voters of this district will "go for." By the time he finishes "wrecka'nizin, gettin' thuh meat out" and filibustering about his masterpiece, the school should be just on the verge of starvation for lack of funds. Next September, we will start trying to operate the school on 90 cents, no matter what we may vote for in this April election, it will not be available to us until 1964-65 school year. We should be thinking about the deficit that is bound to occur on 90 cents when we discuss the present budget.

In sharp contrast with their present attitude, only four months ago, arrogantly, pompously, they told us to go home, keep our mouths shut and mind our own business; they did not consider education of our children, among other things, any of our business. We had voted them into office that they might run our business as their conscience dictated. In Mr. Kildgore's words, if we don't like the way he is running our business that is too bad, "we are stuck with him until 1965."

Stuck we are, unless by merciful luck he is stricken with laryngitis long enough to allow the other Trustees and the Superintendent to prepare a budget consistent with genuine desire for a decent school program.

With bus service for the children severely curtailed, classroom supplies and teaching aid items in very short supply or non-existent, teacher salary schedule the lowest in Southern California, buildings and equipment dilapidating for lack of funds necessary for repairs, it should not take months for a sober-minded Board to compile and digest the "meat" necessary for the budget of a district this size.

If Mr. Kildgore will refrain from his filibustering tactics when the budget is discussed, we may yet lick our chronic school finance crisis.

Respectfully,
 Zane Dana

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Dear Sir:

As the president of the Citizens Committee, known as ACTION, I am concerned about the school board's decision to go for \$1.51 instead of \$1.86 in the coming election.

Before we campaigned for \$1.86, we asked Mr. Reynolds (our advisor from the Board) what the school needed. He said, "We are in the red on \$1.51, so we have to go for \$1.86. Does this mean after a year at 90c, that now our children will get along fine at the \$1.51 rate?"

As a parent, I sometimes wish I was able to leave Alpine for a few years as my friends, the Tom Daughertys have. They wouldn't consider returning to Alpine as long as we are providing our children a poor education.

I would like to see the Board come up with a figure that will benefit my children the most. I want my children to go on to high school with the same background as the children from other districts.

Perhaps some of you don't have children in our school, but we all owe the children the best education money can buy. They are going to be our leaders in the future of America and I'd hate to think where we'd be today if our forefathers had not tightened their belts a little for the children of their country.

Leata L. Judd

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Dear Editor:

I sat down, pencil in hand, with the intention of writing a letter to the Editor. However, it will be a plea to the parents of the students in the Alpine Union School District instead.

Where were you and what were you doing when our school became a fast sinking ship in the sea of apathy, political machinery and personal egotisms? Our school is, as sure as you and I breath this Alpine air, doomed.

As most of you know, I am an employee of the Alpine School District. In fact an employee of every taxpayer of Alpine, including myself. I feel it is my duty as your employe to sound a warning and certainly it is my right as a parent to do so.

There is a condition existing in the Alpine School District that is growing worse. The teachers are underpaid, insecure and unwanted. The students are doing without many necessary school supplements, and what is worse, they will be doing without teachers if this condition is allowed to continue. It has been said that our teachers have been leaving our school for every reason but the real reason. They leave because they are unwanted, and they know they are unwanted here in Alpine, because we do not pay them enough to live on or build a future on.

There are those that say, "We didn't have this and that when we went to school and we got by ok." Well, you may have, but we are

living in an entirely different age now. Most of us have modern conveniences such as TV sets, automobiles, automatic appliances, etc. Why not have modern educational standards for our children as well?

I plead with the parents of the children in the Alpine Union School District who are the least bit interested in their children obtaining an education that will prepare them to live in this world as it is today and will be tomorrow. Please do not turn your back on your last chance to be heard before a new over-ride tax rate figure is set by the School Board, Monday, February 11, 1963, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The School Board stated 13 months ago that the then existing tax rate of \$1.51 was not sufficient to give our children the proper education they needed. Why should we now, 13 months later, settle for the still insufficient tax rate, when we know the school needs more. Has your cost of living gone down this past year? Then how can you suggest your children be educated for the same tax figures, or less?

If you are more interested in educating your children than in the almighty dollar, I beg you to attend the School Board meeting, Monday evening, February 11 and ask to be heard.

Marjorie B. Cooper

Intimate Glimpses

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the beginning of this century the custom had changed to one observed mainly by and for children and their immediate relatives.

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But adults could not give up the custom completely, so masked their need in the comic and grotesque illustration with oblique, or harsh, or crazy sentiments. Some of these still retain the spirit of the message though it's often hard to see cupid in disguise in the current favorite figure—the shaggy, slovenly, dirty-fisted beatnik. Each year Postoffices reject thousands of cards as unfit to go through the mails. Children, though, are still allowed leeway with their gentler feelings and are not expected to disguise them or make them ugly until about the fourth grade. First and second graders make the nicest valentines of all. Once I had three, made in three different first grades years ago. All were destroyed in a fire, but I have them in memory still—crooked little red paper hearts with bits of lace and ribbon pasted on them, and printed on each in wobbly capital letters: I LOVE YOU. Valentine's Day is important to millions of people who are tired of acting tough about tender things and submitting to ugliness because its considered smart. The confusion of folklore and myth obscures the exact origins of the day, but we know it sprung from the craving of the human heart, that inherent in us all, have kept Valentines moving through the centuries.

Dick Robinson Home Again

Home again from his 34-day stay in Naval Hospital in San Diego, is popular Alpiner, Dick A. Robinson, who lives with his nice wife, Jo, on Victoria Hill where they can look down at the fog of San Diego.

Dick says he feels fine and is very glad to be home, though he reports excellent care at the hospital whence he was taken for a heart condition. He still must curtail his activities somewhat, but is ready to receive friends at his home here now. Dick, who is a skillful watch and clock man, an artist in carving ivory and wood, a jeweler and general genius, was missed while he was gone and is welcomed home with hurrahs.

School Board

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perience and attain additional qualifications.

Mr. Gilley then stated the first item on the schedule of items to be considered for the budget was the salary to be paid the District Superintendent. He further stated that this was one of the four or five items which had to be determined by the School Board themselves, and that he had himself inserted a preliminary budget amount for all of the other budget items which did not require determination by the Board.

In answer to a question from Chairman Reynolds, Mr. Gilley stated that next Monday, February 11, would be the last day on which the School Board could make a request for a tax over-ride election to be held concurrently with the Trustee election on April 16, and that since there was a regular meeting of the School Board on next Monday, the Board would have to determine the tax rate to be requested at such an election at that time.

The School Board then discussed the possibility of requesting an election for a tax rate without preparing a preliminary budget. The amount of \$1.51 per \$100 assessed valuation was proposed by Trustee Kildgore and Chairman Reynolds stated that Trustee Fred Rushing, who was not present, had told him he would favor requesting a tax of \$1.62 per \$100 assessed valuation.

At this point there were many comments from persons in the audience who questioned the advisability of requesting a tax rate without first having prepared a preliminary budget that would substantiate the amount of tax increase requested. Several members of the audience stated emphatically that the Board should determine the school program desired for the pupils in the Alpine School District and request a tax rate that would support such a program regardless of the amount that would be needed whether it would be \$1.51 per \$100 valuation or the \$1.86 which had been previously voted on last year and defeated, or some other figure that could be substantiated by an intelligently prepared budget.

After about one hour of discussion on this subject, the Board members present unanimously agreed to start working on a preliminary budget the next day and have a preliminary budget prepared to present at their meeting on Monday, February 11, at which time it will be discussed and the tax rate determined that would be requested at a combined election on April 16. The holding of the tax rate election with the Trustee election will save the District the cost of a special election which is estimated to be about \$650.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the many friends who have aided and comforted me during the recent death of my wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Sparks.

Sincerely,
 Mr. Dan Sparks.

Monument Completed

The monument which was dedicated last year in the Alpine Cemetery has been fully completed this week, reports Mr. Bert Fuller.

Members of Veteran organizations, World War I, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fleet Reserve Association invite everyone to attend the final dedication on Memorial Day, at a time to be announced later.

Mr. Fuller was ably assisted in this project by Mr. Fred Anderson who laid the plaque making the job complete.

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ALPINE

By DEBBIE MARSHALL

Mrs. Katherine Black entertained guests over the weekend whom she described as a fascinating couple. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Toepflemer of San Diego, who will be remembered by those fortunate enough to see them at a meeting of the Alpine Woman's Club about two years ago when they showed slides of India and Mrs. Toepflemer wore the native sari. Mr. Toepflemer was a civilian employee with the U. S. Army in India where the couple lived for a number of years. Now retired, they live in San Diego and Mrs. Toepflemer has taken up painting. She brought several of her latest canvases out and left them with Mrs. Black who states they are on display in her office at Tappy's Motel if anyone wishes to see them.

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Art's Roaring 20s featured the celebrated artist, Louis (Sachmo) Armstrong and three Alpine couples made up a happy party to view this incomparable artist. Paul and Marty Parsons, Auren and Jeanne Pierce, and Al and Renie Adams caught the late show and had a wonderful evening's entertainment.

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Phil and Dorothy Hall entertained their daughter, Mrs. Tony Guiles, her husband and family this past Sunday. Sue and her husband, Lt. Guiles, who is a doctor at the U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego live in Spring Valley with their two lovely little daughters.

CAMPO

By FAY FARRIS

It was a big surprise to hear of the marriage of Mary Ann Barrish and Robert Hinkle which was performed last December. She is the daughter of Lewis and Fay Barrish of Lake Morena, formerly of Mt. Laguna. He has been stationed at the Radar Station at Mt. Laguna, but has been transferred to San Bernardino, where the young couple will live.

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Sunday, Feb. 10, the Type III Sabin Oral Vaccine will be given at the Mt. Empire High School, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This will be the only chance to receive this vaccine in this area, as they are giving it this one day only. There will be no charge this time.

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Pearl Deines of El Cajon, formerly of Lake Morena, has had another slight heart attack, but is home with her daughter, Alice Liggett after only two days in the hospital. They were at a movie when it happened, and Pearl was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance.

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Three squares enjoyed the Square Dance and class of Mt. Whirlers at the Mt. Empire High School auditorium on Saturday evening, Jan. 26, with Bob Dennington calling. Mrs. William Shaw of Japatul Road, was hostess. The next dance and class will be on Saturday, Feb. 9, and this will be a Valentine party. There will be entertainment during intermission.

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The turkey ranch of Marvin and Pat Chase in Potrero has been sold, but they will continue living in their new home adjacent to the turkey ranch.

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Bill Ham is no longer operating the Pine Valley Service Station, but will have a service station in Santee. He and his wife, Jane moved to El Cajon a few months ago, and he has been going back and forth every day. They formerly lived in Morena Village.

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Phoebe Thompson and Flora

Skonberg drove to the Los Angeles area together last week, Phoebe to visit her daughter and family in Pasadena, and Flora to visit her daughter and family near there. While there Phoebe attended a luncheon in Alhambra. They came home on Monday of this week.

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The home of Margaret Rolland on Buckman Springs Road was enjoyed by the Lake Morena Mexican Canasta Club on Wednesday last week. Those invited were Helen Pate, Helen Smyth, Marie Martin, Marie Lindemann, Ardell Craft, Gertrude Haskell, and Fay Farris. Helen Smyth and Marie Lindemann were the lucky holders of high score.

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A fund raising breakfast was
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DESCANSO

By PATRICIA RICE

The San Diego County sheriff's posse was at the Hulburd Grove Stables this past weekend for training. They were training especially in the best methods of finding people who become lost in the mountains. A fine looking group of men, horses and trappings. It is a good feeling to know they are available in case of need.

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Mrs. George A. Sanderson was taken to the Alpine Nursing Home last week after she suffered another stroke. She has been ill for some time. Mr. Sanderson is very well and is at their home here in Descanso.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellis came back to San Diego County last Saturday and are in the Fairview Rest Home two miles east of Flink Springs at 9735 Silva Road which Mrs. Lil Johnson is operating. Will and Clara have been living with their daughter in Whittier the past few years, but Mrs. Ellis had another stroke and it was thought best for them to be in a rest home. Mrs. Johnson is an old friend, in fact most of their old friends live in this area and they are happy to be here. Mr. Ellis was born on the Ellis Ranch at Descanso 85 years ago and except for one year he spent in Norway, has always lived in this area.

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Last Sunday over 100 ranchers, cattlemen, cabin owners and just plain residents of the Mountain Empire met at Live Oak Springs Resort to discuss the proposed MR zoning ordinance. Bill Couch, manager of the resort was the master of ceremonies. Franklin Barnes, a Planning Commissioner, explained the ordinance and answered questions. Ladies of the various clubs in the area served cake and coffee. If you own property in the Mountain Empire and did not attend this meeting it will pay you to find out about this ordinance. There will be another meeting on February 11 at 2 p.m. at 201 Health Bldg. just north of Civic Center in San Diego.

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The WSCS of the Chapel of the Hills is giving a "Hobo" dinner, Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Stew, cole slaw, corn bread, dessert and coffee. Mrs.

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HARBISON

By PAT PATTISON

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gray, Noakes Street, H. C., are the proud new parents of a baby boy, born this week at Grossmont Hospital. Mrs. (Louise) Gray and son are reported doing very well and expect to be home today.

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Friends will be very happy to hear that little Carol Renee Jen-

nings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jennings, is home and doing very well, after being ill for some time.

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Mr. Jim Jessop is now home from the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Happy to report he is recovering nicely.

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We're a bit late, but congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ellis who are the proud parents of a son, born January 17.

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Jim Besson left February 1 for Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newell of Huntington Park were the weekend guests of Beulah Culver.

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We all wish to thank our Jr. Firemen, the "Cinders" who for the past two Saturdays have helped clean up our highway of all the trash and litter.

MT. LAGUNA

By COLLEEN INGALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutton, formerly of Lemon Grove and now officially of Mt. Laguna have retired to enjoy their lovely two-story home on the mountain. Their camper called "Lazy-Daze," will, no doubt travel far and wide but will come "home to roost" on the mountain.

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The guest speaker this past Sunday for the Mt. Laguna Community Church was Mr. Fred Pahl who is a senior at San Diego State College and is preparing for the Lutheran ministry. Many local residents of the area know Mr. Pahl and will remember his wife the former Andee Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Smith who are summer residents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lucian (Doc) Williams and family have moved recently to the "Ranger house" on Sunrise Highway. They formerly lived at Camp Ole, a forestry camp used for heavy equipment with barracks for fire crews. The Williams with their three pretty daughters, Terry, Susie and Barbara should be very happy in their new convenient location.

PINE VALLEY

By DONNA MUHLHAUSER

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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Meet our new Texaco Service Station owner, Paul S. Blackburn. For several years he owned and operated a Texaco Station on La Mesa Blvd. He has a charming wife, Alvina and an adopted son, Michael Allan, born last November 27. The Blackburns brought him home on November 29 and Mrs. Blackburn says all their friends say he looks like a real Blackburn. They own a home in Potrero and for the present, at least, are not planning on living in Pine Valley. Paul is a mechanic and will have emergency road service. A great big welcome to the Blackburns and we hope they will also make their home in our valley in the near future.

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Jay and Lois Vander Schel left our nice warm valley to brave cold and snow in order to visit Lois' mother who is ill in Iowa. Judy Mullins is pinch-hitting for Lois at Major's Coffee Shop.

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Our own "Uncle" Bert Bangs was guest of honor when the Embassy Club (in the San Diego Hotel) celebrated it's first anniversary last week. Uncle Bert moved there last August and will

be 85 on February 20. Let's have a birthday card shower for him.

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The third passenger you see in the C Street Florist truck is Donna Muhlhauser who is lending a helping hand to Jerry and Ida during the Valentine rush.

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Word that Floyd Crawford is some better, but still unable to come up to their home here in Pine Valley.

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Plans for the third annual Fireman's Ball to be held on Fire Service Day, Saturday, May 4, are well underway. Conrad Muhlhauser will again undertake the task of enlisting candidates for "Queen of the Ball."

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Our Junior Fire Patrol have received their Junior Fire Badges.
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Annual Family Dinner

The annual family dinner where the Guild of the Alpine Community Church prepares a meat dish and members bring vegetables, salad or dessert to pass and their own table service will be held at 6:30 p.m., February 15 in Fuller Hall. The program will include the Madrigal Singers of El Capitan High School, Lakeside. Plan to attend.

African Adventure

The speaker this week at the weekly meeting of the Alpine Kiwanis Club to be held Thursday, at 7 p.m. on February 7 will be Mr. Kenneth Tye, educator. Mr. Tye spent one year in Africa as an instructor (teacher) to African teachers. It was a pique experience.

Mr. Tye will show colored slides on this unusual and exciting adventure. Should be an interesting meeting.

Progressive Dinner Is Held

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Alpine Community Church held a progressive dinner last Sunday evening, February 3, beginning at the church. Twenty Alpiners enjoyed the evening starting first at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cost of El Cajon for fruit cocktail, soup at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun of Fairview, salad at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schwenk of Alpine and the main course of delicious spaghetti at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilcox with Mr. and Mrs. Moeser and Mr. and Mrs. Harris sharing as host and hostess.

The final course was dessert at the church where the punch was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Partridge ending a most enjoyable evening.

Birthday Luncheon To Be Held

Members of the Alpine Community Church who have celebrated birthdays during the month will be feted at a special Birthday Luncheon sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Church. This occasion is an annual affair and will be held at 12 p.m. on February 6. Mrs. Clark Haney, president will preside.

Italian Dinner Announced

The Ladies' Guild of Queen of Angels Church are sponsoring an Italian dinner prepared by Mrs. Barranco on Sunday, February 24 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Parish hall on North Victoria Dr. Donation, adults \$1.25 and children under 10, 50c. Tickets may be purchased from any of the ladies of the guild or phone Mrs. Brown, 445-3603. The public is cordially invited.

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given by Marie Lindemann at her home in Morena Village last Saturday. She is president of the Altar Society of the Campo Catholic Church, and the proceeds of the breakfast went to them. Marie Martin assisted with the preparation of the breakfast.

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Do not forget the card party and luncheon of Mt. Empire Woman's Club at the lovely home of Mary Grisworld in Pine Valley on Wednesday, February 13—donation 51.25. There will be door prizes.

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Mrs. Beckage of Lake Morena slipped on the gravel by the Malt Shop a few weeks ago, and injured her back, and she is now residing with Marguerite Shamblen, while she is recuperating.

DESCANSO

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Judy Mullins is the chairman. There will be a prize for the best hobo costume. Donations, adults 75c and children 50c.

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Buster Austin, Assistant Fire Control Officer at the Descanso Ranger Station investigated a parked car on a little side road between the Japatul Station and Barrett Honor Camp and found the body of Edna Mae Woodward. She apparently shot herself with the .30 calibre Jap rifle also found in the car. The Coroner said she had been dead about 10 days.

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Mrs. Dorothy Stollar is visiting and helping take care of a friend in Anaheim. Blessed Sacrament Church will certainly miss her as she is a tireless worker for the church.

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Mrs. Al (Bernice) Reynolds left last Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. Agnes Wright in Los Alamos. Mrs. Wright has been a frequent and well remembered visitor in Descanso.

Pine Valley

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They passed their first examination with excellent grades. We owe our Fire Chief, John Pingley a vote of thanks for the work he is doing with these youngsters.

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Clever invitations were sent to all Mountain Empire Masonic Club members for their monthly dinner and meeting Friday, February 8 in the Clubhouse.

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Ruth Derr, of the American Field Service of Imperial Valley and Helen Meitman, an exchange student from Makkas, Finland, stopped for lunch at Major's Coffee Shop. They were on their way to San Diego where Helen will show pictures and tell of the customs of her homeland at the Kiwanis Club.

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ton, program chairman. She introduced Mr. Stuart Day, who presented the Founder's Day portion of the program by giving a short talk. Mrs. Clinton then introduced Mrs. Jerry Webb who introduced the name of the recipient of the Honorary Life Membership Pin, Mrs. Leata Judd. The introduction was in the form of a cleverly written verse. After Mr. Foster presented Mrs. Judd with the pin, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the following women, Mmes. Shirley Dana, Leona Buell and Virgie Presley.

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Jack Boyd's Work Is Exhibited

A former Alpiner who made good in the perilous world of art, is Jack Boyd, son of Verlie Boyd of Alpine. Seven of Jack's metal sculptures will be displayed at the opening show of the new Jefferson Gallery, 7606 Girard in La Jolla this month. The sculptures which include two animal subjects, three human figures, and two abstracts, range in size from eight to 48 inches. One is of bronze and six are of welded steel. The show, which opens Sunday Feb. 10 with a reception for the artists, will feature one other sculptor and five painters. They are, sculptor, Russell Forester; painters, Paul Woner, William Brown, Charles Sorel, Charles Farr and Ethel Greene.

Jack grew up in Alpine attending the local schools and began his work in silversmithing here in a modest way, but showing marked talent from the beginning. For a number of years Jack spent most of his time on commercial jobs, doing his designing and perfecting his own creations in his spare time. Now he is a full time artist with his own private studio at 5151 Morena Place in San Diego. Working mostly in metals, Jack is an all around artist, talented in ceramics, wood art and other fields as well.

Other work of Jack's will be exhibited at the Hermann Miller show rooms in Los Angeles or San Francisco at a future date. He has a large collection now on exhibition at the Seeger Galleries in Scottsdale, Ariz. Jack and his wife, Alice and their two children live in Pacific Beach.

The La Jolla show which opens Sunday, will be open to the public daily Tuesdays through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until March 9.

Library Notice

The Alpine branch of the San Diego County Library will be closed next Tuesday, Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

Civil Air Patrol Meet

Major and Captain Rogers, of the San Diego Civil Air Patrol will be at the Alpine School auditorium Friday, February 7 at 7:30 to speak and acquaint those persons interested in forming a squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in Alpine.

Mrs. R. N. Mayler, spokesman for a group interested here in our area cordially invites all interested persons, including children over the age of 13 to attend this meeting.

Grand Opening Of Art Gallery

The East County Art Association announces this week the grand opening of a new art gallery to be located in Grossmont Shopping Center next to Gallen Kamps Shoe Store facing the Main Mall. Until further notice, the Gallery will be opened from 1-5 on Saturdays, Sunday and Monday and from 12:30 until 3 on the other week days.

Added news for art enthusiasts is the monthly East County Art Association meeting to be held Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bostonia School. Mr. Richard Chase will be the speaker for the evening. He is a local artist, working in several mediums and styles and has worked for Walter Broderick and Associates.

Mr. Chase recently traveled to Europe on commission to do a copy of the Mona Lisa which was shown recently at an invitational dinner at the Hotel del Coronado.

Richard Swoy Returns

Richard Swoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Swoy of Lilac Lane recently returned to Alpine from duty with the U. S. Army stationed in Washington, D. C. Richard was an M.P. and guarded the hospital there. He is now attending Grossmont College and is very glad to be out of the army and back home again in Alpine.

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