

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 Board To Study Teacher's Salaries



The Little Brown Church of the Hills

LOST LANDMARKS

By BEA LA FORCE

Sometimes landmarks are lost through a process of change as surely as if they were razed or burned, for their original identity is obliterated.

It seems strange when you think of it, that Alpine was so long without a church, a building made especially for worship. But nearly a 100 years passed after the first settlement was established in the mountain pass now known as Alpine, before the first church was built. Not that any organized worship was lacking all that time. No, from the beginning the faithful held services in their homes, later when a one room school house was built, they used it on Sunday mornings whenever they could get a preacher to give them a formal service and when they couldn't get one, they held their own meetings, with lay preachers doing the best they could. Sometimes when the weather was fine they met under one of the huge oak trees for open air services.

When the Town Hall (now the
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Zoning Map At C of C Office

The Alpine Planning Advisory Committee, which was organized for the purpose of working with the County Planning Department staff in the zoning of the Alpine School District, has presented to the Chamber of Commerce a large map on which is shown the zoning for this area which was officially adopted by the Board of Supervisors a week ago.

The map will be placed on the wall in the Chamber of Commerce office on Highway 80, and will be available for any property owner to inspect to ascertain the zoning of his property. The Chamber of office is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Local Residents In Head-On Collision

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gordon, residents of Japatul Valley, their daughter, Rosellen and Bonnie Greyhouse were involved in a head-on collision last Sunday afternoon on Dehesa Road, San Diego County. The driver of the other vehicle, Ralph Demer Benjamin, 31 had as his passenger Rosie La Chopa, 42 years.

Mr. Benjamin is a general handyman on the Baron Long Indian Reservation. Five persons were listed with injuries resulting from this accident. Mrs. Ernie Gordon and Bonnie Greyhouse are now sharing the same room in El Cajon Valley Hospital.

INTIMATE GLIMPSES

By BEA LA FORCE

Awakened this morning to sunlight at the window and birds staging a singing contest in the orchard. A plump quail sat on the rail fence chanting over and over a phrase that sounded like "Look who's here! Look who's here! Look who's here!" A dozen sparrows lined up nearby, joined in timidly like a group of women trying to sing a song keyed too high for them. A brassy pair of blue jays atop the persimmon tree razzed the effect, adding an imitation of a thrush with a sore throat. Then the mocking bird who honors us by living here, flew to the highest branch of the lemon tree and sang an aria which proved what real singing in the bird world can be. As he trilled to a finish, the old black rooster who'd been solemnly listening to it all, flew to the fence and crowed an enthusiastic approval. Or maybe he was the judge awarding the prize. Anyhow when he finished, the birds began to sing again as if encouraged. Suddenly the two big grey geese rushed in to break up the show with loud unmusical cries. They spread their magnificent wings in bold display and shouting rudely, silenced the singers. This done, the geese strutted like a pair of storm troopers doing the goose step up and down the orchard while the wild birds and the old rooster watched them like the humble watching the powerful forever.

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Have you noticed the many very tiny flower natives blooming this spring? They seem more numerous than ever. I don't know their names and can't identify them in the flower books, but they are distinguished by their very minute size. The smallest are the five-petaled white ones no bigger (I measured) than the head of a pin. They stand up on fragile thread-like stalks looking very cheerful about their place in the scheme of things. Yellow ones a fraction larger, are of two kinds, those

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El Cap Principal To Speak

The Alpine PTA organization has an interesting meeting planned for their annual monthly get-together on May 14, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the Alpine Community School. Mr. Russell Savage, principal of the El Capitan High School, Lakeside will speak on a subject of primary interest to seventh and eighth graders. His speech will include informative information as to what is going to be expected of boys and girls graduating into high school. This is a golden opportunity for parents and children to meet their new principal.

After the meeting, there will be a cake baking contest with only seventh and eighth grade boys and girls eligible to enter. The first prize will be \$5, second prize \$2.50, third prize \$1.

The cakes will be judged that evening and then auctioned for all attending with the donations being used for PTA projects.

CONFERENCE WITH TEACHERS TO BE DISCUSSED NEXT MONDAY

The Board of Trustees of the Alpine Union School District met last Monday night at an adjourned meeting at which were present a number of the teachers who made a request through their spokesman, Mr. Clifford K. Owen, for a meeting with the School Board to discuss with them

the teachers salary schedule which will be adopted in the budget for the next school year.

Mr. Owen stated that it was the desire of the teachers to come to some agreement on a workable salary schedule. In discussing the teachers' request Trustee Charles Kildgore asked how many teachers would be present at such a meeting and was informed that they had a committee of four. The board did not set a time for such a meeting but deferred the matter to an adjourned meeting for the next Monday night at which it will be discussed.

All of the members of the present board were in attendance and Mr. Charles C. Campbell who was recently elected to the board, effective July 1st was also in attendance and sat with the board during the meeting, but did not enter into any of their discussions.

Superintendent Clyde Gilley
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Important Notice To Parents

ALPINE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. School closed, Friday, May 3.
2. Minimum day schedule, Tuesday, May 7.
3. Applications for attendance at kindergarten, 1963-64, Wednesday, May 1, 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Dear Parents:

The Governing Board has approved two dates for purposes of teacher activities and participation in In-Service training and workshops.

On Friday, May 3, the schools of the Alpine Union School District will be closed.

On the minimum day scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, all children will be picked up at the same time except Harbison Canyon kindergarten, who will be picked up 20 minutes early.

All students will be returned home one hour early, except Alpine kindergarten who will be returned 20 minutes early.

Applications for kindergarten attendance will be accepted in the Central Office, Alpine Elementary School.

The first 35 from Alpine, and the first 30 from Harbison Canyon will be accepted for attendance in September. All others will be placed on a waiting list.

Requirements

1. Child must be five years old on or before December 2, 1963.
2. Proof of birth. Birth certificate, baptismal record, passport, or affidavit may be used.
3. Proof of polio inoculation.

Sincerely,
C. T. Gilley,
Superintendent, Alpine Union School District

Civil Defense Unit To Be Organized

Mr. William B. Marty Administrative Officer of the Civil Defense and Disaster Organization for San Diego announces that there will be an organizational meeting for the Alpine Civil Defense Service Center personnel.

The meeting will be held in Fuller Hall at 8 p.m., on Tuesday,
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Possible Cancellation Of Burning Permits

Under the present fire conditions and unless there is another measurable rainfall before May 15, all clean-up burning will be suspended on that date. This applies to all burning except incinerators, stated Chief Jack Blankenship, and extreme caution should be maintained.

H. C. School Open House A Success

The Harbison Canyon Elementary School presented its open house program in connection with Public Schools Week last evening at a large audience. For a near record, almost every child in the school participated in some way in presenting this highly interesting program.

The theme of the program centered around the reading, writing and arithmetic studies. One of the classes was currently studying Mexico and were dressed in Mexican costumes, while another presented folk dances from the land they were studying. Social Science projects, reading, clay modeling and many other activities and exhibitions were to be seen and heard.

The program this year tried to present to all the parents just exactly what their children were
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Escapees Picked Up On Reservation

Early yesterday morning Mr. Adolph Brown of the Baron Long Indian Reservation reported to the Sheriff's Office three suspicious looking men crossing the reservation on foot. Three deputy cars were sent to the area and at 9:45 a.m. they were picked up, along with two other escapees, still on the reservation.

According to Sgt. Shackley of the San Diego Sheriff's Office, five men were reported missing from the Viejas Honor Camp a few miles east of Alpine at 11 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Names of the captured men are Robert Epperly, Dennis Gebhardt, Richard Henry, Larry Sharp and Louis Wimberly, all of which were under sentence. They will now be committed to the San Diego county jail.

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All Quiet On The Alpine Front

In roaming the highways and byways of Alpine during the last few days for the gathering of news, we have discovered a strange condition.

For some reason unknown to us there does not seem to be any quarreling, or bickering, or controversies in our fair community. During the past few months quarreling and bickering and controversies were the first order of business. What with recall elections, school tax elections, school board elections and zoning and a few other side issues, the community has been rather split in several different ways. The focus of attention on all of these controversial issues was so intense that possibly most of us overlooked the fact that most of the world has similar problems, some areas to a much greater extent. But enough of that, let's look at Alpine.

The school matters seem to be on an even keel. We are now zoned and the general reactions seems to be favorable, and there is no evidence of any controversial issues on the horizon. To be sure, an election is coming up on May 14 on the proposition of dissolving the Alpine Heights MWD. But, if this proposition is controversial, the right to love your mother would have to be questioned.

Alpine is now going ahead in the atmosphere of this sublime condition of peace and quiet. The school board is merrily engaged in performing its duties and chores. The merchants are engaged in improving their businesses and supporting community activities. The Chamber of Commerce is proving to be an energetic organization, and is now laying the plans for their annual Viejas Days event.

So let us keep our fingers crossed, fasten our seat belts, hang onto our hats, and see what the future has in store for us.

Junior Baseball

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elder and better players placed on the Major League and the younger and less experienced players placed in the Minor League.

Teams for the Major League are being sponsored by the Youth Center, Kiwanis and Alpine Merchants. Teams for the Minor League are being sponsored by Casino, Fleet Reserve and Dairy Mart. Managers selected are Ken Broeker, Paul Spires, Lupe Lopez, Bob McCarty, Al Lennon and Bert Fuller, so states Acting Secretary of the Alpine Jr. Baseball Association, Mr. H. E. Spires.

EL CAPITAN NEWS

Members of El Capitan High School's senior class are currently making final arrangements for their prom and after-prom.

The prom, following the theme of "Journey to the Stars" will be held May 25 at the Stardust Motor Hotel. Vick Vincent's group will provide the music.

Beginning at 1:30 a.m., the Mission Valley Bowlero will be the scene of after prom festivities, which will include bowling, billiards, and dancing in the Valley Room. Breakfast will also be served. Plans for the after-prom are being coordinated by parents of the seniors.

The El Capitan High School band will give its fourth annual spring concert Saturday, May 25, said Mr. Carl Thompson, band director. The band is currently working on the music to be presented at this concert.

Open House

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learning in their classrooms and even though this was not a parent-teacher conference meeting, teachers were welcoming questions from the parents and, of course, the children were mighty happy to show them the accomplishments from all their studies.

As stated by Mr. Kirby, principal of the Harbison Canyon School, this was a very good opportunity to let the public see and hear just what the children are being taught and learning.

Former Residents

Buy Property

Francis and Rose Budz of San Diego and formerly of the Willows have just completed negotiations on the purchase of a lovely three-bedroom home with three acres on Barrett Road. This property was owned by Mr. and Mrs. John De Benedetti who are now planning to move back to New York state.

The Budz' are busy planning to make this beautiful property into a vacation home in which to entertain their children and 10 grandchildren. One of their daughters is the wife of Paul Bailey, son of Mrs. Jack Hoistad and they make their home in Whittier. Mrs. Charlene Brown of Pierce Realty in Alpine handled the negotiations for this sale.

That amid our highest civilization men faint and die of want, is not due to the niggardliness of nature, but to the injustice of man. Henry George: Progress and Poverty.

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.

Mr. Freeland, Editor
The Alpine Echo
Alpine, Calif.

Dear Sir:
On behalf of the Parents Union for Better Schools, may I take this opportunity to thank the many people who were so thoughtful and generous during the recent election. Their donations of stamps, paper, gasoline, and time is much appreciated and we feel their efforts were not in vain.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. Jerry Lou Webb,
Secretary
Parents Union For Better Schools.

Intimate Glimpses

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with five single petals and those with an irregular number and two or more rows of petals like miniature asters. Then there are the wild forget-me-nots of a divine delicate blue. Wild alfalfa, the giant of the tiny group, bears a larger blossom, all of a quarter of an inch across, lavender colored and fragrant. These miniature blooms decorating our fields and hills are worth a close look, a bending of the knee for better acquaintance.

Always when I see these tiny flowers, especially the smallest white ones, I think of a little girl of a decade and more gone by, who had a special affinity for them. She would almost weep at sight of them and, bending down to touch them tenderly, she'd sob.

"Oh, the poor little tiny things, out here all by themselves." But when she picked them to protect them they soon disappeared into dust size as they withered in her hand. As she grew older she came to understand that her beloved little blossoms were safer than their larger more colorful sister who, attracting more attention also attracted more abuse.

They say that some very beautiful wild flowers once native to this area have disappeared and are lost to us because they were coveted by all who saw them. No blooms were left for seed, and plants were dug up and carried away. These, according to the botanists, were the big bright flowers that waved their beauty like pennants in the sunshine. But few people want to carry off the insignificant daisies, the little plants that require pause and patience to enjoy. So they have not this danger of extinction. It seems everything must pay a price for survival, even the wild flowers in the fields and deserts.

Church To Dedicate New Hymnals

In a special ceremony to be held at the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, April 28, in the sanctuary, the Alpine Community Congregational Church will dedicate its new hymnals, according to Dr. Roger Larson, minister.

About half the hymns in the new books are the same as those in the old hymnals used for years by the church. New hymns comprise the remainder of the songs, some of which have been practiced by the Pilgrim Fellowship members at their evening services the past few Sundays.

The books were donated to the church by Mrs. Evelyn Worley, former Alpiner, now living in Laguna Beach. Mrs. Worley is expected to be present Sunday at the dedication.

Teachers' Salaries

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read a wire from Congressman Bob Wilson in answer to a request which the school board had authorized Mr. Gilley to make urging Congressman Wilson to support a bill in congress for federal aid to impacted districts. Congressman Wilson's reply was that he would do whatever he could to keep the bill active.

The board was informed by Supt. Gilley that in order to have a summer school program application would have to be made before May 1st. Several questions were raised regarding the program and the personnel for the summer school, but no decisions were made and the determination was deferred until next Monday night.

The board authorized the purchase of track equipment as requested by Mr. Owen, the cost of which is estimated to be under \$230.00. Mr. Owen in making the request advised the board that some of the boys on the track team would not be able to attend track meets with other schools unless this equipment was available for their use.

Several items in the next year's budget were reviewed by Supt. Gilley, but no action was taken. However, the board, in order to comply with the state school code requirements must prepare and file a tentative budget with the county superintendent of schools on or before July 1st. The procedure governing the adoption of a school budget for the Alpine district calls for the adoption of a tentative budget and the holding of a public hearing on the budget between August 1 and August 7. Provisions can be made by the board at the public hearing and a final budget adopted on August 8th.

Trustee Stuart Day, who had previously been charged by Chairman John Reynolds of having in his possession a confidential file without Mr. Reynolds' approval, made a request to the board for instructions as to what he was to do with this file. Chairman Reynolds read a letter from Dr. Werner C. Dieckmann, Assistant County School Superintendent which was in answer to a letter written by Mr. Reynolds advising the County School Superintendent that Trustee Day had this file in his possession. Dr. Dieckmann's letter stated that the file should be returned to the school's placement bureau. The School Board gave no instructions to Mr. Day as requested by him, whereupon Mr. Day offered the file to Mr. Reynolds who refused to accept them, stating he had washed his hands of them. Mr. Day retained possession of the file at the adjournment of the meeting.

Children's Third Annual Art Exhibit

Tomorrow evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium, children from the Alpine schools and Harbison Canyon school will have on display art work they have worked on during the year.

This is an opportunity for the schools to share with the community the many different types of artistic work the children create.

Children from kindergarten through the eighth grades will display approximately 180 pieces of work which have been saved especially for this event, including different types of water colors, finger painting, tissue paper collage (made with torn tissue and starch), paper mache, clay and different types of printing technics. We have a great many creative students in our schools stated Mrs. Helen I. Crawford, chairman of this third annual art exhibit and the people of the community are most welcome to come and view the displays.

Children's Hospital Fair Scheduled

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Children's Hospital of the San Diego Society for Crippled Children announce that their 10th Annual Children's Hospital Fair will be held May 18 at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's fair theme will be "Americano" with a state fair atmosphere. Over 50 booths will offer hand-made articles ranging from kitchen accessories to clothing, articles for the home and toys. Food will be served ranging from hot dogs to a special luncheon. There will also be entertainment, including a Dixieland band and television and stage personalities.

All proceeds from the fair will go to the hospital building and plant expansion fund. Admission to the fair is free and the public is invited.

Alpine—On the Move

At the Kiwanis Club meeting this week, the members of the club will hold a workshop and monthly Board meeting. With Alpine on the move, the Kiwanians will strive to improve their club as well as being of service to the community.

Mr. Andre Dussoix, a native of Switzerland gave a very informative speech at last week's meeting on his native land. Mr. Dussoix was very likeable and spoke various languages.

Next week's program will be Ladies' Night with Mr. Charles Richmond of La Mesa showing colored pictures and narrating his varied experience while roughing it in the wilds of Africa for several months.

On May 9 at 12 o'clock, Alpine will interclub with the Pacific Beach Kiwanis Club at the Cata-maran Restaurant. On May 16, Alpine will interclub with El Cajon Kiwanis Club at the Foothills Club. On both occasions Bal Darnell will give his program, showing what free enterprise has done and can do in Latin America. Bal's program, based on his long experience in Latin America, has been hailed as vital everywhere he has given it.

Openings For Volunteer Fire Dept.

Applications are now being taken for positions with the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, stated Chief Jack Blankenship.

All interested residents are invited to make application to join the department and applications may be obtained from either Chief Blankenship or Mr. Bud Cooper.

GUESS AGAIN!

How Old Is
The Tree
Growing in the
Log Cabin?

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AND
YOUTH CENTER
ACTIVITIES



The Social Whirl



Woman's Club Play Called Hit

The entertainment feature for the Alpine Woman's Club's Reciprocity Day Tea, an original one act drama, was enthusiastically received by a capacity crowd. Representatives from 10 other clubs of the Southern District visited the local group and expressed warm approval of the production, Answer by Moonlight, written by Bea La Force and directed and produced by Lenore Lusk.

Mrs. Lusk's sure professional touch was very apparent in the work of the performers, all amateurs, and in the attractive stage set. This artist gave unstintingly of her time and talents to train the cast in the rather difficult roles and her efforts paid off in smooth performances. Several local club women stated that they considered this the best entertainment the club had ever had.

Jane Orbom delighted with her portrayal of a light-hearted and very talkative lady Medium. This was Jane's debut as an actress and she astonished herself as well as her many admiring friends. Jan Peterson was very convincing as Dr. Carew, a quiet but forceful personality with a grave task to perform. This was also Jan's debut as an actress and a very successful one. Markey Meyer, who played the young girl, portrayed a winsome character with skill and charm. Markey is a protegee of Mrs. Lusk having studied with her for several years. This fine training showed in her handling of her sensitive role. The lead character was played by La Donna Mulhauser, who had played only comedy parts heretofore, but scored a triumph as a dramatic actress in the role of Martha Carlson. La Donna played her difficult role well and gives much credit to the excellent coaching of Mrs. Lusk. Bea La Force as the worldly newspaper reporter played her role well bringing comedy relief to the somber theme of the drama. She also praises Mrs. Lusk for her direction in the role. Fern Latham gave valuable assistance as prompter.

At the play's conclusion a delicious tea was served by Mrs. Emil Sachse and her committee, Mrs. Rennie Hollett, Mrs. D. Kenevan, Mrs. Lyman, and with Mrs. Marcus Schaeffer responsible for the delightful decorations. Mrs. H. W. Johnson and Mrs. Ben Cerveny poured.

Clubs represented by the visiting ladies were, Sweetwater, El Cajon, Lakeside, Santee, Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, Rolando, Crest, Lake Park and La Mesa.

ALPINE

By DEBBIE MARSHALL

Miss Shannon Lee Wickens made her debut into this world last April 9. She is the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Al Wickens of Alpine Highlands, and a very special little one she is too, as for a few months it was not certain the baby would be born alive. As playmates she will have a brother, Mark, two years and a sister, Cindy, three years of age. Congratulations to all the very happy family.

Two young women entered the same hospital from the same locality had the same operations performed and were given the same hospital room while convalescing. Mrs. Leata Judd and Mrs. Harry Bohannon, both of Victoria Drive shared this rather unique experience. Both are now back home and well on their ways to recovery.

Mrs. Maud Bratt has returned to her home on Tavern Road. She has been with her daughter, Mrs. Harriet Jenkins, who has taken a turn for the better, much to everyone's happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. David Crouch spent last weekend with David's brother, Tom Judd and family on Victoria Drive. David and Mar are happily settled in Point Loma where he is working with Scripps Institute as a designer.

Mrs. Russell Hawken, of San Diego, was in Alpine for a visit Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Hawken, who will be remembered by Alpiners as Winona Copper who used to live on Tavern Road, is a distinguished artist, who has exhibited her work in some of the best show rooms and galleries. She and her husband are living in the beach area now and Winona expressed a longing to be back again in the mountain sunshine. The air is so much clearer and sweeter here, she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Hollett have been enjoying a visit from their son, Fred and his family from Vancouver, British Columbia. The junior Hollett and his wife, Joyce brought their children, Teresa and Duggan and the children's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Thonley.

CAMPO

By FAY FARRIS

Board members of the Mt. Empire Republican Women, Federated met at the home of Muriel Utt on Monday of last week. Delicious homemade coconut cake and coffee were served. The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mary Griswold on May 2.

A lovely card party was enjoyed by the Lake Morena Woman's Club at the home of Gwen Leach at Cameron Corners on Tuesday evening of last week, 14 were present and combo was played. Prizes were won by Fay Barrish, Gertrude Haskell, Norma Molchan, Flora Skonberg and Fay Farris. This group has its business meetings on the first Tuesday, and the card parties on the third Tuesday of the month.

Dell Nielsen of Lake Morena entertained the Combo Club on Wednesday of last week, and Bee Boyd, Fay Barrish and Gwen Leach were guests, in the absence of Marie Lindemann, Ardelle Craft and Marie Martin. Also present were the hostess, Gertrude Haskell, Phoebe Thompson, Margaret Rolland and Fay Farris.

Catherine Hadley was hostess at the home of Fay Farris on Thursday of last week, when the Liquid Embroidery Class met as usual on the third Thursday of the month. Ruby Blakeney, the instructor, could not be present due to her entrance in the Hillside Hospital on Friday to undergo a serious operation. It is hoped she will be able to be with the class next month, and if not, a substitute will be sent out. New people are joining the class all the time, and three more are expected in May. The class has been doing some beautiful work, and they all seem to enjoy it so much.

Helen Pate of Potrero and her son, Bill enjoyed the Easter week very much. They visited a friend, Mrs. E. P. Donahue, in Belmont Shores, Long Beach, and her son, John D. Pate and family in Norwalk, and a nephew, Dr. Jack Fischbach in Banning.

Last week, the Pate's houseguest was Mrs. George Counter of Chi-

cago, Ill. who is on a trip around the world with her husband. She will meet her husband in San Francisco, and they will start their trip by air. One of the places to be visited will be Africa, where they expect to see the country by bus.

Sharon Jones Jackson of Chula Vista was honored at the home of her parents in Potrero on Tuesday evening of last week, by a stork shower. The hostess was Georgina Blackmore, assisted by Connie Jones, 21 were present and many beautiful gifts were received. The gifts were presented in a baby crib which was the gift of several of the guests. The table was appropriately decorated with crepe paper booties, containing nuts and candy, a lovely cake, and a stork center piece. The usual baby shower games were played.

DESCANSO

By Patricia Rice

The Martha Circle of the WSCS was scheduled to meet with Mrs. Ena Leigh at the Kendall Ranch in Japatul Valley last Wednesday, but due to the sleet and rain it was postponed until the third Wednesday in May.

Palm Sunday at the Chapel of the Hills three infants were christened at the morning service. That evening four children were baptised. On Easter Sunday two young ladies were baptised and they, with another sister and their mother and another young woman were taken into the church. The membership of the Chapel of the Hills is growing steadily.

We have just received the sad news of the death of our friend and neighbor, Bob Belzer. His many friends in this area are saddened and express their sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Perkins Sr. are spending some time in Western Oklahoma looking after their farming interests. Their land is under irrigation but they report that the country is very much in need of rain.

The Walmsleys of River Road are back after a six months stay in Oklahoma City where Mr. Walmsley has been receiving extra training for his job as electronic technician at the Mt. Laguna Air Force Base. He is a civilian employee.

Friday, April 28 the Forest Service wives will have a "Lady Robinhood" dinner at Escondido where they will be joined by ladies from the two other districts of the Cleveland National Forest. Those going from here are Katie Chaille, Dorothy Hollett, Liz Taylor, Katie Tyrrel, Rita Horsfall, Jan Vazquez, Bonnie Gallegos, Maria McLauray, Bette Raybould, Barbara Estes, Judy Ellis, Florence Barrett and Tink Dalen.

June Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perkins sang with the El Capitan High School Glee Club at the Grossmont District Glee Club sing at Helix High last Tuesday evening. A wonderful evening of music with State College Glee Club as a special feature.

Nice to see Mrs. John Schmucker up and about again after her bout with pneumonia.

Rose Wolin arrived Sunday to visit with her family and friends. Rose has been attending the Newberry School of Beauty at Inglewood, California and has just 125

more hours until she can take her State Board. Rose was born here in Descanso and graduated from Mountain Empire High last June.

The Mountain Empire Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Jody Perkins. There were 22 present and plans were made for two bus trips during May. We will have more information about this later.

MT. LAGUNA

By COLLEEN INGALLS

Things are pretty quiet this week on the mountain after a wonderful storm bringing ice and snow and many visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bessey and son, David are busily getting ready to move to the San Francisco area. Mr. Bessey will be transferred to Hamilton Air Force Base after residing on the mountain for many years. The Besseys have rented their future home and expect to depart next week in order for Jack to report for work the morning of May 7. The Besseys will leave many friends in the area but are anxiously looking forward to their new assignment.

The Mt. Laguna Presbyterian Woman's Club will have their monthly meeting at the home of Jean Jackson, Boiling Springs Tract, Wednesday, April 24 at 11 a.m.

PINE VALLEY

By Jane Orbom

Just one more week until the Firemen's Ball and time to count the votes for Queen and some mean person took the container at Hilltop Cafe with Marijo Davis, votes.

Mrs. Louise McCormick leaves next week for a stay at Yucca Valley and a visit with her daughter.

Nice to see Sid and Peggy Starr back in our valley. We miss this wonderful couple.

David Smith will be married next Saturday, and several residents will drive to Carlsbad for the wedding. David was born in Guatay and attended local schools. His grandfather, A. F. Smith built the Hilltop Lumber Company during the war years.

Word from Roxie and Wanna Stewart that they had a pleasant voyage aboard the Japanese freighter and are now enjoying a sight-seeing tour of Japan.

John and Janet Bryant are on a trip to Northern California in their new Buick.

Congratulations to Donna Muhlhauser for her performance in the play "Answer by Moonlight" at the Alpine Woman's Club last Tuesday. This gal should have made acting her career.

R. J. and Madaline Petersen were having lunch last week at Hobart House, said they drove up to see the snow and smell the pines.

Awards Won By Alpine Woman's Club

At the meeting Wednesday, April 17 of the Southern District of the San Diego County Federation of California Woman's Clubs, the Alpine Woman's Club proudly claimed five awards according to Mrs. Harold Johnson, president.

The local ladies were awarded first place in Drama and Speech, second in California History and Landmarks, second in art, and first in their history book, and were among several other clubs given awards for 100 percent subscription to the California Clubwoman Magazine. A special award was given to Bea La Force as writer of outstanding plays. This made six awards in all to be brought home to Alpine by local women.

Fifteen women from the area attended the all-day meeting which was presided over by Southern District president, Alpiner, Mrs. Harry Colby and included Mesdames Ed Orbom, Orville Palmer, L. E. Peterson, Rennie Hollett, Orville Lusk, Emil Sachse, Ben Cerveny, Katherine Black, Pete Vancil, Clayburn La Force, Ben Lyman, Harold Johnson, and Jennie Smart.

Magazine Editor Visits Alpine

Mr. Ray Vance, Editor of a newly organized horse magazine, The California Appaloosa, visited a local Appaloosa breeder this week to obtain material for the magazine.

The local breeders visited was Willow Glen Farm who are the largest breeders of Appaloosa horses in San Diego County, and Mr. Vance plans to publish a story and pictures of their operation in a future issue of this new magazine.

Record Attendance For Schools Program

Approximately 183 parents and visitors came out last Tuesday evening to the Alpine school's participation in Public Schools Week program.

According to Mr. Ryan, principal, this number exceeds last year's attendance by 10 percent and all concerned were very much pleased by the interest shown by those attending.

The purpose of Public Schools Week is for the parents and other interested persons to observe and evaluate work of the children and be appraised of the progress of the various classes during the school year.

One of the highlight features of the evening was a mural created by the sixth grade children under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Isom. This mural depicted South American history and invited many favorable comments from the visitors. Mr. Warren Strohte and his seventh grade pupils furnished the evening's unique refreshments in the form of Chinese tea served with Chinese fortune cookies. Although the class is currently studying "Japan," China and other Asian countries have previously been studied.

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Woman's Club) was built in 1899, the church people were glad for they could then have a real auditorium in which to meet. They took over the hall for this purpose and met there for many years.

Often they talked of the desirability of having a church, a private building used for worship only, but the congregation was small and for the most part not wealthy so there was never enough money to make the dream come true. Then about 30 years ago, in 1934, the first church, the one in the picture was built on West Victoria Drive. A small simple frame building it was beautiful to the eyes of its congregation. They named it the Little Brown Church of The Hills and were very pleased and proud to have a place that was not, as one old resident said, turned into a "dance hall" on Saturday nights.

For 19 years this humble chapel served as the spiritual home for Protestant members of the community. Then in 1953 a new church was built, the present little cathedral on Victoria Drive. To make room for the new building, which was built on its site, the Little Brown Church of the Hills was moved to the back of the lot where it still stands facing east instead of west. Painted white now, it is named Fuller Hall, for one of the early ministers, and serves as a social hall for the church and community, and is home to the Women's Guild of the church where they weave their rag rugs and cook their church and community dinners in the well-equipped kitchen. Though its building is still in use, The Little Brown Church of the Hills no longer exists, and there are some older citizens who confess to mourn its loss still.

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April 30. At the meeting the new County Civil Defense Plan will be explained. In the event of a war-caused disaster the Service Center plan would be the basis for emergency operation in the community.

A number of representatives of community organizations in this area are invited to attend the meeting including the following: Roger M. Larson, Ph.D. pastor, Alpine Community Church; Rev. Charles W. Tedrahn, pastor, Alpine Lutheran Church; Rev. Eva Bailey, Bethel Assembly of God; Rev. Joseph Prince, pastor, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church; Rev. Vaughn Steen, pastor, First Baptist Church of the Willows.

Rev. Rolland Butler, pastor, Harbison Canyon Baptist Church; Rev. James Arnold, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church; Rev. Floyd French, pastor, Harbison Canyon Community Church; Rev. Thomas Bolten, pastor, Queen of Angels Catholic Church; Mr. Jack Blankenship, leader, 4-H Club; Mrs. Allen, Alpine Youth Center; Alpine Echo, Alpine School PTA, Ray Beddingfield, Chief Jack Blankenship, Dr. Frank Boronowski, Mr. Al Hinkle, Commissioner Fire District.

Mr. B. F. Darnell; Mrs. Elsie Hoffman, President Gamma Gamma Club; Mr. Rennie Hollett, President Kiwanis Club of Alpine; Mr. Irvine, Irvine Trailer Estates; Mr. Jerney, President Acacia Club; Mrs. H. W. Johnson, President Alpine Woman's Club; Mr. Joe Kemmiter, Mr. John La Pointe, Mrs. Lusk, President Alpine Historical Society.

Mr. Palmer, President Victoria Civic Association; Mrs. Dick Robinson, Mr. Emil Sachse, President Veterans of WWI; Mr. Wallace Wait and Dr. Earl C. Woodall.

Alpine Gardener

By JEAN McCULLOUGH

After your spring flowering shrubs have finished blooming is the time to prune them and perhaps shape them more to your liking—just don't cut them back too severely, then lots of time you can plant these cuttings and start a number of shrubs from them, some of which you may want to give friends. Make these cuttings eight to 10 inches long—trim the lower shortside twigs off so as to leave four or five joints where roots can sprout. Plant them in loose soil with sand and peat moss mixed in it. While spring flowering shrubs are in bloom is the time to decide what color and kind would suit your garden.

Don't overlook getting some berry shrubs which you can buy in cans from the nurseries which gives you such lovely fall and winter color. If you like the idea of having a little reflecting pool in your garden, ask your nurseryman about them, for you see them advertised. All you have to do is install them and put some rocks (preferably flat) around your pool, let some of them extend over the water a little, then plant small grasses and low growing flowers such as lobelia, grape-hyacinth, portulaca, the lovely little wild coffee fern would be just the type of fern if you could go out on the hills somewhere around Alpine and get it. Keep a sharp lookout for slugs and snails for this is the time of year they will be after your young plants, scatter bait and pellets freely around the young plants and spray the larger plants for aphids and mealy bug.

Wilson Appaloosa A Father

Jack Wilson proudly announced this week that his Appaloosa stallion, well-known to all Alpiners, became a father.

The first of his foals expected this year was born last Monday, and is a colt with a loud Appaloosa colored blanket. About nine more foals are due yet this year. A new corral is being built by Jack for this fine horse which will be located on Gordon Wilson's place in the Highlands, and Banjo will leave his corral behind the Alpine Store.

DESERT DRAWS HAPPY CROWD

Several Alpine couples and their friends spent a very happy Easter week enjoying the desert land.

Complete with trailers, campers and jeeps, the Mace Bratt family, Pattie Blankenship, her three children along with two of their friends, Neda Hill and her three boys, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doerr and the Gunkles from El Cajon spent some wonderful sunny days exploring and having a lovely time in the Calexico desert, according to Elna Bratt.

Two days were spent in searching for a valley by the name of "Davies," which was supposed to have lots of water and surrounded by palm trees, but after spending many hours jumping along in the jeeps, up and down canyons, they all decided two days were long enough and they would try it again some other time.

Besides the two jeeps, several of them took along eight "tote-goats." These are desert scooters with a motor that "scoot" along the desert grounds, that provided them with much fun, and off and on they did quite a bit of fishing in the West Main canal.

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