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Alpine Could Have Water System

SEWER BONDS VOTED:

ALPINE GROWTH ASSURED

By a comfortable margin of 131 to only 45, the Alpine Sanitary district voted \$120,000. bonds to put in sewers and a treatment plant to serve the town area. Of 181 eligibles, 176 (nearly 98%) cast votes, with but one balloting from outside the area. Ballots will be verified then the supervisors and engineers will take over actual start of the project which should be completed within a year. Pipelines will be adequate

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KERN DAM FINISHED; LAKE

RUNS MILLION GALLONS DAY

The day that Alpine gets plenty of water is not in the too distant future, is the belief of Hans Kern, builder, rancher and Alpine resident who has just completed a 1000' dam on his big ranch below Cuyamaca peak. He estimates that 34 million gallons are now safely in the lake just formed and fully a million daily minimum could be supplied this community, sufficient to serve over

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FIRE NEARLY GETS AWAY

Burning brush without a permit on the Dr. Howard Ball place came close to causing trouble when the wind got a big gusty, reports chief Randazzo, and the department had to help them put it out.

"It is necessary at all times to get a permit to burn rubbish, brush, etc.", states Randazzo, "as the local fire ordinance requires". Anyone causing fire damage is liable, the law declares, which might be a healthy tip for those who have burning to do. Get that permit!

ALPINE WEATHER REPORT

Period Jan. 1 to 11: Average high, 72, low, 43; highest 83, lowest 31. Rainfall: Period, .71. Dec. 3.02, Sept. 1 to Jan. 11, 7.48. No fog, no smog, no freezes or blizzards!

Bill Suter spent one day in the hospital to have a bloodclot on his neck treated, giving his family a temporary New Year's eve scare. Now all's well.

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Bill Hubbert is back at Davis having spent his fortnight Xmas holiday at his Alpine home. He says he enjoys his studies there with the beautiful setting, its excellent faculty and many facilities. He and his mother, Dr. Hubbert, spent new Year's day with J.W. Hartman, Calexico.

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SAVE THE TREES AND SAVE LIVES

Many have viewed with consternation the appropriation of \$100,000. of hardpaid tax money to ruthlessly cut down and burn one of California's loveliest avenues of eucalyptus, those mighty trees that line Highway 101 at Leucadia. Just because a few drunks, weavers and speeders have wrapped themselves and their motors around some of the helpless trees!

Today modern highways are being divided, by land, curbs, vegetation, so why should this picturesque bit of highway be demolished and a truly scenic asset be forever destroyed? We have submitted to progress along too many beautiful roads in California where early settlers planted for shade, beauty and utility--windbreaks.

We hope pressure will be brought to bear on officials so that this stately highway may be retained in its arboreal beauty. Had some of those crazy drivers not been stopped by the trees, they might have crashed head-on into motorists on the other side.

Yes, save the trees and we'll save lives. I'd vote for spending that money on planting more trees along the middle of other highways!

The young cub reporter who covered the class play of the high school came in for his share of literary fame when this appeared:

"The auditorium was filled with expectant mothers eagerly awaiting the appearance of their offspring."

OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE FIRE
Origin of a fire which completely destroyed the old Carey house just below Carol & Ray's, west of town on 80, is being looked into by local and state fire authorities, reveals Chief Sam Randazzo.

It seems that it took four fires to finally consume the place, occupied by C.L. Englehart. The most recent two were but five days apart. At 1 a.m. Tuesday a fire was discovered. The boys made a fast run and efficiently controlled the blaze by 3:30, with much furniture and effects saved, and it is understood that insurance would have covered rebuilding.

But in the meantime, Sunday afternoon at 5:15, Rex Roberts, of the fire department, discovered a new blaze well underway, turned in the alarm, but it had made such great headway that the house and furnishings were completely destroyed. Defective wiring is said to have caused the Tuesday blaze; Sunday's is unknown.

SUMTER B. SMITH PASSES

A quiet heart attack in his sleep Wednesday night took from Alpine one of its leading citizens, Sumter B. Smith, 65, retired S.D. banker, owner of Smith's cottages here. He finished his work with the bank last July 1, sold his home in S.D., moved here to live permanently. He came here from Arizona.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Mildred H. Smith; two sons, Robert M. and Sumter B. Jr., both of S.D.; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Helm, San Francisco, and Mrs. Peggy Agee, North Carolina, and a sister, Mrs. Rose N. Hoover, Santa Cruz.

Last Friday night 13 members of the Pilgrim Fellowship, youth group of the Alpine community church, enjoyed a delicious progressive dinner ending at the Don Bates' with dancing to top off the evening.

WOMEN'S CLUB HAS COZY MEET

Because the sewer election was held in the club house last Tuesday week the Women's club met at the Willows. The large lodge room with a cheerful fire was a wonderful setting for the first meeting of the new year. Members remarked about the atmosphere and the pleasant time everyone had in spite of the rain. All enjoyed the talk given by Mrs. Snow.

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80 CHAMBER CONVENES

Highlight of last night's Highway 80 C of C dinner at the Rendezvous was a lovely sound-color film "Freedom's Shore", presented by Dr. Louis M. Winn, well known optometrist, El Cajon. Discussion was on "Membership".

A special meeting with the S. D. County Development association is slated for 6:30 at Ernie's Rancho on Tues. the 20th with Mr. Bate, speaker on "Preliminary Survey for Highway Tunnels". Reservations necessary (\$2. plate).

The newly elected officers carried on: President Ed W. Powell, La Mesa, presiding; C.E. Walters, Bostonia, vice-president; Ed Howell, El Cajon, recording secretary, M.A. Schaeffer, the Willows, treasurer, May K. Marshall, parliamentarian and Marion Norcross, corresponding secretary, Alpine, incumbents; with Carl Schroeder, Oceanbeach, outgoing president as historian.

SMITH OUT OF HOSPITAL

C. Fred Smith is back in Alpine after 30 days in county hospital where he says he "had fine treatment and every consideration by extremely efficient doctors and nurses, (Drs. Moore and Terry)." he still has a date for Feb. 2 at one department, giving his heart a chance to build up in the interim. He had a heart attack.

He enclosed check for subscription, says "Couldn't miss the Sun now", I mail it to relatives in Penna."

STEWART FAMILY RETURNS

After a year in the desert south of Borrego, Comdr. and Mrs. W.S. Stewart have returned to their ranch, So. Grade Rd., with their two children, Michael and Susie. Although they came up just for the holidays, after the Mitichs had vacated, they now hope to remain. They had gone to the drier climate for Michael's health, which has improved.

Pinky and Leigh, sons of Larry Anderson, spent last weekend in L. A. with their dad seeing the big football game, the jaunt being reward for cooperation during the year, along with good conduct. Swell time!

DESCANSO PTA PLANS DINNER

Cooperation of a high type was shown at the joint meeting at which members of Descanso PTA and Descanso Citizens Committee and representatives of the 7 newly unified school districts of the Mountain Empire talked with new candidates of the new board.

The serious and forward-looking approach to adjustments and responsibilities, as evidenced by each of the candidates, together with the genuine support and encouragement of even those once opposed to unification, argues much good for the district and the certainty of equitable solutions to the problems of education in this Mountain Empire, say members.

Fred Bodie talked and showed slides on "The Exceptional Child". His information was instructive and of particular interest to the group.

Next meeting, Feb. 17th, marks the 56th anniversary of the founding of the Descanso PTA by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst. Parents are urged to participate and those not yet members are cordially invited to the informal pot luck supper on Friday the 13th of Feb. at Descanso school.

MRS. KERN OPENS OFFICE

Jue Lo Monaco Kern, has been made zone manager for Investor's Diversified Services, Inc., with headquarters in Suite 208, Manor Hotel building, S.D. This includes three large firms: Investor's Mutual, Inc., Investor's Stock Fund, Inc., and Investor's Selective Fund, Inc. Her territory is from El Cajon east to Jacumba. She is well known in the mountain area, having been former assistant cashier of Valley Bank.

A number of vacationing younger folk attended a recent dinner-dance at Camp Adm. Kidd: Charles Henry (2nd year Annapolis), with Sandy De Haven, Bill Hubbert, (2nd year, pre-vet, U. of Calif.) with Ethelyn Skaggs, (2nd year Pomona), and Pat Henry, (1st year State), with Mary Czapar, made up a group of former Grossmonters. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Henry Dr. Ruth Hubbert and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller accompanied the young folks for the gala event.

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Art and Helene Sherman have cancelled their trip north, will be here two months more, perhaps till summer, even though their place is sold before then. He will go into the dairy business at Delhi, near Modesto.

C.E. Billings, whose son is in Korea, entertained Kiwanians at their first 1953 meeting at the Rendezvous, with some brilliant colored slides. The Haugs put on a fine turkey dinner.

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ALPINE WATER SYSTEM. FROM PAGE 1.

10,000 population. Alpine has about 2000 today, with hundreds of wells supplying all water, but little excess for irrigation.

Kern at first was going to let the government aid in building the 28' high structure, but claims that so much red tape and specifications were required that he threw up his hands "got a book and found out how dams are built, then built it myself".

It is of reinforced concrete, one

foot thick with a one foot backup. He rented a big hydraulic mining outfit, put at 4" stream to a 3-4" nozzle made fast to his dozer blade, then at 120# pressure, cleaned out the damsite to bedrock. Then he started pouring the big arch which today is holding back the huge gallonage. Kern has cleared 60 acres around the lake, seeded it to pasture grasses. Close to the water are various aquatic plants, grasses and so forth as he plans to have fish and ducks.

"I am asking the state to stock it with fish" he says, "and it may be used by boys under 16 for fishing, swimming and picnics".

Runoff today is around 2½ million gallons daily, and when he pulled the gate last Friday to drain it, the entire flow had returned in but a few hours, demonstrating the vast supply of water. This is one of the very few places in the state where water rights are in the hands of the people, and Kern would be sympathetic to an irrigation and water system plan for Alpine.

Jean Kern had stocked the lake with 14 tame ducks that she raised at their home here, including one trained white domestic bird but vandals went through and shot nine of them, including the trick duck--which pretty well burned them up.

Note- Now that Alpine's sewers are assured, we see no reason why, with this great water supply awaiting use so near and above Alpine's level, the people should not lay plans for putting over a water system like many another community has done. It would mean that all the waiting acres hereabouts would be served, values would increase naturally, and hundreds of new homes and ranches would be created. As we have pointed out heretofore, Alpine has the best climate and if it had water, it would eclipse any California area in the production of tropical and sub-tropical fruits and vegetables. It must come some day-- why not give it a think today?

Clara Klemaski has just received word that her brother Alfred Lucking, garageman of Rosemont, near Minneapolis, was killed in an auto crash.

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LITERARY GROUP HEAR BOOK REVIEW

On Jan. 13th the women's Club Literary department presented MaBelle Eberly with a book review on a current book. Mrs. Eberly is well known in this area for her outstanding work in teaching English to displaced persons under the auspices of the First Congregational church in S.D., also she has received her 10 year service pin as a "Gray Lady". Mrs. Jane Orbom was in charge of the tea. Blanche Brown arranged the program and Mrs. J.W. Isbell played several Chopin numbers.

The John M. Sheedys entertained Mrs. H.T. Fenton over New Year's at their ranch here. It was Mr. Sheedy who donated the lovely big tree that graced the community sign, decorated and placed by Kiwanians who also took care of the overhead decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Bennett are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hale, from L.A. where he is night chief of police. Hale and Bennett played clarinet together in a circus band some years ago. They go to El Cajon to band practice, have a great time.

Lt. Comdr. Earl Gibson has been transferred to the carrier Philippine Sea, but first enjoyed a nice visit over the holidays with his mother and father here, with a lovely Christmas party.

SEPTIC TANKS Cesspools Cleaned PRATER'S

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RANDAZZO SELLS TRAILER PARK
Maude De Long, of S.D., has just purchased the Alpine Circle Trailer Park from Sam Randazzo, and has retained Joannie and Neva Fredenburg to carry on as managers, as they live in their trailer on the spot to be near their work at L & L Feed & Supply.

Mrs. De Long has had such relief from asthma that she has moved here occupying one of the Bennett cottages. The park is practically filled and has been so for some time.

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MARKLEY'S RETURNING

Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Markley (Dorothy Noole), will be back in the Southland early next month to spend the spring and will be visiting friends and relatives here before residing in S.D.

Her daughter, 2nd Lieut. Sue J. Noble, was a recent visitor here when she stopped off to see Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Walker. En route to S.D. by air, she stopped off in Denver to see her mother, Mrs. Markley, and the doctor.

Gilda and Joe Abt and their "little bug" trailer, a 10-footer, are back from three month's in the Colorado desert where they went rock hunting, did a little painting. "We'll be gone again when it gets warm here" says Joe.

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ALPINE MYSTERY UNSOLVED

By Dave Gardner

The world is denied the particulars of a fascinating local adventure story because Linda Lou Nichols 2, won't talk. And what things she could probably tell, after her exciting exploration of Alpine's back country recently.

Linda Lou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nichols, South Grade Rd. She left home about 10 A.M. with her dog, Blackie, apparently struck out



across the pasture behind their house. It was 15 minutes before she was missed. Then all kinds of things began to happen. But what happened to Linda Lou between 10 and 11 will probably forever remain a mystery, for she is quite indifferent to all questioning. There are things she probably wants to reserve for her own private secrets.

She finally arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gardner, hidden one mile away behind a considerable hill covered with thick brush, rocks, and trees. She appeared under circumstances somewhat disconcerting to Mrs. Gardner, who was on the phone when she heard unusual noises outside, excused herself, looked, noticed with relief that it was only Blackie, probably over for a visit with her dog, Nena. But there were other noises that didn't seem dog-like, and presently, she heard the

SCOUTS READY FOR ODD JOBS

Lawrence Titus reports that Alpine Boy Scouts are now open for any kind of work in this area so they may earn their way to the big national jamboree next July. The troop committee appeals to all residents to cooperate with these good lads. If you need one of those smiling, willing, gentlemanly Scouts, just ring Titus, H4-2479.

doorknob turning behind her. Alarmed, she put down the phone, walked nearer to the door, looked out, but there was no one to be seen, she was looking straight over the head of her mysterious intruder!

After ending her telephone conversation, which must have been slightly incoherent, Mrs. Gardner went outside. She was led by Blackie down to the barn. There was Linda Lou experimenting with the caterpillar tractor!

After being taken home Linda Lou confronted her five searchers, who had come down from all the high places about the house, with guilty silence.

Of course the worry and danger are all over now, but what teasing questions continue to tickle the mind! Was she moved by a simple desire to visit a neighbor- or did she simply wander, coming upon the house by accident? What distractions did she find along the way? Did she stop for nature study?

What did the horses think, seeing her trudging along through their domain? Who was the leader, Linda Lou or the dog? Did she stick to the wild country, or did she follow the Gardner's road down the hill to the house. Did she crawl under the barbed wire fence or between the strands? And finally, how much land would she have cleared with that tractor if Mrs. Gardner had only let her alone?

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SEWER BONDS PASS. FROM PAGE 1 to serve four to 5000 and the plant to take care of 1200 persons.

Taxpayers have been saved considerable as had the bonds failed, the new school would have had to put in an extensive septic tank system. Now it will use a minimum makeshift one till the plant is completed.

The success of the election was due to the chamber of commerce's intense campaign, started soon after the old chamber was reactivated by Cecil Lewinson, Clarke Irvine and Carl McCall, about three years ago. Lewinson carried the brunt of the sewer project. Judge E. A. Walters was chairman of the sanitary district committee, worked tirelessly.

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First is a big variety show given by various bodies cooperating to have a full house, the first event to take place in the lovely auditorium of the new Alpine school, just being completed. Last year more than 50 people participated in making the show a success. The date will be Friday, the 30th, 8 p.m. Adult donation, 50¢, children 10¢.

Second is a live-orchestra dance on the following night, in the same auditorium, sponsored by Gamma Gamma Chapter of E.S.A. assisted by Alpine Tri-Hi-Y girls. Refreshments and entertainment free Time 8:30 p.m. Jan. 31. Donation \$1.25 per person. David Willis and his orchestra will provide sweet music, donated by the Music Performance Trust Fund and local 325 A.F. of M.

There will be added attractions to make the evenings entertainment complete in the form of a sweetheart contest for prince and princess and contestants will be selected by vote and presented by various youth organizations who will select their candidates. Crown bearers will be Barbara Butterworth and Kirby Caldwell with Mrs. Elizabeth Ball placing the crown on the winners. Contests for the best waltzers and jitter bugs are also scheduled.

in Alpine" declares George Butcher new president of the chamber, "for we have the climate and the people, and more who want to come here. All we need is more businesses to take care of our steadily growing population".

The chamber held a mass meeting Monday night before election with prominent county officials as speakers, advertising being done by sound truck driven by Butcher, with Alec Clitsome, chamber treasurer, on the mike. It has been pointed out that businessmen put up the necessary \$300. to cover election costs, not the taxpayers, as heretofore been the custom.

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—Rosamond Lee in *Baby Talk*.

Alpine Bakery has a jolly spirit this week, plenty of reason as the Hose's son Ralph, Jr., with their granddaughter Deborah Ellen, and his wife, came from Cedar Rapids, are living with her mother and father in San Diego.

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The youngest son of Charles Brisbois, Elmer F., Air Force Sgt., spent a wonderful weekend with his family here last week. He was recently transferred from the Pentagon to Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, Alaska. (We'll bet Elmer will long for this wonderful weather Alpine is having.)

Mrs. J.R. Jensen is back from vacation-holiday in Washington.

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After a good rest-- toiling around his Harbison Canyon home for a few weeks, Wm. Mockler has been contracted by the S.D. Union as news representative for the great Mountain empire, will run a page covering all area on Hiway 80 from S.D. to Ocotillo. Bill was for some time with E C. Valley News, as managing editor, has a host of friends around here.

"Will be glad to have all the news" declares Bill, "so give me a ring at home, Harrison 4-2312."

Clarke and Alice Irvine and three daughters spent Christmas with her parents in L.A., as the grandparents had not seen the twins since last summer.

On the 24th Pres. Charles Kern and Secy. Lawrence Titus are being sent by their Kiwanis club to attend the conference for presidents at Rockton

Bill Vukovic has permanently replaced Walt Partridge on the big butane truck from Rockgas Service, El Cajon. He lives in Suncrest.

Mrs. L. Draheim, Oceanside, spent the week-end with her daughter, and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. C.W.Kern.

