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HEGELAND TELLS HIWAY 80

In no uncertain terms Assemblyman Sheridan Hegeland, La Mesa newsman, pointed out a lot of dangers in the present state government when he spoke at the Highway 80 Chamber of Commerce potluck dinner meeting last Tuesday night at the Grossmont home of President Don Walker.

'The 6000 bills this year is a symbol of the decline of local government' he said, indicating that the state is taking over at every turn.

He told how he and Jack Schrade voted against the 4% sales tax.

WATER WOULD BE TOO COSTLY

Chas. Manuele, Blossom Valley, who addressed the businessmen's club recently, reports further on the possibility of getting water for this area, which is rather disappointing to those who have been so interested in this urgent matter.

'In 1953 Jim Cundari and myself decided to find out what the possibilities were of our area being able to finance it' he says. 'At our own expense we distributed questionnaires to find out how many

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just another step in that direction. He told how fruitless are efforts of legislators to influence the highway commission, an autonomous body with responsibility to no one.

'It presents a new nobility in government' he claimed. They practically make every road a toll road, with the high gas tax which is virtually a charge for use of highways. His talk was roundly applauded.

Next meeting is slated for Jacumba.

DANGEROUS CURVE on Viejas grade graphically pictured in fine air shot by Al Howe with Editor Irvine aboard. Highway heads gave this top priority.

500 TOASTMASTERS PICNIC

Sunday was a great day for area toastmasters who invaded Alpine's popular Shadyrock Ranch 500 strong to enjoy the hospitality of Bob and June Anderson, who run this picnic spot.

PERRIN'S MOTHER INJURED

Friends of Bert Perrin were grieved to learn that his mother fell and broke a shoulder and a hip, is in the hospital. It is the third time she has broken a hip. Perrin lives at Cuyamaca, is chief ranger in charge of the riding-hiking trail system, formerly lived on Willows Road.

Editorial**DISTILLATE WON'T RUN CAR**

Did you, or anyone, ever try to operate an automobile with distillate or kerosene as fuel?

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Millions of Americans are actually starving amid plenty, top health and nutrition experts agree, although we have the greatest means for good eating perhaps of any nation.

The American Medical Association points out that our chief lack is failure to eat adequate fresh fruits and vegetables, which contain vitamins and minerals in their natural, high octane state!

Moreover, such devitalized foods, not only fail to build sturdy bodies, but actually cause disease and death. Now is the time, when the markets are laden with vegetables, fruits, melons, to eat plenty of these health builders.

We feed our three youngsters this way and they are all above average in stature and energy, and have never been sick in their lives. C.I.

ANDERSONS LOSE TALKIE BIRD

The M.E. Andersons, who left Saturday for Oklahoma where he is to spend 5 weeks as auditor for the navy, report that their much loved pet, 'Pinky', a talking parakeet, escaped on July 26. They offer \$25. reward for his return. They have lived here for 11 years. After they get back they will remain a short period, then take off for Corpus Christi, Tex., on similar work.

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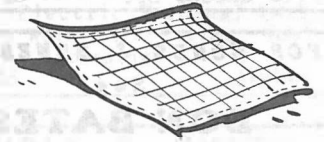
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Tuesday evening in Fuller Hall 91 sat down to the annual Alpine Chamber of Commerce dinner for installation of officers.

Wm. S. Lethbridge, retiring president, turned the gavel over to Jack Wilson, new head; introduced the new vice-president, Dr. Frank Bornowski, complimented John R. Reynolds for his good work as secretary-treasurer. He was reelected. In addition he emceed in his inimitable style, introducing new members and prominent guests.

Dr. Chas. Schroeder, head of the S.D. Zoo, was the speaker, telling of the increase in facilities, animals and expenses, pointing to the fact that the state forces this educational, non-profit corporation to pay sales taxes on animal exchanges, even where no cash or sale is made. When he revealed this, murmurs ran through the crowded hall, indicating that the people did not take kindly to the idea.

Lethbridge told of the year's work, highlighted by the cut in sewer taxes, more effective service here by the sheriff's office, and the forthcoming big new folder for Alpine. Mrs. J.C. Wiwel was in charge of the dinner.

Note- I called Dr. Schroeder next morning and he verified his talk. The state put an auditor in the zoo office for two weeks to check bills and correspondence, collected tax on \$29,000. for three years. But that is the way our law is written. It seems that if the military shops are exempted from sales tax, our educational institutions should be the same. All this shows that our freedom is slipping! C.I.

POWER RATE UP NEXT WEEK

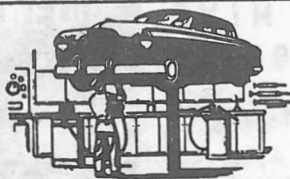
On Aug. 12 the increase in electric rates of 15% in cities and 24% in the county, which was granted by the Public Utilities Commission, will go into effect. In town, the user will pay \$5.77 for 200 kw hours a month while in the county the new rate will be \$6.78, compared with the present \$5.46. It is the first raise in 34 years, is intended to produce \$4,315,000. added gross revenue.

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Grace Buckmiller is specially happy this week as Hubby Norman is back ahead of schedule from a working trip east. They are completing their new home above Victoria Drive.

The boy who does his best today will be a hard man to beat tomorrow.

Mrs. Dorothy McDonald, writer, former Alpiner, has been assigned to teach beginner writing classes at Grossmont night school this fall. She is a member of Alpine Artists and Writers.

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The George Dowdys are trailering north as far as the state line on their annual vacation.

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OLDTIME DANCING POPULAR

Alpine square dancers have moved to the old school patio from the school auditorium where dancing is held Friday nights with Bion Henderson calling, reports Jack Smith, president of the Allemanders. Everyone's invited. You'll gain a lot of fun even if you do lose your breath! Al Schaeffer, founder is starting a class for small fry on Wednesday nights at the school auditorium, 7:30. If your kids are too full of energy, here's a way to let it out. The Allemanders will be interviewed by Clarke Irvine next Monday night at 8 over station KBAB, El Cajon.

Other officers, recently installed with Smith: Mrs. Mike Cady, vice-president; Mrs. Jessie Young, secy. and Johnnie Mae Grandeur, treasurer. Others who call at these lively parties are, besides Henderson, Mike Cady, Al Schaeffer and Jack Smith. Visiting squares come from all over the county, Oceanside being represented Friday last.

TWO HOMES SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wick are buying the hillside home of the Max Brands in Descanso. The buyers are from Chula Vista.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex B. Hale are buying the property from the Elizabeth Freese estate in Harbison Canyon. The buyers are a young couple with three children. Both sales by the Alpine Realty Co.

Children baptized Sunday at Community Church included Tani Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Findel; Connie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Nichols, and Virginia Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Stanley Wilson.

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'All are welcome, he says 'and you don't need to own a set to get into the class'. There is no charge

TORREY ANN HUEY TO WED

Paul Pruett of Pasadena, tract and basketball star, S.D. State College, is to marry Torrey Ann Huey



late in the fall. Paul will be coach at the San Dieguito school while Torrey will continue her studies at State. She is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm H. Huey, Tavern Road. Torrey was recently interviewed on KBAB by Clarke Irvine, on her long bicycle trip through Europe with two girl companions.

REGISTER CHILDREN NOW

During the month of August registration will be going on in the school auditorium for kindergarten and new pupils. A parent or adult must accompany the children registering for kindergarten and they must have birth certificates to show.

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Friday Alpine voters rejected the school tax rate increase to \$1.48 by 220 to 88. The district, which includes Harbison Canyon and Japatul Valley, will have to go on the legal 90-cent per \$100. assessed value. Last fall the \$87,000. bond issue for new classrooms was also defeated.

'Guess it's a revolt against higher taxation' comments Supt. Frank S. Brown, who has redone the budget to fit the lower income.

SET NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Mrs Beatrice La Force, librarian, announces new times for getting books are from 9 to 1 on Saturday, with 1 to 5 on Tuesday and Thursday. As she is building a new study and dark room at Skymesa, Mrs. Cleo Dalton is taking her place for a few days.

Ed Brandt and wife who sold out in Peoria, Ill., and built a lovely new redwood home above Victoria Dr., have returned from the east and are settling down in their new home.

Alpine needs a tasty bakery.

WINNIE VELMA IDLER

Sudden death took Mrs. Winnie Velma Idler (Simmons), 58, on Sunday last, at her home here where she operated a poultry ranch. The remains were sent Monday from Johnson-Saun-Knoble Mortuary, E.C. to Fletcher, Okla. for burial. Her parents live in Apache. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Erma Thompson, Alpine; two other sisters in Calif., and three brothers in Tex. and Okla.

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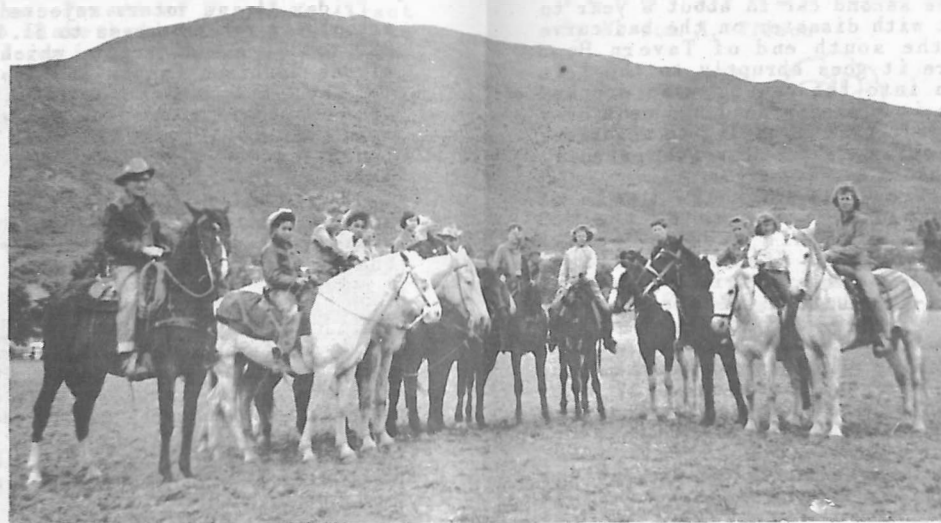
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Lcdr. Richard A. Garner and his wife Mary have purchased the Robt. Bush place in Japatul Valley and are having a wonderful time getting settled and learning how to ranch. Lcdr. Garner expects to be retired from the navy soon when he will be able to devote more time to their Valley View Ranch. At present he is in the Pribilof Islands. Mrs. Garner says 'Your tiny newspaper has done much already to make us feel acquainted'.

Young friends numbering 17 enjoyed helping Nancy Kenney celebrate her 9th birthday in the Kenney home.



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CARL M. BIBLE

Services for Carl M. Bible, 71, resident here for 14 years, were held at Paris Mortuary, El Cajon, conducted by the Rev. Fr. Jno D. Gallagher of St. Philomena catholic church, with interment in Alpine Cemetery.

He was a native of Colorado, a retired steamfitter of S D. Survivors, besides his widow, Florence M. are a son, Capt. Ed. M., US Army at Ft. Ord; a daughter, Anna Marie Long, of S.F.; and two brothers, Harry of L.A. and Ed O. of Colorado.

NEW MEMBERS IN CHURCH

Charles Bradley and wife, of Laurenceville, Ill., were welcomed Sunday as new members of Community Church along with Walter Trepte and Mrs. Rose Reese, S.D.

Dear Editor Irvine: Enclosing \$2. for the Sun as I am located in the church here at Tuolumne in the beautiful Sierras, but it is not like Alpine. We want the news of our friends. -Rev. A.J. Schoonover.

Every Saturday night at 6:30 there is Square dancing in Fuller Hall specially for teen-agers.

ALPINE MUSTANGS WILL BE AT THE BIG 8TH ANNUAL PINE VALLEY HORSE SHOW TOMORROW AND SUNDAY. MANY ALPINE RIDERS WILL ALSO GO UP FOR THE GREAT EVENT.

CALDWELL BROTHERS HERE

Bernard R. Caldwell, highway patrol commissioner was a visitor here last week with his wife, having come down to appear at a S.D. meeting. They visited Frances Caldwell of Empire Market. Shortly after they arrived, Conrad and his wife came up with their children from Calexico, had a regular family reunion, except for Ann who was on a driving trip east with two girl friends.

W.Z. Kester and wife have just taken the Warner place in Descanso from where he is commuting to his work with the state income tax office in S.D. They are real enthusiasts for life in the mountains.

George Dowdy, jr., now in the service was flown to duty in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His father is the popular highway patrolman here.

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Driver was Robin P. Droke of Sacramento, attacked to the USS Bream, with his buddy, Richard Hytinen, also of the Bream. They had two passengers, British subjects, Jane Littleton, of London, and Susan Griers, of Scotland, on vacation here. The car, a late Cadillac which was demolished, belonged to O.M. Garner, Sacramento, who had loaned it to the young people to see the country in. The boys were slightly injured, but the girls suffered critical injuries, one having broken neck bones.

Editor's Note- Two sailors narrowly escaped death in the other wreck last year when they went over the bank, due to their not seeing the road turn at night. A couple of weeks ago some one placed a sign at the bridge near Dr. Mercers place 'Slow, deathtrap', but it was removed early next morning by road workers. Residents have petitioned and implored the county to fix this heavily traveled road before more are killed.

Henry Nelson, long time resident here, is moving to Van Nuys for about 6 months to help his daughter, whose husband was severely injured in a car crash recently. He has been living at the Willows.

Jerry Klipp, former president of the school board, is a temporary bachelor as Alice and the children are in Alaska for the summer, due home in September.

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TEEN TIMES

By Miriam A. Wilson



Linda Caldwell and her steady beau, Ronnie Beebe, are planning a trip to Disneyland with her little brother, Kirby. Ronnie is a former Alpiners.

Bob Randazzo recently celebrated his birthday with a small group of close friends.

Billie Sue Little, granddaughter of the William Little's, will marry Ray Kneff on August 13th. She is from El Cajon. Also the Little's have other teenage granddaughters, Jerrie and Berlyne, visiting them from Arizona.

Bill Kidder, Sue Dowdy, and Bill's family recently vacationed to Yellowstone Park, where they camped. They also stopped off in Las Vegas.

Wood Stone, now in the Air Force, visited friends in Alpine recently. His family is living in Hawaii.

Hosmer McKoon left Sunday for two weeks' coast Guard reserve training in Alameda.

Sue Jeffers and Linda Caldwell will usher at the Old Globe Theater soon as part of the Walker-Scott Hi-Debber program.

Wednesday the Community Church Guild met at the home of Mrs. Fred Rohr, Lilac Lane, for potluck luncheon and business meeting. Gentlemen were invited. There was no sewing, but loop-the-loop was indulged in.

The Library Association reports a tidy net receipts from its 'Night in Hawaii' entertainment at the school Saturday week but the attendance was not too large. Beulah Fair actress, did a nice job as narrator for the 'Birds of Paradise' '10 lovely dancers.

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The county is making its annual count of motorists who pass over a dozen roads in this area, as many no doubt have noted.

One spot, Tavern Road at Arnold Way has been checked by Philip B. Pressnall, field man, who is placing and picking up automatic counters. He says traffic is increasing about 1% a year, getting larger as one nears S.D. Most counts are for 24 hours, but some outlying checkers are left for a week.

The little black box, with its telltale strip across the road carries the warning of a penalty for tampering with the machine or tape, which upsets the counter, necessitating a second trip to that spot, which costs the taxpayer money.

Note- We hope the 1955 count on Tavern Road will spark officials to get this snaky road widened and straightened. We know they are busy, and funds are needed everywhere, but this is one spot that should have priority, being a primary county road. -CI

FLORENCE BREAKS ANKLE

Genial Florence Clarke, operator of the grocery bearing her name here, is hobbling around with her left foot in a cast while a broken ankle knits. She slipped into a pothole near the store last Saturday week. Grace Buckmiller rendered first aid, then Mrs. Tanner came by, ordered her right to the hospital where Dr. Tanner set the tiny bones.

Alpine now has two sets of square dancers, one for adults at the youth Center on Friday nights, another at Fuller Hall for teenagers, sponsored by Community Church.

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CRASH KILLS JUDGE BUNCH

Services and burial at the National Cemetery, Sawtelle, were held for Judge Samuel P. Bunch, 73, well known resident here for many years.



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and founder and president of the Alpine Masonic Club.

He died after a 5-day coma in the Amarillo, Tex. hospital. He was taken there after first treatment in a Tucumcari, N.Mex. hospital where he was rushed following a car crash.

He had lived in a cottage on Marshall Road. He was a native of Barryville, Ark., was on his way to visit there. His brother, Chas. C. Bunch, came from Palmdale. His close friend Harry Case had received letters from the judge telling of the wreck and that he had suffered many broken bones and his car was demolished.

He had worked at the Agua Caliente tract, and also at Baron Long's ranch here before it became a reservation.

Everyone that knew him held him in high esteem and his genial presence around the village will be greatly missed.

Charles Russell and family are moving from their Tavern Road home down to the Mojave desert where he was transferred to the Palmdale aircraft plant.

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BUILDING ROCK SHOP

James and Frances Creson, noted rockhounds of Alpine, are starting construction of a cute little building on Hiway 80 in front of their home which will be known as the Alpine Rock Shop where gems, minerals, mountings and handmade jewelry will be exhibited and sold. It is to be for the amateur and professional lapidary and mineral collector. They will have a large workshop for handling all this in the back.

WHITEMAN REALLY SURPRISED

The other night Alpine's firemen, in collusion with H.C. Whiteman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whiteman, in charge of the fire station, surprised them with a turkey dinner. It was a double header, for his 69th birthday and their 49th anniversary. He also received a nice little check from the boys. Enjoying the 22-pound bird and trimmings were 22. The son is a retired 20-year navyman, now of Poway.

BERNARD CUPPMYER

Funeral services at Paris Mortuary were held for Bernard Cuppmyer, 65, brother of Edith Davis, Peutz Valley, who died recently in his Alpine home. He was born in Baltimore, was an army veteran. Burial was at Ft. Rosecrans. Besides his sister Edith he leaves a daughter Mrs. S.D. Mark of Baltimore, and her children Stewart Joseph, 22, and Marsia Lee, 19.



ALPINE ALLEMANDERS PICTURED AT SHADYROCK RANCH BY FRAN HALL AS THEY ENJOYED NEW SLAB FOR SQUARE DANCE FUN.

MITICH RUNS HORSE SHOW

John Mitich, formerly of Alpine, is heading up the Valley Center horse show slated for Sunday Aug. 10 with shows at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is at the Valley Center Recreation Grounds, Cole Grade Road. And from their program it looks like a lot of horsemen will have a grand time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGuffie entertained her sister, Mrs. Mildred Van Winkle, Sacramento, and four children over the week-end. They drove down on a vacation. The youngsters always like Alpine, they report, had a fine time at the McGuffie ranch.

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WATER STORY, FROM PAGE 1

were in favor. As we expected, they showed plenty of moral support.

'Most important query is, 'What is your assessed county valuation?' Because, 1, that governs the amount of water allowed a member; and 2, the amount of bonds that can be sold is also based on that'.

'When we had the total, we called the state engineer who spent a day with us, the result being that in consideration of the amount we could borrow, and the cost, were so far apart, there was no feasible plan to offer'.

'So we did not try to join the water authority (.73 on \$100. of assessed value, for 30 years), plus lawyer and engineer fees, because having rights, but not enough money to install a complete system, would not help. I would be overjoyed if anyone could prove otherwise'.

As you see, we spent countless hours and money to try to get water but we don't want water taxes without water, and until something happens that would make a big change in the overall picture, we do not intend to go in debt for any plan that is not feasible on the face of it. No matter what anyone says, the fact is that we must go to Slaughter House Creek to get Colorado water, or go through some other water agency's pipe lines for a price? Slaughter House Canyon has an elevation of 650'.

'Our information is from engineers who have nothing to lose or gain if we form a district or not.

WILL FINISH VIEJAS GRADE

At a session of the state highway heads in S.D. it was announced that four freeway projects were on the program first priority being completion of work on the Viejas grade on US 80. (See photo).

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