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1-4-40 p. 3
ATOLIA ITEMS
 DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Returns from San Diego—
 Charles Irwin, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Paul Kline, returned from San Diego after spending Christmas there.

In Mojave—
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody and daughter Patsy spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Mojave on business.

See Big Game—
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smoot spent the week-end in San Marino with L. C. Maine of that city. While there they saw the Rose Parade and the game between U. S. C. and Tennessee.

Sewing Club Meets—
 The Atolia Sewing Club held its weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. O. H. Andreasen. The refreshments served were sandwiches and coffee. Those attending were Mesdames C. F. Clark, C. Buffington, Audrey Donker, Edna Harwell, Herb Straub, A. B. Day and Mrs. O. H. Andreasen's granddaughters, Barbara and Anna Humphrey who are from Mojave.

In San Bernardino—
 Bessie and Helen Carpenter were driven to San Bernardino on business by Al Winchell, who returned the same day while they remained from Wednesday until Sunday.

To Visit in Huntington Park—
 Mrs. Herb Straub and Hattie Clark drove to Huntington Park Friday to spend several days.

RED MOUNTAIN (P)
 Thurman Petersen—Correspondent

Provo, Utah, Visitor—
 Bee Hatton of Provo, Utah, is visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peterson and other relatives in Red Mountain. She came Wednesday and will go to Los Angeles next week to visit with her aunt, Mrs. T. J. Riordon.

Home from Visit—
 Mrs. Frank Adams and grandson Earl Akes returned Tuesday after spending Christmas holiday with Mrs. Adams' daughter, Mrs. Andy Ferro.

In Tehachapi—
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ford and sons Jack and George spent Christmas holidays at Tehachapi with their daughter, Mrs. L. J. Anderson.

Nephew Killed in Highway Accident—
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ford received news Friday morning of the death of their nephew, Jess Cuddenback. He was killed near Grass Valley in an automobile accident last Thursday night.

Milovitchs Return Home—
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Milovitch and son George returned home Tuesday after spending Christmas in Los Angeles.

Return from Holiday Visit—
 Mr. and Mrs. "Blackie" Edwards and son Dale returned to their home after spending a few days in Los Angeles visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Tom Newton.

Last Hunt of Season—
 H. W. Peterson, son Lavon, John Stricker and Bill Taylor were quail hunting in Grape Vine Canyon and Jaw Bone Canyon Sunday.

Visit Son in City—
 Mr. and Mrs. John Katila spent the holidays in Los Angeles with their son Wayno.

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ATOLIA ITEMS

DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Sunday Evening Dance Success—

The A. F. of L. benefit dance Sunday evening was a great success. Boron, Trona, Mojave and surrounding districts were represented by many people. The music was furnished by the Colonial Club Orchestra of San Bernardino. The musicians are members of the San Bernardino Union 167, American Federation of Musicians. This band is the only exclusive travelling dance orchestra working out of the Valley district.

Secures New Car—

Herb Straub is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet which he purchased from Morris Atkinson. It is a business coupe.

Gave Special Service—

Charles Miller drove to San Bernardino on Tuesday where he obtained the mid-winter edition of the Los Angeles Times for his customers. He drove to San Bernardino again on Thursday on business.

In Mojave—

Mrs. O. H. Andreasen spent Friday in Mojave on business and visiting friends.

To San Bernardino—

Mr. and Mrs. Art Janke and daughter Barbara and Mrs. Grace Davis drove to San Bernardino Saturday.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT—Knowlton Bldg. on Butte Ave., recently vacated by Elk Horn Cafe. Attractive term lease to responsible party. Inquire of Ralph Wyman, % Randsburg Times. (2tf)

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ARTHUR LEVINE—Correspondent

Cantil Club Meets—

The Cantil Club met at the Red Rock Canyon Inn with Mrs. Itner as hostess. Mrs. Conway, the president presided. Treasurer reported not only the monthly report but the yearly, with a very substantial amount in the bank. All the bricks are bought and paid for, for the new recreation building to be constructed in Cantil. Two Christmas baskets were given to needy members. Mrs. Helen Turndrop was elected to membership. Secret Sisters were drawn, and Laura Conway was elected Secret Sister's mother. A wonderful lunch was served. The following members were present: Mrs. Topp, Mrs. Branson, Mary Jane McIver, Mrs. McIver, Josie Bishop, Mrs. Stilwell, Mrs. Ling, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Tish, Dr. Rhinehart and daughter from Bakersfield, Mesdames Wells, Stoll, Robinson, Witter and Balkwell from Randsburg.

Guests at Kochis Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Eck Williams and Charles Goodman of Long Beach, California, spent the week-end with Mrs. Joe Kochis. Other guests at the Kochis home were Mr. and Mrs. Perdue from Alta Loma who spent Thursday and Friday here.

Long Beach Visitors—

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allen Poe from Long Beach, Mrs. Glenna Duty and Mr. Maynard Brayton of Los Angeles spent the week-end with Mrs. Ray Gaines.

Guests of Berkenbiles—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams of Tehachapi visited with Mr. and Mrs. Berkenbile of Johannesburg.

Hunts Return—

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunt and daughter Elise, of the Operator Mine, returned Thursday evening from their home in San Jose.

Paul Hubbard, "Dust From the Dump" (excerpt):

"Coincidental with the five hundredth anniversary of the invention of movable type, The Bakersfield Californian moving forward installs a new Miehle flat bed press, supplementing the pony Miehle in the job printing department which is the largest in the county." A full page of pictures telling the story of the Miehle installation appeared in Tuesday's Californian with the above quoted explanation. The Californian is to be complimented on its choice of a good piece of machinery, capable of producing the finest quality of half-tone printing. The Randsburg Times and Trona Pot-Ash are printed on a flat bed Miehle at the Times office in Randsburg. Coincidental with the installation of the Californian's new press, the same factory erector, L. W. Dunlap, who is now installing the press in Bakersfield, erected our Miehle here in 1937. The best is none too good for Bakersfield and Randsburg.

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Oldtimer Taken To Hospital

"Uncle Billy" Mitchell, who has known the Rand District and north-eastern Kern County since 1894, was taken to Bakersfield Wednesday to the General Hospital. Tommy Garrety recalls that in 1894 "Uncle Billy" lived at Kane Springs, near Saltdale. In recent years he has lived at Garlock in a cabin. Neighbors missed him for a couple of days and upon search found him wandering in the desert with the delusion that someone had stolen his cabin and food supply. Well past eighty years old and with no relatives in this vicinity Constable Stewart Fraser took him in charge. He will receive necessary care and psychopathic attention at the General Hospital in Bakersfield. He is reported to have a sister residing in Selma, California.

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ATOLIA ITEMS
DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Party for Sally Ann Smoot—

Sally Ann Smoot celebrated her sixth birthday with a party which her mother gave for her on Saturday, Jan. 13th. The children who attended the party were: Fred Church, Donald and Wanda Harwell, Barbara Lee Janke, Donald Wimberly, Billy Dennis, Patsy Moody, Nancy Lindsay, Joyce and Ritchie Summers and Frankie and Kathryn Chanz. The mothers attending the party with their children were: Mesdames Church, Neal Harwell, Elfie Janke, A. C. Wimberly, Brad Dennis, Elmer Moody, Charles Lindsay, Summers, George Chanz, and Sally Ann's school teacher Sue Edwards. Refreshments served were jello, cake and hot chocolate. They played many games and had a lovely time. She received many lovely presents.

Guests of Mrs. Miller—

Howard Bauman and Alise Brown of Hollywood spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Margy Miller. Mrs. Francis Merryman also of Hollywood accompanied them and will spend a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margy Miller. While here she plans to paint desert scenes.

To Los Angeles—

Mrs. Margy Miller and son made a business trip to Los Angeles on Monday.

Straubs' in Bakersfield—

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Straub drove to Bakersfield on Saturday to spend a few days.

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Thurman Petersen—Correspondent

Visits Mother in San Bernardino—

Chet Allen went to San Bernardino Monday to visit with his mother, Mrs. Emma Nosser.

Coso Hot Springs Visitor—

Charlie Appel of Coso Hot Springs is visiting with his niece, Mrs. Jack De Velder.

Visit Parents—

Mrs. Betty Hess and children of Trona spent Sunday visiting with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams.

To Lancaster—

Mrs. H. W. Peterson and son Thurman, Mrs. J. W. Hatton and Arthur Levine spent Saturday in Lancaster.

Visit Death Valley—

Mr. and Mrs. Paulson, Mrs. Andy Ferro and Mrs. F. B. Adams spent Friday in Death Valley.

Birthday Dinner—

Mrs. L. E. Netherton entertained her husband Friday with a birthday dinner. Those who enjoyed the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Edwards and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hatton, son Gaylen and daughter Joyce.

Farewell Party for Miss Stewart—

Those attending Leita Mae Stewart's farewell party were: Mrs. Vic Johnson, son Matt and daughter Anna Mae; Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Johnson and daughter Dixie; Thurman, Lorraine and Dean Peterson; and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Johns.

From Little Lake—

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wolf and children of Little Lake were in Red Mountain Sunday visiting relatives.

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ATOLIA ITEMS

DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

C. C. Clark Returns from Eastern Trip—

C. C. Clark made a trip through Arizona and Missouri, then returning to Los Angeles to complete his two weeks' vacation. He reported plenty of snow in the East.

Fifth Birthday—

Mrs. Elfie Janke honored her daughter Barbara Lee with a birthday party on her fifth birthday. The children who attended were Freddy Church, Sally and Sonny Smoot, Fred Church, Ritchie and Joy Summers, Donald and Wanda Harwell, Donald Wimberly and Billy Dennis. The mothers accompanying the children, also friends were: Mesdames Smoot, Neal Harwell, Church, Summers, A. C. Wimberly, Bradley Dennis, Murgrave, and daughter Shirley and A. B. Day. The refreshments served were cookies, punch and sandwiches for the children and pie and sandwiches for the parents. She received many lovely presents.

Trip to San Bernardino—

Mrs. Margy Miller, Francis Merriyman and Martin Miller drove to San Bernardino Monday on business.

Mojave Trip—

Herb Straub and wife drove to Mojave Saturday on business.

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Mrs. Georgie Overton of Los Angeles is spending two weeks at her cattle ranch, the "Duce of Diamonds."

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tisch are moving to the Jefferys mine. Mr. Tisch and Mark Farr have leased Mr. Jefferys' Gold Hill Mine.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Maynard are attending to business again after several days of flu.

Mrs. Dave Staley returned home Monday from Phil Vogel Hospital after a three day attack of flu.

Al Robinson and crew of Los Angeles is shipping clay from Cantil.

Mr. Cummings is installing a new 40 H. P. Fairbanks Morris engine on the land he has leased. Mr. Cummings has 80 acres of fine barley, and when harvested will plant the land to corn.

Mr. Murray James of Los Angeles spent Sunday with his little daughter Jerry.

Mrs. Leona Holderness of Los Angeles is spending several days with her son William and family.

Card of Thanks

I wish to sincerely thank our friends of Randburg and the firemen of the Rand District Fire Department for their effective work in checking the recent blaze at Jim's Garage before a great deal of damage was done.

Mrs. B. E. Atkinson.

Typewriter Ribbons Sold Here

Attend Kansas Picnic—

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody drove to San Bernardino on business Saturday. From there they drove on to Buena Park to visit with A. E. Chapman of that city. They also motored into Long Beach when they attended the Kansas State Picnic at Bixby Park.

Guests of Mrs. Davis—

W. O. Snavelly, Mrs. Bates and daughter and Mrs. Baxter of Los Angeles spent the week-end with Mrs. Grace Davis.

Ladies Auxiliary Meet—

The Ladies Auxiliary of the A. F. of L. held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Grace Davis to make plans for the coming Leap Year Dance on Friday.

Home for Week—

Mrs. Platt and son spent last week here with her husband, James Platt.

Pasadena Guest—

L. C. Main of Pasadena spent the week with Ed Smoot.

From Garden Grove—

Mrs. Hallie Beamer and daughter Sylvia Rose are spending a few days with Mrs. Neal Harwell and Herb Straub. They are from Garden Grove.

Atolia Sewing Club Meets—

The Atolia Sewing Club had a meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Herb Straub. Those in attendance were Mesdames Louise Buffington, Effie Andreasen, Audrey Donker, Vic Dezan, Bert Turner, Bert Day and Neal Harwell. Hallie Beamer and Leona Williams of Red Mountain were visitors.

Surprise Shower—

Mrs. Herb Straub was given a surprise baby shower last Wednesday. The women attending the shower were Mesdames Rosella Lamley, Billie Stringham, Ida Chanz, Leona Williams, Eliza Johnson, Grace Davis, Elfie Janke, Hattie Moody, Esther Musgrave and Shirley, Mable Thomas, Louise Buffington, Effie Andreasen, Lois Holmes, Katie Day, Audrey Donker, Sophia Johnson, Rose Williams and Neal Harwell. She received many beautiful and useful presents. The refreshments served were salad, sandwiches, coffee, tea and cake.

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Desert Recreation Units Get Response

**Amargo Craft Class of 42 Adults,
Large Play Group at Randsburg**

The new Kern County plan to provide the desert communities of Amargo and Randsburg with a modified program of supervised recreation and classes in arts and crafts is being well received, according to Miss Blossom Olmsted, assistant superintendent of recreation for Kern County. Miss Olmsted is giving a day each week to Amargo and also to Randsburg. She reports that forty-two adults are enrolled in the Tuesday class in arts and crafts at Amargo and that thirty-five youngsters of all ages are reporting for supervised recreation on Wednesday at Randsburg. Miss Pauline Watson is assisting Miss Olmsted on Wednesday with the work at Randsburg, as a National Youth Administration project, and will have charge of the outdoor playground at the high school on Saturdays.

This plan supplants the daily WPA recreational program and is being amplified by two evenings of community social activity each week under the auspices of the American Legion. These are the Community Sing on Thursday evenings and the Open House parties on Saturday nights at the Legion Hall.

Miss Olmsted indicates that the new plan is working nicely and seems to be adequate for the winter months. 2-8-40 p.1

Company Executive Visits Saltdale Plant

E. H. Ward, executive from the Long Beach office of the Long Beach Salt Co., paid an official visit to the company's plant at Saltdale this week. Mr. Ward has many friends in this area and has followed the work at Saltdale for several years. He was the guest of H. C. Topp, manager of the plant, during his stay on the desert.

RED (P) MOUNTAIN . . .

Thurman Petersen—Correspondent

Celebrates Birthday—

Thursday, February 1st, Miss Nancy Lindsey reached the sixth milestone in her fast advancing years and celebrated the occasion on Saturday, February 3rd. Among her little friends present were: Sallie and Sonny Smoot, Mildred and Clarence Pitts, Patsy Jane Moody, Fred Church, Katherine and Fronny Chanz, Donald Landon, Jay and Richie Summers and Dale Edwards. Nancy was ably assisted by Mesdames Moody, Smoot, Summers, Chanz and Lindsey. Cake and Jello was furnished by Grandma Miller. Wishing her many happy returns of the occasion and all declaring they had had a great time the guests left for home at 4:30 P. M.

Mothers Honor Teacher—

The first grade mothers of Red Mountain and Atolia gave a birthday party for Mrs. Blackie Edwards, teacher of the Red Mountain school. Those present were: Mrs. H. W. Peterson, Mrs. Bill Pitt, Mrs. Ed Smoot, Mrs. George Chanz, Mrs. Church, Mrs. G. B. Summers, and all the school children.

First Birthday Anniversary—

Mrs. Max Stringham gave a birthday dinner in honor of her daughter Beverly Jean who was one year old last week. Those who enjoyed the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James Holms, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Johnson, daughters Anna Mae and Frances, son Matt, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Johnson and daughter Dixie Lee.

Vegetarian Dinner—

The Helping Hand Club met at the home of Mrs. Denzil Johnson Wednesday. She served an all vegetable dinner. 2-7-40 p.3

Visits Family—

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Johnson took Denzil's father, Jim Johnson to San Bernardino Monday to see Mrs. Jim Johnson and son James.

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict of Suicide in Hugh McGaffin Death Inquiry

Headless Body Found in Remote Tunnel of Winnie Mine Monday Evening

That suicide was the cause of the death of Hugh McGaffin, 54, was the verdict of a coroner's jury at the inquest held Wednesday in Randsburg. McGaffin's body was found Monday afternoon in a tunnel below the 200 foot level of the Winnie Mine in the Stringer District near Randsburg. The inquest was conducted by Kern County Coroner N. C. Houze and Chief Deputy Frank Bon of Bakersfield.

It was known that Mr. McGaffin had received returns from a recent milling about a week previous, and his absence of several days had aroused suspicions of foul play or accident. Acquaintances started inquiry and a search of the old Winnie Mine in the Stringer District where McGaffin leased. His headless body was found by a searching party between 6 and 7 o'clock Monday evening in a portion of the mine where he had last worked. From evidence offered at the inquest, it is believed that sticks of dynamite were used as the explosive which caused his death, although consideration was given to the possibility that it may have been caused by crimping fuse caps in his mouth. The head was blasted away so completely, however, that the consensus of opinion was that sticks of dynamite were used. There were no powder burns on his hands.

The searching party which found the body consisted of Cal Williams, Lee Nieukirk and L. A. ("Rusty") Horgan. All testified that they located the body by following his tracks which indicated that he was unaccompanied as there was but one set of tracks leading into the portion of the mine where the body was found and none leading from it. All were of the opinion that there had been no foulplay. There were no new holes drilled preparatory to blasting.

Powder and other mining supplies being used in his mining operations were said to have been but six or seven feet away from where the fatal explosion occurred. One version of the possible manner of suicide was that McGaffin tied sticks of dynamite to his head, laid on his back in the tunnel and ignited the fuse. The dust and shattered rock around his body obliterated possible additional evidence as to how the tragedy took place.

Deputy Sheriff Don Brink testified having talked with a neighbor of McGaffin with whom the latter customarily left the key to his cabis. The neighbor had noted that the door of McGaffin's cabin had been left open for several days which led to the search. The cabin was well stocked with groceries and supplies.

No reason has been found as a possible motive for the suicide.

The removal of the body from the mine tunnel was accomplished with difficulty in the early hours of Tuesday morning following the arrival of Deputy Coroner Frank Bon from Bakersfield and Undertaker O'Meara and assistant who took the body to Bakersfield.

Constable Frank ...

and the searching party which found the body, attended to the task of removing it to the surface. The old mine hoist was employed to assist the workers.

The inquest was held at the offices of Judge Charles Knight in Randsburg. Members of the Coroner's jury were Wilson Jones, Tom Garrety, K. L. Hanen, Hardee Witt, Everett Cornelius and Dewey Tollman.

He is survived by his father and a sister, Lily McGaffin, both of England, and another sister, Mrs. Louise Smith of Philadelphia, Pa. The body is being held at the Doughty, Cathoun and O'Meara chapel in Bakersfield where funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Only fragmentary information regarding McGaffin's life is available. He is said to have been born in Ireland and served with the Canadian forces in the World War. He had worked in this district for approximately seven years past. He was fifty-four years of age.

Deputies Have Busy Week in Randsburg

Junk Collectors and Chinaman Run Afoul of Law During Week

Three cases calling for arrests occurred early this week. First to be accommodatd was Mickey Don, Bakersfield Chinese, who was arrested Sunday in Randsburg by Deputy Sheriff Tom Quinn on a warrant from the Bakersfield Police Department. He was charged with the petty theft of a Chow dog and a pair of blankets from a fellow countryman in Bakersfield. He was sent to the county seat for trial.

On Monday, February 12, Deputy Quinn arrested Ed Kelley and Harry Viers of Los Angeles on a criminal complaint signed by Deputy Glen Roberts, charging them with collecting and transporting junk around Mojave and Randsburg without proper license. They pleaded guilty before Judge Charles Knight who sentenced them to 180 days in the county jail and suspended the sentence for two years on provision that they keep out of Kern County during that period. He assured them the violation of the parole would mean a doubled sentence plus an additional charge of contempt of court.

A second set of junk collectors, Jack Yeaker, Art Glossman, Walter Hanson, John Doe and Jane Doe were arrested by the Kern County Deputies on Monday on behalf of the San Bernardino County authorities charged with the grand theft of mining equipment from Fremont Peak property. An additional complaint was signed on Wednesday by O. H. Rinaldi, charging the group with petty theft of a rock crusher and other property from the White Mine. The group was turned over to the San Bernardino Sheriff's office for trial on the Fremont Peak complaint first, to be held afterwards on the Kern County warrant.

On Thursday the San Bernardino charges were heard before Judge Platt at Atolia. The group pleaded guilty and were each given 180 days in the county jail, suspended over a period of two years on the proviso that they keep out of San Bernardino County during that period. Later in the day they appeared before Judge Knight in Randsburg on the Kern County charge and received a similar sentence "floating" them out of Kern County for a two year period, also with a 90 day jail sentence suspended.

Development May Follow Sampling at St. Elmo

Since Dec. 1st, a crew of three men have been cleaning out the old workings at the St. Elmo Mine, south of Atolia, and sampling work to determine the feasibility of a development program is now in progress. The results of the next few weeks will make a decision possible.

The present investigation is being conducted by Grant Shockley and associates who have an option

Paying Ore Found in Napoleon Mine

Work is now going ahead at the Napoleon and Santa Ana Mines which are under lease to Charles Upton, George Gemilere, Glenn Tramill and Harry Richardson from the Karr Estate.

The lessees have been doing development work for the past three months and have had two millings during that period. A body of paying ore was discovered in a vein leading off the main shaft. They have run a thirty foot drift and are now about to commence stoping.

Equipment Installed at Cinnabar Property

Sheldon and Smith Expect to Commence Operations This Week

Gordon Sheldon and T. T. Smith are now installing a Scott type retort on the By-Metallic group of cinnabar claims northeast of Johannesburg in the Rand District, which they acquired last month from S. B. Moore and Ray Pearson who held an option on the property from A. B. Day of Atolia. Moore and Pearson had done considerable development work on the claims.

Sheldon and Smith expect to have the first unit of their plant in operation this week. Three units are contemplated, each with a capacity of about five tons per day.

When completed, this will be the

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Mrs. V.L. Haynes,
"Cantil" (excerpts)

Vic Phillips is installing a new Diesel engine on his ranch in Cantil.

Earl Phillips of the Overton Ranch is back on the job again after an attack of the flu.

Mrs. Oleta Hoffman visited her daughter Jess at the Haynes Ranch.

Harold Allee and party spent the week-end looking at mining properties in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolter and Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Fleischhacker of San Francisco were guests of the Rogers and Roots at Rancho Rico.

Louis Conway is building some new manual training benches and making improvements in the old school house for the children of the Red Rock school.

William Whitehall has resigned as trustee of the Red Rock school, as the Cudahy plant has gone into the Garlock District. There will be a new appointment made soon.

Earl Johnson of Montana is in the district getting leases for the oil drilling which is to start soon. This project has been in the offing for some time but due to unforeseen circumstances has been held up.

The regular meeting of the Native Daughters of the Golden West was held Friday night. The meeting was called to order by the new President, Mrs. Florence Holderness. Plans were made for the moving into the new County building in Mojave and the next meeting will be held there.

Committees for the ensuing year were appointed. Publicity: Mabel Everret, Vesta Reeves; Layette: Maude Michael, Norma Smyth; Refreshments: Waitie Irwin; Entertainment: Mabel Kelsey, Ruth Spaulding, Mary Jane McIver; Mu-

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Geologists Near Completion of Survey

U. S. Strategic Metals Men
Study Atolia Tungsten Deposits

Since December 1st, 1939, a crew of three geologists from the U. S. Geological Survey, Dept. of Interior have been studying the Atolia tungsten deposits as a part of the strategic metals survey recently ordered by Congress. The men stationed here are D. W. Lemmon, Assistant Geologist, J. V. N. Dorr, II, and MacKenzie Gordon, Jr., Junior Geologists. Mr. Lemmon, in charge of the work, states that their survey will be entirely completed by March 1st.

While here, the geologists have mapped the underground workings at Atolia and also prepared a new topographical map of the tungsten area on a larger scale and more detailed than previous maps. Their work is entirely confined to the subject of tungsten while other crews are assigned to other of the strategic metals.

Commenting on the importance of the tungsten in this vicinity, Mr. Lemmon states that Atolia ranks high, second only to Bowler County, Colorado which is probably first in importance. The ore from Atolia is definitely of higher grade than that from most other tungsten producing sections.

Prior to undertaking the Atolia survey, Mr. Lemmon and his assistants were stationed in Owens Valley where they conducted a survey of the tungsten properties in that section. Tungsten has been found in numerous places in Owens Valley in large tonnage of low grade ore. The U. S. Vanadium is one of the principal producers. Upon the completion of their work here the crew expects to return to Bishop for a further period.

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Sewing Club Meets—

The Atolia Sewing Club had a meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Buffington. The women attending were: Mesdames A. B. Day, Audrey Donker, Grace Davis and Elfie Janke. Refreshments served were tea and cookies.

Jankes in San Diego—

Mr. and Mrs. Art Janke and daughter Barbara Lee left Friday to visit with friends in San Diego. They plan to spend several days there.

Visit Cantil and Inyokern—

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harwell drove to Cantil Thursday on business. They also drove on to Inyokern.

Purchases Motorcycle—

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clark and son Charles made a trip to Bakersfield Thursday. They returned Sunday night while Charles Clark rode his newly purchased motorcycle home. While in Bakersfield they visited with friends.

Parents Visit Harold Wright—

Mrs. Wright and son Andy were here Saturday and Sunday to visit her son Harold Wright. They were from Glendale.

See "Gone With The Wind"—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smoot and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Dennis made a trip to Los Angeles where they had dinner and saw the show "Gone With The Wind."

To San Bernardino—

Mrs. Ed Smoot and Mrs. Bradley Dennis drove to San Bernardino Tuesday on business.

Visits Aunt in Pasadena—

Mrs. Margy Miller motored to Pasadena on Monday to visit with her aunt.

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ATOLIA ITEMS

DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Sewing Club Meets—

The Atolia Sewing Club had their weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. Grace Davis on Thursday. They talked over current problems. The women attending were Mesdames Elfie Janke, Audrey Donker, Neal Harwell, Buffington and A. B. Day. Refreshments served were tea and doughnuts.

Guests at Donker Home—

Mrs. Roming of Randsburg was the dinner guest at the home of Mrs. Audrey Donker on Sunday.

Caution to Motorists—

Dick Donker is grazing his cows on the open range near here and wishes to caution motorists should the animals stray onto the highway. 3-7-40 p. 3

ATOLIA ITEMS

DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Mrs. Day Entertains

Sewing Club—

The Atolia Sewing Club had their weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. Day. The women attending the meeting were: Mesdames C. Buffington, Elfie Janke, Grace Davis, Audrey Donker, O. H. Andreasen, and Neal Harwell. The refreshments served were sandwiches, salad, candy and tea.

From Colorado Springs—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day and sons Charley Jr. and Bill were here from Colorado Springs. While passing through they spent Saturday visiting with his brother, A. B. Day.

From Compton—

E. L. McBride and twin children Don and Jon of Compton visited over the week-end with Neal Harwell.

Displays Paintings—

Mrs. Margy Miller made a trip to Riverside Monday where she visited with her mother, Mrs. Francis Merryman and her aunt. She brought back with her several pictures which her mother painted. They are displayed at Hankammer's Drug Store.

Purchase Motorcycle—

Calvin and Charles Clark motored to Los Angeles Saturday where they purchased a motorcycle. They returned Sunday.

To Barstow—

Mrs. Margy Miller drove Mrs. Archie Lindsay to Barstow on Wednesday.

Visit in Buena Park—

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody and daughter Patsy motored to Buena Park where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chapman on Wednesday. 3-14-40 p. 1

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Work Agreement Acceptance Is Expected this Week (P)

Former Leadership of Federal Labor Union 21464 Suspended and Reorganization Under Way

Action is rapidly moving toward a complete reorganization of Federal Labor Union No. 21464, according to Chas. F. West, authorized representative of the American Federation of Labor, who further states that negotiations with the Anglo American Mining Corporation have reached a point so satisfactory that he is hopeful a working agreement may be signed between the union and the corporation on Saturday of this week. In that event the full terms of the contract are promised to the Times for publication next week.

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Daughter of Ventura Valdez Dies in L. A.

Amelia Valdez, nine year old daughter of Ventura Valdez of Randsburg passed away in Los Angeles Monday, March 11th. The little daughter was born in Randsburg and lived here until about five years ago. Services were held at the chapel of Wallace and White morticians in Los Angeles on Thursday, March 14th.

Attending the funeral with Mr. Ventura were Mr. and Mrs. Alejo Gonzales, formerly of Randsburg.

Mr. West was sent here by officials of the A. F. of L. to investigate the James Parker appeal against suspension, the resultant difficulties at Atoia, and to settle the Anglo American strike. He is now authorized by Meyer L. Lewis, West Coast Director of the American Federation of Labor, to take full charge of the local, assist in its reorganization and in doing so to suspend and bring charges against such members as may refuse to follow the policies and general constitution of the organization.

Mr. West states that his presence here and such disciplinary action as may be advisable has been deemed necessary to uphold the good name of the American Federation of Labor, to benefit the local membership and the community. He informs the Times that, for the purpose of reorganization, all present officers of Federal Labor Union No. 21464 have been suspended. He adds that charges of refusal to follow the policies and general constitution of the A. F. of L. will be brought against six of the former officers: Wm. Schultz, President; E. E. Moody, Recording Secretary; John Weishaupt, Vice-President; Oscar Burtenshaw, Financial Secretary; J. Henry Nedderman, Business Agent and Bert Eyres, member of the Executive Board.

During Mr. West's absence of a few days in the city, he appointed Les Ross as chairman of the Reorganization Committee and a meeting held for that purpose resulted in a majority reaffirming their allegiance to the American Federation of Labor and refusing to recognize the

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Red Rock Canyon Nat'l. Monument Effort Meets Rebuff

The movement launched by the Mojave Exchange Club to have Red Rock Canyon made a National Monument to protect it from further vandalism met with wholehearted county interest and cooperation but has suffered a rebuff from Washington government authorities.

A county committee headed by C. L. Tomerlin presented the project to Congressman A. J. Elliott who acted in behalf of the committee at Washington. Communications received this week from Congressman Elliott state that the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has turned it down. Further explanation is that funds for this purpose are not available. Also, Congressman Elliott reports that an investigation of Red Rock Canyon was made by the Department in 1933 at which time the area was disapproved and the recommendation offered that the private property should be donated and a state park established. 3-21-40 p. 1

W. A. McGinn Passes Away in Bakersfield

William A. McGinn, 63, assistant district attorney and head of the civil department of that office, died Wednesday at a Bakersfield hospital. He is remembered here as a pioneer teacher in Rand District elementary schools, having taught at Garlock and being principal of the Randsburg Elementary School from 1900 to 1903. He came to Kern County in 1899 and has rendered recognized service to the county government for many years.

Among his survivors are his wife, Mrs. Gay Spencer McGinn, two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Bullock of Los Angeles and Miss Elizabeth McGinn, and two neices, Mrs. William Tyler and Mrs. Ben Roos of West-end. 3-21-40 p. 1

MAR. 28, 1940

Work Agreement Signed (P) and Cyanide Plant Re-opens

General Organizer West Orders Picket Line Abandoned and Names Temporary Union Officers

As indicated last week, Federal Labor Union 21464 approved the working agreement with the Anglo American Mining Corp. on Friday, March 22nd, it was signed on Saturday by the officials of the Corporation and of the union and work was resumed at the cyanide plant Sunday morning. The picket line was ordered abandoned by Organizer Chas. F. West. Dissenters to the reorganization and to the acceptance of the agreement have continued picketing. However Los Angeles truck drivers with deliveries on the hill report authorization from Los Angeles union officers to disregard the line and to make their deliveries. Operations at the cyanide plant were expected to reach normal on Wednesday and a full crew is now at work.

Federal Labor Union 21464 Reorganized with New Temporary Officers

On the order of the American Federation of Labor, Chas. F. West, Jr. has reorganized Federal Labor Union, Local No. 21464, and placed in temporary charge effective March 22nd, the following officers:

- Less B. Ross, President.
- L. M. Tuttle, Vice-President.
- G. B. Summers, Sec'y-Treas.
- Fred Cook, Sergeant-at-Arms.
- Julius Behrens, J. Orville Wade, C. Reynolds, Members of the Executive Board.

Double time for work performed on the following declared holidays: Labor Day, Fourth of July, Christmas, New Year's Day and Lincoln's Birthday.

The company agrees to provide certain personal equipment required for regular operations.

Wage increases of approximately ten to twelve per cent. (Amounting to a raise of 50c per day on all jobs, with a minimum daily wage of \$4.50 and a maximum of \$6.00).

Working Agreement

Secretary G. B. Summers has supplied the Times with a digest of the terms of the working agreement which follows:

Recognition of Federal Labor Union 21464 as the sole collective bargaining agency for all employees except the office force, engineers, assayers and those exercising authority of and above foremen, with authority to employ and discharge.

No discrimination against any employee, or former employee, because of his membership or activities in the union.

Preferential hiring of union members.

A procedure for the handling of grievances and arbitration.

Seniority rights for employees.

A work day consisting of six hours at straight time and two hours at time and a half.

Guarantee of four hours work at time and a half for employees who are called after finishing a day's work.

Vacation of one week with pay for employees of a year's service or more.

Radmacher Miners to Meet Sunday

Present Association Officers Held Over Until July

The Radmacher Mining Association will meet at the Golden Scorpion Mine next Sunday, March 31, at 2:30 in the afternoon, where it is expected that a continuation of the discussion of their last meeting will be held. The Golden Scorpion is operated by T. T. Timberlake.

At a meeting held last Sunday at the Jerry Mine, California mining law was a subject of discussion, with special attention being directed to the sections on claim jumping.

Attention was given to the problem of water development, and a committee was appointed to further investigate this matter. Committees were also appointed on local rules and regulations and on entertainment.

It was also decided to hold over the present association officers until July. The officers are: Marvin Harris, president; and T. T. Timberlake, secretary.

Harris Reports Good Milling

At the meeting Marvin Harris reported that he had just received the returns from his latest milling from the Jerry Mine. The shipment was of \$44.00 ore. 3-28-40 p. 1

Judge Platt Grants Change of Venue

The application of John Henry Nedderman for a change of venue from the court of Justice of the Peace Platt at Atolia was given attention Tuesday morning, March 26th. Judge Platt granted Nedderman a change of venue to the court of Judge Ruben J. Henderson in Barstow. All records have been forwarded to Judge Henderson who will set the date for trial. The District Attorney's office of San Bernardino will prosecute the case. Nedderman is charged with disturbing the peace in a drunken and malicious manner at Atolia early in February. 3-28-40 p. 1

Vancouver Man Inspects Placer Equipment

A. K. Andrews, of Vancouver, Washington, has been a guest at the Cottage Hotel for several days. Mr. Andrews is interested in the dry placer equipment on the American Gold and Tungsten Mining Co. property near Red Mountain. He is associated with E. E. Hemrick of Seattle. Mr. Andrews had no program to announce at this time but is very much interested in the placer possibilities of this area and expects further improvements to facilitate the work of his concern here.

Mr. Andrews is the designer of the recovery unit used there.

More Improvement for U. S. Highway No. 6

The State Highway Department office at Bishop announces that satisfactory bids were received for the proposed construction on the highway between Mojave and Red Rock Canyon, and work will probably start on this contract within the next two weeks. The main objective of the new project is the elimination of a number of the dips now encountered on the road and the improvement of those dips remaining, making for safer travel through this section. 4-4-40 p.1

McCarthy "Children" Spend Day in Hometown

From 1896 to 1906, Randsburg was "home" to the Thos. McCarthy family. The children attended public school when William McGinn was principal here. Mr. McCarthy conducted a news and stationery store in Randsburg and the town was alive with the excitement of gold discovery.

Last week, Tom McCarthy, Mrs. Teresa McCarthy-Kane, Leo McCarthy, Mrs. Sarah Orsborn, Mrs. C. L. Whiteman and Mrs. L. C. Martes, all of La Mesa, Calif., made a special trip to spend a day in Randsburg where as the McCarthy "children" almost forty years ago they enjoyed the wide open spaces and the hurly burly of a pioneer mining camp.

Mrs. Kane has among her relics of the early days, a copy of the first issue of the Randsburg Miner. This with a number of other remembrances of the early days she proposed to loan to the Kern County Museum.

The party remained overnight and renewed acquaintances with the few old-timers who remain from the 1896 to 1906 period. 4-9-40 p.1

"Desert Trails" Off Press and Available to Public

During the past week-end, the business of printing "Desert Trails", a twenty-four page map and wildflower folder compiled by the Randsburg Times, has been completed. The folders have been purchased by business people of Randsburg, Johannesburg, Red Mountain and Mojave and will be distributed to the motoring public and residents as a courtesy service. Supplies have been secured in the Rand District by the Randsburg Drug Co., Rand Motor Co., Vista Del Valle, Jim's Garage, the Rand Pool Hall, the White House, the Bend, St. Charles Hotel, Bill's Garage and the Owl Garage and Cafe. The American Legion has also secured a supply for its Council Meeting on April 13th and 14th when several hundred visitors will be here.

In Mojave, the Exchange Club, Bair's Service Station, the Montmartre Cafe, T. E. Finnerty, "Vic's", and Marshall's Coffee Shop have a supply.

The Rand District edition includes a map of the Randsburg Quadrangle, the Mojave edition has a map of eastern Kern County and a large quantity for the Kern County Chamber of Commerce contains a map of the entire county. All three include a large map of the Death Valley region and the three entrances into the National Monument.

Residents desiring quantities for mailing can purchase them at the Times office. 4-9-40 p.1

David Wells,
"Atolia Items"

Accompany Mineralogy Club—

Mr. and Mrs. Buffington Al Winchell and Bessie Carpenter drove to Opal Mountain Sunday with the Trona Mineralogy Club.

**Sewing Club Meets
with Mrs. Donker—**

The Atolia Sewing Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Audrey Donker on Thursday of last week. The ladies attending were Mesdames Archie Lindsay, Vic Dezan, Buffington, Grace Davis, Elfie Janke, O. H. Andreasen, A. B. Day and Sampley. Refreshments served were cream puffs and tea.

To Mojave—

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Church drove to Mojave Monday on business.

Bakersfield Trip—

Harold Wright and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Church made a business trip to Bakersfield on Friday.

Mrs. Neal Harwell Hostess—

The Helping Hand Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Neal Harwell on Wednesday. Those attending were Mesdames Helen Hancock, Leona Williams, Earl Hancock, Earl Thomas, Lois Holmes, Sophia Johnson and Audrey Donker. Refreshments consisted of banana shortcake and hot chocolate.

**Visit in Garden Grove
and Orange—**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Orsbourn and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harwell and family motored to Garden Grove Wednesday to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Orsbourn drove on to Orange for a visit with friends there. They returned Thursday.

To Lancaster—

Mrs. Grace Davis motored to Lancaster on business Wednesday.

AUSTIN E. PARK
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4-11-40 p. 2

Dwight Myers in Close School Race

Friends of Dwight Myers, former student of the Randsburg High School, will be interested in a report of his activities in the Colorado School of Mines, at Golden, Colorado. The "Oredigger", student publication of the school, tells of the recent election for president of the student body, a honor most outstanding. Myers was a candidate and fell but a few votes short of being elected and as the second most popular candidate is now vice-president of the student group.

During his years spent at Golden, Myers has been accorded many honors in the past. He served as bar president, student council member and as athletic council representative. He is a member of the junior alumni and A. I. M. E.

Graduating from Randsburg High School, his scholastic ability entitled him to a certain scholarship awards at the Colorado School of Mines. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Myers of Johannesburg. 4-25-40

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my grateful appreciation to all our Rand District friends for their thoughtfulness and sympathy at the occasion of my husband's passing. To the members and officers of Randsburg Aerie No. 1883, F. O. E., to Mrs. Ovall Cecil Wise, to Ed Evans, to all the friends who assisted with arrangements for the service and to those who expressed their friendship with floral tributes and condolence cards, I wish to acknowledge sincere gratitude.

Mrs. Frank Spaulding.

ATOLIA ITEMS

DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Trip to Lancaster—

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Celebrate Anniversary—

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Miller in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robertson. Dutch lunch refreshments were served and the party was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Birthday Party—

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Don Webster at the occasion of his 22nd birthday. The guests included Agnes Bachert, Laura Davis, Jerry Williams, Barbara Church, Jack Ford, Jack Davis, Bob Brooks and Vern Harrison. The party was held at the home of Charles Miller. 4-25-40

5-2-40 p. 1

Truman Hamilton, Mojave Constable, Passes Away

Truman Worthy Hamilton, well known Mojave peace officer and life long resident of Kern County, died at his home Wednesday, April 24th. His death was the result of a heart attack and entirely unexpected.

Throughout his long career in eastern Kern County, Mr. Hamilton was active in civic and fraternal affairs. He was postmaster in Mojave from 1912 to 1917 and constable from 1918, which office he has filled since that date. The old stone hotel at Rosamond was long the property of the Hamilton family and his father, Ezra M. Hamilton was the discoverer of the Tropic Mine at Rosamond.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Theodore Rich, two grand-daughters, a brother, Fred Hamilton of Willow Springs.

Newspaper Plant Installed at Arvin

The Wilson Publications, with headquarters at Tehachapi, have added a new plant to their operations at Arvin. Several months ago Mr. Wilson started the Arvin Tiller, printing it in Tehachapi. The growth of the publication has justified the new plant which is very adequately equipped.

A newspaper folding machine from the Randsburg Times plant was purchased by Mr. Wilson to complete his machinery needs. It was taken by truck Monday evening and the plant expects to start functioning next week. 5-2-40 p. 1

Ruth Mine Making Additional Tests

New Sampling Method to be Used at Various Levels of Mine

A. B. Callander, representing the Worthington Pump and Machinery Co., and Leon W. Dupuy, mining engineer from the Picacho Mining Co. at Yuma, Arizona, are in charge of an interesting drilling test now in progress at the Burton Bros.' Ruth Mine north of Trona. N. P. Browne, superintendent of the Ruth Mine, states that the new method will be used at each of the levels of the mine, drilling approximately six holes of from fifty to a hundred feet on each level.

The new drilling process is intended to overcome the difficulties of gold concentrating in the bottom of the hole when churn drilling and diamond drilling methods with water are used. Air is used in the process of blowing and vacuum collecting of the drilled samples, preventing the "slugging of values" common to previous methods.

The new process was developed at the Picacho Mine where some 27,845 feet of hole was drilled in five months of 1939. The cost of this work is said to have averaged 39c per foot. It is claimed that sufficient ore was developed by this program of drilling and vacuum sampling to justify the installation of a mill at the old Yuma property, toward which end effort is now being made.

The demonstration of the equipment at the Ruth is the second practical test to be made and is being watched by the Worthington Pump and Machinery Co. and mining engineers with much interest.

Frolli Paper on Yellow Aster Methods Published by Gov't (P)

Rand District received some very fine publicity in the Bakersfield Californian last Saturday. It was prompted by the release of a new bulletin by the Bureau of Mines at Washington, D. C., dealing with "Open-Pit Mining and Milling Costs at the Yellow Aster Mine, Randsburg, Calif." The bulletin is a paper written by Supt. A. W. Frolli of the Anglo American Mining Corp. and is based on the operations of the mine which has produced almost without interruption since the community began in 1895.

While much of the information given in the review of the paper by the Californian is common knowledge to Rand District residents, and deals with operation now discontinued, the summary also makes definite many additional points of information. In part, the

account is as follows:

The paper was written primarily to show methods and costs of mining and treating low-grade gold ore on a large scale.

This, according to mining men, is best exemplified by the operations at the Yellow Aster mine.

The property lies at the northeast end of the Rand mountain at an altitude of about 4000 feet. A semi-arid climate permits operation without difficulty all year.

Gold Found in 1895

Gold was discovered in 1895 near the present glory hole. From the time of the discovery until 1905, ore was mined from the vein system by open stopes with pillars, by stull stoping, and by square-set stopes. From 1905 to 1918, mining was done by the glory-hole method of mining.

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RANDBURG, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Placer Project at Atolia-Rand Plans Operation

Ground of Molybdenum Corp. is Leased to New Corporation Now in Process of Formation

With the quarters of the old Atolia-Rand west of Atolia as offices, and the ground of the Molybdenum Corporation of America leased for placer operation, a new organization is rapidly preparing to start dry placer operations in Rand District. Six carloads of equipment are being unloaded and assembled with intentions to function early in June. Seventeen men, operators of several years experience with the dry placer equipment have been brought from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the process has been used commercially. Rentals to house the crew have been secured and according to W. C. Colhoun, treasurer of the concern, no additional employment is required at this time.

Mr. Colhoun states that the dry equipment developed by the Universal Placer Co. will be used by the new corporation which is now concluding its organization. A two and a half ton Bucyrus-Erie drag line constitutes digging equipment.

James H. Kennedy will be general superintendent, James A. McCrea in charge of field operations, Wm. Colhoun, treasurer, and Robert Earnest, chief clerk.

Mr. Colhoun and others of the new organization are well known in the district, having been here in 1935-36 doing experimental work in the same field. The concern is interested only in gold recovery at the present time. 5-23-40 p.1

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RANDBURG

SUSAN WITT — Correspondent

Enjoy Trona Pool—

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shinn and daughter enjoyed a swim at Trona Sunday.

Trona Ladies Visit Here—

Mrs. Harry Jewell and Mrs. James Ryan of Trona were visitors here Monday.

Cemetery Workers Feted—

The Ladies Aid gave a dinner at the Legion Hall Saturday evening to all the men and Boy Scouts who so kindly donated their services in cleaning the cemetery. Twenty-three people enjoyed the dinner. The Ladies Aid instituted these free dinners eleven years ago to express appreciation to the men who donated services to community work.

From Office of Sheriff—

Misses Dora Bannister and B. Routzong of the Kern County Sheriff's Department, were visitors here over the week-end.

To Bakersfield—

Leona Thompson and daughter Roxana made a business trip to Bakersfield Friday.

RAND THEATRE

SAT-SUN. MAY 25-26

"Swanee River"

Don Ameche · Andrea Leeds

Al Jolson

CARTOON—NEWS

Coming Attractions

"GRAPES OF WRATH"

Guests at Witter Home—

Visitors at the Witter home this week were: Vaughn Witter from Oklahoma who is planning to stay with Mrs. Pearl Witter indefinitely and Mrs. Grace Hartwig from Kansas.

Visit Friends in Pasadena—

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stromberg and Dickie went to Pasadena Saturday to visit Miss Georgia Pearson.

San Fernando Friends

Visit Bardine—

Ralph Heywood from San Fernando spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bardine. Mr. Haywood is employed at the Sunkist Lemon Co.

Mittendorfs in Lone Pine—

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Mittendorf were business visitors in Lone Pine Wednesday and Thursday.

Guests of Lamberts—

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Montgomery and daughter Caroline from Arlington visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lambert over the week-end.

Visit Glodery Family—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beal and children from Trona visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glodery and family Sunday.

Nevada-California Takes

Inventory—

H. G. Meares, of the Nevada-California Electric Corp. from Riverside took annual inventory Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Randburg office.

To Visalia—

Irvy Cote made a trip to Visalia Friday, returning home Sunday.

Attend P.-T. A. Convention—

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RANDBURG
SUSAN WITT — Correspondent

Enjoy Trona Pool—

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shinn and daughter enjoyed a swim at Trona Sunday.

Trona Ladies Visit Here—

Mrs. Harry Jewell and Mrs. James Ryan of Trona were visitors here Monday.

Cemetery Workers Feted—

The Ladies Aid gave a dinner at the Legion Hall Saturday evening to all the men and Boy Scouts who so kindly donated their services in cleaning the cemetery. Twenty-three people enjoyed the dinner. The Ladies Aid instituted these free dinners eleven years ago to express appreciation to the men who donated services to community work.

From Office of Sheriff—

Misses Dora Bannister and B. Routzong of the Kern County Sheriff's Department, were visitors here over the week-end.

To Bakersfield—

Leona Thompson and daughter Roxana made a business trip to Bakersfield Friday.

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CARTOON—NEWS

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Guests at Witter Home—

Visitors at the Witter home this week were: Vaughn Witter from Oklahoma who is planning to stay with Mrs. Pearl Witter indefinitely and Mrs. Grace Hartwig from Kansas.

Visit Friends in Pasadena—

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stromberg and Dickie went to Pasadena Saturday to visit Miss Georgia Pearson.

**San Fernando Friends
Visit Bardine—**

Ralph Heywood from San Fernando spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bardine. Mr. Haywood is employed at the Sunkist Lemon Co.

Mittendorfs in Lone Pine—

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Mittendorf were business visitors in Lone Pine Wednesday and Thursday.

Guests of Lamberts—

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Montgomery and daughter Caroline from Arlington visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lambert over the week-end.

Visit Glodery Family—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beal and children from Trona visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glodery and family Sunday.

**Nevada-California Takes
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H. G. Meares, of the Nevada-California Electric Corp. from Riverside took annual inventory Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Randburg office.

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ATOLIA ITEMS

DAVID WELLS — Correspondent

Auxiliary Dance

Features Dance Contests—

The Women's Auxiliary of the A. F. of L. of Atolia held a dance Saturday night at Atolia Social Hall. Moulton's Orchestra of San Bernardino furnished the music. The waltz contest was won by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hankammer of Randsburg. A jitterbug contest was also held and was won by Ruth Davis of Red Mountain and Junior Musgrave of Atolia. The prizes were \$2.00 in cash. The judges were Mrs. Ed Petersen, Charles Greenfield, Mrs. Jim Christensen of Randsburg and Mrs. Musgrave of Atolia.

Garden Grove Visitors—

Mrs. Hallie Beamer of Garden Grove is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Neal Harwell for two weeks.

In Mojave—

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harwell motored to Mojave on Thursday where they spent the evening.

Kern River Outing—

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harwell and Mr. and Mrs. George Chance spent Wednesday on Kern River, returning Thursday.

Called by Mother's Illness—

Mrs. O. H. Andreasen and Jean Humphrey have left for Provo, Utah, to see Mrs. Andreasen's mother who is quite ill.

Attend Dance—

Mrs. W. O. Snavelly, Isabella Bates, Dolly and Marjorie Doyle came Friday from Los Angeles to attend the Union Dance held at Atolia. They stayed with Mrs. Davis.

Guests at Davis Home—

Mrs. Sullivan and son Donald of Los Angeles spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Davis. 5-30-40 *md*

Slate Deposit Being Worked

**Goler Gulch Claim Purchased by
Rainbow Rock Company**

The sale of a slate deposit in Goler Gulch was consummated recently by George Blosser to the Rainbow Rock Company of Los Angeles and has resulted in the former owner being now employed removing the slate for shipment to the city. Some three hundred tons of slate have been removed to date and with the old workings having been cleaned out with the Atkinson gasoline shovel, the operators are now ready to use new equipment supplied by the rock company.

A small one-eighth yard shovel and a compressor are now in use and the demand for the product is keeping the small crew busy at present. Mr. Blosser states that the slate is an excellent building quality and the nearest approach to equalling it is to be found in Arizona.

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Contributions to Red Cross Urged

With the desert area quota in the Red Cross Drive not having been reached the committee in charge is continuing its effort. Individuals who have not yet contributed are urged to leave donations with Judge Chas. Knight or at the office of Mrs. Jewell.

Ladies of the district are starting the work of making dressings and layettes for use among the European refugees. The group is meeting at Mrs. Jewell's office and an invitation is extended to all who are interested in helping in this phase of the work.

Randsburg P.-T.A. Reports Year's Work

**5207 Bottles of Milk and 625
Lunches Served Pupils**

With the conclusion of the school term, the Randsburg Parent-Teachers Association has compiled a summary of its activities for the period. Miss Mary E. Blue, chairman of the Milk Fund Committee, reports a total of 5207 bottles of milk, one-third pint size, and 625 school lunches served during the year as a campaign against undernourishment. The fund making the program possible was provided by the joint contributions of the Eagles, the School Board, the American Legion Auxiliary and the P.-T. A. The milk was secured from Donkers Sunshine Dairy who gave a special rate to aid the project. The undernourishment program has been carried on for several years past.

The Randsburg Parent Teachers Association has this year attained the distinction of being a standard association, having met all the requirements during 1939-40. It has also achieved a special honor for the excellence of its printed program book, executed by the Randsburg Times shop.

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Check Testing of Placer Ground

Large Scale Operation Near Atolia Determining Future Possibilities

The Molybdenum Corporation of America ground west of Atolia is now the scene of a large scale check-testing dry placer operation. Fifty yards per hour is being handled at this time with equipment having 125 yards per hour capacity. The work, in charge of James Kennedy, Agent, is check-testing on a commercial scale, tests that were made some five years ago for the Molybdenum Corporation. Two shifts have worked at times during the past month but at present one shift is operating the drag line and recovery equipment while another group is sampling other ground. Wm. Calhoun, treasurer of the concern, which is still completing organization detail, states that the check-testing work is only started and that it is too early to determine results.

A 195 H. P. Diesel electric generator is developing 440 volt power for the machinery involved.

Wildrose Canyon Man Supervisorial Candidate

Eastern Inyo County politics took a new note last week when C. K. Babcock, owner of Wildrose Station, announced himself as a candidate for the office of supervisor in the fifth district in Inyo County. Mr. Babcock filed his papers with County Clerk Robt. H. Richards, Jr., at Independence.

Mr. Babcock has been a resident of Wildrose and of the district for the past eight years, coming there from Los Angeles. During six years of eight he has been road foreman in that district.

Mr. Babcock is running in opposition to Mark B. Lacey, incumbent.

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Last Rites for 92 Year Old Pioneer

"Mother" Slocum of Garlock
Died Tuesday Evening

Sarah Abigail Slocum, better known to desert folks as "Mother" Slocum, passed on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the age of 91 years and 7 months. She had lived at Garlock with her son Charles Boyd since 1908. In compliance with her request, arrangements were made for graveside services to be conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Johannesburg Cemetery in charge of Judge E. B. Maginnis, a friend of many years standing.

"Mother" Slocum was born at Painted Post, New York, November 12, 1848. Prior to coming to Los Angeles, California, in 1894, she had lived in Wisconsin, Arkansas and Washington. Interested in mining

Dance Planned for Saturday, July 6th

Despite the fact that this is a holiday week, Moulton's Orchestra believes that Saturday night following the Fourth will find Rand District's dance enthusiasts ready for an evening of hot and sweet tunes. This musical aggregation has provided rhythmic inspiration for a number of local dances in recent months and is well regarded for its ability.

and always sympathetic to the difficulties of the miners, she is most kindly remembered for her unstinted generosity to those whom she thought less fortunate than herself.

She is survived by her son, Charles Boyd of Garlock and a daughter Mrs. R. F. Royce of Russellville, Arkansas, and several grand children and great grand children.

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Rand Miners to Play Two Games Next Week

Following a discouraging start of two defeats, the Rand Miners are well out of the cellar and closing the first quarter of the season with a chance for second place when a couple of ties for first and second place are settled.

An even break with Trona in two outside games showed the Miners to be good company for the boys from the American Potash and Chemical Corporation. Last Friday the Miners won from the Shipping Department team, 13 to 10. The Maintenance team nosed the Miners out on Monday evening with a score of 10 to 8. These were good games, well attended and an improvement in the collections for expense is happily reported.

Next Tuesday, July 9th, the league games will be resumed, following the Fourth. On July 9th the Miners will again play the P. C. B. Mules at Johannesburg. On Thursday, July 11, the Miners will play the Golden Queen team at Mojave.

Present standings of the five teams in the Desert League to date, at the end of the first quarter of the season are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
P. C. B. Mules	3	1	750
Golden Queen	3	1	750
Rand Miners	2	2	500
Mojave	2	2	500
Tehachapi	0	4	000

REPORTS MILLING FROM PANAMINT MOUNTAINS

Herman Anderson and associates who are mining the Granite Contact claims in "Copenhagen Gulch" of the Panamint Mountains, report a 40 ton milling at the Kelly Mill this week. It is the first milling from the property and Mr. Anderson states that it is \$25.00 ore.

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COVERING THE RAND DISTRICT, RANDBURG.

Services Held for Pioneer of Desert Mining Region

James W. Tyler of Borosolvay Laid to Rest at Johannesburg Cemetery Wednesday

James W. Tyler, lifelong resident of California and well known to all Rand District by reason of having lived in this portion of California since 1902, passed away Sunday, July 28th. Mr. Tyler, with his family, was vacationing at Morro Bay at his uncle's home when the end came. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Randsburg Community Church, conducted by Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth Ovall, and interment was in Johannesburg Cemetery. Dougherty, Calhoun & O'Meara were the undertakers in charge.

Born in Portersville, California, in 1886, Mr. Tyler came to Randsburg at sixteen years of age with his father and worked at Atolia and other mines here through the boom years of the camp. He was married here to Miss Bessie McGinn, daughter of James McGinn. Over twenty years ago the Tylers moved to Trona and Mr. Tyler has been employed in various capacities at the chemical plants at Searles Lake since that time.

The funeral service was attended by his many friends of the Rand District and from Trona. A truck load of floral tributes from Trona friends supplemented the flowers from friends in this area in silent expression of the esteem in which he was held. Special vocal duets were provided at the service by Max Hess and Wm. Hackman. Pallbearers were Dennis Garrehy, Ed Evans, C. O. Mittendorf, Clarence Kirk, Marion Cottle and Fred Austin.

He is survived by his wife and daughter Marydith, of Borosolvay, also a sister, Mrs. Adam Clark of Los Angeles.

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Rand District Youngsters at Mt. Greenhorn

The Children's Health Camp at Mt. Greenhorn, sponsored by the Exchange Clubs of Kern County was enjoyed by two delegations of kiddies from Rand District. The American Legion and Auxillary in this community cooperated with the Exchange Clubs of the other Kern County towns in securing attendance from this portion of the county.

The first group attending the camp early in July consisted of twelve youngsters and a smaller delegation followed for the last two weeks of the camp. The Times received copies of two letters written by the Rand District boys and girls expressing their appreciation of the Exchange Clubs' kindness in arranging the outing. A very nominal fee was asked which covered all expense.

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Miners Beat Queen in 15 to 1 Game (p)

Locals Lose to Pacific Coast Borax Last Thursday Evening

In their first two games of the second half of the Desert League, the Rand Miners have won one game and lost one game. The local boys traveled to Boron last Thursday to meet defeat at the hands of the Pacific Coast Borax team by a score of 7 to 4. Shorey and Chopo Napolis pitched for the Miners.

On Tuesday evening at Johannesburg field, the Miners redeemed themselves by defeating the Golden Queen 15 to 1. Billy Cooper pitched, and at all times was complete master of the situation. Don McDonald of the Queen spoiled a no-hit game for Billy by hitting a home run in the last inning, the only hit allowed by Cooper.

Jimmy Sierra's running shoe-string catch was the fielding sensation of the evening. Home runs were too numerous to mention.

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**School Superintendent
 Issues New Booklet**

A new booklet "Financial and Related Data Concerning Kern County Elementary and High School Districts" has just been issued by Leo B. Hart, County Superintendent of Schools. Data was prepared by Bernard C. Ely, Mr. Hart's assistant.

The booklet gives a breakdown of enrollment, assessed valuations, expenditure of school funds, cost per pupil, and much additional information concerning the schools of Kern County. Of interest to readers of the Randsburg Times is the following relative to the assessed valuation per pupil in the schools of this area.

	A.D.A.	Val. per Pupil
Garlock (7)		\$16,741
Indian Wells (48)		8,817
Johannesburg (18)		3,114
Mojave (285)		8,547
Randsburg (72)		5,520
Red Rock (23)		10,881
Average for county (19,231)		13,640

**Supervised Play
 Schedule Announced**

The enlarged play program for Rand District now includes many new games with a staff of three adults directing the play. Mrs. Ethel Dilts, of the W. P. A. is in charge, assisted by Adolph Subrier and Miss Pauline Watson. Among the games offered are volleyball, basketball, table shuffleboard, croquinle, ping pong, horse shoes, croquet, paddle tennis and deck tennis. Art and craft work will be taught this fall after school starts.

The playgrounds at Randsburg Highschool are officially open from 4 p. m. to 10 p. m.

**Echoes from
 Copenhagen Gulch**

Herman Anderson arrived in Randsburg Wednesday of this week for a week's rest from his labors in Copenhagen Gulch, in the Panamints. Herman reports two millings this time. One of thirty tons at the Kelley mill and another similar tonnage taken to the mill at Skidoo.

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**Shadow Mine Leased
 by Los Angeles Men**

(Victor Press)

A mine lease agreement has been filed in San Bernardino county recorder's office in the Shadow Mountain district to William G. Bonelli of 2552 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, and William J. Cook.

Term of the lease is for 14 months for a minimum of \$2,000. The next 12 months lease will be leased for \$3,000 and the yearly rental minimum afterwards will be \$5,000.

The property is located beginning at the SE corner of N 1/2 of Sec. 3, Twp. 7 N Range 7 W SBBM. Oil and gas rights are excluded from the lease which starts in 60 days with the following milling royalties stipulated for monthly receipt payment basis: Gold, 34 per cent; silver, 35 per cent; copper, 15 per cent; lead, 15 per cent; zinc, 15 per cent; tungsten, 10 per cent; molybdenum, 10 per cent of all smelter returns.

Lessors are: Anna R. Lang, Eva L. Davis, Byron Arthur Romig, all of Los Angeles; also Ethel Greenfield Stracke, Roy and Ray Greenfield of Stuart, Nebraska. The lease was signed June 4 and filed June 12.

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**RED
 MOUNTAIN . . .**

MARGARET WITT, Correspondent

In Idaho—

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Johnson left Saturday for Idaho where they will spend a few days.

Visit in San Diego—

Mrs. Vic Johnson, Mrs. Denzil Johnson, Frances and Anna Johnson spent two days of last week in San Diego.

Charivari for Donkers—

Wednesday evening, July 31st a group of young people got together and gave Mr. and Mrs. Dick Donker a charivari. Everybody returned to the Atolia Hall to dance and have refreshments after riding around the Rand District.

Home from Vacation—

J. W. and Rulon Hatton returned home Sunday after a two weeks vacation in Utah.

Tonsilectomy—

Gaylon Hatton had his tonsils removed Wednesday at the Rand Hospital.

In Los Angeles—

Donald Webster left Monday for Los Angeles where he plans to stay a few days.

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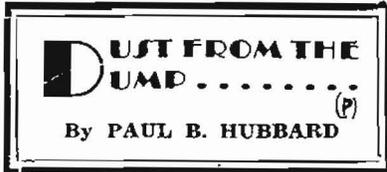
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COVERING THE RAND DISTRICT, RANDBURG,



(excerpt)

The oil drilling at Cantil gives evidence of being an honest effort to determine the possible presence of oil. The theory upon which the work has been prompted is that drainage from western Kern County fields may have followed the faults to the site of the Red Rock Oil Co. well. Depth will give the answer and in the meantime, discouraging opinions might well be withheld.

Summer heat on the desert must be respected. The Bostwick tragedy brings home the fact that definite precautions and rules should be followed. Some ten days ago, a group of old timers failed to return promptly from an expedition into the nearby desert, due to their car becoming stalled in the sand. They had the good judgment to stay with their car and in due time friends looked them up.

Looking over a Republican sample primary ballot, three names impress the writer. In the race for United States Senator, the name of Hiram Johnson is head and shoulders above any of the aspirants for that office. Senator Johnson has worn well over the years and has been progressively right so many times that he has come to be accepted as courageous governmental fixture. Real statesmen are too rare to discard Hiram Johnson for a gamble with new politicians.

Federal Labor Union Holds Election

Officers for Ensuing Term Elected to Succeed Appointed Group

Following the receipt of its new charter on July 22nd, Federal Labor Union 21464 held an election August 12th and chose its officers. Since its reorganization earlier in the year, the local has functioned under officers appointed by the representative of the West Coast office of the American Federation of Labor.

The roster of new officers is now as follows:

President, L. M. Tuttle, succeeding Les B. Ross.

Vice-President, Claire Lyndy, succeeding L. M. Tuttle;

Financial Secretary, J. O. Wade, succeeding G. B. Summers;

Recording Secretary, Chas. Clark, succeeding J. O. Wade;

Seargent-at-Arms, Norman Wycoff, succeeding Fred Cook;

Executive Board, Herman Lutz, Neal Harwell, Art Janke.

The union meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Atolia Hall. 8-15-40 p. 1

Drilling at 1700 Feet at Cantil Test Well

Wednesday night, the Red Rock Oil Company well at Cantil had attained a depth of 1700 feet. The drillers report that the work is going ahead as expected with a minimum of difficulties as depth is attained. Pump repairs have been necessary but two shifts are maintained at present. The drilling is still in blue shale. 8-15-40 p. 1

Bennett-Bryan Wedding at Las Vegas, Nevada

Jack Bennett, son of Mrs. Jennie Bennett of Randburg, and Miss Virginia Bryan, daughter of J. M. and Edna Bryan of Red Mountain, were united in marriage at Las Vegas, Nevada, last Saturday, August 10th. They were accompanied at the ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Kirk. Following the wedding the party sojourned to Huntington Park, California, where they were guests at a wedding dinner served by the Frekenettes.

The newlyweds are well known and popular young people and their many Rand District friends wish them the full measure of happiness and success.

The bride attended the Tonapah high school last term and Mr. Bennett leases at the King Solomon. They expect to reside in Johannesburg.

Will Work with Rademacher Property—

Willie Sylvester, of Shedd, Oregon, arrived August 3rd, to be associated with his nephew, Marvin Harris, in the latter's operation of the Jerry Mines in Rademacher District.

(excerpt:)

1898 Copies of Rand Miner Recall Fires of Pioneer Days

Belonging to Mrs. Fred Church, former resident of Red Mountain, are two copies of the Rand Miner dated January 22, 1898 and May 7, 1898, which had been saved by her father, recently deceased. The papers recount in detail the story of a fire in Randsburg on the 18th of January, that year, and another on the 6th of May. Looking over the old files with Judge Maginnis and Tommy Garrity, two of the earliest residents now living in Randsburg, it is learned that the two fires reviewed in the old papers were very serious losses for the then new camp. In all, Mr. Garrity states there have been seven major fires in Randsburg starting with one 1897, followed by two in 1898, one in 1901, one in 1903, another in 1918, and the last big fire in 1929.

The fire of January, 1898 was stated to have caused losses aggregating around \$100,000, and that of May of that year was believed to have been still more costly. In the latter fire about eighty buildings were destroyed. The powder brigade blew up building after building in the path of the flames. Quoting from the account: "From ten to fifty pounds of Giant or Hercules powder was used for the destruction of each building, and the result would be the throwing of a shower of shingles and debris hundreds of feet into the air; the shingles and smaller pieces looked like a flock of blackbirds passing over." A long list of losses is given for both fires. The list of the January losses was headed by W. C.

Wilson with \$18,000, while that of the May fire was headed by A. Anderson with a \$20,000 loss.

Other Pioneer News

Like all old papers the early issues revealed other interesting facts relative to pioneer days. The Randsburg Miner was in its third volume which indicates its beginning as 1895. The Orpheus Theatre bill featured the Great Traveller; Kleiste & Paris were selling water at their wells four miles east of town at 15c per barrel; the King Solomon people were building a good substantial office, two stories high to provide sleeping quarters for the officers; the new hoist for the Yellow Aster had just arrived; the Black Hawk had a milling at Cuddeback Lake; the Yellow Aster was surveying for wells; an order had just been issued by the Yellow Aster that no man could work there who refused to pay his bills promptly; Judge Maginnis officiated at the wedding of G. C. Nebeker and Miss Elizabeth K. Price in January and in May he united Jo P. Carroll and Miss Mary McClatchie in the holy bonds of matrimony. At both occasions social events followed. At the latter occasion sociability was heightened with "exhilarating draughts of Mumm's Extra Dry" and an "elegant lunch."

The Times has the old copies at the office but will return them to Mrs. Church this week. It is suggested that they should be preserved for their historical value and perhaps loaned to the Kern County Museum.

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New Placer Interest Seen in Stringer District

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Installs Lapidary at Nine Mile Grade

Bill Lewis, well known among rock hounds as a collector of semi-precious stones, mineral specimens and a guide to gem stone areas, has added a new feature to his headquarters in the rocks at Nine Mile Grade on the Trona Road. A complete lapidary equipment has been set up and is now in operation with very pleasing results attained.

Mr. Lewis was in Randsburg Wednesday with evidence of his desert art, displaying a beautiful geod cut in half with a polished face and also a number of cut gem stones from the various types to be found in this general area. His collection of desert rock is well displayed at his home which is signed as the Wagonwheel Mine and is well worth time for inspection by rock fans.

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Gold and Tungsten Recovery Attracts Dry Wash Efforts

The Atollaburg Placer Mining Co., with Nicholas Baxter and C. C. Mayfield in charge, is starting construction next week at the Vienna Claims in the Stringer District of a drywash operation to handle 400 to 600 yards per day which will be supplemented with a wet method operation located elsewhere in the district where water is available to handle the concentrates. The company has been conducting extensive sampling on the Vienna and Black Hawk properties, the Max Hess ground, and the Carr property (Gold Coin, Orphan Boy, Stanford, and White Dyke claims). Mr. Baxter states that he has conducted sampling operations both by the wet and dry methods and that under present conditions he finds it prohibitive to work under the straight wet method. He is convinced that the only successful method for placer operations in this district is to first reduce the material, dry, to not more than 20 to 1 concentrates and to finish by the wet method.

The sampling results are said to be satisfactory in both gold and tungsten values and the task of getting equipment ready for commercial operation is expected to require about thirty days. Five men are employed in the construction work and when placed in commercial operation the outfit will require three men per shift. A No. 4 Diesel caterpillar tractor will be used as power for an eight yard carryall for moving dirt into the plant. The dry plant is being constructed along lines tested by a smaller pilot plant.

Mr. Baxter is from San Bernardino where he has made his home for the past twelve years. He is well known in the San Bernardino County mining circles, having been president of the San Bernardino County Mining Association and active in helping to organize other companies into units. Several years ago he conducted a mineral survey of Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for the federal government.

Other Placer Interests

While not in the stage of commercial operation, Mr. Kane, who has been in Summit Diggings at the Wadsworth property the past several months, is moving his portable
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Red Rock Oil Test Well at 2300 Feet

A visit to the oil test well of the Red Rock Oil Co., near Cantil, Wednesday evening, brings the information from Mr. Johnson, in charge of the drilling, that the well is at a depth of 2300 feet. It is nearing the formation at which two previous wells in that area gave indications of oil in one instance and the presence of gas in the second well. Geologists have assured the company that the oil structure would be encountered at a more shallow level at the site of the present drilling than in the previous sites at which Mr. Johnson drilled. Present drilling is in brown Sespe shale believed to be of the Pleistocene age.

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New Placer Interest Seen in Stringer District

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dry wash machine into the Stringer District. At the Wadsworth holdings he concentrated on the task of attaining a satisfactory percentage of gold recovery with moderate yardage per day. His move into the Stringer District is to permit further tests of his machine with sheelite and gold.

Adolph Schneider of Los Angeles is also in the district and interested in placer possibilities as is also another group that has not brought its plans to the stage of public announcement.

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RANDBURG.

Randsburg High School Opens Tuesday, Sept. 3

H. A. Stromberg, principal of the Randsburg High School, states that the 1940-41 term will open on Tuesday, September 3rd, following Labor Day. He also announces that the school will have the same number of instructors as last year and offers a course of study following the standard of previous years. With the advent of the new high school district at Trona, there was some concern as to whether the Randsburg school could maintain its standard in the face of reduced enrollment. Some increases in the number of pupils from the Rand District, accompanied by the fact that Junior and Senior students from Trona will still attend the Randsburg School now assures a course of study fully comparable to other terms.

Two new teachers on the faculty will replace Mr. Mummery and Miss Lawyer who have resigned.

Mr. Stromberg has just returned from a vacation spent in Muncie, Indiana, and in his home state of Minnesota. Mrs. Stromberg and son Dickie are still in Indiana. They will join Mr. Stromberg here in a few weeks.

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BERT'S BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP Red Mountain, Calif. for Better Permanents

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Services Held for Abram Bixler Ferris

Aged Father of Mrs. H. M. Ling To Be Buried in Kansas

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Payne & Son chapel in Bakersfield for Abram Bixler Ferris, eighty-eight year old father of Mrs. H. M. Ling of Saltdale. Mr. Ferris passed away Sunday at a Bakersfield hospital. He had made his home for several years past with his daughter, Mrs. Ling of Saltdale. The funeral service was conducted by Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth Ovall, pastor of Randsburg Community Methodist Church.

Mr. Ferris was a native of Flint, Michigan, and is survived by a brother, O. C. Ferris of Salem, Oregon, a son, Chas. Ferris of Kansas City, Mo., a daughter, Mrs. Ling of Saltdale, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment will be at Wichita, Kansas.

The services in Bakersfield were attended by many friends from Saltdale.

Attend Funeral—

Mrs. C. M. Lundy and Mrs. Carrie Ovall attended funeral services for Abram Ferris, father of Mrs. H. M. Ling of Last Chance Canyon at Bakersfield, Monday, August 19.

Rand Niteball Girls Honor Mrs. Jack Bennett

Mrs. Jack Bennett, nee Virginia Bryan, is to be the honoree of a public bridal shower sponsored by the girls of the Rand District Girls Niteball Team. Mrs. Bennett has been a capable player on the team, the catcher, and with the advent of her recent marriage her teammates have planned a party at the Legion Hall in Randsburg for Friday night, August 30th, to which all Rand District friends of the newlyweds are invited.

The festivities will start at 7:30 and will include dancing and refreshments.

ATOLIA ITEMS JOE BROOKES, Correspondent

"Rim of the World Trip"—

Jimmy Holcomb and Judge J. W. Platt left Monday for the famous "Rim of the World Trip" as guests of the Sheriff's Posse of San Bernardino County. The trip is on horseback through the San Bernardino Mountains. The route followed will touch principal points of interest in the mountains and is an unusual event which attracts many San Bernardino County celebrities.

New Sewing Club—

A new woman's organization has been formed in Atolia to be known as the Sewing Circle. The objective of the group will be to discuss educational literature and cultural subjects. They met Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. Herb Straub where an enjoyable afternoon of discussion and refreshments was enjoyed.

On Mining Business—

C. Irvin from Los Angeles is in Atolia for a few days looking after mining interests.

In San Bernardino—

Al Winchell spent Sunday in San Bernardino.

Will Attend State Agr. School—

Johnny Donker left Monday for Davis, Calif., where he will attend the State School of Agriculture.

Visit Daughter—

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Andreasen drove to Mojave Friday to visit their daughter for the day. They returned the same evening.

In San Bernardino—

Genevieve Platt left Sunday for San Bernardino to spend a week with a girl friend.

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(excerpts:)

Elementary School at Randsburg Opens Tuesday, Sept. 10

Mr. Everly to be New Principal. Miss Blue and Mrs. Adcock Return

Randsburg Elementary School will open its 1940-41 term on Tuesday, September 10th. The cooperation of all parents is respectfully urged in helping start the year with a full attendance.

Mr. Everly of Los Angeles has been secured by the board as the new principal for the elementary school. He will make his residence in the Gunderson house. Teachers returning for another year with the Randsburg school are Mary Elizabeth Blue and Mrs. Marian Adcock.

Need for Attendance

At the close of the school year, the board was faced with the fact that the school had lost its state money for a third teacher because its average daily attendance had been 68.4, just 1½ under the necessary 70. However, through the cooperation of Leo Hart, county superintendent of schools, an emergency fund has been set up for the present year to provide for the third teacher. These funds were procured from county tax money. If the average daily attendance falls below 70, the third teacher may not be retained.

Improvement on School Property

In addition to the customary maintenance work, the board has purchased 24 new streamlined school desks. Venetian blinds have been installed in the principal's room, and a new basketball court is being prepared. 8-29-40 A

Here's How the District Voted

KERN COUNTY

	Randsburg No. 1	Randsburg No. 2	Johannesburg	Cantil	Inyokern	TOTAL
REPUBLICAN:						
U. S. Senate—						
John Anson Ford	1	2	1		3	7
Hiram W. Johnson	14	21	13	21	21	90
Ellis E. Patterson		1	4	5	5	15
Samuel W. Yorty	2		0		2	4
Congressman 10th Dist.—						
A. J. Elliott	7	16	4	13	18	58
Walter S. Franklin	7	6	10		9	32
J. James Hollister	2	1	3	2	2	10
Reynolds				1	2	3
Assemblyman—						
Cecil L. Cole	5	7	7	9	10	38
Rodney Turner	11	17	9	17	20	74
DEMOCRATIC:						
U. S. Senate—						
John Anson Ford	4	6	3	4	2	19
Hiram W. Johnson	27	19	9	12	20	87
James D. Meredith						1
Richard S. Otto	1			1	2	4
Ellis E. Patterson	11	19	7	5	22	64
Samuel W. Yorty	1	7	2	3	5	18
Congressman—						
A. J. Elliott	27	24	12	12	30	105
Walter S. Franklin	5	15	4	7	9	40
J. James Hollister	9	9	3	7	13	41
Shalhoob	2	3				5
Assemblyman—						
Cecil L. Cole	14	16	5	4	23	62
Rodney Turner	22	32	12	18	30	114
Vizzard	5	4	1	5		15

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

	Atolia	Red Mt.	Trona	Precincts
REPUBLICAN:				
U. S. Senator—				
Ford		1		54
Johnson		16		270
Patterson		3		68
Yorty		2		24
U. S. Congressman—				
Loudon		15		137
State Assembly—				
Cunningham		16		119
Jones		4		117
Willhoft		2		69
County Supervisor—				
Doran		17		290
Russell				141
DEMOCRATIC:				
U. S. Senator—				
Ford		10		48
Johnson		46		144
Meredith		1		5
Otto		4		13
Patterson		18		55
Yorty		5		19

Hardrock Drilling to Be Gold Rush Feature

Don Brink, president of the Mojave Exchange Club, reports that the dates for that celebration will be October 19th and 20th.

The world's championship hardrock drilling contest is expected to bring miners in competition from the many desert and mountain areas. As in other years, the free barbecue, the rodeo, the Saturday night dance and the Gold Rush Queen contest will be held.

Mr. Brink extends an invitation on behalf of the Exchange Club to all Eastern Kern County to join in the contests and the festivities.

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ATOLIA ITEMS

JOE BROOKES, Correspondent

To San Francisco—

J. Jacobs, an employee at the staff house of the Atolia Mining Co., left Friday for San Francisco to look after business interests.

To Los Angeles—

Charles Irwin left Thursday for Los Angeles for a short visit.

Beach Visitors—

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wimberly and son Donald spent the week-end at Long Beach.

Guests at Davis House—

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Davis and Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer of Los Angeles came Friday to visit their sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace Davis. They returned Tuesday.

Sewing Club Meets—

Mrs. James Platt was hostess to the Sewing Club last Thursday. Names of secret sisters were drawn and delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake served. A group of ladies from Barstow were guests.

Spend Week-end Fishing—

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody and daughter Patsy and Mr. Moody's uncle, A. A. Beeman spent the week-end at Black Rock Springs fishing.

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RANDBURG

Lady Prospector Strikes It Rich

(Barstow Printer Review)

Grace Finley, Barstow's lady prospector, has struck it rich.

The Queen of Copper City, who lives alone and likes it in the abandoned mining camp 37 miles north of Barstow, has been corresponding for many months with a mine owner in northern California, whose intentions were strictly honorable. Grace hitch-hiked north and in 10 days rode back in Pullman style, accompanied by new trunks of the latest clothing.

Butt, let Grace tell in her own words of her sudden rise to fortune:

"I left Barstow at 9 o'clock a week ago Saturday. I only had \$2.50 in my hip pocket. By 8 o'clock the next morning, or 23 hours later I was in Quincy. I saw J. W. McKay, the fellow I've been corresponding with. I saw at once that he had a swell mine.

"He said if I'd sell it, he'd give me half. I hitchhiked to San Francisco and went to the Central Hotel where all the miners hang out. There I met H. D. Cowden of Dawson, Alaska and told him of the mine. He and two engineers went to the mine, took samples and found everything just as I had told them it was. There is a rich vein, 72 feet wide.

"They bought the mine, its name is the Lahonda, and I got half the down payment and \$150 a month for life. I bought some new clothes, came back to Barstow, paid all my bills and bought some more clothes.

"I certainly want to thank all the merchants of Barstow for the nice way they have treated me. I certainly appreciate it," the lady prospector concluded.

Reported sale price of the mine which Miss Finley refused to con-

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ATOLIA ITEMS

ALICE JOHNSON, Correspondent

In Los Angeles—

Dick Donker drove to Los Angeles Friday, the 20th. He returned home the same day.

Bags Two Deer—

Mac Wyckoff of Atolia returned home Thursday from a most successful hunting trip in the mountains. He was rewarded with two deer.

Judge Platt in Barstow—

J. W. Platt made a business trip to Barstow Saturday, the 21st. He returned the same day.

Sewing Circle Meets—

The Atolia Sewing Circle met at Platt's Thursday of last week. Mrs. Green was hostess.

To California Hot Springs—

Bob and Burr Green of Atolia, left last week for California Hot Springs to work for Bill Morris.

Will Live in Los Angeles—

Mrs. Mabel Green left Atolia last Thursday for Los Angeles where she will make an indefinite stay. While there she will live with her sister.

Returns to School—

Beverly Platt returned to school in San Bernardino Tuesday, the 17th.

To Attend Bakersfield High—

Mary Dezan left last week to enter high school in Bakersfield.

Shower Honors Mrs. Cook—

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will honor Mrs. Fred Cook of Atolia Friday night, with a shower. The party will be held at Mrs. Elfie Janke's home in Atolia.

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Treasure Island Bound—

Mac Wyckoff left Saturday for a trip to the San Francisco Fair.

NON-RESPONSIBILITY NOTICE

Effective this date, Aug. 29, I will not be responsible for any obligations incurred by anyone other than myself and my son Jim Sierra.

Gabriel Sierra. (37-39)

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wimberly of Atolia, and Mrs. J. W. Platt motored to San Bernardino Saturday, Sept. 28th. They returned Sunday night.

Aliens Must Register at Atolia Post Office—

According to bulletins issued by the government, all aliens of this district must register at Atolia Post Office. The final day of registration is December 26th, 1940. The penalty for not registering is fine or imprisonment.

Los Angeles Business Trip

Dick Donker and Dean Peterson drove to Los Angeles Saturday, the 28th, on business. They returned the same day.

At Pomona—

Johnny Beacham attended the Pomona Fair Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Buffington Hostess—

The Sewing Club met with Mrs. C. Buffington Thursday, Sept. 26. Ten members were present.

Smoots Visit Atolia Friends—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smoot, former residents of Atolia, visited in this community Thursday of last week.

Shower for Mrs. Fred Cook—

A shower for Mrs. Fred Cook was held at the home of Mrs. Elfie Janke in Atolia Friday evening, September 27th. The affair was attended by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. F. of L. Those present were: Mrs. E. C. Petersen, Mrs. Orville Bartlett, Mrs. Marie Douglas, Mrs. Dolly Spaulding, Mrs. Frank Bangle, Mrs. Wm. Schmidt, Mrs. G. B. Summers, all of Randburg. From Red Mountain were: Mrs. Tino Blair and Mrs. Italo Macari. Those from Atolia who attended were: Mrs. Horace Buffington, Mrs. Ole Andreasen, Mrs. James Platt, Mrs. Grace Davis, Mrs. Elfie Janke, and the honor guest, Mrs. Cook. Clever favors and table decorations of pink, white and blue, high-lighted the party. Bunco was the main game played. The first prize was won by Mrs. Blair and the Booby prize by Mrs. Buffington. Delicious refreshments of cake, punch, tea, and mock plum pudding were served. Mrs. Cook received many nice gifts.

BUNCO PARTY

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Gold Rush Plans Announced by Mojave Boosters

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eral musical units are promised for the parade and it is expected to be the most colorful in Gold Rush history.

Of extraordinary interest to Rand District will be the contest for championship in the Rock Drilling Contest. Complete equipment for drilling with compressor power will be set up. Tom Finnerty of the Exchange Club states that one team from Rand District is entered in the contest. Others are invited. The drilling contest starts Saturday morning at 8:30 and will be continued after the parade is finished.

The Free Barbecue, with Rawley Duntley in charge of its preparation, is the piece de resistance for the noon hour. It is scheduled for twelve noon. The quantities of food being arranged for indicates something of the crowd expected. For example: one ton of potato salad, 148 cans of tomatoes, five sacks of onions, 3200 pounds of beef, plus hundreds of loaves of bread, etc.

Famous Mineral Display

The private world collection of mineral specimens belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley of Mojave will be a prominent feature of the mineral display. It consists of 1700 items, including a display of cut precious and semi-precious gem stones and from twenty to fifty gold and silver specimens.

The National Ultra Violet Lighting Co. will put on its exhibition of flourescent minerals.

Among the commercial mineral companies of the desert area that will have displays at the mineral show will be: Pacific Coast Borax Co., Burton Bros., Monolith Cement Co., Long Beach Salt Co., Cudahy Packing Co., Calisico, American Potash and Chemical Co., Westend Chemical Co., the Ruth and Tropico Mines, Golden Queen and Cactus Queen Mines and Geringer Bros.

Weldon Tungsten Mill Starts Operation

Millings from King and Prosperity Mines Ready

Robert Steward of Randsburg visited the Prosperity Mine, tungsten property near Weldon, on Tuesday of this week and reports that the newly constructed mill at Weldon was expected to start operation on Wednesday. It is operated by the Fairfield Mining and Milling Co., owners of the Prosperity Mine and the Tungsten King Mine. The mill was built under the direction of Jesse Cooper and Ralph Ralston, both of whom are well known in this district from their work at Atolia.

The Prosperity Mine has been developed under lease by Don Murray, Pete Murray, Willard Steward, Robert Steward, Sam Dobbs and Dan Dobbs. The King Mine is being developed and mined by the Fairfield Mining and Milling Co.

The first milling this week will be on ore from the King Mine, according to Mr. Steward. The King Mine milling will be followed by a larger milling of several hundred tons now mined at the Prosperity. The Rand District leasers at the Prosperity have been working on the property since the middle of May, this year. 10-24-41 p.1

Sluicing Activity in Fiddlers Gulch

Everett Cornelius and Ed Roberson are now engaged in a sluicing project on the Onyx group of claims, working in the channel of Fiddler's Gulch.

Water for the operation is supplied by Cornelius' springs which furnish in the neighborhood of 14,000 gallons per day. Tanks have been installed at a level above the gulch, and a re-circulating system is now being worked on. They estimate that their sluice boxes will handle about 15 yards per day.

Former Yellow Aster Superintendent Here

Albert Ancker of Tehachapi was in Randsburg last Saturday in company with George W. Nicolson, former superintendent of the Yellow Aster Mine. Mr. Nicolson was here from 1920 to 1923, when he left for the Island of Cyprus, in the Mediterranean, where he has been since employed in the British copper mines. Recent bombings of that area have caused cessation of operations and Mr. Nicolson is enjoying a visit in the United States for a period.

Mr. Ancker and Mr. Nicolson also attended the Gold Rush at Mojave Sunday. 10-24-41 p.1

Old Pictures Recall Randsburg's First Brass Band

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Reynolds were in Randsburg Monday. Mr. Reynolds is one of the old-timers of the camp, having been associated with it back around 1900 when he was hoist man at the Little Butte Mine. He was later booster pump man for the Yellow Aster. While here, Mr. Reynolds presented Tom Garrity and Kent Knowlton with pictures of Randsburg's first brass band, which he organized prior to 1902.

The picture shows the band as it turned out for the Randsburg Democratic Reception Committee, on October 4, 1902, over 38 years ago.

Mr. Reynolds is now president of the Calsilco Corporation, whose pumice quarry near Black Mountain supplies manufacturers of cleanser, soap, insulating, and other materials. 10-24-40 p.1

INYOKERN

On Friday, October 18, the Inyokern P.-T. A. sponsored a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruie Kensinger at Freeman Aqueduct Station. Two card games and Chinese Checkers were played. After the games refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cassel, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Brown, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ives, Mrs. R. H. Goodchild, Miss Merne Hollingsworth, Mrs. Don Clair, Mrs. Roger Tracy, Mrs. R. L. Gordon, and Mrs. Al Walters.

The Inyokern P.-T. A. met at the schoolhouse on October 17.

Mr. Roy Driggers spoke on "Citizenship at Home and in the Community."

Mrs. Washmuth, chairman of the membership committee was not present but Mrs. Ives reported in her place.

Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth Ovall gave a report on the drive for subscriptions to the P.-T. A. Magazine.

ATOLIA ITEMS

ALICE JOHNSON, Correspondent

Attend Auto Show—

Mrs. Janke spent the week-end in Los Angeles. She spent most of the time visiting the Auto Show.

Mrs. Donker Hostess to Sewing Club—

The Sewing Club was entertained by Mrs. Donker Thursday. Lemonade and cream puffs were served.

Improvement at Donkers Dairy—

The Donkers Sunshine Dairy is having new living quarters built for their hired help.

Visitors from Oakland—

Luella and Bob Patten of Oakland were guests of the Sampley family Monday and Tuesday.

Guests at Platt Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Woodmasee are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Platt and Judge Platt at their home.

To Visit Parents—

Beverly Platt will be home for the week-end Friday. She is attending high school in San Bernardino.

In Los Angeles—

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wimberly spent the week-end in Los Angeles.

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Story of Spangler Brother Tells of Hard Life of Desert Miners

by GEORGE PIPKIN

(Conclusion)

One just has to know the two Spangler brothers to appreciate what fine old fellows they really are—the salt of the earth, literally speaking, a credit to their life-long career, mining.

If all men were as honest and straightforward in their personal lives and in their dealings with their fellowmen as are Daniel Rea and Stonewall Jackson (Tony) Spangler, then the need for law and justice on the great Mojave Desert would be about as useful as the little sidewinder rattlesnake that slithers across the hot sands with its peculiar sidwinding motion.

When in the presence of these brothers one seems to recapture a tang of the old west—not the gun-toting, rip-roaring, hell-bent kind that's so vividly interpreted in the pulp magazines of today; but something finer, something deeper, that makes you realize that here in your presence are two men who personify the type of solid, hard-working, law-abiding citizens that really built the west to what it is today.

DESERT PIONEERS

Here are two men endowed by the pioneering spirit of their father who came to California during the gold rush, fighting his way through the Isthmus of Panama jungle in 1850 to reach a new country and to make a new start in a strange land suddenly gone mad with the feverish cry "gold is here!"

This same spirit, imbued in Rea and Tony, caused them to give up their moderately secure lives as young farmers before the turn of the present century and strike out into an entirely new country and a new adventure for them—prospecting on the Mojave Desert.

They came and conquered, enduring the hardships in a dry land—where only a few succeed where thousands have failed—for it is of that sterner stuff of which they are made!

"It's true they never made any fabulous strikes, nor did they ever become even moderately wealthy; but they found the gold for which they were seeking, even though it wasn't high grade and had probably been passed up by many a prospector before them who couldn't see a quick fortune in what lay at his feet but who went on over the mountain forever seeking a bonanza.

The Spanglers knew, after assays had been run, that they could make a living out of their mine; but they also knew that it would come the tough way by plenty of long hours of hard back-breaking

work; and they knew, too, that they were up against a dry camp; that all the water they used would have to be hauled from a distance of from six to eighteen miles. Undaunted, they rolled up their sleeves, spit on their hands and dug in. That was forty-two years ago and they are still there and still hauling their water. But now, within the past year, they have reached that point in life where Father Time will not permit them to do any more mining.

UPS AND DOWNS

Many times during the long stretch of years, they have been up against it when the vein would play out and the pay dirt quit coming; and before the vein could be relocated, the grub would about play out and then one of them would have to strike out, find a job and work until enough money was made for a grub stake to carry on. Usually Rea would go after the grubstake, leaving Tony at the mine. Rea would find work as a teamster or a miner; and in this manner, they were able to stand on their feet, pay their bills and keep the mine going.

HARDSHIPS

On one job which Rea had as a teamster, he was travelling along a narrow ledge on a mountain road, walking beside the team, when he met a hunter who was packing a deer on a burro. Rea's team became frightened at the deer, reared up and plunged off the road, knocking Rea over the embankment; he fell and rolled down the steep mountain side and was knocked unconscious; after a distance of two hundred feet his descent was halted when he landed in a depression caused by an uprooted tree. As he landed, he regained consciousness, enough to rise to his feet and stagger a few yards away just as the team and front wheels of the wagon landed where he had lain the instant before. In the fall, he received a broken arm and shoulder blade, concussion of the brain, besides many cuts and bruises on his body. The hunter went for aid and returned with a wagon into which Rea was loaded; and after twelve hours of agony in the jolting wagon, a doctor was reached.

In 1906 he was employed at the Arondo mine which is a few miles north of Trona in the Argus Mountains. The mine was then owned and operated by Dean and Jones. (Mr. Dean, who is Archie Dean's father, died last month at Independence.) An ore car overturned and caught Rea, breaking his leg just above the ankle; the nearest doctor was at Randburg, fifty miles away;

GARDEN CITY

One mile south of the Trona Railroad's present Garden City, at the forks of the old Ballarat stage road, lies a pile of rusty cans and a concrete building foundation which represents the only visible sign that this spot was once the site of the original Garden City where John Searles had a stage station. This station was a veritable oasis in the desert brought about by water which Searles had piped from a nearby spring. A four-acre vineyard, vegetable garden, a barn large enough to house one hundred mules, a store, an eating house and seven or eight cabins, comprised the extent of the Garden City stage station.

In the year 1896 the firm of C. J. and E. E. Teagle—who were merchants in Johannesburg—leased the station from Searles and in 1900 they bought it outright. For a span of six years, there was a Post-office there. In 1908 they, in turn, leased the station so that they would be able to devote the entire time to their business in Johannesburg where they owned a general merchandise store, three large warehouses and a feed yard. Chas. J. Teagle has since passed away but E. E. Teagle owns and resides at the Stockwell Mine, three miles north of Valley Wells. Mr. Teagle is a frequent visitor in Trona.

When the Trona Railroad was built in 1915, the Teagles sold their water rights to the railroad and the old stage station passed into oblivion.

The two Spangler brothers traded with the Teagles for forty years, both at Garden City and Johannesburg. They hauled their water from Garden City and received their mail there during the years that the Garden City Post Office was in operation. At the present time they haul their water from Randburg.

LITTLE MEN WHAT NOW

And they are little men, these Spangler brothers, neither being over five and one-half feet in stature and only weighing around one hundred and twenty-five pounds. A life time of hard labor, old age and sickness has reduced them to their present size. At one time when Rea was young and in his prime, he weighed one hundred and eighty-seven pounds.

In closing their story, I wish to say, it is a pleasure and honor for me to salute Daniel Rea and Stone-wall Jackson (Tony) Spangler, two typical hard rock miners who have given a lifetime of labor to one of California's greatest industries—mining.

and sent to a Los Angeles hospital which was reached some thirty hours after the accident happened. He developed a bad case of pneumonia brought about by the shock of the accident and the exposure to the wintry winds while on the Ballarat stage.

In this day and age, it is difficult for one to conceive of the hardships and suffering that was endured by the "old-timers" who worked the mines back in the horse-and-buggy days. Nowadays when a miner is injured in an out-of-the-way place, he is immediately whisked to a hospital in an automobile—to arrive there in a hour or two at the most.

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RANDBURG,

Registrants' Draft Numbers

The cooperation of Draft Board No. 141 and of Clark Mills of the Trona Pot-Ash, has made it possible for the Times to publish the numbers of most, if not all of the registrants for Selective Service Training in this immediate desert area. The names for the Kern County communities are from Draft Board No. 141 at Bakersfield and the Red Mountain-Atolia names are from the master list of northern San Bernardino County which Mr. Mills secured from the San Bernardino County authorities. In as much as many registrants registered at precincts other than their home voting precinct, and also in view of the long list from which the names of the Red Mountain-Atolia registrants' numbers were taken, it is realized that a few registrants may not be included on this list. The list however is believed to be sufficiently complete to aid most of the registrants in determining their status in the national drawing of October 29th. 10-31-40 p.1

ATOLIA - RED MOUNTAIN

James Ivan Hall	115
Geo. Chanz	117
Matt Valentine Johnson	165
Denzil L. Johnson	230
Everett J. Peterson	271
Warren Emmet Buffington	342
Victor Warren Bob	343
Donald Le Roy Webster	362
Daniel-Edward Simmons	662
James Victor Holm	667
Paul William McIntosh	713
Lavon Hatton Peterson	854
Harry James Van Burkleo	1245
William Carl Molihan	1319
Alfred Raymond Reynolds	1345
Cyrus Robert Reynolds	1430
Waldemar August Krieger	1454
Norman Louis Dahlman	1471
Chester John Allen	1482
Martin Isaac Holm	1511
Rulon J. Hatton	1617
Herschel Chester Johnson	1773
Edward Benjamin Atkinson	2000
William Morris Atkinson	2041
Robert Lee Darlow	2056
Florentino Blair	2070
Wayne Earl Hancock	2154
Glen A. Hatton	2162
Earl Houston Orsburn	2382
Warren Howard Martin	2388
Dick John Donker	2516
Lawrence Reynolds	2528
Arleigh Fred Krouse	2613
Calvin Curtis Clark	2666
Jay Jacobs	2764
Hugh Weldon Evans	2829
Clarence Lafayette Baker	2830
Martin Henry Johnson	2832
Geno DeZan	2899
Thomas Edward Burke	3095
Clinton Frederick Barber	3129
Everette Marion Lea	3131
Clarence Steider	3135

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James Harvey Bartmess	3044
Vernon Samuel Thurston	3351
Edwin Robert Ramsey	3520
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Henry Leon Jordan	4133
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Harry Eugene Owen	1463
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Carrie Elizabeth Oval, Pastor
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Epworth League, 8:00 P. M.
Worship Service, 7:00 P. M.

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Search the Scriptures. God's word has the solution to every problem of your life.

Missionary Rally, November 2, 7:30 P. M. at Lancaster Foursquare Church.

This will be one of the largest Rallies of the year. The foreign fields will be represented by the Missionaries home on furlough with the flags of these countries. The Missionary presidents from all the Districts are expected to be present.

The service will be in charge of Carl Williams, Missionary Commander. Come and join with us in going over the top for Jesus that more in these foreign lands may hear—the Word and be saved.

Any of those wishing to go may telephone Stewards and make arrangements for transportation.

Sunday School: 9:55 A. M. Travelog—"Egypt."

Morning Worship: 11 A. M. Rev. Ella Levine.

Evangelistic Service: 7:45 P. M. "Slay Utterly"—Rev. Max Levine.

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Mary DeZan was home for the week-end. She is attending school in Bakersfield, California.

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ATOLIA ITEMS

AGNES WEBSTER, Correspondent

Guest from Utah—

Mr. Andreasen's sister from Utah spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Andreasen.

In San Bernardino—

Judge Platt spent Monday in San Bernardino on business.

Hostess to Sewing Club—

The Sewing Club met at Bessie Carpenter's home Thursday. Cake, tea and punch were served. Mrs. Harwell won first prize in a guessing game. The prize was a pumpkin pie. Mrs. Andreasen won the booby prize of a pumpkin.

Election Board—

Those on the election board at Tuesday's election were: Mrs. Mary A. Peterson, Mrs. Jim Hatton, Mrs. Louise Wolfe, Mrs. Louise Buffington, Charlie Lindsey, and Bessie Carpenter. Mrs. Harwell served the election board with hot chocolate, Platt's Store supplied sandwiches, and Mrs. Grace Davis a cake.

Voted in San Bernardino—

Jack Raynor went to San Bernardino Tuesday to vote.

Mr. Andreasen Ill—

Mr. Andreasen has been confined to his bed for the past few days. He is suffering from pneumonia.

Home from Santa Ana—

Mrs. Harwell returned from Santa Ana Monday where she had spent a week.

Guests at Andreasen Home—

Clyde Humphrey and family of Mojave spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Andreasen.

Hallowe'en Party—

Mrs. Buster Hackman gave a party for her two sons, Jackie and Roy, Thursday, October 30. The guests were Johnnie, Lucille, and Barbara Hoagland, Shirley, Laddie, and Charles Schultz, Donald and Ralph Leedy, and Celia and Billy Trujillo. Games were played and refreshments of hot dogs, hot chocolate and pumpkin pie were served.

Guests at Trueblood Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Trueblood and a friend, Mrs. Weatherell were here Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Jean Trueblood. 11-7-40 p. 3

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RANDBURG, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

How the Desert Precincts Voted

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	Randsburg No. 1	Randsburg No. 2	Johannesburg	Red Mountain-Atolla	Inyokern	Cantil	TOTALS
Presidential—							
Roosevelt - Wallace	65	88	28	121	105	39	446
Willkie - McNary	55	56	29	59	49	35	283
U. S. Senator—							
Hiram W. Johnson	92	81	41	130	113	54	511
Fred Dyster	15	39	3	10	18	11	96
Anita Whitney	2	4	3	2	6	1	18
Congressman (Tenth Dist.)—							
A. J. Elliott	101	108	47		126	61	443
Louretta Adams	2	6	3		3	3	17
Congressman (19th Dist.)—							
Lotus H. Loudon				47			
Harry R. Sheppard				107			
Assemblyman (41st Dist.)—							
Rodney Turner	92	100	44		126	63	425
Kenneth Gatewood	3	10	4		3	2	22
Assemblyman (73rd Dist.)—							
Frank C. Russell				108			
Waldo Willhoft				41			
Supervisor (1st Dist.)—							
Arthur L. Doran				119			
Supervisor (3rd Dist.)—							
S. Wesley Break				18			
Will L. Fowler				90			
Supervisor (5th Dist.)—							
Jess L. Stout				104			
Judicial—							
Phil S. Gibson							
Yes	52	50	23	75	70	31	301
No	26	36	10	34	24	20	150
Jesse W. Carter							
Yes	50	53	24	64	60	28	279
No	26	31	10	34	24	19	144
Roger J. Traynor							
Yes	50	49	16	66	66	28	275
No	22	33	12	31	22	20	140
Lloyd E. Griffin							
Yes	55	56	24	75	65	33	308
No	20	27	9	22	22	15	115

(cont.)

Amendments—									
No. 1	Yes	65	76	43	95	106	42	427	
	No	22	27	8	35	24	22	138	
No. 2	Yes	60	83	44	93	106	48	434	
	No	21	23	7	29	20	15	115	
No. 3	Yes	26	38	14	46	53	21	198	
	No	40	50	24	44	49	32	239	
No. 4	Yes		35	20	41	59	18	173	
	No		47	14	47	35	31	174	
No. 5	Yes	11	17	5	32	27	6	98	
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No. 6	Yes	27	32	16	42	39	14	170	
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No. 7	Yes	23	20	9	31	35	9	127	
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No. 11	Yes	44	48	23	59	65	24	263	
	No	27	39	13	46	34	20	179	
No. 12	Yes	33	25	14	36	57	11	176	
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	No	57	54	17	67	65	35	295	

ATOLIA ITEMS
AGNES WEBSTER, Correspondent

In Los Angeles—

Dick Donker, Thurman Peterson and Floyd Sheer went to Los Angeles Thursday on business and pleasure.

Home from School—

Johnny Donker is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. Donker, and brother. He is attending Agricultural school in the northern part of the state.

Birthday Party—

Patsy Moody was honored with a birthday party Wednesday, her tenth birthday. The guests roasted weinies and marshmallows in the open and then went inside to enjoy cake and chocolate. Many lovely gifts were received.

Visits Father in L. A.—

Mrs. Janke and daughter Barbara returned from Los Angeles Friday where she has been visiting her father.

Entertain Sewing Club—

Mrs. Fulton and Shirley Musgrave entertained the Sewing Club Thursday at the Musgrave home. Mrs. Grace Davis won first prize in the picture game and Mrs. Day won the booby prize. Hotdog sandwiches and pop were served.

Los Angeles Visitors—

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tuttle and Mr. and Mrs. Price of Los Angeles spent Sunday with L. M. Tuttle.

In San Bernardino—

Al Winchel, Bessie Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lindsay spent Tuesday and Wednesday in San Bernardino on business.

Guests of Andreasons—

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andreasen are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Andreasen.

Arizona Visitors—

J. E. Davis and wife of Phoenix, Arizona, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting at the Davis-Janke boarding house at Atolia.

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11-21-40 P. 3

(excerpt:)

Boxing Bouts Friday Dec. 6th in Red Mt. (P)

New Athletic Club Announces Good Feature Fighters

The Red Mountain Athletic Club, newly organized sportsmen's group composed of Red Mountain businessmen, is sponsoring a boxing event for the evening of December 6th at 8:30 o'clock. The large Owl Garage in Red Mountain is being remodeled to house the event which is receiving widespread advertising. Financial support of the affair is being handled on the basis of donations by patrons. Two such contests are planned before the first of the year and if crowds turn out for these two fights, 1941 will find regular weekly bouts and wrestling matches as well as professional events.

Thirty rounds of action are promised and with fighters being chosen from the Golden Gloves Tournament, now being held at the Hollywood American Legion Stadium, interesting action it will be. Preliminaries of special local interest are assured with three Trona boys, Don Webster and Jack Ford at Red Mountain, Jess Blair, Randsburg, Everett Baker from the Northern Cafe at Red Mountain, tipping the scales at 205 pounds and others.

The double main event features a top notch semi-wind-up headed by Kaydee Mathues, the unknown welterweight who caused the biggest upset in predictions at the Golden Glove Tournament in beating Tony Canelli, the fighter whose full page picture appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner this week. Mathues is a young red headed Irishman who boxes like the former welterweight champion Jim.

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(excerpt:)

Red Cross Roll Call Nearing End (P)

Good Response in District But Short of Assigned Quota

The American Red Cross is, without exception, the largest mercy organization in the world and is, therefore, looked to for help wherever help is needed any place in the world.

That Rand District and surrounding communities have an humanitarian interest is well attested by the response to the Roll Call to date. Roll Call Chairman Kathleen Jewell and her co-workers report that there are still more names to be added to the following list and that those who have not had an opportunity to enroll may leave their names and membership dollar with Mrs. Jewell or Judge Knight in Randsburg; Mrs. Anna Meyers in Johannesburg, Mrs. Clarence Ives in Inyokern, Wm. Benham in Sierra View, and H. C. Topp at Saltdale. The Roll Call, which usually is concluded on November 30th, will be extended a few days in this area to permit as full a response as possible. A representative of the Red Cross will be at Randsburg Postoffice Friday.

Those who have enrolled to date are as follows:

Margaret Hoeffner, T. J. O'Con-

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Two Oldtimers Answer Last Call

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only assayer at Garlock when that town was at the height of mining activity, died Wednesday, December 4th at his home near the Monte Cristo gold mine in the Angeles Mountains south of Palmdale. He was 69 years old.

A one-time Los Angeles druggist, and the son of a physician, Carlisle came to the trackless Mojave in his twenties. Following his sojourn in the Rand District, he built his home at Monte Cristo 27 years ago, packed in all his supplies because there was no road into the mountains. He owned the Monte Cristo Mine which legend says was first opened up by Spanish explorers nearly a century ago.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Carlisle.

12-12-40 P. 2

Two Old Timers Answer Last Call

Fred Carlisle and Horace Carley Die During Present Month

Two deaths during the present month that will concern oldtimers of the Rand District are noted in contemporary newspapers. The San Bernardino Sun tells of a highway accident in which a truck hit a pedestrian, Horace N. Carley, age 76, who was instantly killed. Carley was one of Pete Osdick's lessees during the tungsten boom. Mr. Osdick adds the information: "He was the son of old Mother Harris who lived near the back of the mine." The accident occurred on Valley Boulevard near Elm Street in San Bernardino and the driver of the truck, Earl F. Rufner of Lynwood, said that he did not see the pedestrian until a few seconds before the impact. Mr. Carley resided in a hotel at 548 Third Street in San Bernardino. Coroner Williams said he has been unable to find a reason for Mr. Carley being in the district where the accident occurred. He suffered a skull fracture and internal injuries from being hit by the left fender of the truck and being thrown over the front of the machine to the pavement.

Fred Carlisle Death

Fred W. Carlisle, assayer at the Kelly in the days of the silver boom, and also remembered as the
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Safety Class in Randburg

U. S. Bureau of Mines Starts Instruction for Workers

A. T. Brozik, Safety Engineer from the United States Bureau of Mines, was in Randburg Monday, arranging for a class in safety instruction for mine workers and all other citizens, including housewives. He reports that the Anglo-American Mining Corp., the Atolia Mining Co., the King Solomon Lease and others are cooperating in making the necessary arrangements for the project.

Classes will start Monday, Dec. 16th, at the American Federation of Labor hall in Randburg, at 7 p. m. Approximately two hours of instruction will be given each night through the week, concluding with Friday night, Dec. 20th.

Mr. Brozik explained that the need of safety education is not confined to the mining industry but is also important on the highway and in the home. For this reason, the instruction is made available to all who appreciate the value of learning the standards of safety advised by the government.

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New Superintendent at Atolia Mining Co.

Following the resignation of L. E. Putnam as superintendent of the Atolia Mining Co. operations at Atolia, that position has been filled by the appointment of Hugh W. Coke, effective December 9th. L. W. Wernecke of San Francisco, president and general manager of the company was here in connection with the change.

Mr. Coke has been with the Bradley interests for ten or twelve years, his most recent assignment having been with the Alaska-Juneau, Gold Mining Co. of Juneau, Alaska. Mr. Putnam has not announced his future plans.

(excerpt:)

Second Fight Card Dec. 20^(P)

With the opening fight card drawing a large crowd, plans are now underway for another boxing show at the Owl Garage in Red Mountain on Friday, December 20, according to Jack Means, promoter of the event. The bouts last week brought a total attendance of over 500 fight fans. As one old timer remarked, "It's the biggest crowd since the boom days."

In the main event, Guero Martinez (Al Globe) lost the decision to Jimmie Brott of Lincoln, Nebraska. It was a close bout, and many of the fans thought that Martinez should have received no worse than a draw. Referee Jack Means later stated that Brott won the decision by cleaner punching. Brott and Martinez will be rematched Friday night in an 8-round bout. Martinez, who is now training at the Owl Garage in Red Mountain for the

return match, says that the match will not go eight rounds this time, because he will see Brott on the canvas before the sixth round.

Martinez got his start on the west coast three years ago when he won the Golden Gloves middle-weight title. He has been fighting in the east since that time.

In the coming matches Tatkin will fight Joe Dempsey from Los Angeles. Burnett will also be back, matched against Midnight Hi Goodwin. Goodwin is the colored boy who kept the fight fans in laughter last week with his rolling and slipping of punches from Buddie O'Brien in a four round bout. Goodwin was a runner-up in the Hollywood Golden Gloves.

Tommie Tubbs from Riverside knocked out Jimmie Johnson in the fourth round with a left hook

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RANDBURG, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Red Mountain Fight Card Ready for Friday Night Event

With all the beginning details of a new show out of the way, the second boxing slate at Red Mountain is off to an easier start than the one Dec. 6th. A card better than the first show and including some of the favorites of Dec. 6th is ready for the fans.

At least thirty rounds of fighting will be presented to the fans at the December 20th show, it was announced, by promoter Jack Means, who will be remembered by many as one of the top notch fighters of a few years back.

In addition to the Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Rand District fighters on the card, Promoter Means has announced that Bud Tatkin, Gregory Contreras and Kenny Mitchell of Trona will appear on the card.

On the last program, Tatkin and Contreras both won their bouts by a K. O. Local fans are expected to again crowd the new Red Mountain Boxing Arena Friday night for the second show to be promoted by the neighboring city's Athletic Club.

12-19-40 P 1

Pioneer Remington Typewriter Force Has Desert Reunion

Back in 1906, H. C. Topp was not manager of the Long Beach Salt Co. plant at Saltdale. His chief object in life was inspiring the sales force of the Remington Typewriter Co. with the merits of that company's superior product and managing the office detail for Remington in Los Angeles. Last Sunday, five of the twenty men and women, who worked under Mr. Topp in the 1906 to 1909 period, with their families, gathered at Saltdale and enjoyed Topp hospitality. Three turkeys from the Topp pens were prepared and served with all accompanying delicacies by Mrs. Margaret Topp and the remainder of the day was enjoyed in reminiscence of the "good old days, away back when."

Partaking of the pleasant reunion were Misses Mabel Forbes and Calla McDermitt, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tiernan and daughters Sally and Kathleen, all of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Tedford of Santa Ana; Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stolt and children, Gloria and Robert, all of Los Angeles. Miss Forbes, Mr. Tiernan, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Stolt and Mrs. Tedford were the former Remington employees.

Three others of the former associates invited could not attend. Among them was E. W. Pease of Redwood City, who sent his regrets in the form of an interesting letter recalling the old days. Mr. Pease had preceded Mr. Topp as manager for Remington, had hired the latter in 1904 and recommended him as his successor when he was promoted. Some of the group had not met for twenty-five years and all keenly enjoyed the occasion.

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Placer Program To Be Resumed

James Kennedy arrived back in Rand District Tuesday morning, via the Santa Fe "Chief". Mr. Kennedy has been in the east for several weeks past, speeding up delivery on some machinery being built for use in the Atolia-Rand District. The equipment arrived Sunday and has been unloaded from the cars at Kramer. Mr. Kennedy and associates expect to have the additional machinery installed and ready for operation within a couple of weeks.

Coming here from Santa Fe, New Mexico, last spring, the concern operated a dry placer gold recovery project until some time in October. The interval since that time has been utilized to secure equipment which will enable recovery of the tungsten values in the gravel handled. Some sixteen men are employed on the job.

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Buys Equipment from Anglo-American

C. B. Mansfield, designing engineer for the Union Potash & Chemical Co. of Carlsbad, New Mexico, has been in Randsburg for the past few weeks completing the transfer of the conveyor equipment formerly used at the Yellow Aster Mine. The equipment has been dismantled and loaded at Searles for shipment to New Mexico.