

RANDBURG TIMES:

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### STATE COMPILES POPULATION LIST

What is the population of Rand District? Who knows for sure? Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State, is giving the answers for this area and all unincorporated towns and cities of California, based on the 1940 census. Figures of 1940 are probably outdated in 1944 but from the census of that year any necessary revisions may be made. Here is the information given on Rand District and a number of neighboring communities that will be interesting to local residents:

Randsburg .....	630
Johannesburg .....	160
Red Mountain .....	300
Atolia .....	225

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Inyokern is listed at 250; Trona at 1800; Muroc at 425; Boron at 850; Barstow at 2,500; Mojave at 1,075; Lancaster at 2000 and Lone Pine at 700. *1-13-44 p.4*

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### Oldtimer of 1897 Visits Randsburg

An interesting visitor in Randsburg this week was Jess Knight of the Elephant Eagle Mine on Soledad Mountain. Mr. Knight was in Rand District in the very early days of the camp and remembers Judge Maginnis as the young man who became the first Justice of the Peace here. He is the father of Superior Judge Goodwin Knight of Los Angeles.

Accompanying Mr. Knight was Milus Robinson who is assisting him. Mr. Robinson reports that his mother, Mrs. Mary Anderson, aged 83, living at Martinez is receiving treatment for a broken hip.

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## De Witt Names Committees for War Loan Drive

To maintain the excellent record established by the Desert area in the previous War Bond Drives, Chairman William DeWitt is charging the several committees with their duties and urging an intensive period of solicitation to the end that the quota may be quickly attained.

The goal is \$27,000 and as heretofore includes Boron and vicinity, Rand District, Saltdale-Cantil, and Indian Wells Valley. The drive will include a rally at the proper time to celebrate its success and attainment of the quota.

#### Soliciting Units

Each community in the area will have its special group of solicitors and local chairman. The first named in each list is committee chairman:

**ATOLIA:** Mrs. Hugh Coke, Mrs. Carl Contreras and James Evinger. **BORON:** George Killinger, Jerry Smith.

**JOHANNESBURG:** Max Hess, Glenn Trammill, Mrs. Emil Schultz.

**INYOKERN:** Clarence Ives, M. M. "Jack" Warner, Mr. Rollingson.

**RANDBURG:** Rev. Carrie Ovall, William Bickel, Dennis Garrehy, William Hackman, Richard Hoff, Edward Herkelrath, Mrs. Kathleen Jewell, Kent Knowlton, Garland Witter.

**SALTDALE - CANTIL:** Hugh Topp, William Whitehall, Walter Tisch.

**RED MOUNTAIN:** P. J. Osdick, Mrs. R. W. Brooke, Glenn Hatton, James Holcomb, C. H. Riffle.

#### Special Committees

**BOND ISSUANCE COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Otto Rinaldi, Emmet Elder, Stewart Fraser, Mrs. Earl Glodery, James Platt, John Trujillo.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Paul Hubbard, Cecil Wise, G. W. Forge, Rev. G. R. Faulkner.

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** Mrs. James Christensen, Mrs. Dennis Garrehy, Mrs. Genevieve Feeney, Mrs. Eugene Thomas.

**BOND RAFFLE COMMITTEE:** James Christensen, Eugene Thomas. *1-20-44 p.1*

Wanda Harwell, "Atolia . . . ," Randsburg Times,  
Jan 27. 1944, 4:4:

Eleven people enjoyed a potluck dinner recently at  
Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Andreason's.

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## AGED PIONEER OF BROWN PASSES

Famous among trainmen of the Southern Pacific for her fine meals, Mrs. Louise Didden, proprietor of the hotel at Brown, California, served the railroad crews at that point for approximately 23 years dating back to 1920. She passed away at her daughter's home at Searles on Tuesday, February 8, at the age of 76 years.

Graveside services at the Lone Pine cemetery were held Thursday at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Didden is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Washmuth of Inyokern and Mrs. P. E. Erickson at Searles, and by two sons, John C. Didden of Duluth, Minnesota, and Martin F. of Fresno. A sister, Mrs. Kate Foerster and a St. Paul, Minnesota.

A native of Horitz, Austria, Mrs. Didden came to America at the age of fifteen and lived in St. Paul, Minnesota until coming to California in 1916. After a few years in the Los Angeles area, she and her husband came to Indian Wells Valley as homesteaders and developed the hotel business at Brown.

Since August of 1943 she has made her home with the Ericksons at Searles. 2-10-44 P. 1

## RED MOUNTAIN

Lindsey Twins, Correspondents

### Visiting Friends —

Hellen and Lou Ella Robinson from Caliente, Nevada, are visiting at the homes of Mrs. H. W. Peterson, Mrs. Jim Hatton and Mrs. Dick Donker of Ridgecrest.

### On Furlough —

Rulan Hatton who has been in a hospital in Florida since he returned to the States is home on a furlough for a few weeks.

### In Los Angeles —

Mrs. Jim Hatton went to Los Angeles Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Genevieve Dunham, and niece, Mrs. Geraldine Rowley, who have just returned home from a trip to Minnesota, their old home.

### To Corona —

Bob Franish who is stationed at San Diego spent Sunday visiting his parents and friends. Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franish and Hellen, Francis Johnson and Bob, motored to Corona to see Dean Peterson and Bob caught the bus back to his station. 2-10-44 P. 1

### New Home —

## Atolia Leasers Are Notified of Terminations

Notices of lease terminations, effective within thirty days, are being given this week to all tungsten leasers on Atolia Mining Co. properties.

### Market Blamed

Reasons given for the action are the very uncertain tungsten market conditions and existing underground conditions at the Atolia properties. The diamond drilling program being conducted by the United States Bureau of Mines will continue another month or six weeks. Drilling has proceeded satisfactorily in all of the tests except those at the Papoose Mine where a complex system of faults has prevented, to date, the drilling from reaching the depth hoped for.

The Papoose was a historically rich mine with the record of having produced 100,000 units valued at approximately two and a half million dollars during the years from 1908 to 1911. The diamond drilling is endeavoring to relocate the ore bodies below the fault.

### Future Policy Unannounced

The lease terminations will bring to a close the mining of some eight sets of leasers, approximately twenty miners.

Asked regarding the future plans for the property, Mr. Coke states that the company has made no statement of policy. There is a possibility that some type of leasing may be continued but no announcement has yet been made.

### Foreign Imports Large

Commenting on the tungsten situation, Mr. Coke states that the nation's stockpile is now sufficient for two years of war time consumption and that it is gaining rapidly. Imports from Brazil are largely responsible together with a decided increase in domestic production. Postwar retooling needs in the manufacturing industries with new processes calling for larger quantities of tungsten than were used in previous peace times are factors which may aid the market and demand after the war.

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DESERT DISTRICT LEADS KERN COUNTY AREAS				
District	Quota	Subscribed	Expenses	Pct.
Arvin .....	\$ 3,542.82	\$ 2,816.95	\$ 28.57	79
Boron .....	590.47	815.78	4.65	138
Buttonwillow .....	1,180.94	1,284.83	15.00	110
Calliente-Keene & Walker's Basin .....	708.56	253.00		35
Delano .....	4,133.29	4,629.54*		112
Greenfield .....	2,125.69	58.50*		
Glenville .....	472.38	519.05		110
Kernville .....	1,180.94	490.81	150.00**	40
Lamont-Weedpatch .....	1,653.32	1,840.00		110
Lebec .....	708.56	1,143.57*	16.76	138
Magunden-Edison .....	1,180.94	56.00*		
McFarland .....	1,771.41	1,948.06		110
Mojave-Muroc .....	2,007.60	1,086.90	14.00	54
Panama .....	2,361.88	410.18		19
Rand District - Indian				
Wells Valley - Saltdale .....	1,180.94	1,748.99	191.06	148
Rosamond .....	828.66	547.66*		62
South Fork .....	354.28	332.75		93
Shafter .....	5,904.70	3,111.75		53
Tehachapi .....	1,653.32	1,576.90	75.00	94
Wasco .....	4,133.29	4,134.43		100
Taft .....	19,113.13	17,570.77	491.14	91
North of River .....	3,500.00	4,300.00		123
Bakersfield .....	61,408.00	61,408.00*	408.00	100

\* Above subscriptions include uncollected pledges.  
 \*- No Chairman — Received by mail.  
 \*\* Amount returned to Kernville Community Chest.

DISTRICT, RANDBURG, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

## First Week of Red Cross Drive Nets Fund More Than \$700.00

With individual contributions averaging five dollars each and business donations ranging from five to fifty dollars, the first week's solicitation of the Desert District has been encouraging, states Mrs. Kathleen Jewell, chairman. The solicitors have not all reported for the week but to date \$735.10 has been collected as a start toward the goal of \$1858.00. Solicitors are urged to report progress to Mrs. Jewell frequently.

The following business firms and individuals in Rand District, Cantil-Saltdale, and Ridgecrest have started the drive in most generous fashion:

Hoefling Bros., A. E. Jones, Frank W. Royer, H. E. Holcomb, C. B. Cox, E. J. Elder, Randsburg Times, Gene Thomas, A. Rizzardini, California Electric Power, Randsburg Drug Co., Rand Motor Company, Akin and Akin, E. C. Petersen, Interstate Telegraph, Randsburg Water Co., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boring, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Horner, Mrs. Rose Worthington-Gibson.

O. F. Rinaldi, St. Charles Hotel, D. M. Giseburt, Max Hess and Frances Hess, Mrs. Kathleen M. Jewell, Mrs. E. Suchy, Art Desmond, Helen Glodery, Rena M. Rinaldi, C. S. Riffle, Tony Munoz, Birdie Wills, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. P. E. Erickson, C. O. Wise.

Mr and Mrs. W. R. Hackman, C. F. Garrett, L. A. Horgan, Bruce E.

Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Traylor, Womans Society, Randsburg Methodist Church, A Soldier Boy, Wm. P. Jenkins, J. L. Foise, S. J. Woodward, James Evinger, Hugh W. Coke, W. L. Cox, Arthur E. Dirrhim.

George Rust, Henry O'Neill, Al. Winchell, Louise Buffington, Bessie I. Carpenter, Paul Feirbach, J. M. Harwell, Sam L. Yancey, Earl Phillips, Ruby Rogers, Ross R. Rogers, Jake Dietrick, Lewis Jones, Martin C. Engel, Carl H. Stuber.

Mrs. Douell, Robert Lake, Jr., Mike Pappas, H. H. Itner, Kenny Jones, Wm. Holderness, D. H. Staley, Mrs. Verlie Donley, Mr. Todhunter, Frank Bodel, Mrs. Genevieve Feeney, Mrs. Watie Staley, Dan Franich, Margaret M. DeVellder, Jennie Holly.

Edythe Davis, Lee C. Nieu Kirk, T. C. Timberlake, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hatton, Wilda Rollins, Johnson Trucking Co., Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Atkinson, Luba Cherymisin, T. A. Drummond, Azona Ligon, R. H. Goodchild, Nellie M. Warner.

Bert & Mina Hopkins, Elizabeth Washmuth, Florence Steffin, J. C. & Edith Parkhill, Leroy Lewis, Mr. W. Lewis, Wm. E. Ligon, Edward E. Hull, Wm. M. Lewis, Fred Pierce, Jack Wilger, Friend of Red Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Mahnkin, C. F. and G. L. Ives.

## Tungsten Bonus Drops April 30

War-time bonus paid by the Government to stimulate mining of tungsten will be discontinued on April 30, it was announced here today by F. Sommer Schmidt, War Production Board mining consultant.

The move was made because the tungsten stockpile now is enough to meet a year's estimated needs. Simultaneously, the Foreign Economic Administration is making a similar curtailment in buying of tungsten abroad.

Southland tungsten producers will continue to receive the Government premium of \$6 per 20-pound unit (in addition to the market price of \$24) until the April 30 deadline, but the Metals Reserve Company will continue to buy at \$24 per unit until June 30.

The move had been generally expected by western mining men, and tungsten contracts provide for a termination payment of \$3 a unit for the balance of the calendar year remaining after cancellation, based on rate of production for the preceding six months.

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## KELSO PIONEER IS LAID TO REST

A number of Randburg friends of the Gessel family attended the funeral last Sunday of Edwin E. Gessell, former resident of Randburg, a pioneer of Kelso Canyon and the father of Mrs. Nellie Witt of this community. The services were conducted at the Community Church of Weldon with a Christian Science reader officiating. Interment was at Smith's Cemetery, Onyx with Doughty, Calhoun and O'Meara, undertakers in charge. Attending the services from here were Mr. and Mrs. Hardee Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evans, Ray Duran, brother-in-law of the deceased and Mrs. Nellie Witt.

A native of Muncie, Indiana, Mr. Gessell came to California in 1919 and homesteaded in Kelso Canyon. For a period of two years he engaged in the restaurant business in Randburg, returning later to his ranch where he lived until his death March 10, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Letta A. Gessell; two sons, Wade G. Gessell of Kelso Canyon and Ray E. Gessell of Canada; two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Witt of Randburg and Mrs. Mary D. Grant of Delano and 11 grandchildren, all in Kern County. A sister, Mrs. Lottie Shear of Muncie also survives.

Highly respected throughout the Kern River communities and Kern County, his last rites were well attended by friends of his twenty-five years residence in this area. 3-16-44 p. 1

## Atolia Co. Suspends Operations, Present Mill will be Kept Intact Second Period of Halted Production Since 1905. To Release Forty Employees

The anticipated closing of the Atolia Mining Company mill operations materialized Wednesday when the last car of concentrates was completed and shipped. Superintendent Hugh Coke states that the mill will be maintained intact for possible future use and that a period of salvaging and selling surplus equipment will now follow. The company's employees will be gradually released as this work is completed.

In explaining the decision of the company to suspend its operations, Mr. Coke points out that the company has always marketed its products on the open market and has been refused the Metal Reserves contract of \$24 per unit and the premium of an additional \$6 per unit. The announcement of the April 30th discontinuance of the \$8 premium by Metals Reserve is accompanied by the information that on June 30 the guarantee of \$24 per unit to contract producers will also be withdrawn. This information has had a profoundly depressing effect on open market prices. Offers as low as \$10 per unit being quoted. 3-16-44 p. 1

### Active Since 1905

Assimilation of the workmen connected with the company by neighboring projects is expected during the closing period of the salvage clean-up. A few have found positions at the navy project in Indian Wells Valley while Trona, Westend, and local mining activities offer other opportunities.

The Atolia mill has operated and produced ore every year since 1905 with the exception of the years from 1920 to 1923. At one time between 500 and 600 leasers worked the property and the Spud Patch alone kept fifty men busy. Since 1938 a crew of 95 men plus the leasers have been busy at the property.

### Ore Not Exhausted

Mr. Coke states that tungsten will be mined at Atolia for many years yet and that in closing, the property still has ore in sight. The government's decision to discontinue its stabilization of the market has made further production unprofitable at this time. 3-16-44 p. 1

"Wm. Cox Takes Position In L.A.," Randsburg Times,  
March 16, 1944, 1:4:

William Cox, an engineer for the Atolia Mining Company for the past 7 years, has accepted a position in Los Angeles. He will be assigned to chemical research for a government contractor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1944.

## ATOLIA CLEAN-UP IS NEARING END

On Tuesday of this week the salvage and clean-up of Number One Mine at Atolia was completed and on Wednesday Amity Mine was also put in condition for suspended activity. Some twenty men were given their termination checks in accordance with the intention of Atolia Mining Co. to suspend operations. There remain ten or twelve workmen to complete the work of putting the plant in condition for an inactive period.

Reports of a sale of the entire housing at Atolia are untrue according to a statement from the Atolia office. However the old Atolia Union Hall, a landmark of World War I activity has been sold to "Rusty" Horgan and associate and a change room and other office buildings have been purchased by "Mac" Rizzardini. The Atolia hall is being dismantled to provide building materials.

No information is obtainable at this time as to the availability of the homes at Atolia to relieve the housing shortage in the district occasioned by the demand from the Navy project.

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## Red Cross Drive Current Report, \$1000 Acquired

Efforts of the Desert District Red Cross Committee are being generously received and a total of \$1000 is now in hand toward the goal of 1858.00 and all attention is ready for the home stretch. Chairman Kathleen Jewell announces that on Monday morning March 27, a delegation of fifteen workers will accompany Red Cross Field Director Kantro to the Navy Ordnance Test Station where an appeal to the construction personnel will be made at the noon and evening mess hours and at the homes of the workmen during the afternoon.

The party will leave Randburg at 9:30 with Mr. Kantro in charge.

### Orchids for Red Mountain

Two highlights of the campaign to date are the individual accomplishment of Max Hess and the response of Red Mountain community. Mr. Hess is credited with having solicited a total of \$372 from the business people and firms in the district and Red Mountain has the distinction of an unanimous participation with the exception of only two individuals failing to contribute.

The Desert District for this drive consists of Rand District, Indian Wells Valley and the communities of Cantil and Saltdale. An itemized list of the contributions will be published next week when it is hoped that it may be announced that the drive has gone over the top. Names of contributors in addition to those recently published will also be included.

(the) Lindsey twins, "Red Mountain," Randsburg Times,  
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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Love and daughter, Mary, of Ludlow,  
visited Red Mountain last Tuesday.

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Wanda Harwell, Correspondent

## Sheep Shearing Under Way —

Sheep shearers are hard at work about two miles south of Atolia. Shearing contractor Jack Burns from Oakdale states he has a crew of twelve men employed — ten shearers, one tying wool and one stomping wool. They will be here approximately two weeks and will handle from twelve to thirteen hundred head of sheep per day. They are temporarily housed in the Davis boarding house and in tents near the corral.

## Returns to Atolia —

Mrs. O. H. Andreason returned from Mojave after spending four days with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Humphrey and family.

## Return From North —

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dirrim returned home from the north where Mr. Dirrim was called due to his father's illness. His father passed away while they were there.

## Visit Relatives —

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Straub went via Trona, stage to visit their folk in Garden Grove and Compton.

## Back from Stockton —

Mr. and Mrs. George Rust returned home Sunday after visiting in northern California with Mrs. Rust's twin sister, Mrs. Joe Goodman of Stockton.

## On Vacation —

Miss Genevieve and Beverlee Platt are coming home from Los Angeles Pacific College tonight to spend the Easter vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Platt.

## Released from Hospital —

Word received recently from M/Sgt. D. C. "Mac" Wycoff, who has been in the Italian fighting zone, is out of the hospital and up and at 'em again.

## Return to Bakersfield —

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clark are again making their home in Bakersfield. Clark has been ill.

## Guest of Buffingtons —

Mr. and Mrs. Carse Buffington had as their house guest, over the week end, Mrs. Bill Crosby of Inyokern. Mr. and Mrs. Buffington motored to Inyokern, Sunday, and took Mrs. Crosby home.

## Transferred to Pennsylvania —

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Carse Buffington that their son, Warren, has been transferred from Aberdeen Proving grounds to Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania.

# JOHANNESBURG

Virginia Dilts, Correspondent

## To Bakersfield —

Mr. and Mrs. Brickell of Johannesburg were in Bakersfield from Friday 'til the following Wednesday. The trip was made to the dentist.

## New Residents —

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Rogers from Wasco have moved into the house of Mr. Said in Johannesburg.

## Week End Guests —

Miss Doris Howell and Mrs. Edward Howell and children were guests of Mrs. Warren Martin over the week end.

## Stork Shower —

Mrs. Ralph Ralston was the honor guest of a Stork shower given at the home of Mrs. Faulkner Friday, March 17th. Mrs. Ralston received many lovely gifts. Those who attended were Mrs. Silveria, Mrs. Steward, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Bricknell, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. "Joe" Courson, Mrs. Shorey, Mrs. "Tom" Courson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Faulkner, and the honor guest.

## Guests at Edsell Home —

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hackman and sons of Trona were guests at the M. J. Edsalls' over Monday night.

## Sunday School aBanquet —

Mrs. Faulkner entertained her Sunday School class at a banquet on March 16th. Besides the guests who are regular members of the Sunday School class, where others whom the class invited. Those present were Patricia Wolford, Mary Keefer, Annabel Pryor, Bobby Wade, Shirley Schultz, Doey Keefer, Sally Hess, Frances Johnson, Helen Franish, Marian Schlegel, James Christensen, Patricia Hackman.

## St. Charles Guests —

John Piel, U. P. Edwards, Lloyd Roberts, Los Angeles; Geo. Brown, Olanche, E. S. Golin, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Cola Mesa; G. H. Gibbons, Tucson, Arizona; D. W. Trier and wife, Los Angeles.

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**DUST FROM THE DUMP**  
By PAUL B. HUBBARD

Wisconsin has chosen between Wendell Willkie and Thomas Dewey in the Republican primaries in no uncertain terms. The only conclusion possible from the results of that primary is that the Republicans of Wisconsin do not want a candidate who even faintly resembles the New Deal in his policies. After all that is why we have more than one political party and no self-respecting Republican can admire a candidate whose chief characteristic is acceptance of the opposition's platform. It looks very much as if the "Draft Dewey" movement is off to a landslide.

By the same token, Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio will receive more consideration. A man who has been governor of his own state for three terms must be quite a man. The judgment of the voters of Ohio is likely to be acceptable to others.

Well over a hundred trees and shrubs have been planted this month in the Rand District Cemetery under the able direction of Max Hess, assisted by Gabriel Sierra. Their growth was insured by using a small charge of powder at the bottom of each planting hole and fertilizing the plantings with fertilizer from Donker's Dairy. The Kern County Forestry Department is doing the irrigating with the assistance of Captain Fred Garrett. These services deserve the full gratitude of the Rand District as does also the cooperation which J. B. Hanks, county property custodian has given. 4-6-44 p. 1

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Wanda Harwell, Correspondent

**Pot Luck Dinner —**

A pot luck dinner was enjoyed at the Staff House Wednesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Contreras, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dirmm and daughter, Geraldine, Mrs. Bessie Carpenter, Mr. Al Winchell, Mr. C. A. Catassi, Mr. James Evinger and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coke. The evening was spent playing bridge and many other card games.

**Visits Brothers —**

D. A. Williams of Westend was a week end visitor of his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Williams and Marvin Williams. Williams is a contractor and builder of airplane runways for the army and navy.

**To San Francisco —**

Hugh Coke left Sunday for San Francisco on business.

**Return From Trip —**

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Straub returned Monday night after visiting two weeks with Mrs. Straub's folk in Garden Grove and Compton.

**Visit Harwells —**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens and three sons from Arcadia were week end visitors in the Harwell home.

**Visit Williamses —**

Mrs. Eddie Bixler of Bakersfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Loran Williams. Bixler is employed at Inyokern as a plumber.

**Parents of Son —**

C. A. Catassi, auditor for Atolia Mining Company, returned to Atolia from San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Catassi are the proud parents of a 7 lb., 11 oz. baby boy, born March 29 in Oakland.

WANTED TO BUY — 3 or 4-room house — for cash. Inquire at the Times. (9-10p)

**MODERNIZED St. Charles Hotel**

JOHANNESBURG

Baths - Flush Toilets  
Individual Lavatories

New Management

Moderate Rates

Also Weekly Rates

Coffee Shop and Dining Room Open

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**New Trustee for Red Mountain**

Red Mountain school board will have a changed personnel this year due to the expiration of the term for Trustee James Platt and because of the removal of trustee Glen Hatton and family to Inyokern.

An appointment by the County Superintendent is expected to name a successor for the unexpired term of Mr. Hatton and Mrs. John Weishaupt has filed as a candidate for the remaining position on the board. 4-13-44 p. 1

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**Revisits District After  
Many Years' Absence**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Brigham and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Miles, of Los Angeles, have been fortnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Voss at Garlock.

Mr. Brigham, who now travels in a palatial trailer, contrasts life and transportation with the early days when he was on the desert. He lived in Garlock when it was a thriving little city in 1896, and tells many interesting anecdotes of the town life, with high spots including whist parties and oyster suppers, ball games and nightly shooting frays.

His father built the water reservoir for the Yellow Aster. Later Ralph Brigham became stage agent at Randburg and also drove the stage to Johannesburg, armed to the teeth against the bandits.

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**Organize Rand District  
Auxiliary of A. F. of L.**

Officers were elected at a recent meeting held at the hall at Atolia for the Rand District Auxiliary of the A. F. of L. They are as follows: President, Mrs. Lester Reeney; Vice President, Mrs. Tino Blair; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Les Pickling; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Art Janke; Conductress, Mary Norman; Warden, Mrs. Bill Shultz.

The regular meeting date will be the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Davis house.

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**Boys' Softball Team  
Sponsored By Union**

A boys' softball team will be sponsored by the local Federal Labor Union. The team will be furnished with jerseys and equipment. All boys 15 years of age or younger who are interested in joining see one of the members of the sports committee composed of Bert Eyre, Earl Glodery and Don Webster. As soon as enough players sign up for the team, practice will be started and arrangements made for games with other teams.

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**Rand District Auxiliary  
A. F. of L. Met Monday—**

The Rand District Auxiliary of A. F. of L. met Monday evening at the Davis house with twelve members present and the following guests from the Amargo auxiliary which was recently organized: Mesdames Golden, Whitmeyer, Baker and Barnes. Refreshments of pie, sandwiches and coffee were served. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 8 at 6:30 at the Davis house. After the business meeting the ladies will attend the Desert Labor Union Coordinating Council at the Atolia hall at 8 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1944.

## HOUSE MOVER IS ELECTROCUTED

William Wasso, an employee of George Crawford, trucking contractor of Bishop, lost his life Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at Atolla while in process of moving a house. In endeavoring to raise a strand of telephone wires to clear the roof of the house, Wasso, sitting on the ridge of the roof, inadvertently raised his head and shoulders into the 4000 volt electric power wires above the telephone wires.

Carl McKellup, swamper of the truck crew, saw the accident occur and called to George Crawford, driver of the truck and both men caught Wasso as he tumbled from the roof. He was rushed immediately to Rand District Hospital and passed away as he was being carried into the hospital. It is thought that if artificial respiration could have been administered at the time the accident occurred his life might have been saved.

The accident occurred alongside the Atolla Union Hall as the building formerly occupied by the Wm. Cox family was being moved to the China Lake area.

Wasso was thought to have been about forty-five years old and was well known in mining circles as the discoverer of the famous Tung-Star Mine above Bishop. He was co-owner of the property with George Crawford when it was sold to its present owners. No immediate family is known to survive him.

## New Placer Mill Now Producing In Rand District

After ten months of persistent effort, the Atolla Tung-Sun Mining Company has completed its mill and it is now in production. A. F. Muter, manager and Wm. F. Bickel, superintendent, report that gravel from the company's Baltic Gulch property is being milled at the rate of three hundred yards per day. The plant, according to the operators, is producing a high grade tungsten concentrate and a somewhat larger amount of free gold than was expected.

Constructed largely of used materials, secured from all portions of the state and worked over to meet the mill design, the mill represents a vast amount of engineering ingenuity and patience. Mr. Muter states that the plant is working smoothly and is now ready to go on a twenty-four hour basis and that it is handling the amount of material it was designed to handle, making a fine recovery of high grade sheelite and gold. Started in May, 1943, the first material was put into the plant September 1. Pump troubles, a classifier replacement and priority delays followed and it was not until last month that production was really under-way.

### Good Recovery

From their current millings, Mr. Muter states that the table concentrate, made on an Overstrom 8' x 30' table, is running better than 70 per cent WO3 after the magnetic iron has been removed. The table is handling about fifteen tons of minus three-sixteenths material per hour. The jig concentrate, practically pure sheelite, is made in a double compartment Denver Equipment Company jig from a feed of three-sixteenths to minus three-fourths material.

The oversize material that goes to the picking belt in the dark room, produces spuds of pure sheelite from three-fourths inch to four inches in diameter.

The gold is recovered by passing the eight mesh material from the trommel through an eight foot desliming cone to a Knudson Bowl which takes out the gold and some sheelite as the material goes through the bowl and onto the Overstrom table ahead of the eight mesh material.

The plant is so designed that its capacity may be doubled by the addition of another table and jig. Concentrates are being marketed on contract with Metals Reserve.

## 'Whiskey Flats' Judge Discusses Kern Culture

The desert communities of Indian Wells Valley and Rand District received high praise from Judge Ardis Walker Tuesday evening when the visiting justice addressed the Desert Lions on Kern County History. Judge Walker hails from "Whiskey Flats" frontier designation for the present community of Kernville. He commended this area for taking the initiative in housing the relics of early days in the Desert Museum in Randburg and for glorifying the pioneers responsible for the beginnings of the camp.

### "Uncultured Kern"

"Kern County is the wealthiest County and the most lacking in culture of all the counties in California" declared Judge Walker who explained the statement by pointing out that in its eagerness to expand and grow along economic lines county leaders have overlooked the desirability of providing a medium to memorialize the history of the county, its pioneers and relics. The lack of a county museum, a county library building which might also house county art was deplored by the speaker who rejoiced in the fact that the communities most remote from the county seat are pointing the way along cultural lines with their own museum of pioneer days. Judge Walker expanded his thought with the explanation that eventually Kern County should have a branch county museum in each area and a central museum in Bakersfield giving service to all communities.

### Kern River History

A brief sketch of the beginnings of this county, when Keysville, "Whiskey Flats" and Havilah were the centers of population and political interest, was reviewed by the speaker who embellished his talk with numerous anecdotes of the pioneer characters of that historical section of Kern County. Judge Walker was accompanied by Mrs. Walker.

Three New Lions, Jack Fraser, Ben Davis and George Faulkner, were inducted at the meeting by William DeWitt. The club anticipates a busy musical future with Rev. Faulkner as song leader and Rev. Davis as pianist. 4-20-44

# ATOLIA...

Wanda Harwell, Correspondent

## In Nevada —

Mrs. Bessie Carpenter is visiting in Nevada City with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lindsey formerly of Atolia.

## In Army —

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rust and Jess Cooper visited Harmon Cooper in Bakersfield last Friday. Harmon left on Friday to serve in the army and at present is stationed at Fort MacArthur. From there he will go to Amarillo, Texas.

## Leaves for Alaska —

A. C. Dirrim left for Auburn, California, with Al Winchell, Friday, April 14th. From there he will go on to Alaska.

## Jas. Platt Here —

James Platt from Lone Pine visited with his family in Atolia on Sunday.

## Entertains —

Mrs. Edna Harwell had as dinner guest Tuesday evening the Straub family and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Andreasen.

## Dinner Guests —

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Day entertained Leota Stanley and Herb Straub at a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday evening.

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## Card Party —

Mrs. Bessie Carpenter entertained on Wednesday, April 12 with a card party. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coke, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Art Dirrim, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Contreras and Al Winchell.

## Business Trip —

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Contreras went to Montrose on business over the week end.

## Birthday Dinner —

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Humphrey and daughter, Lois, of Mojave, and Mrs. Carrie Benson of Randburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Andreasen on Monday, in honor of Mr. Andreasen's birthday.

## Visit Williams' —

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bixler of East Bakersfield were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Loran Williams.

## Visit Friends —

Mrs. Ellie Clark, Mrs. Grace Davis and Barbara Lee Janke of Lynnwood, were visiting friends in Atolia, Easter Sunday.

## Birthday Party —

Paul Washburn was host to fourteen of his school friends Tuesday afternoon in honor of his 7th birthday. Those present were Jimmie Wallace, Clifford Bigelow, Frankie Vogt, Bruce Jones, Francis Jones, Waltrina Stoval, Marjorie Wilson, Betty Ann Conner, Sherry Graves, Dolly Katzer, Celia Trujillo, Pyllis Glodery, Buddy Washburn, Roxana Movald, Mrs. Fred Katzer and Mrs. Lester Washburn.

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## Red Mountain School Feted

The good work of Red Mountain-Atolia students was recognized at an appropriate Public Schools Week program at the school last Friday afternoon. The event was in co-operation with the observances in many schools in this area sponsored by the Masonic Lodge of Trona.

The essay contest among contestants from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades dealt with the assigned subject, "What Being an American Means to Me." Charles Russell Lindsey was awarded first place in the contest, Wanda Harwell, second and Barbara Hall and Laureen Platt tied for third award. was displayed for the inspection of

Outstanding work of the school parents and visitors and many appreciations were voiced regarding the quality of the work.

Piano solos were rendered by Glen Allen Lindsey, Yvonne De Velder and Laureen Platt. Yvonne De Velder and Nancy Lindsey were hostesses of the occasion.

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## PRACTICAL TEST FOR SEPARATOR

A separator for gold, tungsten, and black sand which accomplishes all three separations from the concentrates in one operation is receiving a practical test at the Atolla Tung-Sun placer plant west of Randburg.

The perfecter of the device is J. C. Kiefer, erstwhile gold and tungsten miner who is at present driving the Red Mountain school bus. He has been a resident of Rand District for the past few years, coming here from Quartzite, Arizona, where he worked in gold.

Mr. Kiefer explains that the black sand in the concentrates is first removed by a magnetic process, after which the gold and tungsten are separated by a combined gravity and air process. The separator is small occupying a floor space two and a half feet by five feet and is four feet ten inches high. It is powered by a one and a half horse power motor and handles from sixty to 100 pounds of concentrates per hour.

This is the second machine which Mr. Kiefer has built attempting concentrate separation. The first only extracted the black sand and the second accomplishes the additional separation of gold from tungsten. He has studied the problem and developed his machines during the past six months.

Certain features of the machine are in process of being patented and Mr. Kiefer feels sure that placer operations here and other mining areas will welcome the use of the new facility.

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## RANDBURG

By HELEN GLODERY

### In Los Angeles —

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brown and Mrs. Cody C. Gay and children spent part of last week in Los Angeles on business.

### Returns Home —

Mrs. Ernest Lambert was a patient at the Rand District Hospital several days last week. She has returned home.

## RED MOUNTAIN

Lindsey Twins, Correspondents

### From Westend —

Mrs. Bill Pitt and children of Westend spent Saturday visiting friends here.

### At Ridgecrest —

Miss Margie Peterson spent the week end visiting her sister, Mrs. Dick Donker and family, at Ridgecrest.

### Visit Parents —

Lavon Peterson and family of Trona spent Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peterson.

### Back from Las Vegas —

Mrs. Vic Johnson returned home Monday from Las Vegas, Nevada, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dick Hoy and family. Mrs. Hoy and son, Vic, returned home with her for a visit.

### Club Meeting —

Mrs. H. W. Peterson entertained the sewing club in her home last Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. Jim Hatton, Mrs. Bea Reynolds, Mrs. Don Duncon, Mrs. Leeta Miller, Mrs. Dan Franish. Cake, Jello and Tea were served. The ladies spent the afternoon in sewing afghans for the soldiers.

## Death Comes to Pioneer Woman Of Rand District

A resident of Rand District over the past twenty years and active in the community affairs of that period, the career of Mrs. Minnie M. Burroughs ended last Thursday evening when she passed away at the home of her sister in Los Angeles.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 3, from the chapel of Utter and McKinley at 42nd and Broadway in Los Angeles. The services were delayed to that date to permit the arrival of a son from a distance.

She is survived by her husband C. N. Burroughs, a pioneer miner of this district and by a son and sister. Mr. Burroughs has been in Los Angeles since word of her death reached him and further details of her life were not available for this issue.

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## 'Oldtimer' Serves In Navy Air Corps

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Herkelrath received a letter from Cpl. G. R. (Junior) Faulk last April 18, saying he had just received the Christmas package mailed to him several weeks before Christmas. Cpl. Faulk was the first baby born at the Rand District Hospital, when Dr. Denton was a resident here. He is the son of Dick Faulk, formerly a barber in Randburg. Cpl. Faulk has been in the U. S. Navy Air Corps two years and sends regards to all his friends.

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## JOHANNESBURG

Virginia Dilts, Correspondent

### Business Trip —

Warren Martin of Johannesburg returned from Los Angeles Tuesday evening. He is now in Bakersfield on business.

### New Residents —

The St. Charles Hotel has leased their dining room to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barber of Vallejo.

### Improvements —

The Foursquare church of Johannesburg is being refinished on the exterior this week.

### Attend Conference —

Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Faulkner accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Lucht of Trona attended a three-day Bible conference for California Foursquare ministers. The conference was held last week at Vallejo.

### Birthday Party —

Lee Ann Drew celebrated her 10th birthday with a party at her home on April 13th. There were seventeen guests and Lee Ann received many lovely gifts.

### Return Home —

Mr. and Mrs. Brickell returned Monday after a business trip to Bakersfield.

### On Furlough —

2nd Lt. Clayton Wintermute visited his mother and brothers of Johannesburg and Randburg on a four-days furlough.

### San Bernardino —

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray spent the week end at San Bernardino.

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### Celebrates Birthday

Chas. H. Miles, former Randburg High School student now employed in the power division of American Potash & Chemical Corporation plant at Trona, spent Sunday with his father M. M. Miles, in Randburg. The birthday cake was a double-decker and generously patronized. After congratulations and appreciation had been expressed all around the show at Rand theater contributed to the pleasure of the visit.

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## Grade Schools Conclude Term With Programs

Rand District elementary schools, Randsburg, Johannesburg, and Red Mountain have ended the 1943-44 term and a total of thirteen graduates from the three schools received diplomas. Exercises were planned for each school.

### Randsburg

Randsburg school opened last fall with 46 pupils and closed May 25, with 80, the increased teaching load requiring a third teacher being added at the latter portion of the term. Seven graduates received diplomas from the school as follows: Betty Jean Courson, Emma May Courson, Mary Lee Peters, Marian Jane Schlegel, William H. Sain, Darrell D. Walburn and Dean Frank Wilson.

Of the three teachers, two have other plans for next term. Mrs. Beatrice Wiley-Coppock will make her home ranch at Exeter and not teach next year and Mrs. Catherine Harris who is on leave of absence from Seattle schools will return to her work there. Mrs. Frost will continue at Randsburg.

### Johannesburg

Velva Drew and Patricia Dilts are the graduates at Johannesburg School which closed this week with an enrollment of over twenty. James Churchill, Kern County Truant Offices from Mojave will address the graduates and parents at the program Friday.

Mrs. Hilda Johnson is the teacher at Johannesburg.

### Red Mountain

Red Mountain school had its graduation exercises last Friday with Rev. Ben Davis, pastor of the Community Methodist Church as speaker. The graduates were Wanda Harwell, Joyce Rochester, Caroline Buell and Sterling Mabry. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with flowers furnished by Mesdames Johnson, Lundon, Turner and Thomas. The graduates were all dressed in blue with white accessories. The class history was reviewed by three of the class, Wanda Harwell, Joyce Rochester and Caroline Buell. Mrs. Bob, representing the board of trustees presented the diplomas. Refreshments of ice cream and cakes, compliments of Mr. De Velder and mothers and friends of the class, were served to all the guests. Mrs. Sieler, teacher during the past term, will return next year.

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(excerpt:)

(P) THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1944.

## Houser - Downey Election Battle Looms - Primary Vote Very Light

Telephone information from Bakersfield Thursday afternoon indicates that Tuesday's Primary Election gave Lieutenant Governor Frederick F. Houser the Republican nomination for United States Senator and that the race in the finals with the incumbent Senator Sheridan Downey will be a hard contest. With returns incomplete, it appears that Congressman Alfred J. Elliott has not only won the nomination on his own Democratic ticket but on the Republican as well, which is tantamount to election. Tom Werdel, Republican assembly candidate, is reported to have won both nominations and is accordingly elected.

• Returns Thursday afternoon indicated that the incumbent Superior Court Judges, Lambert and Stockton, were re-elected.

### Rand District Precincts

Voting all over Kern County was deplorably light amounting to but thirty per cent of the registered voters, according to County Clerk R. J. Veon. A summary of the vote in the two Randsburg Precincts, in Johannesburg and the Red Mountain-Atolia precinct follows:

REPUBLICAN:	Randsburg No. 1	Randsburg No. 2	Johannesburg	Red Mountain - Atolia
Earl Warren	14	18	13	8
<b>Senator:</b>				
Bancroft	2	4	0	0
Bonelli	1	3	1	2
Casad	0	0	0	1
Craemer	3	2	4	0
Downey	5	3	5	1
Houser	10	7	5	3
Johnson	3	0	1	1
Riggs	0	0	0	0
Taheny	0	0	0	0
Tenney	0	0	0	0
<b>For Congressman:</b>				
Elliott	6	3	6	0
Kerr	1	0	0	0
Palmer	13	16	9	0
<b>For Assemblyman:</b>				
Werdel	20	18	9	0

DEMOCRATIC	Randsburg No. 1	Randsburg No. 2	Johannesburg	Red Mountain - Atolia
Roosevelt	20	13	12	18
<b>Senator:</b>				
Bancroft	0	3	1	3
Bonelli	6	0	0	7
Casad	0	0	0	0
Craemer	1	5	0	0
Downey	8	8	3	7
Houser	8	0	3	6
Johnson	3	3	0	0
Crowder	0	0	1	1
Taheny	0	0	0	0
Tenney	0	0	0	0
Dockweller	3	4	4	2
<b>For Congressman:</b>				
Elliott	11	7	8	0
Kerr	1	2	1	0
Palmer	8	7	6	0
Bowker	11	8	1	0
<b>For Assemblyman:</b>				
Werdel	14	12	11	0
Ott	7	9	3	0
<b>NON-PARTISAN:</b>				
<b>Judge No. 1:</b>				
Lambert	32	33	25	0
Leddy	14	10	10	0
<b>Judge No. 2:</b>				
Shortridge	11	16	15	0
Siemon	7	7	5	0
Stockton	27	16	16	0

The state constitutional amendment making it possible for Call-  
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**D**UST FROM THE  
DUMP.....

By PAUL B. HUBBARD

With the advent of graduation in both the high school and the elementary schools, these desert communities of ours can well take note of the fortunate circumstance of having good schools. There is no item more important from the standpoint of building up a residential center than convenient, adequate schools. By the same token, the quality of education dispensed in the elementary schools is definitely lower by the fact that our local community jealousies and false civic pride prevent the uniting of the elementary school districts into one strong, graded, consolidated school. California is thirty years behind the times educationally in its retention of the outdated, inefficient, handicapped one-room school with a single teacher trying to do the impossible by teaching all grades. Just consider what a splendid enrollment and how many teachers would be possible with the Red Mountain, Johannesburg and Randsburg schools in one building. Some day the trustees of the three districts should get together and match coins to see which town gets the building site and then like it.

My home county in Indiana, Randolph, boasts not a single one-room school house in the entire county, and that has been true since away back in 1914.

## Baccalaureate Services May 21 For Graduates

James Finley, principal of Randsburg High School, announces the closing events for the school year. First of the customary ceremonies is the Baccalaureate service which will be held at the Community Methodist Church, Sunday evening at eight o'clock, May 21st. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Ben Davis, pastor. Assisting in the service Mrs. Wm. Peterson, of the Red Mountain Latter Day Saints Church will deliver the invocation and Reverend and Reverend Mrs. Faulkner of the Four-square Gospel Church will give the benediction and scripture reading. The public and parents are cordially invited to attend.

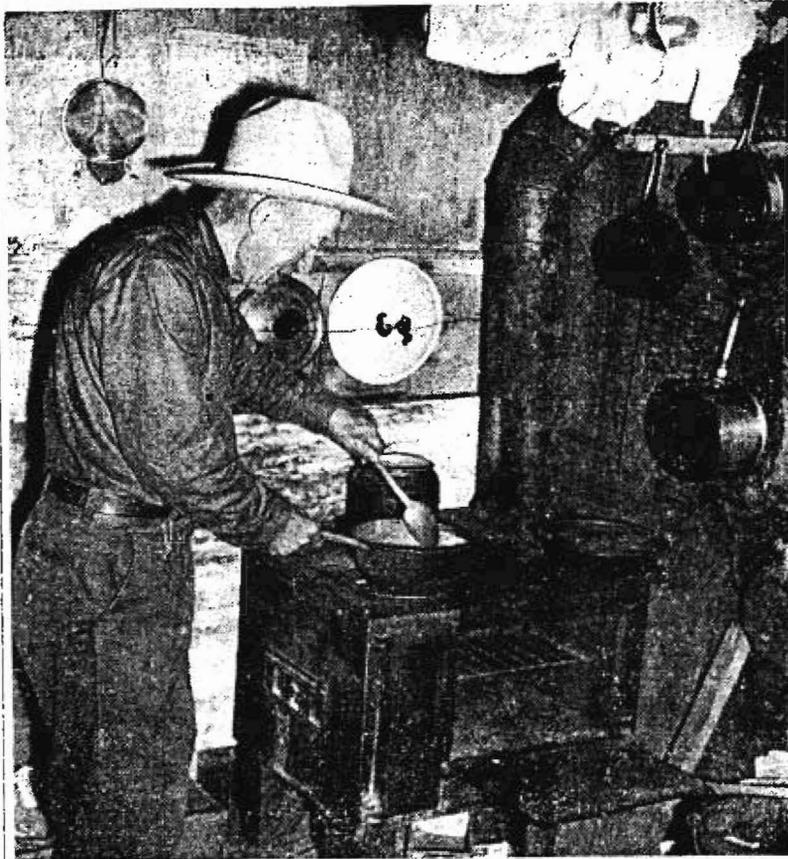
### Special Music

Orchestral selections by the high school musicians and a special group of vibra-harp solos by a visiting artist, Mrs. Craig, accompanied at the piano by Lila Lotz of Mojave, will add to the entertainment program. A vocal solo by Rev. Faulkner is also promised.

Graduation exercises will be held Saturday evening, May 27, also at the Community Church. The program and further details regarding that event will be published next week. William De Witt has been secured to give the graduation address.

This is the seventh annual graduation of a senior class at Randsburg High School. The graduates this year are Ralph Behrens, Norma Branson, Raymond Callaway, Mary De Zan, Dennis Garrehy, Gloria McGraw, Rudolph Pappas, Gertrude Schlegel, and Glenn Witter.

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**Rand District Old Timer Well Established**



George Benko, well known oldtimer of Rand District, broke into print this week in the Trona Argonaut, by whose courtesy the above illustration and the story and picture on page three appear. George has taken a lot of pride in establishing a camp at the holdings which he and Wm. Hackman have high in the Argus Mountains, near the Ruth Mine. The story on page three tells details of his accomplishment.

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**Rand High School 'Nugget' is off Press**

The Randsburg High School annual publication, "The Nugget," is on its way through the printing process and it is hoped that the book will be ready for distribution to the students Friday. Shortage of manpower in the Randsburg Times office made it necessary this year to have the presswork done in Los Angeles where the rush for school annual work also caused delays.

The "Nugget" this year contains a section dedicated to the elemen-

tary schools of the desert and will be available to pupils of those schools for \$1.50 per copy. Patrons and interested citizens may secure copies at \$2.00.

A rummage sale, held Monday evening in the Legion Hall basement netted the "Nugget" fund \$61.00. Principal Finley wishes to thank all who donated to the "stock" of the sale, those who were the customers and all in the community who have helped during the year to bring the school year to a successful conclusion.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1944.

## Hoeflings Plan to Extend Placer Operations to Areas Near Veins

"Despite the uncertainties of the tungsten market, Hoefling Bros. are assuming that there will be a livable market for tungsten producers and are extending their placer operations from the lower Spud Patch to the areas adjacent to the Atolia veins. It is the intention of the company to make available to leasers any favorable lode showings uncovered

in the process of stripping and mining the placer material," states Allen E. Jones, general superintendent for Hoefling Bros.

Approximately thirty men are now on the Spud Patch payroll, stripping and removing four yards of overburden for each yard hauled to the washing plant at Cuddeback Lake where jigs and sorting belt complete the recovery of sheelite and a small amount of gold. Two draglines of two and two and a half yards capacity are used in the operation.

The drag lines will presently be moved to the new placer area where new operations will test that portion of the field.

A conference between J. W. Hoefling of Sacramento and Phil Bradley and Hugh Coke, representing Atolia Mining Co., has just been concluded relative to the work in Atolia area.

A one-yard power shovel formerly used by Atolia Mining Co. has been secured by Hoeflings to facilitate their program. Atolia shop and other facilities will now be available for the placer operations.

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### Precinct-School Dist. Name is Changed

The voting precinct for the citizens of Red Mountain and Atolia, formerly designated as Atolia Precinct will hereafter be known as Osdick Precinct and the same will be true of the Atolia-Red Mountain School District.

P. J. Osdick, pioneer tungsten miner of that area, was so advised by Harry L. Allison, County Clerk of San Bernardino County following the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of June 26.

The action resulted from the presentation of a petition signed by eighty-two residents of the precinct and district and gives back the name which identified the school district and precinct in 1922. Mr. Osdick who has been an active booster and civic worker in Rand District for many years is complimented by the action. 7-27-44 M

### Appointed Trustee Of Desert Museum

The Kern County Historical Museum in Randburg which was dedicated a year ago and deeded to the Kern County Board of Supervisors has received considerable interest and attention from the county during the year. An adequate heating unit has been installed, several fine display cases supplied and other maintenance work provided.

The supervision and planning of the museum was placed in charge of a committee consisting of Paul Hubbard, Max Hess and James Christensen and this month the board of supervisors has named Paul Hubbard as trustee of the project.

A new thirty-inch ultra-violet fluorescent light is to be installed at the museum soon as a special attraction for rockhound visitors when travel is resumed.

### Val De Camp Death Recalls Rand Mine

(Mining and Industrial News)

William Val De Camp, 59, one of the foremost mining engineers of the Southwest and former manager of Cardinal gold property in Inyo county, California, died recently in Los Angeles. Mr. Val De Camp for many years was manager of United Verde Copper Company at Jerome, Arizona, and was also in charge of Yellow Aster mine at Randburg, Kern county, California. More recently, he had been general manager of what is said to be the world's largest tin mine, in Bolivia. We was a graduate of Colorado School of Mines.

Mr. Val De Camp is survived by his mother, who resides in Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. John Shidler, known on the screen as Rosemary De Camp, of Beverly Hills, and a son, Sgt. Jerry Val De Camp of Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

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### HOEFLINGS' ZINC MINE REVIEWED

OROVILLE, AUG. 6. (Exclusive)

— Reopened in October, 1942, by Hoefling Brothers of Sacramento after it had long been idle, the Big Bend mine has produced a substantial amount of zinc concentrates since it was placed on production. The vein structure varies from a fissure to 14 feet in width, ore occurs in lenses or kidneys. Some high grade material has been found.

Ore reserves are reported to have been increased by development work carried on from the lower levels of the shaft. The Big Bend is located five miles from the Surcease gold property, operated on a large scale before the war by Hoefling interests, and ore is trucked to the Surcease mill, which last year was converted into a zinc concentrator. Ore developed in the Big Bend contains considerable copper. All equipment installed on the Big Bend was taken from the Surcease, which was closed when the ban on gold production became effective.

Hoefling Brothers have operated the Spud Patch tungsten placers in the Atolia area of Rand District for two years and are extending their operations into areas adjacent to the Atolia scheelite veins. Two draglines are working material, carrying small amounts of gold in addition to tungsten.

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## How they Voted in Rand District

		Randsburg No. 1	Randsburg No. 2	Johannesburg	Osdick	Cantil
Roosevelt		49	39	32	62	18
Dewey		44	45	27	42	24
Watson		3		1		
Downey		40	34	28	49	18
Houser		45	43	29	48	22
Proposition No. 1	Yes	67	56	42	58	30
	No	10	3	10	7	3
Proposition No. 2	Yes	57	48	38	56	19
	No	20	11	14	16	11
Proposition No. 3	Yes	38	27	14	26	9
	No	32	23	31	35	20
Proposition No. 4	Yes	41	31	19	36	11
	No	38	32	33	37	22
Proposition No. 5	Yes	62	44	39	51	20
	No	9	8	9	15	10
Proposition No. 6	Yes	32	15	14	29	8
	No	32	34	32	31	17
Proposition No. 7	Yes	30	21	15	29	12
	No	33	29	29	32	13
Proposition No. 8	Yes	31	13	14	22	6
	No	31	31	31	36	21
Proposition No. 9	Yes	48	42	34	38	21
	No	25	17	21	33	13
Proposition No. 10	Yes	30	27	21	24	13
	No	32	22	30	34	14
Proposition No. 11	Yes	26	27	23	32	14
	No	54	50	30	57	25
Proposition No. 12	Yes	40	50	32	46	24
	No	45	22	27	47	15

## NIEUKIRK STILL WITH ATOLIA CO.

Lee Nieukirk, who has been attending to the clean-up following removal of machinery from the Atolia Mill will return to Jamestown, California, January 1st.

Mr. Nieukirk was connected with the Atolia Mining Co. for many years at Atolia and since August when the plant here closed he has been working for them at Jamestown on mill construction. The company has a copper tailings project there.

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## Pete Osdick In Auto Collision

A head-on collision of the Model A Ford coupe driven by P. J. Osdick and a staff car from Muroc Army Air Field driven by Private John S. Wilson occurred last Thursday evening about eight o'clock on U. S. 395 in front of the Owl Barber Shop in Red Mountain. Both cars were badly damaged and the occupants received minor head and leg injuries.

Major George H. Rawlins, Base legal officer from Muroc Army Air Field investigated the accident on Friday and made the necessary reports for army records. Accompanying the driver of the army car was Private Branham of the Muroc Mirage staff who had just been called for more active service and was enroute to report for duty.

Mr. Osdick, a pioneer of the tungsten district, is convalescing at the Hiram Johnson home and hopes to be active again soon. He received treatment at the Rand District Hospital.

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