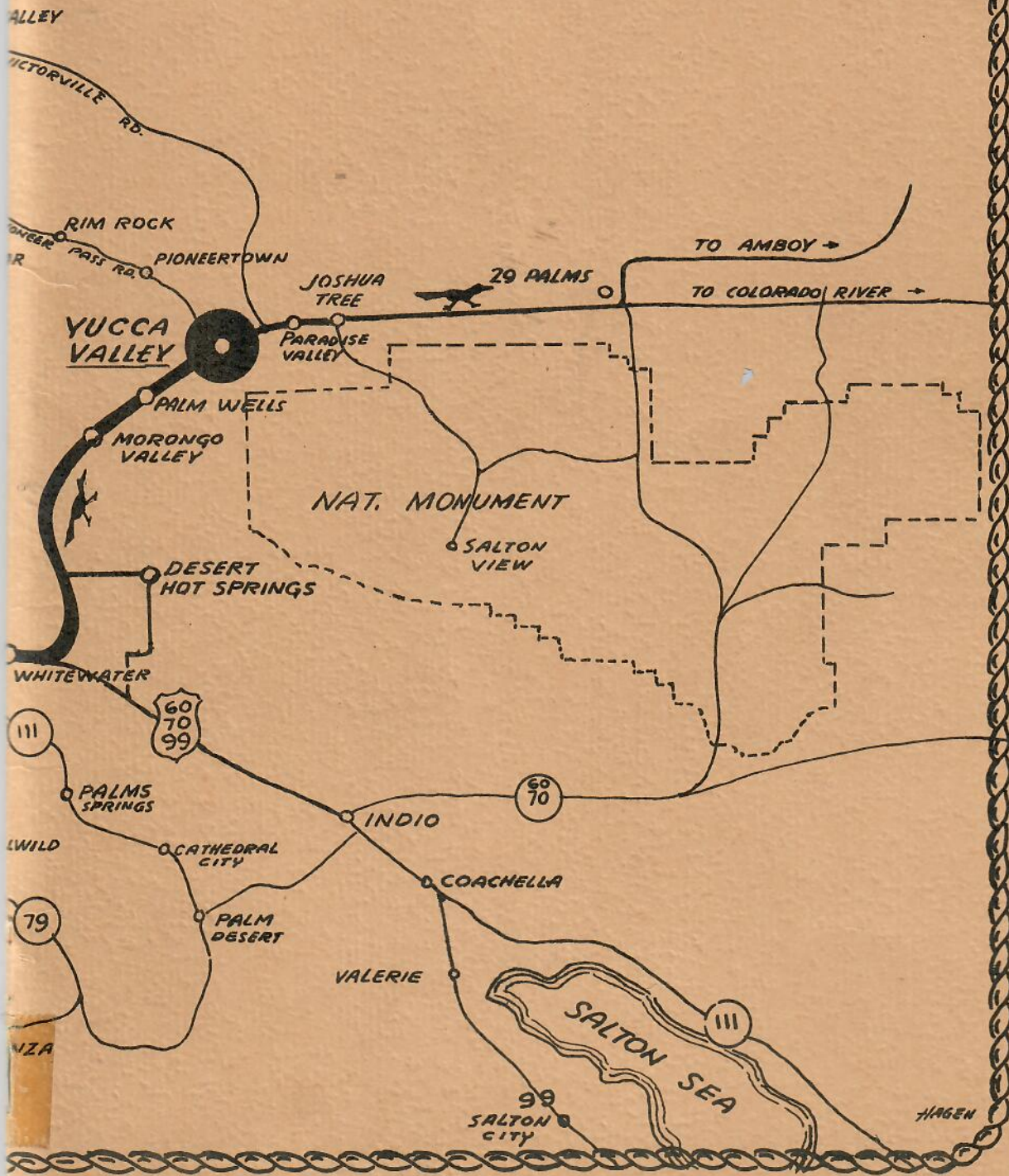


12th ANNUAL

Grubstake Days
June 1 - 2 - 3 - 1962
Yucca Valley, Calif.



GRUBSTAKE DAYS PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Western Parade — 10 A. M.

Barbecue Noon —

1. Community Service Club Center of Town.
2. BT. MT. Dude Ranch.

Gymkhana, 2:30 P. M.

Kids' Contest—1:00-2:30 P. M.—Community Service Club.

Amateur Show—2:30-4:30 P. M.—Community Service Club.

Gold Panning Contest—4:00 P. M.—Community Service Club.

Square Dance—9:00 P. M.—Community Service Club.

Western Dance—9:30 P. M.—Bt. Mt. Dude Ranch.

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Saturday Night, June 2, at 9:30 p.m.

Continuous Music

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Attend The Church Of Your Choice

Art Exhibit—(juried representational)—9:00 A. M.—Art Association Building 29 Palms Hiway.

Children's Art Show—11:00 A. M.

Gold Panning Contest—1:00 P. M.

Kids' Contest, 1:00-2:00 P. M.

Quarter Midgets Races—2:00 P. M.—Behind Yucca Super Mkt.
(sponsored by Southern California Midget Association)

Button Drawing—3:00 P. M.

Prizes—For four, all expense trips for two to Las Vegas. Winners will stay at the Luxurious Sands Hotel & The Show Boat Hotel.

Beard Contest—4:00 P. M.—Community Service Club, American Legion Grounds.

EXHIBITS: American Legion & Community Service Grounds.

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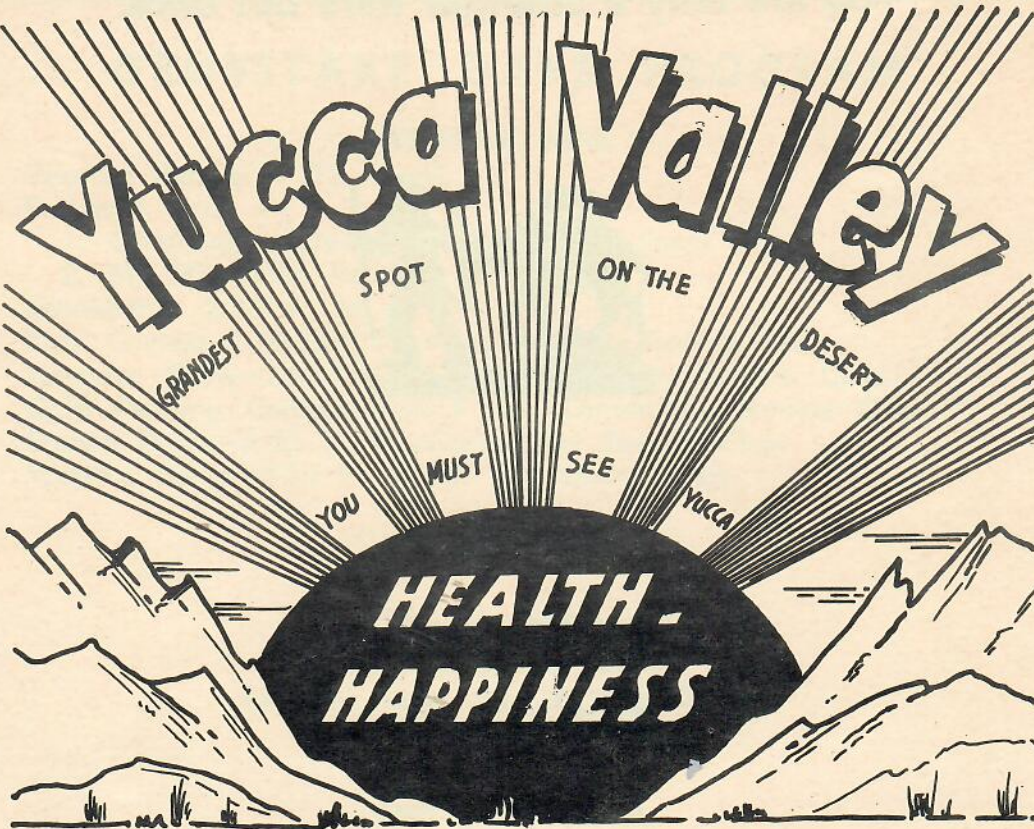
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—HARRY D. BARROWS

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Box 50-A—Yucca Valley, Calif.

Yucca Valley is truly the "Queen City of the Hi-Desert" with much to offer the person seeking a better, more contented way of life. Spread out between rocky hills in a valley verdant with giant Joshua Trees, Yucca Valley offers scenic beauty and a healthful, stimulating climate. The desert landscape is fascinating to the newcomer, with mountain peaks forming a backdrop and Mt. San Gorgonio's majestic snow-capped summit a giant mural in the distance. Year round sunshine, more golden here, the clear blue skies and pure air are truly appreciated by our citizens. Our 3300 foot elevation and very low humidity keep the climate pleasant summer and winter providing an incentive for outdoor living.

Yucca Valley offers the apex in high desert living with its culture, traditions, modern conveniences and a friendly rural influence rich in natural heritage. Here one can live a quiet, relaxed life or become as active as desired in civic and social affairs. Church and club activities and recreational facilities are available in abundance. Civic organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Boosters' Club, Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital, Inc., Park and Recreation District and Parent-Teachers Association all strive constantly to improve and expand local development and facilities . . . making this high desert community a wonderful place to live and to grow in.

Recreational attractions abound both within our city boundaries and in the surrounding areas. The whole high desert is virtually a natural playground offering everything from snow sports on the eastern slopes of the Big Bear Mountains to water skiing on the Colorado River. The National Park Service at the Joshua Tree National Monument offers organized tours to places of interest each month of the year. Camping and trailering sites abound in the surrounding desert and mountains. There are dude ranches and riding stables. Such sports as hunting, fishing, boating, rockhounding and weekend mining all have their enthusiastic local followers. There is also golfing, swimming, tennis, archery, baseball and basketball for those interested in active sports.

The old-west habit of claiming land by the square mile still persists in the high desert where vast expanses of land come under the jurisdiction of one control.

Yucca Valley's Park and Recreational District covers an area of thirty-two square miles. Included in its facilities are two city parks and playground, picnic area, tennis court and basketball court. A seven-acre playing field and club house offers many facilities for both indoor and outdoor recreation. The Yucca Valley Branch of the San Bernardino Library houses a fine rotating selection of books and reference material and provides space for children's craft activities.

The 9-hole golf course was the first in the high desert area and will have an additional 9 holes playable by September, 1962. There are also plans for a beautiful Country Club.

There are many clubs and organizations of both local and national scope. The Community Service Club was the first to organize and now has a building and grounds where many local activities are scheduled.

Most Veterans' organizations are represented

in Yucca Valley as well as such international organizations as Masonic groups, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Boy Scouts.

Important in this area is the Yucca Valley PTA with an enrollment of over 300. It is an active group participating in many civic and cultural affairs. The Mothersingers, the PTA's women's choral group, were inaugurated in 1960 and have sung for many of the local events. The Fathersingers are newly organized and have plans for an active future.

The Yucca Valley Players represent an important cultural asset with an interesting background and unique origin. The group started with a locally written and produced musical called "Kowhand Capers" by the Campfire Girls. The official theatrical guild was organized in 1953. Now in its 9th year, the talented work of this club has been a delightful source of pleasure and enjoyment for many of us.

The arts are represented by the Yucca Valley Art Association, which has its own gallery and classrooms, and the Pioneer Hacks, the writers' work shop. Two private art galleries in Yucca Valley indicate the extent to which our citizens are interested in art and art crafts.

Many well-known artists and writers have made their homes in the high desert. The finely executed crafts from local shops display the talent and care with which they have been designed. The natural beauty of rock and sand and desert plants inspire the artist, lend themselves toward creative work.

The many persons interested in the native flora of the area and in beautifying their homes with landscaping have encouraged the formation of the Yucca Valley Garden Club. Their first annual Flower Show in October of 1961 was successful far beyond their expectations.

The wildflower season of the high desert usually starts along in February and lasts throughout the summer, with some plants blooming until the snows and frosts of winter arrive. The season starts in Morongo Valley and Twentynine Palms . . . the lower areas of the high desert . . . and gradually works its way upward approximately at the rate of 1000 feet in elevation per month. Thus the flowers of Yucca Valley follow those of Morongo Valley by about a month to six weeks . . . and Pioneertown and Rimrock have their colorful season a month or so later.

The Gem and Mineral Club has members active both in rockhounding and in cutting and polishing gem stones. Yucca Valley lies in an area rich in minerals and in mining history. Lucky rockhounds have picked up beautiful specimens of pink Tourmaline, Garnets and Agates. Jasper, Morongo Diamonds, Quartz, Dolomite, Galena, Iron, Halite, Rose Quartz, Malachite, Azurite, Copper and Onyx can be found by the serious searcher.

The mining history of this area is filled with adventure and excitement. Lost mines, feuds and legendary strikes provided fireside talk and speculation for old timers who never discovered the golden lode, though they spent a lifetime following its magnetic lure. Many are the present day rockhounds who pursue the old lures with a half-wakened dream of making the great strike. But the rockhound of today is usually content to return home with a collection of samples to sort and mark and trade.

Yucca Valley is proud of its modern schools. The Unified School District covers an area of 1,368 square miles . . . one of the largest districts in the country. Serving an area sixty-six miles long from east to west and thirty miles from north to south, the District provides schooling from Kindergarten through High School for approximately 2700 students, and maintains adequate bus service for students from far-flung communities and ranches.

A modern 9-classroom school in Yucca Valley services our immediate area in the Kindergarten to sixth grade level. An addition to the elementary school is planned for next year. A new Junior High School will be completed in time to open for this Fall's enrollment. It will include an olympic-size swimming pool. All High School classes for the entire district are held at the Twentynine Palms High School.

With our population now over 5,500 we are suffering growing pains as we emerge from the small country community of ten years ago into a thriving city. The assessed valuation of Yucca Valley exceeds \$6,553,732.50. With two supermarkets among our many fine stores and specialty shops, we can offer most big-city items at big-city prices. We now have more than 1000 telephones and all utilities are expanding to provide the services necessary for our mushrooming needs.

A TV cable gives viewers fine reception on all main channels, and provides the means for televiewing our local events of interest on a closed circuit. Public services include a fast expanding Post Office system with rural mail delivery into most outlying areas and a branch Post Office in the Landers area. Yucca Valley's bank, in operation since June, 1958, has just moved into its own new larger building . . . made necessary by local business increases.

Serviced by three weekly desert area newspapers including our Hi-Desert Star, and the local radio station at Twentynine Palms, as well as all the metropolitan newspapers, we are no longer isolated from what's going on in the rest of the world.

Public transportation to and from Banning and other near-by cities is provided by a local stage line. We have taxi service, parcel post delivery and Western Union facilities. Garbage disposal and pick-up service is available.

Medical service is offered by a number of doctors living in Yucca Valley. There is both County and private ambulance service. The district boundaries of the proposed Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital have been defined and work on the buildings is planned for the near future.

The State Forestry Department has recently opened a Yucca Valley office in a new \$50,000 building and will maintain an official weather station in addition to other duties. Primarily a fire-suppression agency, the Department's equipment includes a radio truck that carries 500 gallons of water and a 4-wheel drive pick-up pumper. The Forestry Fire Department operates primarily outside the territory of the local Fire District, however, its equipment and men are available when needed in any emergency.

The Yucca Valley Fire District, covering an area of twentythree square miles, maintains two fire stations in Yucca Valley staffed by four paid employees, Twenty volunteer fire fighters are on call. The District Department maintains two 4-wheel drive trucks for brush fires, a triple-

combination pumper with a capacity of 750 gallons a minute, a high pressure pumper and a rescue truck.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Sub-Station in Twentynine Palms polices an area of approximately 3000 square miles with a staff of eleven. Of this vast area, 1200 square miles is patrolled by Yucca Valley's two resident deputies, who work under the Sub-Station. Nine volunteer members of the Sheriff's Reserve, non-salaried deputized sheriffs who are trained in law enforcement, assist the regular staff in patrolling the desert.

Under the command of the Sheriff's Office is an unusual service group—the community Search and Rescue Unit. San Bernardino County is the largest in the country and contains some of the most barren and arid land within its boundaries. In this vast land, lost or stranded persons, run-aways, plane crashes, mine cave-ins, accidents . . . all call for quick, organized action. The community Search and Rescue Units of Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms are equipped to cope with all emergencies arising in the high desert. Made up of the Yucca Valley Rangers, a voluntary organization, the Search and Rescue Units maintain rigorous practice rescues and training programs in order to remain at top efficiency.

A modern airport with a 4000 foot landing strip serves the many Yucca Valleyites who fly their own planes. Lighted at night, the airstrip is available round the clock. Many local plane owners have homes along the edge of the airport and park their planes in their own back yards.

The Road Runner Route through Yucca Valley opens many recreational and historical areas to the tourist with a direct black-topped road from U. S. 99 near Whitewater to U. S. 66 at Holt, Arizona. Marked by the white triangle with the Roadrunner in black silhouette, the Road Runner Route will one day soon be the symbol of fun and adventure to the vacationer-on-wheels.

A growing year-round vacation center, Yucca Valley offers the tourist fine accommodations. Motels and trailer courts have facilities for the vacationer and the seasonal traveler.

The Golden Age Estates, a community designed especially for senior citizens is under construction in Yucca Valley. The estates will have its own Recreation Center, heated swimming pool, putting green and Club House. Beautifully landscaped from the waterfalls at the entrance to the handsomely planted gardens, the estates will be one of the showplaces of the high desert. Here one can enjoy active, healthful, gratifying retirement.

These quick glimpses of Yucca Valley today can only skim the top of the story of why we like to live here on the high desert.

For those who make their homes here, there is more meaning to a Joshua Tree etched in early morning sunlight than in the statistics of population and assessed valuation and number of water connections. A covey of baby quail feeding in one's back yard gives more pleasure than wall-to-wall carpeting in the living room.

We like the chance to sit back and take a long look around whenever we want at the beauty of mountains, desert and sunshine—at the native animals and birds grown almost fearless living within our city lots—at the star-studded skies, the moon rising over black hills.

We like the good life Yucca Valley offers.



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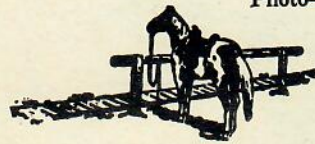
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Aerial View—1959

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YUCCA VALLEY — Hub Of The Hi-Desert



Yucca Blvd.—March 1962

YUCCA BOULEVARD

By **NORMAN GRANGER**

For years it has been the dream of this writer to make the main thoroughfare of Yucca Valley as beautiful and well named as any city in Southern California.

Our village now has that street name—Yucca Boulevard.

The beautification is under way with the planting on either side of the boulevard the native yucca, commonly known as the joshua tree.

The future calls for soft, amber lights to be spotted at the base of each tree. I am optimistic that my dream will become a reality.

Prime example of residents and business men combining pride with materialism is Palm Springs. Palm Canyon Drive with its palm trees under colored lights was a part of a master plan conceived as far back as 1936. The effect seen today is evidence of sound planning.

First order of the plan was to establish a law governing the placement of signs. It was a requisite that no sign would be visible unless in the vicinity of the commercial establishment.

This was accomplished by placing all signs behind the sidewalk. Those over a certain size were placed parallel to the sidewalk.

The cry of the people—and especially the merchants, echoed from one end of Palm Canyon to the other when the City Council passed the law. But the wisdom of the planning, and the law, is recognized by all today.

Beautification, master-planning in Yucca Valley today is practically non-existent. One day a master plan must be drawn up, laws passed to see that it is carried out, sign boards and business establishments required to meet specifications of our city destined for great things. I think it should be patterned after the law in Palm Springs. It is not necessary to wait for cityhood to take the next step in dressing up Yucca Boulevard—a set pattern of placement, and proper signs.

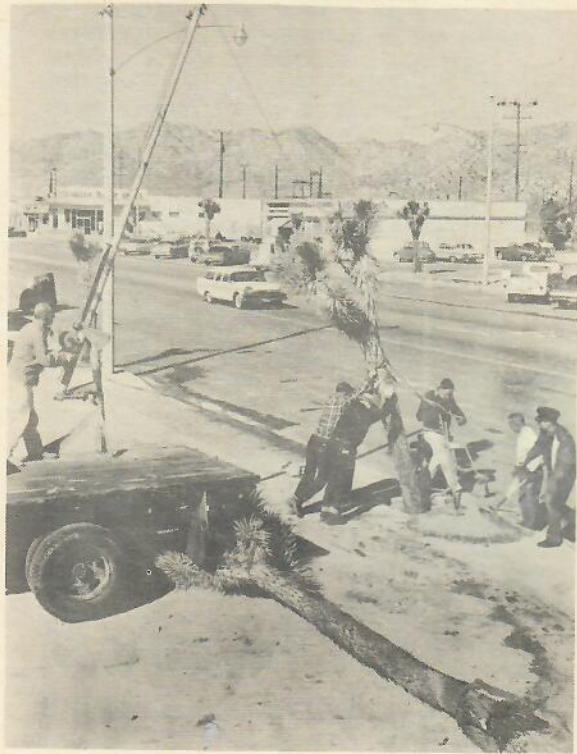
The first steps have been taken: naming the street, and the planting of yuccas. Both should be final by summer. Both programs were sponsored by your local Chamber of Commerce.

Much credit goes to City Beautiful chairman, Al Fisher, and tree planting chairman, A. Blake Mason with his working foreman, Charles Warren, all volunteers. Praise would not be complete without mentioning residents, merchants, weekenders, and investors believing in our city that have so generously contributed to the tree planting fund.

"We won't be content until the trees adorn Yucca Boulevard from Homestead Supplies to Paradise Valley," Mason vows. Fisher nods his approval. Warren will see that it is done. Our collective hats go high to these dedicated gentlemen and the many volunteers that man the Saturday working crews. Palm Springs has pressed its beautification program for 25 years. We hope to accomplish the same in less time.

Doing something about signs along Yucca Boulevard will only come with the growing pride now in evidence by the tree planting program. Lighting the trees will take a different approach.

I believe this can become a part of the lighting district. The cost of the lights, the electricity consumed, and what, if any change in tax rate structure, is now being worked out.



Photo—Jerry Moore

We are fortunate in our village of having men of many talents. Gil Buck is one. He designed the lighting system for Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs. Gil, I am sure, will be at our elbow when the time comes to light up Yucca Boulevard.

I am asked every day, "how do you folks get things done in Yucca Valley?" The best way to answer that is to give you an example of how the tree planting program came into being.

For years people that have made the desert a way of living have cried out long and loud about the desert flora being destroyed by the law of progress. When a new subdivision called for streets, a new home demanded a graded lot, the yuccas—joshua trees would be felled and destroyed.

Many have wondered, and said, "what can be done about the yucca destruction?" The thinking, and the words, have found many an ear, but little action.

Bill Adams, long-time resident of our village, weeks ago had serious talks with Cactus Slim of Palm Springs, a recognized authority on the planting and transplanting of desert cacti—and especially joshua trees. Slim thought the trees could be moved and planted along our main street. And he told us how it could be done.

As a member of the chamber, bits of the conversation and possible plan came to my office. I proposed that a few key people donate machinery to move the trees. Boom trucks, flatbeds, digging of holes, spacing the trees, permission from the State Highway Department of California to plant the trees, insurance to protect the people . . . all brought up questions. Answers had to be found.

Al Fisher first came up with "100 trees for

the project from Golden Age Estates . . . Sky Harbor through Norm Essig has another hundred trees to offer the project!" And so it went.

Charley Warren had a boom truck. Ray Royal had a skip loader, Les Holland offered his flatbed, the Fire Department with Hap Rigby the first volunteer, came up with the offer to water the trees. Calectric would dig the holes. A. Blake Mason, a comparative newcomer to our village, graciously offered "to see the program through." That's how it started.

The first Saturday eight trees were planted. Labor was short. But the hardy few were stubborn. "The trees will be planted," they said.

One Saturday there was a full crew. Volunteers to work kept the chamber telephone ringing. Howard Scott of Inglewood not only forwarded the chamber a check for \$20 to help plant the trees, but said: "I would also be glad to donate my labor for one Saturday . . . let me know the day to be there and I will help."

As I write this, I find that 18 trees were planted the past weekend in two and one half hours!

That's how it started. As our Grubstake visitors flank Yucca Boulevard on June 1, 2 and 3, they will see the beginning of the dream that started so long ago. Perhaps next year the mar of unrestrained signs will be removed; perhaps lights shall glow in amber warmth on each yucca—the joshua tree, from one end of Yucca Boulevard to the other.

Dreams have a way of coming true—especially in Yucca Valley.



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Under the direction of Don White, Caller and instructor, each new dance is better than the last. Don's calling has caused favorable comments from many square dancers. At several guest appearances, the hall has buzzed with praise. He has been a "Guest Caller" at Las Vegas at the Tri-State Square Dance Convention. This, we might add, is one of the goals of many square dance callers.

The very able officers of this new club in Yucca Valley have been instrumental in planning the best for the club's enjoyment. Here is the slate of elective officers, serving their club in a very competent capacity: Jack and Betty Huntsman, President; Harvey and Freda Holmes, Vice President; Theil Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer; and Clarence and Ruth Everett, A-Square-D Representative.

The Club has its regular dances on the first and third Fridays of each month at the Community Hall in Yucca Valley. Don White with his lively patter calls, and smoooooth singing calls conducts these dances with poise and grace. On second and fourth Fridays of each month the Club has work-shop. Here is where the bugs are worked out of routines and the members can really find out why they goofed (or was it their corners?). You can step high, wide and handsome—High is the time you'll have when you dance; Wide is the smile you'll wear; and Handsome the figure you'll cut when you dance with the Yucca Valley Star Twirlers. The regular dances are always open to the public and even if you don't square dance, feel free to come and watch. You'll really enjoy it. Come on over and join in that toe-tappin' rhythm of SQUARE DANCING. The last dance comes only too soon, and you feel you could have danced all night.

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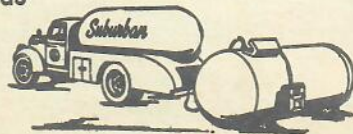
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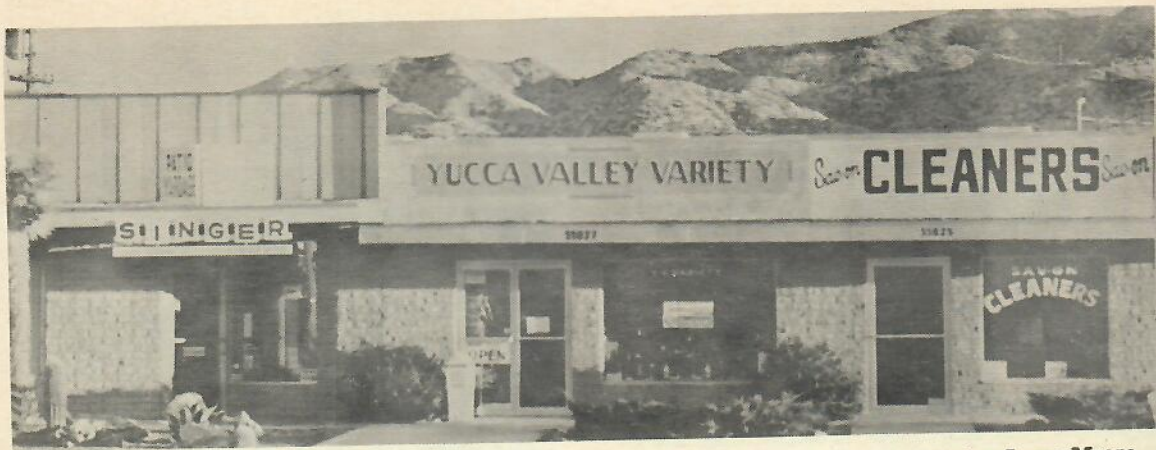
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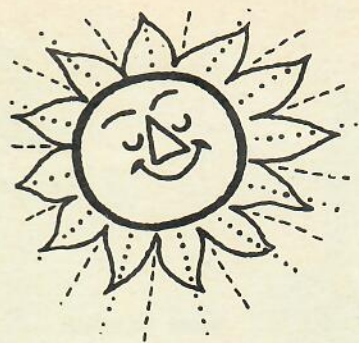
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 - 10.00—Obarr's Packsaddle Gallery
 - 10.00—Dr. Carl Shafor



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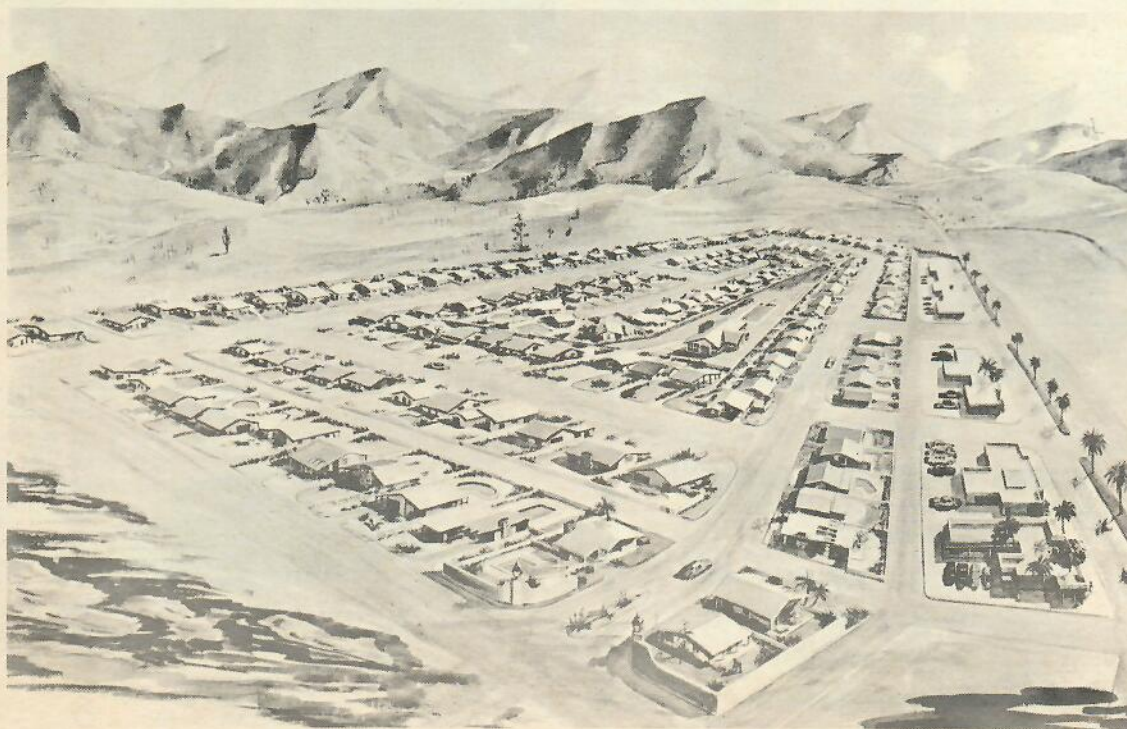
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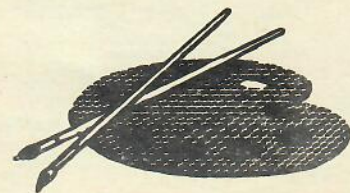


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Dr. Ann Zackry working on a Tiki.

Yucca Valley Art Association

The month of October, in 1961, was an historic one in the eyes of a group of dedicated artists and art patrons. This group of seventeen persons gathered at the sparkling new Yucca Inn and formed the nucleus of the now very active Yucca Valley Art Association.

In words from their By-laws this group was formed to promote and stimulate the knowledge and love of all phases of fine arts and to encourage civic and community developments in the city of Yucca Valley, California. These people are working for a better understanding between artists and patrons; are endorsing and aiding art education by means of classes, exhibitions and lectures, and by the time you receive this brochure will have established the third art gallery in Yucca Valley.

The Yucca Valley Art Association has taken over a site that at one time appeared on the horizon as a community eyesore, but through much work and time on the part of the members of the organization have turned a "thorn" into a "rose." Paints, materials, landscape materials, money and hard labor have transformed this ugly duckling into a thing of beauty the community can well be proud of.

Backing these efforts are the talents of many people long associated with the world of art. There are such people as the original founder of the Long Beach Art Association, the owner of the leading art gallery in Yucca Valley, several national and internationally known artists, as well as the local artists and craftsmen.

It is hoped that through the offering of time and monies the Association will be able to provide the Hi-Desert Community with an outstanding Gallery, plus a museum that will reflect the history and development of Yucca Valley.

ART EXHIBIT
Sunday June 3, 9:00 A. M.
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One day while in conversation, Dr. Ann Zackry absent mindedly began to carve on a piece of Joshua tree. By the time the conversation was finished Dr. Zackry had launched herself on a new and interesting hobby.

What began as a hobby to while away idle hours has now become a hobby that is all consuming. The good Doctor has requests from friends to carve Tikis, Totem Poles, and wall masks with which to adorn their homes and garden areas.

Orders are now being received by the Yucca Valley Art Gallery for these unique items and are being shipped to all parts of the United States. Since Joshua wood is difficult to carve Dr. Zackry may have to utilize everything from a potato peeler to a hatchet or keyhole saw to achieve her unique finished product.

Some people are prone to call these statues and carvings "Desert Rain Gods" for the simple reason this area has had a record rainfall in the season since the start of Dr. Zackry's hobby that has not been equalled in the past 15 years.

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Yucca Valley—In the Tradition of the Old West

I am sure that I do not qualify as an authentic old-timer as far as Yucca Valley history is concerned—still—I think many of the present residents of your modern, young, fast-growing community would find it difficult to visualize their townsite even 20 to 35 years ago, when I was a resident of the area.

The industry and activity in Yucca Valley at that time was predominantly centered around cattle ranches and mining. The Onyx Mine in Pipes Canyon was operating, off and on, and prospectors frequently searched the surrounding mountains for gold, silver, lead, etc.

At that time, the entire valley and all the surrounding areas were the center of large cattle ranches' winter range, the cattle being moved into the nearby San Bernardino Mountains for summer fattening.

The greatest activity of the year was when the Shay and Barker, and Talmadge Bros. Cattle Companies had their spring drives to the mountains. Thousands of head of cattle would be driven from the desert areas to the mountains around May of each year. One of the main headquarters for such cattle drives would be Warren's Well in Yucca Valley, on the site of your present modern airport.

Cattle were gathered and held in the large fenced field at Warren's Well, from as far away as 29 Palms and Whitewater. There was always a several days' stop there because there was exceptionally good range in the immediate area and extending up into the present Joshua Tree National Forest, and many hundreds of cattle wintered here. One of its main advantages was the sufficient cattle water in the Valley; Warren's Well in the center, Blackrock Spring and troughs on the south side (now in the Monument), the tanks in the southwest corner where the cattlemen had developed a good water-hole, and Water Canyon, through which the present day paved highway leads to Pioneertown.

And it does take a little imagination, in this present day and age, to visualize a dozen cowboys, a horse-team drawn chuck wagon, and a couple thousand head of white-faced long-horned cattle spread out for two or three miles making their trek to the high mountain pastures, right through the center of Yucca Valley! But this is fact; it did happen, and a more beautiful, picturesque western scene was never visualized, painted, or photographed in the history of the West!

For their pleasure and sport, the cattlemen and cowboys conducted square dances at the old Rock School. They put on roping, riding, and horse race events, branded the spring calves, broke young green broncs, and generally conducted their lives, pleasures and business here the same as has now become a great Western Tradition of these United States.

These early ranchers had a great love for their ranches and their way of life, an admiration for the great State of California and an undying love of, and faith in their country. Don't mistake me here. Cowboys never talked about such things—it was a part of them, not a lip-service as we sometimes see today.

The headquarters and center, as I previously stated, in those days was Warren's Well, and a history of Yucca Valley would be incomplete without a short history of this old landmark.

The "Wells," as it was known then, was first settled by the old pioneer, Mark "Chuck" Warren, who built there, fenced the land, built corrals and water troughs, and dug the first water well; water being the first necessity in 1881 for survival of both man and beast in the desert. The land and improvements then passed into the hands of the Shay and Barker Ranch (brands C O, for C. O. Barker and the club ♣ brand

of Wm. Shay & Sons). Later the ranch was purchased by the Talmadge Bros. Cattle Ranch (brand I S.) The next owners were Jim Dever and John Barry (brand ○, a mashed O).

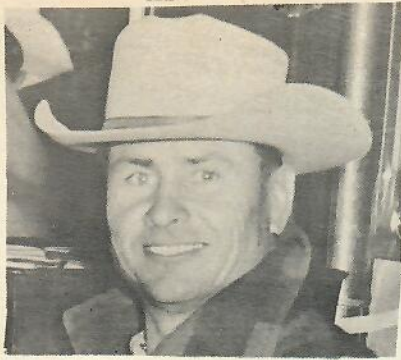
Thereafter, it again reverted to the Talmadge Bros., who continued to run cattle there for many years. During the second World War the land and cattle were purchased by Jim Stocher, former Sheriff of San Bernardino County (brand hip O), who in turn sold out his cattle business to Hamilton Bros. of Lake Arrowhead. Jim later sold the land at Warren's Well for construction of the present airport facilities and housing developments.

The old adobe house, still standing though much renovated and added onto, was built by hand by Jim Dever from the clay in the front yard and from the clay dug out of the ground in the well drilling operations. Jim liked to say he carried every brick on his belly to the house site after having formed them down near the windmill, and then personally laid each one by hand. Parts of the fences, well site, windmill, corrals and troughs are still to be seen at this location.

Even as recently as when the first cattlemen were starting to use the area to winter their herds, the original inhabitants, the real owners of the land, the much abused and misunderstood Indians of the desert area had camp sites at or near almost every water hole in the Yucca Valley and surrounding areas. Still to be seen, near Water Canyon and many other places, are the cinders of their fires and pieces of their pottery. As recently as 50 years ago, two beautiful Indian baskets were found in perfect condition in the rocks located directly over Bull Springs. And of course many are familiar with the rock painting and hieroglyphics to be seen at Coyote Hole (Joshua Tree), the mouth of Pipes Canyon, and in Painted Rock Wash.

These old Indians, plus the cattlemen, plus an old time posse, plus the surrounding desert settings, were the main characters and background for the famous Willy Boy episode of local early history. Space does not permit the retelling here, however, the book "Willy Boy" is now available at all book stores and for much history, many old time photographs and enjoyable reading, I recommend it to each one of you interested in local desert history and highlights. Many people of the area are now living on 5-acre tracts where this famous manhunt took place, and many are within a short distance of the place where Willy Boy killed the girl or battled off the posse, yet they have no idea of the romantic history of their present surroundings.

There are still several citizens of Yucca Valley who have lived here many years and/or belong to old local pioneer families and would be very interesting for new residents to talk to, such as



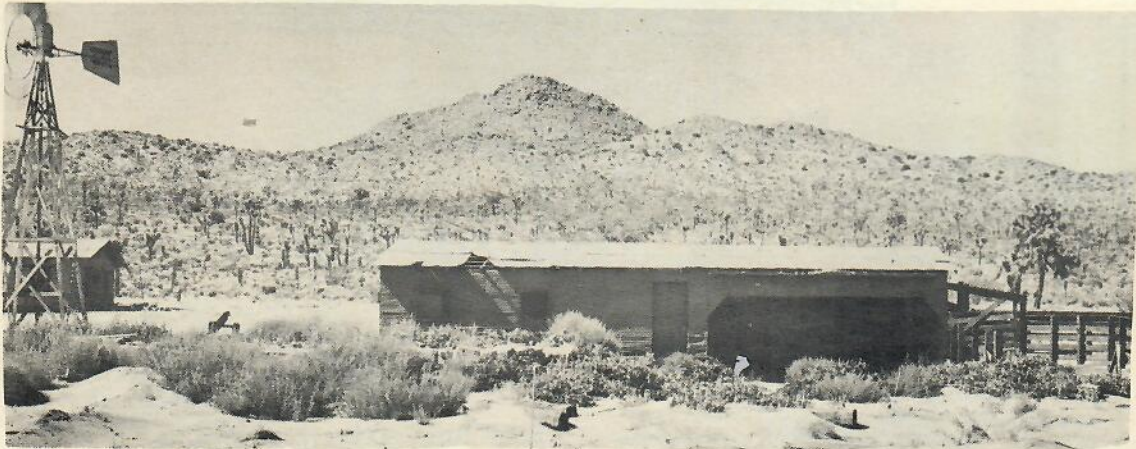
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A Miner's Cabin

By **DOROTHY DIAL**

A cabin old and weathered stands in Palo Verde trees
 Where sweet perfume of sage floats on the desert breeze.
 Miner's tools in the rear, rubbish everywhere—
 This old deserted cabin, whose dreams did it share?

This cabin old and battered, without any roof,
 In the rolling wasteland stands aloof.
 Now I wonder, did the miner's dreams come true
 In this old forsaken cabin under skies of azure blue?



One of the first white families to settle in this district, was Mark (Chuck) Warren of San Bernardino. In 1881 he brought his cattle to the Valley. Then an unnamed open rangeland. Here, he chose a site protected from the winds by the hills to build a wooden cabin and dig a well to water his cattle. Today one knows this site as Doctor Bendall's place. The airstrip covers the old cattle trails that led to Warren's Well.

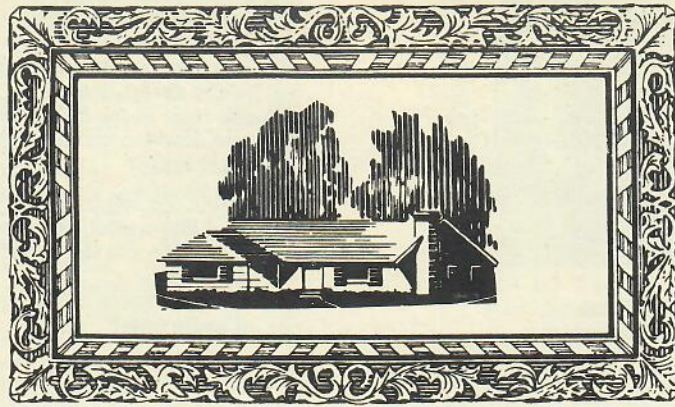


About 1910—B. B. Laka—IS Ranch. L to R. John Talmage, Walter Warren.
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Billy Royal, old time resident; Morgan Reche (his grandmother was a daughter of old "Chuck" Warren); Johnny Kee, many years a resident and a mighty good old-time square dance caller. For instance, Morgan Reche is the only person known to me who can go directly to the site of "Willy Boy's" grave and site of his suicide. I

should think a local committee should be formed to find this historical site, and with Morgan Reche's help a permanent marker placed, for here was involved one of the largest and longest manhunts in the history of Southern California!

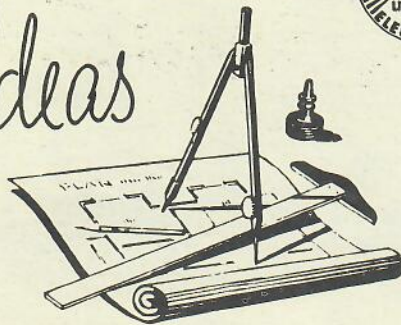
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Hi-Desert Shrine Park

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The trowel is laid away. The sensitive hands are folded. The task of the sculptor, never to have been called "finished," yet seemingly is completed. Only the single figure of a kneeling feminine form "roughed in" with undone arms reaching starkly to the sky, tells that the workman was called in the midst of his toils. Perhaps it should so remain as a symbol that this, like many another life's work, may be left in the midst of its doing.

However far-reaching the dreams of Antone Martin, creator of Hi-Desert Shrine Park, and they were many, there is a sense of unity about the place that seems to say that in the larger meaning his main objective had been fairly attained. The effect is enhanced by the well-dispersed groupings of statues apparently so casually situated with respect to size and their relation to the landscape. If one's work is never to be wholly finished, that which has been done must stand to speak for the whole when time is called.

Antone Martin knew, during his latter months, that there would be no more mixing and lifting of cement or struggles with steel and stone. The knowledge was accepted with a sort of wistful surprise and regret as if any such event is always too soon, yet a thing that must be reconciled as best one may. The nearly incredible fact is that between the ages of 64 and 74, this man of slight physique and many bodily impairments undertook this project, designed each unit, prepared the hundreds of tons of weighty material and kneaded it into place largely with bare hands. He is the only known sculptor to fashion finished work by this method on a grandiose scale or with any notable success. Not to mention permanency. The ancients did not work with steel-reinforced concrete but if the Venus de Milo had consisted of these materials as we see them here she would likely have re-

tained her arms, obviating any need for the centuries of controversy about them. (Some will remember that the durability of Mr. Martin's statues has already been demonstrated!) Nearly two thousand years have elapsed since the scenes here shown were enacted. One may suspect that the end of another such period may see them, barring events which would leave no one to look. Such was the design of the sculptor.

If we descend to the mundane and leave for the moment the concept that the Shrine belongs to the wide world of present and future aspiring, struggling humanity, its importance to Yucca Valley is or should be of almost frightening concern. On the lowest terms as a material asset, in language understandable today, the structures in Hi-Desert Shrine Park represent conservatively, the valuation of a quarter million dollars. This—the free gift of the thousands from New York to Melbourne who trustfully dropped coins to be transmuted into forms for the eyes of the yet unborn. Yucca Valley is the host for the multitudes, the Shrine's custodian but must remember that its presence here is coincidental. It belongs to Darkest Africa, to the slums of London, of Calcutta. Such a purely physical valuation cannot be comparable with an equal one, for example in a new city hall which would not draw the constant flow of sojourners of many complexions and strange tongues to this infinitesimal spot in the sun. So cost figures are meaningless now but would have startling significance should any attempt ever be made to continue where Mr. Martin left off.

But this report is more concerned with the wish of Sculptor Antone Martin to hasten the age of the Brotherhood of Man. The Park can speak for itself—if one will listen. Finally, his hands helpless, the end closing in, he cried in a moment of agony, "I wanted to make something of value! I failed. It hasn't accomplished a thing!"

Perhaps the leaven works more slowly. Mr. Martin was a man in a hurry.

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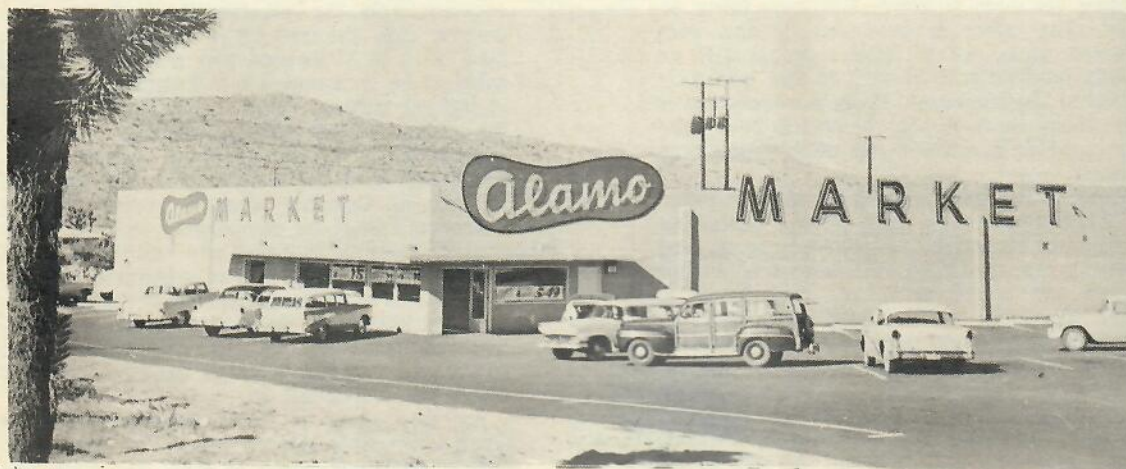
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SPRING MAGIC

By JUNE LEMERT PAXTON

After the chill of winter, spring finally comes; the long drabness gives way to the miracle of the desert. The seemingly lifeless sands become acres of tiny white, yellow, and purple flower-carpets. So countless are these little buttonhole bouquets that one walks in awe over the changed ground; walks in awe lest he might harm these precious, dainty visitors that the infrequent rains and desert sunshine have brought to delight, for a time, every lover of nature.

Perhaps I can paint a few word-pictures of some of our most common wild flowers. A field of purple verbenas as it suddenly comes into view is a scene to excite every traveller; and when those purples blend with myriad types of yellow flowers, their combined beauty is indescribable.

One of the earliest blooming, and perhaps the loveliest, of the spring flowers is the desert lily, which is not unlike the greenhouse variety that we enjoy at Easter. The snow-white flowers adorn a stock of sparse, low-spreading leaves. I doubt that any plant has the courage to grow among more humble surroundings. I have seen an entire field of them glowing in the sun on the side of an otherwise barren malapi hill.

The length and breadth of Devil's Garden yearly reveals a spring display of attractive encelias. This hardy, low-growing shrub is gray-green, while the flower, equally sturdy, is a striking yellow. The California poppy needs no introduction; its fields of pale yellow to deep golden are known the world over. For several months during the early summer the rich yellow of the poppy contrasts with the brilliant hue of the blue Canterbury bell in sheltered canyons.

While these flowers are fading away, the wild senna comes into blossom. This gray-green shrub grows several feet high, with yellow flowers much like lovely lace. In our two-acre enclosure I have counted more than one hundred of these shrubs in bloom at one time, and the effect is

very striking! The bloom of the bladder sage appears in early May; it is distinctive for the many small purple flowers of the pea variety which later change into little balloons of the same color. These balloons soon become colorless and brittle so that in the breeze they rattle much like a snake warning; I have been unnecessarily startled many times when walking through a group of bladder sage—also called paper bag bush.

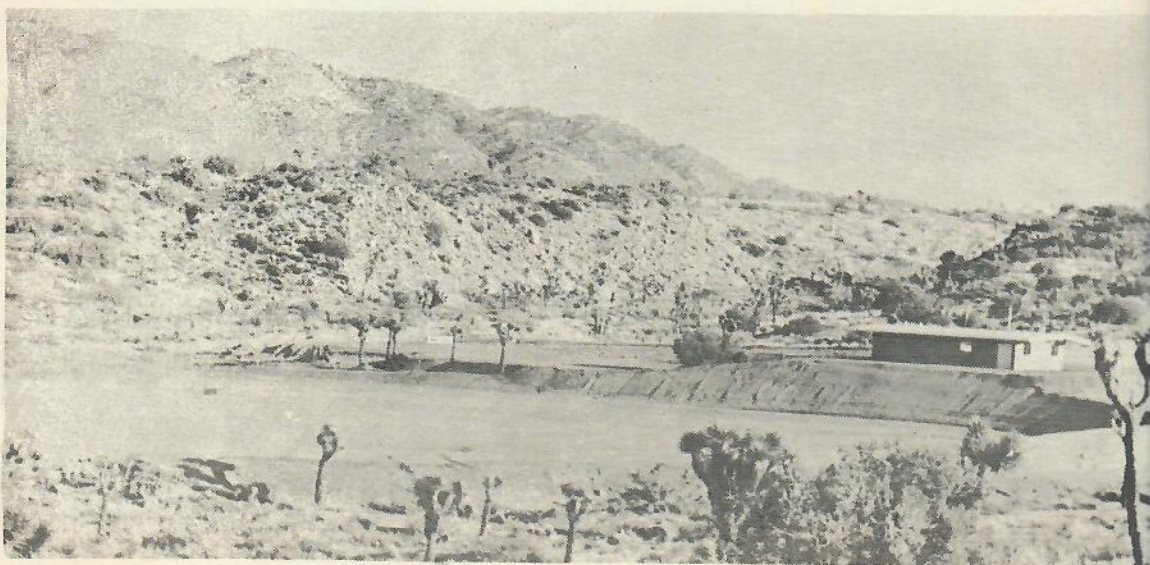
The desert willow, with its orchid-like flowers, and the hardy catsclaw, wearing little yellow plumes, are often in bloom at the same time and can be seen along the washes and small canyons. About June, when the other plants and shrubs have lost their color, the smoke tree surprises the traveler with royal-blue flowers on its gray branches. But beware of the innocent look of the smoke tree, for, like the catsclaw, it carries an armor of protecting thorns.

Among the pictures of desert wild flowers I should not neglect to place the exquisite blooms of the cactus family. The hedgehog, prickly pear, old woman of the desert, porcupine, teddy bear, barrel, and the multiplying-barrel and, surely, the dainty fishhook. The blooms on the Easter lily cactus—not to be confused with the desert lily—are quite similar to those of the night-blooming cereus and are, I believe, as exquisite.

More flowers are prodding my memory and want me to mention the dainty evening primrose, jimson weed, golden rod that comes later in the summer, purple asters, lupine, wild rhubarb, apricot mallow, and others. Just the distance of a few miles will bring out a different variety of lovely blooms.

The wild flower show in the Greater Morongo Basin, due to its higher elevation, usually comes a few weeks later than it does in the lower deserts. However, that gives the show a longer season and we, who look forward to its coming are grateful for the winter showers that bring to us the desert flowers!

ELSINORE MACHRIS PARK



Photo—Jerry Moore

Public Parks and Recreation

This Summer promises to bring the biggest change in the recreational picture in Yucca Valley since the Hi-Desert Park was developed by the late C. H. Jacobs. Last Summer the voters had the foresight to choose to bring the greatest of summer's pleasures, swimming, to everyone in the Queen Village. This dream is finally coming into realization. The new swimming pool should be available for use the early part of the Summer, if not as soon as school is out in June. The management of the pool will be divided between the Park and Recreation Department and the Morongo Unified School District, as the pool is being built in connection with the new Junior High School, located at Sage and Onaga streets.

The Park and Recreation Department is also in the midst of constructing a new building on the Hi-Desert Park to be rented to the County Free Library System. As borrowers well know, the old Library building has grown too small for the expanded usage now made of the building. The new library, approximately 1000 square feet, will be built in the southeast corner of the Hi-Desert Park, with an entrance directly from the street as well as from the Park. Mrs. Sherrill Warren, the local branch librarian, says there will be about three times as many books available for circulation, a vast improvement over the present facilities.

The old library building will be for the sole use of the Recreation Director, Miss Joan Jackson. There are many recreational plans in store for all living or visiting in this area. Miss Jackson, or Joan as the children affectionately call

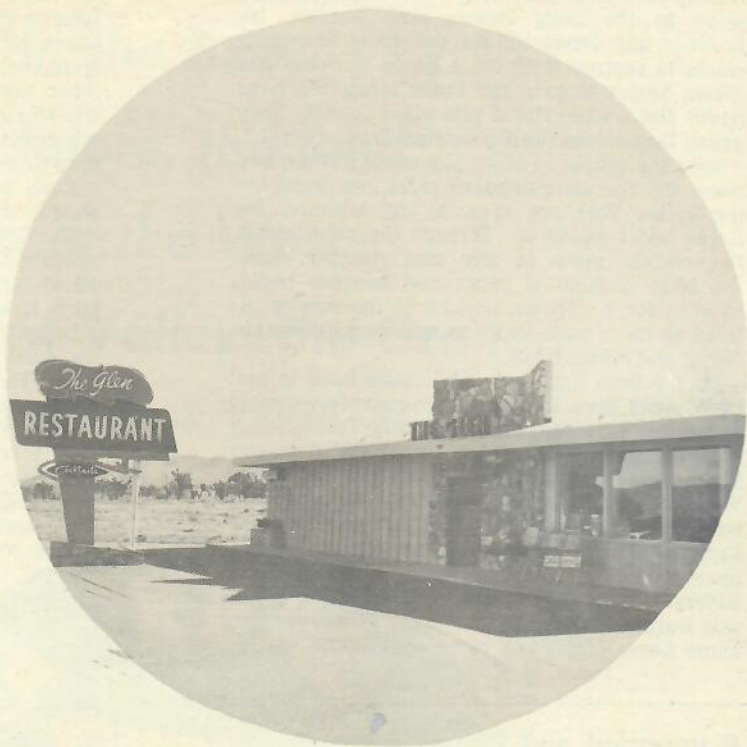
her, in her first year as Director, has had tremendous response during the school year for her crafts projects. The Summer schedule places expanded Crafts classes as a major part of the summer program. There will be crafts for the older boy or girl as well as the youngsters. The Teen Club will be directed by Miss Nancy Gaver, who will be serving the community in the capacity of Assistant Director for her third summer. Many teen activities, such as dance and a Luau, will make the Park the place to be this summer, as it was last summer. The Teen Club is also planning to make a two or three reel Western movie. A Junior Teen Club is being formed for Junior High students, to provide special activities suited to that in-between age group. One entertainment project that the group will probably take over will be the weekly showing of cartoon movies in the Park.

Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Elsinore Machris, the Park and Recreation Department now has a second playground for the children living in the Eastern end of the Valley. It is planned to have someone on duty at Elsinore Machris Park, located in the Sky Harbor real estate development, at least part-time. At the present time activities must be limited to the day-light hours as there is not as yet any electricity in that area.

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Soon the people in other places caught on, and when the corrals numbered eight, we were living in the Torrance area, so my husband Joe Lopez and I joined up. Through the years since, the corrals grew in size and number. Soon the state division of parks and beaches began to plan for a certain amount of the money allotted to them each year, to make and maintain riding and hiking trails.

By the time that Joe and I came back to our little cabin here in Yucca, the corrals were up to number 45. Since we had a Dusty Trails riding club going from about 1948, we decided to see if we could find enough members here in Yucca. When we had 25 members paid up, we contacted our main office, which was in Los Angeles, and some of the officials came out and gave us a charter and we became Corral 46, Dusty Trail Riders of Equestrian Trails. Our meeting place was Burnt Mountain Dude Ranch, which was our home base. There has since been some beauti-

ful trails made in the state of California. We have a wonderful trail from here to the Ryan Camp for horses, in the Joshua Monument, and from here to Big Bear, and from there to many other areas over the state. You can ride from the Mexican border to the Canadian line on riding trails. We are very proud of our Corral 46 here in Yucca.

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THE ROUNDUP AND TRAIL RIDE

By JOHNNY KEE

(The following is an extract condensed from a booklength manuscript by Johnny Kee, HI-Desert pioneer, who tells of the origins of our settlements and who helped create them. As one who helped tame the desert, Johnny recalls those days with sympathy and good humor and the mellow kindness that comes of a successful life).

Uncle Will expected the camp cook to be up and around three or four o'clock and the cowboys began to roll out right away after the cook began to stir. The one who awoke first would boot out the one who was closest, and so on. We slept in the bushes, fence corners . . . anywhere it was most convenient to roll out the bedroll. Many a cowboy used his bedroll for both seat and table when he was lapping up that good steak and gravy so common on these roundups. At the beginning of the roundup the boss would butcher a big fat calf and that "baby beef" surely made good tender juicy steaks. There was cowboy gravy, sourdough biscuits, black coffee strong enough to float a horseshoe. If the shoe dissolved in the brew, that cook was a good coffeemaker according to some notions.

When the cowboy first eased out of his bedroll he would hustle off to his horse and feed and care for him before breakfast. Then as soon as he had swallowed the last bite, he would saddle up and lead his horse out, ready to mount up. I've ridden with some outfits where this was almost a ceremonial moment, comparable to the one when the parson sits down to the dinner table and all wait silently for the blessing. In this case, the Boss saddles his horse, adjusts the saddle rope, his spurs and chaps and ordinarily just at the break of dawn or maybe sunup, leads his horse out, puts the reins over the horse's head and steps back into position for mounting. Then he stands there, ever erect and silent, waiting for everyone to do the same. All goes quiet as he sees that they are prepared and waiting. Then they all swing into the saddle at the same moment. The Boss turns in his saddle and says, "You, Joe, go to Mound Springs; you, Bill, go to Rock Springs; you, Jack, go to Surprise Springs," and so on. Now if there had been a tenderfoot or sluggard there who was still saddling up or jabbering during that period of silence at the mounting ceremony, the Boss might send him to a waterhole so far away that it would take him all day to get there, let alone track down the last bunch of cattle that had been there and bring them back. Usually some kindly old cowpuncher would take pity on the tenderfoot and teach him the ways of the roundup.

In gathering cattle in these roundup days, we didn't go riding out across the desert looking for them. If we had, we would never have known if we had all of them. The cattle were scattered from Morongo in the West to the Colorado River in the East; from Victorville, Ludlow and Bagdad on the North to the steep, rough crags above Indio on the South . . . a lot of territory to ride. So we would go to the waterholes that were scattered through this country. The local cowboys knew the location of every little spring, creek and waterhole all over this whole desert.

That was the secret of the roundup. The cattle would have to come in every few days for water.

The cowboys would follow the freshest tracks those on top of all the rest, many times of only a few head. And in many places over these high ridges the ground is so hard that a few head of an old cow and calf may be plenty hard to track but that was one of the things it took to be a cowboy . . . being able to track. He had to know a fresh track, only a few hours old, and one twentyfour hours old or more. The really fresh track will seldom have any bird or lizard tracks printed in the cow tracks. But if the cow track was made a number of hours earlier there are likely to be quail, rabbit or lizard tracks in them as these animals travel in the daytime and come for water then. One would not generally have to track very far to determine if the track had been there over night. There are quite a few spiders, not harmful, just little fly and insect catchers, that stay around water and only come out in late evening or at night. A cow track with a web across it was made at least the day before.

This gathering of the cattle was quite a chore but when we started on the drive, then we were in for a real chore! The "drive" followed the roundup. When all the cattle, hundreds of head of cattle, were rounded up, and the herd began to look like a great sea of cows, we started the drive. The cattle were headed out down a trail which led either to new pasture or to market. The three-year-old steers go to market and the cows, bulls, heifers and little calves are held over to replenish the herd for another year. When they are started down the trail they will be strung out in a line of about twelve or fifteen abreast. Ordinarily the trails out here were not straight enough for one to see both ends of the line at once. There would be heads and tails abobbing along as far as one could see in both directions. And calves bawling for their mothers and cows lowing for their calves as far as one could hear. It gives a man a thrill to be part of this drive. If it didn't, he'd be better off, going back to town.

It's all right to start the day with a thrill, but before the day's over, and on the days to follow, driving herd is quite a chore. The little calves get tired, slow up. The bulls are heavy on their feet and go lame. An old or crippled cow drops back to the end of the line. With all these laggards falling to the rear and slowing things up, the end of the line has become known as the drag end. And the cowboy who rides this position is said to ride drag. The man chosen to work drag is one who rides a small, wiry, quick little horse which is always ready to go at a touch and never has to be told twice. A tired little calf, lost from its mother, will sneak through the brush and turn back to find her, going back down the trail to where it nursed last. If a horse is slow about turning in time, or if he's not mighty fast, it's hard to head off or outrun a scared little calf. We would have to let the mother go back and find it or it would starve. If the calf is still in the herd when the drive stops for the night, mother and calf will find each other. If one gets lost, both mother and calf will try to sneak back down the trail. It makes no difference if a calf is only one or two days old, it still knows where it last nursed its mother and will go back there. It knows its mother is either there or will come if not prevented from doing so. So, when a little calf runs

back down the trail as the rest of the herd goes on out of sight, the drag rider will have a horse and calf race and about the only way to win is to rope him and carry him back on your horse. My little Indian pony was about the finest horse one could find for this job. He was my little white stud horse, Mickie. He had never had but one rider, was carefully trained, quick to learn and fast on his feet . . . so it always fell to my lot to bring up the drag.

Now on this particular drive we had started at three in the morning and the chuck wagon was to catch up with us at twelve noon at the little valley just before getting to Antelope Creek. This was an ordinary day's drive with this many cattle, but Uncle Will wanted to take them on up to the holding pens at the Rose Mine which was usually another day's drive. We stopped at noon to let the cattle scatter and feed for half an hour while we waited for the chuck wagon. I was hungry for I'd been late and had no breakfast . . . not even a drink of water. My old saddle didn't fit me. It was nearly worn out

and chafed the hide off my legs at the knees. A blister under the seat of my pants had broken. I threw my saddle in the shade of a bush, hobbled my pony so he could feed around and thought I could not possibly get back on that horse in half an hour, much less help push those cattle on up to the Rose Mine, which was about as far again as we had come already. As soon as I laid my head on that saddle I was asleep and it seemed hardly more than that when Bud Waite was booting me with his toe to saddle up and move on. The chuck wagon hadn't come. Soon we got to Antelope Creek, me bringing up the drag. There wasn't much water and it flowed in little streams from pool to pool. I was so hungry and thirsty it seemed to me I couldn't possibly go on if I didn't at least get a drink even though cattle had drunk in the creek ahead of me. I got down and took a long, cool drink. It gave a big lift and I was able to finish the day to the Rose Mine. It was a long day's ride and those cattle sure looked good going along through the pines at the end of the drive.



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How To Trade Blacktop For Gold

By NORM GRANGER

With the transportation needs throughout America continually on the increase, Detroit looking to the biggest year in history and the Hi-Desert leading the County in building expansion, shouldn't we look way into the future about our own transportation needs? And to do so shouldn't we look way into the past to get the picture? If you agree, read on.

If all government stems from small government, and I think it does, then let's look over San Bernardino County and our immediate needs for roads, and our historic past, for the record.

First off, establish this in your mind. In Southern California there is only one mountain resort over 7000 feet in altitude, only one that has that Hi Sierra climate regardless of the heat of summer. That resort is Big Bear Valley. To give you a comparison, let's look at some other resorts. Arrowhead is at 5100 feet altitude, Idyllwild at 5300 feet and Julian is only 4200 feet high. This makes Big Bear Valley the most desired spot, climate wise, in deep summer that Southern California has to offer. It is blessed with fine ski lifts, more area in which to roam or vacation. It has a golf course, theaters, and ice skating rink, many, many fine places to stay and eat, and a most hospitable population. These things you probably know, since Big Bear is also one of the oldest resorts in Southern California, but what you might now know, Big Bear Valley is closer to Yucca than it is to San Bernardino, Victorville, or even Redlands!

Now just what does this mean to Yucca? Well I say it makes Yucca a hub, a hub of transportation for the desert communities. If you will get out a San Bernardino County map and mark a line north and south through Yucca, and east and west through Yucca you will note that the natural route to the mountains from the low desert is through Yucca. There can be no doubt about this if you will simply look it over carefully. The logical route to Big Bear Valley is through Yucca for the following communities: Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Palm Desert, Indio, Desert Hot Springs, Morongo, Yucca, Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms, and Landers area. Something else you probably didn't know. The route from Yucca to Big Bear is one of the oldest routes to Big Bear Valley. It has been in almost continual use for seventy six years.

Why hasn't this roadbed been developed by our local government, or any other government

for that matter? It seems to me our County waits until the situation is nearly unbearable before it does anything about roadbeds, and this shouldn't be. Until just a few years ago most of our desert was considered near wasteland, and this must be assumed for the reason so little has been done on the desert road program, but let me ask, how about the area of Angeles Crest Highway in Los Angeles County, was that a fertile or promising area? Certainly not. How about the Paines to Pines Highway from Palm Desert to Idyllwild built by prisoners in Riverside County? Or the Cedar Springs to Crestline highway? Or Banning to Idyllwild road? These roads were built with progress in mind. Their respective counties reaped fine harvests from taxation as a result of expansion at the ends of these roads. Then why not Pioneer Pass?

There are over 100,000 people in the various lower desert and Hi-Desert communities who would use this road as their shortest route to the high mountains, and during deep summer

they need this route very badly. The best thing about it is that most of them come from another county to spend their money in ours.

I have never been able to understand, especially in this, the jet age, how it comes that our county fills the needs in roads after the need, rather than before. Do you know that the shortest route from Needles to San Bernardino is through Yucca and not through Barstow and Victorville? It is approximately forty miles closer. I am not recommending that the route from Needles to San Bernardino be changed, but I most certainly recommend that the route from Yucca to Big Bear be improved to a safe and easily traveled road right away.

As a student pilot back in 1936 I used the route from Palm Springs to Yucca to Big Bear in my airplane because it was closest and safest. I even drove over here one time and tried to go all the way to Big Bear via Burns Canyon. I got lost and never did get to Big Bear. The point is, that even in 1936 I was trying to do something about Pioneer Pass improvement. Why must this excellent route wait while all the others I have mentioned were conceived and built? The greatest single improvement in adding new routes to Southern California's fine highway system would be to complete Pioneer Pass. The untold tourism it would create for

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all of San Bernardino County I will not even try to estimate, but this I do know. If Riverside County thinks enough of Idyllwild to give it two first class highways in the last twenty five years, Los Angeles County thinks enough of Wrightwood to complete the Mt. Wilson to Wrightwood road, then Pioneer Pass is a veritable GOLD MINE.

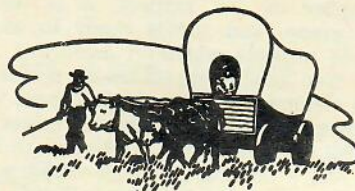
Speaking of Gold Mines, let's look at some of our county roads and just how they got there. Who put in the Johnson Grade road to Big Bear? Who built the Twentynine Palms Highway? The Front road to Big Bear? The miners of the day did it. Surprised? They also built Pioneer Pass!

Pioneer Pass goes through some of the most beautiful area the high desert has to offer; also it passes through Rose Mine, an internationally famous mine camp. What other route to the mountains can offer anything like it? Pioneer Pass makes Yucca the Hub of the High Desert. To the north will be Big Bear and Landers, to the east Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms, and to the south Palm Springs, Indio, Desert Hot Springs, all making their way to the High Mountains through Yucca Valley. Let's be selfish, let's get what we have coming!

Let me be specific about mileages: Palm Springs will be only 54 miles from Big Bear; Indio 61 miles; Yucca only 30 miles from Big Bear when Pioneer Pass is built. Twentynine Palms will be only 54 miles from the mountains, and Joshua Tree only 36 miles. Won't this make all these places better places to live? Won't you help promote the Pioneer Pass through our County Offices? Don't say, well yes, after we have this or that or after this is done or that is done. We need all our roads now. I can see no

future in waiting for someone somewhere to say it's time to do something. It HAS been time to build Pioneer Pass for fifteen years. Our County needs the money this road will produce in opening up new vistas of tax rolls.

Now, go call up Ross Dana and give him the word. I already have, and I'll keep right on doing it. Let's trade 26 miles of blacktop for gold.



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Junior Chamber of Commerce

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The first step in the direction of a Junior Chamber of Commerce in the High Desert was taken at a meeting held at Callahan's restaurant May 12th, 1961. Attending this meeting were Mr. Roy Roush and a handful of eager young men, desirous of forming a local chapter. During the next two months, letters for information were written, interviews arranged and plans formulated for an organizational meeting.

With the assistance of interested members from the San Bernardino Chapter, this meeting was set for July 19th, and was held on the specified date at Callahan's. A minimum of twenty-five members are required to warrant an application for a charter, and well over the necessary number were present. Officers were elected as follows: William H. Claus, President; Robert L. Botts, External Vice President; Guy Blay, Internal Vice President; Robert A. Fowler, Secretary; and Kermit Martin, Treasurer. Members elected to the Board of Directors at this time were: Tony Arrasmith, Marvin J. Buxton, Robert L. Hicks and Harvey Beach. At a later date, Arthur Bennett was elected to the position of State Director.

Even before the issuance of their charter, the Jaycees, along with other organizations, tackled the Pool Bond Drive, the combined efforts of which were successful in inspiring an affirmative vote on September 12th, 1961.

On October 20th, 1961, the Charter Night Banquet was held at the Sojourners' Hall in Yucca Valley. A record attendance of over two hundred and forty, including many out-of-town dignitaries, witnessed the presentation of the charter.

Ever since its inception, the Hi-Desert Junior Chamber of Commerce membership has main-

tained an active interest in organizational affairs, and holds the particular distinction of having the largest per-capita membership in District Nine of the State of California.

Representing the local chapter, President Claus has attended several out-of-town functions, including the District Executive Council in Corona, and the State Convention at Bakersfield, California. Plans are being made to send delegates to the National Convention at Las Vegas, Nevada. The Jaycees will be in charge of the button distribution, portable jail and the dunking machine for the coming Grubstake Days Celebration, June 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

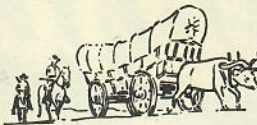
The young men of the High Desert are urged to join this worthwhile organization, and may do so by contacting any of the men listed below:


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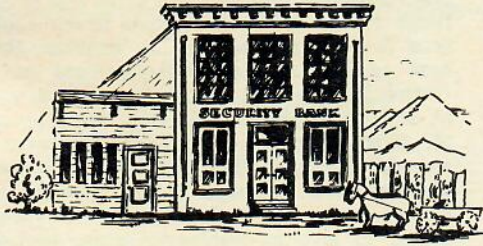
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Community Service Club of Yucca Valley

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB OF YUCCA VALLEY

(Early History)

By MRS. CYRIL MILLINGTON

In 1937, a Community Service Club was formed by wives of the Legionnaires to take care of the auxiliary work; membership also included other ladies in the area whose husbands were not members of American Legion. There were only a few scattered homesteads in the area at that time, and Morongo Valley was the 'most settled' of all. The name "Community Service Club" was chosen because it was to take in what is now Joshua Tree, the Pipes Country—which is now Pioneertown, Yucca Valley, and Morongo Valley. Since there was no organized social life, the Club was also to provide such a medium.

First, a regular club was organized and consisted of about 20 ladies from the entire area to meet once a month. We met in a tiny little old school house, while the men of the American Legion were holding their meeting in the larger school house (which is now the Boy Scout Building in Yucca Valley); then afterwards we'd meet and have coffee together. It was our original Community Service Club group who planted the trees that are still growing around the Boy Scout Building. Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stacy deeded the property where the American Legion Hall now stands, and also gave the property where the Community Service Club of Yucca Valley presently is located. Little did we dream then that Yucca Valley would grow to the extent it is today, thus making this a valuable piece of real estate!

Mrs. Wallace Stacy (Lula Mae) was our first President. Among the first officers and members of our organization were Mrs. Ted Guinan (Myrta), Mrs. Claude Guinan (Charlotte), Mrs. Ray Bolster, Mrs. Anna Bull, and Mrs. Julia Overbay. I do not recall the names of the others, although I was a member right from the start.

We started immediately to raise money to support our projects, much in the same way as is done today—selling quilts, cakes, holding bazaars, etc. Soon we had enough to buy the colors for the American Legion, which were presented in the spring of 1938. I believe they are

still using them today!

There were no doctors anywhere in the vicinity, so Dr. Gill of Banning, and Hal DeVoist of Hal's Pharmacy in Banning came out (over the rough roads) to give the ladies in our Club lessons in First Aid as well as lectures. So, our next project was to purchase First Aid Kits (which Mr. DeVoist was kind enough to give us at wholesale prices) and they were placed in all filling stations, stores, and wherever they seemed necessary. The Club saw to it that replacements were made of the supplies in the kits as they were needed, and Mr. DeVoist continued to give us wholesale prices to help us keep up this very worthwhile project.

We held a New Year's Eve party and made pies and held a 'dutch auction.' This was so successful that it became an annual event. I remember one year we made over \$100.00 auctioning our homemade pies at the 'dutch auction!'

In the fall of 1938, I became the next President and served two terms, as I recall. There were still only a few active members to carry on the Club projects at that time, so it kept us 'on the go.'

Our third President was Mrs. Ray Bolster, and her special project was P.T.A. work. This was of interest to most of us as our children were attending school at that time.

Highlights in 'the valley' were the very successful dinner parties we held in the spring and in the fall at the Inn or at the Lodge in Morongo Valley. One was in honor of the American Legion and the other for our Club, and we surely put on a 'spread'—with a toastmaster, favors, candles, and the works! We looked forward to these occasions; planning and working for their success. And what good times we did have!

Around the beginning of World War II, I became inactive in the Club due to other personal obligations. A square dance project was started; others who remained that I can recall are Mrs. Celeste Hollinger, who became President, Mrs. LaFerne and Mrs. Clara Livingston. I'm sure that some of the members today can bring you up-to-date on the Club's Activities and Progress.

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Compiled by CHARLOTTE GUINAN

In July 1937, a group of nine women met at the home of Mrs. Ray Bolster, for the purpose of organizing a Service and Social Club. The dues only 50c a year. Only the wives of the Legionnaires were eligible. After meeting in the different homes, the old building west of the old school house was cleaned, painted and converted into the Women's Club House. A two-burner gas plate was installed, cupboards built in, and a long table for meetings and on which to serve refreshments was found. At one of the meetings it was voted that the Club buy a good flag for the American Legion, so dinners were given, cakes and pies raffled off, and eventually \$125.00 was accumulated and presented to the Legion, which they proudly displayed at the Los Angeles Convention. Thus our first community service!

The community at this time was very sparsely settled, and the membership was small. In fact so small at times meetings were held in the cars, but with consistent working, it was not long before we had a fine group of ambitious, energetic women.

Our first dances were held in the old school house, under the sponsorship of the American Legion, but as they were going in the red at such dances, it was decided that the Club would take over this project and see how they could make out. The women worked like mad making signs on big cardboards, and utilizing every effort to advertise the dances—which proved to be quite successful. Music consisted of piano pounded out in fine dance rhythm and a banjo played by Jimmie Boldman. Mrs. Frances Ater was the pianist.

All was not too flowery however, as the community was made up largely of many destitute people who came out for health sake, so the Club members began having dinners, rummage sales, box lunches—quilting parties for raffling—as much money was needed for charity funds. The women sewed layettes for the new babies. Several times checks were sent to the needy, always baskets of groceries and loads of wood went where most needed. Sewing sessions were had, the women bringing their own machines down to the Club House, and these machines hummed, sewing for the hospitals. When we look back at the good old days of our pot luck dinners which were really sumptuous—'tis with real joy—lots of fun and good fellowship prevailed at these get-togethers. If that little sad looking Club building—now all boarded up, could talk, it would tell how its sides used to bulge from so much laughing and the activities inside. Every Saturday night this little old Club House was used for serving coffee and donuts—at 10 cents per—for the dancers.

Another fine gesture of the Club women was—for years a check for \$25.00 was sent to anyone having the misfortune of a fire—or those who had met with accidents. It didn't matter if they were members of the Club or not. First aid kits were maintained in service stations from Morongo to the other side of Joshua Tree. This meant each kit was furnished with iodine, cotton, anti-septic bandages, aspirin, etc. Also a snake bite kit costing them \$10.00 was available. A note was on each kit telling where it was kept—and all kits were replenished with supplies every two

months. No doctor was in this area—and this service proved a blessing many times in auto accidents and accidents in the home.

About 1942 or 1943 the women had a dream—a vision was conceived in their minds for a BIG Club building that the growing community could use. The birth pains were excruciating—so many serious complications set in. It looked at times the dream could not be realized—but with lots of courage and tenacity, soon things began to happen. First business on hand was to find land on which to build. We approached Wallace and Lulu Stacy, and such contact resulted in their donating approximately 2 acres to the Club, and the same amount to the American Legion.

In 1946 the Club was organized. Men were allowed to join. The building was started—and the dream began to formulate. Clara and Al Livingston owned the only cement block machine in this area—so the Club furnished the cement and Clara and Al made all the blocks—which were laid by donation labor. At that time the Yucca Valley Community Service Club was incorporated under the laws of the State of California—under which laws it now operates.

The Club has from its inception been under many different managements—necessarily, all contributing—time, labor, money and efforts to keep things going. Thanks can be accorded to each, everyone and all who have thus weathered some stormy days trying to maintain—but at this writing the Club is still a fine recreation center for the Valley—it was built for the purpose of furnishing a recreation center for the Valley—and still operates and serves in this capacity. The traditional Saturday night dances and square dances afford much pleasure to the participants. Card parties are held each week—and other civic activities are held in the Club House—such as the fine players group with their popular entertainments.

While only a few of the loyal members keep the Club alive—and that by working hard to do so—this Club should be supported by the entire group of business people of the town, as well as every resident. With sufficient support this Club could be a real civic asset—as its original members set out to make it.

Membership dues are most reasonable—and new members always welcome. Any Club that must be run by a chosen few comes in for more or less of undue criticism—but 'tis true too—that the chosen few are the workers that keep the doors of this worthy Club open—and if more support could be relied upon and constructive work done—the Club would be able to do much more in the way of a real Community Service.

The above history of the Community Service Club was compiled by Charlotte Guinan, who was a valuable member, and served as Secretary and Treasurer for many years.

In 1959 the Club was completed according to the original plans and specifications and now consists of the following arrangements: Large auditorium, with stage, vestibule and ticket office, lounge, modern bathrooms, patio, store-rooms and a large well equipped kitchen, banquet tables, chairs, etc., to serve 200 guests.

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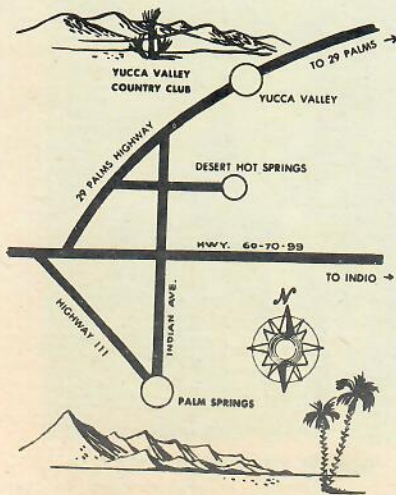
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Dedicated Riding and Hiking Trail of the Hi-Desert Area

By R. DUARTE

On Nov. 11 and 12, 1961, a trail in the Hi-Desert area East of the San Bernardino mountains was officially dedicated to the horseback riders and hikers of the State of California in an impressive ceremony held at the Jim Hester Ranch in Pipes Canyon. Over 200 riders and hikers attended this affair which afforded a moonlight steak fry under the pinyon pines and hotcakes for breakfast. Among those rolling out of their soogans that sunny—windy—Sunday go to meetin' morning were Deputy Roger Melanson of Yucca Valley, State Forest Ranger Meers, Equestrian Trail Chairman John Hamilton, Johnny Kee, trail boss on the dedication ride, Margie Hambley, Ride Chairman from Calif. Horseman's Association, John B. Perrin from the Dept. of Natural Resources in Sacramento and of course Host Jim Hester, Trail Boss for Western Trails.

The main speaker at this Whing Ding of Western Hospitality was John B. Perrin who said "From now on the Trail is yours, folks, to enjoy and respect by keeping the rules of the trail. I hope that as you follow the yellow and brown trail markers you will think kindly of the land owners who contributed easements making this existing historic trail possible. And don't forget the man who bought an 80 acre ranch in Pipes Canyon in order to be able to give an easement that was holding up the entire secondary trail route: your host this morning, Mr. Jim Hester."

This trail connecting desert and Mountain areas is as old as the petroglyphs that mark its granite cliffs and the abandoned shacks and mine shafts strewn along its legendary pathway. It was known as the shortcut from the Colorado river to the ocean. As time goes on it is bound to bring relaxation, pleasure and pride to all who drink from its well spaced watering troughs and camp in the designated picnic areas. May they bless its existence and abide by its

11 simple rules of courtesy. It is now a part of the Statewide Riding and Hiking Trails.

Since Trails and horses have played a dominant part in California State History, and early pioneers relied on horses and "Shanks Mare" to get them places certain individuals and conservation groups realized the value of preserving this bit of the past for a pleasurable momento to a blazing beginning in California. In 1944 a Riding and Hiking Trails committee was formed and in 1945 the Legislature approved a RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS bill signed by Gov. Earl Warren. It became a law under chapter 1469, Statutes 1945. Responsibility for the project was placed with the State Park Commission, which later appointed a Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee.

The now existing 3,000 mile long trail extending from the Oregon border to the Mexican line through the Sierra Nevada Mountains and returning south along the Coast range was surveyed by the Division of State Parks and Beaches—the route determined by local interest through 29 of California's 38 Counties. Rights-of-way through privately owned properties were obtained by easement gifts—use permits or purchases. Construction specifications call for a 20 foot right-of-way to be built and maintained with State funds and with the cooperation of the U. S. Forest Service. A system of overnight camps has been started—units spaced 15 to 20 miles apart with facilities consisting of corral—stove, tables and sanitation. In the Hi-Desert Area these stops are at 29 Palms Corral No. 29; Joshua Monument south of Hidden Valley and 1 mile above the Jim Hester Ranch in Pipes Canyon. This Riding and Hiking Trail through the Hi-Desert is regularly patrolled and its 11 simple rules have the full force of the law under section 5008 of the public resources code.

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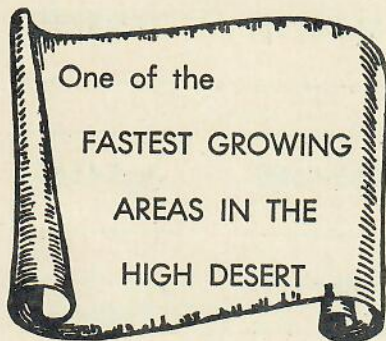
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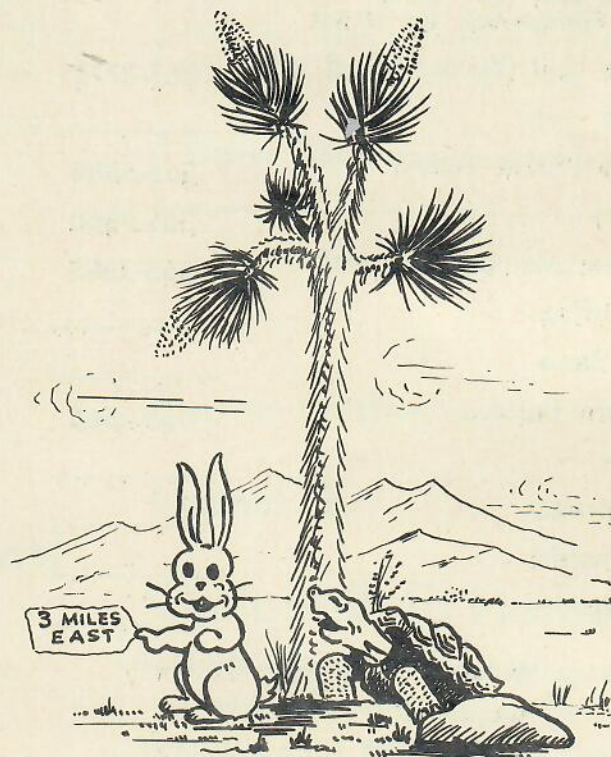
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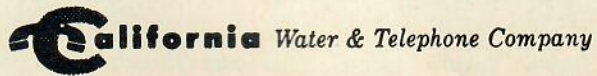
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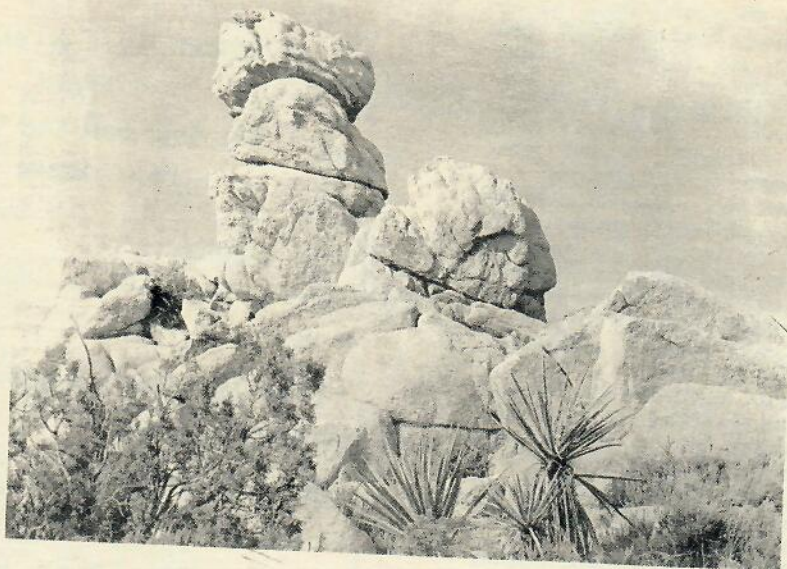
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Yucca Valley's southern border lies on the edge of the Joshua Tree National Monument. This park contains many useful as well as scenic values. There are numerous camp sites available for the public's use. From a scenic standpoint, one needs but to drive a very few minutes within its boundaries to realize they are within a fantasy of stone, giant trees, strange vegetation and interesting wildlife.

There are numerous and interesting places, such as Hidden Valley, Split Rock and Giant Boulder, some 120 feet long with evidence of its origin plainly visible above. We might also visit entrancing Salton, or as the old timers say, Keye's View. From this vantage point, one may see many natural wonders of God in the snow capped peaks of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio mountains, the latter being the tallest mountain in Southern California, towering 11,485 feet into the sky. Both of these mountains usually have snow-capped peaks the year round.

Dropping our view to the floor of the valley we see Palm Springs, Indio, North Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs and the entire Coachella

Valley. The symmetric patterns of date farms and other agricultural projects make a very beautiful and unusual design in the carpet that covers this rich agricultural valley. Further south our eyes pick up the famous Salton Sea stretching for miles into the background. The history of this sea is so fabulous and lengthy that we can only advise that you look it up in your library. Looking still farther south, it is possible to view Signal Mountain, 95 airline miles away, on the U.S. and Mexican border. Returning to the Monument we find that it covers over one half million acres of majestic trees, rocks and foliage. This acreage makes a perfect refuge for the wildlife that abounds within its boundaries, wild horses, burros, big horn sheep, mountain goats, mountain lions or cougars, coyotes, bob cats and many smaller forms of wildlife. Other side trips take us down to a little lower level, where the ocotillo and cholla gardens make us wonder how they can grow in such heavy clusters, as here they are so dense it is impossible to walk through.

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YUCCA VALLEY SCHOOLS— YESTERDAY AND TODAY Prepared by: DONN B. WALLACE Curriculum Co-ordinator

The first schools in the Morongo district were not held in buildings constructed as schools but in various types of structures which happened to be available. The first of these was in the western part of the district at the Covington Ranch in the Morongo Valley in the early 1920's. In 1931 a small building was constructed in Yucca Valley specifically for use as a school. The room proved inadequate so a portable wooden building was constructed. This building burned down about 1933. Another structure was built as an addition to an existing toilet unit in 1934. It was used for school purposes until 1953 when the second wing of the new Yucca Valley School was opened.

Prior to the completion of the new schools, additional classrooms were secured by renting such buildings as community halls, quonset huts, lodge buildings and churches in the Yucca Valley area.

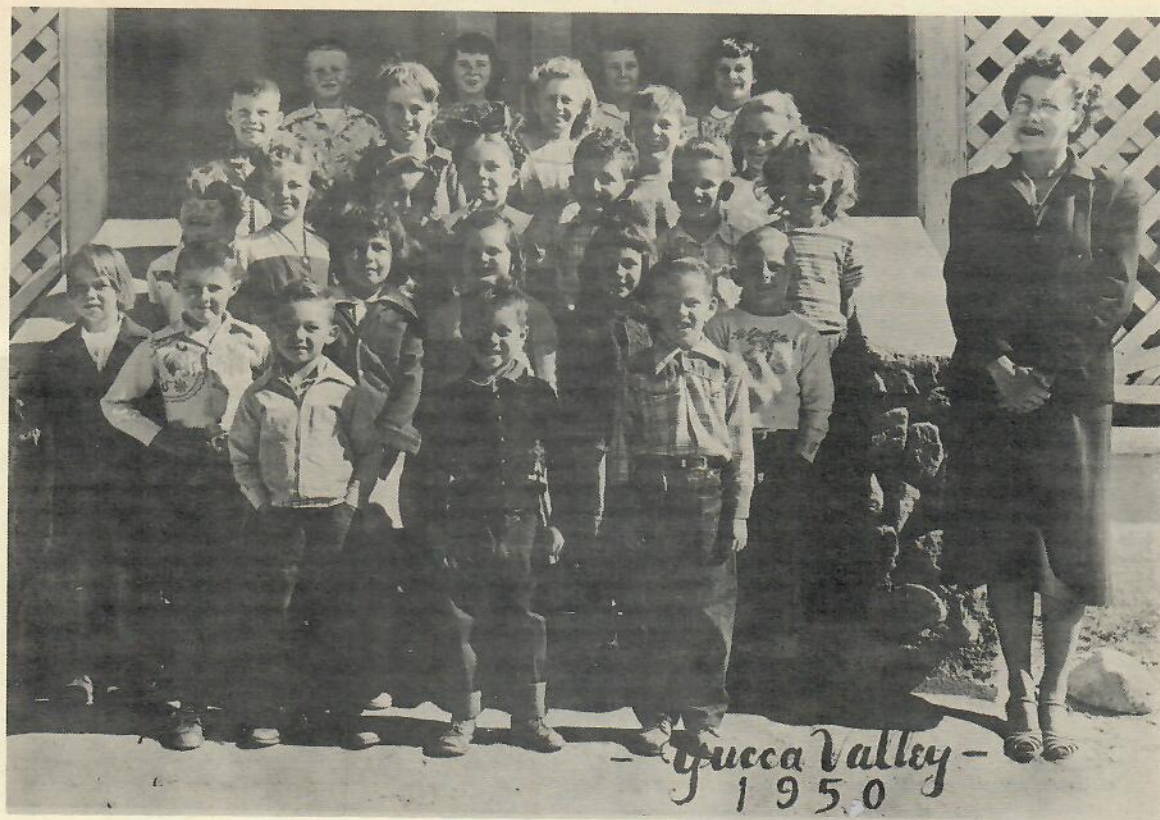
The first wings of the new school at Yucca Valley were opened in 1950. Initial construction included 4 classrooms and a kindergarten. In 1953 the school was expanded by the construction of 4 classrooms and an administration unit. In

1957 a multi-purpose room was added. This constitutes the present size of the Yucca Valley Elementary School. Preliminary planning is now going on toward the addition of a classroom unit.

The present Yucca Valley Elementary School houses approximately 250 students in grades kindergarten through six, and 100 students in grades seven and eight.

During the 1961-1962 school year the Board of Education completed plans and construction has begun on a new junior high school in Yucca Valley. The building is currently being constructed at the corner of Onaga and Sage streets in the southeastern part of the Yucca Valley community. The building has been master planned for a total enrollment of 750 students in grades seven, eight, and nine. The initial construction is a \$328,000 plant which will house approximately 170 seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students. The present construction includes an administration building, four classrooms, 1 activity room, 1 science laboratory, and two shower and locker rooms. The shower and locker rooms are to be built adjacent to a swimming pool which is being constructed through the cooperative efforts of the Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District and the Morongo Unified School District. Additional construction will take place as community growth warrants.





Front row, left to right—Flower Girls, Sally and Donna Jeffcot; Bridesmaid, Susan Garver; Maid of Honor, Carol Heard; Bride, Nancy Garver; Groom, Ted Miller; Bridegroom, Frankie Heard; Ring Bearer, Johnny Ash. Back row—Mother of Bride, Margaret Tunstall; Father of Bride, Ronald Ash; Bridesmaids, Sandra Harmon, Jane Miller; Minister, Alan Barth; Mother of Groom, Tyna English; Father of Groom, Alex Johnson; Ushers, Jack Stephenson, Ted Phoenix.

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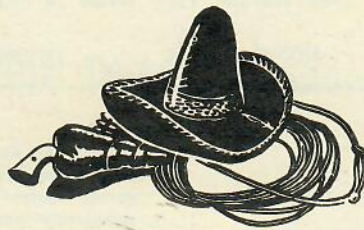
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1959					
January	67	77	36	20	.87
February	60	78	34	24	2.10
March	75	84	40	32	.00
April	80	96	46	38	.06
May	78	90	46	36	.00
June	90	100	59	50	.00
July	95	105	67	57	.13
August	90	102	62	45	.02
September	82	96	53	42	.26
October	82	96	50	38	.37
November	74	88	40	29	1.83
December	62	78	35	17	1.36
1960					
January	56	75	30	14	1.26
February	60	73	33	24	.88
March	75	85	40	33	.00
April	77	90	44	27	.59
May	80	93	46	32	.00
June	93	102	61	47	.00
July	93	109	64	55	.05
August	91	106	62	47	.00
September	88	101	59	44	.66
October	78	87	46	35	.17
November	65	87	36	27	.78
December	62	76	31	12	.45
1961					
January	68	78	35	20	.50
February	67	76	36	28	.00
March	67	79	39	26	.13
April	77	93	44	31	.00
May	76	86	45	38	.00
June	91	108	61	41	.00
July	93	104	67	57	.00
August	90	99	66	55	1.96
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Shrubs and Trees—

Most shade trees do well. Fruit trees, except Citrus, produce successfully. Evergreens do very well throughout the area. Sun-loving flowering shrubs generally do very well, especially those that like well-drained soil . . . Oleander, Pyracantha, Spiraea, Bird of Paradise, flowering fruit trees. Of the shade-loving shrubs, Camellias, Fuchsia (with some protection in winter), and English Holly, which likes both sun and shade. Most roses bloom profusely in this area.

Flowers—

Most annuals and perennials that like sandy, well-drained soils and that can take the strong summer sun take advantage of the long blooming season. Petunias have bloomed here until December when they thrust their last blossoms thru the first snow of winter. Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Carnations, Gladiolus, Iris, Zinnia, Sweet Pea, Stock, Snapdragon, Verbena, Hollyhock, Poppy, Tulips (they like semi-shade), Daffodils all give beautiful displays of blooms.

Vegetables—

With some care, Strawberries do very well and are good producers. Generally vegetables require some fertilizer, regular watering and weeding. Most beans are fine producers. Beets and carrots do very well here. High Desert grown tomatoes are especially delicious. Bell peppers and egg plants produce beautiful, tasty, large fruit. Pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupe all grow easily and are good producers of fine tasting melons. Sweet corn needs lots of water. Kale, lettuce (leaf type), okra, and peas all are good for the home garden. Green onions and chives flourish . . . though the chives likes to have some shade.

Leaf mold or peat moss added to the soil will give you a wider range of plants to choose from. A mulch around plants help to conserve moisture will help keep down the water bill during the summer months.

The Yucca Valley Flower Show of 1962 presented by the local garden club will be held May 18, 19 and 20. Many beautiful specimens of flowers and vegetables grown in the high desert will be shown at this affair.

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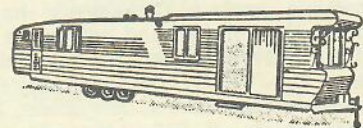
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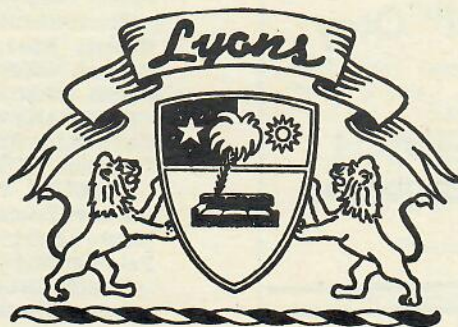
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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LIONS CLUB

First and third Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF REALTORS

Second Tuesday: Breakfast meeting, 7:45 a.m. Fourth Tuesday, dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Callahan's.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

General meeting, first Monday, club house, 7:30 p.m.

YUCCA VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Meets first Monday each month, 7 p.m., T. M. Hester, president. Phone 365-3132 or 365-2495.

EASTERN STAR

Order of Eastern Star meets on second and fourth Mondays at Sojourners building.

WRITERS CLUB

The Pioneer Hacks meet 2nd Thursday of every month at the Answering Service Office. Open meeting.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 75

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LEGION POST, AUXILIARY

Post meets first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in club house, if pot luck dinner. If not, 7 p.m. Auxiliary meets same time.

GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

The Yucca Valley Gem and Mineral Society meets third Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m. During the summer the group meets at 6 p.m. for potluck at the park.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary meet second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

YUCCA VALLEY PLAYERS

Yucca Valley Players meet second Sunday of each month at Community Service Club.

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

Barracks 1222 and Auxiliary meet second Thursday, 8 p.m., American Legion Hall, Yucca Valley. Social meetings fourth Thursday.

WOMAN'S CLUB

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YUCCA MESA WOMAN'S CLUB

Place—Harrod Hall (Sec. 12). Time, 1 p.m. Second and fourth Tuesdays.

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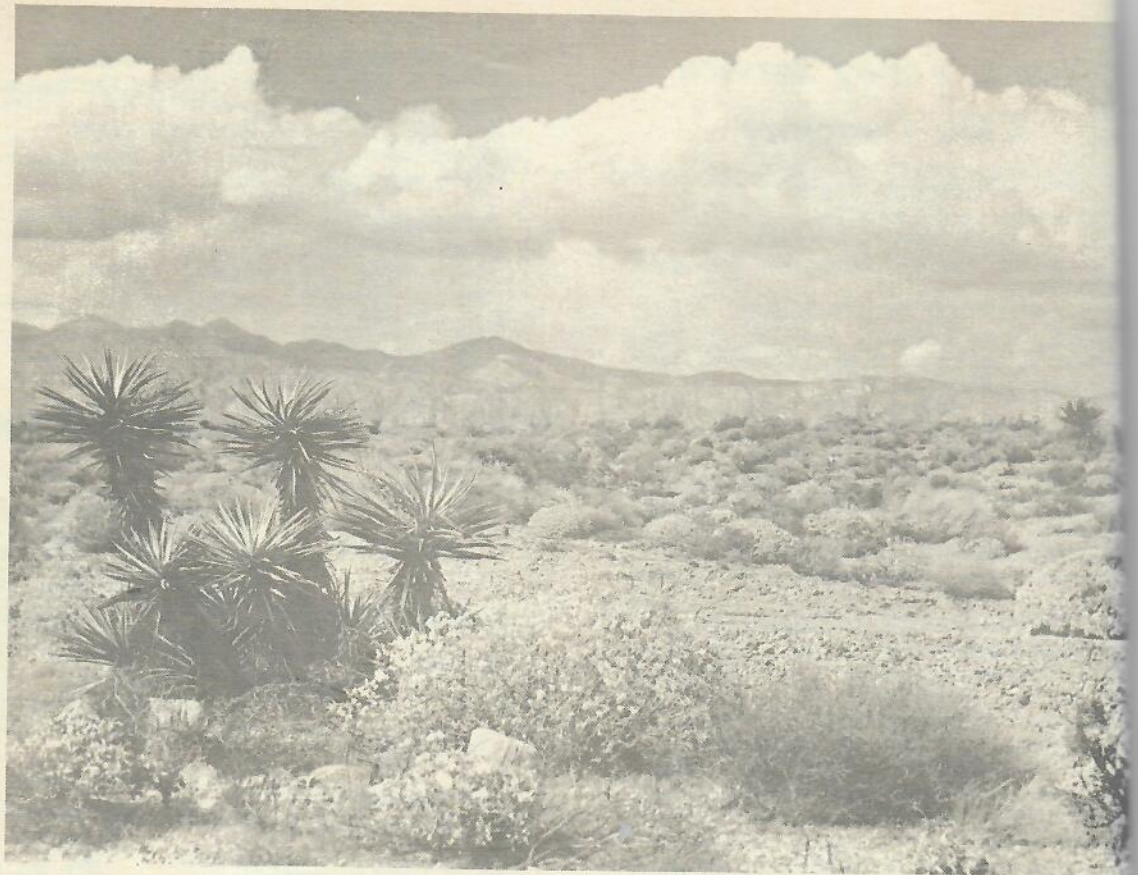
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WATER CONNECTIONS—1,490.

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Yucca C of C Plans New Publicity

YUCCA VALLEY — The new Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce under the ambitious leadership of Jules Boldizar and Emory Hansen has cleared the decks for action in a revived Chamber. At a remarkably short meeting last Friday night in the Community Hall a well attended meeting covered a lot of business that usually took hours of wrangling.

The Chamber is compiling data for a new brochure and are building signs for the valley entrances. An attractive rustic type sign at low cost was requested at the meeting and Woody Vance volunteered to head the committee. Publicity for the coming Western Mining Council convention in April was also discussed.

The Chamber is sponsoring Yucca Valley's entrant into the National Orange Show queen contest, Maybelle Royal, and is urging as many persons as possible to attend the queen's banquet (those interested contact Emory Hansen for reservations). Queen entrant Maybelle will be chaperoned and outfitted by the Women's club. They have so far raised forty one dollars towards her wardrobe. The Legion's Women Auxiliary have contributed five dollars towards the fund.

In addition, the Chamber plans a booth at the Orange show for publicity of the Valley.



old mixer

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Desert Commandments

(The following was mailed to the Pioneertown Gazette by an unknown writer)



old sewing machine

ONE

Thou shalt love the Desert, but not lose patience with those who say it's bleak and ornery (even when the wind is blowing).

TWO

Thou shalt speak of the Desert with great reverence, and lie about it with great showmanship, adding zest to tall tales and legends.

THREE

Thou shalt not admit other Deserts have more color than the one on which you have staked your claim.

FOUR

Thou shalt on the Sabbath look to the mountain peaks so's to know better your whereabouts, so's you can help others to know the Desert, dotting on the map the places where you have camped.

FIVE

Honor the Pioneers, Explorers and Desert Rats who found and marked the water holes; and stop shooting the road signs full of holes—they tell you about the next water hole and try to help you live in the Desert.

SIX

Thou shalt not shoot the antelope chipmunk, kangaroo rat or other harmless Desert friends.

SEVEN

Thou shalt not adulterate the water holes nor leave the campsite messed up. Be sure to take 10 gallons of water with you. Don't have to ask the other fellow on the road for a quart, but be able to help the tenderfoot by giving him some water.

EIGHT

Thou shalt not steal (from the prospectors shack), nor forget to fill the wood box and water pail.

NINE

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor; you know the minin laws; you know the whereabouts of his monuments.

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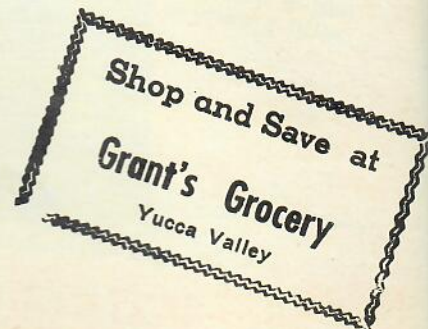
Thy shalt not covet thy neighbor's sleeping bag, his gun nor the contents of his canteen.

Bouchey's to Stay Open During June

Bouchey's restaurant and cocktail lounge in Yucca Valley will remain open during June this summer instead of closing after Memorial Day as in the past, according to Mr. and Mrs Tom Bouchey.



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Yucca Valley Notes

Jules Boldizar got a cut on the head when the wind blew an engine hood down on top of him Saturday; two stitches . . . Ruth Hale, bookkeeper for Y. V. B. Supply had her tonsils extracted last week at Twentynine Palms. Enjoyed a ride home to Morongo in the Joshua Tree ambulance . . . Tommy Humphreyville was appointed temporary secretary of the Lions to replace Sam Lafferty . . . Bill Royall's Turkey Shoot turkey was center piece for a dinner at the Don Lewins last Wed. p.m. Guests were the Royall family, the Bill Lawrences, the Lewins and members of the "bachelor's club," Kenny Witting, Knole Gillette, Barney Copley, and Bob Sclye.

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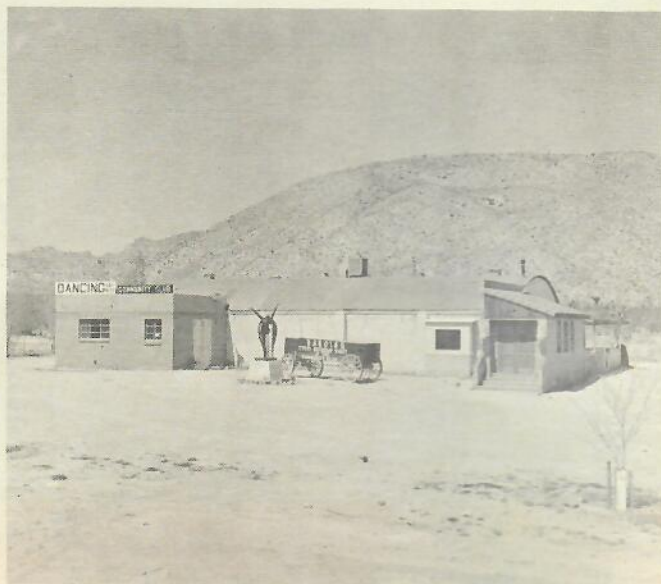
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Roy Redden, Standing by Kickapoo Tr.



MEMORY LANE



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Founded in 1947 by Dick Curtis, a movie bad man, Pioneertown was to be a working movie set. Store and homes owned and operated by individuals, but the whole street available for movie shooting. Here were made many of TV's Western starring Gene Autry; Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carrillo in *The Cisco Kid*; Jack Mahoney in *the Range Rider*. Pioneertown was also the location of the movie "Daybreak" with Lew Ayres and Teresa Wright, and "Jeopardy" starring Barbara Stanwyck.

Pioneertown's Mane Street is wide and unpaved, designed for horse and buggy and originally barred to "hossless carriage" travel. It is still reminiscent of the holdups, chases, and hangings that were regular Sunday occurrences along its sandy stretch. Roy Rogers once raced his horse, Trigger, from the corral to the Golden Stallion Restaurant. Mane Street, with its horse-watering fountain and its board walks, is lined with false-fronted shops of the 1870 era. Some of the twenty-three buildings along Mane Street are unfinished or falling into disrepair, giving the street a ghost town aura. More are occupied, however, by businesses or as residences or weekend homes by the owners.

The Red Dog Saloon has a back bar that traveled around the Horn a hundred years ago.

The Townhouse, a comfortable twenty-unit motel, is built in rambling ranch house style. The Pioneer Bowl, a six-lane bowling alley, looks like the old dance hall, but has league and open bowling, games and amusements. On its walls are caricatures of most of the old timers who lived and played in Pioneertown during those first two rip roaring years—1947 and 1948. Johnson's Corral, set back from the boardwalk under a clump of trees, has souvenirs for collectors and boasts a beautiful fireplace of natural stone. There's a real Post Office, too.

Across the east end of Mane Street stands the Golden Stallion Restaurant known for the two life-size horses painted in gold leaf on its pale blue walls.

The Hi-Desert Museum has a collection of mining relics and Indian artifacts, mineral displays found in and around Pioneertown. Old maps, stories and pictures can be viewed by the visitor.

On either side of Mane Street stretching almost a half mile to the north and to the south are acre-and-a-quarter lots, and scattered about, the homes of local citizens and regular weekenders, giving the community a spread-out and empty look though forty people live there permanently.

Five miles beyond the village on the famous Pioneer Pass is Pioneertown's sister town, Rimrock, a small community one section in size with about thirty homes. Part of the original Pioneertown development, Rimrock remains a

quiet settlement in the center of which is its only business establishment, the Rimrock Motel. Tucked under the edge of the mountains, Rimrock looks out to a beautiful view of desert and flat-topped mesas.

In its hey day, Pioneertown was the scene of many wild and woolly, rootin', tootin' escapades by its exuberant citizens. It's more sedate now, but still ready to kick up its heels and holler when the occasion warrants.

Stories of early day feuds and cutting-up still can be heard round town, though the citizens now are usually a peaceful group. But fightin' and feudin' still breaks out occasionally over such inflammatory subjects as local water rights.

More often, Mane Street is the scene of western movies shot by amateur photographers. Movie photo clubs take advantage of the picturesque backgrounds and ideal shooting conditions to record their versions of favorite Western stories. Still photographers, too, find Pioneertown an ideal place to take pictures. The deep blue skies, magnificent sunsets, desert and hills

of many moods, western atmosphere all blend to give the photographer limitless opportunities for pictures of scenic charm and beauty, and unusual interest.

The scenery is spectacular. There's flat expanses of sage desert broken by towering rock piles several hundred feet high, balanced rocks sand-carved by the desert winds, and seven sprawling, age-worn mesas. Joshua Trees lift their spike-fringed arms in seemingly silent worship. Yuccas and Juniper and Desert Willow add to the endless variety in this land of contrasts. During the wildflower season, Mariposa Lilies, Desert Gold, Purple Sage, Desert Mallow, Parry Nolina, Desert Primrose and Jimson Weed add their delicate blossoms to the sandy washes and Buckwheat-covered flats.

Around Pioneertown are local points of interest with such imagination-teasing names as Outlaw Flats, Devil's Gate, Rattlesnake Canyon (hang-out of prospectors), Chaparosa Spring and The Cottonwoods.

Right in the midst of the rich gold mining area of the 1860's to 1890's, the hills around Pioneertown are studded with a wide variety of minerals. Gold mining claims still abound throughout the mountains and high desert. Old shafts and tunnels long ago left for richer strikes can be found where copper, lead, silver, onyx and gold were mined during the last hundred years. Some of the arastres and silver smelters still to be seen date back to the Spanish and Mexican era of California history. One nearby gold mine was the only one in California to ship its gold to the South during the Civil War.

Rockhounds have scoured the Pioneertown hills for specimens of Garnets and Agates, for huge chunks of Jasper and tiny crystals of Tourmaline. Dolomite, Quartz, Copper and Rose Quartz can be found along Pioneer Pass. Halite and Onyx are discovered along Pipes Canyon Road. The mesas have given up samples of Morongo Diamonds and Lava and Iron.

The famous old Rose Mine still stands in a small valley halfway between Pioneertown and Big Bear along the scenic, though rugged, Pioneer Pass. Started in the 1860's, the mine has

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Pioneertown is also right in the midst of early Indian territory. Campsites of the Chemehuevi Indians still yield their prizes to the amateur archeologist. Ollas, pottery shards, arrowheads, grinding holes and petroglyphs have all been found within walking distance of Mane Street. Campsites along Skyline Road and in Chaparosa Wash contain grinding holes and petroglyphs any visitor can find and photograph. The Chemehuevis lived a nomadic life, moving with the seasons and their sources of food and water. Because of their frequent moves and of the inconvenience of moving all their possessions from camp to camp, the Indians hid their ollas, cooking pots and bowls in caves and other natural shelters near the vacated campsite until such time as they might return. These utensils were often guarded by "spirit sticks" left standing upright near the cache. Hikers and hunters have found many of these caches just as they were left by moving Indian families that never returned.

On the State Riding Trail from Los Angeles to Joshua Tree National Monument, Pioneertown is a favorite rendezvous of riding clubs. There are many miles of excellent riding trails and an arena for gymkhana events. The Diamond K Ranch between Pioneertown village and Riserock has riding horses and boarding facilities. Jim Hester's Pipes Canyon Ranch is used as a stop-over by Equestrian Trails riding group. Breakfast and supper rides were the weekly fare of the Pioneer Rawhides, the original riding club organized in 1948.

Sheriffs' Poses, Scout Troops, Riding clubs and other organizations make Pioneertown the headquarters during conventions and meet weekend gatherings and just for fun. Whether for a sun-drenched, quiet, off-the-beaten-path weekend to relax city-tensed nerves—or a rickling, fun-filled, 'different' excursion—Pioneertown is the perfect vacation and playtime location with comfortable, unique accommodations, matchless scenery and clean, rarified air.

Carol Evans

Last Minute BULLETIN!!

YUCCA VALLEY 82 PER CENT FOR DISTRICT

In a major turnout of voters within the boundaries of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital district, final tabulation in Tuesday's special election showed residents of the area approving the new district with a 63.3 per cent majority. A simple majority was all that was required.

With 1510 votes cast, 955 gave approval to the new hospital district with 555 against. Major opposition came from the Joshua Tree area where opponents polled 375 votes to 143 in favor of the issue.

Yucca Valley showed its support of the hospital district by casting 812 or 82 percent of votes for the district. 180 opposed the issue.

Ballots cast by precinct showed the Yucca Valley Womans Club, precinct No. 1, 344, yes; 83, no. Fire Station No. 2, precinct 2, gave the district 468, yes; 97, no.

By approval of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital District, the current board of directors headed by John Haskell is obligated to turn over all assets to the new district. A new five-man hospital board to be appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will be picked from qualified applicants. This is expected to be accomplished in the near future.

Gil Buck, vice president of the retiring board, in a prepared statement said: "The desires of the people have again been satisfied by the successful passage of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital District. Our gratitude is extended to the many, many people

whose unselfish and tireless efforts have made the district possible.

"The Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital corporation shall continue to bend every effort in support of the district and the board of directors soon to be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

"We sincerely hope that everyone will now unite in one great humanitarian effort to back this new district to give us happiness through health."

By formation of the district and at an earlier hearing in the offices of the County Board of Supervisors, Ross Dana, supervisor for the 1st district, pointed out, "Formation of the district should not bring a letdown in efforts to seek private funds to build your hospital." He went on to emphasize that the district was only a step.

"How successful and how soon you will have your hospital will depend entirely upon future efforts and cooperation of the people and communities within the district."

Welcome To
Yucca Valley
Land of Fun and Relaxation

Early Indian Civilization

This article is not about the pioneer, the white man who came to explore, but about the Indians who called this Hi-Desert their home.

The Morongo Indians, judging from all research on the subject, were of the Serrano and desert Cahuilla tribes. The Serranos built their huts of tules and mud, and were located along Mission Creek north of Whitewater. The Cahuilla tribe was more migratory, spending their winters in what is now the Palm Springs area.

The Morongo Indians were not a tribe, but rather a family or clan. They located their village in the mouth of Big Morongo Canyon, which later was also known as Covington Canyon. These Indians called themselves Maringayams or Maringa, a Serrano name meaning "meadow." It is believed that the name "Morongo" was derived from this. This clan of Indians was friendly and intelligent, making an effort to maintain peace amongst their people.

Their diet was more varied than would be thought possible in this area. They depended on the mesquite bean as their staple; they roasted the stock of the yucca and boiled the blossom; there were also the pinon nuts, juniper berries, and roots and flowers of various kinds. For meat, deer and other wildlife was available.

Few families have had the honor of having their name given to so large an area as the Morongo Basin, in which lies the Morongo Valley which is 2½ miles wide and 8 miles long.

At about 1847 a boy was born to one of the Morongo clan families. He was one of seven children and was named John. Early in life he was to become well known in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

In 1850 the various Indian tribes, including the Morongo clan, started moving and gathered at the Potrero, located at the northeast side of Banning. The name was later changed to the Morongo Reservation. John Morongo received his education at the Mission School located there.

When the Indian Bureau was located at Colton, John was appointed official interpreter. His position was a difficult one as each tribe had its own dialect. By this time he was given the honorary title of "Captain" John Morongo. Later, the U. S. Government made it an official title as a reward for his strict attention to duty; also, for his outstanding help in keeping peace between the white people and the Indians. When the Indian Bureau was discontinued, Capt. John returned to the Morongo Reservation where he was appointed to the position of Police Chief, a position he held until his death in 1898. It was he who brought fame and honor to the family and community, helping to make history in those early and turbulent times.

Little is known of the Morongo family by the writer of this article, but it is understood that at present some of the descendants are still living on the reservation.

Photo—Mrs. Cyril Millington



This photograph is of the old Tribal House that is still standing on the grounds of the Morongo Reservation in Banning, Calif., and is the type used by all local Indians in their early history.

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Offers Our Congratulations to Yucca Valley

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All Communities Included in the Proposed Hospital District

The Last Frontier

As you look over the beautiful landscape of what is known as the Palm Wells area of Morongo Valley, you wonder why the west end of the valley developed the first real community center. The answer is WATER. History tells us that when the first pioneers came up through the Big Morongo Canyon from Devil's Garden, the first stop was at the old Warren Homestead. Here, just south of what later became the Covington Park, there was a fine water supply, and in the meadows there the early trail-riders camped and spent the night, and swapped tales around the campfire. The next day, with horses and men refreshed, they pushed on to the next water stop at what is still called Warren's Well, east of Yucca Valley. Gradually in the west end of the Valley, the necessities for more comfortable living were developed, such as a grocery, gas stations, motels, a post office and electricity. Thus the town of Morongo Valley was established.

Meantime, pioneers in the east half of the Valley were beginning to feel the need for facilities a little more accessible to their fast growing homes. The first little grocery store was opened in a little building just west of what is now Navajo Trail by the Tuckers; later this was taken over by the two Gordon brothers, Ralph and Carl, in 1950. After three years they built the fine store building now owned by the Koubas. The Gordons added a slab for the first public pay station, listed then as Palm Wells 1. There were no private phones then, and messages had to be delivered from the pay stations in Morongo, a distance of three or four miles. It is noteworthy that the Gordons built their homes in the Palm Wells area, and lived there until retirement on what later became the North Star Trail.

In the east end of the Valley the McKinneys and Fishbecks were the earliest settlers, about 1912-20. In 1925 the Hicks family filed in Section 14, and in section 12 in 1938; they still hold considerable property along the highway. The Livingstones in 1933 took out 160 acres in sections 22 and 23 and lived on their land, gradually building their attractive rental cottages, putting in trees and shrubs, known for years as the Livingstone Ranch. In 1938-39 Mrs. A. Williams and her son filed in Sec. 14 and lived in tents until they built the little rock house, where

the Garrett Cesspool Co. now operates on the corner of Navajo Trail and the highway with Gorham's Saw Sharpening Service across the way. The Tinch well was a factor in the development of the Williams tract before water was piped to this fast growing area.

Harry Hess, who owned some 160 acres in the west end of the valley and built his home and real estate office there, also acquired 160 acres in the east end in section 23. This tract had been filed on by George C. Michels in 1922. A portion of this was later sold to people who built up what became known as Lanning Lane. Although a well is said to have been drilled on this property earlier, there was no water available when Bill Smith, Johnnie Lanning and the Paul Thompsons began building their beautiful homes; they carried water in tanks to start the fine trees and shrubs which now surround their homes. This early pioneer labor paid off in the growth about their homes, for later they banded together with their neighbors and brought a water line from the highway.

When Mr. Hess sold twenty acres between the Lannings and the Livingstone property to Kenneth Fobes, the story was that this land had at one time been cleared and farmed—there was not a tree bigger than a creosote bush on the whole acreage. Again cuttings were started and water had to be hauled in until the Fobes' well was drilled in 1947; later the Palm Wells Agriculture Experiment Station was developed by Mr.

Fobes who was a graduate horticulturist. People came from far and near on the desert seeking advice as to the best things to grow. The station also served as office for the newly organized Palm Wells Chamber of Commerce where maps were on display. People who had bought five-acre tracts from a map in the Los Angeles Land office came here to locate their property and get directions to find it, sometimes, alas, finding they had bought a "pig in a poke" and that their dream site was in a wash or some other inaccessible place. After nearly ten years of testing out fruit trees, shade trees and shrubs, the Experiment Station was discontinued owing to Mr. Fobes' health.

Axel Rosval, who had filed on some 80 acres about the time the Williams filed in 1938-9, and adjoining their tract, put in his own well. As the years went by he was not only an expert

"bee man" (as was Harry Hess in the west end of the valley), but he was also a very "handy" man, doing all sorts of building for his neighbors and friends. But Axel had visions of a place where people would gather for recreation and fun. He was always building—a fish pond, rock walls, and what wonderful flowers and trees! When he retired from his active life in the 1950's and became a "country squire" he was a leader in the rockhound activities, so the fine big hall he had built on his place was a "natural" for the Rockhound Club House. Practically in the center of the Morongo No. 2 Voting Precinct, what more obvious than for this to be selected by the County for the voting place for this new precinct?

Just in front of the Clubhouse stands the Lambert Studios, and here Marie Lambert has already made a name for herself for her flower arrangements for all sorts of occasions.

When Al Bieker came to the desert for his health in 1946 and put up a building where he housed various electrical supplies, there were enough people in the community to join forces and put up the money necessary to extend the service of the Electric Power Company beyond the Morongo Lodge. It was Al Bieker, a certified electrician, who did much of the wiring of the new homes in this whole east half of the Valley. As his health improved Al saw the need for a gas station in this growing community center, and in 1951 he opened the Morongo Signal Service Station next to Gordon's Market.

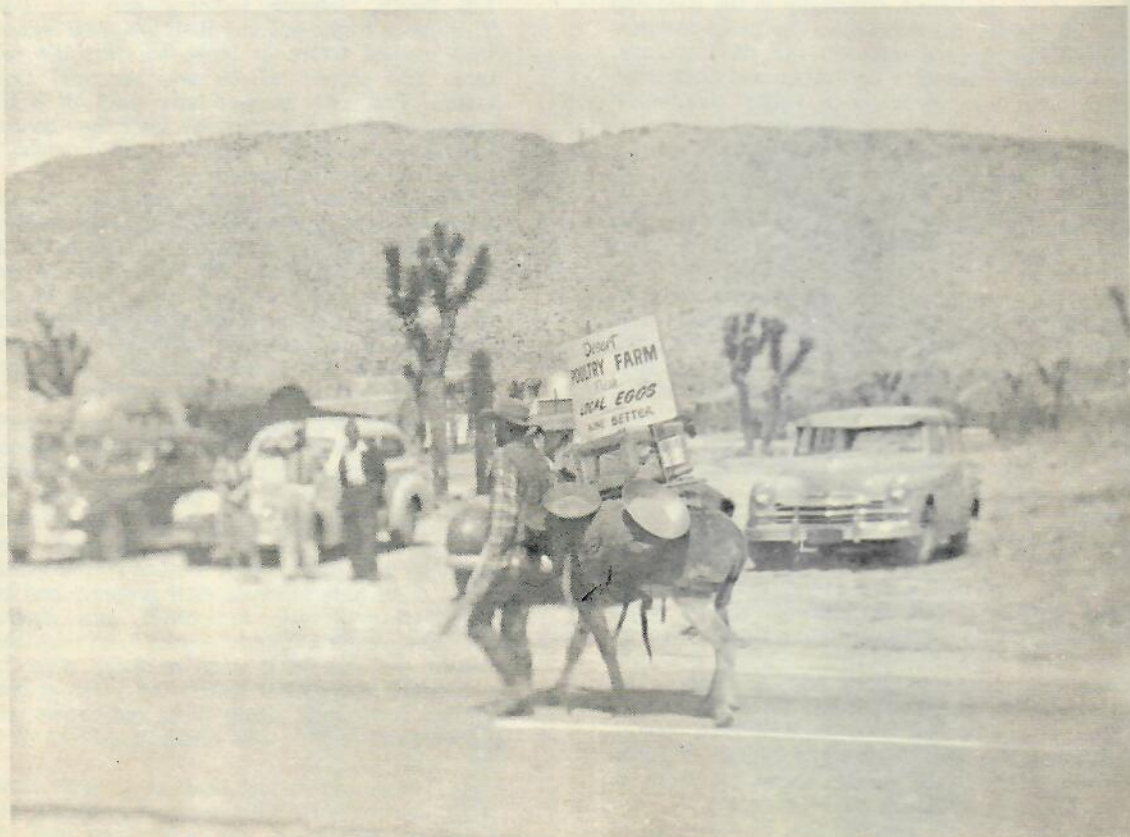
About this time other pioneers were beginning to set up shop in the neighborhood. Gale Cubit and his son Gene whipped up a small building to live in while their well was being drilled and they were making bricks to build a motor court. After Mr. Cubit's death this project was changed to a gift shop, known as Cubits-on-the-Highway, and run by the talented maker of desert lamps, and other artistic gifts, Elsie Cubit, at the same time the shop served as an "exchange" where other gifted neighbors had their work on sale.

Some distance east of this growing center Polly and Al Eads made possible the Palm Wells Cactus Garden, which under the devoted care of Tom Chance is beginning to grow, and here on the Eads grounds the annual Cactus Days and Flower Show are held.

In the opposite direction along the highway towards the west there has come to life the Roadrunner Trailer Village, which is daily sprouting new trailers, and under the guidance of those two hospitable owners, Chandler and Mary White, it is an asset to the whole Valley.

Perhaps we are not as far from Grubstake Days in the Palm Wells area as some other more sophisticated communities, but, with the beginning already made by these pioneers, who knows, perhaps some day we will even be included in the Hospital District?

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