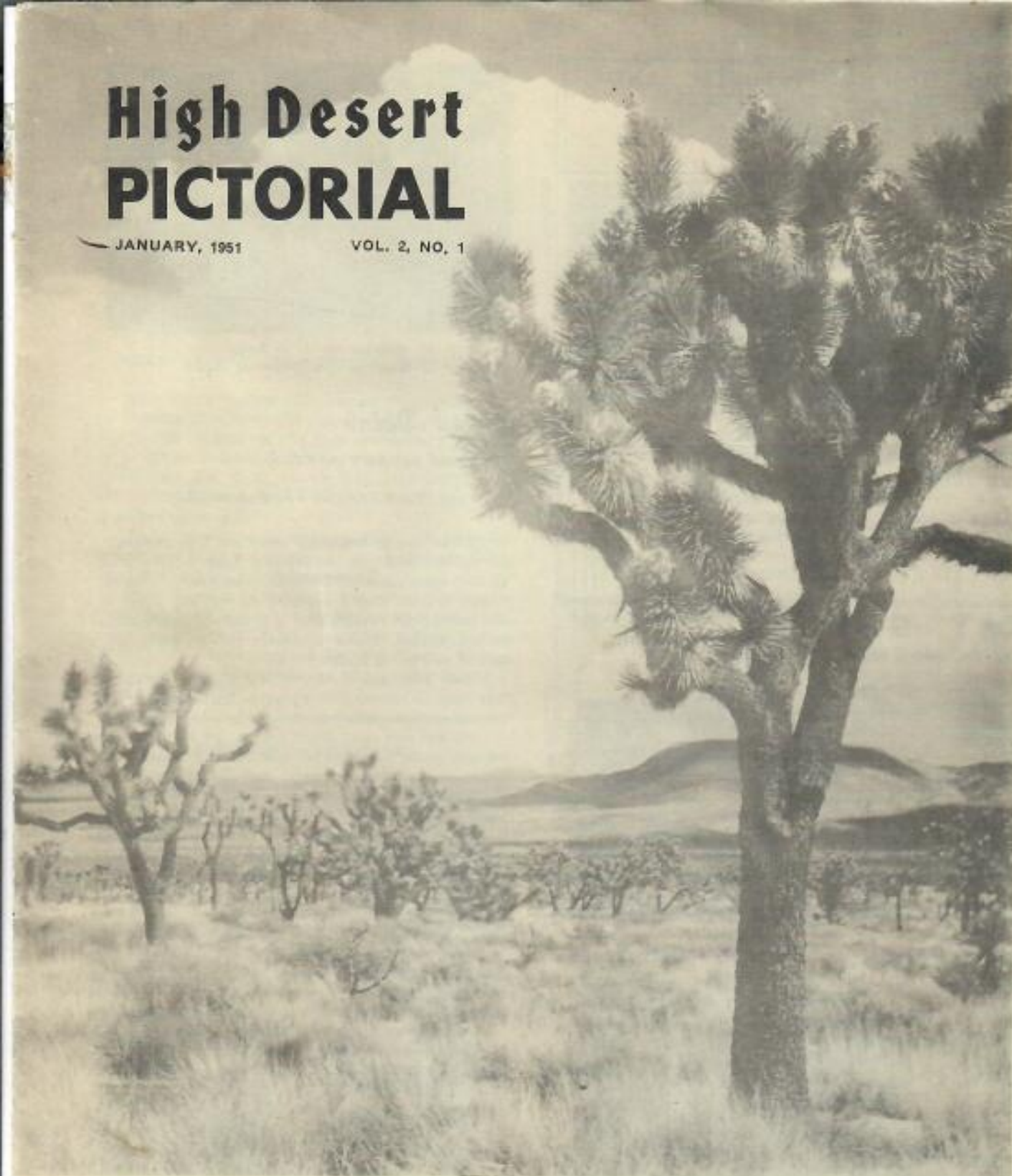


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Sand Doin's

BY JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

THE FAMILY TAKE A HIKE

While the young folks were at "The Joshuas" during the holidays, we finally took a hike that we had been planning for about ten years. I think it was in 1939 that a geodetic survey was made in this part of the country and in it the surveyors named the barren, rocky mountain to the north and east of us Paxton Ridge.

Nine years ago I climbed up a rugged side of that ridge to inspect three plaques bearing our name, but not until recently had the family taken that hike.

We left our cabin about ten o'clock in the morning and drove over to Fred and Isabelle Ehlers who live in a neat little rock home (made by Fred) about two miles east of the ridge. We would have enjoyed having the Ehlers go with us, but, not finding them at home, we parked our car there and started walking straight west towards the base of the mountain. Of the six of us, Evelyn, who is a member of the Sierra Club, and Charles were the best hikers on the trip. Ten-year-old Patricia and Adelaide, her mother, had done very little rough climbing and were not too sure it was much of a lark. Guy Ohlen, my near-neighbor, and I have both been slackers the past several years in our rock-climbing and found the steeper slopes rather rough going.

On the lower levels we saw many small plants: dainty little green mats clinging to the sand. Courageous wild flowers surprised us at every turn, and here and there in a sheltered nook were groups of rare blossoms. As usual in this part of the valley, the cholla cacti were everywhere. Many extra steps were required to avoid getting their hooked thorns into our shoes. The whole ridge is exceptionally barren, yet quite a few juniper, Joshua, and manzanita dot its rocky slopes.

In spite of the calendar date the day was warm, and after making any exceptional steep climb, we would take a short rest on an inviting ledge of rock.

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By Howard D. Clark

The Joshua forests stretch almost endless miles on the High Desert.

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Grubstake Days Planned

BY

YUCCA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce held its election of officers for the new year on January 12th. Bill Tenney is the new President; Russell Orr, 1st Vice President; Art LaFever, 2nd Vice President; and Mrs. C. C. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer. Board members are George Evanoff and Mrs. Ann Pietschman.

Dues have been changed to \$10.00 for business houses and \$2.50 for residents. A membership drive has been planned for February.

The Chamber is making plans for a "Grubstake Days" weekend in April in connection with the Western Mining Council. The celebration will be flavored with the atmosphere of the Old West. Emery Hanson is chairman in charge of the three-day program.

SURPRISE JAM-SESSION

Vi Ray was feted at a surprise jam-session honoring her birthday Thursday evening, January 18th.

The celebration drew people from all parts of the valley and filled Bouchey's with music and laughter.

Vi Ray and Eleanor Fairbanks played the piano, Sunny Lowe played the base fiddle, Odie Ray strummed the banjo and Dean Fairbanks beat the drums. Hilda and Ed Hardesty entertained the crowd with their dancing. Vi and Eleanor gave a special electric organ recital on a toy-sized organ brought out for the occasion.

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By Bruce Cranston

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O, just a lonely stranger,
Like pioneer of old.
With pick and shovel and a pack,
I scan the lonely trail,
Upon my faithful burro's back,
E'en in the moonlight pale,
The mountainsides and foothills
Are rugged, steep and gray,
While cactus tall, with sharpened quills,
So often blocks the way.
We plod along 'neath burning sun,
Weary, tired and sore,
But on we keep, 'till day is done,
And shadows gather o'er,
Then rolled up in my blanket tight,
Unmindful of the cries
Of mountain beasts that wail all night,
We sleep until sunrise,
The faithful burro, standing near,
Just shakes his shaggy head,
He never thinks his life is drear,
As long as he is fed.
The day begins, and ends again,
While 'long the trail we creep,
Still looking for the golden grain
That's in the rocks to reap.



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Frank Garske -- Archer

Frank Garske, famous archer and big game hunter, brings to Yucca Valley a fine plan for archery fans. He is developing facilities for teaching the fundamentals of this fascinating sport and will install an official twenty-eight target roving range, plus moving animal targets, at Garske Acres in the Yucca Corral Acres tract.

Frank's earliest recollections are of making bows and arrows and of hunting in his native state of Washington. His artistry and craftsmanship is found in every beautifully polished, inlaid bow. Garske bows are known and used all over the United States.

One phase of Frank's archery as a livelihood has been trick shooting in exhibition work. He is one of the country's top-ranking trick-shot artists. His specialty acts include shooting ashes from cigarettes and dimes tossed in the air. He also hits two separate targets with two arrows shot simultaneously.

Garske's hunting record includes big game from the rugged mountains of the western states. He has bagged bear, deer, wild boar, rocky mountain goat and the famous Javelina (pronounced Havelina), which he considers tops in hunting thrills.

The Javelina is the native wild pig of North America. It is very wary and its sense of smell and hearing are extremely acute. It is both elusive and dangerous, possessing the speed of the greyhound and the maneuverability of a terrier. It is understandable, the archer's pride of accomplishment, in bagging a Javelina.

Frank has had archery classes in Pioneertown and Yucca Valley and now has his own range ready to be used by his students.



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On January 2nd, the elementary school children from Morongo Valley, Pioneertown, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, and Sunfair started school in the new Joshua Monument School in Yucca Valley.

The occupancy of this school building brings to completion a project which began with a local school bond election in April 1946. Ground was broken in February of 1950.

The school is a completely modern structure. One of the most striking features of the building are north windows extending from floor to ceiling, tinted blue green to eliminate the desert glare. The bottom row of panes is specially made and heat treated to withstand shock and to eliminate splintering in case of breakage.

Clerestory windows are on the south walls. The interior ceiling is designed to eliminate direct sun rays while at the same time allowing a maximum of light to enter the classrooms. This use of large window areas together with the unique design of the ceiling provides maximum light throughout each classroom with very little variation of light intensity. The furniture is of natural blond maple.

Radiant heating is used throughout the school. In addition to the floor heat, here is an auxiliary hot water convector heater extending along the north wall of each classroom at the base of the windows.

The building was designed by Architect Maynard Lyndon, A. I. A., who is gaining much recognition for his functional modern school house designs.

The new school is staffed by a well-trained and experienced group of teachers. Mrs. Ruth Collins is seventh and eighth grade teacher and Vice Principal. Mr. Paul Meckna teaches the fifth and sixth grades. Mrs. Pearl Jones has the third and fourth grades, while Mrs. Reed gives the young ones a good start in the first and second grades.

WOODRAY CAFE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday evening, January 25th, the Woodray Cafe is celebrating its first anniversary in Yucca Valley. The Woods and Rays invite everyone to open house at the Community Hall and will serve sandwiches and coffee, so don't miss this chance to get free eats from the Woodrays! There will be music and dancing also.

Diary of a Cow BY KIT RECHE

Dear Diary . . . At this, my hour of birth, there are happenings that seem destined to set me apart. Instead of a bovine mother's tongue to cleanse and dry me off, I can feel two warm hands. Deftly they rub my wet body with some rough material. My optical sights aren't too well lined out yet, so I can't see the form that guides those hands. But the voice penetrates thru to my young brain. That voice contains all the elements any animal need hear to prompt its confidence. So I relax and let those hands bundle me into a noisy box with wheels that carries me far from the place of my birth.

Dear Diary . . . I am a yearling now. I, and four others like me, have been turned out of my pen at the home ranch to run loose on the range. I seem to be different from those others, because I like to return home every few days and have Walt check me over for bruises. I learned his name early, but I can't tell what relation he is to me. I think of him as being my mother. My bovine friends say I am wrong, that he is my master. Either way, I love him. He has two small people and one near his own size. These he calls Morgan, Donna, and Kit. They are all wonderful to me. I am a happy cow.

Dear Diary . . . I am getting to be three years old. Still a maiden! Real man cows are sure scarce on this range. Walt rides a high stepping horse around the range and seems to be very proud of the way his horse picks 'em up and puts 'em down . . . Lightfooted, we animals call it.

Dear Diary . . . Great News! I am going to be a mother! A man cow paid us a visit. Yes, Walt is now proud of me, too!

Dear Diary . . . My baby died, but Walt brought several little calves from another ranch. I try to mother all of them. I give three and a half gallons of milk every morning and night. That makes me a seven gallon cow.

Dear Diary . . . Something has happened in the world of people. My family have sad faces. I hear the word War mentioned often. Kit is busy packing and storing boxes . . . Something is going to happen!

Dear Diary . . . It did happen! For the first time I live away from Rancho Kw. I do not like being tied to the tail gate of the truck all the time. My family live in an olive drab trailer. Walt tells me they are doing Aircraft Warning Service for heir country.

Dear Diary . . . This War business is sure messing up my life! We left that post and are now perched on top of a windy hill above the Whitewater river. This, I do not like. Today I made a lusty Moo right into an open window to tell Walt just how I felt. Kit was on duty with a field radio wide open, two army phones wide open, and her boss waiting on another phone! Gosh, everyone heard my complaint . . . there she was frantically trying to tell all of them what that noise was they had heard. Gee, I feel ashamed for causing her so much trouble.

Dear Diary . . . Here we go again. Now we are stationed at Victorville and there are five inches of snow on the ground. But I have a blanket, and I have learned to keep my big mouth shut. Today our boss came by and told us my Moo had been picked up by a short wave unit in Africa, and they wanted to know what went with the Reche cow. He laughed about it, so I guess he is over his mad at us.

Dear Diary . . . At last we are back at Rancho Kw. Now I can have my baby in my own corral. Donna gave me a bath today. She shampooed my tail. It is soft and fluffy. She tied a lovely light blue ribbon on it. It was late when Walt came home and he never uses a light to milk by so all I could do was swish the pretty ribbon across his face. He laughed when he felt the bow and my fluffy tail.

Dear Diary . . . I have a bouncing son! My, he is pretty. He is in a pen right next to me. I had a bad scare today. A man came into the barnyard with Walt. While I am used to seeing this, it frightened me when they stopped at my corral. Always before, they go on to the goat pen. There, the man says some number and Walt says some. They keep that up a while, then Walt says, "Sold," and the man takes some goats away. See why I got scared? Today this man looked at me and said, "Two hundred cash." I held my breath, then Walt laughed, "Mister, you haven't got enough money to buy her. What you came to see is over here." I reached over the fence and gave Walt a quick lick on the cheek before he could duck away, because I know he needed those numbers bad right now. I made myself a promise right then to repay Walt for that.

Dear Diary . . . Walt tells me this is a new year, 1951. I hear a lot of talk about routine and milking regularly. Gee, Walt nver milked me regular twice running. Sometimes my hay was poor grade sometimes not enough, but us cows can do a lot about it ourselves if we really love our people enough . . . and I surely do mine . . . Bess.

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HEALTH MAINTENANCE, PART IV
DR. DEAN W. FAIRBANKS

In my last article I stated, that in future articles I would cite specific cases which were proclaimed hopeless, but now are living testimonials to the effectiveness of chiropractic spinal adjustment.

In my ten years of practice I have handled many cases, but I wish to consider only three outstanding ones at this time.

Number One: A young World War II army veteran diagnosed by army doctors as having spinal arthritis and herniated intervertebral disc and discharged as hopelessly crippled. He walked laboriously with the aid of a cane, unable to walk erect. After eight months of intensive treatment plus corrective exercises, he was able to do a normal day's work of manual labor. Today, three years later, this young man has not had a recurrence of his former ailment.

Number Two: A middle-aged man suffering from tri-facial neuralgia, an extremely painful condition affecting either side of the face and head. This man had been unable to chew his food without excruciating pain for fifteen years. He had availed himself of the various types of treatments without success. After five treatments, taken over a period of two weeks, this man was able to enjoy a steak for the first time in fifteen years, and became actively engaged in his former business.

Number Three: A young World War II Army veteran affected with a heart ailment diagnosed as arrhythmia. Upon examination with a stethoscope, I found that the heart would not beat in proper rhythm over four times. After three treatments a week, for two months, this patient's heart returned to normal. Periodic treatments, followed by routine checkups have shown no deviation from the normal.

The aforementioned cases have been treated with scientific chiropractic adjustment, and no doubt have been aided considerably by the high and dry desert climate.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 469 of Yucca Valley held their annual turkey dinner on January 5th. Eighty people were served a bountiful meal.

The Legion sponsors the Cub Scouts and these, with their leaders and den mothers, were guests at the dinner.

Guests present were May B. Wheeler, Maude Hall and Emma Ordway from the Three Sisters Ranch in Morongo Valley; Donald Conyers, Alice White, Myrtle Orr, Edna Lindsay and Gabrielle Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck celebrated their birthdays as well as their wedding anniversary and several beautifully decorated cakes were served.

A regular meeting was held after dinner. Thank you notes for Christmas boxes were received from servicemen W. W. Denton, Bill Downing, and Paul Mercatoris.



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Hooking Rugs - A Hobby

BY KATHY NEWTON

To my friends and neighbors in the desert who are interested in rug hooking as a hobby.

The Hooked Rug is a fascinating subject for discussion. It is a known fact that its origin was not American, but that hooked rugs came from Europe. Museum authorities, art collectors, and teachers of Handicraft, have hunted for early traces of the hand-hooked rug and found that the oldest came from Scotland and England in the seventeenth century; just how much earlier they were first made can hardly be determined.

Hand made rugs in New England have been traced back to 1750. The very early settlers had no mats or rugs at all except those made of rushes, or of the skins of wild animals. When rugs came across the ocean in various cargoes, from European and more eastern ports, the prices were so high that the average household could not afford them. Hence began the practice of using household rags and homespun yarn in rug making. Later, the growth of our New England and Canadian shipping industry, and our increasing wealth, brought foreign goods and, especially, fine materials and designs from the greatest ports of the world which were incorporated in the hand-made hooked rugs. So the American rugs spread and we find them now from north to south and east to west in an array of beautiful patterns and colors. Rug hooking is now one of the most popular of the textile hobbies in the United States.

(Instructions in rug hooking will be published in succeeding issues.)

Howard D. Clark



LOCAL LIAR WINS OSCAR

Howard D. Clark, local writer and prospector, was acclaimed the biggest liar in the desert at the Borrego Springs annual Pegleg Liars Club meeting New Year's Eve. He is shown with the liar's Oscar, a statuette of Pegleg, who found and lost one of the most celebrated gold mines in California's history.

Clark's "Biggest" Lie -

It was in that terrible dry year that we three prospectors left Yuma to follow Pegleg's trail westward to find the three hills where he picked up the black nuggets. We had two burros, Arsenic and Cyanide. We crossed the sand dunes and when we were coming around the south end of the Chocolate range we ran out of water. The burros were in bad shape and we knew we could never get to Borrego Springs without water for all of us.

We camped a couple of nights and looked at the rock tanks, but the mountain sheep had already licked them two feet deeper into the stone to get the last drop. The only thing that could save us was rain, and sure enough, the next night a storm came up. It began to rain and the burros ran out to lick up every drop. I was holding my gold pan above my head to catch all I could and feeling mighty good about it when suddenly old Cyanide came over and spit out what looked like a wad of cotton. He looked up at me so mournful like that I knew something was wrong. I brought my gold pan down to see how much water it had and it was half full, but it was the queerest looking water I ever saw. Now folks, you might not believe this, but it was so dry that those rain drops had dried up so there was hardly a thing left but the empty hulls. They were hardly even moist. Well, we spread a big blanket and caught about ten bushels of those dried up rain drops and crushed them in our mortars and wrung them out and we didn't get more than a gallon of water out of the whole lot. But it saved our lives. We all wet our tongues and gave Arsenic and Cyanide a taste and crossed the Salton Sink that night and got to Borrego Springs just in time.

That was the driest year I ever saw on the desert and I hope I never see another like it.



POPULAR HOOKED RUG DESIGN

INDIO CAMEL RACES AND DATE FESTIVAL

The Riverside Fair and National Date Festival, February 16 to 22, held at Indio in the heart of the date-growing country, will be staged in Arabian setting. The fair grounds are the replica of an Arabian city. The residents will wear Arabian dress during the seven day program from February 16 to 22. Feature attractions will include a slave market, Arabian street parade, Bagdad Bazaar, and camel races. There will also be an Arabian Nights pageant each evening. Date and other agricultural exhibits will be displayed at the fairgrounds.

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LIONS CLUB DINNER

The Lions Club had dinner at Randy's Cafe in Morongo Valley following their last meeting. Plans for a stag party for Lions and their friends were made. The place and time will be announced.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Palm Springs held a dance recently and, with the proceeds, purchased an iron lung which has been placed in the Palm Springs Hospital. The use of the lung and hospital room will be free to persons of the high desert. Donations to this worthwhile cause will be accepted at Freeman's Shell Station, Terp's Inn, and Arnold's Hardware, Morongo Valley.

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MEXICAN JOURNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wickoff and Mr. John Hilton recently returned from a jeep trip into lower Mexico.

They visited the little village of San Sebastian, in the State of Nayarit, nestled in the mountains on the west coast of Mexico. Unspoiled by modern civilization, San Sebastian has never known the sound of autos. The only way into the town from the western side of the mountain leads up a steep trail which must be traveled on foot or by horseback. It is an eleven hour trip.

Mrs. Wickoff was the first white woman to visit the town in fifty years — and the natives were still talking about the last one!

They discovered many unusual specimens of flora in the jungles there. Mr. Hilton described several unusual philodendrons which grew profusely, both on the ground and hanging from the trees. They also discovered a tree with daisy-like flowers which they believe to be of a species unknown to botanists.

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PRICKLY PEAR

By Ruth Davis

When Columbus first set foot upon the American continent, Prickly Pears were being cultivated by the natives. Now, there are about 130 species of the Prickly Pear, found from British Columbia through the western states, Central America and West Indies to southern South America.

The two most common species on our California deserts are *Opuntia Vaseyi* and *Opuntia Occidentalis*. The bluish green joints are oval to round in shape and are about 8 inches long and about 6 inches wide. Some have dark red spines, and others have bright yellow spines. There are from one to five or six spines at an areole (or group), of varying length and heaviest at the upper areoles. The spines are reddish at the base with white on the upper half.

The tunas or fruits of the Prickly Pear are commonly called Cactus Apples. They are edible, and have a delicious tart flavor, and are sometimes used for jelly making. The fruit and pulp are red or dark red.

Very showy flowers appear near the upper parts of the joints. The flowers are red, salmon, cream, sulphur yellow and bronze. The Prickly Pear is now in bloom. I saw many of their beautiful flowers on my last trip to the desert.

In some places abroad Prickly Pears are valued for their fruit, but most places they are considered as troublesome weeds. The peasants in Sicily live mainly upon the fruit from July to November. It is one of their chief crops.

Another important feature is the use of the Prickly Pear for stock feeding, especially in drought seasons. The spines are burned or rubbed off for this purpose, but cattle sometimes eat them without this treatment, and they frequently die because the spines pierce their intestines. For this reason, spineless varieties have been cultivated.

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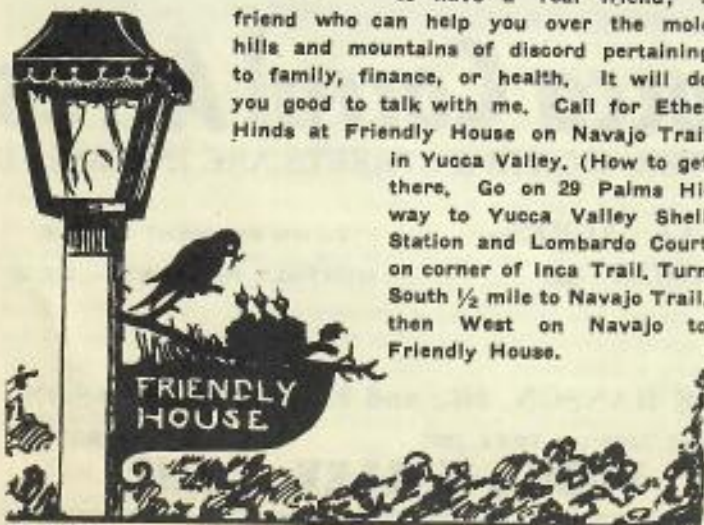
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to have a real friend; a friend who can help you over the mole hills and mountains of discord pertaining to family, finance, or health. It will do you good to talk with me. Call for Ethel Hinds at Friendly House on Navajo Trail in Yucca Valley. (How to get there, Go on 29 Palms Highway to Yucca Valley Shell Station and Lombardo Court on corner of Inca Trail, Turn South 1/2 mile to Navajo Trail, then West on Navajo to Friendly House.



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Al Lipps Buys Silver Dollar

The Silver Dollar is now owned by Al Lipps, a former partner of the Red Dog and property owner of Yucca Valley. He lives in Westminster and manages the Orange County Bus Co. which will keep him busy at the coast for a while. Marshall Jones is operating the Silver Dollar for Al during his absence. He has redecorated the building, replacing the pool tables with booths, and is serving sandwiches, coffee, beer, and soft drinks. Everyone is invited to drop in and enjoy themselves.

DRIVE SAFELY — ALL YEAR

If you have not already done so, make those New Year's resolutions — safe driving and walking resolutions — now, the California Highway Patrol urged today.

Whether driving or walking, your safety is largely your own responsibility, it was pointed out.

"Resolutions to drive and walk safely should be easy to keep," the Patrol declared. "No will power or self-denial are needed — just courtesy and common sense."

They will pay off handsomely in wealth and well-being, the Patrol added.

HEADPIN TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The headpin tournament sponsored by the American Legion Post 469, Yucca Valley, was held at the Pioneer Bowl in Pioneertown on January 14.

The following is a list of the winners and the prizes awarded:

- Herbert B. Aldredge — Headpin trophy and photograph, awarded by Pioneer Bowl, and two dinners at the Woodray Cafe, Yucca Valley.
- Harvey Adgers — Headpin trophy and photograph, awarded by Pioneer Bowl, and 12 cans of beer from the Yucca Valley Inn.
- Ed Hardesty — Two dinners at Randy's Cafe, Morongo Valley.
- Shorty Orr — \$1.00 in trade at Scott's Chevron Station, Morongo Valley.
- R. A. Caerbert — 1 lubrication job at Yucca Valley Sky Corral, Yucca Valley.
- A. LeFevre — Chinese vase from Morongo Hardware Co., Morongo Valley.
- Kenn Witting — Five gallons of gas from Jimmy Freemans Shell Station, Morongo Valley.
- Charlie Gross — 1 dry cleaning order from Jack LeVee, Yucca Valley.
- Bob Garry — Gene Antry records from Red Dog Saloon, Pioneertown.
- Anita Parter — \$1.00 in trade at the Morongo Market, Morongo Valley.
- Joe Wagner — 5 gals. gas from Odgers Wilshire Station, Yucca Valley.
- Clay Tunstall — 1 carton cigarettes from Harlesty's Grocery, Yucca Valley.
- Lucille Carl — \$1.00 in trade from Ralph's Market, Morongo Valley.
- Florence Harmon — 1 deck of cards and chips from Storey's Drug Store, Yucca Valley.
- Guy W. Peterson — 1 dozen doughnuts from the Gold Nugget Cafe, Pioneertown.
- George Rahrman — 1 year's subscription to High Desert Pictorial.
- Mrs. R. G. Fox — 1 Deluxe dinner at the Golden Stallion, Pioneertown.
- John Hamilton — 1 dozen eggs from Desert Poultry Farm.

Sand Doin's

At last we reached the top of the ridge where the land stretches out into a long, level mesa. There was no wind, only stillness and the sun. And the stillness gave one a feeling of isolation and far-awyness! It was then that Adelaide and Patricia went on a sit-down strike; the warm sand induced them into relaxation and rest. Besides, they were carrying the fruit juices and the apples! The rest of us then began the search for the markers placed by the geodetic survey.

We didn't know just where the plaques were located, but the way was now easy going; so we scattered out into various directions looking for likely places to find them. The first one we found was enclosed by a cairn and almost covered by contributions of cholla balls and various small pieces of trash brought in by packrats. On each brass marker was inscribed the customary wording about its being a U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the fine imposed on anyone molesting it. The name PAXTON appeared in the center of each circular plate.

We would not leave without our two "pickers," Adelaide and Patricia, also seeing the plaques; after all, that was the reason why they had made the long hike and rugged climb! A little persuasion soon brought them across the mesa. Immediately Patricia forgot her lagging spirit and became quite enthusiastic over the find.

As usual, we took a few pictures on the hike and, as usual, some of them were no good when finished. However, I am sure that every one of us will remember that trip without a picture to remind us, for the day was perfect and we had finally accomplished something that we had planned to do together for more than ten years!

REAL ESTATE BOARD ELECTION

The annual Real Estate Board anniversary dinner was held at Bouche's last Thursday evening. The Board was organized in 1948 to assist local real estate agencies.

Speakers were Mr. Wasserberger, President of the 29 Palms Joshua Monument National Bank; Mr. Marks, Pioneer Title Company of San Bernardino; Mr. O. D. Thomas, Yucca Mesa; Bill Tenny, President of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce; Mr. E. R. Williams, Yucca Valley; Mr. John Duncan, Joshua Tree; and Mr. Mitchell, retiring president of the Board.

The new officers elected at the meeting are: E. R. Williams, President; Forrest Summers, Vice President; and Wilson Lindsey, Secretary-Treasurer.



J.K.



This picture shows the cairn enclosing one plaque, while at the other, Patricia, Adelaide, and Charles Doran read the inscription.

Church Notes

**YUCCA VALLEY
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CHURCH**
THE DESERT PARSON
Sunday School Services-10 a.m.
Church Services--11a.m., 8 p.m.
Thursday evening — Prayer
Meeting — 8 p.m.

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CHURCH**
KICKAPOO TRAIL
REV. LOLA M. STOUT, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7:45 p.m.
Tues. Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Fri. Prayer Meeting, 7:45 p.m.

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