Committee Hears of Innovations at Fair

SUMMER FUN—Members of the Italian-American Club gathered Sunday in Fontana for their annual family picnic on the club grounds. One of the activities was bocci being enjoyed by, from left, Joe Guzzo, Tony Picca, Atticio Coccia and Ciro Minicucci. (Gee Studio photo)

County Event To Be 'Bigger And Better'

VICTORVILLE—More than 150 committee workers, county fair officials and guests caught an early look Saturday night of the Oct. 3-8 event.

Indications from all sides were that it will be "still bigger, still better."

Military Day, (Oct. 3), inaugurated last year, will feature marching bands, drill teams, aircraft and weapons displays in far greater profusion than last year, said Col. C. E. Tolhurst of George Air Force Base.

Colonel Tolhurst, project officer representing Brig. Gen. John A. Dunning, already has put in four months of efforts. The fair this year will have an "outer space" theme.

PLEDGE GIVEN

Summing up the community effort that goes into each fair, Frank Whicher, chairman of the gem and mineral display, pledged that:

"We'll come and see your pigs, pictures and pastry. We hope you'll visit our display, too."

Fair directors introduced chairmen of various departments and divisions at the annual dinner, served by the Work Relief Society, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at the senior high school.

Among innovations this year are:

—Creation of three divisions, each based on enrollment, of the high school band contest which has been a stellar success in recent years. Chaffey High, three-year winner, may not compete this year, it was reported, but will be present.

—A pageant type of horse show, with a western setting for quarter horses, a Near East setting for Arabians and an Indian setting for Appaloosas.

TRACTOR DRIVING

—Combination of the tractor rodeo of National Orange Show fame with the annual FFA tractor driving skills contest.

—Hollywood celebrities during a new "radio day," slated Oct. 4, Wednesday, with a number of area radio stations cooperating.

—Repeat of "Senior Citizens Day" with even greater numbers of oldsters from throughout the county.

Entries in the fair continue to cramp available space. Number of junior livestock entries has has gained so much that the senior livestock division has been eliminated this year.

Included in the military day program will be bands—from Barstow Marine Corps, March Air Force Base and Fort Irwin; drill teams from March and George AFB; a sentry dog show; films and displays of current attempts to probe into space. Navy, WAF and ROTC units also may be a part of the day, said Col. Tolhurst.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

There will be no admission charged on Military Day. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Welcome at Saturday's dinner was extended by Charles D. Warner, Chino, president of the board, 28th District Agriculture Association, in charge of greeting guests and the art department.

Vice president Roger J. Hartwick, Barstow, was unable to attend. Other directors reporting were N. Earl (Tiny) Wilson, San Bernardino, entertainment, special events, special awards; Shibli S. Damus, Del Rosa, home economics, cooking school, honey; Alvin J. Tatum, Victorville, publicity, buildings and grounds, concessions; Robert W. Angel, Victorville, junior livestock and auction, Elks Rodeo; James L. Evans, San Bernardino, FFA and 4-H exhibits; H. James Gilliam, mining, minerals, commercial, armed forces; Bernard M. Scheppers, Rialto, admissions, parking, guard service, participation of organizations.

GUESTS LISTED

Among guests were Assemblyman Eugene G. Nisbet of Upland; County Supervisor and Mrs. Paul J. Young; Board of Trade Director and Mrs. Olin C. Halstead; Dr. Delbert Van Voorhis, also Board of Trade; President Chris Sherri and manager and Mrs. S. D. Ulch, of Lancaster-Antelope Valley Fair; and Mrs. Cliff Moon and Mrs. J. Clay Garrison, whose husbands were directors of the first county fair.

Dinner music was furnished by the Sugarfoot Collins Trio of Apple Valley.

Mrs. Bonnie Lutschg again this year will form part of the "Triad Trio" singers (including Lorene Zeiger, Amma Jean Hart and Ruth Blake, pianist) who will herald the fair with song. Mrs. Lutschg's daughter, Billie, "Miss Victorville of 1961," was present.

Secretary - manager Oren C. Robertson reported that once again all indications are for an even better fair.

NEWS OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

TOP STORIES FROM ALL POINTS IN THE NATION'S LARGEST COUNTY

The Sun

SIX HURT HERE—Six homeward-bound vacationers were hurt Saturday, some seriously, when their auto spun into a dividing island and ditch, ending on its top in the middle of the U.S. Highway 66-395 intersection. Included was a family of five of Stockton. Note attitude of prayer of bystander on left. (Sun staff photo)

Decision Due On Ontario's 'Mule Car'

ONTARIO — The Ontario City Council will make a decision by Aug. 14 on the problem of where to put a replica of the famed Euclid Avenue mule car.

A group of citizens contributed approximately $270 to the city asking that it be used to build a pavilion on the Euclid Avenue parkway that would serve as a permanent exhibit for the Ontario-San Antonio Heights Railroad Co. mule car.

TO COMMITTEE

Asking for a recommendation as to the best location for such an exhibit, Mayor Daniel D. Mikesell referred the question to the City Council's Public Services and Facilities Committee.

Councilman William E. Paulin, committee chairman, suggested the possibility of placing the mule car on display on a cement slab encircled by a chain link fence on the City Hall lawn, near the northwest corner of the City Hall.

After surveying the situation, Mikesell said the council would make a decision by the next council meeting on Aug. 14.

STARTS DRIVE

The funds were raised through the efforts of Leonard J. Frankish, a member of one of Ontario's pioneer families. He first mentioned it in his Sunday column in The Sun-Telegram, and The Ontario Sun office was headquarters for collection of the donations.

He turned the $270 over to City Manager Harold Martin.

IN FONTANA

Polio-Tetanus Shot Clinic Set Tomorrow

FONTANA — Persons from two months to 80 years of age are urged to receive polio shots when another in a series of polio-tetanus clinics is held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brunton Hall.

Fontana doctors are sponsoring the clinic in the hall basement, 9460 Sierra Ave.

A small charge is asked to cover the cost of material. Shots are free to those who cannot afford the charge, Mrs. Tony DeBlasio, chairman, said.

Children under five years of age have the least protection against polio, Mrs. DeBlasio said. First and second injections are urged a month apart, with the third shot seven to 10 months later followed by a yearly booster.

Tetanus toxoid inoculations have been offered through the polio clinic for the past six months. Ex-servicemen are urged to bring their booster shots up to date through the clinic.

First and second tetanus shots are given a month apart with a third one a year later and a booster every four or five years to keep the immunity up to level.

Future clinics are planned for Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 ad Dec. 6.

Cement Plant's Dust Collectors Worth $531,270

ORO GRANDE—Building permits for three bag-house type of cement dust collectors have been filed with the county. They total $531,270 in value, according to inspectors.

The conversion from the present electro-static method of dust supression is expected to take Riverside Cement Co. about one year at the Oro Grande plant.

Three Hurt in Hesperia Area

VICTORVILLE—Three persons were hurt Friday afternoon on U.S. Highway 66, 1.2 miles south of Main Street, when one of the drivers attempted to change lanes.

Hurt were Clayton I. Robins, 29, and his wife, Judith Robins, 26, both of Canoga Park, and Sheila Levitt, 25, of Hollywood. Injuries were not believed serious.

Drivers were listed as Harvey J. Fonville, Lamont, and Paul Gardner, 27, of Los Angeles. Fonville was driving a 1½-ton pickup truck. The crash, at 4:45 p.m., sheared off a highway post.

A second Friday crash, at 10 p.m. on Arrowhead Road, south of Hesperia, occurred when driver Ben U. Lung, 51, of 10719 Peach Ave., apparently dozed at the wheel. The pickup truck and trailer hit a cattleguard pillar.

He was not hurt.

PIONEER PASS PUSHERS SET CAMERA CAVALCADE AUG. 20

YUCCA VALLEY—Photographers and photographic enthusiasts are looking forward to the Pioneer Pass Camera Cavalcade, which has been set for Aug. 20 by the sponsors, the Pioneer Pass Pushers.

Groups from Big Bear Valley and the high desert will converge on the historic mining and cattle trail after meeting at the Moonridge Country Club in Big Bear at 9 a.m. They will first be briefed on rules, fire regulations and other details of the competition.

Ribbon awards for winners will be given for both color and black and white in two divisions.

For the best pictures that catch the human interest of the Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be made in Division I.

The second division will offer 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards for the best pictorial shot of the one-day event.

There are separate classifications for color and black and white.

Invitations have been extended to Marginia Ewing, Miss Yucca Valley; Charlotte Kissinger, Queen of the 1961 Turtle Races and the Snow Queen of Big Bear. Twentynine Palms has also been asked to send a representative. Georgene Bradshaw, "Miss Pioneer Pass" is expected to attend.

The day of photography will follow Pioneer Pass down through Arrastre Creek, Rose Mine, Pioneer Pass Canyon, Monument View, Rimrock and Pioneertown.

For further information, individual or camera clubs should contact Al Fisher, Box 471, Yucca Valley.

Hungary Catholic Church Gets Art

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Communist Hungary's Roman Catholic Church, stripped of all its properties and estates after World War II, has had a windfall, the Catholic newspaper Uj Ember disclosed.

The supreme court has decreed that the Christian museum at Esztergom Cathedral, containing one of the most valuable collections of Italian Renaissance paintings in Europe is the property of the church, Uj Ember said.

2 Ontario Residents To Attend Cal Poly

ONTARIO — Ontario residents accepted for admittance to the Kellogg Campus of California State Polytechnic College in Pomona for the 1961-62 include: Ervin R. Harver, 739 Vesta St., and Darryl E. Malotte, 12308 S. Fern Ave.

Supreme Court Kills Kidnaping Charges Against Farm Unionists

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The State Supreme Court yesterday ordered the Imperial County Superior Court to dismiss kidnaping charges against 23 union members indicted by the county grand jury following a labor dispute last February.

Robert Cotton Jr. and 22 others indicted by the grand jury contended that the lengthy indictment against them lacked sufficient evidence to support the charges.

The indictment grew out of an incident at the Joe Corona labor camp near Brawley last Feb. 9, when members of the AFL-CIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee picketed the camp in an effort to induce Mexican contract workers to join the strike.

In the ensuing fight at the camp Fred Corona and three workers in the camp were injured. Corona is a food contractor.

The unanimous decision, written by Justice Thomas P. White, ordered the Imperial County Superior Court to dismiss the parts of the indictment charging the unionists with conspiracy to kidnap three of the workers and also to dismiss the kidnap charges.

The unionists also were charged with conspiracy to commit assault, trespassing on real property, assault upon Corona and the three workers, and with rioting.

The unionists contended that there was no planned conspiracy but that the alleged other crimes were the "spontaneous outgrowth of an unplanned altercation."

The high court said that "it does not seem reasonable" that the legislature in enacting the law against kidnaping "intended the statute to apply to a case of assault or riot," such as occurred in this case.

Group Insurance

NEW YORK (UPI) — Group Insurance celebrated its 50th birthday last month with more than $175 billion of policies in force owned by some 42 million employes of virtually every important U.S. company, according to Group Insurance News.

Enjoy Stay at Camp

RIALTO — Enjoying a week at Camp Maranatha near Idyllwild are two junior high school representatives from Bethany Presbyterian Church. They are Janie Ledford and Ricky Stock.

Pilot Tells Trouble With Landing Gear

ONTARIO — Emergency units at Ontario International Airport were called out Sunday night when the pilot of a five-passenger airplane reported he was having difficulty with his landing gear.

The pilot, R. L. Butcher of Newport Beach, made several passes at the runway while trying to get his landing gear down, according to Fire Department records.

Finally the pilot was successful in releasing the landing gear and returned to Brackett Field in La Verne, where he originally had intended to land, firemen said.

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Giles said crash procedure recently devised in conferences involving law enforcement, Fire Department and airport officials was placed in effect.

This included closing of traffic on certain streets in the vicinity of the airport.

Giles said he was pleased with the way the procedure worked.

Salary Increases Result in Filling County Vacancies

County Personnel Director Sam R. Wyland said he will report to the Board of Supervisors today that recent changes made in nursing recruitment for the County Hospital resulted in the filling of all nine vacancies.

The change involved a different salary schedule, putting them more in keeping with private hospitals, Wyland said.

The Civil Service Commission will meet at 1:30 p.m., then jointly with the board at 2:30 p.m.

A letter of commendation from a life insurance company will be read for employes for the planning and work in enrollment for health insurance for county employes. Those commended are staff personnel officer William S. Steffen and health insurance clerk Billie A. Hansen.

Wyland will also report on examination activities for July which included 67 examinations conducted, 837 applicants examined and 288 found qualified for county employment and placed on eligible lists.

Other items on the tentative agenda include discussion of a county safety program, medical examinations for employes whose health may be in question and age and height requirements for deputy sheriffs.

Woman Hurt in Mishap Is Reported Improving

MONTCLAIR — Mrs. Louise Scott, 48, who suffered injuries when hit by an automobile last month, is improving and reported as in "good" condition at Central Memorial Hospital.

Lawrence Allen Russell, 19, is scheduled to appear at 10 a.m. Sept. 26 in Ontario Municipal Court to enter a plea on charges of reckless driving with injuries.

ELEVEN PERSONS INJURED IN TWO TRAFFIC CRASHES

VICTORVILLE — Eleven persons were hurt, several of them gravely, in two Saturday highway crashes 50 minutes apart.

Five members of one Stockton family, returning homeward from vacation, and a fellow passenger were seriously hurt at 3:15 p.m. when their auto rolled over at the intersection of U.S. 395 and U.S. 66, Hesperia area.

Five persons were injured in a two-car crash at 4:05 p.m. at Deadman's Point, junction of Bear Valley Road and State Highway 18, Apple Valley.

INJURED LISTED

Injured in the first crash were: Harold R. Crow Sr., 37, the driver, with a bruised right foot; his wife, Opal Crow, 32, with head lacerations; their son, Harold R. Crow Jr., 12, with minor injuries; her parents, Isaac A. Shaeffer, 71, with right leg injuries, and Maude Shaeffer, 71, with head and leg injuries, all of Stockton; and a passenger, Don Campbell, 13, of Santa Cruz, with face cuts.

None of them were believed in danger of their lives yesterday at St. Mary Desert Valley Hospital.

Apparently Crow was quickly changing lanes to turn onto U.S. 395 when another auto, also northbound, driven by James Eugene London, 21, of Norwalk, came into contact with the rear of their auto.

The Crow auto spun into the divider, hit a ditch and overturned in the middle of the intersection.

In the second crash, William G. Chester, 41, of Buena Vista, attempted to turn left from State Highway 18 to Bear Valley Road. Another auto, driven by Bernadette Dahl, 49, was in collision with the Chester auto. Hurt were:

Mrs. Dahl, 13892 Pioneer Rd., Apple Valley, with possible fractures; and her passengers, Elaine Dahl, 15, with head lacerations; Mike Mahoney, 17, of 960 Goshute Rd., Apple Valley, with a lacerated hand; Santa Saltz, 13, 22325 Highway 18, Apple Valley, with face lacerations (undergoing surgery yesterday at St. Bernardine's Hospital, San Bernardino). Also injured was the other driver, Chester.

Crippen Ambulance, Apple Valley, carried the injured.

SOUTHLAND GROUPS INVITED

Gem, Mineral Club Plans for Gala Opening of Clubhouse

VICTORVILLE — Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold grand opening of its new clubhouse Friday, Sept. 1, with invitations sent to 135 lapidary clubs in Southern California to participate in the event.

The rockhounds' new building is located at 15060 7th St., Victorville. It was made from two bungalows purchased from Victor Valley Junior High School District joined for a combined floor space of 68-feet by 22½-feet, including a kitchen and lounge facilities.

PLANS ANNOUNCED

Future plans include a work shop for lapidarians, geology classes, an educational program for youth after the start of the school year next month and regular meetings and programs.

The club was formed in the spring of 1945 with eight members. The late Burt Dunham was president. Charter members still active in the organization are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratt and Michael Will.

Sherman T. Marquand, current president of the club, also served as president during 1950-51. Membership at the present time totals 93 persons with four new applications under consideration.

Marquand purchased two lots on the 7th Street site for $1,500 each and sold one to the club for the original purchase price. The other lot was sold recently for $10,000.

Mrs. George Seals will display transparencies, Mrs. Helen Pratt will exhibit Indian artifacts and Mrs. Marjorie Lewis is arranging a surprise feature display for the grand opening.

There will be 30 display cases installed in the clubhouse for other displays by members.

DISPLAYS ON EXHIBIT

Lapidary displays are now on exhibit in three business places in the valley. Mrs. Maxine Pierce recently had an exhibit from her lapidary collection at Hartwick's Market in Victor Valley Shopping Center and items from the collection of John C. Whitefoot may now be seen at the market.

Marquand has articles in the display case at Bank of America, Victorville; and Mr. and Mrs. Pratt at the Elton S. Goble Insurance Co. office, Victorville.

Built-in Shelter

OSSINING, N.Y. (UPI) — Inmates of Sing Sing Prison already have a built-in fallout shelter in case of nuclear attack—and they won't have to go outside their walls to reach it.

Muscoy Blazes Believed Arson

Arson is suspected in a series of four fires which flared up within two hours Sunday evening in the Muscoy area.

Continuing investigations with a definite individual and a vehicle description in mind are Detective Clifford P. Brown, of the sheriff's arson detail, Muscoy Fire Chief Earl L. Mathiot and James Johnson, California Division of Forestry fire prevention officer.

First of the calls, which kept the department busy most of the night before midnight, came at 9:21 p.m. when a house fire at 2473 1st Ave. was reported. When firemen arrived, the entire living room of the house was afire and the attic and roof were almost destroyed.

The house was vacant and had just been moved onto the lot. Firemen listed the owner as Mrs. Ruth Wilkinson, 275 S. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino. No damage estimate was given.

Second call came at 10:55, when a 4 by 6-foot billboard at Farmer's Market, 1860 W. Highland Ave., was reported on fire. Owner was listed as R. G. Shuey, 631 Magnolia Ave.

A wooden chicken coop at 2975 State St. was next, at 11:22 p.m. It was on the property of Mrs. Z. A. Young.

Final of the series came at 11:45 when Muscoy firemen doused a grass fire along the right of way in front of the Muscoy Baptist Church, State and Nolan Streets.

"All four fires are believed to have been set by what I call a 'firebug'," Detective Brown said yesterday. "The fires were all different in nature and all occurred close to each other in location and time."

Dismissal Denied Velarde; Trial Oct. 2

Jury trial in Superior Court for a 41-year-old San Bernardino man accused of driving a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor yesterday was set for Oct. 2.

Gilbert Velarde, 25175 Davidson St., was denied a defense motion for dismissal of charges by Judge Edward P. Fogg of Dept. IV, and then pleaded not guilty.

Steven Kelley Stout, 7, of 243 E. Olive St., died 10 hours after he was hit by Velarde's car last June 28. The boy attempted to run across Olive Street.

SUN NEARLY BARBECUES 200 STRANDED PORKERS

BARSTOW — Two-hundred pigs very nearly became barbecued spare ribs in the beating desert sun yesterday when their transport truck broke down 20 miles east of Baker.

Sheriff's substation was notified at 4:45 a.m. and the driver from El Monte requested water be taken to the pigs. The California Highway Patrol located a water truck in Baker which went to the scene.

Two trucks were dispatched by the owners from Blythe and yesterday transferred the pigs before any could be lost.