

Awards Feature of Graduation

Presentation of awards featured the 22nd annual commencement exercises of Big Bear high school, when 18 seniors received their diplomas Wednesday evening.

Martin Stout was awarded the \$250 Rose Brandenburg Memorial scholarship by Mom 'n Pop, Inc., while a second award of \$150 was given Paul Poterger.

Ed Oerly was presented \$100 scholarship and trophy as winner of the Big Bear Lake Lions Club award for the outstanding senior in the field of sports.

Bill Bell, a member of the graduating class, and Pauline Mansfield were recipients of the portable radios awarded by the Fred Butts and Bill Parsons of Western Auto Supply to the two students named by the business people of Big Bear as the most outstanding good citizens.

In contribution to community, church, home and school.

Bill Bell received the Lifetime trophy as the most valuable all-around graduate.

Bell also received the \$10 first prize in the Americanism essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 584. His essay on "American Freedom" placed first in competition with 45 entries submitted by local high school students. Barbara McIntire and Audrey Bink both winners, were announced at graduation as second and third place winners, with honorable mention given Mary Spradlin, Bob Burns and Fred Bellomy. In behalf of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Hughes also received that the essays of Miss McIntire and Miss Bink placed first and second in the 25th district elimination contest, with \$25 and \$10 awards for the essayists, as well as their entries automatically being entered in state competition.

Wayne Klein received an electric drill awarded by Sam Minder to the outstanding student in mechanical arts and shop.

The valedictory address, "Graduation Round the World" was given by Colette Whitrow Ellis Sackman, who was in Army intelligence in North Africa, gave the commencement address.

DANAS BUY SMITHSON RANCH AT HELENDALE

Purchase of the 2400 acre alfalfa ranch of the Warren Smithsons at Helendale by Rose and Clarence Dana of Big Bear Lake and Apple Valley was revealed this week when the escrow closed June 6.

Both couples are well known in Big Bear Valley and nearby desert communities, where Mr. Dana operates the Dana Construction Co. The Danas will continue to reside at their Apple Valley Ranches home, while their daughter and son-in-law, the Cecil Cooleys, will move from Barstow to the ranch to make their residence, and Mrs. Cooley will commute to Barstow to manage that city's branch of the construction firm. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jorgensen of Riverside, a nephew will manage the ranch property.

Mr. Dana further states he is renaming the property to the "Circle 5 Ranch."

ELKS FLAG DAY PROGRAM OPEN TO PUBLIC THURS.

Public ceremony in recognition of Flag Day will be conducted June 14, 8 p.m. at the Elks Clubhouse by Big Bear Lodge #787, R. F. C. Elks, and everyone is urged to attend that they might gain a better appreciation of Old Glory and what her stars and stripes mean to Americans in this democracy, states Exalted Ruler Leo Chase.

The American Legion color guard will assist in the program which is being arranged by Jerry Cowan.

TEACHER ON MILITARY LEAVE KILLED JUNE 1

The host of friends of Larry Spaulding, popular member of the faculty of Big Bear Lake elementary school on military leave this year, were shocked when news of his death, in the crash of his F 4U Corsair June 1 was announced Saturday by the Navy department.

A Navy fighter pilot, Lt. (j.g.) Lawrence Albert Spaulding, 27, was completing flight training in the rocket range at El Centro. According to members of his squadron participating in the practice, Spaulding failed to pull out of a 400 mile per hour dive at the target. His plane exploded as it crashed on the target.

Many from Big Bear attended the rites in Long Beach Monday. Besides being on leave from the school faculty, Lt. Spaulding was director of youth activities at Big Bear Valley Community Church and active in the choir at the time he left last fall. He is survived by his widow, Gwen, and tiny daughter.

SUMMER BALL LEAGUE GETS UNDER WAY JUNE 12

With four teams competing the summer softball league will get under way Tuesday, June 12, with regular play-off games every Tuesday and Thursday evenings on the Meadow Park diamond throughout the balance of summer. Regulation 9 inning games are to be played, with play beginning at 8 p.m.

Four teams competing include Bear Valley Sportsman, Rotary, Western Auto and Boys' Club. The public is invited to turn out for the games. Lookspokes permit play-by-play comment on the game for those who prefer to watch from their cars.

SUMMER READING CLUB UNDERWAY

Librarian Alma Bartlett of Big Bear Lake branch of the county free library reports the summer reading club will get underway with the close of school, and new arrivals of children's books promise variety in vacation reading for youngsters of the valley.

A reading club, which awards special honors and certificates for those meeting certain reading qualifications, ends Aug. 31st.

Vacation loan privileges will be extended to children who will be away part of the time at camps or vacation trips. Adults may also take advantage of the long-loan vacation plan, too, adds Mrs. Bartlett.

AT LA MESA

Louis Meiser, former local newspaper editor, this week joined the staff of the La Mesa Scout.

The GRIZZLY

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Lookouts Now On Duty for Fire Season

June 1st brought enforcement of the summer high fire hazard precautionary measure in this area of the San Bernardino National Forest, and Dist. Ranger Don Lewis reminds property owners and residents that no open fires are now permitted.

Burning may be done in approved type incinerators with permit only, and no open burning is allowed.

Meanwhile, lookouts took their places at their isolated perches last week reports, Ranger Lewis. Wilma "Billie" Murphy is back on Keller Peak for her ninth season. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott are on Butler Peak this summer, while Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Root are at Big Bear Pine Flates ranger station.

Other personnel charges of Big Bear Ranger Station finds Mildred Strong on duty as clerk. Fire Control Officer Howard Evans and his family leave Monday, June 11, to report for duty at Mill Creek Ranger Station. George McLarry, foreman of the summer fire fighting crew at Del Rosa, will replace Evans here.

BOWLING LEAGUE PRESENTATIONS NEXT TUESDAY

Annual banquet and presentation of trophies for the Winter Bowling League will be held Tuesday evening, June 12, at the Navajo Hotel, where preparations are being made to serve 150.

Trophies, including over 80 for winning and participating members of the league, will be presented at 9 p. m., followed by dancing and a buffet banquet at 11 p.m.

All who participated in the men's and women's winter bowling leagues are expected to attend without charge and may bring their wives or husbands girl or boy friends without additional charge.

Col of C Urges Economy Tax Move

Big Bear Lake valley chamber of commerce went on record at its meeting Tuesday, June 5, at the high school with an affirmative vote to sponsor a local program against increasing federal budget expenditures.

The action was taken at request of California Taxpayers Assn. who are heading up an urgent appeal for the citizenry of the state to "turn on the heat for economy." While the c of c decided it would not go on record by passing a resolution, it would urge everyone to write Congressman Harry Steppend asking his cooperation in curbing government expenses.

"Local taxpayers will not bestir themselves to send letters and telegrams; to talk and push and strive for economy, they might just as well be reconciled to constantly mounting taxes," the chamber was informed.

WEATHER REPORT

June	Min.	Max.	Prec.
1	60	32	
2	66	25	
3	66	27	
4	63	30	
5	64	28	
6	66	25	
7	64	25	

Season Total 20.85"
Last Season 28.74"
Lake Level at Dam: 41' 10"

ISSUE DRIVERS LICENSES HERE JUNE 11th, 12th

Motorists are advised that the issuing of motor vehicles, license department, will be at Big Bear Lake next week on Monday and Tuesday to issue drivers' licenses and renew those which have expired.

The examinations will be held at the county building one block east of the post office building. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. on June 11, and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on June 12.

Required written examinations and driving tests will be included. Pamphlets covering the motor vehicle and examination questions may be secured in advance by those required to take the test by calling at the chamber of commerce office of the sheriff's office at the county building.

RABIES CLINIC HERE ALL DAY

Owners of dogs are reminded of the rabies clinic being held at Big Bear Feed Store today, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dr. J. D. Cozzen, Big Bear veterinarian, is in charge and states he will be there all day long and into the evening in order that all may arrange to have their dogs get the rabies vaccination and the dog license for 1951-52. At these clinics, there is a vaccination fee of \$1 while the license for males and spayed females is \$1.50. Unspayed females require a \$2 license.

The clinic was held last evening at the fire house in Big Bear City, and because no additional notice was given in the press Dr. Cozzen urges all those in the twin bear community who did not know of the clinic to come in today to the feed store.

Woods in Seattle To Pick Up Snow Summit Lift

Vic and Rhea Wood are in Seattle this week to arrange for transportation back to Big Bear for power unit and equipment necessary to operate the proposed double chair lift planned by the Snow Summit Corp.

Their plans included being in Seattle Monday to arrange for loading the lift Wednesday, with a boat trip Tuesday, to Vancouver by way of a vacation.

CANT STAY AWAY

Renewing acquaintances this week in Big Bear valley are Evelyn Slattery and youngsters, Felix, Rosemary, Jane and the baby, Mrs. Slattery states that they are well pleased with their new station at Leavine, where Spike Slattery is now district ranger for the U.S. Forest Service.

Eye Bank Project Has Backing

Cooperation of Big Bear Lake Lions Club in establishing an "eye bank" among Big Bear valley residents was promised Big Bear Lake American Legion, Post 584, sponsors of the project, at the annual inter-service club dinner meeting last evening at the Round-up.

Major program of Lions International is concerned with work with the blind, and Big Bear Lions Club has done much locally to assist in bettering conditions for the visually handicapped.

As explained by Commander Bill Steffan of the Legion Post, the eye bank project was initiated by the 40 and 8 in cooperation with the hospital at U.S.C. and one at Stanford. These two medical units will be the receiving centers for all eyes from persons who have willed their corneas upon death to the Eye Bank for use in transplants that will give sight to the sightless.

The Lions Club and Legion Post at Big Bear have the necessary cards for donors who will permit removal of their eyes after death. Corneas are given without cost, except for a small service charge, to people who need them. Speed and proper technical handling are essential to insure that the eyes can be used by surgeons. Eyes willed to the eye bank must be removed within six hours after death and placed in a special container, with dry ice, and rushed to the U.S.C. eye bank for immediate transplanting to the blind person.

The next of kin of those who donate their eyes must alert the hospital immediately, if the person has died in a hospital, or notify the family physician if at home. The physician will then contact an eye specialist at U.S.C. who will come immediately to remove the eye. The time element is paramount, Commander Steffan points out.

"The eye bank is not a charity such as the blood bank, but merely a registry of persons willing to donate their eyes after death, a charitable act of sight. The local Legion post and Lions Club hope that there may be several in Big Bear valley willing to enlist in the eye bank."

BEGIN WORK ON PIONEERTOWN BIG BEAR ROAD

Construction began on improving the Pioneertown-Big Bear road last week under supervision of Pat Lauffer, road contractor of Twentynine Palms, according to Martell Ferris of Joshua Tree who was recent spokesman for the group when they visited Big Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting to secure support and financial aid for the project.

According to Mr. Ferris, in his Joshua Journal, the crew of volunteer labor assisting Lauffer in the road work started blasting and grading on several portions of the road between Rim Rock and Rose Mine.

Russ Holden, president of Pioneertown Corp., named the big blade owned by Pioneer-town and stated he intends to remain until the job is done. A committee went over a newly proposed route a week ago Sunday and decided the present route would be less expensive to improve.