



R. M. PYLES BOYS CAMP

OCTOBER - 1957

It's Bear Proof

The winter winds are blowing lightly across the deserted camp grounds. The flag is down and neatly stored away. The supplies are counted and packed into the stone store house. Everything in and about the camp is ready for the winter snows. The wandering bears and coyotes can come right up to the buildings, but tight steel doors prevent their entry. Even the chipmunks and field mice have to spend the winter in their own logs in the forest. The camp is tight, safe and asleep.

Where'd They Go

The members of the summer staff have all begun their winter activities. Here is an idea.

Ben and Bob--located in Huntington Beach, are busy with Pyles Campers all over the State in the winter program.

'Big Bill' Kimble--in Whittier College.

'Lefty' Newman--Whittier College.

'Lonzo' Hill--Bakersfield College.

Bob Imhof--in Mt. San Antonio College, Pomona.

Tom Partlow--in Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa.

George Salata--Glendale Jr. College

'Skip' Hinchman--in Visalia High School, Visalia.

Darold Gress--Working in a probation camp in Los Angeles County.

Esther Jones--Cooking in Selma High School.

Leila Shannon--Cooking in Chowchilla High School, Chowchilla.

Doug Conrad--in Porterville High School.

Owen Fletcher--Buying sheep in Nevada.

We'll hear from others later. Addresses will be furnished if you wish.



DANGEROUS DAN AGAIN

A bunch of germs were hitting it up in the Bronchial saloon.

Two bugs on the edge of the larynx were jazzing a rag-time tune.

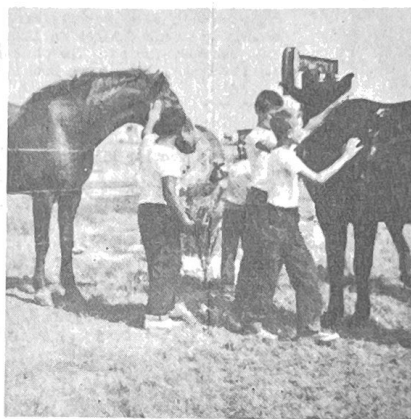
Back in the teeth, in a solo game Sat dangerous Ack-Kerchoo;

And watching his pulse was his light of love--

The lady that's known as 'Flu.'

Old Friends Meet

All of the boys of the 1957 camp season would like to be as lucky as the Huntington Beach boys. They visit the winter pasturage of the horses and mules frequently. It's just across from both elementary and high school.



Many afternoons after school is out campers can be seen feeding sugar to 'Rey,' 'Coco,' 'Danny,' 'Red' and the rest, even 'Jake' the camp burro.

Boys seen petting the horses are Craig Chambers, Cecil Furgeson, Mike Sandoval and Harold Calhoun. All are from Huntington Beach.



Last Beach Party of Summer

Some of the boys of Orange County were treated to a beach party and the works. Along with swimming there was a picnic and football games, preceeded by a trip to church by some of the boys.

The two cars of boys who were having a last fling at summer weather and swimming in the ocean were: Jack Holgrin, Joe Cardinal, Bob Schlerth, Jack Ruppel, David Glen, Ralph Ragsdale and Carl Stone. Going along was Ronnie Smith of Long Beach, who was a week-end guest in the home of Bob McAdams.

Kern Co. Camp Committee Active

Plans were laid out for a 'Big Brother' follow-up program for many boys who attended camp last year from the Valley. Volunteer oilmen of the committee will each take a boy and be his counselor through the winter and spring months.

The R. M. Pyles Kern County Committee began its winter operations for the Camp with an early kick-off meeting. This first meeting was held in the Far East Cafe in Bakersfield under the chairmanship of Mort D'Evelyn San Joachin Valley Board Member of the Camp.

Those men now working on the Camp Committee are Bud Reid, Jack Lund, Bob Anderson, Jim O'Neill, Ed Collihan and Dick Bevins.

New Full Time Man Added

Benny Wharton, Assistant Camp Director this past summer, has been named full time follow-up man and summer employee by the Pyles Boys Camp. Ben, his wife, Jenny, and their daughter Myra, spent three months at camp this past summer. Ben proved his ability with boys and the camp was very happy to welcome this man and his family as full time employee.

The Whartons moved from Ventura to Huntington Beach in order to be near the winter headquarters.

Welcome, Ben. And may the association of the Boys Camp and the Whartons continue for many years.

Trip To Kern County Fair

On Wednesday, September 25, Lonnie Feemster, Danny Thompson, and Arthur Chevez, summer campers at the R. M. Pyles Boys Camp visited the Kern County Fair in Bakersfield with Ben Wharton, assistant camp director. The following day, other campers, Herbert and J. D. Ayers, Joe White, Curtis De Souge and the Riley brothers, Bob and Bill, were guests at the Fair with Mr. Wharton where they too toured the midway and visited exhibits including

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Garden Grove Boys Show Off New School

Five Garden Grove boys were hosts to Bob McAdams, Camp Director, and Benny Tee, their selector, recently in their new school.

Glen Ragsdale, Kenny Katsuda, Nick Pearce, Richard Black, and Tracy Clayton invited the men to see their brand new, never-before-used, school buildings. This school is called 'Izaak Walton Intermediate' and is very close to a 'kids only' fishing pond that Garden Grove sponsors. Izaak Walton was a famous fisherman so this school is well named.

Both vice-principal, Mrs. Duchard, and athletic director, Mr. Parks, made the visitors welcome and expressed great interest in the camp. They wondered what the camp had that could stir up so much enthusiasm in the boys that attended from their school.

Any further invitations to visit a school will be gladly received and the visits will be made this fall. A movie of the camp is available for use in your school if a teacher desires.

Birthday List For October

Our 'Happy Birthday' cards and good wishes this month go to:

Charles Fox, Bakersfield, 16 yrs. old
James Lampkin, Bakersfield, 12 yrs.
Gary Oats, Bakersfield, 13 yrs.
Larry Crawford, Long Beach, 15 yrs.
Robert Hardy, Long Beach, 15 yrs.
Dennis Loeb, Long Beach, 15 yrs.
Carl Stone, Costa Mesa, 14 yrs.
Pat Hill, Costa Mesa, 15 yrs.
Larry Tocher, Santa Ana, 12 yrs.
John Conger, Santa Ana, 13 yrs.
Jack Conger, Santa Ana, 13 yrs.
Bill Clayton, Garden Grove, 13 yrs.
Charles Trout, Altadena, 15 yrs.
Tony Rameriz, Cutler, 14 yrs.
Tommy Shankles, Casitas Springs, 13.
Butch Fleming, Inglewood, 13 yrs.
Tommy Sutton, Inglewood, 14 yrs.
Marshall Jung, Los Angeles, 14 yrs.
Robert Turner, Los Angeles, 16 yrs.
Raul Legarreta, Los Angeles, 14 yrs.
John Ricks, Los Angeles, 14 yrs.
Bob Kelly, Mojave, 16 yrs.
Peter Cannon, Minter Field, 13 yrs.
Robert Willmeth, Pacoima, 14 yrs.

Mr. R. M. Pyles
P. O. Box 191
Huntington Beach, California

Dear Mr. Pyles:

It is difficult to express in writing the gratitude both Ronnie and I feel for the opportunity he had of attending the R. M. Pyles Boy's Camp this summer. May I take this time to try to express our appreciation by saying, "THANK YOU" for what he says was, "THE BEST AND MOST WONDERFUL TIME I HAVE EVER HAD".

I know you are a busy man, but perhaps a little knowledge of Ron's background will be of interest to you. His father, Lorin E. Smith, was with Hancock Oil Company for nine years. First in the Oakland office and then later here in Long Beach. During the war he went back to Engineering work and was with Douglas Aircraft until the close of the war. Following the war he went with the Harbor Department, Port of Long Beach, and was Senior Harbor Engineer for ten years. He passed away in January of this year and needless to say, it was a great loss and shock to Ronnie, our little girl and myself.

Ron seemed to take it quite hard and was simply lost without his Dad. It did something to his outlook on life and for awhile we went through a very difficult behavior period. The chance for him to go to camp was heaven sent and I can truly say he has come back a changed boy - better in every respect.

If at any time I can help in any way to further this very worthy cause - such as typing, telephone calls, or anything else - please call on me. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to do something that might help some other boy and his mother with the same problems I had.

May I again say thank you and other members of the Oil Industry for such generosity and unselfish interest in our boys.

Sincerely yours,

Lorin E. Smith
Patricia G. Smith

Ruben Gomez, Santa Paula, 13 yrs.
Carl Mallory, Taft, 14 yrs.
Richard Knowles, Taft, 15 yrs.

There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering.

Recipe For Cooked Fish

Take a fresh-caught fish; clean and cut it in half. Take a piece of plastic board, clean it good and grease it lightly with cooking oil. Place fish on board and place in oven at 370 degrees. Cook until fish is done and remove from oven. Throw fish away and eat board.

What's Coming Up

OCTOBER	Trips to Professional and local football games and trips to the beach on week-ends, for Orange County boys.
NOVEMBER	Thanksgiving dinner in Bakersfield for Kern County boys.
DECEMBER	Thanksgiving dinner in Ventura for Ventura County boys. Christmas toy 'Round-up' and distribution to deserving families. Christmas party in Los Angeles for Los Angeles County boys.
JANUARY	Trip to Southern California oilfields and refineries for Tulare County boys.
FEBRUARY	Trip to Marineland for Long Beach boys.
MARCH	Trip to Death Valley for Santa Ana boys.
APRIL	Annual Bakersfield barbecue, sponsored by Kern County Pyles Camp Committee for sponsors and boys of Kern County.
MAY	Annual Ventura barbecue, sponsored by Ventura County Pyles Camp Committee for sponsors and interested people of Ventura County.
JUNE	Opening of Camp for 1958 season.



Sittin' and Chattin'

There is a little lake in the high mountains of California called 'Clear Lake.' In my mind it is a symbol of all the little lakes, of which there must be thousands, that are set in the high hills like a sapphire in a crown.

Many times during the summer, winter or spring I sit and think about those little lakes. After a hard, hot ride in to where they are located, their absolute beauty takes your breath away. Greater still than their beauty, however, is the memory that they leave in your mind. This memory can be used over and over, like a recording, and never gets worn out or marred with scratches.

I wonder if as we sit and chat, we could let our minds reflect on the nicest place we have seen, the best people we have met, and the most worthwhile thing we have done. It acts like my memory of the lake--it refreshes. All the bad things seem to be pushed out and just makes you feel better.

Next chance I get to chat I would like to tell you about the greatest horse I ever owned.

Nobody don't never get nothing for nothing nowhere, no time, nohow.



Fritz Huntsinger, a real friend to the Pyles Camp boys.

The best way to keep from losing your shirt is to keep your sleeves rolled up.



Thanks From Ventura Boys

Boys of Ventura expressed their thanks to Chief Taylor for the opportunity to represent the Ventura Police Boys Club in the Pyles Boys Camp this past summer. Each boy is interested in showing their Chief and their Boys Club Director, Jack McDonald, the awards they earned in the Boys Camp. Boys pictured are: (left to right) Ross Contrerras, Frank Mocias, and Fred Qualls.

Ben Wharton, recently named program director of the Pyles Camp, also visited with the Ventura Police Department where he was a member of the force for five years. Sgt. McDonald and Doug Griffin, his assistant, were volunteer helpers in the summer camp for one week each.



Know Your Board Members

Born and raised in Southern Germany in the Black Forest region along the Seiss border, Fritz Huntsinger attended German schools and learned the machinist trade by serving his apprenticeship in a large manufacturing plant there. In active service in the German Army during World War I, he was wounded and captured, and placed in a prison camp until 1921.

In 1923 he made his way alone to America and settled in Oxnard, California, where he worked doing odd jobs. Finally, he learned enough English to get a job in an oil tool machine shop in Ventura. Eventually he became a foreman and was placed in charge of a division.

About this time a young German girl, Mathilde, came over to America; Fritz became acquainted with her, and before long they were married. They both became citizens of the United States. They have two boys, Carl and young Fritz.

In 1930 Fritz started his own two-man machine shop. By extraordinary initiative, long hours, hard work, and with the ever-present encouragement of Mathilde, his Ventura Tool Company and other service company enterprises now have a world-wide reputation in the oil industry.

To everyone, he is known as 'Fritz', and much of his time and energy is generously devoted to industry and community projects wherever a helping hand is needed.

Fritz has been a devoted Board Member of the Pyles Boys Camp since 1950, the year after its beginning. With all his patriotic and civic duties, he has been continuously promoting good-will for the Camp wherever he goes. Under his chairmanship, the Ventura Pyles Committee has begun an annual barbecue to benefit the Camp and it has become a strong support both financially and morally.

Kern County Fair

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those of the Air Force and Kern County Oil Industry in which they were particularly interested. Following the tours they enjoyed the rides, refreshments, and the fun house.

On Saturday evening, Bob and Bill Riley returned to the Fairgrounds with Miss Jeannette Kasdorff to enjoy the horse show.

Mr. Wharton spent the week in Bakersfield on follow-up work visiting the homes of all the boys in that area who had attended the camp in the High Sierras this summer.

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Summer Statistics

408 Campers, two weeks each.
67 Individual towns represented.
12 Separate selecting agencies.

☆ Want Ads ☆

WORK WANTED - Women

Ironing, my home or if transported your home. Very neat, dependable. Bakersfield, Fa. 5-7574. Mother of 1957 camper.

Seamstress. Mends - Sews dresses, sport shirts; Experienced designer of clothes. Reasonable. No phone. 104 S. Milham Drive, Bakersfield. Camper's mother.

WORK WANTED - Boys

Yard work, after school or on week-ends. Can do brick work, cement work. Pyles Camper 1957. Olive. Phone KEllog 8-9175.

SEND IN YOUR WANT ADS NEXT MONTH

NEWS WANTED

Send in your news to this monthly paper. The staff needs a picture of you and needs to know the news of its readers. Write 'PYLET', P.O. Box 191, Huntington Beach. You will be a big factor in the success of the paper.

The staff of the 'PYLET' would be very pleased to hear from the sponsors of the camp, their news, and their comment on the paper.

Fritz
Huntzinger
says:

"This is my greatest investment.
I think you will enjoy this paper."





R. M. PYLES BOYS CAMP

Oil Industry Sponsored Youth Program

NOVEMBER 1957



Police Chief Encourages

Oil Progress Week was commemorated by the Pyles Campers with some civic service this past month. In cooperation with the Orange County Coast Oil Information Committee, the campers passed out 'litter bags' to the public on the streets of Santa Ana. More than 900 bags were handed out to individuals in this manner. Each bag bore the insignia of the O.I.C. and a message concerning its use. The message appealed to the public to keep their highways and streets clean of litter.

Many public-spirited citizens who received the bags inquired into the camp and its winter activities. They complimented the boys on their job. Each boy was a good representative of the camp and its sponsors. Every boy knew how to talk to the public.

The campers asked to help in this distribution were: Jack Conger, John Conger, Henry Morrison, Charles Abernathy and Albert Botkin.

We feel that this was a valuable bit of public relations work on behalf of the Industry and would encourage this type of civic activity in all our communities where we have boys.

Master Councilor

Tom Partlow, Pyles camp counselor, was elevated to position of Master Councilor of the Huntington Beach order of DeMolay recently in that city. The position of Master Councilor is the highest that can be held in a local Order and Tom has worked long and hard for this honor.

Acting as Installing Master Councilor was Jim Hensley, past Master Councilor and past Pyles Camper.

Give Thanks For Thanksgiving



November is a month of excitement and high anticipation. Excitement for Thanksgiving and anticipation of Christmas. Summer with its thrills and adventure is behind. Excitement of opening of school has dwindled to homework and the routine of learning.

October with its football and Halloween, not to mention a real world series, has just flown by. Here is winter weather with a snap in the air and Turkey Day.

Pyles Campers in Ventura are in for a reunion of friends and a feast. Plans have been completed for 40

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Game Warden Gives Lesson

Ed Moore, Game Warden for Tulare County, gave Pyles Campers of Porterville a real demonstration in archery recently. Mr. Moore, besides being our own warden for the camp area and a real friend of the camp, is a bow and arrow enthusiast. Each year he goes in his own territory and brings out a deer by bow and arrow. The sea-

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First Camper Makes Good

Mr. Phil Magruder, Board Member of the Boys Camp and vice-president of General Petroleum Corp., was on hand to congratulate one of his company's newest service station operators this month. Lee Prinslow, ex-camper of 1949, purchased the Triangle Service Station in Huntington Beach and proved an adage, 'If you've got determination, you can do most anything.'

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Happy November Birthday

Darrell Ray, Anaheim.....	15 yrs.
Louis Rodney, Santa Ana.....	16 yrs.
Jack Caldwell, Artesia.....	13 yrs.
Dino Ward, Artesia.....	13 yrs.
Lonnie Feemster, Bakersfield.....	14 yrs.
Douglas Brewer, Delano.....	14 yrs.
Leonard Wagner, Garden Grove.....	14 yrs.
Richard Black, Garden Grove.....	13 yrs.
Harold Calhoun, Hunt. Beach.....	13 yrs.
Joe Ramos, Los Angeles.....	16 yrs.
Robert Miles, Los Angeles.....	15 yrs.
Rudolph Moreno, Los Angeles.....	13 yrs.
Charles Wright, Los Angeles.....	15 yrs.
Ronald Wood, Long Beach.....	13 yrs.
David Van Houten, Long Beach.....	15 yrs.
Billy Jones, Maricopa.....	15 yrs.
Phillip Friedel, Montrose.....	14 yrs.
Larry Frost, Mojave.....	14 yrs.
Monico Garcia, Santa Paula.....	15 yrs.
Dave Wynn, Saticoy.....	15 yrs.
James Wagster, Dinuba.....	15 yrs.
Tommie Garcia, Venutra.....	13 yrs.
Lester Manson, Porterville.....	15 yrs.
Dwight Canady, Taft.....	16 yrs.

Character Building Through Music

The 29th Annual Band Concert of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Boys Band was attended by 7 Pyles Campers this year. Boys who had a great interest in music were selected to attend.

The L.A. Sheriff's Juvenile Dept. had selection rights to send 56 boys each year to the Pyles Camp and has done a noteworthy job for the past 6 years.

Boys attending the concert were: Jim Luft, Leroy Roberts, Mike Cofield, Jim Goodman, Ron Mehlmauer and George Mehlmauer. Bob McAdams acted as host.

The motto 'Character Building Through Music' could readily be seen. Some 90 boys, under the direction of Sgt. Harold Fleisher spend many hours of time practicing and playing for the public and have won many National Honors. Sheriff Biscailuz is to be complimented for this far-sighted effort into crime prevention.

Private Gress Reporting!

This byline might be seen soon in future issues of the *Pylet*. Dee has been inducted in the biggest organization in the U.S.--the Army. Our loss is the Army's gain, and we know Darold will do well and make us proud of him, as always. One of Dee's last acts as a civilian was to gather together some of the Los Angeles boys who made the back-country 60 mile hike with him and show all his slides of the trip. The showing was in the home of Eppie Romos. Boys attending were Mike Ybarra, Art Robles, Frank Ochoa, Rudy Chavez and Joe Romos. Frank's little brother also attended.

All of these campers were from the Hollenbeck area of Los Angeles and were older boys who really came out of the mountains as adventurers.

Good Luck, Dee. Write us often.



Camp Proves Friend

by Ralph Warsham

Reprint from Santa Ana Register

"When a boy needs a friend." Where does he look? What is he searching for in companionship? Are his friends just part-time?

More than 3000 boys, ranging in age from 12 through 16, have found out that R. M. Pyles Boys Camp located in the High Sierras is more than a two-week jaunt during the summer.

The camp, set up for youngsters who can't afford a vacation of their own is sponsored by the men and women of the petroleum industry.

Bob Pyles, founder and president of the non-profit organization, sees to it the 'program' is carried out the year-round. Not satisfied with giving the youths a good time two weeks out of the year, he has two camp directors that do nothing but follow-up and visit the boys during the winter months in their homes.

With winter headquarters in Huntington Beach, Camp Director Bob McAdams and Program Director Benny Wharton cover the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, Kern, Tulare and Ventura.

The directors' purpose is to see how the fellows are getting along, talk over 'old times', see if they need any help in their problems, and take them on field trips.

"We are planning on going to Death Valley next Spring, and all Santa Ana boys are invited. Other boys from other towns and counties will be given other high-light trips" says McAdams.

The boys never have to worry about expenses. Everything is paid for; no obligations. During camptime, if a boy can't afford to buy clothes, then Pyles Camp sees to it he is outfitted for the trip.

At the camp in which approximately 400 boys attend during the 12 week period, there is everything a boy would dream of.

Horses to ride, streams stocked with fish, equipment for every sport imaginable and all the food there is to eat. "Boys can have seconds, thirds, and fourths if they want it," McAdams said. "You'll never find better food or as much of it anywhere."

Hiking and camping in an atmosphere that only God could create does something for all of us. It's wonderful to see the change that comes over many of the boys."

The camp is not a plush resort where you sit back and expect the luxuries of modern everyday living. Campers discover what's ahead for them before they arrive at the camp. Six miles before getting to their destination, the boys have to hike or ride horseback the rest of the way over rugged terrain into the Camp.

Pyles, himself, frequently visits the camp during the summer sessions. "Many times I have gone up there, turned right around and come back again," he said.

In conclusion Pyles said, "We are not looking for money from outsiders. That is not our purpose. The one thing we are interested in is the Boy--nothing else is as important in this organization."

Midgets Roar

Bill Messick, President of Magna Products and volunteer counselor for the Boys Camp, showed his continued interest by inviting 'his' boys to a barbecue in his home in Brea this past month. Highlight of the evening was an opportunity for each boy to drive one of Bill's midget racers around a dirt track, full throttle. After the fine barbecue prepared by Bill and his wife, each boy was invited to be his guest at a local midget racing event.

Mr. Messick exemplified the spirit of the supporting industry this past summer when he volunteered part of his vacation to come into the camp and counsel boys for two weeks. His interest in boys was soon apparent and his group of 8 boys made one of the best records on the camp files. Bill expressed a desire to continue working with these boys in the winter months whenever possible. Each boy has received and is receiving invaluable help and the Camp is grateful to this man.

Attending the Messick barbecue were Danny McConnel, Gene Ivey, Don Dif-fine, Don Quakenbush, Earl Totten and Hank Messick. Unable to attend were Tom Cassidy, Jim Goodreau and Glen Crowder. Other guests were Mr. & Mrs. Pyles, Bob and Lois McAdams, Ben and Ginny Wharton and daughter Myra.

Camp Praises Boys Club of America

For five years the Pyles Boys Camp has worked in close cooperation with Boys Clubs of America. During this time over 200 boys have had the opportunity for a summer in Pyles Camp because of this cooperation. An example of this close association may be found in the Harbor Boys Club, Costa Mesa, California.

Mr. Al Spencer, manager of the Boys Club, has been given campships to send over 50 boys to our Camp. The Camp feels that the Boys Clubs are supplementing valuable assistance to boys through their year-round program. Mr. Spencer says 'The boys we have sent from the Boys' Club have come back with a very fine spirit of cooperation, are much happier and have acquired new interests. Above all, they are enthusiastic to go to camp again.'

How did Spencer pick the eight boys who went this year? 'They are sent on a basis that they wouldn't be able to go to camp any other way,' he explains.

Pictured are Greg Smith, Pat Smith, Pat Hill, Al Spencer and Ben Wharton, Camp Program Director.

Games room director, Howard Smith, 18, was one of the first local boys to attend the camp from Costa Mesa. He is now a valued aide in the recreational program of the Boys Club.

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Braven Dyer, sports editorialist for L.A. Times, and H.R. Hamilton, sportsman and Camp Board Member, welcome first-timers to see the Los Angeles Rams, professional football team, play Detroit Lions.

Attend Football Game

Twenty enthusiastic ex-campers received a sports thrill of a lifetime this month with a 'first-time' trip to a real professional football game. The place was the Los Angeles Coliseum, the occasion a 'do or die' game between the league leading Lions from Detroit and the 'overdue' Rams.

A beautiful California day was in the making when the 20 boys and four leaders boarded the bus in Huntington Beach for the all-day trip to Los Angeles. Each boy was given a lunch which was eaten outside the coliseum prior to the game and a free pass to the game of course.

Meeting the boys at the coliseum was perhaps the Oil Industry's leading sports enthusiast, H.R. Hamilton, with his close friend Braven Dyer. Mr. Dyer is well-known for his acute analysis of the sports world and comes into the homes of all Times subscribers daily, with his columns and predictions of scores and winners. His batting average is quite good, in this regard, and his batting average with our boys is 100% now for he talked with as many boys as possible on football and sports in general.

Mr. Dyer predicted the Rams would be ahead 17 points at half-time. He got close for it was 21-10 Rams. The game went about this way all day and the elated Ram fans, including all the boys, had a ball. Whooping and hollering was the order of the day. Final score-Rams 35, Lions 17. It was a good day and a fitting climax to Orange County month on activities. Boys came from Costa Mesa, Stanton, Huntington Beach and Santa Ana. Camp bus driver Bob Wold and Stanton selector Ed Calderon were leaders of the trip along with Bob and Ben.

A November 3rd trip to see the Rams play the Chicago Bears has now been planned for Los Angeles County boys -- more on this trip next month.



One of the great disappointments of a football game is that the cheer leaders never seem to get injured.

Too much attention to the pigskin doesn't help the sheepskin.

First Camper

Lee recently was discharged from the Naval Air Force where he was aircrewman on turbo-jet seaplanes. His ambition was simple--to go into his own business. With drive, enthusiasm and nerve Lee determined to own his own service station. The result was that he got one.

Mr. Magruder, who was on the Board of the Boys Camp the year Lee attended Camp, wished to personally congratulate Lee and welcome him into the family of the Oil Industry. Mr. Magruder has been a youth worker of many years experience, not only in the Boys Camp but in Scouting in Los Angeles County. His interest in young men entering into the Industry is well-known and his personal boost to Lee will be unforgettable.

Meet Your Board

Lloyd Less Aubert has the distinction of being a native son. He was born in San Francisco, is a graduate of Stanford University where he majored in Geology. His college education was interrupted when he joined the Army in 1917--he served overseas with the U.S. Ambulance Service for 18 months.

His business career started in 1922 as a roustabout with General Petroleum Corporation where he worked in various branches of production and refining until 1926 when he was appointed Drilling and Production Superintendent, Bakersfield Division. In 1927 he left General Petroleum to manage the operations of Bankline Oil Company and the Norwalk Company. He became a Director of these companies in 1935 and President of both companies in 1941. The two companies were merged in 1952, Bankline Oil Company being the survivor of the merger.

Mr. Aubert met and married a school teacher, Dorothy McNew, in 1924. They have two children, Lloyd, Jr., and Virginia, both now happily married.

'Red' as he is known to many of his friends, seems to have unlimited energy. He is at his desk by 8 o'clock each morning, and 6 o'clock in the evening finds him still at his office perhaps because he gives so generously of his valuable time in serving on Boards and Committees for various organizations within the oil industry, as well as educational and civic organizations, and many national and local charitable organizations. In addition to his active interest in Pyles Boys Camp, he is very active in Boy Scout projects.

On the lighter side, 'Red' plays dominoes, enjoys football games and horse races, having been in the business of breeding and racing thoroughbred horses for the past seventeen years.

Red Aubert is currently Vice-President of the Pyles Boys Camp, having been appointed to that position in 1956, replacing deceased member W. C. McComiskey. He was tentatively appointed to the Board in 1951 and elected to a permanent position in 1952. Red's years of guidance and support have been a bulwark to the Boys Camp. He is 1957's Public Relations Chairman.

Game Warden

son for this type of hunting in our camp area is September 7th through the 16th. This is just before regular deer season.

Ed speaks very highly of the sport and very cheerfully gave our campers some tips on how to bring down a deer as the Indians did--the hard way.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were guests at Camp for two days and a night this past season and are counted among our best friends.

*Sitting in
Chair with
R. M. P.*



His name was Rusty. He wasn't too much different in looks from any other horses I had owned. He was mostly different in personality. Rusty was loaded with 'horse-sense'. He was taken into the mountains to serve the camp in any way they wished. He fitted in just right there. I watched carefully as campers would be placed on his back. He seemed to know just how much help was needed. He made good riders out of lots of boys. Physically he was always in good shape, easy to care for and always nice to look at. He was tireless.

Many, many times I have talked with boys in the winter months and they have asked, "How is Rusty?" He had a way with everybody.

Our camp, as you know, is proud of its record of assisting the National Forestry Service in any and all ways possible. We leave clean campsites, teach conservation and good trail manners. When the Ranger calls upon us to aid in any way, we do so gladly and happily. Such was the case three years ago when a fire was spotted not too far from the main campsite. Within minutes all available men and animals were racing to control the fire. We have been taught the importance of a fast control. The location was a bad one, hard to surround and very steep. There wasn't a good spot around to hitch the horses, so a bush-hitch on a hillside was made. The men fought the fire into the night and finally achieved a control. When they returned to take the horses back to the camp they found Rusty dead. He had choked when he had slipped on the loose granite of the hillside. He had given more than all -- he had given his life.

Today the blackened trees are sprouting from the base. This spring the grass was green and the Mountain Mahogany bloomed again. Very near is Rusty's grave.

A bronze plaque will soon be given to the camp with the names of all who have labored to build the camp through their unselfish service. Among the names of the men will be that of a horse. It will just say "Rusty". If you see it, you will know the story.

Thanksgiving-



boys, 10 sponsors, and 19 selectors from Ventura to join in for turkey and the trimmings. The place -- Ventura Womens Center; the time--November 25th at 7:00 P.M. Should be a high time.

This is just one of the seasonal activities we are having this year and next. A big Christmas party is coming up for Los Angeles boys. So where ever you are, stand by for your turn in the festivities. Meanwhile, we should all join in a prayer of Thanksgiving for whatever we have, large or small. In that prayer, put in a word for peace and a word for International understanding between all races.

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Oil Industry Sponsored Youth Program

DECEMBER 1957



Ventura Thanksgiving Party Huge Success

A Thanksgiving party for Ventura boys and some of their sponsors highlighted November's activities. The party was held Monday, November 25th, in the Ventura Women's Center and was attended by 46 boys and 37 sponsors.

Fritz Huntsinger, Chairman of the Ventura Boys Camp Committee, acted as host for the evening and presented the outstanding program for the boys and their 'dads for the evening'. John Ledwon, concert organist, presented four numbers at the Hammond Organ. Mr. Ledwon, 16 years old, is nationally known for his outstanding ability at the organ and has made 140 appearances in 119 events, including Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and the White House. His music has been recorded to be sent overseas on the Voice of America Program. It was indeed an honor for the Boys Camp gathering to have this distinguished young man as its guest.

The opening and closing prayers were given by Jack Doull, camper of 1957. A presentation of a check from the Ventura men was made to Mr. Pyles by George Suman and Fritz Huntsinger, both directors of the Camp. The check represented the proceeds from the spring barbecue given for the Camp each year. Mr. Pyles gave a short talk on the Boys Camp and its meaning to boys and to men and was in turn given a letter of appreciation by Chief of Police S. G. Taylor and Sheriff William Suyter. Benny Wharton, Camp program director, showed films of the Boys Camp, in which several Ventura boys were principle actors.

Undersheriff Cummings, Capt. Bert Stephens and Lt. Joe Stone were also present representing the Sheriff's Office. Capt. Stephens heads up the selections from the County and gives much time to its proper selecting factors. Representing the Police Dept. of Ventura was Captain Ernie Shaw and Sgt. Jack McDonald. The Police Department of Santa Paula was represented by Chief Wesley Brown and his assistant, Capt. Herb Dynge.

Sponsors attending were: Walt Hanline, George Ruggels, Alex McLean, Art Brown, Clarence Froome, Howard Rodgers, Tom Tomlinson, Wayne Fisher, Reese Norton, Joe Paul, Jr., A. A. Fluetsch, Fred Smith, George Grimes, Rex Wagner, Justice Walter Fourt, Judge Charles Blackstock, Ned Thomason, Walter Quam, Jack McHenry, Frank Murphy, Carl Huntsinger, Rudy Schwietzer, Mr. Huntsinger, and Mr. Suman.

A special door prize was given. Eight boys received tickets with lucky numbers allowing them to win a free turkey.

Mrs. Huntsinger and Mrs. Suman are to be congratulated for their outstanding decorations and for the arrangement of the excellent Turkey Dinner.

The Camp wishes to compliment the Ventura Committee on its fine party and outstanding program.

The man worthwhile is the man who
can smile when everything goes dead wrong.

November Record

The winter Boys Camp staff, namely Bob and Ben, set a Boys Camp record this past month in visitations. Activities of the winter program made home contact with many boys a must and allowed the staff the opportunity for important personal counselling service. One hundred and forty boys were visited in 15 communities.

Bob and Ben have set their goals and allotted their time so that when summer camp '58 rolls around all of the boys who were in camp '57 will have been personally visited in his home and his parents met and talked with. Any problems that the ex-camper has will be discussed and a sincere effort to help in solving those problems will be made by the camp staff. Each boy either has been included in one special activity or will be before the year is up. Around 50% of the boys of 1956 will be contacted in this program and a proportionate percentage in each of the previous years so that the camp help is given only as it is needed.

Of the 67 towns represented in the summer camp, over half have been visited up to this time. Such isolated places as Weldon Ranch in the Walker Pass section of eastern Kern County only present temporary problems, for those boys are visited too. Mickey Stone, Indian-American, and camper of 1957 seemed mighty pleased to see the Pyles Camp station-wagon come bumping across the dirt road leading into his home. The results of this visit were gratifying. Mickey has been encouraged to join a rural 4-H Club and a local man, foreman of the ranch, was encouraged to be Mickey's sponsor and will furnish him with a calf to raise for his project. Good Luck, Mickey!

This is only an example of visitation.

New Year's Party

In place of the Thanksgiving party that the October issue of the *Pylet* reported was in store for Kern County boys, there will be a New Year's party to replace this event.

Mort D'Evelyn, Board member and chairman of the Kern Committee, reported that the New Year's Party will take place at the Beardsley School cafeteria in Bakersfield on the evening of December 30th. An afternoon program of games will precede the evening meal of turkey and trimmings. There will be 50 boys from the Bakersfield area attending. There will

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Camp Mourns Loss

It is with deep regret and personal sorrow that we report the death of one of our boys. D.L. Stockton, of Lost Hills, was killed November 16th, on Highway 99, north of Bakersfield. D.L., along with 2 others, was critically injured when the car they were riding in collided with a large truck carrying propane.

D.L. and his brother Jimmy Stockton have attended the camp for two summers each. D.L., because of his outstanding work qualities, was invited to work an additional week during his second summer, '54. He stayed over a month.

The Camp extends to the Stockton family their sympathy. We all feel a deep personal loss.

We all wish to convey our deepest sympathy to Capt. James Glavas and his family recently bereaved by the death of their daughter in an automobile accident.

Capt. Glavas is in charge of the Juvenile Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Deep Sea Anglers



Bundled up in the warmest clothes each boy could find, 15 Pyles Campers were treated to a deep sea fishing cruise this past week. The boys were invited as guests of the Calada Materials Company who own the fishing boat 'Adalac' and who have a skipper year-round who takes out groups of boys and fishermen for the company. The boys attending were from the Long Beach area and none had ever experienced a deep-sea fishing trip. Kelp beds in the Catalina Channel yielded up the best fishing and Skipper Barb directed the boys and their leaders for the day to the best spots. The Calada Company is to be thanked for this outstanding trip for the boys and Board member George Suman of Ventura for arranging the contact for the Boys Camp. Each boy caught fish and thanks to 'sea-sick' pills there was fun and happiness all day.



Pro Football Fans

With 100% attendance record the ex-campers of 1957 can point proudly to their loyal support of the Rams team. Each of the home games saw the Pyles Camp bus, loaded down with boys, making its way into the coliseum. The total number of boys to see the three home games of November was 72. Of special interest to the boys was the capacity crowd to see the Rams and Bears play. Over 102,000 people jammed the coliseum and it was a never-to-be-forgotten sight for the boys attending. The support of the Rams will continue and when the Los Angeles Dodgers begin to play next year we will have boys come from all areas where we select boys to witness the ball games.

Please Write



Private Darold (Dee) Gress would like to hear from all of his friends and we are very happy to have his address on hand.

Private Darold Gress, US-56295677
Company A 2nd Platoon, 11th Battle Gp
3rd Training Brigade, Fort Ord, Cal.

Boys Camp on T.V.



Tops among our dedicated assistants is Sgt. Otto Olafson, Kern County Sheriff's Department. 'Ollie' has been coordinating the selections of boys from Kern County for 5 years and has always done an outstanding job. An example of Ollie's feeling for the camp is a recent television appearance he made on Kern County's station in Bakersfield. Sgt. Olafson decided to feature the camp in his portion of a youth groups forum. Every other Tuesday Ollie meets with the Kern County Committee for the camp and relates his findings on our boys and presents himself for service to this group. This dedicated service is beyond repayment.

Ollie, his wife, Mary, and daughter Christy were guests of the McAdams family, Bob-Lois-Linda-Mike, recently in Garden Grove. A barbecue was given in honor of the Olafsons. The Ben Whartons also attended.

Sittin' n' Chattin'

-- with Dr. Sammy Lee --
(guest columnist)

(Note on Dr. Lee

Dr. Lee, American born Korean, was National diving champion in '42 and '46 and Olympic champion in '48 and '52. The only male diver to repeat as an Olympic champion, his rise to the top in the sports world, in spite of size and prejudices, is an example to all American boys. He is a practicing Medical Specialist in Santa Ana and is on President Eisenhower's 'youth fitness council'. It is our honor to have Dr. Lee as a guest columnist.)

I picture success as being synonymous with happiness. I liken success in life as a climb up a ladder, with each step being necessary in order to have a firm foundation below us when we reach the top of life's ambition whatever it may be. But I believe that too many of us ask the Supreme Being for short-cuts up this ladder and lose faith in HIM when we are not boosted up several steps at a time. I used to pray for first place whenever I entered a diving contest disregarding the tears and time spent by my victorious competitors. I wanted to go up to the top of the diving world before I was ready to carry the burden of success. I know now after some 20 years of diving competitively

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Happy Birthday

Our 'Happy Birthday' cards and good wishes this month go to:

Sal Martinez, Anaheim	13 yrs.
Jim Caldwell, Artesia	16 yrs.
Fred Barger, Artesia	13 yrs.
James Feenster, Bakersfield	13 yrs.
Kenneth Edwards, Bakersfield	13 yrs.
Virgil Trimble, Bellflower	14 yrs.
Ray Hernandez, Hawthorne	17 yrs.
Clinton Long, Hawthorne	14 yrs.
Chuck Hardy, Oildale	14 yrs.
John Moreno, Greenfield	16 yrs.
Billy Lee, Los Angeles	16 yrs.
Manuel Flores, Los Angeles	13 yrs.
Bobbie Newman, Long Beach	14 yrs.
Ronnie Ackerman, Long Beach	16 yrs.
Monte Dodd, Long Beach	15 yrs.
Rickie Anderson, Long Beach	14 yrs.
Danny McConnell, Long Beach	15 yrs.
Benny Richards, Long Beach	13 yrs.
Lee Emerson, Long Beach	14 yrs.
Hiroaki Kamori, Long Beach	14 yrs.
Kenneth Fennell, Mojave	16 yrs.
Albert Williams, Los Angeles	16 yrs.
Ollie Peterson, Los Angeles	16 yrs.
Jesse Cabuto, Los Angeles	15 yrs.
Sammy Anderson, Orange	13 yrs.
Bob Schlereth, Santa Ana	16 yrs.
Dave Norando, Stanton	15 yrs.
Mike Longo, Temple City	14 yrs.
Jerry Burns, Taft	14 yrs.
Junior Adame, Saticoy	13 yrs.
Jerry Jeffery, Ventura	14 yrs.
David Hammer, Ventura	16 yrs.
Donald Hammer, Ventura	16 yrs.
Nick Bowles, Wasco	12 yrs.



We had a Christmas in July
 Around the Pyles' Campfire
 We sang and laughed as Dee played Santa
 Raising our spirits higher

But now the snow has fallen and
 The reindeer's bells are near
 So here's a wish from all your pals
 'MERRY CHRISTMAS ** HAPPY NEW YEAR'

FRANK SEKERIS '56



Campers tell "What Xmas means to me."

John Hanlon, Long Beach, 15 years old:

'Christmas is a sacred day. It symbolizes the birth of Christ; our God and Savior. It's a day when everybody should spend at least one hour thinking of the real meaning of Christmas instead of just a day, once a year, to have fun and open gifts, and eating goodies the day through. Today, people think nothing of the really true meaning of the Holiday Season. They think, 'Well I have to get so and so a gift.' Christmas today is more commercial than meaningful. The stores are all ready for Christmas before Halloween has ejected its ghosts and goblins and trick-or-treats. So why not really think of the really true meaning of Christmas this year. Merry Christmas and God bless you.'

Don Hargrove, Bakersfield, 12 years old:

'Christmas time is a wonderful time. I believe my favorite time is Christmas time. At this particular time, Christmas is in the air. It is in the faces of grown-ups when they glance their sly glances knowing that this year will be an especially good Christmas for the kiddies. It is in the faces of the children. In their faces you can see the expectancy as they watch the ever-growing stack of gaily wrapped packages under the Christmas tree. As you step outside you can't help feeling the spirit of Christmas. The gaily decorated streets and windows add to this spirit. Finally, the great moment is about to arrive. As the children are tucked in on that final night their faces tell you that they can already hear sleigh bells. Christmas morning is the climax. When you see the joy on the faces of everyone your heart feels glad to be a small part of this great feeling. As the packages are being unwrapped nothing has to be said. Everything is summed up in the face of every child. This is Christmas, yours and mine, it is a most wonderful time.'

Roger Davis, El Monte, 14 years old:

'I would like to sum up what Christmas means to me in this poem I made up:

Christmas to me is a glorious day,
In so many more ways than words can say,
A day to be thankful, a day to rejoice,
A day to be merry, the best of my choice.
As our Father in Heaven was born this day,
And He chose me to help Him some way

So I'll always try to be thankful, honest and sincere,
To fulfill His wishes which are so dear,
And I'm so thankful for my mother and dad,
When Christmas comes, I'm just glad
To be with my family, and laugh and be gay,
I love Christmas Day.

Rickey Anderson, Long Beach, 13 years old:

'Christmas means a time when we give thanks to God for his greatest gift to mankind, His son; born on this day. Sent here to teach us His ways so that we might be saved. He brought peace and goodwill to all mankind. In our family we children are taught that Santa Claus is the 'Spirit of Loving and Giving.'

Ralph Ragsdale, Garden Grove, 14 years old:

'Christmas to me means gifts and having my aunts and uncles down and a day of fun and laughter, but I haven't forgotten the real meaning of Christmas-- That on the 25th day of December, Christ was born in Bethlehem. His birth to me means salvation forever, as he died for our sins. We should remember that from now until eternity we should always be grateful that Christ was born on Christmas Day.'

Don Diffine, Long Beach, 15 years old:

'The 25th of December, to most Americans, is the day we set aside for getting together and exchanging presents. To me Christmas means the spirit of happiness which is always near a person when he realizes how much he has to be thankful for. Although this celebrated day began almost 2000 years ago, it has never lost its significance. This was the day that Christ was born. For there has never been one so great and yet so humble as he.'





☆ Christmas Party for 50 L. A. Boys ☆

The party promised the Los Angeles boys this year is fast taking shape. All plans are nearing completion for the biggest Christmas party ever put on by the Boys Camp and what looks like a real interesting time. Over 50 boys from the Los Angeles area will be guests of the Camp along with a like number of sponsors from the same area.

The Christmas party will be held in the Rodger-Young Auditorium in Los Angeles on the evening of the 21st of December and everyone will be decked out for a good time, with food and presents and lots of fun.

Special guests for the evening will be Rev. Bob Richards, Olympic Champion Pole Vaulter and renowned youth speaker, and Dr. Sammy Lee, guest columnist for this month. Special music will be furnished by Johnnie Ledwon who entertained campers in the Ventura area. Mr. Ledwon, 16 years old, will be featured on the Hammond Organ. Santa Claus is scheduled to visit with his full pack and jolly ho! ho! ho! It is rumored that Santa will have a southern accent.

Invitations to the Christmas Party are under direction of Vice President Aubert. Transportation will be furnished those boys in the Los Angeles area who will be attending. Since the Camp has more than 50 boys in the area that would like to attend, there will be alternate trips and adventures planned for those not attending.

Christmas

By Rev. Robert I. Gannon

Once a year on Christmas Day, human society, warlike and proud, is suddenly conscious of Bethlehem. Like a distant echo come the 'tidings of great joy that shall be to all the world. For this day is born to you a Savior, Who is Christ, the Lord.' And then the challenge of the shepherds rings out. 'Come on,' they cry, 'Transeamus usque ad Bethlehem.'

Let us cross over once and for all to the clear simple vision of humility and let us make it 'usque ad Bethlehem,' no stopping half way; right to the cave, right to the manger where Christ Himself will teach us how to be lowly without being low, how to be little without being small, how to be childlike without being childish. And then like shepherds we shall return to our flocks, to our daily grind, praising and glorifying God for the rest of our lives.



Here, Too, is Christmas

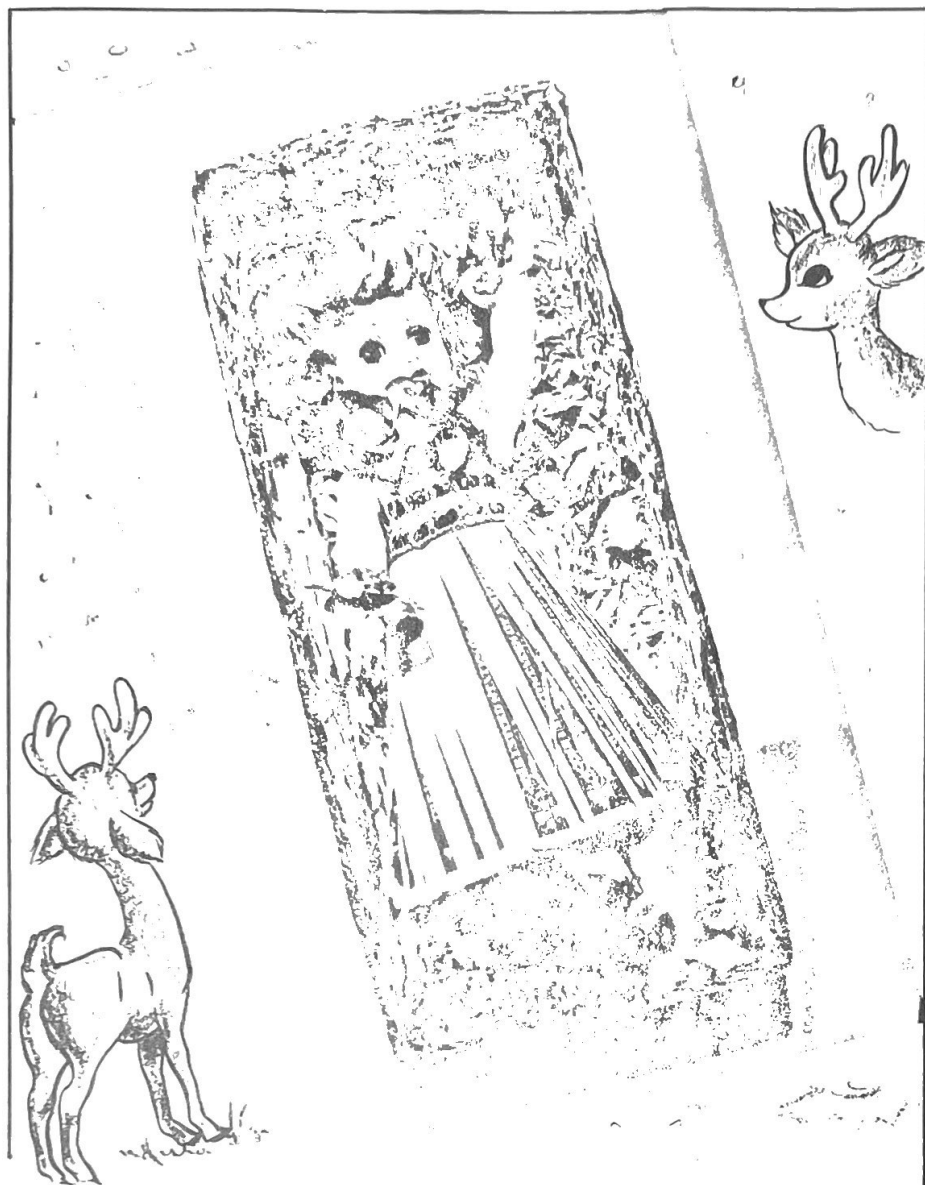
Between the lines of Christmas advertising,
Believers in God's wealth can read His word.
Above the factors' confusing Hub-bub,
The song of herald angels can be heard,
The Star can shed its light through office windows,
And to a silent place, apart from din,
Where good will shines forth like a beacon candle,
The Holy Child will come and enter in.

--- Doris Wilder

P. T. A. Program

The Lerdo P.T.A. of Lerdo School of Bakersfield, hosted a representative of the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp at their November 14th meeting. Ben Wharton, Pyles Boys Camp Program Director, spoke before the group on the history and activities of the Camp Program.

A movie was shown of the camp and three Lerdo boys, who had attended Pyles Camp this past season, related some experiences as they showed a selection of large photographs of the camp activities. Each boy explained what each picture meant to him. The boys taking part in the program were Tommy Thornsberry, Pete Cannon & Don Sherrell. Also present were two other campers whose names are Allen Woods and Burle Self.



The Robinson Spirit of Christmas

Two friends of the Pyles Boys Camp, Eddie and Laural Robinson, have been doing a real 'Christmas good-turn' for three years and this year will be the fourth. They have given a doll, with complete wardrobe, to the Camp to be raffled off at Christmas and the proceeds to go into the Camp funds to send boys to Camp in the summer.

Mrs. Robinson spent over 100 hours sewing up original creations for the doll last year, as well as the years previous, and the result was not only colorful but something that could not be bought with money. The results were good, in terms of ticket sales in and around Huntington Beach and only oil-field personnel were allowed to purchase them. Each year that the Robinson's have done this, the Boys Camp has profited several hundred dollars. People with granddaughters or daughters have always won the doll and wardrobe. However due to sickness in the family this past summer and a trip out of the State, Eddie and Laural have decided to do something a little different. They made a skirt of 50 one dollar bills for the doll and are offering it for raffle in the same manner as in previous years. It is expected that over \$200.00 will be raised in this manner and tickets are being offered at Signal Hancock office in Huntington Beach.

Eddie, field representative for Reed-Roller Bit Co., and Laural have been more than commonly interested in youth activities for many years. The Robinson's have a small boy Mike who is adopted and is really lucky. Every where Eddie is seen on week-ends, there also is Mike. Laural has been instrumental in Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion and has headed up local Posts in each community in which they have resided. Ed is noted for his ever present cigar and laugh, and ready-wit. He is welcomed all over the oil patch and is a friend to many thousands.

Our pride in the friendship of the Eddie Robinsons is great. You can be assured that their Christmas will be a happy one for their Spirit is very deep and sincere.

Friends Who Support

Note: The California Oil Industry is comprised of a vast number of wells, refineries, and other subsidiaries. It also is the major supporting industry to a number of smaller industries. There are many who support our Camp who consider themselves part of the Oil Industry by virtue of their supplying that Industry with some of its essential tools and materials. This month's personality is just such a person--who sells protective paints to much of the Industry and has been a real support to the Pyles Boys Camp for many years.

One of the most interesting people you would ever want to meet is 'Cap' Cameron, owner of Maritime Laboratories in Compton.

'Cap', now 72, was the proud possessor of a master mariner's license at the age of 21. He began going to sea with his dad when he was 5 years old. His dad was Captain of the old clipper ship, 'Dashing Wave', considered the fastest of its time. Growing up, 'Cap' can remember how it could be worth your life to go into a saloon in San Francisco, Seattle or San Pedro. It was here that shanghaiing was taken as a matter of course and he recalls how recruiting in this manner was common.

'Cap' was the master of many sailing ships, when it took iron men to sail wooden ships. During World War I his ship 'Beluga' was sunk and he and his wife and daughter were captured by the famous German sea raider of that time 'Wolff'. They lived on the Wolff for over 9 months, during which time many more vessels were sunk and the crews captured. His wife was the only woman of over 400 captives and was the angel of mercy to the sick and dying. He relates on the wonderful treatment his wife and the others received at the hands of the Germans. When Cap was released and came back to America his story was nationwide news for months. He dedicated the rest of the war to training mariners in the service of their country.

In 1924 'Cap' became interested in painting automobiles with lacquer and because of his experimentation was employed by the Zapon Lacquer Company to go to Europe and do further work and sales. He helped fabricate many fantastic formulas and became known for his ability in the paint world. Cap has since formed his own company Maritime Laboratories in Compton in 1942 and has been there since, making paints and selling--as he puts it--'a little better for a little less.'

When asked his philosophy of life, Cap said, 'Be square, and get the reputation for being square'. Be like a bank--make people feel secure in investing in you.'

Christmas is a lot like life...we are more apt to get what we expect rather than what we want.

Know Your Board Members



Freeman E. Fairfield's biography, printed in full or just sketched, is like a newsman's dream of a 'success story'. It's the story of a boy growing up in America with a desire, and how he made it all come true.

'Free' was born in Meeker, Colorado of pioneer stock at the turn of the century. His father, Ed Fairfield, was one of the first settlers in the wide open Colorado country and ran a local wagon freighting service for those pioneers who needed him. While growing into manhood Free was exposed to the cowboy life and developed a love for cows and horses, and at the same time developed a shrewd sense of basic good business. He worked his way through two business colleges, one in Denver and one in Grand Junction, and came to California to make his way in the world. He started at the bottom by working as a roustabout in the oilfields of Santa Fe Springs in 1922. By saving some of the money from each pay check he accumulated enough in 6 years to organize the Oil Tool Exchange in Long Beach. It was mainly used oil field equipment but Free felt it well worth his hard earned investment money. Free brought in his first oilwell in 1934, just 12 years after his entry into the oil business. He used his own tools and plenty of hard work. 'I was scared to death' he remembers. Since that time many wells have borne his name until today he is one of the largest operators of independent oil wells in the state. Continuing with his Oil Tool Supply Corp., he has developed its resources and is very proud of his staff of faithful employees. He is the first to give them credit for his success and they in turn know they have the best boss in the U.S. He now maintains offices at the Oil Tool Corp., original building, in Long Beach, and is very sad that it will soon have to be moved for a proposed freeway to pass through.

As Free's business matters prospered, so did his desire to help others. His mother died in Colorado earlier because of inadequate medical service for the communities. Free determined to do something about this and succeeded in building a community hospital and medical center in Meeker, his home town. He preferred to have it called 'Pioneer's Hospital' in memory of his mother and those whose help and guidance shaped his young life and made the opening of the West possible. To the people of Meeker and surrounding communities Mr. Fairfield is a real friend and favored son who didn't forget. To attest to his interest in the land and cattle, he purchased a sizeable ranch 30 miles south of Carson City, Nevada. Here he employs cowboys and farmers and raises white-faced cattle and potatoes. Modern methods of ranching and farming have made it an example of good management to the ranchers of Nevada and most week-ends will find Free flying to Nevada in his plane. Free's interest in flying has paid off in his busy schedule of business and his private pilot Jasper, World War II pilot, is considered the best. Free's friends and business associates have greatly benefited by the generous use of his Lodestar, twin-engine, 10 passenger plane and its excellent pilot.

Notable among Free's contributions to society is his Community Chest work in the Long Beach area. He has contributed a large downtown building to the Chest and has personally headed up the campaign for several years, always

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Dr. Sammy Lee

that one must undergo many defeats in order to strengthen oneself for ultimate victory. This is the secret of victory! That after each fall one can rise higher and faster because of the lessons of mistakes.

I had many things hurt me as I was growing up. When I was 12, I had to come home from a party because when I arrived the parents of the child who had invited me were horrified to see that I was not white. My father consoled his grief-stricken son who felt that he was born of the wrong color and race and told me, 'It isn't the clothes or the color that measures a man's success but his creed and code of living.' I have honored and respected my father and mother and have let this be my yardstick in life. By carrying the name and color of my father and mother with pride and dignity I have proved that my color reflects only my pigment and not my soul. I firmly believe that if each member of the various races took it as a personal responsibility to exhibit those good features of his faith and nationality and be proud of those attributes that this would be a far better world to live in.

I believe your camp is one of the outstanding organizations of America.

Freeman Fairfield

topping last year's goals. Named the first lifetime director of the Miss Universe Pageant in Long Beach, the planner and first board member of the Petroleum Club of Long Beach, he has never forgotten his own interest in the welfare of youngsters. Instrumental in the building of a youth center in Santa Paula, in the establishment of a Signal Hill Little League Ball Team, and persistent supporter of the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, Mr. Fairfield is helping young men get some breaks in life. Free insists that all news releases on him, as a member of the community, carry a mention of his affiliation with the Pyles Camp and proudly points to his 8 years on the Board of the Camp. He has served on all the committees with dedication, visited the camp each summer that it was possible and written material on the camp for publication, as well as traveled widely and made talks on the organization. He has given without reservation his support and guidance.

Another outstanding Board Member that our organization is proud to have for its supporter, consultant and friend.

New Year's Party

be twenty members of the Kern Committee acting as hosts to the boys. Mr. D'Evelyn relates that job assignments for the party have gone to Bob Anderson, Bud Reed, Jack Lund, Dick Bevins, Jack Colligan, Don Lumas and Hank Waldren.

The Kern Committee is noted for its spring barbecue for boys from the camp. At this event all boys from all outlying areas, along with all Kern County sponsors are invited to participate in a family-style barbecue. Last year's event was most successful and outlying area boys can look forward to this year's event.

Then there was the absent-minded professor who rushed into his bedroom, stared aghast at his empty bed and screamed: 'Great Scot, I've been kidnapped!'

Farmer: 'Thought you said you had ploughed the ten-acre field.'
Tramp: 'No, I said I only was thinking of ploughing it.'
Farmer: 'Oh, I see. You merely turned it over in your mind.'



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Freeman Fairfield

says - -

"A man never stood more erect than when he stooped to help a boy."

