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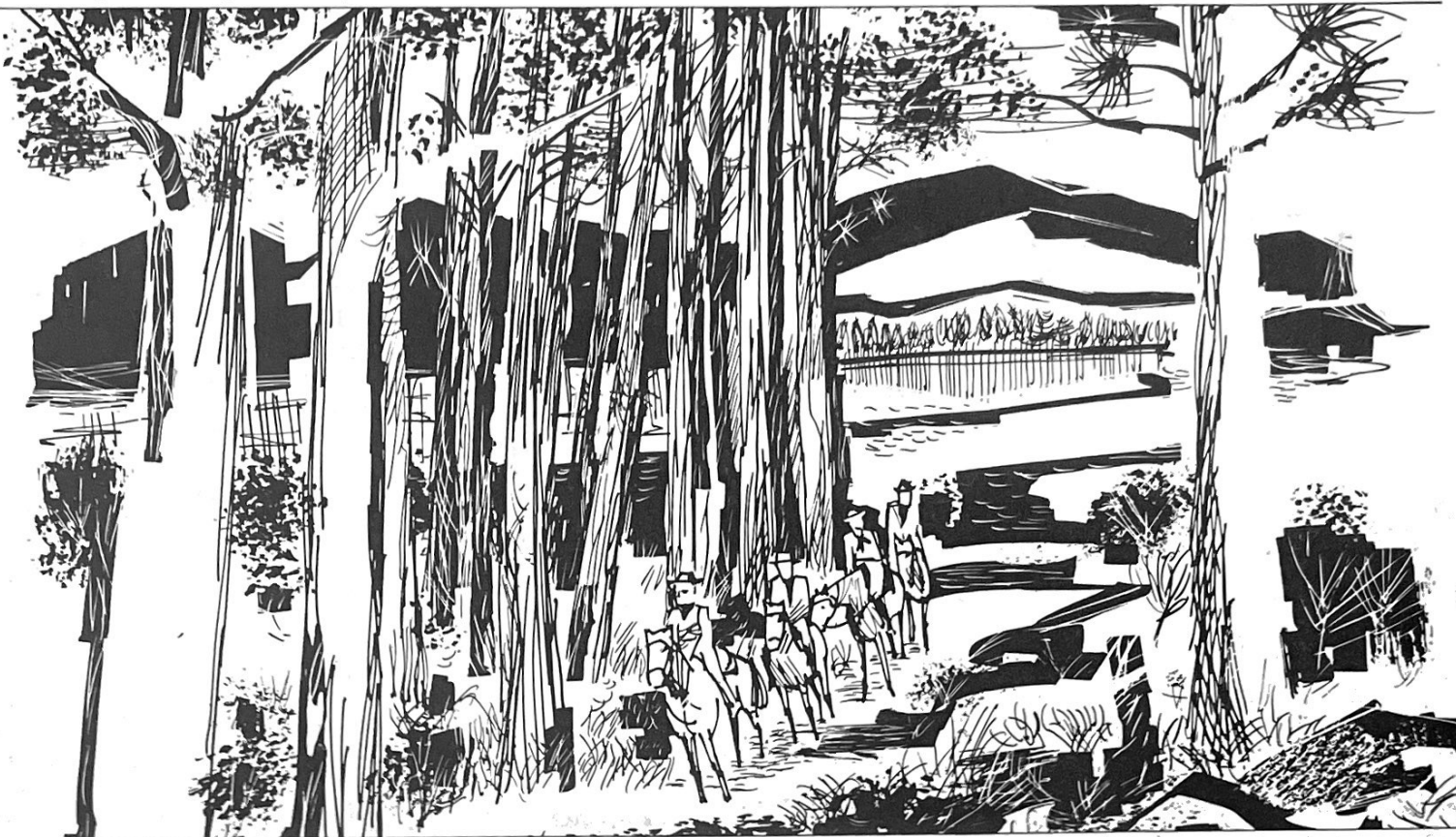
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TRACK STAR * * *

Don Sanders from Buttonwillow, a camper and kitchen boy from last year, is really setting some new records at Shafter High School. Don is running Varsity track and his event is the A mile. He will be the first freshman at Shafter High ever to receive a Varsity letter in track. This is great, Don, and we wish you all the luck in the world. You never can tell, we may have another Roger Bannister in the making.

CAMPER CHOSEN TO ATTEND ENGINEERING ADVISEMENT PROGRAM.

Recently we received a letter from Michael Sims, 9236 Success Avenue, Los Angeles which made all of us at the Boys Camp very proud. Michael was chosen to attend the Engineering AdviseMENT Program held at George Washington Carver Jr. High in Los Angeles. He was chosen from all the students in his school because he showed great ability in mathematics and science. This program is sponsored by the Los Angeles Council of Engineering Societies. The reason for this program is to interest students in becoming future engineers. The program was held April 29, 1964, and proved to be very interesting to Michael.

Michael is living up to the name on his Pyles shirt by trying very hard to become successful. Congratulations!

EX-CAMPER TO BECOME ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR

This past year was filled with many rewarding success stories of boys who had been to our Camp. The camp is now going into its 16th year of operation and over 5000 boys have attended the camp.

One boy who was known to many of us as "Canteen" was recommended to the camp as a possible camp worker. When he was first interviewed by the Boys Camp he told us he had a great feeling that we were going to ask him to work for us this summer. He also told us that he wanted to offer something back to the camp that he had received while a camper.

This summer, Jim Talley, a six foot six giant, along with his wife, Joyce, will be working as the Assistant Camp Director. Jim, after leaving the Boys Camp, finished high school and one year of college in Bakersfield where he majored in Engineering. He then married Joyce and left school to go to work. He did many odd jobs around town and finally ended up working for Shell Oil Company. His job with Shell Oil has been very rewarding and interesting, but Jim now hopes to finish his schooling with a major in Electrical Engineering. With Jim's determination we are sure he will be very successful and will be a great asset to the Oil Industry.

We asked Jim what the Camp meant or did for him and he told us that before going to camp, he felt as though he were walking on the peak of a roof. Both sides sloped down and either way he went he would fall. On one side he could have gotten into seri-

ous trouble by hanging around with the wrong crowds--on the other side, he feared becoming a complete failure. He says that the Pyles Boys Camp was the hand that reached out and guided him along the peak.

We have great confidence in Jim and know that he will do an excellent job for the Camp.

CAMPERS BECOME RADIO STARS IN VENTURA

On April 17 George Salata and six boys from the Ventura, Santa Paula area were interviewed by Jane Smith of Station KVEN in Ventura. Miss Smith has a fine show that is heard all over Ventura County.

The boys who were made radio "Kings for a Day" are: Rich Chilcutt and Kermit Kelly, counselors of last year; Carl Gowan, camper and kitchen worker of last year; Danny Antolik, 1963 camper; Ed Dane, camper of 1957 now attending college and Danny Chancellor from Santa Paula, 1957 camper. The boys did an outstanding job of presenting their comments on Pyles Camp.

This program was a kickoff for the Ventura Barbecue that was held May 16.

ORANGE COUNTY BOYS TAKE EASTER VACATION SNOW TRIP. . . .

On Thursday, March 26, ten boys from Orange County headed for the Big Bear Lake area in the San Bernardino mountains to spend a day in the snow.

The day was beautiful and there was lots of snow. After driving around for awhile, the group finally found a beautiful spot with a good slope for sledding. With the fiberglass toboggans (I guess you could call them that!) the boys built a very fast runway for the sleds. But, it sure got cold didn't it, Robert? It seemed like the Poe brothers spent the day smashing everyone with snowballs and Ron and Chris then found out what it was like to be rolled around in the snow.

The trip was a lot of fun for everyone. The boys attending were: Chris and Ron Poe, Rudy and John Zuniga, Danny Lobo, Paul and James Thomas, Greg Cleary, and Robert Turrey. Also Rich Cotter, George Myrick and Chuck Collins went along to help supervise.

SEND IN YOUR NEWS ITEMS!!! We need good material for our Pyles, so let's get those stories in!



SUCCESS OF THE DOLL CONTEST

In our last issue of the Pylet, we told you about a Doll Contest in which a doll was being raffled off by the women of the Desk and Derrick Club. This club is made up of the secretaries who work for oil companies all over Southern California.

The drawing was held during Easter vacation at our office in Huntington Beach with Terry O'Dell drawing the ticket. The winner of the doll was Mrs. Shirley Descrocher, a secretary in the Richfield Oil Building, Los Angeles.

These ladies of the Desk and Derrick Club do a wonderful job for the Boys Camp. With help from people such as these, this Camp will go on forever.

BAKERSFIELD BARBECUE -- HUGE SUCCESS!!

Jon Provost, star of the Lassie show and known to everyone as Timmy, was the guest of honor at the Bakersfield Barbecue. This barbecue is put on by the Kern County Boys Camp Committee to help send boys to Camp. This group of oilmen are the hardest working individuals dedicated to helping our Boys Camp.

There were 1700 people from the Bakersfield area who enjoyed a delicious 14 oz. steak dinner. There was also \$2000 worth of gifts which were donated by the merchants and oil companies in Bakersfield, raffled off.

Jon Provost (Timmy) is one of the finest young actors on television. Although Lassie was unable to come, Timmy did tell all the children about her. Timmy was very interested in our Camp and was asked by Mr. Pyles to visit camp this summer. It is a pleasure to know such a fine boy and his appearance helped to make the barbecue such a success.

The Boys Camp was well represented by 14 of our campers from last summer and 3 staff members for this summer who worked very hard. Boys who helped are: Ronald Reagle, James Ratcliff, Jimmy Dwiggins, Eluterio DelaRosa, Mike Ashmore, Frank O'Rourke, Frank Reyes, Coleman Proctor, Henry and Harry Placenti, Dan Metcalf, Richard Bias, Larry O'Mara and Harry McColgan. Manuel Quijada, Richard Hunt and Jim Talley also lent a helping hand by serving coffee and cleaning up after the barbecue. It was a pleasure to work with all the fine boys.

Thanks again to the oilmen of Kern County for their hard work.

GRADUATES.

We, at Pyles Camp, wish to congratulate all our Campers who will graduate in June. We are proud of the boys who finished high school and hope many of you will go on to college.

We wish you success in whatever you undertake. Good luck!

OPENING OF CAMP

The time to open camp is really draw-close. June 13 is the day the first campers will arrive. A crew of workers will be leaving for the mountains May 25th to open and prepare the camp for the first group of boys.

This year there will be a few changes in the staff. Some of the old-timers will be returning--Eleanor will be back to help keep the kitchen running in a well organized manner; Jim Brack, Rich Cotter and Manuel Quijada will return as counselors. The rest of the staff will be made up of ex-campers from previous years.

It is hard not being able to take everyone back for a second year. But if we are going to do a good job we have to be able to reach out and get the boy that was unable to go to camp last year because we didn't have enough room for him. This year he will be able to go. So all of you should be grateful to step aside and let another boy have an experience in the mountains that you had last year.

We are expecting another great summer. Each summer camp is only as good as the boys attending. If this year's boys are as great as you were last year, we will have a successful summer.

Woody wrote a letter recently and said that all the horses are in good shape and are ready to go to the mountains.

If you get a chance, let us know what you are doing this summer. Our summer camp address is Box 66, Springville, California.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations are in order for Louis Brent Gill on his engagement to Sharon Glee Ryan. Brent, who was our wrangler last summer, is attending Bakersfield College and will spend the summer herding cattle for his father in Springville. We wish them all the luck and happiness in the world. Good luck, Brent and Sharon!

Congratulations also, to Skip Hinchman on his recent engagement to Miss Betty Hawkins. Skip is stationed at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco and Betty is a student at Long Beach State College and will graduate next year. Good luck, Skip and Betty!

(It looks like, since it is Leap Year, the girls are really after the guys--so look out!!!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR CAMPERS

WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

WILLIAM MAGAR
ERNEST HOLMES
LEONARD PERRY
MIKE SIMS
LARRY C. WHITE
RAY MORALES
GEORGE WASHINGTON
DANNY BURTON

GERALD HAGERMAN
LESLIE DODSON
ERNEST NAPOLES
JOSEPH BUKOWSKI
BUD BURSON
ROBERT KIRKWOOD
STEVE JACOBS
WILLIE FRUITT

EIJI MIYAMOTO
LARRY JOHNSON
JIMMY DWIGGINS
RONALD FLEETWOOD
FRED ORNELAS
CHRISTOPHER ROMERO
DENNIS JAYNES
STEVEN OWENS

CHARLES HOOD
KEVIN ROWLEY
CLIFFORD HOLMES
DENNIS LUCAS
ALEX MONTES
GEORGE A. SAENZ
RAUL ARBISO
NORMAN RAY HICKEY

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

BILL DONATO
RICHARD BOLTON
KEVIN MONAFAN
CARLOS GUERRERO
GARVIN NIX
JOSEPH GUTIERREZ
DANNY HARRISON
JERRY GAVALDON

JOHN MICHAEL NELSON
GERALD CVERBY
RICHARD HISAMOTO
JOHN ADNEY
EULFRIEO DELAROSA
ROY ALLEN PRYOR
HARRY PLACENTI
HENRY PLACENTI

WM. RUSSELL HUDSON
HARRY FREEMAN
CAL COWLING
RANDY REALS
FREDDIE GOMEZ
MANUEL REYES HERRERA
PETER ROBLES
ROGER GRAVELIN

CARL CRIBBS
JACK EADS
MIKE EADS
ROGER JONES
JOHN LINDLEY
JIMMY RODRIGUEZ
JERRY GILBERT
MARVIN ABNEY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

ROBERT FREEZE
ROBERT K. RODNEY
JOHN MARCIKIESE
FRANK BEARD
GARY KRAKOFF
RICHARD REDDING
MORRIS PETITE
ALFRED CELESTINE, JR.

RON SIMPSON
DOUGLAS HANLIN LOWE
TONY SILVA
THOMAS LOWE
JAMES MOORE
MORLEY COVAN
ROBERT ALCALA
EDDIE CARDENAS

JIMMY CLOUD
DANNY DUPES
JOHN FRANKS
EUGENE GREENE
CARL WALKER
HARVEY WATKINS
RAY TRIPP
JERRY DUNHAM

EVERETT L. HUNT
FRAZIER KARNICK
PHILLIP RIDGEWAY
CHARLES STEPHENS
MODESTO DELSI, JR.
DANNY GARDNER

R. M. PYLES BOYS CAMP SALUTES ----- WILLIAM MAGAR

William Magar, 113-1/2 Krueger St., Anaheim, was selected as boy of the quarter for his outstanding achievements in school and at home. William is a student at Anaheim High School and according to all his teachers is doing a fine job.

William lives at home with his mother, father, 2 brothers and a sister and is a great help to his parents and family. He is presently employed at the Mayfair Market in Anaheim. With the money he earns, he gives part to his parents and part went towards buying a car to get him back and forth to school. William's mother was recently in an auto accident and the car she was driving was very badly damaged. Being very unselfish, William gave his car to his father so that he would be able to get to work.

After high school, William wants to attend college, although he hasn't made up his mind which one yet.

Good luck to you, William, and keep up the good work. The Boys Camp is always behind boys who show initiative and try to get ahead.