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Report on Drainage

By John Lauten

Editors' Note: Mr. Lauten gave an extensive report on drainage problems in the area at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on February 1. He has kindly furnished ILV with the following recap for the benefit of those who did not attend that meeting.

1. On Jan. 28th the Soil Conservation Service held a meeting at the Laguna Vista Elementary School on alternative ways to pass flood waters from the Revolon Slough watershed from its point of intersection with Calleguas Creek, under Highway 1, past the Naval installation and through the Mugu Lagoon and marsh to the ocean. Engineers stated that the current volume of sediment carried to the marsh by Calleguas Creek will cause elimination of open water areas within 50 years and the entire marsh

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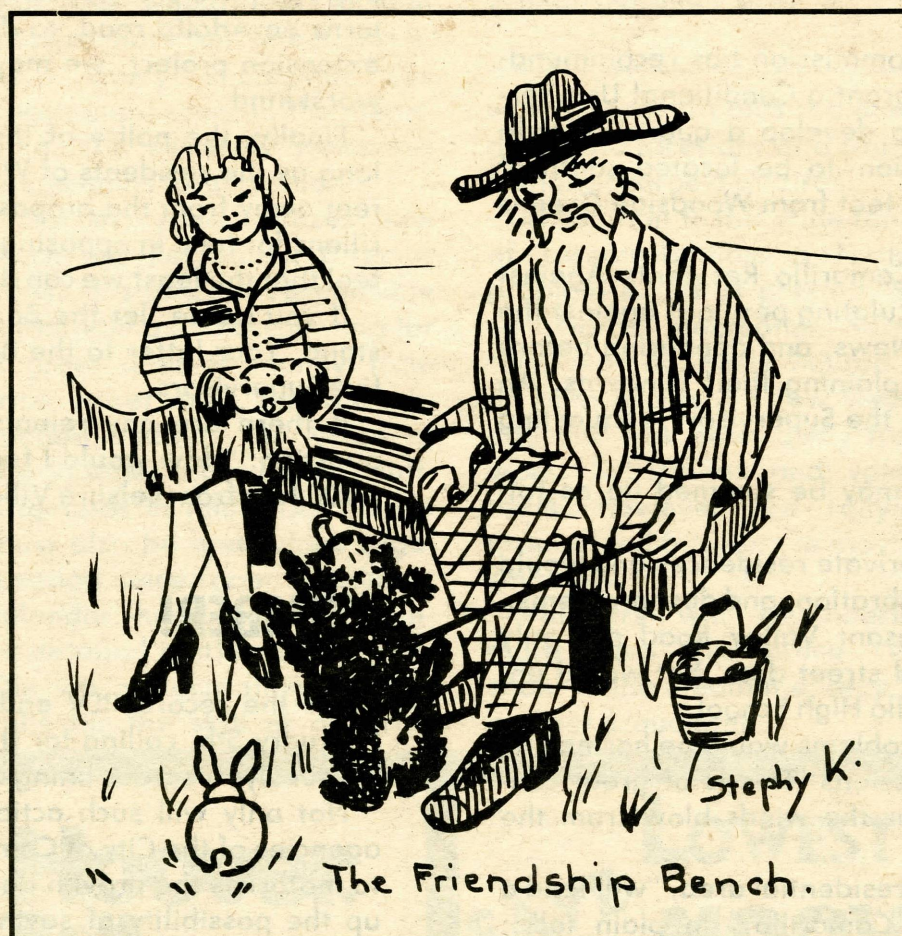
Firehouse Gift Fund

The new firehouse on Santa Rosa Road, just outside LV gates, is nearing completion, and will be operational about March 15th. A committee of public spirited LV residents has formed to solicit funds to purchase certain items which are not furnished by the County, for the firehouse.

The total amount they are trying to raise is \$1100, which would purchase a TV, microwave oven, radio, and butane-fired barbecue.

The committee has met with County fire officials to coordinate plans. The LVA Board of Directors has approved the ground rules for contributing

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The Friendship Bench.

New Benches: A Gift from Women's Club

For L.V. residents who need to rest frequently while walking, fifteen benches are being installed along L.V. Drive and Mountain View Avenue, a gift of the Women's Club. The limited athletes may now exercise, and increase their endurance, with the convenience of these new installations.

Lillian Skellenger, as president of the Women's Club last year, worked almost her entire term to bring this project to fruition. Her leadership and tenacity are complimented.

Ronny Neiss of V. 1 was responsible for the design and construction of the benches, while every resident who has supported the Women's Club Bazaar and other activities can also claim credit for helping.

Villagers receive deserving awards

By Romaine Lambert

Twenty-eight Leisure Villagers were among those honored at the 5th Annual Volunteer Awards ceremony on Sunday, January 31st. The impressive event was conducted at the County Hospital by the Ventura County Health Care Agency Public Service High Blood Pressure and Education Program.

Supervisor Maggie Erickson

and Chief Administrative Officer Richard Wittenberg expressed appreciation on behalf of the County and presented a plaque in recognition of the Program's success. Although the volunteers' efforts "cannot be calculated in dollar value"... "If we would have had to pay the volunteers for all the

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Sound Equipment Ordered

The Editors of ILV are pleased to report that the Assembly Room will soon be equipped with a Personal PA Broadcasting System, manufactured by Williams Sound Corporation of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, that will enable those with hearing difficulties to listen to our public address system.

Responding to a proposal spelled out by Harry Becker, on behalf of the editors and a committee of volunteers, the Board has instructed the General Manager, Dave Houghton, to place an order on a trial basis.

The system employs battery-powered small radio receivers, to which miniature earphones are attached. This will enable Villagers to sit anywhere in the AR and receive the broadcast from a small radio transmitter connected to the public address system.

During a six-week trial period Villagers will be encouraged to try out these receivers and determine whether they are of benefit. Not all hearing impairments can be corrected in this manner.

It will be recalled that the survey sponsored by ILV showed that about 45% of respondents stay away from meetings and entertainment in the AR because of hearing problems. Coincidentally, a "Health Fair" sponsored by Your Neighbors Care Group tested 108 Villagers, of whom 79, or 73%, showed some hearing loss.

"The Board's enthusiastic response to our proposal was very gratifying," said Becker.

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QUERY: A QUARRY

The Ventura County Planning Commission has recommended that the Board of Supervisors grant a Conditional Use Permit to a construction company to develop a quarry--a strip mining and rock crushing operation--to be located south of Pleasant Valley Road, about 1,200 feet from Woodside Greens in the Wittenberg housing tract.

Area residents, organized as Camarillo Residents Against the Quarry (CRAQ), have been circulating petitions against the project, running ads in the Daily News, and appearing before various groups of Camarillans explaining their concerns. An official appeal has been filed with the Supervisors, requesting the Board to reject the permit.

Arguments against the quarry may be summed up as follows:

- 1) The operation is too close to private residences and would therefore cause excessive noise, vibration, and dust problems.
- 2) Added truck traffic on Pleasant Valley Road not only would add to the noise levels and street dust, but would endanger children walking to Camarillo High School.
- 3) Individuals with respiratory problems would be harmed by the dust and minute particle emissions. This is of great concern, because for 300 days a year the winds blow from the southwest to the northeast.
- 4) Such a quarry, located near a residential area, "will lend a stigma to the whole of eastern Camarillo." In plain talk: "There goes the neighborhood."

On the other side of the argument, the Planning Commission feels that objections to the quarry can be met, but only if 41 conditions are satisfied by the applicant for the permit, notably these:

12--The applicant must keep the intersection of any public roadway and access road clear of dirt, sand, gravel, rocks and other debris.

13--The processing plant site must be landscaped.

17--Light levels directed at surrounding residences must be controlled.

22--The ultimate responsibility for reclamation (restoring the soil) rests with the permittee.

23--"That all operations authorized by this permit (including truck trips) shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during weekdays, except in an emergency as determined by the Planning Director." (Parenthetically, this requirement was demanded by the City of Camarillo; the applicant had wanted to start the trucks at 6:30 a.m., so that they could be at the job sites with their loads of sand and rock by 7 a.m.)

24--There must be no blasting.

Other conditions spelled out maximum noise levels, the disposal of hazardous wastes, conformity with Ventura County Air Pollution Control requirements, submission of a Flood Control Plan, and Erosion Control Plan, preservation of archaeological or historical artifacts, if uncovered, and management of stockpiles and excavated materials to prevent water and wind erosion.

To guarantee compliance, a \$25,000 bond would be required.

How would this quarry impact Leisure Villagers?

If any rock dust reaches the area adjacent to the intersection of Pancho and Pleasant Valley Roads, the prevailing southwesterly winds would waft the dust particles in our direction.

According to Villager Lad Rodriguez, a former quarry operator, "That dust travels, and the noise of the crusher is terrific."

Since the permit, if granted, is for a period of 20 years, for the next two decades traffic on Pleasant Valley and Santa Rosa Roads would be confronted by trucks bearing crushed rock, sand, and gravel (at least 24 round trips a day are contemplated)--hardly a pleasant sight in Pleasant Valley. With left turns on Adolfo road, to deliver the loads to the Adolfo Road extension project, we may anticipate close encounters of the worst kind.

Finally, the policy of the good neighbor should prevail. So long as the residents of Woodside Greens, situated only 1,200 feet away from the proposed quarry, appeal to all east Camarillans for help in opposing this development, the editors of ILV feel that the least we can do is support them in their effort.

If you agree, let the Board of Supervisors know where you stand. Your letter to the Board will be copied and given to all five Supervisors.

If there are any remaining doubts, just ask yourself one question: "How would I feel if a rock quarry were established 1,200 feet from Leisure Village?"

TIMBER!

For the record, ILV endorses the DAILY NEWS editorial of February 5th, calling for the removal of the "dangerous, costly" eucalyptus trees lining a portion of Highway 101.

Not only will such action by Caltrans and the appropriate agencies of the City of Camarillo and Ventura County eliminate to motorists the proven danger of falling trees, but it will open up the possibility of saving \$1.5 million--which would be the cost of moving the freeway in order to save the trees.

Leisure Village autos travel this section of the freeway daily; likewise our neighbors in the Santa Rosa Valley and in Mission Oaks. Certainly, we ought not let sentimental and nostalgic feelings about Camarillo "the way it was" force us "up a tree", or more to the point "under one."

ABOUT NEXT MONTH

Coordinator for next month will be Frances Gold. Copy should be placed in the box by the parking lot door of the Rec Center by first deadline March 8. Second deadline for late breaking news only March 15.

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Ann Johnson is new Recreation Director

By Jeanne Carlson

Leisure Village welcomes our new Recreation Director, Mrs. Ann Johnson. She is a pleasant relaxed young lady who, while being interviewed by this reporter fielded several telephone calls, answered interruptions, and smiled while talking about her background. She seems at home already.

Ann comes from Michigan, a suburb thirty miles north of Detroit. She attended Eastern Michigan University and received a Bachelor of Science degree with a minor in Political Science. She came to California in 1976 and worked in Los Angeles at California Federal Savings and Loan as a loan and escrow officer. In 1978 she met and married Cy Johnson and they moved to Oxnard Shores where they still live. Ann worked there in publicity in various title companies, and in 1980, she and her husband built a "spec" house in Mandalay Bay by themselves with Ann as "carpenter's helper",

sanding, painting, hammering, the whole bit.

Our new director's interests and hobbies include an avid pleasure in golf and swimming. She also reads a good deal and enjoys keeping active.

When asked what ideas she has in mind for Leisure Village's recreation, she replied that she would like to emphasize more fun. She hopes to have a very successful Las Vegas night soon. In the meantime, she sincerely welcomes suggestions from residents.

Not everyone realizes how much our Recreation Director does. This office is responsible for handling and accounting for a great deal of money from trips, ticket sales, and the recreation budget. The Voice of the Village, a big job in itself, originates in this office. There must also be meticulous organization since room schedules, calendar, keys, and many other detailed matters must mesh. The job of Recreation Director calls for the skill of an army

Letter to Editor

I can't help wondering why Western Cable Service furnishes the L.V. residents with the programs of Channel 3 which, from 8:00 to 11:00 each evening merely duplicate the programs of Channel 7. It is plainly evident that replacing Channel 3 would be to our advantage.

Wilber Schreiber V-20

supply sergeant plus the diplomacy and foresight of a United Nations charge d'affaires.

In addition to this wide range of responsibilities, a further problem exists at present. Susan Norris, Recreation Secretary, was seriously injured in an auto accident a few weeks ago and has been away from work. Substitutes and volunteers, however, are rallying around and business is moving smoothly.

Villagers will be hearing more from this office very soon--in the meantime, drop by and get acquainted.



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Sonia Brink

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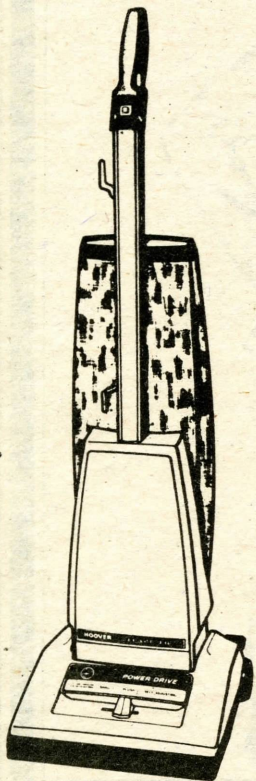
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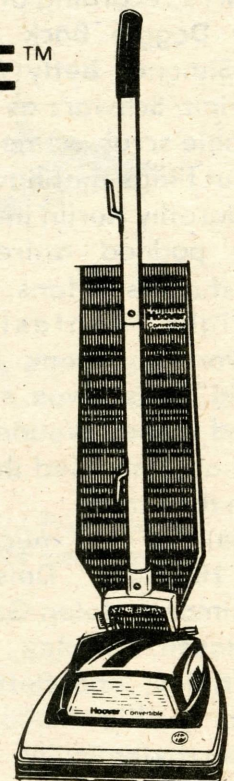
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Variety Guild

By Ethel Goldfarb

The January 28th meeting of the Variety Guild was a surprise tribute to Ann and Lee Herzoff who were Musical Directors of the "80 SpooF" production. A presentation in the A.R. with some members of the original cast, slides, tapes of the show itself, and Bill Marvel at the organ, proved to be a nostalgic evening.

With a welcome from Program Chairperson, Miriam Hasen, the curtain opened to a screen showing Lee Herzoff at the organ with taped music of the "80 SpooF" performance synchronized with the picture, then Ann Herzoff, majestically directing, was shown. It was a complete surprise to the Herzoffs.

A live chorus blending with the tapes produced an effective stereo sound, as highlights of the performance were flashed on the screen. A slide showed Miriam and Bob Hasen as they sang "Indian Love Call," looking very much like Nelson Eddy and Jeannette McDonald.

A reprise of other parts of the show saw Grace Back walking her dog on stage to Ruth Hart's recording of "Walking My Doggie Back Home," Piff DeSimone, Betty Murray, and Miriam Schwarz as the unforgettable scrub women, singing about flings that have to be flung. Dorothy Karlin in extravagantly padded attire, with feather dusters as fans, tripped the light fantastic to "Glowworm." "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" was sung by Joan and Woody Woodenschek on tape accompanied their pictures on the screen.

On stage, the very much alive Happy Hoofers, Daisy Bien, Piff DeSimone, Helen Gold, Miriam Hasen, Shirley Heller, Rawza Kates, and Betty Murray, in brilliant costume, tapped so rhythmically.

Coming back to the present, Miriam Hasen invited Betty Murray to join the Herzoffs on stage. The Variety Guild honored Betty with a red heart, the logo of the Guild, for her two years as president and for be-

ing involved with "80 SpooF." Red hearts were also pinned on the Herzoffs, with a presentation of a heart-shaped brass candy dish. They expressed their happiness at being instrumental in providing music and entertainments for L.V., and their parting words, "You will always be in our hearts," touched us all.

Marguerite Abdelnour of the Bocce Club, which shared the program with the Variety Guild, introduced the Can-Can dancers Ann Janoff, Rawza Kates, Sylvia Kaplan, Rhoda Smithkin, Elfrieda Kupka, and Kay Collier who flipping their skirts and whirling and spinning, suggested a touch of old Paris.

Max Gardner, a surprise guest, sang "You're Breaking My Heart", which was dedicated to the Herzoffs. Refreshments provided by both clubs, and dancing to Ed Abdelnour's tapes brought the evening to a close.

John Pommer has resigned as Executive Director of the Guild's production, but he will remain as an advisor. Joan Johnson has accepted the post as Director of "THE VARIETY GUILD REVUE OF 1982."

Our Valentine program on February 11th, planned by Roselle Mayfarth, was a musical love-in. Kay Avery sang "My Funny Valentine", Freda Drezner, usually at the piano, spoke about the essence of Love. The audience sang love songs accompanied by Roselle, and contributed comical Valentine verses. George Goldfarb with Freda Drezner back at the piano, sang "Stardust." Arthur Kates and his violin, with his sweetheart Rawza at the piano, entertained with a Jack Benny style ad-lib and solo, "Love In Bloom".

At the March 11th meeting, be prepared with chaps and hats to be part of a true Western experience devised by Jim Zupa.

"THE VARIETY GUILD REVUE OF 1982" will be presented April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and twice on Sunday the 4th. Bea Schonberg and committee will be handling ticket sales, which start March 8th in the Recreation Office.



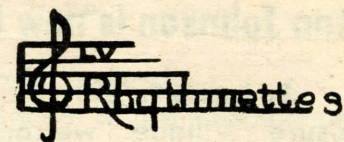
VILLAGE
CHORALE

By Ethel Goldfarb

The music of "West Side Story", "Camelot" and much more has Choral members on a high as we rehearse for the June Concert. Please be prompt Wednesdays at 7 pm in the MPR, so that Margaret Wilson has time to get our voices ringing loud and clear, ready for Director Bob Riggs to take over.

The Choral and friends will be presenting the St. Patrick's Day Program Friday, March 12th in the A.R..

That evening "everybody is Irish"!



Director Edith Ferrer has announced that the Rhythmettes' Spring presentation, "Musical Caravan of '82" has now been co-ordinated and rehearsals will start in February. Co-ordinators are Ethel Belanger, Sophie Lebetkin, Lucille Matson, and Lillian Skellenger, with direction by Edith Ferrer.

President Mary Farkas has secured the use of the A.R. for the Rhythmette Cast Party on the evening of May 3rd, which will be arranged by Social Chair person, Phyllis Sweet.

Several new members were welcomed by the group, bringing the roster up to 77.

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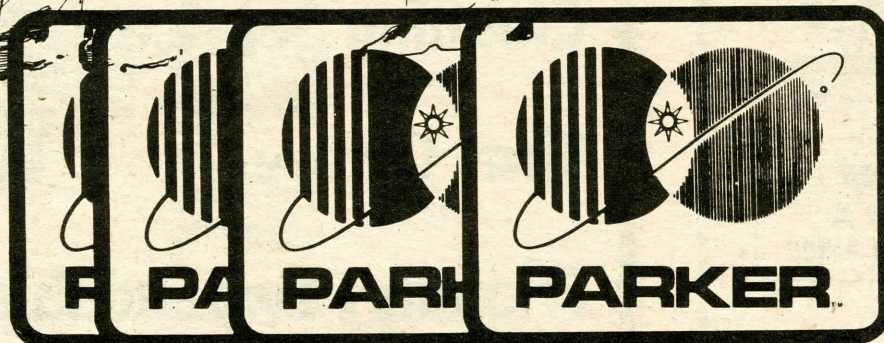
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Current Issues Forum

By Herbert Swartz

Dr. J. Howard Craven, Senior Vice-President and economist of the Union Bank, told members of the Current Issues Forum on Jan. 29th that he belongs to the group of mainstream economists who feel that the fiscal policies of the Reagan administration just "don't add up."

"The Administration has cut taxes too soon and by too much," he said. "There will be a deficit of \$109 billion this year and \$400 billion in three years' time and there aren't sufficient funds to finance that big a deficit", he feels.

Dr. Craven was speaking on "Reaganomics". He holds a Ph. D. degree from Harvard University and has had a distinguished career in government and banking. He is Chairman of the Research Division of the California Bankers' Association and has served as senior vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.

Dr. Craven said that the main goals of "Reaganomics" were to reduce inflation and unemployment. The methods to be used to achieve these goals were to reduce the growth of government spending, cut tax rates, get rid of excessive regulation, to hold tight control of the money supply and to move toward a balanced budget. However,

Reagan's additional goal was to increase military spending.

Dr. Craven and other mainstream economists foresee huge deficits in place of a balanced budget, which will inevitably lead to high interest rates and renewed recession. Business men and the financial markets are frightened by the projected deficits, and he thinks Congress will consequently increase taxes.

On the bright side, Dr. Craven thinks that the economy is ready to turn around, since he feels that the bottom has been reached in the housing and auto industries.

Approximately 225 interested Villagers attended the meeting.

protection for the area. Of the alternatives presented, the one calling for a new bridge over Highway 1, capable of passing a 50 year level storm on the Revolon-Calleguas watershed appeared to be preferred.

2. Caltrans is studying Conejo Creek upstream and downstream of U.S. 101 (Ventura Freeway) to determine the size and location of the new freeway bridges to be constructed. The size required depends in part on the ability of the channel downstream to carry flood flows. Developers south of the freeway are also interested in improvement of the channel in connection with their developments. A decision should be reached in the next few months.

3. A recent article in ILV quoted Supervisor Erickson as saying that the Flood Control District had cleaned out Conejo Creek adjacent to the Village. The reeds and willows were

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FORUM CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 26:--The White House Conference on Aging. Reports by three Ventura County delegates, Sandi Bush, Barbara Garciaweed, and Carroll Lang. Villager Joe Gaynes will be the interlocutor.

MARCH 26:--John Lauten, former head of the Metropolitan Water District, will discuss the pros and cons of the proposed Peripheral Canal.

Forum meetings are held the last Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the A.R. All Villagers and their guests are welcome.

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and lagoon will disappear and become a part of the coastal plain in 100 years. The lagoon and marsh is prized by environmentalists for its wildlife habitat and they want maximum

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Drainage

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knocked down twice in 1981 but the tens of thousands of yards of silt deposited in the bottom of the Creek in 1980, which reduces the capacity of the creek, has not been removed. Removal will be costly and the Flood Control District doesn't have adequate funds to undertake removal at the present time.

4. During the past few weeks, the Flood Control District has completed final acceptance of the Conejo Creek Channel and Upland Drain adjacent to the villages easterly of Village 38. This year, when the reeds and willows are knocked down, the bulldozers should clean the channel east of V. 38 which they haven't done for the last two years.

5. Leisure Tech completed during the past week the drainage facilities it was required to construct at the northeasterly corner of Leisure Village near the intersection of Upland Road

and Santa Rosa Road. The developer on the easterly side of Upland Road has installed the huge drainage pipe which will carry the drainage under Santa Rosa Road, but water cannot get into the pipe until street improvements and catch basins are installed later this year in that subdivision.

6. A City contractor is installing improvements to the drainage facilities at Santa Rosa Road and Oak Canyon Road to overcome problems of the type which occurred Jan. 29, 1981 when storm waters flooded the shopping center and entered Leisure Village.

7. Pardee Construction has completed paving of all streets north of Mission Oaks Blvd. All drainage water will now flow into the streets and through drainage pipes to a central drain. As a result, the silt runoff should be reduced up to 90%. The remaining 10% won't be controlled until homes are built and landscaping developed.

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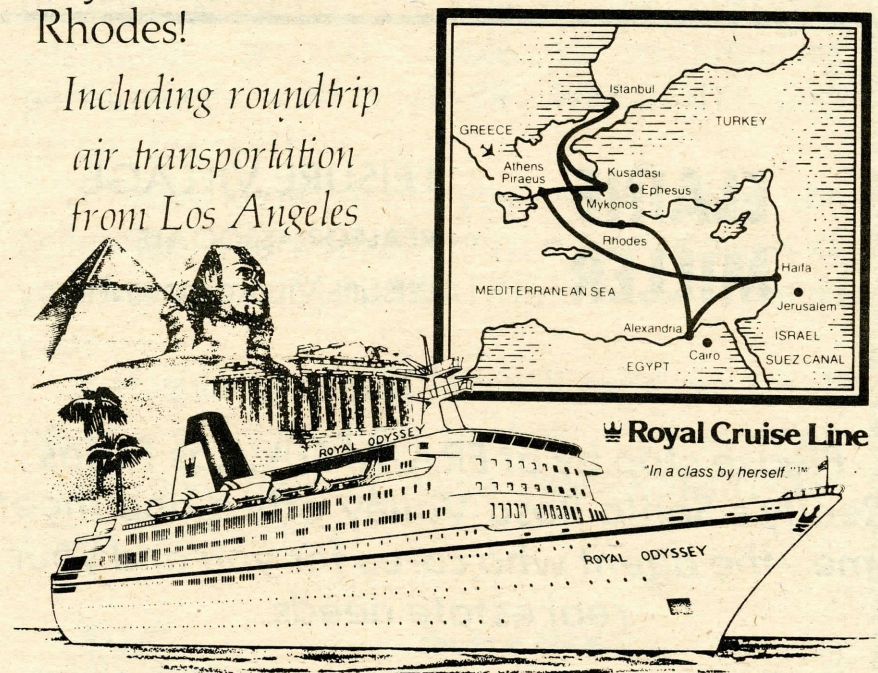
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By Harold Wickham

Special Event: Sunday, March 7, at 7:00 P.M. In the A.R. there will be a return engagement concert performed by Bill Million, a teacher and professional organist. There will be no commercials! All Villagers are welcome. Donation \$1.50. Tickets will be on sale at the Recreation Office on Friday, Feb. 26 from 9 to 12 noon. Don't miss this concert.

Sunday, Feb. 14, a large group went to Montalvo to see and listen to the giant Worlitzer 3-manual pipe organ owned and assembled by Maurice Counts. He played, accompanying a silent movie. Some of our members also tried their skill on the organ. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

The next regular meeting will be Friday, Feb. 26 at 1:30 in the A.R.. The musical theme will be Weather Songs. Also, Officers for the ensuing year

SWING
DISCO
JAZZ

By Marguerite Abdelnour

Swing Disco Jazz Dance Group is planning a special Golden Wedding Dance, Saturday, April 10th to be held in the A.R.. All couples having a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1982 who wish to participate in this function, should call and leave their names with either Ruth Laub (484-5076), or Marguerite Abdelnour (482-1183).

A meeting for all celebrants is scheduled for March 29th, at 7:30 pm, in the MPR. Plans will then be completed for this special event.

Our next featured dance will be Saturday March 13th. Our theme will be St. Patrick's Day.

will be elected.

The popular organ workshop is on the second Monday of each month at 10 A.M., and the practice session is on the fourth Monday at 10 A.M.. Keep practicing.

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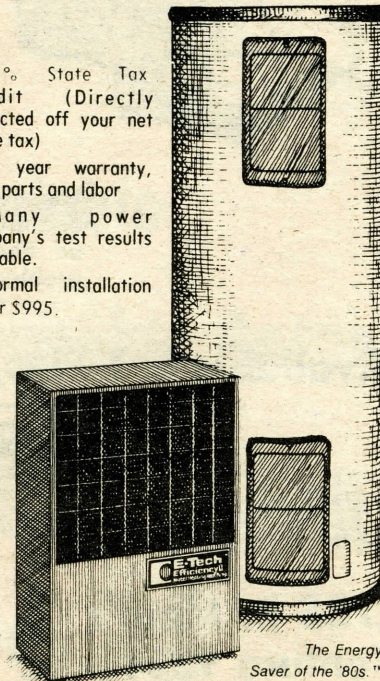
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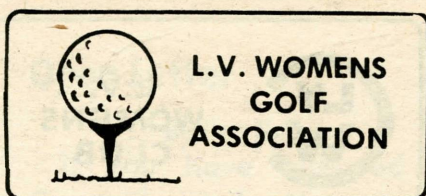
By Marion Jayne

At the meeting of the Village Painters on January 6, members and guests were treated to a delightful surprise. A professional presentation of Chinese Sumi Painting by Carmen Read.

The beginning of Sumi Painting goes back almost five thousand years into Oriental history and has come down to us through the many branches of the Art called "schools", each school having rules requiring rigid discipline. After showing examples, Mrs. Read demonstrated various strokes and then allowed some of the newer members to try their hands.

The program was enthusiastically received and Mrs. Read was warmly thanked not only for bringing us so much beauty and more understanding of the Oriental Culture, but for putting the program together on only two-days notice.

The Painters general meeting of February 3, was followed by a demonstration of oil painting with palette knife by Helen Min. The painting was done



L.V. WOMENS
GOLF
ASSOCIATION

By Jane Gifford

L.V. Women's Golf Association celebrated Valentine's Day on February 16th and 17th with a Mixed Couples Golf Tournament and catered luncheon. Sylvia Zittell, 3rd Vice President, made the arrangements. June Dance and Dorothy Zuckerman were in charge of decorations. Ruth Smith ran the golf tournament.

Joan and Woody Woodenscheck presented a delightful program and we all enjoyed the 'Entertainers', a group of young people from Camarillo High School, under the direction of Mr. Salso.

over a prepared under-painting of non-related colors, such as pink for the sky, etc. Results were glowing and encouraged some of our members and guests to try it themselves.

Our next meeting of March 3 will be at 1:00 p.m. and feature a portrait in oil, painted by Miriam Herolde.

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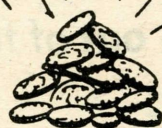
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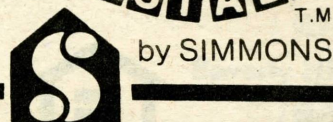
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**L.V.
WOMENS
CLUB**

By Jeanne Carlson

With a Valentine theme, the February meeting of Women's Club marked the beginning of a new club year, with President Beverly Peck presiding. Millie Silberman, accompanied by Roselle Mayfarth, sang the national anthem.

Gertie Dorward, Corresponding Secretary, read notes of thanks from Lillian Skellenger, Immediate Past President, for her retirement gift; and Geraldine Kikendall, President of the Board of Directors, for the club's recent gifts to Leisure Village--six more benches, a fountain to be installed in the atrium, and two light bars for the patrol cars.

Kay Varley, Membership Chairwoman, announced new membership of 206. The highest membership last year was 450 and Kay is anxious to have 500 this year. Not bad when

you consider the original membership of the club was 44, six years ago.

Gertie Dorward then announced that the day's Trading Post had made \$177.70. (Gertie and her crew could sell electric blankets in Death Valley in July). Gertie always needs new saleable items. Call her if you have any.

The new hostesses for the year were announced by Sunshine and Hospitality Chairwoman, Miriam Natter. They are: Sylvia Altes, Helen Endo, Mary Kay Franey, Florence Freedman, Marion Van Gorp, Edith Kaiser, Rosamond Kohen, Helen Hertzberg, Bernice Rose, Isabel Torchia, Dolores Tribich, and Mary Whalen.

Bazaar Chairwoman, Dorothy Barrus then gave a "show and tell", showing items made for bazaar from donations to the workshop. Workshop meets every Tuesday morning, 9:30-11:30, in the MPR. Many helpers are needed as well as donations of ideas and materi-

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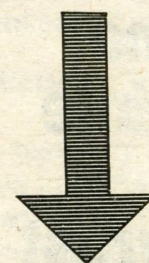
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Womens Club

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als, scraps of yarn, cloth, binding, rick-rack, ribbon, gallon bleach bottles. All are welcome.

Dorothy also announced a new policy toward small donations. Any member who wishes to suggest a charity should submit a request in writing. The charity must be valid, non-profit, and in Ventura County; purpose and history should be described. Such requests should go to the Board which meets the fourth Thursday in each month. Women's Club matches all charitable donations with a similar contribution to Leisure Village.

Lillian Skellenger has been asked to continue her Quip Corner each meeting as a tradition. She obliged with a cute story.

Entertainment by Camarillo High School's "The Entertainers" followed. As always, this group was all that the name implies--bright, young, talented, and energetic.

The March Meeting will hon-

Open Letter

By Don Homes

If you have followed the Camarillo Daily News lately, you will have noted a discussion on the Editorial pages regarding blood donations by Seniors. It started with a Staff article by Donna DiPaolo, headed: "Blood: A precious gift". The article stated that blood was a precious commodity in short supply and that something should be done about it. I wrote to the Editor saying that I and a lot of other Seniors would give blood gladly except that my experience has been that after 65 they don't want our blood. I suggested that Miss DiPaolo do a follow-up article and find out why.

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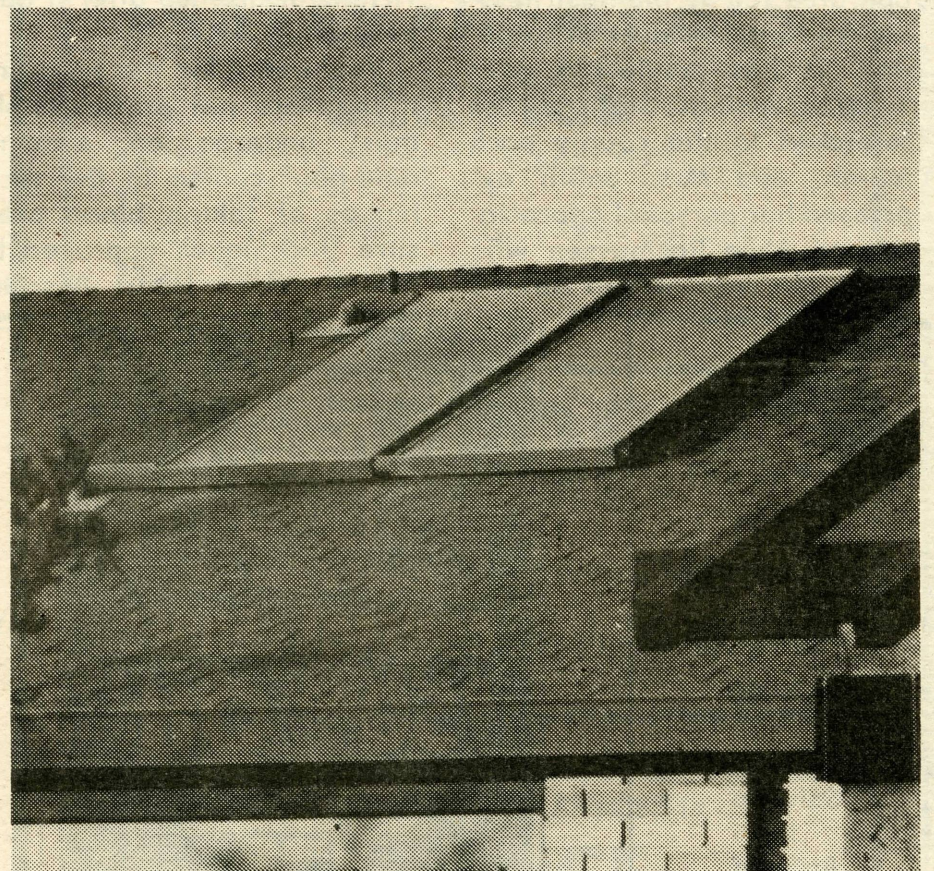
or St. Patrick. Program Chairwoman, Daisy Bien, promises a real treat as 15-year-old championship Irish dancer, Jackie Probst, will perform along with a group, the Leisure Village Shamrocks.

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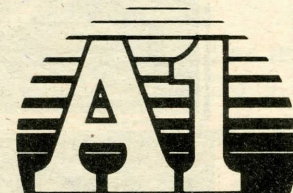
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Awards

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work they've done, the county would not have been able to afford it," Mrs. Erickson said.

Dr. Sara L. Miller, Director of Health Care Agency, gave the keynote address, pointing out the importance of controlling the "silent" disease of hypertension. The county program has conducted more than 15,000 screenings and of those more than 2,500 were found to be elevated. The incidence of high blood pressure appears to be decreasing, not increasing, Dr. Miller said.

Bill Miley, Director of the High Blood Pressure Program, and Harlene Smith, Coordinator, presented the awards. When it came time for Leisure Village to stand up and be counted, Mrs. Smith reminded the audience that the Village's clinic was the first to be started in the county, and it was through the efforts of Sandy Okum and his Your Neighbor's Care Group which brought it about and kept it going. It has operated for 59 months, missing only once because of a holiday. It has conducted over 1,700 screenings. Statistics are furnished to the county each month, and Mrs. Smith expressed her personal appreciation to Alvie Rasmussen who keeps the records and reports

to the county office.

Certificates were awarded to the following: Sylvia Altes, Dorothy Anderson, Tibe Elson, Adolph Berger, Marion Gordon, Melanie Herrick, Harry Jacobson, Morris Katz, Maxine King, Jean Kornblatt, Kathryn Nockels, Freddi Popkin, Frank J. Rogers, M.D.; Charles Rothermel, Lura Wallace. Anne Wolfson, La Nelle King and Tom King.

Special certificates with Gold Seals representing five years of service went to the following: Janine Blymer, Sonia Brink, Catherine Case, Ardith Chism, Ruth Hart, Aila Howser, John Howser, Romaine Lambert, Sandy Okum and Alvie Rasmussen.

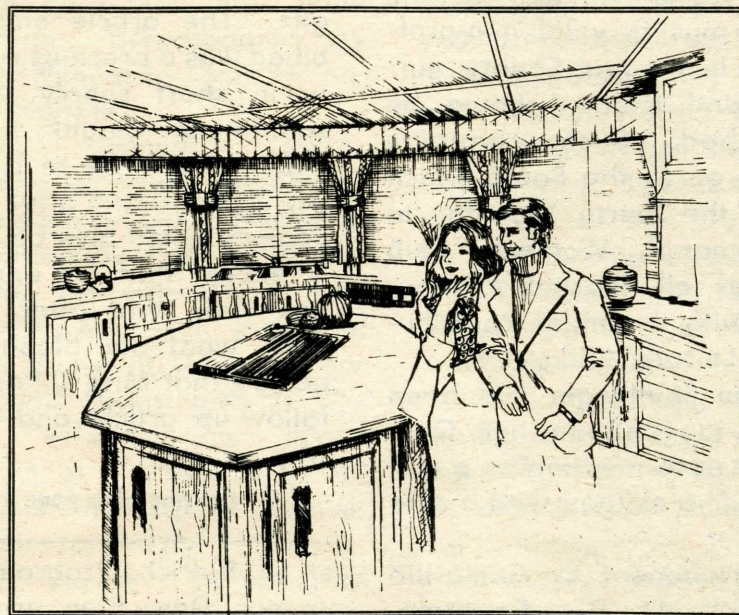
Sandy Okum, on behalf of Leisure Village, accepted the award for the Village itself. In his acceptance he reminded the county representatives present that when Budget time comes they should remember the program--the money it is saving in PREVENTING disease, possibly eliminating the care of victims of disease after it happened.

Volunteers for the program, if they are not professionals, must undergo an exacting nine-hour course in the techniques of taking blood pressure (techniques approved by the American Heart Associa-

tion). Participants then must pass examination and be approved by the County High Blood Pressure staff before

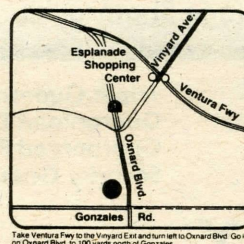
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Open Letter

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There has been no follow-up article, but I have received a number of phone calls from Seniors who have had the same experience and who were with me: they would gladly give blood if anyone would take it, but they had been refused, as I had. One call was from a Villager who is apparently experienced in the blood bank, and who told me that the ban on "over 65" was a State Law and and it would have to be changed if we wanted to give. He told me of an alternative which I'll discuss later.

Following the appearance of my letter in the Daily News, the Executive Director of the United Blood Services in Ventura wrote to the Daily News, and stated that the ban on Seniors was their (the United Blood Services) own policy, which he stated as: "Healthy persons over 66 years of age with a note from their physician indicating lack of contra-indication in blood donation are eligible to donate". There

seems to be some confusion as to whether the ban is State Law or the policy of the blood collection agency, but this is not really important at this time, as there is an "out", whereby we Seniors can give blood, as stated in the United Blood Services' letter; The approval of your physician. I urge all Villagers to secure this on their next visit to their doctor.

I doubt very much if there would be enough Villagers at any one time to warrant having a blood collection here in the Village, but I am told that the bloodmobiles visit Camarillo at intervals, and that (1) the dates of these visits are publicized in the Camarillo Daily News, and (2) that I will be informed in advance. So when you have your doctor's permission to give blood, watch the Daily News and go to Camarillo, or wherever else it may be that's handy, and donate your blood. If I get the information in time it will be in Inside Leisure Village, also.

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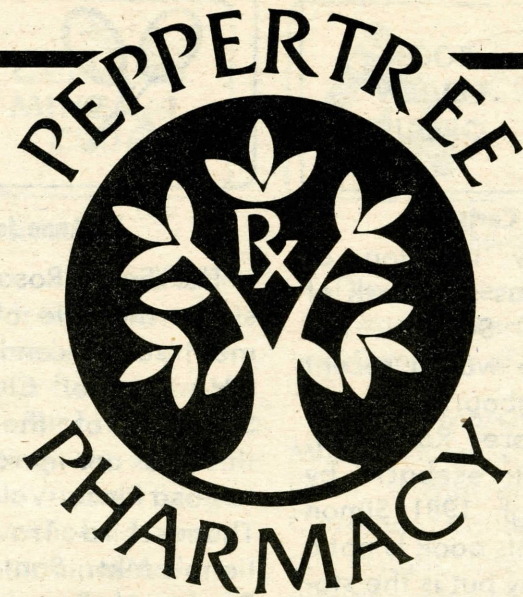
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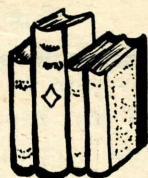
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BOOK REVIEW GROUP

By Jeanne Carlson

The February meeting of Book Review was the work of reviewer Ruth Swartz. The book she chose was a recent family history about the early life of Theodore Roosevelt, "Mornings on Horseback" by David McCullough, 1981, Simon and Schuster. This book is not a formal biography but is the story of the early formative years of that colorful president. The life is covered until the subject was about 33 years old; it is not political in any way. The material dwells largely on family background and offers a warm portrait of Teddy, the young man.

Ruth, as always, gave an excellent review. Last year, her coverage of "Sophie's Choice" was one of our best programs. In addition, the group is very grateful to her. Ruth was scheduled to give "Mornings" in April and the late Nell Morton was to be our February reviewer. With little notice, Ruth stepped in. As T. R. himself would have said, "Bully!"

If you are interested in joining the group on our field trip to the Doheny Library (at St. John's Seminary) on March 15, please be sure that Betty Tytler has your name so that car-pooling can be arranged. This should be a very interesting outing. In addition to viewing a Gutenberg Bible, Remington paintings, and antique furniture, there is a magnificent display of paper-weights, Mrs. Estelle Doheny's personal collection. Do try to join us.



L.V. RACQUET CLUB

By Anne Janoff

The 'Santa Rosa Tennis Classic' is the title of the tournament series conducted by the L.V. Racquet Club for 1982. Sponsors of the tournament this year are merchants of Santa Rosa Plaza: Valu-Med Drugs, Thunderbird Travel Ser., Julian's Mkt., Santa Rosa Office Prod., Al Fox Realty: Elaine Miller, Goodies and Greens.

Twelve 1st place winners each month, six for Paddle and six for Tennis, will receive a 'dinner of their choice' at Goodies & Greens. In addition to this sponsored award, they will receive recognition by having their names inscribed on the Raquet Club Plaque.

The tournaments will be held the 3rd and 4th Thursday of each month, Paddle being on the 3rd Thurs. & Tennis on the 4th Thurs., weather permitting. New sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the Tennis courts each month for those interested in participating. Final sign-up day for each forthcoming tournament will be 7 days prior to scheduled date of contest.

January tournament winners were: Paddle Tennis: Fast doubles, Lou Mickelson and Art Rosner. A.M. doubles: Lorraine Friedman and Bob Hasen. P.M. doubles: Jackie Solway and Ralph Greene. Tennis: Group A: Bob Barrus and Les Solomon, Group B: Jack Simmons and Lou Mickelson, Group C: Zo Simmons and Benson Smithkin.

Smith. The installation dinner was held at the 'Scotch & Sirloin' restaurant at the Ventura Marina. The food was delightful, being enjoyed by forty members and guests.

The club, formerly for Philatelists only, has decided to expand its activities by encouraging the coin collectors in our village to participate in our meetings and hopefully to join our club. Accordingly, all villagers and their spouses are

R.V. Club



By Nick Dahl

The RV Club is pleased to announce its new slate of officers for 1982: president, Nick Dahl; vice-president, Jim Oeswein; secretary, Elaine Vanderhaven; assistant secretary, Ruth Tomales; treasurer, Oscar Graves; assistant treasurer, Edna McCormick.

Except for RV owners who visit friends "South of the Border," these are off-season months that contain storage hazards. In other words, don't let your rig sit too long without driving it. If you can't take it out on the Freeway to "blow the cobwebs out of it," at least drive it around the RV lot every couple of weeks. Get an exchange of gasoline in the carburetor to eliminate varnishing of the idle jets. Apply the brakes a few times. Racing the engine when it is cold is the worst thing you can do and is unnecessary to charge up the battery. Alternators charge at low rpm.

As Liaison Officer between the RV Club and Security, I am perhaps in a better position to see the over-all picture. Some RV owners are already experiencing carburetion problems. A leak in the roof or a tire going flat are usually easy to correct but other hazards of the aging process which we cannot see can get expensive and are accelerated by sitting too long.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month in the MPR at 7:30 p.m..

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VILLAGE SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

By Romaine Lambert

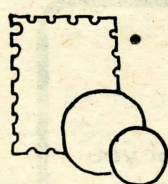
The Village Swingers Square Dance Club really saw red during the past month. Nearly everyone turned out in Valentine colors to match the hearts that were all aflutter on tables and walls--the work, as usual, of the Fuller-Gunningham decorating team. The evening's decor blended easily into the other February theme by ending with cherry pie.

Then the club went into the red again for the 4th Tuesday dance, but added blue and white to honor our Presidents. It wasn't difficult to stir up a little patriotism in all hearts with guest caller Ron Hunter of Los Angeles calling the dance.

Now, however, it is time to think International. The annual Spring Fling on Sunday, March 7 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. should bring out enough ethnic costumes to match the refreshments of the day, but, if they do not, going Western is never old hat. Just be prepared for a fun dance with your friends, and for that surge of pride you are bound to feel when your club puts on a great dance. Jerry Schatzer of Los Angeles should contribute to its success.

Perhaps some of that international flavor will hold over for March 16th and the Wearin' of the Green. There's nothing wrong with that color, either, especially when Wyane is planning an All Singing Calls dance.

With all of this, remember to stay in the pink for that mystery bus trip on May 30th.



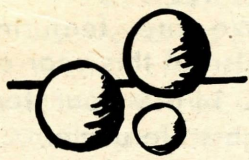
STAMP & COIN CLUB

By Harp Smith

The club started off this year by electing the following officers: President, Roy Lester; Vice President, H.R. Smith; Treasurer, Morris Katz; secretary, Jeanne Brown; Editor and consultant, R. Gordon

invited to attend our meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the MCR. During the summer, particularly when many of the members are on vacation trips, etc, only one session will be held, on the first Tuesday of each month. Actual dates will be announced in later news items. Regular sessions include such diversified activities as bingo, auctions, swapping of stamps and

coins, raffles, door prizes, and as available, speakers on related subjects of interest to our members. All Villagers are warmly invited to come and meet our members, many of whom have specialized collections and expertise available to new members, regardless of the degree of experience possessed. Periodically, social "get-togethers" and exhibits are held, programmed to appeal to all collectors.



BOCCE CLUB

By Zita Wayne

The first meeting of the Bocce Club in 1982 was held on January 28.

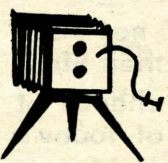
Club member Leon Read was commended for the use of his time and materials in constructing new-found bocce ball containers, scoreboards and pegs for the benefit of all residents.

It has been recommended that any member confined in a hospital for a week or more be presented with a plant in addition to the usual get-well card.

At the suggestion of Frank Berg, Trustee, new 1982 membership cards which were printed and donated by Mercury Savings, are being issued to members. Dues are payable as of January 1.

At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, the Variety Guild joined the Bocce Club members in order to pay tribute to Lee and Ann Herzoff in presenting highlights of "80 S P O O F" in which the Herzoffs were involved. This performance was well received with frequent applause by an appreciative audience.

Members should keep in mind that there will be a Dinner-Dance March 25th. Details will be announced at the February 25th meeting and posted on the bulletin boards.

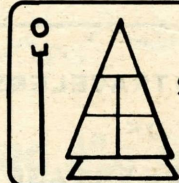


CAMERA CLUB

By Charles Possel

Camera Club's president, Gene Spalinger, conducted an all-business meeting on February 2nd, and a lot was accomplished. A caravan field trip to the Orchid farm near Carpinteria on Wednesday, March 31 is planned. No charge.

We will meet in the parking lot east of the Recreation Center, all wayfarers are welcome. Lunch is in Santa Barbara, on your own. Our ap-



SHUFFLE BOARD CLUB

By Orpha Hughes

Shuffleboard Club's Annual Dinner Dance with a Valentine motif had the usual enthusiastic turn-out on February 5th.

Guests were greeted by the strains of music on Ed Abdelnour's well chosen tapes. Lovely ladies met the guests and seated them. People did a lot of table hopping during the first hour and everyone met friends and fellow villagers. Job's Daughters of Camarillo served the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry had prepared in the L.V. kitchen. After dessert, we were entertained by Louise Colbert's nephew playing some clarinet solos.

Our chairperson of Valentine decor and gifts, Betty Sullivan, assisted by Snooky Denny, held a drawing at which about a dozen lucky people received red and white wrapped gifts.

Ed Abdelnour was ready, as usual, with his music which led almost everyone to the dance floor, playing as long as anyone wanted to dance. This was an especially big credit to Ed as he is just recovering from a broken hip. Everyone appreciated his special efforts, and also thanked Ed's wife, Marguerite, for her help.

Thanks to all who made the Shuffleboard Dinner Dance the huge success it was. We will be looking forward to next year.

publication to the Photographic Society of America is on its way and we should hear from them by our next meeting. More field trips will be planned for the future.

Mr. Manny Domingo was a guest at the last meeting. He is chief photographer for the firm that prints Inside Leisure Village and also treasurer of the Camarillo Camera Club. With his help a competition will be planned between the Thousand Oaks Camera Club, Camarillo Camera Club and L.V. Camera Club. Prizes will be awarded.

Our Community is becoming well known by the expansion of our activities in neighboring communities.



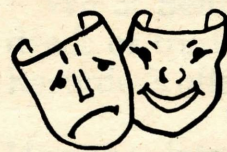
GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

By Don Holmes

Lee Goodwin, diamond and opal dealer from Ventura, spoke and showed slides on diamonds before a full house at the Gem and Mineral Club's January meeting. He showed us and told us many things which we hadn't known before.

Some diamond mines are actually on the ocean beaches of South Africa, where the sand is removed down to bed-rock. The miners then pick the rough diamonds out of the cracks in the rocks by hand. No wonder diamonds are so expensive! In

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VILLAGE PLAYERS WORKSHOP

By Millicent Hofmann

In the extended lull between public presentations, bi-weekly meetings of the Players are enlivened by readings by members from well-known plays, from books, poetry, humorous quotations and articles of general interest. All Players are invited to volunteer.

At the Feb. 4th program, emcee Sylvia Williams introduced Ruth Zupa who coordinated the presentation which was taken from the book "Are You Anybody?" Ruth, as Mrs. Allen



THE CERAMIC CLUB

By Charles Possel

The last Ceramic Club meeting was masterfully led by Minnie Gorelnik of Village 17,

At our March 8th meeting, Monte Robson's daughter, Patti Lurie, a Master of Arts from Claremont College, will give us an insight into design techniques relating to ceramics. We look forward to these meetings and use the knowledge gained in our Tuesday afternoon ceramic sculpting class, Wednesday-afternoon greenware class and our Thursday morning class that encompasses all phases of ceramics.

Funt, conducted interviews with wives of other famous men as follows: Marcie Robbins as Mrs. Milton Berle, Marge Bonderman as Mrs. Carroll O'Connor, and Hildi Lustig as Mrs. Johnny Carson.

The interviews were followed by a reading by Millicent Hofmann from a McCall's Magazine article by Johanna Garfield, "The Case Against Telling Your Age", prefaced by her own experiences along those lines.

Billie Pachter announced that the Players now have 203 members. She also recited her bi-weekly tidbit of iambic meter'd poetry, to the delight of her audience.

Billiard Club

By Joe Carfagna

At our General Meeting on Tuesday, January 26th, we were gratified to learn that our membership has increased to 121. This already is an increase of about 40 members since October 1981. Tony Pacewic our President has been the most instrumental in achieving this goal of enlarging our membership. All interested villagers are invited to join the club. Contact Tony, Stew Siers, Russ Sievert or myself.

Our Tournament play in 8 ball, snooker, and billiards is progressing quite well. Any

member needing tournament tickets for play or additional tickets for replay please contact the men listed above. Keep checking our bulletin board for detailed information for method of play.

Stew Siers is giving instruction in 8 ball pool play on Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Billiard Room to all interested new players. Anyone wanting to learn how to play billiards can contact me at 484-9983. Our club member, Joe Levinson, has volunteered to be instructor of the billiard play.

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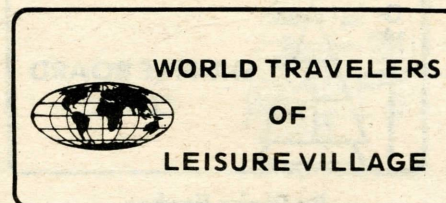
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By Lee Edwards

At the next General Meeting of World Travelers on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 pm in the A.R., the annual election will take place for the term beginning July 1, 1982.

In addition, Love Holidays will show an excellent film, produced in England, called "A tale of two tours" and their representatives will be on hand to answer our questions regarding tours featured in our 1982 "Travel Calendar" which was recently mailed to all of us.

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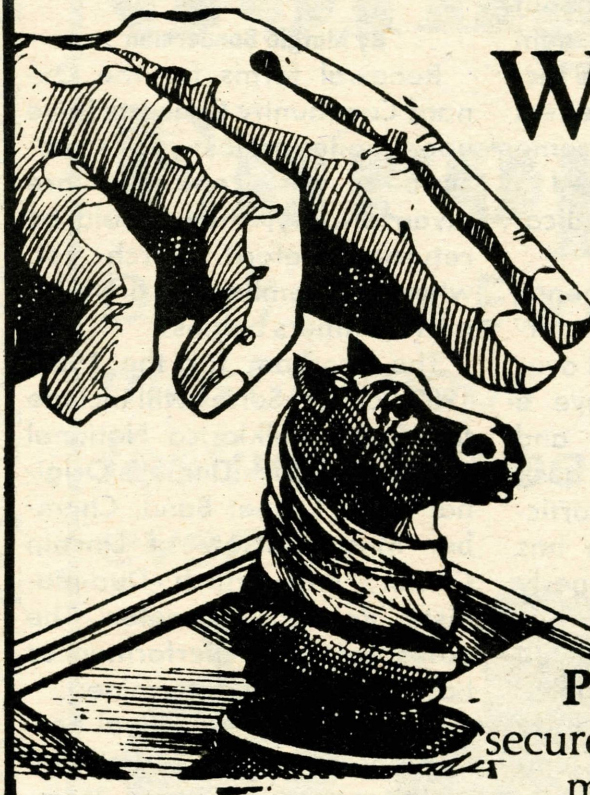
By Esther Robbins

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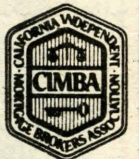
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Gem and Mineral

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addition to that, only about 10% of diamonds are gem quality, suitable to become faceted stones in jewelry. The rest are industrial grade, and some are even crushed to be used in nail files and similar applications.

Another reason diamonds are expensive is that the market is strictly controlled all over the world. Diamonds have a grain, similar to wood, and cleaving a diamond in the back seat of a small car is not particularly risky if the stone has been well studied and properly prepared.

Lee also brought a case full of finished gems of all kinds, which kept the audience busy admiring and touching long after the meeting was officially over. After the meeting we showed our Lapidary Shop to Lee, which he admired and offered several suggestions for improvement.

Hunter Hancock from San Fernando, a retired radio and motion picture personality,

Oxnard Community

Concert Association

By Margie Bonderman

Renewal forms for the Oxnard Community Concerts have been mailed to last year's subscribers. As renewals are given priority, they should be returned before March 1st, when the membership drive for new members begins.

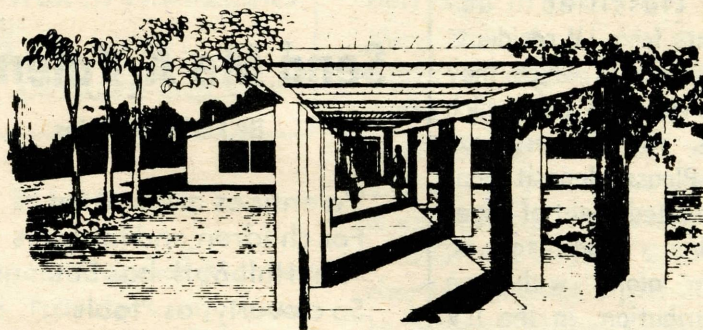
The program for the 1982-1983 Concert Series will include the Ballet Folklorico National de Mexico, Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and British Duo-pianists, Rostal & Schaefer. The dates for these performances has not yet been determined.

No Tickets to individual performances are sold. Admission to concerts is by Series Membership Cards ONLY. The subscription price is \$15.00 per

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was our speaker in February. He professionally illustrated his talk on Deserts by using two projectors.

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Firehouse Fund

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money. Club groups within the Village have been informed of the campaign and all residents are invited to contribute, and also to take part in the Grand Opening which will be about April 15th.

Sonya, at the Association reception desk, has a receptacle for checks only. All funds and disbursements will be audited by the LVA Board.

As the firehouse is so close to our Village, it could truly mean life or death in years to come.

For further information, please contact Ken MacKaig, Committee Chairman, or Joe Dishlip regarding money solicitation. Jack Fosdick is Vice Chairman, planning the Grand Opening Ceremonies along with Carmen Read.

The community has been asked not to visit the firehouse until the Grand Opening, as the men are busy making installations, etc.

Completed plans will be publicized in next month's ILV.

Solo Club News

By Eleanor Knutson

A demonstration in the art of candy making by the 'Chocolate Lady of Camarillo', Linda Martin, was the highlight of the January 29 luncheon at Mercury Savings for fifty-four Solos.

Paul Dwark, local magician and proprietor of Peppertree Pharmacy, entertained at the February 19 pot-luck dinner in the assembly room. This was followed by the installation of the club's newly elected offices. Installed as President was Laurice Perry; 1st Vice-President, Marian Krinkle; 2nd Vice President, Eva Beck; Secretary, Helen Phillips; and Treasurer, Janet Knudsen.

A donation was made to the Heart Association in memory of two Solos recently deceased, Beth Preston and Nell Morton.

March 12 is the date for the next luncheon meeting in the women's clubroom. Bring your sack lunch. Coffee and tea are provided.

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PROFILE: Byron Williams, Violinist Unique

By Betty Murray

After a career that spanned nearly fifty years, involved a lifetime love affair with the violin, and an amazing association/comparison with the violinist Fritz Kreisler, Byron Williams came home to Ventura County when he and his wife Mildred moved to L.V. in 1978.

The comparison to Kreisler started when Byron was still a teenager attending Moorpark High School. Williams had attended a concert by Kreisler in L.A. just a few months after he started playing the violin, and became so enthralled with Kreisler's music that in a moment of premonition or inspiration, he felt determined that some day he would make beautiful music like his idol. He developed skill playing doublestops (two notes at the same time) and a fingertip vibrato which contributed to the singing quality of his instrument. As he matured, he grew to resemble Kreisler physically, in face and physique, as his mastery of the violin increased.

At the same time young Williams had an early ambition to become the best runner in the country, having won track events in high school. After observing, however, that the 1928 U.S. Olympic sprint winner Eddie Toland could not find job, he decided to focus his life completely on music which would give him lifelong pleasure, as well as the means to support himself.

Byron's parents were farmers in the Blue Ridge Mts. of Virginia, where Byron was born. His mother had such a hunger for music that as a girl she had to pretend illness in order to sneak upstairs to learn to play her brother's five-string banjo, a skill not considered proper for a southern girl.

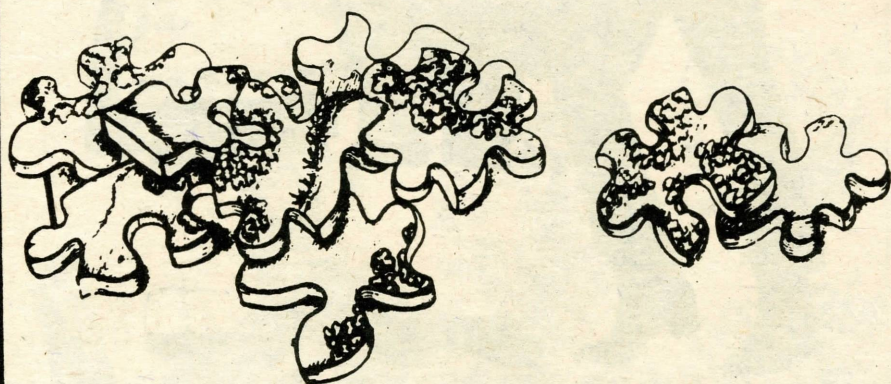
The family moved to an apricot ranch in Moorpark, California, (Williams Ranch) where Byron and his brothers grew up. Both parents played banjo and harmonica, and at the age of ten Byron played the banjo well enough to perform in public.

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Byron and Mildred Williams

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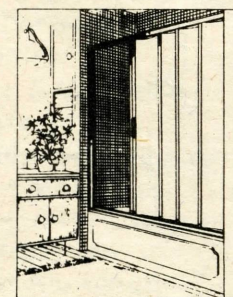
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Williams

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Byron went to the little community church in Moorpark in order to practice, and was invited to play along with the pianist while the congregation sang, and also to play solos. As he was accompanying the hymns, he learned to play har-

mony, developing the double-stops which were to be his forte.

When he needed a better violin, he borrowed \$200 from the local bank. He repaid the loan, and paid for all his lessons with White by working on the ranch.

At 16, Byron won the Ventura County Eisteddfod contest, (named from an ancient Welsh competition, for poets and minstrels), the first of numerous contests and auditions by which his professional career was launched and promoted.

Byron's first professional jobs came easily to him in Santa Barbara: playing at the Albert Sheetz restaurant, on Station KDB as the "Viennese Fiddler," in a trio playing dinner music at the Biltmore Hotel, in a small community symphony orchestra, and later in a private ensemble for Stanley McCormick at Rivenrock Estate. In the middle of the Great Depression when music was a luxury, Williams became the highest paid musician in Santa Barbara earning the munificent sum of \$52.00 a week.

An audition in 1942 for the

Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under Alfred Wallenstein earned him a position in the first violin section where he played for four seasons. Next, he played in Hollywood studio orchestras at Columbia for two years, and MGM for twelve years. While playing at the El Capitan Theater production of "Blossom Time," his violin was heard in the orchestra and selected by the conductor who cast him as the Gypsy violinist playing Schubert's "Serenade" on stage - a piece which became the 'show-stopper.'

During WWII, Byron drove buses on a part time basis, transporting service men to their stations. Having a pre-Pearl Harbor baby at home postponed his draft call.

Study in harmony and composition at LACC night school gave Williams a technical foundation. Later, when he moved to New York for advanced study, teachers who listened to him told him that his style was so original, he was his own teacher.

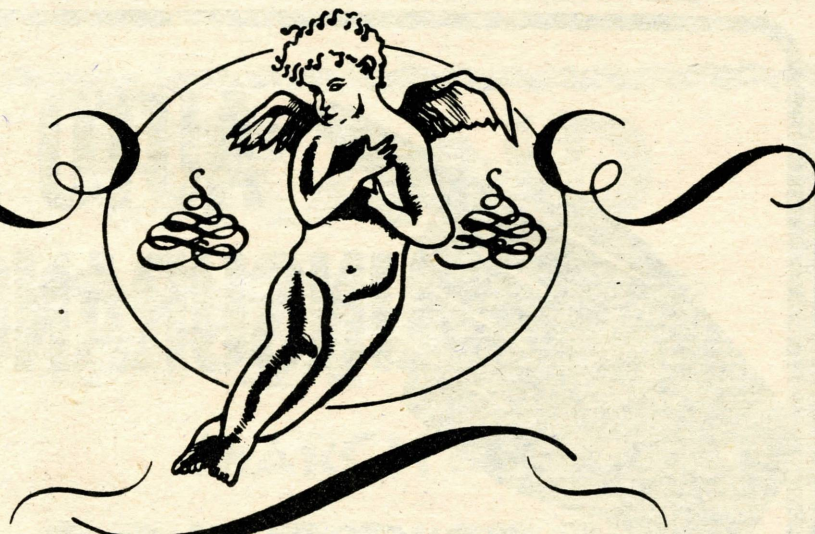
Mildred Kiesler came into his

life through a night school French class at Hollywood High School. They sat across the aisle from each other, and soon became attuned to one another. Their marriage in 1957 was the start of a new phase in the Williams career travel.

In 1961, Mildred and Byron arranged his first solo European concert tour. Byron treasures the reviews by music critics, who time after time sang praises of his musicianship, the sweetness and purity of his tone, and the impeccable double and triples-tops of his violin, with frequent allusions to Fritz Kreisler, the inescapable comparison.

One year before Kreisler's death, Byron finally managed to meet the master and to play for him in New York. Kreisler was genuinely moved, and wrote "Mr. Williams is a unique violinist. He has a definite style and feeling for my music. I wish him great success in his career, which I am sure he deserves."

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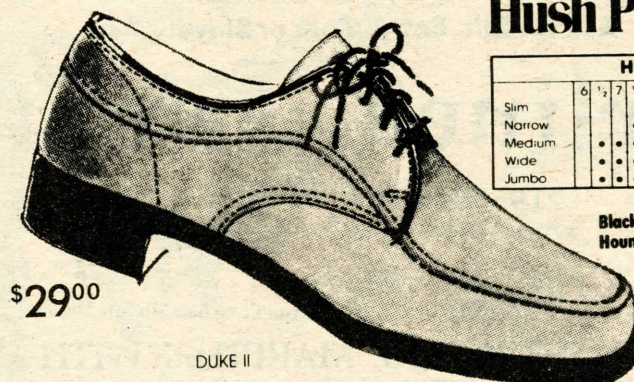


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By Ruth Hart

With all of our gripes and complaints about the rising cost of living, last month's electric bills, etc., aren't we lucky to be living right now in California, and, yes, right here in L.V.? When I last talked with Woody's father in Rhode Island, he was looking out at two feet of snow. Somehow I don't think I could handle that any more.

We spent a special Sunday afternoon recently at General Hospital in Ventura. The High Blood Pressure and Education Program of Ventura County presented its 5th Annual Volunteer Awards. L.V. was well represented: it was a pleasure to be so honored.

I hope you have all taken a walk past the Atrium and seen the display about our own newspaper, I.L.V. It gives you an idea of the work it takes to put out a newspaper monthly. I had no idea myself of the hours these people put in. Hats off to all!

Bouquets to the "Shake-

peare's Ladies" who entertained at the City of Hope meeting. Sorry I missed it, gals, I hear you were a smash.

Melanie and Don Herrick, V. 23, are home from their 2 week journey to the Caribbean. They flew to St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, but I don't think they will be returning in a hurry. They spent a good part of their stay in bed, covered with No-See-Um bites which made them quite ill. They are feeling fine now.

Several of our RV'ers took off on a caravan to Mexico, and a group also went to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Lena and Hank Raiton V. 42, Ken and Gladys Barrette V. 26, and Jim and Jerrie Oeswein V. 7 plan to meet with two hundred rigs from all over the country. They will attend the Masquerade Ball, parades, breakfast at the famous Brennan's, and many other events. It sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Pat and Herman Schact V. 4 are entertaining a guest from London, Mrs. Ethel Blake. She is hiding out here until the terri-

ble British winter is over. She is the mother of two well known and talented daughters in Europe. One is a sculptress who has won awards for her busts of Haile Selassie and Golda Meir, the other daughter is the publisher of a British Poetry magazine and a poet herself. Under stress, Ethel admitted to using tea bags herself at home. We'll never tell, Ethel.

Si and Frieda Schroeder V. 31 and Regina and Jack Bloom V. 38 gave a joint dinner party in the MPR on February 7th for a few friends in the Village. There was no special occasion, just good friends getting together and enjoying the company.

Congratulations to Betty and Kay Murray V. 4 on the birth of their grandson, Kenneth William Murray on December 28th, in Carpinteria.

Gert and Sid Feller V. 4, were beaming as they flew to Cleveland, Ohio, where their first grandchild, a boy, was born.

Happy Anniversary to Dorothy and Robby Karlin V. 38, January 20th, 36 years. Also to

Ethel and Frank Goldfarb V. 17, 43 years on February 12th, and to Woody and me February 12th, 39 years. And they said it wouldn't last!

'Til next time, "To be a friend means closing your eyes to the faults of others, and opening them to your own."

Concert

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person, for the series. Members also have reciprocal rights to attend concerts given by other Community Concert Associations. Membership cards, and a list of reciprocal concerts will be sent out during September/October of 1982. The series will begin late in the Fall.

Applications for membership will be available in the Recreation Office during the last week in February.

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AMC Dinner Dance

By Anne Janoff

American Medical Center Cancer Research, Pleasant Valley Chapter is announcing its 3rd Annual Dinner Dance to be held, Thursday March 11, 1982. A cordial invitation is being extended to all.

This gala occasion will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Harbor Room, Top of the Holiday Inn, Ventura, Calif.

A most enjoyable evening is being planned, including cocktails (no host bar), elegant dining, and dancing to the music of the Holiday Inn band. Many other fun activities will take place at this festive event, as well.

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Why I Love Leisure Village

By Lillian Wallace

Of all the joys that I hold dear

Of all the hopes and pleasure

There's nothing like a neighbor's love

To hold close and to treasure.

For, if the wind blows warm or cold
In sunshine or in rain

The outstretched hand is always there

To help, and help again.

Where else but on the Village walks
Do faces smile at me

I may not know just who they are

And, strangers though they be,

My heart is touched, for I shall know

Their love is part of giving
And I am blessed, for I enjoy
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ILV Celebrates Birthday

FOURTH YEAR COMING UP!

As ILV completes its third year of publication, we wish to repeat that usable contributions from all L.V. residents are welcome.

The staff reserves the right, however, to edit or rewrite any material submitted, or to hold over articles until space permits publishing.

Please type your material on 8 1/2 - 11 white paper, double-spaced, with two inch margin at top of page, and one inch margin at sides and bottom. Place your name and telephone number at upper left-hand corner with the name of your group, if any. Keep a duplicate copy as we cannot return manuscripts. Place your contribution in the ILV box in Recreation Center near parking lot entrance. Deadlines for next issue are published next to Staff Box on Editorial page.

Ventura County Symphony

The Ventura County Symphony Association will present the fourth concert of its 20th anniversary season on Saturday, March 20, 1982 at 8:15 p.m. at Oxnard Civic Auditorium, featuring pianist Burns Taft. Mr. Taft will duplicate the orchestra's all-Beethoven inaugural concert held on December 2, 1962, playing the "Piano Concerto No. 5, the 'Emperor'", "Egmont Overture" and Symphony No. 2. Burns Taft is a Ventura College faculty member and noted Southland artist. An on-stage reception is planned following this concert for audience members and musicians.

Tickets, priced at \$10, \$8, and \$4 are available by calling the symphony office at (805) 643-8646 or at the box office one hour before concert time.

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SCRABBLE PLAYERS CLUB

The Scrabble Players Club met on Thursday, Feb. 4th to enjoy an educational, competitive, and fun evening. Eighteen members were present and cash prizes were won by Yolán Lipscher for the highest total score. Runner-up was Pearl Greenfield and the prize for the highest single word score (84) went to Bee Schreiber.

Refreshments were served between games. Remember, you need not be an expert to enjoy the game. Beginners are most welcome. Playing produces experts. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the-MCR.

Correction:

In last month's issue of ILV we inadvertently said that Joyce Jordan was one of the singers at Village 32's party at Point Hueneme. Actually, it was our very talented and melodious Kay Avery. Time must be "creeping" up on us. Sorry, Kate and Sylvia.

Tikvah Group, headed by Miriam Schwarz and George Goldfarb is sponsoring a Shabbat on Friday, March 19th at 7:15 P.M. at Mercury Savings and Loan. Admission is by reservation only. Please call either 482-8102 or 482-3818 for information.

Winter Frost

By Lillian Wallace

I draw my scarf close as I walk
Against the winds first bitter sting
And wonder at the sparrow now in flight
A coat of snow flakes resting on her wing.

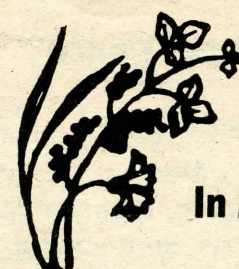
I sense the crunching snow beneath my feet
And feel the quiet cold upon the air
I cast a sly glance at embarrassed trees
That stand so tall, so stark and bare.

The snow has drifted high against the wall
To mound like down stuffed pillows, glistening white
The plush of soft packed snow upon the ground
Has made a coverlet to help bed down the night.

The frost has started tightening her embrace
As I, with quickened steps turn homeward now
Her sting cuts sharp against my cheek
Her kiss so cold and damp upon my brow.

My thoughts are running rampant through my mind
With hopes of joys that are so soon to be
The flickering glow now red upon the hearth
Hoarding all the warmth that waits for me.

And in the quiet of the hush filled room
Where I can dream the time away in sweet content
I'll close my eyes and I will fill my mind
With fantasies all warm and leisure bent.



In Memoriam

Ruth L. Seiple
V. 19

Thelma Swanson
V. 14

Esther George
V. 3

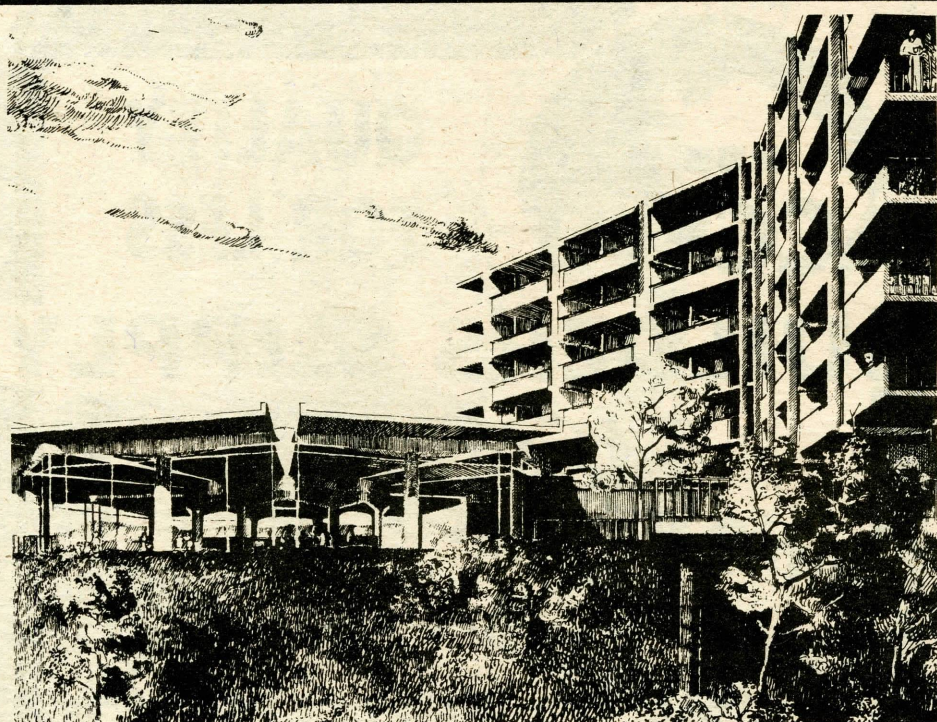
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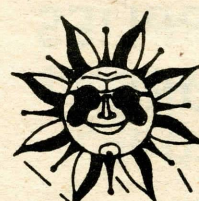
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Williams Profile

From page 21

Henry Lewis conducted a small chamber orchestra on a three and one-half month tour of Europe, sponsored by the U.S. State Department in 1963. Byron and Mildred were on that tour which played 46 concerts, in 42 cities of 13 countries.

From 1969 to 1978, the Williams lived near Lugano, Switzerland, where Byron performed, made tape recordings, and composed music. He has had two books of his original compositions and arrangements published. Perhaps his best known piece is "La Fiesta" which Chet Atkins, country guitarist, made popular.

Byron's daughter Virginia Williams inherited the talent and drive which enabled her to dance at La Scala in Italy, to work in motion pictures in Rome, and to be prima ballerina with the Bologna Opera Company. She is now teaching ballet at U.C. Santa Barbara.

Byron Williams has played

Evening

By Robert A. Fitch

I marvel at the western sky
As day comes to a close.

Soft pinks and blues and
shades of gray

Give promise of repose.

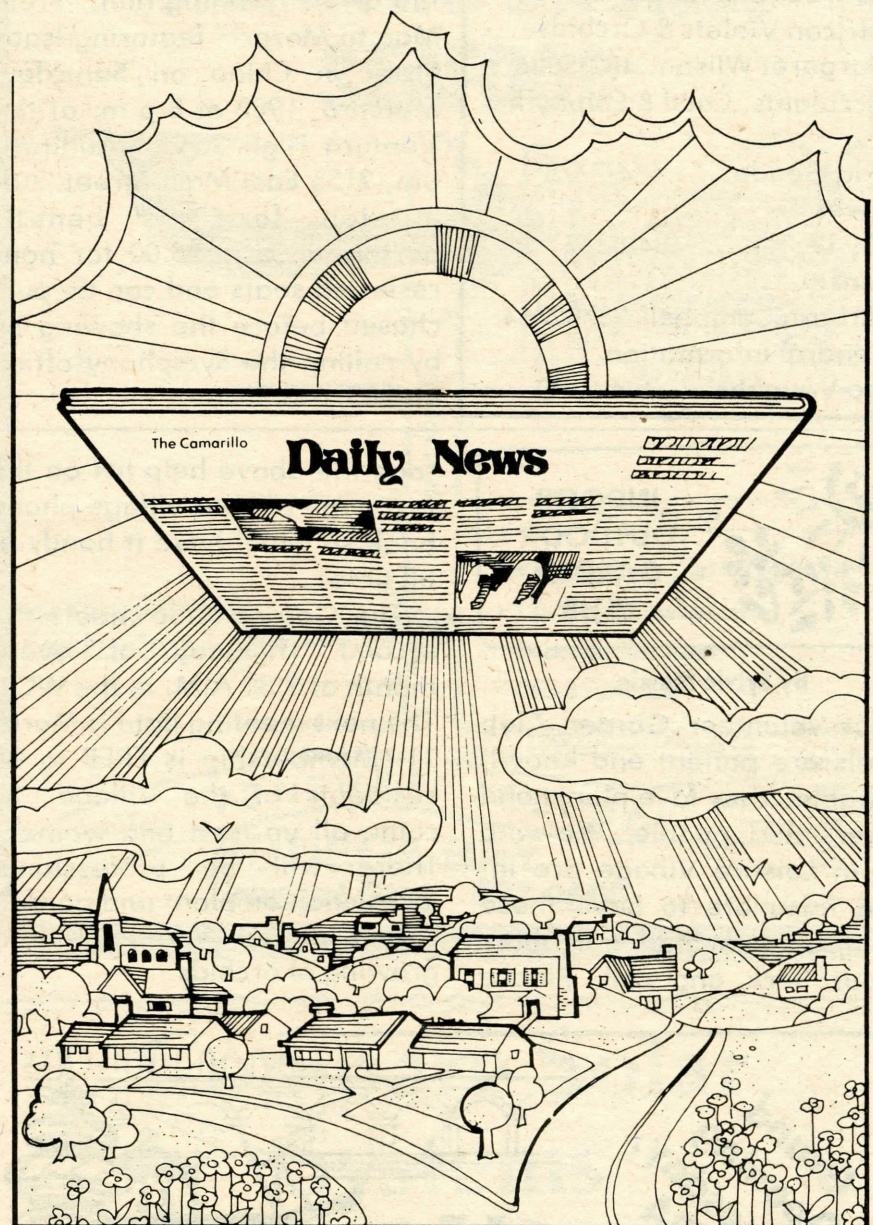
The birds are hushed, the air
is calm,

And soon when light grows
dim,

We'll put our keep in GOD'S
great hands
And all our trust in HIM.

his violin in a number of memorable appearances for L.V. audiences and he still actively composes music. His skill is undiminished although his health occasionally limits him. His gracious manner and generosity with his talent are a surprise to perceive in such a renowned artist, until we remember that the sincerity and straightforwardness in the heart of the country boy from Ventura County have not changed.

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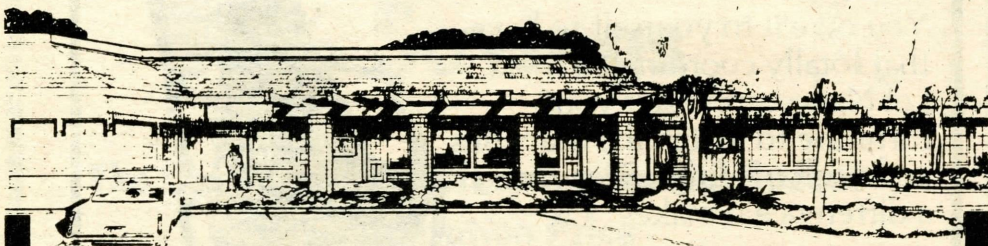
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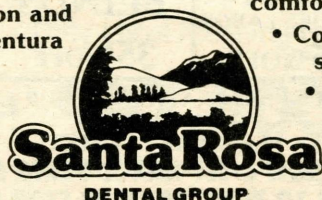
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By Sylvia Malkin

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By Millie Silberman

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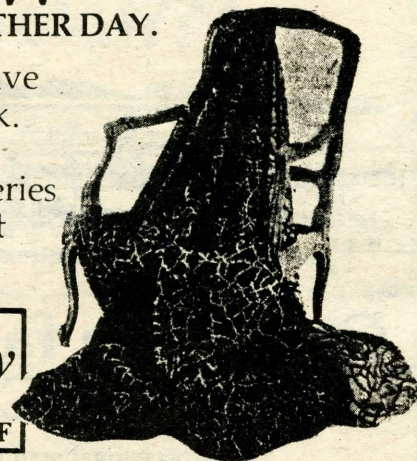
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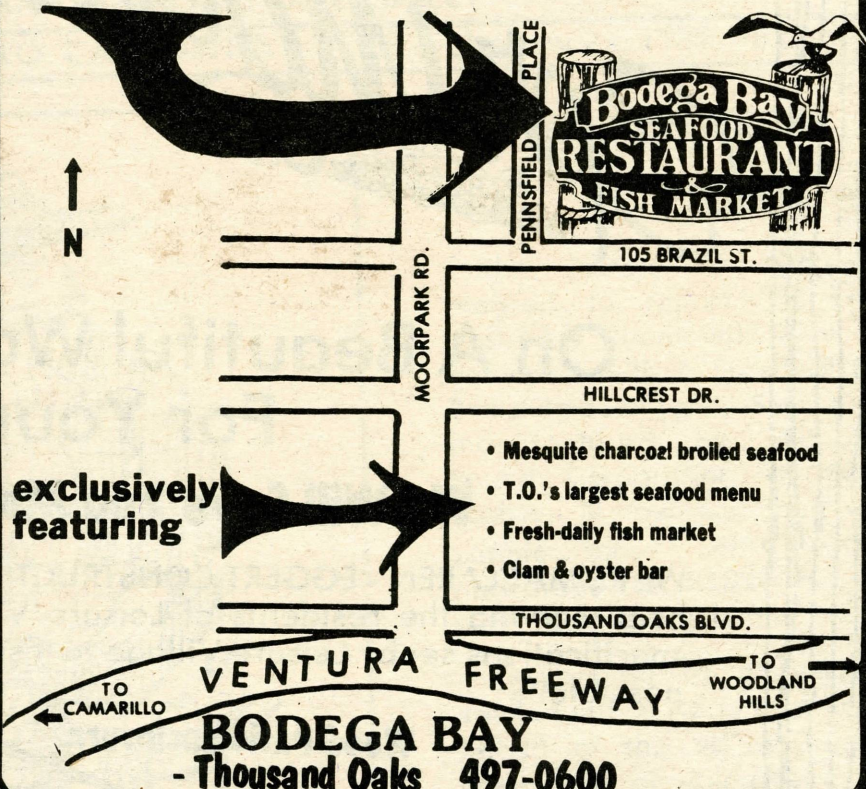
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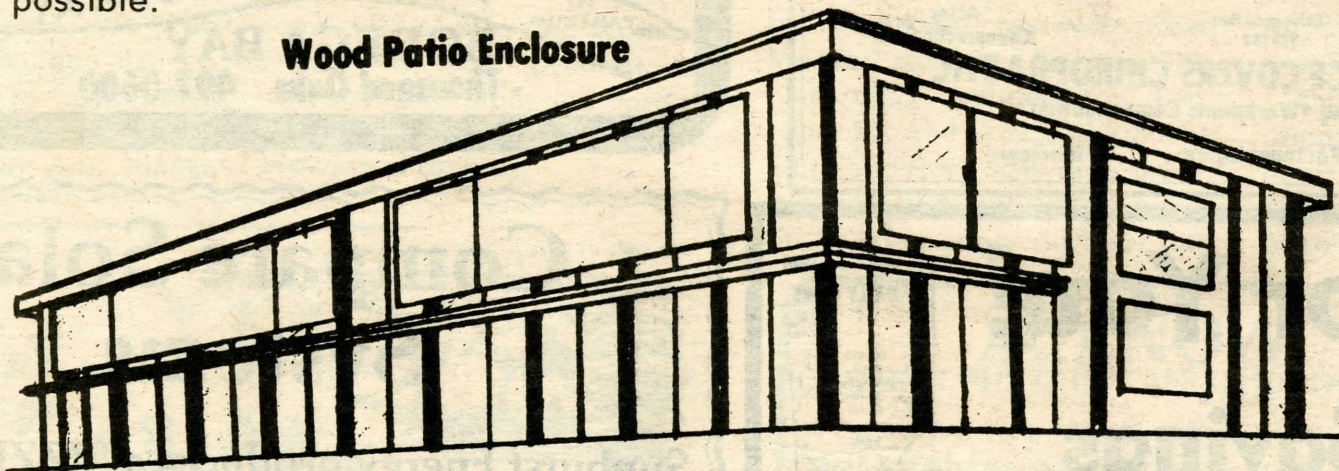
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