



REMOVING A WAR REMNANT — A drifting harbor defense mine from a field which protected the Golden Gate during World War II is exploded by experts near San Francisco.



EARNING THEIR DAILY MEAT — Julie Lang Allen, director of the Crandon Park, Fla. Zoo, puts the Zoo lions through their paces in preparation for a daily performance.

It Happened This Way New Pine Creek

By IRVIN FARIS
Here when the zero hour came for '51 and those last tense moments seemed to linger, Madame Mercury, recorder of temperance, made pun when she touched zero all in fun—with her tiny, shrunken finger. And all the while—at the Grange New Year's festive party, funsters made "whoopee" by blowing the New Year's horn and beating mid-gay laughter and noisy hullaaloo.

'Twas one of the nicest, happiest affairs, where everyone came—not to put on airs, but just have rip-roarin' festive fun, for a big New Year's work had 'er begun.
Financially there have been other dances more lucrative sponsored by the Grange but few where a better time was had—where old friends throughout the valley mingled in reminder of former good times. The net proceeds from the party were not available here yet but it is believed that it will be in the neighborhood of \$65 when all bills are met.

Members of the Grange orchestra wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Opal Fitzgerald for helping to bring the music Saturday night in the absence of Mrs. Helen Bradley, the regular accordionist, who is away on a trip.

New Year's Day began here bright and clear but it was marred by tragedy when Frank Alexander was found dead in his home at around 2 p.m. by Carroll Mulkey. He and his wife had invited Frank out to enjoy a New Year's dinner at their home. When he failed to arrive at the appointed hour of one o'clock, Carroll became uneasy and went to see what was detaining him. Carroll was shocked to find him lying on the floor in front of his davenport, one wool-lined house slipper on and one off, his suit coat and his hat and glasses lying near by. Death came, apparently, from natural causes—probably heart trouble.

As near as could be reconstructed by Sheriff Tommy Elliot and Coroner Everett Osterman who arrived at the scene soon after the tragedy had been reported, it was believed that Alexander died sometime the morning of December 31 after coming in from feeding his chickens. The breakfast dishes were still on the table and his overshoes were close by as though he had just taken them off and was putting on his house slippers, sitting on the davenport. Both the hearth and the kitchen stove were out and the house was cold. Yesterday's eggs had apparently not been gathered and the chickens needed feed and water. Tracks in the snow at the rear of the home indicated that he had been out doing chores since the last snow fell late Sunday evening.

Alexander had been ailing for several years with numerous physical disorders which were gradually growing more acute—causing more and more misery. He was living alone. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander who is running the Argonaut Hotel in Pittsburg, Calif. and his son, Ralph Alexander, who manages a retail lumber yard in Irvington, Calif., were both notified.

The deceased was quite well known in Goose Lake Valley as he has not only lived here for 25 years or longer but has followed the "profession" for many, many years. People from all over the valley depended upon him for strawberry plants and berries in season, tomatoes, sweet corn and a variety of other fruit garden produce. Friends, without knowing exactly, guessed his age to be around 60 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ayoutt and family returned Wednesday, December 26, from Portland, where they spent Christmas, with the Smalley's, Mrs. Ayoutt's parents. The road conditions were so bad that it took them from 8 o'clock in the morning to 8:30 in the evening to make the homeward jaunt.

Ernest Robinson, who had experience on Christmas Day that could have ended tragically had it not been for the alert and timely action of his son, Richard.
A 600-pound steer with little shrapnel horns was out in the feed lot all bloated up and a shiverin' terribly. Ernest thought he would help the critter out by walking it around a bit so it might expell his over-load of gas; so he got in there with a stick and "proddin' it around. The animal, apparently, had made up his mind to die and didn't want to be bothered. So proddin' made him concerned, sudden mad. He raged quickly down on his knees, a benefactor with the most evil intentions, striking Ernest amidships. He grabbed the critter's horn with his left hand to keep it from roring his abdomen—but now Ernest was backed up against the fence—practically helpless, just as Richard came running up, took the stick, that Ernest was helpless to use, and beat the steer off. Ernest has been glad ever since that he

leave, Mr. Bothel died of a heart attack. They had sold their home and everything, now Sara doesn't know what her sister will do.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Clifton of Lakeview and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bernard were dinner guests at the Johnston's home Christmas Day.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammond, owner of the Hammond Pilling Co., in Cottage Grove, arrived last Sunday evening as guests at the State Line Motel, where Mrs. Hammond spent the winter, two years ago. While here they are visiting friends, having been dinner guests, at the Faris home New Year's Day, as were also Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hartney.

Mickey Doss, of the U. S. Air Force, home on holiday leave, to visit his parents, local mail carriers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Doss of Alturas, went back on Thursday to his base in San Antonio, Tex.

Mickey helped his father with the heavy holiday mail while here. The day following Christmas, Dec. 26, was the heaviest load of mail on the local star route during the holiday season, it requiring two trucks to handle it. A double truck load, as heavy as heavy, was brought up from Alturas last Saturday. Mrs. Doss drove one of the trucks. Word was received Monday that Mickey and his pal made it back to their base all right but owing to having considerable bad luck enroute, they came near not getting back in time. Mickey had one hour of his leave time left.

Tom Perry received word Christmas Day in the afternoon that his niece, Mrs. Alia Allum, had died of a heart attack that morning. Mrs. Allum had been blind for a number of years but had learned to do many remarkable things in spite of her affliction. She had learned the Braille system for the blind and thereby kept abreast with a family man and had a son handy. That way it was he got off with a badly bruised, swollen left hand besides getting stove up considerably and he counted this as "pretty lucky." The steer was later put in a chute and saved by "sticking."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dick were guests on Christmas Day at the Marjorie Hickerson home in Alturas, as were also, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dawson, former residents of New Pine Creek, but now living in Sacramento.

Mrs. Sara Johnston was shocked with very unpleasant news just at Christmas time. Her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bothel, of Indians, Penn., had planned on coming out for a visit—to be here shortly after Christmas and make an extended stay of it. But just before time for them to

Juvenile Delinquency Talked By Church Group At Forum; Responsibility For Youths' Misdeeds Laid To Parents

The juvenile delinquency problem has existed ever since Eve, probably always will, and practically all blame rests on parents.
That appeared to be the decision last night of an open forum conducted at the First Presbyterian Church here. Occasion was the regular monthly meeting of the church's Mariners Club, an organization of young married couples. Attendance last night totaled 118.

Circuit Judge David Vandenberg and Klamath Juvenile Officer Francis Mathews made short talks on the juvenile problem and then answered questions from the audience. State Sen. Phil Hitchcock was moderator.

A similar forum is to be conducted over radio station KPLW, Monday, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. However, this program has no connection with the Mariners Club. The radio forum is to be the first in a series on various matters of interest in the Basin.

Juvenile Officer Mathews cited figures last night to prove that the delinquency situation in Klamath County last year was no worse than in previous years. And Judge Vandenberg stoutly maintained that today's young people were basically as good as in olden times.

The judge said the problem went back to the beginning of the human race. "Eve was a pretty delinquent gal herself," he said. Mathews offered a complete breakdown of last year's juvenile cases in Klamath: there were 799 cases and some 80 per cent of them fell under four categories: 1) crimes against other people; 2) offenses against property; 3) dependency and 4) traffic violations.

Average age of last year's juveniles was 15.5.

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After repeatedly pegging principal blame for delinquency to parents and homelife, Mathews and Vandenberg said the big problem of solution was indifference of parents.

The judge said many parents didn't show any concern until it was too late. "Until their youngsters were in court. 'Lord, how they (the parents) can cry then,' he said.

Several of the many questions from the audience pertained to use of marijuana. Both Vandenberg and Mathews said they did not actually know the drug was being sold here.

Mathews said he had received reports and had spent a good deal of time checking them but had been unable to find evidence of marijuana sales or use in the county.

The forum, scheduled for one hour, ran almost twice that long as Mathews, Vandenberg and their audience were obviously reluctant to quit the lively discussion.

When Moderator Phil Hitchcock banged the adjournment gavel there were still several hands waving for attention. And many in the audience continued the discussion after adjournment by clustering around Vandenberg and Mathews with more questions and opinions.

It all wound up about where it started; most youngsters will be have if properly raised. . . and as Judge Vandenberg said: "Ninety-nine per cent of the blame for juvenile trouble rests solely with parents."

No Boxing For Young Braddock

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—James J. Braddock Jr., husky 21-year-old son of the former heavyweight boxing champ is in the Army.

As he started his two-year hitch the 203-pound six-footer said he wants straight Army duty—and no boxing.

Richards Is A Cager Too
BRIDGEWATER, Va. (AP)—Bob Richards, winner of the 1951 Sullivan Award as the amateur athlete of the year, demonstrated Thursday night he can play basketball as well as pole vault. He scored 28 points on 14 field goals for the alumni against the Bridgewater varsity. The varsity won, 86-85.

with all up to date books, used the typewriter to do her writing on and her house was always spic and span. Besides she was a very happy and lovely person.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ashton returned Sunday evening from Eugene where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Ashton's parents and with their two children who are going to school over there. They reported that about three inches of new snow had fallen in Eugene the morning they left.

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Salem Man Hurt In Auto Wreck

INDIO, Calif. (AP)—Glenn Elmer McCormick, 51, radio station owner of Salem, Ore., probably will have to remain in a hospital here a month because of injuries in an automobile accident.

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Eastern Oregon — Considerable cloudiness with occasional snow showers Friday through Saturday; cooler Friday night and Saturday. High Friday 30 to 40; low Friday night 10 to 20 except about 5 above in higher valleys; high Saturday 27 to 36.

For the 24 hours to 4:30 a.m.

	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Baker	38	21	.05
Bend	32	23	T
Eugene	42	25	.30
Klamath Falls	33	24	.01
La Grande	41	26	.05
Lakeview	—	—	—
Medford	42	26	.16
North Bend	43	46	1.36
Ontario	43	23	.03
Pendleton	43	32	.02
Portland	42	35	.19
Roseburg	46	38	—
Salem	42	37	.17
Boise	44	30	T
Chicago	31	19	—
Denver	59	31	—
Eureka	48	49	.34
Los Angeles	52	49	—
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