

'Seldom Seen' is Wintering in the Old Ghost Town of Panamints

Crumbling adobe buildings, sun-baked streets now grown to sage brush and tumble weed, long forgotten graves not quite obliterated by sun, sand, wind and time, herds of wild burros that no one bothers to put to work — and a gaunt, tanned, whiskered prospector who answers to the name of Seldom Seen Slim (and no other) — these are, perhaps, the most outstanding rem-



Seldom Seen Slim

nants of the once prosperous town of Ballarat which lies in the barren Panamint Valley east of Trona.

The buildings and streets and graves were there in 1880 when Ballarat boasted 800 inhabitants and was a supply town for Panamint City and many other smaller mining centers. That was a little before Slim's time. But there's something about Slim that suggests that he will be there when they are gone.

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"There's Always Tomorrow"

There are three other residents of Ballarat, and Slim knows two of them — William Bevin and William Hyder. The third prospector has been living next door to Slim for only a few years, and Slim just never got around to meeting him, but thinks his name is Webber.

Of late, Slim has been spending his leisure moments watching a great hustle and bustle of activity at Chris Wick's old saloon and pool hall where a lone, perspiring workman is salvaging a few boards off the caved-in roof for use on a

chicken ranch near Ridgecrest.

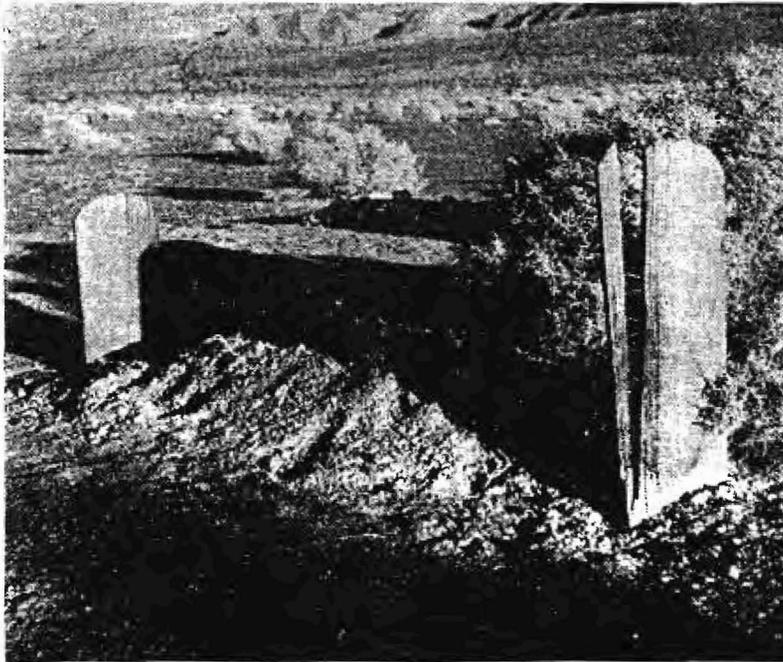
In a niche in the adobe partition of the crumbling building is a rusty steel safe with letters of gold across the top that read "Dominguez Etcharren," the name of the original builder and proprietor of the saloon. The door of the safe lay out in the street, twisted and battered, and Slim said that he figured maybe somebody had dynamited it.

Ballarat's Boot Hill

Down the street from the saloon is the old jail with its heavy wooden doors and steel bar locks still intact, and out in the desert across from the jail is the cemetery, Ballarat's "Boot Hill," where lie buried twelve former prospectors, their graves since smothered by constantly shifting sands. Slim said that he knew for certain that one of the graves was that of a man who died a natural death.

Now, more than sixty years later, beady lizard eyes shine from darkened corners, and coyote tracks weave crazily through the fine dust that has settled over the town. Yes, there is still life in Ballarat.

Ruins of Ballarat Recall Gay Early Mining Days



Little is left of this one-time bustling general store at Ballarat, gold-rush mecca in the early his- tory of this region. Lower photo- graph shows the grave of "one man who died a quiet, natural death."

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Lodi Group Bring Heavy Equipment To New Placer Project

Five Truck Loads Now in Process of Being Assembled 25 Ton Trommel Unit

A concentrating unit, a trommel unit, an Allis-Chalmers tractor and other miscellaneous equipment for the placer project of the Lodi group arrived in Rand District early this week and are now in process of being assembled. A Sacramento trucking firm and a concern from Lodi made the delivery with five trucks. The trommel unit estimated at around twenty-five tons made a sizeable load for one truck.

All the machinery including the large trommel unit was unloaded and is being set up with the aid of the large drag line now on the ground. Electric power has been hooked up and the assembly is making good progress. Nine men comprise the assembly crew.

Will Concentrate in Field

The concentrating equipment is being installed in the field where the placer material will be dried in the large trommel with heavy fuel oil heat. The anticipated capacity of the concentrating equipment is 1000 yards per day.

The mill, intended to clean up the crude concentrate produced by the concentrate equipment in the field, is now practically completed. It will handle approximately nine or ten tons of concentrates per day.

Test Equipment

Grant Morton, in charge of the project here, states that all the equipment was first assembled in Lodi and tested with material brought from Rand District.

The Lodi groups ground is located half a mile south of the old Sunshine Mine and a quarter mile west of the Black Hawk. It is along the old Mojave road.

1918 Examiner Echoes War I

Old newspapers are discovered in many odd places. Sometimes they come to light when old buildings are demolished, abandoned shacks searched and occasionally in the shafts of old mines.

Ray Pierson, brought a copy of the Los Angeles Examiner, Dated Jan. 1, 1918, to the Times office recently and the headlines of twenty-five years ago bring memories of another World War. Italy was cheering a French victory. General William Crozier, chief of ordinance, promised rifles for the entire army within the month, and Kaiser Wilhelm had just published a three volume book about himself.

The date and the subject matter of the old edition makes the old paper an interesting comparison to the headlines of 1943. It was found in one of the lower levels, at an Atoho shaft.

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Custom Milling of Tungsten Soon Available at Barker Mill

*Reconstruction Finance Corporation Makes
Project Possible As Aid To Tungsten Effort*

Present indications are that the revamping of the Barker tungsten mill at the Gold Basin mine will be completed and the mine will be ready for operation during the month of February, according to James Nossner, in charge of the construction and development program at the mine and mill. The project of developing the mine and improving the mill is being financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of making custom milling facilities available to tungsten producers of this area.

◆ The mill is designed primarily to care for the soft shist ores of the district, containing both gold and tungsten. The work of revamping the mill and developing the mine was started December 1. A head frame and hoist have been installed, ore bin constructed, a change room provided and the mine reconditioned and placed in operation. Four men are now working in the mine breaking ore to be used in the preliminary operations to perfect the flow sheet. Six workmen are putting the finishing touches to the mill.

Water for the mill has been secured from the Big Butte Mine with over a half mile of pipe line relaid. The water storage capacity has been increased to more than 50,000 gallons.

Hundred Ton Capacity

The project originally started as a mine development and has gained further approval of R. F. C. as being a needed accompaniment to tungsten exploration, providing custom milling facilities for others. The capacity of the mill will vary depending on the hardness of the ore and the amount of fines contained but a top capacity of 100 tons per day is expected.

Flow Sheet Explained

For the information of tungsten producers, Mr. Nossner outlines the flow sheet as follows:

The rough ore will be crushed to 3/4 inch minus. Conveyors of this product will discharge into a 3/8 inch circular screen and the 3/8 inch minus ore is turned into a Malone roughing jig designed to extract coarse sheelite content. The screen used in the bed of the Malone jig will be 8 inch mesh. Hutch product from the Malone jig, including fines gained from dewatering the coarse product will by-pass the mill to a Lamley clean-up jig at 12 mesh bed screen. Oversize from the 3/8 screen will feed to a Hendy rod mill and be ground. The product of the mill will join the Hutch product from the first jig in the feed to the Lamley clean-up jig. Hutch product from the clean-up jig will be fed over a series of amalgamation plates. Following amalgamation, the product will be elevated to concentrating tables arranged in a circuit of one clean-up table and two roughing tables or two clean-up tables and one roughing table, as ore might demand.

Fresh Water At All Stages

Dragline tailing disposal is being so arranged that good recovery units will not be used if gold is absent in the ore. The large water capacity and thickener, together with the dewatering units in the circuit will permit the use of fresh water at all stages of the mill operation.

Clarence A. Barker, owner and operator of the Gold Basin has been making his home at the mine during recent weeks and intends to divide his time between the mine and his office in Los Angeles.

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Argus Range Miners Are Hit By Flood

A ten-foot wall of water swept down from Black Mesa above the Ruth Mine on Friday evening and transformed peaceful Homewood Canyon into a swirling river.

This deluge came in the wake of a cloudburst on Thursday evening which also did considerable damage.

George Benko, long-time resident of the area, suffered the greatest loss when his storehouse and all of his winter's supplies were washed away.

Highway Blocked

A cabin in the lower part of the canyon, belonging to the Veta Mines, was destroyed. Enormous boulders were dislodged and deposited over more than 400 feet of highway, blocking the road so that residents were marooned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. MacPherson, of the Ruth Mine who are now working in Trona, said that because of the high location the mine had not been damaged. Waters had not entered their house, but had come to the top of the retaining wall.

Residents Marooned

The MacPhersons spent five hours getting into Trona on Friday morning. When they attempted to return that evening they found the highway blocked and were obliged to spend the night at the Westend Quarry.

Those remaining in their homes in the canyon are Mrs. Albert H. Johnson and her young son, A. C. Cartlander, Edward Groth at the Robert Weir Camp, and Clarence Kirk and his mother, Mrs. Mary Bell Robinson. All are reported to have been uninjured, their homes are intact and food supplies are sufficient to last indefinitely. 28-43

Lodi Group Is Ready For Preliminary Run

Placer Project's Field Units Reassembled For Service

Following three weeks' work of assembling, the large twenty-five ton trommel unit and the field concentrating unit of the Lodi group placer project is nearing completion. Grant Morton, in charge, states that a preliminary run to permit adjustments of the equipment will be made late this week. Prior to being brought to the Rand District, the equipment was assembled at Lodi, tested and adjusted with placer material from the present workings. It was then knocked down for shipment and brought to Rand District. The unit will be adjusted now under working conditions.

Material Ready

Placer material for the test run has been accumulated by the large drag-line and the mill is also ready to make a test run of the concentrates provided by the field equipment.

An interesting feature of the trommel unit is the provision for heating and drying the placer material before it reaches the concentrator.

At the mill, recovery of both gold and tungsten values is provided for.

The property is located on the old Mojave road, a quarter mile west of the Black Hawk mine.

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War Bond Rally Will Celebrate Drive Success

Aggressive work on the part of community committees throughout the Desert District is rapidly bringing the Fourth War Bond quota for this area into sight. With \$27,000.00 as the goal, the total to date now has reached \$21,381.25 as of February 2.

County Reports

Drive chairman, William DeWitt is meeting this week with each of the committee chairmen and helping them plan the final work of attaining the full quota and if possible going well "over the top." Outstanding work by several of the committees is noted by Chairman DeWitt and reflected in the totals given below:

Boron	\$8,550.00
Randsburg	6,056.25
Red Mountain	4,668.75
Indian Wells Valley	1,181.25
Atolia	737.50
Johannesburg	150.00
Cantil-Saltdale	37.50

Total \$21,381.25

Rally February Ninth

A War Bond Rally for the evening of Wednesday, February 9, will be held at the American Legion Hall in Randsburg. It is expected to be very much a celebration of the success of the drive and to bring a comfortable margin of sales above the quota.

Invitation is extended to every household in the district to join in the festivity. A pie or cake is suggested as a contribution to the refreshments of the evening and the committee will provide the necessary hot coffee.

Program for the evening is in the making and will include community singing under the direction of Rev. G. R. Faulkner, pastor of the Four-square Gospel Church. Lt. Commander J. T. Acree of the Naval Ordnance Test Station at Inyokern has assured a speaker on War Bonds from the station and it is expected that Lt. Commander D. G. Saunders will be present to speak.

Plans are that Randsburg High School Band will assist with an introductory concert of patriotic music. The rally will start at seven-thirty.

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DEATH COMES TO DR. BURCHAM

The passing of Dr. Rose La Monte Burcham at her home at 114 So. Almanson St. in Alhambra Wednesday evening at 8:30 is reported by Mrs. Georgia Dennis, former associate of Dr. Burcham and a friend of many years.

Dr. Burcham is remembered here as the original backer of the discoverers of the Yellow Aster Mine and as its business manager.

Following her expressed wish, there will be no funeral for Dr. Burcham. Friends who wish to view her remains may do so at the funeral home chapel in Alhambra Saturday from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Historical Figure

The distinction of being the first woman physician in California, together with that of having backed the discoverers of the famous Yellow Aster Mine and serving as its business manager for eleven years of its most profitable operation, gives Dr. Burcham an outstanding place among the historical characters of the State of California.

Mrs. Dennis has among her treasured mementos from Dr. Burcham, three diplomas which tell in Latin of the latter's proficiency in the special treatment of eye and ear diseases and as an obstetrician. The first dated in 1884, another in 1885, from recognized colleges in Cincinnati, Ohio. The third is a diploma from the Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Grubstaked Prospectors

At the time of her passing, Dr. Burcham was nearing her 91st birthday. Her long life was a busy one. While practicing medicine in San Bernardino in 1895, she grubstaked the discoverers of the Yellow Aster Mine. Burcham, Singleton and Moores. The discovery was followed by five years of litigation and

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DEATH COMES TO DR. BURCHAM

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in 1900, Dr. Burcham became manager of the property for the three discoverers and guided its destinies for eleven years.

At the time of the First World War, when Dr. Denton was called to the service, Dr. Burcham saw that the Rand District was not without medical attention and cared for his practice until his return.

Six Years of Failing Health

A paralytic stroke six years ago left her practically bedridden and her health failed as the years went by. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Maude Noe of Arlington, California.

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RANDBURG TIMES, Feb. 4, 1943:

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RANDBURG BOY OFF TO COLLEGE

Completing his four-year high school course at mid-term, Dennis Garrehy received congratulations and good wishes from the entire school at a farewell party at the Legion Hall last week end. He left Sunday for St. Mary's College where he will enter as a freshman.

Abundant refreshments included a beautiful cake, baked and presented by Senior Class President Miss Gloria McGraw and bearing a very appropriate inscription. The school made him a farewell gift of a fine wallet.

During his years at Randburg High School, Dennis was an active leader in sports, the high school annual, "The Nuggett" and gave the high school band a dependable support as a Sousaphone player having studied under Director Ballard from the starting of the band three and a half years ago. 2-4-43 p. 3

New Postmaster For Red Mountain

Effective February 1st, Mrs. Matt Johnson of Red Mountain assumed the duties of postmaster for that office, succeeding Mrs. Cora London.

The new postmaster has been a resident of Rand District for the past four years and is well known in the community. The office will be conducted in the same location in Red Mountain as heretofore. 2-4-43 p. 3

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Anna Humphrey, "Atolia . . . ," Randsburg Times,
Feb. 4, 1943, 3:4:

Six attended a meeting of the L.D.S. Relief Society
at Mrs. Humphrey's home.

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DUST FROM THE DUMP.....

By PAUL B. HUBBARD

Getting a letter from George Benko is equivalent to having a ten minute visit with him. He covers a lot of ground in one short letter and writes exactly as he speaks, accents and all. George has been shoved around by the elements up in the Argus Range this winter but is giving a good account of his determination to survive.

Rather than spoil George's letter by editing it or rewording it I am going to reprint it as is and let Randsburg Times readers learn first hand just how he fared in the big storm a few weeks ago.

"Dear Mr. Hubbard:—

Just a few lines to let you know I am still up here in the Argus Mountain, aboff the Ruth Mine, and doing O. K. all-too. I had lots of hard-luck, starding off 1943.

On January 21st, 3-inch Ice, and very cold, frosed and bursted my half-mile one-inch water pipe line, from Victory Garden No. 1, to my cabin.

And a few days after, the Big Rain, ded not halping me, no, not a bid, indeed. I lost some Grocery, and a few Chickens, and lots of other stoff.

Yes, I workt one week filling in the worst places, to get up to the Ruth Camp, and from the Ruth Camp, to My Camp I will do the work later.

And then on February the 1st, I whent up to My Cotopaxi water Tunnel to see if the big Rain doing any harm. I found it not so bad, just about 3. Ft. water standing inside, I oppend the door, and let the water out, and it is O. K.

And then, on February the 2nd, I was working on the Cotopaxi watter tunnel to put in, a 6-inch Galvanized Ventilating Pipes, and some how, the pipe, or my hand, sltpt, and cut my Rest on the Righth hand

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very bad, in a day Or two the Doctor will take out the Stiches, but believe me, I found out doing house kipping and chopping wood, and so on, all witt one hand, dont go so good.

But I think, and hope, there will be a George, and there will be a water line fixt, and a Victory Garden yet, next Spring.

And poseble after the War is over, there will be something doing up here, inregards this water, yes over 10.000 Gallon avery 24 ouers, running out this Cotopaxi water Tunnel, yes it is a chance for the proper Men, or party to fix this place up, for a Chicken, Docks, and Geese. Farm, and also Hogs and Goats and Sheep, there is nuff Green bushes, and Grass for them, and a poseble chance to get lots of feed from Trona, and Argus towns, from the Eating houses, for the Hogs, and Chickens.

truly yours

George Benko.

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Speakers For Founders Day

The Red Mountain P. T. A. will hold their Founder's Day meeting Wednesday, February 17 at 2:30 at the Red Mountain school house. Special guests will be: Fifth District President, Mrs. Maud T. Bagwell of San Bernardino and the Music Supervisor, also of San Bernardino.

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"Speaker For Founders Day," Randsburg Times, Feb. 11, 1943,
1:3 [7:3?]:

The Red Mountain P.-T.A. will hold a Founder's Day meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the Red Mountain School. The guests will be Mrs. Maud T. Bagwell, the Fifth District president, and the music superintendent [of the county schools?], both of San Bernardino.

ATOLIA...

Anna Humphrey, Correspondent

In Post Office

Edna Harwell is assisting Cora London in the Red Mountain Post Office this Friday and Saturday.

Visit at Sanger

Vic De Zan and Larry Reynolds were visitors at Sanger from Saturday to Monday.

From Lynwood

Effie and Barbara Lee Janke of Lynwood were up Saturday to visit Mrs. Janke's mother and friends.

Leaves for Salt Lake City

Gene De Zan left last Saturday for Salt Lake City where he is now working for Western Airlines.

At Sister's Home

Rex Burnham has returned to his sister's, Mrs. Arthur Dirrim, home where he is convalescing after spending six weeks in the Rand District hospital.

At Compton

Mrs. Herb Straub and son, Stanley, are spending a week in Compton with Mrs. Straub's mother, Mrs. Hattie Clark, who is in the hospital. While they are there they will visit their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McBride.

In Bakersfield

Mrs. Geno De Zan and daughter are in Bakersfield spending the week with Mrs. De Zan's mother, Mrs. Hamald.

From San Bernardino

Mrs. Rex Beverly, and Merrill, of San Bernardino, were up Sunday to visit their father, Rex Burnham, and also the Dirrim family.

Visits Relatives

Mrs. Robert R. Gorman of Mojave was up Friday to visit her daughter, Patricia Ann, and her family. Returning with her was her sister, Barbara Humphrey, who spent Sunday in Mojave with her. 2-18-43

Federal Mining Men Make Survey For Tungsten In District

(Continued From Page One) tungsten than any other single unit area, and has outcroppings of unusually rich ore in pleasing proportions.

He complimented Hoeffling Bros. for doing a good job at the Spud Patch along standard lines.

Confidence in Dredge Project

Based on many years' acquaintance with Newton Cleveland, Mr. Eggers voiced his complete confidence in the ultimate success of the Rand Gold Dredging Associates' rather unusual operation at Randsburg.

Mr. Eggers worked with Mr. Cleveland in 1905 on the Yuba river and has followed his well-known world record and vast experience in the dredging field. He notes that in choosing a difficult, heretofore unproven undertaking at Randsburg, Mr. Cleveland is in true form with his past record of tackling hard problems and solving them. "No other man in the dredging business can equal his record of success and experience," declares Mr. Egger.

Novel Operation

The large dry concentration plant of the Lodi Group, and their mill was visited by Mr. Eggers. He comments that it is a novel operation with a number of unusual features. Sees Seismotite Mine

Engineer Eggers found the seismotite deposit of Cudahy Packing Co. in Last Chance Canyon very intriguing. He declares it a most unusual experience to witness the gleaming white walls, ceiling and floor of a tunnel 14 to 16 feet high, ten feet wide and 1100 feet long in which large "rooms" have been mined out. The tunnel is illuminated with electric lights and Mr. Egger remarks "Everything is clean and neat in keeping with the product of the mine, 'Old Dutch Cleanser'."

RED MOUNTAIN...

Lindsey Twins, Correspondents

Visiting Son —

Mrs. Kate Horgan of Reno, Nevada, arrived here last Thursday to spend the summer with her son, Rusty Horgan.

No School —

Due to colds among the children, school was closed this week.

Mr. Netherton Here —

L. E. Netherton of Whitney, Nevada, spent a few days visiting friends in the district this week.

Guest of Blairs —

Mr. Crowel and son, Bob, of Sand Canyon, spent Monday at the home of Mrs. Tino Blair.

Visit Daughter —

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thorne of Banning spent the week end at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Matt Johnson.

P. T. A. Meeting —

The Red Mountain P. T. A. held its regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the school house. The main speaker was Mrs. Bagwell, president of the Fifth district, and Mrs. Speergin, music supervisor, both of San Bernardino. Jack May gave two piano selections and Valla Parker a beautiful rendition on her clarinet, accompanied by Mrs. May. Sandwiches and tea were served by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. May.

Birthday Party —

Mrs. Matt Johnson gave a birthday party last Sunday night in honor of her husband. The evening was spent in playing cards. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Max Stringham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Duncan and family, Mrs. Cora London, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Johnson. Cake, jello and coffee were served.

Luncheon Tuesday —

Mrs. Pete Bob gave a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Bagwell and Mrs. Speergin of San Bernardino, last Tuesday at her home. Those present were Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Harwell of Atolia and Mrs. Bob of Red Mountain.

Return to Red Mountain —

Mr. and Mrs. John Stricker and family have returned to Red Mountain where they will again make their home. Mr. Stricker has been employed recently by L. E. Nether-ton of Whitney, Nevada. 2-18-43

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Federal Mining Men Make Survey of Rand District's Tungsten

Present Activities of Area In Strategic Minerals Bring Inspection of Mine Bureau

Tungsten production in the Rand District received attention this week from two prominent Federal mining authorities. Dr. Dwight Lemmon, geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, renewed his acquaintance with this area's operations and John H. Eggers, mining engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, inspected a number of properties here. Both completed their work on Thursday.

Dr. Lemmon made a detailed study of the tungsten resources of the district a few years ago and a government report of his findings was published. He was later stationed in the Bishop area where he continued his investigation of tungsten resources. While in Rand District this week he visited the Atolia Mining Co., property accompanied by two assistants.

Compliments Placer Activity

Mr. Eggers speaks highly of the importance of Rand District tungsten placer operations and inspected several of the placer projects while here. He comments that it is a very unusual situation to find in the same area, a large dry concentration process, a standard wet washing operation with two draglines and a standard gold dredging operation with apparatus for the additional saving of tungsten. While here he visited the Spud Placer project, the workings of the Lodi Group, Rand Gold Dredging Associates and Cudahy Packing Company's deposit of seismotite.

Spud Patch Placers Unique

The Spud Patch Placers operation, declared Mr. Egger, is not to be duplicated anywhere. He recalled that the Union Mine area in which it is located has probably produced more

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Rationing Area Is Now Enlarged

A petition signed by over eighty residents of the Red Mountain-Atolia area, asking Field Supervisor Henry DeLacy to transfer rationing records of that area from the War Rationing Board at Trona to Board 3-11 at Randsburg was presented Wednesday to Mr. DeLacey and has been acted upon favorably, according to Samuel B. Levin, chairman of the Trona Board. Mr. Levin states that he is preparing all rationing records of Red Mountain-Atolia people for transfer to the files of the rationing office at Randsburg.

In consenting to the enlarged jurisdiction, members of Board 3-11 at Randsburg requested that the new area designate representation on the board, satisfactory to the people of Red Mountain-Atolia.

Board Members To Be Chosen

A meeting of citizens of the Red Mountain-Atolia communities will be held at 7:30 Saturday evening, February 20, at the Red Mountain School to discuss the Rationing Registration and to agree upon one board member from Atolia and one from Red Mountain.

To facilitate registration in Red Mountain and Atolia, Judge James Platt has consented to act as registrar for that area and will maintain afternoon registration hours at Red Mountain School through the week of February 22 to 27 inclusive. On the first five days of the week, he will be at the school from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m. On Saturday he will interview applicants from 1 p. m. until 6 p. m.

Explosives Licenses Renewal Date Near

Judge Platt Will Serve as Licensing Agent for Area

The Federal permit to "buy, sell, store or use explosives," so essential to prospectors and miners must be renewed annually, states Judge James Platt of Atolia who will act as renewal agent for the permits issued in this area. First required about a year ago, the first permits issued will begin falling due for renewal very shortly. Each permit is good for one year and as they expire must be renewed.

The Bureau of Mines suggests that applications be made for renewal before the permits actually expire so that there may be no lapse of time between expiration and renewal.

Failure to renew and possession

(excerpt:)

Rationing Registration Week Opens Monday

Final Instructions Are Given Registrars By Field Supervisor

*Applicants Must Present
War Ration Book One In
Order To Receive Book Two*

Full explanation and instruction regarding registration procedure was given some twenty volunteer registrars of War Rationing Board 3-11 in Randsburg Wednesday afternoon by Field Supervisor Henry DeLacey of Bakersfield. A total of from twenty to thirty registrars are required for the area served by this board. Starting Monday, February 22, the registrars will receive applications for War Rationing Book No. 2.

In Randsburg, applicants will call at the Rationing Board Office in the Jewell building.

In Johannesburg, registration will be at the Akin and Akin store.

In Ridgecrest, Bentham's store will be registration headquarters.

At Inyokern, applicants will register at the school.

Saltdale Postoffice will care for registration in that area.

At Brown, registration will be at the school.

Registration Hours

Rationing Clerk Cecil Wise, states that registration in this area will start on Monday at one o'clock, to permit the registrars time to get ready for the work. Applicants may apply on the remaining days of the week from 10 a. m., to 4 p. m.

Promptness Asked

OPA officials urged everyone to register at the specified time during the week, February 22 through February 27, while machinery is set up for this purpose. Otherwise, there will be a delay in obtaining War Ration Book Two to be used in purchasing processed foods rationed under the point system beginning March 1st. During registration week, retail sales of rationed foods will be suspended to allow grocers to replenish supplies for rationing.

Every man, woman and child possessing War Ration Book One is
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Tailings Milling Ends At Atolia Mines Continue

Flotation Plant of Atolia
Mill Discontinues Operation.
Gravity Section Carries On.

The task of treating the tailings of the tungsten ores milled during the last world war at the Atolia Mining Co. has been completed and the flotation plant at the mill has suspended operations. Superintendent Hugh Coke states that the completion of the operation necessarily releases some twenty employees.

He adds, however, that all other operations at the Atolia plant will proceed as usual. The extraction of ore from the mines and its milling in the gravity section of the mill will continue.

Ends Long Task

The large accumulation of tailings just treated represents a very large tonnage of ore mined and milled at Atolia from the days of the last world war when Atolia supplied the major portion of the tungsten produced during that period.

Effective treatment methods for the tailings was studied thoroughly by the Atolia Mining Co., and the process developed by them a few years ago has been followed in recent years recovery work. Atolia continues to be an important factor in the present supply of tungsten for war needs although other areas have come to the fore as sources of domestic production.

Dredge Adds Tungsten Jigs

Following a short shutdown for repairs, the dredge of the Rand Gold Dredging Associates north of Randburg is again working and making satisfactory progress.

M. A. Howard, foreman in charge, states that three new tungsten jigs have been installed this month on the dredge by Robt. W. Brooke, designer and builder, and will be placed in use immediately when drive has been added and a carrier provided.

Tungsten Values In Tailings

With the new jigs in action, the tungsten values of the material treated will be recovered in the operations on the dredge. In the meantime, all tailings with tungsten values are being stacked by

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North Romance Moves to Desert

Married in Tonopah, Nevada, Monday, February 22, Paul E. Coke of Atolia and Miss Kathleen Petrich of Juneau, Alaska, culminated a romance which had its beginnings in high school days in Alaska. The ceremony was performed at the home of W. J. Frank. The newlyweds are now honeymooning in Palm Springs while Mr. Coke is awaiting call for cadet training as an air corps reservist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Petrich. Mr. Petrich is in the customs service at Juneau. Mr. Coke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coke of Atolia. The Coke family spent several years in Alaska with the Bradley mining interests before coming to Atolia. The young couple left Alaska in January of this year. Miss Petrich visiting relatives and friends in the Berkeley area and more recently was a house guest at the Coke home in Atolia.

Both are graduates of the Juneau high school and have attended other schools since graduation.

FURLOUGH CANCELLED

Mrs. Susan Napolis received a telegram this week from her son, Alvaro, stating that his furlough had been cancelled. He is stationed in New Jersey and was expected home this month on a furlough.

Osdick Chosen for Rationing Board

Wm. Hackman, chairman of Rationing Board No. 3-11, states that the minutes of the Red Mountain-Atolia meeting, held for the purpose of recommending representatives on the enlarged rationing board, were forwarded following the meeting February 20, to Henry DeLacey, Field Coordinator of OPA at Bakersfield.

The meeting recommended the appointment of P. J. Osdick as the board member from the Red Mountain-Atolia area and James Parker as alternate member.

The Bakersfield office has forwarded the questionnaires for Mr. Osdick to execute, necessary to his being appointed. 3-4-43 p.1

RENEW ACQUAINTANCE IN RAND DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Allen of Los Angeles were visitors in Randsburg Thursday. The Allens are remembered by old timers of the period prior to the leasing of the Yellow Aster Mine by Anglo-American Mining Corp. Mr. Allen was superintendent of the mine under the Yellow Aster Mining Co. They left Randsburg for Colorado

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Militia Offers Pictures of War

Free Showing at Legion
Hall Saturday Evening

Major E. F. Scoggins of Arvin is the Kern County Commander of the State Militia. He has cooperated closely with the units in the desert and made several visits to drill with the units of the Rand Rifles.

Saturday evening, March 13 is the occasion of another visitation to Rand District by Major Scoggins. This trip he is bringing with him a fine selection of recent releases of war films, photographed at the front of several important battles. They will be shown at the Legion Hall from seven to nine o'clock.

All members of the Rand Rifles and the general public are urged to attend the showing. There is no admission charge and the pictures are said to be the most interesting of any war pictures released to date.

Red Mountain PTA Elects New Officers

The Red Mountain P. T. A. held its annual election Wednesday, March 3. Mrs. Sophia Johnson succeeded La Ree Humphrey as president; Sina Lindsey, vice president; Vivian Blair succeeded Mrs. Pete Bob as secretary, and Edna Harwell was reelected treasurer. Mrs. Elmer Moody was elected as historian. Installation of officers will be held Wednesday, April 7. After the meeting Mrs. Humphrey was presented with a lovely gift in appreciation of her service during the past two years. 3-11-43 p. 1

Meets Nephew in Service at Pomona

P. J. Osdick of Red Mountain returned Wednesday from Pomona, where he had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with his nephew, Sgt. Wm. C. Osdick, whom he had not seen since the latter was six years old. Pomona Fairgrounds is now an army camp, teeming with uniformed men. Mr. Osdick had to enlist the assistance of the Military Police to locate his nephew and arrange for a visit. The fact that "Pete" had driven a long distance and had not seen the young man for many years helped to cut a lot of red tape.

Sgt. Osdick is the son of Henry Osdick of Manchester, Missouri, the only Osdick brother who did not leave the home state of Missouri.

'Dry' Recovery Makes Progress

Lodi Group Operating
Despite Heavy Moisture

The task of securing gold and tungsten concentrates by dry recovery methods calls for dry material to work with. The rains of recent weeks would have stopped most dry processes but at the workings of the Lodi group the large trommel and concentration equipment have been working this week, handling approximately twenty-five yards per hour.

More Production Later

This is half of the estimated capacity of the plant, according to Grant Morton, superintendent in charge, who adds that the plant would be run at full capacity were it not for the heavy moisture. The trommel is heated with fuel oil which dries the material for the concentrator. Mr. Morton says that the operation of the equipment at half capacity gave an opportunity for adjustments to be determined and made so that the plant will be ready for full production when the material is dryer.

He states that he is well pleased with the operation of the equipment and that both values and recovery are very satisfactory. The mill uses water in the final clean-up and will be in operation when concentrates are in sufficient quantity. 3-11-43 p. 1

Desert Folks Exceed Quota In Special Red Cross War Drive

Largest Roll Call Response in History of Desert Area is Attributed to Existing National War Emergency

The special drive for war emergency funds just finished by the American Red Cross, brought gratifying results in the desert communities of Kern County. Assigned a quota of \$300, the workers in Cantil-Saltdale, Inyokern, Johannesburg and Randburg have raised an amount well over \$500. All

enrollments are not yet completed and the exact amount and a further list of donors will be given next week.

Mrs. Kathleen Jewell, chairman of the drive expresses appreciation for the aggressive efforts of the committee members and the patriotic response which was so readily forthcoming.

In addition to the long list of contributors published last issue, the following lists from the various communities are added this week:

Inyokern:

Mrs. R. H. Goodchild, Geo. A. Smith, Mrs. Fay Smith, John W. Sweet, F. N. Banta, Clarence F. Ives, Mrs. Gladys Ives, W. L. Balgoyen, H. A. Coppock, Edith M. Lance, Fannie P. Armstrong, Mrs. E. Stirling, Little Lake, Hubert Smollen, Cash \$10, Wm. J. Petty, M. Thacher, E. J. Robinson, Mrs. M. M. Warner, D. B. Christison, Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hicks, J. A. Lindsay, Claudean Ives, Rudolph Schneider, M. Georgia Simms, J. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Frost, Mrs. C. S. Star-nes, Primary Room.

Saltdale:

Manuel Rios, Walter Tisch, Jessie Cedano, C. Moreno, R. N. Dow, W. H. Whitehall, Mary Moore, L. J. Ratliff, W. P. Wegman, V. C. Genrich, Mrs. Margaret Topp.

Johannesburg:

Marion L. Foiste, J. L. Foisie, Chas. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Edsall, Akin & Akin, W. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frasher, Mrs. W. Walburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pryor, Art Desmond, Mrs. Ed Bigelow, Mrs. Allen E. Jones, B. McQuiddy, Anna L. Myers, Mrs. Ruth Horner, Robert G. Brookes, Mrs. Beulah Robertson, Mrs. P. C. Gray, C. King, Lillian E. Drew, Kathering German, Mr. McNish, R. Ralston, M. Jackman, Mrs. S. A. White, Italo Maccari, Jimmie Gibson, Genevieve G. Feeney, Paul Little, Red Tramill, Clyde Hewitt.

Cantil:

C. C. Todhunter, Caroline Engel, W. R. Herman, Earl Peterson, Harry Hardy, Louis Jones, Dave Staley, A. Friend, Martin C. Engel, Albert Butterbredt, V. W. Phillips, Earl Phillips, Babe Phillips, Eleanor Byers, Chuch. Phillips, Mike Pappas.

Randburg:

Mrs. D. W. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mahnken, Lacy Manlove, Robert N. Steward, M. E. Howard, Carrie E. Oval, Betty Salot, Al G. Sigler, Dale S. Armitage, Esther F. Wegman, Della Lundy, Foster Howell, C. O. Wise, Gertrude Schlegel, Mrs. Rose Worthington Gibson, Mrs. George Darlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Way, C. F. Garrett, Con C. Judge, Tom Corson, S. J. Woodward, Bart Douglas, Bruce E. Carroll, Joseph Kelly, Leonard Howell, M. M. Miles.

Margaret DeVelder, Red Mountain.

Art May, Atolia.

Arthur Dirrhim, Atolia.

JOHANNESBURG

Virginia Dilts, Correspondent

Business Trip —

Mrs. W. A. Akin, accompanied by Mrs. Italo Macarri, made a business trip last week-end to Los Angeles.

To San Bernardino —

Mr. and Mrs. Art May and son Jackie of Atolia, Mrs. M. F. Jackman and Mrs. Max Hess went to San Bernardino last Monday on business and pleasure.

Week-End Guests —

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shultz of Trona were week-end guests of the E. A. Shultz family. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shultz is in the Trona hospital.

Birthday Surprise —

Mrs. R. E. Ralston was much surprised last Tuesday when the ladies of the Foursquare Church gave her a birthday party. Those taking part in the happy occasion were Mrs. Dorothy Johns, orma Shultz, Shirley Shultz, Marian Schlagel, Francis Johnson, Libby Dables, Mrs. Fulkner, and the guest of honor Lidia Ralston.

Visit Edsalls —

Mrs. D. G. Henderson and daughter of Whittier were week-end visitors with the M. J. Edsalls.

From Trona —

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hackman and family from Trona came in to celebrate W. P. Hackman's birthday.

Guests At St. Charles —

N. E. Burrin, Bakersfield; Dr. and Mrs. N. C. Bolevder, Walnut Creek; Capt. John C. Holland, D. D. Tamarraux, Trona; Dave Lewis, Dick Hunter, Reno, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robbins, Salinas; Robert M. Jergens, M. H. Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Arnold, Bishop; Geo. W. Cummins, Geo. Blackwood, Peris; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams, Albert J. Jones, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ogden, Red Mountain.

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ATOLIA...

Anna Humphrey, Correspondent

Birthday Dinner —

Mrs. Clyde Humphrey celebrated her birthday Sunday by having a family dinner. Guests were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Andreasen, her son and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. Robert R. Gorman and the Humphreys.

Visit Dirrims —

Mrs. Violet Burnham and children Buddy, Beverly and Merrill of San Bernardino, were guests of the Arthur Dirrims last Sunday where Mr. Burnham is convalescing.

Relief Society Meets —

Regular meeting of the L. D. S. Relief Society was held last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Clyde Humphrey. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed and the ladies sewed for their bazaar which will be held Saturday, March 20. Attending were Hattie Moody, Edna Howell, Pearl Hatton, Mary Peterson, Elder Peterson and Chatterton. Effie Andreasen.

From Mojave —

Sergeant Robert R. Gorman and Mrs. Gorman of Mojave were here to visit their baby Patricia Ann and Mrs. Gorman's family.

Business Trip —

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody, Al Beeman and Edna Harwell spent Monday in Mojave on business.

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Anna Humphrey, "Atolia . . . ," Randsburg Times, March 11,
1943, 4:3:

Mrs. [James] Platt gave a birthday party last Saturday
night for her daughter Beverlee, who turned 18. Eleven
attended. Afterward, the guests went to the dance [at
Trona?].

Desert Tungsten Announces Incorporation

*Placer Group Headed By
W. A. Dewitt, F. E. Turner
And L. C. Brittain*

Announcement was made this week that incorporation proceedings have been completed for Desert Tungsten, Inc., soon to start production in Rand District. The new corporation is headed by W. A. Dewitt of Reno as president, F. E. Turner of Muskogee, Oklahoma, vice-president and L. C. Brittain of Randsburg as secretary-treasurer. Incorporation was concluded this month with Ralph K. Wittenberg of Reno serving the group as incorporating attorney.

Equipment Installed

Following several months preparation, recovery equipment is now erected and ready for the test runs necessary to adjust and prove the process. A pipeline from the Little Butte and Big Butte mines supplies water for the group's reservoir above the eight claims on Monarch-Rand-O'Neil property in the Stringer District.

A tractor and carry-all is being used to handle the material and the equipment is planned to recover both gold and tungsten. A classifier is followed by undershot jigs and a newly designed set of cylinders for the recovery of both gold and tungsten fines rejected by the jigs.

Present capacity of the plant is fifty yards per shift which will be increased as water supply justifies. Mr. Dewitt is personally following the installation and testing of the equipment and anticipates a busy summer season of commercial operation. 3-25-43 p. 1

Jurisdiction Of Ration Board Larger April 1

The Rationing Boards of Trona and Randsburg were officially informed this week that the transfer of rationing business for the communities of Atolia and Red Mountain will be effective Thursday, April 1st. Samuel B. Levin, chairman of the Trona Board reports that all records pertaining to Atolia and Red Mountain have been ready for transfer for some time, awaiting official instructions to be effective.

District Board Operations Officer Fred E. Yerger informed both boards Monday that the change will be made, explaining that the distance to Trona from the San Bernardino County communities is 37 miles whereas the distance to Randsburg is considerably less, making the change a matter of convenience to the consumers.

Representation Not Confirmed

C. O. Wise, clerk of the Rationing Board 823.11 at Randsburg states that certification of the San Bernardino County representatives to the rationing board has not yet been received.

P. J. Osdick of Red Mountain was named at a public meeting in Red Mountain as the board member from that area and James Parker of Atolia was named alternate. Confirmation and official appointment must be made by OPA officials. 3-25-43 p. 1

Fine Air Photo Of Randsburg Published

Under the caption "Somewhere in California, Who can identify this picture?" Desert Magazine in its April issue published a splendid air photo of Randsburg. It is a Spence Air Photo and perhaps the most complete, sharp photo ever taken of this old mining camp. Desert Magazine offers a prize for the most accurate history, description and summary of the activities carried on here. 3-25-43 p. 1

DESERT OVER TOP FOR RED CROSS

With enrollment still open for any contributions to the American Red Cross, the desertwide committee happily reports a grand total to date of \$675.15 collected, more than double the quota of \$300 assigned to this area at the beginning of the drive.

Heading the list as the committee's most successful salesman is Max Hess who solicited \$205.30. Second on the list is Mrs. Kathleen Jewell who turned in \$113.50, followed by Mrs. Wm. Hackman with \$66.50. Mrs. Clarence Ives, \$63.75; Mrs. Anna Meyers, \$48.00; E. B. Maginnis, \$58.50; H. C. Topp, \$30.00; Mrs. Margaret Calloway, \$32.50; Mrs. Mila Galbraith, \$25.00 and Mrs. Cletus Tharp, \$14.00.

By communities the following totals are available: Ridgecrest, \$39.10; Inyokern, \$63.75; Saltdale, \$30.00; Cantil, \$32.50; Red Mountain, \$80.00; Atolia, \$43.50; Randsburg, \$308.50; Johannesburg, \$48.00.

Additions to the lists of contributors previously reported are as follows:

Ridgecrest:—Mila Galbraith, E. A. Thomas, Miss Pat Bentham, Mrs. L. F. Stannard, Mrs. Hadley Terril, Wm. Bentham, Mrs. S. W. Lima, Mrs. Vern Wilson, Mr. Rollingson, Earl Toombs, Mrs. E. L. Wells, Mrs. Chas. Stanard, Joe Fox, Mrs. Gordon Young, Mrs. Lorena Bruce, Mrs. Al Rogers, Mrs. Corbridge, Mrs. B. Pierce, Mrs. J. H. Lavell, Mrs. Walter Austin, Mrs. Edith Tharp, Mrs. Betty Worley.

Inyokern:—Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth Oval, Mrs. L. E. Peck, Mrs. A. W.

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Inyokern Hi-School Has Welcome Fete

Rodger Banta, president of the "Chuckawalla Club" of the Inyokern High School, announces a reception dance to be sponsored by his club and held at Inyokern school on Saturday evening, March 27. The more recent arrivals in the community are to be the guests of honor. Music will be furnished by the Mojave orchestra. 3-25-43 p. 1

ATOLIA...

Anna Humphrey, Correspondent

At Newberry —

Genevieve Platt spent Wednesday in Newberry visiting in the home of Mirian Staudinger.

Visit Donkers —

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Andreasen spent Tuesday in Inyokern visiting in the home of Mrs. John Donker.

Celebrate Anniversary —

Regular meeting of the L. D. S. Relief Society was held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Humphrey last Tuesday. Last Saturday the Relief Society celebrated their one hundred and first anniversary.

Visits In District —

Harmon Cooper was home over the week-end from school in Bakersfield, visiting his family and friends.

In Los Angeles —

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moody and daughter Patsy spent the week-end in Los Angeles on a business trip.

In Mojave —

Barbara and Anna Humphrey and Genevieve Platt attended the opening of the new L. D. S. church in Mojave last Sunday. The church will soon be dedicated.

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Denning, Mrs. George Eckman, Mrs. H. H. Connor, Intermediate Room, Inyokern School.

Saltdale:—H. C. Topp.

Cantil:—Mike Pappas, H. H. Itner, Ruby V. Rogers, Ross R. Rogers, Lila Weldon, Margaret Calloway, Raymond Calloway.

Red Mountain:—Mrs. F. H. Lam-ey, Mrs. H. W. Petersen, Mrs. M. B. Rollins, Glen Hatton, Johnson Trucking Co., C. Borz, Mrs. Rose Martinez, Mrs. R. W. Brooke, Mrs. P. R. Bob, Lee Nieu Kirk, C. H. Rifle, C. B. Cox, Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Hatton, H. E. Holcomb, Jack Ford, J. H. Kidder, Florence Atkinson.

Atolia:—L. Tuttle, Hugh W. Coke, James Erfinger, F. A. Stemmons, Al Winchell, J. W. Platt, W. L. Cox, E. E. Moody, J. N. Harwell, Louise Yeager, Clyde Humphrey.

Randsburg:—Grant Morton, Rosie Ronning, Clarence A. Barker.

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Spud Patch Placers Ships First Car Of Concentrates To Metal Reserves

Capacity of Washing Plant Soon to be Greatly Increased; Higher Volume of Production from Operations is Sought

Information received this week from J. W. Hoefling, of Sacramento, discloses that Spud Patch Placer of Atolia has passed the "adolescent phase" and may now be classed as a commercial producer of tungsten. The operation has just shipped its first carload of sheelite concentrates to New York. All Spud Patch Placer production is under contract to Metal Reserves Company. This is one of two strategic mineral operations now conducted by Hoefling Brothers of Sacramento, the other being a zinc prospect near the Surcease Mine at Oroville, California, known as the Big Bend Prospect, scheduled to start production in April.

Water Program

Spud Patch Placers operations are proceeding at the rate of 300 to 400 yards per day through the washing plant, according to Mr. Hoefling. Washing is at the rate of 60 yards per hour. Daily capacity can be doubled by two shift washing if sufficient additional water results from the water development program now under way. 1200 gallons of water per minute are necessary for circulation through the plant.

Mill site, with reservoir above and reclaim pond below, is located at the source of water supply on the Jones-Rubel property at the foot of Red Mountain, toward Cuddeback Lake. Pay gravel is hauled by trucks, a distance of four miles over newly built road, from the digging operations in the Spud Patch area. Five miles of power line was also built to service the mill.

Equipped for Volume

Overburden to a depth of 10 to 40 feet is being stripped to get at pay dirt. Two, 2 yard draglines and D8 caterpillar bulldozers are used for this work. The ground being worked is that which was hand mined in the Spud Patch area for sheelite spuds during the last war and having been pretty well high-graded through these hand workings, the operation depends on high volume handling of gravel to be economically successful. However some virgin ground and fair size spuds are still found, states Mr. Hoefling.

Directional Staff

General direction of the project including original examination and engineering, has been under Allen E. Jones, now in overall charge of operations. Sampling and early stages of project work was under supervision of K. Malone, now enlisted in the Marine Corps. Laboratory work and metallurgical tests were carried out by W. E. Messner, now in charge of the zinc prospect in Butte County, and the washing plant is in charge of Milo W. Horner. All of these men were from the staff of the Surcease Mine, gold operation of the Hoefling Brothers in Butte County, now closed for the Duration. J. H. Frasher is in general charge of field operations. Engineering control of mining is by H. S. Bates.

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Additional Bus Route Will Go Into Operation April 6

Through bus service between Trona and Los Angeles by way of San Bernardino will be started on April 6 as a result of action on Monday by the State Railroad Commission, James R. Proper, operator of the Los Angeles-Trona Stages, stated yesterday. New schedules approved by the commission pro-

vide for daily service from Trona at 9 A. M. and from Los Angeles at 4 P. M. The morning busses from Trona will arrive in San Bernardino at 1 P. M., depart at 1:30, and arrive in Los Angeles at 3:20 P. M. Evening busses will leave Los Angeles at 4 P. M., arrive in San Bernardino at 6, depart at 6:30, and arrive in Trona at 10:25 P. M. On the Sunday and holiday schedule by way of San Bernardino, busses are to leave Los Angeles at 6:15 P. M., arrive in San Bernardino at 8:15, depart at 8:45 and arrive in Trona at 12:45 A. M.

Mojave Schedule Retained

Existing schedules by way of Mojave remain unchanged. Fares will be the same on both the San Bernardino and Mojave routes and tickets will be interchangeable.

The new San Bernardino route will be by way of Arcadia, Azusa and Uplands, at which stops will be made. The stage line, however, may not provide intermediate service for points between Los Angeles and Adelanto, since this part of the route is served by existing carriers.

One-Day Shopping Service

Steps are being taken by Proper to obtain a contract to handle mail over the San Bernardino route, which would afford faster postal service to and from Trona.

Establishment of the morning service from Trona is expected by Proper to be an additional convenience for persons who desire to shop in San Bernardino. Under the new arrangement they may leave Trona at 9 in the morning, have from 1 to 6:30 P. M. in San Bernardino and be back in Trona at 10:25 of the same day.

—Trona (Calif.) Argonaut

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Register Purlee Will Come Here

District Land Register Ellis Purlee will be in Trona on April 14 or 15 to make preliminary arrangements for the public auction of Argus Town Site lots which will take place on Friday, April 16, according to information received yesterday.

Purlee will be accompanied by C. G. Fischer, member of the law board of the General Land Office, and by Carl Spalding.

Ninety-Three File

Ninety-three Argus settlers filed preemption claims on a total of 125 lots prior to the filing deadline, March 25, and will be given an opportunity to purchase these lots before the auction takes place.

All lots for which no claims have been filed will be sold to the highest bidder at not less than the minimum appraised price on or after April 16.

—Trona (Calif.) Argonaut

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Pupils Good Stamp Buyers at Red Mtn.

Twenty-eight pupils of the Red Mountain Elementary School set a good example to Rand District in their regular purchase of War Savings Stamps. Mrs. May Schneeberger, principal of the school states that last week a total of \$14.80 worth of stamps were purchased by the youngsters which is a fair weekly average of purchases.

The stamps are bought from a stock which Mrs. Schneeberger maintains for pupil purchase.

At Manzanar — 4-1-43 p. 3

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Rizzardini and sons spent Sunday at Manzanar on business.

PANAMINT MINE WILL 'PACK OUT'

Phillip Lisle of Panamint City Mine was in Trona on Thursday on a return trip from Las Vegas where he spent a week purchasing pack animals which will be used to carry tungsten ore down from the mine.

Lisle said that the Panamint City Mine, leased by United States Tungsten Corporation, and managed by his brother, Ralph Lisle, was opening up more ground.

Roads which they had spent much time in constructing were washed out in the recent heavy rains.

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Desert Schools Offer Spring Music Festival at Legion Hall April 20

Three years ago, instrumental music instruction was introduced into the public schools of Cantil, Saltdale, and Randsburg with William Ballard, Kern County teacher of music, in charge. Each year has brought increased interest and proficiency to the effort and on Tuesday evening of next week, April 20, the students will be presented in a

Practice Airraid For Kern County

Kern County's seventh "full dress" mobilization air-raid drill is scheduled for Thursday night, April 22, with the imaginary red "go" signal at 7:30 p. m. at which time thousands of volunteer workers throughout the county will be put into action, according to Coordinator Charles D. Dart, Kern County Defense Council.

The mobilization test will put into action air-raid wardens, fire watchers, auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, deputy sheriffs, demolition and rescue crews, unexploded bomb agents, medical corps, Red Cross, Women's Ambulance Defense Corps, control-station staff, messengers, road utility and repair crews, food, housing and welfare, and other protective services.

HEAR SMALL MINES CHAMPION

P. J. Osdick represented Rand District in Riverside last Wednesday at the miners meeting at which Senator James Scrugham of Nevada spoke. Senator Scrugham strongly advocates legislation helpful to small miners of the west and explained the recent "mines access roads" legislation.

Special Notice!

Volunteers for Listening Post duty are asked to register during the week of April 19 to April 24 at the Rationing Office in Randsburg. Detailed instruction will be given to volunteers at a meeting in Randsburg, April 29.

Spring Music Festival at the Legion Hall in Randsburg. Mr. Ballard has prepared a varied program featuring all of the schools and different instrumental combinations which will well demonstrate the versatile abilities of the young musicians.

The affair is dedicated to the financial assistance of the high school annual "The Nugget" and a nominal charge will be made.

Splendid Repertoire

Opening with the rousing "Honor Band" march by Ernest Weber, the high school band will give an introduction to the event with four numbers, "Song of the Rose," also by Weber, Ed Chenette's popular march "Promotion" and the "Blue Moon" waltz by M. H. Ribble.

The combined orchestras of Cantil, Saltdale and Randsburg offer two special numbers, "At Sundown" by Croyton and "Columbia" a concert overture by Zamecnik.

The old favorite "Merry Widow Waltz" by Lehar, is to be offered as a clarinet solo by Valla Parker, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Johns.

Another solo requiring above average ability is Vandercook's "Lily Polka" which Charles Miles will play as a baritone solo, also accompanied by Mrs. Johns.

Two numbers by the Randsburg Orchestra, "Bunny Parade" march by Van Armen and "Violets" waltz by Zamecnik will be followed by two solos. Janice Christensen will give a saxophone solo and Donald Smith a trumpet selection, both accompanied by Mrs. Johns on the piano.

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Spring Music Fest By Desert Schools

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Orchestra Ensemble

The combined orchestras of Cantil, Saltdale and Randsburg two special numbers, "At Sundown" by Croyton and "Columbia" a concert overture by amecnik.

These will be followed by two selections "Don't Give Up the Ship" by Warren and "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" by Gus Edwards, by the brass quartet comprised of Glen Witter and "Bud" Eyre on trumpets, Jane Eyre, melophone and Charles Miles, baritone.

Patriotic Finale

A group of popular patriotic melodies by the Randsburg High school Band will conclude the concert.

Personnel of the various groups participating is as follows:

Randsburg Band: Glenn Witter, Bud Eyre, Donald Smith, Rudy Pappas, Erlinda Napolis, Valla Parker, Mary Pappas, Mary Jean Bartlett, Georgia Donnelly, Janis Christensen, Dessa Mae Gerrehy, Jim Dilts, Louise Ratcliffe, Dennis Gerrehy, Charles Miles, Jane Eyre, Gertrude Schlegle, Dorothy Johns, Bill Peterson, Lela Deanne Gerrehy, Donald Nelson, Pepper Witt, Bobby Wade, Virginia Schlegle.

Randsburg Orchestra: Marion Schlegle, Patsy Wofford, Susan Napolis, June Garfield, Charles Miles, Gertrude Schlegle, Dorothy Johns, Donald Smith, Janis Christensen, Valla Parker, Mary Jean Bartlett, Bill Peterson, Mary Pappas.

Cantil Orchestra: Billie Donley, Johnnie Pappas, Franklin Pappas, Esther Pappas, Junior Donley, Pete Pappas, Ralph Doull, Donald Callo-way, Mary Staley, Annie Torres, Richard Torres.

Saltdale Orchestra: Joan Whitehall, Viola Cedano, Natie Rios, Vincent Cedano.

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Red Cross Sewing Class Wednesdays

The regular Wednesday Red Cross Sewing Class is now meeting each week from ten in the morning until three in the afternoon. Mrs. Beulah Robertson calls attention to the change in hours.

Attendance and interest in the work is growing and the following ladies participated this week:

Carrie Ovall, Beulah Robertson, Virginia May, Eva Walburn, Margaret Fraser, Jessie Garrehy, Iona Stemmons, Jean Bigelow, Flossie Munoz, Hazel Davis, Katherine German and Hazel Hackman.

Union Aids Fund for Cigarettes for Army

Twenty-five dollars has been contributed by the local Federal Labor Union for cigarettes for the boys in the armed forces. Greeting cards secured through the B. & W. tobacco Company will accompany the gifts with an invitation to acknowledge receipt of the smokes.

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ATOLIA...

Anna Humphrey, Correspondent

Visit Mr. Fletcher —

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson were business visitors of Ed Fletcher in Atolia Monday and Tuesday.

Birthday Party —

Al Haley entertained at a birthday dinner party Sunday in honor of Mrs. Thomas Alexander. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Guenthel and Mrs. Eddy Pomeroy.

Visits Family —

Geno De Zan is home from Burbank where he is working for the Airline Co. He is visiting his wife, baby and parents before his next job.

Society Meeting —

Regular meeting of the L. D. S. Relief society was held at the home of Effie Andreasen. Those attending were Mary A. Peterson, Wilda Andreasen and Joseph M. Chatterton.

Ninth Birthday —

A birthday party was held in honor of Lorraine Platt last Saturday at her home. Miss Platt was nine years old. The guests were the Red Mountain grammar school. Games were played and refreshments served. 4-22-43 p. 4

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Bond Committee Goes Into Action

The disclosure by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., that "The West Coast is at the bottom of the ladder" in purchases of government securities during the present Second War Loan drive has spurred War Bond Committees throughout the southland to "show the world that we in Southern California are as patriotic as the people in any other part of the country."

James Parker, of Atolia, chairman of the Desert War Bond Committee, called the group into session Thursday evening at Rand Rifle Hall to form plans to bring this area into creditable action for the conclusion of the drive. Mr. Parker says: "If everyone in our area will buy his or her individual limit, large or small the next few days, we can prove to the world that Rand District is more eager than any other section to avenge the murder of American boys in Tokyo."

The quota for this area is \$3000.00.

Holcomb Valley Placers Busy

With improved arrangements completed for water supply and recently increased capacity now in readiness, the Holcomb Valley Placers resumed operations this week. George Knutsen, in charge states that with new jigs, tungsten and gold recovery will now proceed on a commercial basis.

The workings were suspended for a few weeks pending the securing of water by pipeline. 4-29-43 PA

Max Hess Head Of Rand Rifles, New Captain

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Company Nearing Full
Strength and Rates as
Largest Unit in State

Members of the Rand Rifles, representing Saltdale, Ridgecrest, Atolia, Johannesburg, Red Mountain and Randsburg, gave enthusiastic appreciation of the work done by Max Hess as recruiting and finance officer by electing him Captain of the company at its first regular election of permanent officers Wednesday evening.

Candidates were Max Hess, Glen Tramill and C. O. Wise. The position of Acting-Captain has been filled by C. O. Wise during the pioneer period of the militia and Glen Tramill has served as drill sergeant.

Large Company

First organized in April of 1942, the enlistment has now reached 102 men, just five short of full company strength, and is rated as the largest company to date in California, according to Major E. S. Scoggins, of Arvin, commanding officer of Kern County's regiment.

Captain Hess states that future developments of the affairs of the Rand Rifles will be governed by orders from state headquarters. However, each community will conduct its own drills, select its own drill sergeant, and meet in a general meeting in Randsburg on the first Wednesday of each month. It is expected that at the monthly meetings drill instruction will be given by an authorized representative of the California State Guard.

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Jeeps, Pies and Dance Will Feature Rand District War Bond Festivity

Desert Communities Join in Second War Loan Rally
On Tuesday Evening May 11th in Randsburg

Plans are rapidly materializing for another Desert Bond Rally to be held at Legion Hall in Randsburg on the evening of Tuesday, May 11. War Bond Chairman James Parker reports cooperation pledged from every community in the nearby desert area to make the event a happy social affair and a financial success. The quota of \$3,000.00 for this

area already has a substantial start. Advance applications for bonds to be delivered at the rally indicates that desert folks are really getting down to business in the cause of making an investment in Victory.

Bakersfield Speaker

The Desert War Bond Committee has arranged a diversified program of information and recreation for the rally. Vernon H. Gaston of Bakersfield district manager of the U. S. Department of Internal Revenue, accompanied by T. E. Eveleth also of that department, will be the principal speaker of the occasion.

Refreshments of the evening will again be provided "pot-luck" and limited to coffee, homemade pies and cold punch. Each lady is asked to bring a pie and upwards of fifty have already been pledged from housewives of Red Mountain, Atolia, Johannesburg, Ridgecrest, Inyokern, Saltdale, Cantil, and Randsburg. Gentlemen, unaccompanied by pies, will be asked to make a nominal donation to the refreshment fund.

Music Galore

Stirring marches and patriotic selections by the Randsburg High School Band, under the direction of Wm. Ballard, have been promised and a surprise entertainment feature from personnel of Muroc Army Air Base has been requested. It is also hoped that a few jeeps

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DUST FROM THE DUMP

By PAUL B. HUBBARD

Tungsten mining needs the stabilizing influence of assurance of a reasonable period of fair prices. The proposal of creating a national stockpile of tungsten and other domestic strategic minerals, sufficient to supply all of the needs of this country for a three year period means ten years of stabilized production following the present hostilities. The Mining and Mineral Industry Subcommittee of the U. S. Senate, of which Senator James Scrugham of Nevada is chairman, is advancing legislation to that end.

Unless some such plan is made effective, the tungsten industry in Rand District and other tungsten areas of the west will again very likely suffer a relapse with the conclusion of military demands, to be revived again when war returns in its usual cycle.

Dredge to Resume 24-hour Schedule

M. E. Howard foreman for the Rand Gold Dredging Associates, states that following a few days of operation on a twelve hour basis, the dredge will soon resume its schedule of twenty-four hour work.

Tungsten jigs, recently installed on the dredge are now being used and installation of a table on shore

is making progress. A considerable quantity of early tailings with tungsten values will be treated later.

The dredge pit has moved steadily to the east since operation started last year and enormous piles of tailings testify to the capacity of the operation.

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Atolia Tung-Sun Placer Project In Construction

*Los Angeles Group Will
Build Mill Near Judge
Well and Haul Material*

An addition to the growing list of tungsten placer concerns now operating in the Rand Mining District is the Atolia Tung-Sun Mining Co., a co-partnership, headed by Ray Schweitzer, general partner, of Los Angeles. His associate partners are Luis Kemnitzer and Lawrence Richards, both geologists, Austin Landis owner of the Red Bird claims, Stanley Smith of Los Angeles, organizer of the group, and A. F. Muter, mining engineer in charge of construction and production, also of Los Angeles.

Stringer District Leases

The property to be worked is all in the vicinity of Baltic Gulch and adjoining gulches in the Stringer District. It includes the Karr property, the Reever property, the Max Hess property and the Martin property. A. F. Muter states that all of these are under lease to the co-partnership.

Mr. Muter explains that the work in the field will be a power shovel operation and that the material will be hauled by truck to the company's mill now being erected at the Judge well just below the Rand Gold Dredging Associates' properties, northwest of Randburg.

Value Recovery Plan

He describes the plan of the mill as follows: the mill will have a capacity of 300 yards per sixteen hours and is being constructed in such a manner that capacity can be easily doubled. Because of the flat mill site, the gravel will be elevated by belt conveyor to the mill bin from whence it will be washed in a 54-inch x 22-foot trommel. 90 per cent of the gravel will pass through ½-inch mesh and gravel up to 1¼-inch will be crushed to ½-inch. The product of these two sizes will pass through an Overstrom up-current classifier. This type of classifier will eliminate the slime free of gold and tungsten value and the slimes will be run to waste. All of the material, except the slimes, coming from the classifier will pass over an 8 x 30 feet Overstrom table and the tailings stacked. The oversize from the trommel will be carried on a short belt to a dark room where the tungsten under Ultra-Violet light will be picked from the oversize and the tailings run to the stacker belt. The water from the process, except that carrying away the slimes, will be recovered in a Stephens-Adamson desander. Approximately 100,000 gallons of water will be used per shift.

Wm. H. Bickel, recently superintendent of the Western Alloys Co. manganese mill at Valmy, Nevada is the company's superintendent.

Have Government Loan

Mr. Muter states that the tungsten values of the material on the properties to be worked have well satisfied the government and that a federal loan has been secured.

The company hopes to be in operation within sixty days and the main structure of the mill has been erected. The belt conveyors from the Jones Mill at Cuddeback Lake are now being transferred to the present mill site.

Pioneer Kelly Miner Passes

**Jesse Tibbet,, Brother of
Famous Singer, Succumbs**

Well known to Rand District miners of the silver boom, Jesse Albert Tibbet, aged 60 years, passed away at the Rand District Hospital Friday, May 7th. A mining engineer and active in the development of the Kelly Mine in its early years, Tibbet was still interested in mineral recovery in this area at the time of his demise.

A member of a pioneer Kern County family, funeral services were held at the Doughty, Calhoun, O'Meara Chapel in Bakersfield at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Ralph Cox, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment will be in the family plot in Union Cemetery.

Bert Tibbet, cousin of the deceased, will be the soloist, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Pearle Smith.

He was the son of the late Mrs. William Tibbet and Officer William Tibbet whose murder 40 years ago in line of duty, avenged by his brother, the late Bert Tibbet, constitutes one of the heroic stories of Kern's early days.

Mr. Tibbet is survived by a daughter, Miss Frances Tibbet of Los Angeles; two brothers, Lawrence M. Tibbet of New York City and Ernest I. Tibbet of Burbank; a sister, Mrs. Betty Sherman of Mobile, Alabama, and a granddaughter, Judith Fay Tibbet, Los Angeles.

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Atolia Men Visit Interesting Area

Old Panamint City, high in the Panamint Mountains, and Darwin, to the north and west across Panamint Valley, are again receiving active mining interest. Martin Toohy and E. C. Fletcher of Atolia spent the early part of this week visiting those two areas and report the U. S. Tungsten Corporation busy rebuilding the old Panamint City road. The corporation has leased several of the original Panamint City claims including those of Chris Wick and Al Meyers. Some of the properties will be operated by the corporation and when the road is completed it is also planned to open some of the showings to leasers.

At Darwin, Mr. Fletcher reports that the Imperial Metals, Inc., are running full blast on the lead-silver property and have just opened a good body of zinc ore. There was very little activity at the Cord tungsten mine and a shortage of labor is noted in that area.

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Dry Concentrator Making Progress

Operating on a single shift for the present, the Lodi group's dry concentrator and mill is busy now following a period of delays and adjustments. Grant Morton, superintendent in charge, states that the mechanical difficulties now seem to be under control and a period of steady operation is hoped for with the addition of another shift very shortly.

A substantial number of tailing piles are beginning to appear and the equipment is handling around forty yards per hour under the present basis of operation.

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Barker Mill Has Begun Work on Custom Tungsten

Milling Time of New Plant To be Shared with Small Producers of Rand District

Following a test milling of 200 tons of ore from the Gold Basin Mine, some six custom millings have been handled at the mill at that property and time reserved for two more. After which, the mill will again give attention to another 200 ton milling of ore from the Gold Basin.

Clarence Barker, proprietor of the property, states that the mill will continue to be available to independent producers for custom milling during the intervals between millings from the Gold Basin. Ores milled to date have varied from ½ per cent to as high as 10 per cent sheelite and mine operators have provided a wide range of ores which have demonstrated the flexibility of the mill for different type material.

Custom Milling

Custom milling started May 17 with tonnages from operators ranging from four tons to as high as 55 tons per milling. Among the patrons of the mill are Glen Trammil, T. B. Peterson, Cal Williams, Wilson H. Jones, Al Sigler, and Carl Chilson. Glen Hatton and Hoefling Brothers have reserved milling time.

The mill is a concentration gravity plant using jiggs, classifying screens and tables. The availability of satisfactory mining facilities and apparent customer satisfaction is expected to result in continued and additional independent tungsten production in this area.

Gold Basin mill operators are Thomas Courson and Jim Fraser, who have operated the mill since change of the flow sheet plan in January.

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RANDBURG, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA C-3-43 p.

Pioneers Renew Friendships at Annual Rand District Reunion

Over One Hundred Registered Attendance. Supervisor Harty and Party Participate in Celebration Activities

The combined activities of the Oldtimers Reunion, Museum Opening and Memorial Day Observance, held last Sunday in Randburg, provided abundant interest for both newcomers and the pioneers of Rand District. Opinions have been freely expressed that while the number of former

residents from out of town was fewer, those present did enter into the spirit of the occasion and made the event one of the happiest ever held.

The luncheon at the Legion Hall was followed by an impromptu program with the student orchestra directed by Mrs. Dorothy Johns providing music and Rudolph Chicoine of Red Mountain contributing several violin solos. Judge E. B. Maginnis, early day jurist and first clerk of the mining district, greeted the oldtimers and guided the program.

Oldtime Songs Featured

Eddie Pomeroy, talented musician from the Owl Cafe, of Red Mountain, gave an ingenious musical history of popular songs in which the audience joined. As the songs and types of music of each period were explained by Mr. Pomeroy, he played and sang them. The crowd liked the idea and his entertainment developed into an oldtime community sing with many special requests.

A. A. Richie, of Rialto, California, who mined here in 1922, gave a reading and Tom Duke of Provo, Utah, who was here in 1895, paid high tribute to the quality of desert friendships. With Mrs. Duke, he was the guest of his nephew, Walter Gledhill for a few days. He enjoyed a visit with Dan Culbert, who with him was one of the first employees at the Yellow Aster.

Henry Pleikus, longtime tungsten miner of Rand District, gave a beautiful philosophical reading, "Dawn in the Rand District" which was most impressive and revealed Mr. Pleikus' rare ability at painting word pictures. He is the modest author of a nationally quoted poem "It isn't Your Town, It's You." The poem is reprinted in another column in this issue.

P. J. Osdick, representing the Rand District Cemetery Association, did good work in renewing memberships and building up the cemetery fund.

State Senator Jess Dorsey and Sheriff John Loustalot, of Bakersfield and Tex Newby of Taft sent greetings and regrets that they could not attend.

County Represented

At the opening of the Desert Museum, following the Reunion, the Rand Rifles accompanied the colors in a short parade from the Legion Hall. Emory Gay Hoffman, secretary of the Kern County Chamber of Commerce with his camera

It Isn't Your Town It's You

Henry Pleikus of Johannesburg is a good tungsten miner and also has other abilities. Unsuspected of these is his skill of description and his ability to express himself in verse. Here is one that is many years old and has been printed in many magazines and newspapers throughout the country and which he admits is from his pen:

If you want to live in the kind of a town

That's the kind of a town you like,

You needn't slip your clothes in a grip

And start on a long, long hike. You'll find elsewhere what you left behind,

For there's nothing that's really new;

It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town;

It isn't your town — it's you! Real towns are not made by men afraid

Lest somebody else get ahead; When everyone works, and nobody shirks.

You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake,

Your neighbor can make one, too,

Your town will be what you want to see;

It isn't your town — it's you!

(excerpt:)

Dredge Tips Over In Pit; Five Men Aboard Unhurt

Unusual Accident Puzzles Operators. And Brings Work to Unexpected Pause

With its recent minor difficulties under control, the new tungsten jiggs in operation and work in progress on a three shift, full twenty-four hour basis, the Rand Gold Dredging Associates project came to an abrupt stop today, Thursday, when for an undetermined reason, the hugh iron dredge tip-

ped to the right and came to rest on its side in twenty-two feet of water in the pit.

According to Dredgemaster M. E. Howard, all work is suspended pending a careful investigation as to the cause of the accident and watchmen are requesting the public to remain at a distance of one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet from the pit due to the danger of a taut cable snapping and injuring someone.

No One Injured

Five men were aboard the dredge when it tipped over. They were Frank Thiel, winchman; Wm. G. Ogden, Ralph Behrens and Herbert Way. One was thrown into the water but all managed to reach shore via the stacker without injury.

According to those aboard, the dredge was ready to begin a new cut in the digging and as it was to be moved for this purpose water was noticed coming over the right pontoon. The buckets were stopped to give the dredge opportunity to right itself but it steadily tipped to the right and in a matter of seconds had settled on its side. There is an undetermined assumption that

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Production At Spud Patch is Going Forward

Thousand Yards Per Day Through Washing Plant. Thirty-five Men Working.

A concrete answer to the apostles of despair may be found at the operations of Hoefling Bros.' Spud Patch Placers at Atolia. A second car of sheelite concentrates was shipped to Metals Reserve at New York last week and a total of thirty-five men are employed on the job, directly and through contract. A payroll of about \$8,000.00 per month is contributing to the prosperity of Rand District and substantial quantities of strategic mineral are going forward to help win the war.

Two large draglines and two caterpillar diesel bulldozers are used in the project and 1,000 loose yards per day are going through the washing plant. J. W. Hoefling states that a ratio of three or four yards are stripped for each yard washed.

High Volume

The operation is now geared to the necessary high volume to achieve economic unit costs on the low grade material being worked. The four mile haul of material from the pit to the washing plant is now under contract to W. M. Atkinson who is replacing the smaller trucks formerly used with twenty yard capacity diesels.

Hoefling Brothers of Sacramento, operators of the project, are now producing zinc from a lode operation in Butte County. The first car of concentrates from this operation has just been shipped to the smelter in Idaho.

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Atolia Tung-Sun Work Progress

A visit to the new mill of the Atolia Tung-Sun placer project just beyond the dredge, reveals a very workmanlike beginning of that phase of the group's undertaking. Heavy timber supports for the ore dump and trommell have been erected and concrete footings for the large table have been poured.

The table itself is a special point of interest in that it is much larger than generally used. Its dimensions are eight feet by thirty.

Supt. Wm. H. Bickel and A. F. Muter, engineer in charge, are both on the job installing the equipment and expect the mill to be ready for operation by the middle of July. A Pomona pump is to be installed on the old Judge well nearby.

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Rand Rifles To Be Regular Unit In State Guard

Guns, Ammunition, Full
Uniforms and Company
Truck to be Supplied

Rand Rifles are evolving from a country emergency squad into a full fledged unit of the California Guard, the new State Guard replacing the former State Militia and State Guard. In fact this desert unit which includes Cantil, Randsburg, Johannesburg, Red Mountain, Atolia and Ridge Crest, with a roster of 110 men now constitutes the largest company of the State Guard in the State of California. It is now to be provided with guns, including a machine gun, complete uniforms, including shoes, ammunition, company trucks and officers cars. This information was the burden of Major E. S. Scoggins' talk to the Rand Rifles Wednesday night in Randsburg. Sixty-five members of the company were present.

Now Company R

Legislation just passed by the current Legislature and signed by Governor Warren, eliminates both previous organizations, the State Guard and State Militia, replacing both with a single organization, a new State Guard modeled on the basis of the State Militia with the proviso that members will not be asked to

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A. F. L. Union Re-elects Staff. Atolia Wage Up

*Same Officers to Serve
Local 21464 Second Term.
Increase is Retroactive*

With James Parker of Atolia as president, Ray Pierson of Randburg vice-president, Clyde Humphrey, Atolia, financial secretary, Chas. King, Johannesburg, recording secretary and Neil Harwell of Atolia as sergeant at arms, all re-elected to serve a second term, Federal Labor Union No. 21464 of the A. F. of L. began its 1943-44 year with harmony and good will prevailing.

The election, held Tuesday evening at the Legion Hall, was well attended with a majority of the union's seventy-five members present. Organized in 1936 and reorganized in 1939, the group maintains well stabilized relations with the Atolia Mining Company where most of its members are employed.

Wage Adjustment

The union and the Atolia Mining Company have just completed negotiations through the Tenth Regional War Labor Board for a general pay increase. It was announced this week by Thomas Fair Neblett, chairman and public member of the board that an increase of two cents per hour has been granted.

The increase granted under the "little steel" formula, gives the employees a total increase of fifteen per cent since January 1, 1941, and is retroactive to November 1, 1942.

Build Road to Copper Prospect

*Mesquite Canyon Property
Receiving Development*

Thirty-one hundred and fifty feet of new road has just been built by Burt Green, Bakersfield contractor, giving access to the holdings of the Pacific-Atlantic Metals Corporation in upper Mesquite Canyon. According to James Barrett of Santa Monica, associate in the enterprise, the group is comprised of San Francisco and Los Angeles people who have a program of development in hand.

Shipment Ready

Mr. Barrett states that one shaft, the Zuna, has been sunk to seventy-five feet through ore from the surface down and that a carload of the ore thus secured is ready to be shipped to the smelter at Salt Lake City. Values of the shipment are expected to average \$30 per ton mostly copper and small values in gold.

A second shaft, Copperola No. 2, is to be sunk soon and the project is receiving interested attention.

While no commercial production was ever made in this area, prospectors have reported showings in the Garlock and Mesquite Canyon section. During World War I a few small shipments of copper ore were made from the same general zone but was not found in quantity. The present developments are reported indicative of deep mining.

W. B. Tucker of the State Mining Bureau visited the property last week.

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RANDBURG, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Owner of New Copper Property Was Once Designer of Fashions

Confident that the development of her copper claims in Mesquite Canyon will be highly productive, Miss Della Gerbracht is very busy these days at her camp where the Pacific-Atlantic Metals Corporation is getting out a shipment of ore and preparing to sink another shaft.

Miss Gerbracht became interested in Mesquite Canyon, located the claims in 1930, silver and gold being the incentive at that time. In 1936 she discovered the copper claims when copper was very low in price and demand. Nine cents per pound was top price at that time. With government inducements for new production at this time it is expected that 22c per pound will now be realized. The road into Mesquite Canyon is in process of being improved and access is still difficult. A carload of ore from the Zuna shaft is awaiting shipment.

Miss Gerbracht has had highly varied experiences through her life.

Born in New York, she was a very successful fashion designer in 1923. Awarded a four year scholarship by Cooper Union in that year, she came to California for a vacation. Injured in an accident at Torrance she remained in California to recover her health. Advised by doctors to spend her time in the outdoors, she became interested in mines, parting with savings as she gained experience. In 1935, with her father, she moved to the Mesquite Canyon camp and after eight years has succeeded in convincing a group of San Francisco and Los Angeles mining people of the merit of her property.

She states that a government loan was first sought for development work but upon full investigation, private capital has been made available in adequate amounts.

When the property is more easily accessible and shipments of ore have been made, further reports can be made to prove the values of the ores. 7-8-43 p. 1

Hoeflings Ship Car of Sheelite

The third carload of sheelite concentrates from the Spud Patch Placers at Atolia was shipped to Metals Reserves last Friday, according to A. M. Hoefling of Hoefling Brothers.

Mr. Hoefling is spending a few weeks at the property and will return to Oroville soon where he and his brother have additional mining interests.

Rand Still Rates

With the increased production of tungsten from the Spud Patch, the Atolia Mining company production and ever increasing amounts from independent leasers over the district being milled at the Gold Basin mill, Rand District is resuming its place as the principal source of tungsten in California. Comparative figures from the State Mining bureau are being secured for later publication. 7-8-43 p. 1

FORMER RAND MAN NOW MINING CHROME ORE

E. S. Kirkland, who had the body shop at the Owl Garage before it burned and was also interested in gemstones and mining in this district, is now located near Fresno. With other associates he has leased the old Lacey mine, a chrome property. During the past year his group has shipped some 400 tons of high grade ore.

LANDERS SCHOOL TERM END ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Mrs. Nellie Witt teacher at Landers School in Kelso Valley reports the close of a very successful term on Wednesday, June 30. The graduates were Dora Belle Weldon, and Albert Witt. Among the projects for the year was the entry of several pupils to the Kern County Spanish-American Exhibition, held under the supervision of Miss Doolley, Art Supervisor. Four pieces of art work from the Landers School were exhibited. They were done in Crayon and colored chalk by Mary Witt, seventh grade, Dora Weldon, eighth grade and Lena Weldon, tenth grade. 7-8-43 p. 1

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Equipment for Placer Mill is Being Installed

Atolia Tung-Sun Co.

Expects to Start

Operations August 1

A newcomer in the Rand District, the Atolia Tung-Sun Placer Mining Co. has lost no time in getting equipment on the ground and installing it.

On Tuesday of this week the last of the machinery for the plant had arrived with the exception of the pump which is to be installed by the Pomona Pump Co. Delivery is promised on this final item this week and will probably be installed immediately.

The main conveyor belt, thirty inches wide and with one hundred foot centers has been installed as has the tailing stacker of the same width with sixty foot centers.

Will Use Light

A twenty inch picking belt has been installed and a dark room for picking tungsten under the ultra violet light is being erected.

The building covering the concentration floor, sixteen feet by fifty feet has been roofed in and the Overstrom concentrating table, eight feet by thirty feet is ready to run.

Located a half-mile northwest of the Rand Gold Dredging Associates, the mill will handle material trucked from the company's claims in the Stringer District in the Baltic area.

A crew of seven men are busy with the installations with Wm. H. Bickel, superintendent and A. F. Muter, engineer and manager.

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Adventures Of Three Flying Officers Told

*Lieut. John Stege Well
Known in Desert From
Services as "Butcher Boy"*

Away back in 1937-38, a young chap familiarly known as Johnnie Stege drove his father's delivery wagon filled with meats and restaurant supplies from Stege's Market in Lancaster to service the desert communities of Cantil, Saltdale, the Rand District, Indian Wells Valley and Boron. Enthused with aviation, Johnnie entered military training long before Selective Service and was well on his way to earning his wings before war was declared. He has had over eighty hours of combat duty in North Africa and for several months past has been at Muroc.

The July 24 issue of the Muroc Mirage tells of a recent bit of War Department publicity in which Lt. Stege participated:

"Captain John W. Singleton, Lt. John A. Goebel, and Lt. John A. Stege, all of whom are stationed at Muroc, appeared on the "Wings Over the West Coast" radio program over Station KHJ at Santa Ana last Sunday. During the program the officers, who have seen action in North Africa, told of their many harrowing experiences.

"They had their fun while in Africa as well as blood chilling moments. They were entertained with a nine-course dinner with the Pascha of Agadir. When asked about the Pascha's harem of fifty beautiful girls, Captain Singleton's only comment was, 'OK, brother!'"

John Beacham Fortress Gunner

On August 28, 1942, John Beacham, Atolia millman, left Rand District for military duty. Within the year many new experiences have come to him which are a far cry from the tungsten industry. Friends learn from his letters that he is now stationed in England and is doing his bit in strafing the Germans as the gunner on a flying fortress.

He received training as a radio operator and gunner and now sees action in the many raids from England on Nazi war industries in France and Germany.

He tells of having met J. Jacobs, another former Atolia employee who is now a captain in the weather service. 7-29-43 p. 1

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20-Mule Driver Death Reported

Known as an early twenty-mule-team driver who operated in Death Valley, Mr. Edward Israel Stiles, 85, died at his San Bernardino home on Tuesday of last week following a heart attack.

Mr. Stiles began at the age of 18 to range throughout the west working as a freighter, hauling lumber from the high Sierra, taking mining equipment into the Panamints and hauling out ore.

Twenty-six Day Trip

It was in 1882, while freighting in the Panamints, that he met "Borax" Smith who was at that time developing borax deposits in Death Valley and who was later to found what is now the West End Chemical Company. He accepted a job from Smith freighting borax out of Death Valley.

The hauls were made from Armagosa and Furnace Creek to Daggett, with twenty-six days required for a round trip.

Mrs. Stiles is survived by his wife and by a sister, Mrs. Rose Sparks.

Ground Observation Post Is Opened In The Rand District Thursday Morning

Eighty-four Volunteer Observers per Week are Required to Man Post On Twenty-four Hour Schedule

Electric lights and a telephone have been installed at the new Rand District Ground Observation Post and volunteer observers began their duties at eight o'clock Thursday morning. The eighty-four observers required each week for four hours each are being scheduled for days and hours convenient for the individual as far as possible. Captains to assume responsibility for each day have been designated and report that some difficulty is encountered in securing volunteers for

the "graveyard shifts," midnight to four o'clock and from four to eight in the morning.

Instructor Here

Sergeant D. G. Brammer, sector sergeant instructor from the Bakersfield Filter Center, is in charge of the post for the opening days, explaining the procedure necessary in reporting planes observed in this area. All planes seen are reported to the Los Angeles Filter Center by long distance telephone.

Information Required

The number of planes observed, their type, their altitude, whether seen or heard, the name of the observation post, the direction of the planes from the post, their distance in miles and the direction in which they are flying must be noted and given to Los Angeles. The purpose of the post, Sergeant Brammer explains is to keep Army authorities posted on the whereabouts and safety of flyers and planes as well as to serve as a warning station in event of enemy attack. There are around 100 observation posts in this county, all of which have been arranged through the office of Sheriff John Loustalot who is District Director. Lieut. James Crane, of Bakersfield is Ground Observer officer for the county.

Daily Captains Listed

P. J. Osdick has recruited over one hundred volunteer observers for the post during the past two months, most of whom are still interested and willing to serve. Some are unable to serve now and more volunteers are solicited, especially for the night shifts.

Captains for each day of the week are as follows: Thursday, Wm. DeWitt; Friday, Mrs. Eula Contreras; Saturday, Pearl Witter; Sunday, Max Hess; Monday, Ed Herkelrath; Tuesday, Ellen Cloonan; and Wednesday, Mrs. Johns.

Want Public Interest

Sergeant Brammer invites anyone interested in the work to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the Filter Center in Bakersfield or Los Angeles when in those cities. The public is also welcome to visit the local post and see the methods used.

More Training Later

At a later date, an aircraft recognition school will be conducted at Randburg by aviation instructors. Characteristics of five types of planes will be taught each night for a total of six classes over a period of two to three weeks. The course will be primarily for observers and each will receive a Restricted Manual on Planes.

Additional observers willing to accept night assignments are urged to contact C. O. Wise or P. J. Osdick.

Aged Caretaker of Cerro Gordo Given Western Burial by Friend

(From Lone Pine Independent)

Eagerness of a mine caretaker to give his friend a fitting burial when he found him dead on the Cerro Gordo mine road, east of Keeler, last Sunday, had Inyo county law enforcement officers shaking their heads this week in amazement.

Now George Clapp, caretaker of the Estelle Mine, has known Ed Whalen, 72, caretaker of the Cerro Gordo mine, for a long, time time. But so has Undersheriff Sam Spear. When Spear set out Sunday to find out why no one had heard from Whalen in quite a spell, he found Whalen's wrecked car, but no Ed. The first person he questioned was Clapp.

"Have you seen Ed Whalen?" queried Spear.

"Sure," said Clapp.

"Where is he?" Spear asked.

"Why, I buried him today," Clapp responded nonchalantly.

"How come?" asked the officer.

"He was dead," Clapp responded with finality.

Investigation revealed that Whalen was dead all right. Whalen, who had been in the habit of driving to Lone Pine for groceries apparently had failed to make all the turns in the Wheeler grade road, had driven his car off the grade and suffered fatal injuries. When Clapp found Whalen miles from the nearest town and with no way

to move him, to bury him seemed the only thing to do, he told Spear.

He took Spear to the gravesite where one foot was still protruding from the death mound. Spear took one look around and decided that wouldn't do, even in the far west, and plans were made to hold a post-mortem investigation.

Monday Sheriff Charles P. Cline, Coroner Ed Blake, Dr. George D. Shultz, District Attorney George Francis and Spear visited the gravesite where remains of the deceased were examined. Medical authorities present said that the "deceased had died of a broken neck incurred in the accident."

Monday afternoon a coroner's inquest was held in Keeler and it was found that Whalen came to his death as a result of an accident on Wheeler grade. Whalen had been a resident of Inyo county since 1908. He was engaged in mining most of the time. Whereabouts of his relatives is not known.

Whalen was born in Rhode Island, June 17, 1871. At the age of 1½ years he was taken to Ireland by his mother with his brothers and sisters. He remained there with his family until he was 9 years old when he returned to the United States.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war and prior to that had served in the British Royal navy.

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Tung-Sun Well Test Reported Satisfactory

Produces 12,500 Gallons Per Hour. Mill Operations May Start This Month

Assurance of ample water for milling needs at the Atolia Tung-Sun mill, a mile and a half northwest of Randburg, followed the test made Wednesday evening at six-thirty. A new Pomona pump, installed by Aitken and Kidder of Newhall, pumped 25,000 gallons of water from the old Judge well, a few feet from the mill site, in two hours. A 1000-barrel tank has been secured from the Janney workings in Goler Gulch as a reservoir and a smaller tank at elevation will directly serve the mill. The old Judge well now has 600 feet of fresh casing in it and again appears adequate for the proposed operation, according to A. F. Muter, engineer in charge for Atolia Tung-Sun.

New Desert Road

Installations of machinery have been going forward steadily for several weeks at the mill and the project is rapidly nearing the start of operations.

A new and direct desert road is being cut to connect with the Kern County road (known as the power line road). This is to provide access for trucks hauling the placer material from the Stringer District.

The project is being watched with interest locally for the reason that several new features are involved. The extra large concentration table, the picking belt and the arrangement of hauling the placer materials are a heretofore untried combination.

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Val de Camp at Mine Meeting

Rand District was represented Tuesday at the meeting of the Mining Association of the Southwest by P. J. Osdick of Red Mountain. The meeting was held at the Clark Hotel in Los Angeles.

Of special interest to Rand District was the fact that the principal speaker of the occasion was Wm. Val de Camp of Bolivia, well known to Rand District miners by his connection with the Yellow Aster Mine here. Mr. Val de Camp is now with one of the largest tin companies in South America and his talk dealt with tin now and after the war.

Former governor Tom Campbell of Arizona was also a guest of honor at the meeting and spoke briefly. Mr. Overstrom, the inventor and manufacturer of the Overstrom concentration table was also present. He promises a trip soon to Rand District to inspect the operation of several Overstrom tables installed here. He is especially interested in the large 8 x 30-foot table at the Atolia Tung-Sun mill.

Miss Opal Steele is spending the summer in Little Lake where she has work as waitress in Bramlett's Little Lake Cafe.

The people of Inyokern and the Valley are sorry to lose from their community. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Erickson. For many years Mr. Erickson has been section foreman on the railroad and they have been active in all the organizations of the district. Last week they were moved, house, furniture, bag and baggage to Searles. We are glad they are not too far way for frequent visits to the old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnett and son are attending the American Legion State convention in San Francisco. During their absence "The Homestead" is closed.

At Cantil —

Mrs. Nellie Witt made a trip to Cantil on business for Landers school Monday.

Placer Tungsten Recovery In Rand District Making Progress

When 1943 production figures are compiled for California's tungsten industry, Rand District will again assert itself as one of the principal sources of tungsten in the state. It is now obvious that in addition to the production from Atolia Mining Co. mines, the concentrates produced by placer operations in this area will be an important factor contributing to the total. There is good reason to believe that the high grade concentrates of this section now being recovered in the Spud Patch and other fields may boost our total to first place regardless of the fact that immense volume of material is being milled in the Bishop country.

Steady Production

Figures at this time are not available but in the Spud Patch two great drag lines and a fleet of large trucks keep Hoefling Brothers washing plant busy at Cuddeback Lake. Two carloads of concentrates have been shipped from this concern this year and a third is in course of production. This project is now well established and with the aid of a dark room and picking belt is doing a thorough job of recovery.

Placer possibilities in the Atolia area constitute a potentiality that the present demand for tungsten should prove to its fullest.

Stringer District

The Dry Concentrator group from Lodi is now experiencing a gratifying run of steady operation after a long battle of repairs. Difficulties in solving mechanical problems and in securing materials held operations back for some time but the

large plant is now working eight hours daily with approximately fifty yards being treated per hour. The process being tested and perfected by the Lodi people is receiving a practical trial.

Following more orthodox methods, Atolia Tung-Sun Corp. will soon be among the actual producers. A large crew is putting the finishing touches to its plant at the old Judge Well just north of the dredge. They too will employ the dark room and picking belt as a part of the recovery operation. A new Pomona Pump is being installed and a 1000 barrel tank secured for water reserve. Buildings are about completed, the dump, crusher, and conveyor belts, concentration table and tailings stacker are receiving final attention and a classifier remains to be placed in position. Action is expected around the first of the month.

Materials from Stringer District will supply the plant and the operators are confident of excellent tungsten values with helpful gold content.

Other Placer Projects

Work at Rand Gold Dredging Associates is awaiting the righting of the dredge and this is expected to require considerable time when started.

Holcomb Valley Placers are experiencing some water difficulties and not operating at this time.

Desert Tungsten, Inc., is awaiting government action on certain applications and expects to be in production during the year.

TO LET CONTRACT FOR PLACER HAUL

Ray Schweitzer, general partner, and head of the Atolia Tung-Sun Placer project was in Randsburg Thursday, checking the final work at the mill and arranging for bids on the hauling contract which is soon to be let.

Mr. Muter, engineer for Atolia Tung-Sun, states that the mill is ready to start operations and that as soon as a power shovel has been secured and the hauling contract let, work will begin. A classifier is yet to be installed but a few test runs will be made first to determine the specifications necessary for the classifier.

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Denison Heads Placer Project

A change in the superintendency of the Supermold Corporation placer project near Randsburg is announced this week. Grant Morton who has had charge of the installation and initial operations for the past year has resigned and his work is being assumed by Art Denison of Stockton, who has been associated with the Supermold Corporation in the study of the dry concentration recovery for the past three years.

Denison has helped to develop the methods used by Supermold in their equipment here, since 1929.

The project located on the old Mojave road in the lower Stringer District south of Randsburg is known as the Placer Concentrates and has enjoyed a steady run of operation during the present month.

Mr. Morton and family are taking a short vacation and have not announced their plans for the future.

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—BUY WAR BONDS—

(excerpt:)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1943.

(P) **Desert Schools
Announce Date
For Reopening**

Wartime Conditions Cause
Many Faculty Changes.
Scarcity of Instructors.

On Tuesday, September 7, the Randsburg High School, Randsburg Elementary School, Johannesburg Elementary School and Salt-dale Elementary School will reopen for the 1943-44 school term.

The Red Mountain Elementary and the Barstow Union High School will reopen on Monday, September 13 with the bus service on the same schedule as last year. Jake Johns of Red Mountain will drive the bus.

Several New Teachers

The Randsburg High School faculty will again have four full time teachers, Principal James Finley, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Genevieve Feeney and a fourth instructor now being hired. Mr. Ballard will handle band and orchestra.

Miss Beatrice Wiley will again serve Randsburg Elementary School as principal and Mrs. Melvina Frost will teach the primary room. Floors at the school have been repainted and new blackboards and bookshelves installed in one of the rooms. W. H. Ballard will again give instrumental music instruction.

At Johannesburg, Mrs. Hilda Johnson is the teacher in charge. During the past year the grounds and landscaping at Johannesburg have received considerable attention and an enrollment of over twenty pupils is expected.

At Red Mountain, Mrs. Margaret Seiler of San Bernardino has been secured as teacher and with Mr. Seiler will reside in the former Warren Bob residence.

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Third War Bond Quota for Desert District is Fixed at \$25,000

Indian Wells Valley, Rand District, Cantil-Saltdale and Boron Areas Named as Unit in Loan Drive Program

A desert-wide executive committee to direct the Third War Loan Drive in this portion of the Mojave Desert has been named by Drive Chairman William DeWitt. It is a large committee and represents Indian Wells Valley, Saltdale-Cantil, Rand District and the Boron area. Its duty, says Chairman DeWitt will be to see that every man, woman

and child has an opportunity to have a share however small in this greatest war loan drive. "One Hundred Per Cent Participation" is the theme of the drive and a house to house canvas of the entire desert area will begin Saturday September 18. "If not a bond, a stamp" is one of the slogans of the drive.

Committee Members

A meeting of the following committee is called for the evening of Wednesday, September 15, at the Legion Hall:

Ward Brookes, Vernon Carr, James Christensen, Emmet Elder, James Evinger, James Finley, Mrs. Melvina Frost, Mrs. Genevieve Fee-ney, Dennis Garrehy, Glen Hatton, Max Hess, James Holcomb, Milo Horner, Paul Hubbard, Clarence Ives, Kent Knowlton, Peter Osdick, Rev. Carrie E. Oval, Robert Ogden, Mrs. E. A. Schultz, Hugh Topp, John Trujillo, M. M. Warner, Mrs. Marie Wyman, Jerry Smith, Geo. Killinger.

Two County Quotas

San Bernardino County has a quota of \$9,090,900 and Kern County has a quota of \$7,800,300. Both counties are part of eleven Southern California counties with a regional quota of \$422,338,500. Both which \$207,338,500 is allotted to bond purchases by individuals and \$215,000,000 by corporations. Bond purchases will assist the county quotas of the counties in which the postoffices or banks are located through which the bonds are purchased.

The area around Tehachapi and east to the San Bernardino County line is given a quota of \$90,000 and of this amount Indian Wells Valley, Saltdale-Cantil, Rand District and Boron are assigned \$25,000 as a goal. The drive as a national effort is expected to provide fifteen billion dollars to bring the present World War to successful and immediate victory. Details of the plans for the drive were outlined briefly at the Lions dinner Tuesday evening by J. J. Wilt, district chairman, from Bakersfield.

Intensive Period

September 18 to 25 will be the intensive period of the drive in this area according to Chairman DeWitt. A date will be chosen near the end of the period for a grand Third War Loan Rally and dance. Corporations and business firms will be asked to do their bit the following week.

Mr. DeWitt urges all members of the committee to attend the organization meeting Wednesday, September 15 at the Legion Hall and give personal service to this fine patriotic effort.

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First Aid Class Announced by Bureau of Mines

*Atolia Mining Co. Arranges
Week's Instruction. Open as
Red Cross Class to Others.*

A telegram received this week from H. C. Humphrey of the State Bureau of Mines announces that a qualified instructor in First Aid will arrive in Randsburg September 13 or 14 and that classes will be conducted over a five day period to September 18, inclusive. The communication was addressed to H. W. Coke, superintendent at Atolia and in his absence in the north, W. L. Cox, engineer, has completed arrangements for the classes.

At Legion Hall

It is planned that the classes will convene each evening at 7:30 at the American Legion Hall in Randsburg. To permit other organizations to use the hall on certain evenings during the week, the classes may be held either in the basement or the main hall as necessary. The instruction each evening will require from two hours to two and a half hours. Upon completion of the course, the standard Red Cross Certificate of Proficiency will be awarded to the participants in the class.

Class Open to All

While the arrangements were made primarily to accommodate the employees of the Atolia Mining Co., Mr. Cox states that others in the community interested in First Aid may take advantage of the opportunity and participate as a Red Cross Class. Mrs. Kathleen Jewell, representing the Red Cross, may be contacted by those wishing to receive the instruction and be registered for the class. The course is expected to open Tuesday evening, September 14. 9-9-43 p. 1

Placer Employees Celebrate Opening

Supt. W. H. Bickel and Mrs. Bickel of the Atolia Tung-Sun Mining Co. were hosts last Saturday night to all employees of the project at a chicken dinner at the Cottage Hotel in Randsburg. The occasion was a celebration marking the milling of the first bin of ore to go through their new mill on Friday.

Present were Ray Schweitzer, A. F. Muter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bickel, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jacobson, Asa Waldrip, Warren Martin, Emil Butler, Lee Watkins, J. Ross and Mrs. Rose Worthington-Gibson. Music by one of the group enlivened the occasion.

Operations at the new mill are expected to move forward immediately. A defective bearing in the pump necessitated a delay of a few days and minor adjustments of the deck riffling on the large concentrating table have been recommended by Mr. Overstrom, inventor of the table who was here Friday for the test run. Ten or more concerns are bidding on the hauling contract which has not yet been let. Normal operations of the project will require about eight men plus the haulers. 9-9-43 p. 1

Desert Committee Tackles Bond Drive

Big Rally to Climax Intensive Solicitation Period, September 24

Full Confidence Expressed That \$25,000 Quota Will Be Met and Exceeded. Boron Sales Already Reach \$5000.00

"One hundred per cent participation" bids fair to be something more than just a slogan for the Third War Bond Drive in these parts. A committee meeting held Wednesday evening to launch the drive brought some twenty-five representative citizens from all parts of the desert and their enthusiasm and immediate efforts are most encouraging. George Killinger, Boron Bond Drive leader, has already sold upwards of \$5000 worth of bonds and feels sure that Boron community will exceed \$7000 in sales. The total quota for Boron, Rand District, Indian Wells Valley and Saltdale-Cantil is \$25,000.

Chairman William DeWitt outlined plans to the committee which call for a brief but intensive solicitation of all territories included in this area.

Applications with duplicates and receipts are being provided and it is intended that every home and firm in this area will be solicited.

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Victory Garden in Argus is Real Thing

There are Victory Gardens and victory gardens. George Benko has one that rates capital letters. When the war began and gold mining was suspended George hied himself to the Benko-Hackman mining claims in the Argus Mountains and lost no time improving a water tunnel at the property in anticipation of preventing a vegetable shortage.

Last week George paid Rand District a visit and brought a report on the garden. It has been a thorough success this season. Here are just a few of the products which he has produced in abundance: tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, corn, dandelion lettuce, Swiss chards head lettuce, potatoes, bell peppers, chile peppers, pimientoes, cucumbers, dill for pickling, carrots, parsnips, and onions.

His cabin rafters are strung with bunches of dried onions and he has used an old Arizona custom of drying tomatoes and thin slices of squash. Neighbors and friends have shared freely of the Victory Garden during the season and will be sorry to see George revert to a hard rock miner when the war ends.

*Starting immediately the committee and its workers are asking each citizen to do his utmost in making this war finance effort a real success.

Rally September 24

On the evening of Friday, September 24th, at the Legion Hall in Randburg, a jubilee rally to celebrate the success of the drive, and possibly put finishing touches to it, will be held.

A special speaker, patriotic music by the band and dancing later in the evening are being planned. Definitely decided is the intention to have a lunch of hot coffee, pie and cake.

Pies and Cakes Needed

Solving the problem of what to eat and how it is to be handled, the committee decided Wednesday evening that one of the features of the rally should be a light lunch following the meeting. Each lady in the desert is asked to prepare either a home-made pie or a home-made cake and bring it to the event. Coffee will be provided by the committee and gentlemen unaccompanied by pie or cake will be given an opportunity to aid the expense fund. The committee in charge of refreshments consists of Mrs. Genevieve Feeney, Mrs. Melvina Frost, Miss Beatrice Wiley and Mrs. Merle Finley.

Large Committee

The executive committee now representing the various communities of this area are well supplied with information relative to the bonds and will be glad to discuss any angle of the subject. They will be assisted by additional workers interested in the cause. Volunteers are needed.

Atolia is represented by Mrs. Hugh Coke, James Evinger and Judge James Platt.

Boron has George Killinger as its chairman with Jerry Smith and others assisting.

Inyokern workers are headed by Clarence Ives, assisted by Messrs Carr, Warner and Thacher and Mrs. Ruth Hunsinger.

Ridgecrest has Messrs. Rollingson, Foxx and Lavelle as its committee.

Saltdale-Cantil is chairmaned by Hugh Topp who will name his co-workers.

Johannesburg has the able Max Hess in charge of the drive with Milo Horner and Mrs. E. A. Schultz as assistants.

Randsburg has as its chairman, Mrs. Carrie E. Ovall, assisted by Mrs. Wm. H. Bickel, Mrs. Feeney, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Hackman, Bob Ogden, Dennis Garrehy and Emmet Elder and James Christensen.

Red Mountain solicitation will be (Continued on Page Two)

RANDBURG TIMES, Sept. 16, 1943, p. 1: (EXCERPT:)

'Mother' Taite Is Laid to Rest

Early days in Red Mountain were recalled in Rand District this week when it was learned that "Mother" Mary Taite had passed away at Rand District Hospital Sunday. A final illness of three days brought the end.

Aged seventy-one, Mary Taite was a resident of California for the past twenty years and in 1923 conducted what is believed to have been the first restaurant in Red Mountain. She was born in Wisconsin and married William Taite who preceded her in death.

It is recalled that during the depression she did many fine things for the unfortunate, supplying food, clothing and other needs.

She is survived by a brother, John Thomas of Reseda, who was present with Mrs. Thomas for the services.

The services were held at the Community Methodist Church by Rev. Carrie Elizabeth Oval with James Christensen providing vocal music. Interment was at Rand District Cemetery, Doughty, Calhoun and O'Meara undertakers in charge.

Pallbearers were Marvin Williams, James Holcomb, W. H. Peterson, Paul Gotch, Wm. Means and Peter Hooker.

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DUST FROM THE DUMP.....

By PAUL B. HUBBARD

U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey is going to have plenty of competition next year for his seat in Washington. Justus Creamer, now a member of the Railroad Commission, Orange County publisher, is regarded a good possibility as is also Walter Dexter, state superintendent of schools, and Goodwin J. Knight, Superior Court judge.

Knight will be remembered as the son of prospector-miner Jess Knight who proved the Elephant Eagle at Soledad southwest of Mojave.

There is a list of prospective candidates a mile long and until it boils down to those who are in earnest it is a waste of time to pick the winner.

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Donkers Add Fine Sire to Dairy Herd

With a dairy herd already largely good Guernsey cows, Donker's Sunshine Dairy of Ridgecrest has made a progressive step by securing a fine fifteen months old registered Guernsey bull from the famous Adohr Dairy near Reseda. Adohr Dairies are famous both for their prize-winning milk and pure-bred cows.

Donker's serve a wide-spread desert clientele extending from Trona on the north to Atolia on the south. They pioneered at their former location at Atolia and are now more conveniently located near Ridgecrest. State and County sanitation standards are religiously met and modern dairy practice is followed.

(excerpt:)

Dredge Righted By Yuba Group

Following two months of preparation, stripping impeding equipment from the dredge, Yuba Manufacturing Co. accomplished its major mission of righting the Rand Gold Dredging Associates dredge in its pit northwest of Randburg. The dredge was turned from its side at two o'clock last Friday and later in the afternoon water was pumped from its pontoons to permit it to completely right itself with all decks clear of the water.

More Work Remains

The Yuba people's work here has been a contract and now includes the replacement of certain equipment which was removed to permit the righting. Lars Nelson, field sup-

Manzanar Fall Fair Is Visited by Many

Ellen Cloonan of Red Mountain returned Monday from Manzanar, where she attended the Fall Fair at the Manzanar WRA center last Saturday afternoon and evening.

Hundreds of Owens Valley residents attended from Bishop, Independence, Big Pine and Lone Pine as well as other communities to tour the big WRA center and see exhibits of work by Japanese residents.

A dinner of Manzanar-grown produce was served visitors in a center messhall and a musical program on the center's big outdoor stage was presented in the evening.

Outside visitors were guided on a tour of the camp by staff members of the Manzanar Free Press.

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The areas assigned to this district consist of Red Rock Precinct, which includes Kelso Valley, Jawbone Canyon, Alpine Springs, Ricardo, Cantil, Saltdale, Last Chance Canyon and Freemont Valley; Magnolia Precinct, which covers all of Indian Wells Valley including the communities of Brown, Ridgecrest, Inyokern, and the canyons to the west of U. S. Highway No. 6 north to the Inyo County line; Randsburg Precincts and Johannesburg Precinct.

* San Bernardino County communities of Red Mountain and Atolia are not within the Kern County assignment but as a part of Rand District are invited to cooperate with the Desert District in putting the drive over the top.

Committee Meeting

A planning committee, consisting of representatives of all desert organizations, is asked to meet Friday evening, October 15, to formulate procedure for the drive and allocate the work. The meeting will be held at the Legion Hall at seven o'clock.

Among the organizations expected to participate, are the church groups, Women's Society of Christian Serice, St. Barbara's Altar Society, Foursquare Gospel Church, Relief Society of the L.D.S., the A. F. of L., American Legion, Lions Club, Company E of the State Guard, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Parent Teacher Association.

Individual solicitation will be conducted throughout the entire desert and in addition several benefit affairs will be announced by the planning committee. The drive officially started October 4th and continues to November 30. An intensive finish to the Desert District efforts is planned for the two weeks preceeding Thanksgiving.

Pyavin Group Has Milling

A small milling of six and a quarter tons of tungsten ore from the Pyavin Group in Indian Wells Canyon above Inyokern is reported at the Gold Basin Mill, operated by Clarence Barker. The milling netted 593 lbs. of concentrates and a value of \$581.00.

The Pyavin ground is leased by W. J. Petty and associates, W. J. Jones, Paul Littell and Chas. Spann, from the owners, Grant Merrill, Al Crothers, Dr. Herb Crothers and Jack Warner.

An additional milling is also being made at the Weldon tungsten mill. Mill shipments of ore are expected to follow regularly after these mill tests and as the operator's development program continues. Adequate equipment and a crew of workmen are on the job.

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Diamond Drilling At Atolia Mines

A diamond drilling study of the tungsten properties of the Atolia Mining Co. is being conducted by the U. S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines. C. W. Chesterman is in charge of the survey and F. J. Wiebelt is in charge of the diamond drilling.

The survey started about the middle of August and the drilling tests during the past three weeks. The cooperation of the government is to assist in determining remaining ore bodies in this proven field.

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Grand Old Man Of Desert Dies

(Inyo Register)

All lovers of the California desert region, including his many Indian friends, were saddened this week at the news of the passing of Ralph J. (Dad) Fairbanks, 86-year-old "grand old man of the desert," who died Sunday at Nightingale Sanitarium in Los Angeles after a lingering illness.

The widely known character who arrived at what is now Baker, Calif., in 1904 and lived in or beside the desert until recently, was buried in Santa Paula Wednesday, following funeral services held at Pierce Bros. Hollywood Mortuary.

Operator of the Fairbanks resort-service station in Baker, Dad Fairbanks is reported to have used his knowledge of Death Valley to rescue many persons lost in its trackless wastes. He had rescued his 50th person from desert death up to 1925, and since that time his keen knowledge of the desert areas has been instrumental in rescuing numerous marooned parties.

Friend of Indians

Dad Fairbanks held the confidence of more than 250 Shoshone and other Indians in the Death Valley region, who confided to him many secret water holes, which were frequently used in aiding travelers lost in the desert regions.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs. A. R. Modine of Los Angeles, Mrs. Celestia Lisle of Baker, and Mrs. Stella Brown of Shoshone, wife of State Senator Charles Brown; four sons, Lester of San Bernardino, David of Baker, Verne of Richfield, Utah, and Lee of Reno, Nev., 45 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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Drag Line Hits High Line Wires

An accident occurred last Saturday about noon which miraculously caused no injuries when one of the large dragline shovels used in Hoefling Brothers' Spud Patch Placers tangled the 4000-volt power lines of the California Electric Power Company near Atolia.

The wires became wrapped together and five spans of the wire carrying high voltage were burned before a break in the circuit was effected. The impromptu display of electrical fireworks was startling and the shovel operator is still congratulating himself that he escaped injury.

As a result of the accident the town of Atolia and the pumping system at the Atolia tungsten mill were without electricity for five hours while repairs were being made.

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New High Total for War Bond Drive Told

On October 7, the War Bond drive for the Desert District had a pleasing total of \$25,969, almost a thousand dollars over the quota assigned this area. A subsequent ruling extending the drive period to October 16 has resulted in a still larger margin by which the district has exceeded its quota.

Chairman Wm. DeWitt announces the following as the official final grand total for the various communities and the district in its entirety:

Atolia	\$ 918.75
Boron	12,281.25
Indian Wells Valley	1,518.25
Johannesburg	2,136.25
Randsburg	6,528.50
Red Mountain	5,101.00
Salt Dale-Cantil	736.25

Total \$29,230.25

This gives the district a credit of \$4,230.25 over the quota first assigned of \$25,000.00. 11-4-43 p. 1

—GAY NINETIES—RANDBURG—

S. J. Spangler Death Report Is Confirmed

Brother Tells of Passing of Well Known Mining Man, Pioneer of Desert District

Spangler District was one of the first mining areas to attract attention to this portion of the desert. It is located to the east of the Trona Road about midway between Johannesburg and Trona. A report of the death of one of the Spangler brothers, discoverers of the district, reached Randsburg last week and a letter from the surviving brother, D. R. Spangler, gives the story of the passing of the aged miner.

Heart Attack Death Cause

D. R. Spangler states that his brother, best known as "Tony," had an unsuccessful operation on his eyes for cataracts about a year and a half ago, followed by a second operation which restored a very limited vision. Lifelong companions, the brother with the better vision assisted "Tony" and together they went to Los Angeles where both of them received treatment for cataracts. They returned to Bakersfield October 1st, secured an apartment and were arranging with Dye's Storage Warehouse on October 18 for their belongings to be taken out of storage when Tony had the misfortune to fall from a platform, four feet high. An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to Kern General Hospital where he received treatment but succumbed about eight hours later. According to his brother, he experienced no pain and it is believed that a heart attack accounted for his fall and that a second attack probably caused his death.

Services in Bakersfield

Prominent businessmen of Bakersfield, lifelong friends of the Spanglers were pall bearers at the service held there October 20th and the remains were cremated. The services were held from the Doughty, Calhoun & O'Meara funeral home.

Survivors are his brother and sister, D. R. Spangler of 907 Baker Street, Bakersfield, and Mrs. Hannah McAnear of 193 MacArthur Boulevard, West, Oakland, California. 11-11-43 p. 1

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DUST FROM THE DUMP
By PAUL B. HUBBARD

The Desert is coming to mean something more than wide open spaces. In these days of national emergency when the call comes for War Bond purchases, for donations to the projects which are helpful to our armed forces and to the national cause, this section of Kern and San Bernardino counties generally known as the Desert becomes synonymous with generous patriotism. Our people open their hearts and their pocketbooks in a manner that put wealthier portions of both counties to shame. "The Desert is not the land that God forgot, it is the land where God lives" and where folks have time to understand their duties as citizens. Another fine record is now being made on the War Chest Drive. Watch next week's issue of the Times for a total that will please you.

Bad news and incorrect news moves rapidly and investigation generally produces facts that are not as dismal as first stated. Rand District has shifted from gold production to the mining of tungsten and every new operation has ex-

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More Activity Noted in Rand Tungsten Field

Despite disconcerting rumors of uncertainty regarding the future price of tungsten, Rand District tungsten projects show renewed activity this week and comments of operators indicate full confidence that the present price will be maintained by the government through this continued critical period.

Gold Basin

At the Gold Basin Mine and Mill, custom milling is keeping the mill busy and bookings for the immediate future are made. Clarence Barker, owner of the property is of the opinion that while tungsten concentrates are more plentiful than previously, the war need and private industry's need still calls for continued domestic production and that present prices must necessarily be maintained to permit the many government loans to new operators to be liquidated.

Holcomb Valley Placers

George Knudsen and his crew are again busy on the Walker placer property with a daily operation of fifty yards per day. Water problems are solved for the present with settling tanks conserving the water piped from Big Butte Mine. Production is on an eight hour basis for the present.

Desert Tungsten

Desert Tungsten, headed by Wm. DeWitt, Oscar Sundin, and associates is busy just below the Holcomb Valley plant. The recovery machinery is being replaced with standard equipment and all efforts are moving toward production by the first of the year.

Spud Patch Busy

There has been no reduction of activity at the Spud Patch and a total of thirty-five men are employed there in the operations and hauling contract.

Superintendent Jones states that because of the eased condition of supplies and the shortage of manpower, the government is not encouraging new projects to start tungsten production, there is every reason to expect present prices to be maintained throughout existing contracts and beyond.

Placer Concentrators

Art Dennison, in charge of the dry concentrator operations on the old Mojave Road, states that since the equipment of that concern has been revamped by Al Fischer, new maintenance man for the company, operations have been resumed. Some two thousand yards of material has been treated since the new start and fifty yards per hour are being handled on an eight hour shift. A second shift is contemplated.

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Rand Boy Cited For Air Combat

Mrs. Robert B. Yeager has good reason to be proud of her husband according to Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commanding officer of the Fifth Air Force in the South Pacific.

A letter dated November 6 addressed to Mrs. Yeager brings the following praise for Staff Sergeant Yeager:

"Dear Mrs. Yeager:

"Recently your husband, Staff Sergeant Robert E. Yeager, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

"He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Wewak, New Guinea.

"He was tail gunner of a B-24D type aircraft in a formation on a strike mission to Wewak, when it was intercepted by a considerable number of enemy fighters. In the ensuing engagement, your husband destroyed one of the enemy aircraft.

"Almost every hour of every day your husband, and the husbands of other American women, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

"Theirs is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

"I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your husband in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

"You, Mrs. Yeager, have every reason to share that pride and gratification."

In civilian life, Staff Sergeant Yeager was an employee of Atkinson Motors at Red Mountain. Mrs. Yeager is the daughter of Vic Dezan of Atolia and is employed in the California Electric Power Co. office in Randsburg.

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More Boosters for Desert War Chest

And still they come. An ever growing list of names of contributors to the Desert War Chest attests the interest which citizens of this area have in the boys in service and in rehabilitation of the war torn nations. The following individuals have done their part in providing funds for the chest and their names are added to the roster of donors:

Chas. A. Rice, Everett Cornelius, George Silveria, Morris Atkinson, Placer Concentrates, S. D. Fraser, Jess Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey German, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Garrehy, Ted Boring, S. A. White, John Katile, M. E. Howard, G. N. Hadley, C. F. Buffington, O. H. Andreasen, J. N. Harwell, Italo Maccari, Holcomb Placer Co., S. W. Grow, John U. Weishaupt, John Gobert, Helen and Herb. Way, James Evinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herkelrath, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Rand Theatre, A. A. Turner, Mrs. Wm. R. Hackman, H. P. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bickel.

Death Comes To Mr. E H Hughes

Death came yesterday to Mr. E. H. Hughes, 79, snowy-haired prospector and operator of the Golden Mine, and a long-time resident of



the Searles Lake area, at Trona Hospital where he had gone for treatment the previous day.

Mr. Hughes leaves no known relatives, and funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. He is believed to be one of the oldest prospectors in this part of the country.

P. J. Osdick is Host To Visiting Airmen

Major Henry Clay Givan, Jr., Captain Rotundo and George S. Sanford, aviators from the Cal-Aero Academy at Ontario, California were guests last Sunday of P. J. Osdick at his home in Red Mountain.

Mr. Osdick took pleasure in showing them the various tungsten projects in this area.

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RED MOUNTAIN . . .

Lindsey Twins. Correspondents

Isabella Visitors —

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Copelin of Isabella visited the Frank Lamleys Saturday.

From Trona —

Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Peterson and children of Trona visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson Tuesday evening.

P. T. A. Program —

The P. T. A. held its regular meeting Wednesday, December 4. The school children furnished the program, with songs and readings.

In San Bernardino —

Mrs. Matt Johnson, Mrs. Cora Lundon and Mrs. Vic Johnson spent Wednesday in San Bernardino on business. Mrs. Harwell of Atolia was in charge at the postoffice during Mrs. Lundon's absence.

On Furlough —

Cpl. Charles Behrens who is stationed at Palm Springs, spent a few days at home.

Guests From Arizona —

Mr and Mrs. Guess and daughters Pat and Jean from Kingman, Arizona, spent a few days visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Don Duncon.

"Red" Mahood Here —

"Red" Mahood was through here last Friday and visited with friends.

Visit Mojave —

Mrs. Dick Donker and Irene of Ridgecrest, with Mrs. H. W. Peterson spent Thursday in Mojave where Mrs. Donker saw the dentist.

Influenza —

Dan Franish is confined to his home with the flu.

Trip To City —

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hatton and Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatton motored to Los Angeles Monday on business, returning home Tuesday evening.

Bunco Party Success —

The Buco Party given by the ladies of Red Mountain and Atolia to raise Christmas funds, was well attended. Awards were given by Glen Lindsey for selling the most tickets: Don Duncon high and Gaylen Hatton low; Mrs. Hickman high and Mrs. Philips low; Cherrie Rollins high for children and Jean Guess. Cake, coffee and cocoa were served

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Wanda Harwell, Correspondent

Guest of Bessie Carpenter —

Miss Myrtle Stephens of Prescott, Arizona, has been spending the last three weeks as a house guest of Mrs. Bessie Carpenter.

Visit in Atolia —

Mrs. N. W. Chilson and son, Ernest, of the Bar-T-Bar ranch at Keene were Atolia visitors last Sunday.

New Residents —

New residents of Atolia are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marcellin, formerly of Upland.

Guests of DeZans —

Mr. and Mrs. Geno DeZan and daughter from Bakersfield are visiting Geno's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vic DeZan and family for the Christmas holidays.

In Rialto —

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Buffington motored to Rialto to enjoy Christmas dinner with their aunt, Mrs. P. E. Wisherd.

Christmas with Daughter —

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Andreason spent Christmas morning with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Humphrey, and family, of Mojave.

Christmas in Arcadia —

Jim Evinger of Atolia spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. E. Evinger of Arcadia.

On Furlough —

W. L. Carpenter, Jr., who has been on overseas duty, returned to the States in time to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bessie I. Carpenter.

From Utah —

Mrs. Amelia Palmer of Pleasant Grove, Utah, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Dirrim, of Atolia.

Visit from Daughter —

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Andreason are expecting their granddaughter, Miss Lois Humphrey, of Mojave, to spend a few days of this week with them.

Former Residents —

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clark, formerly Mrs. Elfie Janke, Barbara Lee Janke, Grace Lee Davis, and Leon Tuttle of Lynwood, were Atolia visitors Sunday.

Visit Moodys —

"Mom" Moody and "Uncle Al" Beeman returned home last week after visiting with the Elmer Moody family in Bishop for some time. The Moodys visited here on their way to spend Christmas down south with other relatives.

San Bernardino —

J. W. Platt made a business trip to San Bernardino, Monday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Beverlee, who was returning to Los Angeles College after spending a two-weeks vacation at home.

Visits Sisters —

Walter J. Clark, yeoman 3/c of Terminal Island and niece, Miss Sylvia Brown of Garden Grove spent the Christmas holidays in the homes of his sisters, Mrs. Leota Straub and Edna Harwell.

Entertains with Dinner —

Mrs. Bessie I. Carpenter entertained a group of relatives and friends with a delicious turkey dinner on Sunday. Those attending were her son, W. L. Carpenter, Jr., Miss Myrtle Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chilson, Walter Clark, Sylvia Brown, Al Winchell, Straub and Harwell families.

From Lancaster —

Bill Cooper, cadet from Polaris Flying Academy, Lancaster, spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

RED MOUNTAIN . . .
Lindsey Twins, Correspondents

Visit Mother —

Mrs. Ed Magers has as her guests over Christmas her daughter Kathryn Cole of Los Angeles and a friend Mary Jones of Russel Florida.

From Los Angeles —

Misses Daisy and Rachal Thomas of Los Angeles spent Christmas with their brother Evart Thomas.

At Inyokern —

Miss Francis Johnson went to Inyokern Monday to work in the telephone office during the holidays.

Dinner Guests —

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hatton had as their guests for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatton, Mr. and Mrs. John Stricker and Vivian Rollans.

Visit Sister —

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Atkinson and son, Ed., Jr., spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Don Webster in Northridge.

Visits Family —

Charlie Lindsey of Los Angeles spent the week end with his family.

Baby Daughter —

In Trona —

Mrs. Cora London and children spent Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Weldon Evans and family, at Trona.

Dinner at Petersen's —

Mrs. Dick Donker and Irene of Ridgecrest Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Peterson and children of Trona had Christmas dinner at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Bonzument of Trona are the proud parents of a baby girl born Monday night at the Rand District Hospital. Mrs. Bonzument is a cousin of Jim Hatton.

To Arizona —

Mr. and Mrs. Don Duncon and daughters, Dona and Taplue, motored to Kingman, Arizona, to spend the holidays.

Birth of Son —

Word has been received by Mrs. Vic Johnson that her daughter, Mrs. Dick Hay of Las Vegas, Nevada, has a 6½-pound baby boy.

Christmas Party —

The Christmas party given by the children was well attended by parents and friends. A play entitled "Mrs. Grumble's Christmas," and a Christmas pageant was given by Mrs. Seiler's children after which all joined in singing Christmas songs. Jim Hatton closed the evening with prayer.

At Inyokern —

Mrs. Vic Johnson and Francis and Hellen Franish attended the open house at Inyokern last Saturday.

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By ERLINDA NAPOLIS

Arrive in Arizona —

Mrs. Dale Bocock and son arrived safely at their new home in Douglas Arizona, where Lt. Bocock is stationed.

Visit in Riverside —

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glodery and daughter, Phyllis, visited at the home of Mrs. Glodery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wriarth of Riverside.

Guests of Mrs. —

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jackson from East Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Jennie Milton.

Returns to Randburg —

Jennie Milton returned Wednesday after spending the holidays at Seal Beach.

Cottage Hotel Guests —

Ben W. Holloway, Tom Burke, Bakersfield; R. C. Ferber, R. C. Brown, Bishop; Mr. and Mrs. Mc. Cay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Friedman, Pat Derlin, Los Angeles; Leonard Reynolds, Warren M. Olson, Oroville; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Long Beach; Mary C. Maninw, Arizona; A. C. Falter, C. A. Bounett, R. A. Calhoun, Los Angeles; D. Robinson, Bishop; F. B. Orlin, Charles Hardison, Jim Bannister, Inyokern.

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