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LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

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Another Echo From the Past

by R. T. Burham, President

Thanks to the sustained interest, dedication and hard work of, Mrs. Barbara Marvin, of Lancaster, our one hundred nine year old stagecoach stopover buildings on the north side of the Lake Elizabeth Road, were designated historical monuments. The dedication ceremonies were impressively and reverently conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution at 1:30 P.M., October 4, 1970.

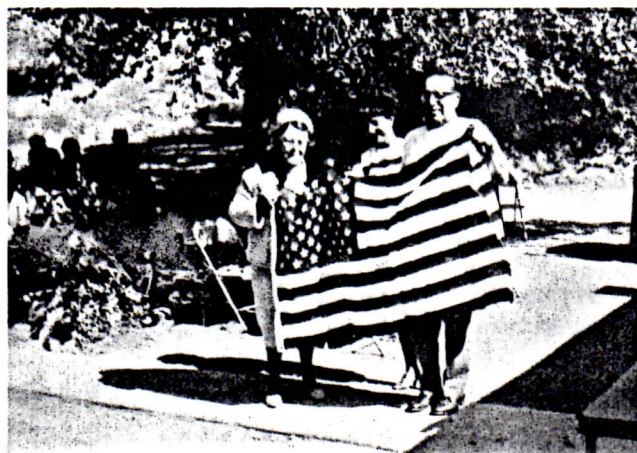
Present on this ceremonial occasion were many notables from afar who have in the past and do now hold high office in the nation-wide organization of patriotic American women whose outstanding principles need no elaboration here. In this issue we are reprinting the program, together with one of the many letters mailed to our office by our loyal member, Mrs. Barbara Marvin.

All arrangements for this event were concluded with dispatch leaving little time to notify our general membership of date and time of day. We regret that scores of our fine families who would have enjoyed the ritual, had to be left in the dark for lack of communication. May we, therefore, suggest that on your very next visit to the Club you pause briefly to read the bronze plaque and to meditate on our own continuity with history.

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Les Biehl raising flag over monument.



*L. to R.: Mrs. Wm. Sherman, Mrs. Barbara Marvin and Mr. Burnham.
Presentation of the American Flag to fly over our monument.*

— ANNOUNCEMENT —

LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

THE COMING EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

10/24 4th Sat. Square Dance Special
10/31 Halloween Costume Dance
11/14 Harvest Moon Dance — Buffet — Waltz Contest
BRING YOUR FAMILY & GUESTS

BRING THIS COUPON FOR SPECIAL PRIZE

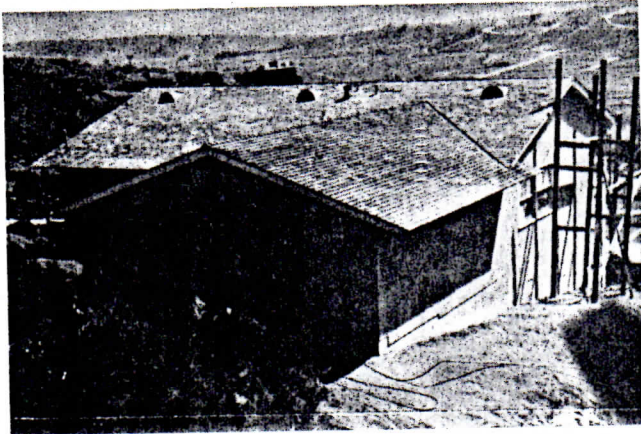
BUILDING NEWS *by Bert Koch*

John and Vera Grimm's new home setting high on the hill overlooking the Lake is nearing completion.

The construction of Warner and Evelyn Johnson's home is coming along just fine; the roof is on and the lodge will be closed-in soon.

"Welcome Neighbor" to Dick and Lillian Bender. They have moved into their beautiful lodge at the ranch.

Del and Donnie Lambert's lodge is closed-in now and is looking good these days.

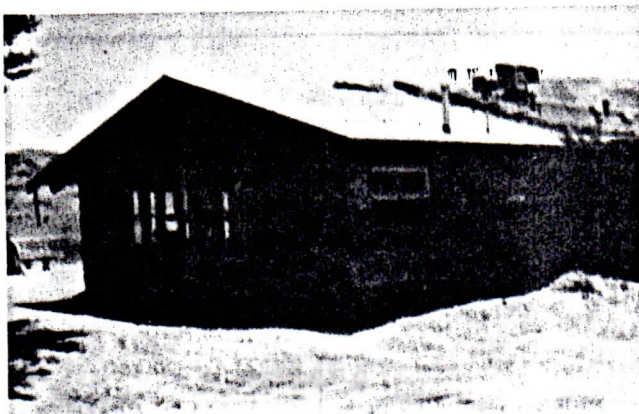


John and Vera Grimm's lodge.

GOLF NEWS

If you have visited the Pro Shop lately, you have noticed the new addition being constructed. This expansion of the shop's facilities was greatly needed and will make it possible to offer the golfers all they may need.

Lake Elizabeth Golf Club has new champions. Don Brown is the Club Champion, while Jim Hazel and Bill Mann are In-flight Champions.



The new addition to the Golf Club Pro Shop.

BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL and HAVILAH COACHLINE

Stagecoach houses used from 1861 - 1881

Historical Marker Dedication by Antelope Valley Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Sunday, October 4, 1970
Lake Elizabeth Ranch Club

PROGRAM

- Presentation of the American Flag* Paul Eric Shirley
Benjamin Massey
Antelope Chapter, Children of
the American Revolution
- Invocation* Dr. Peter Wall, Ph.D.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag* Mrs. Earl I. Stewart
Past Regent
- "America"* Mr. Warren Hughes
- Greetings and Introductions* Mrs. Harold Richards
Regent
- History of the Stagecoach Houses* . . Mr. Russell T. Burnham
President of
Lake Elizabeth Ranch Club
- Presentation of the Flag* Mrs. William Sherman
Historian
- "Battle Hymn of the Republic"* Mr. Warren Hughes
- "Marking the Past for the Future"* . . Mrs. LeRoy Kaump
State Regent, California State Society, NSDAR
- Dedication of the Marker* Mrs. Harold Richards
Regent
Mrs. Stanley Shirley
Chaplain
- "America, the Beautiful",
sung by* Antelope Society, C.A.R.
- Benediction* Dr. Peter Wall, Ph.D.

Guest Book: Mrs. Harold Stiff - Vice Regent
Historical Marker Chairman: Mrs. Henry B. Marvin

THE PARTY LINE "MANNed by JEAN"

We're crying over a good friend, Shultzie the bear is dead — he'll be missed by all, so yours truly will take over his little column of chatter.

June is wedding month, and we've had our share with young people belonging to the Club. June 6th saw Stacey Herbeck united in marriage with Leonard Albert. Leonard folks bought the Watson home. Then on June 13th, Kaye Dillenbeck gave her hand to Maurice Marchant. Kaye is the daughter of Lorraine and Gayle Dillenbeck. Gayle, of course, is one of our L. E. Representatives. The next Saturday saw Dianne Koch walking down the aisle to marry James Pruss. Dianne is the daughter of Florence and Bert Koch of our Board of Directors. We all join in wishing these fine couples much happiness. Debbie Koch is also in the news. She is our new Miss Lake Hughes and will appear as queen in Lake Hughes Forty Niner days. Congrats to you, Debbie.

We have some new full time residents. . . Mary and Dale Schmudlack have moved in their lovely new home, and loving every minute of it. Dale is also in the news for his Hole in One on the Golf Course in Santa Maria. — He had to keep up with our Pro, Allan Jones who had an Ace at the Fresno Pro-Am. Some golf, eh. . . The Bradleys have also moved to the club as permanent Lake Elizabethers. Ethel and Gil Radditz have joined our little Community, Gil has retired and wants to spend his time at the Ranch. The Renders and the Christensens have also made the move. Welcome to you all.

The fourth Saturday of the month is Square Dance night and we really had a wonderful turnout. Eight squares were in happy spirits, they were from Lancaster, Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, Pasadena and Lakewood. We had three guest callers, Ducks Geisen and Bud and Angel Houghtailing. All of them have been club callers, so it was Welcome Home. Don't forget — Square Dancing every 4th Saturday, and the Big Round up and Buffet is Oct. 10th. Our Bingo night is on Friday, bring a dollar gift, and come early for the Fish Fry. This continues to be well attended, and every one has a ball.

Our Golf members have been on the go to Hawaii, Alex and Ethel Martin, Jean and Bill Mann, and Walter and Maxine Landacker spent a golfing holiday, and all reported they will go back any time.

July 4th Weekend:

This was a big weekend at the club. The Golfers event was a Las Vegas night and Beef K Bobs feast.

The Golfers had play money to use to make more if they were able on the Golf course and again at the game tables. Eileen Merritt and her partner, Smitty White and Tane DeVore and her partner, Bill Mann had to have a sudden death playoff to find the winner of the Golf tournament. Eileen and Smitty were the winners. Vi Roddewig, one of our new golfers really "cleaned up" on the tables and won herself some golf balls. Gayle Dillenbeck was the Chef and we sure had some wonderful Beef K Bobs. The Ranch Club was buzzing too — They had a terrific Bar B Que in the picnic area followed by a Mid-Summer Dance in the Evening. Our favorites the, "Gold Coast Four" supplied the music. The Corral was busy with a Gynkhanna. This is a small horse show, with the youngsters in their own age group competing with each other for skill in handling their horses. These events are held the first Saturday in August and September. Watch for it — Real fun for the kids who are cowboys at heart. Starts at 10 A.M.

Sorry to report Paul Shultz had an accident, slipped and fell and suffered a concussion. Hear that Mrs. Goddard is under the weather also, Get well soon, both of you.

Everyone is trying to figure out just how and why Butch Kosticky put one of our trucks in the Lake. Thought the weather was too hot? or was it tired, as he laid it down gently on its side. See if he will tell you.

July 18. . . .

Trail Ride night, and it's beautiful — the moon is so full, and I'm full too — The weiners were so juicy! We had great entertainment tonight, Cecil "Cotton" Henry, and his wife, Glendine of Glendora played and sang for us. "Cotton" was at one time playing and singing with the "Sons of the Pioneers" Marcia Turner, Jim Gordan and Linda Carpenter also sang. . . and it sounds so great under the stars. Barney Ross, our capable wrangler, and his wife Betsy had an Open House up on the hill. They are also new full time residents.

The month of August.

Les Biehl, our Ranch foreman and his lovely wife, Ethel were presented with a surprise cake for their 34th wedding anniversary at Bingo — Ti Pecaut, the Goddards and Paul Shultz shared in this thought, and the Bingo Bunch had a treat.

Aug. 8

Hackers for the golfers again. . . Fiesta Day at the Ranch. Nice Bar-B-Que served out of doors — followed by games and the breaking of the Pinata for the children. The young people had a good Ping Pong Tournament going with Paul Moriority winning a Chicken Dinner.

Aug. 15.

Moonlite trail ride again, and another beautiful

night. We were on the 9:30 ride when Ol' Barney and Virge Devore decided to have a little race and we really had a ride, and this was highlighted by a hay throwing contest. Square Dancing in the Club house. This was a real fun night.

Aug. 25.

Something new is being tried at the Ranch. A soft ball game between the generations -- no "gap" here, this being followed by a supper in the Picnic Area. Our Chef Rayco, was the hero of the night. He had never played soft ball and had to be shown how to hold the bat, but he hit a Home Run and won the game!!! Everyone had so much fun they decided to meet again next Tuesday. So if you are at the Ranch on Tuesday, be sure to join them.

Labor Day Weekend

Does it seem possible that Summer is almost over? Nice long weekend at the Club. Friday Night, Bingo. Saturday, Pot Luck at the Schudlack's for the Golfers. Sunday some of those same golfers staged a bowling contest to put back bowling back a hundred years. Monday, of course is the big day for our Miss Lake Elizabeth Contest and the choosing of little Miss and Master Wading Pool. It was a hard choice, as all the contestants were winners, but finally judges Edith Welling, Larry Taylor, and Ed Amstutz decided the audience had chosen Valerie Haynes of Lancaster, as Miss Lake Elizabeth, Miss Wading Pool is Shawn O'Haver of Granada Hills and Master Wading Pool is Mark Honberger of North Hollywood. Congratulations to you all.

Newcomers' Dept. Grandbabies for the Larry Taylor's, Gene Hamen's, Ralph Law's, Bill Pitt's, Frank Barger's, Gene Martin's, and Wm. Mann's (Hey that's me) new Ranch Club members, eh?

Sept. 19

Last hay ride, and I think the best we've had all year, the weather was unbelievable "Cotton" Henry was back with his friend, Art Chandler, a hoe down fiddler, and they entertained so well at the fire ring. We had some teen square dancers from No. Hollywood who had a ball dancing, and entertained us old foggies sitting on the side lines. One of their members was a young man from Australia, who is one fine caller, and he called some tips for us all. Doug Morgan called almost a Virginia Reel for us, which had the crowd toe tapping.

Some of our young people have gone off to college, and we miss seeing them around, Cheryl Moehler, who worked as a waitress is back in school, and we miss her. Vern Biehle is attending the College of the Canyons in Newhall, and is on the Varsity Cross Country team, did you see him running in the hills all summer, just getting in shape, and now it's paying off for him, as the

coach predicts good things for this young man.

Don't forget the square dance-round up fourth Saturday, October 24th and the big Halloween party on October 31st. See you there?

ANNUAL BEAUTY CONTEST

The annual Labor Day, Miss Lake Elizabeth contest created the usual excitement among both contestants and spectators. The three judges, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Welling and Mr. Amstutz, had a rough time making a decision with so much beauty before them: but nevertheless they made their decision and the chosen ones were named:

MISS LAKE ELIZABETH 1970 . Valerie Haynes
of Lancaster

MISS WADING POOL Shawn O'Haver
of Granada Hills

MASTER WADING POOL . . . Mark Honberger
of North Hollywood



Miss Lake Elizabeth of 1970, Miss Valerie Haynes and Mr. and Miss Wading Pool, Mark Honberger and Shawn O'Haver.

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Few present day Californians are aware of the antiquity of our own southwest, adopted though it is by millions of people from all the states and abroad. Spanish explorers were mapping and subjugating the native Indians by the sixteenth century after which came the establishment of the Missions to be followed by the families of our early Californians. These were people for whom many of our locales are named, for example, the Verdugos, Dominques, Sepulvedas, Carrillos and many more.

Thus we recognize that the Daughters of the American Revolution have truly identified with the settlement of our great southwest where the impact of civilized society was known decades before the founding of our own great nation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

July 29, 1970

Grateful for July 15th issue of RANCH CHATTER, but surprised that Uncle Sam was able to deliver it, — because the mailing address was wrong in 3 of its elements.

Compare what your records have with the correct address below.

Rev. Raymond F. Griese
Gesu Church
2049 Parkside Blvd.
Toledo, Ohio 43607

Gentlemen,

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the wonderful people at the ranch who helped us during our recent emergency.

Sincerely,
The Browns

July 30, 1970

Dear Editor of Ranch Chatter,

In sincere appreciation for your kindness in reprinting California Beauty, will you please accept this little poem about Lake Elizabeth Ranch. It is long overdue, because for many years we have

enjoyed the beauty and peace of the area. When our children were small we took them to the original swimming pool which was out along the front toward the main highway. It was often quite windy but always a great enjoyment. Thank you for being so kind.

Have a happy summer.

Sincerely,
Dale and Zelma Dennis

LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH

The gypsy wind had flung his glistening coins
Across the tranquil heart of the sapphire lake,
When lyric melody of birdcall joins
An invitation now, to come and take
The simple peace and beauty of this place.
Low friendly hills that shelter every home,
And verdant trees whose quiet shadows trace
The pattern of a special dream we own.

Zelma S. Dennis

July 27, 1970

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I received your letter some time ago and now I think we are organized enough to answer.

We would like to have the marker dedication, Sunday, Oct. 4, 1970 if that is all right with you. We would probably like it around 10:30 or 11 a.m. before it gets too warm.

We would especially like that date because our State Regent, Mrs. Kaump can attend. Other State D.A.R. officers will attend and possibly some National D.A.R. officers too. It is a great honor to have these ladies and their husbands because they are very busy! We also, want to give you an American Flag to fly near the monument.

The ladies would like to eat your Lake Elizabeth Chicken Dinner too, as my husband and I are members, they could be our guests, couldn't they? I could let you know how many are coming a week before. Also let me know when you begin serving, please?

Sincerely,
Barbara Marvin

Would you like to represent your club in your area?

It would mean you and your family could enjoy the club every weekend coupled with an excellent income!

If interested in more details contact

Bill Mann
Monday through Thursday
(213) 241-5179

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 31st

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE

The Halloween Dance is one of the favorite events of the year. We'll have trophies for the best costumes and a good band playing for your dancing enjoyment from 8:00 to Midnight. It would be a good idea to reserve a lodge for the evening and really make a night of it!

November 14th

HARVEST MOON DANCE

This is the formal Dance of the year. We've scheduled a fine dance band and will have our Annual Waltz Contest with trophies being awarded to the winners.

November 26th

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day has traditionally been a Day of Feast in the company of good friends . . . Where else could you find a nicer group of friends than at the Club? The chef is already placing her orders for the finest turkeys to be found in Southern California. Don't fight the cooking problem at home — bring Mom to the Club and let her enjoy the Holiday, too.

Dinner is served from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m., or until the last tummy is filled!

December 19th

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is a wonderful event to bring the children to. After a full day of fun, we pass out the song sheets at 7:00 p.m. and gather around the piano for some old-fashioned carol singing. Santa Claus shows up at about 9:00 to talk to the children and pass out some fruit and candy. For the parents, we'll have coffee, punch and cookies being served in the Dining Room.

December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Ring out the Old and Ring in the New at Lake Elizabeth! Yes! the whole gang will be at the Club celebrating New Year's Eve with Hats, Balloons, Noisemakers and Good Cheer. We'll sing Auld Lang Syne at Midnight and dance our way into 1969. All the fun starts at 8:00. Be there!!