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HISTORY OF LAKE ELIZABETH

Part VI by R.T. Burnham, President

In our previous issue we devoted space to some of the historic structures on our own property and that of a couple of neighbors. Let's cross the road then from the original Lake Elizabeth school to account for the cement constructed tower, a duplicate of one seen alongside the road when driving thru the flourishing town of Newhall.

This tower was built in 1906 to house the electrical boosters, or transformers, installed by the now defunct Kern Water and Power Co., later taken into the Southern California Edison system. Edison has abandoned all easement rights for power lines at our request. There is, however, an amusing anecdote arising out of a tour we were giving friends during the first years of the Club.

The friends were Bill and Ta Brand of Holland Dutch extraction. After forty years in this country Bill still retained an accent almost thick enough to create fog. When we were passing the tower, Bill was moved to remark "Vot's dot ting?" Thinking to stir up a little humorous romance we casually explained it away as an old block house used to fight off invading Indian hostiles, even pointing to certain pock marks in the cement as having been made by bullets. Bill simply nodded his head and repeated "Yah yah," very understandingly.

On the following Wednesday while sitting quietly at my desk there was a sudden commotion. It was Bill stalking in to ask a question to resolve the problem that had been bugging him since the weekend. The question? "Ver dey get de cement?" Naturally cement was unknown to the Indians as it was to the earlier settlers. But we did enjoy a few laughs. Besides who ever heard of unfriendly Indians in the hills and valleys around Lake Elizabeth?

Leaving the tower we proceed another eighth of a mile to encounter one of the oldest adobe houses in our area, the "Tallamante's Adobe". Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Durrell, whose parents spent many years at Lake Elizabeth, and during our first years were employed by the Club, are the present owners of this sturdy old building. Owing to the thick wall construction, eighteen or more inches, the house remains pleasantly cool in the summer months and cozy warm during the severest winter weather. Also to be seen are a few typical outbuildings almost completely hidden by trees and shrubbery yet lending the entire complex a time-mellowed beauty and great charm.

Local residents were in almost unanimous agreement as to the age of the Tallamante's Adobe. In the year 1947 it was reputed to have been structured around 1802 which would give it in this year of our Lord, an approximate age of 166 years. Who knows but that Francisco Lopez might have helped with this historic building since he did build the adobe and small Catholic Chapel in the area immediately to the rear of our present Clubhouse complex, not a vestige of which remains today. The Mission Fathers

topped then to conduct religious ceremonies even as today mass is celebrated twice on Sunday morning at our own St. Elizabeth's Church.

Each of the sites and buildings we have dealt with in our running account really deserves much more elaboration than contained in this and previous installments. There are so many stories, yes, and so many legends affecting our area that only a complete volume would suffice to bring about a quickening of interest necessary to evoke broader questions and far more complete answers. Soon, we hope to point out more completely the history of a California civilization pre-dating our own American revolution.

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William A. Valentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Valentine, 44849 11th St. West, Lancaster, has been named to the dean's list at Ripon College for the second semester of the 1967-68 academic year, with a grade point of 3.43 out of a possible 4.0.

A junior at Ripon, this is the fourth time that Valentine has been so honored for grades that have placed him in the outstanding student category.

During his junior year, he has participated in Beta Beta Beta, honorary history society and Beta Sigma Pi 68-69 Herald, social fraternity.

THE HOT LINE!

At long last you may come in for a landing on our almost completed airstrip. The runway is compacted and will be oiled as soon as weather permits. The length of the runway is adequate to accommodate anything up to a DC3. For you flying Ranchers and golfers just tip your wings on your first pass and we'll try to wheel you to the nearby Clubs. The wind sock will be installed at the easterly end of the runway. Until Edison removes a low power line please watch your approach to touchdown!



Bird's eye view of our landing strip under construction.

THE HOT LINE (continued)

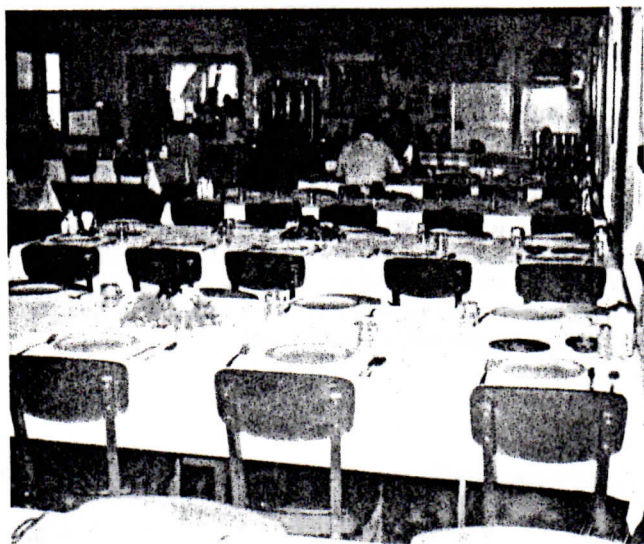
Our new Trap Shoot facility is now operational. The new 12 gauge guns, an ample supply of ammunition and highly professional handlers are available by appointment. We are now going forward with N.R.A. affiliation and it is our intention to include small-bore target shooting to the rear of the trap stations. Come on up with your own group for a good shoot! With proper encouragement we'll plan a turkey shoot before Thanksgiving!

Thanks to the efforts of Maggie Jarrett and our own Phyl Brown the dining room at the Ranch Club has taken on a new look. White napery with very attractive center-pieces embracing colorful candles. In the presence of the glowing candles the countryside's finest food seems to taste even better. Does this thing called atmosphere make that much difference?

Have you noticed the absence of yuppies and hippies as well as other assorted freaks at our Club? It would thus appear that about 99% at least, of our membership are the hard working, exorbitant tax paying, fundamentally good people who make this great nation something of which to be proud. This is but one of the reasons your continued sponsorship of other nice families is of extreme importance to the continued development of our Club.

Since the Club dining room has been completely refurnished with new tables, decorations and chairs, we felt that the Clubhouse recreation hall deserved refurbishing at this point. Therefore, new and very attractive furnishings are now en route from the manufacturer. Perhaps by your next visit all will be assembled and positioned for your comfort. In this connection, we have long been plagued by the extreme permissiveness of a few parents prone to overlook the tendency of their smaller children to walk on or tear things apart!

Don't forget to send in your dollar for next years issues of Ranch Chatter! Keep abreast of the times. Be in on the know!

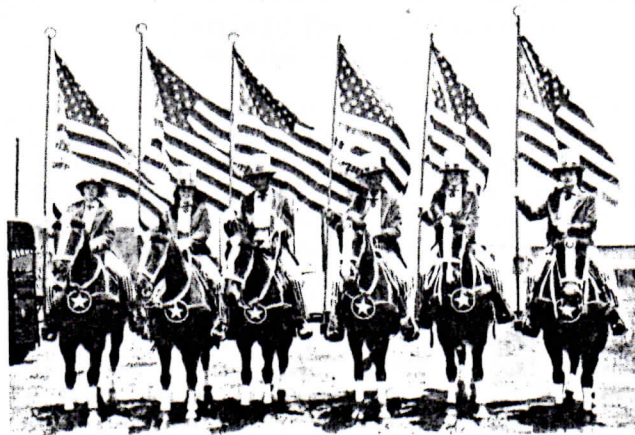


Have you dined out lately? Try our newly decorated dining room at the Clubhouse.

Domenick and Mae Punaro's house warming party was a great success. Vince, their nephew, did a wonderful job of hosting while Domenick and Mae showed their guests around their lovely new lodge. We all wish them many happy and carefree days as new residents of Lake Elizabeth.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our own Kay Dillenbeck, daughter of Lorraine and Gayle, learned to ride at the Club when a very small young girl. Today she is a member of one of the nations top riding groups. The Canyon Country Color Cadets. Her fine group won top honors in Scottsdale, Arizona against the finest organizations in the U.S. They've appeared throughout the west to wide acclaim. We are very proud of our own Kay who still rides regularly at the Club.



The renowned Canyon Country Color Cadets in their full-dress regalia.

BUILDING NEWS *by BERT KOCH*

Maurice & Liona Pecout present their new lodge nearing completion. They are moving from Corona Del Mar to live at the Club. Maurice and Liona are members of the Ranch Club for many years and now are Golf members. Also nearing completion is the Ed & Barbara Amatulz lodge, welcome to you and your nice young family, and high on the hill Harry and Elsa Trunick's lodge is closed in. What a view they have!

Soon to start is Glen & Betty Hodge, John & Weltha Thomson, Peter & Suzanne Van Dyken, Lee & Ollie Budley, with Bob & Sue O'Rear and others in planning.



Ti & Maurice Pecaut--their new lodge.



A typical lodge interior.

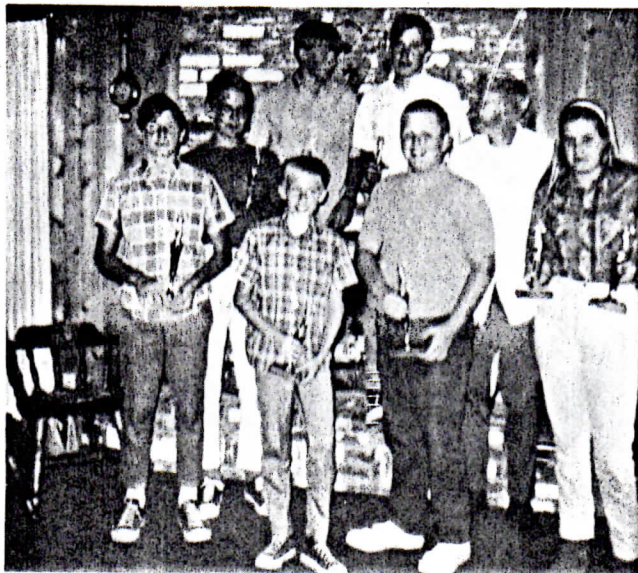
GOLFER'S NEWS

Eugene Martin, President, Men's Club.

By the end of October all the Men's Club championships should have been decided. In the Men's Club the Championship flight was won by Wayne Murphy with Clem Carlson Runner up. The Presidents Flight and the Vice Presidents have their final rounds yet to play. The Women's winners were in the Championship flight Ida Lee Schoonover first and Audrey Parker Runner up for Low Gross and Audrey Martin first low Net. In the Presidents flight Ethel Martin first and Jean Mann runner up for low Gross with Mary Cothran low net. The Jr. Champion is John Holtz and "B" Flight winner was Paul Zapf and "C" Flight winner Orville Murphy. Congratulations to all the winners for a fine shooting during the tournaments.

After a busy summer the management has undertaken to improve the golf course by adding a lake on hole number five. When the lake is finished it will make the hole very attractive from the scenic view point, but a much more difficult hole from the golfers view point.

The Tournament schedule is just about over for the year except for the turkey shoot in November, but plans are underway for a Christmas Party, always a lot of fun.



The Junior Golfers gathered in Audrey & Gene Martin's living room to receive awards.

MILITARY NOTES

Lt. (jg) John A. Valentine, Supply Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Valentine of 44849 11th St. West, Lancaster, is serving aboard the attack transport USS Okanogan operating with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Okanogan provides amphibious support to U.S. Marines for assault landings on the coast of Vietnam. The ship is capable of carrying from 1,500 to 2,000 troops plus more than 3,000 tons of cargo.

Eileen and Larry Williams' son Jay L., who is serving our country aboard the U.S.S. ESSEX Aircraft Carrier, just recently returned to the East Coast after quite an exciting experience at sea. He reports that training new pilots to land aboard an aircraft carrier at sea is not an easy task.

BEAR FACTS BY SCHULTZIE

June 20

Is that the Bar-B-Que beef I smell for Fiesta Day? No, it's real fire. Alice, the coon says she heard there were two fires, one near Gorman, and one in Bouquet Canyon; Someone must have been careless. All my friends in the woods have so much fear of fire. Please you all, be careful. Understand it was finally put under control, but many hundreds of acres were burned and one of our fire fighters living in the Lake Hughes area was killed. Fiesta day somehow was overshadowed.

July 4th Weekend

Nice holiday for many of our members. The golf course was busy, the pool was busy, everyone was busy. Maggie had another of her famous Beef Bar-B-Ques. Saturday night saw another of those fun Hackers for the golfers. Each team was given play money which could be made you richer or poorer, according to how you were hitting the ball. After six holes of laughter and money changing, everyone had another chance to sink or swim with three gambling tables. This was followed by Bar-B-Que Beef-K-Bobs prepared by Gayle Dillingbeck. Then up to the ranch club for a swinging HayRide and square dance. What a great crowd Gayle Crause was calling for.

July 20

Mid Summer dance and buffet-Music by the Gold Coast Four-These music makers are the best I've heard up here. Our members really swinging and swaying.

July 27

Husband and wife Tournament at the golf course, followed by, can you believe it, Rain. Yes, first rain in July in 18 years. Its smells so clean and fresh. I had a wonderful shower bath up here under the stars.

August 3

Another first Saturday of the month and as usual this place is swinging. This is Hackers at the Golf Club, some 60 people out there playing every other ball, followed by a Pot Luck dinner and then some crazy games. What was Bob O'Rear doing with that raw egg? How come so many people

were tied up in string? That is a fun group. Next was a grand hay ride. Joe Pronto was in the mood for "Geetar strumming" and singing. The weather was so beautiful, Gayle had a nice crowd for dancing. Congratulations to Russ and Doris Burnham on their 27th anniversary.

August 17

Nice day for the last Fiesta Day of the year, our new program director, Vonnice Crause had the contests and races well organized. The Bar-B-Que was "delectious". Charlie Soos can sure do things with those roasts. Did you hear about the family reunion? Five families, two from Canada, one from Chicago, and the other two local people spent a week at the club in three different lodges. Isn't that a great idea? Cousins meeting cousin, and having a grand time.

August 23

Our grief is joined with Plummer Watson in the passing of his wife, Judy. What a warm and friendly person she was. Plummer is the guard at the Ranch Club entrance. We'll miss you Judy.

August 24

Hayride night—weather couldn't be more perfect. A couple of squares from Bakersfield having a grand time, nice to hear their caller too. The Punaros had such a nice housewarming. They sure have a wonderful view of the golf course. . .so, don't cheat on number 3, golfers, someone could be watching you.

A REPORT ON THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY Can the summer be over so soon? The weather says "no", but the calendar says "si". First thing on the program was the Housewarming at the Priest's. What a darling house. That fireplace is so unique. Would you believe it's right in the middle of the living room?

SUNDAY We're having a fashion show. The Quartz Hill Botique sent over some wonderful fall fashions. We had five live models, one of them our own Miss Lake Elizabeth, Annette Lewis. The folks in the dining room really had it made, the gals parading right up to their tables.

MONDAY The Big day and the Big contests. The judges were Mr. Wayne Johnson, Mr. Cathey and Mr. Holquist. On a hay wagon all decorated in red and white bunting, our young people paraded. Mark Cross was picked as Mr. Wading Pool, Miss Devon Schoonover was crowned Miss Wading Pool, and Diane Young of Huntington Beach, Claudia Hazel of Glendale, Debbie Watson of Lancaster, Karen Eggart of Sun Valley and Terri Bray of Glendale made it rough on the judges but Miss Peggy Miller of Glendale was awarded the crown and trophy of Miss Lake Elizabeth of 1969. This ole bear is sure she will do her job well. Miss Annette Lewis and Bert Koch presented all the winners with their crowns and trophies. Bonnie and Gayle Crause acted as co host and hostess. A perfect weekend all the way around.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 Another busy day at the Ranch club. First the golfers fun night called the Hackers, followed by a cook out and some more silly games. What were Chuck and Nora Wright trying to do with Those bananas? Next was the last midnight trail ride of the season,

wasn't it a beautiful night? Joe Pronto picking and strumming his guitar around the fire. Did you see all those square dancers, one dancers told me about his club. They all have campers and once a month take a trip to a square dance, last night it was Lake Elizabeth. They call themselves the Camper Squares, and had their own callers. If you missed this hayride try and get out next year.

See you soon Shultzie

ANNUAL BEAUTY CONTEST

AND THE WINNER IS.

The annual Labor Day, Miss Lake Elizabeth contest created the usual exciting moments. The retiring Queen, Anita Lewis, was on hand to crown the new Queen. And pity the judges; Stan Hultquist, James Cathey and Wayne Johnson, for how could a decision be made? With the help of the spectators the chosen one was named:

MISS LAKE ELIZABETH 1968

..... Peggy Miller of Glendale.

And of course the Wading Pool Crowd had their 'Hour'. With proud parents and doting Grandparents snapping pictures, the royal parade was held. Again difficult decisions had to be made to select:

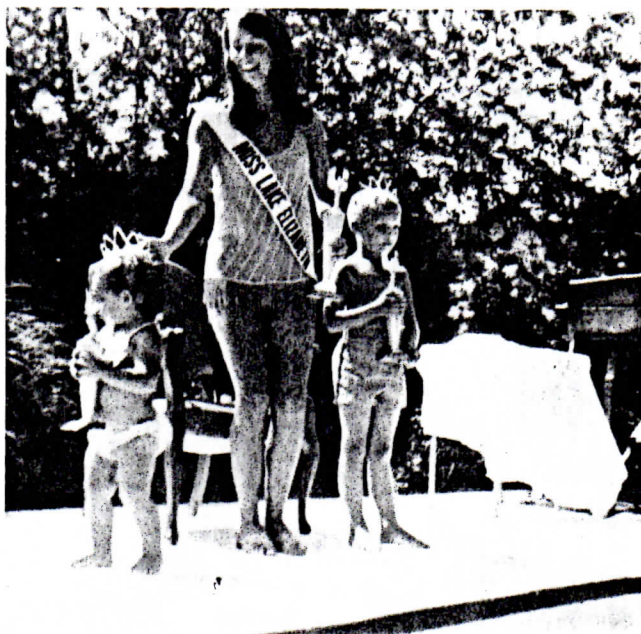
MISS WADING POOL

..... Devon Schoonover of Palmdale.

MASTER WADING POOL

..... Mark Cross of Santa Susanna.

May their year be filled with happiness.



Miss Lake Elizabeth of 1969 Miss Peggy Miller and Mr. & Miss Wading Pool, Mark Cross & Davon Schoonover.



Don't miss our Halloween Party this year!



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus plan to visit Lake Elizabeth again this year.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We've all had a lot of fun this summer with the Moonlight Trail Rides, Fiesta Days, Breakfast Trail Rides and plenty of good weather for Swimming and Picnicking. Now, with the shorter days and cooler nights, we begin our Winter Season. We have planned a schedule that we believe everyone will enjoy, especially if you participate! The following are the highlights of our program and we are looking forward to seeing you.

October 26th

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE & RANCH AND GOLF MEMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

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!

An added feature of this year's Halloween Dance will be the Golf Club/Ranch Club Golf Tourney. This program will start at 10:00 a.m. Please call the Glendale office to reserve a starting time and be sure to include your guests.

November 16th

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 28th

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 21st

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!!

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