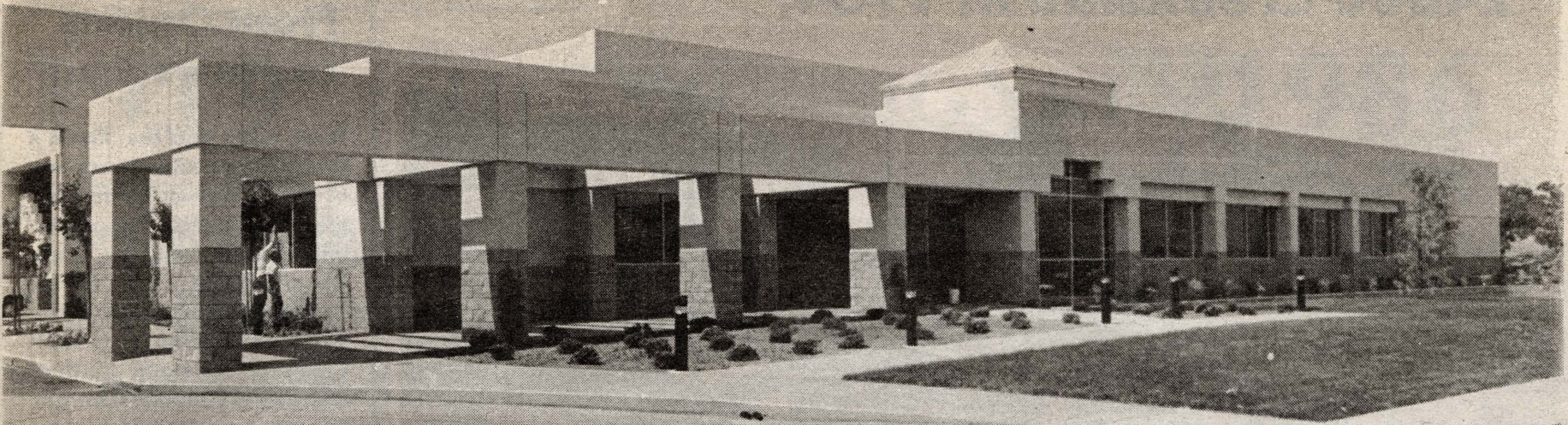


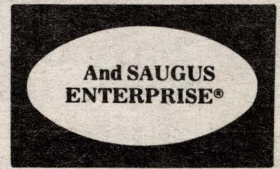
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The Opening Day

New Plant Welcomes The SCV Community

A red carpet and marquee greeted guests of The Signal as they began to arrive at 4 o'clock today for the open house at the newspaper's new Creekside Road building.

Early arrivals enjoyed a performance by 24 members of the Hart high school drill team.

Then the Hart band, under the direction of Larry Thornton, struck up with spirited music.

The guests entered at the center of the building through a side patio, which will eventually serve as a fine-weather lunch spot for the staff.

Visitors passed through a 70-foot arch of helium balloons and found themselves in the big, high-ceilinged pressroom.

This workaday domain of machinery and ink had been transformed into a festive party hall. Balloons, tables of sandwiches, and decorations were a strange contrast to the heavy, intricate machines across the north wall.

Guests were offered wine, beer, punch, and coffee at various bars ranged around the room.

In the issues preceding the dedication day The Signal had issued an open invitation to the community to drop by and celebrate the occasion as guests of Charles Morris, president of

Morris Newspaper Corporation of Savannah, GA, owners of The Signal.

Publisher Tony Newhall and Signal staff members mingled
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A Wide Open House

Grand Reception For The SCV Literati

In a scene reminiscent of a Pompeian festival, the literati, the glitterati, and just plain folks of the Santa Clarita Valley accepted The Signal's invitation to one and all to celebrate the opening of this paper's new premises.

A number of guests walked into the impressive new plant in response to formal invitations, and were joined in the celebration by hundreds of families from Valencia to Agua Dulce.

This special souvenir edition of The Signal is being printed while the opening day visitors are still roaming through the building,

wining and dining, chatting with staff members, and dancing to easy-listening music.

Copies of this special issue contain a list of guests attending the reception and will be given to each visitor as he leaves the building.

A Surprise Dedication



In the course of his remarks, Charles Morris made the surprise announcement that he was dedicating the new Signal building to Scott Newhall, former owner and current editor of the paper. Above, Morris presents Newhall with the dedication plaque.

Among The Guests

Judge Adrian Adams, Newhall Municipal Court.

Elisha Agajanian, Santa Clarita National Bank.

Capt. Larry Anderson, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept..

Dr. Alan Barbakow.

Bonnie Barnard, Canyon Country Chamber.

Burt Barrett, Pacific Bell.

Dr. Arnold Barton.

Miss Pam Keith.

Bobby Batugo, Tip's Restaurant.

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24000 Creekside in 1984



From Onions To Newsprint

Three years ago The Signal's Creekside premises were one of the Boskovich Farms' fertile onion fields. Pictured at left: a team from the Santa Clarita Valley's large harvesting corps picks the 1983 onion crop at 24000 Creekside. Below: Starting next week, teams from the Santa Clarita Valley's burgeoning journalistic corps at The Signal will be harvesting the 1986 news crop at the same location.

Our Party Guests

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Judge Floyd Baxter, Newhall Municipal Court.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Bernards, Bernards Bros..

Connie Bishop, Wells Fargo Bank.

Walt Black, HR Textron.

Mrs. Anne Bohan.

Daniel Bryant, Newhall Investment Properties.

Judge Keith Byram, Newhall Municipal Court.

Betty Castleberry, Castaic Lake Water Agency.

Gloria Casvin, Valencia Company.

Linda Chadwick, Valencia Company.

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Clark.

Joe Coughlin, Pacific Bell.

Gary Cusumano, Newhall Land & Farming Co..

Tom Dierckman, Newhall Land & Farming Co..

Shirley Dwyer, Newhall Land & Farming Co..

Sheila Ely, Six Flags Magic Mountain.

Dennis Farnham, Canyon Country Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Ferguson, BMW.

Alice Figalan, Valencia Company.

Dr. Alan Fine.

Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Freeman, Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center.

Jonnie Fritz, HMNMH Guild.

John Fuller, California Institute of the Arts.

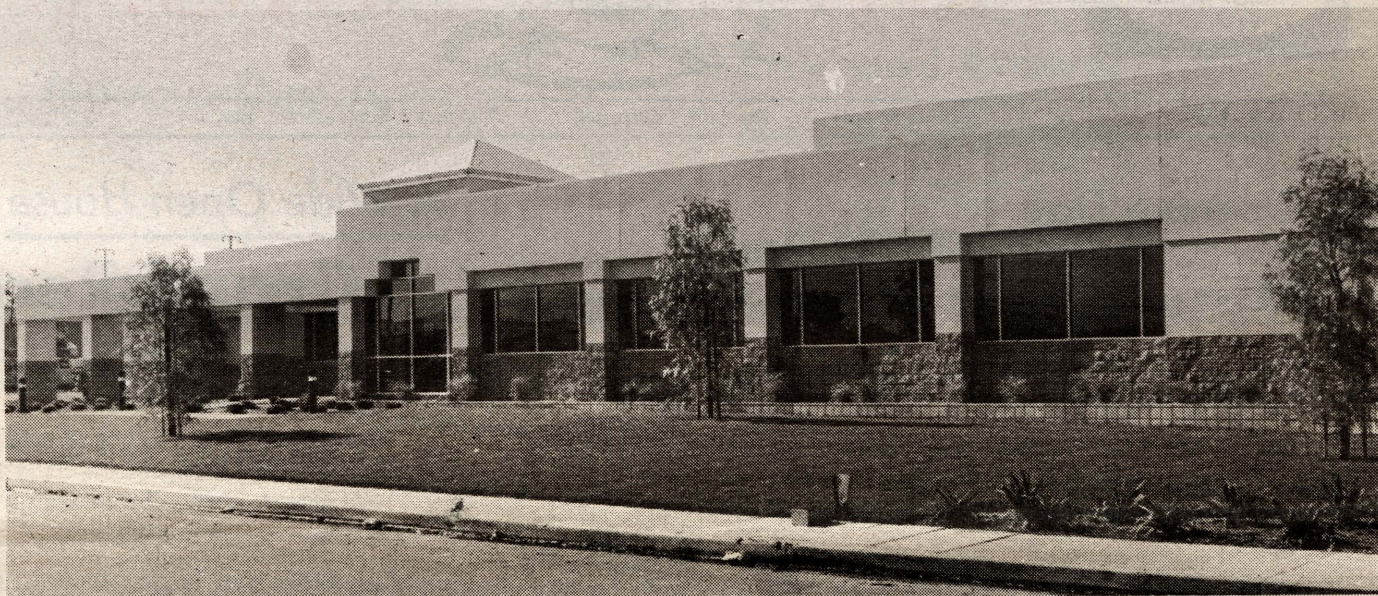
Peter Gandell, HR Textron.

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Garasi, Gruber Systems.

Sam Garcia, HR Textron.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gass, Saugus High School.

24000 Creekside in 1986



***** The Signal's Party Guests *****

Olive Griffin, Tip's Restaurant.

Don Guglielmino, Santa Clarita National Bank.

Steve Hanauer, Steve's Valencia Florist.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Hansen.

Mr. & Mrs. Newt Harris.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Heidt, Lyons Station Shopping Center.

Juanita Heinly, L.A. County Parks & Recreation Dept..

Tonia Henson, Valley Federal Savings.

Dan Hon, Attorney at Law.

Ron Horn, Sikand Engineering Associates.

Jeannette Tan Iggulden, Le Crocodile Bistro.

Harry Ingold, California Highway Patrol.

Geri Jacobs, The Travel Bug.

Ann Jardine, Tip's Restaurant.

Roger Jones, Newhall Investment Properties.

Capt. Bill Kelley, California Highway Patrol.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Keysor, Keysor Investments .

Jill Klajic, City Formation Committee.

Ray LaGrandeur, College of the Canyons.

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lamkin.

Tom Lee, Newhall Land & Farming Co..

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lorelli, SCV Senior Center.

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Lynch, Canyon Country Chamber of Commerce.

Larry Margolis, L.A. County Community Services.

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Martin, George & Martin CPA's.

Warren Matney, Southern California Edison Co..

Mike McGrath, Newhall School District.

Les Mitchell, Southern California Edison Co..

Dennis Byrne, Southern California Edison Co..

Reed Montgomery, Castaic Union School District.

Don Morris, Newhall Municipal Court.

Skip Newhall, Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Dr. Robert Nolet, Sulphur Springs School District.

George Pederson, Pederson & Associates.

Dick Perkins.

Don Puente, Newhall Land & Farming Co..

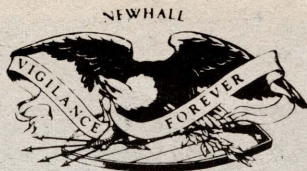
Larry Rasmussen, C.A. Rasmussen & Co..

Bill Ratazzi, Valencia Company.

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Down Memory Lane

1919 THE SIGNAL 1986



67 Years Of Deadlines

From Blackjack Pershing To Blackened Whitefish

The Newhall Signal was born February 7, 1919. The armistice ending World War I had been celebrated scarcely three months earlier.

Edward H. Brown and his wife Blanche came north from Los Angeles to start a newspaper in Newhall, in the sparsely-populated Upper Santa Clara River Valley, an hour's train ride through mostly-open country from the city.

The rugged hills separating Newhall from the broad San Fernando Valley to the south were so steep that train and automobiles had to travel through tunnels to reach Newhall, the mercantile center for the farms, mines, and oil fields in the surrounding countryside.

The Browns announced a printing business and began publishing a weekly paper in a town of some 500 people. The Signal office, with a flat-bed press, was in the epicenter of the two blocks of irregular wooden buildings on either side of an unpaved street that constituted Newhall's business section.

It would be a quarter of a century before the wide valley even had a high school. And it had no name; the circulation area of The Signal was variously known as the Newhall-Saugus area, Soledad Township, and the Upper Little Santa Clara Valley.

There were about 3000 men, women, and children in the whole valley containing the unincorporated, dusty communities of Newhall, Saugus, Castaic, Honby, and Mint Canyon.

The Signal emerged as a four-page half-size paper announcing that it would cover the "Newhall-Saugus Valleys".

Its first edition reported that General "Black Jack" Pershing was being schooled in French customs and that Douglas Fairbanks was in town filming a movie with a crew of 200.

Only a year after he had founded the newspaper, publisher Edward Brown died and his wife Blanche carried on the business, leasing the paper to various editors.

The year 1924 was apparently an eventful one for the

newspaper, but it is something that can merely be deduced. The complete file volume for that year long ago disappeared, and there is no actual record of the time.

However, by 1925 the paper had transferred an aging columnist to the editor's chair. A.B. "Dad" Thatcher was over 60 when he undertook to head the paper, and served in that position for another 13 years.

Also, in that unrecorded year, a rival paper had apparently appeared called "The Saugus Enterprise". Evidently the papers were merged, and the paper acquired its permanent legal title: "The Newhall Signal and Saugus Enterprise".

Through most of its first



While foreman Vince Bonanno was out hustling supplies, the rest of the crew clambered aboard our sturdy Goss press. Top: Aron Ruiz, John Lares; center, lab foreman Doreen Linnan; bottom, Jesus Villalobos, Alvara Martinez, Laura Nicosia, Pedro Prieto.

decade the news chronicled by The Signal was seldom world-shaking: the activities of the Newhall Woman's Club, the visits

of local people to other communities and vice versa, the drilling of new oil fields, the opening of the Bank of Italy, the establishment of a Sheriff's station in Newhall after several local constables had met untimely ends.

On its inside pages it carried digests of national and international news, along with serialized fiction by popular authors.

Such was the stuff of news until March 12, 1928, when the St. Francis dam in San Francisquito Canyon, a key part of the fabulous water system of the city of Los Angeles, collapsed at midnight.

For the following weeks The Signal produced details of California's greatest disaster since the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, and ran the names of the 400-odd dead.

It was ten years after the dam disaster that the paper was first sold. The Trueblood brothers, Mark and Fred, had recently arrived from Arizona, and paid Mrs. Brown \$1500 for The Signal, its linotype machine, and flat-bed

Down Memory Lane

December 1964

A United Airlines Convair, with 43 passengers and four crew members aboard, made a noon wheels-up landing in a plowed field near what is now the intersection of Valencia Blvd. and McBean Parkway.

Four passengers were slightly injured; the rest were unhurt. The plane, en route from San Francisco to Burbank via Fresno, had run out of gas at 9000 feet because a veteran pilot had forgotten to close a valve.

Both pilots were old enough to remember when,

25 years earlier, there was an emergency landing strip in what was now the plowed field. They guessed correctly it would still be flat; they did not count on running into an irrigation pump that punched a hole in the plane's nose.

For the next two months United repair crews came in daily to work on the plane. Newhall Land paved a strip in front of it, and two months later it soared away to the cheers of SCV citizens.

For some time thereafter the area was referred to by The Signal as "Saugus International".

The Creekside Shock Troops On Parade



Informed sources report that this rare group portrait of members of The Signal's all-department staff was snapped during a recent luncheon break. By way of statistical information, these dedicated men and women comprise a cumulative I.Q. rating of more than 10,000 points, a gross deadweight

displacement of five and one-half long tons, a composite annual personal income tax liability of \$260,000, and an aggregate life expectancy of 3200 years. Consequently, The Signal is staffed by a brilliant, well-adjusted, well-fed, happy and healthy journalistic team.

The Lensmasters



The Signal's team of sleepless photographers. Left to right: Pete Schulte, Kevin Karzin, Tony Mason, head photographer, Gary Thornhill, and John Drake.

The Treasury



The Signal's bookkeeping crew posed in front of the armored truck that transports the petty cash to the bank vaults. L to R: Mark Simpson, Sheila Cop, Pat Hunnicutt, Linda Ekstut, Jill Salvaggio.

It Started In Savannah

The Story Of Morris Newspapers

For nearly nine years The Signal has been owned by The Morris Newspaper Corporation of Savannah, Georgia.

It is one of a communications family of 16 newspapers, several advertising publications, two independent printing plants, and a UHF television station.

The Morris properties are wide-ranging — Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kansas, and California.

Charles Hill Morris, president of the company, was born into a newspaper family. His father, William S. Morris Jr., was president and publisher of Southeastern Newspapers Corporation, which published newspapers in Augusta and Savannah, Ga.

Charles Morris's mother was garden editor of both newspapers and for 21 years wrote a weekly column, "Down to Earth", which was later compiled into a book "A Seed is Planted."

A graduate of the University of Georgia, Morris during his college days worked at television station WRDW, a CBS affiliate in Augusta.

After graduation he began his newspaper career at the Times in Oklahoma City, and later moved to Florida to join the St. Petersburg Times. He worked in nearly every department of

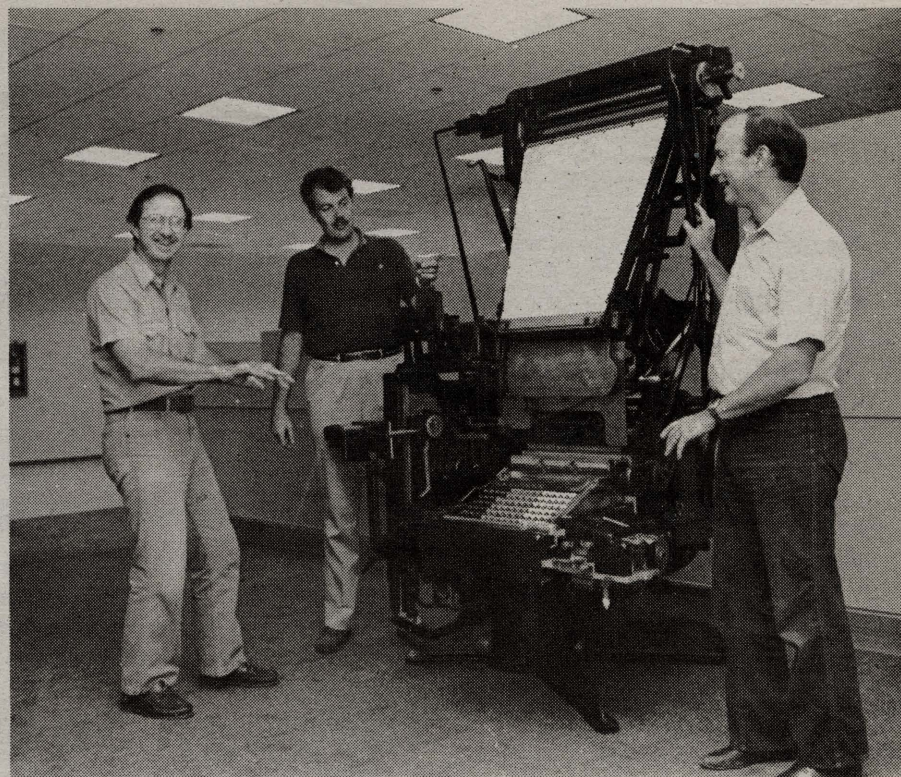
both papers, beginning as an office boy and moving to advertising.

In 1961 he was employed on one of his father's papers, the Savannah Morning News, as a reporter, and later became an editorial writer. In 1963 he was named executive editor and became publisher in 1966.

Morris first acquired papers of his own in 1968, when he bought the Murfreesboro (Tennessee) Daily News Journal and the Key West (Florida) Citizen. The two newspapers later became the first properties of Morris Newspaper Corporation when it was organized in 1970.

Just two years later the Morris group make the long jump westward by buying the Manteca Bulletin in Manteca, California, southeast of the San Francisco Bay area. It was the first of the

The Road Led West



The Signal's top brass gather in the new Signal foyer around a ghost of the past. Basking in the shade of this ancient California Linotype machine are President Charles Morris, Jim McGlasson, Signal General Manager, and Tony Newhall, Signal Publisher.

California group, which later included the Sun Litho printing company in Van Nuys.

Through the seventies the corporation's properties increased. Today they represent a variety of communities and newspaper concepts; their publication frequen-

cies vary from seven-day-a-week dailies to small weeklies.

A dominant philosophy of the Morris corporation is to allow each publisher to determine the editorial direction and news coverage of his paper, so that each reflects its own community.

An interesting sidelight of the Morris Newspaper Corporation can be had by looking at the corporate headquarters. They are located in the 173-year-old Oliver Sturges House, the Federal-style mansion of a Savannah shipping magnate.

The Sturges house was in ruins and faced demolition when the Historic Savannah Foundation bought it in 1964, hoping that some history-conscious philanthropist would undertake its restoration.

As it happened, Charles Morris filled that role. He bought the house in 1971 and enlisted a talented architect to preside over the restoration, in which no detail was overlooked. In 1973 it was dedicated at a community reception.

Its furnishings and decor have been minimally adapted to corporate needs; the 20th-century Morris organization has thrived in its beautiful early 19th-century environment. The Sturges House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

That historic house is the oldest building among the Morris Newspaper Corporation's holdings; The Newhall Signal is the newest.

The Front Page



Jeanne Feeney, managing editor, surrounded by her platoon of intrepid reporters and writers. Standing, rear: Scott Newhall, Teri Lusk, Lorraine Thoemmes, Greg Warnagieris, Jay Harn, Martin

Abbiss, Jeff Ham, Jeff Rietveld; forward: Laurel Suomisto, Sophi Buetens, Ruth Newhall, Jeanne Feeney, Randy Wicks, Linda Pedersen, Joe Franco; seated: Renee Telese, Cheryl Jensen, Sherri Ford.

Our Party Guests

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- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Reynolds, SCV Historical Society.
- Maury Rosas, Pacific Bell.
- Viki Rudolph, SCV Chamber of Commerce.
- Scott Sagum, Ranch House Inn.
- Joe Schillaci, Six Flags Magic Mountain.
- Stephen Schmidt, Newhall Investment Properties.
- Pat Selheim, Antelope Valley Savings.
- Jack Shine, First Financial Group.
- Clyde Smyth, Wm. S. Hart School District.
- Mr. & Mrs. Gardiner Spring.
- Mary Stafford, Rose Garden Florist.
- Laurence Strauss, Hart High School.
- John Taylor, Valencia Company.
- Fred Trueblood, Southern California Edison Co..
- Richard Trueblood.
- Tom Veloz, Aquafine.
- Mike Von Buelow, Saugus High School.
- Duffy Watson, H. M. Newhall Memorial Hospital.
- John Weber, L.A. County Parks & Recreation Dept..
- Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wiener, Country Oaks Escrow.
- Anita Weld, H. M. Newhall Memorial Hospital
- Dennis Albert, Builders Emporium.
- Shep Aparicio, Vons.
- Jim Andersen, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Brian Arndt, Howard & Phil's Appliances.
- Shirley Aronson, King Video.
- Jon Atherly, McMahan's Furniture.
- Don Belanger, Valencia Realty.
- Max Berquist, Green Thumb International.
- Pete Berquist, Green Thumb International.
- Lee Borden, Canyon Lumber.
- Michael Bray, Merrill Lynch Real Estate.
- Marshall Brinkley, J. J. Newberry Co..
- Helena Gratland, Newhall
- Christina Ebert, Valencia
- Marlon Ebert, Valencia
- Skip Mahoney, Valencia
- Chris Cooper, Valencia
- Chris Ploof, Saugus
- Katherine Kleinschmidt, Newhall
- Robert Svendsen, Canyon Country
- Veyona Flayier, La Verre Bay
- Norma Makoff, Newhall

Val And Her Troops



The Signal's indefatigable advertising staff; Val Thomas, director of advertising, front and center. Left to right: Kaine Thompson, Teri Willard, Val Perea, J.P. Pieper, Ralph Weber, Marisa Singh, Kathryn Headley, Denise Rossi, Sue Mayes

Through Snow, Sleet & Ice



Dennis Hansen, circulation manager, bottom right, flanked by the distribution troops. Rear: Russell Seidenkranz, Sharon Pascual, Gary Barge, Mark Rapko; front: Alvin Payne, Terrie Hansen, Dennis Hansen.

Our Tireless Backshop

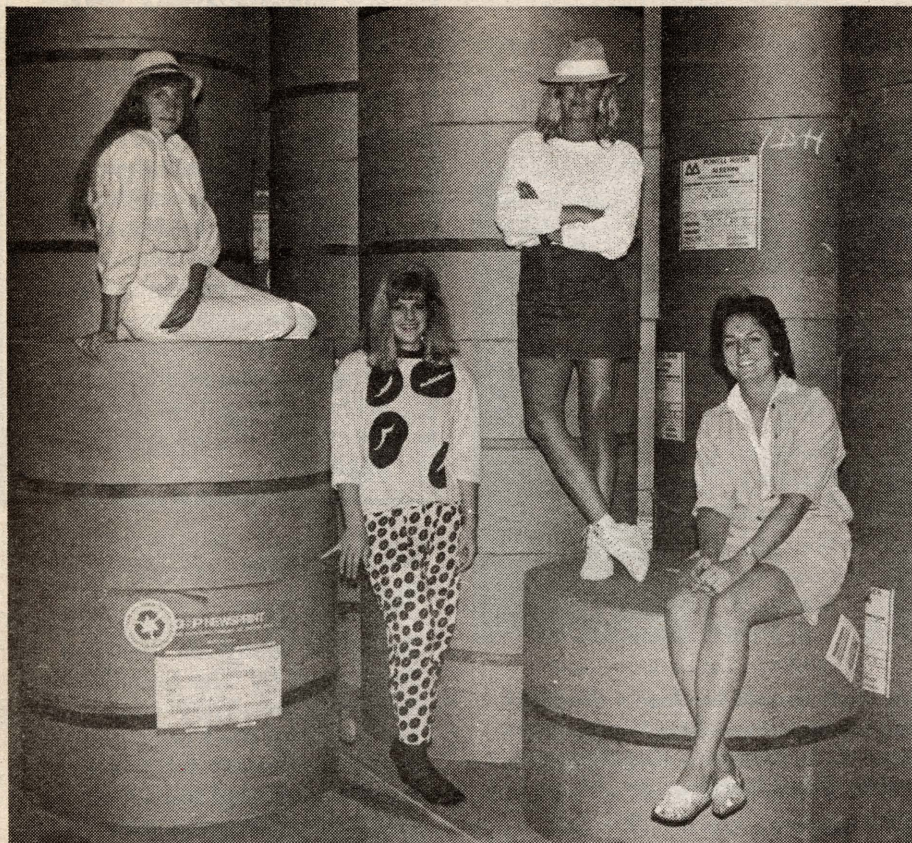


The Signal's talented composing-room staff. Standing: Linda Horn, Christy Whitmore, Mary Festor, Tonya Bloom; seated: Rowena Kangas, foreman Pat Brooks, Chriss Myers, Karla Bottomley. Susan Olson was on vacation.

Our Party Guests

- Alan Clewett, Help-U-Sell.
- Marcia Clingan, The Gift Horse.
- Gary Cliser, Miller's Outpost.
- Dr. Michael Corben, Optometrist.
- Dr. Leonard Forbes, Optometrist.
- Sue Cross, Formerly Twigs.
- Guida Da Costa, Mervyn's.
- Alan De Veritch, Wildwood Oaks Realty.
- Dave Deschane, Longs Drug Stores.
- Dick Dixon, Dick Allen Yamaha-Honda.
- Jim Droz, Century 21 Real Estate.
- Bill Elgersma, Alpha Beta.
- Ray Enter, S.C. Financial.
- Janet Evidon, King Video.
- Ed Fallin, Lee's Hallmark Center.
- Frank Flory, Scott Irvin Chevrolet.
- Dr. David Goldberg, Crossroads Dental.
- Norm Gray, Magic Ford.
- Anna Guerro, J. J. Newberry Co..
- Wallace Hagstrom, Pacific West Mortgage Co..
- Nancy Hawley, Alpha Beta Company.
- Steve Herrdine, Cablevision.
- Mr. & Mrs. Sam Herr, Mulligan's Restaurant.
- Scott Irvin, Scott Irvin Chevrolet.
- Bruce Ivie, Safeway Stores.
- George Kirchner, Kirchner Dodge.
- Jan Kogan, House of Fabrics.
- Dr. Charles Konya, Konya Chiropractic Center.
- Gene Kronnick, Kronnick Realty.
- Sam Lee, Raleigh Cycle Center.
- Jim Lewis, Board of Realtors.
- Mike Loewen, Reeds & Son Furniture.
- Art Mayes, Red Carpet Realty.
- John McKeon, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Tim McKeon, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Buck McKeon, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Monte McKeon, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Joe Mckeon, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Joe McKeon, Howard & Phil's Western Wear.
- Margo Miller, Margo Fabrics.
- Edgar Montiel, House of Fabrics.

Les Girls



The Signal's decorative art department caught in a moment of deadline frenzy. Left to right: Barbara Morris, Michelle Mares, Anita Maier, Janet Lacore.

Les Journalistes



Four of The Signal's relentless newshounds. Left to right: Randy Wicks, cartoonist; Jeff Ham, sports; Jeff Rietveld, Asst. M.E.; Linda Pedersen, society.

A Three Mile Trip in 67 years

From A Storefront To Creekside

The Signal is lucky that its staff members have successfully dodged passing cars in the past two decades. They have had to dash across a downtown street to get from editorial and advertising to composing and circulation, and there have been many near misses.

Plans for a new building had been in the minds of Signal publishers for a decade. They finally began to take on reality when the paper was purchased by Morris Newspaper Corporation in 1978.

The first task was to find a proper location. Signal and Morris corporation managers looked at every available spot in the valley — shopping centers, the empty Saugus school, industrial centers and even a mountaintop. The last, with its 360-degree view, was most appealing, but did not meet with the specifications of the truckers who deliver the huge rolls of paper.

The Signal settled for the flat, 2½-acre site on Auto Row in Valencia, near the county civic center and sheriff's station, and adjoining the future commercial hub of the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Signal had not owned a press since our small flat-bed burned up in 1963, and since then our needs had changed dramatically. Luckily the Morris corporation owned the Sun Litho printing plant in Van Nuys, which needed new and more versatile presses to handle their 24-hour-a-day assorted printing work. They shipped up their 10-unit Goss presses, which had been refurbished and rebuilt, and The Signal is now able to handle its own growing demands and take care of additional Southern California job press work.

It was an exciting moment in May when the first Signals came

off the press and were delivered to the readers without leaving the Santa Clarita Valley.

The internal layout plans were shuffled and reshuffled for months. The staff was particularly pleased to have a handsome conference room, where editors and staff could meet with each other or with visitors. In the old Signal quarters in recent months private conversations between reporters and editors have had to take place outdoors in the broiling sun or the pelting rain.

The architects also provided such civilized features as carpeted floors, furnished reception areas, attractive desks, and a kitchen large enough to be used by our food editor.

The mahogany saloon bar salvaged 25 years ago from a San Francisco bistro of the nineties was plucked out of the old front office and today, refinished, it stands in the new circulation department. Our darkrooms are entered by modern circular light-trap doors, so that photographers will no longer have to shout before entering.

A well-rehearsed move a week from today will take computers, books, and voluminous files to the new building, where reporters,

advertising representatives, editors, photographers, artists, and compositors will try to adjust to modern times.

In any case, The Signal will come out.

Down Memory Lane

October, 1958

The body of a 17-year-old Hart High senior was found crudely buried in Ventura County after he had failed to return home while hitchhiking from the beach.

The Signal said: "Officers were of the belief that he was killed by one of the small army of creeps and queers which haunt the highways."

Down Memory Lane

April 1965

The winner of The Signal's "Beauty and The Blight" contest was announced.

It was a photo contest in which local photographers were asked to submit two pictures taken in the Santa Clarita Valley, one to show beauty and the other blight.

The winner's example of beauty was an open field, backed by mountains, in what is now Valencia. The "blight" was a view of a new housing tract in Bouquet Canyon, still bare of vegetation and which was a mass of identical roofs and electric poles and wires.

The New Signal

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with the guests and stationed themselves around various parts of the new plant to explain its function.

The pressroom itself was the only working part of the plant; the newspaper began publishing there in May. For two previous decades — ever since the paper had outgrown its old flatbed press, the publishers had contracted with outside presses in the San Fernando Valley to handle production.

Guests chatted, sipped drinks, and munched on sandwiches. At five o'clock the Canyon high school band arrived with director Randy Gilpin, and saluted the guests from the parking lot.

The music of the Adam Ross trio, which played soft jazz inside the pressroom, yielded midway through the party to the roar of the presses, as the pressmen went into action to print this special edition, for which names and pictures had been gathered in the party's first hours.

The offices visited by the guests during their tour of the plant were still clean, pristine, and unoccupied. The pressmen

Front Line



The Signal's unflappable front office staff is able to charm the shirt off the back of even the most outraged customer. Standing: Jacki Sharkey, Brenda Arman, supervisor Kris Widner, Kim Dupere, Wendy Bloomer; seated: Felicia Smith, Fran Apolito.

were settled in, but the other departments — editorial, advertising, art, photography, circulation — were still putting out The Signal in their rustic and outgrown small buildings on Sixth street in downtown Newhall, within two blocks of the spot where The Signal began publication in 1919.

The move to the new building is eagerly anticipated by the staff people who were stationed in their departments to assist the guests.

Those staffs will be installed in the new plant a week from today, and the Wednesday September 17 Signal will, if all goes according to schedule, be produced under

Down Memory Lane

January 1964

After spending \$10,000 to hire an incorporation expert and another \$7000 in promotion, the Citizens to Incorporate Newhall went down to defeat.

It never went to a vote. The incorporation failed because the owners of 53 percent of the assessed property value within the proposed city signed a petition against it.

one roof for the first time in twenty years.

The big old linotype machine in the front lobby is identical to those used by The Signal in the early sixties. They were noisy and hot, with their pots of melted lead. Now the printed stories and headlines emerge from a slot in a gently-humming machine which is fed electronically from the editors' and reporters' desks.

As the visitors return to the pressroom on their way on their way out the door, the Signal's mascot, Archibald Eagle, will present each of them with an item hot off the press — this souvenir edition of the grand opening.

***** The Grand Opening Guest List *****

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- Sharon Pascual, Saugus
- Jana Gladbach, Valencia
- Dawn Pierce, Canyon Country
- Celeste Toney, Newhall
- Janet Breman, Newhall
- Service Master, Newhall
- Jim Gass, Saugus High Band
- Ben Di Tosti, Glendale
- Bob Neel, Canoga Park
- Kim Palmer, Los Angeles
- Adam Ross, Newhall
- Michael Martinez, Newhall
- Brena Adler, Saugus
- Marcie Adler, Saugus
- Howard Harris, Newhall
- Tom McNeill, Valencia
- Ken Miller, Newhall
- Sigrid Ebert, Valencia
- Laura Kineret, Valencia
- Joan Nemoseck, Canyon Country
- Rodney Bailey, Saugus
- J.J. Sharkey, Saugus
- Marc A. Chlopek, Saugus
- Cheryl Bento, Newhall
- Glenda Johnson, Newhall
- Valerie Johnson, Newhall
- Bob Gerlach, Newhall
- Frank Celaya, Canyon Country
- Jennifer Wilson, Valencia

- John & Vivian Maier, Saugus
- Susie Gillespie, Valencia
- Dale Shupe, Valencia
- Florence Domingo, Saugus
- Lenny Domingo, Saugus
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Thomas, Valencia
- Susan Thomas, Valencia
- Brad Miller, Valencia
- Scott Cook, Valencia

- Raymond Harnagel, Friendly Valley
- Susan Cornner, Valencia
- Ann Baltan, Valencia
- Karen Smith, Saugus
- Anne Hickman, Saugus
- Donald Benton, Newhall
- Mary Guidry, Newhall
- Sheri Balzano, Valencia
- Chad Conwell, Valencia

- Cindy Garcia, Newhall
- Lisa Hovey, Valencia
- Karla Ruiz
- Ken Peterson, Newhall
- Suzanne Eckert, Newhall
- Mimi Karl, Valencia
- Debby Rapose, Valencia
- Wendy Fegeth, Valencia
- Brian DeBoer, Newhall
- Dominique Cabrera, Valencia
- Michael Steinman, Newhall
- Jennette R. Thomas, Valencia
- Jim Aermmer, Valencia
- Michele Barber, Valencia
- Amanda Sain, Valencia
- Shannon Starrie, Valencia
- Nikki Zamberlan, Valencia
- Cindy Ramirez, Valencia
- Carolyn Martin, Valencia
- Chris Hatfield, Newhall
- Jenny Arndt, Valencia
- David Sharp, Newhall
- Giuseppe Ventitelli, Valencia
- Sam Chayt, Friendly Valley
- Keri McKee, Acton
- Dorothy Kalak, Newhall
- Carol Lawrence, Newhall
- Lefty Preiitt, Saugus
- Rosco Telese, Saugus
- Pat Van Fleet, Valencia
- Doug Seamans, Saugus

Down Memory Lane

June 1925

The untimely death of Newhall's last Constable was chronicled with Signal headlines.

Constable John Pilcher and two deputies were checking the contents of an unoccupied house in Bouquet Canyon on a Sunday noontime. It had been reported that some doors and windows had been stolen.

Constable Pilcher and one of the deputies spotted a

very large lizard running across the floor. As it disappeared under a wall bed both men leaned over to see it. The deputy's loaded and cocked pistol fell out of its holster, struck the floor, and discharged. The shot went right through Pilcher's head, killing him instantly.

This was the fourth chief local law enforcement officer to suffer an early accidental death. A few months later the Los Angeles Sheriff opened a branch office in Newhall.

Grand Opening Guests

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Sergio Hernandez III, Newhall
 Jack Webb, Newhall
 David Chambers, Newhall
 Kyran Duffy, San Fernando
 Sarah McKnight, Valencia
 Matthew McKnight, Valencia
 Mark McKnight, Valencia
 Thomas Norwood, Valencia
 Rick Stein, Granada Hills
 Harry Fischer, Canyon
 Country
 Chuck Tubbs, Newhall
 Susan Brooks, Agua Dulce
 Ray Brooks, Agua Dulce
 Jackie Skelley, Canyon
 Country
 John Skelley, Canyon Country
 Art Taylor, Newhall
 Lorette Minkler, Newhall
 Richard Flint, Canyon
 Country
 Gary Choppe, Canyon Country
 Tom Frew, Newhall
 Floyd Johnson, Saugus
 Kirk Headley, Newhall
 Richard Smykle, Newhall
 Robert Svendsen, Canyon
 Country

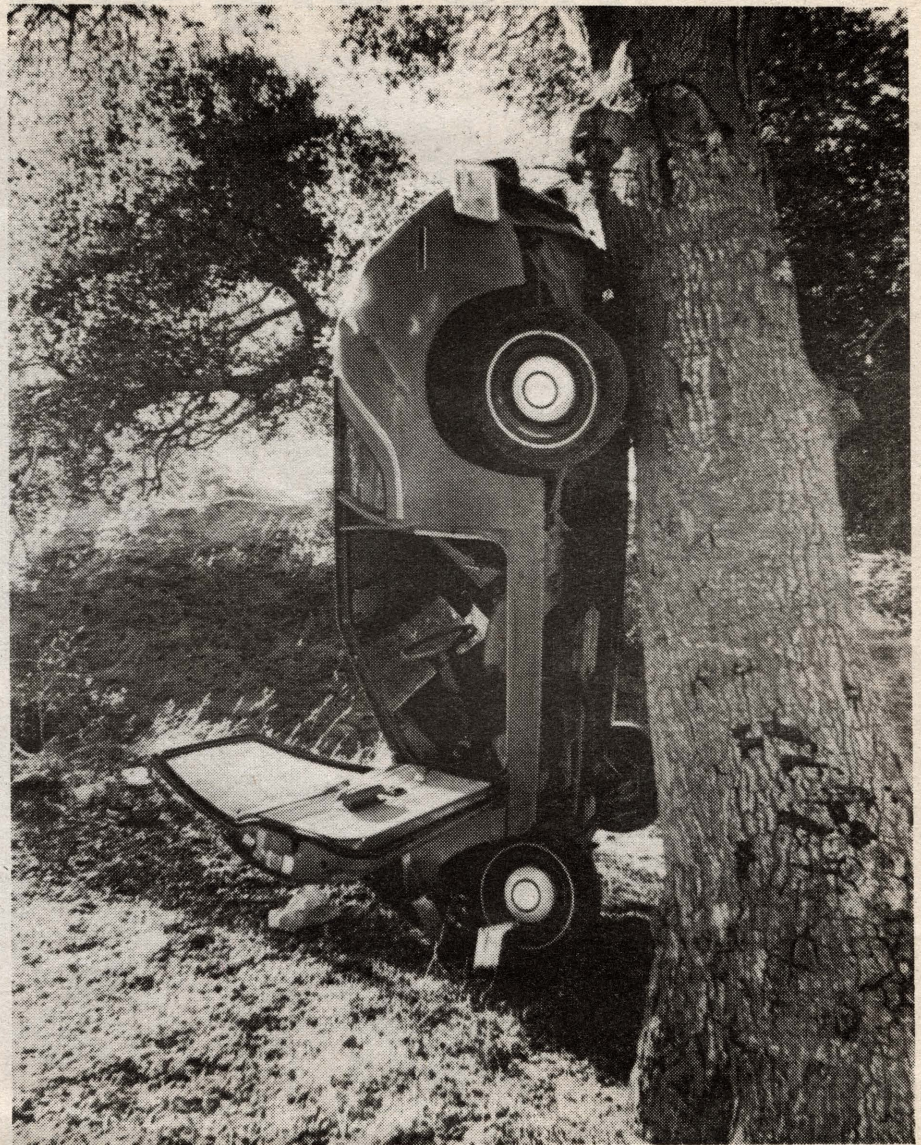
Gerhard Ebert, Valencia
 Nick Villalobos, Baldwin Park
 Nick Villalobos, Jr., Baldwin
 Park
 Wendell Nemoseck, Canyon
 Country
 Doug Campbell, Canyon
 Country
 Aaron Campbell, Canyon
 Country
 Frank Caplan, Newhall
 Boz Longeban, Saugus
 Tracy Troxell, Valencia
 Guinevere Noland, Newhall
 Debbie Potts, Valencia
 Olive Bruins, Canyon Country
 Kathy & Lou Farina, Castaic
 Ginger Sevougian, Saugus
 Zaven Sevougian, Saugus
 Ann Brunzell, Valencia
 Sandy Stein, Newhall
 Nancy Mahony, Valencia
 Betty Evans, Saugus
 Corina Paradiso, Saugus
 Kay Mclean, Newhall
 Davis Mclean, Newhall
 Rufis T. Firefly, Kansas City
 Judy Motto, Valencia
 Dane Fosteson, Acton

Covering The News



Tony Mason's Portrait of The Black Stallion

Covering The News



Mason snaps a "Detour Going Home."

Maybelle Fischer, Newhall
 Jim Ventress, Newhall
 Michael Kurtz, Chatsworth
 Yolanda Villalobos, Los
 Angeles
 Marcella Rios, Los Angeles
 Norma Rios, Los Angeles
 Margaret Schulte, Saugus
 Al Schulte, Saugus
 Robbie Cruikshank, Valencia
 Stacie Cruikshank, Valencia
 Ilyse Aronoff, Saugus
 Mike Adler, Saugus
 Denise Adler, Saugus
 Bob Warnagieris, Ventura
 Sheree Moore, Valencia
 Shannon Bruce, Valencia
 Rachel Sindermann, Valencia
 Pam Hermes, Valencia
 Lisa Hurtado, Newhall
 Krista McLeod, Newhall
 Mari Wadsworth, Valencia
 Cris Grech, Valencia
 Karen O'Connor, Newhall
 Scarlett Spaltisano, Valencia
 Lee Ann Christensen, Newhall
 Cindy Boutsen, Valencia
 Jan Min, Valencia
 Kim Haendle, Newhall
 Traci Mathis, Valencia
 Pam Hamilton, Valencia

Sidney Patrick, Valencia
 Nancy Patrick, Valencia
 Candy Boutsen, Valencia
 Tim Manning, Valencia
 Chris Adams, Valencia
 Janice Schumacher, Newhall
 Pinkie Matthews, Newhall
 Stacey Messick, Newhall
 Lisa Humphries, Valencia
 Carolee McKee, Acton
 Darci McKee, Acton
 Dale McKee, Acton
 Jeremy Allan, Newhall
 Jeff Babko, Valencia
 Mark Wasiel, Newhall
 Tom Dreier, Newhall
 Kim Miller, Valencia
 David Rosales, Newhall
 Jean G. Warnagieris, Ventura
 Robert Campbell, Valencia
 Fae Strout, Newhall
 Tamara Moore, Valencia
 Colleen Phalen-Stacy, Newhall
 David Stout, Newhall
 Tiffany Hagan, Valencia
 Darlene Weinstein, Valencia
 Derek Evangelisti, Valencia
 Tracy Louvat, Valencia
 Tim Winter, Valencia
 Felicia Smith, Valencia
 Chris McCrank, Valencia

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The Big Opening Bash



Upper left: Miriam Potter, Vice President of Morris Newspaper Corp., and Tony Newhall looked forward to The Signal's exciting future. Above: Rosalie Morris arrived, camera in hand, from her Savannah, Georgia home. Left: The Signal's Jim McGlassen shares insights with special guest Charles Morris, president of Morris Newspaper Corporation. Morris was one of several guests who made the cross country trip from the East Coast to join The Signal's celebration.

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Kevin Glasgow, Newhall
Christian Thompson, Valencia
Jason Miller, Valencia
Deryl White, Valencia
Christine Kofmehl, Valencia
Nikole Hoyer, Valencia
Diana Kueppers, Valencia
Natalia Rissolo, Valencia
Jill Rosenberg, Valencia
Michelle Groth, Valencia
Carlene Tubbs, Newhall
Glenn Baker, Newhall
Paul Hinton, Valencia
Dixie Maness, Saugus
Jeremy Maness, Saugus
Kathy & Alyssa Ruiz, Lancaster
Minnie Caplan, Newhall
Henrietta Schumacher, Newhall
Milton Diamond, Newhall
Frank Matthews, Newhall
Jacque Morse, Newhall

Bess Barber, Newhall
Dawn Olson, Valencia
Sergio Hernandez, Newhall
Claudia Hernandez, Newhall
Glen Marhevka, Valencia
Kara Karns, Valencia
Bob Wolfe, Valencia
Marci Soloway, Newhall
Alice Harnagel, Friendly Valley
Lynn Gospodarek, Valencia
Mark Grubbs, Valencia
JoAnna Scrina, Saugus
Mark Canning, Agua Dulce
Kevin Canning, Agua Dulce
James Lowder, Canyon Country
Margaret Lowder, Canyon Country
Lois Bjelke, Valencia
Steve Smelser, Valencia
Carol Wilson, Valencia
Karen Johnson, Newhall
Shannon Johnson, Newhall

Frances S. Caraccilo, Saugus
Michael A. Caraccilo, Saugus
Robin Berkes, Newhall
Gary Balon, Newhall
Jim Xitco, Valencia
Shirlee Hagan, Valencia
Whitney Hagan, Valencia
Ben Scribner, Valencia
Lety Scribner, Valencia
Jeannie Delorey, Chatsworth
Michelle Berkes, Newhall
Robert J. Elkin, Castaic
Matt Eaton, Valencia
Steve Lawrence Horwitz, Valencia
Jason Wolk, Simi
Christopher Maher, Canyon Country
Martha Barton, Saugus
Jack Fessler, Canyon Country
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dinsenbacher, Saugus
Mrs. Ulfert Broockmann, Libertyville, IL.

Olive Ruby, Saugus
Darieh Loyd, Valencia
Reva M. Alexander, Canyon Country
Brian Keyes, Valencia
Kim Maher, Canyon Country
Amy Bauer, Saugus
Anne Pherigo, Canyon Country
Agnes Weller, Canyon Country
Cyndi Olson, Canyon Country
Craig & Oriana Olson, Canyon Country
Machaila Kowalski, Newhall
Carl Viereck, Saugus
Tom Little, Lancaster
Chuck Ponder, Newhall
Chad Ponder, Newhall
Doris Denver, Canyon Country
Ray Foster, Saugus
Mike Maher, Canyon Country
Melody Graham, Saugus
Jeff, Justin & Mason Treavor, Saugus

Glitterati of the S.C.V.



Left: 'Is this guy for real?' asks Jason Slaton, about The Signal's friendly mascot, Archibald Eagle. Top right: Reena Newhall makes Jordon and Debbie Ulch welcome at The Signal. Bottom right: Sitting down to enjoy fine food and conversation are, from left to right: Juliana and Zoltan Csereklyei, Blanche Carranza, Pam, Jake and Nicole Read, and Marie Andrews.

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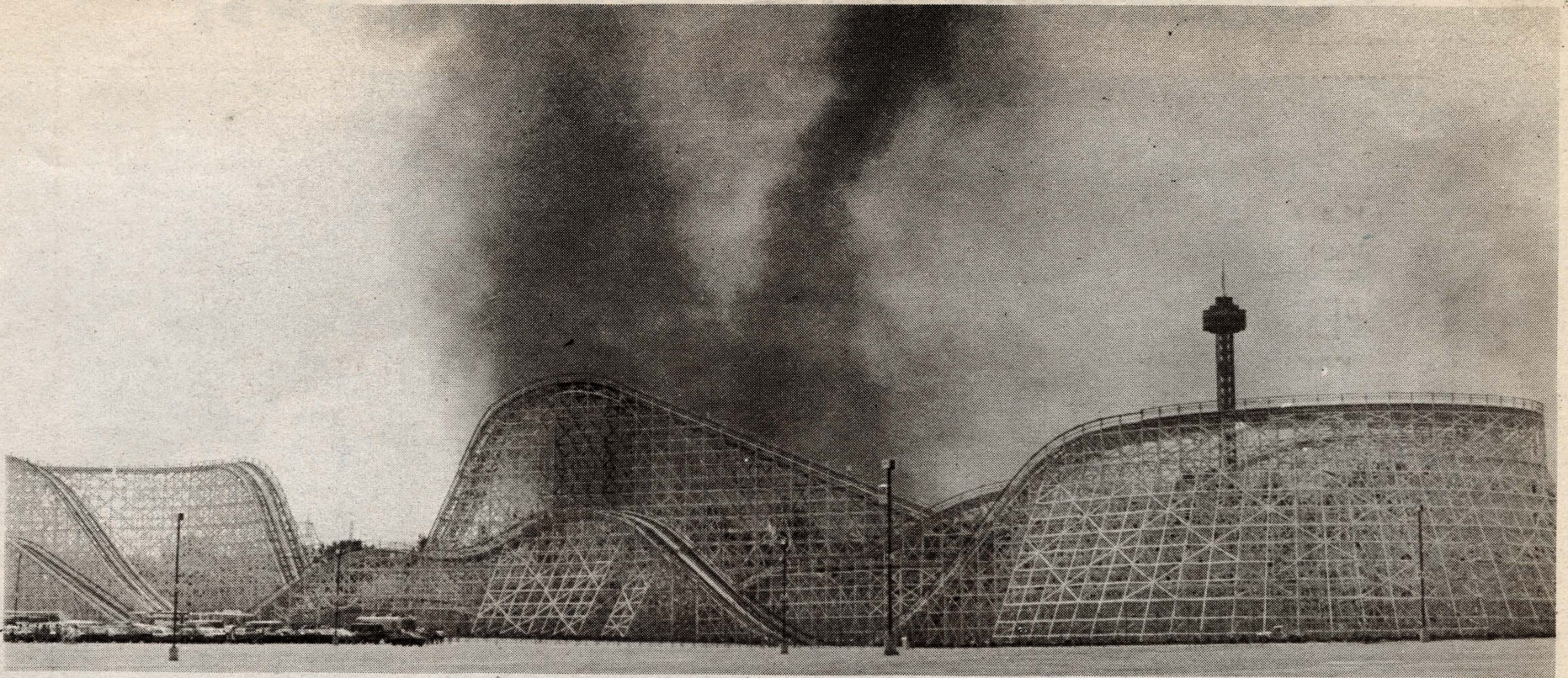
Brad Graham, Saugus
 Georgie Bubnash, Valencia
 Alice Kowalski, Newhall
 Tim Pascual, Saugus
 Pearl Beser, Newhall
 Sheri Ponder, Newhall
 Ted O'Donnell, Saugus
 Kathleen Foster, Saugus
 Pendleton Brown, Newhall
 Janee Brown, Newhall
 Marion Branson, Canyon
 Country
 Orland Branson, Canyon
 Country
 Jean Bubnash, Valencia
 Shirley Lipschutz, Friendly
 Valley
 Harriet Walker, Los Angeles
 John Boston, Newhall
 Rosalind Wayman, Newhall
 Giovanni Castro, Canyon
 Country
 Andrina Castro, Canyon
 Country

Barbara Mason, Newhall
 Tom Mason, Newhall
 Jesse Lopez, Newhall
 Russell Pierce, Canyon
 Country
 Eileen Chambers, Newhall
 Milly Ginsburgh, Newhall
 Frank Aupperlee, Saugus
 Morris Deason, Saugus
 Geri Deason, Saugus
 Bob Gray, Valencia
 Carol Gray, Valencia
 Chuck Wainwright, Valencia
 Windy Gray, Valencia
 Hazel Rohl, Canyon Country
 Diana Margwarth, Valencia
 John Margwarth, Valencia
 Diane Ely, Newhall
 Shirley Walk, Newhall
 Ruth M. Lee, Valencia
 Herman M. Lee, Valencia
 Marie Andress, Newhall
 Mike Andress, Newhall
 Mike Jackson, Saugus

Lyn Pherigo, Canyon Country
 Jackie Brule, Canyon Country
 J.C. Brule, Canyon Country
 Melody Kiedaisch, Valencia
 Michelle Kiedaisch, Valencia
 Debbie Ulch, Newhall
 Scott Ruzzo, Newhall
 Jeremy Pierce, Canyon
 Country
 Heather Pierce, Canyon
 Country
 Patrice Trout, Canyon
 Country
 Ralph Umpleby, Newhall
 B.J. Bjelke, Valencia
 Myrna Reynolds, Newhall
 Jerry Reynolds, Newhall
 Leola Holmes, Valencia
 John Whitman, Saugus
 Pam Read, Newhall
 Eleanore J. Kieksted,
 Valencia
 Winkoop J. Kiersted, Valencia

Diane Whitmore, Agua Dulce
 Joe Salvaggio, Saugus
 Charlene Lutes, Saugus
 Jim Noble, Valencia
 Bob Baxter, Saugus
 Lon, Eli & Nato Thompson,
 Newhall
 Stan Swenson, Newhall
 Shaun James, Valencia
 Judith Knapp, Valencia
 Zoltan Csereklyei, Newhall
 Anne Whitman, Saugus
 Blanche Carranza, Newhall
 Steve Williford, Canyon
 Country
 Rick Trevino, Valencia
 Arlene Kiedaisch, Valencia
 Jordan Ulch, Newhall
 James Brooklyn, Saugus
 Joyce Bucher, Valencia
 Hazel Umplery, Newhall
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Money,
 Mission Hills

Covering The News



A "controlled burn" behind Magic Mountain becomes uncontrolled; Summer 1986

By Gary Thornhill

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press.

Fred Trueblood, whose family members were to become community leaders over the years, went vigorously into the publishing business. He wrote a chatty column "The Signal Tower" and earned the nickname "Towerman".

The paper boasted that it covered the news "from Castaic and Val Verde to Forrest Park and Agua Dulce". In 1941, in the issue following Pearl Harbor, the paper reported that "Newhall was calm under the impact of war" and that two German aliens had been arrested in Castaic.

In 1951 the original Signal store-front office on San Fernando Road near Market street was vacated, and The Signal moved to Sixth street, across from the new Sheriff's station and holding jail. Its linotype machines and press occupied about half the building.

The Signal had a paid circulation of 3000 in 1960 when Fred

From Blackjack Pershing To Blackened Whitefish

Trueblood died. Three years later his heirs sold it to Ray Brooks, publisher of the Sunland-Tujunga Record Ledger. Brooks promptly changed the logo, modernized its production, and introduced "controlled circulation" — delivering to every home in the area.

Six months after buying it, Brooks sold the paper to its fourth publisher, Scott Newhall, great-grandson of the founder of the San Francisco Chronicle. The redesigning of the paper continued. It captured the attention of readers with flamboyant stories like the campaign to clothe naked animals, and angry stands against the Ku Klux Klan and the Vietnam war.

The great population boom changed the character of the community. What had been fields of corn and onions and pumpkins became Valencia; the vast odorous yards where 13,000 steers were fattened for market became the Magic Mountain amusement park; a dairy in Bouquet Canyon vanished as Saugus High took its place; Soledad Township, Lang, Mint Canyon, and Honby became Canyon Country.

Through all this The Signal grew. By 1966 it was publishing three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Then

in 1969 a fire destroyed the composing room. A small competitor volunteered to sell his equipment and lease, and for the next four years the editorial and advertising copy had to be ferried four blocks down the street for typesetting. Then when the pages were ready, they were driven 15 miles to a contract press in Tujunga.

The Signal flourished on treasure hunts, controversy, community causes, and, above all, local news. When a Signal editor was arrested while watering a marijuana plant, and incarcerated in the jail across the street, The Signal surprised its competitor by headlining the story and reporting the trial.

In 1978 the ownership of The Signal, now nearly six decades old, changed again. Charles Morris, on behalf of his Morris Newspaper Corporation of Savannah, Georgia, purchased the newspaper.

The Morris organization changed publication days to Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, and launched a successful campaign for voluntary paying subscribers. They imposed no changes in the operation of the paper, its editorial or advertising policies or staff. The editor still expresses his arrogant opinions on everything from Almighty God to blackened whitefish.

What has been largely responsible for The Signal's success has been the incredible growth and cohesion of an ever-changing community, in which new problems are daily occurrences, and yet in which the change is sometimes just a matter of degree. In 1925 people talked of incorporation and of the plans to build a prison here. In 1986 those topics are still on the table.

This tremendous growth brought more readers, bigger papers, more advertisers. The walls of its rambling old converted Sixth street offices refused to stretch outward. The staff overflowed into what had formerly been the Sheriff's office across the street.

Two years ago, Morris announced plans to build new quarters where The Signal would, for the first time in a quarter-century, be under one roof, presses and all.

That is how, on this September day in 1986, The Signal is moving into its new home, more central to the community.

Down Memory Lane

April 1929

A rumor is running through the Newhall-Saugus area that a new prison is being planned at Castaic.

The Signal notes that "the benefit to this locality would be beyond comprehension."

Down Memory Lane

January 1925

The Signal editor wrote a column of news and notes. Among them was:

"FAMOUS LAST WORDS
Let's try to incorporate
Newhall"

The Newhall Signal

\$2.00 For the Year

DEVOTED TO THE NEWHALL-SAUGUS VALLEYS

Build Up, Don't Tear Down

Vol. I.

Newhall, California, Friday, February 7, 1919

No. 1

PERSHING UP ON FRENCH CUSTOMS

American General Claims Admiration of the People.

KISSES OLD FRENCH LADY

Round Smack on the Two Cheeks of Dear Old Lady Who Made Speech Expressing Gratitude of People to Americans—Acquires Such Facility in the Language That He Can Now Make Good Speech in French.

General Pershing has kissed "une Française"—French scholars notice the gender. This was no official embrace of a bearded general. It was a round smack on the two cheeks of a dear old French lady.

General Pershing is known to have acquired such remarkable facility in the French language that he makes a rattling good speech in French today. It remained for "Le Carnet de la Semaine," a French weekly paper, to reveal that the general in chief of the Yank forces has not lagged behind his subordinates in acquiring French fluency. In a recent issue Le Carnet says:

"General Pershing is a great American. Learned, restrained, always calm, he symbolizes that American simplicity which looks on and learns. The general's manners likewise are characterized by the most spontaneous frankness and his actions remain graven in the memory of those who have seen him.

Kisses Old French Lady.

"At D—, General Pershing arrived recently with his staff. The armistice had been signed the evening before—delirious enthusiasm, ovations. In this little northern village a little crowd quickly surrounded the glorious American liberators and their chief. Such a riot ensued that an old mistress of ceremonies raised herself amid the rout and demanded silence so that, in the name of all, she might thank the general. Silence was restored and an old woman, a very old and trembling little woman, approached him in all her dignity and murmured words of gratitude. As she went on she became confused with the unaccustomed honor. Her words became mixed. Finally, knowing nothing else to do, she suddenly seized both hands of General Pershing and shook them heartily.

"And the general mutually squeezed the two hands of the old lady. Then suddenly, without a word, he removed his hat—and kissed her on each cheek."

"One other day," the paper continues, "the president and Madame Poincare, with the general, chanced to meet at an official luncheon in St. Mihiel. At St. Mihiel the family of the president of the republic are known only as 'Monsieur et Madame Raymond.' During the luncheon, which was a very cordial one, they talked a little politics.

"Now I Understand."

"For example," the president happened to say, 'we must seek peace in

FAIRBANK'S THE LOCAL NEW FILM NEWS ITEMS

Douglas Fairbanks and his company of about two hundred, came up from Los Angeles Tuesday by special train and autos and pulled off a moving picture stunt. We did not learn the name of the future film, but judging from what we saw, "Douglas at the County Fair" might be considered appropriate. The location chosen for the taking of the pictures was the vacant ground lying west of the depot. Market street from the drug store to the railroad track, was decorated with yards and yards of bunting, signs, flags, etc., not omitting the "ice cream" stands along the way. There were about forty horses in the performance and these did their part by going through the antics which people pay to see at a county fair. A "special train" met by the committee was an interesting feature.

Altogether the performance at "Fairpoint," which was the name Newhall assumed for the day, was very entertaining and we did not have to pay the price of a ticket either.

OUR HEALTH OFFICER MAKES A VISIT

The Stearing Borax Mine, near Lang, are working full time, three sets of miners working eight hours each, consequently the mine never stops working. Forty-five men are now employed and the town has an air of industry. The men are all loyal and devoted to their Superintendent, Mr. Stewart. They all look prosperous and contented. The colony was visited last week by our local Health Officer, Dr. Geo. Stevenson, who inspected the school children, reports no sickness, and the healthiest bunch of youngsters he ever met.

Mrs. Stewart, wife of the Superintendent, acts as godmother over the children, looking after their physical needs while Miss Lemon, the amiable and competent school teacher, is very proud of the progress the children are making in their studies. Our Health Officer, Dr. Stevenson, and Mr. Chas. Houghton, the druggist, were welcomed and entertained by the officers of the Company to which they return thanks for the same.

Berlin.

"In Berlin! Then you will go there, madame!" cried the general to Madame Poincare.

"Then they talked of other things and after the luncheon the presidential motor car took the guests on a tour of the region. Learning that the president's personal estate was near St. Mihiel, General Pershing asked to visit it, and the car was directed thither.

"It drew up before a mass of grey cinders, once the Poincare family home. Pershing bowed his head. Madame Poincare, silent and full of memories, stood beside him. The general turned and said quietly to her:

"At Berlin, madame, now I understand."

"Say, can't you send us in some school notes each week?"

There have been several cases of the "flu" here, but they are all up and around now.

Mr. Buttler of the Buttler Grocery was in Los Angeles the first of the week buying goods.

Mr. L. G. Pullen, our genial barber, was in Los Angeles Monday buying stock for his cigar stand.

We have had scarcely if any rain so far this season and the farmers are praying for more moisture.

The five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Frena, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is rapidly improving.

Mr. Bricker, of the Bricker Grocery, was in San Fernando on Monday. He is kept quite busy with his truck business.

E. S. Chrisfield is repairing the house which he recently purchased on Main street. When these changes are completed, the place will be occupied by ye editor and family.

Dr. G. F. Stevenson, health officer for this section, made our office a pleasant call the first of the week, and in the matter of count stands No. 1 on our list of subscribers.

Mr. Bucknell, manager of the Newhall Lumber Co., and family, spent Sunday in Los Angeles with friends and relatives.

We are strangers here, and if those knowing of items of interest will kindly bring them to this office, it will greatly assist us in making our columns more interesting.

Mr. W. W. Hooper, of Brawley, Cal., an old mining engineer, is stopping at Hotel Swall. Mr. Hooper is not feeling very well and is here for his health. He has many words of praise for our climate.

We understand that there will be services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, the first time for eight weeks, which was also closed on account of the "Flu." It is understood Pastor Evans will speak.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Swall visited Los Angeles Tuesday on business. The Swall Hotel is enjoying a good business as several are here for their health—and from the way they speak, this climate agrees with them.

Mr. R. C. Gibson, of Happy Valley, and proprietor of "Eggland," informs us that he is enlarging his hen houses so as to be able to run 1500 laying White Leghorn hens. He believes in the best, that is the reason he has White Leghorns.

SHIPS FIRST IN FRANCE'S NEEDS

Must Have Aid in Restoring Merchant Marine.

VAST LOSSES SUMMED UP

Edward de Billy, Deputy High Commissioner of the French Republic to the United States, Gives Statement of Country's Needs—2,500,000 of Her Young Men Killed or Maimed, 26,000 Factories Ruined.

With 2,500,000 of her youngest, ablest, and most spirited men killed or maimed, and upward of half her industry and shipping destroyed by the war, France's appeal to her allies during the period of rehabilitation will be for help in rebuilding the factories and farms which the Germans wrecked and for assistance in constructing or purchasing ships, said Edward de Billy, deputy high commissioner of the French republic.

Admitting his country's gain by the conflict, in the revitalizing French spirit of self-confidence by the defeat of 1871, and the agricultural districts, Mr. de Billy said the war's losses were far greater than he had denied that France was "bled white," but said the handicap imposed as a result of her sacrifices in resisting the invader could not be overcome except with outside aid.

Resorting to figures, he declared that 26,000 factories in the French districts occupied by the Germans were destroyed or stripped of their machinery; that almost 12,000,000 head of cattle were seized; that thousands of miles of farm land, devastated by shells, was made unfit for cultivation; that the net loss in ship tonnage, through sinkings and enforced curtailment in production, was 670,000 tons, and that the money cost of the conflict, in appropriations and public debt aggregated 358,000,000,000 francs, or \$31,000,000,000.

"Our army had to stand," he said, "the first rush of the invasion, while the other armies were being prepared. And, however wonderful was the effort of the British, some months later, and afterward that of the American army, the front held by the French had never been less than two-thirds of the total line from the North Sea to the Swiss border. Thus our losses were greater than those of any other army. A part of our country has been invaded, its population treated as slaves, their houses looted, their factories destroyed; while on the fighting line the soil of France has been plowed so deep by shells that no agriculture is possible. Some sentimental people have been lamenting over France as bled white. Nonsense! France is not bled white. She has men filled with renewed and splendid energy. But here she stands, facing the problem of regaining her place in the economic markets of the world, with a part of her industrial and agricultural power destroyed, and with her men killed and maimed to a number that exceeds imagination. May I give you some figures on these subjects?"

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"For Each Other---Not Against Each Other."

Corner Stone Dedication Services To Be Held Sunday Afternoon

It was announced in the Signal of last week that the corner stone for the new church was here, and we are pleased to state that the dedication service will be held Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. This is a very appropriate and pleasant hour for a service of this kind and the committee extends a hearty invitation to everyone to attend.

Among the documents that will be placed in the little vault in the corner of the building will be the names of the charter members of the church, and the names of the building committee that had charge of the construction of the first church. We expect that there will be several persons present that attended the dedication of the first church thirty-three years ago. The names of the members of different departments of the church will also be placed in the vault, and Mr. Needham is to furnish a new coin, while the church will furnish a new Bible and a hymn book.

Let us rally to this service and bring your friends; and if you know of anyone that has lived here, write and invite them to this service. The Rev. Fredrick W. Mitchell of the Cypress Park Presbyterian church will deliver a short message, and there will be a special musical program and a march and song by members of the Sunday School.

Morning service and Sunday School will be held as usual but there will be no night services.

Hixenbaugh & Logan Sell Cafe and Confectionery

An important business transaction took place here last week when the Hixenbaugh & Logan Confectionery store changed hands, the purchasers being Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McGinnis. Mrs. Urfer, a sister of Mrs. McGinnis, is to be an associate in the business.

The new proprietors, while coming here from Vallejo, formerly lived in New Mexico and were friends of the Hixenbaughs there. They have had experience in this line and will run the place in the creditable manner which has given it immense popularity with the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Hixenbaugh are

WHOLE NATION SHOCKED BY NEWS OF OUR PRESIDENT'S SUDDEN DEATH

The citizens of our nation experienced sorrow Thursday evening at about 7:30 o'clock by receiving news of the death of President Warren G. Harding, our nation's leader and Chief Executive.

Reports early in the afternoon indicated that the crisis had passed and he was expected to recover. Then came the sad news of a relapse which severed the tender cord which holds us from passing from life unto death.

A nation mourns, not because all were of one belief or political faith, but because his sincerity, honesty and integrity has never been questioned. He was our chosen leader and honored and revered by all. However, the grim reaper, Death, is no respecter of persons, we as loyal American citizens can only bow to the inevitable and join with a bereaved household in mourning his departure.

now on a pleasure trip and are at present in Twin Falls, Idaho, visiting Mr. Hixenbaugh's brother. Mr. and Mrs. Logan are preparing to take an extensive auto trip to Oregon and will start in about a week.

Miss Cleo Hixenbaugh will lend her assistance in the confectionery for a short time.

We have not learned what Messrs. Hixenbaugh and Logan plan doing, but as they have property interests here, we hope they will remain in Newhall.

Changes In Headlight Law Interest Motorists

Thousands of motorists are concerned over the changes in the headlight law which goes into effect on September 1st.

Just what these changes are and how they will affect the terrible glare of automobile headlights on the highways of this part of the state, has been outlined by officials of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

In the first place, all headlights on motor vehicles sold after the last of this month must conform to the standard as outlined in the new Motor Vehicle Act, which goes into effect at midnight August 31st.

But it is important, points out the Auto club, that motorists note the fact that this will not mean a change in the regulation regarding headlights and reflectors already installed on cars at that time. Motorists will have until December 31st, 1924 to change those

headlights that are already in use and to install new equipment.

However, it has been reported that a number of "drives" on motorists using glaring headlights which do not comply with the present law will be instituted throughout Southern California so as to make night driving safe for humanity.

Many questions have been asked about the "eight point test" which is required for headlights under the new Motor Vehicle Act. It is simply a very wise test so devised that compels the reduction of the glare cast into the eyes of approaching drivers, but at the same time increases the illumination on the highway, point out Club officials.

Under the new law, headlights must not be located higher than fifty inches above the level surface of the highway. Any lights located above this height are classified as spot lights and must conform to the regulations governing spot lights. Acetylene headlights, must conform to special standards for such lights as set forth in the new vehicle act.

Headlights must be lighted on all California highways, according to the law, during the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, and also at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernable a person, vehicle or other substantial object on the highway at a distance of 200 feet. This applies to driving through a fog where motorists cannot see clearly 200 feet ahead of them.

Garage Ball Drew A Large Crowd

Friends to the number of three-hundred gathered at Wood's Garage, in Saugus, Saturday nite in response to Mr. Wood's general invitation to come and make merry at the opening of his handsome new garage building which has just been completed.

Autos bearing guests came from many different places for Mr. Wood has hosts of friends who were glad of this opportunity to congratulate him on an achievement which means increased ability to give service to others.

The garage was beautifully decorated in the patriotic colors of "red, white and blue," which were quite appropriate, for it is not July especially a month of patriotism?

If there were any cogs, and wheels, such as are supposed to belong to a garage, they were cleverly concealed by the decorations and soft glow of colored lights which made guests forget all about garages.

While the dancing was going merrily on, someone quietly flung out a long streamer of gay serpentine. Soon another, then another ball unwound at the feet of the dancers until the gay ribbons wound 'round and 'round their feet. But they kept right on for no one could resist dancing to the music furnished by the "Oriole" Orchestra of Los Angeles.

Each lady, upon entering the building had been handed a gay cap and these made a pretty scene bobbing about the room on the heads of the dancers.

Over at one side and just outside the circle of dancers, delicious ice cream and fruit punch were served to the guests.

When the hour came to depart those present gave three cheers for Fielding S. Wood, their genial host who had given his friends such a delightful evening.

Since H. W. Russell has been closing the restaurant at 7:30 instead of keeping open all nite, Louie Lejeune has been keeping his nite lunch open from 7:00 P. M. until 6:00 A. M. Anyone who has tasted Louie's chili con carne or delicious pie and coffee will go again.

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Number Eleven

THE JIN-JER JAR

By A. B. T.

Well, Hickman knows now what is going to happen to him after he is hung for the murder of Marion Parker. He is to spend the rest of his life in prison.

That Florida professor who was going to start to Mars in a big torpedo, has been ready some time it is announced, and he may hop off at any time. That sure will be his last hop, I'll tell the slant-eyed world.

I know a fellow who is trying to predict the weather. Some people have absolutely no regard for their reputations.

When I predict the weather, the man I tell my predictions to knows that only an accident will keep me from being a liar—and he knows the accident isn't likely to happen.

The short hair fad seems to be passing away, and many women are letting their hair grow. Whether the return to long tresses will be complete, remains to be seen, but one in a while a woman takes an oath by all that is good and great that she never, never will let her hair grow again.

New Credit Plan

One more sizeable forward stride has been taken for the agriculturists, live-stock and dairy men of California by the Bank of Italy, operating through the jointly owned National Bank and Trust Company, in the formation of a corporation to extend credit and provide greater facility for the marketing of their output. This new enterprise is known as the Bank of Italy Agricultural Credit Corporation and is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Under present conditions a farmer, fruit grower or live-stock man is often compelled to dispose of his product at a disadvantage. Thus the farmer may be able to keep his crop in the warehouse for an indefinite period through this special financing and then sell it on a brisk demand market, making a great deal more than he would have made at forced sale. If he has been compelled to compete for a market with other crops maturing at the same time.

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM Friday Evening, Feb. 9, 8 o'clock sharp "Richard, The Lion Hearted" Under direction of the P. T. A.

List of The Dead

The following is an accurate list of the dead in the Newhall morgue, corrected to the time of going to press:

- W. Y. Weinland
Mrs. Ruth Hopp
Donald Hopp (child)
Nellie Hansen
John Parker
Carl James Matthews Jr. (child)
Solomon J. Byrd (negro)
Thelma Matthews
Mrs. J. C. Matthews
Griffith O. Hughes
Francis Garcia
George Mann
Lyman Curtis
Alberta Isaacs
Tootsie Garcia
Eugene Frazier
Joy Hughes (child)
Ray Mathis (child)
Eddie Garcia (doubtful)
Ethel Cochen
Marvin Caspress
Earl Pike
Mrs. Roy Rising
Three Rising children
Kenneth Coe (child)
Richard Pike (child)
Mrs. H. E. Holt
Roland Errachuo (child)
Vita Matthews
Eddie Price
Rosana Ruiz
Mrs. Rosa Errachuo
William W. Nelson, Sr.
Mrs. Nora Coe
Homer Coe
Margaret Ely
Eddie Garcia (doubtful)
Mrs. R. B. K. medy
Mickie Brodie
Mrs. Louie Ferras
Harry Garcia
Leona Johnson
Maggie Curtis
George Mann
Eugene Frazier
Eugene Kennedy (child)
Billy, the Baker, (Edison Camp)
Corita Holsclaw
Pauline Kennedy (child)
Jack Klieaman
J. A. Murphy, (body also first identified as Homer Coe)
Mrs. Ellen Crosno
Billy McIntyre
Henry J. Voelker
Nielsen (girl)
Baby Nielson

Besides these there are bodies of a Japanese man, two Mexican children, one Mexican woman, and a three year old boy.

In addition, the following persons are reported as identified at other places: Clara Wilmut, Raymond Wilmut, Volvin Wilmut at Moorpark.

A. C. McIntyre, Billy McIntyre, Joe McIntyre, Mrs. O. H. Wilmut and six-month-old baby, Henry Ruiz, Mary Ruiz, Martin Ruiz, Susie Ruiz, Raymond Ruiz, A. T. Kennedy, Kennedy (child), a nurse, Miss Cecilia Small, unknown boy, Daniel Curtis are known to be gone. May be at Piru or Santa Paula.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend to the kind friends of Newhall and Saugus our heart-felt thanks for their friendly assistance to us in our time of sorrow in the death of our dear one, Sidney J. Creech.

Mrs. S. J. Creech, and family.

Aldwell, vice-president and secretary of the general executive committee of the Bank of Italy, is a vice-president of the corporation also. Among the directors are F. A. Kipstine, Bakensfield and C. Fred Holmes, Gerber, R. F. Morritt, Bank of Italy; secretary: L. E. Wyatt, Bank of Italy, assistant manager, and H. J. Pfeiffer, bank of Italy, manager.

Uncle Eben

"A man that does his best," said Uncle Eben, "kin look hisself in de face when he shaves in de mornin', which helps to sticht de day right." -Washington Star.

Today is Always Best

By O. Lawrence Hawthorne

'Twas only yesterday, it seems, That I was just a little boy And life was filled with idle dreams And play. Oh, how I did enjoy Those happy hours, too quickly sped Into the past! Soon I shall see That busy, hopeful youth has fled, And never can return to me.

Then age will come. 'Tis but a day Until my final sun will set. But I shall go with spirit gay And heart that harbors no regret. If I live manfully and face Each golden morning with a smile— If I determine to embrace The chance to make today worth while.



Church Services

Rev. W. H. Evans announces that memorial services for the persons killed in the flood will be held at the Community Church Sunday morning.

Baby Howard

Cleo Geraldine Howard, six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, passed away at 6:45 P. M. March 9th. Little Geraldine was only sick a short time, succumbing to an attack of pneumonia. The funeral was conducted at St. Ferdinand church in Los Angeles, and the burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Father O'Connell officiating. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent for the little one, and many letters of sympathy and condolence received by the bereaved parents.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard wish to extend to all the kind friends their sincere thanks for their loving help and sympathy during our time of sorrow in the death of our dear little one.

Fine Opening

The opening of the Motor Stage Cafe, Saturday evening was a very successful event. From six o'clock until twelve visitors thronged the place, inspecting the handy arrangements of the dining room, kitchen and pantry, the ladies being enthusiastic over the hand appliances seen. The proprietors, Burke & Niergard "stood treat" and served fine the delicious refreshments.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Margaret Biscailuz was 2 years old last Saturday, March 10, and her grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Biscailuz and Mrs. J. R. Moore gave a party for her little playmates. At the Biscailuz home on Chestnut St. Thirteen little people played games and partook of the refreshments furnished for the occasion. The birthday cake with eight candles being the principal piece of interest. They all vowed they'd had a splendid party, and hoped for the likelihood many happy returns of the day.

First Made in England

Linoleum, which is a process of manufacturing a floor covering from oxidized linseed oil and powdered cork, was introduced into England in 1860 by a man named Walton. We do not find that it was on the market in the United States during the Civil war. -Washington Star.

Early American Newspaper

The second newspaper established in America, the Boston Gazette, issued its first number December 14, 1719. Its proprietor was Thomas Campbell, a Scotsman, son of Duncan Campbell, who organized the postal system of America.

Big Local Enterprise

We have in this locality an industry that probably very few persons have given proper consideration, yet it represents a heavier initial expenditure and heavy yearly expenditure. This industry is the Dairy Dairies, known as the Wayside Farms. The finest cows in the state are to be found on these farms, as well as the most modern equipment and latest methods of handling dairy products. These products are never touched by human hands from the udder to the milk can. Through numerous devices of the very latest and up-to-date machinery to be containers.

At Wayside No. 2, the milk is pasteurized at a sufficient temperature in a German silver copper boiler, then through silver lined tubing, using gravity flow to the bottling machine. Also at No. 2 the famous "Mello Fresh" ice cream machinery has been installed. The mixer for the ice cream is cleaned by the cream hoses from the mixer through the best known safety tubing to the homogenizer. This is known as the cutting machine, it cuts the heavy cream used in the making of ice cream, eliminating any possible clump of butter fat and giving it a velvety and smooth effect. After passing through the homogenizer the cream reaches the breaker where the mix is subjected to a 40 degree below temperature by the automatic brine freezer until it reaches a certain elasticity, then emptied into cans to remain in cold storage at a temperature of 10 to 20 below zero for 48 hours.

Every utensil that is used in this plant is sterilized at a temperature of 210 degrees F.

It is claimed by men interested in the dairy business that this ice cream plant is one of the most up-to-date in the state. It represents an investment of about \$25,000 and is under the inspection of the city, county and state. None rates higher.

It is of interest to local business concerns that everything connected with the building and upkeep of this dairy was bought locally as far as possible, also local labor handled the work, such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc.

These farms are open to visitors at all times and other Mr. Scullen at No. 2 or Mr. Graham at No. 1 we are sure, would be glad to explain everything at their respective plants.

Above article is republished to correct a mix in the make-up last week, in part of the edition.

Remodels Station

The Evergreen Station at Castaic looks like an entirely different place, since the building has the new glass front, which was added to make room for the remodeling of the dining room and kitchen. Several booths have been added in the dining room, as well as many improvements in the kitchen, also a 24-hour service butcher shop, something that Castaic has needed for some time. Bert Reynolds is the hauling boss at this place.

GREAT ST. FRANCIS DAM CRUMBLES

Great Wall of Water Sweeps Sleeping Victims Into Eternity

DEATH FLOOD COMES IN DARKNESS

Bodies Recovered All Along The Valley From the Dam To The Ocean

Dead May Number 400

One of the worst calamities that ever happened in Southern California, took place Tuesday morning at about 12:30 a. m. when the great San Francisco Canyon dam broke, and sent a wall of water crashing down the canyon, sweeping everything in its path to destruction. The canyon opens into the Santa Clara Valley a short distance below Saugus. It is stated that in the canyon proper the wall of water was 75 feet high. Below it spread from hillside to hillside, taking everything in its path. Ranches, the railroad tracks, the Edison station, everything melted away before the terrific rush, backed as it was by the great waters of the great reservoir.

The first damage west of Saugus was at the Edison station, which was entirely destroyed as far as the concrete station, which was abandoned when the new plant was built, was completely obliterated.

The loss of life was appalling. Coming as it did, in the dead of night, few had any chance to escape. Those living in the canyon were most of them caught asleep, as the condition of the bodies show, all of them being in night clothes, or, packed, the terrific rush tearing the clothes from them. The first two bodies brought in were of men working on the Barnett ranch. W. J. Weinland was the first body identified. Little Kenneth Coe was the next one.

Up to 11 o'clock Tuesday, the body of a man had been identified among the 25 bodies in the Masonic Clubhouse, which had been transformed into a morgue.

Up to 8 o'clock Tuesday, the following bodies had been identified: Kenneth Coe, Earl Pike, Eddie Pike, Donald Hopp, Mrs. Roy Rising, Mrs. Nellie Hansen, John Parzer.

From reliable sources it is learned that 65 people were in the camp just below the dam, and at power house No. 2. So far as known, none of these have been heard of, except the few that have been identified, so it is probable that every one perished. Bodies identified:

- Rosina Ruiz
Roland Errachuo
Marvin Casper
Richard Pike
Carl Matthews, Jr.
Mrs. H. E. Holt
Mrs. C. J. Matthews
Eddie Price
G. O. Hughes
William W. Nelson, Sr.

The war got taking out the bodies, and searching for the missing heavy at daylight, and was kept up all day Tuesday, the steady procession of body-laden cars or trucks coming in. As each one was washed and laid on the beach in the hall, there was a rush of those who had lost some relative in the flood, and many pitiful sights were witnessed, as parents found their children, or men some one of their families.

B. W. Hunick, who escaped by a hair's breadth, stated that he heard the roar, and thought it was a truck. He looked out, an osaw who was coming. He called to his son and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nichols, and they ran out without waiting a second, and managed to climb to safety up the side of the mountain. He lived about two miles down the canyon from the dam.

Chester Smith lived on a farm near where Hunick lived. He also took alarm from the roar, and swam out. On his farm, however, a family had just located a day or two before the flood. In this family were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kennedy, two children and a nurse who was caring for Mrs. Kennedy. Nothing has so far been heard of any of them.

At the San Francisco Canyon school, the teacher, Miss Cecelia Small lived in her own cabin. It is said a small boy made his home with her. Nothing is left of the school house or cabin, and it is presumed both perished.

Miss Belle Fraizer, a survivor of the flood, escaped by grasping a log, and climbing up the bank of the canyon. She buried herself in the mud till morning, and was found by searchers and brought to the hospital.

The following persons received first aid treatment at the emergency hospital:

- C. E. Hanick
Tommy Ramos
Meredith Ruiz
Belle Fraizer
L. R. Ruiz
James J. Errachuo
Chester Johnson
Louis Hopkins
John Pfeiffer
Curtis Randall
Albert David
Chester Smith
Mrs. A. L. Garcia

At the new Edison camp near the county line of Ventura, 170 men ate supper Monday night. Only 60 were accounted for up to Tuesday night.

The removal of the bodies by the undertakers began during Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coe, little son, Kenneth, and Mrs. Nellie Hansen were taken to Sawtelle. Eddie and Rosana Ruiz were taken to Noble's undertaking parlors at San Fernando. Eugene Frazier was taken to Gardena.

A telegraph station was fitted up in the rear room of the hardware store, where the Associated Press, the Examiner and Times each maintained men at the keys, who sent the news in words as their reporters rushed in and out on their task of gathering the disconnected story.

At this writing, Wednesday morning, the scene in Newhall is pretty much the same as Tuesday. Relatives of people lost, or dead, and known to be in the path of the wreck, are assuming to see if they can find their loved ones. Rescue parties are coming out, and the morgues are being prepared for a new lot of bodies that are reported on the way. Fourteen bodies were taken to undertaking parlors, and others will be taken today.

Reports indicate that from the dam to the ocean every vestige of life was swept from the path taken by the water. In San Francisco canyon, even the bark was stripped from the trees, and the ground resembles a paved highway, except that in the hills are pools of mud and slime.

The erroneous report that Newhall and Saugus were under water was sent to every paper in the country, apparently, and caused a flood of telegrams to pour in from distant relatives, asking as to the safety of people here. Agent Coyle labored to get these out and the answers sent till a late hour Tuesday night. Before 10 o'clock Tuesday, A. Lane had a telegram from his son in Boston.

An inquest and inquiry into the disaster and its cause, will be held soon. There were several theories as to the cause of the break, but all are unanimous in declaring that the dam was not properly anchored to the mountain sides. There was no extension into the rocky sides, only a concrete base of the lower stories, and no chained blasted back into the solid rock.

The Red ranch, north of Saugus was totally destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. M. Holsclaw escaped. But their two children, Corita, daughter aged 13, and the baby seven months old were swept away in the rush of water. The ranch was almost directly in the path of the flood. Oscar Fountain, an old man who was employed about the ranch, escaped in his night clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mathis and son, Frankie are still missing. They are known to be in the wreck.

The McIntyre service station at Castaic Junction was totally wiped out. The station houses occupied by Mexican families were also swept away. The known dead here are A. (continued on last page)

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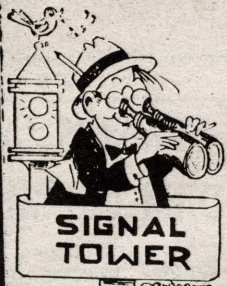
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AMERICANS REPLY

Willard McGonigal, Bob Storm and Bill Orsurn, laid down their high school books yesterday. Today they left for the Navy recruiting office at Los Angeles to join up.

That's one return to Pearl Harbor.

Tuesday morning Jerry Blowers walked into the Newhall post office and bought the first defense bond after the declaration of war.

That's another reply.

Jerry didn't stop there.

He hustled up all the fibre cartons he could find, tied them shut, cut a hole in the top, affixed an American flag, and a sticker asking contributions of cigars, soap, razor blades, stationery, tooth brushes, the paste and candy bars for the U. S. Army boys now stationed in Newhall. He expects to have 35 of these boxes, and one will be placed in every store and cafe.

Don't pass them up.

NOT ALL SERIOUS

Paul Greenelch's little boy came home from school Tuesday all puffed with excitement.

"Hey Pop, the soldiers are here," he gasped.

"What are they going to do?" asked Pop Greenelch.

"They're a-goin' to fight the Japs."

"And where are the Japs?"

"Oh, they brought them along."

Another Newhall lad, impressed with the power of the army, sort of lied over within distance of a group of engineer privates who were chewing the fat near the school fence.

Telling about it afterward he was a little disgusted.

"Why they didn't talk about no-ah but eats and women."

and there was another soldier out to go on sentry duty who sneezed and spoke:

"Well, I wish one of them beauties would come along. I'd stop 'em, but I wouldn't shoot 'em."

BLACK OUTS

Well, they finally got everything rolled out but an airplane beacon Castaic way—some say it was a beacon.

The stores were dark, the streets were dark, the highways were dark, houses were dark—everything dark, but there was the faithful airplane beacon, sweeping its beam majestically around the horizon, still a guide to lost flyers.

Trying to work in the print shop two candles brought a thought to his mind.

Any tongues of flame—they cast wavering shadows on the walls and ceiling, gigantic, distorting.

All the familiar furniture and the famous old 65 year old chair looked queer and spooky. Almost instinctively we must have been like that in Cro-Magnon caves, before the coming of recorded history—our hirsute progenitors huddled before a guttering oil wick in a grotto and spoke in undertones of the giants and devils roaming the world outside the magic of the tiny light.

"We've just about come full circle, ain't we?"

REAL TROUBLE

Living past a group of khaki figures squatting behind an old truck at a corner of the school one of the figures chanced to slip. It was a Japanese face.

High school kids going into classes Monday morning say the Newhall boys looked at them hard and fully.

What would be the reaction? Was war going to be carried into the streets?

When smiles broke out. It was light.

Always all right when simple things get together regardless of race or creed. It's the lousy war that does the dirt.

TWO ARRESTED, HELD FOR FBI AS GERMAN ALIENS

Suspected of fifth column work, Siegfried Julius Dietzman, age 32, and Clementine Dietzman, age 57, both German aliens, living near Honby, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Joe and Waltrip late Monday night at the request of F. B. I. officials in Los Angeles.

A large quantity of letters, pictures and a camera, found in their possession, were confiscated, and sent down to Los Angeles, with the arrested couple.

No inkling of the nature of the letters was disclosed by the sheriff's office, and it is believed that the

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Civilian defense set-up active, volunteers enroll

RIDE CALLED OFF

Due to the present crisis, the ride scheduled by the Newhall-Saugus Auxiliary Mounted Police Unit for Sunday, December 14, has been indefinitely postponed. Adequate notice will be given as to the date and time of the next ride.

Next meeting date, Tuesday, January 6th, 1942 at 7:30 P. M. in the court room at 105 Market street.

All members urged to listen closely to radio station KFI for instructions affecting the unit.

E. Schroder, Secretary

With the impact of war Sunday the civilian defense set-up in this section moved into immediate action, under the general command of Captain E. C. Marty of sheriff station No. 6.

First duty was the round up and checking of aliens. An order came through Sunday afternoon to stop and examine all Japanese on the road, as well as a check-up of local residents of Japanese extraction.

Members of all county forces immediately went on the two platoon system with everybody on 12 hour shifts.

Captain Marty brought his trailer down to the station and moved in to it, so that he might be available 24 hours a day.

First to be checked were 8 people of Japanese extraction living in this township. They were cleared and told to go about their usual duties.

Stopped on Highway

By Monday ten more Japs had been stopped on the highway by members of the C. H. P. and brought to the sheriff station for questioning. The Arima family of five, residents of the San Joaquin Valley were stopped Monday on U. S. 99 by C. H. P. officer Nesbit and held at the sheriff station until late in the evening when they could be questioned by F. B. I. representatives. They were cleared.

The most important alien arrest was that of Siegfried Julius Dietzman of Castaic.

Deputies Monday received a report that a secret radio broadcasting outfit was sending out messages in German from somewhere in Tapia Canyon. The report was promptly investigated by Capt. Marty and turned out to be just another war rumor.

150 Volunteer Help

The rolls were opened at the sheriff's office Monday for volunteer aid of all description. By Thursday more than 150 had signed up. The rolls are open for volunteer emergency help of every description, from professional service to common labor. Those who are willing to use their autos for transportation are asked to sign up. Anyone from the age of 18 to 70 may volunteer.

The rising surge of patriotism was reflected in the fact that by Thursday noon, more than 150 application blanks had been filled.

Two arrested, held for FBI as German aliens

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SEEN ANY SOLDIERS LIKE THIS?



Jane Wyman—merriest comedienne in the movies—is featured in Warner's "You're in the Army Now," as the colonel's daughter who is responsible for the amorous antics of Jimmy Durante and Phil Silvers as rookies-in-the-raw. The picture will soon be shown at the American Theatre.

Christmas drawing tickets supplied

Although war and black-outs held the center of the stage in Newhall this week, Christmas was not forgotten.

Practically every merchant on Spruce street was supplied with rolls of Christmas tickets. These tickets were in duplicate, one part for the patron and one for the drawing box.

They will determine the prize winners at the Christmas program and drawing on Christmas eve, sponsored by the Newhall Chamber of Commerce. Placards advertising the events were distributed, and Christmas decorations appeared in almost every shop window.

An 18 foot Christmas tree was to be erected on the Union Service Station lot at Tenth street and San Fernando road. Lights and decorations from the tree of last year were saved and will be used on the 1941 tree (except black-outs).

The list of prizes for the drawing was lengthening rapidly with prospects that fully as many prizes will be available this year as last, when it took nearly two hours to set them all drawn.

Parked with Christmas merchandise were Newhall stores and markets, probably the last complete display of merchandise until the end of the war.

The Signal Shopper paid some visits up and down Spruce street yesterday and what she saw there to tempt Christmas buyers appears on page 8 of this issue.

Jacking from preparations made by business men the war and Christmas were both being taken into

Army takes over guard duty, black-outs enforced by soldiers

The war came to Newhall this week with an impact that was felt by every man, woman and child.

Tuesday the town practically went under martial law, with fully armed soldiers on guard at every strategic point.

Wednesday night came the first "black-out."

Compared with metropolitan areas the town "did well" but not quite good enough.

Another "black-out" was expected Thursday night as The Signal was going to press.

All civil officers, all members of the County and Forestry services went on 12 hour shifts.

From the look-out towers atop the surrounding peaks double shifts of watchers scanned the skies day and night.

Organization meetings and private parties of all kinds were called off.

The citizens, men, women and children were intensely interested, but calm.

Newhall began to know the meaning of war.

Halt means halt says commander of U. S. battalion

"Please thank the residents of this area for the courtesy we have received since arriving.

"Please impress upon them the absolute necessity of heeding the orders of sentries and patrol units. Halt means halt."

These were the words of Lieutenant Colonel C. W. Hoffman, commanding the Third Battalion of the 160th U. S. Infantry, "Los Angeles' own regiment," which Tuesday moved into encampment at Saxonia Park in Placerita Canyon, for military duty in this area.

Simultaneously a battalion of the 115th U. S. Combat Engineers, Colonel Weyerle commanding, moved into the Newhall School athletic field.

Headquarters for the infantry battalion were established in the sheriff's office. Headquarters for the engineers were established at the field house on the school grounds.

Both outfits looked thoroughly equipped and business like.

Carry Complete Equipment

The engineer battalion moved in a large number of army trucks, and these trucks carried all manner of equipment for engineer work including bulldozers, porton boats, welding apparatus, etc.

Tuesday afternoon all of this rolling stock was parked in long straight lines in the school grounds, on the alert and ready to go. Here it remained all through the heavy rain and all through the black-out.

Personnel of the infantry battalion was distributed over the area for the guarding of strategic points, such as bridges and tunnels. A part of the outfit was established at Chatsworth for similar duties.

Visitors Excluded

Both the school grounds and Saxonia Park were strictly military reservations, with no admittance except by permission from headquarters. At the school grounds, machine guns were set up around the fence.

With the engineer outfit was a medical unit, which immediately began a survey of medical needs. The water supply was tested. A check-up was made at the hospital for serum supplies.

Camp kitchens were set up and the soldiers fed in regular army style.

Tuesday night the engineers slept in their trucks, but following the

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Black-out good but not good enough, verdict

OFFICIAL BLACKOUT RULES FOR TRAFFIC

Broadcast No. 9.

To all Sub-stations.

The following is an official announcement from Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz, chairman of the Los Angeles County Defense Council, relative to traffic regulations and vehicle lights during all blackouts. These regulations have been concurred in by all city and county defense officials and will serve as official temporary provision until permanent regulations can be drawn by responsible authorities.

First: On black-out Signal (Three one minute blasts with one half minute intervals) Traffic will proceed cautiously at not more than fifteen miles an hour with lights dimmed.

Second: Upon the signal (one full three minute blast)—the full air raid warning—all lights will be put out and traffic shall proceed to the curb and park.

Third: On both these signals, either three one minute blasts at one half minute intervals, or one full three minute blast, emergency vehicles on emergency calls shall use their full lights and on non-emergency calls either dim their lights or have no lights at all, depending on the equipment on the particular vehicle.

Further: On the signal of three one minute blasts at half minute intervals, traffic signals will be left on, and traffic will move slowly, until permanent regulations are adopted. On the full three minute blast signal, traffic signals will be turned off entirely as far and quickly as possible.

LISTEN FOR THE BLACK-OUT SIRENS WATCH STREET LIGHTS WHEN THEY GO OUT PUT OUT YOURS

The shriek of the sirens of the county fire trucks and the shouting of steel helmeted soldiers in the streets brought the first black-out to Newhall shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Although it took some time to get the word to everybody, because many could not hear the sirens, in a very short time Newhall was almost 100 percent dark and silent. The army verdict was "good but not good enough."

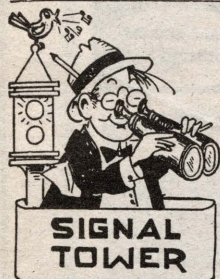
Although a few curious souls stayed on Spruce street most people kept to their homes. Many had

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WEATHER REPORT			
	Low	High	
DEC. 5	35	66	
DEC. 6	42	69	
DEC. 7	32	70	
DEC. 8	36	67	
DEC. 9	39	51	
DEC. 11	39	61	
Week's precipitation	2.08		



Newhall rejoiced with all the nation Tuesday. All business suspended immediately after the President's broadcast. Flags were broken out. At Bermite, President Lizza called the employees together, announced the great news and declared a holiday until Monday. On Spruce street the Firestone burglar alarm busted loose. Led by the sheriff prowl car a cavalcade of motor cars swept up and down with wildly blasting horns. People on the sidewalks answered with whoops and shrieks. A tide of shredded packing paper appeared from somewhere. Smiles. Victory had come!



JUNIOR OKAY

Having polled quite a few adults we are pretty sure of what they think about changing the high school name.

Then it occurred to us—none of these folks will ever go to this high school, and so what they think is not all-important. The question is—what do the kids think, the kids who will attend the high school, the kids in the upper grades of the Newhall grammar school. If you don't think they like it, here's a few selected opinions:

Laney Kidder, 9th Grade: "I like Bill Hart. I wouldn't mind having the school named after him—it sounds pretty good." Harry, the other twin, says "Me too."

Kathleen Burkert, 9th Grade: "Personally, I'd rather have it named William S. Hart. He's a part of the community."

Brother John, 7th Grade, said o.k. to Kathleen's statement.

Billy Frometer, 9th Grade: "It ought to be for Bill Hart—he built the show and he sure has been good to the community."

Billy Frew, 8th Grade: "Bill Hart! Oh, my! Won't that be nice. He gave us the show and he deserves it."

Joan Looney, 9th Grade: "I think William S. Hart would be nice. This is a little western town, and Bill Hart is a western name."

Colleen Colby, 9th Grade: "I think I'd rather have Bill Hart. He's lived here for so many years and it would be nice to give the high school that name."

Rosemary Trueblood, 7th Grade: "By all means—Bill Hart. I think it's a good name. We should feel honored to have our high school carry his name."

Linder Hargis, 8th Grade: "I think it should be Bill Hart rather than Santa Clarita—he's done so much for our town. It would be proper to name it after him."

Maury Doty, 9th Grade: "William S. Hart. We didn't get to name the show after him. We ought to name our high school after him."

Jim Kerley, 9th Grade: "I have no choice. I'm a newcomer; only been in Newhall one year."

REMEMBER?

Maybe this bit of American history belongs in the "Twenty Years Ago" column, but we cannot allow the ancient history editor to hog all of the good things. Reported The Signal on this date two decades ago:

"President Cal Coolidge visited his dad in Vermont Sunday. He went walking and the procession of newspaper men and tourists looked like a political parade. He cut a stick for a cane and forthwith the crowd cut down all the bushes for miles around. He climbed a hill and they carried off the hill as a souvenir. He went to church and they carried off the hymn books, pulpit and pews, and then carried off the church. He shook hands with dad on leaving, and they carried off the old man as a souvenir too. Any way, that is the way the big town papers reported it."

SALUTE TO DAD

The Signal Tower orchids this week go to Dad Thatcher, who, on Tuesday, celebrated his 85th birthday. There was a catch in it to be sure, because Dad insisted that on August 14, 1945, he was not 85 (Turn to page 5 please)

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Bermite cut-back causes dropping of swing shift

First impact of cut-backs on munition production caused by the victory in Europe and the surrender of the Japanese was felt in this area this week when it became known that the Bermite Powder Company received a substantial reduction on its quota of 20 millimeter ammunition and was to discontinue the swing shift this week, probably today.

According to the best information available, the cut-back amounted to about a third of the output. The plant has been producing a million and a half shells per month and is now scheduled to put out slightly under a million.

Since work has been divided approximately equally between the two shifts, most of the swing shifters will be transferred to the day shift. Some may be dropped, although just how many is not known.

It is understood that the rocket program will not be affected for the present, since this involves experimental processes still being developed by California Tech, and tested on the big Naval testing ground at Inyokern.

The big question at Bermite is reported to be the status of the Army contract which was recently assigned to Bermite, and for which a number of new buildings were erected and are now about ready for use.

The Bermite Company has long been known to occupy a favorable position with respect to Navy contracts, because of the remarkable record made there since June, 1942, and because of the fact that Congressman Harry R. Sheppard of this district is chairman of the House sub-committee on naval appropriations. The situation on Army contracts is not so clear.

Hay truck trailer, three room house destroyed by fire

A big hay truck trailer loaded with 12 tons of baled alfalfa was totally destroyed by fire on the five-mile grade two and one-half miles north of Castaic early Saturday morning. Total loss, including trailer, 13 big tires, and the hay, was estimated at \$4,000.

The truck and trailer were the property of the H. W. Jordan company of Roscoe. The driver, W. M. Sawyer, also of Roscoe, said that his brakes became overheated while coming down the grade and set fire to the cargo. He was able to stop, block the trailer wheels, detach the truck and move it to safety.

County firemen under Capt. Joe Trout had a mean job getting the fire under control. The whole stack of 12 tons had to be torn down bale by bale and wet down, 3250 gallons of water being used in the process. The job took from 3 a.m. to noon.

The same morning fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a three-room frame house occupied by the Arthur H. Wood family in Soledad Canyon, near Lang. The family lost all its earthly possessions except the clothes they were wearing. Total damage was estimated at \$2,000.

What might have been a bad brush fire back of the Golden Rod cafe in Mint Canyon was caught in

Joe George of Castaic, who sustained chest injuries, fractured ribs and a broken leg when caught in a cat head on the Pike Drilling Co. lease, is able to be around on crutches after five weeks in the Community Hospital.

2 Navy photo men killed, one hurt in head-on collision

Two members of a Navy photographic unit were killed and a third critically injured at 7:25 p.m. Friday evening, when a jeep in which they were riding collided head-on with a motor car just north of Solemint junction, in Mint Canyon.

The dead are: Edward Roche, age 35, photo specialist, first class, and Jack P. McKenzie, chief photo specialist, Herbert Wolf, age 35, photo specialist, first class, was injured. All were attached to a photo unit of the U.S. Navy Reserve, with headquarters at the old Fox studio on Western avenue in Los Angeles.

According to the story of uninjured members of the unit, they were coming down Mint Canyon in a Dodge carry-all, towed by the jeep. The jeep was driven by Wolf, with Roche and McKenzie as passengers.

At a curve in the highway, both jeep and carry-all went out of control, and swerved toward an oncoming car driven by Luther G. Ramey of San Fernando. The men in the carry-all applied their brakes, whereupon the carry-all broke loose from the jeep. The jeep continued onward and crashed into the Ramey car.

Ramey escaped injury, as did the occupants of the carry-all. Roche, McKenzie and Wolf were badly hurt and were rushed to the Community Hospital in the Newhall garage ambulance. Roche died there soon after arrival. Wolf was removed to the Naval hospital at Long Beach, but McKenzie was too badly injured to move, and he died Saturday afternoon.

The Anvil Chorus



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—Chet Lauck, the "Lum" of the Lum's Abner team, finds relief pounding an anvil at his Bar-Nothing ranch near Las Vegas. Lum's protest is over a deal he made with young Chet (at left), which provides that all bull calves born at the Bar-Nothing belong to Chet, Jr., the heifers to Lum. Perhaps because of the war's influence on the birth of males, the last checkup of the Bar-Nothing's registered herds showed the young Chet led his illustrious father in the contest of sexes by a ratio of 3 to 1.

Petition against hog ranch denied

It was announced Thursday that county supervisors had denied a petition to revoke the hog-fencing permit of the A & A Feeding company in Soledad Canyon Road, one-quarter mile west of Mint Canyon.

Petitioners contended that the company failed to maintain sanitary conditions in the operation of the establishment, where some 1600 hogs were fed.

In denying the petition, supervisors ordered permit of the A & A Feeding company to be retired 90 days after conclusion of the war with Japan.

City nimrods, wild for meat, invade U.S. closed areas

The deer hunting season in Soledad township opened Friday with more hunters and more law violations than have been reported for the past four years.

Whether it was red point shortage, or war nerves, U.S. Ranger men declared that never before has there been so much trouble in keeping city hunters out of closed areas.

Because of the shortage of fire fighters, the U.S. Forestry this season closed most of the Angeles and Los Padres areas. The only exceptions were a strip from 10 to 15 miles wide extending west of Gorman to the Cuyama Valley, and the little and Big Rock-Horse Flats area east to the San Bernardino county line. This last has not been open to hunters for several years.

On Friday and Saturday 75 buck were checked out of the Frazier Park and about 40 out of Valyermo.

Reports were not in from County Forestry station, but 16 had been checked through Soledad Division headquarters.

At the U.S. Ranger Station, E. J. Madry declared that most of the city hunters, particularly the experienced ones, seemed anxious to re-arrange and observe closure postings.

Another class, however, is continually giving trouble with willful blindness. All such violations are reported and if, upon review, are found sufficiently flagrant, are cited in Federal Court. One hunter was caught with a rifle, and another declined to show his license, and these are scheduled to come up in Justice court.

The season ends at sundown, September 9.

Up to time of going to press no accidents had been reported and no cases of domestic animals being shot or water tanks perforated.

The R. R. Thompsons of Riverside were in Newhall the first of the week.

Business men O.K. change in name of High School

A check-up on Spruce street by The Signal this week disclosed not a single dissenting opinion on changing the name of the high school from Santa Clarita to William S. Hart. The change was proposed by the board last week after consulting with Mr. Hart.

In place of doubt and uncertainty there was a unanimous expression of approval, which was typified by the statement of Dick Worthey, of the Firestone Store.

"Mr. Hart has lived in this valley for a long time. He loves it as few of its other residents do. He has done handsomely by it. His name is known to the whole United States. To give it to the high school would only be just, and I certainly approve."

In view of the generally favorable reaction to the change, the board was expected to begin the necessary legal steps at an early date.

Foundation forms for the three class rooms to be erected on the Newhall school grounds had been erected by Monday, but concrete had not been poured.

Leslie Wright, superintendent of transportation, and Jimmy Cash arrived at Lima, Ohio, Friday to pick up two school busses, and Cliff Thyer left Monday to get the third. They will drive the vehicles back to the coast.

Biggest immediate problem before the board is to find living accommodations for the teachers who will be employed to teach the 9th grade classes which start here this fall. Secretary L. C. Dalbey issued an appeal to householders this week to let the board know if any rooms are available.

Guest cards for Browne lecture

In the belief that everyone who wants to should be given an opportunity to hear Lewis Browne, noted author and lecturer, when he speaks before the Kiwanis Club Thursday, August 30, Ernest Chitwood, chairman of the evening, disclosed that guest cards are being prepared, and may be obtained from him, or any Kiwanis member, and at The Signal office.

The guests are invited to come to the French Village at 8 p.m. to hear Mr. Browne speak on the topic, "What Went Wrong with Civilization?"

The lecture will be followed by an open forum at which the speaker will reply to questions from the audience.

"The present time of doubt and uncertainty over the future makes Mr. Browne's appearance here very timely," said Mr. Chitwood. "Many will remember his book, 'This Believing World,' which went through 20 editions. He has written several books since and all have been successful. He has lectured at U.C.L.A. and Columbia. I hope that as many as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear such an outstanding speaker."

The firm of Brown and Young has dissolved partnership. Charles Brown retains the store on Spruce street and Oswood Young will establish his headquarters at his home in Happy Valley. The territory served by the Brown-Young Jobbing Co. has been divided, with each taking an exclusive part.

One Carey sent to jail, the others banished to Texas

The tempestuous and trouble-strewn affairs of the Texas Careys continued to occupy the attention of Soledad Justice Court last week, with the net result that Miss Verne E. Carey was stowed away in pokey for 90 days, and Mrs. Linda Alice Carey warned that she would join her sister-in-law there unless she, her husband, Private Edward A. Carey, and their three-year-old son Roger were on their way back to Texas by August 20.

When the Carey girls appeared before Judge Miller for the second time in less than a week he was in no mood for leniency. Both appeared Friday, after spending Thursday night in the county jail. They had been arrested when an elderly citizen of Newhall squawked that the gals had stolen \$60 from his wallet during a social gathering at his home.

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DRAGNET SPREAD

The party is alleged to have taken place Wednesday evening. When the victim complained to the law, an all-points broadcast to pick up the Texas Careys went out from the Newhall Sheriff Station.

Deputy Spike Waldrip, who once before had run into the affairs of the Texas Careys, caught the broadcast in his prowl car out of the Hollywood station. A short time later he saw the Carey car, containing Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Miss Carey, and the little Carey boy. All were taken into custody and Waldrip stated that there was evidence that all of the adults had been drinking. All were taken to the county jail for booking and the child was sent to Juvenile Hall.

WOMEN BATTLE

At the jail the Carey women became hostile. It is said they had to be subdued searched and booked by force. When Investigator Chuck Kelley talked to them, Miss Verne Carey admitted getting the \$60 out of her host's pocketbook, and was held on a petty theft charge. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carey were turned loose.

The entire menage showed up Friday afternoon at the court house, accompanied by an individual wearing levis close-cropped hair, and shirt tail out, whose gender considerably puzzled court attaches, and who left before the trial started.

When Verne Carey was arraigned she pleaded guilty without argument. Judge Miller however, had considerable to say. He imposed a jail sentence of 180 days, half of which was suspended on condition that the stolen money be restored and that Miss Carey stay out of the township.

ASK MORE MERCY

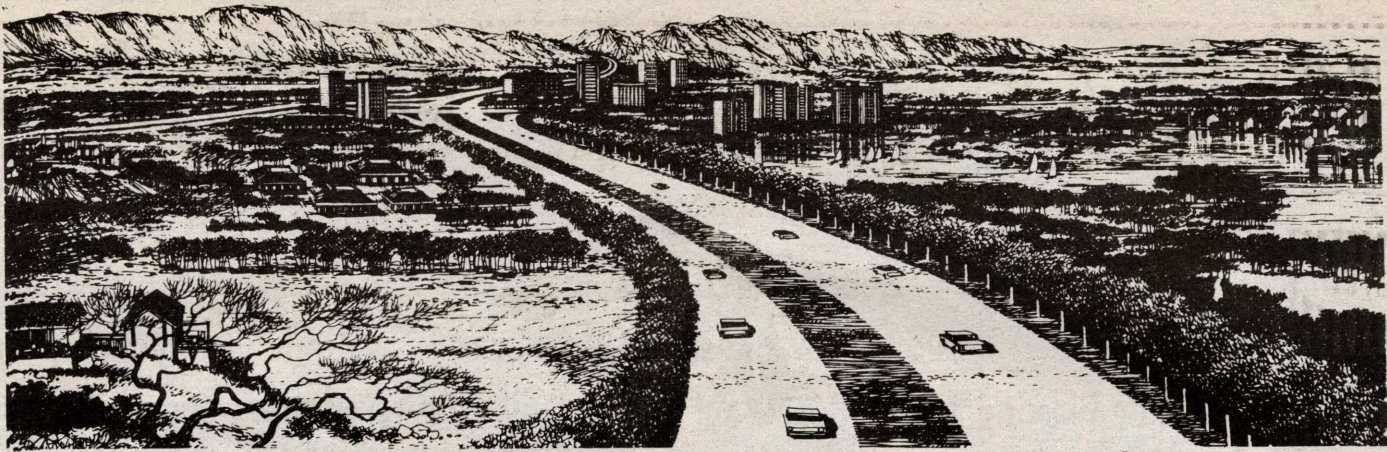
With Verne out of the way Judge Miller summoned Linda before the bar, sternly informed her that the case of child neglect on which she was tried last Monday was still undecided and that she had very severely prejudiced herself by this new outburst. The Judge declared himself shocked by an apparent betrayal of his confidence and leniency, and indicated that he was tired of fooling around.

Scoured out of her bravado for the first time, Mrs. Carey pleaded for another chance, pouring forth a torrent of words with machine-gun rapidity, and watering them with occasional tears. Mr. Carey added his tearful plea to hers. After all the pleas were in, the judge declared that the welfare of the child was his principal concern. He found Mrs. Carey guilty on the child neglect charge held over from Monday, and imposed a jail sentence of 90 days. The sentence was suspended and the woman paroled in charge of her husband until August 20, during which time steps are to be taken to have Private Carey's furlough extended 10 days, and to get the child out of custody of the juvenile authorities, in order that Soledad township may be relieved of the whole family.



VISION of loveliness is gorgeous Georgia Carroll, featured on "Kysers' College of Musical Knowledge," every Monday evening over NBC.

1965 A New City Is Born



The future civic center of Valencia, seen from McBean Parkway, rises beyond a chain of lakes. This view is looking north, with San Fernando Road to the right.

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Districts Pass Issues; Defeated

oters, Tuesday night, ed tax override is- in the Hart High ol and the Saugus ol districts, but de- an override in the taic school district.

Hart High district, current- operating on a 35 cent override, successfully ob- a renewal of the 35 cent override and an ad- 30 cents. The current operating tax, with the 35-cent tax override was to expire in June, 1970.

Total of 987 yes votes cast with 808 no votes. Percentage of nearly 55 percent yes and 45 percent no.

Saugus school district vot- turned out at the polls to total of 714. A total of 433 yes votes were cast and 281 no votes. Total tax will now be 30 per hundred. The 50 cent tax override in Tues- will be for a five-year period.

In Cactia, it was another override requested by a vote of 70 yes and 79 no. Only 22 percent of the vot- turned out at the polls and 11 and one-half percent defeated the issue.

\$5,000 In Jewels Stolen

The theft of more than thousand dollars in jewelry was reported to the Newhall Sheriff's station last week by James Bommarito, 52, of 22570 Paraguay St., Saugus.

Bommarito told deputies that he and his family had been away from their Saugus home for the weekend upon returning, discover- the missing jewels.

Approximately 40 pieces of jewelry and several house- hold items were reported stolen, including a ladies' cock- ring valued at \$1500. Sev- other rings ranging in value from \$150 to \$500 were also missing.

Bommarito told deputies that his son had lost a set of keys to the front of the home several months ago. He also said that a key to front door which had been hidden has also been missing.

It was believed that the person or persons involved in the theft had gained entry to the home by using the lost keys. No evidence of forced entry was found.

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The Mayor Is Welcomed

Dr. Don Adolfo Rincon de Arellano, mayor of Valencia, Spain, waves to the crowd of over 700 persons who give the special guest an ovation at the dedication of the new city of Valencia, Monday night.

Six Schools Announced Scout Field Day Held At Park

Names for six elementary schools to be built on sites presently owned by the Saugus Union School District were selected at the regular meeting of the board last week.

For planning purposes, school sites are usually identified by a code number. This is later changed to the name specified by the school district.

Previously, the Board of Trustees had adopted a policy that elementary schools in the Saugus School District be named by a geographical feature, with a housing tract or subdivision, or identify with a street bordering the school site.

In accordance with the policy, the board adopted the following names for three sites owned by the district:

- Skyblue Mesa School
- Aldbury Ave. and Hardesty Street
- Cedar creek School
- Camp Plenty Road and Cedar creek Street
- Emblem School

Names selected for three school sites presently reserved and in the process of being acquired by the district included Four Oaks School at Camp Plenty Road and Dry Creek.

Sgt. O. D. Deryk of the West Valley Detective Bureau said that Roberts was attempting to avoid contact with Benton when the man hit him and knocked him to the floor.

When Roberts recovered from the blow he asked Lovelady for an explanation, at which time he was stabbed with a pocket knife, according to Sgt. Deryk.

Man Held For Having Fire Arm

Possession of a machine gun was charged to a Studio City man last week, and is believed to be linked to an illegally operated arms company in Los Angeles.

The Newhall Sheriff's station reported the arrest of Gordon Ingram, 4223 Wilkinson Ave., Studio City, after a citizen reported hearing gun shots on Sierra Highway in Mint Canyon.

When deputies arrived at the scene Ingram was sitting in the front seat of his car. When approached by the deputy, he denied that he was shooting or that he possessed any firearms, according to the Sheriff's report.

Ingram then admitted having the firearms, at which time a machine gun and ammunition was found in the front of his car. He reportedly told the deputy that he was employed by the Equigua Arms Company and he was testing the gun. He said he had built the gun himself.

After Ingram's arrest it was noted that the Equigua Arms Company had been involved in a raid by peace officers in the City of Industry several months ago.

At that time, various machine guns and contraband firearms were confiscated, according to the Sheriff's department. It was believed that the firearms were being readied for a shipment to Central or South America.

The two companies, whose mishaps and shortage of facilities caused a water shortage in the hill areas in the early summer, were told to increase their storage facilities from 3.5 to 4.5 million gallons by January 1. Lewa Continued on Page 4

The Birth of a City-- Valencia, California

The birth of Valencia, California, was announced at a tremendous fiesta Monday night.

The farmlands lying west of Newhall-Saugus have been designed for conversion to a full-scale city.

That city, within 25 to 30 years, will have a population of some 250,000.

The first unit of the compact, towering civic center will be a \$2.3 million-dollar regional building for county offices. Ground for that will be broken next year.

Simultaneously, the first residential unit, with houses, parks, and schools, will be under construction. The area of immediate development, located between Lyons avenue, the Ridge Route, and Golden State freeway, is a 3,000-acre parcel of the Newhall ranch, and will contain 30,000 people in three "village" units.

The master plan for Valen-

cia was prepared by Victor Gruen Associates, international urban architects and planners.

Some 700 guests at the "Fiesta de las Fallas" at the Valencia Golf Club joined in the fireworks and formalities that surrounded announce-

ment of plans for Valencia.

The new city will be developed on the lands of the Rancho San Francisco, known as the Newhall Ranch. Originally granted (in 1839) to Antonio del Valle, the ranch has since 1875 been the property of the

Newhall family, which in 1883 organized The Newhall Land & Farming Co.

Thomas Lowe, president of the farming company, explained: "When it became apparent that time had come due to population and tax

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Valencia's Idea -- By Victor Gruen

The individual has been lost in urban sprawl.

He has been made a servant of the automobile, which defaces his outlook with roads, garages, and junkyards, and impedes safe movement of anyone who is not also encased in an automobile.

Victor Gruen, partner in Victor Gruen Associates, architects and urban designers, explained how life will be made different in the city of Valencia.

"Our basic plan will bring automobiles to and from the freeway along two main boulevards — Valencia Boulevard and McBean Parkway," he said.

"Those boulevards will meet at the civic center. Along them will, eventually, be twenty village units, separated by parks. Each village unit will be planned for about 12,000 people, and will contain homes, apartments,

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VICTOR GRUEN creates master plan

A Hectic Chase-- But It's Too Late

The birth of the city of Valencia, California, was the big news Monday night, but sculptor Fred Wilson of Val Verde, was still talking about another birth.

Wilson, who with Hal Rasmussen created the huge figure to be burned at Las Fallas, was relating the spectacular arrival of his first daughter.

It is a story which nearly put Wilson in the hospital with a case of jittery nerves.

About two weeks ago, at 2:15 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, to be exact, Wilson loaded his wife, Jessie, and his mother into the car to make the long dash from Val Verde to the hospital in Sun Valley.

They had travelled as far as Tips Castle when Jessie calmly told Fred she didn't think she was going to make it to the hospital for the birth. So they decided to try for Holy Cross Hospital since it was closer. The father-to-be expressed his nervousness by promptly getting lost after leaving the freeway. Racing down San Fernando Road at about 65 miles an hour, Wilson saw a police car and be-

gan honking the horn hoping to attract the officer's attention. This was no easy task since the horn was disconnected and had to be honked with a loose wire.

Jessie, seated in the front seat, was urging Fred to hurry. The officers didn't Continued on Page 4

Construction Sites Hit By Theft

Two grand theft reports were taken by the Newhall Sheriff's station last week with a total value of more than \$2000 in stolen construction equipment.

The Artukovich Construction Company reported that \$822.69 worth of plumbing supplies had been stolen from a construction site at 27835 Urbandale St. in Saugus.

The missing property included copper tubing, couplings, hydrants and other plumbing equipment. A five-foot gate had been removed by the thieves, thus gaining entry to the site.

The Guy F. Atkinson Construction Company reported that \$1,161.82 worth of tires and tubes had been stolen from their construction site near the Oak Flats area.

The Sheriff's station also noted that the construction thefts occurring in the area recently have taken shortly after dark.

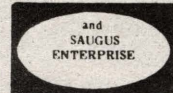
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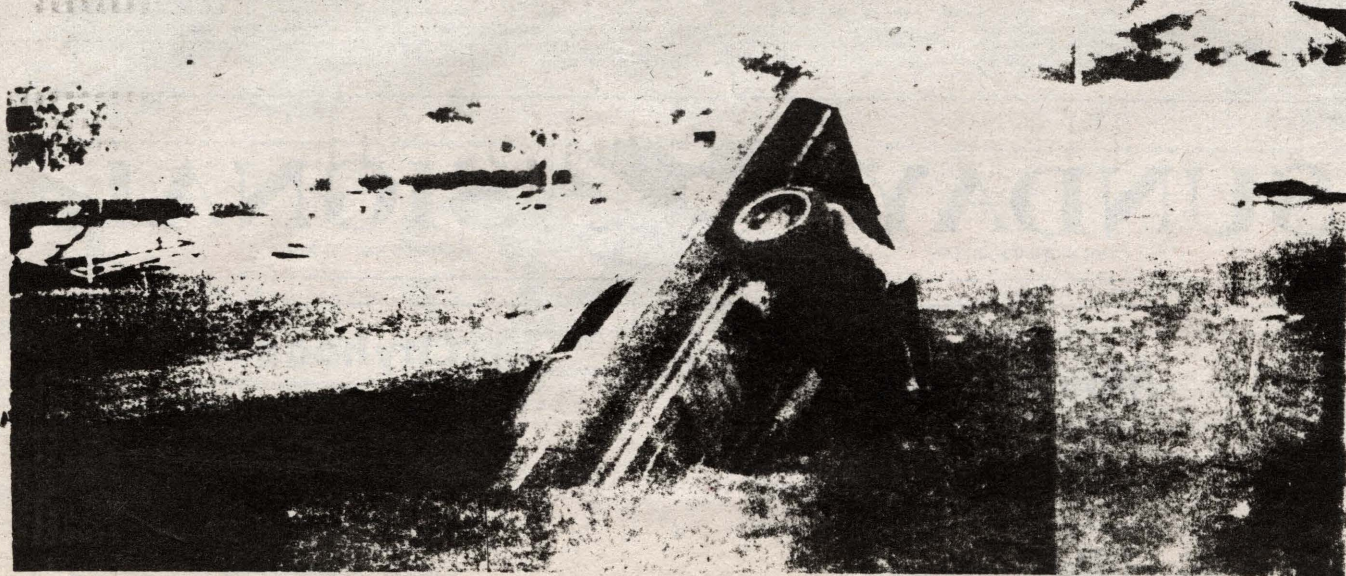
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The story was almost inevitable. It unfolded at Los Angeles International Airport, but it revolved around a man who has been the center of some acrimonious discussion. Although Hart school district superintendent Robert Emergent was named vindicated, he was somewhat shaken. Emergent was named when L. Ferguson, the head last March for a month as consultant to the Hart board, was named near the airport that he had attempted to hire some-

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Schools Close

San Joaquin school districts in the valley announced they will be closed for the remainder of the week because of the earthquake. In the Castaic district, the schools of the Canyons will be closed for the remainder of the week (Wednesday); both districts reported that they will be closed for the remainder of the week.

The mammoth Saugus district announced that all of its schools will be closed today, but Superintendent Jim Foster said that all Saugus schools will open again tomorrow. Dr. Foster said that the Saugus district suffered minor damage, but that the Bessell and Honnert districts were hit hard.

Newhall, Sulphur and Hart High districts will all be closed Monday. Officials at the schools said they would be closed tomorrow for the remainder of the week. The schools are closed for the remainder of the week.

Children in the district are advised to stay in their homes and to call the district office at 259-1886 for more information.

The Day Of The Quake

The special scenes that prevailed after the quake:

People huddled outside in the darkness with their children, some looking with flashlights at the wreckage of chimneys and garden walls.

Neighbors sharing experiences: "I thought it was a bomb. . . My television moved ten feet but the glass vase on top didn't break. . . There was no reinforcing in this brick wall. . . I was frightened to death. . . It was shaking so hard I couldn't get out of bed. . . It knocked me down."

Store owners out early and discouraged, sweeping up great piles of broken glass.

Highway patrolmen throwing up barricades, stopping all people coming from the north at Lyons Avenue, and letting into Newhall only those who lived or worked there.

The closing of all freeways and outside roads except Interstate 5 to the north and 126 to the west. Great streams of cars and trucks headed toward Fillmore to

cross the mountains there to Moorpark and the Ventura Freeway--the only route south.

The wondering carloads of people streaming up and down the streets gazing at broken windows and some crumpled walls.

Insurance agent Andrew Martin, looking like the most sprightly man in town, saying, "I try to sell earthquake insurance. People don't believe me -- almost no one has it...."

A sheriff's command post, with ambulance (unused) and dozens of official cars lined up in front of Hart Park.

And rumors, everywhere: A woman trapped in her home high in Sand Canyon who had called her daughter in Missouri and asked her to summon the local sheriffs (not true). A rumor of five people killed at Weldon Canyon (not true). And the rumor evidently spreading over distant areas, once more, that Newhall was gone, completely.

Also, not true.

One Dead: Heart Attack

Damage Extensive; Most Injuries Reported Minor

It is an indescribable feeling to be awakened at 6 in the morning by an earthquake.

To all residents of Valencia Valley, along with millions of people in the Los

Angeles area, the feeling was experienced at exactly 6:01 yesterday.

For everyone, there was a rolling and trembling and rumbling. Overlaying it, for many, there were the more acute sounds of break-

ing glass, crashing bricks and plaster, creaking timbers, and thudding objects.

The origin of the earthquake was, not unsurprisingly, "near Newhall". This location given on radios was not unfamiliar to people who listen to disaster accounts; however, it was the first earthquake so centered in recent years.

The earthquake was described as Force 7 on the Richter scale, which is in the major earthquake category. The measurement was done at the University of California Berkeley seismograph. That at Caltech was shaken off the track; the quake was too close to measure. The epicenter was probably in the neighborhood of Placerville Park.

The most extensive and expensive damage done in the

One Looter Caught

A young man was arrested for looting in Valencia yesterday morning after the earthquake.

A sheriff's deputy was driving past Valencia Cyclerly in Lyons Plaza and spotted three young men peddling bicycles down the street.

The deputy apprehended one of the young men, Forrest Canutt, 20, of 15856 Beaver Run Road, Saugus.

Destruction, Dam, Death

Sylmar, Pacoima Suffer Most

The quake's major damage came, not in Newhall, but on the south slope of the mountains in the San Fernando Valley.

There three hospital complexes that stand on the hillside-- Holy Cross, Olive View Veterans' Hospital, and the newly-opened and reconstructed county (Olive View hospital--were the most severely damaged.

At the Veterans' facility seven men died when upper floors collapsed; several others were seriously injured. Two died in the county

facility and Supervisor Warren Dorn promised an immediate investigation as to why the newly-constructed

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Eyewitness Of Tragedy

Dreadful Scene At Vets' Hospital

The picture at the San Fernando VA Hospital yesterday was ghastly.

I arrived at 9 a.m. and saw a hospital building totally flattened. I saw the dead brought from holes in the roof, placed on stretchers and removed to an improvised morgue. Most were elderly men. Some were mangled.

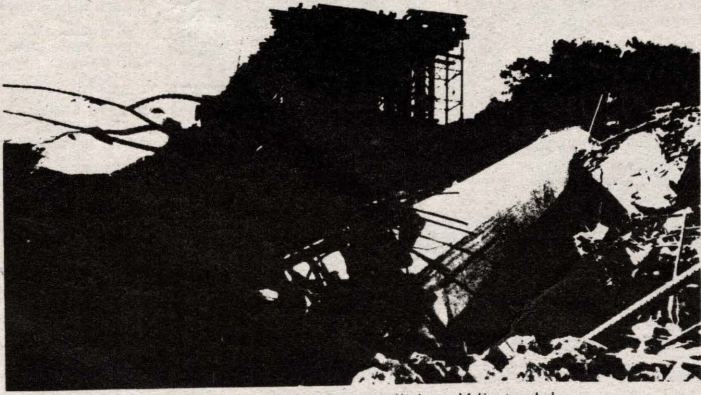
It was hard to believe that anyone in the building could have survived. Firemen huddled around holes in the roof frantically trying to remove debris, yelling for jackhammers and jacks to prop up huge concrete chunks, imprisoning the victims.

The injured, trembling

from shock, were brought out on khaki stretchers to a lawn set up as an emergency room. Those found critical by doctors were sent to other hospitals on helicopters. Others were placed in ambulances.

The injured and dead were removed one at a time as

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One of the tall supports for the new Highway 14 lies toppled.

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Gunning For Safe Fashions

Your Pierre Cardin sports coat may be fashionable, but can it stop bullets? If it can, it's been altered by Executive Coach the makers of Safe Clothes. Vice President Doug Kennedy says his company makes fashions with "protection of mind." Using a lightweight, bullet-proof material called Kevlar, they can create "safe" and fashionable vests, coats, pants and even ties in any color the customer wants. Kennedy says the threat of terrorism and violence in the streets has caused many business executives to go gunning for clothes that provide protection and peace of mind. A complete bullet-proof

package, including car and of course, lead lined shorts, goes for about \$15,000.

Video Games

Video games may help sharpen some aspects of one's vision but only if they're used in moderation, says the American Optometric Association. The games enable a player to follow a moving target or look from one target to another without moving their head. These eye movement skills are also important for reading. Video games also improve eye-hand coordination and visual reaction time. Optometrists don't specify how many hours a day of video game play is considered "moderate." Instead, they stress the importance of taking five

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minute rest breaks for every 30 minutes of playing. During the rest breaks, players should go outside or, if playing in a mall arcade, into the shopping area to look at things at a distance.

The Cutting Edge

In these times of terrorism, you'll be confronted by polite airport security guards if you try to put even a knife through the metal detector. It can be annoying, but consider what would've happened in ancient China, where scholars say an early metal detector

was in use. One century before the birth of Christ, the ruthless Yellow Emperor employed a magnetic device to protect against assassins. Anyone entering the throne room had to pass through a doorway built from magnetic stone so powerful that anyone wearing a dagger up his silk sleeve would be pinned to the wall.

20th-Century Octopus

Q. What has annual revenues of \$0.5 trillion, is five times the size of the

Mafia and involves 33 countries? According to investigative reporter James Mills, the answer is: the international drug trade, and it's destabilizing the world economy. Mills's book, "The Underground Empire," reveals secret alliances between officials and drug traders who murder, kidnap and plot against peaceful governments. The saga focuses on Centac, a little-known arm of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that tried to destroy the Empire.

Disorder In The Courts

The whole world is ogling as Jello Biafra and the rest of the Dead Kennedys go to trial on obscenity charges over the allegedly por-

nographic poster in their latest LP. The graphics were too graphic for the unsuspecting 11 year old who bought the album, the plain till complained.

Dinosaur Decor

The latest fad in interior decorating is not French Provincial, Early American or oak and mahogany furniture. It is dinosaurs. The terrestrial carnivorous and herbivorous reptiles are being brought out of extinction by this latest decorating, design and merchandising trend. Dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures, like the pterodactyl and brontosaurus, are in many fashionable living rooms across the country.

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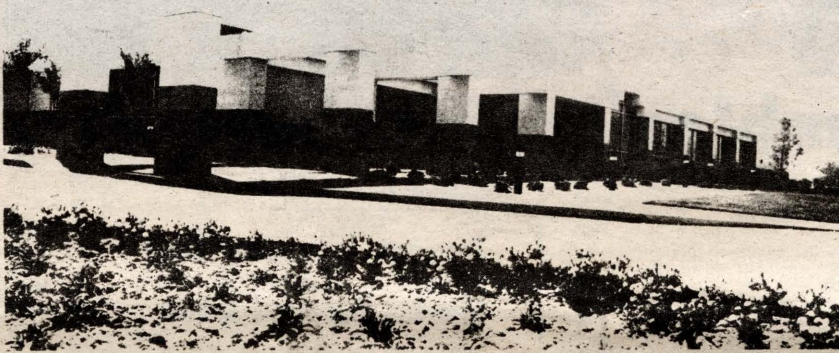


Photo by Pete Schulte

Signal readers are invited out to the paper's "new building" at 24000 Creekside Rd., Valencia, for a community open house planned from 4 to 7 p.m. tomorrow. After years of planning, it's finally moving time for The Signal, and the open house will give the staff and com-

munity an opportunity to celebrate together. The Signal will be closed tomorrow, and again on Monday, Sept. 15, in order to move equipment and accommodate the transition. The Signal will open for business for the first time Tuesday morning, Sept. 16, in its new quarters.

Cityhood Answer Possible Monday

By Greg Warnagieris
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"We're hanging on tenterhooks," said Connie Worden, waiting for the official total on 540 additional signatures in favor of cityhood turned in last Tuesday.

Worden, a member of the Cityhood Feasibility Committee, said the 540 were turned in for good measure to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Only valid signatures 275 are needed.

By tomorrow the county registrar-recorder should have the official count for LAFCO, which can then begin its four- to six-month study of the economic feasibility of the Santa Clarita Valley becoming the city of Santa Clarita.

Cityhood backers are eager to get beyond the signature-counting phase, but they have learned, "It ain't over 'til it's over," to quote Yogi Berra.

The committee came up short in its first attempt to gather the signatures of 25 percent of the registered voters within the pro-

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Food Suddenly Improves At The COC Cafeteria

By Cheryl Jensen
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It is no longer considered a "greasy spoon."

Students eating in the College of the Canyons cafeteria are raving about the food.

Nature's Harvest restaurants, in Newhall and Canyon Country, now provide the food for the cafeteria.

cafeteria patrons had to eat from paper plates.

Gary Olmstead, COC business manager, said the cafeteria has been getting great reviews, both in the quantity and quality of food, and in the new kitchen equipment.

"Before the new three-year food contract and purchase of kitchen supplies, the cafeteria was operating below satisfactory standards," said Olmstead. "It was typical institutional food."

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"It was necessary to purchase these items, like pots and pans, cookware, trays and eating utensils, because much of the kitchen equipment, some purchased 15 years ago, was broken or stolen over the years.

Suicide At Hospital Door

"The cost of the cafeteria supplies was over \$3000. There is a special account in the budget that is specifically for the cafeteria fund."

An unidentified man committed suicide yesterday morning near the emergency entrance of Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.

Olmstead said the dishwasher was not operating last year, so

At about 8 a.m., the man (whose name could not be released until his relatives are notified) drove to the back of the hospital, next to the curb leading to the ambulance and paramedic entrance, and rang the bell.

Although no witnesses have been found, the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's station think the man then walked back to his pickup truck, locked the door, pointed a gun into his mouth, and pulled the trigger.

"We do not have an identification of the man because it was outside and he was not a patient of the hospital," said HINMHI spokesman Anita Weld.

Officials from the Los Angeles Coroner's office and county Sheriff's department plan to investigate the circumstances leading to the suicide.

Sets Sights On 'Reluctant' Rose Bird

Senator Davis Goes Bird Hunting

By Laurel Suomisto
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Like many past and present policemen, Sen. Ed Davis is fond of hunting.

His enthusiasm for catching criminals and ducks has recently extended to bigger game.

The former Los Angeles Chief of Police is gunning for Rose Bird, liberal chief justice of the

California Supreme Court because of what he calls her reluctance to enforce the death penalty.

Bird, who was appointed by former Gov. Jerry Brown and is up for confirmation in November, has voted to overturn each of the 34 death penalty sentences she has heard.

Up until now, Davis has focused on Bird's death penalty votes. But on Wednesday, he announced he has asked the state Commission on Judicial Performance to determine whether Bird violated conflict of interest laws by voting on a case affecting the chairman of her confirmation campaign, Anthony M. Murray.

Murray, a past president of the State Bar, was sued by 21 conservative attorneys who charged that in 1982 he used Bar dues money for a "public education project" the true purpose of which was to back Supreme Court justices up for confirmation.

The case was dismissed by a Sacramento court, but on Aug. 23 the state Court of Appeal ordered the case heard.

The same day, the Supreme Court voted 4-0 to reverse the appellate court's decision. Bird casting one of the four votes necessary to bring the matter before the high court.

"By voting with three other justices for review, the chief

justice thus provided the decisive vote," Davis said.

In a letter to John Racaneli, the Judicial Performance Commission's chairman, Davis said Murray has a "wide-ranging, significant" professional and political relationship with Bird.

"The case should not have been acted on by Rose Bird," he told reporters at a Sacramento press conference. "Her action in bringing this case before the Supreme Court is illegal and improper."

Steven Glazer, spokesman for Bird's campaign organization,

the Committee to Conserve the Courts, retorted that "Davis is a failed senatorial candidate who is headline hunting."

Glazer said Davis was raising ethical rather than legal questions.

"If he had a case he'd refer it to the District Attorney," Glazer said.

"He's a partisan politician; he doesn't like an independent court."

"Rose Bird was not on the ballot in 1982," he added.

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Out-Of-Control Car Crushes Passenger

A 22-year-old man died early yesterday morning when the Honda Civic in which he was a passenger rolled over and crushed him.

Danny Lee Johnson and George Sanchez, 22, the driver of the car, were headed south on Highway 14 at about 3:15 a.m. As their car raced past Via Princessa, Sanchez apparently lost control and the Honda rolled off an embankment.

Johnson, who was not wearing seat belts, was ejected from his seat. The car turned upside-down and crushed him. He died before paramedics arrived at the scene.

According to Officer W. Senbera of the Sheriff's department, Sanchez was taken into custody pending possible charges of

drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter.

Two small pickup trucks were also involved in accidents Thursday and Friday evenings. Eighteen-year-old Edward Keenan, from Canyon Country, suffered a concussion and facial lacerations.

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