



# INDEPENDENCE

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Some of the people from Southern California—the ones who wonder why we like it so well up here—should have been here Friday morning and they would have had an inkling. Wasn't that a beautiful sight to wake up to that snow? And the weekend following was so spring-like. The snow was gone before noon, much to the children's disgust, but I guess the older ones were glad—it's a pretty sight but sure makes a mess when it's tracked in on the rug and clean floors.

The Philip Baxter family spent the weekend in Porterville on business.

Jennie Peterson of Los Angeles is visiting her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Carson, for a few weeks.

There were 19 absent from the high school last Friday out of an enrollment of 43 and most of these from measles. It is tapering off this week, however, and most of the students are back in school.

Speaking of high school, Aileen Zucco got left out of the article on Girls State and sister Marilyn's name used instead. It is Aileen going this year, not Marilyn.

Kay Huffman and daughter, Debbie, of Canoga Park and Mrs. Huffman's father, Coburn Mercer, of Van Nuys, were weekend guests of Stella and George Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sargent of Bishop stopped for a visit with the Harold Frew's on their way home from Los Angeles last week. Mr. Jack Cowan was a dinner guest in the Frew home Tuesday evening. The Frew's spent the weekend in Bishop with Mr. Ed Kandt and called on the McNally's while there.

Katharine and Alex Krater attended a 49'er Association director's meeting in Bishop last Saturday at the home of Doug Joseph. There was a banquet in the evening at the Travelodge and another meeting on Sunday morning. The Kraters, by the way, will leave this week for Roswell, N.M., where they will visit their son,

Bruce, and his wife. They plan to take a lieisurely trip and visit points of interest along the way.

Aileen McMurray's aunt and uncle from Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morgan, stopped recently on their way to Death Valley and were shown points of interest in and around Independence. Judge McMurray was home for the weekend and returned to Sacramento the first part of the week.

John Cannau left Independence Saturday for San Diego where he will be associated with Convair. Flora and the girls will be moving as soon as John locates a house for them. We will all miss them but the youngsters will especially feel the loss of Flora as she has had a Brownie troop for two years and teaches the kindergarten Sunday school. She is still looking for someone to take these over and promises a great deal of satisfaction and fun.

Joan and Lloyd Little and three children of Azusa, formerly of Independence, visited friends and relatives over the weekend.

Jim Spates, who formerly lived here and operated Jim's Cafe, was in town for several days last week. Mr. Spates lives in Tecopa and was en route to Lake Tahoe where he will spend the summer.

The town team had a game last Sunday—it was to be with Trona but they couldn't make it—so some of the older men teamed up against the young men and they had a game. I'm not sure who won but know there were a lot of aches and pains being nursed among the older set on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirah spent the weekend in Alhambra with Mrs. Shirah's daughter, Thelma Hanna.

I am trying to find a pink angora hat that was misplaced at the Junior's Fashion Show at the Masonic Hall on St. Patrick's Day and would appreciate any information about it. In all the rush it got left and I think someone must have gotten it mixed up with their belongings and are not sure of the owner. I'm very anxious to locate it.

Several residents from Independence attended the Catholic dinner at the Santa Rosa Hall in Lone Pine on Thursday evening, April 12. They were Josephine Baxter,

## DRIVER INJURED

Lucille Brannon of Bishop received minor injuries Monday, April 9, when the car she was driving went out of control and overturned about one and one half miles west of Rovana according to the CHP office in Bishop.

Catherine Connors, Grace Randolph, Pearl Lovci, Florence Abbott, Aileen McMurray, Grace Finn, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cookson, Helen Gunn, Nettie Fausel, Bill Green and Jim Spates.

Carol Richard of Glendale spent the weekend with her folks, the Jim Richards

The little DeFolo baby, two months old, is in the hospital. She was near bronchial pneumonia but is recovering.

Jim McGregor and his mother attended the funeral of Mrs. McGregor's brother, Gay Hill, in Susanville last week.

Mrs. Louise Menhennick, Marilyn Ritchie and daughter, Linda, brought Irene Lusher home and spent the weekend here before returning to Los Angeles.

Pate Tate and Mabel Shannon have undertaken a big job. They are going to paint their house but they are first scraping off all the old paint—and I mean all. They work at it in all their spare time and have just about completed the scraping.

It dawned on me the other day there was no flag flying over our post office and I wondered why. . . Bill??? The new sign designating it 'U. S. Post Office—Independence' looks nice and must be a big help to strangers wondering where to buy some stamps.

Ruby and Paddy Jordan and daughter Janie spent the weekend visiting Ruby's family in Los Angeles and her sister in San Bernardino.

Nice to see Dorothy and Sam Henderson back at their old stand and the doors of the Village Market open again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morrie of North Hollywood were weekend guests of Nina and Gene Barrows a week ago. The Barrow's accompanied them on their return trip and spent a few days in San Fernando.

See you next week.

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