

The Highway

By FRANK RHOADES

In his new TV adventure series, Rod Cameron will be "Dan Adams," an ex-Navy officer who lives in Coronado, where shooting started yesterday. Adams solves all sorts of hair-raising bafflers through connections he made in Navy intelligence, he said at Hotel del Coronado . . . The town's new Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the second in California (first in San Francisco) will open headquarters at 428 Third avenue Sunday afternoon. It's because of the expanding Chinese population here. Dr. Peter Lee, the public accountant, heads the organizational program . . . The North Park Business Club went looking for Carol Trabert, who, in 1950, became the first girl to win the "Miss North Park" beauty contest, found she is now Mrs. M. T. Gardner, wife of a Navy lieutenant living in East San Diego. She'll appear at the annual N.P. cooking demonstration-fashion show, being revived as a free attraction at the North Park Theater this afternoon, after a lapse of 25 years . . . Lawrence Welk's fiddle-playing vocalist, Tony Lido, showed up at Caliente Sunday and surprised the horse players by being a little thin guy. He photos chunky on TV . . . Caliente's new apprentice jockey, Bobby Brown, is getting a tough break in looking and acting so much like little Willie Shoemaker. It causes the loose-lips to say, "Ya-a-h, but can he ride as well as Shoe?" . . . Mrs. Virgil Deane, the Camp Fire Girls board member, is breathless over the generosity of Howard Johnson, a wholesale nurseryman at 70th and Adams. He made the C. G.'s a present of 50,000 tree seeds for their public service project. When the seeds become seedlings, they'll be planted everywhere they are needed in San Diego County.

The utter, utter dahlings of the jazz crowd is Dick Williams, the 300-pound pianist in the fine quintet Rod Credit has banded together at the Island Club in Coronado. He has the physique of Gorgeous George and the head of a Roman soldier and he plays so hard he has already busted eight strings . . . Four La Jolla kids—Paul Paulsen, Larry Brockman, John Alkazin and John Baer—are playing a chess tournament by short-wave radio, set up in their homes. They call their hook-up the Chessnet . . . Deputy coroner Robert L. Creason got a fan letter from a Decatur, Ill., man named Robert L. Creason, who read about the Oceanside baby killed in a tussle between its parents not long ago . . . Donald Campbell, the La Jolla architect, likes to deny the claim about newcomers becoming lonely in New York City. When he went there from a midwest town years ago, he knew five persons living there. During his first half hour on Fifth avenue, he met all of them. "And furthermore," he adds, "I recognize Fred MacMurray and Ezio Pinza!" . . . Mary Locke and her sister, Kate Kern, longtime operators of La Plaza restaurant on La Jolla boulevard, open their new place (same name) at 1015 Prospect tomorrow . . . Trying to prove that the presence of a beauty will be good for his patients, Dentist Harvey Urban is giving Joan Svoboda a try-out in his office. An undergraduate dental hygienist at San Diego State, she came very, very close to winning the "Miss San Diego" contest two weeks ago.

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Drunk Driving Case Dropped

Drunk driving charges against Ta'a Ta'a Jr. of Pago at the boulevard stop sign at the intersection. Then Robert proceeded into the intersection. Anderson, his truck left turn blinkers operating, was turning into Murphy Canyon road, southbound. Patrolman Hill said Roberts violated Anderson's right of way. Gallagher said Thomas and his family came here from Arizona May 2 and at 7:30 a.m. Roberts had taken Thomas to the Astronautics employment office south of the

Angler Killed In Car Crash

Kenneth D. Brooks, 46, of 937 S. Lincoln Ave., El Cajon, was dead on arrival at County Hospital last night after the car he was driving went off a road and rolled halfway down a 25-foot cliff. Police said Brooks, owner of the Speedee Mart, 3605 College Ave., was returning from a fishing trip when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel. Brooks had been driving north on College avenue when he failed to make the turn onto Racine road, police said. Police found Brooks unconscious in his car and had to pry him out.

Four Leap From Cliff, Escape Blast

Dynamite Blows Up, Destroys 2 Trucks In Mission Valley

Four men escaped death yesterday when they leaped to safety down a 40-foot cliff as a dynamite magazine exploded at a rock quarry on Mission Gorge road. The explosion at the J. D. Stringfellow Co. quarry at 8500 Mission Gorge Rd. north of the city limits demolished two pickup trucks and set a small brush fire. The four men were treated for burns and bruises at Grossmont Hospital and released. They are:

AQUEDUCT PROJECT
Nicholas Moreno, 47, of Lakeside; Jose Cardoza, 46, of 240 W. San Ysidro Blvd., South San Diego, and Peter Ruis, 50, of 547 Las Coches Rd., Lakeside, all laborers, and Jack Cunningham, 26, of Temple City, a mechanic.

The men are employed by the A.B.C. Co. of California and the L. H. Woods Co. The companies are subcontractors on the construction of the second San Diego Aqueduct which will pass near the quarry. James Woods, general superintendent of the job, said the men were on a ledge, which faces on a sheer cliff, waiting to unload and store a truckload of 100 cases of dynamite. The truck was a short distance away when 1 1/2 cases of dynamite in a pickup truck and a blasting powder magazine exploded on the ledge.

BACK BURNED
In an interview at the hospital, Moreno said he had left the other three men and was walking toward a road leading down the cliff when he heard a roar. Moreno said his back was burned and he ran down the road and jumped over the cliff. He said he could see the other men jump over the cliff. He said the door of the magazine was open. Woods would not allow the injured men to be interviewed further.

The superintendent, who is a son of the owner of the L. H. Woods Co., said the men were storing the 1 1/2 cases of dynamite. "We had planned to make an announcement long before this," Raquel said. "But when I was successful in getting the role of Ramona, we thought it would be better to wait. Then, too, we didn't know what the feeling would be relative to the Fairest of the Fair title if I were married."

TRUCK DESTROYED
One of the trucks, which was demolished but left standing on the ledge, contained oxygen bottles and torch equipment. The other truck, which carried the 1 1/2 cases of dynamite, was destroyed. The largest piece remaining was the engine which was blown about 100 feet from the accident site. Debris was scattered in all directions, some of it landing near three powder magazines at the base of the 40-foot cliff. State Forestry firemen extinguished a scattered brush fire started by the blast.

AEC Uranium Loan OK'd For S. D. State Reactor

Atomic Unit Scores 'First' For College

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San Diego State is to become the first of California's state colleges to possess an atomic reactor. It will be used to train atomic scientists.

Dr. Malcolm A. Love, college president, announced yesterday that uranium for a subcritical reactor will be lent to San Diego State by the Atomic Energy Commission. Nearly three tons of uranium in the form of fuel elements is expected to arrive at the college early in June. Value of the uranium is about \$100,000.

A "subcritical" reactor is one which produces no power but its elements function in a manner similar to power reactors.

EDUCATIONAL TOOL
Dr. Lester L. Skolil, chairman of the physics department, said that as an educational tool a subcritical reactor permits uses that a critical reactor would not permit.

He said it would be used to conduct experiments in nuclear science courses for seniors and graduate students. It can be used to observe the sequence of atomic reactions inside the device and it also can be used to make some elements radioactive. Students and staff members are now at work building the reactor. Some parts are being machined by subcontractors in the community. When it is completed, Skolil estimated it will represent a piece of equipment worth \$25,000 without the fuel elements.

LEADER IN FIELD
The building of the reactor is one more step toward making San Diego State a leader in the field of training atomic engineers, physicists and radiological health personnel. The college already holds licenses from the Atomic Energy Commission to use all of the fissionable materials including plutonium. Skolil said at the time the AEC granted State the plutonium license, State was the only educational institution in the country to be permitted to use this element in an unsealed form. Plutonium is considered the most hazardous radioactive material. It does not exist in nature but is made from uranium in reactors.

WATER-FILLED TANK
Basically the reactor will be a tank five feet high and five feet in diameter filled with water. The fuel elements will be immersed in the tank. The elements will be arranged in a hexagonal array of 25 tubes, each of which is made up of five units. In the center of the hexagonal array there will be a hole left for inserting a neutron source.

This neutron source is made of plutonium and beryllium. Without this source, the uranium fuel elements will not become active. That is, there will be no splitting of the atoms in them. But when the neutrons from the neutron source hit the uranium atoms, (Continued on a-22, Col. 6)



The little cylinder dangled at arm's length by Dr. Lester L. Skolil contains fast neutrons to San Diego State's subcritical reactor now being built to train future nuclear scientists.

Secret Is Out: Raquel A Bride

Raquel Tejada, 18, star of the Ramona Pageant at Heret, Fairest of the Fair, Miss Con-Tour and Maid of California, has been married since Jan. 31, it was announced yesterday. The announcement came from Raquel's mother, Mrs. William P. Hoyt. She said her daughter was married to James W. Welch, 19, of Pacific Beach, in Las Vegas.

"We had planned to make an announcement long before this," Raquel said. "But when I was successful in getting the role of Ramona, we thought it would be better to wait. Then, too, we didn't know what the feeling would be relative to the Fairest of the Fair title if I were married."

Two previous queens have married before their reign was completed. They were Ellen Emig Leu of Escondido and Patricia Thompson Beebe, formerly of National City. Officials of the annual Southern California Exposition and San Diego County Fair yesterday said Raquel would keep her title until a new Fairest of the Fair is selected May 31.

Raquel and her husband have taken an apartment at 2923 First Ave. The new Mrs. Welch said she will continue her studies at San Diego State.

S.D. UNION INCLUDES ALUMINUM FOIL PAGE

You can bake an ear of corn or barbecue a chicken with a page of The San Diego Union today. The page is pure aluminum foil and can be pulled out and used for a number of household purposes. The foil is Alcoa Wrap, manufactured by the Aluminum Co. of America and described in a full page advertisement opposite the insert. The page was run through the presses of The San Diego Union from a huge roll of aluminum foil. If laid end to end, foil used would stretch for 91 miles. This is the first time such an insert has been used in San Diego.

Mitchell To Cite Labor Program

The Eisenhower administration's labor program will be one of the features of a talk here tomorrow by Labor Secy. James P. Mitchell in the U. S. Grant Hotel at 7 p.m. The dinner meeting is open to the public. Reservations can be made with Mel Riddle at the United States National bank, and tickets also will be available at the dinner.

ONLY APPEARANCE HERE
Charles Griffith, chairman of the Mitchell dinner committee, said the hotel talk will be the only public appearance the labor secretary will make in San Diego. He is to arrive in late afternoon, make an aerial inspection of the metropolitan area, then go to the U. S. Grant Hotel for pre-dinner conferences with labor leaders, industrialists and others.

Mitchell is expected to detail the President's labor-reform suggestions, designed to protect the rank and file workers who are union members from actions of some irresponsible leaders. **LABOR ECONOMY**
The position of the Kennedy-Ervin bill in the political picture also is to be discussed. In addition, Mitchell is expected to mention the economic position of labor and the efforts of the administration to improve the national situation. He is to have the latest figures on employment and payrolls, both of which reportedly will show substantial improvement. Labor Department agents from Los Angeles are expected here today to help complete details for Mitchell's local appearance, Griffith reported.

The labor secretary is to leave San Diego after the dinner meeting, to continue his inspection tour.

Sailor Indicted In Fatal Shooting

Benjamin Fernando Tobias, 25, a sailor of the submarine tender Nereus, was indicted yesterday by the county grand jury in the fatal shooting May 11 of a "peacemaker" in a scuffle outside a bar. He was indicted on charges of murder and assault with a deadly weapon in the slaying of Clarence R. Mansker, 36, a truck driver of 1432 First Ave. Police said Mansker was shot when he intervened in a fight involving Tobias outside the bar at 1264 First Ave.

WAR GAME PERIL CITED

The Marine Corps, which embarked yesterday on joint war games with the Navy, warned all aircraft of "great hazards" during daylight hours in the Oceanside-San Clemente area through June 5. All aircraft operating in the designated area were advised to remain at least a half mile offshore and below the 1,500-foot altitude during daylight hours through June 5.

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Picnicker's Body Sought In Reservoir

An unemployed Oceanside laborer was missing and presumed drowned yesterday on a picnic and fishing outing with six non-swimmer friends at Calavera Lake reservoir near Carlsbad. The victim was identified as Clyde (Clutch) Nettles, 26, of 1502 Puls St., Oceanside. The lake is posted as being closed to fishing and picnicking.

Robert Pyrtle of 1309 Marquette St., Oceanside, said Nettles attempted to swim across the lake to an abandoned boat on the north shore. Pyrtle told Carlsbad police investigators that Nettles turned around after traveling half way across the lake, disappeared from view and came up waving his arms without shouting. He said Nettles then (Continued on a-22, Col. 7)

Purse Leads To Marijuana

A lost purse containing two marijuana cigarettes and a woman's identification yesterday led to the arrest of a young Chula Vista couple and seizure of three pounds of marijuana. Detective Ted E. Bell reported. The couple, Allan Weaver, 18, and his wife, Eunice, 19, were arrested in their apartment at 566 Flower St., Chula Vista, and booked on suspicion of having marijuana. Bell said a brick and four plastic bags of marijuana were found in a closet shelf. The marijuana could be worth up to \$3,000. National City police said Mrs. Weaver's purse was found Sunday night on an exterior window sill of the Mayfair Market, 1000 E. 10th St., National City. Bell said the purse contained her identification, \$74 and two marijuana cigarettes, one partially smoked. Wayne Greer, assistant manager of the market, found the purse after a crowd dispersed following an auto accident. The Weavers' car was not involved in the accident. Police theorized Mrs. Weaver was a spectator.

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Rush Meadows, right, of the County Republican Assembly shows Mrs. Hugh McKie some products of San Diego's industrial area that will be viewed by Labor Secy. James P. Mitchell, who is to speak at 7 p.m. in U. S. Grant Hotel tomorrow.



"I can't understand why Dad hasn't gotten to like Sheldon yet. He's seen him him around here every day for months now!"