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HENDERSON HEARSAY ---

By BETTY WILKINS
How nice of the San Francisco Chinatown to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the Chinese Republic the same day that our sister was married... big parade with dragons and flowered head-dresses and dozens of drill teams with drums, weird pipes, bells and gongs. Sorry not to have reported in more detail last week... the wonderful feeling of getting back to the desert... but while still getting the L. A. smog out of our lungs we were trying to find out what every correspondent is expected to know, i. e., what happened while we were gone.
Just about the biggest and best news last week was the announcement that the old Manganese Ore Plant had up and ordered the crepe-hangers to call off their wake... Manganese, Incorporated, took up their option with plans to begin construction early in 1950. W. Winchell's forecast of '50 business picking up to match the record year of 1948 was no news to us... Also see where Hogan and Westlake, Dodge and Plymouth dealers in L. V., are

opening a used car lot in back of the Prime Meats Market soon... Howard Sparey, designated manager, has already come to town with the family... welcome. The Henderson Department Store had an exciting house-cleaning sale... But wait 'til the new manager, Mr. Perry, gets back from that buying trip!
Better get busy if your volunteer Community Chest worker hasn't found you at home yet... Don't wait until she tracks you down. Surely, no one could refuse a pledge of some sort even if pay-day is two weeks away... Nevertheless it's interesting to note the many newcomers' names on the donors list. They'll benefit every bit as much as the oldtimers... but might well have been expected to lack the same community feeling... The money raised by the drive stays in this area, but that means also that we get no help from any other locality. Your neighborhood volunteer workers is the only contact you will have... no contribution cans... no other solicitors. The goal is in sight, but every resi-

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dent must do his share to help spread the load fairly... After the work comes the fun, for all, but especially starring the kids... a Halloween party scheduled for a week from Monday... the night when Junior can really be Superman for a whole evening, and the junior misses cover their cute freckles with all the make-up mother can spare... starts with the parade at the high school football field, 6:30, judging of groups by school grade... after the grand prizes, et al, comes the march on the Victory theater for the free show... Let's see, which is easier to fashion... a gun that shoots silver bullets or a broomstick that really flies... but there's always an old sheet around the house.
Speaking of costumes, and he who doesn't enjoy dressing up is getting old, so don't pass over this one lightly... the Henderson Women Bowlers' dance has been moved ahead to next Saturday, October 29... there'll be a \$5 cash prize for the best costume... but if you're an old stick-in-the-mud, you may come as you are... honest, that's what they say!... Lots of other prizes even if you just buy a ticket and stay at home... but don't miss out on the fun... Jim Murchison's popular square dance trio... who also play mean jazz, we're heard, tunes up at 9 p. m., at the cafeteria building. Here's the point missed by many... this dance is a benefit... plan is to help send our Henderson bowlers to Reno for the State Tournament in March... Every girl who is able to go has the privilege, but let's be sure of a proper representation from Henderson. Tickets from any member, see Mary Helen Bogut or "Windy" Hall in the local markets. High series last Thursday: Betty Lorentz, 509; Gladys Bouska, 431... they swing a mean bowling ball, these gals!
In spite of the 200-odd sheep who insisted on following them down-wind of the deer, Jim and Lilylee Nettle came home with two good-sized specimens after their jaunt into the wilds around Ely... How DO you tell a deer's track from that of a sheep?
Just heard that Marjorie Joyce arrived safe but sore after her transcontinental bus trip to Wash-

ington, D. C., where she'll be Walter Baring's secretary.
The indefatigable Mr. Terrill is at it again... this time he's promised a look-see at the caves in the gypsum area beyond the Air Base. Ever notice the display in the Visitors Bureau in B. C. with a cave and its nasty looking tenant, the ground sloth? Big things, they were, some eons ago, 10 to 14 feet tall, so they could reach the green tops of foliage that served as their only food. The tour, planned for tomorrow, October 22, leaves from the Mineral Mart, south of the Pittman post office, at 9 o'clock to explore the extensive gypsum caves once the home of the abovementioned prehistoric beastie. Bring a jug, a loaf of bread and a lamp to light the way... Better yet, make it a jelly sandwich, canteen of water, and a flashlight... but don't miss this biggest yet of the Terrill trips. Oh, yes, you rock-hounds bring a small saw for those crystalized gypsum specimens. For goodness sake wear old clothes. The party heads home from the caves about 3 o'clock... That should get you back in time to see the midget teams of the Sheriff's League play St. Joseph's school, Saturday night... at the local field. Boys from 11 to 14 years will take part... Which reminds us that Fred Mosher, assistant executive secretary of the Boy Scout council, has moved to Henderson. He's hoping to devote lots of time to this area... especially to the Cub Scout program.
Last week's meeting of St. Anne's Guild was highlighted by final plans for the Halloween dessert bridge scheduled for Thursday, October 27, at the Townsite Lounge. Tickets from any member, playing to begin at 8 p. m. Special guest at the meeting, Miss Esther Matz, lay worker assigned to St. Timothy's, discussed her trip to the tri-annual convocation of Episcopal churches in San Francisco and their work done all over the world.
These BPW's who disclaimed sewing ability served the food last Wednesday when the group gathered to make pajamas for the older children at the juvenile home. Many hands make light work and all that... and with

--- By Betty Wilkins

winter coming on, bet those flannellettes will be appreciated.
Must get back to figuring out a way of convincing our family that those "games of chance" don't keep on paying off that way... just beginners' (tourists') luck... These Pennsylvanians simply can't adjust to the round-the-clock activities available... and neither can this correspondent... but company comes only once a year.

CHEST
Only 22 per cent of the goal for Henderson has been reached, it was announced following Tuesday evening's meeting of the volunteer workers and all concerned with the Community Chest. Although there are still some concerns to be reported, it is obvious that a huge cut in the amounts and varieties of grants to various local programs will be necessary unless the next two weeks present a different picture. Among the fatalities will be the swimming program, and all the blessings it represented for our younger set. The Girl Scouts and various other youth programs will have to be slighted or left out altogether unless the townsmen get behind this drive at once, according to the figures presented to date by Lyle Burkholder, chairman of the drive.

VFW
The Henderson V. F. W. has extended a cordial invitation to the general public to attend their Stanley party at 7:30 Wednesday evening, October 26. Proceeds have been earmarked for the polio fund contribution, so a good turnout is expected. First Stanley party ever sponsored here by any organization, the demonstrations will be different than those at private parties. That's at the Victory Village Auditorium, next Wednesday evening.

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