

PIPEFULS

By JIM DAY

(Wednesday, November 14, 1945)



Captain L. L. Davis

Captain L. L. Davis, Bakersfield dental surgeon is home again after more than three years in the service, during which time he was attached to the combat troops which re-took Corregidor from the Japanese. He participated in the campaign at Luzon.

Captain Davis told me that for days after our troops landed on Corregidor, they were killing Japs. Many of the enemy took refuge in the tunnels and caves honeycombing the "rock" and that many of these were sealed in by bulldozers used to scrape earth and rock over the entrances. In one instance almost 20 of our men were killed when Japs detonated explosives in a cave.

One of the finest souvenirs I received of the war was a large rising sun garrison flag used at Corregidor. It was sent to me by Captain Davis. During a bond drive here that same flag was used in a "stunt" which raised \$30,000 in cash.

Doctor Davis is now on terminal leave. He plans to resume his private practice here. His friends, and they are many, are delighted by his return safe and sound to the city. He will rest for a time before resuming his professional services.

Francis Harral

Another veteran of war, Corporal Francis Harral, 2204 Harding avenue, Olddale, is home now and out of the service after virtually four years of it during which he won five Battle Stars. He went into Normandy at D-Day, campaigned in northern France, Belgium and Holland, Rhineland and Central Germany.

Harral was a medical aid man, a branch of the army for which I have the utmost respect, obtained from talking to combat soldiers. I have never heard one speak of a medical aid man without praise. Unarmed, except with bandages and first aid equipment they went into all battle zones to care for and evacuate the wounded. Their Medical Aid Combat Badge is a great distinction. Harral won his the hard way.

Wins Bronze Star Medal

In addition, Francis, through bravery under direct fire of German tankmen, won the Bronze Star Medal during the Ruhr river crossing. While engineers were building a bridge under direct fire of German tanks and ground troops, Harral removed wounded men from the fighting area and risked his own life many times, along with litter bearers. This was during the operation taking the city of Jülich. The Germans were not much more than 200 yards away from him and his men and blasting away at them all the time.

One of his notable experiences was in forming part of the escort of Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery during their inspection of the gruesome German concentration camps.

Now at home he has met his 16-month-old daughter for the first time.

Tennis Players Return

More than half a dozen of the city's top ranking tennis players have returned here after doing their stints in the war and with their return it is expected there will be a notable resumption of tennis activity in Bakersfield.

Lieutenant Larry Hall, United States Naval Reserve, is home again; likewise Andy Davidson. Captain Joe Lynch of the air corps, Lieutenant Paul Daly, a B-29 pilot, and Captain Gordon Hudson, another air corps officer, are all reported home again by Lake Lovelace, tennis professional here.

Dr. Griffin to Address Olddale Dinner Tonight

OLDDALE, Nov. 14.—Dr. Robert Griffin will be guest speaker at the North-of-the-River Association dinner, tonight, at 6:45 o'clock in Elliott Community hall. He will be introduced by Mr. Ray Inness, program chairman.

Union Cemetery Association

Consider These Facts NOW

1. Union Cemetery is a non-profit corporation.
2. It pays no salaries to its governing Board and no dividends.
3. It backs its Perpetual Care with much more money than is required by law.
4. Its Perpetual Care area covers many improved acres—level, parklike and beautiful.
5. Special financial arrangements for family plots.

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Building Code Aired by Board

Employment of William Skogerson as a third building inspector for the county, requested at the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday afternoon by Francis Parsons, county building director, touched off a spirited discussion on the question of fees and restrictions, led by Supervisor Ralph Lavin.

Mr. Lavin maintained that fees on commercial building tend to discourage new industries in the county and anyone who was willing to put money into a business would be interested enough in erecting his own property to see the most important building restrictions were followed without having inspection.

He expressed himself most strongly against the board's approving hiring of the new inspector and said flatly he would vote against the request or a similar one.

Noon's Rebuttal

Supervisor A. W. Noon pointed out that, if the board followed Mr. Lavin's reasoning, the only sensible thing to do would be to discard all county ordinances restricting building. There is no point, he said, in having a building code unless it is enforced.

Speaking from his own contracting experience, Mr. Noon was quite positive that without adequately enforced inspection, for which fees are necessary, a great number of buildings would put up "fire traps" and edifices endangering not only their own establishments but surrounding buildings.

Supervisor Charles Salzer asked Director Parsons why it was necessary to pay a building inspector the \$295 a month requested. The building head explained necessity of an inspector having considerable knowledge of engineering and construction principles before he was competent to inspect construction work.

At the suggestion of Mr. Salzer, decision on the request was held up for another week of consideration.

Vertical Curbs

Other construction which occupied attention of the supervisors was the matter of rolled and vertical curbs. A motion made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Lavin was passed permitting installation of rolled instead of vertical curbing on Dixon avenue.

Co-operation of the county with the recreation and cultural commission in the matter of providing a park in the Mayflower district was approved by the board. It was a motion by Mr. Lavin, seconded by Mr. Noon.

Meeting as a board of directors for Arvin county sanitation district, the supervisors accepted the agreement with the B. C. and L. Construction Company to provide sewer installations and connections of vitrified clay pipe and other drainage facilities and appurtenances. The original resolution providing for the agreement was passed by the board, August 6.

Applications for appointment to Kern General Hospital medical staff continued on Page Fifteen

Chick Brooder Shed Destroyed by Flames

Shed, brooder house and several chickens, valued at \$400, were destroyed by fire at 2:44 p. m. Tuesday on the farm of W. W. Volkmann, 1 mile south and a quarter mile east of the Panama Gin, Kern county fire department reported today. Cause of the blaze was a faulty heater in the brooder house.

Curious loss of a cigarette caused loss of a canvas and two mattresses among the household furniture of Sam Waldron being hauled by truck to Virginia, Bakersfield firemen reported today. Mr. Waldron was driving in the 800 block, Golden State avenue, at 8:45 p. m. when the fire occurred in his truck with damage estimated at \$200. He was treated at the fire station for first degree burns of the hands.

Burglar Wakes Baby in Hotel Room Raid

A burglar entered the local hotel room of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Sharbon, nearly early this morning and stole a wallet and \$125 in currency, according to police.

The couple told police that their 3-year-old daughter told them when she awoke this morning that "a man came in and took your money."

The burglar apparently broke into the room, which was locked with a faulty Yale lock, between 5 and 6 a. m. and took \$10 from Mr. Sharbon's wallet which was in his pants pocket and stole his wife's wallet containing \$115, according to Detective Ed Wall, who made the investigation.

Future of USO as Community Activity Considered as Council Plans Program

Future of the USO in terms of permanent organization following termination of the organization here when military needs have been fulfilled occupied the attention of the USO Council Tuesday.

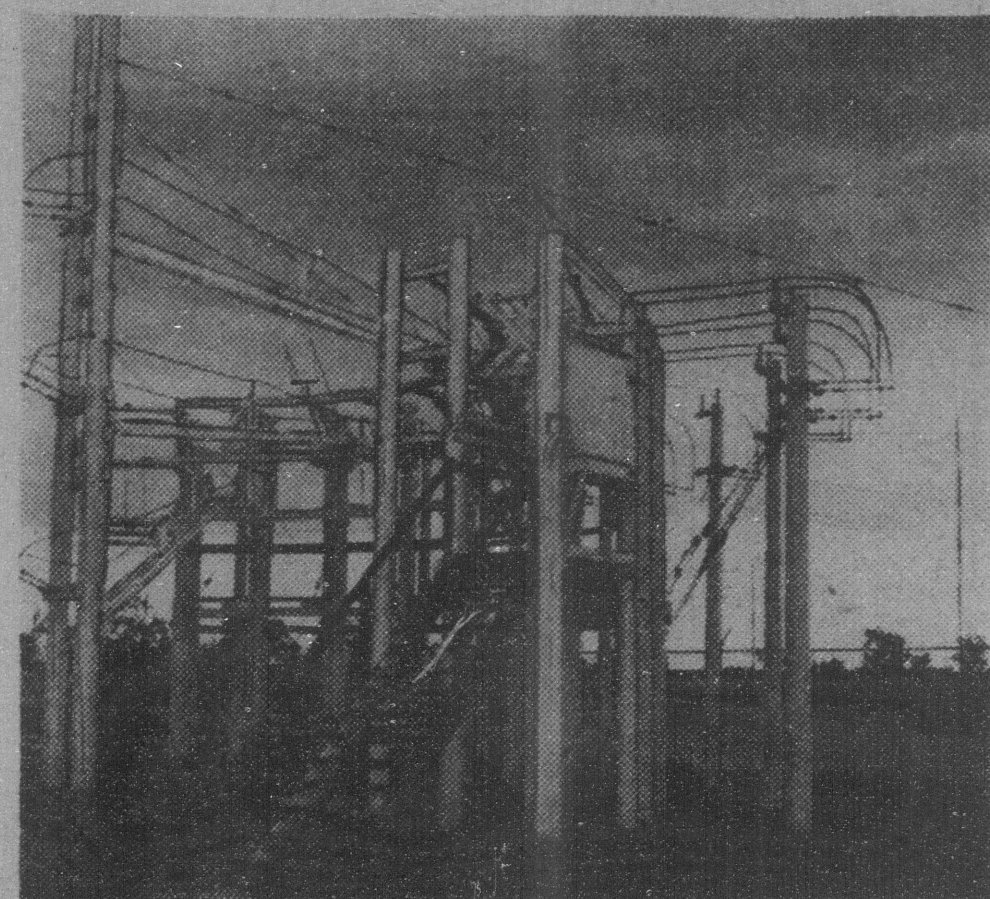
Miss Dorothy McAdam, program director, pointed out that similar organizations are making a survey to find what type of organization they may perfect to perpetuate themselves as a recreation group.

W. B. Leask called attention to needs of returning veterans and necessity of a program to tie into the veterans' service center.

Work of Kern County Cultural and Recreation Commission and other groups interested in a living war memorial was discussed. Representation was sent to the meeting Tuesday evening at Hotel El Tejon to offer support of the USO toward establishment of a community recreation center.

Notice of Termination

Walter Kane, president of the council, reported any termination of the council here will be given notice in time to complete planning. Study will be made of how to continue its work as a community group without



ANTENNA BAY—Just outside the big Delano transmitter building is this station bay where heavy voltage wires run into the transmitters and out to the great circle of 12 antennas built in the shape of diamonds and projecting 36 poles against the skyline, the tie with Asia and South America, sparked by 200,000 watts of power.



OPERATE CONSOLE—Here is the console table of the big broadcasting station, with W. E. Niehaus, one of the staff engineers, turning the dials that control the audio intake. At this table are kept logs of all incoming programs that are transmitted overseas. Down the length of this 124-foot room are control panels for transmitters and modulators. A "mike" can be fitted into the console table, permitting the operators to talk overseas, but this is never done unless to straighten out mechanical difficulties that arise in transmitting. Engineers have the pride of "the show must go on" in working fast to prevent tangles in the station's operation.

TAXI OPERATOR REVIEWS CITY CAB PROBLEM AT CITY COUNCIL MEET

The taxi situation in the city came up for review before City Council Tuesday night with the appearance of N. W. Retherford, representing the taxi companies and poor service.

Mayor Alfred Slemmon opened a discussion of a possible re-allocation of permits for taxis from larger companies, which hold the majority of the permits to smaller taxis giving better service. The matter was tabled until Mr. Van Riper should make his report.

A resolution was adopted giving the state highway commission permission to effect changes at the Union avenue-Sonora street intersection as approved last week by the city planning commission.

The plan, which will be partially paid for by state funds, provides for widening the westerly 5 feet of Sonora between Union avenue and Alpine street and reducing Sonora to a one-way street.

Alpine street will be re-opened between Sonoma and Union as a two-way street, and Bute street closed from access to Union.

The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Jake Vanderlei and seconded by Gus Vercaemmen. There were no dissenting votes.

City Treasurer Walter Smith's report of \$236,241.17 was accepted.

CAR KILLS CHILD; DRIVER DIES WHEN TRUCK OVERTURNS

Two persons were killed in automobile accidents Tuesday near Inyokern and Randsburg, according to incomplete reports from the California Highway Patrol at noon. Fatally injured were Sara Rue Lusher, 7, Inyokern, and Darrell D. Walburn.

The Lusher child was killed when struck by the car driven by Roger C. Turner, 23, United States Navy, Inyokern, at 9:40 p. m. Tuesday while crossing a street at the naval base, reports indicated. Mr. Walburn was killed instantly when the tank truck he was driving outside of Randsburg at 4:30 p. m. overturned and went over an embankment, according to available details.

South Residential Area Reports Complete Return

TAFT, Nov. 14.—West Side United Community War Chest has reached a total of \$22,503.61 toward its \$34,641.51 quota, according to Campaign Manager Howard Knost.

Residential collections in South Taft have been completed under Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and \$105.40 has been turned in by the committee, under Mrs. Lee Williamson, assisted by Mrs. Ed Sewell, Ann Bratton, Annie Koshak, Jessie Tyus, Marguerite Blake, Nellie Johnston, Barbara Jung, Elizabeth Morris, Charlotte Brenzel, Helen Halston and Eunice Wathen.

Incomplete returns from Maricopa under the Exchange Club, R. J. Patterson, chairman, amount to \$450. Lost Hills district, L. F. Barrow, chairman, and E. G. Berghold, assistant, collected \$325. S. B. Toole, in Fellows area, has completed collections of \$793.28.

The team of J. D. Peterson and William O. Erickson collected \$442.50, complete return from the business area allotted them.

EARTHQUAKE JAR AWAKENS RESIDENTS, CAUSES NO DAMAGE

Residents of the city were jarred slightly and chandeliers set swinging early this morning by a probable "earthquake," although no reports of a tremor in this area have been received from the California Institute of Technology seismograph in Pasadena, the nearest earthquake recording instrument.

A slight shock was felt at the Southern California Edison Company towerhouse No. 1 in Kern Canyon about 6:40 a. m., H. J. Davies, assistant superintendent at the tower, reported this morning. Police said they had numerous calls, as did The Californian.

Uncle Sam Speaks to World Through Delano Broadcasts

Secret War Radio Is Revealed

By MAE SAUNDERS

Uncle Sam's loudest voice, mighty enough to span continents and oceans is a radio station near Delano. Heard by few persons in the United States and maintained as one of the great military secrets of the war, the voice told America's side of the war in divers tongues. It is heard in Asia, where it speaks Chinese, Japanese, Annamese, Burmese and numerous dialects in Latin America, in Spanish and Portuguese.

Powered by a 200,000-watt transmitter, one of the few international broadcasting stations in the world, the voice came into being through solution of some of the most difficult radio engineering problems of the radio age. The station sprouted with its 36 antenna poles near Delano in March, 1944, and began beaming information on its tumultuous world axis in November, 1944.

24-Hour Broadcasts

Operating 24 hours a day, during daylight hours the station beams information to Latin America, and during the night broadcasts to Asia. Newscasts of all sorts, comments, explanation of state department policies and views and entertainment go out over the ether waves. None of the programs bear any commercials. Delano residents are among the few Americans who can pick up the station with satisfaction.

Bearing the call letters KCBA, KCBS, KCBR, one each for the three big transmitters, the station is operated under H. W. Anderson, engineer in charge; John R. Quinn, assistant supervisor, and a staff of 10 engineers. Once operated under the Office of War Information, which has since been abolished, it is now under the government's interim international information service. The international broadcasting station at Delano represents an investment of approximately \$1,500,000.

Stepping inside the station is like entering a modern Tower of Babel because from three loudspeakers of the programs and sometimes three programs at once, all in different languages, that may range

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Judge Sentences Man With "Worst Record"

Suspect Claims Guilt on Moral Conduct Count

With the statement "You have one of the worst records I have ever seen," Judge Robert L. Lambert, this morning sentenced Mel Grodzik, 35, to six months in the county jail, following the accused man's plea of guilty to writing checks without sufficient funds. Morris B. Chain was the defendant's attorney.

Willis Brown, 25, withdrew his plea of not guilty to a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct toward an 8-year-old girl and entered a plea of guilty, through his attorney Wiley C. Dorris. His case was continued to Friday for judgment.

Trial of Bernice H. Marlowe, 25, accused of grand theft was set for December 16 as a result of his plea of guilty to the charge.

Robert Durst, 18, pleaded guilty to two counts of forgery resulting in \$132.50 and applied for probation. His case was continued to November 30 for decision.

Robert Lee Jones, 55, and John L. Robinson, 57, both charged with lewd and lascivious conduct, also had their cases continued. Mr. Chain was appointed attorney for Jones with the firm of Dorris, Fleaharty and Phillips representing Robinson.

California Newsmen Plan Local Survey

Representatives of leading California newspapers will see Bakersfield as part of a statewide tour of leading California industries, during the early part of December. It was learned today through the National Association of Manufacturers and the California State Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the trip. December 8 has been tentatively set as the date for the local visit.

According to the association, the trip will not be a "fly ride" but will be a follow-up to the national aerial tour of major industrial areas by newsmen just completed.

In about 10 or 11 days newspapermen will visit 10 to 20 large and small manufacturing concerns throughout the state, hear short talks and meet with the industrialists on reconversion work.

Kern Men to Explain Boost in Arvin Tax

To explain tax increases in Arvin district, Chairman C. W. Hart of the Board of Supervisors, Assessor John Hanks, Planning Engineer Chester James, Engineer Ernest White and Vance Venables, tax expert, will be in Arvin tonight.

They will meet with the Boosters Club and Lions Club in the Community hall at 7 p. m. and will address a citizens meeting at 8 p. m.

Seat, Cushion Stolen From Parked Automobile

Theft of a "lazy back" seat and cushion valued at \$100 from a 1935 Buick convertible coupe parked in the Twenty-fourth and H street used car lot of Meagher-Morris Company, was reported to police Tuesday. The seat was stolen sometime between Saturday and Tuesday, when the theft was discovered.

FAIRFAX POTLUCK EVENT

Fairfax P. T. A. will sponsor a potluck supper Thursday at 7 p. m. at the school cafeteria. Leo B. Hart will be the speaker. Mrs. B. R. Harmon will preside.



COVERS BIG AREA—"No Visitors Allowed" is the sign that is hung out in front of this huge \$1,500,000 international broadcasting station of Uncle Sam's in operation at Delano and one of the military secrets of the war. The guard tower is now unoccupied, but there is a guard on duty at the gates. The building houses equipment that makes Uncle Sam an international force in spreading facts and information to Asia and South America.



DIRECTS STATION—John R. Quinn, assistant engineer, and Helmer W. Anderson, engineer in charge, are the two highly trained experts who have charge of operation of the big international broadcasting station at Delano. They have been at the station since it was first under construction. Highly technical problems in maintenance arise every day at the station, and are solved by engineers, mostly from the Columbia Broadcasting System staff.



MACHINERY DUSTPROOF—Because huge fans suck out excessive heat generated by the huge voltage used in the 200,000-watt station, these spun glass filters flank the upper part of the pump room, catching all dust particles and preventing them from settling in the delicate equipment of the station. Much dusting is done anyway to keep tubes and coils dust free.

Reclamation Parley Draws Kern County Delegates to Denver

Representatives of Kern county left Tuesday to attend the convention of National Reclamation Association opening today at Denver, Colo. Originally intending to invite 700 delegates to Bakersfield for the 1946 convention, the group will ask them for 1947 when hotel and auditorium accommodations will be available.

The local delegation includes Supervisor W. R. Woolloones, Emory Gay Hoffman, manager of Kern County Chamber of Commerce; Albert T. Davis, McFarland, member of Kern county chamber's water committee; George H. Peters, Judge J. R. Anderson of Maricopa, George R. Henderson, Kern County Land Company, and Roland Curran, Washington representative of the Central Valley Project Association.

Mr. Hoffman will also attend the annual parley of the National Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries, November 18-20, at Columbus, Ohio.

Exhibits of Kern county grapes were taken to the meeting by the delegates.

Quail, Pheasant Hunt Moved to Nov. 20

Kern Nimrods Cautioned to Observe Game Rules

Open season on quail and pheasants will start November 20 instead of November 15 by act of the state Legislature during its last session, it was pointed out today.

Kern nimrods were warned by county game wardens on shooting regulations in hunting quail or pheasants when the season begins.

Regulations on hunting of pheasants follow: Season lasts from November 20 to 25, males only, opening day no shooting before 10 a. m., other days sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, limit 2 per day, 10 per season, possession limit, 2.

Quail shooting rules are: Season from November 20 to December 15, no shooting before 10 a. m. or one-half hour after sunset all days, limit 10 per day, 20 per week, only 10 possession limit.

Police Arrest Three in Gambling Raid

Police arrested three men in the 2000 block on L street Monday night on charges of maintaining rooms for gambling.

Detective George Martin of the vice squad arrested Louie Jin, 32, Toy Lee, 59, and Isaac Oller, 44, in gaming rooms at 2028, 2022 and 2026 L street, respectively. They were released on \$150 bail to appear at 3 p. m. today in Judge Fred Neergaard's Police Court.

Legislator to Be Heard by Buttonwillow Lions

BUTTONWILLOW, Nov. 15.—State Senator Jess R. Dorsey will address the Lions Club Thursday noon, following the weekly luncheon. J. L. Joslin, program chairman, announced the speaker today.

MEETING OF WAR MEMORIAL ASKED

RECREATION CENTER PROPOSED AT PARLEY

The construction of a Bakersfield community living war memorial in the form of a recreation center, including a civic auditorium, will be the topic of a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Kern county recreation commission's correlated cultural committees, it was decided Tuesday night.

The roundtable will be held Monday at Hotel El Tejon under the auspices of Kern County Chamber of Commerce, it was decided. The discussion was asked by Mrs. Roy W. Louder, general chairman of the co-ordinated group.

At the meeting Tuesday, Alec Smith sketched briefly a proposed auditorium plan which would include all the necessary facilities. The co-ordinated cultural committee represents Kern County Musical Association, Bakersfield Community Theater, Bakersfield Art Association, Kern County Marionette Guild, the Olddale Puppeteers, Kern County Quilt Teachers' Association, and other affiliated groups. USO was admitted to representation at the meeting Tuesday through its interest in establishing a permanent community recreation center.

Bridle Paths

Herbert Sears, representing both chambers, reported last night on the plan for the development of bridle paths, picnic grounds and beach in a 33-acre plot along Kern river north and west of the city.

Mrs. Laura Nichols reported upon a survey made through letters sent to 12 different civic symphonic or orchestra organizations. Civic subsidies, paid subscriptions and aid of schools seem to predominate in the financial arrangements, she pointed out. She was asked to continue the study with a survey of how finances can be worked out for an organization here.

Mrs. Ted Reese reported upon the success of the puppet theater at Olddale where more than 100 children are now enrolled.

She said that Mrs. Charles Pottee, director of the Kern County Marionette Guild, needs co-workers to help with the local activities and that a workshop where materials may be left is badly needed.

Among those attending the meeting were: Mrs. Ed Brown, president Shafter Woman's Club; Mrs. T. V. Little, Shafter; Mrs. Ray McJoy, McFarland; Mrs. J. C. McArthur, president of the Wasco Woman's Club; Mrs. Ted Reese, Olddale; Mrs. Peggy Wensh, Business and Professional Women's Club; Herbert Sears, chambers of commerce.

Mrs. Laura Nichols, Kern County Music Teachers; Mrs. Walter Jaynes, Kern County Musical Association; Frank Latta, Kern County Historical Society; Mrs. Milla De Laveaga, Kern County Library; Warren Wheeland, youth groups; Hugh Lowery and Miss Jane Alexander, Nineteenth Street USO; Miss Mae Saunders, Seventeenth Street USO.

Distillery Speaker Heard by Exchange

Blending of whiskies, production and the industry's war effort were discussed by William De Wolf, Calvert distilleries representative, before Exchange Club Tuesday noon in Bakersfield Inn. President Clair Marchino presided. Plans were completed for the club stage scheduled at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the inn with Robert Wolff in charge.

Guests at the meeting included D. D. Dauwalder, Roy Morgan and Earl Henry. Prizes went to Bryan Hilly and Ed Pieper.

MARINE SURVIVOR OF WAKE ISLAND HAS CAR STOLEN

A survivor of Wake island, Arthur J. Calanchini, 1905 Haley street, lost his 1942 Ford coupe early today, but sheriff's deputies found it an hour and 15 minutes later, it was reported.

Mr. Calanchini, who was evacuated from a Japanese prison with other American internees August 30, reported the theft to the sheriff's office at 1:30 a. m. Deputies recovered the auto a few blocks from the Haley street address at 2:45 a. m., the sheriff's office said.

Calanchini, a former marine, was stationed with the garrison on Wake island when the war broke out and aided in fighting Japs in the early storming of the position. He was taken prisoner and released after the fall of Japan. He is the son of Mrs. Olive Calanchini, Route 3, Box 835, Panama.