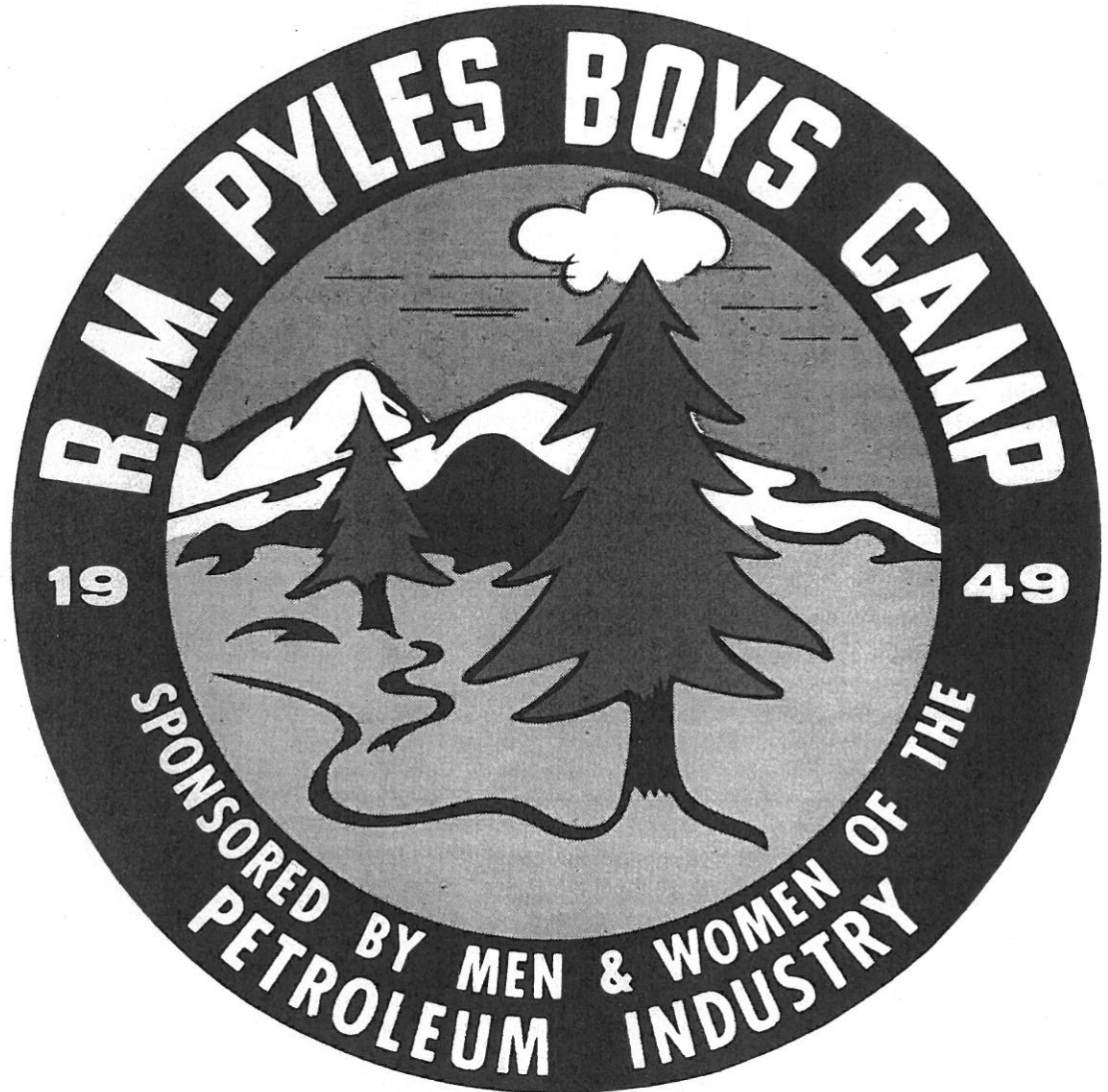




R. M. PYLES BOYS CAMP

FEBRUARY 1967



*Beginning our Nineteenth Year*

About the Pylet. . . .

This issue of the Pylet marks the 10th anniversary that the paper has been published. It is published quarterly and is sent to all campers of the previous year and to the contributors to the camp.

The name Pylet was submitted by Don Sadiga of Los Angeles in 1956 and was chosen out of 60 entries to be the name of the camp paper.

It is the intention of the paper to inform its readers of the happenings of the camp, the camp philosophy and of the camp ideals. It also serves to keep fresh the memories of past camps.

Thus far, the Pylet has been published during the winter months. It is planned that the first summer issue will be this summer, 1967, during the camp season.

Readers of the Pylet are encouraged to submit news articles and photographs.

#### WINNERS OF LAST ISSUE'S PICTURE CONTEST.

Leonard Wright, Sylmar  
Mike Mejia, San Fernando  
Noel Farrell, Bakersfield  
Charles Mattox, Boron  
Henry Holquin, Pacoima  
Fred Diemert, Sylmar  
Ignacio Alvarez, Bakersfield  
Robert Vasquez, Pacoima  
Ronald Donaldson, Vista  
Johnny Donaldson, Vista  
Henry Mora, Pacoima  
Daniel Moreno, Wasco  
Johnny M. Donaldson, Long Bch.  
Jose Alvarez, Bakersfield  
Charles Phillips, Los Angeles

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zip code."

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### March

Mike Tyler  
Greg Hansen  
Rodney Allen  
Henry Salas  
James Crist  
Edward Geftakys  
Mike McLaughlin  
Dwight Chapman  
Tony Cruz  
David Crist  
Larry Hernandez  
Steven Hogberg  
Chris Holrichter  
Ben Larvie

### February

Salvador Castro  
David Webster  
Jose Alvarez  
Yergan Dooley  
Fred Morris  
Melvin Trunnell  
Jerry Moreno  
Joe Roop  
Tim Grantham  
Steve Ewing  
Jim Robertson  
Joe Owen  
Rick Shorts  
Albert Shorts  
Gary Gillin  
Ricky Rosson  
Gus Gastelum  
Greg Ziegler  
Mike Bergstrom  
Steve Todd  
Curtis Reed  
Larry Mendez

Vince Salinas  
Gilbert Krause  
Eugene Bishop  
Richard Villalovas  
Richard Sawyer  
Ralph Cherry  
Robert McKimney  
Robert McDonald  
Stephen Mosher  
Richard Mares  
Paul Telles  
Manuel Delgado  
Johnny Sandoval  
Jose Mesa  
Mike King  
Winslow Smith  
Chuck Asmus  
Rick Westbrook  
Henry Mendoza  
Gregory Valle  
Ruben Chacon  
John N. Donaldson  
Eugene Gonzales  
Tom Robinette  
Robert Aguirre  
Paul Courmier  
Mike Vaughn  
Jim Longferfelter  
Anthony Caruso  
Robert Felix Vasquez  
Robert Cline  
Tom Mamgright  
Roger Bell  
Bob Leggett  
Gene Bell  
Ron Hughes

## News

Wedding bells for RICH CHILCUTT and "Ginger" November, 1966, and J. R. MAURO to "Karen" February, 1967, in Santa Ana.

CHUCK COLLINS, Buena Park, is now in the Army and in Vietnam. RICH COTTER (Butch), Long Beach, is in the Marines and serving in the same battle area.

GEORGE MYRICK, Pasadena, wearing Navy Blue, came by to say he was stationed in Camp Pendleton and is expecting to go overseas this summer.

SKIP HINCHMAN is now working on the campus police at Long Beach State College while attending college.

GENE GALINDO, Long Beach, holds the all time record for correspondence. Gene has averaged a letter every two weeks throughout the winter. Who will challenge Gene's record?

MIKE HONDA, Pacioma, has been named 'Teenager of the Month' by the Pacioma Coordinating Council.

REGGIE MERCADO, Santa Paula, was guest of Lee Prinslow, famous as a first year (1949) camper of Pyles, at Lee's local Optimist Club meeting in Santa Paula.

VIC RIVERA making honor roll in Santa Ana High School.

MIKE SIMS, Los Angeles, working every possible hour when not in school and saving for his college. He has saved every penny of last summers salary as staff member. Will be working toward Science Illustrator in College.

DWIGHT CHAPMAN, San Fernando, at the L. A. Reunion, made such an impression on Dick Sneddon, Contributing Editor for the California Oil World Magazine, that he was written up in that magazine.

STEVE URIAS working 30 hours per week while graduating from Ventura High School.

## Across The Miles

RUDY SCHWEITZER, Board Member of Pyles Camp for 18 years, has been transferred to Paris, France, by his company, Signal Oil and Gas Company. TOM O'NEILL, currently Secretary-Treasurer of the Pyles Camp, has been transferred to New York by Shell Oil Company. We will miss both of these men. These dedicated oilmen have given generously of themselves for many years, even to the extent sometimes of sacrificing vacations to help the Boys Camp. We are confident that they will continue to further the work of the camp by every means possible wherever they are. We are looking forward to frequent visits with us in the mountains.

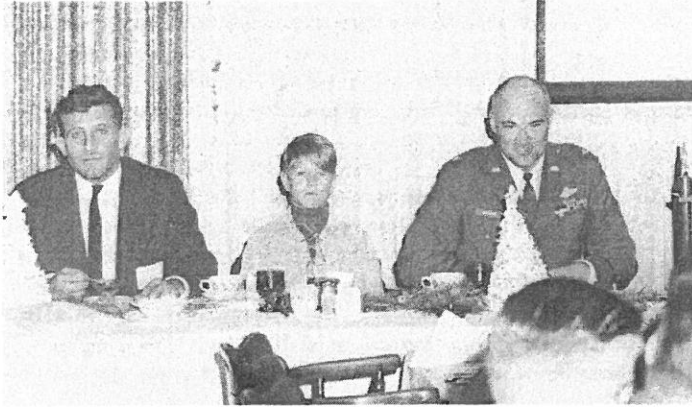
### In Memoriam

Brothers David and Conrad Jamaica were killed in an automobile accident in Tulare during the Christmas holidays. Both David and Conrad attended camp in 1965 and were outstanding campers. Each young man participated in several of the winter programs, following this year in camp. Both young men helped their mother in every way, including supporting the family. The camp is saddened by their untimely death and expresses its sympathy to Mrs. Jamaica. Younger brother Mike has been invited to be a camper in 1967.

Mr. Guy T. Martin, long time contributor to the camp, deceased November 29, 1966, in Gardena, California. Mrs. Martin requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions might be sent to the camp, which has been done in generous fashion.

## Kern County Area Reunion

The Pyles Camp Reunion in Kern County was held for the third consecutive year in early December. The reunion of Kern County campers of 1966 and Kern County Oilmen was attended by 90 oilmen and 90 ex-campers. The highlight event of each annual reunion is the presentation of 'Most Improved Camper of the Year' Award. This year it went to Douglas Shippey of Bakersfield. Following the dinner held at

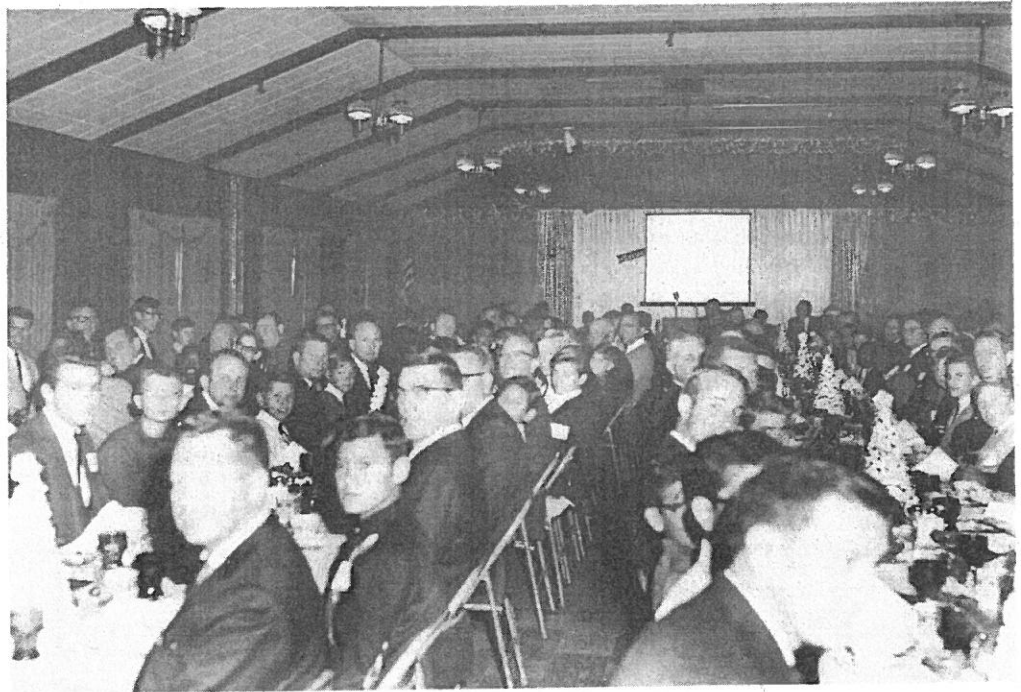


Left to rt: Mr. Jim Parkinson, Kern County Pyles Camp Committee Chairman; Douglas Shippey, award winner; Col. C. G. Mathison, speaker.

Maison-Jaussaud's, the presentation of the award was made by Col. C. G. Mathison, Operations Officer of Edwards Air Force Base, Edwards, California. Col. Mathison also gave the major address of the day which was most inspiring to the boys and men.

Musical entertainment for the group was furnished by Bud Landrum and accompanist.

Table decorations of beribboned, candied, popcorn trees were made by the Engineers Wives of Bakersfield. This is the third year they have done this for the Pyles Boys Camp Reunion.



A part of the large crowd of assembled oilmen and campers from the Kern County Area.

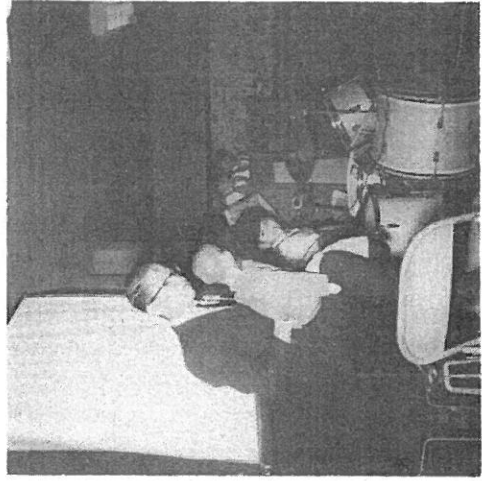
## Ventura Area Reunion



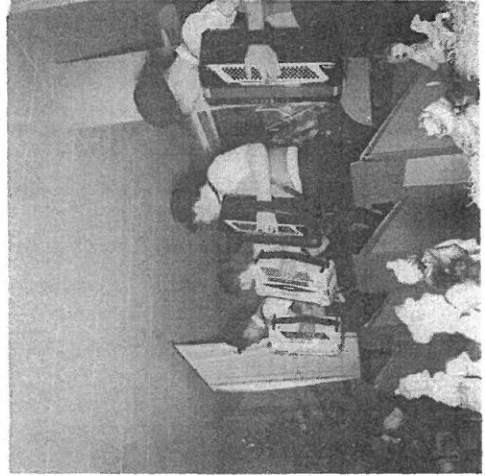
The reunion in Ventura was the Pyles Boys Camp Christmas Party held on December 23, 1966 at the Ventura Civic Recreation Center.

The Ventura Area Reunion differs from the other area reunions in that the families of the campers were also invited to the Christmas Party, and the Boys Camp hosted 130 campers and their families from the Ventura County and Santa Barbara areas.

Art Williams, Shell Oil Company, assisting Fritz Huntsinger Vice-President of Pyles Camp, handout stockings to campers and their little brothers and sisters-and of course special presents for the campers.



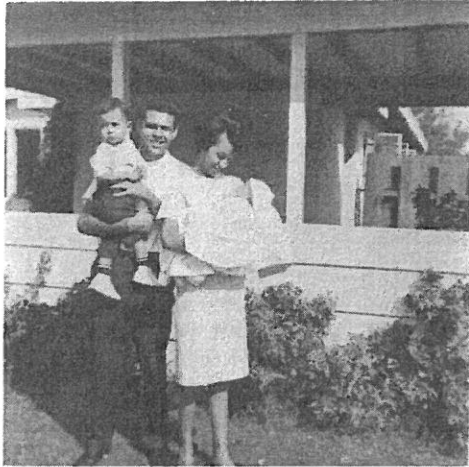
Entertainer local ventriloquist and friend.



The Frank Umbro accordionists entertaining at the Christmas Party.

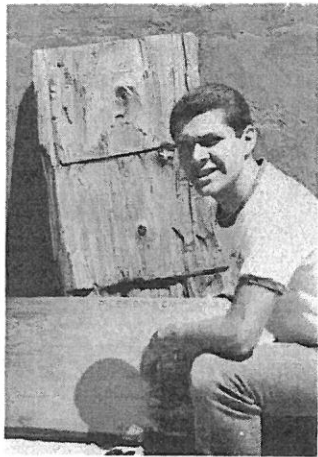
Attainments of Ex-Campers with A WILL TO WIN!  
(a continuing series)

Profile #2, Oil Industry. . .MANUEL QUIJADA



MANUEL QUIJADA was a camper in 1960. At that time he was one of 88 boys selected to attend camp from Kern County. Noting Manuel's leadership ability, the camp invited him back as a counselor in 1963 and 1964. He made an excellent counselor. In the fall in 1964, Manuel was encouraged to seek his fortunes in the Oil Industry and was sponsored by Bud Reid of Occidental Petroleum Corp. Serving as mailman and yardman for Occidental, Manuel soon progressed to a desk job in purchasing. Manuel is now a Data Processing Trainee and hopes to become a Computer Programmer for Occidental.

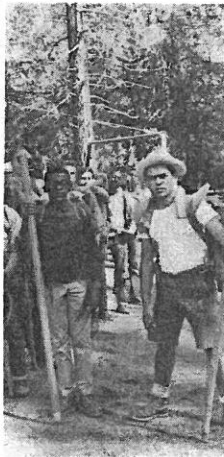
Manuel has married and he and his wife Marjorie, have two boys, Robert, 2 years and Manuel Christopher, 4 months. They are buying their home in Southwest Bakersfield. Manuel says of the camp, "My greatest experience and the key to my future".



### Camping Days

Manuel's feeling for the camp was so compelling that this persevering drive got through to his younger brother, Danny, who not only decided he just had to be a Pyles camper, but literally camped on the doorstep of the selector until he made his will to win a reality - sure enough, Danny Quijada is heading for Pyles Boys Camp Summer 1967!

FUTURE PROFILE ISSUES - A Teacher, A Civil Engineer, a Policeman.



1963-1964

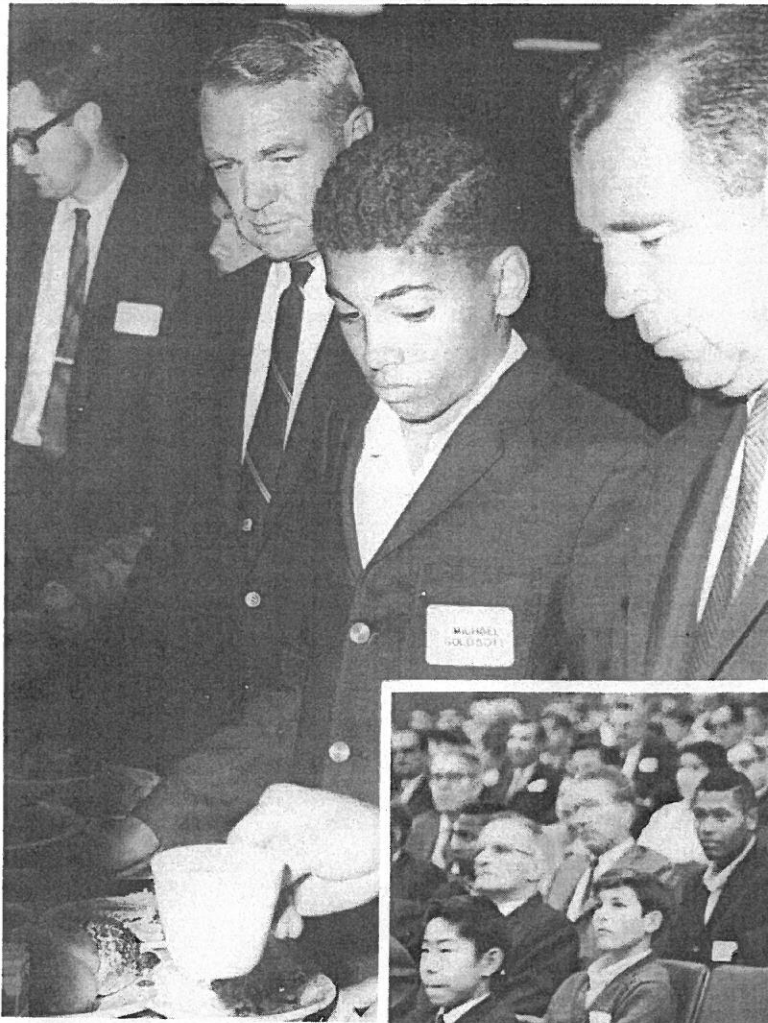
Manager Bob McAdams says. . . . .

Time is very short to receive applications to work in camp next summer. Most positions have been filled, but there are a few openings in the kitchen staff. Write soon for an application.

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## Los Angeles Area Reunion

First time since 1956 that the Boys Camp held a reunion in the Los Angeles Area. The reunion was most successful with 130 oilmen and 130 campers attending. 1966 Campers from the entire Los Angeles Basin were bussed to the reunion spot, Union Oil Center, and were met by representative oilmen from every phase of the Industry in the L. A. Basin. A dinner was served cafeteria-style in the Union Cafeteria, followed by a most interesting program highlighted by a talk and films by Craig Breedlove, World's Speed record holder for a land driven automobile, as a special guest of Shell Oil Co.



Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Mr. Hal Shawlee of Union Oil Co., and assisted by Ben Bayliss, Executive Vice President of the Pyles Camp.

Mr. Bayliss stated that this was such a success we would undoubtedly make it an annual event for the Los Angeles Area campers each year.

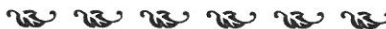
## SPRING CALENDAR - 1967

March 6th	Annual Pyles Camp Board Meeting Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles
March 18th and 19th	Meeting of all 1967 staff at headquarters in Huntington Beach
March 20th to 23rd	Training Session of all 1967 Staff at Mountain Campsite
April 8th	Orange County Reunion, headquarters in Huntington Beach
April 22nd	Annual Kern County Pyles Camp Barbecue; Kern River Barbecue Grounds
May 26-27-28th	Pre-camp work party of Oilmen
June 3rd	Annual Ventura Pyles Camp Barbecue; Camp Comfort, Ojai
June 10th	CAMP OPENING!!! HOORAY!!!

### SPECIAL REQUEST



Mr. R. M. Pyles, founder of the Camp, is quite ill at this printing of the Pylet. He has undergone his second serious operation in 3 years. The camp earnestly requests that all of our readers please send a word of encouragement to Mr. Pyles. His spirit will be lifted to hear from campers as well as adults. Please address all correspondence to Mr. R. M. Pyles, 8322 Ellis Ave., Huntington Beach, California.



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DEDICATED in 1949 - This Bronze plaque rests on an easel at the beautifully landscaped entrance to the headquarters building on Knoxville and Beach Blvd. Huntington Beach, California.

Reprint from Oil World Magazine

## The Oil Industry Pyles Camp Holds Staff Training Session For 1967

The Pyles Camp, California Oil Industry's Youth Program, proudly proclaimed that 100% of its 1967 staff was present this past month for the annual training session and program orientation. The camp manager, Bob McAdams, stated that the entire group for the forthcoming summer participated in the training session held in Huntington Beach at the winter quarters.

From the Huntington Beach location the counseling staff adjourned to the mountain camp for on-the-spot work and orientation. The counselors numbering 10 young men, snowshoed in to the camp over 6 miles of 3 feet of snow. Manager McAdams and ass't manager John Bethell then put the counselors through the paces that would be expected of them during the summer months.

In addition to John Bethell as ass't. manager there is a camp cook from Fresno, a camp packer from Porterville, 10 counselors and 18 camp workers. Each camp worker has been an outstanding camper of some previous year. Of the 10 counselors 6 are ex-campers.

McAdams, now serving his 11th year with the Camp program, has stated that 432 new campers have been invited to attend this coming summer. The first campers are ex-



Top — Bob McAdams, Camp Director; Bottom — John Bethell, Ass't. Camp Director.

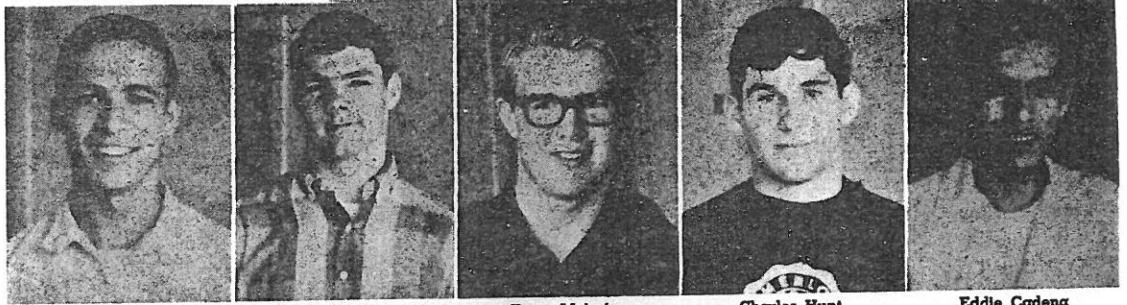
pected to arrive in camp June 10th from Kern County.

All oilmen who are concerned about the proper teaching of American ideals to the youth of our communities are invited to help out in this program, now in its 19th year.



Practical Camp First Aid given by Pete Buzzard, American Red Cross trainer.

Below, campers cabins in winter-time.



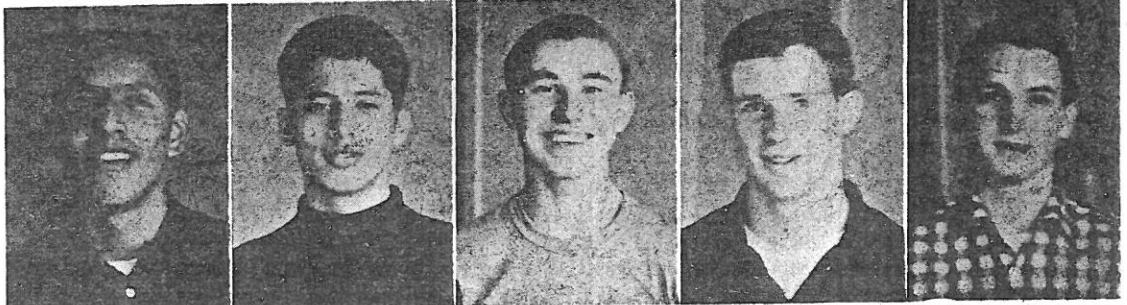
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Phil Bayliss

Kerry Mahadee

Charles Hunt

Eddie Cadena



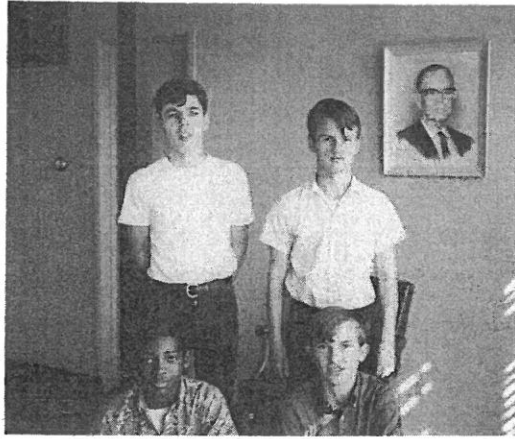
Steve Urias

Eddie Lejan

James Shevock

Sam Earnhardt

Bruce Ball



First Group - Camp Workers  
June 10 - June 30

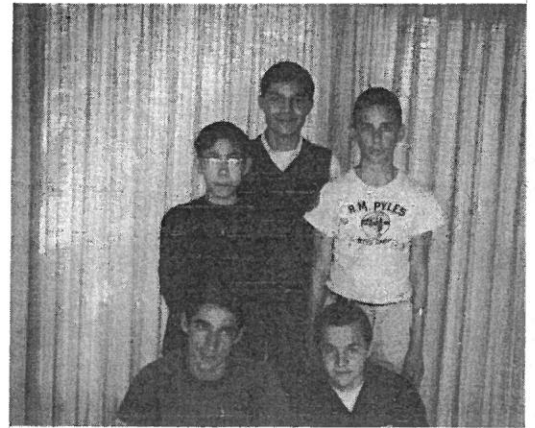
Front - Left to right:  
Willie Crosby, Pacoima  
Harlan Richardson, Bakersfield

Back, left to right:  
Joe Steiger, Taft  
Allen Denney, Compton

Second Group - Camp Workers  
June 30 - July 30

Front, left to right:  
Ben Larvie, Huntington Beach  
Eric Brady, Los Angeles

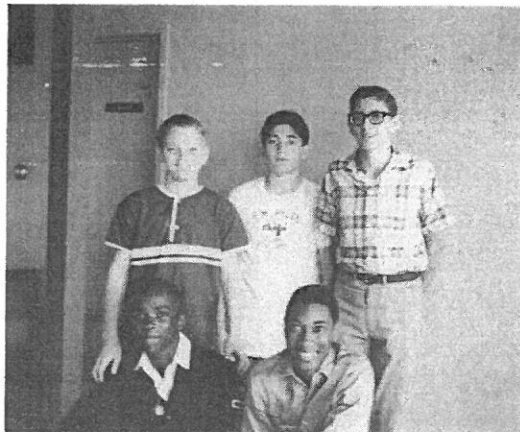
Back, left to right:  
Mike Hondo, San Fernando  
Vic Rivera, Santa Ana  
Mike Jarvis, Brea



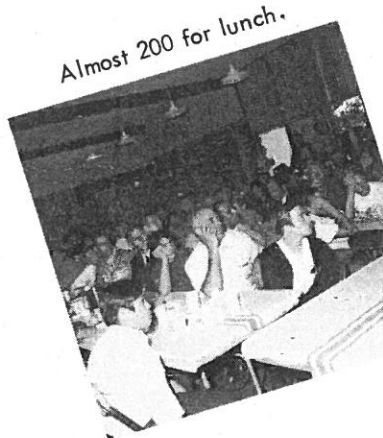
Third Group - Camp Workers  
July 30 - August 30

Front, left to right:  
Dwight Chapman, Pacoima  
Clarence Veasley, Long Beach

Back, left to right:  
Mike Van Hoose, Burbank  
Gene Galindo, Los Angeles  
James Arnold, San Pedro



## Orange County Reunion - April 8, 1967



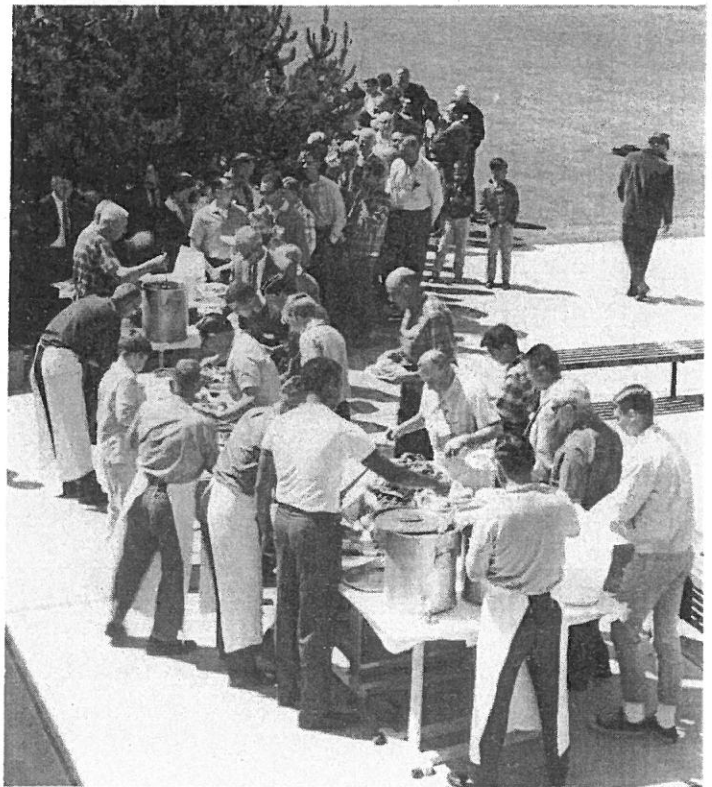
Left to right:  
Mr. Harold E. Nissen, Director  
Mr. Warren Johnson, President  
Mr. R. M. Pyles, Founder

Held at the Huntington Beach Headquarters of the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, the first Annual Orange County Barbecue was a tremendous success. Orange County Campers from 1965 and 1966 and some Long Beach campers were guests of oilmen from all sections of Orange County.

Chow line gives camper and oilman a chance to visit and get acquainted.

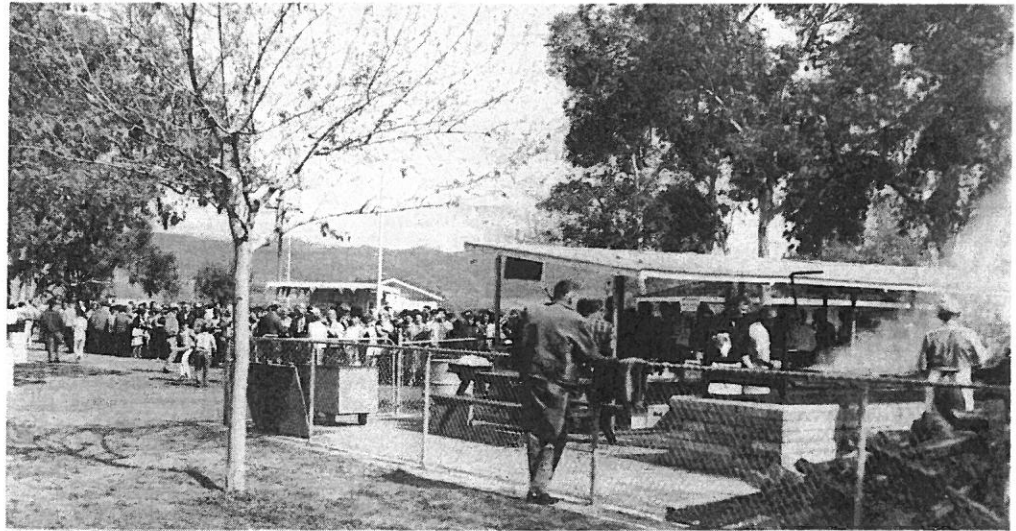


Food preparation and serving was done by local oilmen.



## R. M. Pyles Steak Barbecue - April 22, 1967

The annual barbecue was held on April 22, 1967 at the Kern River Golfgrounds and was thought to be the best one ever held. Defying rain the barbecue plans went right on and the good ole Mr. Sun came out right on schedule and so did about 2600 people, thereby assuring all those oil industry people that all their work proved to be worthwhile. This barbecue is one of two that represent the biggest donations given to the Boys Camp for its operation each year.



More than 240 prizes, donated by Taft and Bakersfield businesses, were given away at the barbecue.



## April

James Edgerton  
 Ronnie Sanders  
 David Gospich  
 Larry Hodges  
 Raul Lorta  
 John Benders  
 Frank Lewis  
 Junior Arnivas  
 Ruben Foster  
 Curtis Easterling  
 George Schasa  
 Jim Pitts  
 Bob Aragon  
 Dana Carnes  
 Terry Rudquist  
 Salvador Juarez  
 Ed Espada  
 Ken Lingenfelter  
 Jose Bejarano  
 Stephen Paddock  
 Ricardo Garcia  
 James Cary  
 Ken Carpenter  
 Steve Viegas  
 George Fierro  
 Bob McQueen

HAPPY  
 BIRTHDAY



Quotable Quote - "Remember that old saying - if life hands you a lemon, squeeze it and start a lemonade stand".

Robert E. Williams

Special thanks to these campers for their good letters to us:

Bill Pitts, Santa Paula  
 Robert Secrest, Fillmore  
 Vic Rivera, Santa Ana  
 Maurice Forrest, Maywood  
 James Evans, Wilmington  
 Curtis Reed, Santa Ana  
 Gerald Langford, L. A.

## May

Vance Randolph  
 Allen Denney  
 Benny Herron  
 Don Andersen  
 Danny Quizada  
 Leroy Duckworth  
 Roy Valverde  
 Albert Navejas  
 Brian Seaman  
 Douglas Shippey  
 Russell Ary  
 Bob Foster  
 Leonard Marler  
 Charles Phillips  
 Richard Lewis  
 Brandon Moore  
 Bob Moore  
 Donald Harrison  
 Charles Babbert  
 Ray Nunez  
 Marvin McCorkle  
 Mike Gladish  
 Brian Minke  
 Robert Henderson  
 George Garcia  
 Ricky Burgess  
 Ronald Blair  
 Rod Miranda  
 Benny Patton  
 Danny Rosales  
 Tony Guterrez  
 Mike Cook  
 Benny Maldonado  
 Carlos Villanueva  
 Michael Gordzen  
 Art Wesley Turney  
 Curt Crocker  
 Calvin Sloan  
 Steve Williams  
 Harold James Matsen

To Chain (Eddie Cadena) - our thanks for representing the Pyles Boys Camp with Mr. Bill Broomfield, Atlantic-Richfield Co., on television April 14 at Bakersfield.

## June

Henry Chapman  
 Brian Farmer  
 Rex McDaniel  
 Billy Strickland  
 Paul Saporetti  
 Lawrence Demery  
 Joe Quiroga  
 Danny Moreno  
 Mike Keeler  
 Glenn Miller  
 Julian Martinez  
 Chuck Dennis  
 David Honey  
 Jonas Johnson  
 Brock Garcia  
 Gilbert Quintanilla  
 Carl Lord  
 Ernest Barba  
 Jim Cook  
 Alfred Williams  
 John Galindo  
 Lyle Young  
 Amar Juslen  
 Vance Cook  
 Elester Jones  
 Jerry Carroll  
 Karl Webber  
 Michael Honda  
 Martin Kano  
 Mike Doyle  
 Rick Scathoff  
 Roy Walker  
 James Puryear

My camp name is:

Bob McAdams - Smokey  
 John Bethell - Rifle  
 Jim Shevock - Professor  
 Eddie Cadena - Chain  
 Bruce Ball - Colonel  
 Eddie Lujan - Lefty  
 Kerry Mahaffey - Hungry

What's yours?

## Pre-Camp Work Party Cancelled

Bob McAdams, Camp Manager, has called off the pre-camp work party scheduled to go in on May 26, 1967, because of snow conditions still remaining at Quaking, Aspen. Snow readings at the pack station are 3 1/2 ft. to 4 1/2 ft. with drifts up to 6 ft. Many big trees are down due to earlier storms, and there is a bad log jam on the pack station access road that must be removed after the snow melts.

Even with the present conditions, the following are going into camp on snowshoes on May 22nd through the 28th: Tom O'Neill, Shell Oil Co., New York; Bob Roehner, Shell Oil Co., L.A.; Walt Pratt, Packer for Pyles Boys Camp; Jim Patton, Milwhite, Bakersfield; and Bob McAdams. They will ready the camp for its first group of boys due in June 10th from Kern County and Tulare County.

Even though the volunteer work party cannot get into camp when scheduled, Bob McAdams would like to re-schedule this work party for the weekend of June 23rd, 24th, and 25th. To be there when the campers are there will be good. If the work party can make this re-scheduled time, please contact Mr. Jim Parkinson, Standard Oil Co., P.O. Box 5278, Oildale, California, as Mr. McAdams will be in the mountains at that time. The following make up the volunteer work party: Dr. and Mrs. Bob Karstaedt, Camp Doctor, Porterville; Paul Crowley, Crowley Co., Los Angeles; Jim Parkinson, Standard Oil Co., Oildale; Bill Broomfield, Atlantic-Richfield, Bakersfield, Electrician Bill Harris and son Randy, Frank Chenner, Jr., and Bob Sherman, from Atlantic-Richfield, Bakersfield, Bob Schengel, Mechanic-electrician, Electropower, Bakersfield; Skip Birch, Shell Oil Co., Bakersfield; Col. Moose Mathison, USAF, Edwards; Matt Mathison, Schlumberger, Bakersfield; Jim Cline, Occidental Petroleum Co., Bakersfield; Don Lumis, Pioneer Real Estate, Bakersfield; Bob Horton, KCL, Bakersfield; Bill Collins, Standard Oil Co., Taft; Al Martini, Standard Oil Co., Bakersfield; George Austin, Atlantic-Richfield, Bakersfield; and Art Williams, Shell Oil Co., Ventura.

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We are very happy to have Mrs. Jessie Wilson as our camp cook for Summer 1967. She is presently with Cicon, a conservation school camp for 6th graders at Springville, California

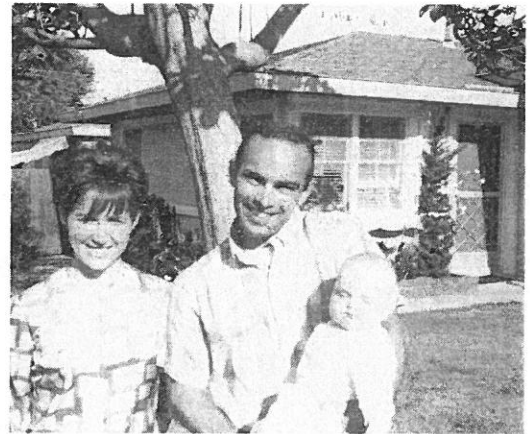
## Attainments Of An Ex-Camper

(a continuing series)

Profile #3, Engineering . . . John Biondi

John Biondi was a camper at Pyles Camp in 1958 from Huntington Beach, and has lived in this city all his life. John Graduated from Huntington Beach High School, and continued his education at Orange Coast College for the next two years. Through Orange Coast College, he applied for work as an engineering aide at the City Hall at Huntington Beach, where he has been for 3 1/2 years. His duties there are drafting and surveying civic projects.

Presently, he and his wife Bonnie and their daughter Christine, five months old, live at 816 California St., Huntington Beach.



John is interested in all sports, and loves camping out with his family at O'Neill Park in Orange County. He attributes his interest in camping to the camping experience he had as a camper at Pyles Boys Camp. He and his family attend the Methodist Church here.

Asked what the Boys Camp did for him, he said that it was the realization that so many people were interested enough to help boys help themselves become better men, through an experience such as camping

John is continuing his interest in the Boys Camp as its gardener at the headquarters at Beach and Knoxville in Huntington Beach.

## Open Letter From Mr. R. M. Pyles

I would like to extend a personal 'thank you' to all of you who sent me get-well cards and letters, and to all of you who telephoned or stopped by to extend their wishes for my speedy recovery.

I am happy to say that I am feeling much, much better and I am looking forward to being able to visit the camp personally during Summer 1967.

Very Sincerely,

R. M. Pyles



### Special Mention

At the annual Board of Directors meeting in March, the following new members were elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the R. M. Pyles Boys Camp:

Mr. F. R. Davis, Shell Oil Co. Retired, Oakview  
Mr. F. R. Davis, Phillips Petroleum Co., Santa Barbara  
Mr. Harold E. Niss, Signal Oil and Gas Co., Huntington Beach  
Mr. E. H. Shuler, Tidewater Oil Co., Ventura  
Mr. A. R. Williams, Shell Oil Co., Ventura



### Calendar

June 10	Campers, Kern and Tulare County
June 20	Campers, Kern County
June 30	Campers, Orange County, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, and Santa Paula
July 1	Ventura County Barbecue, Camp Comfort, Ojai
July 10	Campers, Los Angeles County
July 20	Campers, Ventura County
July 30	Campers, Long Beach
August 9	Campers, Los Angeles Schools
August 19	Campers, Orange County
August 29	Camp closes

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