

Telephone Call Links Brothers After Separation of 51 Years

A phone call a few days ago linked together two brothers, one in Lemita and the other in South Dakota after a silence of 51 years.

Gustav Alexander, 70, of 2433 W. 248th St. placed a call to his 74-year-old brother Alex is Moen in Bradley, S. D., telling his whereabouts to a family which he had not heard from or about since he left Norway in 1907.

IN ADDITION, a letter to Norway is letting a third brother, Olaf Moen, 80, know of the branch of the family which settled in the harbor area some 35 years ago. Gustav Alexander explains the loss of family connections so many years as a confusion of family names because of Norwegian family customs.

WHEN HE left Norway, he took the name of his father in accordance to Norwegian custom, added "son" becoming Alexanderson, he said. Then

when he became a citizen he dropped the "son" portion of his name, he explained. At the same time, when he left Norway in 1907, his two brothers were at sea, and again according to another Norwegian custom, they had taken the name of the family farm "Moen" as their name.

THAT WAS the confusion which led to the loss of one member of a family for half a century.

Recently, Alexander explained, he became more curious about his family and what had happened to them. He wrote police officials in his hometown in Norway.

They replied his oldest brother was still in Norway and his other brother had settled in South Dakota and had a son, Albin Moen, living in Whittier.

IMMEDIATELY ON learning of his nephew's close location, Alexander phoned him and last July 13 Albin Moen met his uncle for the first time and told him of his brother's address in a Bradley, S. D. hospital.

The phone call was made and after a half a century of silence a family was linked together again.



GOOD ASSIGNMENT The Scoutmaster looks like he's enjoying himself while aiding lovely Beruna Hubka, "Miss Colorado" in the recent Miss Universe Pageant in Long Beach, Bass carried the flag of Colorado in the Miss U parade. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)

Scout Trails

Cub Pack 720-C

Cub scout pack 720-C sponsored by Higgins Brick and Tile Co. held its July pack meeting at Torrance Municipal Park. Games were played with prizes for all who competed—winner or loser.

The regular pack meeting was held in the same area of the park. New Bobcats were Donald H. Allen, Robert V. Palino, Tommy A. Patino, Norvin J. Davis and Frederick R. Berghaus.

The Wolf rank has four new members: Stephen C. Long, Craig J. Nelson, Richard L. Cook and James A. Hood. The last two boys were also awarded a gold arrow and three silver arrows.

Paul D. Marsh entered the Lion ranks, and he was also awarded his denner stripes.

ENGLISH VISITOR

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In the seven weeks allotted to the class the dogs will learn to behave themselves around other dogs and people, and to heel, sit, stay, and come on command.

The class is conducted by the club trainer, Roy Smith, with the assistance of experienced club members. This is the second children's summer class to be held by the club.

VISIT MARINELAND

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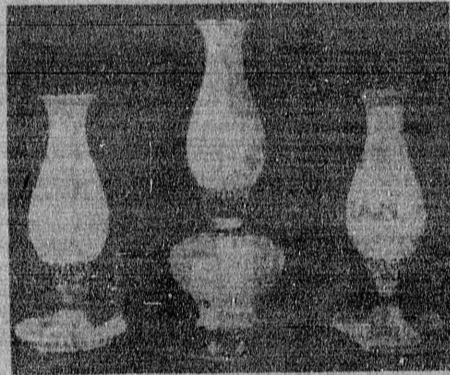
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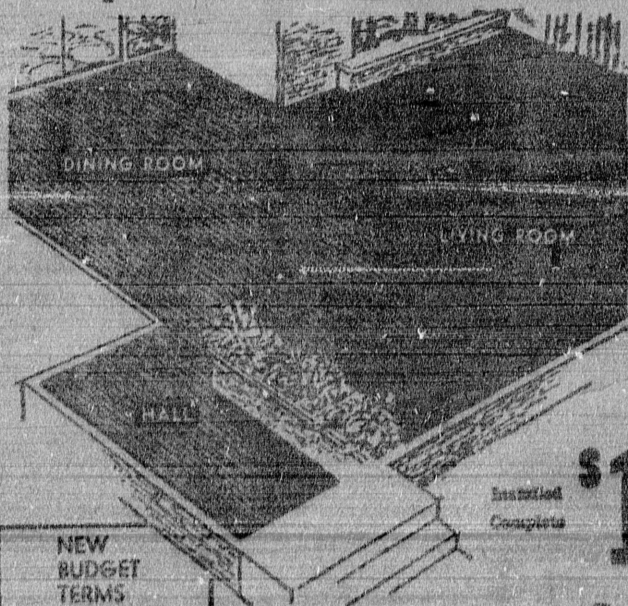
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