



**ADOLPH RITTER** as he appeared in 1918. Following early schooling in Leona Valley and later high school in Los Angeles, he joined the army during the first world war.

## Valley Mourns Loss of Rancher Adolph Ritter

**PALMDALE** — Adolph E. Ritter, 63, who came to the Antelope Valley as a child of two in 1892, was buried in Palmdale following his death on Thursday, Dec. 10.

He died of a stroke at his home on 10th St. E., Palmdale. He had been ill for a year and a half.

Funeral was held Monday under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of Lancaster, an organization he had been a member of since 1918.

Born in Nebraska on Nov. 2, 1890, his family soon afterwards moved to old Palmdale where they lived temporarily until they moved to their homestead in Leona Valley in the same year.

### Early Schooling

Ritter attended grade school in Leona Valley and later high school at Polytechnic in Los Angeles. He also did post graduate work in civil engineering in Los Angeles.

After his schooling he returned to Leona Valley where he began in earnest his career as a rancher and surveyor.

The first world war interrupted his work on the family holdings. He served in the army in Washington.

Returning to the Valley he again worked the ranch with his brothers. Their father had passed away in 1915. Adolph, as did his other brothers, homesteaded in Leona Valley when he became of age.

In 1921 Adolph Ritter married

Clara Johnson, principal of the old Palmdale school which was located off Palmdale Blvd. on the west side of the railroad tracks, and later first principal of the new school built at the present location.

The other teacher was the late Hazel Moore. The Ritters were married in Long Beach.

Clara and Adolph Ritter raised a family of four children, Estelle now Mrs. Virgil Hook of Kimberly, Idaho; Helen, now Mrs. Eldor O. Wesner of Millbrae; Marjorie now Mrs. Albert C. Bauer of Sherman Oaks; and Ellsworth, a present a corporal in the Marines.

In 1938, Adolph's mother, Anna

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## Santa Visits Palm Cheer and Free C

**PALMDALE**—Santa Claus certificates decended on will again next Saturday, I

Lucky merchandise gift were Homer Dodson, Jani Farris and James Bartlett.

Ten dollar gift winners Wolf and Virginia Mathis.

Grand prize winner of a George Duncan. All winners Mrs. Duncan who resides i

On Saturday, four \$5, th will be given. Tickets can Commerce member stores