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Clinging snugly to a cliff high over the bay, the contemporary style house at 5 Cielo Vista Drive has been the home of the Academic Dean of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Allen E. Vivell and his family since 1954.

Dean Vivell is a native of Los Angeles, California, but received his education in Baltimore. He completed both undergraduate and graduate study at Johns Hopkins University, receiving his bachelor of engineering in 1927, and his doctor of engineering degree, with minors in both physics and mathematics, in 1937.

Dr. Vivell taught evening and summer classes at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Johns Hopkins, then became a full time teacher at Princeton. In World War II he became director of electrical engineering war training courses at Princeton.

He also saw ten years experience as a reserve officer in the 402nd Combat Engineers Squadron, 62nd Cavalry Division.

In 1941 he was a visiting assistant professor at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. He returned to Swarthmore as associate professor and acting chairman of the electrical engineering department for a year before his appointment to the Postgraduate School.

The Dean, his wife, their two small sons and daughter moved with the Postgraduate School when it was transferred from Annapolis to Monterey in 1951. Dean Vivell taught in the Electrical Engineering Department before his appointment as Academic Dean in 1960. Though she admits she dreaded the move, Mrs. Vivell soon fell in love with the Monterey Peninsula.

The Vivell's daughter, Susan, celebrated her fourth birthday three weeks after their arrival in this area. Now fourteen, Susan and her brother David live at home. Eighteen year old Alan is a student at the University of California in Riverside.

Fifteen year old David is the artist in the family. Though he has never had a formal lesson, he paints with amazing skill. A modest young man, David will undoubtedly go far in this field of endeavor. At present he is considering a career in law which he hopes to pursue at the University of California.

The two young men are interested in photography and develop and print their own pictures. Their most willing subject is the family cat, "Puff." Now nine years old, "Puff" is probably the most photographed cat alive.

While her brothers are busy with their cameras, Susan is busy with swimming, tennis lessons and Scouting activities. After college she plans a career in teaching.



Mrs. Vivell and "Puff" . . . a photogenic cat



Dean and Mrs. A. E. Vivell



David Vivell . . . a remarkable artist

The Vivell's home, with its gorgeous view of the bay, was purchased by the Dean while his wife was admiring the view. "Actually, it was much too small for our family," Mrs. Vivell recalls. Through the years, however, parts of the house have been remodeled and new additions have been constructed. Handy with a hammer, Dean Vivell is responsible for most of the redesigning of the house. "Engineers are like that," Mrs. Vivell laughingly revealed. The living room, with its large view window, gives an air of easy informality. One end of the room is lined with shelves for the Vivell's book collection. A cozy fireplace radiates a warmth that is enhanced by comfortable furnishings.

Mrs. Vivell, a vivacious and warm hearted woman, has fashioned her life around her family. "When the children were young, I did what they did," she reminisced. "I worked with Brownies, Cub Scouts and taught Sunday School," she added. Mrs. Vivell also taught pre-schoolers at the Los Ninitos Preschol in Monterey where she plans to resume her work in September. An Education major in college, she met her husband while both were students at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

In between her duties as a mother of three youngsters, Mrs. Vivell enjoys presiding over the pots and pans. "I adore cooking," she confided. "My children don't enjoy fancy cooking, though. They say, 'Don't make it fancy, Mother, just hurry it up!'"

We are indeed fortunate to have the Vivell family as members of the Postgraduate School and the community.



Alan, David and Susan Vivell

One of Mrs. Vivell's favorite recipes is Jellied Chicken, which she prepares as follows:

Boil chicken (about 3 lbs.) in enough water to cover until tender. Salt. Boil liquid down to 1 qt. Cut meat into small pieces. Season lightly with salt and pepper. To quart of hot stock add 2 tbs. gelatin soaked in 2 tbs. cold water, 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce and salt to taste. Strain stock over chicken. Mix lightly but thoroughly and put in fancy mold or long deep rectangular pan. Chill until set. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise on side. Serves eight.