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We're looking ahead - are you?

Mistakes we've made, and trouble, and strife,

Are lost in the clouds of a bygone day.

The future looms bright like the rising sun - -

Look to God - He'll show us the way !!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We trust everyone, just everyone, had a most delightful and inspiring Christmas holiday. We wish we knew everybody here in Chatsworth so that we could do everyone justice in telling others of their pleasures, their hopes, so that there may be a oneness in our living together. That is our wish, and may it come to pass in this brand New Year, that there may be a close unity of working together in all our community affairs and in our personal activities, so that we may not be strangers in a strange land, but brothers, one and all.

So unto each and every one we pray that the fruits of the Spirit will be yours, namely: Peace, within yourselves and in your home; the Joy of having been created; Gentleness in dealing with others; Kindness and Patience in your attitude of others; Humbleness in listening to others; of which the above attributes stem naturally from that greatest of gifts - Love.

Let us love one another in all of our dealings with mankind - and so fulfill the purpose for which we were created.

A GRAND, GLORIOUS, AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY.

Miss BETTY TIEBEN of Chatsworth St. is the young lady responsible for the Holiday Greetings found on the windows of our business houses and also for the artistry of the plaque found in the window of Sarah Hopking's Handy-Nook. It's getting so we don't have to go out of Chatsworth for anything any more, except to bank our money (if we have any). Would be nice if we had a bakery.

HEADLINE NEWS

RALPH DANIEL arrived on Christmas Day to grace the home of Ralph and Thursal Roatcap on Lassen St. The Christmas festivities were at an end, his three sisters, Cecelia, Nancy, and Terry Ann in bed, when Danny boy decided he would like to arrive now so they travelled to Valley Hospital and Danny gave the doctor just six minutes leeway to get there before he arrived at 11:22 p.m. Congratulations to everyone in the Roatcap domicile - we haven't seen Ralph but don't have to - he's already planning when the two of them will go fishing - and what fun they'll have!

JUST CAN'T LEAVE CHATSWORTH

The Carl Wassmouths moved into their new home at 10526 DeSoto just in time to get it ready for Christmas, and already have been made to feel at home in the neighborhood. We are so glad they found another place here, and we welcome more newcomers into their former home on Variel.

CROSS COUNTRY

Dr. and Mrs. Hayward's son is a Chaplain in Germany and his wife terminated her stay here last Tuesday a week ago, to join him. In order that they have a car at their disposal in Germany it was necessary for Mrs. Hayward to assist her daughter-in-law in driving to New York, thereby breaking up the holidays for both of them. Mrs. Hayward returned by plane last Tuesday and we know how they must have felt to be separated at this particular time of the year.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The members of our Women's Club had their annual Christmas Breakfast and Program last December 14 at their clubrooms in the Chatsworth Center Building. It is reported that, with all due respect to their former programs, this year's seemed the best ever.

They all arrived on time and wearing their loveliest (there wasn't much work done at home that morning) anticipating and acknowledging the festive decorations for the occasion. Then, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made, followed by the singing of "America the Beautiful". Grace was asked by Dr. Hayward upon the lovely repast prepared by Mmes. Frank Schepler, Sr., Guy Clarke, Robert Boggis, Charles Turner, R. J. Cooley, Troy Wolfe. What did they have to eat? Grapefruit juice, ham and pineapple, aspic salad, sweet rolls, and coffee.

Mrs. Cleo Sunde, President, gave a lovely message to her associates, subsequently introducing Dr. Hayward who gave the Christmas message "The Day-Star From On High". Then Mrs. Sunde turned the afternoon over to Mrs. Tracy Moore who introduced the program numbers. Katharine Johnson was the narrator of the Christmas story which was taken up on wings of melody by the music section of the club, under the direction of Mrs. Scott Bradley namely: Mmes. John Campbell, Edward Hannel, Arthur Young, Robert Randall, Edward Roach, Roger Hollenbeck, and Joseph Fladwed. They were attired in white formal gowns which presented a lovely picture and it is reported that their

rendition of "Silent Night." so stirred the emotions of their listeners that spontaneous applause was given in the middle of their program. (Just what would Emily Post say? But who cares - it was enjoyed so let us express ourselves.)

Mrs. Albert Jones of Van Nuys, a former member of the Brodetsky Chamber Music Ensemble of Los Angeles, presented a viola solo "Divertimento" by Haydn, accompanied by Mrs. Johnson. A new art display of oil paintings by Stephanie were hung on the walls for this occasion by the Art Chairman, Mrs. E. C. Avey.

A silver offering was taken and the entire amount given to the American Legion for their Christmas Crusade.

Truly, a wonderful prelude to this glorious season of the year.

HOLIDAY FUN

Allan and Eleanor Pettebone on Devonshire, who live next door to the Hollenbeck's, who live next door to the Swartz's, who live on the corner of DeSoto and Devonshire (now to go back three doors to the Pettebone's), entertained Mr. Walter Schlee who arrived by plane from St. Louis to spend the half-days with them and Eleanor's mother. (By the way, we certainly have enjoyed that huge candle out in front of your house.) On New Year's Eve they will entertain a group of friends, making it a pot-luck dinner. All the noise you hear New Year's Eve will be from their house. Have fun!

We hear dogs are leaving our community in wholesale lots - it bears watching - causes such heartbreak!

WELCOME, MINERS

Not the kind that run around underground with spotlights on their caps, but to Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Miner who have come to minister to our aches and pains. Dr. Miner has acquired one of the new offices downtown, his wife will be his nurse and they are opening their office next Monday. They live at 21130 Lassen, have three pre-school children who will be taken care of by our Mrs. Margaret Milane.

Now we can live recklessly, with two doctors in town to look after our welfare - Dr. Brainard and his wife in the Schurter Medical Building, and Dr. and Mrs. Miner around the corner downtown.

Ed and Leona Madsen of Plummer and DeSoto entertained with the traditional Dansk Yule Christmas Eve; Grandma and Grandpa Christensen wended their way down from Solvang; uniting with Ed's folks, the John Madsen's and his brother and family from San Fernando. Christmas is truly Christmas when the grandparents are there.

JIM KENEALY is home for the holidays from Air Force Base, Chanute Field, Illinois, leaving again New Year's Day. His mother is Mrs. Anita Erwin and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Martin of 10414 Variel. It is reported that Mrs. Martin was ill on Christmas Day, and even now isn't quite up to par. Jim presented his fiancee, Miss Joan Van Pelt of Glendale, formerly of Chatsworth, with an engagement ring.

What can we write on one line?

LADIES OF GOOD WILL

Mmes. Kate Sheridan, Marge Garoute, May Clark, Cleo Sunde and Una Keith have arranged their Wednesdays whereby they take turns in shopping for the needs of their 56 patients in a ward at Olive View Sanitarium. Also, Mrs. Helen Melteni teaches art at Olive View one day a week. How wonderful!

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OLD-TIMERS

Well, we've had news of our old friends, the Leslie Johnsons who own the acreage at 10811 Santa Susanna Avenue and who are now farming 120 acres in Lancaster. We notice in the Shepherd Tractor newspaper that Les has gone in extensively for field corn, and it gives two long columns expressing his opinion on how to raise it, etc. Now for your edification, Les is not the talker that Harold Johnson and Kelly Johnson are, his brothers, and I'll bet it took that reporter a day and a half to get that much out of Leslie. Not being up on farming, etc., I got out the dictionary to find out what field corn is and it doesn't say; it says a field is a "piece of land for tillage or pasture, which may or may not be fenced" - that's understandable - so field corn is corn you plant in a field - that makes sense too, where else would you plant it. Anyway, it was sure nice to read about their success in farming those dry acres up there and the fact that they are working together in partnership with Hannah Johnson's daughter and husband Lenore and Arthur Prettol.

We miss you, but we're still holding the thought that you will be "back home" at the old stamping ground, after you get the "wanderlust" out of your system.

Mr. Charles Janes of Vassar Avenue motored down to Phoenix, Arizona, with his son to spend the holidays with his daughter whom he hadn't seen for six years. What a happy reunion!

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PERMANENCY

Another organization has succumbed to the charm of our foothill community. The Aqua Sierra Sportsmen's Club on the L. A. Hill Ranch owned by Minnie Palmer at the west end of Devonshire has been with us for the last two years, its members coming out here from all parts of L. A. County on the week-ends for skeet and trap shooting. But now it can be said, that they are going to settle down here in Chatsworth for good; preparations are under way now for a water well, remodelling its present facilities, and a new and modern clubhouse will be built after the first of the year, accommodating its members throughout the week. Mr. Stu Nevius, Managing Director of Rathbun's Department Store in North Hollywood, is its present President and we extend to him and all of the Club's members a most cordial welcome from the community of Chatsworth. We feel you couldn't have picked a lovelier spot!

MR. AND MRS. TAFF of 10352 Santa Susanna entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Playa del Rey on Christmas Day. Mr. Smith is an official of the Studebaker Corp. of Vernon, and it is rumored that they have their sights set on property out here in the West Valley.

BILL and PEG GIBSON of Pacoima, with Mrs. Marian Nolan, operate the new Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, and they hope to be able to move to Chatsworth in the very near future. Welcome, newcomers.

Enjoy these wide open spaces now while you can - they're a-comin'.

FAMILY GATHERING

Kelly Johnson brought Katharine to Chatsworth as a bride and installed her at their home at 10901 Santa Susanna Avenue, and since then those walls have hummed with the ring of children's voices nigh these thirty years. They are blessed with having their children living right here in Chatsworth, and having their children's children carry on as before - there are still cookies and candy around and toys even as of old, and Christmas Day is the signal for all of them to gather round, which they do right after breakfast for the opening of their multitudinous gifts - and who are the happiest - why, grandmas and grandpas, of course. What an inspiration you are to all of us, Kelly and Katharine.

HOLIDAY AT SAWTELLE

On December 20 Mr. Robert Byerley was assisting Mr. Lloyd Fellows at his home on Lassen St., fell and suffered a fractured hip, which necessitates a prolonged stay at Sawtelle Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Byerley had just recently moved from their home on Owensmouth to West Los Angeles, and had come back on Sunday to say 'hello' to their friends and the next day this happened. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Mr. Byerley - couldn't pick a safer place to spend New Year's!

A TRIBUTE to a dear old soul who goes about doing good, being helpful, and we hear the most eligible bachelor in these parts - ERNIE BALDRIDGE.

W.S.C.S.

These letters do not represent a government agency but a group of women who have banded themselves together to further the ideal of Christian living within our community, nationwide and worldwide - a branch of the out-reach of the Methodist Church - and those letters stand for: Woman's Society of Christian Service. This Society works effectively through its branches, called circles, of which this community has three: Love Circle, which meets in the morning; Ann Johnson Circle, which meets in the afternoon; and Esther Circle, which meets in the evening.

If there are any ladies here in the community who would like to become a member of one of these circles and would enjoy the fellowship of other ladies here of their age group and/or interests please call this office, DI 8-7643, and we shall be glad to place you in the circle of your choosing, will arrange transportation if you have none, and do all in our power - and we speak for the ladies of our circles - to make you feel at home and welcome. Don't be strange - don't be lonesome; join with us in working for our community.

This also applies to joining our Women's Club or our Auxiliary. Call our number, DI 8-7643, and we will refer you to the proper person for more information. Please call. We want you to be a part of our activities.

The W.S.C.S. had a lovely Christmas Program during their regular monthly meeting on December 15. Thelma Ewalt, Program Chairman was in high gear and the meeting

ended on a terrific inspirational note. The Ann Johnson Circle was in charge of the luncheon - and would you like to know what they had? Ham and scalloped potatoes, cranberry and orange salad in gelatin; hot rolls and jam; snow-balls topped with candles. One thing about us ladies - we can sure eat. "Happy Birthday" was warbled to Jane Grove and Arline Croman, reminding them of their passing youth.

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Dr. Harold Hayward - Pastor
Home Phone: EMpire 3-1326

SUNDAY SERVICES

Church School: 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00-12:15 a.m.
(includes Junior Church & Nursery)
Youth Groups: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Evening Service: 8:00-9:00 p.m.

SET MEETINGS

Official Board: 1st Monday
Circle Groups 1st Wednesday
Prayer Group: Tuesdays 9 a.m.
Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:30pm
W.S.C.S. Board: 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m.
W.S.C.S. General: 3rd Wednesday 10am
Men's Club: 4th Tuesday
Evangelism Commission: 4th Monday

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American Legion Building
21340 Devonshire Boulevard
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9644 De Soto St. - Phone: DI.8-209

SUNDAY SERVICES

Church School: 9:45-11:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00-12:00 a.m.
Youth Group: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

SET MEETINGS

Prayer Group: Thursdays 9:45 a.m.
Mid Week Service: Thursdays 7:30p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

10025 De Soto Street
Rev. G. Kenneth Longmore - Pastor
SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship Service: 11:00-12:00 a.m.

The children of the Community Church participated in and enjoyed their Christmas Program on Wednesday, 23rd, to the fullest. June Wangsgard and her decorating committee truly "decked the hall with boughs of holly", had two Christmas trees and a great big stuffed Santa standing by one of the trees with his arms outstretched.

The Nursery children were delightful in their rendition of Jingle Bells and Happy Birthday, Jesus. There was the singing of carols by the Primary; then solo numbers by Linda Johnson at the piano, Carl Christenson on his accordian, Harry Maykin with his trombone, Patty Maybin on the flute. An intimate home scene was depicted showing Mama, Virginia Ruff, and Poppa, John Straka leading their family in telling the

Christmas story; then the presentation of "Twas the Night before Christmas" with Chris Hollenbeck making an excellent Santa Claus. Then the real Santa Claus came in with his bag of gifts, even for the grown-ups and so ended another characterization of the Season we love so well.

The Christmas Cantata: "The Adoration" by Nevin, was presented during the worship service on Dec. 19th and thoroughly enjoyed by the enraptured congregation.

Last night Katharine and Kelly Johnson entertained the choir members and their friends in appreciation for their faithfulness in bringing special music to us every Sunday and on occasions.

New Year's Eve Fellowship at 10: Devotional Service at 11-12:00.

THE TOWN CRIER

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chatsworth Center Bldg.
10332 Santa Susanna Blvd.

MEETINGS

Board: 4th Tuesday - 8 p.m.

General: 2nd Tuesday - 8 p.m.

(General meeting open to the public)

AMERICAN LEGION POST #622

American Legion Building
21340 Devonshire Boulevard
Phone: Diamond 8-3725

MEETINGS

Business: 1st Wednesday-8 p.m.

Social: 3rd Wednesday-8 p.m.

CHATSWORTH WOMEN'S CLUB

Chatsworth Center Building
10332 Santa Susanna Boulevard

MEETINGS

Luncheon & Program: 2nd Tuesday 12:30

Tea & Business Mtg: 4th Tuesday 2:30

AMERICAN LEGION POST #622 AUXILIARY

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MEETINGS

Business: 2nd Wednesday-8 p.m.

Social: 4th Wednesday-8 p.m.

CHATSWORTH PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLPARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONMEETINGS

Board: 1st Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

General: 3rd Tuesday 1:30 p.m.

Children's Groups sponsored by PTA

Cub Scouts: Committee: 3rd Thursday
Pack Meet: 4th Thursday

Bluebirds: Thursdays 2:30-4:00 pm

Brownies: (not functioning)

Campfire: Tuesdays 2:30 p.m.

CHATSWORTH GRANGE

21054 Parthenia - Caroga Park

MEETINGS

Business: 2nd Monday - 8 p.m.

Social: 4th Friday - 8 p.m.

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MEETINGS

2nd Monday

GIRL SCOUTS

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Leader: Mrs. Eileen Janess, DI. 8-1163

TROOP 81: Wednesdays 2:45-4:30 p.m.

Civic Hall-21640 Devonshire Blvd.

JUNIOR HIGH SCOUTS: every other Tues
3:15-4:30 Janess Warehouse

SENIOR HIGH GROUP: 2nd & 4th Mondays

4:00-5:30 Janess Warehouse

YOUTH RECREATION

Teen-Age Dances, sponsored by the
American Legion and Auxiliary at
American Legion Hall on 1st and 3rd
Fridays - 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Chatsworth Tens & Teens Square
Dance Club sponsored by W.S.C.S.
of Community Church, held on the
2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays 7:30-10pm
at White Oak Hall.

BOY SCOUTS

Sponsored by the Men's Club of the
Community Church. Leader: C. Croman,
10434 Independence, 9 a.m. Saturdays

Mrs. Sally Rinehart, a former WAVE,
is the new Adjutant for the American
Legion and will take office
January 5th in place of Al Frazier.
Oh boy: do the men have to be good.

- SAILING - SAILING

Miss Sarita Goodwin is going to tear herself away from her beloved Chatsworth to visit her brothers and sister in Chile whom she hasn't seen for 14 years. Actually she has tears in her eyes and a broken heart, even in view of a wonderful reunion with her kin, because she loves this old town and this town loves her - and to be separated even for six months from her beloved Samoyede dogs who have to go here and there until she returns is almost more than she can bear! Isn't she crazy?

She will be going by freighter SS Santa Adela of the Grace Line, leaving from San Pedro on the 16th or the 17th and for four weeks will visit various ports enroute. She will be met at Chile's main seaport, Valparaiso, visiting in and around the capital city of Santiago de Chile, staying with her sister Victoria, a Government teacher, and two brothers, George and Alfonso, who are commercial artists; also crossing the Andes and visiting another brother, John, and nephew, Adolph, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Now, Sarita, you have a wonderful trip - take in all the sights on the way, enjoy every minute with your kinfolk, take in all the sights on the way back - Chatsworth will still be here waiting for you. When you come back you can settle back down again in your home for the rest of your life. No tears, now, you hear! You owe it to your folks to go see them. Goodbye, Godspeed, and have fun.

We've tried hard to squeeze a-l-i-l the news in - thanks to your wonderful response, we're swamped!

W.K.F.L.

Our good brothers up in Box Canyon sent for Santa Claus and he searched these streets for every child in our community during the week preceding Christmas, encouraging them to be good and making sure he had the right request labelled for each child. He was so busy and his bag started to run low that Robert Calkins on Vassar Avenue saw his need and asked the merchants to keep his bag full of candy - which they did - because Santa didn't have time to go back to the North Pole to get more, and so we want to thank Mr. Calkins and all the merchants who helped him out in keeping Santa doing his job.

And then, what do you know! Santa Claus got all his helpers from W.K.F.L. and they went to the Villa Maria Sanatarium on Thursday afternoon before Christmas and put on a little skit showing how we should be more appreciative of what we receive; then they sang, and sang, and sang - and can't you see those happy patients up there joining in and singing too. Santa had to have somebody make all the arrangements for him because he was mighty busy, so Russ McElvain and Don Pitman went to our Chatsworth Florist and had them make up corsages for the personnel and orchids for all the patients - then Santa gave everyone a package of health candy and what a time they all had! Aren't people nice!!

On Sunday, the Villa Maria had a great big dinner for everybody, and Mrs. Hageman of Chatsworth Lake was among the guests.

CUB SCOUTS

A lot of fun was had at their Christmas Party in the School Auditorium held on the 16th. This present year is under the leadership of Carl Henneman of Canoga Park as Cubmaster, with Frank Stricklin and Frank Scheppler, Jr., as his assistants and John Pauly as Committee Chairman, but I ask you, what could they do without the Den Mothers? - - Mamie Farrell, Gretchen Bayer, Virginia Ditto, Ingrid Johnson, Sally Rinehart, and Mary Henneman. A "Cubingo" game was introduced whereby everybody had to get out of their seats and secure the names of others to fill their sheet, and Glenn Smith was the hero of the evening, having had the foresight to secure his names in the order called, obtaining for his efforts a Cub Song Book, small enough to fit comfortably on the glass while shaving-- so if you have been hearing music lately it's not a loud speaker, it's Glenn Smith on Vassar. Den 1 presented a little skit, and John Pauly gave an impromptu talk during the time the boys were getting ready for their play, stating the aims of the leaders, making suggestions on future programs, etc. The children presented the play "The Christmas Twins" under the direction of Mary Henneman and then they presented to their parents what they had been making with their own little hands. The only thing missing was coffee, but truly, there was much happiness within all, so there wouldn't have been room.

SPEND THIS NEW YEARS EVE IN CHURCH

ABUSE

It is reported that young Hugh Lucas of Jordan Avenue was pounced upon by two fellows at the Produce Mart in Los Angeles when loading up his truck for distribution and could have suffered further lacerations if two negroes had not come to his rescue, which goes to prove that we are all brothers under the skin.

RECOVERING

PAT CASTRO of Independence Ave. has been in the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital for major surgery but with his youth and vitality it was a breeze. Saw him in church last Sunday.

TYLER MARRIOTT, 6, of Twin Lakes, had his tonsils out in the Valley Hospital. December 18 - couldn't talk very well for two days, which was a break for mama.

GRANDMA AND GRANDPA PAULY of San Bernardino arrived last Friday afternoon to spend the entire weekend with their son, John, and his family on Plummer.

MR. CLARENCE KOPF of Chatsworth St. has been in St. Joseph's Hospital for deep X-Ray treatments of cancer. Our heartfelt sympathies...

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ADIEU

One more year has passed and again we gathered together at the festive table of friendship at Paradise Shop, culminating our hours of working together in harmony and unity in producing those unusual and distinctive gifts you purchased for your loved ones.

Phoebe and Leonard Chenard are blessed by being able to call back each year the same capable personnel so no time is lost in training. Esther Carter is the year-round office manager and is the personification of graciousness. Jo Richardson of Reseda is the artist in decorating baskets worthy of Fifth Avenue; Lorena Burton of Box Canyon is the foreman of her crew of capable hands: Nell Lucas, Lupe Baker, Ann Shaw, Nadine Cobb and Teresa Farrero, all local; the male division is headed by Leonard who has Clayton Farrero and Ed Terk assisting him when needed and even Sam of PFL seems to be a part of the personnel.

A lovely luncheon was given to us, an exchange of gifts was enjoyed, and gifts from Phoebe and Leonard were received by all in token of appreciation for faithful service year in and year out. We trust we shall all meet again next year as the working unit behind the quality, integrity and beauty that is yours without question.

ANOTHER NEWCOMER

Mr. A. Berston, who erected that Berston Lumber Yard sign on one of our windiest days, hopes to make many new friends here - he's from England (take note, limies) and has been in this country a little over seven years. WELCOME!

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ERNEST HILLMAN'S BABY

We call it that, although it is the project of the American Legion and we're referring to the Childrer's Christmas Party. Did you all have fun? - IT WAS GREAT! The spaciousness of the Hall is ideal for such a big party - everybody was there.

A wonderful project - and we give thanks to Ernest Hillman, chairman, for his untiring efforts and pleasure in interesting various organizations to continue this program for our youngsters. It is not effort lost, rest assured, as the memories of their childhood here will remain with them wherever they go.

Mr. Hillman wishes to announce that Mrs. Ingrid Cruise of DeSoto Street was the hub around which he worked and it could not have been the success it was were it not for her loving devotion to all of its details; and to all who helped out, his personal thanks and the thanks of all of us.

And we would like to thank the Aqua Sierra Sportsmen's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Chatsworth Women's Club, Civic Assn., the Auxiliary and Mrs. Hazel Neal of Canoga Park for their cash donations; also to Russ and Dorothy McElvain for the supply of candy which was purchased through them at cost.

Joe and Helen Fladwed, with Phyllis and Hank, motored to Lawndale Christmas morn to have breakfast with Helen's sister; then to Redondo for dinner with a cousin; then to Burbank in the evening for fellowship with Helen's brother and family. That must have been fun; will try.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The regular meeting was held as scheduled and a unanimous ballot was cast for the appointment of the following officers for the new year:

DAVID E. FULWIDER	President
MAX P. SCHONFELD	1st Vice
WM. MCGINNIS	2nd Vice
R. McELVAIN	Treasurer
H. P. BRIGGS	Secretary

On the Board of Directors:

Henry Heynemann, E. Pickering, L. R. Alward, Howard Morrow, A. D. McBurney, H. G. Weaver, L. W. Fellows, Ben Boydston, Lew Wallace, R. P. Boggis.

On the Building Management Committee: Ben Boydston, L. Wallace, Robert P. Boggis. It was approved that two changes be made in the By-Laws. A number of items were brought up for discussion for the betterment and safety of our beloved town, including the details of our civilian defense program.

Mr. Horace Weaver presided at his last meeting as the outgoing President and from our one observance, certainly filled his office in a most capable manner. The meeting adjourned with Malcolm of Cabin Cafe serving refreshments.

THE FACILITIES OF CHATSWORTH CENTER ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL TO ANY AND ALL GROUPS OR PARTIES BY CALLING MR. BOGGIS FOR RESERVATIONS.

The Women's Club will prepare and serve the Installation Dinner for the Chamber to be held on Tuesday, January 18th. Max Schonfeld and E. Pickering are in charge of providing the entertainment and it promises to be good.

If you want to know more about the mechanics of our town, attend their General Meeting.

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SQUARE DANCERS

The Chatsworth Tens and Teens
Club had a most delightful Christ-
mas Party last Thursday night dur-
ing their regular semi-monthly
square dancing routine. Home-made
Christmas cookies by the hundreds
were in evidence, and lemonade
with green and red ice cubes added
to the festive decorations and the
hilarious spirit of each child.

PLEASE NOTE: Plans for a New
Years Eve Party have been cancelled.

A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Don Janess arrived home on
Sunday, December 19, to spend the
holidays with his folks on Jordan
Avenue. His mother, Eileen, is a
dental technician in Dr. Schurter's
office and when she arrived home
from work on Tuesday, December 21,
there in their home was her brother
and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Martin
Fosdick from Detroit, who had come
by plane to surprise them and spend
Christmas here in Southern Calif.
Dr. Hayward and Lotus Hazen, Don's
fiancee from Canoga Park, added to
the family circle on Christmas Day
which also included Gamma and
Grampa from across the street.

The Janess's fourth annual
Holiday Party was held last Monday
night when 30 teen-agers cavorted
on the premises. Those from Chats-
worth were Virginia and Jeanette
Kimble, Carol Smith, John Ahlstrom,
Dale Smith, and also Robert Kerr
who was a former Chatsworth resi-
dent, now a Stanford student.

And WHO do you suppose was
doing most of the cavorting?
Why, Poppa, of course.

I'M GOING TO START but I can't possibly do justice on this one page what would ordinarily take a book to cover, but our purpose is to acquaint you with what we have here in Chatsworth. I have been to Rancho San Antonio, the Boys' Town of the West, located on Plummer just west of DeSoto - and I advise you to go and see for yourself.

This home, for a maximum of 80 boys between the ages of 12 to 16, is located on 37 acres and overseered by the Brothers of Holy Cross who took over the management of the place in September of 1953. The home is staffed by 8 Brothers, 2 Priests, 2 cooks, 1 social worker, 4 lay counsellors, and 1 maintenance man. A "Brother" is a man who has consecrated himself by taking the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience; is not ordained, therefore, does not carry on the functions of a Priest; his main duties are teaching in schools or trades.

Brother René took me on a tour of all the buildings and explained the functions of the home and about the boys. They are children with a problem, not necessarily Catholic, coming from broken homes; they go to their own school on the premises staffed by 5 teachers and a principal from the Los Angeles Board of Education; they are not taught religion in the school, which is a duty of the Brothers by precept and example.

Two dormitories house, at the present time, 77 boys; each wing having 10 boys and their counselor (Brother); each wing of boys has the same duties to perform each day, although each wing takes turns monthly on KP duty for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Depending on the time of year, whether vacation or school time, the day begins an hour earlier for the Brothers who assemble for their quiet time; then the boys are awakened, morning prayers said, beds made, then to Chapel for Mass at 6:45 which is compulsory only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays - other days optional; breakfast at 7:15 when each wing of boys is seated at their own table with their own counsellor; grace is said; and at 7:45 to 8:05 their particular duties are performed, each wing, as aforesaid, knowing what their jobs are, then to school when the first bell rings at 8:10, lunch at noon; dinner at 5:30.

The boys are classed as Junior or Senior depending upon their size and how they fit in with the groups. The Junior group were out on a hike the Seniors to go out the following day; those on the premises were hard at basketball; using exercise mats; in the lounge rooms of the dorms reading or playing monopoly. A lovely swimming pool, available at all hours during summer; rumpus rooms, candy store (boys are paid for overtime work and with allowances from their families); have 3 horses, raise beef cattle and sheep for their table.

Visiting day for families is 2nd Sunday of each month; boys, depending upon whether they have earned the right, are permitted to go home from Fri. afternoon to Sun. night on the 4th weekend, which is determined by a merit system on obedience, willingness, etc., and the boys strive to attain this cherished freedom, however, in many cases needing much spiritual guidance when they return.

THIS PAGE AN EXTRA BONUS FOR NEW YEAR'S - READ ON.

DOGGY EXISTENCE

Now we all have dogs - good ones and bad ones - thoroughbreds and mongrels, and we love them all. Now there are the McKee's who love their Great Danes - there's Betty McLean who is also nuts about them; there's Mrs. Joe Thomson on Chatsworth Street who wouldn't have anything on her place but Scotties and she's had some champions; there's Sarita on Jordan whose home overbounds with Samoyedes - then there's your old hound dog that isn't worth five cents in trade, but you wouldn't take a million dollars for it, but we would like to bring to your attention another household who majors in dogs - toy poodles no less - the Stollings on Chatsworth.

I remember the first time her dogs were to be delivered of their babies - Mrs. Stollings didn't leave her place for days, and then when they did come, the anxious moments and the mid-wifery that went on. However, it has all paid off and today the Stollings have quite a kennel of white and colored poodles; they make dog beds, houses, crates for shipping, etc.-such goings on there you've never seen the like. They have starred as champions (the poodles), one was in the Ice Follies of '53; one male has enriched the home of Walter Winchell; one lives at Desert Inn in Las Vegas (a dog's life, yet). Anyway, a dream has been formulating in their minds (Stollings') and we may see it materialize right before our eyes one of these days here in Chatsworth. Still the land of opportunity if you can think up a screwy idea. HAPPY SUCCESS, STOLLINGS

The Bakers on Independence Street drove to Los Angeles Christmas Eve for dinner and fellowship at the home of Lape's sister; and on Christmas Day they motored to Santa Monica for dinner with Calvin's sister and family. Don't people stay home any more?

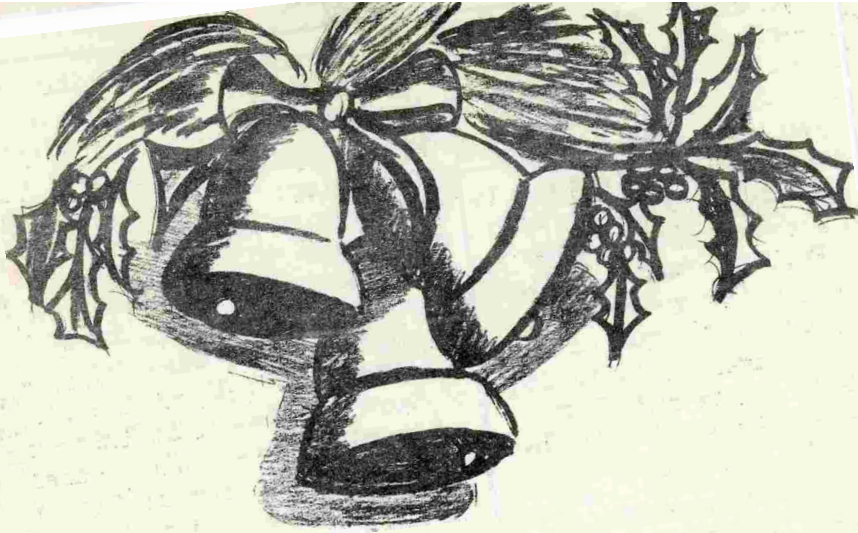
Mrs. Rinehart of Twin Lakes fell and fractured her hip on December 18th and is now in General Hospital and will have to be off her feet for six months. That is said--no fun having to stay in bed.

Walt and Ann Shaw of 21016 Chatsworth had their daughter Peg and her little brood, Jamie and Steven plus friend husband, Bob, for Christmas Day. Uncle Bob, at the terrific age of 15, entertained the little ones-that was his job.

The Jacobsons on Lassen Street got out their winter drawers and set out for Mt. Shasta to spend the holidays with their children there. I'll bet it wasn't as cold up there as it has been down here these last few days - I'm still in pretzel shape.

Barbara Burton of Box Canyon, now a student at UCLA, will be the bridesmaid at Ada Cron's wedding in Canoga Park on New Year's Day. Mrs. Bates: please note how your former pupils are growing up!

Luther and Nell Lucas of 11000 Mason had their family about them over the holidays; Richard and family from Palmdale and Ruth and her family from Los Angeles.



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