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Complete Coverage of Chatsworth & Santa Susana

Whiteford - Westerman Nuptials

A lovely wedding joined two wonderful people last Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock, April 21, when Chatsworth Rotarian Robert Gene (Bob) Whiteford, son of George L. Whiteford of Fort Bragg, California, took unto himself Elisabeth Westerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leth Westerman of 22701 Plummer Street. Their vows were exchanged in the Wylie Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, followed by a reception for approximately 200 guests.

The bride was attired in white swiss organdy over frosty ice-green satin, deep-square neckline trimmed with imported Venice lace, fitted sleeves elbow-length, extremely bouffant skirt with deep hemline following the line of the long torso bodice, also trimmed with Venice lace, a creation by Deama Jarman of Hollywood. She carried a bouquet of white tulips with trailing ivy, and was given away by her father.

Miss Dorothy Westerman of Beverly Hills, sister of the bride, was the Maid-of-Honor and Miss Vicki Soler of Canoga Park bridesmaid, both attired in white swiss organdy embroidered with yellow flowers, and carrying yellow tulips.

The groom was assisted by George L. Coale, Jr., of Seattle, (Please turn to page 2)

Press Conference Tour

Perhaps we are not fully aware, as we go about our daily tasks, of the tremendous scientific developments that are going on all around us, for truly Chatsworth is the mecca of post-war nuclear developments with North American's experimental Propulsion Field laboratories to the west of us and the NIKE rocket installation to the north of us.

The first Press Conference Tour granted by North American Aviation was accorded reporters from all the outstanding newspapers in the entire United States, and lo and behold, even The Grapevine was included in this host of representation.

Mr. Robert P. Boggis of 9939 Topanga was our representative and in a telephone call received later from Charlie Page of the Los Angeles Evening Herald, he stated that he believed that Mr. Boggis was the smartest man up there representing the smallest newspaper in the world.

All reporters met at the Canoga Park plant and were transported in five buses (approximately 300 on hand) to the Santa Susana Mountains area. Luncheon was served to the group--roast beef, baked beans and all the trimmings, including apple pie, and then various technical experts gave forth with what informa-

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WHITEFORD-WESTERMAN NUPTIALS

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Washington, as Best Man, and ushers were: Fredrick G. Whiteford of Pacoima, Gerald A. Whiteford of Santa Monica, and Chatsworth Rotarians Wm. Dempsey and Chas. (Cliff) Ahlstrom.

The candles were lit by little Miss Carol Bruder from Monterey Park and Master Rick Whiteford of Pacoima, both age 8.

This charming gesture in the otherwise solemn service was humorously witnessed by the congregation -- when they arose from their kneeling position at the close of the hymn "The Lord's Prayer" and when the veil was lifted for the first wedded kiss, Elisabeth gently mopped Bob's forehead, a much-needed application for a very trying situation.

Following the honeymoon, this charming couple will reside in Woodland Hills.

Congratulations and much happiness to you both.

ATTENTION MEN! If you have any spare time, or if you can manufacture some spare time, would you give the Four Square Church a hand on their new church? Volunteers are working Mon. through Sat. from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tues. and Fri. until 9 or 9:30 p.m. The work of raising up this new edifice is slow and many hands would help lighten the load. Just report for work any hour---on any day!!!

A NEW AIR-RAID SIREN has been installed at Variel and Devonshire and will participate in the state-wide test on the last Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Another siren is scheduled in the near future but the location has not as yet been determined.

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PRESS CONFERENCE TOUR
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tion they could. The tour and questions and answers continued throughout the afternoon, returning to Canoga Park in time to make the trip to the Ambassador Hotel where North American were still hosts for a buffet supper.

Mr. Boggis was a well of information on what he saw and what he heard, but The Grapevine will not even attempt to give a rundown on the information he garnered. Mr. Boggis will speak before the next Chamber of Commerce meeting May 8 and we urge you to keep that date open and learn from Mr. Boggis, first-hand regarding the extent of the experiments that are going on in the seclusion of those mountains.

An opportunity accorded once in a lifetime and we are grateful to North American for the invitation exten-

ded to us and to Mr. Boggis for taking the time to represent our community. Hear him May 8.

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MR. EDWARD GERING, address 2000' west of Ventura County line sign on the Pass came into the office of The Grapevine the other day and offered the use of his 13 acres including a 20 x 40' barn for our youth. Hank Crowley, Rotary President, and a delegation will confer with Mr. Gering about his property, although everyone is aware that it could not be considered as a permanent location from the standpoint of hazardous transportation, and no foot traffic. Nevertheless we extend to Mr. Gering our heartfelt thanks for his magnanimous offer and his coming forth to our need is greatly appreciated. This is the first offer for youth facilities since last week's editorial regarding recreation for our boys and girls. Anyone else have a thought---or an offer???

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--Psalms 68:19

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Prayer Group: 9:30 a.m. Tues.
Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Thurs.
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. Thurs.
WSCS Board: 10:00 a.m. 2nd Wed.
WSCS General: 10:00 a.m. 3rd Wed.
Men's Club: Last Tuesday

Eight boys and girls from the Methodist Church Junior M. Y. F. group attended the Spring Rally at the North Hollywood Church last Saturday, and came home tired, happy, and inspired to greater

heights of service. Our Chatsworth group was in charge of the evening worship, and those who attended this day-long rally of fellowship, inspiration, recreation, and worship were Sandra Robinson, Carla Rae Schoonhoven, Karin Cruse, Virginia Ruff, Marita Spotts Ellouise Marriott, Howard Smith, John Straka, and Counsellor Rosemary Johnston.

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THE LOS ANGELES HERALD & EXPRESS, WHICH BOASTS THE LARGEST EVENING CIRCULATION IN THE CITY, HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT US -- THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN LAST MONDAY EVENING'S PAPER:

By CHARLES PAGE

The other day when Rocketdyne showed newsmen its super-secret Propulsion Field Laboratory in Santa Susana Mountains, virtually all of the nations leading newspapers and magazines were represented—and so was the smallest newspaper, the Chatsworth Grapevine.

Its reporter was Robert P. Boggis, and it was his first newspaper assignment.

He clutched his parcel of handouts and wore his plastic safety beanie with the same dignity and aplomb as the rest of us.

He visited with local members of the press and the boys from the east and mid-west as we trudged up and down hills and climbed in and out of the buses getting over the ground.

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NOW THE Chatsworth Grapevine—Page size 6 by 9 inches—is published by two young ladies, Mrs. Viola Haskell and Mrs. Betty Straka.

Rockets and such mysterious things are normally not part of the paper's news content. It deals with the

doings of church groups, Cub Packs, Chamber of Commerce reports and the like, and it comes out once a week.

But here was a big event in its own back yard, and this was going to be covered. The readers wanted to know what made all the noise.

Boggis, a resident of Chatsworth for the last 10 years—"Came out here on a trip and couldn't go back to Ohio because of gas rationing, so I stayed."—is a retired manufacturer of metal objects.

He was a natural to send on the story as a special correspondent.

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FROM THE day of the first rumbles that something was afoot in the hills, Boggis has been curious about the operations. He and others watched the roads being built, including the road one of the engineers said "We like to call our access road."

He heard trucks laden with materials for the installations groan as they climbed to the site during the construction period.

Because of his interest in things metallurgical he has kept abreast of developments, including the missile field.

There were aviation and

science editors and reporters and country newspaper editors and magazine staffers along on the trip.

Many of these have covered the major stories in the missile field.

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BUT, IT'S possible that one of the best informed reporters on the scene the other day—certainly for the story involved—was Boggis, there for the smallest newspaper.

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Chatsworth was the scene of a great fire again last Friday when a conflagration started in the dump at the north end of DeSoto. It spread for approximately 37 acres and endangered the premises of the Griffith residence on Independence, but the wind permitted the firefighters to control it within a comparatively short time.

Captain RANDY JOHNSTON of Lassen Street celebrated his 11th birthday Sunday, April 15, assisted by a swash-buckling crew namely, Mates Ronnie Jones, Ken-ny Chapel, Dale Poole, Terry Muehlenbach, Troy Arter, Chris Hollenbeck, and Larry Calkins. A pirate theme ran throughout the entire party, down to eye-patches, moustaches, and hats. Pirate games and a pirate-decorated cake completed a happy, happy birthday.

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Six youngsters from Encino Swim School, under the direction of Lucille COWLE of Chatsworth participated in an A. A. U. age-group swim meet at Palm Springs Shadow Mountain this past weekend, and out of 300 entries came home with 5 firsts. Our own Diane Cowle won the girls' backstroke, and came in 5th in the girls' free-style. Ten-year-old Kenneth Merton of San Fernando, also on the team, set a new national record and So. Pacific A. A. U. record, which certainly speaks well of his swimming director, Lucille.

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Notes Here and There

Mrs. DOROTHY WATTS, Red Cross instructor, of 10955 DeSoto is engaged in instructing another Life Saving Group composed of college-age teenagers on Sunday afternoons, first 3-hour lesson began last Sunday. This is a concentrated course of six sessions, (no further entries at this time) and is given gratis by Mrs. Watts for the benefit of all who wish to participate. Pupils for this session are: Suzanne Millar and Sandra Bennison of Woodland Hills; Larry Shemman of Tarzana; Bruce Blackwell of Reseda; Carol Tegnier of Topanga; Carol and Dale Smith, Diana Watts and Nancy Cotton of Chatsworth.

ATTENTION: RUMMAGE SALE sponsored by the Campfire Girls Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Hendricks' home, 10045 Topanga Canyon.

It is with regret that Chatsworth accepts the resignation of PAT RILEY, 10422 Variel, as District Warden for Civilian Defense. Pat worked unceasingly and untiringly in its behalf for Chatsworth but lack of cooperation and funds made it too great a burden for one man alone. That we can fully appreciate and understand. Chuck Janess will still remain in charge of transportation should any catastrophe occur, and West Valley Letters in charge of publicity, if, as, and when needed.

TIM SCHREFFLER and JERRY BURDICK, both Chatsworth boys,

were guests of the Rotary at their weekly luncheon and meeting at the Golden Bull Restaurant. Tim, President of the West Valley Youth Coordinating Council, was among those sitting in at the Governor's Conference in Sacramento on youth problems and gave an exceedingly interesting report of his stay up there. Jerry, who attended the "Any Town Camp" at Idyllwild gave a wonderful report on its operations and its aspect of racial and religious problems. Because of his report Rotary is considering sending at least two boys to Any Town Camp this year. Oh, to be a boy.

Sunday morning at the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH on DeSoto, special speaker will be Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry, whose vision and foresight helped start the local church, and many others. Dr. Mayberry is the retiring Executive Secretary of the L. A. Baptist Mission Society, and this will be the last opportunity to hear him before he retires.

Today marks the opening of the valley's newest furniture store in Canoga Park, by Al Lindsay and Bill Tansey, both of whom have accredited themselves as fine business men for years in C. P. (see ad on page 3). Lindsay and Tanzy joined as partners early this year and immediately started plans for their new and larger store and their merger promises to be of great value to residents round and about. Congratulations!

DON PITTMAN, long-time resident of Chatsworth, has gone to work for the Fritos Co. in Alhambra as delivery salesman, which means that the family will be picking up and living in that section as soon as a house is available. Sorry to see them leave, but feel that Don's destiny will be back here in these parts ere many moons have passed.

BY THE WAY, the children's clothes modeled at the Women's Club Fashion Show and others like them, are available at our own Chatsworth Dept. Store; no need to go downtown for style and beauty.

GARY O'SHEA, whose poppa is opening up the JR Trading Post in the Lohman Building, had a tonsillectomy at St. Joseph Hospital last week.

Our co-mayor DALE EVANS, wife of Roy Rogers, had a terrific bout with virus pneumonia and entered the St. Joseph's Hospital on April 17 in a very critical condition. As of this writing she is still in the hospital coming along very nicely, and is expected home sometime this week.

The MARINER Girl Scouts will hold a Bake Sale May 5 at Chatsworth Market to raise money for expenses to represent Chatsworth in the "Gam", which is a competitive meet to be held at Hansen Dam, including land, swimming & boating.

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