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Gone Home

Chatsworth has bade farewell to one more old-time resident, one who had many tales to tell of the early days of our town.

More than 100 relatives and friends were present at the Grave-side Service for Fred.A. Graves which was held Monday afternoon at Oakwood Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Harold Hayward officiating with a fine tribute. Mr. Graves passed away Thursday in the Wasco Community Hospital following an illness of several months.

Fred Graves was born in Kansas on April 3, 1875, coming to Southern California when 2 years old, and settling in Chatsworth when he was 17. In 1896 he married Emma Johnson, the first white child to be born in the San Fernando Valley, and they have enjoyed 61 years of married life together!

In the "old days" when Chatsworth was not a part of L. A. Fred served as Constable and also Deputy Sheriff -- this was when Chatsworth also had its own jail, by golly! And he was County Fire Warden in charge of the lookout on Oat Mountain. He and Lovell Hill were the joint owners of one of the first grocery stores here, on Topanga near Murilla (the building has since been torn down), doing a bit of farming on the side, and when the store sold he raised cattle on the Jaughin Ranch north of Chatsworth in the vicinity of

Browns Canyon. In the days when we had a little county school-house Fred was on the School Board, and before the streets were dressed up with this hard-top modern look he was Road Foreman, looking after the dirt roads.

Yes, Fred Graves led a full life and a busy one and his many friends will miss him. He leaves his wife, Emma, and four of six children: Queenie Billings of Chatsworth, the only girl; Jesse of Redding; Curtis of Buttonwillow; and Warren of Santa Susana Knolls.

Mrs. JONREED LAURTIZEN and Ann, Tana, the twins Conrad and Maynard, and Halley returned home last week from a month's visit with another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Barlow and daughter in Arizona. Mr. Lauritzen visited there for a couple of weeks but returned to the peace and solitude of the ranch here for better concentration on his new novel!

Mrs. SADIE HARRISON, former resident, spent a few days here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allison, en route to her home in San Pedro after an extended visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Eggle of Oakdale.

ALEX SUMMERS is at his home recovering from surgery performed last Wednesday.

The newly elected President of the NORTHRIDGE CHATSWORTH 4H CLUB. Pinky Garman was elated last week to have her French Alpine Goat awarded Grand Champion in the open division at the San Luis Obispo County Fair at Paso Grand Champion Laurelwood Acres Spice has been raised by Pinky from a tiny kid. She is a permanent champion signifying her superiority in type, and is also a "Star Milker" denoting the fact that she has met very high production tests under official competition. Spice was Grand Grand Champion Alpine in the open division last November at the Arizona State Fair Mr. Ted Hobby, connected with the Carnation Research Division in Van Nuys, was the judge at Paso Robles, and has had many years experience with goats as his start was made when he as an active 4H member had them as one of his projects. Congratulations to VAL WANGSGARD on his promotion to "Sergeant of Police". Val, well known to most of us in Chatsworth, has lived here since he was five years old. He attended Chatsworth Grammar School, Canoga High, U.C. L.A., and was a pilot in the Naval Air Corps during the war. He joined the L.A. Police Dept in 1949 and was stationed at the Valley Division for nine years. Upon his promotion to Sergeant he was transferred to the Central Division.

The CHATSWORTH LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH has been busily engaged in Vacation Bible School this week, and on Sunday, September 1 at 7:00 all the kiddies will present their closing program to parents and friends. Come one, come all, and see what they have learned!

Young WALTER LOHMAN (Wally to his many friends) underwent an appendectomy last Friday at the California Hospital, and by the time you read this he should be home recuperating. Meanwhile the golf clubs patiently wait in the corner!

On the sick-list is CHARLEEN JANESS -- we hope to see her up out of that bed and her usual happy self real soon.

Mr. and Mrs. EARL RUSH enjoyed a week's visit from their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Turman of Houston, Texas, recently. On Friday evening the Rushes were hosts for a family reunion, with a barbecue dinner and swimming in the pool. About thirty relatives enjoyed this get-together.

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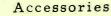
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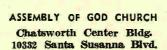
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Members of the WESLEY FELLOWSHIP enjoyed a swim and picnic dinner at the Harold Johnson Ranch after the church service Sunday, returning to the church for the regular Sunday evening meeting and fellowship hour at the home of their counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson. (This is a group of college and working young people.)

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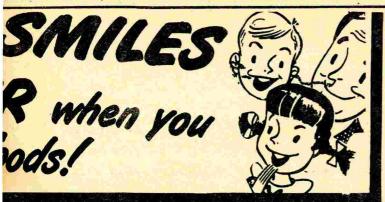
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LIFE IS TOO SHORT--

To remember slights or insults.

To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness.

To waste time in doing things that are of no value.

To let past sins or mistakes cloud future happiness.

To miss making friends because I am too busy making money.

To give my youth to the devil and my old age to God.

To dream of tomorrow when I may never have one.

To put off making a confession of Christ now.

All I am ever sure of is now.

-- Charles M. Sheldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shamhart of L.A. visited the R. L. Johnsons Saturday following the completion of a 6-week tour of the U.S. Mr. Shamhart, a former custodian of the Chats. Elem. School and for 16 yrs. head custodian of Jefferson High in L.A., is now retired, as is his wife who was custodian at Manual Arts High School.

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