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March of Dimes

Mrs. Virginia Watson, in charge of the March of Dimes Mother's March in Chatsworth, reports a total of \$532.25 collected as of Monday of this week. Thelma Demysey collected the most from a single area, a total of \$169.00. Many thanks to contributes to this wonderful cause, for making it such a successful campaign and for giving hope to those afflicted with the dreaded infantile paralysis.

JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

By this time most of the homes and businesses in Chatsworth have received a letter from the Chatsworth Junior Baseball League Association. By means of this letter the League attempted to come into your home or place of business in as personal a manner as possible, knowing it would be impossible to pay each of you a visit. The letter told of last year's success and described the plans for the coming season. It told of FEBRUARY being set aside for the prime purpose of raising the necessary funds to give the boys a three-month baseball program. It takes much time, effort, and money to provide 150 boys with a baseball program, but if EVERY-ONE would help there would be no great burden on any one group or

Rotary Program

A Rotarian with a 25-year perfect attendance record will address the Chatsworth Rotary Club at its lunch meeting Wednesday, February 5, in Maggi's Italian Kitchen, 21629 Devonshire.

William (Bill) Dempsey, president, says the speaker will be Frederick J. Pyrmm, of Braille Institute, 741 North Vermont Ave. in Los Angeles, who will talk on new developments in servicint blind persons.

George Schoell, program chairman, points out that Pymm has been president of the Bell-Maywood Rotary Club and has served the organization in many capacities.

Pymm says in his talks that all services are free to the blind at Braille Institute, for it is maintained by philanthropic gifts and contributions.

These services include education, recreation, social welfare, free white canes, vocational rehabilitation, job placement, printing and library of Braille and talking books.

individual. A representative from the League will call on a number of homes and places of business during the month of February, but time will not permit 100% coverage. It would be of great help if as many (please turn to page 3)

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ALFRED S. TOWNSEND of 23213 Raymond, Chatsworth, passed away on January 21. Services were held on January 29 at the Foursquare Church on Canoga Avenue, with Rev. Carl E. Burns officiating. Interment was made at Oakwood Cemetery with Praiswater of Canoga Park in charge.

Mr. Townsend is survived by his wife, Etta, and two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Gurley of Chatsworth and Mrs. Agnes Stokes of Pineville, Mo. Eight sons, Robert, Ray, Herbert, and James, all of Chatsworth; Fred, of Reseda; Clifford, Woodland Hills; Meredith, Chicago.

A great loss to our community was the passing of GEORGE S. HALL (affectionately known as

"STAN" to his host of friends) on January 22. Recitation of the Rosary was Friday, January 24, at Praiswater Chapel, Canoga Park, and Requiem Mass was held January 25 at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Interment was made at San Fernando Mission Cemetery.

He was born in Springfield, Mass. and spent 25 years with the Bankers Trust Company in New York, as Vice President, and also in connection with the loan department. He has been a resident of Chatsworth for about four years, during which time has served as Treasurer of the Chatsworth Fiesta, Director of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce, member of the Rotary Club, and representative of the Youth Coordinating Council.

He leaves his wife, Hazel; his mother, Mrs. Bertha McBride, and an uncle, Steve Burns, all of Chatsworth.



Through darkest shadows, faith lights the way

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of departed loved ones in this issue of the Grapevine. May God be with each of you in your hour of sorrow.

> News has been received of the death of Mrs. CAROLINE ENOS, a former Chatsworth resident, but currently of Walnut Creek. Mrs. Enos passed away Saturday, February 1, and funeral services were held Wednesday, February 5, from the McFarland Chapel at 185 Galino in Walnut Creek.

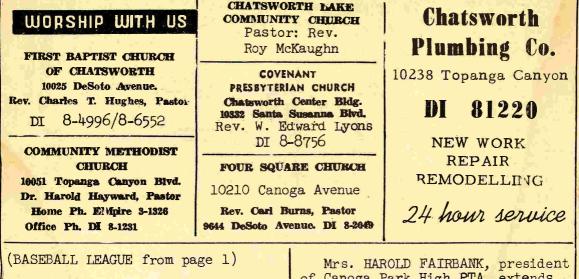
> Mr. and Mrs. Enos came to Chatsworth about thirty-five years ago, where they resided until three years ago when they moved to Walnut Creek. Mrs. Enos was an active member of the Chatsworth Woman's Club for many years, and was always keenly interested in political and civic affairs, and the welfare of youth was a special concern of hers.

She leaves her husband, Herbert, of Walnut Creek; a son, Dr. Herbert Enos of LaFayette; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Pehou-(please turn to page 4)

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as possible would mail their donations to: CHATSWORTH JUNIOR BASE-BALL LEAGUE, P.O. BOX 173, CHATS-WORTH, CALIF. Many of you have already decided upon your donation, so if you will get it in the mail at your earliest convenience it will give the men in charge of the drive that much more time to make other calls. It is hoped that everyone will be as generous as possible; in return the Association promises to give the boys another wonderful, wholesome, recreational summer of baseball.

Let's make this season another huge success! Do your part! Mrs. HAROLD FAIRBANK, president of Canoga Park High PTA, extends a welcome to all parents of high school students to attend the Founders Day Program, Feb. 18, 7:45 p.m. at the cafeteria, at which time an honorary life membership pin will be presented to an undisclosed deserving person, by the chairman, Mrs. Gerald Jack.

A program entitled "The Homesteading Day of PTA" is being planned by program chairman Mrs. Wm. Schepler, which promises to be a unique production in three parts depicting the beginning of PTA, the scholarships bought with Founders Day moneys, and presentation of Life Membership.



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shek of Houston, Texas; and five grand-daughters.

JOSEPH J. QUALE of 21826 Lassen Street was interred beside his wife at Oakwood Cemetery Tuesday morning following a private funeral, having passed away Monday at 6:00 a.m.

He was born in Sacramento in 1874, and spent several years in Alaska during the boom. In about 1910 he married Lottie M. Day in Seattle, and for several years was engaged in the cement contracting business there with his brother. Thirty years ago he came back to California, buying a home in Chatsworth and was employed by the Sylmar Olive Company for some time.

He wife died five years ago last August. He leaves a sister, Minnie E. Quale, of Sacramento, and a nephew, Douglas F. Quale, of Berkeley.

AUGUST RICHTER, an 80-year old Chatsworth man, was found dead in his car at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 28, apparently a suicide from carbon monoxide poisoning. Richter lived in a trailer at 10325 Variel Avenue, and had been in ill health for some time.

He left a note to his son Raymond giving funeral directions, and one which read, "Sorry to all. Goodby."

The flu has been active again the past few weeks, and several local people have had a bout with it, including Roy Rogers, the Gerald Plummers, the William Grays, Mrs. Carlous Dorman, Mrs. James Woodman, and Lester Swartz. Mrs. Paul Rimer was ill with the flu when she left Buffalo after a holiday visit with her son and his wife, and is only now on the mend after being home for two weeks.

"No snow, but a blast anyway" were the reports from the Baptist youth group of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH who attended the annual winter conference at Forest Home last weekend. A trip up to the higher spots satisfied the longing to snowball! Those who enjoyed the trip were Rev. Charles T. Hughes, Dick Kranzler, Carl Wassmouth, Gene Croman, Frank Dickinson, Leroy Black, John Straka, Edwin Iverson, Dennis Priddy, "Bucky" Popejoy, Joanne Straka, Freda Johnson, Varita Johnson, Mary Dunlap, Alice Ann Ludlow, Kathy Morgan, Virginia Ruff, Susan Alward, Sally Alward, Valerie Caires, Tana Lauritzen, and Yvonne Gray. Reports of the various scheduled sessions were outstandingly inspirational, and the cabin fellowship mighty fine.

The Senior MYF of the Chatsworth METHODIST CHURCH has entered a team in the Valley Church Basketball League. Coached by their counselor, George Lorbeer, and Bernie Coyle and Russ Moore, the team won their game Monday night against the Nazarenes. Games are played each Monday night at the Reseda High Girls' Gym at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the team are Jim Woodman, Bryan Hurley, Doug Watts, Carl Christensen, Dick Steen, Vic Ramage, John Turquand, Gary Briggs, and Tuscon Strom.

On Sunday evening the Jr. and Sr. MYF groups joined in a potluck dinner at White Oak Hall to honor four of the junior members, Toni Altomari, Jerry Ahlstrom, Karen Cruse, and Howard Smith, who are graduating into the senior group. Afterward, the groups separated for their own devotional meetings.

Mrs. G. K. BAILE is recovering from thyroid throat surgery performed last Wednesday. Are you patronizing our local merchants whenever possible???? February 6, 1958

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Ensign MICHAEL McGINNIS arrived home Saturday from Washington, D.C., where he has completed a nine-month course in the Intelligence School there. He is on a short furlough, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McGinnis, before being sent to Hawaii for a twoyear stay. Here he will be with the Fleet Air Intelligence Augmente Unit on Ford Island. He will leave February 17 by plane for his new appointment. Michael had a wonderful experience at Christmas, spending a 2-week leave in Europe.

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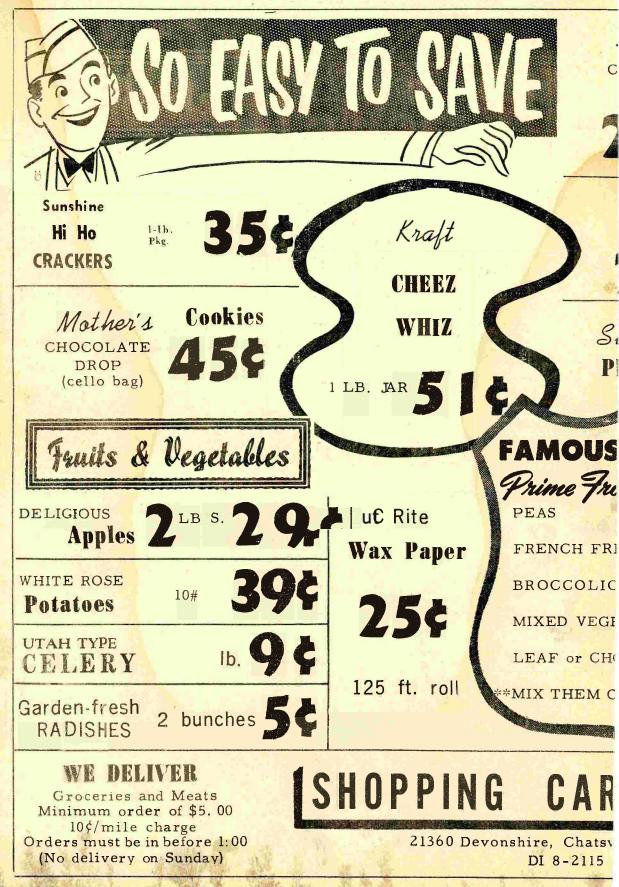
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The thirty-seventh birthday anniversary of the CHATSWORTH WOMAN'S CLUB will be celebrated Tuesday, February 11, at the Club rooms. The club was organized on February 14, 1921, by Mrs. Grace Hageman Armstrong, and she, with other past presidents, will be specially honored.

The program chairman, Mrs. Leslie Hadley, has planned a very interesting program, "Dramatic Reading with Harp", featuring the well-known entertainer, Beatrice Crale, as the narrator, and the internationally known harpist, Muriel Donnellan, as the accompanist.

A birthday luncheon, with the traditional birthday cake, will precede the program with Mrs. Joseph Power, and her committee, Mdms. John Campbell, Roscoe Harris, Ray L. Johnson, Jr., Allyn Wool, Helen Davis, Robert Boggis, and Miss Christine MacKay, in charge.

The following Saturday, Feb. 15, will be the annual Escort Night, when another fine program will be presented. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bradley will give a travelogue of their recent world tour, with a musical background of numbers composed by Mr. Bradley and presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

Reservation for the dinner which will precede the program should be made with Mrs. Leslie Hadley, EM 3-1293, or Mrs. J. Dean Park, DI 8-4506, by Thursday, Feb. 13.

The Chatsworth ROTARY CLUB recently donated 100 vases to Northridge Hospital, complete with Rotary decals. Present for the presentation on Jan. 22 were Pres. Bill Dempsey; Cliff Ahlstrom, chairman of community service; and Dr. Smith, Chief of Staff of the hospital.





SUSAN PETTEBONE, daughter of the Allen Pettebones on Devonshire, has added to her laurels. She has been named the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Canoga, having received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes, taken by graduating She is enrolled in Mrs. girls. Marjorie Armstrong's Clothing II class. As an award she was presented with a Trifari of New York pin, with the discriptive name of "home is where the heart is". Presentation was made at an assembly last week, and her homemaking test paper now goes before state examiners. The state winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and national scholarship awards are \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000.

Congratulations to the Bill Dempseys, on their recent step in purchasing the Chatsworth Hardware from the Morgans!

ED FABIAN is now a member of the Air Force Reserve, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Ed will have six months of active service and will then continue in reserve duty for his full time of service. This will enable him to begin his college work next fall.

The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH cordially invites one and all to attend the evening service this Sunday, when the Far East Boardcasting Company will present the film "Voice in the Night", a thrilling sound motion picture in natural color filmed over a period of nine years in the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Formosa, Vietnan, Siam, and India. Ten years of miracles packed into one challengin hour! Don't miss this opportunity! Mr. and Mrs. BILL POGUE entertained with a dinner honoring Mr. Pogue's father, Glen Pogue, on his birthday Friday. Guests were the Glen Pogue's of Palmdale and the John Ecroid's, his sister and family, of Simi.

On their return to Palmdale, the Pogues welcomed their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Sanderson and two children, home from Oklahoma. Mr. Sanderson has a three-month leave between enlistments, having completed his last four-year enlistment in the army.

BILL FRANZ, employed at our Chatsworth Post Office, and his wife Barbara, who live at 17800 Lahey in Granada Hills, have welcomed their third daughter to their happy little family. Susan Lynn made her appearance on January 6 at Northridge Hospital, tipping the scale at 7 lbs. $8\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Her sisters are Christy, age 5, and Jeannie, age 3. Congratulations!!

We're very sorry for the omission of last week's Grapevine, but a very serious family illness called us out of town unexpectedly. We are happy to report that through the many prayers of friends, churches, and prayer circles that our return home was in happiness instead of sadness, and wish to thank all for your thoughtfulness.

Mrs. RAY JOHNSTON began work the first of the year with the Red Cross to assist in their annual fund-raising campaign which will take place in a few weeks.

The Los Angeles City PLANNING COMMISSION recently rezoned 53 acres for housing developments in this community. A 30-acre tract on the south side of Marilla St. between Mason and Oso Avenues was changed from agricultural to resi-

dential suburban and 23 acres on the north side of Roscoe Blvd. between Shoup Avenue and a point 801 feet east was rezoned from agricultural to residential estate. Page 10



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The study of Japan motivated the decorations of the tables and the program center for the January meeting of the WOMAN'S SOCIETY of CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the Chatsworth Methodist Church held on Wednesday. Figuerines, parasols, lanterns, and other interesting curios obtained from the members made a very realistic and picturesque scene.

Mrs. Everette Cleveland gave a very interesting report of the study book on Japan, and Mrs. Charles Janess showed picture slides of the country taken by her son, Don, when he was stationed there while in the Air Corps. The devotional message was brought by Mrs. Estelle Kearns. They were presented by the program chairman, Mrs. Larry Wells.

In the business meeting preceding the program, Mrs. Haldor Duncan was presented as co-chairman of the ways and means committee. The president, Mrs. Fred Palmer, presided.

The meeting closed with luncheon, featuring a Japanese dish, served by members of the Love Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FISH and sons of Anaheim were visitors here, over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Janess. On Saturday evening the Edward Ahlstroms, the Orville Mitchells of Canoga Park, and the Jack Allens of Simi, all former residents, had a reunion at the Janess home.

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There are days of deepest sorrow In the seasons of our life,

There are wild, despairing moments, There are hours of deepest strife.

There are times of stormy anguish When the tears refuse to fall, But the waiting time, my brother, Is the hardest time of all.

Youth and love are oft impatient, Seeking things beyond their reach, And the heart grows sick with hoping E'er it learns what life can teach; For before the fruit is gathered We must see the blossoms fall,

And the waiting time, my brother, Is the hardest time of all.

- But at last we learn the lesson, That God knoweth what is best;
- And a silent resignation Makes the spirit calm and blest; For perchance a day is coming

In the changes of our fate When our hearts will thank Him meekly That He taught us how to wait.

-Author Unknown

The Wounds of Jesus

His Hands were pierced; the Hands that made The mountain range and everglade, That washed the stains of sin away And changed earth's darkness into day.

His Feet were pierced; the Feet that trod The farthest shining star of God And left their imprint deep and clear On every winding pathway here.

His Heart was pierced; the Heart that burned To comfort every heart that yearned! And from it came a cleansing flood, The river of redeeming Blood.

His Hands and Feet and Heart, all three Were pierced for me on Calvary, And here and now, to Him I bring My hands, feet, heart, an offering. —Cecil J. Allen

Behind The Burden

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee" (Psalms 55:22).

- It is wonderful, surely, to carry your burden With a smile and a shrug that seem gay,
- While you crush back the heartache and smother your anguish—
 - If you know of no better way.
- But I've found that no trial, or heartache, or sorrow,

Is too great for my Saviour to bear,

So I take them and give them to His gracious keeping,

And thank Him, and leave them there.

And wonder of wonders, the heart that was breaking,

The pain that was hurting, the trial

Is no longer my burden—but His, and my portion

Is gladness, and joy, and a smile. —Mildred Allen Jeffery

Songs in the Night

"God, my Maker who giveth Songs in the Night"—Job 35:15

Songs in the night—and the night is so long, Sorrow so heavy, temptation so strong; Oh, 'tis so hard oft to sing in the light, But how much harder the song in the night.

Songs in the night—when rejoicing is fled, Due to dark fears and misgivings and dread; Pain of the body and grief of the soul, Life's ship adrift, and without firm control.

Songs in the night—when you sit all alone, Friends all departed, and dear ones now gone; In utter loneliness—how sad the plight! Who then can ask of us songs in the night!

Songs in the night—ah, such songs the Lord gives,

He the great Comforter who ever lives. Though dark without, He sheds wonderful light,

Thus making possible songs in the night. —Rev. S. G. Brondsema Page 12

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PROMOTION EXERCISES for the A-6 class of the CHATSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL were held Friday morning in the school auditorium. The class, directed by the vice principal, Mr. Hirsch, presented a unique and well-performed program, simulating the TV program, "This is Your Life" with "Miss America" as the recipient of the honor. Noable figures that had helped make the history of our country were represented by the various class members, as they told of their part in the life of "Miss America".

In addition to their certificates of promotion, the pupils received a class picture as a gift of the PTA, presented by Mrs. James Armstrong, the Junior Past President, and a copy of a clever poem predicting the future of each member, written, according to her semiannual custom, by the principal, Mrs. LaVerne Lee.

The class presented Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Glenn, and Mr. Hirsch, with gifts of appreciation for their interest and help during their graduating year.

After the promotion exercises the mothers of the class entertained the members and parents and friends, who attended the program, with refreshments of ice cream, cake, punch, and candy. Names of those being promoted were printed in our January 23 issue.

Among the graduates from SUTTER were the following local young people: Toni Altomari, Karen Cruse, Jerry Ahlstrom, Sandy Mullens, Niel Jack, Douglas Furubotten, Edward Keasby, Vito Amadio, and Marita Spotts.

Among local young people graduating from Canoga High were Norma Haag, Alice Ann Ludlow, Wally Lohman, Cheryl Rogers, and Douglas Watts.

