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WEDDING BELLS...

The Chatsworth Lake Community Church proudly performed its first wedding April 5 at 3:00 p.m.; when David L. Dawson of 9409 Notre Dame, Chatsworth Lake, took as his bride Marcalene Gladys Gray of 619 Lazarard, San Fernando.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray of San Fernando and they are former residents of Chatsworth Lake. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orie L. Dawson, Sr., local people.

Marcalene wore white satin with lace, over a satin bodice, lace yoke and long sleeves, and fingertip net veil. She carried white gardenias and was attended by Mrs. Darlene Dawson as Matron of Honor. Mrs. Dawson wore blue net over taffeta and carried a bouquet of white carnations with blue ribbons. Miss Carol Smith of Vassar Street was bridesmaid and wore deep pink with white carnations.

Roman Gray attended the groom as Best Man, and Mrs. Betty McKaughan was pianist. The Rev. Roy McKaughan, pastor of the church, officiated at this lovely service.

A reception was held following the wedding at the home of the bride's parents in San Fernando, at which 100 guests offered their congratulations and best wishes.

Industrial Development

What is probably the largest industrial development in the West Valley since the opening of North American Plants is in prospect on property at Topanga and Marilla (near Chatsworth Lumber), following its acquisition by Garrett Corporation. According to reports the company intends to develop the 83-acre site extending between Topanga and Canoga Ave. with buildings which will house several thousand employees with an annual payroll of \$36,000,000.

The property is served by a spur of Southern Pacific Railroad and the parcel has already been zoned M2. It is understood that streets along the perimeter will be widened, and that a sewer line will be extended a distance of a mile to serve the plant.

The couple then departed for a honeymoon at Santa Barbara.

The bride attended San Fernando High, and the groom attended Canoga High, followed by Air Force service for four years. Both young people are interested in arcnery and have won medals during their active participation.

Mr. Dawson is currently employed at Rocketdyne Expr. Sta. and the couple are at home to their many friends at 10557 DeSoto Ave.

The **CANCER CRUSADE** got off to a rousing start last week as Dave Latham, district chairman, spurred his volunteer crusaders to greater efforts.

Dave announced that one out of three persons contacting cancer are being saved. The society's program includes research to find the cause and cure of cancer, education to save lives, and rendering services to cancer patients. One-hundred thousand Americans will be saved from cancer this year according to best estimates, and every Chatsworth resident who contributes to the 1958 cancer crusade can take a share of the credit for this life-saving success.

The many friends of **MRS. MINNIE ECKSTEIN** are welcome to attend a reception to celebrate her 93rd birthday. It will be given by Chatsworth Intermediate Girl Scout Troop #100, at the Civic Hall (corner of Devonshire at Owensmouth) at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23. Mrs. Eckstein is the mother of Ruth Stone, and rancher, Walter Eckstein of Farralone & Plummer, and has been a Chatsworth resident for many years. She still takes an active interest in the work connected with their chicken business. Come in and ask her for her secret for keeping young! Happy birthday Mrs. Eckstein.

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Rev. and Mrs. CHARLES HUGHES of the First Baptist Church were surprised one evening recently when they opened their door to find 35 friends laden with gifts for their new home. Those present included some of the members of the youth group as well as adult members of the church.

After greetings had been exchanged and all had inspected each room of the Hughes's new home which is located at 9758 Penfield, Ken Olson brought out his electric guitar and accompanied the group in singing hymns. Movies were shown which had been taken at the winter retreats of the Baptist Youth Fellowship and the Young Married People's Winter camp. Mr. Davenport showed slides of many beautiful spots where he and Mrs. Davenport had vacationed.

Andy Zaffuto, now acting as Youth Director for the church,

and who is studying for the ministry, brought a serious note to the party with a brief devotional period.

The highlight of the evening was the opening of the beautifully wrapped gifts, which ranged from pot holders to floor lamps -- each having its place in this new home.

The refreshments were planned and arranged for by Mrs. Bill Davenport and Mrs. Gordon Nowlin, and were served by the ladies of the church.

A little lad of six was invited out to lunch in a neighbor's home. As soon as all were seated at the table the food was served. The little boy was puzzled. With the forthright frankness of a child he asked the host: "Don't you say any prayer before you eat?"

The host was highly uncomfortable over the boy's blunt inquiry and mumbled, "No, we don't take time for that."

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Lila served delicious refreshments as the guests enjoyed a social time after the showing of the pictures.

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The accident upset Mrs. Schmelker's plans to attend the Contin-

ental Congress in Washington, D.C., which she had planned to attend as a delegate of the Santa Susana Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) this month.

MRS. IVY KENNEDY, 10464 Andora, is now recuperating from major surgery and is at home to her friends. She spent two weeks at Glendale Sanitarium.

LORNA AHLSTROM is also at home following surgery last week at Northridge Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. CHAS. JANESS, daughter Charleen, Mrs. Francina Roesch, and son Jim, were one carload of a caravan of cars from the West Valley that motored to the Mojave Desert Sunday to see the wild flowers. The display was very beautiful as they made the trip as far as Red Rock Canyon.

ROBERT RANDALL is in Arizona on a ten-day business trip.

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Saturday, April 26, has been set as a party night, when games and cards of the guests' choice will provide entertainment for the members and their friends. There will be several nice door prizes. This has been planned as a ways and means project, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

The CHATSWORTH CUB SCOUTS enjoyed a happy day in the snow at Frazier Mountain on Saturday. The roads were blocked by snow, so they stopped by the roadside, built a fire, and set up a pup tent so the boys could get warm and change when they got cold and wet.

Twenty boys went along and were accompanied by several fathers, K. T. Eckardt, Leo Johnson, Bart Cook, Paul Marriott, George Lorbeer, Joe Jurnecka, and Mr. Krumlin and Mr. Wingfield.

Mr. Cook provided the soft drinks and Mr. Eckhardt the food, so the fifty cents the boys brought for this was put into the depleted treasury.

On April 25 the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the First Methodist Church will present the Bradley Chorus in an evening performance of "A Baker's Dozen", which was such a success at a recent meeting of the Chatsworth Woman's Club.

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The ladies also greatly enjoyed the group of three vocal numbers presented by Mrs. Joseph Fladwed, accompanied by Mrs. Hubert Lamb; "In Flander's Field" by Scott Bradley; "Beautiful Art Thou, My Love", by High; and "Old Mother Hubbard" Handel's style, by Hutchinson.

The program followed a delicious luncheon served by Mrs. Russell Hall and her committee. Lovely bouquets of calla lilies, and other spring bulb flowers graced the tables and room.

The meeting next Tuesday, April 22, will be the annual election of officers and all members are urged to be present.

TOMORROW

"God is in every tomorrow,
 Therefore I live for today,
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At the April meeting of the NORTHBRIDGE-CHATSWORTH 4-H CLUB, held April 4 at Chatsworth Center, special guests were Jo Sartori and six members of the Golden Gophers 4-H Club and their parents. This club recently disbanded and these six electricity members wish to transfer their membership to the Northridge-Chatsworth Club. They were presented by Dean Lamb and were unanimously voted in. The boys are John and Kenneth Sartori, Michael and Harry Morton, and Bob Owen, and Dannie Nall.

Bill Downes reported on his trip to the All Star Conference at Berkeley, March 30 to April 3. Demonstrations were given by Kathy Lorbeer, Judy Watson, and Veronica Polich, Linda Struckenbruck, and Susan Downes.

Mr. Porter, the leader, reminded the members of the dates ahead; the goat show in connection with the Great Western Dairy Show in June;

the San Fernando Valley Field Day June 21; at Devonshire Downs; and the 4-H Fair at Pomona Fair Grounds May 4 and 5.

Bill Downes presented Mr. Porter with keys to the trophy case he recently made to hang on the hall wall for club trophies.

The clothing girls modelled their Dress Revue garments, after which the meeting adjourned for refreshments.

Mrs. RAMON AVILA was honored with a stork shower by the Esther Circle of the First Methodist Church Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Crouch. Personal friends and friends from the PTA were specially invited guests. Mary was happily surprised not only with the shower, but with the many beautiful and useful gifts she received. Although she has two other youngsters, she says this is the first stork shower she ever had.

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Funeral services for Mrs. SELMA PARMENTIER were held Wednesday morning at the Utter McKinley Chapel in Beverly Hills. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery at 12:00 noon, beside her husband who passed away several years ago.

The Parmentiers came to Chatsworth about 1908, and lived here continuously from that time. Following Mr. Parmentier's death, Mrs. Parmentier lived on at the ranch on Andora Avenue with her nephew, Robert Handbloom, until two years ago, when old age and failing health necessitated her being placed in a rest home in the city.

The Parmentiers were active in the civic and church life of the community and with her passing, another tie with the pioneer past of Chatsworth is broken.

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"For the heart grows rich in giving:
All its wealth is living grain;
Seeds—which mildew in the garner—
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.
Is the burden hard and heavy?
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to lift thy brother's burden—
God will bear both it and thee."

—Author Unknown.

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Religion you say is old-fashioned?
How true! So is food, so is drink;
So are fathers, and mothers, and neighbors,
And all things of value, I think.

A newfangled creed has no power
Until it is tried by the years;
If good, it endures through misfortunes,
And abides in the valley of tears.

True faith, understanding, and kindness—
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