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## ENLIGHTENING TALK BY CHIEF OF VETERAN'S HOSPITAL

Lester H. Corzine, Chief of Special Services at the Veteran's Hospital at Sepulveda, spoke at the meeting of the Chatsworth Woman's Club on Tuesday and gave some interesting and enlightening information about the work of this great institution.

Costing \$22,000,000 of taxpayers' money, he felt that they should know how it is being used. Covering a 160-acre area, the hospital is primarily used for mentally ill patients, though there are some medical and surgical cases cared for there. It costs \$5,500,000 to operate it annually, 80% of which goes for salaries, and 20% for equipment and supplies. It will be four years old on April 17. It has a 1,000 bed capacity, 819 of which are filled now. There are 994 employees working at an average salary of \$5,300.

Mr. Corzine told of the various types of cases and of treatments used, and stated that the discharge rate was 100 per month, with only a 10% return after the first year, 7% the second, and progressively smaller the longer the patient stayed out. It may seem like a costly investment, \$17 per day per patient, but it is producing results and putting back into normal life and self-

supporting activity thousands who would otherwise be a permanent care in tax-supported institutions.

Mrs. Gladys Sanford, Calif. Federation of Woman's Clubs State Veterans U. S. Representative to the Sepulveda Hospital, was also present and spoke briefly of the need of volunteer workers for the Sunday afternoon coffee hours, the Monday night parties, and for sewing and repair work on the patients' clothes. She also told of the need for family care, which is being used as a go-between from the hospital to outside life for the patients, to orient them to normal living again. For such services, a home may receive from \$125 to \$175 per month.

The guest speakers were introduced by Mrs. Tom Somerville, the club veteran chairman. Mrs. Frank Schepler and Mrs. Thomas Davidson were elected to serve on the nominating committee to serve with Mrs. Edmund Loritz from the board, and a secret ballot of nominees was taken. The president, Mrs. Glenn Beyer, presided over the meeting. The meeting followed a luncheon served by Mrs. P. J. Keith and her co-chairman, Mrs. Robert Cooley. Holy Week was observed with a special invocation by Bible Chr. Mrs. R. L. Johnson, and a duet by Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Fladwed, "In the Garden".



The CUB PACK held their monthly meeting Thursday night at the school auditorium. Mrs. Florence Davis presented her den, No. 6, in a very interesting skit on Canada, and a community sing led by Mrs. Val Wangsgard was enjoyed.

Awards were presented to the following boys: Jim Dawson, Kim Jurnecka, Fred Wells, Tommy Dicus, Steven Ragusin, George Lorbeer, Robert Cosindas, Tyler Marriott, Kingsley Wayman, Kevin Burns, Alvin Hile, Donald Warde, Tommy Milnes, Robert Davis, and Jerry Wilkerson.

Cubmaster Roger Cade presided over the meeting.

A REMINDER: The Red Cross First Aid Class, sponsored by Chats.PTA, will begin tomorrow, April 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 at the school auditorium.

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JOHN AHLSTROM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ahlstrom, has been nominated to the National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma. John, who is in his third year at Occidental College, is one of only six from that institution ever to receive a nomination to Sigma Pi Sigma.

Last spring he was nominated to Kappa Mu Epsilon, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and has been a member for the past year.

Not only the family, but the community, and Canoga Park High School from which he graduated, can be proud of Johnny for these honors which he has received.

Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL EATON and infant daughter Laurie of Camp Pendleton were Easter Day guests of Mrs. Eaton's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers.

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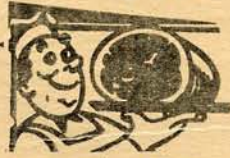
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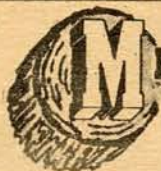


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It is hoped that the World Premiere will be held at our Chatsworth Festival in June, if technicalities can be worked out in time.

Several sites will be used including Al Brain's Horn In, with Al Brain and George Schoell taking part; the First Baptist Church on DeSoto, with Rev. Charles Hughes having a speaking part; the Chatsworth Elementary School; and Chatsworth Lumber Yard on Topanga Canyon.

Shooting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Horn In, 11:00 a.m. at the school, 1:00 p.m. at the church, and about 2:30 at the lumber yard.

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Mr. and Mrs. WALTER HASSLER celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the new Chatsworth Inn dining room last week. The celebration was a surprise to Mrs. Hassler, arranged by her husband.

They were married in 1919 in Monroe, Michigan, and have five children, and 14 grandchildren.

Attending the dinner, in addition to the hosts, were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Hassler and daughter Betty Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Hassler and daughters Linda, Mae Bell and Cindy, and Susan Carlton, a granddaughter living with the grandparents. Three daughters, the Mmes. Clarence L. Smith, Paul W. Gaunce, and William K. Smith, live in Ohio.

Mr. Hassler recently was forced to retire from his "Uncle Walt's News Stand due to ill health.

Congratulations to Dr. E. M. MINER and his wife on the birth of their fifth child, Milton Marshall, born March 25 in the wee hours of the morning at Northridge Hospital. Young Milton weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Our Honorary Mayors, ROY ROGERS and DALE EVANS, were among the celebrities who appeared at the Easter Sunrise Services at the Hollywood Bowl, presenting vocal numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were recently honored by the affiliated Teacher Organization of Los Angeles when they were given an award for "outstanding service to youth", a banquet held at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Young people of the community are invited to attend the VALLEY YOUTH ROUNDUP on April 4, when Wes Stallings and His Pals (outstanding Christian ventriloquist) will present a fantastic program. Wes has been acclaimed by famous celebrities as "tops" in his field and this is an opportunity no one should miss.

For transportation meet at the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 at the First Baptist in Van Nuys, 14800 Sherman Way.

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Tuesday, April 14, will be the next business meeting for the CHATSWORTH JR. WOMEN'S CLUB, to be held at 10401 Irondale, the home of Mrs. A. E. Byrd.

The polio clinic that was held on March 19 was very successful. The Sr. and Jr. Women's Clubs will sponsor another clinic on April 30. All three shots will be given so that anyone who missed this last immunization service may still start their series of shots.

The club is happy to announce the following young women have been added to the club's membership: Mmes. Neil Gergen, Jack Geissinger, Ivan Iversen, and Robert Lukas.

Highlighting the April 7 meeting of CANOGA PARK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB will be the election of officers for 1959-60. Lespith Crist will preside at the meeting which will be held at Barbata's, 20001 Ventura Blvd.

Patricia Petty, Girls' Week Chairman, will present Barbara Calees, a Reseda High School student, who will relate her experiences as an exchange student to Germany last summer, and will show colored films taken there. Selected as delegates to State Convention which will be held at Hotel Roosevelt on April 11 and 12 are: Lespith Crist, president, Grace Wanless, and Doraine Dockrey.

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An inquiry class for adults is held every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage, 10206 Hillview. Persons interested may call the pastor at DI 8-4508.

Plans for the construction of a new church edifice at Devonshire on Mason are awaiting approval by the Church at Large, at which time construction will begin.

The CHATSWORTH CRUSADER CLUB regular meeting, scheduled for April 9, has been cancelled in lieu of the Our Lady of the Valley Fashion Show which will be held at 8:00 p.m. on that date in Canoga Park. Tickets are \$1.50 and may be purchased from the club's president, Mrs. E. J. Nendick, DI 8-5343.

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Mr. Shreve has made his home with his daughter Mrs. Louise Nowlin for the past six years. He was born in Jamestown, W. Virginia, in 1867, and was raised in Minnesota. He lived and worked in various parts of the country until his retirement in 1936, when he came to Calif.

He is survived by two daughters, Helen Davenport and Louise Nowlin; and four sons, Richard, Robert, Maurice, and Glenn; ten grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren.

DON FERRELL of 22314 Lassen Street has been named as the County's Chief Agricultural Inspector in the Antelope Valley by Commissioner Harold J. Ryan. This is a signal honor to come to one of our local residents, but brings with it a bit of regret, for it means that the family will move to that Valley when school is out. They have lived in the San Fernando Valley for 13 years, 11 of them in Chatsworth.

Word has been received of the arrival of a small son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles REYNOLDS of Van Nuys. The baby was named Wayne Lee and was born on March 7. Mrs. Reynolds is the former Pat Ramage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ramage on DeSoto Avenue.

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