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## SIGNALS URGED

Another safety issue has come to light since last Friday, when a third-grader Gary Rellaford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Shea, was struck by a car while crossing Devonshire at Topanga. While Gary suffered only a scratched elbow, this incident looms as a warning to us, and already has aroused parents as to the desperate need of signal lights and crossing guards at this corner.

This particular issue has long been recognized by our local Chamber of Commerce as a community problem. Programs in the past have included information from Councilman McGee, and letters have been written to the City and State as to the need of signals. The underground cable has been in for some time now, and all that is apparently needed is the go-ahead from Sacramento, as this is a State highway.

Four letters in the past year and a half have gone from the school Safety Section in Los Angeles, to Sacramento requesting signals, as crossing guards are not as a rule assigned at a four-way stop.

Two of our local mothers again presented this problem to the Chamber on Tuesday night, and they are anxious to get immediate action.

## FESTIVAL PLANS

Has your church or civic organization decided on a contestant for the Festival Queen Contest as yet? If not, prod the powers-that-be and get on down to Chatsworth Pharmacy, the Festival headquarters!

Many local organizations are making plans to take an active part in the Chatsworth Festival June 13 and 14, sponsored by the Chatsworth Rotary Club, by sponsoring a Queen contestant and through the operation of booths to raise funds for their philanthropic endeavors.

All proceeds from the ads in the printed programs will go into a special youth fund of the local Rotary Club.

The thousands of persons who are expected to attend the festivities will see one of the biggest parades Chatsworth has ever had. There are plans for a beef barbecue, rides, games, and other activities which are being formulated to make this the greatest Chatsworth Festival ever staged by the organizations and residents in our community.

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Tuesday, May 26, the CHATSWORTH JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB will close their club year with a fun nite at the Chatsworth Center. Each member will wear a hat made up depicting her husband's profession with a prize given for the most ingenious hat.

On the refreshment committee for that evening are Mmes. Jack Geissinger, Robert Lukas, and Phillip Legendre.

A new GIRL SCOUT Intermediate Troop for girls ten years and up is being formed for those in the Aldon Tract and surrounding area. For information contact Mrs. Lillian Bernbaum, DI 9-1546.

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New officers of the CHATSWORTH PTA will be duly installed at the meeting on May 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Russell Jacobs, the First Vice Pres. of the Northwest Valley Council, will be the installing officer. Members are asked to note the change of time to a morning meeting.

The theme for the day is "Roadside Rest" and committees featured will be art and recreation. This will be the last official meeting of the Association for this year.

In addition to the installation, the convention report of the president, Mrs. Frank Scheppler, Jr., will be heard and the historian, Mrs. George Cruse, will give her report.

An interesting feature of the morning will be a flower arrangement and art display by the school children. Some of the pupils will also be featured in songs and folk dances on the program.

Hostesses for the social hour will be members of the PTA board.

Ten demonstrations from the SAN FERNANDO VALLEY 4-H CLUBS will go to the County Demonstration Contest to be held at UCLA on May 16, according to Mrs. Bert Roberts, chairman. Sixty-one demonstrations were given in Foods, Clothing, Large and Small Livestock, General Agriculture and Activities.

Winners in Clothing were: Theresa Stockemer, Sepulveda 4-H, single; Kathy Doll and Judy Watson, Country Cousins, Team. General Home Ec: Linda Struck-enbruck, Northridge-Chatsworth; Large Livestock: Terrie Lee Cunliffe, Sylmar; Karen Porter and Sara Hitchens, team. Small livestock; Alice Kline, Northridge-Chats. General Ag: Jim Porter,

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Blue ribbon winners at the Valley Contest were Deane Lark, Northridge-Chatsworth, large livestock; Susan Downes and Kathy Kemp, Country Cousins, Clothing; Pinky Garman and Joann Polich, Northridge-Chatsworth; Karen Fortune, Northridge-Chats., Activities; Brenda Cordes, Northridge-Chats., small livestock; and also others in other clubs.

Mrs. JANET DAVIS of Vassar Ave. is recovering in Northridge Hospital from first, second, and third degree burns suffered when she fell asleep with a cigarette after taking a sleeping tablet. Firemen extinguished the fire which was limited to the couch on which she was sleeping at about 3:00 a.m. last Thursday morning, and called the ambulance as her condition appeared serious.

LLOYD FELLOWS is at Valley Hospital for an enforced rest period. He entered the hospital about two weeks ago, and will remain about another week.

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In the short business meeting preceding the program, Jim Woodman, vice president, conducted the annual election of officers, when Bob Oril was elected president; Jim Woodman vice pres.; Checks Warner secretary; and Hans Schokal treasurer.

The next meeting, May 27, will be another open night, when the club will put on their annual \$5 dinner to raise money to help send the Boy Scouts, whom they sponsor, and the MYF youth of the church to summer camp.

JAMES KENT, who has completed his first term of service in the Army, has rejoined and completed his re-induction at Ford Ord, about a month ago. He had a week leave which was spent with his wife, Marita (Spotts), and his baby girl, and then went to Panama City, Florida, to visit his parents. James is now in Fort Devins, Mass., where he will be in special training in electronics until September. His wife and baby will remain in Chatsworth until he receives his appointment from there.

Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD JOHNSON and their daughter Wilda of Burbank had as their special guest for dinner at the Tick-Tock Inn Mrs. Dora Johnson of Tujunga. The occasion, appropriately on Mother's Day, celebrated Mrs. Johnson's 90th birthday.

Mrs. Johnson, widow of Harold's father, the late C. W. Johnson, was a Chatsworth resident for many years and has many friends who join in congratulating her on this occasion.

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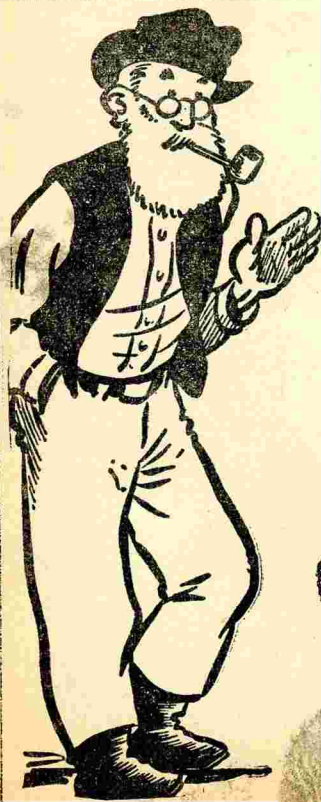
Lt. and Mrs. Dehne McGINNIS and small daughter, who have been stationed at Fort Sills, were recently sent to Germany for an expected 3 years.

"It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Mrs. VIRGINIA SOMERVILLE received a very special honor on Thursday night, April 30, and brought signal honor to the Chatsworth Legion Auxiliary of which she is a member, when she received the Gold Award for 5,000 hours work at the Sepulveda Hospital. The presentation was made by Dr. Hargrave, the hospital manager, who stated that Mrs. Somerville was the first one to receive this award from the Sepulveda Hospital.

Mrs. Somerville is not only tireless in her work for the hospital, but is a very active member of the local Unit. As Poppy Day Chairman she is completing plans for this event on May 22 and 23 by soliciting volunteer workers to offer the poppies to the public. Chatsworth Beauty Shop will be headquarters for the sale.

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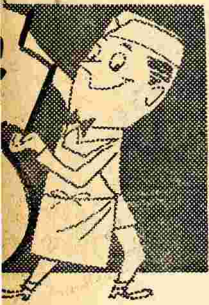
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Reservations are still available to members of the community to attend the Mother & Daughter Tea at the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday afternoon, at which Velma (Mrs. Tim) Spencer will be the speaker. Call Mrs. Lathrop, DI 4-1488 for further information.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. PHIL DYER of 10139 Hillview on the birth of their daughter, Susan Jean, May 2 at West Valley Community Hospital. Baby Susan tipped the scale at 8 lbs., and measured 22 inches long.

CANOGA PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTA will hold their Installation Luncheon on May 19 at 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the teachers' cafeteria. Due to reasons of health Mrs. Lauren Rhodes has resigned as the incoming president. Mrs. Richard Simmers is the new president elect and will be installed with the following officers: Mmes. Wm. Wilkerson, Carl Brown, Carl Pheiffer, Gerald Jack, Leslie Glidden, Lauren Rhodes Scott Kirkpatrick, and Alwilda Dartt, and Mr. Robert Garren. An Honorary Life Membership will be presented to a worthy person in the community by the Life Membership Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Schepler.

LOYD EWALT, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Ewalt, underwent an emergency appendectomy at midnight Saturday. It was also discovered he had a kidney infection for which he is undergoing special treatment.

# Churches

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gone

Beyond its portals to paths I would have  
drawn.

Tears filled my eyes; I could not understand  
The reason that thus moved His mighty  
hand

Until I heard, "I knew what lay before;  
It is My wisdom that has closed the door.

"I knew that what, to human eyes, looked fair  
Was but a hidden pitfall and a snare,  
And where it seemed that pleasant paths  
were worn  
Are boulders sharp, and briars would have  
torn."

Enlightened now, I bowed my humble head,  
And, grateful that the way was barred  
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