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The big weekend has arrived!!
ur Rotary Club's 72nd Anniversary
Celebration of the founding of our
town will be held THIS WEEKEND,
June 13 and 14.

Festivities will be officially opened on Friday evening at 8:30 in Chatsworth Hall, 21340 Devontable, when the Queen will be announced at a special CORONATION BANCE to which the public is cordially invited, at no charge! She will be crowned by Keith Andes, a resident of Chatsworth and star of stage, screen and television. She will receive a trophy and prizes, and her princesses will each receive a trophy.

Highlight of the Festival will be the parade to begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 13, starting at Lassen and Topanga; north on Topanga to Devonshire; then east on Devonshire to Canoga, site of the festival grounds. Grand Marshall will be Emma Graves, who was the first white child born in the western part of the Valley. At % yrs. (please turn to page 2)

## Chatsworth To Have SUMMER THEATRE!

With the tremendous increase in population and the arrival of many new businesses and industries in our northwest corner of the Valley, our little town can supply almost every need. One thing we do not have is a theatre. To remedy this lack, a group of loc citizens have formed the Chatsworth Summer Theatre, Inc., a nonprofit organization. Trustees are Mrs. LaVerne A. Lee, Bill Henry, Colette and Milton Parson, Bonnie Jean Lakey, Ray Johnson, Mrs. Elwood Pickering, Frank Denson, and Hamilton Bingham.

Spearheading the movement is Milton Parsons, long-time Chatsworth resident; veteran actor of (please turn to page 7)

#### **Another Chatsworth First**

Our American Legion Post #622
has formed a Jr. Baseball team
for boys in the age bracket of
15 through 17, under the able
leadership of Bill Bowman, Commander; John Balint, Business
Manager; who, with Rod McKenzie,
comprise a committee of three,
with Leonard Chenard as the term's
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CHISWORTH FESTIVAL cont. from page 1 of age and a resident of Chatsworth, she is still active in riding her favorite horse around Chatsworth.

Three District Governors of District 526, Rotary International, Bjarne L. Larsen, who designed our Security Bank Building, Russell A. Quisenberry, publisher of Valley Times, Elmer C. Franzwa and Mayor Poulson's representative William "Brick" Neighbors, will be the judges of the floats.

Other features of the Festival will be the Beef Barbeaue to be served Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 7:00. The Festival Grounds, Canaga near Devonshire, will be open Saturday, June 13, from noon 'til dark; Sunday, June 14, from noon 'til 5:00 p.m. There will be entertainment both days, as well as rides and games. Local organizations are joining with the club in the creation of booths for the benefit of their individual philanthropic projects.

All proceeds from the program ads, barbecue and carnival will go into a special youth fund of the Chatsworth Rotary Club. Festival programs are available from the businesses and at Festival Headquarters at Chatsworth Pharmacy. There is no charge for these programs, which contain pictures and history of Chatsworth and the complete program.



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Wednesday night at the home of
Barbara and Dan Kearns. Officers
for the coming year were elected
as follows: Dan Hayes, Pres., Jan
Wishard, Vice Pres.; Jan Hayes,
Sec.; Joe Wagoner, Treas.

Plans were furthered for participation in the Festival this weekend. Members who are riding in the parade met Sunday at the home of Thelma Arrington for a practice ride, and the committee for the group's booth met Monday at the home of Lyle Bennett.

Equestrian Trails Inc. is a non-profit state-wide organization to promote the interests of horsemen and the creation and preservation of riding and hiking trails.

The next monthly meeting will be held July 1 at the home of

Babe Coe, 8532 Eton Street. Anyone interested in joining the group may call Bob Walsh, DI 4-8167 for information.

Mary Dee Wagoner was selected as Queen Candidate for Equestrian Trails Inc. State Ride last month. The Joe Wagoners, Mary Dee, and guest Sally Shiek attended the Ride at Pioneertown near Palm Springs.

Mmes. Movs Dunton, Joseph Pupillo, Ray Harper and Jack Wray will represent the CHATSWORTH JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB at the Sierra-Cahuenga District Round Table on June 15. The dinner is to be held at the Reseda Women's Club with the new district president, I. M. Kenoffel, presiding over a Question and Answer program.

The regular meeting of the CRU-SADERS CLUB will meet tonight, June 11, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of the

Trafficancia's -- the last chance before Festival!

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SUMMER THEATRE cont. from page l... of theatre, films and TV; and coproducer and director for four seasons at Windham Playhouse in New Hampshire.

Due to the tireless enthusiasm of Mrs. Lee, our local school principal, permission was obtained to use the Chatsworth School Auditorium for the site of the undertaking Then, with plans for a first season well under way, it was found expedient that the re-decoration of the auditorium, originally scheduled for fall, should be done this summer along with work on the new school buildings. With no other building available in the vicinity,

the Parsons are donating the use of their Farralone Avenue home for conversion into an intimate private theatre, and will present, for the benefit of the project, on Friday and Saturday evenings only during July and August, a series of four plays for Cornerstone Club members. Opening date is Friday, July 10. There will also be special matinees of two children's plays geared to the enjoyment of the very-young theatre-goers.

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ANOTHER CHATSWORTH FIRST cont. from page 1 community, selectees are restricted to high schools designated to them from the 20th District Baseball Committee. Baseball players of Canoga High are absorbed by the Canoga Park American Legion Post.

The American Legion Jr. Baseball team is comprised of a fine group of boys from Alemany High and Grover Cleveland High Schools. Last: Saturday they journeyed to Lancaster and played a fine game against the Lancaster American Legion team, losing to their worthy opponents 5 to 3. Last Sunday our team played Archauser-Busch at Notre Dame High School in North Hollywood, winning their second game 8 to 7.

NextSaturday they play against Burbank Burroughs High at Olive Recreation Center in Burbank at 12:30 p.m.

This Sunday in conjunction with our Festival they play their opening game on our home field against Reseda Legion at 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services for ELWOOD PICKERING, who passed away following a lingering illness, were held Monday, May 25 from the Lorenzen Miss ion Chapel in Reseda, in a twilight service at 7:30 p.m. Intermentwas in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Pickering was born in L. A. in 1899. He, with his family, have resided in Chatsworth for about 18 years. He was a teacher with the L.A. School Board for 32, and in addition has taught at the Rancho San Antonio, Pierce College, and at Northridge Jr. High School. He was always very civic minded and interested in the community welfare. He is survived by his wife,

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Following the funeral services Mrs.
Pickering left for Honolulu to be with her daughter Gail, who is attending the University of Hawaii, and was unable to come home for the funeral. Mrs. Pickering plans to remain their for a few.we

The Cinderella Home Owners Assn. has announced it will begin the FIRST OF A SERIES OF POLIO SHOTS, on Monday, June 15, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the tract at 21807 Malden. A \$1 donation is requested. An interesting fact is that all those working in the clinic, both doctors and nurses, are residents of the Cinderella tract. The National Polio Foundation advises a booster shot (the fourth) for those who have had their three shots.

Mrs. VIVIAN APRUZZE of 10404 DeSoto Avenue is the happy first prize winner of the Folgers Contest -- she has received her notification by mail, and will soon receive her deluxe Big Boy Barbecue with electric spit. Congratulations!

Adult Education classes in religion are in progress at FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, 10051 Topanga Blvd., with the Rev. J. Wesley Neal conducting sessions each Thursday for one hour beginning at 7:30 in the church lounge. He will conclude the present series on the history of religion this Thursday when he speaks on the contemporary role of the Christian church and its relationship to other religious groups. Future topics will be "The Bible", "The Old Testament", "The New Testament", "Life of Jesus", and "Great Religions of the World."

Among Community Chest allocations to San Fernando Valley agencies this year was RAINCHO SAN ANTONIO, which received \$35,772, and S.F. Valley Council Boy Secouts, \$87,780. 31st Dist. PTA Dental Clinics received \$16,632.

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The Canoga Cavaliers will put on an exhibition drill by four of their troops to be awarded a trophy by the "Ranchwear of North Hollywood".

The CHATSWORTH identification slide will be seen on Channel 2, Saturday, June 13, throughout the day at station breaks.

An Honor Guand from the Nike Missile Base raised the flag as the "Star Spangled Banner" was played over the loud speaker, at the opening day ceremony of the Jr. Baseball League last Saturday at the new ball park at 21350 Dupont.

In the first games of the season, the Dodgers won over the Braves by 4 to 2. The Cards and the Stars played the second game, with the Cards winning 8 to 1. Throughout the season games will be at 5:30 on Mon., Wed., and Thurs.; and at 1:30 and 4:00 on Saturday afternoons.

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