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Wedding Bells

Last Saturday night, November 28, Bettie Tieben, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tieben, became the bride of James Gerhard Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Christopher, at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Canoga Park.

The bride wore a full-length white satin gown with lace bodice, and her fingertip veil was held by a pearl tiara. She carried two white orchids and a white Bible.

Maid of honor Jacqueline Tieben wore a pink embroidered satin dress with matching shoes, pink tiara, and carried pink and white carnations. Bridesmaids were Barbara Cranford and Linda Bowman, who also wore pink embroidered (please turn to page 3)

POLIO SHOT

Remember-- TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT FOR YOUR POLIO SHOT! The clinic is being held at White Oak Hall, 10051 Topanga, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Chatsworth Women's Club and Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club are co-sponsoring this service, and they appeal to all persons under the age of 40 to avail themselves of this immunization program. Mrs. Fred Huennekens, philanthropy chairman for the Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club, asks families who feel they cannot afford the \$1.00 donation for the Salk Vaccine immunization to contact her at DI 1-2709.

'Chamber Meeting

Mr. Snow, assistant to Chief Librarian of the City of Los Angeles, will speak at the general meeting of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m. He will bring information regarding the proposed library for Chatsworth on the SE corner of Variel and Devonshire.

Also on the agenda will be the election of officers for the coming year, and also voting on a proposed amendment to the By-Laws which would change the dues structure. The proposed amendment calls for proposed membership of \$12 for residential, non-business and clergymen; \$25 per (please turn to page 14)

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In celebration of its acceptance as a member of the L.A. Association of Congregational Church and Ministers, the Congregational Church of Chatsworth and its ministers, Rev. Donald W. Head and Rev. Charlotte A. Head, will be honored at a special recognition service Sunday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of Superior Street School, 9756 Oso Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Wm. McCormack, minister of First Congregational Church of Pasadena. Dr. Jesse Perrin, Supt. of the Cong. Conference of So. Calif. and the southwest, will give the charge to the ministers.

Reception and fellowship hour will be held following the service.

Chatsworth citrus grower JAMES P. BUTLER was elected to serve as delegate to the American Farm Federation, by the Calif. Farm Bureau Federation in its closing Convention session at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles.

Past president of L. A. County Farm Bureau, Mr. Butler has for several years been serving as Regional Director of the Calif. Farm Bureau Federation representing Region Two's Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties. He continues to serve in his capacity as Regional Director, in addition to the highly-honored post to which he has just been elected.

He was a charter member of L.A. County Farm Bureau 42 years ago.

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satin and carried pink carnations.

The groom was attended by Allen R. Christopher as best man; Jack Walker, John Christopher Jr., James Mayberry, and Gene Swartz served as ushers.

Cindy Lee Tieben and Lourie Jean Tieben shared honors as flower girls, and both wore pink full-length pink nylon organdy and pink tiaras. Their white flower baskets were trimmed in pink.

Michael Mayberry did his part as ring-bearer, and Mrs. Kay Metzgel as soloist was accompanied on the organ by Virginia French.

A reception was held at the Chatsworth Center Building.

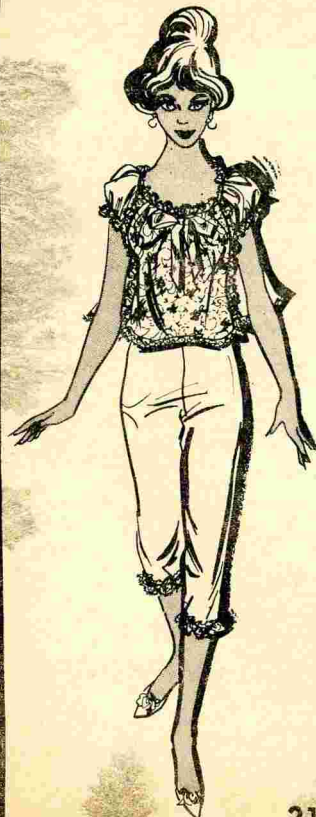
Bettie and James are both graduates of Canoga High. Bettie is employed as a seamstress at Chatsworth Cleaners, and James at A-1 Tile in North Hollywood.

VERA R. McFALL was duly installed in a beautiful and impressive ceremony last Friday evening as Worthy Matron of the Granada Hills Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. This is the highest office one can hold in the Eastern Star, and the ceremony took place at the San Fernando Masonic Temple.

Other Chatsworth residents participating in the program were the Rev. Charles T. Hughes of the First Baptist Church, who led in the invocation and also rendered two solos; and Mrs. Dorothy Draper, who accompanied Rev. Hughes.

Our congratulations to Mrs. McFall on this high honor!

Mr. and Mrs. EDDIE JOHNSON barely got in on the Grapevine deadline, when their new son Thomas Elliott made his grand entrance Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. The new baby weighed 8½ lbs. and was born at Northridge Hospital. This makes 2 girls and 2 boys now!



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The CHATSWORTH WOMAN'S CLUB will have as guest speaker for the Christmas breakfast program Tuesday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m., Ken Peters of radio and TV fame. Mr. Peters is Master of Ceremonies for the award winning "Success Story", played the part of Dan in "One Man's Family" and is host for the children's "Crusader Rabbit" program.

His first love, however, is interpretive reading, which he does with dramatic genius, humor, and pathos. His program will be "The Miracle of Christmas" and is designed to take the hurried feeling out of Christmas.

Mrs. Haldor Duncan will head the committee for the Christmas breakfast, with Mrs. Roy M. Johnson as co-chairman. Assisting them will be Mmes. Grace Armstrong, F. H. Schepler, Sr., Ernest Renner, G. K. Baile, Harold Tanner, John Work, Thomas Davidson, Joseph Jur-

necka, and James Bidderman.

Rev. P. H. Fleischmann of the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church gave the invocation at the Tuesday meeting of the club, and also brought a timely Thanksgiving message, stressing gratitude to God not only for material blessings but for the spiritual blessings of salvation.

Mrs. Dale Pinkerton, president, conducted the business meeting which followed. Report was made of the successful coffee hour at the home of Mrs. Jean Elliott on November 18, and announcement was made of the Christmas dinner dance on Saturday, December 5, at the club rooms.

Members were urged to get their hours of community service in to Mrs. Jean Elliott to go on their quarterly report.

Mrs. Pinkerton expressed appreciation to Mrs. Robert Cooley and her committee for the buffet luncheon served before the meeting.

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This may come as a surprise to many of our readers, but this issue marks five years in the existence of the Chatsworth Grapevine! It hardly seems possible to us, but nevertheless true.

The first issue reached your mailbox on December 1, 1954, with Viola Haskell and Betty Straka, secretarial service deluxe, doing business out of a garage over on Jordan Avenue. Times have changed since then, and the Grapevine publisher, West Valley Letters, is now located "downtown" at 21708 Devonshire.

It's been fun looking over that first issue, and, "just like downtown", we'd like to share with you a few items of interest: The front page story told us of the death of Lionel Barrymore, 18-year resident of our town and one-time Honorary Mayor of Chatsworth; "thievery and vandalism" were strongly berated by Editor Haskell, who told the teenagers to "think before you are led into any such activity"; and of course the Cub Scouts were busy as usual, the Girl Scouts were preparing for their troop's 8th birthday on December 15, and the Legion Auxiliary members were busily engaged in preparing their Christmas Gift Shop for the Veterans Hospital in San Fernando. The Cromans and Ruffs celebrated the Cromans' anniversary at the White Sands (!), and Horace Weaver was advertising corrugated aluminum roofing for sale! The Baptist Church was considering providing facilities for conducting services (Rev. Longmore was then on the staff of church extension), and the Four Square Church purchased a lot at Craggy View and Canoga Avenue! Katharine Johnson was even then announcing her piano recitals, and Dr. Schurter announced the Community Chest went over the quota! Time marches on.....

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Mrs. Fritz will give club members do-it-yourself ideas for Christmas decorations and gifts. She also is donating a holiday centerpiece which will be raffled off that evening. Proceeds from the drawing will be used for handicraft supplies that members will use when attending Mrs. Fritz's open workshop every Tuesday at her store in Canoga Park.

During the evening ribbons will be tied into hair bows by the membership. Mrs. John Rodine, health and welfare chairman, will distribute them to little girl patients in local hospitals to wear over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. William Darling, president's aide, reports that 13 boxes of cookies were filled by club members and have been given to the United Voluntary Service which distributes them to Servicemen at Christmas.

Mmes. Thomas Craig, Ivan Iversen, and William Darling represented Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club at the Sierra-Cahuenga District Round Table on November 23 which was held at Little China Town Restaurant.

The Sr. young people of the BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a hay ride last Saturday night, when a truck driven by Wally Lohman was loaded with hay and driven all over town and the Iverson Ranch. Rev. Hughes accompanied the 30 young people who all joined in singing as they rode, and the group ended the evening of fun by having refreshments at the home of Linda Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. WILBUR TODD and family enjoyed the holiday weekend in Death Valley. Thanksgiving was duly celebrated with traditional family dinner, but on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, as they left the following day.

ELSA BRAUN was home from Occidental College for the Thanksgiving weekd, her first visit home since entering college ten weeks ago.

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Sunday.....1:00 p.m.--5:00 p.m.

Red, white, and gold arrangements will center tables Friday, December 4, for the fifth annual EGREMONT BALL in the new Terrace Room of the Woodland Hills Country Club. Mrs. Rodney Smith is in charge of the dinner dance, which is sponsored by the Egremont Mothers' Club. A social hour will be followed by dinner and dancing to the music of Keith Williams orchestra. Dance proceeds will be used for philanthropic projects at Rancho del Valle school for crippled children in Canoga Park.

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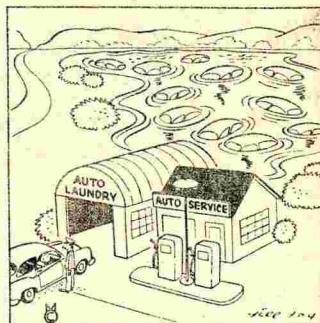
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A trip to the Long Beach Pike Amusement Pier was enjoyed by members of the Pastor's Class of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH last Friday. Accompanied by Rev. Donald W. Head and Edward Goldsworthy, the group of young people included Donna Arvin, Bonnie Birchenough, Myron Brynjegard, Sheryl Kaiser, Suzanne Meyers, Marilee Moss, Todd Vogel and Sharon Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. ROSS DUNTON are proud as can be of their new son Ross Kenfield Dunton II. "Paddy" was born on Nov. 28, weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. His three-year old sister Debbie thinks he is pretty nice!



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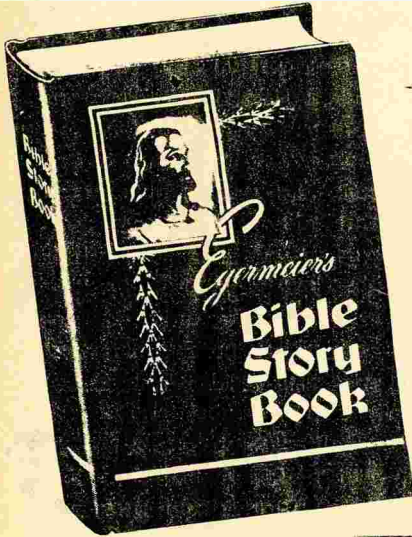
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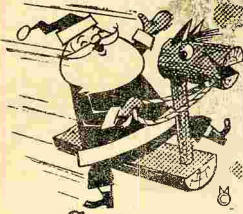
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Business activity in the southern half of Calif. declined for the 3rd straight month during October, Security First National Bank's Monthly Summary of Business Conditions reported today. The steel strike, a general tightness of credit and the continued drop in building and real estate activity were factors retarding last month's business activity, according to David A. Lathen, manager of the local branch.

Security's business

index for October was 4.9 per cent below July's record peak, but was 7.7 per cent above the same month last year. On a seasonally adjusted basis, unemployment increased for the second consecutive month. And, employment in the southern half of the state declined slightly in October, although a moderate increase is the usual pattern for that month. However, employment reached an all-time high in September despite the steel strike, and the decline last month still left total employment above 4.2 per cent above a year earlier.

Preliminary figures from the Department of Commerce's just-released nationwide Census of Retail Trade reveal that retail sales for 1958 in the Los-Angeles-Orange County area totaled \$8,881,629,000 -- up 25 per cent from the 1954 total.

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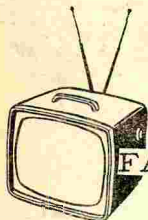
Born May 7, 1877, on a farm in Bareholomew County, Indiana, Mr. Fulwider's college education at De Pauw University was interrupted by advice of his physician that sent him to Denver for cure of a tubercular condition. While recovering his health, he studied to be an Episcopal clergyman but later changed his mind. Later he studied law in the office of Judge Olin Wellbom in Santa Ana and

was admitted to the bar, standing 2nd in the list of candidates. His law work was conducted for 33 yrs. in the office he had at the time of his death in the Guaranty Bldg. on Hollywood Blvd.

In 1933 he bought the 3-acre hilltop site in Andora Avenue where he has lived since that time.

"Judge" Fulwider frequently laughingly replied when called "Judge", "The only time I ever judged anything was at a county fair". But Chatsworth friends always addressed him in this way. The years spent here were given in unstinted service to the community through the Chamber of Commerce and other community services.

He leaves his widow, Leicester, who became his 3rd wife in 1935; a son, Robert, by his 1st marriage, a prominent So. Calif. attorney; a daughter by his 2nd marriage, Mrs. Max Pillard of Honolulu; and a host of friends both here & throughout the L. A. area.



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BILL HENRY of Times "By the Way" fame, has again spotlighted Chatsworth in his column. This time he chose "the young parson of our Chatsworth Baptist Church, the Rev. Charles Hughes", quoting his pre-Thanksgiving sermon of November 20 in part.

My, but doesn't our little town get in the metropolitan news!

Mrs. MARY WALKER left Saturday for her home in Pennsylvania, after a six-week visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wardlaw and family.

CLOSE THE WINDOWS - THEY'RE COMING THROUGH THE DOORS -- CLOSE THE DOORS -- THEY'RE COMING THRU THE WINDOWS!

This seems to be our theme song in Chatsworth in recent months. A week ago Sunday, the Chatsworth 5 & 10 was broken into, with not much taken except about \$30 from the cash register. The burglars came in through the back window after they broke the glass.

And then early last Wednesday in the wee hours someone broke the plate glass (uninsured!) at Fraser Jewelers, reached in and helped themselves to a watch case. At the sound of the burglar alarm the police gave chase - they were in the area on their patrol - and the thieves were apprehended with some of the watches still in hand. Some of them they had thrown out of the car so as not to be caught with evidence.

Once more we print the telephone number of our West Valley police sergeants, Sgt. Deryk or Sgt. Selby --

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Mrs. NORMAN GAGE and daughter, Myrna, of Arcata, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodman. They joined in Thanksgiving dinner with them and their other guests, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gage and Mrs. Ford of Pa-coima.

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SCOTT BRADLEY SOUTH SEA ISLAND TRIP
(continued from last week's issue)

"...The white race has taken advantage of the "Dolce Far Nieute" beauty of the native life, and neglected the discipline and tabus which kept it clean and wholesome, and they do not set a very admirable example for these brown-skinned children of the tropics.

"Two days in Tahiti and we were off again for more festivities and lovely sailing weather. After 5 more days at sea we reached the shores of wonderful New Zealand where the English have established their ways and customs. Here again the Mormons brought us their native dances and music. The islanders here are taking their places in government and business. Here also we found our second spring, with all our own flowers, and many strange ones all in bloom, for, as you know, the seasons are reversed here.

"Then, on to Australia, which I had always imagined was right next door to New Zealand. But it took three days of steady 23-25 knots an hour to reach the harbor of Sydney. Here Scott and I were surprised with interviews from newspapers, radio, and TV, as the folks "down under" are simply fanatical about movies and anyone connected with them. Several articles appeared in the papers the next day and we "hammed it up" on TV for our shipmates and for the local residents. The people here, incidentally, are very nice and LIKE the U.S. which is more than I can say for Europeans, as a rule.

"For three days we enjoyed Sydney and its environs, the zoo and countryside. Heading back, we again put in at Auckland where the ship restocked supplies, meat and dairy products. Then we took off for the Fiji Islands. Suva, the principal city, is a fascinating place.

English influence is fast civilizing and educating these handsome people, who still wear very picturesque dress and ornaments. One day only, we spent here, then headed north for Pago Pago in Samoa. This is a gorgeous harbor and a very strategic one in our own U.S. defense program. Here we bought baskets, mats, and fans, until there was hardly room on the ship to store it all!

"Five more long, happy days, brought us to heavenly Hawaii where we began to feel at home again -- so lush and green and tropical, but clean by our standards, and we weren't afraid to eat their excellent food.

"Another five days brought us safely into the Golden Gate and then HOME, where the ground has finally stopped heaving and rolling and we don't have to brace ourselves for the next wave! It was, in all, a happy, restful, and interesting vacation tour."

---Mrs. Scott Bradley

The EXPLORERS WITH CHRIST Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church held their monthly meeting and social time last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wardlaw. President Mrs. Larry Murray conducted the meeting. Mrs. Durk Haskell, Mrs. R. L. Johnson, and Mrs. Jack Wardlaw were appointed as a committee to plan a special Christmas project.

The class is supporting a native African preacher every year by paying his yearly salary. A letter was read from the new Methodist church in Pacoima thanking the class for drapes they furnished for the parsonage.

Mrs. MARGARET EPKINS suffered a fall Monday which resulted in a broken pelvic bone. She is at the home of her parents, the Wm. Grays, where her mother is caring for her as she convalesces.

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CLAYTON ROY STEEN, 55, of Variel Avenue, passed away at Northridge Hospital early last Saturday following a lengthy illness caused by a heart condition. Mr. Steen was employed as a barber in a Canoga Park shop for some time, and was a Chatsworth resident for about eight years. Interment and services were held at Oakwood on Tuesday.

He leaves his wife, Marjorie, a son Norman of San Francisco; a daughter, Lois Wall of Los Angeles; and son Roy and daughter Kathy who still live at home.

The appointment of Mrs. Lila Schepler, recreation director at Orcutt Playground, to the post of senior recreation director in charge of the West Valley District has been announced by the L. A. City Recreation and Park Department.

Mrs. Schepler began her service with the former City Recreation and Playground Department as a recreation assistant in 1939, and has been a permanent City employee of the City since 1942. She has been a recreation director at Orcutt Playground for ten years.

Mrs. Schepler and her husband, William, live at 22438 Lassen Street and are the parents of a daughter, Leuse, 18, a freshman at Valley State College.

Our congratulations on this new appointment!

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WANTED: Old U.S. COINS cents to half dollars; date must be legible; give details. Box 14, Chatsworth.

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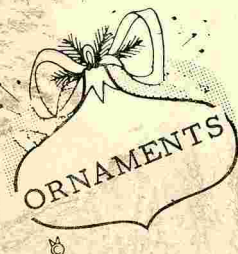
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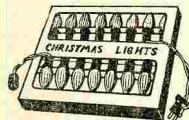


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