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Surprise Wedding

Virginia Lee Ruff and Douglas Malcolm Pont surprised their friends last week with the announcement that they were married in Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 1. The young couple had hoped to keep their marriage a secret until their graduation from Canoga Park High School in a few weeks, but had not counted on the publication of their marriage license in the Valley papers.

Ginny is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Ruff of Variel Avenue, and Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Pont of Woodland Hills.

The bride wore a ballerina length off-white lace and satin dress with full length sleeves and a small veil to match. She wore an orchid corsage. The bride's parents were present at the ceremony.

Ginny is employed part time at Hemstreet's 5 & 10 in Canoga Park and Doug is a part-time employee at Wing's Texaco station in Chatsworth.

A reception for family and close friends is scheduled for this weekend at the First Baptist Church on DeSoto Avenue.

Much happiness is our wish for Mr. and Mrs. Pont in their future years together!



Pvt. Marc R. Tieben, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tieben, received the thrill of a life-time where he is stationed in Okinawa when he unexpectedly saw the film recently produced by the Nike Base in Chatsworth, showing several of our local citizens and business houses.

Marc is a member of the U.S. Army Ordnance Group and was flown to Okinawa on November 16, thus spending his first Christmas away from home. One of his senior officers invited him to his home to spend Christmas Day, and it was here that the TV was turned on and Chatsworth itself flashed across the screen. Marc practically jumped from his chair and called out, "That is my home town!" --(please turn to pg.10)

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RALPH BERTOLDA and his father-in-law, **VERNE LIPPINCOTT**, are now home from the hospital where they spent several days under treatment for injuries received on Christmas Eve when their pickup, in which they were riding with Mr. Bertolda's son **Gregg**, was hit by a car. Mr. Lippincott received a whip-lash neck and is still wearing a neck brace. Mr. Bertolda received torn ligaments and muscles in the abdomen as he struck the steering wheel, and Gregg suffered some back injury. All are still undergoing special therapy.

The **RALPH CHRISTENSENS**, Carl, and Judy, are home from a holiday visit in Iowa.

The **Ways and Means Committee** of the **NORTHRIDGE 4H CLUB** met at the home of **Robert Jack**, chairman, to study plans for their fund raising projects for the year. Their first affair was the Christmas dinner which was well attended by all members and their families. The February meeting will be highlighted with a clothes contest, with an award for one boy and one girl winner. Members of the committee attending the meeting at the Jack home were **Deanne Lamb**, **Alice Kline**, **Bob Johnson**, and **Jim Porter**.

Goals are like stars; they may not be reached, but they can always be a guide.

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Owners of pure-bred as well as owners of mixed bed dogs are invited to inquire about and join the HALERIDGE DOG TRAINING CLASSES. The classes are designed to train you to train your dog, and are held in a completely fenced, lawned, lighted area for the safety of your dog at 22512 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.

Classes are offered for the beginner in Novice, and further advanced training in Open and Utility. Reservations now being taken for classes to begin on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, and Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Call DI 0-7372.

A general meeting has been called by Kenny Strain, CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICITY OF INDECENT LITERATURE, COORDINATING COUNCIL OF CANOGA PARK, for Tuesday, January 26, 8:00 p.m., at Van Nuys High School. Group action is needed to combat the influx of indecent literature, and everyone is invited. Come as an individual, or come as a group. This is the first such

drive in the San Fernando Valley. Call DI 0-3817 for further information.

VIRGINIA LYNN announces new art course beginning Wednesday, January 20, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at her Chatsworth Art Studio. Virginia tells us that last year she taught 1,200 lessons! That is a record to be indeed proud of!

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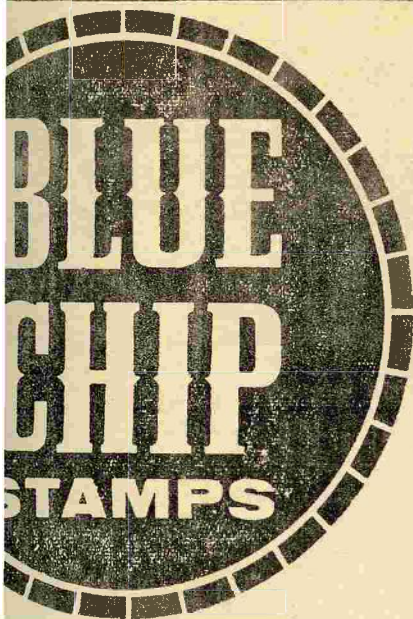
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After a two-month leave of absence, Mrs. Ross Dunton was back presiding as president for the CHATSWORTH JR. WOMEN'S CLUB at their first program meeting for 1960. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Roland Reeve from Encino Speech Therapy Center, who had a very interesting program about children and their speech problems. Mrs. John Rodine was hostess for this informative meeting and Mrs. James Cicchi took care of the refreshments.

A business meeting will be held Monday, January 18, at the Club House, when plans for a Valentine dinner-dance will be the main discussion. Following the meeting the club members will have a little celebration in honor of the

Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club's first birthday. A skit acted out by six club members, Mmes. Tom Craig, Delmar Belgum, David Blair, William Darling, John Rodine and Miss Judy Wendelin, will be performed for the membership. Serving on the refreshment committee will be Mrs. Arthur Adams and Mrs. Fred Huennekens, both charter members.

A ONE-WOMAN EXHIBITION of paintings by LYLE BENNETT, Chatsworth artist, has opened at the Chatsworth Womans Club and will continue through February 4.

Twenty works, in a variety of oil-based media, executed in a distinctive technique, and ranging in approach from realistic to non-objective, comprise the show. The artist exhibits widely nationally.

Many thanks to those who offer words of encouragement during the year for our efforts in keeping Chatsworth residents informed of local happenings. Once a year we offer you the opportunity of helping to share in the expense of mailing the Grapevine, which is now addressed to over 2,000 homes in this area, by asking for your subscription of \$2.00 a year. Please mail the attached form to WEST VALLEY LETTERS, 21708 DEVONSHIRE STREET, Chatsworth, together with your check for \$2.

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The JR. HIGH group of the BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the First Baptist Church enjoyed an outing with their new sponsor, Mrs. Freda Kranzler, last Saturday, at Disneyland. Thirteen young people were in the group.

Mr. and Mrs. WARREN STICKLE have returned to Grand Island, New York, after a three-week holiday visit with Mrs. Stickle's mother, Mrs. B. P. Finch, at the ranch of her grandfather, Mr. John Nuchereno at 22050 Lassen Street.

Mr. ROBERT LIDDLE, SR., came home from the hospital Sunday where he had been under special care and treatment following a slight stroke which he suffered a few days previous. It is reported he is feeling quite well again.

CANOGA PARK GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1180, sponsored by the PTA of Hart School, stopped at Munch Box for hot dogs recently on their Christmas ride, while earning their horsemanship badge. The ride began at Thunderhead Ranch.

Close to two hundred visited JAMES'S new warehouse last Sunday, in spite of the rain, and enjoyed the hospitality and "Open House". Previous to the public Open House at 2:00 p.m., a special dedication service was held with the Rev. J. Wesley Neal officiating. The new and modern facilities were interesting to inspect, and following a tour of the plant the visitors enjoyed refreshments.

- To have courage without pugnacity.
- To have conviction without bigotry.
- To have charity without condescension.
- To have faith without credulity.
- To have meekness with power, and emotion with sanity.
- To have love for humanity without mere sentimentality.
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It has recently come to light that Chatsworth has another author of note, in Miss BENSON WHEELER, whose latest book, "I, Becky Barrymore" was released for sale on January 10. This charming little story, written in verse, is told in the first person by Becky, one of Lionel Barrymore's twenty-two cats, and can be read with equal enjoyment by both young and old.

At Miss Wheeler's request, 50% of the royalties from the sale of the books will go to The Motion Picture Country House and Hospital in Woodland Hills in memory of Mr. Barrymore. The script of the story was completed before Mr. Barrymore's death, with he himself making the clever illustrations, and Miss Wheeler dedicated the book to him. In addition to his fame as a stage, screen, radio and TV star, Mr. Barrymore was a former Honorary Mayor of Chatsworth.

Miss Wheeler has two other books ready for publication. The first, "Leaning on the Wind", a biography of Richard Frances Burton, the climax of ten years of research, will be published this spring. The second, "Miss Hobson's Choice", a humorous novel, will be printed in the Fall.

Other books which Miss Wheeler has written are "The Riddle of the Eighth Guest", a mystery novel, and "My Brother was Mozart", a biography of Mozart. Both of these books were written in collaboration, and the last one received the first prize of \$2,000 from the Elizabeth Elswrth Foundation in this classification.

Two other of her books are "Past Thirty", a novel, and "Merely a Matter of Form", a book on diet.

Miss Wheeler was born in Minnesota but spent many years in Canada. It is here that she began her writing career as a feature writer and woman's page editor for "The Leader Post" in Saskatchewan. Prior to coming to Chatsworth, she worked for two years on one of the local papers in Tujunga. Her many Chatsworth friends wish her every success with her new books.

Miss Wheeler recently sent this office a poem entitled "A New Year Prayer", which we will print for your enjoyment in our next issue.

The first meeting of the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the First Methodist Church will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 20, at White Oak Hall, at 10:00 a.m. An interesting program will precede the business meeting, and luncheon at noon will be served by the Sussanna Wesley Circle.

Many thanks to those who have already sent in their 1960 Grapevine subscriptions -- if you have not as yet, please fill in the coupon in this issue -- thanks!

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Word has been received from Mrs. CARLOUS DORMAN that she and her husband are extending their holiday visit in Texas with a son, due to the fact that Mr. Dorman underwent major surgery there on January 5. She reports that he is recovering well and they hope to return home in about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. RAY COOK and family, here from Oregon to spend the holidays with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Johnson, are now planning to remain here for a few weeks while Mr. Cook carries on some contract plastering work. They will make a trip back on completion of the present job for necessary clothes and supplies, and will commute there from time to time between jobs, to check on things at their ranch. They are living in the Pogue house on Santa Susana.

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Marc was attending Canoga Park High School when he joined the Service in May of 1959. He received basic training at Fort Ord, and was later sent to Maryland, from where he was flown to Okinawa.

The GRAPEVINE welcomes to its staff cartoonist DICK IVAN, whose first contribution is seen on page 1. Dick will also be handling advertising and we hope will become familiar around town in the next few weeks. He is a resident of Van Nuys, having been a Valley resident for about 25 years.

Dick's artistic eye will help our advertisers in their ad layout, and we trust the Grapevine will gradually offer more and more reading appeal.

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Then there are the jawbones. Nothing slow or listless about this kind. They work up and down at great speed. They criticize. They gossip. They pick flaws. They tell how it should be done. In their wake follows dissension, discouragement and disease. Verily, it taketh a Samson to handle this class and turn them to good use!

But the third class is the one we like to think of—they are the backbones. There is work to be done; the backbones do it. There are meetings to attend; the backbones are there. Oh, backbones! If we were poets we would write of thee! If we were singers, we would chant thy praises! If we were artists, we'd paint thy lovely likeness! But, merely being ordinary humans, we can only love thee!

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