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Traffic Accident

John Gurley, 12, of 10235 Owensmouth Avenue, reportedly received a broken leg and bruises when he was struck by a car while crossing Devonshire at Owensmouth on his bicycle last Friday evening. He was taken to Northridge Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment. The driver was not held.

CUB PACK 226

Cub Scout Pack 226 held its meeting January 28 at Chatsworth Elementary School, when the following boys received awards from Cubmaster Roger Cade: Teeko Planter, Tommy Wisdom, R. J. Davis, Allen Berchardt, Steve Clemens, John Cade, Robert Lawrence, Arnold Cohen, Jerry Plummer, Ricky Davis, Paul Mangiagle, Robert Meddaugh, Jimmy Ackerman, and Darrell Cooper.

Steve Ragusin and Mike Rabe were transferred into the Webelos Troop, and John Lawrence graduated into Boy Scouts.

New boys who have joined the troop this year are Brian Harris, Lee Flower, Allen LeBlanc, and Russell Morgan.



Frilly red and white hearts will set the mood on Saturday, February 13, for a Sweetheart dinner-dance as members and friends of the Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club join for an evening of fun at Chatsworth Center. This Valentine affair will be under the direction of Mrs. Rabun Harper and her co-chairman Mrs. James Cicchi. Aiding with the arrangements are chairmen of various committees.

The social hour will begin at 7:30 with dinner following at 8:30 and dancing until 1:00. Door prizes will be donated by Mano's Pizza and Curtis-Stuart Music Shop, and dance music will be furnished by a local 3-piece band.

This is open to all, and reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Blair, DI 9-1315.

Cub Scouts

Cub Pack 26, in session at White Oak Hall in January 22, held some interesting science demonstrations by the different dens, such as air pressure in water, indentifying unusual animals, and growing salt crystals.

Pack 26 has a window display in the Hobby Craft window in commemoration of Boy Scout Week for the 50th anniversary of Scouting. The display may be seen until Saturday.
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The two bowling teams from the METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the First Methodist Church are beginning to get into the swing of the event. Team No. 1, composed of the following men, J. Isberg, J. P. Woodman, Bob Oril, Arthur Honey, and Gene Wertti, is in 19th place. Team No. 2 with J. Scott, Will Dursteler, Walter Erickson, Kelly Johnson, and J. A. Woodman, as members, is in 9th place. The men bowl every Tuesday night at the Reseda Bowl and find it an interesting and enjoyable sport. The League is composed of Methodist Men's Clubs of the Valley, with twenty teams playing.

Rev. and Mrs. CHARLES T. HUGHES attended a dinner last Monday at Bible Institute of Los Angeles at La Mirada. Dr. Samuel Sutherland, president of BIOLA, was host and spoke concerning the history and present program and future plans for the institution.

Three Chatsworth young people are students at the college, Young Walter Lohman, Varita Johnson, and Linda Huntsman.

THE GOOD TEACHER

The Lord is my teacher,
I shall not lose the way.

He leadeth me in the lowly path of learning,
He preparerh a lesson for me every day;
He bringerh me to the clear fountains of
instructions;
Little by little He showerh me the beauty
of truth.

The world is a great book which He hath
written,
He turnerh the leaves for me slowly;
They are inscribed with images and letters;
He poureth light on the pictures and the
words.

He taketh me by the hand to the hilltop of
vision,
And my soul is glad when I perceive His
meaning;
In the valley also He walkerh beside me,
In the dark places He whispererh to my
heart.

Even though my lesson be hard it is not
hopeless,
For the Lord is patient with His slow scholar;
He will wait awhile for my weakness,
And help to read the truth through tears.

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Mrs. R. L. JOHNSON had as luncheon guests Wednesday Mrs. Robert Burns of Prescott, Arizona, and her sister, Mrs. Robert Haines of Eagle Rock. The two ladies are the youngest members of the N.A. Gray family, pioneer residents of Chatsworth. Mrs. Burns recalled that she was the first piano pupil Mrs. Johnson had when she came to Chatsworth as a bride in 1920.

The Grays came here in about 1890, and Mr. Gray was an extensive land owner here for many years. At one time he owned all

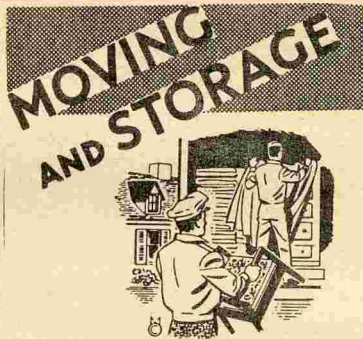
of the land north of Lassen, west to the hills, and east to Brown's Canyon, with the exception of one parcel, which he purchased at \$12.50 an acre!! The presented the property to the Methodist Church, where the present building was erected in 1903.

Mr. WM. H. DIERCK on DeSoto Avenue was one of the firemen injured in the recent Von's Market blaze in Van Nuys. He was taken to Central Receiving Hospital with 2nd degree burns and will be at home for 2 or 3 wks.

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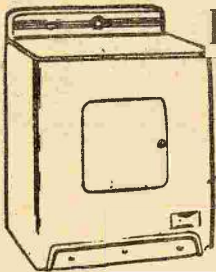
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RUSS JORDIN, staff executive of Valley radio station KGIL, and who resides at 9845 Oakdale Avenue here in Chatsworth, recently was written up in the "Valley Cue" magazine, and we feel some of the observations there will be of interest to our readers. Says the article, "A born performer, Russ was only 5 when he was featured as a child prodigy in a piano concert. Later, followed instructions in other instruments and...voice. In prep and high school, Russ won recognition for both his singing and his dramatic ability, and soon after graduation he was headed for Broadway. Only a few months after his arrival, Russ was signed for Mike Todd's musical "Up In Central Park"...successful run...then after 3 years of announcing for the Mutual Network in his home town of Washington D.C. and a series of singing engagements in N.Y. he sailed for England to join the

cast of the British revue 'Out of This World'...ran a year...ended with 10-week engagement at London Palladium. After his return to U.S. he resumed his acting career with appearances in stock, then supporting roles in TV...then spent four years in the Air Force. ...Later he became manufacturer's representative for the giant U.S. Borax and Chemical Corporation and within 8 months was the top-rated representative (nation-wide) for the company. He stayed at the top for 2 years before resigning his position to return to broadcasting....He still keeps active on the legitimate stage...currently Russ Jordan can be seen at the North Hollywood Playhouse production of 'Inherit the Wind'. He plays the William Jennings Bryan role and has received wonderful reviews. He is very enthusiastic about legitimate theatre in the Valley."

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 worth team defeated
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 thrilling overtime
 game by a score of
 48-44. Games are
 played Monday evenings
 at Monroe High School.
 Team members include
 George Lorbeer, play-
 ing manager, Bob Hol-
 lipeter, Doug Watts,
 Larry Mitchell, Bob
 Oril, Ed Fabian, and
 Jim Woodman.

MR. J. P. BUTLER
 has announced to us
 that his appeal to
 the City Council for
 his zone variance at
 Canoga Avenue and
 Devonshire was unani-
 mously allowed by the
 Zoning Committee on
 February 2, and is to
 be ratified by the
 City Council. He
 hopes to have things
 in motion within 90
 days, and soon a new
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 will go up on that
 corner.

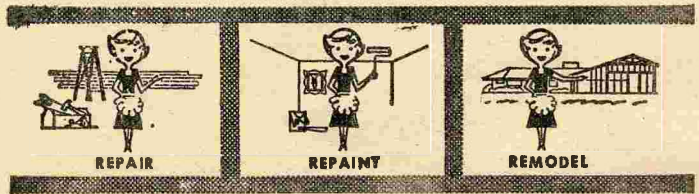
GIRL SCOUT TROOP
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 vestiture ceremony
 for new members on
 Feb. 8 at the resi-
 dence of Mrs. Lillian
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 er. New members are
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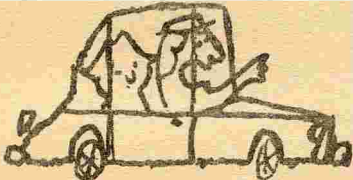
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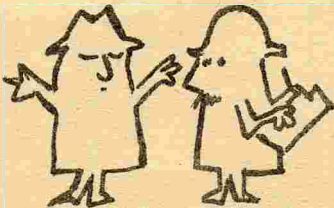
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Mrs. L. M. Formanek, Founders Day Chairman, announces the program will feature the youth groups in Chatsworth and will include the following: Boy Scout Troop #26 will do the ushering; Cub Scout Pack #226 will lead the flag salute; Brownie Pack #1147 will sing Happy Birthday to the PTA; Girl Scout Troop #1381 will present a talk on Founders Day; and Wendy Holt from the Northridge-Chatsworth 4H group will provide the inspirational message. Life membership awards in PTA will be presented by Mrs. LaVerne Lee, life membership chairman.

The report from the nominating committee will be received. The second and third grade room mothers will be hostesses for the evening with the traditional PTA birthday cake being served.

The CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Chatsworth, 20440 Lassen Street, will have their first meeting for all their church women on Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker will be Mrs. Raymond A. Sites of Long Beach, President of the Fellowship of Congregational Women of Southern California and the Southwest. This will be the beginning of a permanent Women's Organization for the Congregational Church here.

The committee in charge are Mmes. Walter Fleher, chairman; Max Williams, Calvin Kaiser, Donald Head, Harold Shirar, and Carl Wassmuth.

The February meeting of the WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of the First Methodist Church will be held Wednesday, February 17, at White Oak Hall. The program will be presented at 10:00 a.m., followed by the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Haldor Duncan. Luncheon, served by the Love Circle, will conclude the meeting.

Nine of the local young people who graduated from Sutter Jr. High School recently entered Kindergarten together at the Chatsworth Elementary School, were promoted from here, and went through Sutter together. These young people are Jeff Berkhart, Danny Flores, Richard Juarez, Fred Kenney, Rusty Ewalt, George Padgett, Lettie Bernhard, Donna Campbell, and Kathy Kimble. It is rather unusual that this many young people would go this far through school together in this age when statistics show that one out of every five families in America move once a year.

CUB SCOUT PACK 226, under the leadership of Cubmaster Roger Cade, Pack Committee Chairman George Lorbeer, and Membership Chairman Ed Rabe, planned and undertook a trip to the Big Pines snow area last Saturday. Twenty-five Cubs and "Squeakers" (younger brothers), 15 dads and in 9 cars made the trip. Sliding vehicles included toboggans, sleds, inner tubes, and ash-can covers! Next major event is the annual Blue & Gold Dinner the latter part of Feb.

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American Baptist Men, and elected officers for
1960 as follows: President, Myron McDermott;
Vice President and Fellowship Chairman, Jim
Durner; Growth Chairman, Earl Gingerich;
Secretary-Treasurer, Bob James. Nominated for
Action Chairman was Thad McFall.

FATHER ANTHONY STUBBEN, Redemptorist Priest,
arrived from Manaus, Brazil, on January 26 to
visit his relatives, one of which is Dick Ivan
of the Grapevine staff.

After travelling 1,000 miles from the upper
headwaters of the Amazon River he was flown to
New York City and arrived in Los Angeles via
the Greyhound Scenic Cruiser. Father Anthony
in two months travelled 4,000 miles on a well-
earned vacation after 11 years in the Brazil-
ian jungles.

His birthplace is in San Antonio, Texas,
and he received Seminary training at Oconomo-
wac, Wisconsin. He was chosen for missionary
work by the Church and was sent to South
America in 1949. He has survived dysentery,
poisonous snakes, jungle fever and privations
of bad shelter and food. In the years that
followed, the strength of his vocation made
possible the adjustment to his environment.

Upon arrival in Southern California Father
Anthony was dazzled by the splendor of the
countryside, by the transportation facilities;
by the housing and living conditions in gen-
eral which we enjoy daily.

He visited Disneyland and Hollywood - he
viewed the California landscape - the ocean -
the mountains - the desert - the rivers. He
talked with the people and gave quiet thanks
for all he had seen.

Father Anthony will return to the Amazon
territory in two months to resume his mission
there.

Mr. and Mrs. ARNOLD SPOTTS were happily
surprised recently by a visit from Mrs. Spotts'
sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vickers
of Hartville, Ohio. Mrs. Spotts, who had not
seen her sister for fourteen years, had never
met her husband nor seen their three children.
The trip was an unexpected one for the Vickers
who had the opportunity to drive a car here
for a friend. They returned home last week
after a two-week stay.