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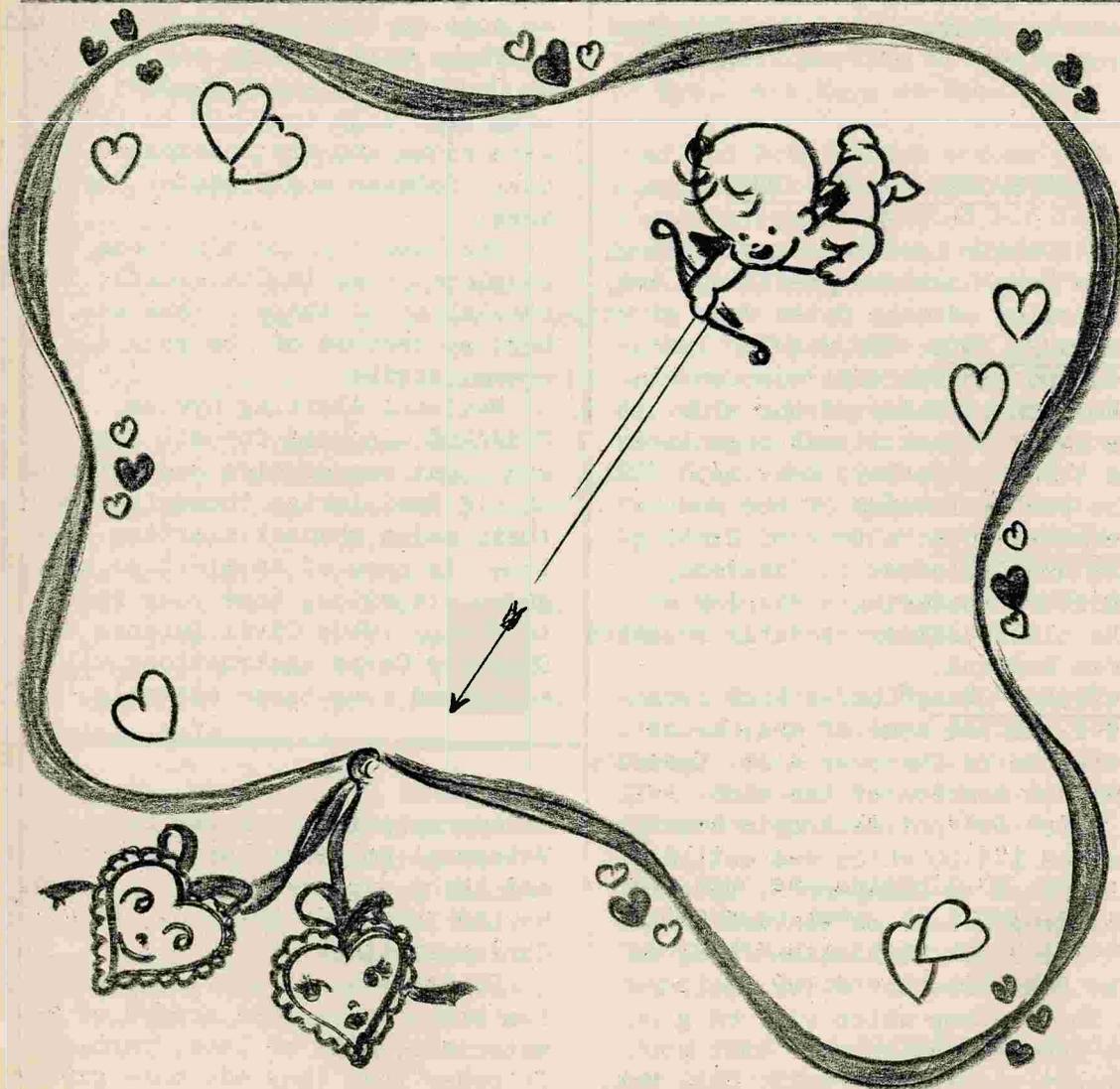
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CHATSWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The public is cordially invited to attend the next general session of the Chamber which will be on the 14th, Chuck Janess presiding.

A speaker from Los Angeles will be on hand to acquaint the community as to the exact new zoning regulations affecting Chatsworth.

Be sure to be on hand for this latest information concerning your property.

CHATSWORTH WOMAN'S CLUB

At their last business meeting, with Mrs. Sheridan presiding, the following advance dates were given: February 14th: the regular luncheon and program will commemorate the 35th birthday of the club. It so happens that it was organized on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th, 1921, the second Tuesday of the month. February 15th: a tour of Huntington Art Galleries in Pasadena, which is featuring a display of the oldest silver recently received from England.

February 24th; Coffee Hour from 10-12 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Garoutte on Chatsworth St. honoring the new members of the club.

The last philanthropic benefit netted \$43.00 which was entirely allocated to Sunnyacres, spastic children's home on Ventura Blvd.

The Youth Foundation program for San Fernando Valley includes a Thrift Shop which will be glad to receive any rummage that you aren't wearing yourself. Call Mrs. Sheridan for further information.

Mrs. Sommerville read the letter

CIVIL DEFENSE DISASTER CORPS

by Pat Riley

The clubroom at Orcutt Park has been designated as Administrative Headquarters for CDDC in our District #5. We are in the process of re-forming the staff at present and as soon as this has been completed, we are to have our Staff Training Program. Names of staff personnel will be published as soon as they have been appointed.

There will be some one on duty at Orcutt Park every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 10:00 to talk with those who are interested in Civil Defense and Disaster Corps work.

The base for one siren has been completed here in Chatsworth; installation of these sirens was held up because of the rock and gravel strike.

National Alerting System, COMELROD, is used for all state and local emergencies and citizens should familiarize themselves on their radio channel alerting system. In case of an alert or emergency situation, tune your radio to 640 or 1240; Civil Defense and Disaster Corps instructions will be issued over these channels.

of appreciation from the Sepulveda Veterans' Hospital for the monies and labor expended on their behalf by the ladies of the club, at Christmas time.

Patients at Olive View Sanatorium would appreciate scraps of materials, bits of lace, yarn, etc. in order that they may make gifts in their spare time, such as pin-cushions, potholders, etc. ^{call Mrs.} McCullch.

MRS. FRANCES BLIGH of the Shopping Cart Market gave birth to their little girl on Monday, January 23rd at Northridge Hospital, but she was stillborn, having arrived five weeks earlier than expected. Serious complications had set in during these last days so we are very fortunate to have Frances still with us.

WOMAN, who has almost demolished her car's front end, to garageman: "My husband is so unreasonable. Could you bill it as 'changing a tire' or something?"

Which reminds us that Mrs. Lorna Ahlstrom proceeded to tear down a pipe in front of Chatsworth Market the other day singlehanded with her car, and she has nothing but praise for Mike Ragusin of Chatsworth Paint & Body for the excellent reconditioning of her fender; unfortunately poppa Ed had to hear about it to pay the bill. There are times when our men have to know too much, and do they ever let us forget? No!!

On February 17th THE GIRL SCOUTS OF CHATSWORTH will be out and about selling their cookies for their campers' fund. Everyone of us is anxious to help out but they ask: "Please buy all your Girl Scout cookies here in Chatsworth." We adults are so willing to help that as we shop, we buy from scouts of other communities and when our girl come to your house, you may have already bought. So hold back your good deed and wait for our girls to make it to your house. Thanks!

Little Miss KAY ASBURY, 11, had an emergency appendectomy on Jan. 19th and had a rough time of it. She stayed at the Valley Hospital until the following Monday.

MRS. J.HAMILTON COUPER, formerly of 9735 Topanga, is now making her home with her brother and his wife in Oakland. Mrs. Couper has been a resident here for many years, a member of the Chatsworth Woman's Club and active in the Community Church and choir. Her many friends regret her departure but her future happiness is their desire.

SWEETHEART DANCE

The American Legion and interested groups are sponsoring this adult dance for Saturday night, February 18th at the Legion Hall from 8 to 12. A bit of entertainment will be furnished before the dancing, and donations of \$1.50 per couple are being asked at the door that night. A 5-piece Western band will furnish the music. It'll be a hot time in the old town that night.

The thought behind this dance is to furnish enough money to start a teen-age dance for the future, so this Sweetheart Dance is a starter for a Youth Benefit.

The dance left in those

CHATSWORTH MARKET and CHATSWORTH LUMBER were broken into last Thursday night by vandals and CHATSWORTH HARDWARE was broken into Saturday night. "The police are working on the case" and one of the things to be brought up at the next general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is BETTER POLICE PROTECTION.

A graduation party was given for Patty Maybin and Virginia Kimble by their friends in the Junior High class of Sunday School at the home of the Straka's last Saturday evening, and, of course, a gay time was had by all.

The JUNIOR M.Y.F. of the Community Church, 18 in all under the leadership of Mrs. Rosemary Johnston, went rollerskating at Rainbow Rink January 21st.

Lila Schepler of Orcutt Park sez: FEEL FIT classes for women with bulges now on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Exercises include marching, sitting floor-and an all around program for feeling neat, trimfit and wearing the new clothes with a fine air. Lots of fun also in this session with excellent music by Meredith Stephens.(Is that a MAN)

Wife to husband polishing his golf clubs: "By the way, dear - just to make sure I get my garden spaded, I buried two dozen of your best golf balls in it."

Sweet young thing to suitor: "If people ask what I see in you, Herbert, what shall I tell them?"

CHATSWORTH LAKE HIGHLIGHTS ✓

by Glenna Schrader

THE CHATSWORTH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSN. met Jan. 10th; a petition is circulating the neighborhood concerning the zoning survey for the improvement of the community, and already has 66 signatures.

Box Social and Dance will be held Feb. 18th at the VFW Hall in Canoga Park. Auctioneering of the boxes will begin between 6:30 and 7 p.m., dancing later. For those who do not wish to attend the box lunch, tickets will be available by donation at the door. ALL PROCEEDS from this affair will be for the Playground Fund for this area. Anyone who does not wish to attend but would like to contribute to this worthy cause, may mail checks to Chatsworth Lake Improvement Assn. Playground Fund, c/o Mrs. Ronald Boucher, Treasurer, Rt.1, Chatsworth.

GILBERT WAYNE, the third son of ✓ Ed and Bonnie Williams of Applegate Terrace, came into this world Jan. 19th at 3:21 a.m. at Northridge Hospital, weighing in at 8#1oz. His older brothers are Dale 2½ and Gregory 4. They hoped for a girl but after one look, decided to keep him - the spittin image of brother Dale.

Friday the 13th proved to be unlucky for Grace Ann Philmalee and Bobby Osborne, for as they were driving home from work up Plummer, a run-away horse ran into their car, damaging it, themselves and the horse. Grace has been going to the doctor ever since for treatments.

THE HOBBY CLUB met at the home of Mary Ennis Jan. 11th and it was decided to honor the birthdays of its members each time, so for the month of January, JENNY HURBAN, LOUISE HARKER and BEULAH HUPPERT were the recipients of many lovely gifts from the other members, and of course, there was a birthday cake. As there are no birthdays in February of any member, we will celebrate with a Valentine Party, each bringing an original valentine. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Kern on Feb. 8th.

Olaf and Ruth Wilson became proud grandparents when daughter Marjorie Fanning presented her husband with a bouncing baby boy on Jan. 10th, named Bobby Ray Jr.

On Jan. 17th little miss Eileen Boucher celebrated her 5th birthday with a party at her home and those attending were Arlene, Danny and Dougie Loveless, Bonnie Epkins, Francie Green, Melody and David Boucher. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mill from Hardin, Montana, Mrs. Boucher's aunt and uncle, spent a couple of days with them recently.

Roxie, Russel and Benny Bennett, with daughter Eileen Gardner and Cheryl, took over Disneyland Jan. 21st, leaving here at 7 a.m. and returning at 10 p.m. What a day!!

VERY IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE IMPROVEMENT ASSN. AT COMMUNITY CHURCH Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to attend.

LAURA KERN and RICHARD ENNIS will be confirmed Feb. 2nd at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Canoga Park.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

JAMES DWIGHT, 4th child of Michael and Alice Bergen, 10410 DeSoto, arrived on schedule at the Northridge Hospital January 19th at 12:40 a.m. (a little early in the morning but mama was prepared). James weighed in at 7 lbs. 3½ oz. and was brought home Saturday noon. Welcome, little one.

TAP and BALLET lessons at Orcutt Playground: age 5,6,7 year-old girls 3:15 p.m. on Wednesdays; 8 yrs. old and older at 4:15 on Wednesdays.

Mr. Greene of Strout Realty reports that the Southern Pacific depots at Northridge and Canoga Park will be closed shortly, and that all passenger and freight will be handled through our Chatsworth depot.

RED EWALT, 10901½ Santa Susanna had an emergency appendectomy performed at 3 a.m. on January 17th at Northridge Hospital. Lots of excitement and loss of sleep in getting Red to the hospital in time.

One young girl to another as they sorted tax returns in Internal Revenue Office: "Here's another good one, Madeline - bachelor, no dependents, \$35,000 a year!!"

'The best way to get rid of a bad habit is to drop it.'

Great-grandpa Carlos Dorman up in Twin Lakes took time out the other day to introduce us to his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dorman from Detroit, Mich. who are here for a week. They arrived by plane, with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Eckler of Lake Orion, Mich. Son Don is a grandpa, and as young as great-grandpa is, there's every possibility of becoming a greater-great-grandpa. The Dormans will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary this summer and they're looking forward to a gala occasion.

EXPERT SAW FILING: ALL TYPES
WORK GUARANTEED. DI. 8-3259

MR. GEORGE HARTMAN of 10901 Andora, a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, passed away at his home on Thursday, January 12th and was laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery the following Monday. He suffered from the tortures of cancer.

MRS. BILLIE MARRIOTT of Twin Lakes won first place recognition for her crocheted bedspread that was exhibited at the Arts and Craft Show sponsored by the 31st District PTA at Robert Fulton High School January 21st and 22nd. Proceeds derived from the admissions received would go to promising students for art scholarships.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SWEETHEART ON
VALENTINE'S DAY - Feb. 14th!!

You old-timers will remember the John Flint family, now of Yuba City. Mr. Flint writes: "We were extremely fortunate in the flood. I have never seen the effects of flood before and hope I never do again. The water was built up to the top of the levees on all sides about 18 to 20 feet high, and when it broke, that built-up power was terrific. It swept everything before it and fanned out in all directions. Houses piled up on top of each other-others smashed to pieces-and some swept out into the middle of orchards. Automobiles were scattered about like leaves, upside down,standing on end. One I saw had a house sitting on top of it. Such destruction is hard to imagine.

" But people are digging out and trying to get started again. So many cattle and livestock of all kinds died. They are hauling them away as fast as they can. What we need now is sunshine but instead it is raining every day, though not hard, thank goodness."

This letter was written Jan. 12th. Mr. Flint was manager of the Armacost Nursery here, director of the choir in the Community Church and much in demand in many of the communities for his inimitable impersonations of Harry Lauder.

DON'T FORGET TO READ THE ADS -
THEY'RE NEWS ITEMS IN THEMSELVES!

THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE are leaving these parts next Friday at 5 p.m. for snow camp at Forest Home and will return in time for evening service on Sunday. Have fun!

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"I place my hand in God's today";
I know He'll walk close to my side
My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care
When paths are dark and I despair
No need for me to understand
If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His! No surer way
To walk in safety through each day
By His great bounty I am fed;
Warmed by His love, and comforted.

When at day's end I seek my rest

SET MEETINGS

Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 p.m. Wed.
Prayer-Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Wed.
Circle #1-daytime: 2nd Thursday
Circle #2-evening: 2nd Monday
(Nursery provided all services)

JUST BOOST

Boost your city, boost your friend
Boost the church that you attend
Boost the street on which you dwell
Boost the goods that you sell
Boost the people round about you
They can get along without you
But success will quicker find 'em
If they know that you're for 'em.

Boost for every forward movement
Boost for every new improvement
Boost the man for whom you labor
Boost the stranger and the na-bor
Cease to be a chronic knocker
Cease to be a progress blocker
If you'd make your city better
Boost it to the final letter.

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THE TOWN CRIER

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chatsworth Center Bldg.
10332 Santa Susanna Blvd.
Board: 4th Tuesday - 8:00 p.m.
General: 2nd Tuesday - 8:00 p.m.

CHATSWORTH WOMAN'S CLUB

Chatsworth Center Bldg.
10332 Santa Susanna Blvd.
Luncheon-Program: 2nd Tues. 12:30
Business-Tea: 4th Tues. 12:30

ROTARY CLUB

Golden Bull Restaurant
Luncheon-Meeting: Wednesdays 12:10

AMERICAN LEGION POST #622

American Legion Bldg.
21340 Devonshire Blvd.
Phone: Diamond 8-3725
Business: 1st Wednesday 8:00 p.m.
Social: 3rd Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Bldg.
21340 Devonshire Blvd.
Business: 2nd Wednesday 8:00 p.m.
Social: 4th Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

21640 Devonshire Blvd.
Business-Dinner: 1st Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Social: Card Party every Saturday
(Open to the Public)

CHATSWORTH GRANGE

21054 Parthenia-Canoga Park
Business: 2nd Monday 8:00 p.m.
Social: 4th Friday 8:00 p.m.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Santa Susanna Chapter - 2nd Monday
Mrs. Minnie Lanahan - Regent
Diamond 8-3274

BUSINESS-PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

American Legion Bldg.-Canoga
Dinner-Business: 1st Tues. 7:00 p.m.

TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS CLUB

Club House - Twin Lakes
Dinner-Business: 4th Saturday

CHATS. LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Community Church - Chatsworth Lake
Second Tuesday - 8:00 p.m.

NORTHRIDGE-CHATSWORTH 4-H CLUB

Chatsworth Center-10332 Santa Susanna; Leaders Mr. & Mrs. W. Downes
Di. 2-4257 1st Friday 7:30 p.m.

THE COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH

Great things are planned for the month of February - a great, forward advance in recruiting souls for Christ.

On the 9th from noon till 6 p.m. the following persons will assume leadership in conducting a vigil of prayer:

12:00-12:30	Mrs. Fern Jack
12:30- 1:00	Dr. Harold Hayward
1:00- 1:30	Mrs. Celia Woodman
1:30- 2:00	Mrs. Katharine J.
2:00- 2:30	Mrs. F. Mahieu
2:30- 3:00	Mrs. Alex Summers
3:00- 3:30	Mrs. M. Erickson
3:30- 4:00	Mrs. Florence Wells
4:00- 4:30	Mrs. R. Johnston
4:30- 5:00	Mrs. E. Kearns
5:00- 5:30	Mrs. Straka-Haskell
5:30- 6:00	Mrs. Lorna Ahlstrom

These six hours are a part of a continuous prayer chain for a duration of seven months by Methodist women throughout the United States. We trust you will allow yourselves a half hour or an hour of prayer by going to church on Feb. 9th.

On February 17th Prayer Service will be held from 10 a.m. till noon. This is the World Day of Prayer, commemorated wherever Christianity has had its entrance, and participated in by all denominations. The offerings from all the services throughout the world will go to the United Church Women of New York, of which Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale is treasurer, and will be allocated to mission work of all the denominations.

The week of February 22nd to the 29th is called "The March of Faith." Rev. Eugene Bell of First Church in Las Vegas, Nevada will be the

visiting minister and will conduct services every night, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and on Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon Luncheon will be served in White Oak Hall and all volunteers recruited by the Fishermen's Club, of which Walter Erickson is the head, will be instructed by Rev. Bell on how to call on people. Then the callers will be given the names of parents whose children come to Sunday School, or have shown an interest in coming to the Methodist Church (there will be no proselyting) to encourage all to take a forward step for Christ and to align one's self on His side in these days of apostasy. The calling will continue Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Everyone who has shown an interest in the Methodist Church will be called upon.

In March all So. Calif. ministers will go to Arizona to put on a like campaign.

Starting next Sunday morning, during the Sunday School hour, the pastor will conduct his regular spring preparatory class for children; seven weeks of intensive study on what it means to become a member of Christ's church, with membership on Palm Sunday.

We are entering into another grand and glorious season when we can all pause and take stock of ourselves, and if we are found to be lacking, to make a turn-about-face and become the restored child of Our Father, in acknowledging

Jesus Christ to be the Redeemer of our sin-sick souls. Think about these things and do not let the favor of man prevent you from seeking the favor of God. He it is whom you will stand before one of days.

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Puppies should be several months
old before bathing.

NEO-LYN PET CENTER

BILLIE BREIT of Chatsworth Lake
took the part of a 10-year old
Camp Fire Girl in a play "Little
Scandal" put on by the Valley
Players Guild at Bel Air Country
Club in Encino from the 19th
thru the 24th. Billie had a lot
of fun but mama, Ruth Wilson,
is worn to a nub, toting little
miss Billie to rehearsals and
performances, in addition to
normally looking after a large
family.

FEBRUARY FLOWER: Violet/Primrose
BIRTHSTONE: Amethyst

AFTER THE RAIN

After the rain comes the sunshine-
After the sorrows come peace;
After the tears come smiles, dear
After life's labors - surcease!
After the dew comes the roses -
Fragrantly scenting the air;
After the grief comes the gladness
Changing the heart from despair!

After the night comes the dawning -
Day! and its new hopes are born!
After the stars have ceased twinkling
New thoughts come with the dawn.
After the pain has subsided -
Gone, from our mem'ries, has fear;
After the rain comes the freshness
And beauty of thoughts sweet and
clear!

Speaking about rain reminds us:
That lovable "old" character,
KELLY JOHNSON of 10901 Santa Su-
sanna, has three ducks among his
"livestock". While it was rain-
ing, and the gully behind their
house was a wild, raging torrent
of restless, muddy water, the grand-
children had a brainstorm: ducks
need water to swim in; there is
the water; so they let them out
and as they (the ducks) were fran-
tically trying to keep their heads
above water as they proceeded
downstream, grandpa had to jump
in feet first, with water up to
his chest, to rescue said ducks,
and the air surrounding the imme-
diate territory continued to have
a blue haze for quite some time
thereafter. Poor grandpa! no more
gets his own kids raised, than he
has to help raise the grandchild-
ren.

When ye lay ye weary body down,
then shall ye have rest!!

FEATURE SECTION

Ah! Memories! Chatsworth abounds in them—a blending of the old with the progress of the new. It was our pleasure the other day to go through the old Gray home, and walk about the grounds at 22165 Lassen and just stand and listen to what the walls could have said, if they had voices.

Nelson A. Gray and his wife, Minnie, and their nine children (two were born here) came to Chatsworth in 1892 and acquired approximately 200 acres (reasonable in those days) from the hills south of Lassen to Santa Susana Pass. The big house was built in 1898 at a cost of \$1200.00 and contained 14 rooms, 13 of them opening on to a "court" which was their living room and dining room (except for special company) 24x24 with an 18' ceiling. The stairway leading up to the three bedrooms above is in this court, and one of the girls came down this stairway in her wedding gown as she was joined in holy matrimony with the local preacher. The upstairs bedrooms are flanked by two attics, and above is the roof attic, and wonderful receptacles for their own private rummage. All of the rooms have 10' ceilings; the doors (26 in all) 7' with an additional 2' transom over each, wooden doorknobs on the inside doors and brassknobs on the outside.

In this court stood the annual Christmas tree cut from the cypress hedge at the back of the garden, which reached to the 18' ceiling, placed in the corner where it could be trimmed from the upstairs. Of course, there was the parlor, which still feels like a parlor today because all of the living is done in the court.

The Gray home was the first to be lighted with gas and they had their

own gas plant with part of the machine in the cellar and the tank buried in the yard.

The old milk house, still standing there today although showing the ravages of time, was built from stone from the Old Bill Bannon quarry above Oakwood; the walls are 18" thick. There is where the milk and perishables were kept, before the advent of refrigeration and freezers, small fry. Artesian water flows over the property today and in those early days was the water supply for the "neighborhood". The huge, old barn has since burned down and replaced by the buildings now on the property. The grounds are beautifully covered with plants and huge, gnarled white oak and live oak trees, no doubt a sanctuary for play and privacy in those days before amusements. One also finds a headstone carved: "Bobie a good dog died Sep '08".

It was said of their father that he gathered the children about him on Sunday mornings before going to Sunday School (where they all went) and reviewed their lessons with them, while Mother got ready.

In 1905 the Grays donated the ground for the construction of the Community Church. They sold in 1927 to the interests that have it today, known as the Spinks estate, which now comprises 55 acres. The Geddings first managed the property (parents of Mrs. Failor, 10116 Topanga; then the Alex Summers managed the interests for 13 years during which time Mr. Summers put in the 30 acres of lemons, 10 acres of oranges and 15 in alfalfa. In 1948 the Bob Werrens took over its management and are still there, loving every inch of the old home and its grounds.

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