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## POPPY DAY

Mrs. Ruth Williams, vice president of the Chatsworth Legion Auxiliary, presided at the meeting of the Unit Wednesday night, which was "Vice President's Night".

The delegates to the State Convention to be held in Sacramento June 25-29, were selected as follows: Mrs. Aileen Randall, pres., Mrs. Pearl Tognazzini, and Mrs. Louise Hillman.

POPPY DAY, when citizens are asked to "wear a poppy" in honor of our veterans, living and dead, who have given of their best to their country, will be observed May 23 and 24. The Chatsworth Unit has the Chatsworth and Northridge territory and would appreciate any help possible to present the poppies to the public. The poppies are made by the veterans, part of the rehabilitation program of many, and a certain percent of the gifts received goes directly to them, with the rest going to the general rehabilitation and welfare program for the veterans and families.

Anyone desiring to help may contact the chairman, Mrs. Virginia Moon, or the president, Mrs. Randall.

The Unit, in conjunction with the Woodland Hills and Canoga Park Units, has selected Loni Konstadt, a student of Canoga Park High, as Girl State representative

## FIESTA PRINCESSES

Seven lovely Chatsworth girls are in the race for Fiesta Queen this year, and are sponsored by various organizations about our town. It is hoped that by another week their pictures will be on display in stores about town, and you may vote for your favorite by making purchases locally. The following girls are participating: Pay Lyon, Diana Smith, Sue Clark, Mary Carr, Mary Lou Kenney, Leuise Schepler, and Jacqueline (Pinky) Garman.

## OPENING DAY

The Junior Baseball season got off to a good start Saturday afternoon with appropriate opening exercises. The stands and grounds were filled with interested parents and friends, and the turf was fairly swarming with boys in the eight Junior teams and the two Pony League teams.

Jack O'Shea, honorary sheriff, presided at the mike and presented Roy Rogers, Honorary Mayor. Roy welcomed the group and expressed his good wishes for a happy and successful season. He presented a lovely bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Juliet Wilkins, who has donated the use of her land for the ball ground which is named Wilkins' Field in her honor. Roy also introduced Pat Brady, his movie "sidekick".

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Rev. DAVID E. TODD, Area Representative of eleven western states for AMERICAN LEPROSY MISSIONS INC., will illustrate his talk with the film strip "The Beloved Surgeon" at First Methodist Church Sunday evening, May 25, at 7:15 p.m. The public is cordially invited to come and learn what can and is being done to rehabilitate those afflicted with leprosy in the United States as well as the foreign fields.

The DESSERT TEA and FASHION SHOW, an annual philanthropy benefit affair of the Chatsworth Woman's Club, was attended by a capacity crowd Tuesday at the club rooms. The patio was also filled with interested guests. The weatherman provided a beautiful day after a week of cool, foggy days.

Many colorful and attractive prints and patterns for summertime wear were shown by LeVine's of Van Nuys, with local club women as very fine models, and a club member, Mrs. Russell Hall, as an outstanding narrator.

Many door prizes donated by club members and unsolicited local merchants were presented the ladies with the lucky numbers.

The affair was not only a success socially but the members were very gratified over the financial gain, which will make possible a continuation of their philanthropic work.

Mr. and Mrs. ALEX SUMMERS returned last week from a two-week fishing trip at Gold Beach with relatives and friends. A few days after their return they enjoyed a short visit from Mrs. Summers' brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown and two sons from Missouri. Mrs. Summers had not seen them for three years and it has been twenty-two years since Mr. Summers had seen them.

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Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. BURT WENDT of 21930 Chatsworth Street of the sudden and as yet unexplained death of their son, James, Staff Sergeant in the Air Force. He was admitted to the hospital on May 11 complaining of pains in the chest, and succumbed shortly thereafter. Graveside services with full military honors were conducted last Friday, May 16 at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. A letter containing the circumstances of his death will be sent to the Wendt's as soon as possible, according to Maj. General Wallace of the Air Force base. Chatsworth extends deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wendt in this time of bereavement.

BEVERLY CHENARD (Mrs. Leonard!) has taken and passed the required State Board examination and is now a registered X-Ray technician. Beverly is a graduate of Carnegie Institute in Boston, Mass., and has worked at St. Joseph Hospital in Burbank. She is presently employed at Northridge Hospital.

At the moment, however, she and one-year old Joy are visiting in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, with her mother, dad, and family, while Leonard keeps the home fires burning.

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Miss Karen Fortune, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fortune in Northridge, has just been named Outstanding Junior Leader of the Year of the NORTHBRIDGE-CHATSWORTH 4-H CLUB. Named as runner up was Sandy Brewster of Canoga Park. Karen and Sandy were chosen by a committee of parents and leaders to represent their club as applicants for one of the six Junior Leaders who will be chosen from the San Fernando Valley by a Council Committee to attend the 4-H Junior Leader Conference at University of California at Davis, June 16-20.

Other Junior Leaders who are doing a fine job, important to the development and growth of their 4-H Club are Pat Maybin, Judy Watson, Carl Wassmouth, Alden Billitti, Harry Maybin, Pinky Garman, and Bill Downs. Bill was the recipient of this honor last year.

CHARLES (Chuck) JANESE, Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Committee of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce, announces that the basic maps which have to do with the proposed future planning of Chatsworth are now on display at the Chatsworth Branch of the Security-First National Bank. The maps have various colors which denote as to where industry, R1, C2, etc., appear in the master zoning plan being set up for our area. Go in and have a look.

GEORGE SCHOELL, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has available at his place of business at 21631 Devonshire, various travel circulars you may be interested in looking at as you plan this year's vacation. He also has Civil Service listings if you're now on an unsolicited vacation!

## *You're Welcome, Lord*

Sometimes when I have done my best  
To help some soul by want distressed,  
I grieve that he does not exude  
A fair amount of gratitude.  
He takes for granted my largess  
With ne'er a word of thankfulness;  
Nor does he seem to feel that I  
Should be extolled from housetops high.

But what is wrong within my soul,  
That early praise should be my goal?  
Have I not read within God's Word  
That alms should not be seen and heard?  
Love shown unto the least of these,  
My heavenly Father knows and sees.

If it is done unto the Lord,  
What need have I for man's accord?  
What matter should be praise or blame,  
Since I seek not mere earthly fame?  
If man thanks not, I do not care;  
I'll hear His "Thank you" over there.  
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The community of Chatsworth, along with Canoga Park, has been granted a site at Orcutt Park for a RABIES CLINIC by the Department of Public Health. This is what most folks with dogs have been waiting for, as since January 20 of this year it has been compulsory to have all dogs over four months old vaccinated against rabies. In order to keep the site and make it function, some 15 ladies from our area will be needed for clerical work, for a two-hour period on Wednesday night, May 28. The Canoga Park 20-30 club will furnish a like number of helpers.

Please call Dr. Newland at

DI 8-5097, or Mrs. Newland at DI 0-0774, and give your name, address, and phone number. The clinic hours will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and the clerical help should be on hand by 6:30 p.m. to be orientated.

Your cooperation on this project will be greatly appreciated by Dr. Newland, Chairman of the Rabies Committee.

According to an announcement in Sunday's L. A. Times, the City Recreation and Park Comm. has authorized the acquisition of property for \$95,650 in the vicinity of Santa Susana Ave. and Chatsworth Street for a park and playground.

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Members of the piano class are Cynthia Cooley, Nancy and Larry Todd, Jeanne Woodman, Ann Lauritzen, Patty Maybin, Virginia Kimble, Chris Rush, Kathy Milner, Nancy, Larry, Tim, and Tom Ferrell, Carolyn Schepler, Mrs. Mary Plummer, George Lorbeer, Linda Johnson, Judy Christensen,

Mary Ann Allen, Edwin Iverson, Nancy Roatcap, Elaine Stout, Letty Bernhard, Gene Cleveland, Michael Davey, Jan Jurnecka, and Janie Bartley.

The pupils will appear in solos and duets and a special feature of both recitals will be the four Ferrell children in a quartet, eight hands at one piano.

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Chatsworth received some unexpected and unsolicited publicity in the Jean Winchell column of the Los Angeles Times recently. The following is a quotation from the story: "Chatsworth - a corner of heaven. A corner of Los Angeles, our city of many faces. Where the mountains meet the marigolds. Where the zoom-zoom of city life melts into oblivion. Where you discover sky instead of skyscrapers, space instead of claustrophobia, and know how Shakespeare could have found 'tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything.'"

These statements were made after she had spent a day visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Brandeis at their 500-acre ranch in the Chatsworth hills, a part of which was the former estate of Mrs. Ann Johnson, the first Anglo-Saxon white woman to live in the San Fernando Valley

Miss Winchell continued: "Probably everybody's supposed to know that John Brandeis has been around

the world 17 times and probably they're supposed to act nonchalant when they see a herd of Corsican wild sheep, Indian black buck, and Russian white deer romping around his sprawling estate. Brandeis also collects odd-shaped hats, high-powered rifles, zebra-skinned couches and oodles of photos of yesteryear's polo pals like Spencer Tracy, Walt Disney, Russ Havenstrite, Will Rogers, and former Times columnist, Harry Carr."

She told in some detail about the interesting day spent as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brandeis and concluded the article with these words: "But, in retrospect it was all great fun. And such a welcome diversion from the rigors of city life. After all, it's not every day you take time to listen to the wind in the pines, and count the lilacs on the mountainside, and mill around with casual people who laugh easily and converse amiably."

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The marriage of Mrs. MARGARET PUTRICK of Twin Lakes Park to Mr. JOSEPH TALBOT MEAD, resident of San Gabriel Valley, has been recently announced. Mr. Mead is a veteran of two wars, a Mason, a member of the Showmans Club, and is very active in the American Legion and the Shriners. The couple will reside in the family home in West Covina.

Mrs. Mead's daughter, Mrs. Victor Heyden and daughter Lisa, are presently visiting with them. Victor Heyden is an instructor in English at Palomar College near Escondido.

Mrs. LaVerne LEE, principal of Chatsworth Park Elementary School, was hostess to the Administrators and Staff of Mrs. Louise Pierce, Assitant Superintendent of Valley-West, at their Principals' meeting held May 7 at the Chatsworth school. PTA Board members served refreshments.

Look in your June issue of "Arizona Highways" and read the very interesting, illustrated article "They Braved the Wild, Wild River", which was written by none other than our own Jonreed Lauritzen of Santa Susana Boulevard.

LEO JOHNSON was recently appointed as the new Cubmaster for the CHATSWORTH CUB SCOUTS, taking the place of Dr. Louis Haselfeld. Dr. Haselfeld has carried on the work for over two years in a fine way in spite of the fact that he does not live here and his boy is not in this Troop. The community is deeply grateful to him for this service. Jim Dicus is temporarily acting as assistant Cubmaster in the place of Kenneth Eckhardt, who is taking a few months leave. The Cubs are sponsored by the Chatsworth Rotary Club.

The following awards were made at the last meeting of the Cub Pack: Leo Johnson, Jr., wolf badge and gold arrow on wolf; Michael Davey, wolf badge and gold and two silver arrows on wolf; Steve Ragusin, wolf badge; Michael Rabe, silver arrow on wolf; George Lorbeer and Ronnie

Rickard, gold and silver arrows on wolf; Don Now in, gold and two silver arrows on wolf; Jeffrey Sagert and Frank Ditto, two silver arrows on wolf; Niall McGinnis and Kelly Joe Ewalt, a silver arrow on bear badge; Jody Peyseno, gold arrow on bear; Jan Jurnecka, gold and silver arrows on bear; Kim Jurnecka, two silver arrows on bear.

Wes Trumbley was presented his Webelos plaque, with all his awards listed on it, preparatory to going into Scouts.

On a Miami-New York flight was a lively youngster who drove everyone crazy. He was running up and down the aisle when the stewardess started serving coffee and ran smack into her, knocking the coffee to the floor. As he stood watching her clean up the mess, she glanced up at the boy and said, "Look, why don't you run outside and play?"

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Twenty-three members of the FIRST METHODIST CHURCH attended the annual dinner meeting of the San Fernando Valley Methodist Union Thursday evening at the First Methodist Church in Burbank. This group is organized to promote church extension in the valley.

Lloyd Fellows of Chatsworth, who has served as president of the Union for the past two years, was re-elected to serve another year.

Others attending were the pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Hayward, Messrs. and Mdms. Walter Erickson, Larry Wells, Lawrence Murray, R. L. Johnson, Orville Mitchell, Edward Ahlstrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Skokal, Mdms. Durk Haskell, Frances Mahieu, and Pearl Wright, Gene Wertti, Lester Swartz, and Checks Warner.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Ernest Colwell, president of the new Methodist School of Religion at Claremont.

FREDA and VARITA JOHNSON, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Johnson on Owensmouth, have been accepted to attend BIOLA (Bible Institute of Los Angeles) and will begin their training there in the fall. The girls are members of the First Baptist Church on DeSoto, and will graduate from Canoga Park High School next month.

PAUL THOMAS of Thomas Television was called to Toledo, Ohio, last Saturday on the sudden death of his father, Arthur Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is managing the shop in his absence.

MRS. FRANK SCHEPLER, SR., entered Valley Presbyterian Hospital Monday, where she underwent surgery Tuesday morning for her second cataract operation. Mrs. Schepler had one cataract removed several months ago in a very successful surgery and is anticipating a similar successful operation.

Mrs. RAY COOK of Santa Susana Avenue was the honored guest for a stork shower given by Mrs. Frances Mahieu on Monday. The affair was in the nature of a surprise luncheon, and members of the Ann Johnson Circle were special guests. Mrs. Cook had no inkling of the nature of the affair until she entered the door and saw the assembled guests.

She received many lovely gifts including a collapsible stroller, the combined gift of several of the ladies.

JIM WOODMAN for the second time this year has had his truck and tools stolen from his place of work. The truck has been located in Topanga, with the power tools still on the truck (his name was etched on them) but the hand tools were all taken. Fortunately this time all was covered by insurance -- a lesson he learned when they were taken the first time!

Mrs. SADIE HARRISON has returned to her home in San Pedro after a few days here when she attended the funeral services of Mrs. Susie Cronn.