

\*\*\*CURRENT HSCV INFORMATION\*\*\*

## Pioneers and Entrepreneurs

French Immigrants in the Making of Los Angeles and La Crescenta, 1827-1927

~ Presented by Helen Demeestere ~

The French immigration began in 1827 with the arrival of the first Frenchman to El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles, then a Mexican village of 1,200 residents. By 1850, at a time when Los Angeles had become a cosmopolitan American city in the 31st state of the Union, the French residents, although largely outnumbered by the Mexican and German populations respectively, had become prominent, influential players in the city's development.

One of the first French immigrants to Los Angeles was Jean-Louis Vignes, a Bordeaux vintner who arrived here in 1831. He imported the first French vines here and lured so many compatriots to join him that he became known as the father of French immigration to Los Angeles.

Other immigrants followed the early pioneers in two subsequent waves: one during the Gold Rush years and a larger one during the 1880s. The Gold Rush years attracted more-educated immigrants who became political and business leaders; the second wave was dominated by poor and less-skilled migrants from the Pyrenees and Alps regions of France.

Today's French immigrant community in Southern California numbers 50,000 to 60,000, with no discernible center since the French Quarter on Aliso Street in downtown Los Angeles was swallowed up by municipal developments more than eight decades ago.

In the Crescenta Valley, French immigrants brought their knowledge of agriculture to this predominantly grape and olive growing area. Names like Phillip Begue, George Le Mesnager, and Pierre Escalle are prominent in most stories of the beginnings of La Crescenta. As we move into the future, the preservation of the Le Mesnager Barn in Deukmejian Park ensures that the contributions of French immigrants to the founding of La Crescenta will continue to be celebrated.

With 80 photographs and documents, this compelling presentation by Helene Demeestere, illustrates how the French colony was at the heart of Los Angeles and Southern California with its numerous stores, businesses, newspapers and influential French organizations.

**Helene Demeestere** graduated with a Masters degree in History from the Sorbonne in Paris and studied photography at Columbia College in Chicago. After a career in journalism in Paris, she moved to the United States. A member of the A.S.P.P. (American Society of Picture Professionals), she is also on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles City Historical Society. Ms. Demeestere is a photography consultant for books on local and social history and is currently writing a history of immigration to Los Angeles.



**George Le Mesnager**

The colorful Frenchman George Le Mesnager (pictured above) moved to California from New York, but promptly returned to France in 1870 to fight in the Franco-Prussian War. After his beloved homeland lost the war, Le Mesnager came back to Southern California and tried a little of everything. He grazed sheep, opened a French market in downtown Los Angeles, planted grapevines in Glendale and other locations, worked as a county court translator, edited a French newspaper, and finally started a winery using grapes that he grew. His winery, located in downtown Los Angeles at Main and Mesnager Street (named after George), produced well-regarded wines. As his business grew, Le Mesnager bought more land, including a large section in La Crescenta. During World War I at the age of 64, Le Mesnager returned once again to fight for France, enlisting as a private since he was too old to be an officer. He was wounded five times, returned to Los Angeles to recuperate, and then went back to France to fight again. He won three medals, including the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre. After the war, he came back to La Crescenta, only to have his wine business put under by Prohibition. After suffering a stroke, Le Mesnager and his wife returned to France in 1921, where he died two years later at the age of 72. (Courtesy Denice Spanwick.)

**Join us for this presentation on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the  
La Crescenta Church of Religious Science**



## HSCV Tour

Have you ever had an interest in tracing your family's genealogy? If you do, you're in luck. The largest genealogical library in the Southwest US is right next-door in Burbank. The HSCV will have a private tour of their facility, and see first-hand how you can get a handle on your "roots". It's free and open to the public.

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2PM.

The SCGS Headquarters and library are located at:

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Located north of Scott Road and south of Buena Vista, and just off of Glenoaks.

There is ample parking in the lot next to the library.

### *In the Present Tense...* by Mike Lawler, HSCV President

#### **May Meeting – CV In Wartime: Locals Remember**

The May meeting of HSCV will feature a retrospective of our memories of wartime here in CV. Just like we did for our recent New Years Flood presentation, we'll pass the microphone. Did you or someone in your family serve in WWII, Korea, or Vietnam? Did you serve on the "homefront" as a defense factory worker, a housewife with a "Victory Garden", or as a wide-eyed kid watching the military convoys on Foothill Blvd. or spying on the anti-aircraft guns arrayed along upper Crescenta Valley. Please share your memories with us!

#### **La Crescenta Library Floor Plaque**

As most of you already know, over a year ago the HSCV took on the task of fundraising for a large CV History Floor Plaque, to occupy the center of the lobby of our new La Crescenta Library. This will be a great achievement to have a permanent reminder to generations of residents of what part the Glendale and Montrose Trolley played in the development of CV, who Benjamin Briggs was, what Indians lived here, and even what direction north is (the plaque is mounted in a compass rose).

We're most of the way there, thanks to generous donations from the CV Town Council, the Friends of the La Crescenta Library, and by drawing on our own reserves. But we hit a serious "speed bump" with some recent news from higher-ups in the County Library system. We had always assumed (you know what they say about assume) that fundraising for this would be easy. Who wouldn't want their name, or the name of their business or organization on a "donor plaque" in the library for the donation of a few hundred dollars? But when we consulted the County recently on placement and materials for this thank you plaque, they let us know in no uncertain terms that our new library won't have any "donor plaques" in it at all! Oops! With this news, we've already had a couple potential donors back off. So we're back to square one, and need to figure some other forms of recognition for donors and ways to bring in the funds needed.

#### **Indian Springs Plaque**

Speaking of plaques and donors, last year a Boy Scout approached the HSCV looking for an idea for his Eagle Scout Project. We suggested a plaque memorializing Indian Springs, and offered to work with him on it. Thanks to our official "builder," Stuart Byles, it's moving forward with a bronze plaque that gives the history, and perhaps even a small replica of the arch, to be placed somewhere in the Indian Springs Shopping Center (Vons/CVS Pharmacy). Doorie Lee, the scout heading the project, is now at the point where he is looking for funding. Unlike our Library Plaque, he is able to put the donor's names on the plaque. If you'd like to make a contribution, you can do it through the HSCV. Although any amount is welcome, anyone who contributes \$100 or more gets their name on the plaque! Send donation checks made out to HSCV to:

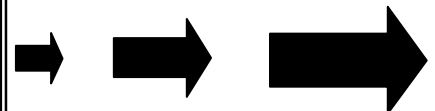
Indian Springs Plaque  
c/o Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley  
2717 Altura Ave.  
La Crescenta, CA 91214

#### **Rockhaven Sanitarium**

The purchase of Rockhaven Sanitarium by the City of Glendale is a dream come true! Sitting on 3 ½ acres the site includes 15 buildings of various sorts, and 27 large mature oak trees. But here's another bonus... City staff just did a site visit, and found the place to be a veritable time capsule. Much of the furniture and medical equipment is still there, and some of the rooms still have clothes in the closet and photos on the nightstands. The basements are full of boxes and boxes of historical records and photos. The Central Library has already begun to catalog this treasure trove of early Montrose history. Thank you Glendale City Council, and in particular our own Councilman John Drayman, who was the catalyst for this acquisition. Look for an HSCV Tour of Rockhaven very soon!

*Travel back in time to  
1962....*

Our April Newsletter will  
feature articles and ads  
from **1962 Ledgers**.



**Glendale** gave itself and Crescenta Valley residents a late St. Patrick's Day present March 18 when, near the end of a long council meeting, **John Drayman** announced the purchase of the **Rockhaven** property. It truly is a lovely green gem for the city. Thanks to the council for the unanimous vote and to the staff for negotiating the deal. Also thanks to **Ararat Homes** who recognized the community's love for the property, or maybe the falling real estate market, probably a little of both, and accepted a reasonable price. A letter to the editor of the **Glendale News-Press** or the **Crescenta Valley Sun** expressing thanks to the entire council for the purchase, especially if you haven't written before or lately, would be a great reinforcement to the councilmen for doing the right thing. They certainly endure enough public comment when they do something less well thought out.

I hope the owners of the **Verdugo Hills Golf Course** are equally sensible in their negotiations. I also hope **Glendale** has a few dollars left over to chip in for a joint powers purchase of the **VHGC**.

If you share this view please contact **Mayor Ara Najarian**, [anajarian@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:anajarian@ci.glendale.ca.us), and councilmen **Bob Yousefian**, [byousefian@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:byousefian@ci.glendale.ca.us) and **Dave Weaver**, [dweaver@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:dweaver@ci.glendale.ca.us).

Let's all start thinking about what else besides an expanded **Montrose Library** the **Rockhaven** property should be used for. There are perennial comments from young people that there's nothing for teens to do in our valley, most recently expressed by **Connie Kwon** and **Stephanie Chung**, two of the three current **Student Council Representatives** on the **CVTC**, at their March 20 meeting. I think a **Teen Center** is a good candidate to occupy part of the **Rockhaven** site. One hopeful purchaser of the property a year or two ago proposed an art colony with resident artist/teachers. The property has the feel of that type of sanctuary. I think maybe a **Teen Center** jointly run by the city, **Glendale Unified Schools** and **Glendale Community College** with a focus on the arts would fill a need. Maybe entertainment industry companies or individuals would even be willing to contribute funds, equipment, expertise and energy – in exchange for a local facility to discover and nurture talent and train technicians.

More good news from **Glendale**: two more historic structure designations are proposed, the commercial **Seeley's Building** at 1800 South Brand Boulevard and the home at 1415 **Royal Boulevard**. This street of towering historic palm trees is further along in the process to be a historic district than the two noted in last month's column. It's wonderful to see a wave of preservation sweeping the area.

**Crescenta Valley Park** was the scene of more good news March 26 with over 50 people coming out to hear **Jim Dantona**, planning deputy for **Wendy Greuel**, and **Rich Toyon** of **VOICE** and the **Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course Committee** discuss the current status of the effort to save the course. There was tremendous support for Rich's **Verdugo Hills Golf Course and Regional Park** design presented at this meeting of the **Crescenta Valley Community Association**. The cross-jurisdictional group gathering is the perfect setting to pitch a joint-powers regional park.

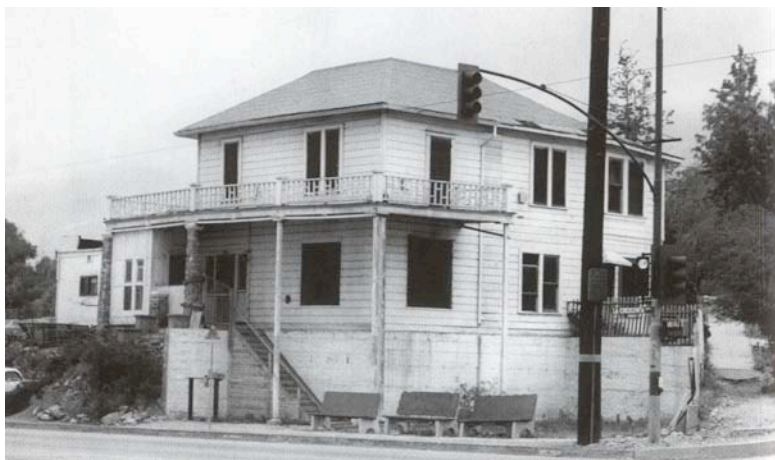
The April meeting of the **Crescenta Valley Community Association (CVCA)** is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 7 pm and will be at the regular location, the **Briggs Sheriff Station** community room. Anyone interested in joining a **Far North Glendale Homeowners** group for those homeowners north of Honolulu Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue on the east and Lowell Avenue on the west should attend this meeting and see me. We want to have more voice in the **Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council** and this area is currently unrepresented there. We don't want to be too formal or have separate meetings, we can air our concerns at the monthly **CVCA** meetings. We have no intentions to collect dues or incorporate or write extensive bylaws, we use member contributions for any expenses and communicate via email. If you can't attend the April 23 meeting and want to join this group, email me at [wdweisman@yahoo.com](mailto:wdweisman@yahoo.com).

What if a city gave a community meeting on the housing element and nobody came? Nobody but us, that is. On March 24 **Glendale** hosted a two-session **Community Open House** on the **Housing Element Update**, one of 10 elements in the comprehensive **General Plan for Glendale**. This is the basic road map for housing development in **Glendale** through 2014. Bill and I were the only members of the public to attend the noon session and only two people went to the evening session.

You can still review the plan and submit comments. See the city's website for details: <http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/default.asp> or call 818 548 2140. They have copies of the plan on CD. Please help the city move toward prudent sustainability rather than unbridled growth.



# END OF LONG-STANDING LANDMARK NEARS FOR NEW SERVICE STATION



**HOUSE TO VANISH** – The old and historic house on the corner of Foothill boulevard and La Crescenta avenue will soon go the way of many other links to the past. A service station will rise upon the site of the house, which is estimated at being 80 years old.

**By BILL BIRD**  
**Ledger Staff Writer**

To make way for another service station along Foothill boulevard, the big vacant house on the northwest corner of Foothill and La Crescenta avenue has got to go.

Thus will another long-standing landmark of this high valley area vanish from the scene for all time, just as have a number of other such structures during the past year or two.

Such are the ravaging effects of time and progress that there is now little about this old residence to suggest that it once represented a degree of elegance that was contemporary with the time it was built, presumably about 80 years ago.

Among extravagant luxuries that were built into it were three bathrooms; two upstairs and one on the lower floor, a multiple convenience which in that era was commonly regarded as bordering on ostentatious ness.

And on a portion of the land now occupied by heavily traveled thoroughfares that crowd the old residence to the degree that it has lost even a semblance of the dignity it once represented, there were spacious grounds on which stately palms stood like sentinels guarding against encroachment upon family privacy.

Records over the years are inclined to become a bit hazy, with the result that first name identities are

either lost or not readily recalled, but according to the recent owner of the old residence, Mrs. W. O. Williamson of 3008 Foothill boulevard, it was built by a man named Hoover sometime in the early 1880's. It was subsequently sold to an attorney named Dyer, after whom a street in La Crescenta is named.

The home was purchased 20 or 21 years ago by Mrs. Williamson, then Mrs. Sophie Toschke, from the McKay family. Her first husband, Mrs. Williamson said, came to live in the Crescenta Valley in 1888 and remembered the house as one of the few showplaces in the area.

In addition to its three bathrooms, the house contains six upstairs bedrooms, a large kitchen, living room, dining room, a breakfast room and library. At one time the house was used as a YMCA office.

Dismantling of the once pretentious old place has already begun. In its place in the very near future will be a super-service station of the Shell Oil Co., which recently purchased the property from the Williamsons.

In back of the new service station on La Crescenta avenue, the county will eventually build a public library to serve La Crescenta residents.

Of the old house that dignified the property for so many years during the past era nothing will remain but a memory and a few faded photographs.

Editors Note: This building was also once known as the Holly House, built by the Holly family.

## Flag Week Decision Due

County officials are still pondering Bill Bailey's request that "Flag Week" be held July 1-7 in the Southland.

The chairman of the movement backed by the Crescenta-Canada Rotary Club learned Wednesday that an official in the County Chief Administrative Office was analyzing the request. Some type of decision is expected today or Friday by County officials.

Originally Bailey had started at the national level requesting a nationwide Flag Week. However, little if any enthusiasm was noted from President Kennedy's office. Congressman Eck Hiestand stated he would do all he can to promote the week but he did not receive too much additional support.

After a national request had fallen by the wayside, Bailey sought to have Los Angeles City and County officials' backing.

Regardless of whether or not an official proclamation is issued, many groups and individuals are planning to observe the week.

Mayor Samuel Yorty and Sheriff Pete Pitchess are among two noted personalities who have responded to Bailey's request.

Local organizations backing the idea are the Crescenta-Canada Lions Club, and the La Canada Rotary Club.

Bailey's original idea in requesting such a week was to combat the apathy noted throughout our nation. His idea would be to increase the effectiveness of Flag Day, seven-fold.

Under Bailey's proposal, people on vacation could have monitors in their block to assure the taking down of the flags at night.

## New Homes Plans Near

A former owner of La Canada's famed pink castle is drawing up long-range plans for a 157-lot subdivision on 70 acres north of the castle.

Elias Coutin, who has Coutinwood road named after him, purchased the castle and 80-acres from Mrs. Frank Strong a few years ago. He has since sold the castle but has built 10 homes along La Forest drive to Los Amigos street.

Coutin's plans must include a million dollars worth of bulldozing and contracting for water reservoirs. Coutin will split up the 157-lots between interested builders, who will build on speculation. Coutin said he will have more definite news in two months.

## Indian Springs Sold

The purchase of Indian Springs by J. Morgan Greene of 5112 Alta Canada was revealed Monday when the City Planning Commission of Glendale responded favorably to the request by the new owner that the commission recommended annexation of the property by the city.

Greene, whose U.S. Manufacturing Co. of Glendale produces artificial legs with hydraulic knee joints, purchased the six-and-a-half acre Montrose landmark from the Monte Friend estate. He said the transaction went into escrow about 90 days ago but refused to divulge the amount for which the property was bought.

The new owner told The Ledger that he proposed to use the property for a future development of some kind, possibly apartment houses, but said that he has no definite plans as yet. He indicated that it may be a couple of years before he undertakes development of the property.

Meanwhile, Greene said, Indian Springs will continue to be operated by Frank Reinhard as a picnic and swimming recreation area.

Planning Commissioner Joseph Mellen said that after a preliminary study of the property involved, the commission gave its approval to the requested annexation, Mellen said, would also take in the Safeway property immediately to the west of Indian Springs.

## Break Ground For Hospital In Tujunga

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Thursday for the new Oak View Convalescent Hospital on Tujunga Canyon boulevard near Pali avenue.

Councilman Everette Burkhalter was on hand to throw out the first shovel full of dirt at the million dollar construction site. Oak View owners R. H. Jones and E. J. Behr, J. Walter Nelson, finance coordinator for the owners, along with Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce officials George Beckley and David Rothman participated in the ceremonies.

The structure, scheduled to open in November, will be in excess of 15,000 square feet and was designed by a staff with years of scientific and hospital background to insure maximum functional operation.

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## Chances of Crescenta Park Fade

### Supervisors Reject Proposed Acreage Because of Terrain

LA CRESCENTA—Hopes of residents here campaigning for a proposed public park development on the 740-acre Le Mesnager Ranch property are slim—at least for the present.

A proposal that Los Angeles County participate with the City of Glendale in joint development of a recreational facility in the area has been rejected by the Board of Supervisors.

The board acted negatively on the recommendation of County Administrator L. S. Hollinger, who pointed out the property lacks many essential features necessary for a large park development.

Hollinger's report says only 95 of the 740 acres could be regarded as suitable for park development, the remaining area consisting of extremely rugged terrain with highly erodible slopes.

The property, now privately owned, is located north of Markridge Rd. on Boston Ave. and is partly in Glendale and the rest in county unincorporated area.

Glendale City Manager C. E. Perkins says the county board action really doesn't have any definite affect so far as Glendale is concerned.

"Residents asked us to ask the county if it had any interest in a regional park," said Perkins. "We made the request and received a negative answer. Now it's up to our City Council to consider it further as a site for a neighborhood park."

Perkins feels the city should concentrate first on completing improvements on the 10-acre Dunsmore Park before considering other parks in the area.

"Dunsmore Park is being developed in stages," Perkins said. "Already the baseball diamond is completed and a wading pool is being constructed in the park now. Additional lighting, recreational equipment, walks and landscaping are planned to complete the park project over the next two years."

The Le Mesnager land, which is nestled in the foothills, is being eyed by other interests.

According to Wylie Eaton, Glendale zoning administrator, a number of subdividers are showing keen interest in the possibility of developing residential homes in the area.

A 100-bed sanitarium on 20-acres of the Le Mesnager property is also proposed.

Residents in the Boston Ave. area are protesting a zoning variance that would permit building of the sanitarium.

An appeal against the controversial variance will be made at a hearing before the Glendale Board of Zoning Adjustments on August 9.

# Delay Hearing for New Sanitarium Park May Still Rise on Disputed Site

Glendale's planning director still has high hopes of converting the rugged old Le Mesnager Ranch property into a regional park, it was learned Tuesday after a Board of Zoning Adjustments hearing for a 20-acre sanitarium on the property was postponed for 2 1/2 months.

Joseph Mellen explained his hopes in reaching an agreement with the county yesterday. (The county administrator and park superintendent received Mellen's report on the availability of park property some five months ago. He has not received an answer as to the county's willingness to join Glendale in developing a regional park above La Crescenta. The park would cover just 90-acres of the wide expanse of hillside.)

Mellen plans to meet with county officials and learn their answer next week. He realized that the big problem is appropriating money and he thinks approval will have to come from the county board of supervisors.

The main reason Mellen is so hopeful is that he feels the need is important for recreational facilities in the rapidly expanding foothill area. "The way things are building up," he said, "we're not going to have any land left (for recreation) unless we act now."

Mellen was speaking of the urgency in terms of the next year or two. "The ruggedness of the terrain and lack of access roads," he summarized, "will require any developer to have a large amount of capital."

Meanwhile, the approved 20-acre sanitarium (which will take about a third of the proposed park site) has been stalled by hundreds of La Crescentans who hired two attorneys to protest Zoning Administrator Wylie Eaton's ruling.

About 50 foothill residents were present at Tuesday's zoning adjustments meeting and were heard complaining when Chairman Albert R. Wilson read a request from the applicant to continue the hearing. Glendale realtor Jack Snyder was to have represented the new property owners, Topic Investment, but he sent word that he had come down with pneumonia.

So loud were the protests against calling off the hearing that Wilson asked to the complaints anyway. Both attorneys Alan Daily and "Sandy" Sapin spoke. Daily started by appealing to maintain the city's uniform zoning practice. (Eaton had granted the sanitarium proponents a variance to build in an R1 family zone.)

Daily went on to say that tentative approval has been granted for an 11-home subdivision adjacent to Topic's 20-acres. (The subdivision is to be located outside the 90-acre park confines.) The property owners north of Foothill boulevard and between Boston and New York avenues would not object to any subdivision, he added.

"But they think that a sanitarium will be detrimental to land values both from the standpoint of safety and appearance," continued Daily. "There are no access roads other than Dunsmore and Lauderdale avenues, since Eaton has ruled out the use of Boston avenue." (The sanitarium is to be situated at 5024 Boston, a couple of miles north of Markridge road.)

Daily pointed out that two school's front on Dunsmore and stretch back to Lauderdale. He projected a road count with the coming sanitarium and said there will be "600 additional traffic movements a day. This will cause a substantial burden on the neighborhood and a real danger to the school children since there are no sidewalks," he concluded.

Sapin, who represented the Foothill-La Crescenta Homeowners Association, disclosed a loop hole in the application which made it "imperfect." "The (state) hospital licensing act was not complied with," said Sapin. "Thus there is no police power, no protection for the residents."

He also claimed that an incomplete description was given as to the type of hospital under the Glendale Municipal Code, that the application was not properly verified, and that the access road was "not defined." "We don't really know what we're opposing," concluded Sapin in reference to the lack of information.

## VERDUGO HILLS

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## City Favors 'Blue Route'

# Freeway Hearing Slated for Today

Alternate North-South freeway routes through Glendale will supposedly be debated in a town hall meeting today at 1:30 in the college auditorium. But from all indications, the route that will be recommended to the division of highways is a forgone conclusion.

City Manager C. E. Perkins told the city council Tuesday that most interested groups favor the "blue" 6.3-mile link between Montrose and the existing Glendale freeway.

Montecito Park home owners were said to favor the blue route as "the least objectionable." William L. O. Martini, director of public works, met with 100 Montecito residents Monday night and reported that they will support the city's blue route proposal.

The blue route will cost \$47.6 million, which is next to the lowest cost of four proposed routes. Right of way properties required to construct the blue route will cost \$25.2 million. It will eliminate a total of 831 parcels. . . just over 1,000 family units.

The blue route misses Glendale College and, in fact, leaves room for some college expansion. Further north, it cuts the outer fringes of Montecito Park. . . crossing Los Encinas avenue at the end of Alpha road. The blue route will hit Verdugo boulevard just inside the Glendale-county border, near Canon drive.

Presenting arguments in favor of the blue route today will be Martini, City Planner J. A. Mellen, and Mayor W. H. Peters. Each will offer a phase of the proposal to state highway division officials during the public meeting.

Mellen will tell how much other routes will disrupt city planning. The green route - which would stretch west of Verdugo Park - will be the route most strongly opposed by the head of planning. The city will absolutely not accept this route for it would require 1,184 parcels, disrupt 1,419 family units and cost more than \$56 million.

The orange route will also be strongly contested because it takes part of Glendale College as well as some

land on which the college has an option to buy for expansion purposes.

Montecito Park is split in two by the orange route. The cost of construction is \$46.2 million which is \$1.4 million less than the blue route but it also requires the right of way purchase of 96 more parcels and takes out 34 more family units.

"Several subdivisions will be severed," Mellen points out, "by all but the blue route. The green route will take out two-thirds of the industrial center north of the Sparr debris basin and probably the Safeway store, too."

"The blue route will actually benefit future planning," according to Mellen. "It's high-line near the ridge will serve to make Glendale grow. From an economic standpoint," added Mellen, "the North-South freeway is more important than the Colorado freeway."

Martini's presentation will touch on traffic, construction, and drainage problems. "The green or orange routes would cause several streets to be closed," he indicated.

Grading near the top of the ridge would be a little more costly than grading on flat ground, which Martini said, would cause more drainage problems. Grading a freeway on flat ground will also stifle growth of home building and college expansion plans. A college spokesman will speak about GJC's future growth.

Civic leaders and heads of citizen's groups will also have an opportunity to address the highway officials. But, as Perkins has stated, most will favor the high road, or blue route through Glendale. "Any other choice will demonstrate a lack of interest in city problems," added Mellen.

## FLAG WEEK PROJECT SPREADING REVEALED

A full week for the display of the American Flag, a movement started in the foothills by Bill Bailey of Crescenta-Canada Rotary Club, has caught on in many areas according to reports this week by the chairman.

Bringing a report to his service club on Tuesday night, Bailey noted that the response has been gratifying, as mayors, churches, service clubs and individuals pledged backing for the plan.

Mayor Samuel Yorty of Los Angeles responded immediately, conveying to Bailey hearty concurrence with the project. The Mayor recalled when flags were "everywhere" on holidays a few years ago, noting recently the great reduction in number and the growth of apathy.

Sheriff Peter Pitches was immediate in his answer to Bailey's letter, commending the Rotary Club on its program and wishing success. The Sheriff's Office now takes active part in annual Flag Day observances at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles.

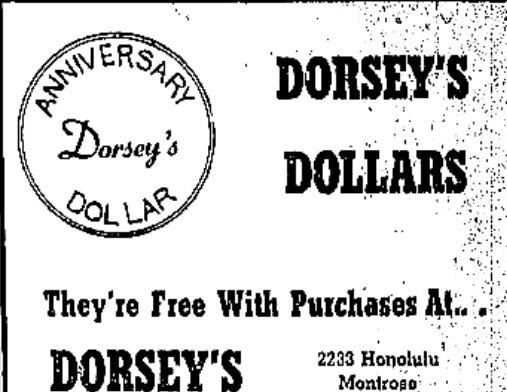
Communications from Bob Cooke of the Crescenta-Canada Lions Club pledged full support of the program, and a letter from Dick Mason, community service chairman of La Canada Rotary Club, stated that all members have promised to fly flags at their places of business as well as at their homes.

La Canada Presbyterian Church noted with regret that the Church has no flagpole. However, the Rev. Andrew MacCormick, minister, promised to urge his congregation to display the Flag on National Flag Week.

"Sincerely, I do hope that you are right in your thought that a mass display of the flying of the Flag will occasion an increased respect for it and result in a renewed spirit of patriotism," the church-man wrote.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of La Canada conveyed sympathy and full cooperation. The church awaits further developments, as does the Crescenta-Canada Emergency Corps, according to a letter from the Corps president, Gordon Kurtz.

Dr. Paul A. Dressel, local physician, (continued next page...)



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## S-T CHAMBER SEEKING LA TUNA ROAD ACTION

Pressure will be put on the City of Los Angeles by the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce to get sewer lines along La Tuna Canyon road installed before paving the new thoroughfare is started.

Phil Auswacks was appointed by the chamber this past week to intercede in its behalf and find out what might possibly be done about the advance installation of sewer lines.

It was pointed out during the chamber board meeting Tuesday the cost of sewer installation is covered by the bond issue voted in 1961.

It was further pointed out that unless the installation is done in advance of paving, the city eventually will be forced into added expense of tearing up the paving to lay the sewer lines and then doing the paving job all over again.

In addition to the substantial and unnecessary outlay of money this would involve, motorists would again have the inconvenience imposed upon them of a closed or partially closed thoroughfare, the completion of which has already been too long delayed, chamber board members noted.

Auswacks said later that he had an appointment set for Tuesday with Councilman Everett Burkhalter to discuss the proposal with him and any other officials who may be called in on the conference.

Auswacks also will request in behalf of the chamber that an access road from Hillhaven avenue to La Tuna Canyon road be provided by the city.



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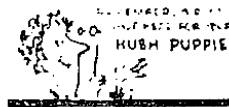
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pledged his support in a letter, and from as far away as La Puente, Leighton Cook, a Rotarian who received a letter telling of the program, wrote to term the project as "excellent."

Also in response to the plea by Bailey's committee, Bob Alexander has announced plans to erect a new flag pole in front of the La Canada location of Alexander's Super Market, "where a flag will be flown every day."

Bailey stated this week that a meeting may be held to formulate further plans, and he hopes that cities and lawmakers agreeing with the ideas conveyed in the original letter will urge the proclamation of "National Flag Week" July 1 through July 7.

### Dr. Chaffee Speaks Sunday

For the Father's Day message at the Crescenta Valley Church of Religious Science next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Dr. Sally Chaffee will speak on "How to Be Happy in One Easy Lesson."

In this presentation Dr. Chaffee will reportedly point out some of the unfortunate strivings for happiness that only bring unhappiness. For instance, the wrong understanding of our country's guarantee of "the pursuit of happiness." Pursuit is also defined as occupation and attainment. Experience proves that happiness rarely comes from chasing it.

Dr. Chaffee will state, "Happiness is a feeling that can be engendered by one's thought. Most people really decide when they awaken in the morning whether they will be happy or unhappy, by their mental attitude. We have free choice and it is our divine right to choose to be happy. We draw to us experiences to match our attitude of mind and trend of thought. Happiness is that easy to attain."

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**CAUGHT U-TURNING** — Glendale police said the driver of this foreign car U-turned on Honolulu avenue Wednesday and was struck by car driven by Wyatt Burks, 18, of 4367 Ramsdell avenue, La Crescenta. Milan Anton Micka, 31, of Milana Motor Service in La Canada suffered a one-inch gash over his left eye as a result of his reported turn.

## News In Brief

### Pat Nixon Guest at Reception

Pat Nixon, wife of the former Vice President now running for Governor of California, will be a special guest tomorrow night at a local Nixon reception. The event, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds, 4381 Chula Senda in Flintridge, will be jointly sponsored by the Reynoldses and Dr. and Mrs. William Brown. The time is 5 until 6:30 p.m.

### Chamber Board Sets Discussion

At its next meeting, the board of directors of Montrose Chamber of Commerce will discuss possibilities that the shopping center may stay open for business an additional night each week. President Zack Campos has invited all Montrose and Verdugo City merchants to attend. The meeting will be at the Three Oaks Restaurant at noon, June 4.

### Man Struck By Car

A Montrose sheriff's car eased into a service station on the northwest corner of Foothill boulevard and Rosemont avenue Sunday and struck a 24-year-old Glendale man who was down on his hands and knees painting guide lines. Painter Don Watson suffered a fractured nose as the result. Neither Watson nor Deputy Robert L. Jordan saw each other prior to the accident said a California Highway Patrolman. "It was unavoidable."

### Two Youths Detained

Two 13-year-old Rosemont Junior High students were detained at the Montrose sheriff's station Wednesday night for "joy riding" in a car stolen the night before from James A. Ervin, Jr. of 2761 Frances avenue, La Crescenta. The youths reportedly coasted the car down Los Olivos lane shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday. On a sharp turn at Sanborn avenue the car keys evidently were lodged loose from the sun visor. The pair reportedly went riding for two nights until stopped by a sheriff's observation car.

### Shopping Center Zone Approved

Approval for C-2 zoning that will pave the way for development of a large shopping center in La Crescenta was voted on Thursday by the County Board of Supervisors. The property is located between Rosemont and Raymond avenues on Foothill boulevard. Application was made by Merritt P. Kimball, and the change in zone extends the commercially zoned parcel deep enough to accommodate the large center that will include a Food Giant market and associated stores. Plans are going ahead for groundbreaking as soon as possible.

No one appeared at the Thursday meeting in protest of the proposal, which has the backing of the chamber of commerce and Board of Realtors in La Crescenta.

## Lost Hikers Found Safe

Two lost hikers were found hungry but safe by Montrose mountain rescue crews Monday morning in the Angeles National Forest.

Donald Moore, 29, of 2158 La Canada Crest drive, and Frank Bell, 27, of Altadena were reported lost to the Montrose sheriff's station by Mrs. Moore after they failed to meet her at Sweitzers Camp Sunday afternoon. The hikers (both Jet Propulsion Lab employees) started their hike Sunday morning just north of JPL and they were to meet Mrs. Moore at 5 p.m. at the camp 10 miles north of Foothill boulevard.

At 8 p.m. Sunday, Forest Ranger Roger Peters reported that Robert Hensley had entered the forest from Sweitzer's campground and had not returned. The sheriff's mountain search and rescue group reported for duty in Montrose.

At 12:20 a.m. Monday, Ranger Hensley met a sheriff's patrol car on the road to Sweitzer's and told deputies that voice contact had been made with the lost hikers. Moore and Bell had started back to JPL at that time. Hensley estimated their time of arrival at 6 a.m. but the weary pair took about three hours longer.

Due to the delay another team of Montrose emergency deputies returned to the search at 5:30 a.m. and — as expected — the hikers decided to rest until they could see their way home again. A sheriff's helicopter was also ordered out in the last search but Moore and Bell had made their way to the Gould Mesa area above La Canada when found.

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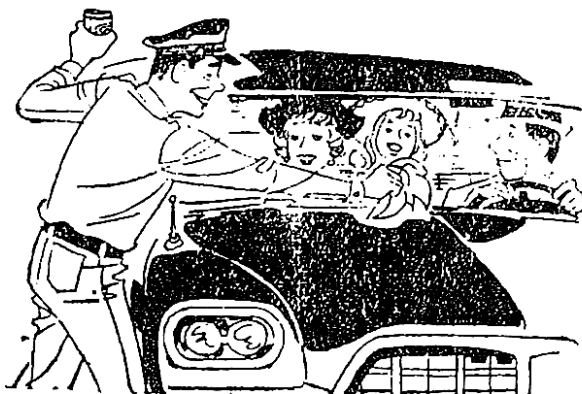
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