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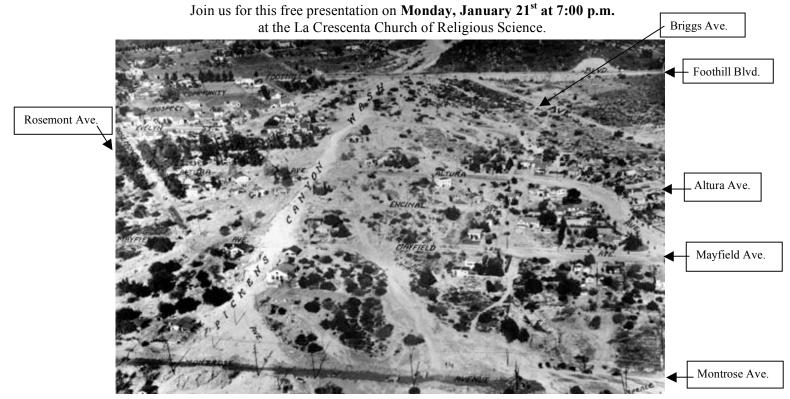
### The New Years Flood of 1934 – Survivor's Stories

Near the end of 1933, huge forest fires denuded the San Gabriel Mountains above La Crescenta, followed by weeks of steady rain in December. This all-too-familiar recipe for disaster in Southern California was punctuated by a massive cloudburst on New Years Eve. The mud soaked hills above CV could take no more and they cut-loose. Simultaneously the canyons filled with a mixture of water mud and rocks, and at 2 minutes after midnight, 20-foot high walls of mud roared out across the valley floor, pushing gigantic boulders in front of the mess.

The huge flood that occurred just after midnight on New Years Eve was one of the most dramatic events in the history of the Crescenta Valley. It killed and injured scores of residents, destroyed hundreds of homes, and forever changed the landscape of the valley. Local historian Art Cobery is recognized as one of the leading authorities on the New Years Flood, and will share with us an overview of this traumatic episode. Mr. Cobery has a wealth of knowledge about the origins of the flood, and the stories of what occurred during and after. However he wasn't there when it happened... he wasn't an eyewitness. But we do have in our community many that were! Several members of our group were children when the flood happened, lived through the experience and heartbreak, and will share their first-hand stories during the presentation; stories of looting, accounts of searching for dead bodies, and of rebuilding their neighborhoods that had been instantly turned into a moonscape of rocks and sand.







## **Verdugo Mountains Auto Tour— HSCV Members Only**

Featuring an overview of the future of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course



On Saturday, January 19th, the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will be taking a very special tour of one of our greatest local treasures, the Verdugo Mountains, escorted by Glendale Park Rangers. The views of the valley from the Verdugos are truly spectacular, and seeing Crescenta Valley from this vantage point gives one a good sense of the landforms we live on and our place in the LA Basin. Glendale Parks and Recreation is allowing us to drive a limited number of our own vehicles in caravan on the fire roads from Verdugo Woodlands and along the ridge to La Tuna Canyon. We will have four interesting lecture stops along the way. The roads are rough, winding and treacherous, so this will be "members only" tour, and attendance is limited.

We will **meet in the parking lot at the west end of Crescenta Valley Park at 9:45 a.m.** (located at the bottom of Dunsmore Ave. just below Honolulu Ave). Here we will form into carpools in whatever high-clearance and high-capacity vehicles are available, and will be limited in the total number of vehicles. From there we will caravan to the locked gate on the south end of the Verdugos and be given access as a group. We will return to our cars at CV Park at approximately 2 p.m., but that time could vary greatly.

#### **IMPORTANT:** Be aware that there are **no restrooms available** during our time on the fire roads!

Our four planned stops on the tour will include talks on the Tongva life and culture in the Verdugos, the earthquake faults and geology of the Crescenta Valley, and efforts to establish a new pine forest in the Verdugos. At our last stop, we'll meet the Committee to Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course, and hear firsthand on their efforts to retain this valuable recreational resource. We will exit at La Tuna Canyon and return to CV Park about 2 p.m.--a very approximate estimate.

Rain will cancel, reschedule to be determined.

# Please RSVP at 957-2968. It is important that you RSVP for this trip. Please call Mike or Pam at 818-957-2968. If you get the answering machine, just leave the information requested here on your message.

We need to know the following:

- Name
- Number in your party
- Phone number
- If you have a vehicle that is relatively high-clearance and can carry more than 4 people (such as an SUV or full-size van) and feel comfortable driving on unpaved mountain roads, please let us know, so that we'll know ahead of time that we have suitable transportation for this tour.





#### By Sharon Weisman

# The following articles and ads are from 1934 Ledgers

The fight to preserve the **Verdugo Hills Golf Course** has continued during the holidays. At the last meeting of 2007, Glendale Councilman Frank Quintero expressed a desire to have the issue put on a future City Council Meeting agenda but we don't know yet which meeting it will be scheduled. The public can comment on an agenda item or speak during Oral Communications about anything not agendized. Members of the Friends of Mountain Oaks plan to attend the Glendale City Council meeting on January 8, 2008 to show their support for Glendale joining the effort to acquire the property for public recreation use.

The VHGC Committee plans to bring the issue again to the Glendale City Council at their January 15 meeting. The council meetings start at 6 pm at the Glendale City Hall, 613 East Broadway, second floor Council Chambers. Members, particularly Glendale residents, can write, email or call the council with their comments and attend either or both meetings. We've gathered contact information for local public officials in a document on the cyheritage.org website, on the links page. Mayor Najarian and council members Weaver and Yousefian are in most need of being convinced of the merits of Glendale helping save this property from inappropriate development.

The City of Los Angeles has **extended the deadline for comments** on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report on the proposed 229 home development to January 31, 2008 rather than the original December 28, 2007. There is a meeting planned for January 17 starting at 6:30 pm at the Los Angeles North Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga to publicly explore the scope of the environmental impact of this project. If you have already sent in comments you may wish to add more based on information gathered at this meeting. Los Angeles residents are especially encouraged to comment although all in the region are stakeholders and can share their views. See the VOICE website, current projects section, for details: http://www.gcvoice.org/current-projects/vhgc.htm

Glendale is still prioritizing the capital improvements for the next ten years. Purchasing the **Rockhaven** property for adaptive reuse as an expanded Montrose Library, part of a three-way plan to use the existing library space to expand the adjacent fire station and the current parking lot across Honolulu as an anchor retail store, with underground parking, still needs your support. Farther down the list of projects, so far with no potential funding, is the purchase of the **Bonetto Meadows** property. While the various proposed buildings, a two-story home and two duplexes, have been rejected by the DRBs this potential mini park remains threatened. Please contact Glendale officials, particularly the three noted above, about protecting these valuable historical, cultural and natural resources, too.

Another controversial local issue is Glendale's indigenous tree ordinance, recently enhanced with massive fines. Although the fines were envisioned for developers, the first use of the new ordinance was for violations by homeowners. While city officials pondered resolution, media attention spurred action. The excessive fines have been rescinded and individual cases reassessed. The ordinance is being considered for modification or even elimination. If you wish to save heritage oak, sycamore and bay in Glendale, please let the council know your thoughts. At the December 11 Glendale City Council meeting, Stephanie Landregan provided a model for modifications including a cap for fines against homeowners and levels of enforcement based on intent. Someone removing protected trees in order to develop land would have a greater penalty than someone merely over-trimming. Because this situation has had so much press coverage, letters to the editor with thoughtful comments on the benefits to the community of large, indigenous trees and how property values are maintained when sheltering landscaping remains intact would help balance public opinion. If you'd like to review Ms. Landregan's remarks, see the city's website: http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/video\_archives.asp and select the December 11, 2007 council meeting. You can use the jump feature to go directly to agenda item 8. This issue will be revisited at a subsequent council meeting.

The Crescenta Valley Heritage Steering Committee will meet January 28 to begin planning our reforestation project, meeting location undetermined yet. Please let us know if you would like to be part of the planning sessions.

Thanks again for your sustained efforts and wishing you a very happy 2008!

### Take New Steps To Stop Looting In Flood Areas

Looters of flood damaged houses in the valley are still active, and plumbing fixtures, built-in cabinets, etc., are being removed daily from these damaged structures!

This was the gist of a complaint sent to Sheriff Biscailuz early this week by the local post, American Legion, and it brought immediate action by the county official to protect property in the former flooded areas.

In a reply to the local post mailed the same day the Legion's "kick" was received, Sheriff Biscailuz declared that he had notified Captain Hanby to investigate the situation at once, and to detail a deputy sheriff for night duty in the valley. The sheriff also stated that he had notified the local constabulary to be on the lookout for the vandals, and had instructed Captain Allen of the sheriff's substation in Altadena to inform the radio patrol to give the matter special attention.

He declared that everything possible would be done by his office to stop the looting and bring the offenders to justice.

#### **INVITE FRIENDS TO OPENING**

Frank and Lillian Green will open their new real estate office on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and they extend a hearty invitation to all their friends to be present. The new number is 4233 Ocean View avenue, Montrose, and it is near the site of their former office where they transacted business for twelve years.

Captain and Mrs. Green are among those flood sufferers who are not daunted by the catastrophe that caused such havoc here on January 1. Mrs. Green and her daughter Betty were alone when the flood waters struck their home and they saw it collapse around them. Their garage and office were also demolished. They lost all their belongings and no trace of their piano has yet been found. Real estate listings were also washed away.

They thank the public for past patronage and hope in the near future to be doing a larger business than before.

## CONSERVATION FORCE AGAIN TOURS VALLEY

Under the direction of M. H. Kimball of the University Extension Service, another group of Los Angeles county enthusiasts on conservation, flood control and kindred subjects will make a tour of inspection of the Crescenta valley flood area and the burned over territory of the Sierras to the north of La Crescenta, according to a communication received this week by Herbert Scheuner. The trip will be made today, and will include the new forestry road to Sister Elsie Peak.

#### **VALLEY BEAUTY SPOT**

The gardens surrounding Rock Haven Rest Home, 2713 Honolulu avenue, are now a bower of bloom and those who remember the devastation caused by the flood waters of New Year's Day marvel at the change. A large number of men were employed in the grounds making order out of chaos and now the place is even more lovely than before.

Several of the lawns were ruined and new soil and new seed was needed. Now they present a velvety appearance. The bloom of the Chinese blue wisteria vine is now on the wane but the white wisteria is in all its glory. Roses, hyacinths, pansies, violas and other flowers add a touch of color.

There is a bed of 2000 gorgeous tulips that win the admiration of all. Another attractive spot is planted to tree ferns under which red begonias bloom.

Mrs. Agnes M. Richards, owner of the place, invites all flower lovers to come and see the array of bloom.

#### INFANT WILL SHARE HOME

Marion Elizabeth Moses, infant daughter of Robert and the late Marion Elizabeth Moses, was brought from the hospital on Sunday to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Moses of La Canada, where she will be tenderly cared for. The mother died shortly after the birth of the child. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moses lived formerly on Montrose avenue near Ocean View. During the flood a house was carried across the street and deposited on their lawn. Robert Moses has moved to his parents' home.

### Red Cross In First Meet Since Flood Honors Mrs. Adams

The members of the La Crescenta branch Pasadena chapter, American Red Cross held their first meeting since the New Year's flood at the local courtroom on Tuesday. Rev. "Andy" Clark presided.

Mrs. Myrtle Adams, who was chairman of the local branch when she met her death during the catastrophe, was mentioned with the highest esteem during the meeting. Mrs. Roby Hankerson, president of the Pasadena chapter, spoke highly of the careful and cautious work Mrs. Adams had accomplished during her administration. A memorial resolution was ordered drawn up for Mrs. Adams and Dr. Vera Kahn, members of the local branch who died at their posts while rendering aid during the flood.

General Reeves has placed a marker on Mrs. Adams' resting place telling of her heroic death.

Another resolution was authorized to be sent to the headquarters of the American Red Cross expressing gratification and appreciation for the splendid services rendered here during both the fire and the flood and complimenting the rehabilitation methods now being used. Albert E. Sullivan is chairman of this committee.

A nominating committee was appointed, Judge Charles R. Dyer, Mrs. Edith McAllister, M. P. Kimball and Mrs. C. W. Angier, to select a chairman to succeed Mrs. Adams.

Matters pertaining to community welfare were discussed and it was shown that a good supply of clothing, shoes and blankets were available for those proving their need. Mrs. Schmidt was named as custodian of the warehouse.

It was decided that the local branch continue its connection with the Pasadena chapter who had loyally cooperated in every way during the hectic days following the disaster.

Those present were Rev. Andrew Clark, Mrs. Edith McAllister, who had charge of the Red Cross relief work here after the catastrophe, Mrs. Roby Hankerson, president of the Pasadena chapter, Judge Charles R. Dyer, Mrs. C. W. Angier, secretary, Albert E. Sullivan, M. P. Kimball, Mrs. C. M. Knox, Mrs. Schmidt and Charles R. Poole.

## **Ananda-Ashrama Holds Anniversary Celebration**

The eleventh anniversary of the founding of Ananda-Ashrama in the Crescenta mountains was observed with a beautiful ceremony on Sunday.

A large number attended the services held at 11 o'clock in the temple when the altars were decorated in yellow and white California flowers. Roy Rockwood who is connected with Grauman's Chinese Theatre sang, Jasha Gegna, noted Russian violinist, played.

A Hindu luncheon was served on the terrace to more than 150 guests.

In the afternoon the celebration service was held. At that time Mrs. Roy Rockwood sang and Mr. Gegna again played.

A tea followed in the cloister patio. Mrs. William Allen of San Francisco played, as did Mr. Gegna. The Misses Joana and Louize Lesch of Los Angeles, talented young pianists, were heard in musical selections.

It was a wonderful day in the history of Ananda-Ashrama whose motto is "The Good of Many and Happiness to Many."

The Ashrama escaped the fire that swept the hills last autumn and Pennsylvania avenue is still closed due to the flood. The place is reached by detours.

## Here's "Long" And "Short" Of Newest Valley Directory

The latest edition of the valley directory discloses some interesting and, in some cases, humorous facts. For instance, a perusal of the names printed therein shows that:

There is one Head, one Foote, three Hands and five Harts. Continuing, the list shows one Winter, one Summers, one Falls and four Springs. There are eleven Hills, one Mountain and one Beach listed, six Posts and two Gates. There are thirteen Carpenters, three Masons, one "Plummer", one Constable, two Longs and two Shorts. Then, of course, the Smiths and Joneses come in for a big space, there being thirty-nine of the former and twenty-nine of the latter. There's only one Black in the book, but there are twenty-one Browns, nine Whites and six Grays.

All in all, the new directory is a pretty fine bit of work and it contains some new features this year, a numerical telephone directory, and the regular list also carries the telephone number.

## Anniversary Event Attracts Over 200 To St. Lukes Here

More than two hundred people attended the reception given at Saint Lukes of the Mountains on Friday evening marking the tenth anniversary of the laying of the church corner stone.

Right Reverend Robert B. Gooden, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Los Angeles made a splendid address. He paid a high compliment to all those who had part in the building of the church and to those who had carried on the work since that time.

He said only an artist could see the stones scattered over the valley and see in those carefully selected stones a church. In this way he mentioned the great task Seymour Thomas, world-renowned artist, accomplished when he marked the boulders designated for Saint Lukes.

Rev. W. L. H. Benton. Rector, acted as master of ceremonies. He introduced the bishop.

Mrs. Seymour Thomas told the interesting history of Saint Lukes of the Mountains in a happy vein. It is to her a subject of never tiring interest. Mrs. Robert Renison, wife of the late Canon Renison, was a special guest.

Miss Kate Wright, a member of

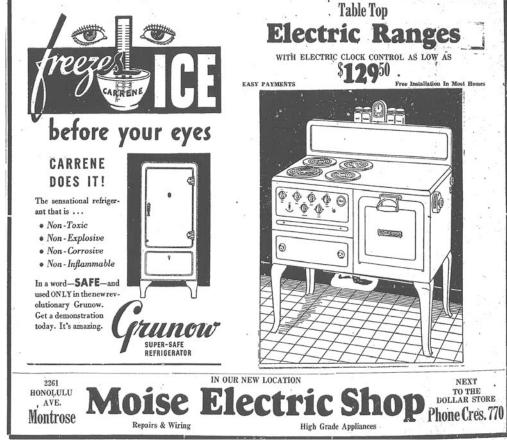
the first choir sang "A Voice from Paradise" and "Jean." Accompanying her was Mrs. R. Q. MacDonald, first church organist. Morris Milius of Glendale played flute solos with Miss Joyce Townsend playing the piano accompaniment.

Mary Florence Pate, member of the present choir, dressed in a gown that was in her grandmother's trousseau, sang "My Grandmother's Advice," "Long, Long Ago," and "Auld Lang Syne." Annalene Harper was the accompanist.

The refreshment table had pink roses as a centerpiece, tall pink tapers in silver holders. Mrs. Thomas cut the large birthday cake given by her. Mrs. Harvey Bissell and Mrs. E. L. Wemple, president of the Guild, poured. Mrs. A. C. Rowsey, Mrs. C. A. Haskins said Mrs. Frank L Sullivan assisted.

Many of the our-of-town guests visited Saint Lukes of the Mountains after the reception.

Mrs. Seymour Thomas held the audience in the happy way she related the church history, a subject to her of never tiring interest.



## Local Raid Nets Kidnap Gang Here Nab New Suspect

Editors Note: The Story of the capture of the kidnappers of W. F. Gettle in the valley Monday evening has been told many times and everyone is familiar with the details. The stories differ—for men who participate in such an exciting event will, under the stress of the excitement, tell different stories. Here is the information gleaned by your own newspaperman. It may differ somewhat from the stories you have read in the metropolitan newspapers, or heard over the radio. We do not guarantee this version to be exact in detail; but here it is—written "from this end of the line."

Valley residents gained an insight of just what "gang warfare" might resemble Monday night, when sheriffs and police officers disturbed the peace and quiet of La Crescenta, and, armed with sub-machine guns and sawed-off shot guns, staged the now famous rescue of William F. Gettle, kidnapped Beverly Hills millionaire.

Telling the story "from this end of the line," the actual rescue of the kidnapped man would appear to have been effected by a group of four officers, although this number was "enhanced" shortly after the rescue by "scads and scads" of deputies, who arrived with shrieking sirens, to participate in the expected affray.

Information which led the officers to the house at 4256 Rosemont avenue, and to the freeing of the kidnapped man, was obtained when a telephone call, made by a woman, the wife of one of the kidnappers—warning the police to "lay off 'tailing' the car carrying the \$60,000 ransom money," an effort to pay which, was being made. Tracing the call, the police located a suspect at a Los Angeles address, and on a card in his possession was the name of N. W. Zimmer, local real estate man, ant that of Gettle. Contacting Zimmer, the police learned that the house on Rosemont avenue had been rented to a man by the name of Roy A. Williams. Then to the earsplitting accompaniment of the police sirens, the run to La Crescenta was made. With the house surrounded, the door was forced. One of the two men therein escaped through a window but the police nabbed one man and a woman and

released Gettle. Later the escaped man was arrested in Los Angeles.

The story of the quick action by the courts which has resulted in the three men, Williams, Jimmy Kirk, and Larry Kerrigan being sent to prison for life, need not be "rehashed" here for the account of the fourteen minute session before the judge is familiar to all. Latest developments have brought the arrest of a fourth man, Clyde Stoddard of Los Angeles, charged with participation in the Gettle kidnapping. It is alleged that Stoddard furnished the "kidnap car" which was found in the garage of the Rosemont address.

## Trees Planted In Honor Of 2 Who Died In Disaster

A simple but impressive tree planting ceremony was held Memorial Day morning when two trees were planted in memory of Myrtle Adams and Vera D. Kahn. Lillian Sieckert, president of the Verdugo Hills American Legion Auxiliary under whose auspices the ceremony was given, acted as chairman. The salute to the flag was led by Clarabelle Daly, Americanism chairman of the 20<sup>th</sup> district. The audience sang the national anthem directed by Mrs. Helen Hughey Brown.

Standing beside a crepe myrtle, which was planted in memory of Myrtle Adams, Mrs. Siekert gave a short resume of the many activities of the late Mrs. Adams. Rev. Ralph Isbell offered prayer. Representatives of many organizations were called and in turn they each put a shovel full of soil about the tree.

A beautiful graceful flowering eucalyptus was planted in memory of Vera D. Kahn. Rev. W. H. L. Benton gave a short talk on the life of Dr. Kahn followed by a prayer. Again various representatives were called upon to place a shovel full of soil about the tree.

A poem was read by Mrs. J. McLendon, community service chairman of the Verdugo Hills American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. McLendon had charge of the planning for the ceremony including the selection of the trees.

The Glee club of the Auxiliary, under direction of Mrs. Brown, sang "A Green Cathedral." Rev. Benton said the benediction.

Two bronze markers were put by each tree. These markers were made by Donald Metzgus, a member of the Verdugo Hills post.

# STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION TO DECIDE FATE OF PLEA FOR BUS FEEDER LINES IN VALLEY

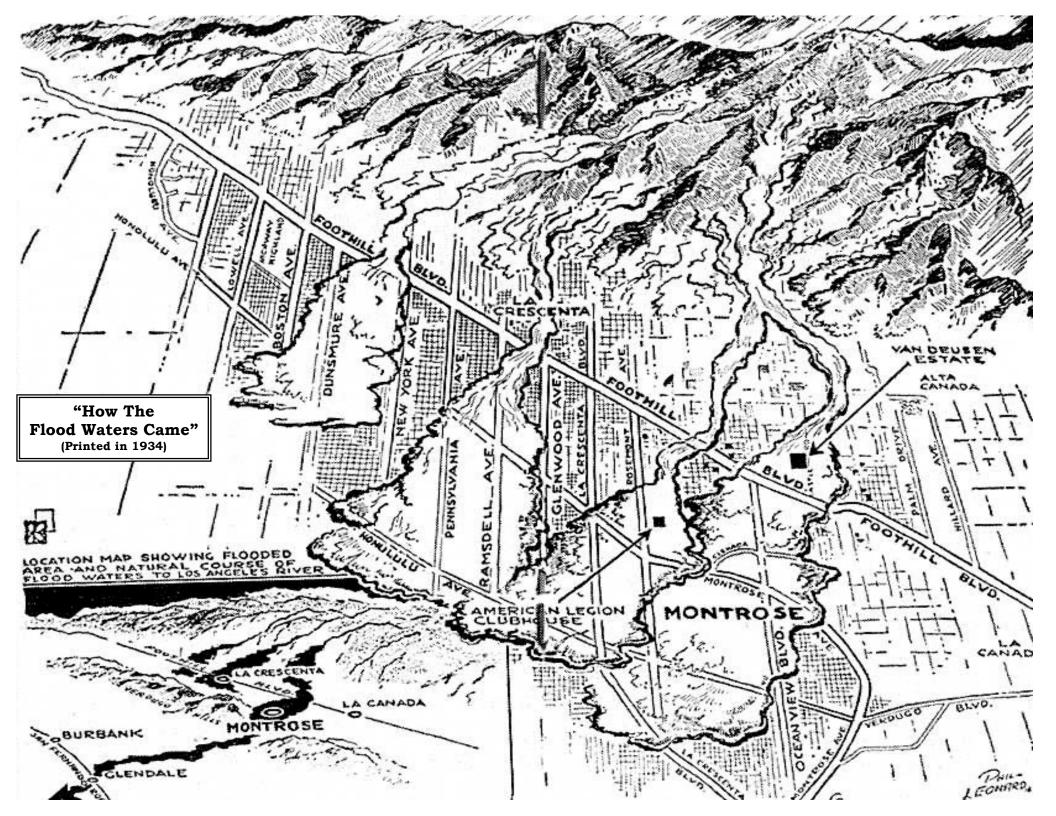
That the state railroad commission will determine whether or not bus feeder lines are to be launched in the valley by the Motor Transit company, was the information forthcoming Monday following a visit here by commission officials and company heads.

Among those who made a preliminary survey of the local transportation situation in the valley were Arthur F. Ager, transportation division, state railroad commission; H. O. Marler, passenger traffic manager, Motor Transit company; George H. Thomas, president Montrose Chamber of Commerce; R. B. Willoughby and W. W. Crippen, Verdugo City Emergency league, and James Howie and Dr. E. L. Wemple, representing Verdugo Hills post, American Legion.

The party made a tour of the valley, journeying by automobile along the route which it is proposed to cover should the feeder lines be established. This route extends along Honolulu avenue from Montrose avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, then north to Foothill boulevard; thence along Foothill boulevard to the intersection with Verdugo road in La Canada; hence down Verdugo road to the point of beginning in Montrose. Following the tour, Messers Ager, Marler and Wilson checked the mileage covered.

A report on the proposal will be prepared by these three men after a thorough study of the whole situation and will then be submitted to the railroad commission for action. Civic leaders from both the Crescenta and La Canada valleys are of the belief that the establishment of the feeder lines as now proposed would permanently solve the local transportation problem. It is pointed out that residents of the La Canada-Flintridge section would have easy access to Montrose and the Crescenta valley and visa versa.

It is pointed that due to the small area covered and the shortness of the proposed routing of the feeder busses, quick action on the part of the state railroad commission will be forthcoming.



### Ground Broken For New Legion Hall; Rush Construction

Actual building activities which will result in the erection here of the fine new Verdugo Hills Memorial hall, destroyed in the New Year's flood, were officially launched last Saturday afternoon when, at 3:30 o'clock, the ground breaking ceremony was held.

The new hall will be erected on the property at 2011 La Crescenta avenue which was donated to the post by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bonetto, Sr. The site is exceptionally attractive for this type of building, lying directly across the street from the La Crescenta Woman's clubhouse and the La Crescenta library. Directly following the presentation of the deed to the property by Mr. Bonetto to Commander F. C. Lamar, the commander turned the first shovel of soil.

Workmen started the job of moving the old Legion hall from Rosemont avenue to the new site this week as the former hall is to form the nucleus of the new building. New construction will surround the former structure.

Plans call for an entirely new frontal setup, the new hall to be modern in every respect and to provide greatly increased hall space. The lower floor (basement) will contain the great banquet room and also the kitchen and Boy Scout room. Directly to the front on the main floor will be the Legion Auxiliary's quarters and the adjutant's office.

Members of the Legion Auxiliary have been very active in the planning of the new hall and the organization will furnish the kitchen equipment as well as rugs and furnishings for other rooms in the building.

"We go ahead from this point," was the declaration of Legion officials yesterday, when they stated that the construction work would be carried through with as little delay as possible.

#### **BOYS RETURN HOME**

Eighty-eight boys from the C.C.C. camp located in Earl canyon have left for their homes in the east. Many of the boys came from Ohio. Some of them claim that a year having a fire, earthquake and flood was too strenuous and that the peaceful green hills of their native state would look good to them.

## BIG SUM IN FLOOD DAMAGES ASKED BY VALLEY RESIDENTS

Crescenta valley flood sufferers are asking that the county of Los Angeles pay them the sum of \$181,172.08 for damages to both property and life in the disaster of January 1, it was learned this week when it was announced that claims for that amount had been filed with the board of supervisors. The claimants allege, among other things, that negligence by the county and state resulted in the disaster.

## NO HUNTING HERE IS OFFICIALS' WARNING

Forestry department officials and local peace officers yesterday issued a warning against hunting in the Crescenta valley and pointed out that persons found doing so in the future would be required to pay a stiff penalty.

According to officials, persons who hunt game in the valley are likely to violate two laws and may face charges of possessing firearms in a closed area and of discharging firearms within one-half mile of a family residence.

The two county offices will join in efforts to stamp out the practice, it was said.

## Santa Monica Man Purchases 7-Acre Boulevard Tract

One of the largest sales of acreage in several months was reported this week when Mrs. Howard Reynolds sold seven acres of Reynolds hill located on Foothill boulevard from Briggs to Ocean View avenues to Welcome Beckley, a wealthy resident of Santa Monica.

Mr. Beckley has many business interests in Chicago and after his residence in Santa Monica, became known as a community builder. He will erect a large rambling home. The wonderful climate of the valley lured him here.

Mrs. Reynolds has owned the acreage for twenty-five years and a home on the site had been planned for many years. The view from the hill is unsurpassed and several who were interested in the proposed War Museum were hoping it would be built on this location.

Mr. Beckley has bought an additional lot on which to build a rustic stairway to the house

Mrs. Reynolds still owns twelve acres of the hill property. Realtors are optimistic over the demand for valley property.

## Ban Auto Wreck Yard On Foothill Blvd. After "Kick"

Objections of the Foothill Boulevard association to reported plans for the establishment of an automobile wrecking yard on Foothill boulevard have been upheld by the Regional Planning commission of Los Angeles county, it was learned this week, according to Secretary George Farrand.

The secretary is in receipt of the following letter from Charles H. Diggs, director of the commission:

Mr. George W. Farrand, Secretary Foothill Boulevard Association, La Crescenta, Calif.

Dear Sir

If any attempt is made to establish an auto wrecking yard on Foothill boulevard, between La Crescenta and Glenwood avenues, will you kindly notify this office at once, as this would be in violation of the existing zoning ordinance.

You can rest assured that no socalled "spot zone" will be granted for such an enterprise, and further, that no recommendation for the issuance of a license will be made to the Board of Supervisors.

> Yours very truly, Charles H. Diggs, Director Regional Planning Commission

#### A.F.P.A. At Cabin To Dedicate New Mt. Lukens Road

Members of the La Crescenta unit, Angeles Forest Protective association, staged a big time at the unit's cabin at Grizzly Flats Saturday night. There were twenty-four of the boys present and they "demolished" much food in the form of barbecued beef.

The trip up to the cabin was made by the way of the new forestry department road extending from the Angeles Crest highway to Mt. Lukens, and the affair at the cabin was in the nature of a dedication of the new fire highway.

Business had no place in this meeting and after the supper the boys spent the evening around big fireplace in the cabin. Some of them stayed all night and a portion of Sunday at the flats.

Among the guests were Al Fisher, who had charge of the building of the road, Bruce Coulter of the United States forestry service and Deputy Warden Lutz of the county service.

### **REVIVAL MEETINGS TO CLOSE HERE SUNDAY NIGHT**

The revival meetings now in progress at the Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Florencita and Orangedale avenues have been of much interest and edification to those who have attended. The evangelist, Rev. Ware, challenges the people to search the scriptures daily and see if the things he preaches are true to the Bible. He is a Bible preacher and preaches a full Bible. He is clear on both formality and fanaticism. Fair in his exegesis of the scriptures.

The meetings will continue over Sunday. Friday night the theme will be "Ghosts That Walk," Saturday, "A Detective Story," and Sunday night, "The Light That Failed."

### WARN OF DANGERS OF HOPPING BUSSES

Local peace officers are "keeping their eyes" on a clique of small boys or students who are in the habit of "hopping a ride" on the big busses of the Motor Transit company which traverse the valley.

Parents were warned in a statement yesterday to see the boys desist in such practices or arrests will follow. It was said that due to the great speed attained by the automobiles, the youngsters are in constant danger of losing their lives or sustaining serious injury at least.

According to the local peace officers, the lads climb on the rear outside of the bus when it is at a standstill and remain for a dangerous if perhaps thrilling ride.

### MONTROSE THEATRE **BURGLARS GET \$63**

Burglars renewed their activities in Montrose Tuesday night when the Montrose Theatre was broken into and the sum of \$63 stolen. The robbery was discovered by Manager Monte Friend, when he "came down to work" next morning.

The robbers gained entrance to the local show house by "jimmying" the lock on the back door. Once inside they removed the hinges from the door to the stairway leading to the operating room, broke open a cabinet containing the \$63 and made away with it.

Manager Friend expressed the opinion that the "job" was carried out by youngsters. He declared that the robbers were evidently familiar with the inside of the show house and had some knowledge as to where he was in the habit of keeping his change.

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## OPINIONS ON TOWNSHIPS' MERGER

FRANK PILLING, secretary, Montrose Chamber of Commerce: "Consolidation of townships? I'm not for it—like few paltry dollars which we are told will be saved, and I doubt if such will be the case, will not make up for such a step.

VIRGIL WASSON, president, La Crescenta Chamber of Commerce: "While it is very regrettable that La Crescenta township will have to be merged with Glendale, San Fernando, Burbank, etc., it may save the county a considerable amount of money the next several years. It will mean a seven mile trip for Valley-ites when they wish to file a small claims action, which will be rather inconvenient. However, we will all get together and put Judge Dyer in the justice court at Glendale and still feel at home in court."

JUDGE CHARLES R. DYER: "I have my doubts if two justices of the peace can handle the work of approximately 100,000 people, considering the number of cases being filed in the courts of the consolidated townships."

JAMES DALY, member of
Democratic county Central Committee:
"From the standpoint of economy, there
should be no question of opposition to a
consolidation of townships if such a savings
as is claimed can really be affected. I believe
Supervisor Jessup is really sincere and is
carrying out his pre-election pledge to make
every effort to reduce the cost of county
government."

MARK S. COLLINS, community builder: "If the township consolidation plan can result in a savings to the taxpayers, it is surely worth looking into."

HAAKON BERG, banker: "We should all be heartily in favor of any move looking toward economy, but we should also inform ourselves of just what court, police and other facilities the new system will provide for us before we voice our approval."

appreciate any effort to reduce county expenses, but I do not see where much can be gained, certainly not from a standpoint of service by having the courts and offices all located in one spot in such a large township as the proposed new political subdivision will prove."

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## NEW SCREEN PLACED IN MONTROSE THEATER

Monte Friend, manager of the Montrose Theater, has installed one of the new Bean Sound Projection Screens for the pleasure of his steadily increasing number of patrons. The sound and projection systems are now the finest that science or money can produce.

The new projection screen is admitted to be the best possible to make, as it has brilliancy without glare, wonderful depth and generally adds to the illusion that you are looking at an actual scene and not a picture and assists the sound so that it seems to be as natural as the original sound.

Many local residents do not know that the inventor of the screen is an old resident of Montrose and manufactures the screens in La Canada, from whence they are shipped to all parts of the world. In fact, the inventor and manufacturer, M. Paul Bean, is known as an authority on projection screens and has manufactured them for theaters all over the world for the past twenty-five years.

### NEW CZECH CLUBHOUSE TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

Formal opening of the new Czechoslovak-Patronat clubhouse, which has been recently completed on the Biscar property in La Crescenta, will be held on Sunday, with the program scheduled to begin at 2:30 in the afternoon, it was announced this week when invitations to the affair were sent out.

According to those in charge, a splendid program has been arranged, to be featured by an excellent menu, wonderful music and dancing until a late hour. The new clubhouse is located on a three-acre tract of land donated for that purpose by Henry Biscar, local man.



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#### We're always interested...

We love to hear your recollections about Crescenta Valley from times past. Share your stories with us, please! Let us share your memories with our members.

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Working to save our Valley's treasures...

The Crescenta Valley Community Association mirrors the concerns of CV Heritage and we will join their meetings every other month, on the fourth Wednesday. The CV Heritage Steering Committee will continue to meet but will suspend our regular fourth Monday of the month public meetings. We encourage attendance at the Community Association meetings instead, and will call special meetings if a unique issue arises that requires it. The next Crescenta Valley Community Association meeting will be held January 23, 6:30 p.m. at the CV Sheriff station.

CVHeritage.org for more information.