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CURRENT HSCV INFORMATION

A Postcard View of Glendale

Juliet Arroyo and Katherine Yamada will discuss their new book featuring postcards of Glendale, written with George Ellison. These vintage postcards spanning generations showed them a vision of Glendale at its most attractive.

Glendale is one of the oldest towns in Southern California, getting its start during the rail boom of the 1880s. In 1904, it was one of the earliest communities to be served by the vast electric streetcar system consolidated throughout the Los Angeles region by tycoon Henry Huntington. In the postwar era, Glendale became a model of suburban growth and today is the third largest city in Los Angeles County. Glendale's diverse neighborhoods and commercial districts have offered pleasant living and a gamut of goods and services to residents, workers, and visitors alike.

Author Bios:

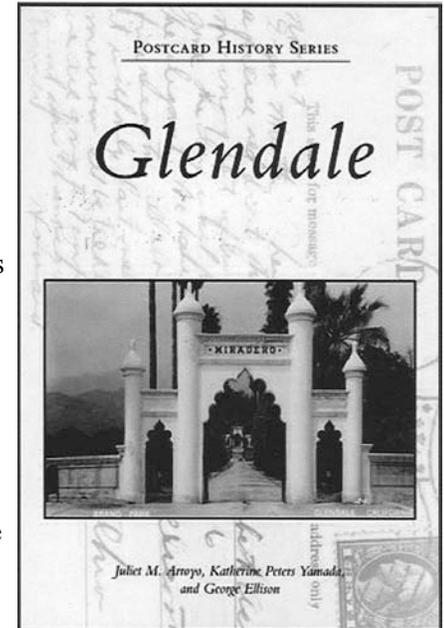
Juliet M. Arroyo, who collected these postcards from sources including the Glendale Public Library and Glendale Historical Society, is a consulting planner in historic preservation and the author of Early Glendale and Glendale: 1940-2000.

Katherine Peters Yamada writes the "Verdugo Views" column for the Glendale News-Press and edited Glendale, A Pictorial History.

George Ellison graduated from Glendale Community College and has served the Glendale Public Library for 20 years, the latter decade as special collections archivist.

Join us for this free presentation on March 17th, 7 PM at the

La Crescenta Church of Religious Science, 4845 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta,
(on the corner of Dunsmore and Santa Carlotta)



~ Do you have any old photographs or postcards of Glendale to bring along and show? We'll have a table set up to display them.~

HSCV Tour of the Doctors' House

As we continue to explore the history of Glendale, the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley has been invited to tour a jewel in the crown of Glendale history.

The Doctors' House, an authentically restored Queen Anne-Eastlake style home built about 1888, is the result of a community-wide endeavor to preserve a reminder of Glendale's earliest days. The two-story house originally stood at 921 East Wilson Avenue. It became known as The Doctors' House because it was residence and office space for three prominent early Glendale physicians.

When it was threatened with demolition in 1979, local citizens, including the newly revitalized Glendale Historical Society, banded together to relocate it to Brand Park. They then carefully restored the house to its late 19th century appearance, and furnished and decorated it in the style of the period. The Doctors' office contains numerous medical implements and supplies of the era. The living rooms recreate the pleasant domesticity of late Victorian times.

We will be seeing the Doctors' House on the opening weekend of their dynamic new exhibit covering the 1918 Influenza Epidemic, that killed 50 to 100 million people worldwide, including many in Glendale.

Sunday, April 6th, 2 – 4 p.m. Meet inside gate, in front of Doctors' House.



La Crescenta History Plaque

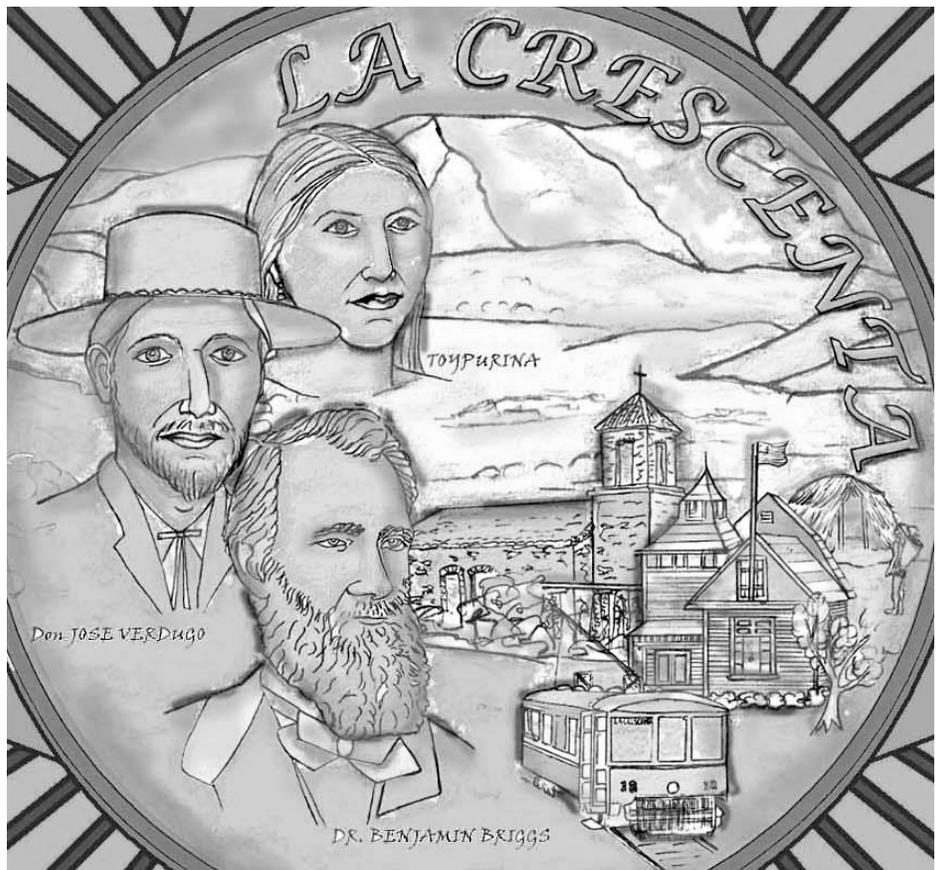
The new La Crescenta Library will be a new centerpiece for our town. The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, along with donations from our members, organizations, groups and individuals, plans to prominently recognize our Crescenta Valley History. We have planned a bronze relief plaque with a cut stone surround for the center of the lobby floor.

The plaque will depict key elements of the history of our valley: the three ages of human habitation and important structural icons, all arranged before the majestic San Gabriel Mountains. The Native-American period is represented by Toypurina, the respected woman chief of the local tribes, the Spanish period by Don Jose Verdugo, and the American period by the father of modern La Crescenta, Dr. Benjamin Briggs. Next to their images are representations of a Tongva Indian home, St. Lukes Church, La Crescenta School, and the Glendale and Montrose Railway trolley car; representing the housing, religion, education and transportation that make up the human history of our valley. Enfolded these images are the beautiful omnipresent San Gabriel Mountains. Outside the bronze plaque will be an inlaid cut stone design marking the compass points, making the complete design six feet across.

This is your chance to make an impact on future generations, and to give them a foundation in knowledge of the land they live on. When you donate to the “Crescenta Valley History Floor Plaque Project” you will feel a sense of pride each time you visit our beautiful new La Crescenta Library.

The donations go through the Historical Society, a non-profit organization, making them tax deductible. Make a difference. Make a donation to HSCV specifying that it is for the Crescenta Valley History plaque.

Our artists: Bill and Geri Gould are world-renowned artists, with works from their studios displayed in the Smithsonian and the Vatican. Bill Gould grew up in La Crescenta, and Geri Gould is a descendant of the local Tongva Indians, so they are intimately involved with this project. You may recognize their previous local works in the Tongva Peak monument at the top of the Verdugo Mountains and the Bicentennial Plaque at the Vietnam War Memorial in Montrose.



Members Remember. . . By Patricia (Robinson) Nielson

♪“Oh Give Me Land, Lots Of Land Under Starry Skies Above, Don’t Fence Me In . . .”

That was my song in the middle forties. Bing and the Andrews Sisters made it popular, but I was convinced that Cole Porter wrote it just for me.

I was in the 6th grade at Lincoln Elementary when I fell in love with horses. I cut lawns and pulled the neighbors’ weeds to pay for a two-hour ride on Saturday at Onondarka Stable; the cost was \$2.50.

I paid 5¢ to ride the green bus to Verdugo City and then I walked down the hill to Onondarka.

Whitey was my favorite horse. I rode him on a nice trail along the foot of the hills, and sometimes along the highway with the Oakmont golf course beside the trail.

One Saturday my cousin Kelly, a year younger than I, asked to go with me. I rode Whitey and Kelly rode a small, brown horse named Tiger. We started up the mountain at a nice walk. Kelly wanted to go fast.

I lost sight of him and then he passed me at a fast trot going the other direction. I kept to the trail and had a nice ride.

When I got back to the stable, the owner told me that Kelly had been thrown from his horse and the horse had stepped on his hand.

They took him to a doctor whose office was upstairs above Rogers Drug Store in Verdugo City. Kelly’s hand was fractured and bleeding. Dr. Devaney had recently returned from battlefield medicine in the Pacific. He was a trauma expert.

He put Kelly’s hand together and it healed. Kelly regained full use of it, and years later, having no orthopedic problems, was admitted to West Point.

That was the good news. My father and Kelly’s father were convinced that all the horses at Onondarka were wild and dangerous. I was forbidden to ride. I was broken hearted and very angry at Kelly.

Now I meet once a week with a music group Every once in a while “Don’t Fence Me In” comes up in our book. As I play along, I look back 60 years to the fun I had on that big white horse. I also think of that talented doctor who ran an excellent trauma center in Verdugo City.

*Travel back in time to
1951....*

Our March Newsletter
will feature articles and
ads from **1951 Ledgers.**



By Sharon Weisman

A new concern has surfaced in our valley. The landmark worthy **St. Luke's of the Mountains** church is the focus of a lawsuit between the local Anglican congregation and the national Episcopal organization from which it separated a couple of years ago. Regardless of the outcome we want to ensure the preservation of this unique structure and its magnificent grounds with heritage trees, albeit not native and without legal protection. Please share any ideas you have to keep this irreplaceable resource from being lost to the community.

Representatives from the four entities considering joint acquisition of the **Verdugo Hills Golf Course** property are meeting to share information on funding sources and its ongoing operational viability as a public course. The **Save the Verdugo Hills Golf Course Committee** has drafted a possible design for a regional park encompassing the existing golf course and adding six tennis courts along the northeastern edge of the property and several seasonal ponds to collect valuable rain water and allow it to replenish our aquifers. Hiking and fitness trail loops are also part of the imaginative proposed layout. Small parking lots near the added amenities are included for convenience of the users. The hope is this will allow everyone concerned to better visualize the potential for the property to meet a number of community recreational needs.

Two neighborhoods in **Glendale** are progressing toward **Historic District** status. A group of 14 homes on **Cottage Grove Avenue** in the **Adams Hill** district are starting their Historic Resource Survey and the 87-home **Ard Eevin Highlands Historic District** is updating their part of the survey done in 2004 for the much larger **Cumberland Heights** area. Meanwhile the **Stonehurst Historic District in Shadow Hills** is working its way through the city of **Los Angeles** process for a **Historic Preservation Overlay Zone**. Congratulations to these neighboring communities for the forethought to undertake these efforts.

**GreenTeam and Glendale Water and Power
Present a Community Green Gathering:**

“EVERY DROP COUNTS”

Wed. March 19th, 7-9PM
Sparr Heights Community Center
1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale 91208

- We'll discuss all things water - where it comes from, how we are using it and practical steps we can take to reduce our own consumption both indoors and outdoors.
- Learn about our current water situation from Peter Kavounas of Glendale Water and Power and find out why we still need to conserve in spite of all the recent rain.
- A guest speaker from Theodore Payne Foundation will discuss the benefits of native landscaping.
- Free coffee and tea if you bring your own mug! Feel free to bring friends, neighbors or others who might be interested.

Questions? Contact Cathy Schechter: 818-249-5228
Or, cathyschechter@hotmail.com

LETTERS

TO THE
EDITOR

Glendale Question

Editor, The Ledger: I have been a resident of Glendale for thirty years. Three years ago I moved from there closer to Sparr Heights.

The Glendale Independent I found on my doorstep this morning presents what they call the truth about annexation. Now, what the Valley people wish to do is no concern of mine, but I find by my own personal experience, some of these statements do not ring true!

I pay Valley gas rates, living in Glendale. An inquiry through the City's Attorney's office to the So. Calif. Gas Company brought out that rate areas were determined by distribution factors and not city boundaries.

I am also served by the Crescenta Telephone Exchange. The City of Glendale has nothing to do with these private concerns.

My electricity comes from Glendale. They admit they are much over-extended. Consequently this neighborhood has low voltage. Light bulbs burn dim and appliances are slow when the demand is great. We have just had our water and light rates raised and a meter rental charge attached.

They say that improved street lighting is guaranteed. Come down and drive around Oak Circle Drive, the lower part of which also has no sewers. Upon request for adequate lighting, the people found they could have it if they paid for it.

What I'd like to know is this: How is Glendale going to give the Valley people all these things for less when we, who have belonged for years, can't seem to get them?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. H. Burger

GENERAL

(Glendale Annexation)

GRAB

Reminds You . . .

I'll fix the Valley for you!



Annexed to Glendale These "Taxes" Are Required by Law . . .

1. Sales Tax. Estimated \$100,000 annually from the Valley people.
2. 4c per 1000 gal. of water, added charge to us over Glendale rate.
3. Pro rata share of \$900,000.00 Sewer Bonds issued in 1924 and 1950.
4. Pro rata share of \$90,000.00 Fire Station 1928 Bonds.
5. Double Glendale electricity rates to buy Edison.
6. 30c per \$100 assessed value for MWD annual taxes (proposed by Glendale Council November 30, 1951).
7. A front-foot payment for pipelines (\$120.00 per average lot? or more? Who knows?)

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

VOTE NO DEC. 11

UNITED VALLEY COMMITTEE



**PRESCRIPTIONS
FILLED ACCURATELY
BY EXPERTS**

"My druggist has filled hundreds of orders for me . . . and every one is priced right, filled correctly."



VALLEY PHARMACY

Churchill 9-1155

Corner Ocean View and Honolulu

Across from the Banks

Rosemont Sector Balks At Merger

1700 Owners Sign in Drive To Halt Newest Merger Bite



—Ledger Photo

GRASS ROOTS—Angered at the perennial harrassment of annexation to Glendale elections, three of which will plague the Valley on December 11, housewives of the Rosemont area, latest Valley portion to be mapped out by Glendale City Council for annexation to that city, storm out of United Valley Headquarters armed with petitions for protest signatures. Army of volunteer workers has been canvassing area for one week obtaining home owner protest to the election for Rosemont before annexationists circulate petition requesting election. United Valley Committee has already obtained 1700 protest signatures. Rosemont area has 5,000 parcels. More than 2500 must be signed to halt election.

United Valley Committee announced this week that there are at present 1700 parcels signed in the property owner protest to scheduling an annexation election in the Rosemont area.

The Committee estimates that there are a total of 5,000 parcels in the area. More than 50 percent of the property owner signatures are needed to halt the election. Committeemen state that the goal of 80 percent of the property in the area signed in protest can be reached.

It is the plans of this committee to register protest signatures, after processing and thorough checking, at regular intervals with the City Clerk's office in Glendale in order to avoid wholesale invalidation of signatures at the last minute as happened in the New York and Honolulu area protest.

Committeemen are following a procedure adopted in Altadena where harassing annexation elections were halted when more than 70 percent of the property owners in areas to be annexed to Pasadena, signed protest petitions.

FORCAST VICTORY

United Valley Committee regards the preponderance of protest signatures as contrasted with the original signatures requesting the election as strong indication that annexation will fall at the ballot in both areas on December 11.

NO 11, YES 18

Adopting a slogan, "No 11, Yes 18", Committeemen are urging that residents favoring the Foothill Water District which will come to election on December 18, remember to vote against annexation on December 11. Failure to register a vote against annexation on December 11, can result in elimination from the Foothill Water District of one directional district and will lessen Crescenta representation on the Foothill Water District Board, Committeemen state.

"This harassing action against the Foothill area by Glendale City Hall politicians, can be successful only if the voter in the Valley does not go to the polls on December 11 to stamp his "x" in the "NO" column on annexation proposal," Harold Hansen, chairman of the United Valley Committee, advised.

VOTE ON ANNEXATION } FOR FOOTHILL WATER DISTRICT
NO DEC. 11 } VOTE YES! DEC. 18

Glendale Merger Would Deprive Valley of Local Sheriff Station

La Crescenta-Montrose areas not now included in Glendale annexation election, along with La Canada and Flintridge, would lose their local sheriff's station if the December 11 annexations should be approved by the voters, for in that event, police activity would be handled from the Sheriff's Altadena station. Part of Flintridge is already patrolled from Altadena, and elimination of a large section of western Valley would result not in moving of the station to La Canada, but it would be the excuse for complete elimination of a local control center - which incidentally, is also the nerve center of civilian defense authority.

Glendale's 'Cheap' Water Near End; Must Supplement From MWD

The City of Glendale is due to end its free ride in water supply in about 4 1/2 years, when Los Angeles will halt the use by Glendale of water pumped from wells in the Los Angeles Riverbed, according to a statement by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. When this occurs, Glendale will have to substitute the more expensive Metropolitan Water District supply, from which it now draws very little. The boost in expense will be reflected in the cost to the users, and the individual water bill will skyrocket. In 1945-50, the city used only 33 acre feet of MWD water - but .2 percent of the total water used (19,752 acre feet). The city is now escaping the cost of MWD water by using what is Los Angeles' by ancient pueblo rights.

When water costs rise, as they must through elimination of "cheap" water from L.A. river, it is evident that the city cannot pay MWD taxes from the Public Service Dept. "surplus" fund. The end of the free ride is in sight, and Glendale knows it. When it comes, the only "cheap" water will be that developed in the Verdugo Canyon, scattered city wells - and the Crescenta-Canada area, if the city is lucky enough to gain control through election.

No Sewer Relief Seen for Valley As Metro Sewer District Needed

Glendale has nothing to offer in the way of sewage disposal for the Valley, for there is no surplus space available in the huge Hyperion system which treats Glendale sewage. The huge project, though still incomplete, is already fully subscribed, and the Metropolitan area of Los Angeles, which includes such satellite cities as Glendale, face the creation of a Metropolitan Sewer District within five years. Boundaries will have to be co-terminus with the County Flood Control District. Glendale will be lucky if it can provide sewage disposal to all of its current area, which includes the former Onondarka Ranch area, now subdivided, which must be served through the "surplus" space promised to the business district of Montrose.

Yet, the entire area prescribed for annexation at Tuesday's election, will help pay for the 1924 and 1959 sewer bonds - just look on your sample ballot.

The Passing Parade

Glendale has nothing to offer Valley Voters but a balcony seat for the eternal parade of mayors, councilmen and city managers - the plot is always the same, but the cast is forever changing.

**Let Us Make Your Car
LAST L-O-N-G-E-R**

Remember When?



Get trouble-free driving with a complete motor tune-up here. *Save now!*

\$4.50 (Labor)

ED PRIESTER
3701 Ocean View Ave.
Montrose - CH. 9-1165

Editors Note: Even though there was so much opposition to the annexation, as you get a sampling of through these articles, annexation came to pass as seen in these precinct results posted. (The following page shows an ad in favor of annexation.)

Voting by Precincts

(Complete, But Not Official)

New York Avenue Annexation Area

Precinct	Polling Place	Yes	No	Totals	Registered
No. 1	3340 Alabama	311	188	499	720
No. 2	Dunsmore School	294	174	468	643
No. 3	3709 Encinal	251	156	407	601
No. 4	3544 Altura	214	252	466	747
No. 5	3254 Mills	96	251	347	466
No. 6	Lincoln School	337	253	590	839
No. 7	2620 Piedmont	125	243	368	662
TOTALS		1628	1517	3145	4678

Honolulu Avenue Annexation Area

(Verdugo City)

No. 1	2838 Hermosa	200	139	339	390
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Chevy Chase Annexation Area

No. 1	3109 Buckingham	15	11	26	26
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WATER

THROUGH ANNEXATION TO GLENDALE OR BY FOOTHILL WATER DISTRICT

Cost To Taxpayers Should Be Big Consideration

COMPARE

AND

DECIDE

**Under Annexation
To Glendale**

**ISSUES
TO MEET**

**Through Foothill
Water District**

NO BOND ISSUES OF ANY SORT
Water now at District Boundaries

**BOND ISSUE FOR GETTING WATER
TO BOUNDARIES**

\$640,000.00 Amount set by Water District
adherents. Experts claim way too low
on estimate.

**GLENDALE PUBLIC SERVICE
DEPARTMENT TO PAY COST**
out of income divided from sale of water.

**TRANSMISSION LINES AND
REHABILITATION OF WATER SYSTEM,
INCLUDING PIPE REPLACEMENTS**

**THROUGH ASSESSMENT OF WATER
SHARES.** Since the Foothill Water
District is for sole purpose of wholesaling
water to water companies, no other
means of financing

**NO FURTHER ASSESSMENTS
STOPPED ENTIRELY BY ANNEXATION**

WATER SHARE ASSESSMENTS

**TO CONTINUE, BUT WITH MORE
FREQUENCY AND HIGHER LEVIES**

**CUT OFF THROUGH ANNEXATION
TO GLENDALE**

**CRESCENTA VALLEY COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT TAX OF \$0.3624, now on
tax bills.**

**TO CONTINUE, with probable increased
rate.**

GLENDALE TO BUY
Water Companies to be purchased at an
appraised value, Water Companies to be
represented. Net proceeds to be given to
water shareholders

THREE LOCAL WATER COMPANIES

A CONSOLIDATION of the three
companies proposed. To be turned over
to Crescenta Valley County Water
District without cost. Shareholders to
receive nothing for their interests, but
continued assessments.

SET BY AMENDED CITY ORDINANCE
At 26 cents per 100 cu. ft., or 34 1/4 cents
per thousand gallons - a lower price
than charged by local water companies.

WATER RATES

No known facts—only guesses. But
increase probably by additional cost of
getting water to boundary, on top of
present rate.

PRESENT VALLEY TAX RATE
Of \$5.6072 to be reduced, after annex-
ation, to \$5.47.

TAXES

PRESENT VALLEY TAX RATE of \$5.6072
to be increased to a minimum of \$6.3562.
Experts claim higher.

DECEMBER 11 VOTE

YES

X

Rain Causes Holes In Foothill Roadway

Serious chuckholes in Foothill boulevard at 2721 and 400 were reported over the weekend due to the heavy rain. A landslide across the road was reported at 4105 Dover road in Flintridge.

Encounter Snow On Crest Road

Last Friday, vacation day, Paul Hillman, Roger Maire, Ray Burger, Dick O'Brien, Eddie Nelson and Roy Tarrant drove up Angeles Crest to Mt. Waterman where they came into a severe snowstorm. After some informal snow sports, they turned around and came back, taking turns cleaning the snow off the windshield so they could see to drive.

Colored Choir At Baptist Church

A 50-voice colored choir from the Second Baptist Church of Monrovia will present a program of Negro spirituals and hymns Sunday evening, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Verdugo Hills Baptist Church of Montrose. The group will be under the direction of Miss Clarice V. Thompson, who will present a number of compositions of her own, as well as special adaptations of well-known spirituals.

This choir has been heard over several networks throughout the southern California area. They will be accompanied by Miss Lois Farrar and Carolyn Castle. Soloist will be Orvella Barnes.

The public is cordially invited to hear the new and dynamic preacher of the Verdugo Hills Baptist Church, Dr. T. Myron Webb. His subject for the evening service will be "The Power of Jesus' Name."

Don't Miss This!
SENATOR
Joe McCarthy
 Will Speak at the
HOLLYWOOD LEGION
STADIUM
Thursday, Dec. 13
8:30 p.m.



PAINTING THE CLOUDS—Real clouds were dropping real rain on the Valley Tuesday, when Honorary Valley Mayor Dennis Morgan met Montrose Theater Manager Hugh McKee under the marquee advertising the Mayor's latest motion picture. The show, "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine", is now playing at the Montrose, and will end the run on Saturday. The lights announce, "Hizzoner the Mayor".
 —Ledger Photo

A STATEMENT OF POLICY AND AN OPEN LETTER TO THE HEADS OF ALL VALLEY FAMILIES

After two months of operation and a continuing problem of seat cutting and noisy, boisterous conduct, we find it necessary to require at least one parent to accompany children to all evening performances. The only exception to this is on Saturday afternoon, when children may be admitted without parents.

On Saturday afternoon, single men are not admitted to the theatre.

We feel we are doing parents a favor in establishing this rule, and suggest they drop down to the theatre between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and watch the faces of the families who attended the show together. Then drop back around 11 p.m. to midnight and observe the faces of the mothers and fathers who are searching for teen-age girls and boys (some of whom—if they attended at all—came only to "get a ticket stub to prove to the old lady I was at the show!") From the comparison draw your own conclusion as to which parents are really enjoying life.

Please examine the accompanying program, and we believe you will agree these pictures are far too good to wait for at least 20 years to see on television. GET THE MOVIE HABIT! Families who play together are likely to stay together.

If the Montrose Theatre goes broke and dark again, at least it will do so being operated as we feel a theatre should—clean, quiet, orderly and showing the finer type of screen entertainment. We solicit the support of the better people of the Valley. We feel confident they exist in more than sufficient numbers to make the theatre a success.

Sincerely Yours,

Hugh McKee, Owner-Manager

P.S. Regardless of your convictions on annexation to Glendale, the theatre urges you to be sure and vote!

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY HERO AS POLICE NAB SHOPPING BAG THUG

Following his father's instructions to telephone police if "anything happens," eight-year-old Jimmy Jones was the hero early Monday morning, when sheriff's deputies wounded and captured the notorious "green scarf" kid-napper-bandit, since identified as James Munroe Rudolph, 34, of Camino near Placerville.

The hold-up man is thought to be the same cool-headed desperado who has conducted an alarmingly successful campaign in recent months against Southland markets.

Young Jimmy had been awakened by unusual noises early Monday, as the bandit gained entrance to the Jones home at 2735 Franklin, La Crescenta. Lying still when his father was black-jacked while he investigated noises, the lad heard his mother's startled scream, but pretended he was asleep when his mother told the bandit there was no one else in the house but her sleeping son.

As the parents were forced from their home and kidnapped in order that the father might be forced to open the safe at La Canada Shopping Bag, the boy crept to the telephone and summoned police help.

ALERT POLICE

The bandit was overtaken by Deputies Joe Reith and Judge Shelton as the Jones car arrived at the store, and the bandit jumped from the car and ran westward through the darkness. As deputies pressed the search, the man forced his way into a home on Chevy Chase drive in an effort to gain possession of a car. Foiled as the family was unable to locate the keys, he fled again, working his way northward to a gas station at the Foothill intersection.

MAN CAPTURED

Here he encountered Deputy Sheriff John Davis, who was working at the station while off duty. Before the bandit could take a getaway car, Deputies Reith and Shelton arrived and again the man fled. The deputies fired at his disappearing figure, with Davis joining the fusillade of seven shots. As police carefully worked the area in the darkness, exercising extreme caution in deference to the armed desperado, the elusive suspect slipped back to the gas station and was attempting to steal Davis' car where deputies discovered him slumped over the wheel, a snub-nosed revolver in his right hand. Valley Ambulance transported him to P & S Hospital and he was taken later to the County General Hospital Criminal Ward where he is reported in critical condition.

The bandit was identified as James M. Rudolph of Camino, California. He said he was recently released from the Army, having spent time in Germany, and has a German war bride in Camino.

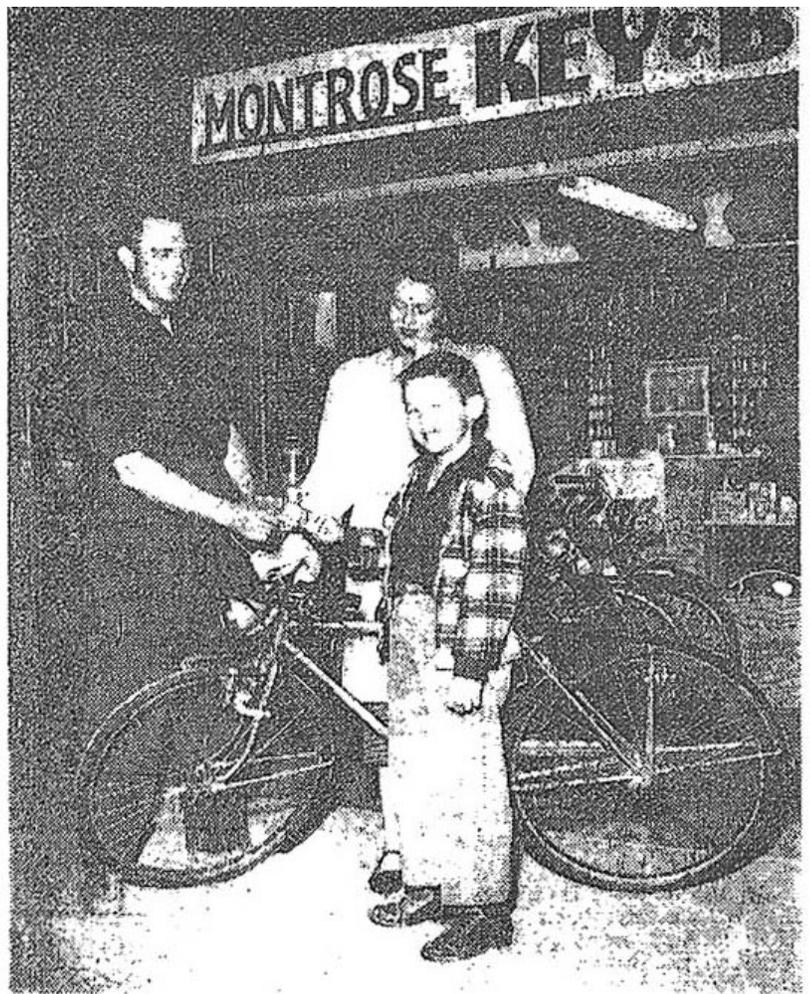
During his short career of crime, he is believed to have robbed 13 stores and committed numerous other thefts.

His car, full of loot, was found at Franklin and La Crescenta, and the property was removed by Sgts. A. M. McDaniel, J. M. Caldwell and George M. Whaley at the Montrose Station. Among the articles found in the car, were clothing he used in many of the other robberies, a bottle of "Ethyl Chloride", a box of money bags and money containing \$654.47 in coins, a .45 caliber automatic, numerous checks,

a wallet containing \$563.00, a box of jewelry worth \$3000.00 which had been reported taken from a cottage December 5 at the Ambassador Hotel, a police lieutenant's badge taken from a robbery in Van Nuys and used in a Las Vegas holdup, and an address book listing Shopping Bag managers' addresses, the next on his list being the Tujunga Shopping Bag.

At a robbery in Eagle Rock, the manager of the store got the gun away from him and shot at him seven times, missing him then throwing the gun back to him.

Rudolph was identified as the kidnapper-bandit who last week kidnapped the A. W. Boelgers from their La Crescenta home twice to open the safes at La Crescenta Shopping Bag.



FOR HEROISM—Jimmy Jones, whose presence of mind resulted in the capture of a kidnap-burglary suspect on Monday morning, receives a bicycle awarded to him by the Schwinn Bicycle Company and Montrose Key and Bike Shop. The youngster, in a radio interview Monday evening with George Barkley of "KFI Calling", was asked what he wanted for Christmas, and answered that he'd like a Schwinn bicycle. The Schwinn Company heard the wish, and the wish was fulfilled through the local store. With the plucky youth are Stan Stoffels of the Key and Bike Shop, and Mrs. Brenton Jones, the boy's mother. —Ledger Photo



Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley
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La Crescenta, CA 91214

Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley

Presents:

French Pioneers and Entrepreneurs

In early Los Angeles and La Crescenta

Monday, April 21st, 7:00 PM

At the La Crescenta Church of Religious Science

Located on the corner of Dunsmore and Santa Carlotta

Please check your mailing label for accuracy.

Remember:

2008 MEMBERSHIPS RUN FROM MARCH 2008 TO MARCH 2009

*THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!*

Questions or changes?
Call Pam: (818) 957-2968



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.

Mail: 2717 Altura Ave.
La Crescenta, CA 91214

e-mail to: lawlertom@yahoo.com



Photo- <http://k2kirtland.cc.mi.us/~balbach/Williamsburg/BuschGardens/>



Working to save our Valley's treasures...

CV Heritage has joined with **Crescenta Valley Community Association** and we now jointly attend meetings every month, on the fourth Wednesday. **The next meeting will be held on April 23rd, 7:00 p.m., in the Briggs Sheriff Station community room.**

Check the website CVHeritage.org for more information.