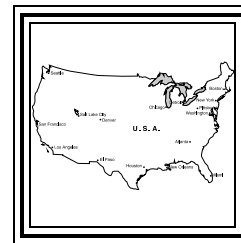


THE HOME NEWS.

*Echoes from Layne's Hospitality Home
for Servicemen, 1941-1975*

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ALMOST HALF-WAY TO THE GOAL!

We are pleased to announce that \$460 has come in to date, so we're almost half-way toward the **\$1,000 needed** to place a marker on Bertha Rattan's grave in El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego. Thanks to those who have contributed so far:

Roger & Louise Anderson
Joanne Appenzeller
Vernon & Mary Aune
Oletha Boone
Don & Agnes Ferren Brickbealer
Florene Buckel
Lucile Cox
Lloyd & Leona Galloway Dailey

Clarence & Gena Linzey English
Ken & Ruth Glass
Warren & Marjorie Halleen
Ollen & Flora Snow Hardin
Virginia Gonzales Hayden
Wilson & Nita Lucas Hickam
Hurst & Myra Parker Hogan
John & Betty West Knighton

Charles & Roberta Higgins Lingerfelt
Stanford & Verna Linzey
Gladys Olson
Anthony & Betty Leskela Palma
Paul & Joy Raymond
Phil & Lily Reynolds
Martha A. Schwartz
Your Name Here!

Nothing has been taken out for expenses yet, although the cost for the first issue was \$100. This second issue will be about the same. Our active address list has reached 146, and so far, 36 have either written or phoned. It will be great to hear from the rest of you too -- **please write even if you're unable to donate, so that we can keep you on our mailing list.**

We've also compiled a list of "missing persons" -- please send us their addresses if you have them. Thanks! ~~Loretta Atkinson; Bob Barnhart; Tom Bennett; Mable Britt; Sheryl Dickerson; Bill Eazer; Lee & Sharon Higgins Golaway; Dennis & Connie Johnson; Clif Lawrence; Dennis Markley; Don & Marguerite McCrosson; Henry McKee; Oather & Peggy Morper; Viola Morrison; Tom & Janice Plumb; Velma (Mrs. Russell) Quackenbush; Gladys Shoemaker; Bob Stover; Ed & Amy Strang; Charles & Linda Underwood; Ada Wallace.~~ ~~Strike Out~~ means "Found!"

UM, UM GOOD -- **Gladys Olson**, who now lives in Sedona, Arizona, was "chief baker" at the Home from December 1963 until it closed. Then she roomed with Sis. Rattan. After Mom Rattan became ill, Gladys cared for her until she died. We'll be contacting Gladys for some of her favorite recipes, so you can anticipate seeing them in future issues of *The Home News*. She and Marguerite Hall were very important to the operation of the Hospitality Home, because--to paraphrase the old saying--the way to everyone's heart is through the stomach!

After the Home closed, **Julius Harlow** and **Wes Abernathy** continued the Saturday evening services at East San Diego A/G for a time. "They just couldn't bear to let the work die," recalls Roberta Lingerfelt.

BACK HOME IN K.C.K.

The Marshalls came home to Kansas the last of October, after having been gone a full five months. Howard served as the Interim Pastor of the very small A/G in Hydaburg, Alaska. It was a neat experience getting acquainted with the Native Americans who live there--the Haida tribe. Hydaburg is on Prince of Wales Island in

Southeast AK, so we brought back plenty of home-canned salmon. Coming through Canada was a great experience, especially the magnificent drive along the Canadian Rockies from Jasper to Banff, in western Alberta.

THE LAYNE FOUNDATION is still in existence, but now makes building loans to California churches of all denominations. It's located in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. Director Wesley Mason phoned to say he had met Mrs. Rattan, and that he sold her mobile home after her death. He is the son of Robert Mason and the grandson of the Wesley M. "W.M." Mason, who grew up in South Dakota with M. E. Layne and was the first Vice-President of the Layne Foundation. W.M. was succeeded by his son, Robert Mason, who died in June 1996.

When the Layne Foundation was formed in 1927, it was funded with some cash and a large portion of the common and preferred stock of the Layne & Bowler Pump Co. Today, the Layne Corporation is based in Kansas City, Missouri. The stocks are in NASDAQ under "Layne," in case you watch the stock market. Recently, the Bowles part of the company merged with the Layne part, an interesting turn of events for a historian.

Betty Knighton added Santa Ana to the list of churches the Home gang went to on out-of-town trips. The Knightons pastor Calvary Temple A/G in Phenix City AL -- the Marshalls plan to visit them in October 1997.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of *The Home News* is first to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, second, to provide a current connecting link among the people who were affected by the Layne Hospitality Home for Servicemen in San Diego, California, during its period of ministry, 1941-1975.

"Earnestly contending for the faith...."

Jude 3 KJV

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Bill Robinson died June 26, 1996, after a heart attack. He assisted Mom Rattan at the home just before it closed. At the time of his death, Bill was Assistant Pastor to Joe Higgins at Christian Life Church in Chula Vista, CA.

O-O-OOPS!

Corrections from the previous issue

Pat Vickers Stokes writes: "...I'm retired from my music librarian job at 1st A/G. Earl is a Navy veteran but he's a retired meatcutter. We met through YFC where he was singing with the Otis Skillings group, the King's Choraleers." She added, "Don't worry about your memory. I told someone recently that when I get up in the morning, I look in my wallet to see who I am!"

Lucile Cox tells us that her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Dull, were not the evangelists--the family traveled with an evangelist for several summers, including her brother.

After the 1990 reunion, Miss Cox wrote to us about her family.

THE DULLS by Lucile M. Cox

My folks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dull, and I moved from Seattle, Washington, to San Diego, California in the early fifties. We felt the Lord had a work for us to do, but had no idea what it could be.

In 1953, we bought a house on 37th Street, three blocks from the East San Diego Assembly of God, where Brother Moore was pastor. We started attending the church, and since we all played musical instruments, we joined the orchestra. Like "jack of all trades and master of none," we had tenor and Spanish guitars, tenor banjo, Hawaiian steel guitar and a marimba.

One Sunday night, a group from the Hospitality Home had charge of the service. Paul Raymond led the singing. The testimonies from the servicemen were thrilling, and Brother Rattan brought the message. We had the witness of the Holy Spirit that the Home was where the Lord wanted us to be. After the service, Bro. Rattan asked us if we would come the Hospitality Home and help with our music and personal work.

Bro. Dull's greatest delight was in helping to lead many of the servicemen to the Lord.

The fellows enjoyed the times of singing and selecting favorite songs. One of the songs often requested that the three of us sing and play was "Life's Railway to Heaven." Finally, one time I said I believed that they only wanted to hear the whistle, and they smiled.

During recreation, some of them enjoyed playing checkers with my mother, and usually she would win, much to the surprise of the players. Mrs. Rattan commented on her ability to win.

My folks passed away in the sixties, and I continued at the Home until it closed in November 1974, when 150 came to the open house on the closing night.

Lasting Results

Lucile commented recently, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if some who read *The Home News* were one of them who found the Lord?" We think so too!

CHOW DOWN!

In the early fifties, **Marguerite Hall** would serve Roast Beef Pie, from Sunday's roast, and salad to those who came for supper on Tuesday evening. She would put horseradish sauce on the table for Dad Rattan. Here's her recipe:

Roast Beef Pie

In large casserole dish, stir until thickened: chunks of roast beef, leftover mashed potatoes and gravy, and canned mixed vegetables. (You may need to add some flour or corn starch for additional thickening.) Top with biscuits and bake until browned -- 35 or 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Biscuits

2 c. flour 1/4 c. shortening
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder 3/4 c. milk
1/2 tsp. salt

Cut shortening into flour mixture, then add milk. Roll out on bread board. Cut in 1 1/2" or 2" circles with cookie cutter.

HOME FOLKS

Retired Chaplain Stanford E. Linzey and his wife, Verna, live in Escondido, Calif. His book *God Was at Midway* has just been published. It was reviewed by Helen Braxton in the Pentecostal Evangel of Dec. 29, 1996. Ms. Braxton wrote, "This book is a testimony of God's grace and power to turn adversity into victory for His glory."

*(136 pp., paperback; Black Forest Press, \$14.95.)
Call the Linzeys at (619)743-3913 if you're unable to find it through your local Christian bookstore.*

Bro. Linzey pastored El Cajon A/G 1947-1953 and brought his people to work with the Home. In 1954, he entered the chaplaincy. After retiring from the Navy in 1974, he became an evangelist.

Rev. **Martha Sampier King** and Rev. **Jan Phillips** of Kwa'a Sin Indian Ministries held a family crusade for **Pastor J. Ernest "Arkie" Radford** of Friendly Assembly of God in Kansas City, MO in August 1996. **Chaplain Linzey** also preached for Pastor Radford in August. The Marshalls missed both occasions because we were in Alaska (cooler weather there!)

Baby Talk -- I was just wondering: How many babies were born while Daddy and Mommy were associated with the Home, making the Rattans

"grandma" and "grandpa"? Count among them Larry Marshall, born June 20, 1954 (on Father's Day) and Janet Marshall, born November 10, 1956.

Vernon and Mary Aune are in Seattle. Vernon writes, "Upon my discharge from the Navy in 1946, I started Northwest Bible College in the fall. I graduated from their three-year course in 1949, after which I married Mary Barnett, a classmate." He worked as a highway department engineer for over 30 years. The Aunes attend Calvary Temple and have worked in a number of ministries there.

"Mom and Dad Rattan were a great influence on my life for the year-plus I spent there. Picking up the service people downtown and bringing them to the Home for services and food and seeing many accept the Lord each service was exciting. So were the services we held Sunday nights in the churches around San Diego."

Mary writes, "Thank you so much for *The Home News*. We enjoyed it, especially Vernon as he was such a part of the Home during the '40s. I later spent time with him there after the war was over, and became very well acquainted with the Rattans and Marguerite. The Rattans spent vacation times with us. We have shared the newsletter with others we know that were a part of the Home... May you be blessed for all your time and effort."

Joel Barnett greeted us from Lone, Oregon, "My, it's been a long time -- I don't know how your letter managed to get to me -- I've changed addresses several times. I'm retired and more or less do what I want. (*hint--see letter above*) Lone is my home town, where I grew up. But after the Navy I went to Alaska and stayed 20 years.

"My two boys were both military, Navy and Coast Guard, and my daughter, Joelle, married a Coast Guard man and yet lives in Alaska. Roger moved back to Alaska after years on the East Coast. Randy, the oldest, lives in San Diego. He also knew the Rattans and was at the Home."

Cost-conscious?

It doesn't cost Jesus anything to answer your prayers. He paid the price at Calvary!

Martha Schwartz, Oakdale, Calif., currently ministers by radio, Pan American Broadcasting Co., into Europe. Recently, "The United for Jesus Movement" received a letter from a Russian gentleman, thanking her for the "Nuggets of Truth" broadcast. Martha says, "Sis. Rattan and Bro. Rattan were very dear to me."

Emanuel Schwartz lives in Saugus, Calif. He served in the Marines in the '40s, working up to Master-Tech Sergeant.

A word from Ho (the publisher) ...

Life creates memories, and Marge and I are being enriched and refreshed in our spirits as we hear from former military personnel and others connected with the Hospitality Home.

We have learned about how faithful the Lord has been over the years. Many of you have given us information we believe will challenge all of us to keep on “earnestly contending for the faith.”

Thank you for your heartwarming response to our project to have a marker placed on Mom Rattan’s grave. And, so far, we’ve received back 28 questionnaires indicating that you want *The Home News* to continue, and we’re planning to do so.

I wish we had room to have an “I remember when ...” column where each of you could share a story, your experience, your family, your call, your ministry and your desires, but with only six pages per issue, we won’t be able to. However, you can send it to us anyway, because Marge is working on her book, *Home Away From Home* and needs lots of “human interest” information.

God didn’t call us to be “short-timers,” but to “hang in there” for the long term. Let’s remain committed to reaching the goal He set before each of us, to reach the great heavenly reunion where He will welcome us Home.

As Ray Boltz sings in “The Anchor Holds,” regardless of what you and your family have experienced, remember to keep your anchor in Jesus, and your anchor **will hold**. Praise the Lord!



Joanne Appenzeller of Zion, Illinois came to stay at the Home for a month in the '60s, at Mom Rattan’s invitation. She writes, “*Mrs. Rattan was special to me too. She visited the Zion Faith Home when I trained there. She invited me out to the Hospitality Home for a month. I enjoyed working and visiting with the service men who came in on week ends*”.

We found Joanne’s name and address in Mom Rattan’s own address book, which is now in our possession, along with a good-sized collection of snapshots from the Home. When we’ve finished with the materials, we plan to donate them to the Assemblies of God (A/G) Archives in Springfield, if Wayne Warner and his staff are interested in them.

God has no grandchildren! Each of us must become a child of God. *John 1:12-13*

MODERN TECHNOLOGY

As we do this newsletter, we’re using technology not even dreamed of during the days of the Home: computers, printers, software, Faxes, CD-ROMs and the Internet. So if you’re wondering where we got your address, it may have been from one of the phone books on the Internet. Were you even aware they exist?!!

Therefore, if you’ve received this newsletter and you never heard of Layne’s Hospitality Home in San Diego, would you let us know? Otherwise, you’ll keep getting them! (Being slow about answering letters ourselves, we’ll assume you just haven’t gotten around to writing to us, unless you let us know otherwise.)

Don Brickbealer of Lynden, WA was at the Home in '56 and '57. He met his wife, then Agnes Ferren, when she came there on a date with his “buddy,” Bob Barnhart.

Don tells about the influence of the Home: “The impact was tremendous. The events and the lessons learned from Dad Rattan as a member of “the club” have impacted the way I go about ministry in the Lord’s work. Currently, my wife and I are active in the local Nazarene church in Lynden. Our personal outreach has extended to include many in and from Japan. In my calling, I found my place as a middle school teacher in Lynden. God’s good!”

Ken and Ruth Glass live in Bonita, CA. He was in the Navy 1950-55 and attended 1st A/G at 6th & Fir. He stayed in San Diego after his discharge, but went back home to Cumberland, Maryland in 1958 to get his bride. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. The older daughter is married to Bob Ryan, whose dad, H. Sidney Ryan, pastored Chula Vista 1st A/G for 15 years. The younger daughter is married to a now-retired Navy officer. Ken retired from San Diego G&E after 34 years; now he collects and restores classic cars--he owns 10. Ruth has worked for Chula Vista schools for 23 years. They’re members of Chula Vista 1st, now Bonita Valley Christian Center.

Nita (Lucas) and Wilson Hickam live in Gloucester, Mass. Nita attended Bostonia A/G 1948-1953, and came to the Home with that group. “The Home provided a wholesome ministry and social setting for our Christian youth. I married Wilson as a student at Southern California College (SCC) in Costa Mesa -- but while there I also re-established acquaintances with some of the Home servicemen who later attended SCC also.

“We left California shortly after graduation and went to Main where we (Wilson) pastored for 31 years. Five years ago we moved to Massachusetts, where Wilson is engaged in establishing Christian-run TV stations in several towns. We have four children and nine grandchildren. I taught some in public schools and for the last 20 years in Christian schools which we established.”

Ollen and Flora (Snow) Hardin were among the Home folks who went to SCC. They live in Hemet, Calif. Ollen writes, “I could write a book about how the Home has blessed my life. However, I don’t have time to write it, and no one has time to read it!”

*Ollen, how about writing a 500-750 word “theme”?!
--The Editor*

TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN

"A merry heart doeth good like
a medicine...." Proverbs 17:22



I try not to let
things bug me.

*You know you're growing older
when:*

- Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.
- The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.
- You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go.
- Your children begin to look middle-aged.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

--Author unknown



Seen on a hat at a Cracker Barrel restaurant:

Ancient person: Been there, done that,
can't remember.



The hurrier I go,
the behinder I get!



Many thanks to Lucile Cox for sending all
of the following sayings:

It's all right for a wagon to have a
tongue, but it's wrong for a Christian
to have a waggin' tongue.



A poster at a church in Florida read:

“Wrinkled with care?

Come in for a Faith lift.”

How do you spell a live mousetrap with
three letters? C A T



*Start your day
In a positive way!*



Anxiety doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow,
it empties today of its strength!



Gossip: mouth to mouth recitation.



When Lot's wife looked back, she turned
into a pillar of salt. A man said, “Well, my
wife looked back while driving, and turned
into a telephone pole.”



Problems can make us *better*, if we don't allow
them to make us *bitter*. --Dr. Jeremiah



Bad habits are like a comfortable bed,
easy to get into, but hard to get out of.



Always forgive your enemies.
Nothing annoys them so much.



*I would swallow my pride--
but I hate junk food.*

LEST WE FORGET

“Mother Layne’s Hospitality Home for Servicemen” was founded by Mrs. M.E. Layne, whose given name was Bertha. She was the widow of Mahlon E. Layne, who developed a special water pump and became a wealthy man. Before M.E.’s death in 1927, he set up a charitable foundation, which provided Mother Layne with the funds to start the servicemen’s work in 1941.

To assist her in the work, she found Irvin L. and Bertha Rattan. After Mother Layne’s death in 1944, they became known as Dad and Mom Rattan. The Layne Foundation continued to underwrite the Home.

By the time the Home closed in 1975, more than 650,000 servicemen and women had gone through the Home.

Note from Howard & Marge Marshall: Our memories aren’t perfect by any means, so if we’ve printed some inaccuracies, just let us know and we’ll correct them. Thanks!

We hope our print isn’t too small to read with comfort -- just trying to cram in all the news we can.

Faith is the encounter with God in which a taste of His goodness enables us to trust in Him even without the evidence necessary to convince a skeptic.

--*The Interpreter’s Bible, on Hebrews 11:2-3*

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Bumper sticker: Isn’t it amazing? Kids run wild and dogs go to obedience school.

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STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way

Tomorrow’s plans I do not know;
I only know this minute.
But He will say, “This the way,
By faith now walk ye in it.”

And I am glad that it is so,
Today’s enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes,
His grace shall far exceed its care.

--*Author unknown*

Address list: In a later issue we want to publish our address list, complete with phone numbers where possible. If you don’t want yours included, please send us a note to that effect. *Thanks. Howard & Marge Marshall*

Nothing is too good for our boys
in the service.

Rev. Irvin L. “Dad” Rattan