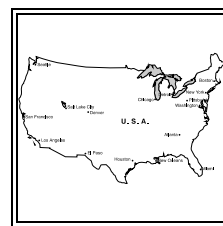


# THE HOME NEWS.

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

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## WE'VE DONE IT!

*Our project has been accomplished, and the marker for Mom Rattan's grave will be ready for Memorial Day viewing! We are proud to have been a part of this effort to honor the Rattans for their years of service to us. Details are on the third page.*

*The Home News is going to continue as well. Fifty-five individuals or couples have contacted us about their interest in the newsletter, and at the present time we have sufficient funds for several more issues. When we run low on funds but still have news to share, we'll let you know. Thanks for your support.*



**The complete and up-to-date address list** is included in this issue of *The Home News*. We hope you'll find some old friends to contact. Please take the time to read through it to make sure **we** have everyone for whom **you** have an address -- if we don't have someone, then please send us the information as soon as possible. The more the merrier!

## WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations and best wishes to J. Ernest Radford and his bride, the former Donna Hobbs. They were married April 6 at the close of Friendly A/G's morning worship service, to the surprise of most of the congregation! Howard served as Pastor Arkie's best man. There will be a reception for the newlyweds on Saturday, May 31, at Central Freewill Baptist Church in Grandview.

The Radfords' address is 12010 Bennington Ave., Grandview, MO 64030; (816) 761-2873.

We told Donna that she was marrying the whole Hospitality Home gang, so she can't say she wasn't warned! (smile)

## ROGER & LOUISE SOLSNES ANDERSON

are snow-birds, spending half the year in Phoenix and the rest of the year in Des Moines WA, near Seattle. During WWII, Roger was in the Marines and Louise a C. A. member at 6th & Fir. At the Home, Louise played the piano and sang, and Roger led song services, among other things. He writes, "The home was a stepping stone into the ministry for us. Since then, we have served as missionaries in Africa, pastored for many years in the Northwest, traveled for missions on five continents, and preached and ministered in many countries of the world. At present, we are trying to retire, having received our 50-year ministry plaque!"

**ALASKA CALLS.** Howard "Pastor Ho" and Marge Marshall are spending the summer in Alaska again this year. During the month of June, we'll be on Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska to fill in for Pastor Roy and Belinda Smart in Klawock, where our son, David, and his family attend.

After that, we're not sure what will happen; we're making ourselves available as needed. Perhaps we'll spend three weeks at the church in Kotzebue in N W Alaska! At the least, we'd like to ferry north to Haines then drive to Anchorage and Fairbanks, then drive back to Kansas via the Alaska Highway through the Yukon and British Columbia. We'll let you know the results in the next issue.

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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**

As reported in our first issue, Rev. Henry Marin is deceased; we have learned that his wife, Betty, is also gone. A note in Mom Rattan's address book indicates that their daughter is Betty Delcamp.

Glen & Loretta Atkinson have both gone on to their reward.

Mable Adney Britt died at the age of 95 in November 1995. She was the mother of Genene Eazer and Sherryll Dickenson. Are Eric & Lillian Adney also relatives?

We were pleased to hear from **Dalton Porter**. He received a copy of the *News* and the questionnaire from Elton Curnutt (thanks, Elton!) and sent the Q back to us, along with some new names and addresses.

Dalton was in the Marines from December 1942 until November 1944. His wife, the former Nellie Shriver, was in the Navy from September 1943 until October 1945. Both attended the Home. They were married by Bro. Mincey at Elim Assembly, one of the churches participating with the Home.

"Nellie was one of three WAVES invited to the Home one Sunday -- the first women service personnel to attend. Little did I know that my invitation that day would lead to our marriage once year later on October 6, 1944.

"We celebrated our 50th anniversary October 6, 1994 and she went to be with her Saviour one week later - October 13, 1994 -- her birthday. Many happy years and memories lie in between as well as heartaches."

After their marriage, he "went overseas with the 4th Marine Division and Nellie stayed behind and was active in the Hospitality Home until I returned. We both received our discharges in December 1945

and headed home.

"God has been good to us even through serious illnesses. We lost a 35-year-old daughter in August '92 and the stress of that reactivated a dormant cancer in Nellie, which proved fatal.

"In 1951 polio struck me and left its telling traces. Somewhat hindered in mobility, we enjoyed ourselves. After 43 years with Mobil Oil Corp., I retired in 1984. I'm now recuperating from five-bypass surgery.

"After Nellie's passing, I got the idea to see if any of the friends in our wedding could be found-- here they are. I'm still unable to locate a Milton Fountain from the Navy." The names he enclosed were: Elton & Lois Curnutt; James & Minnie McPherson; George & Adaire Weston Monta; Bill & Erlene Trout White; U. Larry & Bernice Hudlow; Arnold & "Petey" Barnett; Arthur "Pat" Patrick; Richard & June Bay Wolfe; Merle & Mary Lou Woods Robbins; Lyla F. Soule; Augilee Frank; Heron & Lib Story; Dalton Porter; and Loretta Atkinson.

#### **A STRANGER HERE BUT ONCE**

**Genene Eazer** writes "I was delighted to receive *The Home News* a few days ago. Sometimes pieces of our life seem to disappear and it's good to know that others remember the wonderful times at the Hospitality Home."

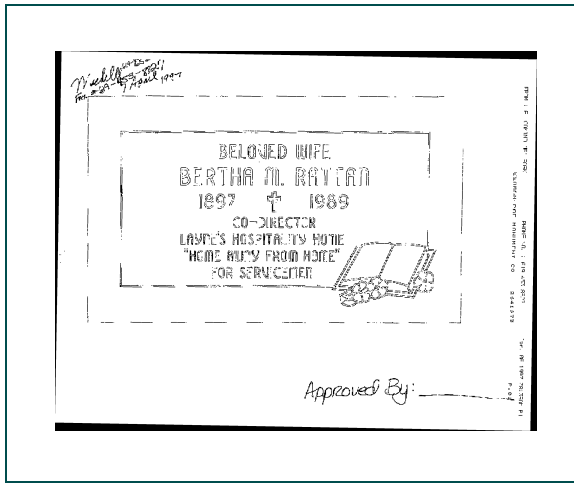
She goes on to say "I have often wondered whatever happened to the motto that hung over the door to the living room of the Home--the one that said *You Are a Stranger Here But Once*. When I first visited the Home, the motto was done with glitter on a dark blue background. I asked the Rattans - after I'd been there a while - if they'd like it done in copper. They seemed happy to have it done, and I tooled it for them and mounted it on wood with copper brads.

"If anyone knows its whereabouts, I would love to know, too."

#### **THE BOX UNDER MOM'S BED**

The fact that Mom Rattan kept a box of photos, letters, etc. under her bed while she lived in her mobile home was mentioned by Arnold Barnett when he phoned us a few weeks ago. Mom brought it out when he and Petey were there in 1981 or so.

Does anyone know where the contents of that box are? Please let the Marshalls know. It would be great if the things we have collected could eventually be added to it.



Michelle Pugh of El Camino Memorial Park faxed to us this computer design of Mom Rattan's marker. It is to be in place by Memorial Day.

As we requested, it is designed to be like Dad Rattan's marker, but with the Bible at the lower right, while his is at the lower left. The text reads:

Beloved Wife  
 Bertha M. Rattan  
 1897-1989  
 Co-Director  
 Layne's Hospitality Home  
 "Home Away from Home"  
 For Servicemen

We hope those who are in the San Diego area will go by and pay their respects to Dad and Mom Rattan. The cemetery is located at 5600 Carroll Canyon Road. Carroll Canyon Rd has an exit to the east, off I-805. You can drive past the cemetery and go on to Miramar Road, then go west back to I-805.

Isn't it interesting that Mom would have been 100 years old on July 21st of this year! This is our centennial gift to her.

DONATIONS have been received from the following:

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| Roger & Louise Anderson          | Marguerite Hall                | James & Minnie Stocker        |
| Joanne Appenzeller               | Warren & Marjorie Halleen      | McPherson                     |
| Vernon & Mary Aune               | Ollen & Flora Hardin           | Gladys L. Olson               |
| Arnold & Veneder "Petey" Barnett | Julius C. Harlow               | Anthony & Betty Palma         |
| Joel H. Barnett                  | Virginia Gonzalez Hayden       | W. Arthur "Pat" & Ann Patrick |
| Oletha Boone                     | Wilson & Nita Hickam           | Dalton J. C. Porter, Jr.      |
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|                                  | Chp. Stanford & Verna Linzey   |                               |

### FINANCIAL REPORT

We are grateful for your confidence in us! With the donations you've sent, we've purchased Mom Rattan's marker and reimbursed ourselves for our earlier expenses. Now we can pay for this third issue of *The Home News*, and still have enough left that we can publish three or four more issues before we have to ask for more contributions! Thank you.

We have about 160 names on our mailing list, so the per-copy cost of photo-copying per issue goes down, because we are able to get volume rates from Office Depot.

Total donated to date	\$1,485.00
Grave Marker	\$ 702.59
Postage	\$ 145.72
Copying	\$ 70.40
Printer supplies	\$ 27.37
Paper supplies	\$ 20.39
Est. for Issue 3	<u>\$ 115.00</u>
Total expenses	\$1,081.47
For future issues	<u>\$ 403.53</u>

*When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.*

--From God's Little Instruction Book

**A word from Ho (the publisher)** ...The number of responses we've received reflects the far-reaching and on-going influence Mom & Dad Rattan had on each of us, as well as the influence we've had on each other. As a chorus says, "we are one in the bonds of love."

In 1990 we had a great reunion in La Mesa. Some were missed then, and we're sorry about that. It's always a challenge to find and keep up with everyone. Let's try again!

However, a little "dose" of realism tells us that we're all getting older, making long distance travel more difficult. With that in mind, I suggest that a couple of "mini" reunions be held **simultaneously** in different parts of the country. Afterwards, each group would send us a report for *The Home News*.

Check the list, see who lives near you, and get together! Would someone in California host a gathering of people from Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah and Washington? And for those of us on the east side of the Rockies, how about a volunteer from some place relatively close to the Branson area? We'll publish the invitation notices in the *News* if you'll give us adequate time and the name and phone number of your contact person.

It will be a lot of work, but it will be worth it. Marge and I sometimes sing an old song, "That Glad Reunion Day," about our final reunion, gathered around the throne of God. When we meet with our Home friends, it gives us a glimpse of what's ahead of us!

#### ***We received the following letter in April 1990***

Oklahoma City

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Marshall:

I recently read your article in the *Heritage* Magazine and was very glad to get the information that it contained.

My husband, **Edwin Frame**, was in the Navy and stationed part of the time in San Diego. We attended the Sixth & Fir Assembly of God Church and visited the Layne Hospitality Home many times. He was injured during the early part of World War II, but we continued to live in San Diego until October, 1945.

We have thought many times in fond memories of the Rattans and the great contribution they made with the services there. Even though we were married and had a home there, there were times when we were lonely too since we were far from our families, and our visits there were a blessing to us too.

I hope that you have a great response from many others who visited there. They were a tremendous help to many lonely people and a great assistance to help many new converts become established in the Lord.

My husband passed away on June 23, 1989.

Sincerely, **Inez Frame**



#### CHOW DOWN!

Gladys Olson made **Orange Fluff Pie** during her years at the Home. She points out that the nuts are what "make" the pie: To your favorite pie crust recipe, add ¼ cup walnuts, finely chopped. Bake and cool before filling.

#### Orange filling:

⅓ to ½ c. sugar	1 c. cold water
1 Tbsp. gelatin (1 env.)	3 eggs, separated
⅛ tsp. salt	3 Tbsp. additional sugar
½ c. undiluted frozen orange juice, thawed	
Whipped cream	Chopped walnuts for garnish

Gelatin mixture: Place ⅓ to ½ c. sugar, gelatine, salt and water in top of double boiler. Cook over direct heat, stirring constantly, until dissolved. Remove from heat. Blend in 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten, to which a little of the hot mixture has been added. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, until mixture coats a metal spoon, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Add ½ c. undiluted frozen orange juice, thawed. Chill until thickened, but not set.

Meringue: Beat 3 egg whites until foamy. Add 3 Tbsp. additional sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until meringue stands in stiff peaks. Gently but thoroughly, fold in the gelatin mixture. Chill until thick but not set.

Turn into cooled baked pie shell. Chill until firm. Serve with whipped cream. Garnish with chopped walnuts, if desired.

*Recipes wanted. What did you Home Folks eat during World War II? What were some of the popular menus? Although you may not have the Home's recipes, you probably have some 50-year-old ones -- we'll appreciate it if you'll share them with us!*

**Joel Barnett** is making a study of astronomy in the light of Bible prophecies of the end of the age. He mentioned the comet Shoemaker Levy 9 slamming into Jupiter and said, "somehow I have felt this to be an early warning from our Creator that some of the major Biblical events portrayed in the book of Revelation are beginning to shape up." It certainly makes one think. There may be some significance in Hale-Bopp, the brightest comet yet, coming just at this time...

## TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN

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

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◆◆◆ A couple of fellows paid a high price for a bird dog and took him out for a field test. After an hour, one said in disgust, "This dog is no good. We might as well put him to sleep." The other answered, "Let's throw him in the air one more time. If he doesn't fly this time, we'll shoot him."

◆◆◆ Then there was the new bride who went through six boxes of cake mix trying to make a birthday cake for her husband. Every time she put the cake in the oven, the candles would melt.

◆◆◆ The cart in the supermarket is the most expensively run vehicle in the world.

◆◆◆ The little boy was restless, and the seat was getting more uncomfortable as the sermon dragged on and on. Presently he whispered to his mother, *Hey, Mom, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?* The Fountain, through the *Epistle of Peace*.

- ◆◆◆ Football Christianity -- Is this your church?
- *Quarterback Sneak*: People who exit following the choir anthem.
  - *Draft Choice*: Selection of a seat near the door.
  - *Draw Play*: What many children (and a few adults) do with the bulletin.
  - *Bench Warmer*: Those whose only participation is their attendance on Sunday mornings.
  - *Backfield in Motion*: Making two or three trips out of the sanctuary during the sermon.
  - *Stay in the Pocket*: What happens to a lot of money that should go towards missions.
  - *Sudden Death*: The minister who preaches longer than 15 minutes.
  - *Blitz*: Stampede for the door after the service.  
--Rev. Chris Anderson, quoted on Ecunet

◆◆◆ Mrs. Smith and her six-year-old son were waiting at the curb to cross the street on the

way home from Sunday School. The cars were speeding by. Dean looked up and asked, "Don't these people know that Presbyterians have the right of way?"

◆◆◆ A bus driver went to a church for the first time and sat in the first row. After his sermon, the pastor went to the man and asked him why he sat in the front row alone.

"Well," the driver said, "I just sat up here to see what *you* did to make everyone move to the back."

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When a bit of sunshine hits ye,  
After passing of a cloud,  
When a fit of laughter gits ye,  
An' yer spine is feelin' proud,  
Don't fergit to up and fling it  
At a soul that's feelin' blue,  
For the minute that ye sling it,  
It's a boomerang to you!

--John Wallace Crawford

--Courtesy of *The Gleaners*

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◆◆◆ "Don't eat so much," the man said to his young son. "You'll make a pig of yourself. Do you know what a pig is?"

"Yes, Daddy. It's a hog's little boy."

◆◆◆ *First man*: My wife is an angel.

*Second man*: Really?

*First man*: Yeah, she's always up in the air and harping about something.

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Man isn't complete until he's married.  
Then he's finished.

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Does anyone have a copy of the poem, "My Git Up and Go"? The first line is "My git up and go has got up and went." I have it all except the last line, and I'd be grateful if someone sent it to me. Marge

## 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!

Good advice:  
Count your blessings,  
not your woes.

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## MISSING PERSONS UPDATE

*We appreciate those who helped us find some "missing persons." But some are still missing -- please send us their addresses if you have them. Thanks!* Bob Barnhart; Dvane Bassett; Tom Bennett; Kenny Cain; George Cameron; Milton Fountain; Don & Margaret Hall; Don & Mary Jane Hall; Clif Lawrence; Esther Leining; Irv & Valores Lence; Dennis Markley; Don & Marguerite McCrosson; Henry McKee; Viola Morrison; Mr. & Mrs. Pease and Delores; Tom & Janice Plumb; Velma (Mrs. Russell) Quackenbush; Jimmie Joe & Georgia Stepp; Bob Stover; Ed & Amy Strang; Charles & Linda Underwood; Dalton Webber.

Better never trouble trouble  
Until trouble troubles you,  
For you're sure to make your trouble  
Double trouble when you do.  
And your trouble, like a bubble,  
That you're troubling about,  
May be nothing but a cipher  
With the rim rubbed out.

*--Dr. David Keppel*

Nothing is too good for our boys  
in the service.  
*Rev. Irvin L. "Dad" Rattan*  
1893-1968