

The HOME NEWS.

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

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Reunion Planned for April 25-27, 1998

Branson, Missouri is the location for the "1998 Mid-America Reunion of Layne's Hospitality Home for Servicemen." The Marshalls' good friend, Pastor Howard Boyd of Branson Hills Assembly of God, is allowing us to use the church's lower-level fellowship hall from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27th; continental breakfast at 9:00. So begin making your plans now...we hope to see you there! *Church phone:* (417) 335-2424. *Address:* Branson Hills A/G, 256 Church Road, Branson, MO 85616.

Please forgive us for this short notice, but instead of just planning for a "mini-reunion," we decided to issue a full-scale invitation...so, come if you can. As you are probably aware, Branson is an "entertainment destination," so there are many motels there *and* we have our own travel agent! Gena Linzey English, 1-501-745-5322, in Clinton, Ark. See page 3 for details.

At this time, the only Reunion costs we can think of will be for food, so plan to help us pay for Monday's meals; there's probably a Kentucky Fried Chicken in Branson. Or if we want to go "dutch" at a restaurant, we can do that. *If you plan to come, please send us a note or call by Wednesday, April 15: (913) 788-8637. OR call Gena English ASAP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (see above and p. 3); we're in contact with her by E-mail. Howard & Marge Marshall, 1044 S. 74th St., Kansas City, KS 66111.* [If you can't come, write to us and we'll share your letter with everyone.]

➤ Directions to Branson Hills Assembly of God, which is about 3 miles north of Branson: *From the south:* Go north on Highway 65; get off at Bee Creek Road, then turn right. Follow about a mile, and Church Road is on the left; go up the hill. *From the north:* From Highway 65, turn off at the "F" Highway exit. Turn left (go over Hwy. 65) and go to outer frontage road. Turn right (southbound) and stay on it until you get to Church Road; go up the hill. *In both cases*, you'll also see Cedar Cliff Motel and the Mormon church, as well as Branson Hills A/G.



Rattans' burial site, El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego, California.

Photos: Lloyd & Leona Dailey. *Scanner:* Leon Seaton.



Lloyd Dailey; Paul Raymond; Ollen Hardin.



Memorial Day Sunday 1997—a small group visited the graves of Dad & Mom Rattan and held a simple dedication service for Mom Rattan's new marker. *Left:* Paul & Joy Raymond, Flora Hardin, Leona Dailey, Virginia Hayden, and Ollen Hardin. It was a beautiful day.

Joe & Betty Higgins have also visited the graves. They sent photos to the A/G *Heritage* magazine in Springfield, Missouri; the photos and a short article are on page 35 of the Winter 1997-98 issue. Thanks, Joe & Betty and *Heritage*.

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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

Genene Eazer, Albany OR, writes: "The same mail that brought me the May97 *Home News* with my request for information on the whereabouts of the copper sign YOU'RE A STRANGER HERE BUT ONCE also brought me a package containing - guess what - the sign!

I was, and still am, overwhelmed by this unexpected gift. I would love to thank the sender personally but there was no identification.... So let me thank you here, mysterious benefactor. Thank you for taking care of the sign all these years, and for being willing to send it to me. It was truly a message from the past, and it is hanging over my own dining room door, warming my heart when I look at it. Thank you so much."

Inside Scoop on the Reunion

We have planned twice to go to Phenix City, Alabama to visit J. W. & Betty Knighton, but each time had to cancel because we were in Alaska. So now that their new church building has been completed, they're coming to see us -- well, sort of -- they're going to vacation in Branson. John called and wondered how many of the Home Gang we could get together, because there are quite a few of us here in the mid-section of the country...and before long, we were planning a full-scale reunion!

The weather should be very nice in Branson the last of April, and you may even want to plan to stay a week or more. You'll find more to do than you'll have time for!
—Howard & Marge Marshall

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Deaths: Kenny Cain; Inez Hiebert; Marvin &

Mildred Johnson; Ed Strong. In honor of all who have gone on to Glory, here is the poem Paul Raymond read over the graves of Mom & Dad Rattan on Memorial Sunday 1997.

Sleep On, Beloved

Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast:
We love thee well; but Jesus loves thee best--
Good night! Good night! Good night!

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep;
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep;
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep--
Good night!

Until the shadows from this earth are cast;
Until He gathers in His sheaves at last;
Until the twilight gloom is overpast--
Good night!

Until the Easter-glory lights the skies;
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,
And He shall come, but not in lowly guise--
Good night!

Until made beautiful by love divine,
Thou in the likeness of the Lord shall shine,
and He shall bring that golden crown of thine--
Good night!

Only good night, beloved, not farewell!
A little while and all His saints shall dwell
In hallowed union, indivisible--
Good night!

Until we meet again before His throne,
Clothed in the spotless robe He gives His own,
Until we know even as we are known--
Good night!
—Sarah Doudney

Now On the Internet:
The Hospitality Home



When we first signed up for the Internet, I searched for "Hospitality Home," but nowhere was it mentioned. So I put a short paragraph on my web page. Recently, I made a separate page for the Home. Web-surfers, man your search engines. It's called "Layne's Hospitality Home for Servicemen, San Diego '41-'75."

www.spaciousskies.us/HospHome/hosphome.html

Presenting Our Travel Agent, Gena English

Gena is the wife of Clarence English, who was at the Home 1964-1967. She is the daughter of Chaplain Stanford & Verna Linzey, and lives in Clinton, Arkansas, about 100 miles from Branson. She is with Summit Travel, and will be able to book flights, shows or whatever (no fee to her), and hopefully get some good rates. She says, "I know Branson!"

She continues, "I belong to a large condo timeshare organization, Fairfield Communities, Inc. They own beautiful condos in Branson. I can probably get as much condo space as we need *if we reserve them early enough*. Fully equipped and furnished kitchens, studios, 1 and 2 bedroom units and joining units that can sleep up to 6-8. If couples share large units, it will be cheap, but people will have to tell me ASAP. I might even be able to get coupon books for 1/2 off on some shows. I will help in any way I'm needed. If accommodations are needed, tell me when you wish to check in and depart; how many in your party; do you need flight arrangements?"

Gena offers, "To whoever will send me a large self-addressed envelope (2 stamps), I will send brochures of Branson shows. Then there is also Silver Dollar City...."

Holy Land Trip During the Reunion, Gena will have available information about a possible "Hospitality Home Trip to the Holy Land in 1999." If you can't get to the 1998 Reunion but are interested in the Holy Land Trip, call or write her soon, so that she'll know you're interested.

Foothills Fellowship Bible Church is being pioneered by Clarence & Gena English and John & Cindy McCarty. It is in Quitman, Ark, north of Little Rock. Clarence retired from the VA a year ago. By E-mail, I asked Gena how their church is doing and she replied, "Our new little church is doing fine, and the Lord is showing everyday that He is in charge of this work and blessing!"

North to Alaska



Howard & Marge Marshall are going north again this year, but this time to West Alaska by the Bering Sea, as a MAPS assignment (Mission America Placement Service). The folks who live there are Yupik Eskimos, and we're really looking forward to

meeting them.

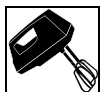
We'll live in Emmonak, above the Yukon Delta A/G church. We'll also be helping out at the Yupik A/G in Alakanuk. This is going to be quite an adventure because the two villages are nine miles apart, but there is no road because of the tundra -- we'll travel between them by skiff or small plane.

We will fly there and back, returning in October. So probably the next issue of *The Home News* will come out after we return. In the meantime, you can write to us at our home address and our daughter Janet will forward your letter to us in Alaska.

Note from the Editor, January 30, 2006: We have a long list of Names, Addresses, and Phone Numbers, and many E-mail Addresses of "Home Folks" but it's not appropriate to put them on the Internet. If you have a friend in mind, please send me an e-mail and I'll send you what we have. Marge Marshall, mmarshal@spaciousskies.us

A word from the publisher: Hello, gang. How exciting, a "Mid-America Reunion"! In my daily reading of the Word, I've been recounting the experiences of Joseph, his betrayal by his brothers, and then his warm reunion with his brothers and his dad. You and I will get to share similar feelings when we get to spend time with old and new friends from the Home. Pack your bags and head for the Ozarks!

—Howard



CHOW DOWN!

Do you recall that there was usually some homemade cake left after the Sunday afternoon services at the Home? Marguerite Hall and Gladys Olson would "recycle" it into desserts to serve the rest of the week. You too can recycle—just put the leftovers into your freezer and use this recipe when you have enough.

CAKE PUDDING

4 c. cake bits 6 c. milk
3 beaten eggs a little salt

This is similar to bread pudding. Marguerite recommends a mixture of chocolate, white, and yellow cakes. Put in cake pan, and bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

FOUND!

In our third issue, **Dalton Porter** remarked that he hadn't been able to locate **Milton Fountain**, a Navy friend. With the help of an Internet phonebook, we have found him, in Auburn, Washington!

In response to our questionnaire, Milton responded "On August 31, 1942 I joined the Navy and was sent to San Diego for boot camp. I was a Christian so I looked for a church to attend, thus becoming acquainted with Mother Layne's Hospitality Home for Servicemen." I enjoyed the homey atmosphere and a place to relax and be with other Christians and also have some real good home-cooked meals.

"I left San Diego in 1945 on a draft to Shoemaker, Calif., and then on to Seattle, where I was put on a mine sweeper, the *USS Oracle*. We sailed to the Hawaiian Islands, and as the war was ended, I was transferred to a mine assembly base there in the Islands, where I served until 1946.

"After being discharged, I worked in the woods and then went to work for Bonneville Power Administration as a clerk and then to a senior substation operator's position.

"I married Grace Glass, a Canadian girl, in 1949. We have 5 daughters (all married) with 13 grandkids. Of these, there are 2 sets of identical twin boys! One set graduated from high school this year; the other set is in the 4th grade. Two of our sons-in-law are ordained ministers in the Nazarene Church.

"I retired from BPA in 1980 and now enjoy retirement. I enjoy woodworking, doing different projects, and camping. We attend the Auburn WA Nazarene Church."



Don & Agnes Brickbealer live in Lynden WA and they too attend a Nazarene Church. They are raising two handsome grandsons, Grant and Robert Brickbealer, and in January 1998 celebrated 40 years of marriage. They met at the Hospitality Home in November 1957.

The Marshalls visited them in early Nov97, and the Brickbealers are excellent hosts. Lynden features its Dutch heritage beautifully. It was a joy to hear sacred music as we shopped in a mini-mall near the authentic windmill. The food was great too.

Don & Agnes both work in the schools and on the weekends Don is a customs agent at the Lynden entry into British Columbia. The Peace Arch is there. If you're ever in the Nooksack Valley of Whatcom County, Washington, be sure to stop by and see the Brickbealers - they'd love to have Home people visit them.

Paul & Joy Raymond are in Redding, California and doing well. In November, we shared a good meal at a nice Chinese Restaurant and they told us of a scenic shortcut through the mountains to Reno Nev., after we had decided it wasn't going to snow. Then when we got their Christmas letter, he added, "Remember, Dad always liked me best!"



1939 Chrysler Imperial Limo, photo 1951
www.spaciousskies.us/HospHome/chrysler_limo.html

TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN

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

Marge says, "Thanks, Erlene White, for sending me the last line of this poem":

My Get Up and Go

I am fully aware that my youth has been spent;
That my "get up and go" has "got up and went."
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my "get up" has been.

—LaVina Beane, Monday, January 16, 1984

Erlene also sent this delight:

Dear Lord:

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't
gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been
greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent.
I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of
bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a
lot more help.

Thank you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

My money is getting so bad that soon I'll lead to fickeny own Easter eggs

Seen on a T-shirt:

Instant Human; just add coffee.

Bumper sticker:

Have you fed your kid today? Hug a farmer.

"Have you ever gone 'rotten logging'? Similar
to stump-sitting, this is 'the art of doing
constructively as little as possible for the
greatest good with the least effort for the
longest period of time.' "

—Found in a genealogy from the Pacific Northwest

Huh? *The following was said by Alan Greenspan about
federal monetary policy, but sometimes couples experience the
same sort of mis-communication!*

I know you believe you understand
what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize
that what you heard is not what I meant.

Inspirational Thoughts

A word fitly spoken is like
apples of gold in pictures of silver.
Proverbs 25:11

Erlene also graciously sent these for our use:

Twelve Things To Remember

The value of time.
The success of perseverance.
The pleasure of working.
The worth of character.
The dignity of simplicity.
The power of kindness.
The wisdom of economy.
The virtue of patience.
The joy of originality.
The beauty of cheerfulness.
The influence of example.
The obligation of duty.

John Wesley's Rule

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

I am one

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something!

What I can do and ought to do,

With the help of God, I will do.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4:13

Do more than exist -- live.

Do more than touch -- feel.

Do more than look -- observe.

Do more than read -- absorb.

Do more than hear -- listen.

Do more than listen -- understand.

Do more than think -- ponder.

Do more than plan -- act.

Do more than talk -- say something.

Do more than stand there -- do something.

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 it closed in 1975, more than 650,000 service men and women had gone through the "Home Away From Home."

Note from the Marshalls: 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!

There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking at the bright side of things. *Epistle of Peace*

Always gives a special lift,
And you realize that
Friendship is God's most perfect gift.

—Author unknown

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"Y'all come!"

Nothing is too good for our boys
in the service.

Rev. Irvin L. "Dad" Rattan



Love's first cousin is trust.

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!
Dvane Bassett; Clark Branch (Marines); George Cameron; Don & Mary Jane Hall; Clif Lawrence; Esther Leining; Irv & Valores Lence; Dennis Markley; Don & Marguerite McCrosson; Henry McKee; Viola Morrison; Monty Payne (Navy); Mr. & Mrs. Pease and Delores; Tom & Janice Plumb; Jimmie Joe & Georgia Stepp; Charles & Linda Underwood.

Friendship

There's a miracle of friendship
That dwells within the heart.
And you don't know how it happens or
Where it gets its start.
But the happiness it brings you

1893-1968