



The HOME NEWS

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

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New Home for *The Home News*

Would you believe the Marshalls have moved to Klawock, Alaska? It's true, so now we're publishing *The Home News* from the 49th state. After volunteering in Alaska for the last three summers, the Lord has given Howard a full-time job - and we're very happy about it. In 1996 and 1997, we helped out here on Prince of Wales Island and that has served as a training course for us. Prince of Peace Assembly of God is a congregation of about 100, made up of Natives of the Tlingit and Haida peoples, as well as of Caucasians. The fact that this is in the most beautiful part of Alaska isn't at all disappointing, of course (smile). So if you plan to take a cruise, you'll probably be stopping off in Ketchikan, which is not far from us. Let us know your schedule and, if possible, we'll ferry over and have a short visit with you.

Thanks to everyone who has been sending us notes and donations - we greatly appreciate your input, even though we simply haven't had the time to put out the newsletter.



At Bethel Temple Assembly of God in Los Angeles, about 1951

Top row, left to right: Merrill Parker, Raymond Chandler, Leo Gaston, Henry Rozier, Paul Raymond, Anthony Palma, Larry Shaw, Dale Peterson, Ivan Atkinson. Middle row: Jim Pavey, Jack Frost, Dale Lawrence, Jerry Wolfe, Tommy Chontz, Ernest Radford, Rev. Irvin Rattan, Delbert Glen Hall, Julia Ann Hall, Don Hall, W. Dave Thomas, Frank Roberts. Front row: Virginia Gonzales Hayden, Charlotte Peterson, Dorothy Sanders, Geri Gaston, Mrs. Bertha Rattan, Joan Benson Thomas, Margaret Hall, Irene Atkinson, and Vera Roberts.
Thanks to Mariana Hall Langwell for this photo from Delbert Glen Hall's collection.

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A Trip to the Holy Land with friends. If you would like to participate in a trip to the Holy Land, please contact Gena English at (501) 745-5322. She is with Summit Travel of Arkansas. If there's enough interest, she'll schedule a special trip for Layne's Hospitality Home folks.



OUR MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on The Home News mailing list, please let us know your mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address, and we'll add you to the list, which we mail out periodically.

"Nothing is too good for our boys in the service."

Rev. Irvin L. "Dad" Rattan, 1893-1968

Bertha M. Rattan, 1897-1989

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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, 1941-1975.

"Earnestly contending for the faith...." Jude 3 KJV

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THE HOME

The home was more than a place,
as you could see in their sweet face.

The love that only God could give.
To quicken hearts, stilled, to live.

The home was larger than a house,
as its great love no one could douse.

The flames of zeal, and love did grow.
To live in hearts, His words to sow.
~John Jollie

"I was saved in January of 1958 aboard the USS Kearsarge. Thank God there were dedicated sailors there to help me take my first steps, and steered me to the Home. I never had a real dad, as mine died when I was 6 years old, but Dad Rattan did much to fill that void."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ✓ In the September 1998 issue of *The Home News*, we put the following: "Marge's brother, Norman Seaton, and his wife, Sharon, head the Texas Accordion Assn. If you're an accordion enthusiast, contact Marge for his mailing address." When we visited Norman and Sharon in January, they said that Heron Story had told them that he was amazed to find them in our newsletter! Check out <http://www.accordions.com/taa/>.
- ✓ Chaplain Stanford Linzey's website is at www.midwaybattle.bizland.com/book.html

Time for a Little Fun

Sign at Schirer's Restaurant in Lyons KS:
[front] "Sorry, we're open."
[back] "You're in luck, we're closed."

Sign on a locksmith's truck in Fairbanks AK:
"Drive carefully. We don't have the Keys to Heaven."

Sign on a commercial van in Kansas City:
"This truck is being driven by a blind man." [Getting closer, I saw that it belonged to a window-treatment company.]



Jude 3 "...Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

New names on the address list:

Robert & Ruth Anderson
Don Baker
Clark & Ruth Branch
Rodney Dickenson
Alpha Henson
Oather & Peggy Morper
Ernie Owens
Henry L. Reiber
Doug & Kerri Sherman
(Kerri is the daughter of the late Sherryll Dickenson)

Address and/or phone changes:

Dusty Coover
Virginia G. Hayden
Leo & Geri Gaston
Hugh & Betty Baker, Singapore
John Shirk

July 27, 1999 - Marguerite Hall just tracked us by phone, and it was good to hear her voice! She was pleased to hear I am working on the new issue of *The Home News*. Thanks for calling, Marguerite.



Dad & Mom Rattan,
about 1968

Hospitality Home people now in Gloryland “Gone But Not Forgotten”

These dear people have gone to Glory since our last issue: Gwen Coover, Sherryll Dickenson, Larry Hudlow, and Minnie McPherson.

All the deaths of which we're aware:

M. E. Layne; Mrs. M.E. (Bertha) Lane; Irvin L. “Dad” Rattan; Bertha M. “Mom” Rattan.

Glen Atkinson; Loretta Atkinson; Thelma Blalock Bennett; Troy Blair; Mrs. J. C. Bolin; Mable Adney Britt; Kenny Cain; Gwen Coover, Sherryll Dickenson, George Gregg; Delbert Glen Hall; L. E. Halvorson; Inez Hiebert; Larry Hudlow, Marvin Johnson; Mildred Johnson; Sam Langwell; Betty Marin; Henry Marin; Minnie McPherson, Bro. Pease; Sis. Pease; Nellie Shriver Porter; Russell Quackenbush; Eunice Radford; Bill Robinson; Ed Strang.

If you know of other Home-related people who have gone to their heavenly reward, please let us know.

Singapore Christian Conference Center, May 2, 1999

Yes, the Bakers are still in Singapore, alive and well, now in our 49th year on the field. New opportunities for ministry are opening before us, including the Conference Center to become a base for teaching and training young professionals in preparation for ministry as they go in their professional capacity to underdeveloped and developing countries such as Mongolia. The Center is to be rededicated for new ministries soon.

We are praying for help in the Leadership and Direction of the Conference Center, to help ensure the continuity of this ministry. We are not getting any younger. Please pray with us that the right leadership will be provided, whether on short-term commitments or longer as the Lord leads.

May the Lord richly bless you. Hugh & Betty Baker

Bloomington, Indiana, October 1, 1998

I just read “The Home News.” Thank you for sending it; I enjoy it so much. I regret I was unable to attend the Branson Reunion. I’m glad it was a success.

As you know, my husband Russell went home to be with the Lord May 30, 1994...I’m doing some better with God’s help.

Layne’s Hospitality Home and the Rattans meant so much to Russell. It was a life-changing experience for him. It was there he preached his first sermon. Even though I wasn’t there, I love it because he loved it so much.

After we married, Mom & Dad Rattan spent some time in our home. They were precious people who touched so many lives.

We pastored First Assembly in Bloomington for 10 years. Then the last 6 months of Russell’s life was spent serving as Secretary & Treasurer at the Indiana District Office. He enjoyed his new position. Every weekend, we would go to different churches in Indiana to minister. On May 29, 1994, Russell preached his last sermon at Madison. It was a mortgage-burning service, so they made a video of the entire service. While he was preaching, he was having a heart attack. Even though he was a lot of pain, he finished his sermon. He preached on “Memorials” and it was a great sermon. I have the video and it is priceless to me.

Our two sons live in Sacramento. Randy is Minister of Music at Capital Christian Center with Pastor Rick Cole. He has been there 10 years. Larry works in the Media Dept. at the same church. My sons and family want me to move the California - I haven’t made fast decisions on anything since Russ has been gone. I teach piano, which keeps me busy, but it is still so lonesome without my precious Russell.

Blessings on you dear ones. Lovingly,
Velma Quackenbush

A word from the publisher: Hello, gang! It has been almost 49 years since I was introduced to Mother Layne's Hospitality Home for Servicemen. Wow!! Time certainly has a way of passing, doesn't it?

Our apologies for the long delay since our last issue, but these "retirees" have been busy, and some of our planning underwent big changes. I had planned one more trip to the Yukon Delta in western Alaska, helping out as I did last year, and Marge was going to stay home because of her problems climbing stairs. But then we received an e-mail from the president of the board of Prince of Peace Assembly of God in Klawock, with the result that on April 26th, I became pastor.

Marge joined me June 28th, because she is able to get into the Stewards' home without discomfort. The other parsonage had burned, so a new one is being built and we will probably be in it about Thanksgiving.

If all goes well, we'll return to Kansas City about the middle of September to pack and load and get our things shipped out; they'll go by rail to Seattle, then by barge to Ketchikan, then trucked on the ferry to our new home.

So these great-grandparents of two cute little girls are setting out on a new adventure in a land of mountains, trees, the ocean, black bears, salmon and American eagles!

Here's a scripture for all you "Home Folks," Proverbs 3:5-6. He will direct your path even though you may be retired. We have many churches in Alaska needing a pastor...one of them could be you!

In His Service,
Howard



CHOW DOWN!

If you can find halibut in your grocer's seafood case, get a taste of Alaska with *Halibut Burgers*. Halibut has a mild

flavor, not at all "fishy."

- 2 c. cooked halibut, flaked
- ½ c. mayonnaise
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. onion, finely chopped
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 6 buttered, heated hamburger buns
- lettuce
- 6 slices tomato

Combine all ingredients with fish, except lettuce and tomato. Spread filling on heated buns. Add a leaf of lettuce and a slice of tomato. Makes six sandwiches.

God Was at Midway

Chaplain Stanford Linzey was the Designated Chaplain in June 1999 for the "big bash" sponsored by the International Midway Memorial Foundation. He and his wife, Verna, went to Midway Island for the event.

Chp. Linzey's book, *God Was At Midway*, is doing very well. Gospel Publishing House and the Pentecostal Church of God Publishing House have each taken it for their catalog sales. If you're interested in getting a copy, the GPH phone number is 1-800-641-4310.

Practical Servanthood A Handbook for the First-time Pastor

Speaking of books, Marge has written one that we're currently "self-publishing." If you'd like to have a copy, we're just asking \$5.00 to cover the costs of copying and postage for the 45-page book. If you're interested, send a check to Marjorie Marshall, at 1044 S. 74th Street, Kansas City, KS 66111, and we'll put a copy of *Practical Servanthood, A Handbook for the First-time Pastor* in the mail to you.

If you're on the Internet and you have the Microsoft Word program, e-mail Marge and she'll attach it to an e-mail to you, and you'll be able to print it yourself. Use mmarshal@spaciouskies.us.

Out of the Mouth of Babes

A pastor friend of my brother told his congregation he was trying to correct his daughter one time and had started nagging her about the incident. She finally said, "Dad, why don't you be like God and just forget it."

Someone named Chamfort wrote:
"All that I've learned, I've forgotten. The little I still know, I've guessed."
(Don't we all feel that way sometimes!)



Delbert Glen Hall
"Del"

TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN

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

Biker humor: Ron & Marcella Jennings in Emmonak, Alaska have twin sons, Darin and Doren. At their 7th birthday celebration, I asked Marcella what their middle names are and she said, "Ask Ron." He carefully explained, grinning, "Darin Harley and Doren David -- both are my sons." It took me a minute, but then I got it. (If you didn't get it, look below.) *—Marge*

House Rules

If you sleep in it ... make it up.
If you wear it ... hang it up.
If you drop it ... pick it up.
If you spill it ... wipe it up.
If you eat out of it ... wash it up.
If you open it ... close it.
If you unlock it ... lock it again.
If you turn it on ... turn it off.
If you empty it ... fill it up.
If you wash it ... dry it ... fold it and put it away.
If it rings ... answer it.
If it howls ... feed it.
If it cries ... love it.
You won't offend us by doing "housework!"
—Adapted

A man: God, how much is a million dollars to you?
God: It is but a penny.
A man: God, how long is a million years to you?
God: It is but a second.
A man: God, could you please give me a penny?
God: Sure, just a second.

--Univ. of Warwick Christian Union

In the beginning Adam wanted a wife, so he spoke to the Lord about it.

The Lord answered, "It *will* cost you."
"How much for one who will cook and clean?"
"Oh, a lot more."
"Just how much?"
"An arm and a leg."
"Hmmm. Well, what can I get for a rib?"

All things get better with age...if that's so, I border on the magnificent!

Everybody has a photographic memory
...some people just have film.

Harley Davidson

Inspirational Thoughts

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

Around The Corner

By Henson Towne

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.
And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a terrible race --
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell,
And he rang mine.

We were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Joe
"Just to show that I'm thinking of him."
And distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner! -- yet miles away.

"Here's a telegram sir..."
"Joe died today."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Discouraged?

As I was driving home from work one day, I stopped to watch a local Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home.

As I sat down behind the bench on the first-baseline, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

"We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile.

"Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

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, which was located at 1268 22nd Street, San Diego, California.

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

MISSING PERSONS UPDATE

We really appreciate those who helped us find some "missing persons"! Others are still missing, and we've added even more. So please check through the list and send us any addresses you have. Thanks!

Lawson & Lorri Adams; Dvane Bassett; Joan Benzon; Bobby & Diane Bice; George Cameron; Raymond Chandler; Tommy Chontz; Art & Janis Clark; Joel Clark; James Daily; Kennedy Ellsworth; Bob & Janie Enders; Jack Frost; James & Sandra Games.

Michael Harrington; Robert Hudson. Bill Kemner; Dale Lawrence; Cliff Lawrence; Alvah & Polly Leeds; Esther Leining; Irv & Valores Lence; Art Lipton; Dennis Markley; Bob Mathis; Don & Marguerite McCrosson; Viola Morrison; R.D. Munsell.

Van Neilson; Reggie Nelson; Bob O'Gwyn; Jim Pavey; Monty Payne (Navy); Dee Pease; Tom & Janice Plumb; Jack Poland; Edgar & Kathy Powell; Ralph Proffitt; Frank Roberts; Vera Roberts; Henry Rozier; Dorothy Sanders; Dave Sasser, Larry Shaw; Rose Ann Stafford; Jimmie Joe & Georgia Stepp; Bob & Judy Stover; Gene Taylor; Charles & Linda Underwood; Darwin White; Jerry Wolfe.

Can you add any names? It may be you've searched our address list and our "missing persons" list and still can't find one or more of your old friends. Please send us the name and we'll add it to "missing persons." Someone just might have it for you!

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 be pleased to correct them

FYI This may be the first issue of *The Home News* you've received, so you'll probably be interested to learn that the newsletter began in 1996 as the method to raise funds for the marker for Mom Rattan's grave. Everyone responded so generously that the stone was in place by Memorial Day 1997.

By the time the funds were raised, we realized the newsletter was providing the opportunity for Home Folks to know about each other, so we're still publishing it. We still have enough in *The Home News* bank account for several issues. When we run low, we'll ask for more donations.

A small note for your consideration -- at the April 1998 Branson Reunion, we asked for their opinion of the size of our print, which sometimes gets pretty small, as you may have noticed. We do this so as to fit in more news, while keeping the size of the newsletter small enough that only one stamp is necessary. The "Branson Consensus" was that they'd rather purchase a magnifying glass and have more news in each issue. Thought you'd want to know.

Please feel free to make copies of this newsletter and pass it on -- we want to reach as many people as possible. Thanks!

Looking Backward Down the Road....

Ulysses Lafayette Hudlow, Jr., known as "Larry," died last fall. Bernice sent his obituary, which contained some interesting bits of history.

Bernice and Larry met at the Layne Hospitality Home in San Diego. Later, he served as associate pastor and servicemen's director at 1st Assembly of God church in San Diego from 1942 to 1948. Some 20,000 servicemen attended services and many received the Lord as their Savior.

At the Hospitality Home Reunion in 1990, Larry gave us a paper he had written about the Home. Here is an excerpt from it.

"Sis. Bertha Rattan with her burden for souls and intercessory prayer was the power behind the Home from the beginning. I believe the success and growth and many, many souls who were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit and called into the ministry were because the Rattans honored the Holy Ghost, preached the Word, exalted Jesus, and strove to practice holiness."

The Haven of Rest

My soul in sad exile was out on life's sea,
So burdened with sin and distressed,
Till I heard a sweet voice, saying,
"Make Me your choice";
And I entered the "Haven of Rest"!

Refrain

I've anchored my soul in the "Haven of Rest,"
I'll sail the wide seas no more;
The tempest may sweep over wild, stormy, deep,
In Jesus I'm safe evermore.

To hear the tune on-line, go to
www.cyberhymnal.org/h/a/v/havenres.htm