

Members of Synanon Talk to Rotarians

Three members of Synanon, the controversial home in Santa Monica organized for the purpose of rehabilitating narcotic addicts, spoke before a joint meeting of the West Van Nuys and Panorama City Rotary clubs at the Skytrails Restaurant.

Jack Hurst, Oscar Camacho and Lena Lindsey spoke to the more than 70 men present to explain the purpose and goals of Synanon.

Controversy Arises

The home, chartered as a non-profit organization by the state, came to nationwide attention recently when Santa Monica residents attempted to have it moved for zoning violations.

The attempt has started up a storm of controversy, with many noted educators and physicians coming to the defense of the home, a three-story, former reserve unit armory.

Hurst noted that the group has received invitations from many other parts of the country to locate there, but they feel they can't run, but must stay as a matter of principle.

He called Synanon's record of 70 "clean" addicts "a miracle."

Enters Synanon

Hurst is a 31-year-old Granada Hills man who said he had a drug record dating from 1940—five years of it in the Valley.

In February 1959 he entered Synanon and lived there a year, then left and found a job. He now is back at Synanon in an administrative capacity.

Hurst said he began taking narcotics when he was 19 "because it seemed glamorous." Actually, he said "drug addiction is about as glamorous as cancer."

Give Talks to Youth

He and the other speakers said they felt the public, and especially boys and girls, aren't getting enough factual knowledge about drugs and their effects.

"Our members are giving many talks before youth groups in order to cut away the glamor," Mrs. Lindsey said.

Two members of Synanon's board of directors will speak before the White House Conference on Narcotics, Hurst said.

The three said they had all been through government centers for rehabilitation and thought Synanon was more effective.

Synanon will be forced to move from its present location unless Assembly Bill 2626 is passed before a 90-day stay of execution expires.

Chairman Introduces

Municipal Court Judge Hector P. Balda ruled the home is in violation of local ordinances, but granted the stay of execution.

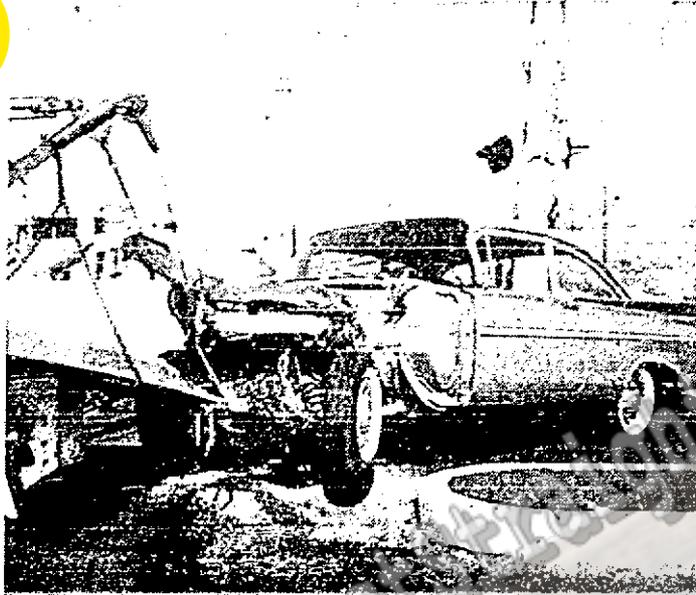
The three speakers were introduced by program chairman Carl Wick, President of the host West Van Nuys Rotary Club is Bill Jones.

Funeral Services Set Tomorrow for Sarah Campbell

Funeral services will be held for Sarah Jane Campbell, 79, of 7722 Kester Ave., Van Nuys, tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Little Country Chapel, 10621 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood.

She died Friday, leaving her husband Joseph A.; daughters Mrs. Rachel Todd, Mrs. Ruth Ball and Mrs. Martha Selms; sons Wilburn, Daniel and Isiah; 12 grandchildren; five great grandchildren, and sister Mrs. Ida Arthur.

Interment will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in North Hollywood.



REMAINS of AUTO is being towed away from railway crossing after it was struck by freight train in North Hollywood. Hood of car flew off, striking Lawrence Wilner 38, of 6740 Fair Ave., employe of State Industrial Accident Commission, who had jumped from driver's seat just before car was hit. He was treated for injuries of back and right ankle.

Book Van Nuys Watchman In Big Thefts from Store

A high-living night watchman at a Wilshire Blvd. department store was arrested early yesterday when police found him placing thousands of dollars worth of allegedly stolen merchandise in the trunk of his sports car.

Joseph N. Regdon 56, of 14330 Osborne St., Van Nuys

was taken into custody following an investigation of reports by store officials that numerous pieces of merchandise had been stolen.

Items Found in Car

Regdon was seized in the parking lot of the store. In the trunk of his 1959 expensive auto detectives found perfume, clothing, jewelry, appliances and a variety of other items worth several thousand dollars.

Det. Sgt. Ross Childers quoted the watchman as admitting he looted the store nightly.

"Then once a week," said Childers, "he drove to Visalia and fenced the merchandise."

State Master Visits Masons This Morning

Members of the Masonic Order affiliated with lodges in the 511th, 512th, 513th, 515th, 516th Masonic Districts will convene today at 9 a.m. to honor Alfred F. Breslauber.



ALFRED F. BRESLAUER In Valley for Breakfast

Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California.

This assembly marks the official visit of the Grand Master to the designated California Masonic Districts, meeting in Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., with breakfast to be served at the designated hour.

Further information is available by calling Masonic Temples and/or Masonic Lodges listed in respective Valley cities and communities.

Grand Master Breslauber, a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, presided yesterday afternoon when the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of the new \$1,000,000 Scottish Rite Cathedral at Wilshire and Plymouth Blvds., Los Angeles.

STATE PARKS New York state maintains more than 70 state parks.

Lawrence Wilner 38, of 6740 Fair Ave., North Hollywood, was treated early Friday at Valley Doctors Hospital for injuries of the back and right ankle.

Hit by Car Hood

Wilner rates disability cases for the Accident Commission. He was hit by the hood of his 1959 car which was flung into the air when the southbound vehicle was struck at the Tujunga Ave. crossing east of Vanowen St.

Unable to start the car, Wilner jumped out just before it was hit by the six-cylinder, 44-car freight hauling a load of automobiles east toward Los Angeles.

The train shattered the hood of the car and pieces of the automobile were hurled 50 feet through the air.

Wilner was hit by the hood, Mike King 13, an eighth grade student at Sun Valley Junior High School was standing about three feet from the motorist and was nearly struck by the flying wreckage.

Regdon went to work for the store in 1959.

Regdon told officers his girl friend is Mary Karsten 40, of Visalia. He said she was employed by the Board of Education as a psychologist.

Seek Stolen Goods

He said he also has a brother who is a teacher in the Tulare County school system and lives in Visalia.

Detectives said they will go to Visalia to see what merchandise they can recover.

"This involves thousands of dollars worth of goods," Childers said.

Boy Runs for Life

"I saw the train hit the car and ran for my life," said young King of 6143 Elmer Ave., North Hollywood. "I would have been hit if the man wasn't there."

Conductor Earl S. Northrup 47, of Los Angeles, said the train was traveling about 50 mph at the time of the impact at 7:05 a.m.

INDIAN TOTALS Oklahoma has one-fifth of all the Indians in the U.S.



Mice Signal: TRUCK OVERTURNS AVOIDING CRASH Plan City Test In Exhaust War

The effect of exhaust fumes on animals will be the basis of a study by the Los Angeles Air Pollution Control District starting July 1.

White mice, rats, Guinea pigs and hamsters will be used in the experiment to determine the effect of automobile exhaust fumes on them.

Half of the experimental animals will live in facilities alongside freeways and the other half will breathe filtered air in special pens at the University of Southern California.

The study, which will be the largest air pollution project of its kind, will be financed with funds from the U.S. Public Health Service.

TRUCK OVERTURNS AVOIDING CRASH

An auto and a panel truck roadway, overturned on the street out of control trying to parkway and knocked down a avoid a collision on curbing tree and lamp post at 14322 Lanark St. west of Lennox Lanark St.

Ave. and the truck overturned, bruising the driver, police reported.

Treated at Valley Receiving Hospital was Francis Lasic Jr. 45, of Burbank, who suffered a bruised neck and rib cage, police said.

The officers reported that the car driver, Lola M. Geiger 42, of 13945 Stroud St., Van Nuys, on Friday attempted to pass the truck, went out of control and crossed over in front of the vehicle. The car then struck the curbing and stopped on the parkway.

The truck driver, in trying to avoid the car, ran off the roadway, hitting the driver's side of the truck.

Four Boys Hurt When Car Upsets

Four boys riding in a speeding car which was making "doughnuts" in the soft dirt of an open field were injured when the car overturned twice, police reported.

The accident occurred Friday afternoon in the field a mile north of Mission Hill Road and a mile east of Sepulveda Blvd., the report said.

Most seriously injured was Gerry C. Gronick 16, of 18374 Lahey St., Granada Hills, who suffered possible fractured ribs, skinned shoulder and forehead.

Driver of the car, John Wayne Stevenson 14, of 17101 Gault St., Van Nuys, and Robert James Walker 14, of 17102 Enadua Way, whose father owns the car, received minor injuries but were not treated.

Russell E. Syllvis 15, of 15752 Vanowen St. another passenger in the car, received a large cut on the rear of his head.

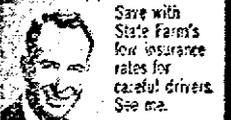
He and Cronick were taken to Northridge Receiving Hospital.

Local Man Named to Insurance Post

James J. Fagan, life insurance executive, has been appointed vice president in charge of sales for Western Travelers Life Insurance Co., president and chairman of the board Edwin J. Garrett had announced today.

Fagan, his wife Elsie and four children reside at 16126 Hart St., Van Nuys.

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