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MRS. TILLIE MEHRKENS, 88

Final Rites Today For Mother of Supervisor

Services will be today for Mrs. Tillie E. Mehrkens, 88, who died at a local hospital Thursday, apparently the result of a

fall suffered at her home two months ago.

Mrs. Mehrkens, of 51 Glen Eyrie, was the mother of Ralph Mehrkens, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, and widow of L. J. Mehrkens, building contractor.

A resident of the county 51 years, she was a native of Minnesota.

She was the mother of Earle G. Mehrkens of Nevada County and Ralph Mehrkens of San Jose; grandmother of six and great-grandmother of four.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today in the Dowdle-Emmerson Mortuary. Private interment will be in Oak Hill Memorial Park.

Dr. Breig, Optometrist, Dies at 80

LOS GATOS — Dr. William Breig, 80, of 15544 Benedict Lane, a Montebello Way optometrist from 1949 until 1964, died Friday morning in a convalescent home after six months' illness.

Breig was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 13, 1888, and came to California in 1909. He practiced optometry in Oakland from 1924 to 1949 when he came to Los Gatos. He sold his practice here in 1964.

Breig belonged to Los Gatos Lodge 1857, BPOE.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bessie Breig of Los Gatos; his sister, Mrs. Emilie C. Jones, and brother, Charles Breig, both of Philadelphia, and a niece, Mrs. Harold Hildestad of Saratoga.

Elks rites will be accorded Monday at 2 p.m. at The Place Funeral Home. Interment follows in Los Gatos Memorial Park.

Edna Nelson

Mrs. Edna Celesta Nelson, 58, a San Jose resident for 46 years, died yesterday in a San Jose hospital after an extended illness.

A native of Morrison, Okla., she resided at 1003 Hamline St. Her husband, Oliver Nelson, is a watchman at the Del Monte Corp.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Nelson is survived by her son, Don E. Nelson of Huntington Beach; her brother, Edward F.

Loren A. Lloyd

LOS GATOS — Loren Alton Lloyd, 61, of 16689 Magneson Loop, a 43-year employe of the San Jose Water Works, died Thursday in Gold Beach, Ore., while vacationing in the Northwest.

Lloyd was born in Sunnyvale on Aug. 21, 1907, and was graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1924. In 1929, he married Cynthia Robin Bishop. She survives as do their son,

Loren A. Lloyd Jr. of Campbell, and daughter, Mrs. Joan Farmer of San Jose.

Lloyd was a superintendent for the water utility for 35 years. He also was master of Los Gatos Lodge 292, F&AM, in 1945, and was a past grand lodge inspector.

Also surviving are a grandson and two granddaughters; his brother, Elmer C. Lloyd of San Francisco, and his sister, Mrs. Lois Daves of Sunnyvale.

Masonic rites will be accorded at 2 p.m. today at Darling, Fischer & Faber's Chapel of the Hills, Los Gatos. He will be interred in Oak Hill Memorial Park.

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Campbell OES Officers Installed In Impressive Rites

CAMPBELL.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buck took office as the worthy patron and matron of Campbell Chapter 553, Order of the Eastern Star, in impressive evening ceremonies held in Campbell Union High School Gymnasium.

Mrs. Vernon Suess, past matron, and James Arnold, past patron, were hosts for the evening. Mesdames Henry Miller and James Arnold, installing marshals, escorted the new officers.

Other officers seated during the rites were Mrs. Cora Kaufmann, associate matron; Wilbur Mitchell, associate patron; Mrs. Herbert Brasch, secretary; Mrs. Frances Schluter, treasurer; Mrs. Donald Hartman, conductress; Mrs. Wilfred Peterson, associate conductress; Mrs. Clara Baldwin, chaplain; Mrs. L. E. Hendricks, marshal; Mrs. Charles Hancock, organist; Mrs. L. Ben Howard, Adah; Mrs. Ralph Schaeffle, Ruth; Mrs. Edwin Parker, Esther; Mrs. Dave Ribble, Martha; Mrs. Lee Critchlow, Electa; Mrs. Grace Kirkpatrick, warder; Lawrence Hendricks, sentinel, and Joe Agostinho, flag-bearer.

Outgoing officers, Mrs. L. E. Hendricks, worthy matron, and Joe Agostinho, worthy patron, installed Mr. and Mrs. Buck. Mrs. Walter Elkey, past matron, installed Mrs. Buck in the East.

Little David Buck carried in the Bible and his brother Richard gave

the flag escort. Both boys are sons of the new top officers.

Decorations for the installation included a pair of silver bells and a Winter scene background in the East, framed by evergreens.

General chairman for the evening was Mrs. Walter Elkey, assisted by Mesdames Henry Miller, drills; Lillian Lezzer, refreshments; Messrs. Carl Stearns, Joe Fasel, ushers. Soloists were Mrs. Ralph Schaeffle, Ray Martin and Sidney Barker.

The new worthy matron, Mrs.

Unit Donates Yule Turkey

A Christmas turkey will be presented to the Servicemen's Club by Willow Glen American Legion Auxiliary Unit 318. It was announced at the unit's last meeting held in the Isabel Drive clubrooms. Mrs. Carl Adrian will prepare the bird.

Mistletoe, green boughs, glowing candles and Yule ornaments were used as decor for the Christmas session of the group. Lazy susans filled with holiday candies and nuts were placed on either side of a centerpiece of tapers surrounded by gold ornaments.

Hostesses of the evening were Mesdames Edmund Pate, George Tate and Carl Adrian.

Buck, was gowned in an original dress of antique taffeta brocade with scatterings of sequins sprinkled over the bouffant skirt. At her shoulder was an orchid corsage. All of the officers carried American Beauty bells covered with multi-colored flowers.

In the closing ceremony, performed around the altar in the formation of a star, Mrs. Buck sang "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." After the ceremonies, buffet refreshments were served.

Past grand officers present were Mrs. Mary Ellen Finley, past grand associate matron, and John Lewis McDonald, past grand patron.

Grand officer attending was Mrs. Loren Lloyd of Los Gatos Chapter, new deputy grand matron for 1952. Matrons and patrons of 1951 pres-

ent included Mrs. Ed Murphy, Bob Burnett, Jarman Chapter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connor, Los Gatos, and Mrs. Margaret Aetion, Morgan Hill.

Matrons and patrons for 1952 present for the rites were Mrs. Bob Burnett, Ed Murphy, Jarman; Mrs. Forrest Baird and Ralph Concklin, San Jose 31; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinrichs, Starlight; Mrs. James Grafton and William Adair, Sunnyvale; Mrs. Carrie Stewart and Don Reinhoehl, Palo Alto; Gordon Haas and Eugene E. Roberson, Menalto; Mrs. Ernest Ostrup, Mountain View;

Mrs. William Blakely, Los Gatos; Mrs. Susan Dunbar, Burlingame; Mrs. Selma Anderson, Herman Johnson, San Carlos; Miss Virginia Mayne and Lester Hall, Santa Clara, and Mrs. Marie Carlson, Douglas Jones, Fraternity.

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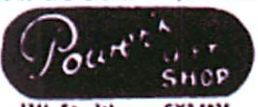
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Plight of Los Gatos Youngster Inspires Dimes Campaigners

By CAROL GREENING

Central Coast Staff

• LOS GATOS, Jan. 23.—“Today David walked three steps by himself,” said a proud grandmother today. “I had to put my hands on his shoulders, but I didn’t really help him. These are his first three steps on his own, and it has taken two years.” “David” is David Baumgardner, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Baumgardner. Two years ago he came home from an appendicitis operation to develop bronchial pneumonia, and then polio, which crippled him totally from the neck down.

The fact that he can walk three steps today, that, save for his disability he is physically in fine shape, that he has the prospect of walking alone in two years, and that doctors say he will grow up to be a normal young man—may be chalked up to the generosity of the people of Los Gatos and the March of Dimes.

In 1946 only \$700 was collected in the March of Dimes campaign in Los Gatos. In 1947, after the news of David’s illness was passed around town, and his picture was published in a newspaper, the sum shot to \$1700, and last year’s \$2200 was one of the highest in the county.

Mrs. H. Baumgardner, David’s grandmother, who takes care of him, said many a person would tell her they had contributed a sum “for David.”

Since 50 per cent of the funds are used locally, the people of Los Gatos may consider that their generous efforts contributed to the following expenses for David: hospital bills, home service from a physiotherapist, leg braces, crutches, a high corset, back and stomach braces, as well as other costs. Without these things he would not be where he is today.

David is almost through the fourth grade, though he has never attended school. He likes stamps, picture puzzles, old-fashioned lamps, and to draw and cut, like most seven-year-olds.

Anyone who has seen him in his wheel chair around town knows that he is cheerful and happy, vitally interested in everything around him.

“And why not?” asks his grandmother. A normal future is assured him, through the efforts of the March of Dimes.

Underpass Plans For Mt. View Get State’s O.K.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Jan. 23.—Mountain View’s long-sought pedestrian underpass at El Camino Real and Calderon Ave., moved nearer reality with the announcement over the week end that plans for the subway have been approved by the State.

Only minor changes were recommended in the plans submitted last month by City Supt. of Public Works James H. Thomas.

The State Division of Highways, which gave tentative approval to the project, indicated that permission for the start of construction will be granted as soon as recommended changes are complete.

Actual start of construction, tentatively set for March, will culminate years of discussion and work on the project. Latest group to push the underpass project has been the El Camino Improvement Association.

Through its efforts in bringing together other groups in the community, the association succeeded in working out a three-way method of financing the construction. It will be built through matching funds from city and county agencies. The City of Mountain View and Elementary School Board donated \$5000 each, and the County Board of Supervisors, \$10,800.

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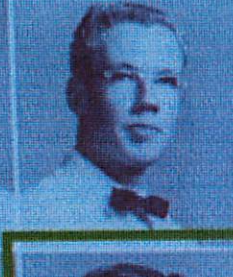
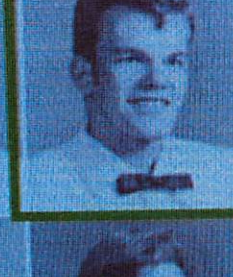
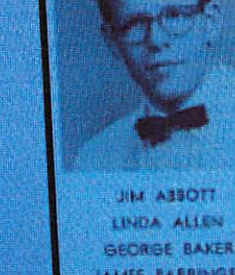
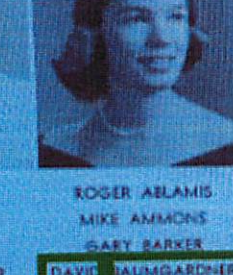
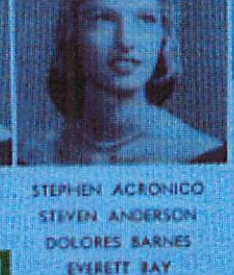
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Juanita **Brunner** didn't play the ponies. She worked at it.

Friends may have kidded her about the W-2 forms she received from Bay Meadows recording her earnings, but it was so serious to her that during horse racing season she essentially quit working for her husband at their Los Gatos mortuary.

"I can make more money at the track than you're paying me," she would razz her husband, **Rex**, who operated **Brunner's** West Valley Chapel in Los Gatos for 26 years and West Valley Ambulance Service for 20.

And when she won a Daily Double worth \$26,379, that was it. Mrs. **Brunner** was at the track every day. "She was very aware of what she was doing," said her daughter, Sharon **Brunner** Turzo, "and she was an astute record-keeper."

Mrs. **Brunner** had reasons for keeping track of business. She was born in El Paso, Texas, and grew up poor. "She picked cotton at 50 cents a bag," her daughter said. Mrs. **Brunner** was captain of the girls' basketball team at Pearl (Texas) High School and valedictorian of the Class of 1939. She also earned an academic scholarship to Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Still, her family didn't have the money to send her to college.

She wound up working as a cashier in San Francisco, where she met and married **Rex Brunner**, who was working for a pharmaceutical firm. He had been an embalmer and ambulance driver, and when the opportunity arose, the Brunners came to Los Gatos and bought the West Valley Chapel.

Mrs. **Brunner** worked for the two firms and reared three daughters and two sons: Sharon, a funeral director in Los Gatos; Cindy, a day-care center operator in the Los Gatos Victorian home her parents remodeled and restored; Molly, a one-time mortuary employee who married and reared three children in Escondido; Ron, a former embalmer who now operates his own construction firm in Los Gatos; and Reg, sales manager for a manufacturer of automatic garage door openers in Southern California.

The Brunners merged their funeral practice with Darling- Fischer Chapel of the Hills in 1989, and retired to Aptos. When Mrs. **Brunner** contracted emphysema and later lung cancer, it was

particularly important to her daughter Sharon that she help nurse her mother.

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Polio struck Sharon **Brunner** when she was 5, and now at age 43, she walks with crutches and braces, rides in a scooter and deals with the delayed after-effects of the disease.

In her childhood, it was Sharon **Brunner**'s mother who cajoled her daughter to do her physical therapy, applied the hot packs and cared for her. When the tables were turned, the daughter helped the mother through.

Mrs. **Brunner** died on New Year's Day of lung cancer at her home in Aptos. She was 70.

(box) Born: Nov. 11, 1921, El Paso, Texas.

(box) Died: Jan. 1, 1992, Aptos, Calif.

(box) Survived by: Husband, **Rex A. Brunner** of Aptos; daughters, Sharon **Brunner** Turzo and Cindy Battaglia, both of Los Gatos, Marlene "Molly" Handley of Escondido; sons, Ron **Brunner** of Los Gatos, and Reg **Brunner** of Oceanside; sister, Audrey F. Spector of Atlanta; brothers, Lt. Col. Luther Fetner of San Antonio, Texas, Leo Fetner of Waco, Texas; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

(box) Services: Private.

(box) Memorial: Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, 2025 Gateway Place, San Jose, 95110, or Post-Polio Support Group of Santa Clara County, P.O. Box 1511, Los Gatos, 95031-1511.

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