

# Brea Oldtimers Recall 'Humanitarian'...

## Dateline Today:



### Countywide

#### Gas Released At San Onofre

SAN CLEMENTE (AP) — "A small amount of radioactivity" leaked from the San Onofre nuclear power plant during what Southern California Edison officials call "a routine release of waste gases."

A utility spokesman said the leak occurred about 9:25 p.m. Friday and was reported to Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials as well as local authorities, who determined "no action was required."

The accident at Unit 1 of the plant near San Clemente was believed caused by a damaged inspection hatch in the tank holding the waste gases, spokesman Gary Wormser said. The unit has been shut down since last week for repairs to a diesel backup generator.

Wormser said the leak was "well within plant and federal safety limits." He said he didn't know when the unit would be reactivated or whether the latest accident would lengthen its down time.

#### Stingrays Hit 25 Beachgoers

SAN CLEMENTE — Stingrays stalked the warm shallow water off San Clemente and the Bolsa Chica and Huntington state beaches Sunday to the dismay of about 25 bathers, lifeguards reported.

The stings marred an otherwise perfect summer Sunday, which brought an estimated quarter-million beachgoers to the Orange County shoreline, officials said.

Lifeguards said the surf was shallow, the ocean and air temperatures both were in the low 70s.

### Statewide

#### Canned Quake Popular

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Billed by its creators as a craze to rival pet rocks, the concept of "Earthquake in a Can" intrigued buyers at the California Gift Show on Sunday.

Rick Goode and Brad Small showed off the soup-can-sized temblor they bill as the perfect California season.

For awhile, show promoters couldn't find the earthquake-makers and show spokeswoman Stella Roach. "Everybody's been looking for them."

#### Electricians Settlement Near

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Striking union electricians were scheduled to meet with negotiators representing Los Angeles County contractors today to review a union proposal which could end the electricians, five-week-old walkout.

Local 11 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on Sunday offered the National Electrical Contractors Association a proposal that would shorten any settlement from three years to two, said Willard Bretz, the NECA representative for Los Angeles County.

About half the local's 6,000 members last week rejected a tentative contract which amounted to a 50 percent wage and benefit improvement over three years. It offered increases of \$6.90 an hour the first two years and 12 percent the third year or a cost-of-living increase matching any rate of inflation higher than 12 percent.

Electricians now earn \$20.72 an hour, including base wages of \$16.02 plus \$4.70 in benefits. Bretz said the proposed increase was less inflationary than an attempt to equalize electricians' wages throughout the state.

### International

#### Leukemia Victim Reported Better

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Little leukemia victim Amanda Accardi is "improving" in a Tijuana clinic, her father says, while sympathetic response comes in from around the United States, including a letter from the parents of another famous leukemia victim — Chad Green.

"My little girl is better," said Michael Accardi of Glendale, Calif., who defied a U.S. court order by taking her to the Tijuana clinic operated by Dr. Ernesto Contreras, which offers Laetrile, a substance made from apricot pits and banned as a cancer treatment in the United States, as well as conventional cancer treatments to its patients.

A warrant is out in the United States for the arrest of Accardi, 26, after kidnapping his 2-year-old daughter from a children's hospital in Los Angeles. A spokesman for the Los Angeles hospital said the girl was in danger of dying without proper treatment.

Meanwhile, the parents of a 2-year-old Massachusetts boy who died in Tijuana in 1979 expressed support of Accardi and his 22-year-old wife, Katherine.

"A recent letter arrived from Gerald and Diana Green telling us we're doing the right thing," Accardi said. The Greens also had taken Chad to Contreras.

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hazardous. Following the oil industry, Shaffer soon took his family back up north to Santa Paula, but returned to the southland in 1922 to buy the Brea Tool Works building.

During the next year, the property at Birch Street and Redwood Avenue was sold to the Baash-Ross Tool Co. and then resold back to Shaffer, who immediately set the groundwork for his worldwide enterprise.

Starting as a repair shop for oil drilling equipment, the facility began to expand as word of Shaffer's innovative inventions spread throughout the boomtown and eventually the world.

Among Shaffer's creations was an instrument designed to control and measure the flow of oil, dubbed the "flow bean." Next in line came the "control gate," a safety device which prevented the high-pressured, deep wells from blowing up.

Soon more shops were opened in the United States as well as other parts of the world to handle the demands of a growing industry.

And from behind a desk in his Brea office, the shy tycoon commanded his climbing business.

Smith recalled the company's heyday, when Shaffer workers were more than just paid employees. They were family.

"Mr. Shaffer would throw big company picnics," reminisced the elderly woman. "Only a broken leg could stop anyone from coming."

Those moments of joy fueled a strong respect for the man who showed a deep caring for his workers, related Smith.

However, in 1946 there was a different sort of employee gathering, one that drew tears instead of laughter — William Shaffer died at age 69.

Replacing gaiety with regret, Shaffer's death still could not destroy the seeds of kindness that he had spread throughout the city, Smith recalled.

"He was a man with a heart," remembered the former secretary. "He would always smile and say 'hello' to everybody."

Memories of Shaffer's morning greetings and father-like kindness also lingered in the minds of other Brea pioneers, such as Frank Schweitzer Jr.

Brea's official historian, Schweitzer worked for Shaffer as a manager and remembered a few special discussions with "W.D."

"If W.D. had an idea for a diagram, he would take a piece of chalk and draw it right on the shop floor," said Schweitzer, chuckling to himself.

The 70-year-old historian added that "W.D." was not content to run a bullish business but also led the city by serving an eight-year term as mayor.

Gracing the city council chambers alongside Shaffer was Frank Schweitzer Sr., who held his seat for 20 years, said the proud second-generation Schweitzer.

Years later, Schweitzer Jr. and Shaffer's son, Don, would also become council members, completing Brea's only two father-son combinations to lead the city.

With a booming business in one hand and a gavel in another, Shaffer felt that his success was forged by the workers, backed by the community and sealed by God.

"He was a man with a church,"

explained Schweitzer, telling of Shaffer's exploits as organizer for the local Congregational church.

After donating a pipe organ to the church, the wealthy industrialist played during Sunday services almost until the day he died.

A church organist, politician and businessman, "W.D." Shaffer left some big shoes to fill, said Lois Smith. However, Don, his son, guided the tool works company to continued success.

Under Don's stewardship, the Shaffer's main office was moved from Brea to Anaheim and the company underwent some additional transformations.

After being sold to the Rucker Corporation in 1969, the large factory was later turned over to N.L. Industries, which operated the facility until it closed.

Up until a few months ago, drill equipment was still manufactured at the aging tin-walled factory until Partin Willis from Tustin bought the property and began tentative plans to erect a condominium.

Called an eyesore by some, the old structure by Laurel Elementary met its fate as demolition

crews tore into the shops that made drill tools and supplied the Navy with anchor chains during World War II.

Schweitzer looked at the rise and fall of the Shaffer building philosophically, admitting that the rusting walls were "eyesores."

"Sooner or later, everything just has to go along with progress," reasoned Schweitzer. "The factory already served its purpose."

Its usefulness outlived, the old building fell as progress marched on. Like a requiem for the site, the freshly turned dirt was filled with the dust of the fallen structure.

And broken chunks of cement lie strewn about the yard, like headstones for the building that housed a worldwide corporation, a respected community leader and a large group of dedicated workers — the Shaffer family.

(In Tuesday's edition of the DSP, reporter Tony Saavedra will examine the colorful history of Sam's Place, an indelible part of "Good Old Brea.")



THE GOOD OL' DAYS — The Shaffer building was established in 1923 and seems to have weathered the years fairly well in this 1950 picture. In 1969 the establishment was sold to the Rucker Corporation.

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11:44 p.m. — A color television worth \$125 reported stolen from apartment in the 400 block of North Bedford Street.

#### Friday

1:45 a.m. — Two speakers valued at \$30 reported stolen from car parked in the 100 block of South Walnut Street.

### BREA

#### Friday

2:30 a.m. — Two male juveniles were arrested for attempting to break into the Liquor Mart, 365 W. Central and setting off a silent alarm.

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# Brea Oldtimers Recall 'Humanitarian' Shaffer

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DSP Staff Writer

(Editors note — This is the first in a three part series on Brea's historical past. Part two will run Tuesday and the final chapter will be featured on Thursday.)

BREA — At least one silent tear fell as bulldozers recently crashed and crunched into the galvanized tin walls of the old Shaffer Tool Works building on Birch Street.

While taking a drive through Brea, Lois Muzzall Smith dis-

covered a private wrecking crew destroying the factory where she and her husband labored during their youth.

Smith, 76, felt a shudder mounting within her as she mourned the crumbling walls of one of Brea's first and most successful establishments.

"I'm such a sentimental old lady," lamented the former Shaffer secretary and onetime city clerk.

The heartfelt grief and sentimentality displayed by Smith

echoed the dedication of many other employees who worked at the facility during its 58-year history.

Paving the way to success, the workers united their efforts behind a common incentive: an intense love for the company's founder and namesake, William D. Shaffer.

"If there was ever a so-called humanitarian," proclaimed Smith, "he was the greatest."

Shaffer, known to his friends simply as "W.D.," brought his new wife, Edna, and a handful of dreams to Olinda from Bakersfield in 1903.

Enticed by tales of petroleum rich hills abounding with gushing wells, the young engineer began developing tools which would make drilling simpler and less

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(Photo Courtesy Frank Schweitzer Collection)

BREAK TIME — Workers at the Shaffer Tool Works factory pause to take a group picture during the 1930's. This picture is a reproduction of an earlier photo, which explains the identification numbers on their foreheads.

# Walkway Collapse Probe Launched

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As funerals began, engineers poked through tons of concrete and twisted metal for clues in the collapse of two suspended walkways at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The death toll stood at 113, with 186 injured.

The first funerals following Friday's tragedy were scheduled today in Topeka, Kan. for four young members of the Mariachi Estrella Band who were at the Hyatt to entertain a Fuller Brush Co. convention.

Meanwhile, the owner of the luxurious hotel said it might be reopened within two weeks, and the sky bridges might be replaced.

There was still no official explanation for the collapse, although investigators were looking into the possibility that it might have been caused by people dancing or swaying on the spans.

The six young women in the mariachi band were heading across the crowded Hyatt lobby to a room to change into their costumes Friday night, when the second- and fourth-floor walkways above them collapsed, crushing people in the debris. Four of the band members perished, and Rachel Galvan and Theresa Cuevas were hospitalized.

Miss Galvan was in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City on Sunday, but Mrs. Cuevas had been released.

A joint funeral was being held today for Connie Alcala, Dolores Carmona, Linda Louis Schurlock and Dolores Galvan, sister of Rachel Galvan.

Of the injured, 90 remained hospitalized Sunday, 23 reportedly in critical condition or in intensive care units. Two of the injured died Sunday, boosting the death toll to 113.

The first investigators — hired by the hotel's architects from Failure Analysis Associates of Palo Alto, Calif. — were on the scene Sunday. Four other investigations also were announced — by the hotel owners, the hotel managers, the contractor and the city.

"We are at work to find the most qualified team," said Donald Hall, president of Hallmark Cards Inc. "It will be a very thorough investigation." Hall said the company was contacting engineering firms across the country to put together a team of investigators.

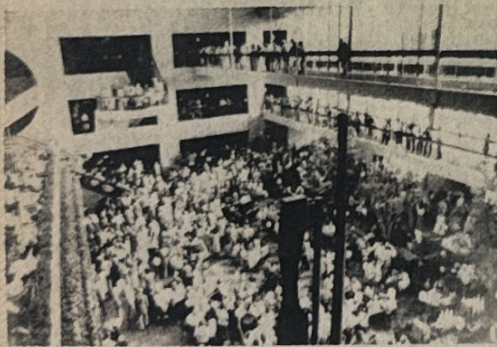
Hallmark is the parent of Crown Center Redevelopment Co., which owns the hotel. The hotel is managed by Hyatt Corp.

Among the engineers contacted by Crown Center was James Stratta of Menlo Park, Calif., who was hired by Kansas City to learn the cause of the collapse of the Kemper Arena roof here in 1979.

"The first thing you have to do is determine, did something let go or did something break?" Stratta said. He said it must also be determined whether people dancing or swaying contributed to the collapse.

Crown Center President James McClune said the hotel might be open for business in a week or two.

"Reopening depends on what the engineers tell us," McClune said. "If there has not been any structural damage to the hotel, we can reopen without doing anything about replacing the bridges and we will as soon as it is safe."



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HYATT TEA DANCE — Spectators are pictured on overhead walkways watching tea dancers moments before the uppermost walkway, extreme top center, fell onto lower walk sending people and debris flying.



(AP Laserphoto)

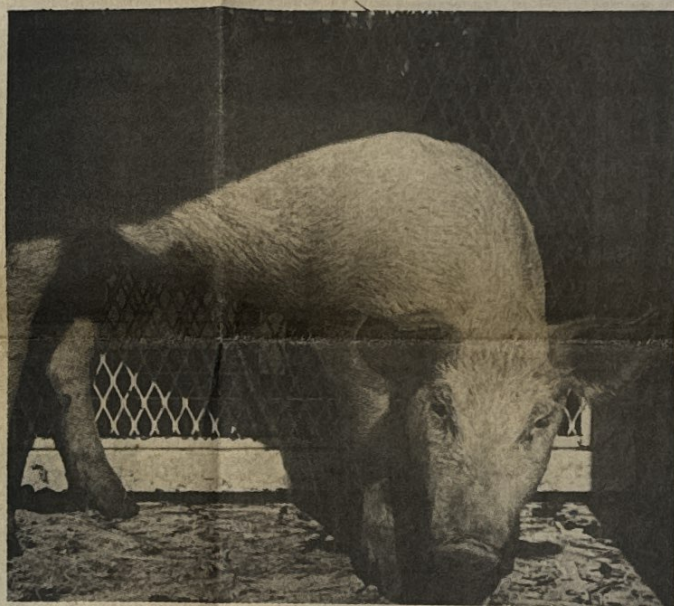
WHERE CATWALKS TORE LOOSE — A police officer and three unidentified people stand near the third floor catwalk above the lobby of Kansas City's Hyatt Regency Hotel Sunday. The fourth and second floor catwalks crashed onto a dance floor Friday night killing 113 people.

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(Star-Progress photo by Gary Hamman)

PIG IN A POKEY — This sow was one of three discovered by police at 2 a.m. today locked in the trunk of a sedan. Officers were called to the 600 block of Las Lomas Drive to investigate a suspicious car, and after nosing around, found 650 pounds of ham on the hoof. The three pigs may have been stolen from the Sunny Hills High School Farm. In other weekend business, police are investigating the theft of four sheep from the La Habra High School Farm worth \$700. The pigs are being held for driving without a license pending transfer to Sunny Hills or the county animal shelter.

# Postal Strike Near?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of two large postal unions declared today there will be a nationwide mail strike at midnight if the Postal Service refuses to "change its attitude" about a new three-year contract covering a half-million workers.

"If the postmaster general persists in instructing his surrogates (at the bargaining table) to continue this course of action they have set, there is no conclusion anyone can reach but that there will be a national work stoppage," said Vincent Sombrotto, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Moe Biller, head of the American Postal Workers Union, said the 500,000 union members "are committed to uphold the dignity of postal workers" despite the consequences.

A strike by postal workers is illegal, and Postmaster General William F. Bolger has warned that any people participating in such a walkout would be fired immediately.

The current three-year contract between the Postal Service and its unions expires at 12:01 a.m. EDT Tuesday.

# Third Year Tax Cut Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, trying to outbid the White House for support, says he would accept a third-year tax cut targeted to middle-income Americans and triggered by the Reagan administration's optimistic economic forecast.

An administration spokesman, however, says that would defeat the purpose of President Reagan's unconditional three-year proposal, designed to increase saving and investment.

The idea was advanced Sunday by Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., as both the Ways and Means Committee and the full Senate prepared to pass differing tax-cut bills this week.

Neither plan is what Reagan originally wanted.

The Senate bill comes closest, with a 25 percent cut in personal tax rates over 33 months, but several other provisions have been added over administration reservations.

The big change, adopted by the Senate last Thursday, would automatically cut income taxes each year, starting in 1985, to offset inflation. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole,

R-Kan., said over the weekend that Reagan will accept that provision.

Dole and other Senate Republican leaders, however, predicted they will be able to block efforts by Democrats to add more costly amendments to the GOP tax package.

The House bill fashioned by Rostenkowski's committee is a two-year, 15 percent cut slanted to people earning between \$15,000 and \$50,000 a year.

The committee expects to complete work Tuesday, setting up another battle on the House floor with Reagan supporters trying to outmaneuver the Democratic majority in order to deliver a victory for the president.

Rostenkowski said he was confident he could convince House Democrats and even a few Republicans to vote for making a third-year tax cut contingent on major economic improvement.

Appearing on ABC's "Issues and Answers," Rostenkowski said the three conditions would be a federal deficit less than \$23 billion, inflation averaging less than 7.5 percent between now and 1983 and interest rates on

Treasury bills falling to 7.5 percent.



# Good Evening!

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# Host Of Friends Pay Tribute To W. D. Shaffer At Funeral

Family members and hundreds of his friends crowded the Congregational Church to overflowing on Thursday as funeral services were held for the late W. D. Shaffer following his death at home on Tuesday.

The city's flag was at half mast, city employees stopped their work, stores were closed, and the city's work and business were virtually halted as the many who considered him Brea's first citizen paid reverence to the man known to a great many of them as "Bill".

Ill at home with an ailing heart for several months, his death nevertheless came as a shock to many of his friends, who expected that he would recover after a rest at home and become again a familiar figure here.

Shaffer's guidance and counsel affected a greater number in his home town of Brea than the work of any other man. He served for almost ten years as its mayor, and since coming to Brea for a second time to live in 1923, was the foremost leader in civic affairs on every occasion.

He was 69 at the time of his death, and was born in Springtown, New York, February 16, 1877. Moving with his family to Iowa, he eventually came west to Tacoma, Washington, where he met his wife, Mrs. Edna Shaffer, who survives him. They were married in Santa Paula in 1901.

He first came to the vicinity of Brea when he became superintendent of an oil tool shop at Olinda. The family later returned to Santa Paula, where they lived for 15 years before coming to Brea for the last time in 1923.

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timable value of a stable, steadily growing industry, eventually employing hundreds and contributing tremendously to the city's growth and prosperity. The firm now includes two plants here, one in Santa Fe Springs, and one in Taft.

Mr. Shaffer's business experience has been centered about the oil industry and oil drilling operations. He was responsible for a number of inventions important to the development of oil drilling methods, including several items used in high pressure oil tool equipment. The Shaffer firm is today one of the largest and best-equipped tool concerns in California.

He pioneered in the field of high pressure and safety-first equipment, using the high-pressure fields at Santa Fe Springs and Kettleman Hills as proving grounds. The friends and associates who gathered for his funeral Thursday gave evidence of his great contribution to the oil industry throughout the world, where the extra strength and safety demanded by modern deep-drilling methods is made possible by the tools which he developed.

Always anxious to take the lead in working for a worthy cause and contributing his time and his own private funds for it, his spirit of leadership and unselfishness are typified by the active part which the family has always taken in their church in Brea.

Mr. Shaffer was an accomplished organist, and served in that capacity for other churches before coming to Brea, and as organist of the Congregational Church here until ill health forced him to give up the work. He and Mrs. Shaffer gave the local church its organ in 1930. They also gave kitchen equipment to completely outfit the church

## 26 Women Turn Out To Form Bowling League

Those who doubt that bowling is a woman's game should have been present at the Brea Bowl Wednesday evening when five of the six alleys were being used by 26 girls here who are forming a bowling league.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club are sponsoring a team and are fortunate in having Mrs. Ivan Jones, a newcomer to Brea, to instruct beginners. Mrs. Jones is a veteran bowler, having played in tournaments at Redondo, and Long Beach. Her score has hit 235 on several occasions.

Mrs. Bud Phillips has been elected president of the league, which will be organized into teams by mid-September and will play other leagues in Orange County.

Sponsors will back the teams and trophies will be offered for winners.

Regulation entrance fees, and bowling rules will be observed by the league, and they will play once a week. It has been announced that all Brea girls and women interested are invited to take part in making the league a real success.

Regulation bowling shoes are required, as street shoes damage the floors. Those can be secured at the Bowl.

Practices will be held each Wednesday evening.

### Brothers Test



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Reverend H. R. Carstens of the church, conducting the funeral service Thursday, eloquently expressed the feeling of the large gathering when he said,

"Brea has had in Mr. Shaffer a  
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## Newspapers Celebrate Centennial

Next Thursday, August 15, 1946, will mark the 100th anniversary of the first publication of an English language newspaper in the territory which later became the great state of California.

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**HOW SHAFFER  
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**HE TOLD COFFEE CLUB THE  
 INCIDENTS**

How the killing of a Mexican truck driver, who was transporting a load of booze through Santa Paula, one night over twenty years ago, brought about the coming to Brea of William D. Shaffer as a manufacturer is an interesting story. Mr. Shaffer himself told the story, a few mornings ago, at a meeting of the Brea Coffee club, where he observed his birthday anniversary by furnishing the cake for the day to the imbibers (coffee).

Shaffer was working in Santa Paula community at the time as a machinist. Previously he had lived at Olinda. This was prior to the famous Voistead act becoming a law, making the whole country dry, according to Mr. Shaffer, but the county of Ventura was dry, with Oxnard being the one wet spot. Those who desired to drink or obtain liquor, went to Oxnard.

The cities of the county otherwise, including Santa Paula, had strict liquor enforcement ordinances. One of these prohibited the transporting of liquor through the town.

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**RUDDS ARE IMPROVING**

Mrs. Henry Rudd is improving rapidly in her home on West Birch lane from a major operation, which she underwent recently in the General hospital. Mr. Rudd will be on crutches for another sixty days recuperating from a fall.

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**CURRENT PLAYS AT PASADENA**

**"KNIGHTS OF SONG" BEGIN THERE MARCH 1**

Members of the Brea Community Players, as well as other citizens, are interested in the productions at the Pasadena Community Playhouse, the most outstanding community players project in the state. "Pride and Prejudice" is the current state attraction there, but it completes its run there tomorrow (Saturday night). The premier will be shown next Tuesday evening, March 1, of "Knights of Song," one of the Gilbert and Sullivan plays.

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Consolidated voting precinct "A" comprising State and County precincts numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4; said consolidation election precincts include all of the territory within the exterior boundaries of the City of Brea.

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## Part I: One City's History

# Brea Oldtimers Recall 'Humanitarian' Shaffer

By Tony Saavedra  
DGP Staff Writer

(Editors note — This is the first in a three part series on Brea's historical past. Part two will run Tuesday and the final chapter will be featured on Thursday.)

BREA — At least one silent tear fell as bulldozers recently crashed and crunched into the galvanized tin walls of the old Shaffer Tool Works building on Birch Street.

While taking a drive through Brea, Lois Muzzall Smith disco-

vered a private wrecking crew destroying the factory where she and her husband labored during their youth.

Smith, 76, felt a snudder mounting within her as she mourned the crumbling walls of one of Brea's first and most successful establishments.

"I'm such a sentimental old lady," lamented the former Shaffer secretary and onetime city clerk.

The heartfelt grief and sentimentality displayed by Smith

echoed the dedication of many other employees who worked at the facility during its 58-year history.

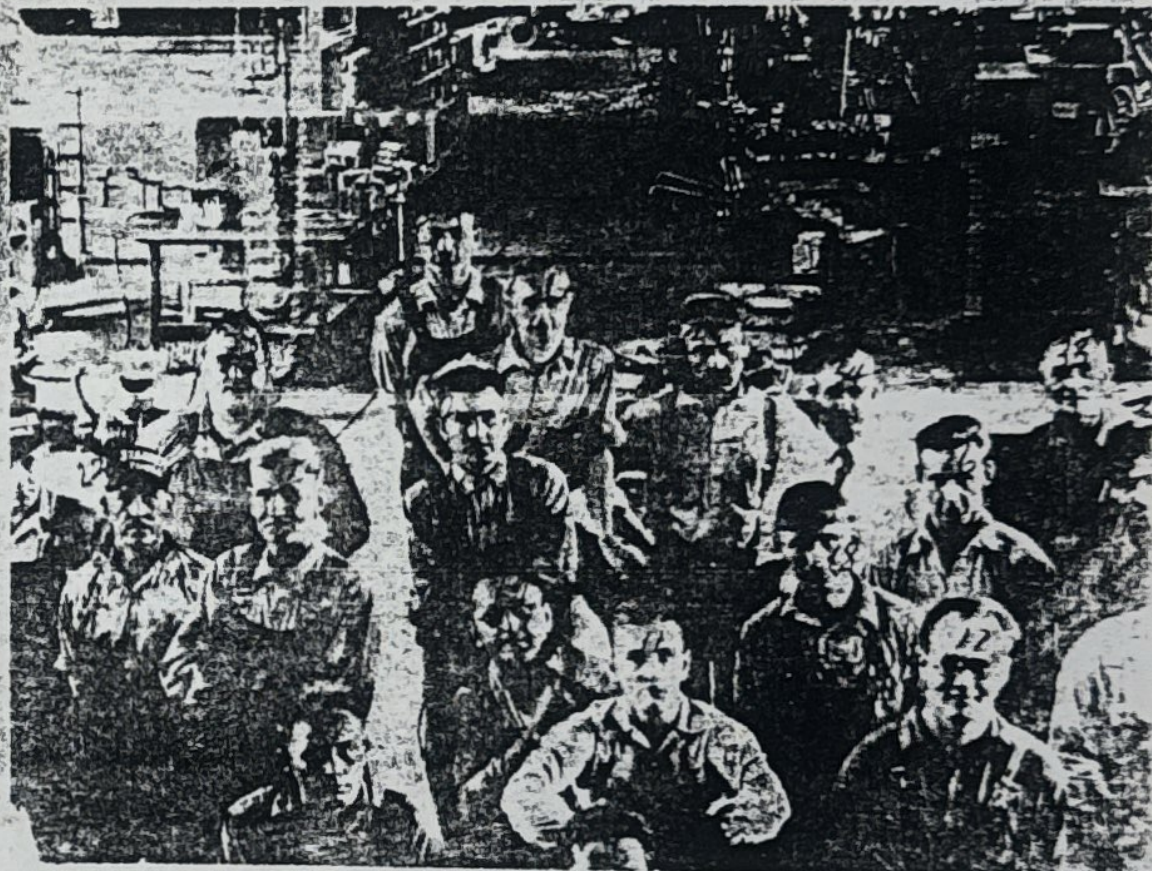
Paving the way to success, the workers united their efforts behind a common incentive: an intense love for the company's founder and namesake, William D. Shaffer.

"If there was ever a so-called humanitarian," proclaimed Smith, "he was the greatest."

Shaffer, known to his friends simply as "W.D.", brought his new wife, Edna, and a hatful of dreams to Olinda from Bakersfield in 1903.

Enticed by tales of petroleum rich hills abounding with gushing wells, the young engineer began developing tools which would make drilling simpler and less

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(Photo Courtesy Frank Schweitzer Collection)  
BREAK TIME — Workers at the Shaffer Tool Works factory pause to take a group picture during the 1930's. This picture is a reproduction of an earlier photo, which explains the identification numbers on their foreheads.



Following the oil industry, Shaffer soon took his family back up north to Santa Paula, but returned to the southland in 1922 to buy the Brea Tool Works building.

During the next year, the property at Birch Street and Redwood Avenue was sold to the Baash-Ross Tool Co. and then resold back to Shaffer, who immediately set the groundwork for his worldwide enterprise.

Starting as a repair shop for oil drilling equipment, the facility began to expand as word of Shaffer's innovative inventions spread throughout the boomtown and eventually the world.

Among Shaffer's creations was an instrument designed to control and measure the flow of oil, dubbed the "flow bean." Next in line came the "control gate," a safety device which prevented the high-pressured, deep wells from blowing up.

Soon more shops were opened in the United States as well as other parts of the world to handle the demands of a growing industry.

And from behind a desk in his Brea office, the shy tycoon commanded his climbing business.

Smith recalled the company's heyday, when Shaffer workers were more than just paid employees. They were family.

"Mr. Shaffer would throw big company picnics," reminisced the elderly woman. "Only a broken leg could stop anyone from coming."

Those moments of joy fueled a strong respect for the man who showed a deep caring for his workers, related Smith.

However, in 1946 there was a different sort of employee gathering, one that drew tears instead of laughter — William Shaffer died at age 69.

Replacing gaiety with regret, Shaffer's death still could not destroy the seeds of kindness that he had spread throughout the city, Smith recalled.

"He was a man with a heart," remembered the former secretary. "He would always smile and say 'hello' to everybody."

Memories of Shaffer's morning greetings and father-like kindness also lingered in the minds of other Brea pioneers, such as Frank Schweitzer Jr.

Brea's official historian, Schweitzer worked for Shaffer as a manager and remembered a few special discussions with "W.D."

"If W.D. had an idea for a diagram, he would take a piece of chalk and draw it right on the shop floor," said Schweitzer, chuckling to himself.

The 70-year-old historian added that "W.D." was not content to run a bullish business but also led the city by serving an eight year term as mayor.

Gracing the city council chambers alongside Shaffer was Frank Schweitzer Sr., who held his seat for 20 years, said the proud second-generation Schweitzer.

Years later, Schweitzer Jr. and Shaffer's son, Don, would also become council members, completing Brea's only two father-son combinations to lead the city.

With a booming business in one hand and a gavel in another, Shaffer felt that his success was forged by the workers, backed by the community and sealed by God.

"He was a man with a church,"

explained Schweitzer, telling of Shaffer's exploits as organist for the local Congregational church.

After donating a pipe organ to the church, the wealthy industrialist played during Sunday services almost until the day he died.

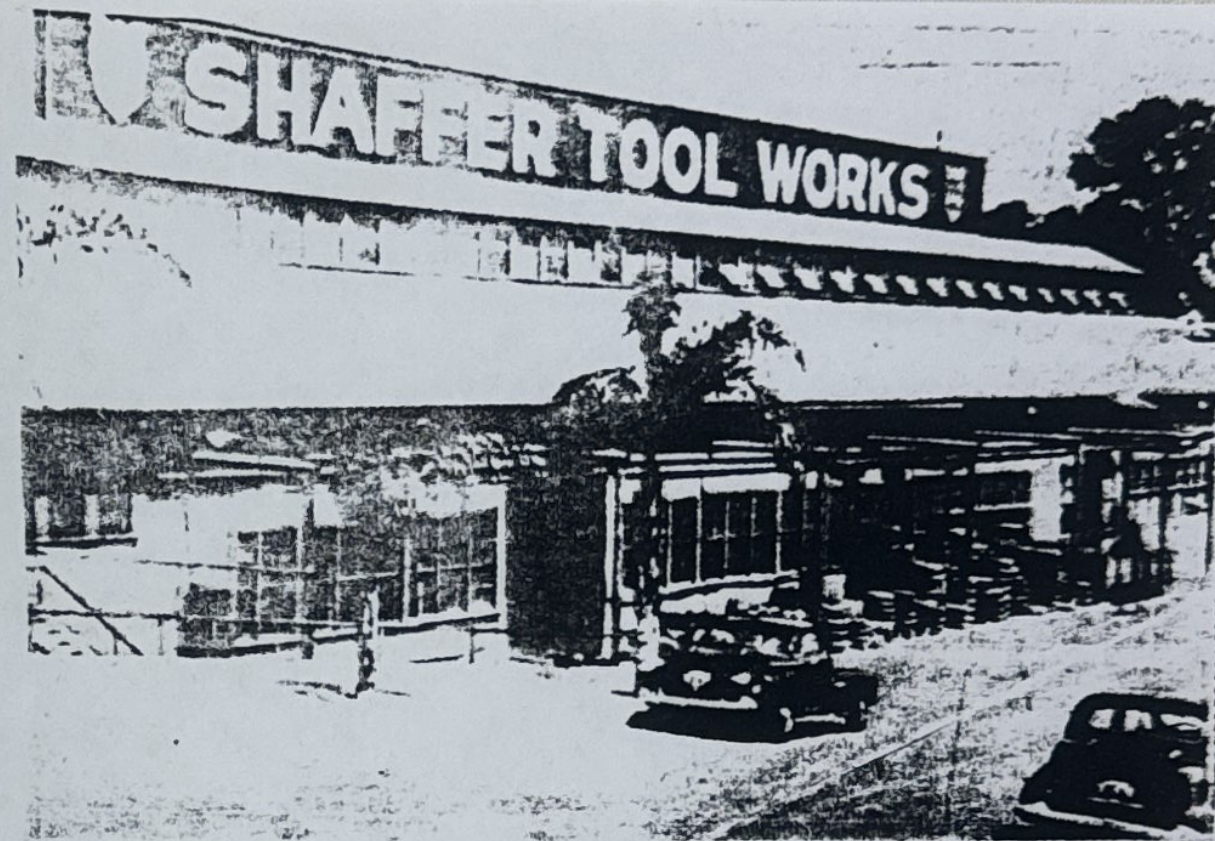
A church organist, politician and businessman, "W.D." Shaffer left some big shoes to fill, said Lois Smith. However, Don, his son, guided the tool works company to continued success.

Under Don's stewardship, the Shaffer's main office was moved from Brea to Anaheim and the company underwent some additional transformations.

After being sold to the Rucker Corporation in 1969, the large factory was later turned over to N.L. Industries, which operated the facility until it closed.

Up until a few months ago, drill equipment was still manufactured at the aging tin-walled factory until Partin Willis from Tustin bought the property and began tentative plans to erect a condominium.

Called an eyesore by some, the old structure by Laurel Elementary met its fate as demolition



THE GOOD OL' DAYS — The Shaffer building was established in 1923 and seems to have weathered the years fairly well in this 1950 picture. In 1969 the establishment was sold to the Rucker Corporation.

crews tore into the shops that made drill tools and supplied the Navy with anchor chains during World War. II.

Schweitzer looked at the rise and fall of the Shaffer building philosophically, admitting that the rusting walls were "eyesores."

"Sooner or later, everything just has to go along with progress," reasoned Schweitzer. "The factory already served its purpose."

Its usefulness outlived, the old building fell as progress

marched on. Like a requiem for the site, the freshly turned dirt was filled with the dust of the fallen structure.

And broken chunks of cement lie strewn about the yard, like headstones for the building that housed a worldwide corporation, a respected community leader and a large group of dedicated workers — the Shaffer family.

(In Tuesday's edition of the DSP, reporter Tony Saavedra will examine the colorful history of Sam's Place, an indelible part of "Good Old Brea.")



# Mrs. Edna Shaffer Dies At Home Here Thursday

Following a lengthy illness which had confined her to her home for most of the past 10 years, Mrs. Edna U. Shaffer passed away in Brea at 4:35 on Thursday morning, Oct. 3. Her heart had been ailing for some time, and she suffered a slight stroke last Sunday afternoon which was considered the direct cause of her death.

Mrs. Shaffer had lived in Brea for about 23 years, with her husband, the late W. D. Shaffer, for whom funeral services were held just 8 weeks before her death Thursday.

Prior to her illness, Mrs. Shaffer took a very active part in the work of the Congregational Church here, to which the family belonged.

She was also a charter member and one of the organizers of the Brea Woman's Club. It was at her home that the first official meeting of the club was held in 1925, and she probably contributed more materially than anyone else toward the growth of the club. The club's furnishings and other important similar contributions were made by the Shaffers. Mrs. Shaffer was always the charming hostess to the club on its final meeting each year, until the clubhouse was completed.

She was also a member of the

Order of Eastern Star, and joined the chapter here in 1929, the year it was organized.

Mrs. Shaffer would have been 69 years of age on Oct. 24. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Betty Wilson and Mrs. Esther Sandman; a son, Donald U. Shaffer, now in charge of the Shaffer Tool Works, which was founded by his father; and by 10 grandchildren. Her mother, Mrs. M. J. Underwood, is still living in Santa Paula at the age of 92. A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thille, also lives at Santa Paula, and a brother, Urban Underwood, at Moorpark.

Funeral services will be held at the Congregational Church on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. H. R. Carstens in charge. Arrangements are being made by the McAulay and Suters Mortuary in Fullerton, and burial service will be held at the mausoleum in Loma Vista Park.

It is understood that Eastern Star services are being planned by members of the local chapter.

The many friends of the Shaffers here and in other communities have extended their sincere sympathy to members of the family, on this second occasion for their grief in such a short time.

## L. T. David, Asst. LA City Attorney, To Address Lions

Brea Lions expect a full turnout for their meeting next Thursday, Oct. 10, when they will hear the assistant city attorney of Los Angeles, Leon T. David. David will address the local club on the subject of "Citizenship Responsibilities in the United States as compared

## Fullerton Has New Firm To Hire 120 Employees

Fullerton officials announced this week that the Toyad Company and its subsidiary, the California Garden Furniture Company, will move to that city in the near future with an anticipated payroll of \$150,000 and a staff of 120 employees, most of whom will be locally hired.

The plant is the largest manufacturer of redwood garden furniture in the country. After a year

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### JEANETTE BERGMAN IS NEW NAME IN THE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bergman of 208 W. Birch proudly announced the birth of a baby daughter Thursday morning. She weighed eight pounds seven ounces and has been named Marjorie Jeanette. She and her mother are in the Fullerton General hospital and it was reported that they are doing very well.

Aubrey is somewhat doubtful as to what kind of birthday celebration he'll ever have after this. You see, Wednesday was his birthday.

### JAMES SWEATMAN MEETS YOUNG DAUGHTER

James M. Sweatman, private first class and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Merritt, is home on a thirteen day furlough on South Pomona this week.

He had the pleasure of meeting his young daughter Linda Lee, age 4½ months old, for the first time. After the visit here with his wife, Viola, and his family, he will return to Tacoma where he expects to be sent overseas.

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In addition to Mrs. Shaffer, who is at the family home here at 406 West Imperial, he is survived by one son, Donald U. Shaffer, who has acted as general manager of the firm for some time and will continue to direct operations of Shaffer Tool Works. A daughter, Esther May, is the wife of Grant Sandman of Brea. A second daughter, Elizabeth Ruth, is Mrs. Elvin Wilson of Brea and Fullerton. A second son, George William passed away in 1924.

A sister, Mrs. George Brush, lives in Oak Park, Illinois, and with her husband is here with the family now. A second sister, Miss Marlon Shaffer of Vancouver, British Columbia, could not be present for the funeral.

There are also ten surviving grandchildren.

Following the service at the Church here, burial services were conducted by the many brothers of the local Masonic Lodge prior to interment in the Mausoleum at Loma Vista Park. Worshipful Master W. L. Schryer of the Lodge and Rev. Carstens took charge of the service there.

At the church, the organ was played by Don Critchlow. Some of Mr. Shaffer's favorite music was played, including "My God and I", music of the Latvian Liturgy by Wihtol. Mrs. Dorothy Boyd of Los Angeles sang "Still, Still With Thee". The service was closed with Chopin's "Funeral March", a particular favorite of his.

### PERRY WOODS ON VACATION VISIT

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"THE CALIFORNIAN was me in size, but mighty in its asser of the democratic principles have made America and Califo great.

"The importance of these p ciples has not diminished. They essential to the continuance of government, and vital to the being of people throughout world. . . .

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# Donald Shaffer of Brea pioneer oil family dies

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His interests included flying (he was a long-time private pilot) and music, dating back to his youth when he played in a Brea band for local school and club dances.

He was respected in the oil industry for his manufacturing innovations and his devotion to progress and ethics in the industry.

The Shaffer family was instrumental in the early development of Brea through its philanthropic contributions to the community. At one time, the company was Brea's largest business employer.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen E.; daughters, Carol Shaffer, Newport Beach; Mary Oulrey, Arroyo Grande; sons, Charles, Fullerton; George, Newport Beach; and sister Betty Wilson, Las Vegas. Eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

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# Tour to visit old haunts

By Brian Hall  
Staff Writer

The owners of one of the houses on Saturday's Historic Home and Church Tour feel haunted by the past, literally.

Harold and Joyce Wilson inhabit the Flower Avenue home of William Shaffer, one of Brea's first mayors. But they aren't sure they're alone. The Wilsons fear they might be sharing the house with an uninvited, extra-worldly guest — a poltergeist.

"You hear little sounds, little things that go bump in the night," said Joyce Wilson.

"I've been home alone here for a month or more while Harold's been on a hunting trip. I hear noises that I rationalize, of course."

The Wilsons tell themselves that the house is simply settling. Three Wilson children, however, swear the poltergeist exists.

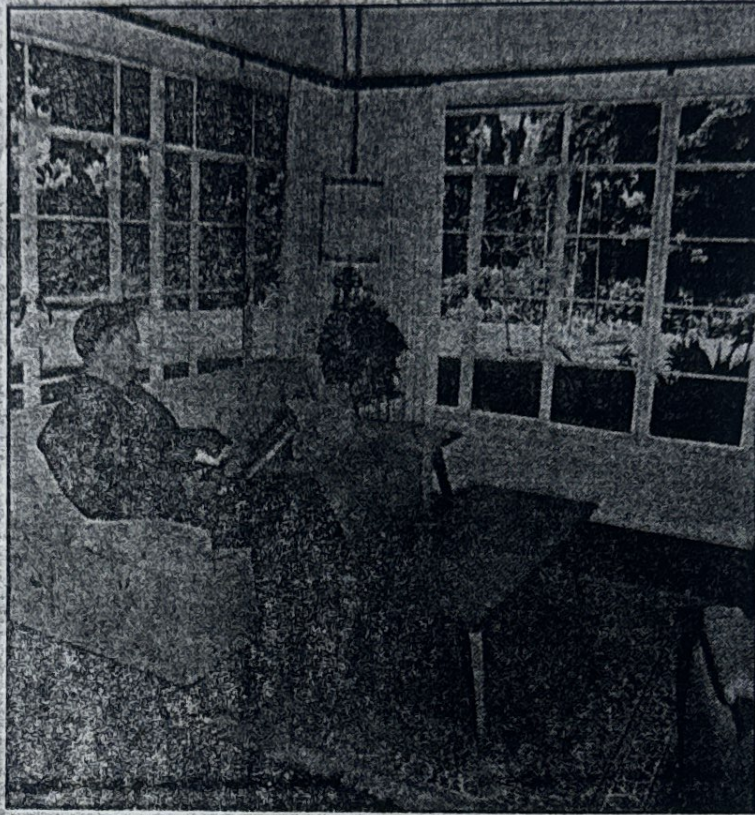
When they still lived at home, the children would say that things were moved from their position during the night or misplaced without anyone in the family moving them. Joyce Wilson is uncertain whether a playful ghost has been roaming the halls and rooms of the 1938 Mediterranean-styled home or whether a poltergeist was a convenient childhood scapegoat whenever something was lost.

One night, a ball of yarn mysteriously unraveled. It not only rolled down the 17 steps of the stairwell but around the entry hall, past the kitchen and through the doggy door and into the yard.

The family dog was sound asleep all night, said Sandy Sarthou, a tour committee member and Shaffer house docent.

"Nobody believes the dog could have done it in that way either," said Joyce Wilson.

A poltergeist would have few places to hide during the daytime. One unusual feature of the house is a sun room with 120 individual panes of glass.



Staff photo by Michael Loren

**Sunny days:** Harold Wilson and his dog Cindy sit in the sunroom of their home, formerly the Shaffer family home, built when Shaffer Tool Works was one of the leading businesses in Brea. The house has 302 windowpanes. Wilson's home will be among those open during the Brea Historical Home Tour, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The tour will explore Brea's architectural beginnings by featuring seven early homes and two original churches.

The kitchen has one of the first garden windows.

"It's a beautiful home," Sarthou said.

Altogether, there are 302 panes throughout the home, a window-washer's bonanza.

"I've decided I'm not going to be a slave to the windows," Joyce Wilson said.

A fountain was built at City Hall Park in honor of Shaffer, the house's original owner. The fountain was later torn down.

Shaffer was an important figure in Brea's early history. He owned and ran the Shaffer Tool and Die Works, supplying equipment to oil fields such as gusher caps and other essentials to keep the wheels of industry well greased.

The tour includes six other early homes demonstrating several architectural styles — craftsman bungalows, colonial revival and provincial revival.

The Brea Missionary Baptist Church, the log cabin and the Brea First Baptist Church, too, will be visited. The historic home and church tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, starting at City Hall Park, 401 S. Brea Blvd. Walking is suggested, but transportation will be available for the handicapped.

Tour cost is \$8. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the city's community services department, third floor, One Civic Center Circle, or at the park on the day of the tour.

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His interests included flying (he was a long-time private pilot) and music, dating back to his youth when he played in a Brea band for local school and club dances.

He was respected in the oil industry for his manufacturing innovations and his devotion to progress and ethics in the industry. The Shaffer family was instrumental in the early development of Brea through its philanthropic contributions to the community. At one time, the company was Brea's largest business employer.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen E.; daughters, Carol Shaffer, Newport Beach; Mary Oulrey, Arroyo Grande; sons, Charles, Fullerton; George, Newport Beach; and sister Betty Wilson, Las Vegas. Eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

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