

## SHORTY SMITH

Old Man River of the Orange county coaches is Brea-Olinda's Stewart Smith, the man they called "Shorty" because he is tall.

Smith is in his 30th year as a football and baseball man. He isn't so old in years because he started right out of college, but he was coaching before some of the counsellors now master-minding on opposing benches were born.

"Shorty" began at Santa Ana in 1916, one of those who learned at his knee was Bill Cole, mentor of the champion Saints. Another was Lynn Crawford, the Santa Ana principal. Smith stayed at Santa Ana until 1919, his career here having been interrupted by a hitch with the Marine corps in the first World war. He jumped to Fullerton in '19, remained there until '28 when he moved to Brea-Olinda. He's in his 18th season with the Wildcats.

The graying veteran has to laugh when they refer to the T formation as something new.

"I taught it 30 years ago," Smith tells you. He's also taught the California tandem (unbalanced line), the single wing, and the Notre Dame box. He also runs plays a "Shorty Smith formation", a spread from an unbalanced line.

"I've used variations of it ever since 1915," Smith relates. "All I needed this season to make it click was a snappy like Ed Turley, whom I had had up here as a sophomore before he transferred to Santa Ana."

Triple S (his initials are SSS) believes the best football team he had was at Fullerton in 1927, the year the Indians defeated Santa Maria for the Southern California championship.

"I don't know though," Smith recalled. "My Fullerton team of 1920 was plenty strong with Ted and Harry Shipkey, George Melsner and Harrison Acker, the toughest center in the business. I also had a sharp club at Brea in '33 when we lost to Inglewood 25-19 in the CIF playoffs. Ed Zerbe was our captain. Ray Thompson kicked 'em 70 yards. We also had Clyance Johnson, Buck Lashley, Keith Cannon, Bill Richards, Dick Stulke and Gene Reed."

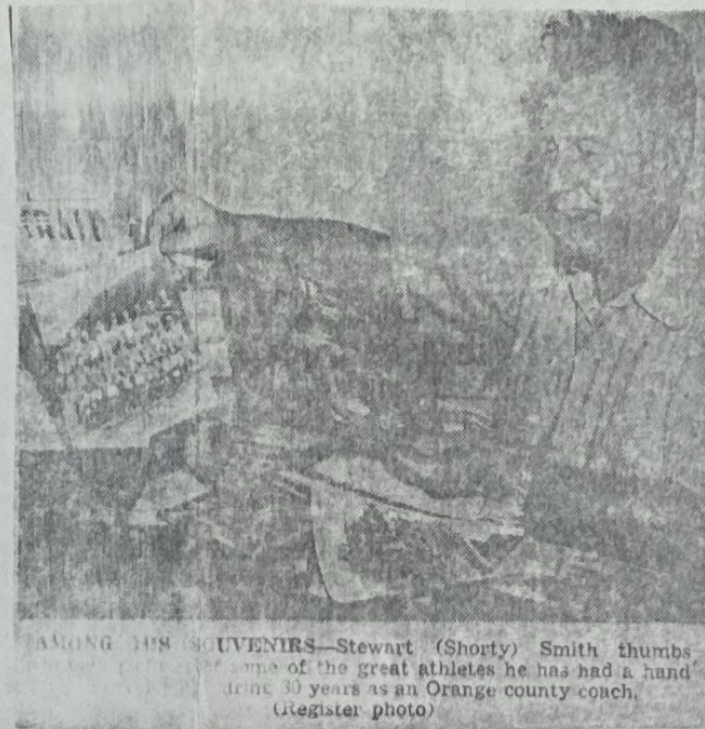
Despite many winners on the gridiron, Coach Smith probably has had greater success in baseball. He had his best nine at Fullerton in 1927, the year the Indians set what Smith calls "a world record for high school nines" by battling Pomona college for 23 innings before losing, 6-5.

"We would have won in the 20th except our pitcher missed

second base on the trip around after poling a home run," Smith related. "That year we won 35 starts out of 36."

Willard Hershberger, who later caught in a world series with Cincinnati, was on that team as was Arky Vaughan. Our pitchers were Homer Hurst and Lawrence Hensous. Earl Curtis helped Hersh catch. Archie Carpenter played first base. Mutt Drauser, second, Tom McElhanev third, Orel Adams short. Our outfielders were Arky and Teak Vaughan, Frank DeGiorgio and Floyd and Chisel Hatfield.

Smith says Hershberger, Arky Vaughan, Adams and George (Buddy) Forster were the best ball players he's coached.



AMONG HIS SOUVENIRS—Stewart (Shorty) Smith thumbs through some of the great athletes he has had a hand during 30 years as an Orange county coach. (Register photo)

His best football backs, he believes, were Buddy Forster, "Rusty" Ledbetter of Brea, John Hawkins of Fullerton, Gil McDermott of Fullerton and Neal Raney of Santa Ana. His best linemen: the Shipkey brothers, Melsner and Bert Rightmer, a center he had in Brea.

Smith's idea of all-Fullerton team would be Ted Shipkey and Perry Callahan, ends; Harry Shipkey and Melsner, tackles; "Honey" Earl and George Osborne, guards; Acker, center, and Forster, John Hawkins, McDermott and Adams in the backfield. "But Arch Hawkins, Jean Arroues, Gregory and Yorba were about as good."

On his all-Brea lineup he lists Zerbe and Andy Wise, ends; Morris Bergman and Tommy Anderson, tackles; Merle Sutliff and Bill Richards, guards; Rightmer, center; J. B. Peak, Ray Sacks, Clyance Johnson and "Rusty" Ledbetter, backs.

Coach Smith believes the funniest thing in his coaching experience happened in 1925 during a CIF all-star playoff game between Fullerton and San Bernardino.

"San Bernardino's catcher had a wooden leg which was broken during the game," Smith said. "We had to get a couple of sticks and tape it up so he could continue. Hershberger came running up and asked the rival catcher solicitously, 'Does it hurt?' I guess it didn't because the wood-legged lad later beat us with a double in the ninth inning."

The veteran mentor believes his most discouraging coaching experience came in 1920 when "we should have won the Southern Cal. playoffs but had to play Santa Ana twice (for the Orange county title) and another CIF game all in the same week. Santa Monica beat us by three points and went on to win the CIF."



## Brea Receives Help In Cultural Exchange



**MEXICAN CULTURE** — Sandy Savala, Brea's unofficial Mexican cultural expert for more than 30 years, talks over Brea Junior High School's plan to teach Spanish starting at the sixth grade level, with Principal Reed

Peterson. Savala offered his assistance with the program demanded by the state. Painting in the background was done by a Brea native son, Dema Smith, who became interested in Mexican culture as a youth.

BREA — After more than 30 years of working to promote better understanding of Latin Americans, Sandy Savala of Brea feels he is now getting a big assist from the State of California.

State legislators passed a bill requiring that a foreign language be taught in all public schools starting at the sixth grade level next year. Brea school leaders are preparing a program now for the fall term to carry out the law by teaching conversational Spanish to all sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Savala, who owns Sandy's Casita Restaurant at 1921 N.

Brea Blvd., feels that understanding of the language will promote better understanding of the people.

He has had the same program, in reverse, for more than 30 years by conducting informal classes teaching Mexican workers in the area to speak English.

His tiny restaurant has been the center of Mexican cultural education over the years with his observance of Latin holidays and cultural exchange of information between the races on an informal basis.

His three children, now

grown, have all worked with the program and many Brea young persons have benefited over the years from their information gained from their association with the Savalas.

While Savala was born in Arizona, his family dates back to Los Angeles when it was a tiny pueblo more than 100 years ago. He feels that misunderstanding between historic Californians and newer residents of the state is a sad thing and cannot be justified on the basis of race.

"When people know and understand each other," he said, "traditional and cultural differences are no barrier to friendship.

"I am very happy to learn that the schools will require the teaching of the Spanish language. Nowhere in the world is this more needed than in Southern California where there is such a mixture of the two cultures," he declared.

Savala met recently with Reed Peterson, principal of Brea Junior High School, where the language program will begin in September. He offered his assistance in the program which he hopes will include information on Mexico as well as the language.

He hopes to make his program on Cinco de Mayo and other Mexican holidays available to students. His huge patio is often the scene of dances and celebrations with participants wearing the traditional native costumes. The colorful demonstrations draw persons from throughout the county.

Included as part of his program is art work in the small restaurant, and oddly enough some of his best "Mexican" art was done by a Brea resident of English descent.

Several huge paintings now hanging in the cafe were done by Dema Smith, a native son of Brea. Smith, a commercial artist and public relations man, is now working in New York.

"Problems that used to exist between the races in California are rapidly disappearing," Savala said, "and I hope renewed interest in learning the language will help end such problems forever."



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Shanks was interested in barbering, real estate and baseball, "in reverse order," he quipped.

He played every position on Brea's then powerful squad that "took everything in sight." He also managed the famous team for nine years and headed the squad on the great day in 1925 when Babe Ruth and Walter Johnson played in Brea.

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**BREA FORTY YEARS AGO**—This is the way Pomona Blvd., now Brea Blvd., looked back about 1923. On the right is the Red Lantern movie theater, the Craig building and bakery. In the left foreground, seated in the Model T touring car is Bob Shanks, a neighbor of the Progress, who provided this picture. The B & B restaurant and the old bank are shown in the distance.



B.P. Jan 26, 1940

Death of Leon Sayles

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Safeway Store in Brea & in its stores  
throughout Calif begins to charge for  
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number







B. P. March 31, 1932

### Boat' at Fullerton



yd and comedy, and Mickey Mouse in his latest cartoon. The stage will feature five acts of Fanchon and Marco vaudeville. There will be two complete shows, 7:00 p. m., and the Frolic at 9:30. The entire program, including the vaudeville, will be shown for both shows. Children will be permitted to attend the first show for the usual admission of 10c. All seats for the 9:30 Frolic are 50c.

### Jack Salveson Joins Giants

"Little Jack Salveson," whom many people remember as a small boy living on S. Madrona St. and an ardent baseball fan, is "Little Jack" no more. He's a Giant. Monday saw him on his way to San Francisco all signed up as a pitcher for the Giants. Manager McGraw says he thinks he has a future.

Jack (who is 18 years old and in his second year of junior college, is doing what few youngsters do. carrying out the predictions that older folks made for him. It seemed almost foreordained and predestined that he would make baseball his profession. His father played on local teams and his uncle Herb Salveson and F. B. Callan played on the Anaheim Elks team. Jack was the team's mascot at that time.

He played baseball himself when-

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ever he could and never missed any game he could get to.

The family moved to Long Beach a few years ago before Jack was out of grammar school but he was born in Fullerton and lived in Brea for a number of years. Frank Schweitzer, Jr., an old neighbor and playmate attended a farewell party at his home in Long Beach Saturday night.

### EASTER SERVICES AT OLINDA COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Olinda Community Sunday school presented the following program Sunday morning: Opening song, "He Arose"; prayer; verses by Shirley and Harry Dennison; song, "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus"; Kenneth and Keith Russell; Easter Lillies, Eleanor Jean Fusch; "Jesus Reigns", Mrs. Russell's class; recitation, Harold Russell; "Bridge of Faith", Helen Price's class; number by Miss Lemmon's class; the Easter Story, Miss Ella Armstrong; A Junior Fisherman's Club. Mr. Brown's class; chorus, "My Redeemer", upper classes; benediction.

The Baptist church which meets in the same building, held three preaching services Easter, all on the same theme, "Christ On the Cross." A potluck dinner was served at noon.

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# Early Days in Brea Recounted

By RICHARD McDOWELL

BREA — In 1925 a 20-year-old Brea man was attending a trade school in Los Angeles. He got — to become an interior decorator. Then the depression came.

A friend who predicted that the depression would last for several years, advised the young man to return home to his friends and try to find a job.

Volney Siebenthal did return. He took a job with the Brea Fire Department for \$12 a month. Today, 27 years later, he retires from that job.

Although Siebenthal had previously served as a fireman for a while when George Ellis was ill, he had no intention of becoming a fireman. When the 1925 oil fire was the talk of the town and people flocked to the hills to watch the fire, Siebenthal couldn't care less.

### BOND BY FIRE

"I was taken to watch the fire with some friends, but after 20 minutes I became bored and returned home and went to bed," he said.

Siebenthal's idea of a career, after graduating from Fullerton High School, was to become a furniture designer but when people began to be laid off, the handiwork was on the wall and Siebenthal returned to Brea.

By 1926 he was supporting his mother, father and brother on his fireman's salary which had been cut by \$20 a month. "About that time it looked like being a fireman was not so bad and decided to stay," he said.

### MONTHLY VOLUNTIERS

In the early days of the depression there were very few firemen — the drivers — with the department getting its major support from the volunteers.

The fire chief was a non-professional, and was elected from among the town people. George Ellis and Siebenthal were the two drivers in those days. They worked 12-hour shifts and the continued until shortly before the war when a third man was hired and the shifts became three, 8-hour shifts.

Siebenthal did not enjoy the luxury long as he was drafted into the army's fire-fighting squad and he saw 20 months of action in the European Theater.

### HIT FRENCH BEACH

Siebenthal's platoon was one of the first to hit the French Coast at D-Day, landing on Utah Beach.

The toughest battle for Siebenthal, as it was for thousands of other fighting men, was the battle of the bulge. "They were fighting from 5 1/2 and 6 1/2 to us and they brought a lot of fire with them when they

loaded," he remembered. Siebenthal said he and other members of the platoon used to fight fires with rifles slung over their shoulders.

The bazookas stuck out in his mind. "We would see those things coming at us and it was just a question of where the bomb would fall. We did a lot of thinking until we realized that we were going to live to fight another day."

Throughout his career as a fire fighter, Siebenthal said he never got in on any of the major fires.

For one thing, Brea never had any big ones. The biggest fires would be the fruit warehouses in Fullerton or the time the town of Yorba Linda almost burned to the ground.

When fires responded to these calls to assist, Siebenthal, who was second in command to Ellis, would have to remain behind with one engine to protect Brea.

### ALSO A POLICEMAN

During the war, Siebenthal said he was absent on the wrong side of the coast when the major fires broke out.

Siebenthal, who was born in Los Angeles and moved to Glendale in 1919 with his family, was appointed a fireman for the City of Brea. He carried a police sergeant's badge for a while and it was his job to carry on jail-

prisoners were never any trouble to Siebenthal. "You just have to know how to handle them. I carried the lower half of a billiard cue filled with lead.

"I never had to use it but it made an impressive sound when I circumvented it on the bars of the jail."

### STOPPED WORK

Siebenthal did have to help turn back what he calls a bomb mob. "Wall Hastings caught a man who had killed a baby sister in Yorba Linda and the town folk were up in arms to get at him.

"We locked the doors and wouldn't let anyone in. I even turned back a deputy about in civilian clothes."

Siebenthal would rather fight building fires any day than work traffic accidents. He said there is too much chaos and there is only so much a fireman can do to aid victims until the ambulance arrives.

Fire fighting has had its lighter moments for Siebenthal. "I remember a house fire we had back in the days people used to hook their radio antennas to cellars and across to get better reception.

### STOPPED SHORT

"We responded to a fire at a house when the owner even charging over to the radio,

grabbed it, and headed out the door. He came to an abrupt stop in a sitting position.

"We were carrying out a glass at the time and had to set it down because we couldn't keep from laughing."

Siebenthal and his wife, Agnes, want to do some traveling once he gets squared away at home. "We will probably lose some hours in a trailer and just travel around the country," Mrs. Siebenthal said.

### TO SEE EAST

She would like to visit her parents in Nebraska and they say that while they have covered the west coast thoroughly, they have never seen too much of the east coast.

Siebenthal figures he has quite a few years ahead of him. His father was 89 when he was killed in an auto accident in 1920. His mother, who was born in a dugout in Grand Island, Neb., celebrated her 90th birthday Jan. 26.

The biggest thrill for Siebenthal during the 27 years as a fireman was when he was acting chief for three months during the time the City Council was seeking a replacement for Ellis.

"I'm also very grateful," he said, "that they let me finish out my term at the new fire station. I spent an awful long time at that other one."



# Longtime resident recalls early days

When San Diego-born Volney Davis Sutherland arrived in Brea at age 8 in 1911, the town's oil boom was in full swing. The only oil that young Volney cared about, though, was the kerosene oil used to power these fascinating, mesmerizing steam engines that toy shops displayed in their windows. Hard to decide which appealed the most — the haunting clug-clug sound the engines made or the heady steam of the exhaust.

## Brea beat

By Leslie Stuart Carter

The year 1910, although little Volney was a shade too young to know it, launched a few innovations as well as several history-bending events, the echoes of which are with us still.

Henry Ford had introduced his Model T two years earlier, but the endearing "dinosaur" began to appear in earnest on American highways and byways in good old 1910, and the days of the horridness vehicles were numbered. The Model T opened up roads to the proletariat and the automobile ceased to be the plaything of the well-to-do.

That same year, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the keel of a huge passenger liner, the world's largest, took shape as the White Star line

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released specifications of this unsinkable floating palace to an incredulous public.

"Not even God himself could sink her," claimed a late-tempting spokesman. Two years in the making, the giant vessel, at over 40,000 tons, clipped majestically down her runway into the Irish Sea for her trial at the world's gauntlet. A few days later, 13 April, 1912, the R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg off Newfoundland and sank two miles into the north Atlantic's depths taking almost 1,500 passengers and crew members with her.

Britain's prodigal King Edward VII died on 18 May 1911, victim of overeating and over indulgence in pleasures of the flesh, as they called out in those far off days. Among all the propensities affixed dignitaries from across the world attending the state funeral of Bertie, was a familiar face, especially to Americans. Oddly attired in evening clothes at midday, teeth gleaming in the waxy sunshine and spectacles glistening, former president Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, who had declined a third term in the White House, had actually wanted to wear his beloved Rough Riders uniform at the funeral. Sara Roosevelt, his less-luxur wife, said, "Oh no."

Boys older than Volney Sutherland were collecting baseball cards in 1911 with Honus Wagner the most prized and coveted. The legendary Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop's picture had been used by tobacco companies, in that more carefree age, against Wagner's wishes. He'd refused to pose since he wouldn't encourage youngsters to smoke, clearly years ahead of his time.

It was in 1911 debated the merit of baseball's rule, an argument centered on the guilt of Dr. Rowley Tappan, the little Montpelier-born London doctor who murdered his stereotypical tagging wife and

buried her dismembered remains in his coal cellar. The good doctor then, together with his mistress, Ethel La Vere, took off for Canada and a new life.

The American and British public marveled at at the new technology when Crippen and La Vere found themselves under arrest by Canadian police who boarded the ship before it docked. A wireless message via that new-fangled trans-Atlantic hookup had done the trick. Crippen was executed in London and La Vere vanished into obscurity.

Janet Sutherland was aware of international affairs when he brought his family to Brea in a horse and buggy from Villa Park, today one of Orange County's more affluent communities, but in the century's early days, Orange Grove City, Young "Von," as he came to be known, attended Fullerton High via the big red cars, from his Brea home. The town's own high school was yet a mere gleam in city planner's eyes.

"I fought infield free while still at school," said Von. "And I joined Brea's fire department in 1928. The station then was behind the present Wimmerschmied on Brea Boulevard. We moved the next year to the old City Hall building." Sutherland became assistant to fire chief George Ellis. His background battling oil fires proved invaluable in Brea fledgling fire department consisting of Ellis, Von and 26 volunteers.

Von's grandfather fought in the Civil War and served as President Lincoln's bodyguard. Eighty years later, Von followed grandpa into his country's armed forces. In World War II he won five Silver Stars serving in Europe fighting what was then Technical Sergeant Volney Sutherland's firefighting engineering group was the first to hit Utah Beach at the Allied Normandy landings on D-Day.

Agnes Frances, Von's wife, died in 1975.

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Today, a widower of 35, over six feet tall and a trim 185 pounds with an enviable set of natural teeth, he lives in the same Brea home he's had since 1948, his memories of the Brea of long ago intact. In America's debilitating Depression of the early 1900s, "I drove a fire department truck delivering bread, potatoes and onions to the commissary that the city set up to feed it's hungry."

Once in a while, the old fireman drops in to the Brea Fire station on Berry Street to chat and to look over the latest in equipment.

Brea Beat is a regular feature of the Brea Highlander. Leslie Stuart Carter is a 55-year resident of Brea. Contributions are welcome. Write or hand deliver to 17106 Yerba Linda Blvd., Yerba Linda 94608.





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Visitation will be held from 8 to 8 o'clock tonight at Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary for longtime Orange County resident Lois Alene Smith, 77, of 228 Avenida Ave., Brea, who died Monday at St. John Hospital after a long illness. She was 77.

Private services will be held Friday. Burial will be at Long Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 26, 1906, in Ardenmore, Ohio, and had lived in Orange County for 23 years. She worked for several years as a city clerk for Brea. She also worked as an executive secretary for Shafter Tool Works.

She was a member of the Historical Society of North Orange County and the Fullerton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a sister, Julia Holzman of Huntington Beach; a nephew, Ronald B. Holzman of Costa Mesa; and a niece, Julia Ann Thompson of



Lois Muzzall Smith

## A historian who lives in memory

By Susan Woods  
Special Writer

Longtime Brea resident Lois Muzzall Smith passed away May 28. She was 77.

Her family arrived by train from Okinawa and settled on the Hill Lanes in 1911. She loved to talk about the cultural beauty of the Okinawa area.

Mrs. Smith graduated from Glinda Grammar School in 1926. The class motto was "to see our beginning is of the best; to hasten upon our future depends the rest." She took the motto to heart and worked for approximately 30 years in the business world.

When the Gil Fields Technical High opened in Brea, she received a job as one of

the original crew. She was an executive director for Shafter Tool Works.

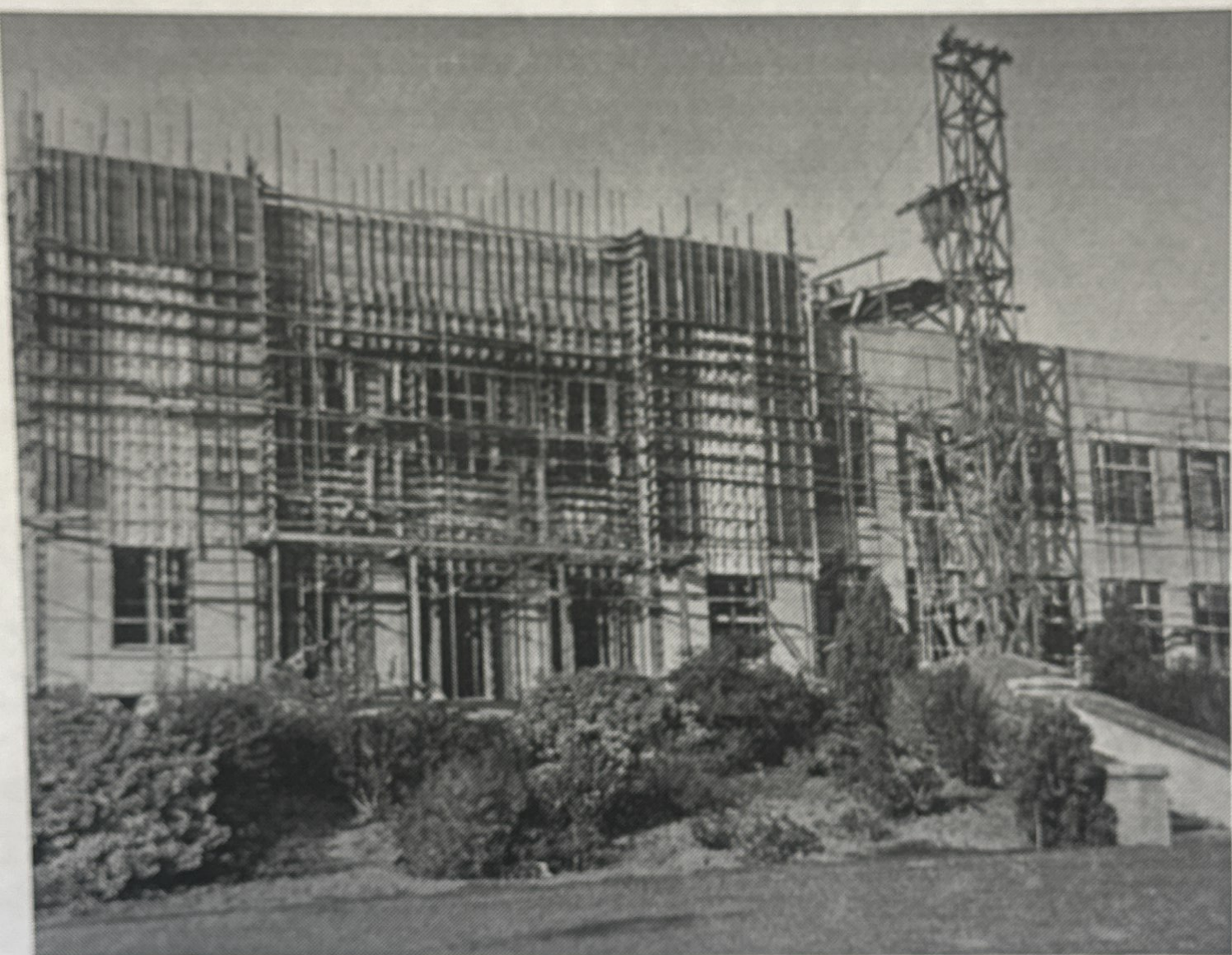
Later in life, she was city clerk but quit because of politics; however, she continued to follow Brea politics.

She was a member of the Historical Society of Orange County and called herself a "historian by memory."

The lovely lady knew everything there was to know about Brea and enjoyed sharing Brea's history. She also was a member of the Fullerton Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Smith was honored with a plaque when she visited Glinda School and shared her memories with the students and parents.





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75 Years book





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Polly: Andrea Zuckerman

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Polly: David Silver

David: here

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Kelly: here

Polly :Jamie Findley

Jamie: here

Polly: Emily Winslow

Emily :here

Polly Tammy Mitten

Tammy here

Polly: Crash Filmore

no answer

Polly: well he is not here

Crash: I'm here

Polly: Oh and why didnt' you answer?

Crash: I didn't feel like it

Andrea: oh and when would you feel like it, in the year 2000?

Polly: all right

Polly: Now class we are going to do some poetry today. One of the most beautiful poems I have ever known is How do I love Thee by Elizabeth Barrett Browning How do I love thee Let me count the ways,I love thee to the depth and breath and height My soul can reach when feeling out of sight For the ends of being and ideal Grace

Polly: well class what did you think



BR Wed March 30, 1955

Gladys Stockbridge, one of my faithful column readers, tells me she can't afford to be one of my full page friends. O. K. Gladys, you can be my special 2x6 friend (Two columns by six that means) Gladys runs a right smart first class grocery at the corner of Birch and Orange along with Sam, her husband, who ~~was~~ was mistaken for an Easter egg the first of this week;



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# World Wire News

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

## WORLD

MOSCOW — THE SOVIET UNION, IN ITS STRONGEST attack on President Johnson to date, Thursday night turned in his recent offer to improve relations between Washington and Moscow. An official statement issued by the Tass news agency declared no agreement with the Soviet Union is possible as the United States pursues policies of "aggression" and "intervention" in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic. On May 7, in a speech marking the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, Johnson said "we must work toward agreement with the Soviet Union."

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS met today to consider strengthening the U.N. role in the Dominican Republic. They spent the night on the alert for possible emergency action in the Caribbean country. The council passed Thursday night under dire warnings from the Soviet Union that U.S. forces, accused of killing the rebel regime's prior minister, probably would strike again and admonition to France and Jordan that Secretary General Thant keep members informed at their homes in case the "constantly deteriorating situation" demanded a middle-of-the-night meeting.

OXFORD, ENGLAND — BRITAIN'S DEFENSE MINISTRY test easy today. Oxford University students, at least 400 of whom are willing to fight for their country. The Oxford Union, debating society open to all undergraduates, Thursday night voted a motion that "this house would not fight for Queen and country." The margin was 27 votes, 493 to 466. The debate caused a furor in England because it revived memories of anti-pacifism of the 1930's here. In 1935, the Oxford Union voted 275 to 133 that "under no circumstances" would its members bear arms for Britain. Sir Winston Churchill charged the results of that debate might have convinced Hitler and Mussolini that Britons would not resist the Nazi war machine.

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S.S. (Shorty) Smith

## S. S. Smith Ex Coach Dies At 72

Retired Here  
9 Years Ago

## WEATHER

Variable clouds today, tonight and Saturday, with some showers at times over the nearby mountains this afternoon and tonight. Slightly cooler days. Temperature range over the next 24 hours expected from 72 to 52.

The five day forecast calls for no precipitation with temperatures averaging from two to five degrees below normal except along the immediate coast.

# New Brea Park To County Site

## Unification Forum Set Monday Night

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The program is scheduled for Starbuck Intermediate School, 2300 W. Worth Ave., La Habra.

Speakers will be Frank





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**WASHINGTON — THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) has formally designated its secretary general, Jose A. Mora, as a mediator between warring factions in the Dominican Republic. During a meeting Thursday night, the hemispheric organization instructed Mora to offer his good offices to both the right-wing junta and the rebel forces in Santo Domingo in an attempt to reach a "strict cease fire." The vote on the OAS action was 18 to 4. Four members — Chile, Mexico, Uruguay and Panama — abstained. The powers delegated to Mora, who has been in Santo Domingo to represent the OAS since April 26, were not as strong as had originally been proposed.**

**WASHINGTON — THE FLOOR MANAGER OF THE SENATE voting rights bill planned to file a cloture petition today to force a vote on whether to cut off debate on the measure. Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., was ready to file the petition in the temporary absence of Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont. The action would automatically force a "gag rule" vote Tuesday. The Senate leadership was confident it would have the necessary two-thirds majority to halt debate. After cloture is voted, each Senator is allowed only a total of one hour's speaking time.**

**CAPE KENNEDY — THE COUNTDOWN STARTS TODAY for a third attempt to send a 200-pound Project Fire spacecraft on a 500-mile hop into space and back to measure the re-entry heat moonships will face. The shot was scheduled for a three-hour period starting at 3:22 p.m. EST, but weather over the South Atlantic again threatened a postponement. Scientists need mostly clear skies in the region area 1,130 miles southeast of the Cape to photograph the flaming probe as it dives into earth's atmosphere at a 25,000 mile-an-hour speed.**

**WASHINGTON — DAVID J. McDONALD, OUTGOING president of the United Steelworkers union, will Thursday night after receiving tributes from labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz and AFL-CIO President George Meany. The tributes were delivered at an AFL-CIO banquet in honor of industrialist Henry J. Kaiser. Meany praised McDonald for bowing out instead of contesting a close election that union leaders said was won by I. W. Abel, the steelworkers secretary-treasurer.**

**WASHINGTON — THE ARMY HAS LAUNCHED A STUDY to assure that its big civilian marksmanship program doesn't become associated with armed political groups of criminals. The study, to be completed by Dec. 31 by the Arthur D. Little firm of research engineers headquartered at Cambridge, Mass., also is designed to accommodate the Army's practices to President Johnson's proposed Federal Firearms Control Act. There now are 32,317 Army .30 and .22 caliber rifle and 4,561 Army .45 caliber pistols out on loan to civilian marksmanship clubs, with a total membership of more than 200,000 seniors and 108,820 juniors between the ages of 12 and 18.**

**WASHINGTON — THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM NEVADA, whose constituents include the gambling capitals of Las Vegas and Reno, said he was drafting legislation to try to keep a new issue of silver dollars out of the hands of speculators and coin collectors. "The idea is to keep the silver dollar as an item of exchange," said Democratic Sen. Alan Bible. He spoke as many in Washington were predicting that ordinary citizens would never see the 45 million new silver dollars that President Johnson recently ordered minted. Treasury officials, among others, said they expected speculators, hoarders and coin col-**

## S. S. Smith Ex Coach Dies At 72

### Retired Here 9 Years Ago

Funeral services for Stewart S. (Sherry) Smith, 72, former Brea-Olinda High School coach and well-known Southland sports personality, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Prospect Avenue and 17th Street, Santa Ana.

Burial will follow at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana with Smith and Tutthill Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Smith died this week at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was a former head coach at Santa Ana and Fullerton in addition to Brea-Olinda.

He retired from Brea-Olinda High School in 1956. Smith was graduated from Santa Ana High School and Occidental College, where he starred in track and cross. His first coaching job was as an assistant at Santa Ana high. Later he became head coach at Santa Ana and Fullerton High Schools.

Smith originated the old Brea Relays which later became the Santa Ana Relays. He also was credited with the invention of the colored sleeve for starters at track and field meets.

Several years ago he received a lifetime pass from the SCIF for his many efforts on behalf of sports in Orange County and Southern California. In recent years after his retirement, he was engaged in the sporting goods business.

Survivors include his widow, Margaret D. Smith, of the home, 1835 S. Manchester, Anaheim; a daughter, Barbara Jean Turner, Costa Mesa; a son, Herbert R. Smith, Duarte; and two brothers, R. Carson Smith of Santa Ana and Harold Smith of Carpinteria.

The family asked that in lieu of flowers contributions be sent to the memorial fund of Trinity United Presbyterian Church at Santa Ana.

## Fireworks Sale By Club Okayed

The Brea Jr. Woman's Club has been granted permission by the Brea City Council to sell fireworks from June 28 to July 4 at the Brea Heights Shopping Center.

## Forum Set Monday Night

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Speakers will be Frank Greenwood, superintendent of the Lowell Joint School District; Dorlan L. Combs, Fullerton, a member of the state school board and Mrs. Mary Mastain, league member.

Mrs. Mastain will discuss unification as it is affected by Assembly Bill 145.

The other two speakers are scheduled to discuss unification as it affects the state and local school districts.

For those not acquainted with the state school board member who will appear, he has an extensive business background.

Born in Denair, he was graduated from Modesto Junior College. In 1940 he was graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He also is a graduate work in accounting from the University of California and is a licensed certified public accountant. His experience in business includes CPA work along with long service in the petroleum and home-building industries.

On February 1, 1962, he was appointed to the state school board by Governor Brown.

## Woman Taken In Horse Bet Raid on House

Brea and Fullerton police with an officer from the District Attorney office raided a house on S. Flower street, Brea, yesterday and arrested a woman who they say they caught in the act of taking a bet over the phone.

The woman, Lillian Beranice Ward, was booked on a charge of bookmaking and released to the Fullerton police who have been investigating horse bet operations.

Lieut. Arthur Le Blanc and Officer John Zelman of the Brea force were joined by three officers of the Fullerton police department and Ben Tymes of the District Attorney's office in the raid. They say they seized betting sheets and money.

GRAND MARSHAL  
ky Carson and  
trained" horse Ch

## Over 100 In Independence Day Parade

A parade in which it is expected there will be more than 100 units will feature Independence Day celebration, it was announced by Keith Green, commander of the American Legion Post 1000, which is sponsoring the parade. The parade theme is "So California Pioneers of 1900."

Included in the celebration will also be a rodeo which will be staged in the high school stadium for two days, and 4, a controlled fire show.

Lucky Carson, riding horse Chief, will be grand marshal of the parade which is expected to draw





Lois Muzzall Smith

## Early Brea City Clerk 'Didn't like politics'

By Susan Glavin

I'm the Mary Griffin and Lois Muzzall Smith, citizens and Brea resident since 1971. "I'm still hanging in there."

Lois once lived in Olinda on a dirt road where there were two rows of houses on the oil lease land. She said the people with the most security were allowed to rent the houses when there was a vacancy.

"The older houses were known as 'Poverty Row,' and the newer ones, where I lived, 'Prosperity Row.'"

The house appeared in one of the Associated Oil magazines as a model home, and Lois said she was especially proud of that. Her father, being from the south, liked okra and corn and they were grown in the garden along with apricot and peach trees and a variety of other vegetables.

Lois has fond memories of going to school in Olinda.

"I remember marching to the tune of a Sousa march played on the piano with the principal calling 'left-right-left-right.'"

She said they also had a player piano at home enjoyed by all the kids.

"It's been reported that there were only forty people going to school in Olinda. That's absolutely wrong. There were perhaps 200," she emphasized.

On the house where Lois lived there was a Chinese history, run by a Chinaman with long braids, and a Barber Shop. There was also

a stable and a merchantile store that sold everything and a Methodist Church. The girls enjoyed picking violets on the hills.

The big outing was a trip to Anaheim and when the men received their monthly pay check they went to town and always came home with hard candy for the children.

The boys usually got a job with one of the various oil companies and the girls found work in the packinghouses in Yorba Linda or Placentia packing oranges and lemons. Lois enjoyed shooting tin cans in Turner Canyon with her brother.

The father of one of the boys in Lois' class (Hayes family) would drive through the lease selling watermelons. Gamble had the vegetable truck, and a bell would ring when the man delivering fish was in the neighborhood, according to Lois. Vanilla and brushes were sold by the Watson man, she added.

The kids stayed away from the oil fields because there was something called "sump."

"That's where they drained a lot of stuff from the wells," Lois said. She said quite a few of the men went into the oil business.

Lois loved sports and attended the game in Brea featuring former Olinda

resident Walter Johnson and Duke Smith, but doesn't remember much of the details.

"I took a commercial business course and got a job in the real estate office owned by Harry L. Ulrich."

Lois said about her first job. She worked in the business world for about 20 years, including office work at Sharper Tool. She also worked for John Sever, a pioneer in Brea.

Later, she was appointed Brea City Clerk. "I didn't like the politics," she said emphatically. "I'm insensitive. People disagreed with their water bills or something. They would come in and raise hell and I was the first one they spotted. There wasn't anything I had the power to do about it."

So, Lois took a few years off. She raised and bred long-haired dachshund dogs and sold them to a former English Earl living in Hollywood. She went back to work in the oil tool business, and then retired, equipped to take care of her self.

Lois has an antique Christmas card collection and is generous in sharing her historical belongings. The cards were displaced at the library several years ago. "I even know where to get Brea tar," she concluded.





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Hi Brian,

Yes I did receive your wonderful email.

I never knew about Brea, the history of the Salvesons, or the excitement of that special game on Halloween. My parents were divorced when I was 7 and I didn't see my Dad again until 1964, when my husband and my daughter went to visit him in No Miami FL. But my grandfather (who raised me and best friends with the Babe) used to tell me so many stories.

Jack's brother, Dr. Melvin Salveson, keeps in touch with me. I'm sure he'd have a lot to tell you about growing up in Brea, and may even have some pictures! I don't know his address, but his phone number is 310-917-1911 in Santa Monica, CA. Tell him that I gave you his number and perhaps some day soon, I'll visit CA and we can all walk down Salveson Rd.

Have a great weekend-

Gail Salveson Tiso~



Brea Man of the Year 1966

Founder of the Brea chapter of the American Red Cross

Chairman of the Brea Golden Jubilee

Chairman of the US Bicentennial celebration

Co-Originator of the Brea Liberty Bell idea

Co-founder of the Brea Historical Society

Co-founder of Brea Bonanza Days (now the Country Fair)

Member and President of the North Orange County YMCA

Citizen's Grand Marshall at Brea's 75th year celebration



**Frank J. Schweitzer Sr.**

Moved to Brea in 1912

One of founding officers of Brea Tool Works (later Shaffer Tool Works)

Played vital role in Brea's aquisition of water

Charter member and Co-founder of Brea Chistian Church

On Brea City Council from 1917 - 38

Member of Brea Lions Club from 1948

Designed the "Brea Welcomes You" sign

Negotiated sale of land from Union Oil for City Hall Park

Designed layout of City Hall Park

Negotiated with Architect for design of City Hall building

Planted and cared for first rose garden in City Hall Park

**Frank J. Schweitzer Jr.**

Born in Olinda in 1911, moved to Brea in 1912

One of the first lifeguards at the City Plunge

Brea City Council from 1950 - 62

Brea Mayor 1960 - 62

Active member of Brea Christian Church 1914 - 92

Member Brea Lions Club 1951 - 93

President Brea Lions Club 1978 -79

Honored with Lions Internationl Melvin Jones award



During and after Frank Jr.'s tenure on the City Council he was very active with many other city and community projects. He was a member of the Brea Christian Church, The North Orange County YMCA and the American Red Cross. He along with LaVita Daetweiller organized Brea Bonanza Days, now the Brea Country Fair, as well as the Brea Historical Society. Many of the pictures the society now has are pictures Frank took or collected throughout his lifetime. He has been honored with many awards including the Brea's "Citizen of the Year" in 1966, "Citizen's Make a Difference" award and "Citizen Grand Marshall" of Brea's 75th year celebration. After a lifetime of service Frank passed away August 17, 1993.

Ruth Schweitzer, has also been an active Brean. She has been a Member and President of the Brea Women's Club as well as the Brea Republican Women. She has worked actively with Meals on Wheels and the Brea Christian Church for many years. She too has been bestowed with many awards and honors, one of which was "Brea's Woman of the Year" in ~~1970~~ 1971



# SCHWEITZER FAMILY

Frank Joseph Schweitzer was a long time resident and civic leader of Brea. Born in Toledo, Ohio in 1877 Frank moved to Olinda in 1905, several years before the formation of the township of Brea. At the time he was a machinist and obtained a job in an oil tool shop under the direction of W. D. Shaffer. In July of that year he sent for and married his longtime sweetheart, Julia E. Meissner. They had a daughter Dorothy born in 1909 and a son Frank Jr. born in 1911. In 1912 the family built a house on Madrona Ave. in Brea in which they lived until 1925. Frank then built a house on East Elm where he planted a five acre orange grove.

Frank was very active in the fight to incorporate the City of Brea. Even though he did not seek public office, three months after the city incorporated in 1917, Councilman M.I. McCarty resigned and Frank was asked to fill his post. He served in this capacity until 1938, 21 years! Throughout these early years Frank was very involved in establishing the necessary services and operations a new city demanded. He headed the drive to acquire the necessary land for a city park and a city hall building, he worked for the construction of a sewage treatment plant and bringing water to the citizen's of Brea. He designed the initial layout of City Hall Park as well as the "Brea Welcomes You" sign that once spanned Brea Blvd. Although he had many opportunities to become Mayor, he always refused stating he would rather be a worker than a boss. However he did serve as Mayor Pro-tem on many different occasions.

Upon moving to Brea in 1912, Frank became superintendent of a gasoline extraction plant until it was sold to a major oil company. He then, along with a few friends, began Brea Tool Works becoming its first Secretary/Treasurer. It eventually sold to Baash-Ross Tool Company which later became Shaffer Tool Works. Frank then became superintendent of Brea Brick Company until the source of clay was exhausted and the concern moved to Alhambra. He then worked for Duro Engineering and later back to Shaffer Tool Works as Superintendent and Chief Engineer. While at Shaffer Tool Works he designed and patented many oil well drilling devices until his retirement in 1942.

Frank and his wife Julia were both very active in community affairs. In 1914 they helped establish the Brea Christian Church. Julia was its first Choir Director and Superintendent of Sunday School classes for more than 30 years. In 1947 the Sunday School building was dedicated in her name upon her death. She was also a charter member of the Brea Women's Club. Frank was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce as well as The Brea Lions Club until his death in 1960.

Frank's son, Frank Joseph Schweitzer Jr. was born January 18, 1911 while his parents were living in Olinda. He entered Brea Grammar School, now the Brea Junior High School the first year it opened. He entered Brea-Olinda High School and was among the first class to graduate that entered as freshman. After high school he went to Fullerton Junior College and later the University of California at Berkeley majoring in Engineering. He returned to Shaffer Tool Works working for his father. Upon Frank Sr.'s retirement Frank Jr. stepped in as the new Chief Engineer.

In 1938 on a blind date, Frank Jr. met Eltha Ruth Huntington of Anaheim. They became engaged and married on June 2, 1939. The couple had three sons, Charles Lewis born 1942, Donald Laurence born 1947 and James William born 1953. Frank Jr., like his father, was a very active member of the community. He joined the Brea Lions Club in 1948 becoming its President in 1978. He was awarded the highest honor Lions Club International can bestow on a fellow lion, the "Melvin Jones Fellow Award" in 1983. Frank Jr. ran for and was elected to the City Council in 1950. He served for over 12 years becoming Mayor in 1960 - 62. While on the Council, Frank was most proud of spearheading the annexation of a large portion of land just east of town. Brea beat Fullerton by just one day, largely due to Frank's efforts.



Boyd Smith  
+ family information  
+ home

Howard  
529-3656



Clare Smith

Lost his left leg in  
motorcycle accident.  
was chauffeur for Ede  
Hurst - went all over

Howard Smith lived at 315 S Orange  
wife Josephine Eastern Star  
M<sup>c</sup> Kaughan







Boyd Smith home

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Boyd Smith had 5 son

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Clare had leg cut off in accident  
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Bruce Bailey Jordan







Clare Smully worked for  
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brother of Howard Smith

son of Boyd Smith whose  
house is the base of the  
Pelton vet -

driver  
schl desk.

1918 CHEVY TRUCK