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DOCTOR

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One of the highlights of his career came when he was sent to Ecuador in 1947 to head up a

State Department program to improve health and sanitation conditions in South America. Among other projects was a plan to build hospitals throughout the country.

He planned to stay six months, but refused to leave until the job was completed. About the time the hospitals, sanitation and water systems were completed and the doctor was ready to come home, the disastrous earthquake of 1949 struck.

Ecuador officials said the loss of life would have been tremendous had the new systems and hospitals not been completed. Since most of the population was not immunized, an epidemic of typhoid fever struck following the earthquake and Dr. Curtis worked around the clock with patients.

WINS CITATIONS

Before leaving Ecuador, Dr. Curtis was given eight citations from the government including several from the President Galo Plaza personally. Several of the citations listed their benefactor as "Don Glenn Curtis."

During World War II, Dr. Curtis was so busy filling in for other doctors who were in the service that he averaged less than four hours sleep each night, according to persons who lived in the area during that time. They said he was in a constant state of exhaustion, but refused the pleas of his friends to slow down. Even after he became ill himself, they said, he refused to limit his work until his heart condition finally required that he become a hospital patient himself.

Along with his practice of medicine, Dr. Curtis was active in the American Legion and was a veteran of World War I. He was an active Lions Club member and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was an active coin collector and started the Brea Coin Club that grew to be one of the largest in the nation before his death. He was also an avid stamp collector and was well-known for his generosity to youths who were interested in either hobby.

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Among other efforts on the municipal level, Dr. Curtis helped William Fanning and Lester Slaughter write the current city civil service ordinance.

The doctor was born June 29 1894 in Atlanta, Ga., and was graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. He was then graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists after a year's service in the Army in 1917-18.

When Dr. Curtis died at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach in November 1959, at 65, the entire community mourned its loss. Mrs. Curtis has carried on much of his philanthropic work and is still active in the community.



DR. GLENN CURTIS



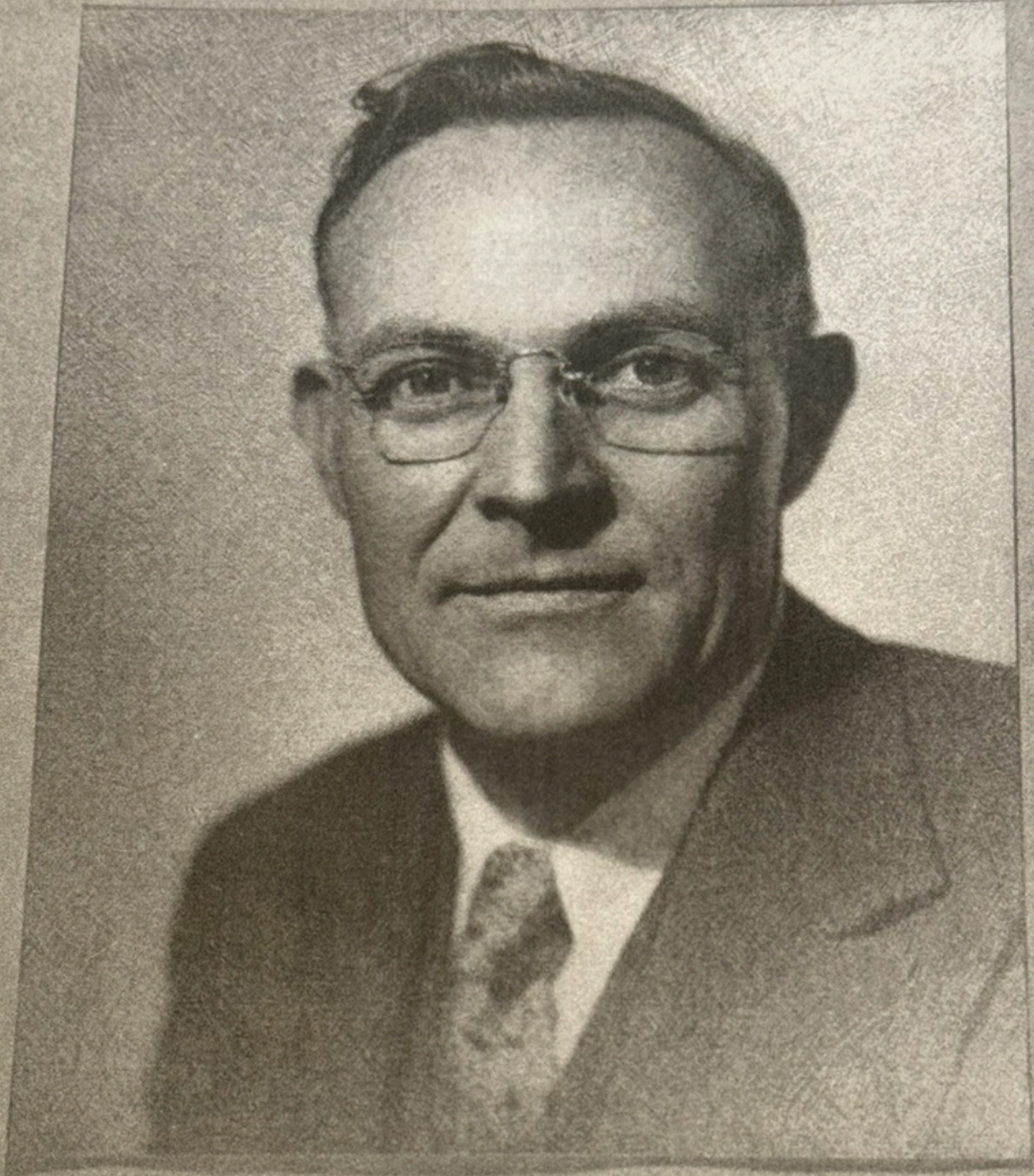


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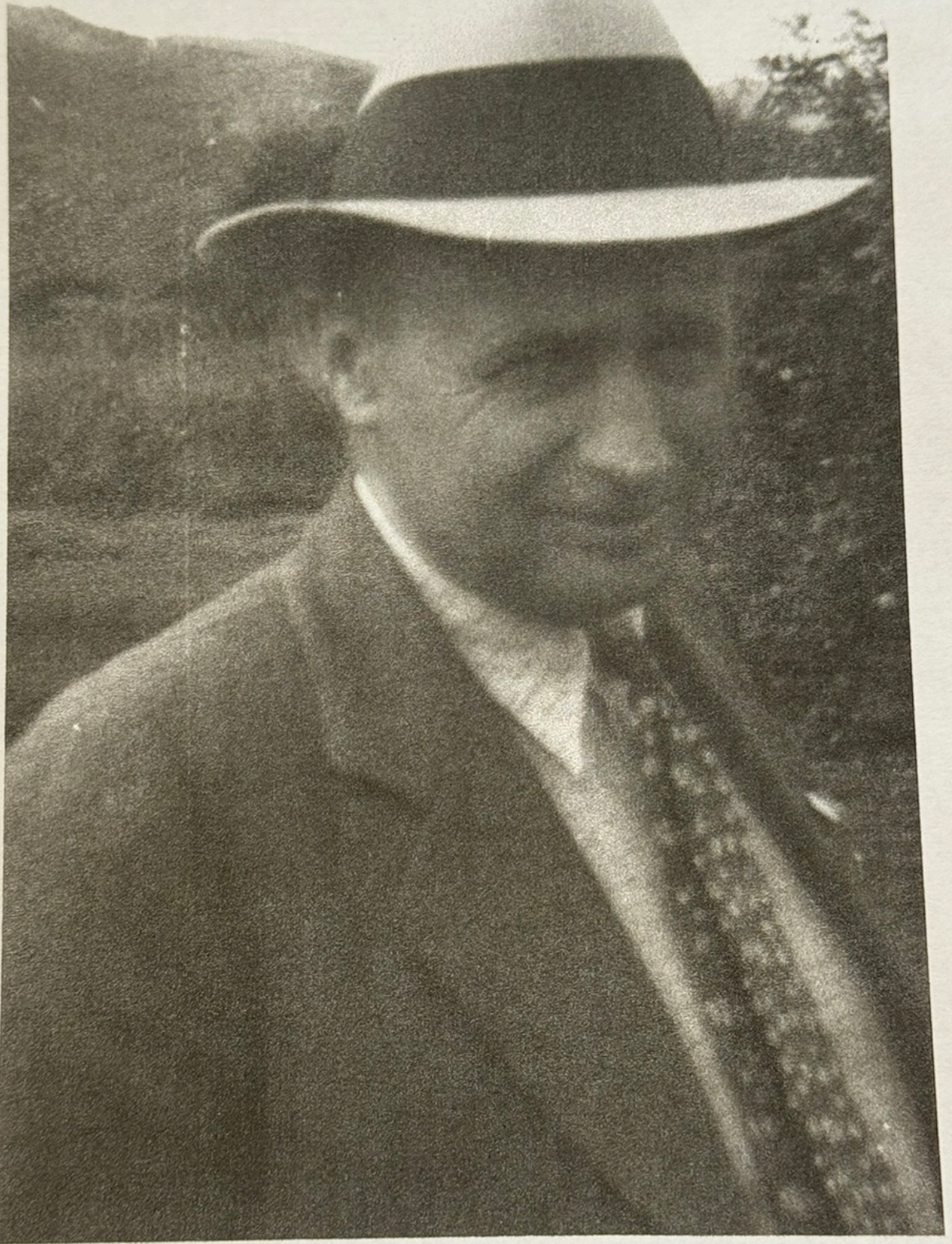


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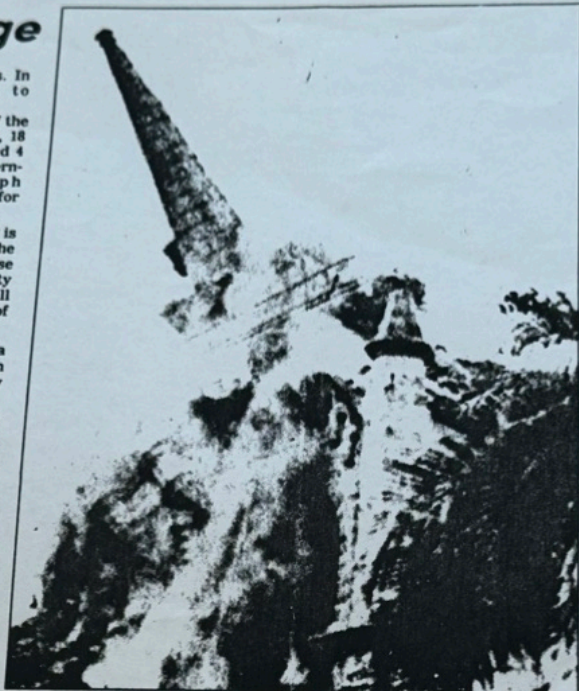
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After making their decision on what to do with the unexpected surplus, trustees adopted a budget for 1981-82 calling for a \$33.5 million deficit. Spending and a reserve of \$600,000.

However, those figures were locked in concrete. At the meeting, trustees can't say they want to spend a penny more from the reserve.

Trustees and other officials said they should have done an in-depth study of current needs.

Trustee Robert Simpson said that improved computer programs would meet increasing demands in the districts. He said that districts have much more money than we do.

The attendance study was recommended by Grimshaw. It would save more than \$1 million by keeping more students in the classroom. The district receives state aid on the basis of attendance, not sheer numbers.

"Forget about just saying that," said trustee Richard Grimshaw. "What about the fact that aren't going to classes?"

Grimshaw said that the district needs to spend \$100,000 to replace buses and vehicles.

"We cannot afford to do that program," asserted trustee Walter Ziegler, Fullerton Board President.

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Unit Formed to Coordinate Quake Plans

Governor Seeks Funds for State Task Force; Mock Temblor Staged

By JOAN SWEENEY,
Times Staff Writer

Saying the question is not whether a catastrophic earthquake will hit California, but rather when it occur, Gov. Edmund G. Brown took steps Monday to better prepare Californians to cope with such a disaster.

Brown established a state emergency task force on earthquake preparedness to implement the recommendations of an ad hoc group he named last November. A Brown assistant, Dr. William W. Whitson, who was director of the ad hoc group, also will head the task force.

The task force will have 30 advisory groups of which one will focus on methods of mobilizing and training neighborhood self-help teams. They would shoulder the burden during the first 24 hours after a quake, when communications, transportation routes, emergency services and other life-line networks are disrupted.

Brown asked the Legislature for \$4.5 million initially for the quake preparedness program, but added, "This thing is going to cost a lot more before we are finished."

'We're Not Ready'

However, he noted, "We have billions defending for a war, which is a contingency; a catastrophic earthquake is a certainty. It will kill thousands of people and we're not ready for it."

He warned, "The government cannot in the initial hours after an earthquake save people. People are going to have to organize themselves block by block and they're going to have to take it very seriously."

Brown's action came on the 10th anniversary of the San Fernando Valley quake which, although "moderate" in seismic terms, caused 58 deaths and about \$500 million in

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permit to keep the animal. The city stayed the complaint pending the decision.

The council seems to object to Tita, members are pondering what to do decide to keep pet goats, or maybe a gerbil. Will Tita set a precedent?

Experts say that his sheep makes no noise, is most pets, and has no unfriendly neighbors. He has a dog, but the two get

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Ex-Wife Was 'Devil,' Alaia Told Hypnotist

By DAVID REYES,
Times Staff Writer

Dr. Louis Alaia revealed while under hypnosis that he believed his former wife was the devil who was bent on destroying him, his attorneys said Monday.

The doctor's lawyers further said that he viewed his wife in that light because she threatened to separate him from his beloved 11-year-old son.

DOC CURTIS: BREA'S COUNTRY DOCTOR

Dr. Glen Curtis practiced medicine in Brea for over 30 years and it was a very comforting feeling to know that if you needed help, Doc Curtis was there. He was a medical doctor of the old school with a general practice that included surgery, internal and external medicine, hospital calls, office calls, home calls and even sidewalk consultations.

There is little doubt in the minds of those who know Dr. Curtis that his devotion to this community was real. Whether rich or poor, to Dr. Curtis each patient was a sick person needing help. Many bills for his services were marked "Paid in Full" when patients were unable to meet their obligation. He was truly a generous man with his time and talent.

Doc Curtis participated in many civic and professional organizations. His credits included president of Brea Lions Club, president and co-founder of the Orange County Coin Club, president of the Brea American Legion, and member of the Brea Citrol Lodge and Noble Mystic Shrine. His love of the arts was evident in his charter membership and patronage of the Los Angeles Music Center. His professional affiliations included president of the Orange County Medical Association, member of the American Medical Association, president of the California Public Health League, and organizer and director of California Physicians Blue Shield.

Doc Curtis not only looked after the health of the residents of Brea, he also traveled to Equador on vacation and ended up spending two years caring for the sick and teaching health care in a very primitive part of the country.

He was proud to be known as "Brea's Country Doctor" and thoroughly enjoyed the role. He had a strong sense of fun and a quick sense of humor which often resulted in spontaneous practical jokes.

Doc Curtis is warmly remembered by those who knew him. Here are just a few quotes which provide a personal glimpse of Brea's Country Doctor:

Dr. Gerald Mitchell, a friend since 1912 in Atlanta, GA and a member of the staff of Loma Linda School of Dentistry: "He was a natural born doctor and even in prep school was called "Doc."

Mrs. Sharon Alexander Dean: It's difficult to realize in this day of specialized medicine that a doctor such as Doc Curtis ever existed. He, of course, did everything. He will be remembered by all who he delivered as a man always in a hurry with plenty of time to stop and listen when one of his patients had a problem."

Vi Alexander: "I have very kind memories of Dr. Curtis, as I worked in his office for several years, and I've never known a more generous and kind person. He always gave of himself."

Howard Robinson: "Dr. Curtis was a man's man, and in the eyes of his many friends, a real Christian gentleman."

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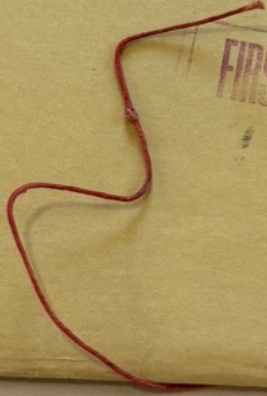
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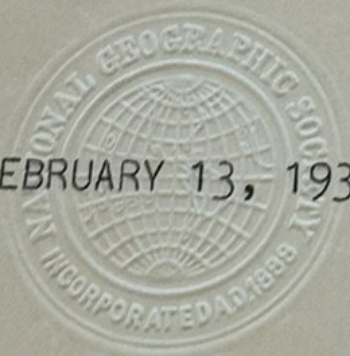
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DR. C. GLENN CURTIS, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS BREA'S COUNTRY DOCTOR, BEGAN HIS PRACTICE HERE IN 1926 AND CONTINUED IT UNTIL HIS DEATH NOVEMBER 15, 1959. DOC CURTIS REPRESENTED THE FINEST TRADITION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WITH A CARING PRACTICE THAT INCLUDED SURGERY, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MEDICINE, HOSPITAL VISITS AND HOUSE CALLS.

HIS UNBOUNDED ENERGY PURSUED MANY INTERESTS BEYOND HIS BUSY MEDICAL PRACTICE. HE WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE ARTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ORGANIZER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB, PRESIDENT OF THE BREA LION'S CLUB AND A RECOGNIZED PHOTOGRAPHER. DOC CURTIS WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL POLITICS. HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS A DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN ECUADOR FROM 1948 TO 1950. DOC CURTIS WAS TED CRAIG'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER WHEN HE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY.

RECENTLY A NUMBER OF LOYAL FRIENDS OF DR. CURTIS AND THE CITY OF BREA HONORED HIS MEMORY BY NAMING THE THEATRE IN THE CIVIC CULTURAL CENTER AFTER HIM. THE DR. C. GLENN CURTIS PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE IS A FITTING MEMORIAL TO A LIFE OF SERVICE.

HELEN LEANNA CURTIS

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DATE OF INTERVIEW: AUGUST 7, 1980
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Helen Leanna Curtis is my full name and I came from Georgia.

Q: Were you born in Georgia?

A: Yes. Decatur, east of Atlanta. Really it was at Eastlake. Eastlake is a lake fed by springs. My dad built our home there at the turn of the century. I was the only one born there that lived.

Q: How many were in your family?

A: Five. The oldest girl was nearly five when she died of Scarlet Fever. They didn't have shots then. Then Glenn was born. Then another boy and he burned to death at nine. Then my sister Adeline was born.

Q: Your father was a doctor, wasn't he?

A: My father was a country doctor. He probably delivered a baby for five dollars. My mother was from Indiana and Dad was from Iowa.

Q: How did they happen to get to Georgia?

A: Well, they met at Bible School in Chicago. He took nurses training and when the first child died he said he was going to be a doctor so he would know what to do. Then later the boy burned to death.

Q: Was it a house accident?

A: Yes. It was the stove. They had such crude things then.

Q: Did you live in Georgia most of your childhood or did you move around?

A: I went to grade school in Tennessee.

Q: How did Glenn decide to be a doctor? Was it because his father was one?

A: Yes.

Q: I suppose he had to go to different schools.

A: He went to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, a denominational college of the Seven Day Adventists. He took medicine at Loma Linda University

and interned there. He moved to Columbus, Ohio to begin his practice after graduating. But it was so cold there and he was accustomed to California weather. So he just came right back. Then he settled here in Brea to practice. He built an office on north Brea Boulevard. It is still used today as a Medical Center. The man who built his office said, "I don't give him more than six months in this town. He is too bossy and critical of everything." But later he built a house for him in Newport Beach.

Q: How many did he have in his office? Viva Alexander was in the office.

A: He had several nurses.

Q: Do you remember anything that happened when he was practicing?

A: He was always helping somebody. At Christmas time he would send a card to people that owed him something - "Paid in full". And one particular case - a young man was hurt in a car accident. He had a broken hip, broken bones; he was a mess. Glenn had two rooms in the back of the office. He fixed up a room and kept the boy there.

The nurses took care of him and his mother brought his food. He said he would never turn down a call. Because if they were sick enough to need a doctor, they were sick enough to have one. So he always went when he was called. In those days they didn't have many hospitals.

Q: I guess the Cottage and the General Hospital in Fullerton were about the only ones around closer than St. Josephs in Orangs.

A: There was an old, old hospital in Anaheim - almost in the center of town.

My brother hated to be in a hospital for shots or anything. He had a heart attack and was at St. Josephs. He had his car parked in front. So he climbed out the window in his pajamas and drove home. Bernice said "What in the world are you doing here?" And he said "I can't stand being in bed. I have to get to work." He was a character. That was when his heart started bothering him.

Q: Would you tell me about Glenn's marriage?

A: His wife was Bernice ~~William~~ who came from Hershey, Pennsylvania. They went to school together when quite young. I believe it was the Graysville, Tennessee High School. She was teaching music in a school near Chattanooga before they were married. Altogether she taught music, both vocal and piano, for forty years.

Their marriage took place in 1932. She came out to Kingman, Arizona and he met her there with a minister. They were married there and drove back to Brea. They came back to their apartment on Birch Street and found it well decorated by his friend, *Later bought Dr. Glenn's hat and 400 Brea Brea* Bowers, who was the editor of the Brea Progress. They were both in the Coffee Club that was thriving at that time. Once the Bowers came home from a vacation to find a clothesline on the roof of their house and on it were hanging all kinds of fancy women's underclothes. One time the two made a bet at the Coffee Club and Glenn won. He sat in a buggy in a high top hat with a big cigar and wearing a split tail coat and Mr. Bowers pulled him down the street. Then Glenn lost a bet and he borrowed my mother's long flannel nightgown. My dad was bald headed and wore a night cap. So Glenn wore them both and walked down the main street.

Robinson, Curtis and Bergman had a building back of the Spanish Cafe on north Brea Boulevard. Glenn tried raising chinchillas there. Just he and Bernice took care of them. It was quite a chore. They are so fragile.

Q: Tell me about Dr. Curtis's work in Quito, Ecuador.

A: President Roosevelt started to build hospitals in South America, but they were never completed. So they sent Glenn down there to complete two or three. One didn't even have a well or water supply - so he had a well dug.

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Q: How long was he in Quito?

A: About three years.

Q: Wasn't some area close to him destroyed in an earthquake?

A: Yes, the ground just opened up and swallowed a whole town. I was a little town near him. Of course, all the churches and convents were gone. Glenn got in touch with some of his doctor friends up here and they gathered up money to help the poor people that were left. The priest came and said 'I want that money to rebuild the church'. And Glenn said 'You'll not get a penny of it'. He said 'These people are starving and this money collected from the United States is to help them. Your church can wait till you see it to raise your own'.

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Q: Were you born in Georgia?

A: Yes. Decatur, east of Atlanta. Really it was at Eastlake. Eastlake is a lake fed by springs. My dad built our home there at the turn of the century. I was the only one born there that lived.

Q: How many were in your family?

A: Five. The oldest girl was nearly five when she died of Scarlet Fever. They didn't have shots then. Then Glenn was born. Then another boy and he burned to death at nine. Then my sister Adeline was born.

Q: Your father was a doctor, wasn't he?

A: My father was a country doctor. He probably delivered a baby for five dollars. My mother was from Indiana and Dad was from Iowa.

Q: How did they happen to get to Georgia?

A: Well, they met at Bible School in Chicago. He took nurses training and when the first child died he said he was going to be a doctor so he would know what to do. Then later the boy burned to death.

Q: Was it a house accident?

A: Yes. It was the stove. They had such crude things then.

Q: Did you live in Georgia most of your childhood or did you move around?

A: I went to grade school in Tennessee.

Q: How did Glenn decide to be a doctor? Was it because his father was on?

A: Yes.

Q: I suppose he had to go to different schools.

A: He went to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, a denominational college of the Seven Day Adventists. He took medicine at Loma Linda University.

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Q: How many did he have in his office? Viva Alexander was in the office.

A: He had several nurses.

Q: Do you remember anything that happened when he was practicing?

A: He was always helping somebody. At Christmas time he would send a card to people that owed him something - "Paid in full". And one particular case - a young man was hurt in a car accident. He had a broken hip, broken bones; he was a mess. Glenn had two rooms in the back of the office. He fixed up a room and kept the boy there. The nurses took care of him and his mother brought his food. He said he would never turn down a call. Because if they were sick enough to need a doctor, they were sick enough to have one. So he always went when he was called. In those days they didn't have many hospitals.

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A: There was an old, old hospital in Anaheim - almost in the center of town.

My brother hated to be in a hospital for shots or anything. He had a heart attack and was at St. Josephs. He had his car parked in front. So he climbed out the window in his pajamas and drove home. Bernice said "What in the world are you doing here?" And he said "I can't stand being in bed. I have to get to work." He was a character. That was when his heart started bothering him.

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Q: Tell me about Dr. Curtis's work in Quito, Ecuador.

A: President Roosevelt started to build hospitals in South America, but they were never completed. So they sent Glenn down there to complete two or three. One didn't even have a well or water supply - so he had a well dug.

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Q: How long was he in Quito?

A: About three years.

Q: Wasn't some area close to him destroyed in an earthquake?

A: Yes, the ground just opened up and swallowed a whole town. I was a little town near him. Of course, all the churches and convents were gone. Glenn got in touch with some of his doctor friends up here and they gathered up money to help the poor people that were left. The priest came and said 'I want that money to rebuild the church'. And Glenn said 'You'll not get a penny of it'. He said 'These people are starving and this money collected from the United States is to help them. Your church can wait till you see it to raise your own'.

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1932 Kingman Arizona

1927 Medical office in Brea and practiced until health failed in 1958.

Nov. 15, 1959 Passed away at Veterans Hospital, Long Beach.

A "Life Dedicated to Humanity".

Nov. 19, 1959 Funeral services - Dr. Arthur Bietz,

Interment in Memory Gardens Memorial Park, Brea

Cultural Arts Commission

Original letter Aug. 4, 1980

1st meeting attended Nov. 11, 1980 (Mary McGuire, Betty and Dean)

Attended many meetings

May 5, 1981 - Cultural Arts Comm.: Policy procedure criteria as to name.

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"The Brea Performing Arts Theatre"

Oct. 27, 1981 - Council approval.

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1982 Jan. and Feb. identification

Mary - Bronze marker

Pamela Mason, artist - Taos, New Mexico

Gold letters on building

Dedication Aug. 4, 1982

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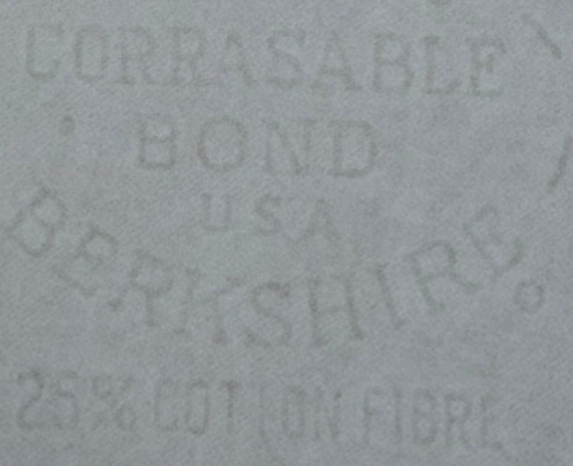
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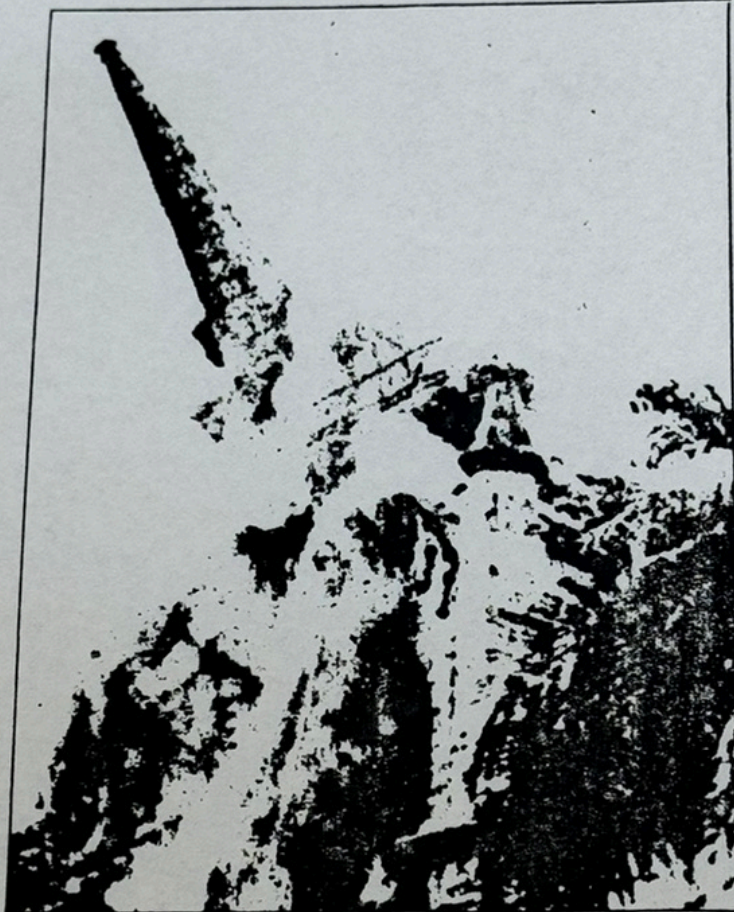
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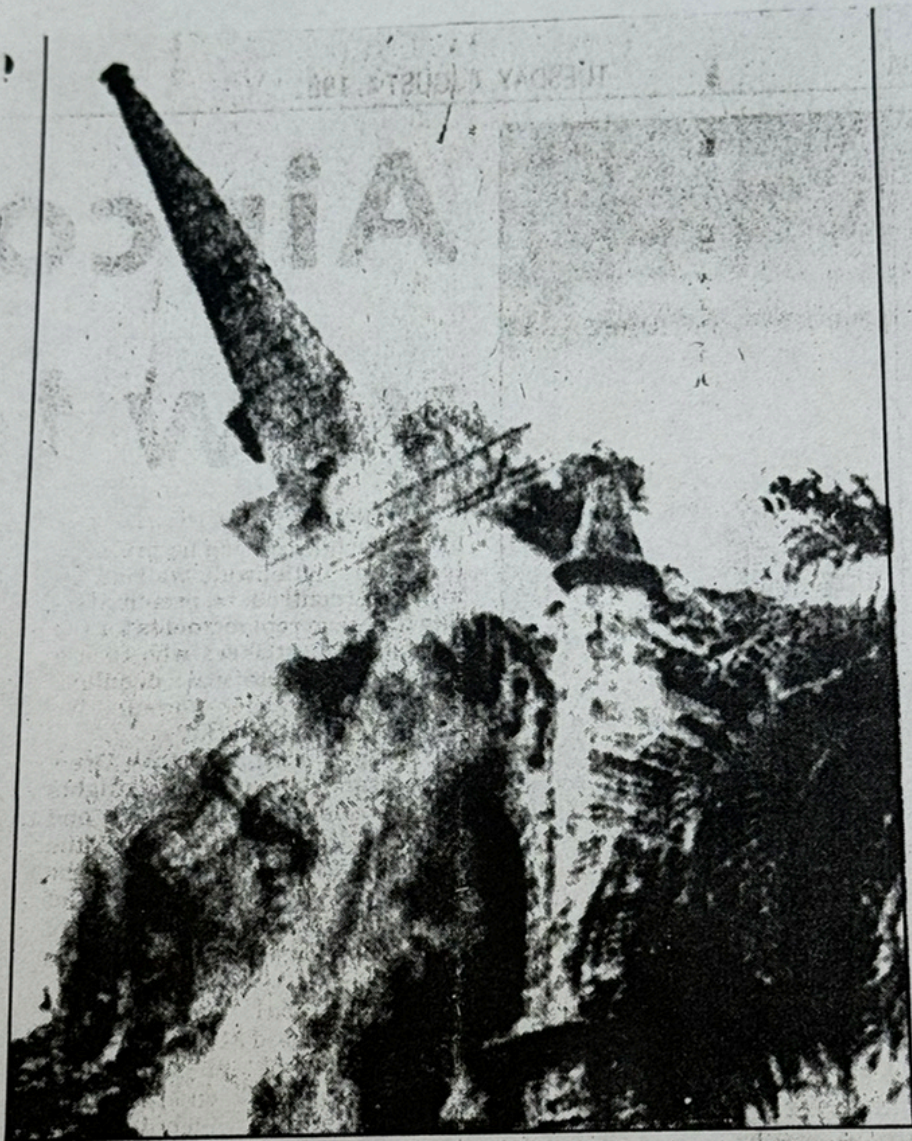
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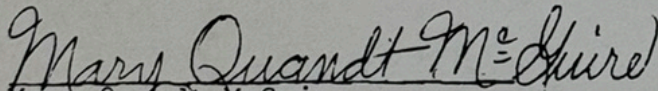
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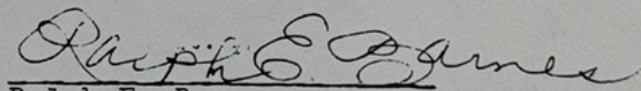
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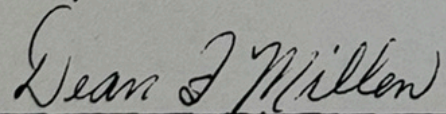
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If adequate funds can be arranged our hope is to establish a scholarship fund in the name of Dr. Curtis to be awarded annually to a deserving Brea student.

Sincerely,


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November 12, 1981

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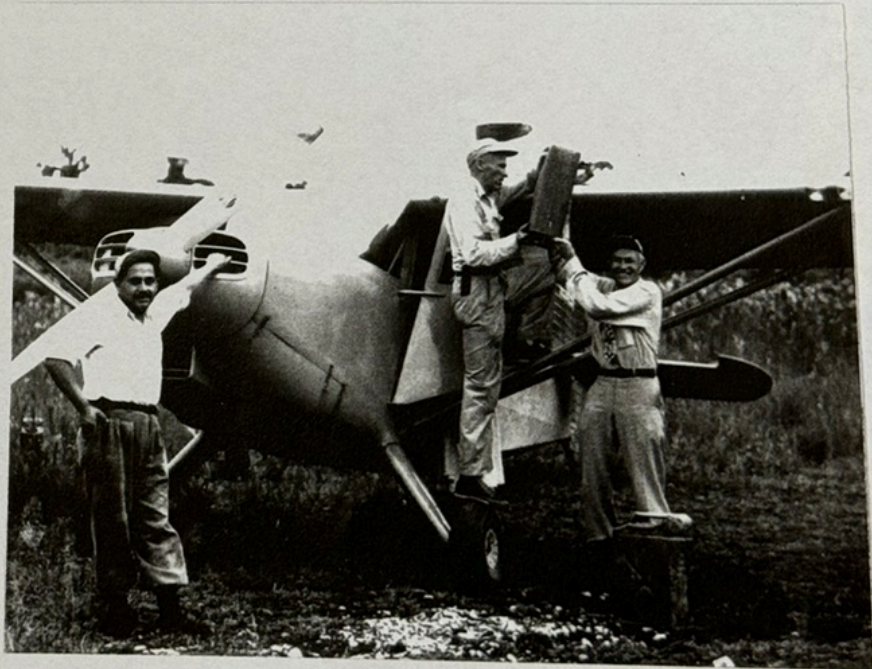
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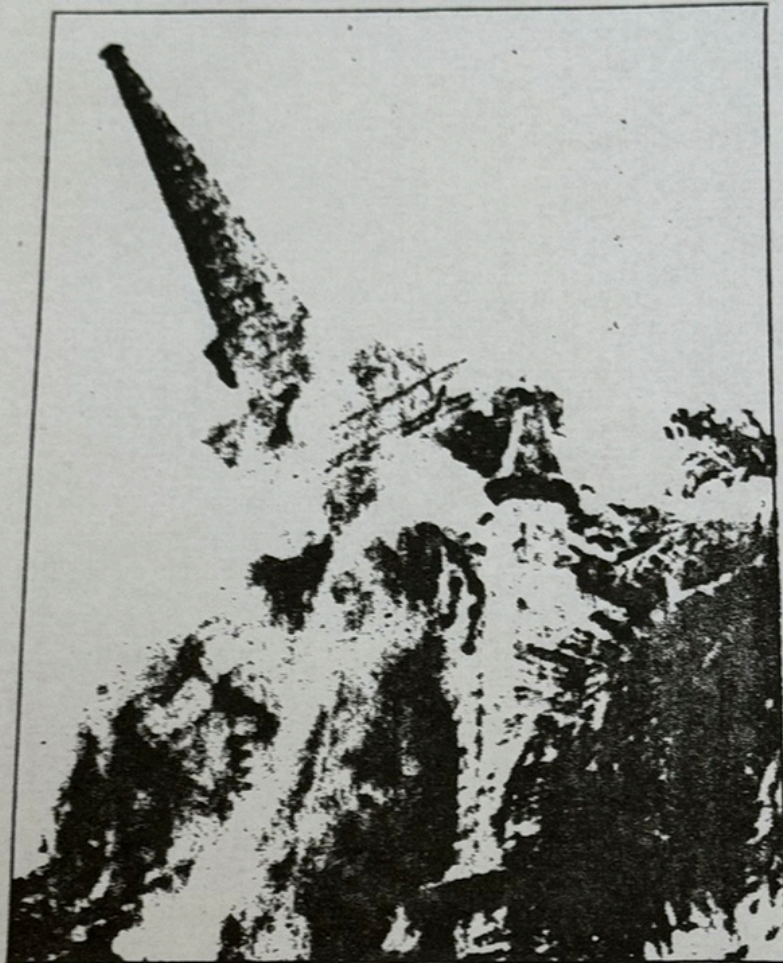
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TODAY IN HISTORY

The date: Aug. 4, 1949, exactly 32 years ago today. The place, Ambato, Ecuador. The event: A huge earthquake that leveled 50 towns and killed more than 6,000 persons. A daring cameraman stood his ground to make this remarkable photo of Ambato's cathedral collapsing during the quake. Sixty children were buried in the ruins.

Quito, Ecuador 1948-49

Institute of Inter-American Affairs

to relieve the medical doctor then in charge.

Famous bush pilot, Nick Saint; primitive people & head hunters.
Curtis landed, - out of the forest came the natives.

Polaroid camera; a picture of the chief;
Spent night in hut; native with spears. Protecting him as he slept.

Commendation from President of Ecuador, Galo Plaza

July 20. 1975

Mr. Dean F. Millen
P.O. Box 276
Brea, Calif. 92621

Dear Dean and Fellow Lions:

Words fail me when it comes to expressing my appreciation and thanks for the wonderful thing you did in getting the plaque and all the work that went with it. It was such a beautiful ceremony and there were people there I hadn't seen in thirty years! I'm sure Doc would be honored and appreciate very much your erecting this memorial to him in the Ted Craig Regional Park, because he was a great admirer of Ted's and he did all he could to support him politically.

You wondered about our life prior to coming to Brea. Well, Doc was from Atlanta and I was from a school near Chattanooga, Tennessee. We met for the first time at this school.

About his work in Equador...

It was a strange thing how we got to go to Equador. We had company at a barbecue one evening who were having a boat remodeled that they had bought after the Second World War so they could go to Equador. During the dinner our guests asked Doc where he was going for vacation that year. Well, he said that he didn't have any plans at that time, so our friends replied "How would you like to go to Equador with us?" At once Doc's face lit up and to my great surprise he said YES! HE WOULD LOVE TO!! (it was a great surprise because he usually got seasick at the sight of a full bathtub) So, with this the plans were laid for the date to take off.

We had a lovely trip down the coast and thru the Panama Canal to Esmeralds where we were to land. We stayed there several days, (our host and his family stayed on there because of interest in investments) then Doc and I flew to Quito and registered at a hotel there.

The first night Doc became acquainted with a doctor from the United States who was there with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and he asked Doc if he wouldn't consider taking over his job because he was leaving for San Salvador. I don't know what Doc said but within a week Doc recieved an invitation from Washington to take over the job of Inter-American Affairs in Equador. He just couldn't wait to get started. I, however, had things to do before I could leave, in as much as his and my parents were both living. He stayed in a hotel until I arrived two weeks later.

Several days after my arrival, one of the important men in the American government down there was called back to the States and wanted to know if we would take over his house. It was a huge house and I had some reservations about taking over a house full of Spanish servants with my meager knowledge of the language. But it seemed to work out very well. I wondered every time a servant came up the steps if I would be able to know what in the world he was talking about!

Doc thoroughly enjoyed his work and it was a real challenge for him. At that time the U.S. was helping Eq. in construction of hospitals and medical practice. It was in these hospitals that my husband worked.

There were many places to go in the land of the Otabalo indians and Guayiquihe was just another world! There were many other places we could go for the weekend as we often did. And our social life was quite a thing to keep up with!

But the time had finally come to go home as our parents were not well and needed us. So this is the story in short of our stay in Quito. We moved to Brea after returning to the U.S. To you as the instigator, I want to give my whole-hearted thanks for all the trouble and work that went into the dedication of the plaque and for the interest in Doc's life and remembrance. I especially appreciate the pictures of the group and of the plaque. I actually got my picture on the front of a newspaper for once!

I tried to get a hold of you, Dean, but I presume Betty and you are on vacation. I will get in touch with you when you return. A

Again, many thanks to you and I shall hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Bernice Curtis

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Obituaries

BERNICE W. CURTIS

Friends may visit anytime today at McAulay and Wallace Mortuary, Fullerton, for long-time area resident Bernice W. Curtis of Brea. She was 80.

Cryptside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea. Elder Robert Lloyd of Seventh Day Adventist Church of Fullerton will officiate. McAulay and Wallace is directing arrangements and may be contacted for further information.

Mrs. Curtis, of 502 S. Poplar, died Tuesday evening at Gordon Lane Convalescent Hospital, Fullerton. She lived in the area for 50 years and taught piano for 20 years. Her husband, Dr. Charles Glenn Curtis, served as a physician and surgeon in Brea for many years before his death in 1959. Mrs. Curtis was born in Pennsylvania on May 18, 1900.

She is survived by brother Arthur L. Williams of Yucca Valley.

More About DOCTOR

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er refused to call on the sick no matter what time of night he was needed. His widow, Mrs. Bernice Curtis said he rarely received a full night's sleep in his years of practice.

One of the highlights of his career came when he was sent to Ecuador in 1947 to head up a

State Department program to improve health and sanitation conditions in South America. Among other projects was a plan to build hospitals throughout the country.

He planned to stay six months, but refused to leave until the job was completed. About the time the hospitals, sanitation and water systems were completed and the doctor was ready to come home, the disastrous earthquake of 1949 struck.

Ecuador officials said the loss of life would have been tremendous had the new systems and hospitals not been completed. Since most of the population was not immunized, an epidemic of typhoid fever struck following the earthquake and Dr. Curtis worked around the clock with patients.

WINS CITATIONS

Before leaving Ecuador, Dr. Curtis was given eight citations from the government including several from the President Galo Plaza personally. Several of the citations listed their benefactor as "Don Glenn Curtis."



DR. CURTIS CITED — Dr. Glenn Curtis is shown with Ecuador President Galo Plaza soon after being given a citation for his work during the disastrous earthquake that struck the country in 1948. Dr. Curtis spent two years in Ecuador working with the State Department's Institute of Inter-American Affairs. He headed the construction of water and sanitation facilities and hospitals throughout the country.

During World War II, Dr. Curtis was so busy filling in for other doctors who were in the service that he averaged less than four hours sleep each night, according to persons who lived in the area during that time. They said he was in a constant state of exhaustion, but refused the pleas of his friends to slow down. Even after he became ill himself, they said, he refused to limit his work until his heart condition finally required that he become a hospital patient himself.

Along with his practice of medicine, Dr. Curtis was active in the American Legion and was a veteran of World War I. He was an active Lions Club member and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was an active coin collector and started the Brea Coin Club that grew to be one of the largest in the nation before his death. He was also an avid stamp collector and was well-known for his generosity to youths who were interested in either hobby.

ACTIVE HOBBIEIST

Dr. Curtis was also a photography hobbieist and had his own darkroom in his home. But even his hobbies were dedicated to others and he spent many hours photographing and printing pictures of forged or altered coins to help collectors avoid those pitfalls.

He was active in government from the national to the municipal level and was always on hand when needed. He worked with many groups to maintain the high ethical level of medicine and worked with legislators in laws effecting the profession.

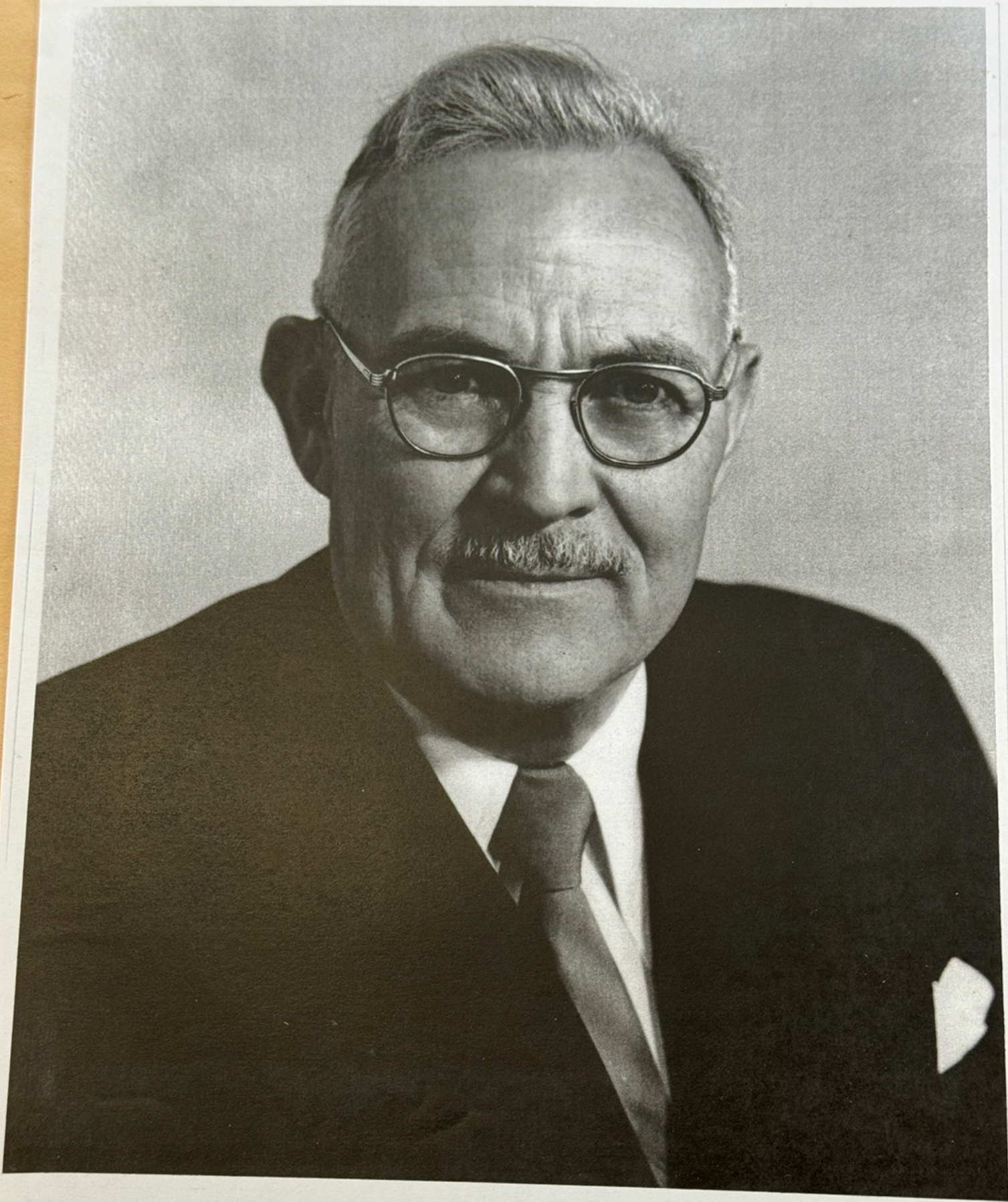
Among other efforts on the municipal level, Dr. Curtis helped William Fanning and Lester Slaughter write the current city civil service ordinance.

The doctor was born June 29 1894 in Atlanta, Ga., and was graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. He was then graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists after a year's service in the Army in 1917-18.

When Dr. Curtis died at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach in November 1959, at 65, the entire community mourned its loss. Mrs. Curtis has carried on much of his philanthropic work and is still active in the community.



DR. GLENN CURTIS



September 6, 1981

To Whom It My Concern:

In respect to Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, I remember that he was the first person I met when we moved to Brea. It was a modest town with an ancient history of oil, for which the town was named.

Dr. Curtis was Brea. He was one of the most caring persons I've ever known, and his love for people was like a giant umbrella over the town. No one was ever too unimportant to receive his help. In an era when most medical help is predicated on the person's ability to pay, his dedication to service first, is legendary among those who knew him. It did not matter what time the phone rang in the middle of the night; he went wherever he was called, even if he did not know the person.

He had the heart and focus and dedication of a Dr. Albert Schweitzer but he also had a delightful sense of humor -- an almost gamin delight in little things.

When my son Victor was a very little boy, Dr. Curtis put him in the hospital to observe and treat a flu-like virus. One morning he arrived at Vic's room with a box of about 40 balloons and proceeded to blow them up and scatter them about the room. He knew that a little boy, alone in a hospital room, would be lonely.

When Victor was about three, he became violently ill one morning. I was frightened, as I was alone with 2 other small children and no one else. I called Dr. Curtis at his office and described the symptoms. In about four minutes a car tore up in front - Dr. C. ran up to the door, grabbed Vic up - shouted he would be back - and drove off at top speed. About two hours later he brought him back. Something about my

description had alerted his sense of danger, and he took him back to the office to pump his stomach. Vic had found some pretty colored pills, which we later discovered were a poison. Five minutes more would have been too late. Thus was saved the young man who won the silver medal for the U.S. at the 1972 Olympics in Munich with his 22 small-bore rifle.

Dr. Curtis went to Ecuador to supervise the building and staffing of one of the Pan-Pacific hospitals in Quito with official papers as a representative of the U.S. While there he was flown into the jungle by the famous Nick Saint. The tribe he was going to see were head-hunters and very primitive, but some missionaries had asked him to come and give the tribe some shots. Nick Saint landed the plane, told Dr. Curtis to get out and wait, that he would go back and get the medicine, as there had not been room enough to bring it on the small plane. Dr. C. was startled but very game, and sat down on a rock to wait. Suddenly from out of the forest came the natives, looking extremely fierce. Dr. C. had his Polaroid camera with him, and with great presence of mind, selected the native with the most feathers and headgear - decided he was the chief, and with great flair and much abra-ca-dabra and waving of hands over the chief -- took his picture. Then with more waving of hands over the camera -- pulled out the completed picture. This was rare magic to the natives, who had never even seen a camera, and they chanted and danced around him.

Nick Saint arrived shortly with the medication. All the natives were entranced, and lined up to get their shots from this marvelous man, who also found the time to cure the chief's mother of yaws.

That night he stayed in an open hut, and before going to bed, looked out the opening. It was bright moonlight, and he saw that he was completely surrounded by silent natives with spears. He thought, 'this could very well be it - but I've had a good life'-- and went to sleep. The next morning the natives were gone, and he was told by Nick Saint who flew him out, that the tribe had stood guard all night to protect this wonderful man from neighboring tribes who were their enemies. As a gift the chief presented him with two amazingly beautiful shrunken heads, which I later saw.

When our twin sons were born in Brea, they were named Carl and Curtis, after two of our fine friends -- Carl Harvey, the principal of our High School, and Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, who almost single-handedly kept Brea alive.

So many stories linger in my mind of this dear, sainted, remarkable man, who was never too busy to help "even the least of these" -- that I think I could easily write a book.

But in closing, if the present people of Brea are lucky enough to have a plaque dedicating their theater to Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, I, for one, shall be in constant attendance, and never walk through the doors without a salute to that plaque.

Lois Auer

3850 Cody Road
Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403

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Brea Civic Theater Salutes Dr. Curtis

By Anne La Jeunesse
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — In a public dedication ceremony set for Saturday at 2:30 p.m., the performing arts theater at the Brea Civic Cultural Center will be named in honor of Dr. Glenn Curtis.

Dr. Curtis, who died in 1959 after serving the community for more than 30 years, was a pioneer in the field of medicine.

The physician was recognized as one of the most outstanding general practitioners in North Orange County. His practice included patients from larger cities who traveled to his Brea offices.

More concerned with providing quality care than in being paid, Dr. Curtis never refused help to anyone seeking his expertise.

After recognizing the need for a regional hospital in North Orange County, Dr. Curtis became instrumental in founding St. Jude Hospital and Rehabilitation center in Fullerton, where he was on staff.

A 1924 graduate of Loma Linda University, Dr. Curtis was a member of the university's professional ethics and public relations committee for many years.

A member of the AMA, Dr. Curtis organized and directed the California Physician's Blue Shield, and served as president for both the Orange County Medical Association and the California Public Health League.

Many prominent Breans treasure personal remembrances of Dr. Curtis, the man who humbly referred to himself as "Brea's country doctor."

Inez Fanning, president of the Brea Women's Club, recalls that Dr. Curtis treated her for a bout with pneumonia prior to the availability of antibiotics.

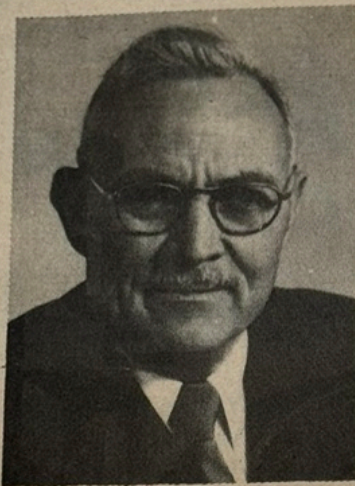
"A skilled physician, he was also a friend and always a cheerful person, interested in all people around him," she said.

Curtis' enthusiasm for gov-

Forkus.

Dr. Curtis delivered their son, Brea Police Chief Don Forkus.

The afternoon celebration will include unveiling of a portrait of the doctor and light refreshments.



Dr. Glenn Curtis

ernment affairs led to his State Department appointment as director of the Institute of Inter American Affairs in Ecuador.

An avid patron of the arts, Curtis and his wife Bernice were among the first guarantors of the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera series.

Active in community involvement, Dr. Curtis served as president of both the Brea Lions Club and the Brea Post of the American Legion.

"Now that Brea is experiencing a rapid growth, let's not forget those who played a vital part in making Brea what it is today," said Mary Ruth and Alex

BREA HONORS DR. C. G.



COMMUNITY LEADER—Dr. Curtis was an active leader in civic affairs locally. Here he is shown in a light moment at a gathering.

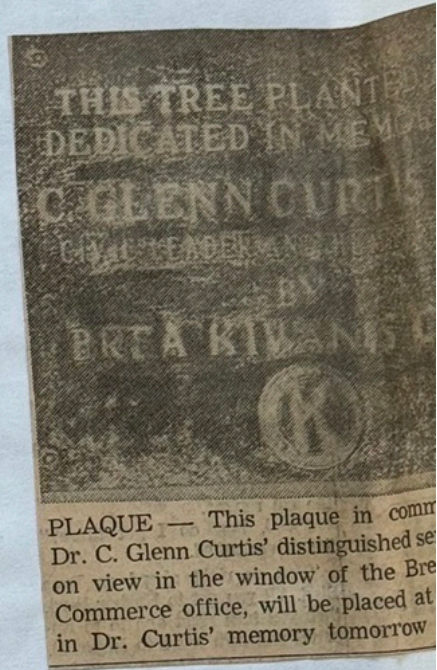
At a special ceremony at the Brea Golf Course, where a tree is planted in his honor, the late Dr. Charles Glenn Curtis of Brea was eulogized last night by Vincent Jaster, superintendent of the Elementary School District. The Kiwanis Club, which sponsored the ceremony, sent out 50 invitations to long-standing friends of Dr. Curtis and his widow, Bernice, of 418 S. Brea Blvd.

Dr. Curtis died on Nov. 15, 1959, at the age of 65, after a two-year period of invalidism from a cardiac condition.

Came To Brea In 1927

Dr. Curtis came to Brea in 1927 and established his practice in the building now occupied by Burt's Repair Shop. Dr. O. S. Parrett took a leave of absence to prepare for missionary work, and it was in this office that Dr. Curtis first started his practice locally. He at first was associated for a few months with Dr. Claude E. Steen and then continued by himself when Dr. Steen moved to Fullerton.

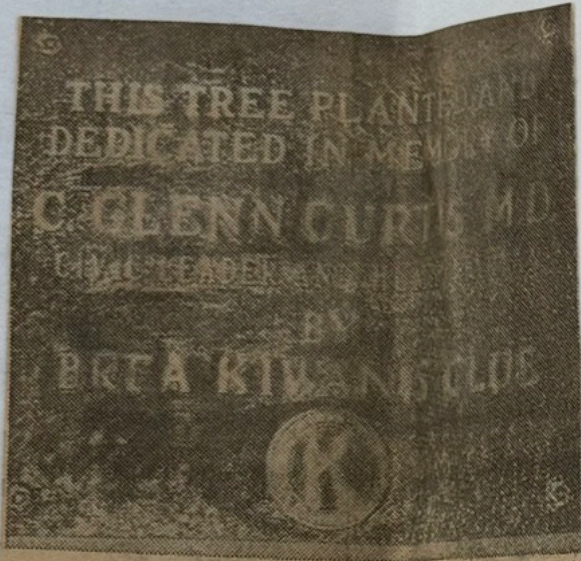
In Brea he was a leader of the community in civic and political affairs. He was the local surgeon for the Union Oil Co., the Shell Oil Co., the Associated Oil Co., and the Santa Fe Railway, and in addition carried on a successful practice. Taking a vital interest



PLAQUE — This plaque in commemoration of Dr. C. Glenn Curtis' distinguished service will be on view in the window of the Brea Commerce office, will be placed at the Brea Golf Course in Dr. Curtis' memory tomorrow.

SEPT. 18, 1964

BREA HONORS DR. C. GLENN CURTIS



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In August of 1949, a disastrous earthquake occurred, taking a total of over 4,000 lives. Dr. Curtis worked with distinction in the devastated areas, helping to provide serum for the Indians and preventing epidemics of typhoid fever and plague. For his distinguished service, which helped to restore order and save lives, he was honored and received a citation from President Galo Plaza of Equador.

Organizations

In the early part of 1928 Dr. Curtis became a member of the Orange County Medical Association and the California Medical Association and continued his membership in the American Medical Association. He was secretary of the Orange County Medical Association for four years in 1937-40 and subsequently vice-president and president in 1941-43



RECOGNITION CEREMONY - A special ceremony was held at Craig Park recently to honor the late Dr. C. Glenn Curtis of the Lions Club, as well as city and county officials took part in the event. Twenty-one flowering pear trees lining the drive to the headquarters of the park were planted by Lions Club members in the spring. Mayor Pro Tem unveiled a plaque in honor of Dr. Curtis. Pictured at the ceremony are, from left, Dean Miller, Mayor Pro Tem, Curtis and Ted Craig. (News-Times photo by Susan K...)



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... Dr. Curtis



IN QUITO—In Quito, Ecuador, Dr. Curtis headed the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in the study of sanitation problems. He is shown here in front of the famed monument at the equator.

He was an organizer and past president of the Public Health of California, and a member of the Executive Committee of the United Public Health League.

In fraternal organizations he was a member of the Brea Citrol Lodge F. and A.M., the Fullerton Commandry, the Al Malaikah Shrine, the Brea American Legion post, the Lions Club, and the Jonathan Club of Los Angeles. For many years he was a member of the Professional Ethic and Public Relations Committee of the College of Medical Evangelists.

In recreational activities, he engaged in coin and stamp collecting and had outstanding collections of both. He was a member and, at one time, president of the Orange County Coin Club. He was also an enthusiastic amateur photographer.

Dr. Curtis was born in Atlanta, Ga., on June 24, 1894, the son of a medical practitioner in that city. He received his high school training in Graysville and Ooltwah, Tenn. In 1917-1918 his education was interrupted for a year by service as a private in the Army Medical Corps at Camp Gordon, Ga. during World War I. Later returning to school, he obtained his B. S. degree from Union College, Lincoln, Neb., in 1920. Coming to California, he studied medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists, receiving his M. D. degree in 1924.

In 1932, Dr. Curtis married the former Bernice Williams of Chattanooga, Tenn., an accomplished musician. Mrs. Curtis, who lives at 418 S. Brea Blvd., has lent her talents to Brea's musical circles. Also surviving Dr. Curtis, besides his wife, are two sisters, Mrs. Lee Fields of Atlanta, and Helen Curtis of Orange. His Mother died in 1960.



FISHERMAN — Dr. Curtis shows a salmon he caught while on a fishing trip near Crescent City, Calif., in 1945.