



HOUSES COLLECTION IN OLD HOMESTEAD
—Knapp keeps Indian collection in home at 733 N. Buena Vista Ave. which his family has occupied

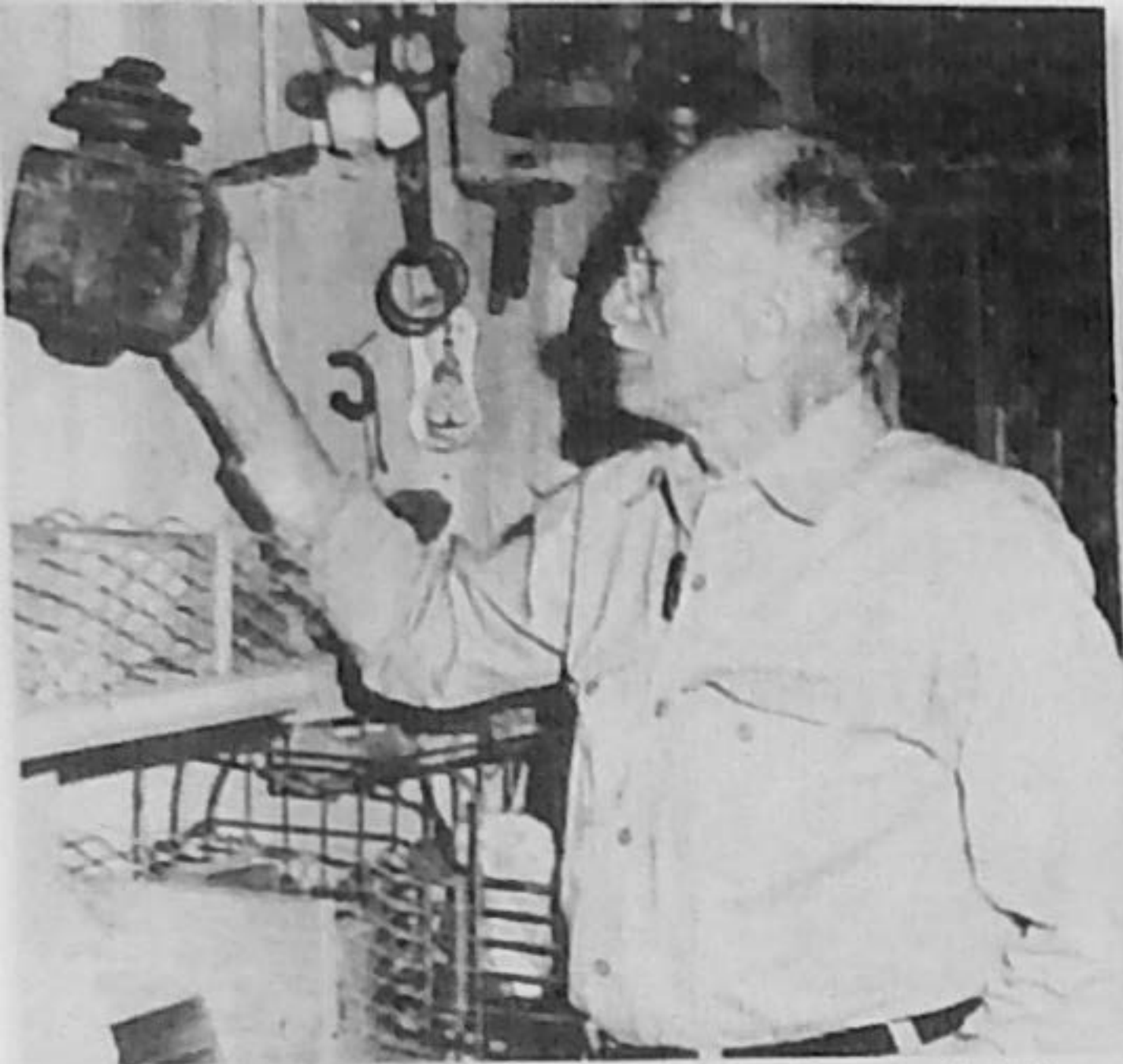
since 1903. He says he began collecting arrowheads when he was 12 and discovered buried body of Indian with arrow through its head in Burbank.

Collection is mecca for other experts who travel from all over country to confer with Knapp. — Valley Times photos.



The former Knapp house as it looks today in Burbank.

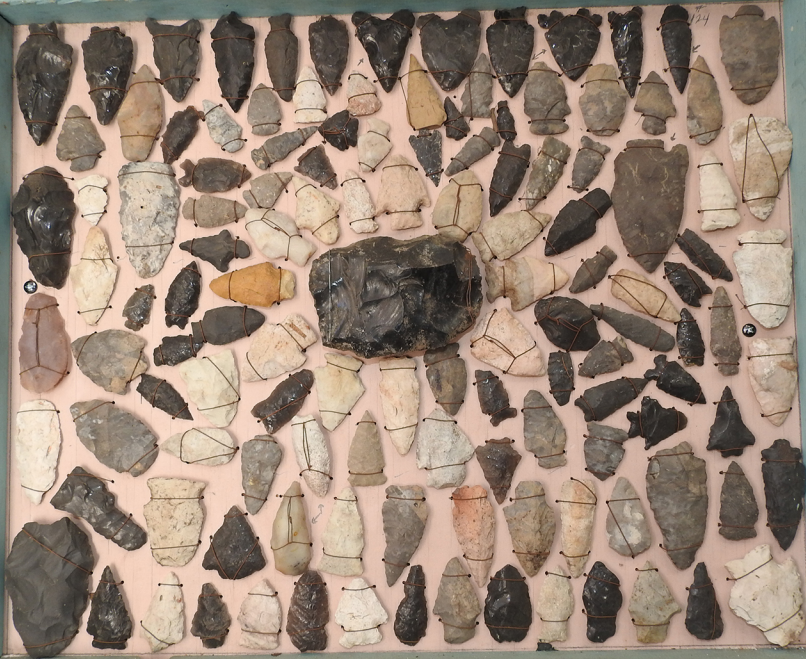




COLLECTOR OF MEMORIES — Pioneer Burbank settler Paul Knapp admires antique lantern which is among the many items he has collected in the 65 years since his father bought a ranch in what is now Central Burbank. His home at 733 N. Buena Vista is all that remains of the 83-acre homestead.

—J. D. Ceboor

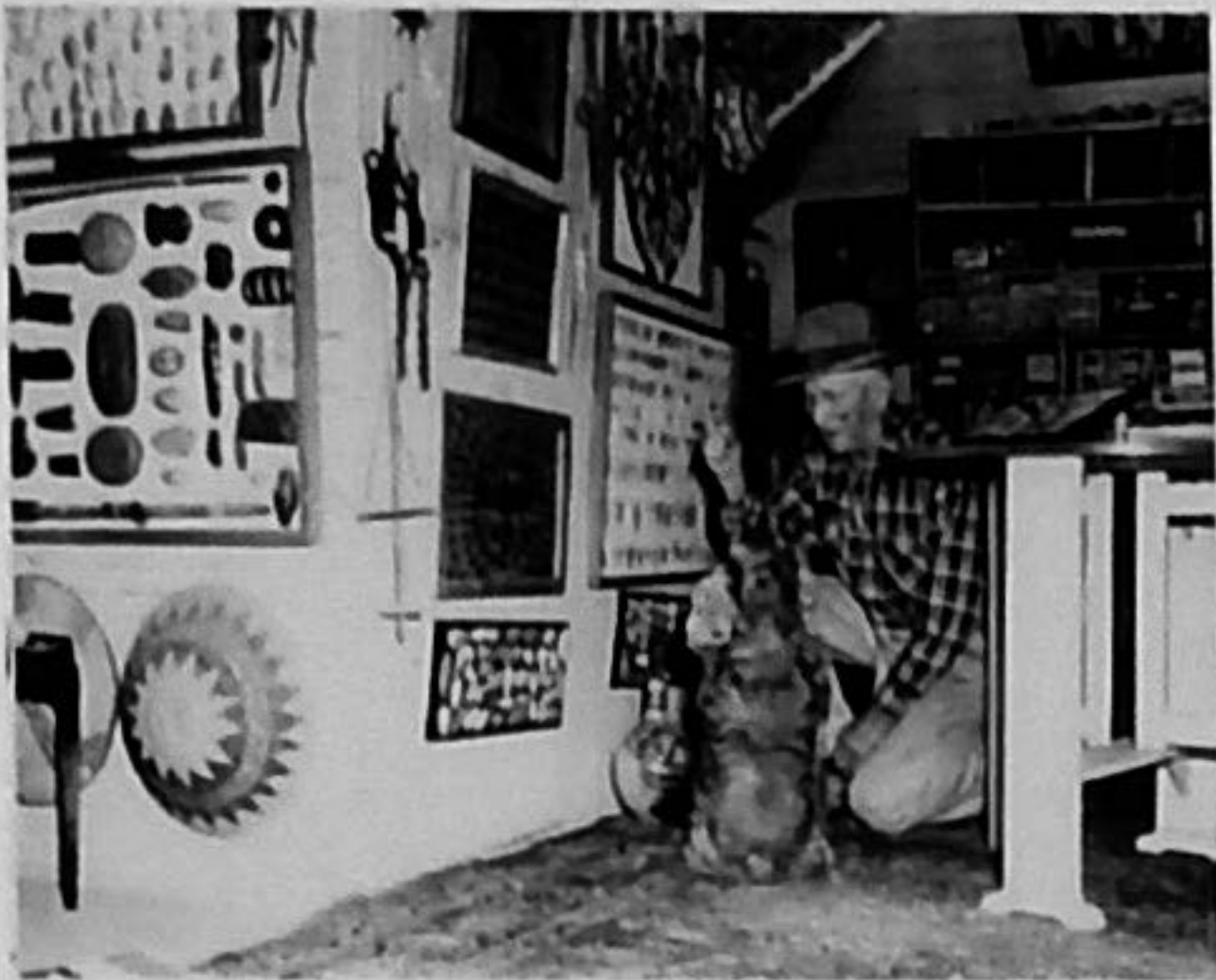
Collected & Designed by Paul Knapp 1953 - Some very old - Rare # 124



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Photograph caption reads: "Burbank resident has 30,000 arrowheads and 100,000 stones ... The first arrowhead Paul Knapp ever found was buried in a skull. Knapp was 11 years old then and was helping his father remove a tree stump from property on Buena Vista street in Burbank. The skull was apparently that of an Indian who had met a violent death. It was wedged in the roots of the tree stump, placing the time of the death at several hundred years ago. The find started Knapp on a lifetime of collecting arrowheads and his hobby has grown to include an estimated 30,000 points of all shapes and sizes." Photograph dated: Oct. 31, 1960.



PAUL KNAPP GOES OVER HIS GIGANTIC COLLECTION
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ARROWHEAD IN SKULL Find In Burbank Starts Life Hobby

By WILLIAM GILSON
Valley Times-TODAY Staff Writer

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Knapp is 71 years old today and still lives at 133 Buena Vista St. in Burbank where he found his first arrowhead.

Since he started his hobby with that first discovery in 1909, Knapp said he has criss-crossed the United States 45 times in search of more arrowheads for his collection.

"I think I've made my last trip, though," Knapp said. "Unless, of course, I get the fever again to take out."

Knapp today is "retired from lots of businesses" the most recent of which was construction work.

A native of California, Knapp was born at Sunset boulevard and Hoover street in Hollywood "when Los Angeles had a population of only 30,000."

His family moved to Burbank shortly after Knapp was born and he has lived there since.

His father, Edward Adam Knapp, came to California in 1903 primarily for his health, Knapp said. The family was in the dairy business for a time, Knapp said, and at one time could have taken a house lot at First and Hill streets in downtown Los Angeles in settlement of a \$30 milk bill.

"We didn't think the property was worth that much then," Knapp said, "so we refused the lot and just wrote the bill off as an unpaid debt."

Knapp has his own magic circle for discovering Indian artifacts in the Valley.

"I could start from any point in the Valley," he said, "and travel in a radius of a

mile and uncover a wealth of indications of where Indian camps once stood."

In addition to his arrowhead collection, Knapp has a huge collection of polished stones.

He became a rockhound six years ago and since then has accumulated an estimated 100,000 stones. "It'd take you six hours to look at them all," Knapp said.

Knapp remains active as a rockhound, spending two or three weeks every year in the field, alone, looking for new specimens.

"I always go out by myself," he said, "and I never come back without a load."

"I've never placed a dollar value on my collections," the 71-year-old hobbyist said, "but I have been offered several nice sums."

OLD HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE SET APRIL 23

BURBANK — An open house at the "Old Homestead" of Paul Knapp, 733 N. Buena Vista, will be held from 1-5 p.m. April 23 for members and friends of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society.

Knapp, a member and adviser to the Society, is a native son who has lived in his present home since 1903.

The open house will be for the purpose of showing his collection of 30,000 Indian arrowheads and 100,000 rocks and stones.

Knapp's Old Homestead at 733 N. Buena Vista recently was the location of an outing for Cub Scouts of Den 4, Pack 6 of Burbank.

Paul Knapp, who has been retired for seven years, took the boys on a conducted tour of his home to show them the thousands of unusual and beautiful rocks, buttons and arrowheads which compose his unique collection. According to many in the "collecting" business, Mr. Knapp's rock collection is the largest individually owned in the U.S., while his arrowhead collection is said to be the largest in the world. (We hope to have more in the way of feature material on this later).

Cubs who enjoyed the outing were Ross Anderson, David Boulden, Kim Hall, Mark Jackson, Gary Koffler, John Kregel, Kevin and Mike Milner and Duane Romberger. Den mother is Mrs. Louis Hall, assisted by Mrs. Clarine Anderson.

Pioneer Will Address Valley Historic Society

UNIVERSAL CITY—"The Past, Memories and the Future" will be the topic of Paul Knapp, pioneer Valley resident, when he speaks to members of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society at 8 p.m. Thursday at Campo de Cahuenga, 3919 Lankershim Blvd.

A potluck supper will be held at 6.30 p.m. before the program, according to Mrs. Frances Muir Pomeroy, president of the group.

Collects Arrowheads

Knapp came to California in 1888 with his family who purchased a 60-acre alfalfa ranch in Burbank in 1902, and pioneered in building the community. Knapp has made a hobby of collecting Indian arrowheads and maintains one of the largest individual collections in the world.

Special guests at Thursday's program will be the Claude Coopers of Sherman Oaks who will display an Indian mortar and pestle which they found buried in the yard of their home.

Report on Play

Mrs. Pomeroy will give a progress report on the society's project to sponsor the planting of two rows of flowering peach trees in North Hollywood Park to honor pioneers who lived in the community when it was called Lankershim, Home of the Peach.

William S. Magginetti will report on the recent presentation of the late John Steven McGroarty's "Mission Play" at Immaculate Heart College. McGroarty was a pioneer Congressman, playwright, author, L.A. Times columnist and State poet laureate.

Historical Society to Hear Paul Knapp, Pioneer

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY — Paul Knapp, Burbank pioneer, will speak on "The Past, Memories, and the Future," May 22, at a meeting of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society.

Knapp purchased 60 acres of land in Burbank in 1903, and

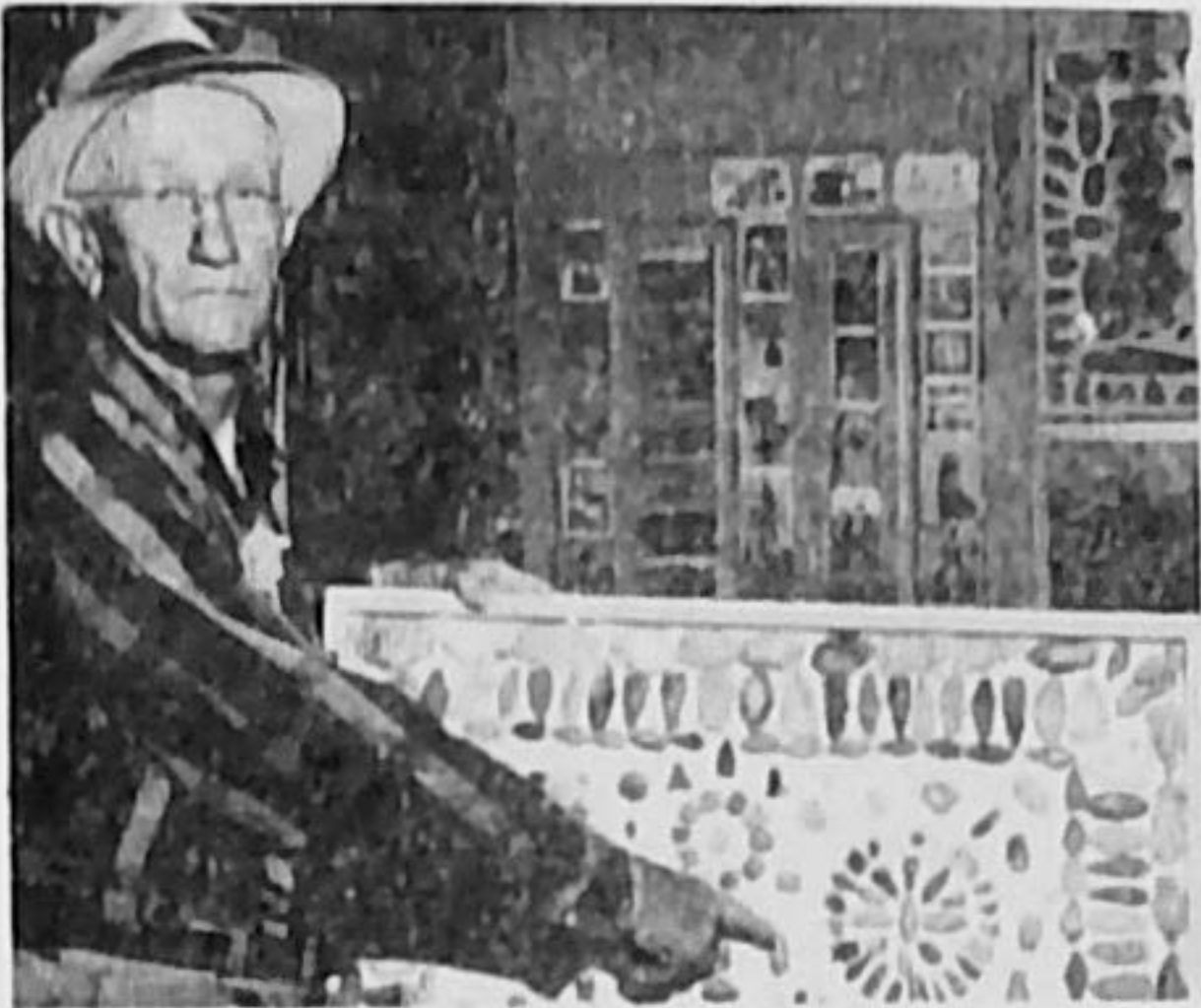
played an important part in the growth and development of that city, including the organizing of the Burbank State Bank.

His hobby is collecting Indian beads, and at present, has one of the largest collections in the world.

Frances Muir Patterson, so-

ciety president, will give a report on the plan to plant two rows of peach trees in North Hollywood Park, in memory of the pioneers of the community when it was known as Lankershim "Home of the Peach."

The meeting will begin at Buena Park, 2919 Lankershim 6:30 p.m., at Campo de Cielos Blvd., North Hollywood.



ARROWHEAD EXPERT — Paul Knapp, of 733 N. Buena Vista St., displays part of 100,000 arrowheads he

has collected during 35 trips across the United States.

—Daily Review Photo

100,000 Relics

Arrowhead Collection Began In City's Sage Brush Era

By **JERRY McLAIN**
Review Staff Writer

The house seemed out of place yet undeniably refreshing in the modern-day synthetic world. A young person receives the impression he is entering a new experience when he approaches.

A gentle lift of the old-style gate permits entry to the well-kept yard and the concrete walk passes a discreet yellow sign, "Knapp's Old Homestead, built in 1902." The phone number is also on the sign, an obvious gesture of friendship.

Paul Knapp, 74, often sits nonchalantly in a chair on the porch behind one of the large supporting columns of the 733 N. Buena Vista St. home. A

smile of greeting will come to his face and he will most likely beckon, "sit down."

Conversation comes easily with Knapp and a newspaper reporter need only ask questions for clarification of names, places, etc.

Being a pioneer Burbank farmer would in itself make Knapp the possessor of many interesting tales. But fascinating hobbies have also taken him across the United States some 35 times.

His family, including six sisters and one brother, moved from Hollywood to the "desert and sage brush" area of Burbank in 1902. Knapp was 12 years old. One day while digging on the 4 acres the family

had purchased he uncovered an Indian skull with a sharp arrowhead imbedded in it.

Knapp was probably more interested in the arrowhead than the skull for it was the start of one of the largest private collections of arrowheads in the world. He has about 100,000 of them now.

The University of California said the skull was also one of the largest and thickest that had ever been found. It was 3/8 of an inch thick and many centuries old.

The Knapps' property in Burbank was apparently an Indian camp for several different generations and tribes including the Shoshone and Washoe. The

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Paul Knapp's Collection

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first arrowhead and skull was found six feet underground, whereas corn grinding tools and other primitive instruments have been found closer on the surface. Knapp has it figured that wind and water deposited soil in the Burbank area at a rate of one-quarter inch for every 13 years.

The Knapps stopped dairy farming in Burbank in 1927 after the city of Los Angeles cut off their water supply. The family then began subdividing the original 63 acres and an additional 49 acres that the members had bought. Ten acres were sold to Earl White, developer of Magnolia Park, for \$30,000.

Some years after closing the dairy farm and living up north for a spell, Knapp went to work for a Valley construction company and supervised construction of about 8,500 homes in this area before retiring in 1954.

Knapp firmly believes that a man should have a hobby when he retires to "keep him alive, keep him busy, and to keep his mind on an even keel."

His arrowhead collection already bulging, the pioneer Burbanker took up rock collecting along with arrowheads when he retired in 1954. He studied a set of books and soon became an expert at spotting unpolished gems in the desert. He now has a collection of 100,000 rocks, many of which contain gold, silver, and iron, and even titanium.

Although rocks fascinate him, Knapp said he has never had any interest in mining. He said he once told a friend about the location of a vein of gold which yielded \$440,000 in the first year of digging.

"I could have been rich but I never had the craving to be rich," Knapp said. "I have only a craving to do good to others as I would have them do unto me."

A religious man, Knapp said

he takes a silent partner, God, with him on every one of his trips.

"Every time I pick up an arrowhead, I say thank God," Knapp said. "And that's why I have so many."

Knapp smiled to himself in recalling one experience when he took a Pasadena preacher along on one of his trips. The preacher was having trouble finding arrowheads while Knapp was picking them up from where the former had stood.

With a large assortment of rocks and polished gems at home, Knapp began last October collecting buttons which he sews on framed cloths to form pictures of historical landmarks and general scenes.

His next picture will be one of his home in Burbank where he and his wife, Mary, are living in complete contentment. Knapp feels he has become too old to do the same type of traveling which took him to Indian camp arrowhead factories, rattlesnake dens, and gold and silver veins in the past years.

Knapp said he will soon donate his collection of arrowheads to the San Fernando Valley Historical Society for public display somewhere.

Even if he confines himself to home in the future, Knapp is never at a loss for something to do. Perhaps he will polish up the manuscript for a book on Los Angeles history which he has written and hopes to publish.

Burbank Man's Indian Arrow Array Mecca Of Experts



MAKES INDIAN HEAD OF BACON RIND, ARROWS — Burbank pioneer Paul Knapp, 70, holds up Indian head he made in 1934 using bacon rind for skin of face and arrowheads for headdress. Warrior is Chinook Indian from State of Washington. Mountains in background of picture are similar to those where Knapp found arrowheads he used in headdress.



BUTTON ART—Paul Knapp displays pictures he made from buttons. He showed works at Old Timers' Picnic in Mountain View Park.



AUTHORITY ON ARROWHEADS—Paul Knapp, Burbank, checks panel of arrowheads collected from 500 Indian tribes. His display of 30,000 specimens represents lifetime of traveling throughout United States and adjoining countries.

No Wonder Arrowheads Are Getting Scarcer

BY FRED DAUMBERGER

BURBANK — Paul Knapp might be the reason why Indian arrowheads are so hard to find anymore. He has collected 30,000 of them!

The collection, which he exhibits in his pioneer homestead at 733 N Buena Vista St., represents the handicraft of approximately 500 Indian tribes throughout the United States and neighboring countries.

No Two Alike

Knapp who has become an expert at finding and classifying arrowheads explained, "the habits and temperaments of Indian tribes or individual Indians can be told by the shape and workmanship of their arrowheads — no two are alike."

Turning an ancient Sioux arrowhead over reflectively in his hand, Knapp commented the tribe was "well-fed, lazy and didn't have much pride." He picked up an arrowhead of the Minnesota Indians which, he said, reveals that the tribe was "very proud, flashy, good farmers, and liked bright colors."

Knapp uses "intuition and

close observation" in his arrowhead hunting expeditions during which he sometimes walks 30 to 35 miles a day in rugged country.

"Where you find rattlesnakes or water, you will find arrowheads," he commented. He added that he has never been bitten by a rattler, but has killed as many as 17 in a single day's hiking.

"I have visited many Indian reservations, but you don't find out anything from the Indians as to where the arrowheads can be found," Knapp said.

The Burbank arrowhead collector says that arrowhead-making has become a lost art among the Indians, and that imitations are easily detected by the experienced eye.

Hollywood Cowboy

Although he still finds arrowheads by the dozens where the average hiker overlooks them completely, he remarked that "arrowheads are getting harder and harder to find."

Knapp herded cattle in Hollywood when his father operated a dairy farm at 3rd and Hill Sts. in downtown Los Angeles.

Arrowheads, rocks, buttons

Paul Knapp---a collector's collector



COLLECTOR'S ITEM—Paul Knapp shows part of his vast collections of arrowheads, polished rocks and buttons. At the left is a printing of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, outlined in buttons. At right is an

ice crusher used by Alaskan Eskimos. On the table are some samples of his polished rocks and arrowheads and the back of one of his display boards showing how he individually sorts each display button. —Review Photo

By JIM GOTTI

Paul Knapp is a collector, but not an ordinary collector of such things as stamps or coins.

Knapp has collections of buttons, arrowheads and polished rocks — each probably the largest of their type in the world.

His collecting actually began back in 1900 when he uncovered an Indian grave in his back yard. In the Indian's skull was imbedded an arrowhead which is now a part of his collection of more than 11,000.

Knapp, who lives at 713 Buena Vista, has found his arrowheads throughout the United States and has made dozens of trips specifically for the purpose of adding to his collection.

The secret of arrowhead hunting, according to Knapp, is to look on the east side of a hill.

"I've found most of my arrowheads on the east side of hills," he said.

Since his retirement from a North Hollywood construction firm 11 years ago, Knapp has been mounting his collections in picture frames.

They are now displayed in three rooms in the second floor of his home.

Numbering more than 100,000, his rock collection is even more vast than his arrowheads.

He has polished each rock individually and has most of them mounted in these same rooms.

A few years ago, Knapp de-

cided that his rock and arrowhead collections had just about reached their peak, so he began to look for something else to collect.

"I found a couple of shoe boxes full of buttons in the garage and thought that might be a possibility."

It was more than a "possibility" as his button collection now counts more than 120,000.

The buttons he classifies and files in jars. Many of them have been sewed onto picture frames and mounted along with the rocks and arrowheads.

He also does pictures with buttons.

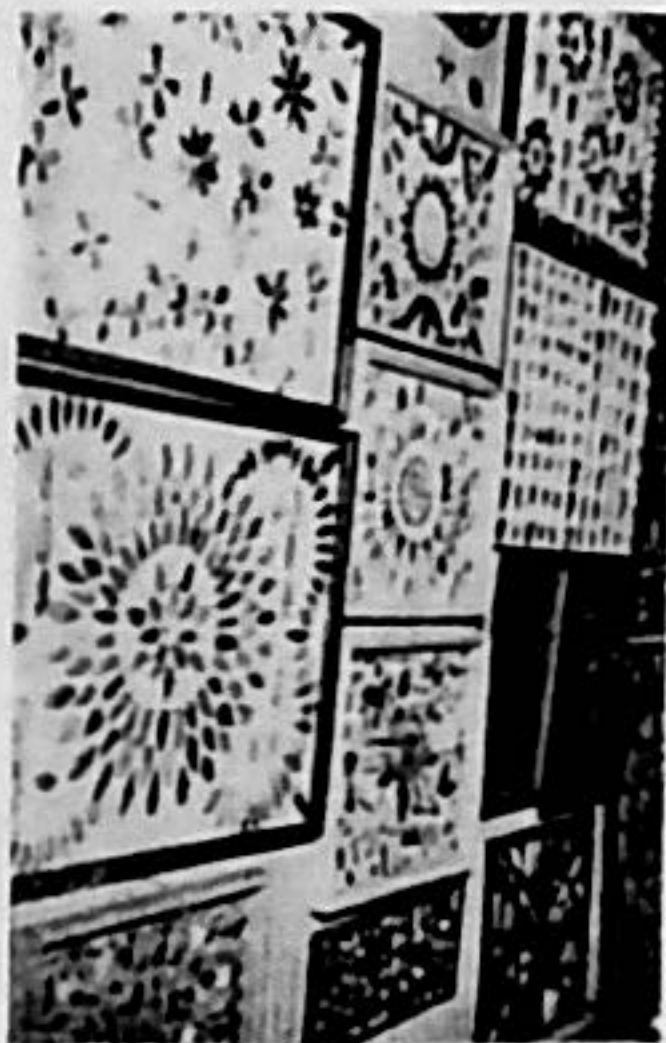
He gets his buttons from friends all over the world who send him all their extras. Some that he has are well over 100 years old.

In his searching for rocks, arrowheads and buttons, Knapp has also run across many other relics, including an Indian peace pipe with a rattlesnake skin wrapped around the handle and the barrel inlaid with silver, and an Eskimo ice crusher with the handle made of ivory and the crusher out of a detainer's leg bone.

With his hobbies, Knapp, now 77, is kept constantly busy. Who knows, someday he might even start collecting soft drink bottle caps.



ARROW OF ARROWS — More than 1,500 arrows from 100 different tribes in 21 states form huge arrow in home of collector Paul Knapp of Burbank. Large arrow is in shape of arrowheads used by Cheyenne Indians of Wyoming. It is part of extensive collection.



COLLECTION TOTALS THOUSANDS — Walls of Knapp home are lined with displays of his more than 25,000 arrow heads and other Indian artifacts. Patterns he uses to display arrows are no lines of Indian legendary or superstitious designs.

Burbank Pioneer Recalls Land of Cactus, Rabbits

By J. D. CAMOGE

Paul Knapp, a local resident for the past 35 years, has watched Burbank change from a sleepy farming community specializing in alfalfa hay, melons and peaches to a bustling community of nearly 100,000 people.

Daily, hundreds of motorists pass Knapp's old homestead at 723 N. Buena Vista, going to and from their jobs, catching only a passing glimpse of the weather-boarded siding house that is a part of Burbank's history.

Originally the 83 acres of the Knapp homestead were owned by the Hale Brothers of the San Francisco Chronicle, who had taken it in on a debt payment in the early 1880's. Knapp's father, E. A. Knapp, an acquaintance of the brothers, decided to look at the property, and on a Sunday afternoon, drove his family from their Los Angeles farm at the bottom of what is now Angels Flight out to Burbank.

GLOOMY PREDICTION

"I can still recall what Mrs. Hale said to my father," states Knapp. "She straightforwardly told him, 'This land will never amount to anything but jack rabbits and cactus.'"

"That night after we got home," Knapp continued, "my mother got out the cookie jar and we put all our money together and made the down payment on this land."

"We started the house in 1892 and finished it a year later. It was my first experience at building anything and I was proud of the place," he recalled. "In those days," Knapp went on, "our nearest neighbors were a quarter of a mile away and our buggy was the chief means of travel. I used to drive the buggy up the hill to Burbank High School as a young fellow before Magnolia and San Fernando Road were ever paved."

Now retired, Knapp spends most of his time collecting things that interest him. His home is filled with displays of coins, rocks and minerals, and arrowheads. A collection of 25,000 buttons of every shape and kind form designs on 250 display boards.

LONG GONE

Today the pastoral scene recalled by Paul Knapp and other early Burbank settlers no longer exists. Time and progress have left nothing but memories of the quiet rural life.

A market and gas station now stand where a well once pumped water to the Knapp house and livestock. The land of the old homestead, once bordered by Buena Vista and Catalina Streets, Magnolia Boulevard, and Verdugo Street, has given way to the homes and businesses of people who, like Paul Knapp's father, also could see more to Burbank than jack rabbits and cactus.



A TOAST, AND MANY MORE YEARS—Paul Knapp, 77, who has made lemonade for the Old Timers' annual July 4 picnic for 42 consecutive years, toasts Mrs. Emma May

Prince with his tasty drink. At 93 years of age Mrs. Prince holds the distinction of being the oldest patron of the club. Additional photo, page 8.

—Daily Review Photo

The food was 'good as ever'

By JEFF HANSEN

A holiday picnic may bring out the best in people if the Old Timers' July 4th picnic is any indication.

Each Fourth of July the group holds a picnic that boasts the "greatest meal you can eat." This year it was held at Mountain View Park. The members are among the oldest citizens in Burbank. Many have watched the area grow from a valley filled with vineyards and orchards to a prosperous city.

Served in buffet style, the meal offered chicken, cold cut luncheon, baked beans, jello salads, potato salad and biscuits.

Cupcakes, cookies, pound cake, angel food cake, layer cake and lemon meringue pie topped off the meal. Everything was homemade.

To refresh the guests while lunch was being prepared, 77-year-old Paul Knapp served some of his lemonade. Knapp, who has made the drink for July 4th picnics for 42 years, was kept busy filling glasses much of the day.

The Old Timers had to show the park facilities with youngsters scampering around picnic tables and climbing down tree limbs. Remembering picnics from years gone by some Old Timers remarked that the local scenery had changed but the food was as good as ever.