

## 1940's

The population had grown by 32% since the 1930's, however, Monterey Park was still a rural country town.

War loomed over the horizon in the early 1940's. Materials became harder to find, and construction began to slow down. During the first draft call in October of 1940, 1063 men from Monterey Park placed their names among the draftees.

Plans were afoot to make the City's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary one of the biggest events in the southland. Plans were for a week long affair with dances, celebrities, a huge feast and good times for all. In May, however, the draft calls were rising, the draft age was lowered to 18, and materials were scarce. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was observed with no fanfare.

The Midwick Country Club, home to millionaires and polo matches was purchased by resident Dominick Jebbia. Reorganized as a non profit organization, the club membership was open to anyone of good character. Few tasted the gracious pleasures of Midwick for it burned to the ground in 1943.

By 1943, the fear of an attack on Los Angeles lessened, though the hills of Monterey Park still bristled with anti-aircraft guns. When the news reached town in 1945 that the War was over, every business closed down to celebrate the end of the war.

After the War, the City started the beginning of the huge building boom that would at last realize the dreams of promoters during the '20s.

In 1948 "Monterey Park Park" was renamed Barnes Park in honor of Mr. B.S. Barnes, a resident who was the driving force behind the original acquisition. Additionally, in 1948 the Barnes Park Memorial Bowl and play area was dedicated.

# Thru the Years: The Monterey Park Police and Fire Departments



Then: Fire and Police Department' in 1930  
Fire Chief W.J. Young, Engineer Branham  
and Officer Ostoich



Vintage 1940's

Remember the 1950's?



Now: 2001





Then: Garvey Hardware Store on Garvey Avenue

1943

Now: T.S. Emporium



Same location in 2001



Then: Ynez Elementary School at  
Garvey Avenue and Ynez Avenue



Alma Mater of Charles Carter,  
Historical Society President



Now: Ynez Elementary School



Then: Brack's Paint Store owned by three generations of the Brakenberry Family at Garvey Avenue and Garfield Avenue



Now: Commercial Development