



Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California

"THE SMOKE SIGNAL"
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

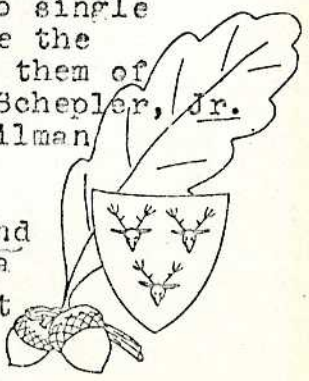
A committee made up of Lila, Bill and Frank Schepler, Jr., and I, met with Mr. Enderle and Mr. Hunt recently to discuss what must be done to complete the monument. It was a very stimulating meeting and we all came away with the feeling that we can finish the monument for final inspection this year.

There are several steps necessary. First we must finish the rest rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woodman have graciously offered to furnish the linoleum and the labor for the floor for the two bathrooms. However, we must have ceramic tile around the stools and we are looking for someone to do this.

Frank Schepler, Jr., is going to do the electrical wiring that needs to be done. The cemetery association will bring the power up to the church to be connected--it is almost up to the building now. The air conditioner is in place ready to be hooked up. The gas line is in and is ready to hook up, thanks again to the cemetery association via Mr. Enderle.

The parking lot will be behind the church (north side of the building) and the cemetery association will put this in--however we are having a little difficulty over the city's requirements for a cesspool and/or septic tank which has to be put in before the grading can be done for the parking lot and for the completion of the front porch. Also the Air Force Mothers monument has to wait for this to be done. The city officials are insisting that our requirements for a pool and/or tank be the same as an active church and our church is only a monument and will not be used often. Our chapel will be used only an hour or two at a time. They have already waived the requirements allowing us to have two single bathrooms so why should it be necessary to have the larger pool? We have high hopes of convincing them of this in time to get started very soon. Frank Schepler, Jr. is checking this out and we hope to have Councilman Wilkinson help also.

Another large project is the plastering and painting of the walls. Bill is checking with a contractor for this project now and will report at our April meeting. We may have enough in the monument fund for this right away.





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OUR MUSEUM ROOM is to be what was called the Katharine Johnson Chapel. We will have our meetings there and display our artifacts. Mr. Enderle thought that glass windows along the wall could be nice so that people in the church (attending funerals) could see in. I think it would create an interest in our society and our work.

There need be no structural changes made in the building for it be used for a funeral chapel, Mr. Enderle said. The side door will lead to a walk and then to the driveway where the hearse can park. Mr. Enderle said that the association has no plans to have weddings in the church, however, he has no objection to the Chatsworth Historical Society conducting weddings as a money-raising project. We could have a wedding guild--just like churches do--and all of us take turns helping.

We all agreed that we will do just the minimum amount of work necessary to receive the final inspection from the city. Any decorating, refinishing the pews, the wall of remembrance and the stained glass windows can be done after we receive that welcome final inspection. We must do it in order to stop paying on the \$20,000 completion bond. We have paid \$200.00 a year since 1965 just to guarantee that we will finish the church. That's \$1200.00 we could have spent on the work of rehabilitating the church.

That just about covers the discussion that took place and gives us our immediate direction for the rest of the year.

We do have two new wonderful donations I'd like to mention. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar (Phyllis) Roller are going to donate the globes for our vandalized chandeliers. Frank Schepler, Jr., is in the process of measuring them and as soon as Mrs. Roller gets the figures she will order the globes and donate them to us. Thank you very much!

Our second donation comes from a group that has helped us many times in the past. The Chatsworth Junior Women's Club has sent us another check for \$100.00 making a total of \$200.00 toward a stained glass window fund. The Juniors plan to pay for one whole window! Isn't that great? Thank you very much, Juniors!

Looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting.

Virginia Walton

