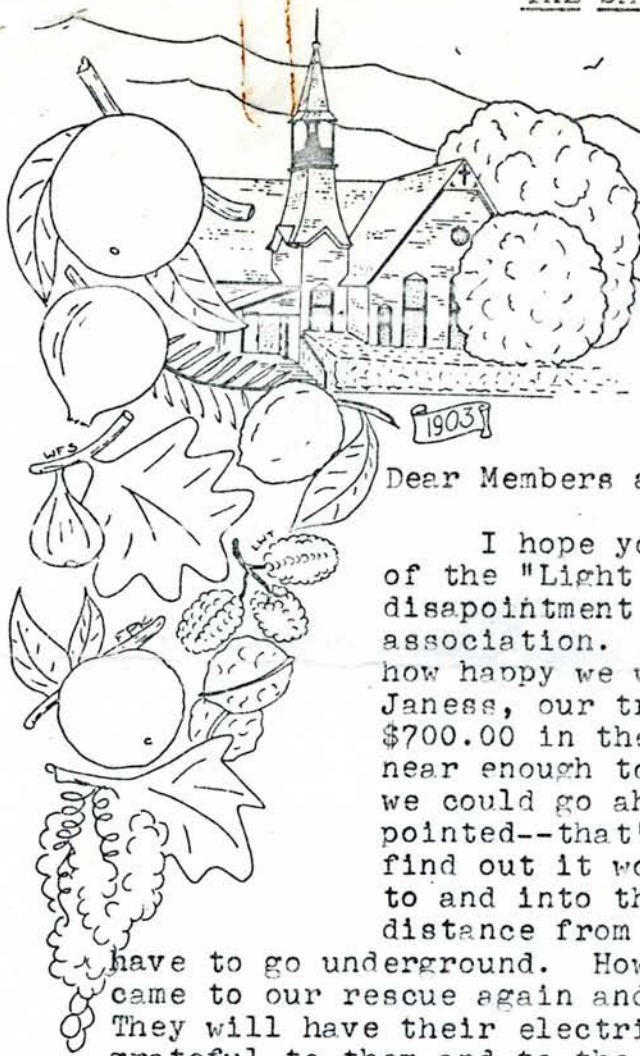


Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 1972



Dear Members and Friends:

I hope you read in the Valley paper of the success of the "Light Up The Monument" campaign and our subsequent disappointment and the grateful thanks to the cemetery association. In case you didn't I'll briefly tell you of how happy we were at our last business meeting when Eileen Janess, our treasurer, announced that we had a total of \$700.00 in the monument fund and we decided that would be near enough to the total cost of the electrical work that we could go ahead with the contract. Then we were disappointed--that's putting it mildly, we were shocked--to find out it would cost \$4700.00 to bring electricity up to and into the monument. The extra cost is due to the distance from existing power lines and because the lines have to go underground. However the Oakwood Memorial Park Association came to our rescue again and agreed to pay the \$4000.00 to our \$700.00. They will have their electrician do the work. We are exceedingly grateful to them and to the many people who donated to our fund. We have placed the money in a trust fund at the Glendale Federal Savings so that it will be available for payment as soon as the work is completed which should be by June.

We have raised almost \$1500.00 in the past two years. We painted the monument in 1970 and now the electricity and have kept up our monthly expenses and insurance. We can all feel proud of ourselves for a job well done. Everyone of our members has pitched in to help on every project and it is the teamwork that counts--all of us working happily toward the same goal.

It is time to think about a nominating committee if we are to have our annual installation in May. I will appoint a committee at our February meeting. They will report at our March meeting, we will vote in April and have our installation in May this year. Perhaps we can combine a celebration for the turning on of the electricity and our installation ceremony.

We voted to participate in the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association sponsored Stage Coach Parade and Country Fair on March 11 & 12. Celia Woodman and Lillian Schepler are the committee in charge of our entry and booth. We will sell old fashioned gingerbread (Celia's recipe but we will all make some) and her typewritten recipe. Johnny Eppers has agreed to drive Minnie Palmer in a buggy he owns in the parade. We also assisted the SSMPA during their hike in--I was one of their speakers along the route. It was a very succesful event and a good chance to make the people of our area more aware of Chatsworth history.



We received a letter last week telling us that we were turned down on our request for a state historical landmark classification. The state board requires that it be the first church in the Valley or the first of anything--because of the mission and the San Fernando Methodist church (even though the Methodist church is gone) we didn't qualify. However they did say that we could request state identification on the fact that it is of interest state-wide because of its architecture. That means a lot more forms and a lot more study. I will have more information on this at our meeting.

We have a new telephone chairman, one of our newer members, Pauline Aue (882-6363) has agreed to make telephone calls for us and we are grateful. She made the calls for our board meeting and workshop and it was a big help.

We have started our series of workshops to comile the information for our Wall of Rembrance. We are meeting on Tuesdays at Frank & Lillian Schepler's home. We are digoin out the names (and addresses when available) of everyone who ever gave us any money. We are compiling a list for invitations to the opening of the monument at the same time. Isn't it wonderful to be able to look forward to having our little church finished and to think of having the reception?

KEITH WATTS, former officer of our group, will be the featured apeaker at our February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association's Hospitality Room. His subject is to be "Historic Sites in England" and he will show slides. Bill and Lila Schepler will be furnishing the refreshments. Frank Schepler, Jr., will introduce the speaker. It sounds like it will be a very good meeting and I hope all of you will be able to come.

Virginia Watson, President 1970-72

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MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed for the 1971-1972 year, please get your money in to our membership chairman Ed Mitchell

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FEBRUARY MEETING

As you read in Virginia's letter our February meeting will be "Historic Sites of England", presented by Keith Watts. We hope you will all be able to attend this informative program. The meeting will be 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 15th at the Glendale Federal Hospitality Room.