



Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California

THE SMOKE SIGNAL JULY, 1972

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

This is our last Smoke Signal for the 1971-72 year and the last president's message I will be sending you. I want you to know how much I have enjoyed being president and how much I appreciate the effort everyone has made toward finishing our project of rehabilitating the monument. We didn't quite make our goal of finishing the church but it will be completed this year in September or October and for that we are very grateful.


Our most recent event, "Operation Soapsuds", was successful. The Chatsworth 4-H young people came, many of our own members were there, and two new people who are interested in our project; Gertrude Casperson and Velma Heiden. We got very dirty, but had a good time and got the church straightened up, cleaned, and ready to paint on the inside. We scheduled a second work party for the first Saturday after school starts in September. Thanks again to everyone for their help on the project.

Jim Woodman has put down the new linoleum in the bathrooms. It is that new kind that doesn't have to be waxed and it is that classic brick-type pattern and it looks wonderful. Thanks so much, Celia and Jim.

Our "Sunday Afternoon of History"--our April event at The Chatsworth Women's Club was also successful and we are grateful to the CWC for their help in co-sponsoring it. We are especially grateful for the delicious homemade refreshments the women brought. Our thanks also to the Chatsworth 4-H Club again. The boys and girls were a big help with the serving of the refreshments, the Flag salute, and the entertainment. Our own Iolene Cleveland was perfectly cast as the narrator for our story of the church. She has a way of holding an audience spellbound and we did enjoy it. Gene Cleveland played the piano accompaniment to the story. He did a splendid job and with practically no time at all to practise. Plus he and his wife have joined our society. They are the first to pay their dues for 72-73.

That Sunday afternoon we voted in the slate of officers nominated in March by our committee. However, since that time we have had one resignation. Pauline Aue has a second job now and can't be recording secretary. We have not yet filled this vacancy and will go into the installation with just one secretary.

Tuesday, July 18th at 8 p.m. at the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan will be our meeting night, and it will be our installation. Chuck Janess, our founding president, will be the installing officer. LILA SCHEPLER will be installed as president; LILLIAN SCHEPLER as vice president; VIRGINIA WATSON as secretary; EILEEN JANESS as treasurer; and FRANK SCHEPLER, JR., as parliamentarian.



It will also be an important meeting as we will be ratifying the first draft of our agreement between the Oakwood Memorial Park Assoc. and our society. We plan to legally deed the church over to them this summer and have a story in the paper and perhaps a picture. This is so that we can conclude some details. But our formal presentation to the cemetery association will be done at our wedding-fashion show--our first event in the rehabilitated monument. We plan this to be the early part of Oct. (instead of Sept. 17 as previously stated). We hope to pick a date when Dale Evans can come and other dignitaries will be invited, especially the Cultural Heritage Board who have been so helpful, our councilman, etc.

Thanks again to all of you for making the last two years so enjoyable. Looking back we have accomplished many things. We conducted a non-painting party and raised \$700.00 to paint the outside of the church. We had the walls plastered and the one wall filled in. We had the foundation completed and payed for it, we held our "Concluding Stone" ceremony with a large community turn-out. We held a "Light Up the Monument" fund-raising campaign and raised another \$700.00 to pay for the electric wiring in the church. We had a Christmas Caroling party that netted over \$200.00 thanks to Dolly and Don Goodrow. We have completed the preliminary work on the "Wall of Remembrance" and held our second historical tour of the Valley. We helped the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association with their hike and with their fair. We helped the San Fernando Valley Historical Society with their first La Posada and participated in the Chatsworth parade celebrating Chatsworth's birthday. All in all it's been a busy two years. We have all worked together (as always) and have had fun doing it. Thanks again to all of you.

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