

Chatsworth Historical Society " S M O K E S I G N A L "

March 1973

Theme: "If It's to BE- It HAS to Be ME !"



President's Message -

Dear Members and Friends:

I am not Irish at all, but I still felt cheated when the rains poured down on our March "Birthday Parade"! It washed the new road so badly we couldn't hold our long anticipated 85th Birthday Program. BUT- we will hold it this Sunday, March 18. It is so close to the oulde Saint's daye that I am sure there will be no rain this time! Plan to be there at 2:00 P.M. for the Program and enjoy seeing the Pioneer Church- what has been done for \$12,000.00 and what remains to be done. I'll be looking for you that day !

Check the notice elsewhere, but DO plan to attend our meeting March 20th. One of Lillian Schepler's famous dinners- Irish Stew this time for only \$2:00, plus a fine program. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Lila

Lila Schepler, President

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS -

A warm welcome to our newest members- we look forward to seeing you at all of our meetings-

Guy and Louise McElroy

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Marina Pampalone, Junior Member

Dr. J. Pampalone, Life Member

TREASURER, EILEEN JANESS REPORTS-

General Fund	\$ 473.55
Monument Fund	\$ 991.71
Trust Fund for Lights	\$ 733.87

GOOD NEWS * * GOOD NEWS * * GOOD NEWS * * GOOD NEWS * * GOOD NEWS * *

Collette Humphreys Parsons has accepted the position of Editor of the Smoke Signal, for the remainder of the Society year. She will bring a fresh, new look to our newsletter and we are all delighted to welcome her to the task.

Collette and Milton Parsons are well known for their many years in the entertainment field: Acting in summer stock, Theatre, T.V. the Movies- to Directing. We remember with joy their "Cookie Jar Theatre" for Children in our Town.

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT VEGETABLE EATEN IN AMERICA TODAY ORIGINATED HERE IN THE NEW WORLD, AND WHAT BRINGS THAT TO MIND ?

Well, it is the Irish Potato and this is the month of St. Patrick, and the Historical Society is going to have a Dinner Meeting TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 6:30 P.M. AND- what could be more fitting than Irish Stew concocted by that well known Irish Cook and Lass- Lillian Schepler.

PRICE \$2:00 each. We would like you to MAKE YOUR RESERVATION at 341 0603- so that enough stew meat may be obtained ! Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Lillian's COMMITTEE of workers : Eileen Janess, Louise Curinga, Helen Ransom, Carolyn Coughlin, Eleanor Schepler, Celia Woodman and Lila Schepler.

THE MEETING ITSELF-

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like in Chatsworth before Stony Point was there ? If so, we can't help you.

If your thoughts go back to before the GREAT WAR we do have members in our group who recall those times.

Maybe you have wondered what it was like during the depression days? Did Chatsworth receive anyone from the dust bowl? Were there real farms here then, or have there always been tract houses and condominiums everywhere? Well, we have members who can recall those times, too!

How about the days of World War II ? Did you know we had barrage balloons floating overhead here in Chatsworth? And soldiers guarding our railroad tunnels ? Well, we did, and we have members who can recall those times.

This will be the program after our scrumptious Irish Dinner- sharing the RECALL of those days- and putting it on tape, too. Plan to be there. MARCH 20 6:30 P.M. Reservations 341 0603

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NEWS ABOUT THE PIONEER CHURCH MONUMENT

Frank Enderle has bulldozed a fine, wide road into the back of the building, from the West. If it will only stop raining for a few days we feel sure the area all around the building will be up to grade and we can put in the cement porch at the front entry.

If that happens, the back entrance can be blanked off and that should cut down on the vandalism.

Well, we almost got the holding tank installed last week, but again, the rain stopped us. In any case the tank was delivered. Drive up to the Cemetery and SEE it !

The rain hasn't helped us at all, lately. Except to make the world around us beautiful and green.



Whoo-o-o-o
Ma??



DO YOU KNOW ??

That member Dr. Ruth Boak is the newly installed President of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce. The first woman President. And Virginia Watson tells us that when she was doing research and reviewing their minutes, that they had heated arguments over whether or not a woman could even join the organization. So heated- that they disbanded for several months back in 1926 ! We've come a long way.

That Collette and Milton Parsons have just completed the highly successful run of Christopher Frye's "Boy with a Cart". They produced it for St. Martin's in the Field Church.

That Frank and Augustine Enderle have just returned from Florida, where they attended the National Conference at Disneyworld. They report wall-to-wall people there.

That Ken Levy is once again Chairman of the Sustaining Membership Campaign for the S.F. Valley Girl Scout Council. Each year he tops his previous effort, and from all reports they will top it again this year, in terms of funds and interested members.

That President Lila Schepler and Bill attended the Conference of Calif. Park and Recreation Society (it covers Calif, Nevada and Hawaii) at San Francisco. Lila was honored by the State Organization with the presentation of a Placque "for Exceptional Service to the field of Parks and Recreation" and a Life Membership.

That Betty and Sam Downing have donated one of the old Methodist Church Song books, used when our monument was a Church down on Topanga Canyon. Thank You!

That Frank Schepler enters the hospital for an operation on March 19. We wish him a speedy recovery- and we will keep him close in our thoughts !

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THANKS TO OUR GUEST EDITOR FOR THIS MONTH

Bill Schepler is our guest Editor for the month of March. We are grateful to him for this edition. And for stepping in, once again, when we had a need.

See you at our next meeting
Glendale Fed. Community Room
6:30 P. M.
March 20th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHATSWORTH !

WELCOME TO THE POSTPONED BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION* NOW MARCH 18- SUNDAY

2:00 - 4:00

2:00P.M. TOURS of the Pioneer Church Bldg-
by your Hosts, the Executive Board
of the Chatsworth Historical Society.

EXHIBITS on display from the archives
of the Society and the Santa Susana
Mountain Park Assoc.



2:30 P.M.

P R O G R A M

Pledge of Allegiance
Greetings & Introductions
Musical Numbers

Charles Janess, Founding President
Lila Schepler President
The Chatsworth Chorale, Directed by
Carol Musante. A Junior Women's Club-
Women's Club Joint Chorale.
A musical narrative about the life of
the Historic Pioneer Church.
Narrator- Iolene Cleveland
Accompanist- Gene Cleveland
Costume Scenes- Girl Scout Troop #253

"This is my Life"

An Acrostic from the song by Irv. Bibb.
Hiwassee-wa-kani & Te-ta-si-so-ka
Campfire Girls

"Dear Old Chatsworth"

A brief scan of the years by Virginia
Watson, Historiographer, Chatsworth
Historical Society

85 YEARS of our Town

Chatsworth and Chatanooga Hills 4 H
Clubs

Happy Birthday Chatsworth

3:30 REFRESHMENTS

Served by the Chatsworth Junior Women's
Club. Nanci Oliva, Chairman.

Spring Decorations- The Chatsworth Garden Club, Adele Campbell, President
Directing Traffic- Sr. Boy Scout Troop #226, Dick Johnson, Scout Master
Publicity- Dee Sampson and Sheelagh Watts

The gratitude of the Historical Society is extended to the many
Leaders, Chairman and others who helped put the program together.

To Robert Swartz, General Contractor, for the necessary repairs
so we could hold the event.

To Frank Enderle and the Oakwood Memorial Park Assoc. for making
it possible to save the Monument by placing it at the Cemetery.

And especially for his work in developing the new road.

"Raindrops Keep falling on my Head"
But NOT this time!

