

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

June 1973

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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and Friends:

Bill and I spent four happy days and nights on the venerable sternwheeler, Delta Queen. Tho it was truly sad to see so much flood damage and realize the heartache it caused, we couldn't help but feel excited going through three-foot waves on the Mississippi River. It is to be hoped that Congress will pass the necessary legislation to keep the real Old Lady afloat for many more trips.

Many thanks to Lillian Schepler, Acting President in my absence, and to the other officers who carried the ball and kept our wanderings around Florida and the South worry-free.

I am honored at being elected for a second term and look forward with pleasure to working with the splendid Board you have chosen to serve with me. With the help of all of YOU we are confident that we can achieve our goals for the coming year -- and enjoy ourselves doing it. All this past year the old Owl has been saying, "Whoo-o-o ME?" Let's show him that "We can do it. It's up to US." See YOU at the

L. S. Lillian Schepler, President



Installation Meeting on June 19 at 7.30 p.m.

\$1600. DOWN THE DRAIN!

This is the 8th year that the Society has had to pay \$200. for the Completion Bond required by the Dept. of Building and Safety when we moved the Pioneer Church -- Los Angeles Historic Monument #14 -- to its present site where it is being held in perpetuity on property of the Oakwood Memorial Park Association. The Monument is being saved BY the citizens of our area FOR the citizens of the entire Los Angeles area as a life-enriching project for children and adults. It is a slow process. \$1600. has been hard to raise, and it is "down the drain" as far as its usefulness to us is concerned. We cannot move forward until we have water and electricity to the site, in addition to basic road work and levelling. These jobs are being done by Oakwood as rapidly as their available funds for the project, and their manpower, will permit. Then, and only then, can we paint, glaze the windows, and accomplish the rest of the finishing touches. Other Historic Monuments, such as those at Heritage Square or the Pico Adobe, because they are owned by the city, are not required to post a bond while the fund-raising and rehabilitation are going on. It seems unfair that citizens working to preserve an Historic Monument on private premises must pay a penalty fee because the funds, in spite of hard work, accumulate more slowly. We shall be talking to Councilman Robert Wilkinson concerning this matter on June 21. He has always been sympathetic to our problems, and we hope that he can come up with a helpful solution.

L.S., Pres.

APROPOS OF FUNDS -- THE TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund	\$240.00
Monument Fund	507.07
Monument Trust Fund	743.11

Thus spake Eileen Janess,
our Dollar Watcher.

WE HAVE LOST A DEAR FRIEND

Larry Fulmer passed away on May 30. Words fail us in trying to express how greatly he will be missed by all who loved him, and by the Community to which he contributed so much. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary, and the other members of his family.

RECEPTION FOR VIRGINIA WATSON

Mrs. Doris Dossler, Chatsworth Librarian, her Staff, and members of the Friends of the Library, hosted a smashing Birthday Party celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Branch. Highlight of the happy occasion was a surprise reception honoring Virginia Watson for the second edition of her book, A Child's History of Chatsworth, published by the Chatsworth Historical Society. Mrs. Dossler presented her with a Resolution from the Board of Library Commissioners, outlining the many contributions Virginia has made to the community and to the library in addition to writing the book. On behalf of Mayor Yorty, Mr. Pat Galati, President of the Commission, presented her with a scroll. Hot off the press, the History was on exhibition, and a number of copies were sold, and autographed by the author. Congratulations, Virginia Watson!

MORE HISTORICAL DATA ON A HISTORY

The 1000 copies of A Child's History of Chatsworth by Virginia Watson were delivered on schedule to the Historical Society, plus a surprise bonus of extra copies. To our ANGELS -- Frank and Augustine Enderle for their generous gift -- and to all our other ANGELS for their generous loans -- "thanks and thanks, and ever thanks." Only their combined help made the publication possible. The long-anticipated book will be available to Society members for \$2.50 at the Installation Meeting on June 19, and we are sure that the author will be happy to autograph your copies. This most attractively presented outline of our colorful area's past, augmented by rare photographs, is rewarding reading for adults as well as children. It is a must for your own libraries, and makes a meaningful gift for friends and relatives in other places.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The slate of officers for the society (presented by the Nominating Committee: (Virginia Watson, Chairman, William Schepler, Mary Hanson, and Kelley Watson) was unanimously accepted by the members at the May Meeting. By this action, the by-laws will need to be changed to provide for 2 Directors as well as for 4 Vice-Presidents. This enlargement of the Board seems a wise move and will be very helpful since much of the business is conducted by the Board. The new officers are:

President.....Lila Schepler
1st Vice President (Program).....Dr. Ruth Boak
2nd Vice President (Fund Raising).....Iolene Cleveland
3rd Vice President (Membership).....William Schepler
4th Vice President (Hospitality).....Lillian Schepler
Recording Secretary.....Who? YOU?
Corresponding Secretary.....Twila Bryner
Treasurer.....Eileen Janess
Parliamentarian.....Frank Schepler, Jr.
Board Member-at-Large.....Dr. Joseph Pampalone
Historiographer and Public Relations.....Virginia Watson
Editor, "Smoke Signal".....Colette Parsons
Hobby Corner Chairman.....Frank Daugherty
Honorary Board Member.....Charles Janess
Trips of History Chairmen.....Denny and Carol Coughlin
Scrap Book Chairman.....Helen Ransom

JUNE -- THE MONTH FOR DADS, GRADS, BRIDES, AND INSTALLATIONS!
June 19, 7.30 p.m., Glendale Federal Community Room., Vassar & Devonshire --

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OLD

FASHIONED

MEETING

DON'T FORGET



SPEAKER:

Mrs. Adele Campbell

SUBJECT:

The Arboretum and
Historic Gardens

PRESENTATIONS:

10 books, A Child's History of Chatsworth to Doris Dosser, Librarian
Appreciation Plaques to: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Enderle.....Mr. Ernest Hunt

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

By Mrs. Elva Meline, President, San Fernando Valley Historical Society, and
Regional Vice President, Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County

WEAR A COSTUME! (A SUNBONNET, STRAW HAT, BOW TIE,
VEST -- EVEN YOUR DAD'S OLD POCKET WATCH
OR ARM GARTERS WILL DO)

AND GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE OLDEN DAYS!

MUSIC PROVIDED BY FERN JACK AT THE ORGAN. (ORGAN PROVIDED BY GUSSIE ENDERLE)

IN CONCLUSION:

A Jingle from the Pen of Lillian S.

OUR GOAL FOR 1973-4

The Owl says, "Whoo-o-o, ME?"
We answer, "Yes, YOU and ME!!"
Let's, all together, try and see
If we can make History
By finishing our church
Once and for all -- so --
We can go on to something else
this Fall!



Whoo-o-o
ME?

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Sarita Goodwin.....E. Ruth Deichman.....Fern and Gerald Jack....Pauline Aue (renewal)

MEMORIAL GIFT

The Society gratefully acknowledges an anonymous donation in memory of Frances Ann Hart,
\$40.00.

SUCCESS STORY

Iolene Cleveland reports whopping results from her spectacularly organized Yard Sale: Merchandise sales: \$464.55; History sales: \$40.; New memberships: \$14. TOTAL: \$518.55!! On the other side of the fence, helping to refresh and bolster the energy of our customers, the United Methodist ladies made \$120. on their food sale. A great weekend for various great causes! Thanks to all who donated merchandise, set up and helped with the pricing, worked at the sale, and/or helped with the pick-up and clean-up. Also, thanks to the buyers who squandered their nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars with gay abandon! Left-over items were donated to the Salvation Army, with the exception of a good bicycle and a sack of books which were retained for sale at a future time.

PEOPLE PATER

On June 17 our hearts belong to Daddy. Typical of the many celebrations planned is the happy get-together of the Downing family. Zeroing in on Carmel will be Sam and Betty from Newport Beach, Diane and her family from Capistrano, Marylu and family from Marin County, and son Sam from mid-California....Many other family parties are on the calendar for the man of the house. Happy Father's Day, Fathers, wherever you are!

Helen Fladwed has just returned from a trip to Michigan and on into Canada. She left her voice (temporarily) at her 50th High School reunion. A lot of things to talk about, eh, Helen?

Jim and Celia (Woodman) and Bob and Marian (Swartz) attended the Lion's Club Convention at Palm Springs where they were delighted to run into Ed Ahlstrom (Life Member of the Society) who now lives in Coleville in the Sierra. He is Secretary of the Bridgeport Lion's Club. Jim is the incoming President and Bob the incoming Treasurer of the Canoga Park Lion's Club.

Louise Curinga, her husband and daughter, spent last month touring Europe. When Mr. Curina had to return home, the women folk went on to Greece for a week. When Louise had to leave, Virginia was residuary legatee of 3 weeks more in miscellaneous countries. Nice work if you can get it!

Audrey Miller has gone to work at our local Glendale Federal Branch.....Millicent Starkey is now with the elegant new Robinson's in Woodland Hills.

Add to Proud Grandparents Dept.: Charles and Eileen Janess. Gregory Charles is the new cause for rejoicing. Proud parents: Nancy and Bill Janess. (Did Chuck and Eileen spend those 3 days in San Diego last week for the purpose of resting up from all that excitement?)

Bill Lakey flew to Denver over the Memorial Day weekend, and daughter Julia and her husband, Jim Gage, blew in from Kansas City for a rendezvous at Bill's sister Judith's.

Happy Birthday to Frances Mahieu who was 84 years young on June 8. Her daughter and son-in-law feted her with a dinner party at a local restaurant.

Bill and Lila Schepler will represent the Society at the annual dinner meeting of the Chatsworth Coordinating Council.