


S M O K E S I G N A L

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Theme: "If anything's to BE, It's up to YOU and ME." Let's ALL make history!"

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"OCTOBER gave a party:  
The leaves by hundreds came:  
The ashes, oaks, and maples,  
And those of every name."  
--George Cooper

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

So happy to greet you all as we begin a new season for our Society. May it be a year of accomplishment as well as enjoyment. Our wise old owl has told us that a wise man once said that the definition of a "small package" is "a man all wrapped up in himself." Let us not remain "small packages" when so much still needs to be done for Our Town -- Our World. Let's do it this year -- together.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 16,

President



MONETARY MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

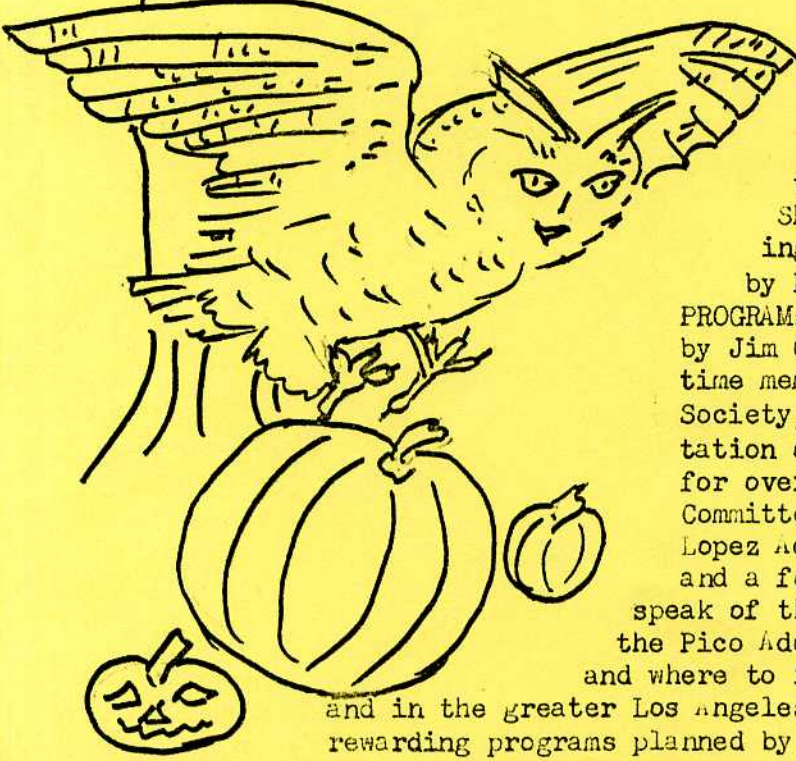
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Eileen Janess, Treasurer

OCTOBER MEETING

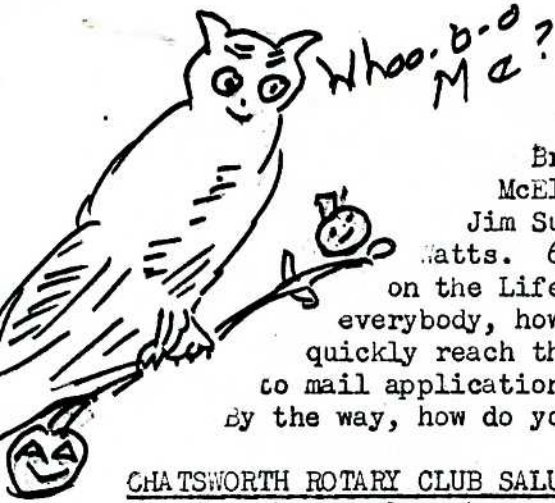
Tuesday, October 16, Glendale Federal Community Room, Vassar & Devonshire, Chatsworth.

Enjoy DESSERT at 7.30 p.m. -- served with a timely touch of Halloween by hostesses Sheelagh Watts and Lila Schepler -- while viewing the unusual HOBBY CORNER exhibits prepared by Frank Daugherty and Bill Schepler.



PROGRAM: "THE MUDDY BRICK - ADOBE", as presented by Jim Gulbranson. A former president and long-time member of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, he has been instrumental in the rehabilitation of the historic Pico Adobe. He also served for over a year as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the purchase and rehabilitation of the Lopez Adobe in San Fernando -- the oldest home there and a former stage coach stop. Mr. Gulbranson will speak of the construction of adobe, the restoration of the Pico Adobe, other adobe buildings past and present, and where to find the remaining old ones in the Valley and in the greater Los Angeles area. This is just the first of the many rewarding programs planned by Dr. Ruth Boak, Vice President. Come and enjoy. (And -- if the prospect of a bribe adds to your pleasure -- you might even win the door prize!)





MEMBERSHIP MEMOS.

Dr. Ruth Boak, Charles and Eileen Janess have joined the LIFE MEMBERSHIP roster. WELCOME ABOARD, new members: Tom Bryner, the Ed Dietrichs, the Charles Gudins, the B.W. McElroys, Martha McWilliams, Sally Ann Parsons, Nell Rader, the Jim Summers, Joy Totschek, and (two valued re-joiners) the Keith Watts. 62 members have already sent in their annual dues (or were on the Life line). Others please take note and do ye likewise. Also, everybody, how about bringing in at least one new member so that we may quickly reach that century mark? Your Membership V.P., Bill, will be happy to mail application blanks at the drop of a hat or a r-r-r-ing-g of the phone. By the way, how do you like our handsome new membership cards?

CHATSWORTH ROTARY CLUB SALUTE

Dr. Joseph Pampalone has arranged for our Society to present the program at the Rotary Club luncheon this week. (Wednesday, October 17, 12 noon, McGuire's). Prexy Lila will speak on our history -- Chatsworth Township and the Society -- and show pictures and artifacts. The Rotarians, as a token of their interest in our work, will present the Society with a generous \$100. check. Heartfelt thanks from us, one and all, to them, one and all.

HONOR ROLL

Guess who has been nominated for listing in the 9th edition of "Who's Who of American Women", scheduled for publication this coming year. Who? Our Founder-Life Member-Author, Virginia Watson, that's who.

To another indefatigable, indispensable Officer and Life Member goes the honor of being nominated by the Chatsworth Woman's Club for the Hill Toppers "Hourglass Award." (Incidentally, Lillian, in addition to her other considerable duties for the Society, has consented to serve as Librarian: in charge of sales of the History, displays of brochures and of pertinent books).

*Schepler*

Congratulations to two fine, well-deserving ladies!

FALL FUN FEST

The Board voted to sponsor a THEATRE PARTY on Saturday, October 28, at 8.30 p.m. The play is The Desk Set, a delightful contemporary comedy in 3 acts, to be presented by the Drama Guild of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the Parish Hall at 7136 Winnetka Ave., Canoga Park. Milton Parsons (an old familiar face around town for 30-plus years, as well as in films, TV, and on stage) is producing. If you have ever lost an argument with a computer, your toes will curl with joy at witnessing the battle between a group of clever office workers and the giant mechanical brain that threatens their jobs. Tickets will be on sale at the October 16 meeting: \$2.00 (adults), \$1.00 (youths under 18). The play is rated G! NOTE: By way of eating your cake and having it, too, a generous 25% of each ticket sold by the Society will be retained for their good works. Can you think of an easier way to make money while sitting and enjoying yourselves?

IN RETROSPECT

Sixteen of our members enjoyed working in our booth at the fourth annual Valley Folklórico in the San Fernando Mission courtyard on August 25 and 26, while swapping shifts to enjoy tours of the Mission and the adobes, other exhibits, arts and crafts, ethnic dances, etc. We were gratified by the response to our exhibit of books, pamphlets, photos, antiques, and artifacts, most tastefully arranged by various Scheplers. Our youngest active member, Marina Pampalone, was a whiz at demonstrating the Indian method of making cornmeal mush, and working Minnie Palmer's butter molds and old-time pleater. Wanted: more junior members (especially if cast in a similar mold).



### ROUND-UP IN RETROSPECT

32 members shared good fellowship, good food, and good entertainment at the first get-together of season 73-4 -- the "chuckwagon" dinner at Lillian and Frank Schepler's attractive and hospitable home on Sept. 23. Dr. Ruth Boak's presentation of plans for a series of innovative and worthwhile programs for the regular meetings was enthusiastically received. Bonus treat of the evening: A travel tour to exciting places far and near through the beautiful color slides of our roaming members (who either have magic cameras or are expert photographers!)

Alaska, by camper, via Alcan Highway, featuring McKinley Park (Summers).....More Alaska, via air, bus, boat, train -- Anchorage, Fairbanks, Yukon; Vancouver thrown in (Dr. Boak).....Idaho, Vancouver, Victoria; 3700 miles of driving (Dietrichs)..... Wildflowers in Antelope Valley, Arizona, Zion National Park in Utah (Frank Daugherty) .....Oregon, Columbia River, Victoria (Janess).....Delta Queen scenes -- aboard and ashore, Mississippi at flood tide, Florida's Disney World (Lila and Bill)..... Excavations of the ruins of Pompeii, buried for centuries by an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius (Jacks).....And to prove that there is no place like home, some stunning shots of Los Angeles -- the remarkable Bradbury Bldg., Old Plaza with its topiary animals, venerable engine house, the historic Pico Bldg. (Carol and Denny Coughlin)

### TRIP TALK WITHOUT THE PIGS

The J. Pampalone family ventured a train ride (a first for the children) to Chicago in July. The four kids enjoyed two weeks on the family farm in Madison, Wisconsin. Two nieces returned to sample the wonders of So. Cal.....Clevelands to old home town in Bassett, Nebraska. Left daughter Cathe to spend the summer. One week in Solvang with Antique Show. (P.S. Iolene says -- again -- to start saving your "treasures" for the spring yard sale!).....Katherine and Kelly Johnson to Oregon to visit daughter Viola and family; side trip to Coos Bay to see grandson Wayne Cook and the great-grands; also enjoyed a cherry-picking spree.....Bob and Marian Swartz and family, plus friends -- including new members, Jim and Betty Summers -- spent several weeks at the beach in Carpenteria with their trailers and campers.....Sarita Goodwin to Escondido on July 29 for family birthday celebration honoring Toni Meyser, former Chatsworth resident; husband Joe, daughters Mary Jo and Susan with their families all present.....Frank and Lillian Schepler relished several summer days in San Diego's Old Town. This month, with the Ray Johnsons, they're "marching through Georgia" with their sights fixed on Disney World in Florida.....The Parsons spent a breathless week in the Mother Lode country, revelling in the magnificent scenery and the historic mining towns along Route 49 from Mariposa to Nevada City.

### ON THE MOVE

Elaine Swartz of Stanton relocated in a lovely new Townhouse -- 2 stories, 3 bedrooms, with an accessible swimming pool thrown in for good measure. 70-plus friends attended an Open House hosted by the family.....Mary Fulmer to Oregon to be near granddaughter and great-grandbaby. Nice for her, but she will be missed by her many friends in Chatsworth.....Carol and Denny Coughlin to a new home on Vassar. They have been having a field day re-decorating.....Virginia, Hank, and Kelley Watson spent a busy season with their Gift Shop at the Delmar Race Track. They will re-open there on New Year's Day.

### GOOD NEWS FOR IOLENE

Twila Bryner's daughter acquired a house next door to her for investment purposes. Result of renovations -- a windfall for the spring Yard Sale!

### LATE BULLETIN

Chuck Janess is home from the hospital after surgery on his ear (to construct a new ear drum!), and is making a fine recovery.





BABY'S DAY

32 family members and godparents joined with Louise and Eddie Mitchell in honoring their six-month-old Christina on her christening day.

WEDDINGS

Fern and Gerald Jack's oldest son Norman was married to his lovely Phyllis in a beautiful ceremony in Bakersfield. A number of Valley friends were present to wish them well.....Seventeen members of the Society were present when Ralph and Peggy Christensen's daughter Judy was married in Manhattan Beach. (She is a stewardess; the groom is a pilot). A reception at the Elks Club followed.

BIRTHDAYS

Eleanor Schepler was hostess at a family dinner at the Odyssey, honoring husband Frank Sr. on his birthday. We heard tell of many, many more birthdays, too numerous to mention. Congratulations to all. Hope you each had a Happy.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Twila Bryner spent the whole month of June in London with her husband (there on business) by way of celebrating their 31st.....Colette and Milton Parsons had a private celebration (their 40th) by having a gala dinner on the Queen Mary, by way of commemorating their honeymoon trip to Europe on a less gargantuan Cunarder, the California. (Little did they realize at the time what a prophetic name that would prove to be!).....Eileen and Chuck Janess also observed their 40th, on August 18, at a smashing party in 1000 Oaks, plotted by their kids. 93 people were there to honor them, including Eileen's brother and his wife from Detroit -- their first visit in 19 years. (Would like to see that poster-size blow-up that Charlene had made of a photo taken of her parents three days after their marriage).....A family dinner marked the joint celebration of the Frank Scheplers (Sr.)--their 58th--and the William Scheplers--33rd.....The Frank Schepler, Jr. made it to 30 on July 25. ....Katherine and Kelly Johnson observed their 53rd on Sept. 16.....Putting it all together, that adds up to a lot of married years. All concerned seem to have survived nicely. Congratulations!

CAREER GIRLS

Marlys and Linn Stuckenbruck enjoyed a visit from their talented daughter "Corky", a teacher and designer of weaving and fabrics.....Sally Ann Parsons was home for a week in September, betwixt two assignments -- assisting top designer Jane Greenwood with the final fittings and finishing touches on the costumes for the gala opening of the San Francisco Opera, and (back in New York City) carrying out the Willa Kim designs for a new Joffrey Ballet. Sally Ann is a cutter and designer's assistant for Ray Diffen Stage Clothes..... In August, Heather Watts flitted back and forth between Chatsworth and the Greek Theatre where she was appearing as a member of the Corps de Ballet with the prestigious N. Y. City ballet under the incomparable George Balanchine. Seen at one or more of the ballets, in addition to the Watts family, were Society members Sarita Goodwin, Lillian Schepler, Carol Coughlin, the Parsons, and familiar man-about-town George Schoell. Hope there were many others feeling our pride in seeing our little home town girl sharing the well-deserved applause for the Corps--outstanding in its precision, technique, and for the charm and personality of the individual dancers.

NON-SEQUITUR

Gussie Enderle (courtesy of a timely L.A. Times Jack Smith column) came up with the answer to the \$64. question asked at the June Installation, following Adele Campbell's talk on the Arboretum. It's a muster of peacocks!

