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SMOKE SIGNAL
CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 1974

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

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members and Friends:

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting, where you will have the opportunity to hear Councilman Robert Wilkinson bring his "Reflections" on history. He has been most helpful to us as a Society, most recently concerning the completion bond and we are all most grateful to him. Come and enjoy!

We extend our get well soon wishes to Minnie Palmer who is in the Canoga Park Hospital. Minnie is very special to the Society, she is an Honorary Life Member and is the oldest living resident having been born here. Best wishes for a rapid recovery to Doris Dossler and others of our membership who are on the "not so well" list.

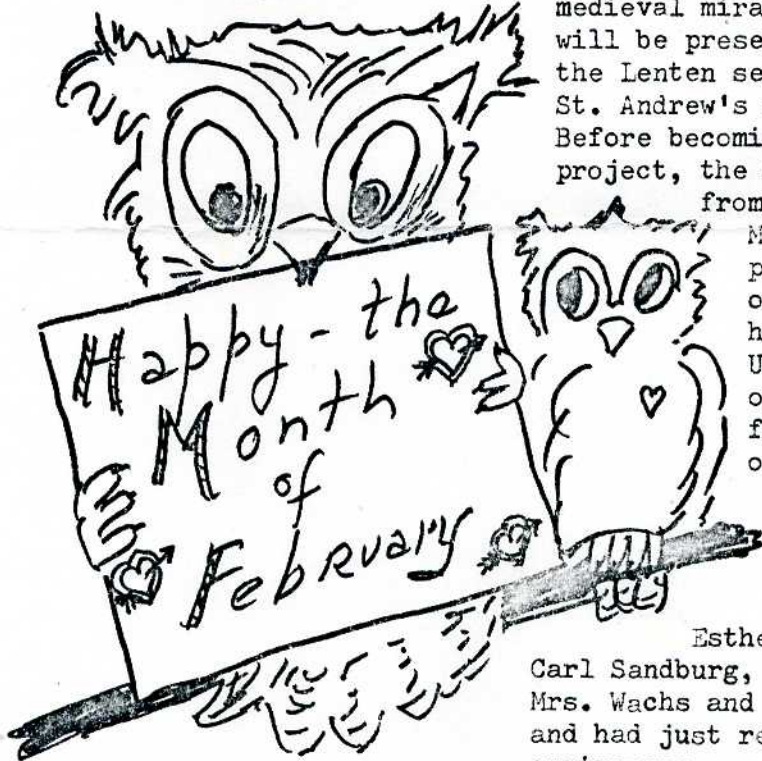
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Lila Schepler, President

GREETINGS FROM THE TREASURER:

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| General Fund | 640.14 |
| Trust Fund | 772.47 |
| Memorial Fund | 1074.87 |

Thanks, Eileen

"Smoke Signal" editor, Colette Parsons is taking a leave of absence from this issue because of a prior commitment. She and husband Milton are up to their ears in rehearsals and production details for their third annual chancel drama for St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church. The



medieval miracle play, "Abraham and Isaac" will be presented on March 3rd to initiate the Lenten season and will be repeated at St. Andrew's in Fullerton on March 10th. Before becoming too heavily involved in this project, the Parsons enjoyed a week's visit

from Seattle cousins Eugene and Margaret Mason. 's parents pioneered in Alaska at the turn of the century and he made his home there from the age of 4½. Until retirement he owned and operated his own fleet of salmon fishing boats out of Seattle and owned a cannery in Seldovia, Alaska.

(HURRY BACK, COLETTE - Sheelagh)

We extend sympathy to Jane Matthews in the recent death of her mother, Esther Sandburg Wachs. She was a sister of Carl Sandburg, poet and historian, from Galesburg, Ill. Mrs. Wachs and her husband made their home in Chatsworth and had just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD voted to participate in the Pioneer Days celebration to be held at the Security Pacific Bank, 21902 Devnshire St., starting March 4th and continuing through the town's birthday on March 10th through the 22nd. We'll place an exhibit of artifacts, memorabilia from early Chatsworth days and pictures at the bank. Be sure to go in and view it during the three week celebration. Watch the newspaper for all the doin's - sasparilla, birthday cake, hoosegow, boothill and all.

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FUND RAISING NOTE PAPER will be sold at our meetings, orders filled after March 1st. These are printed in brown with a picture of the little church and are small four folds. They will sell for \$1.00 per package of 12 and are ideal to use for brief notes or when corresponding with people who know about the Pioneer Church. Be sure to place your orders now - they'll be on sale at the March meeting.

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MEETING MEETING MEETING

Chatsworth Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 19, 1974. Join us for dessert provided by our hostesses Eileen Janess and Katharine Johnson - and ENJOY! 7:30 P.M. Also enjoy the hobby corner with knitting by Esther Dietrich.

You will really enjoy hearing Councilman Robert Wilkinson (12th District) City of Los Angeles with his "REFLECTIONS ON HISTORY" - the history of our City Council, the Council's role in assisting Historical groups and his own personal reflections of the many changes he has seen in the Valley in the many years he has lived here.

Also enjoy the report of our historiographer VIRGINIA WATSON on "where we are" with the current phase of our work.

Vice President Lillian Schepler will preside.

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It is with real regret that the board has cancelled the annual birthday celebration on Sunday, March 10th at the Pioneer Church monument. We find that much of the work planned for completion by that date can not be finished in time. So, regretfully we cancel and look forward to the 87th birthday in 1975.

Our 86th birthday will be celebrated at the March meeting planned for March 19th, the third Wednesday, our regular date. Youth groups will be assisting with the program.

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SOON THE SOCIETY hopes to establish a photography committee to enable us to keep photographic records of the history of the town. BILL SCHEPLER, VIRGINIA WATSON and SHEELAGH WATTS are co-chairman. Their first request for help from members and friends concerns pictures of the little church's stained glass windows. The time is almost here when the broken windows are replaced but without photographic copies, the original designs cannot be followed. If you have a black & white, color, slide or negative of any of the windows and are willing to loan it to the Society so that a copy can be made, please contact Sheelagh at 341-4489.

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Editor's Note: Many thanks to wonderful Jane Matthews who addressed and stamped the envelopes and to Lila for supplying all the news.

THAT'S ALL!

