

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

May 1974

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

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MERRY MONTH OF MAY GREETINGS FROM PRES. L. S.:

Dear Members and Friends: May already. Amazing! A heartfelt THANK YOU to Vice Presidents Ruth Boak and Lillian Schepler who carried on for me at the meetings when I began teaching at Cal State Northridge on Tuesday nights. I am also grateful to Sheelagh Watts for a great job on the important meeting (also on a Tuesday) to launch a Bicentennial Committee for our town. Final exams now coming up (not on Tuesday night), so I look forward to greeting you all in person at the May 21st meeting. Come one, come all. Enjoy a fun program -- and vote for your next year's officers. It has been a wonderful year for me and my loyal officers and board members. I wish the same to the incoming staff. SEE YOU!

Sincerely,



Lila

Lila Schepler, Pres

FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND

We sadly report the sudden passing of George Schoell, friend of the Society -- everybody's friend. He will be greatly missed in our town. The Memorial Service at the United Methodist Church was unique and illuminating, with Dr. Morris Fisher and Milton Parsons sharing with us -- mostly in George's own words -- his unique philosophy of life. Rick McCurdy showed two scenes from his new fun movie starring George (who did not live to see it), letting us share some laughs with him as we often did when he was with us. God bless! (Note: The entire film, "Reflections on a Golden Loaf", will be shown at the Methodist Church at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, the proceeds from a free offering to be divided between the George Schoell Memorial Fund set up by the church and the American Cancer Society. All are welcome.)

EILEEN'S MERRY MAY FUNNY MONEY REPORT (E. Janess, Wizard Treas., that is)

General Fund: \$455.71 Monument Fund: \$1109.87 Trust Fund: \$772.47

OOPS, SO SORRY!

My apologies to our Hostesses with the Mostes! for the April meeting, Virginia Watson and Marina Pampalone, for omitting their names from the April Smoke Signal and crediting their so-good goodies to Helen Fladwed and Celia Woodman who actually set up the so-interesting Hobby Corner. Wish I could blame the mistake on a computer, but I typed it myself on my own brain-washed manual typewriter.

MERRY MAY MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 21

Same time -- same place -- Fun program

KELLY JOHNSON will introduce to us "A RARE BIRD -- is the PIGEON." He should know. he has raised many National Champion Show Birds, has dozens of trophies, has served as Judge in many areas around the mainland U.S. and has even received invitations

to judge in Hawaii (where we understand the pigeons are particularly plump and pleasing). He will bring pictures and trophies to show us -- and maybe a real champion bird.

Come at 7.30 p.m. to enjoy DESSERT served by Hostesses Louise Curinga and Helen Ransom.

HOBBY CORNER exhibitors will be Bill and Lila Schepler: Miscellaneous memorabilia from at home and abroad. Frank Daugherty is chairman of the Hobbyists.

Elva Meline, President of the Associated Historical Societies of L. A. County and Regional V. P. of the State Organization, will furnish us with a few details of the colorful programs in connection with the Conference of Calif. Historical Societies to be held at San Fernando Mission and the Pico Adobe on June 20, 21, and 22. SAVE THESE DATES for some fascinating and informative entertainment.

MOST IMPORTANT. VOTE FOR YOUR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR.
Detailed information following.

REPORT FROM OUR NOBLE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chuck Janess, Chairman, assisted by Jane Matthews and Bill Schepler, submit this slate of nominees for your consideration on May 21:

- President.....Ruth Boak
- 1st Vice Pres.....Sheelagh Watts (Program)
- 2nd V. P.....Lillian Schepler (Social)
- 3rd V. P.....Iolene Cleveland (Fund Raising)
- 4th V. P.....Joseph Pampalone (Membership)
- Recording Secretary.....Adrienne Gudin
- Corresponding Secretary.....Jane Matthews
- Treasurer.....Eileen Janess
- Board Member at Large.....Frank Daugherty
- Historiographer.....Virginia Watson
- Honorary Board Member.....Charles Janess (Not to be elected; permanent member of Board)
- Parliamentarian.....To be appointed by President
- Editor, Smoke Signal....." " " " "

As in the past, nominations from the floor are welcome. However, please keep in mind that, according to our By-Laws, permission must first be obtained from all persons you wish to nominate.

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

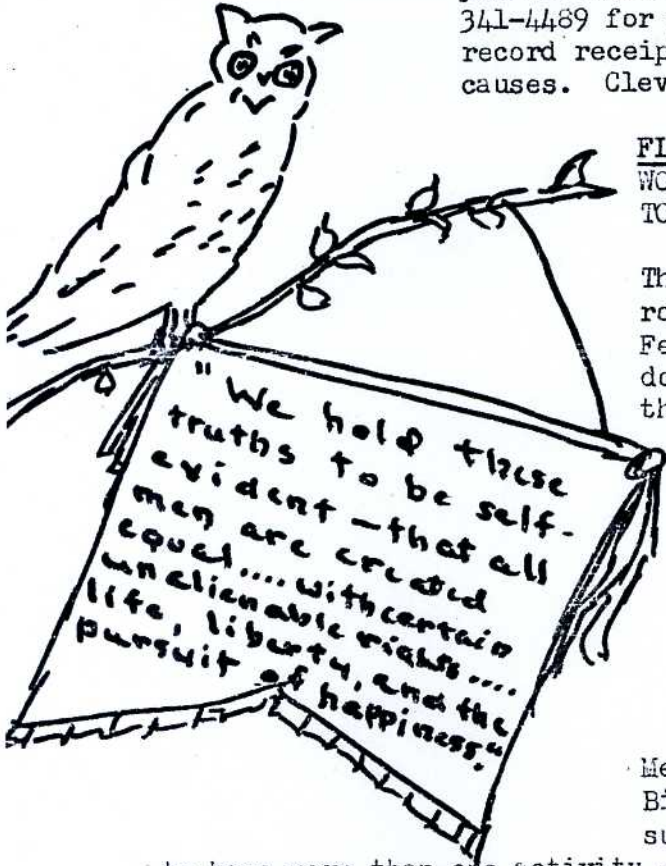
Next meeting is on May 30th. at 7.30 p.m. at Bill and Lila Schepler's home. All members are to bring their tape recorders plus their first interview by that date, according to assignments accepted at the last meeting.

YARD SALE! YARD SALE! YARD SALE!

The red-letter moola-making week-end approacheth rapidly: Friday evening, May 17 (set-up); Saturday, May 18, 9 to 5.30 (sale); Sunday, May 19, 9 to 5 (sale). Clean-up. VIVA VOLUNTEERS! Already signed up under the dynamic leadership of super-organizer



Iolene Cleveland, are Everett Cleveland, Eileen and Chuck Janess, Bill and Lila Schepler, Milton and Colette Parsons, Virginia Watson, Jane Matthews, Mary Avila, Fay Barton, Celia Woodman, Ruth Boak, Nanci Oliva, Katherine Johnson, Betty Summers, Carol Coughlin, and Sheelagh Watts. Wouldn't YOU like to join the fun? The more the merrier. So it's work, but it's a gas -- and the rewards for our Society are monumental. Please call 341-3447 TODAY if you can spare an hour or two. In any case, solicit that "A" to "Z" merchandise to be transformed into gold by Iolene's Midas touch. Hand over wire hangers, too. Unload the stuff in the Cleveland front yard or driveway or, if necessary, call 341-3447 or 341-1529 or 341-4489 for pick-up service. We want to smash last year's record receipts of \$500.-plus toward the support of Chatsworthy causes. Cleveland address: 10347 Jordan Ave., No. of Devonshire.



FLASH! BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE SALUTES THE CHATSWORTH WOMAN'S CLUB FOR ITS \$100 DONATION TO THE SOCIETY TO GET THE COMMITTEE OFF TO A ROUSING START!

The Bicentennial Committee did indeed get off to a rousing start with a meeting on April 30 at Glendale Federal Savings. Tom Pappas of Chatsworth Florists donated a stunning red, white and blue centerpiece that looked beautiful against Lila's scarlet tablecloth. Refreshments were served and the table was patriotically decorated by Lila with tiny U. S. flags and an Uncle Sam hat.

Representatives of many community organizations attended and a nominating committee was selected. They will report back to the committee at the next meeting on Thursday, May 23, at 7.30 p.m. in the Savings Community Room.

Members of the Los Angeles County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission outlined plans and offered suggestions and support. Communities are being asked

to have more than one activity -- one festive (i.e., our yearly observance of Independence Day at Mason Park) and one of lasting importance to the community. I suggested that perhaps the Historical Society provide one project of lasting importance by completing the monument so that the July 4th celebration in 1976 could start with a service at the little church.

A fitting highlight of the evening was the presentation of a decoupage copy of the Declaration of Independence to the Chatsworth Historical Society by Mr. Priensburger of the County Commission. At the board meeting of the Historical Society it was decided that this could hang first in the Chatsworth Branch of the L. A. Public Library and perhaps later at the banks and savings and loan institutions. Eventually it will hang in the planned museum. Incidentally, I had not read that stirring document since becoming a naturalized citizen on May 23, 1953, so I sat right down and re-read it. Give yourself a real thrill -- read it. It's the most amazing document I've ever read.

Last but not least, we had help from the Chatsworth 4-H Club. Daris Wolfe and Julie Wright led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and members of Girl Scout Troop 801 sang "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land." Our own Chuck Janess gave a very moving and fitting invocation.

Get on the band wagon -- plan to attend the next Bicentennial Committee meeting. We're the first community in the San Fernando Valley to hold a meeting to plan a fitting celebration of this country's 200th birthday. Let's really let every one know how proud we are of our country.

More later,
Sheelagh
Sheelagh Watts

COMING EVENTS UNDER THE JUNE MOON

During the Conference of California Historical Societies (details at our May 21 meeting), we have been honored with an invitation to assist with the RECEPTION on Thursday evening, June 20, at 7.30 p.m., in the picturesque adobe home and patio of Marie Harrington. Lillian Schepler, our Social V.P. will need five other women to help set up, serve, and clean up. WILL YOU? Please call Lila at 341-3447 -- the sooner the quicker -- as we want to make plans well in advance of the party. In addition to your assigned duties, you will also have an opportunity to look decorative, exude charm and hospitality, and mingle with our State officers, regional Vice-Presidents, authors, artists, and history buffs galore. It will be a gala and rewarding evening.

INSTALLATION PREVIEW

Our own Historical Society's Installation Dinner will be held at the beautiful new home of Dr's. Barbara and Joseph Pampalone on Fullbright St. in Chatsworth. Note change of date from the usual Tuesday evening to SATURDAY, JUNE 22. The super-party will start at 7.00 p.m. with the ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HOUR, with DINNER following at 7.45 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT -- INSTALLATION -- FUN

ADVANCE SIGNALS FROM SMOKE SIGNAL HEADQUARTERS

The June issue will be the last before the summer break before the start of the official new Society year in September.

To keep people in touch with one another, we are going to dedicate a whole page to personal news about members.

Please phone items of interest (and we are interested in your doings) to Ye Editor (retiring) at 341-1448. Vacation plans? Trips near or far? Family reunions? Special celebrations? Graduations? Birthdays? Christenings? Weddings? You state it. We'll print it.

SEE YOU AROUND!



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May 18, 19 Yards Sale
May 21 C.H.S. Meet
May 23 Bicentennial
Committee
June 20 C.C.H.S.
Reception
June 22 C.H.S.
Installation
Dinner