

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

June 1974

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

Editor: Colette Humphrey Parsons

HASTA LA VISTA!

Dear Members and Friends:

This is the last time I will have the opportunity to write to you as President of the Society; so it is with a sense of nostalgia that I greet each one of you. I am indebted to so many of you who have helped with the organization during these past two years, it is hard to tell you how grateful I am. An outstanding Board, dedicated Committee Chairpersons (!), and a supportive membership have made it possible to accomplish a great deal. Thank you all for your cooperation and friendship during my two terms of office.

A very special thank-you to Colette Parsons who will be retiring this month from her job as Editor of the Smoke Signal. Colette has brought verve, a sense of humor, and inquisitive mind, and her considerable skill to the task and has developed an interesting paper for us. I know you all join me in applauding her work.

My best wishes and staunch support go to the incoming Board of the Chatsworth Historical Society for 1974-75. Congratulations on your election, and I hope you will enjoy our challenging prospects as much as I have.

Looking forward to seeing you ALL at the Installation Meeting, Saturday, June 22,

Sincerely,

President

MUCHOS PESOS!

Trust Fund \$782.67

Monument Fund \$1203.87

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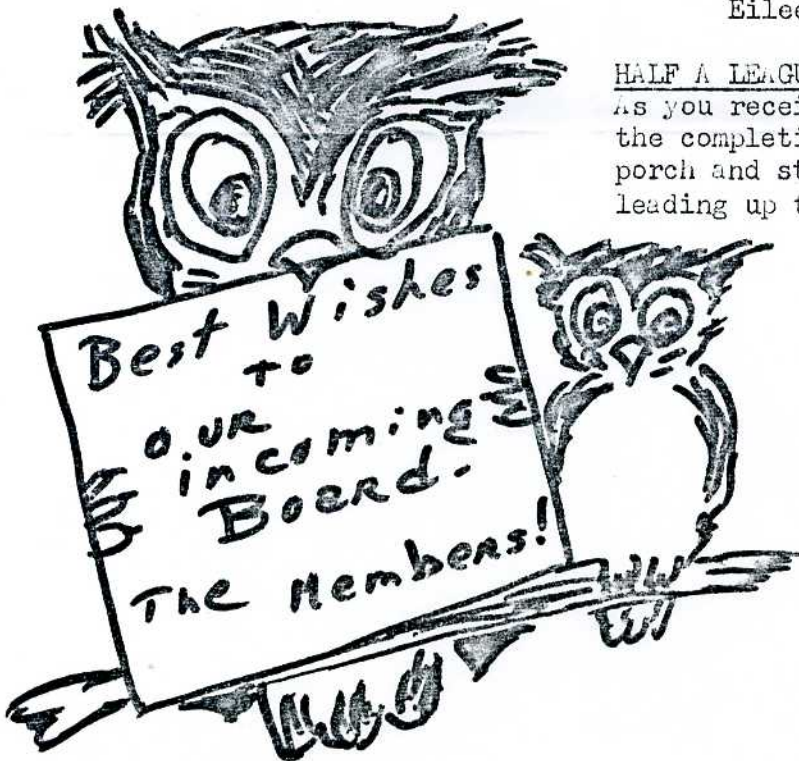
Eileen Janess, Treasurer

HALF A LEAGUE ONWARD

As you receive this, work will be in progress toward the completion of the concrete work at the Monument -- porch and steps at the entry, 60' path on each side leading up the road. Frank Enderle made arrangements with contractor Jim Tanner for the job (cost to C.H.S. will be \$818.) and is taking care of the necessary related earth moving. At long last, a useable front entrance.

MEMBERSHIP MIRACLE

Vice-President Bill Schepler, in charge of recruiting, tells us that our membership is at an all-time high: A Grand Total of 119 (33 Life Members; 86 General). A Hip - Hip - Hooray to Bill for his productive leadership of this year's successful Campaign.



EXHIBITS EXTRAORDINAIRE

Hurry, hurry, hurry into Glendale Federal to see the elegant exhibit that Manager Madge Hutchinson has let us arrange (through the kind efforts of Historiographer Virginia Watson, assisted by Bill and Lila Schepler) in the lobby at the corner of Devonshire and Vassar. Featured are Lillian Thomas's lovely paintings of pioneers Neils and Ann Johnson, an aerial view of Chatsworth in 1957, and Minnie Palmer's butter molds used for many years right here on her homestead.

Across the street at the Security Pacific Bank, courtesy of Manager Chuck Brooks, another worthwhile display, now in its fourth month, includes bolts from the old Chatsworth Railroad Station, donated by Daris Wolfe, an antique wooden plane, nostalgic post cards of the area as it once was, and pictures donated by old-time resident, the late Nell Williams.

This exhibit, with changes of artifacts from our collection, will soon move to a new location at the other end of town. Won't it be great when we have our own museum to house these valuable relics of our past along with many other mementoes that have been promised us when we have a place for them?

Looking forward to our nation's two-hundredth birthday celebration, Sheelagh Watts is planning a special exhibit at the Chatsworth Branch Library this month. Prominently displayed will be a facsimile of the Declaration of Independence, handsomely mounted on a placque. This was presented to Sheelagh in recognition of her efforts in founding a Bicentennial Committee for Our Town, and will become a proud possession of the Historical Society, sponsors of the Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

On May 28th, long-time friend of the Society and early pioneer in this area, Nell Williams, was laid to rest in Oakwood near the little Church where she had sung in the choir for 25 years. Throughout her lifetime she made countless contributions to the community she loved and which loved her in return.

Earlier that day, member Nell Rader's son, Gordon, took his place among other friends at peace in our beautiful Memorial Park. He, too, gave generously to our town of his time and talents, lending a hand to community building projects and working with the young people. He was President of the Little League from 1962-63.

Our sympathy to the families of both these fine persons who will be missed but remembered by many friends.

OUR BOOK

The Sharp and Hoffner Book Store in North Hollywood is adding Virginia Watson's A Child's History of Chatsworth to their stock of Historical and Genealogical volumes which is their specialty. History buffs take note. A great place for browsing.

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Next session on Thursday, June 27, at W. Scheplers', 22438 Lassen, 7.30 p.m. All members are reminded to bring their first interview tapes. Also, be sure to get the Release Letters signed.

HONORS

Member Martha McWilliams son, John, formerly of Chatsworth, was recently honored at Pierce College for his work as a member of the Peace Corps in Benares, India, Sept. 1970 to Dec. 1972. He has completed two years at Pierce and enters Cal Poly in the Fall, majoring in Agricultural Economics. He hopes to return to Asia on his own to work for and with the people there, among whom he made many friends.



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INSTALLATION MEETING

(Note from the Board: Our appreciation to Dr.'s Joseph and Barbara Pampalone for offering their beautiful new home for this occasion. The unexpected catering problems forced us to change our plans, the Pampalones have graciously offered us a "rain check" and we look forward to holding our Fall Round-Up there.)

A MEXICAN FIESTA -- OLE!

JUNE 22, 1974 SATURDAY EVENING

LOS TOROS MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 21734 Devonshire St. (at Hillview), Chatsworth

Our host: Nick Montano, Proprietor, and Life Member, C.H.S.

7.00 P.M. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HOUR (No-host cocktails)

7.45 P.M. DINNER IS SERVED

Dinner (including salad, entree, and dessert) \$3.65

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. MAKE YOURS NOW -- Call Sheelash Watts, Chairman, 341-2428
Colette Parsons 341-1448

PROGRAM

ENTERTAINMENT -- Those fabulous guitarists and vocalists, GINNY CRAIG and ROSE MACLEAN

AWARDS AND REGOGNITION -- COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. WILKINSON
THE RETIRING BOARD
THE SLOCUMS -- ALICE and HUGH
DAVE DAVIS, EAGLE SCOUT
DOOR PRIZES

INSTALLATION. OUR LIBRARIAN, DORIS DOSSER, INSTALLING OFFICER

YOUR BOARD FOR 1974-1975

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DECORATIONS by Sheelagh Watts and Lillian Schepler

ADIOS, AMIGOS, Y MUCHAS GRACIAS!