

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

March 1975

President: Ruth Boak, M.D. Guest Editor: Marina Pampalone

President's Message:

Fern Jack, Program Vice President, hosted the Society Board meeting this past week. At this time the Nominating Committee was appointed and requested to bring a slate of officers (proposed nominations) before the April 15th meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor as well as all members receiving the Nominating Committee's slate in the next Smoke Signal. Chuck Janess was named Chairman. Joseph Pampalone and Lila Schepler will serve with him. If YOU have a particular interest, volunteer NOW!!!!

The Oral History Committee will not meet this month, but all members will be notified of the next meeting. Arrangements are being made to hear the Tape Recording of Dr. Doyce Nunis, Department of History at U.S.C. This tape was made at the recent Mini-Conference of the Assoc. Historical Societies of Los Angeles County while he was conducting a workshop on Oral History: Guidelines for local societies, bibliography of resources ect. and all presented in his inimitable fashion for the enjoyment of learning.

Our February meeting was held at the Leonis Adobe. Ray Phillips was a fascinating guide who explained the history of the Adobe. It has been carefully restored by the Leonis Adobe Association. It serves as an inspiration for the work on our church.

Looking forward to see you all at "History In Action," on March 18th.

Sincerely,

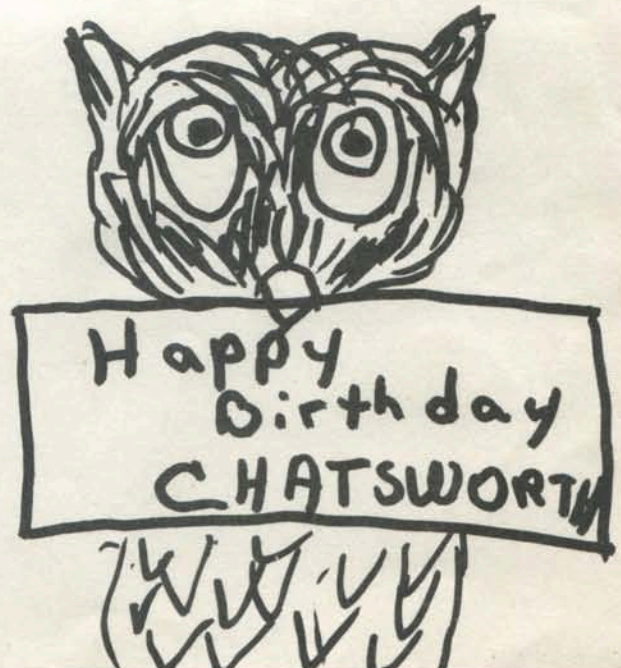
Treasurer's Report:

Trust Fund \$814.10

Monument Fund \$234.74

General Fund \$1196.43

Treasurer,
Eileen
Janess



(Smoke Signal Continued)

We extend our best wishes to Frank Enderle and hope his recovery will create a medical record for speed. We are sorry he had to be in the hospital at all, but glad he is feeling able to return home about the time we go to press.

We are sorry to hear that Frances Mahieu is in the Canoga Park Hospital on Sherman Way with a broken ankle. I am sure she would love to have cards from you, to show her you think of her often and wish her a speedy recovery.

Would you like to attend a Theatre Party? At the Valley Theatre of Performing arts at 21340 Devonshire St, Chatsworth, where so many fine productions have been presented. MAN OF LA MANCHA is musical theatre at its best, and will begin its run with a cast of 25 on March 15th at 8:30 P.M. Lets make our plans at the meeting on Tuesday---Be sure to sign up then. \$4.00 per ticket.

Most of you are already aware that this is the Birthday Month for Chatsworth March 10, 1888. The Subdivision Map was filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder on that day, giving the town the name of Chatsworth Park and becoming the actual birthday of this community- 87 years of age. Pioneer folk lived here since the mid 1800's; much of the town was mission land before that time; the "Coast Line, San Juan and Los Angeles Stage Coach Line" went through this area in the late 1850's; the first school was established in 1880; the railroad came to this area in 1893, but it did not go on until the tunnels were completed in 1904.

We now have several Historic Monuments or Sites, though much of the past has already been destroyed: these these are: The Pioneer church established in 1903; The Olive Trees on Lassen St. planted in the 1800's; Stony Point the huge out cropping of rock used as a landmark since Indian times; The Minnie Hill Palmer Cottage erected in 1913 on the site of the original home steaders cottage and where Minnie Palmer was born the year before we became a town; The Historic Indian Cave Paintings in a remarkable state of preservation; the Stage Coach Road including the Devil's slide; the hated steep rocky area so difficult for stage coaches to negotiate: and much, much more! But anyway lets wish Chatsworth a very, very Happy Birthday.

Note:

The Chatsworth Bicentennial Committee, will hold their next meeting at the United Methodist Church on Santa Susana Ave.

Reports will be made on the progress of the organization of a speakers Bureau and of the proposed Slogan Contest involving all of the Chatsworth Schools- Elementary, Jr. High, and High Schools. Be in attendance and hear the news as reported, as well as having a hand in the planning of the other many events under discussion. 7:30 P.M. on March 26th, Wednesday.

Our oral history tape project was reported in the March issue of the California Historian. We are proud of our members contribution to preservation of history.

The
Lion's Farm
Redondo Beach Salt Water
Plunge

Mt. LOWE TRAMWAY.

TUESDAY MARCH, 18, 1975

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Community Room
21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth

" HISTORY IN ACTION "

with

Dr. Edwin Carpenter, Lecturer, Huntington
Library. Past Vice President of the
Assoc. Historical Societies of Los
Angeles County.

THE Ostrich
Farm

Dr. Carpenter will bring us a slide lecture on the early days
of the greater Los Angeles Area- late 1800's thro the 1920's.
These precious photographs will recall the past vividly to
your mind; will bring you an evening of lively entertainment.
A rare collection of memorabilia of those fabulous years.
Come and SEE ! And ENJOY !

Angel's Flight

Our Councilman, Robert Wilkinson, will be inducted as an
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER of our Society.

This is only the third time in our history that
we have conferred this honor-and he surely has
merited this Membership through many years of
assisting this Society in preservation of the
history of our area. DO be there .

THE Basking Beauty Parade

HOBBY CORNER will be made enjoyable by the interesting
pursuits of Adrienne Gudin and Mary and Arnie Hanson. It
will be a corner of interest to each of you.

HOSTESSES for the evening are Fay Barton and Lillian Schepler.
Minnie Palmer will cut our Birthday Cake for us!

7:30 P.M. Come and have your Dessert with us while
you visit and enjoy the exhibits on display.

Day
of
the
Year

The Big Red Cars

Picnicing in
a Model T

The Canals of Venice
(Calif. that is!)

Many
More
Many