



SEPTEMBER, 1975

C H A T S W O R T H   H I S T O R I C A L  
S O C I E T Y  
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our first Smoke Signal of our Bicentennial Year! Doesn't that have a great sound? It evokes all the nostalgia of remembering 200 years and all the pride in the accomplishments of this country--and a few regrets for those opportunities we missed and for those times we lived "less than our best".

Our proud AMERICAN EAGLE is to be our SYMBOL this year--leading us along to our many celebrations of our 200th birthday party.

So "FLY WITH US" this year--it will be rewarding for all of us.

Lila Schepler

MEMBERSHIP

This issue of the Smoke Signal is going out to many old members, old friends, and new friends, maybe even some who have never had any contact with our group before. We hope you will all join with us this Bicentennial Year. We are quite certain that this is the year that will see us complete our monument and turn it over to Oakwood Memorial Park so that they can landscape it as well as bring it back to life with water and power.

If you can't use your membership application, please give it to someone who can. Someone who will enjoy joining us all at the long-delayed dedication ceremony.

Your Membership Chm.  
Bill Schepler

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NEW CHAIRMEN

Several new chairmanships have been filled announces our president.

They are: BETTY SELVIDGE, Librarian; MILTON PARSONS, Oral History; RUTH BOAK, Hobby Corner; JANE MATTHEWS & VIRGINIA WATSON, Publications; ARRANGEMENTS & KEY, Frank Schepler.

WE STILL NEED several chairmen such as TRIPPING OR ADVENTURE CHAIRMAN, SCRAPBOOK CHAIRMAN and a TELEPHONE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN & COMMITTEE.

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GETTING BETTER

FRANK ENDERLE is improving every day and can now walk a little with his walker. He is getting up to Oakwood Memorial Park often.

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IN MEMORIAM  
KATHARINE JOHNSON  
1898 - 1975

Katharine Johnson will be remembered as the guiding light behind the founding of our Chatsworth Historical Society. It was Katharine who felt so strongly that the little church should be saved and Katharine who wrote to the Cultural Heritage Board and set the chain of reaction going leading us to forming our historical society and saving, moving & restoring our church. Katharine inspired the rest of us with the will to do what needed to be done.

That was perhaps Katharine's most memorable trait. Her writing, poetry and music was inspirational. She inspired her students to learn and love music. In her church work with the Women's Society and her youth work, she was always setting a fine example and inspiring others to follow in her dedicated footsteps. In the Chatsworth Woman's Club (she had been a member since shortly after the club was founded in 1921), she was often called upon to give the inspirational message in addition to her many other duties. In her role as wife, mother, and grandmother, she again set a fine example and was an inspiration to her family.

It is up to us to carry on in the fine tradition she has shown us and to finish the job of completing the monument.

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IN MEMORIAM  
FRANCES MAHIEU  
1899 - 1975

Mrs. Mahieu was a Life Member of our Chatsworth Historical Society and had been a member for many years.

A long-time member of the United Methodist Church Mrs. Mahieu was a Sunday School teacher, a greeter for the services, and past-president of the Women's Society.

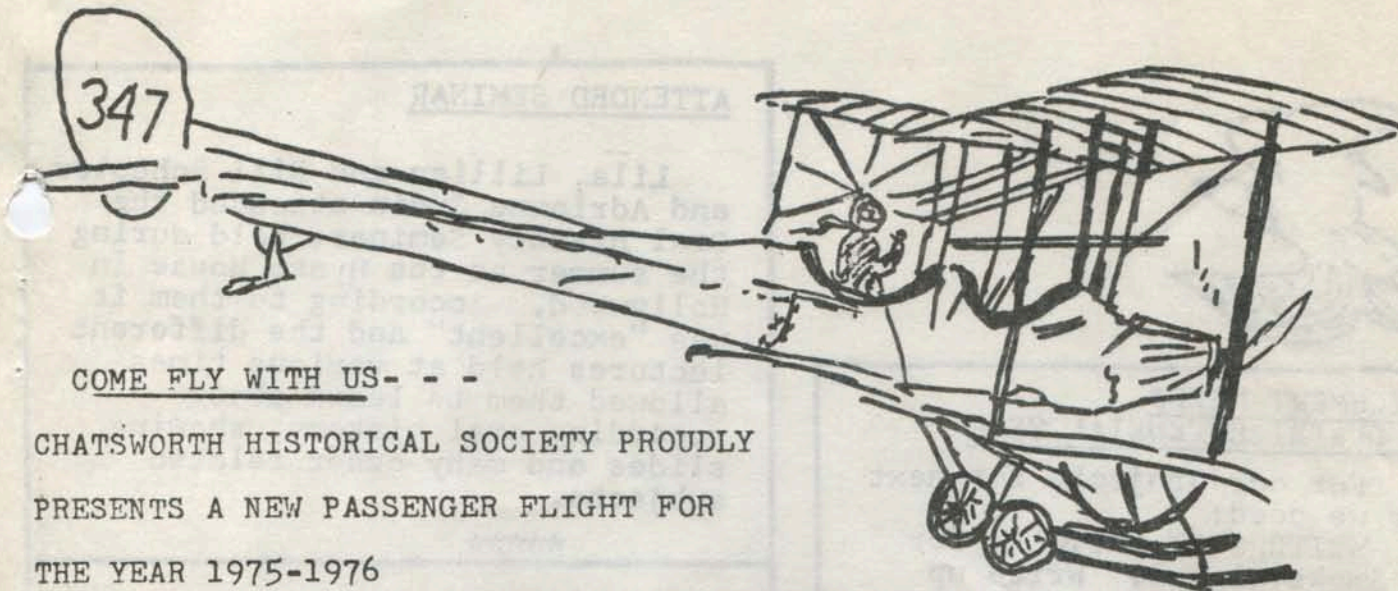
Mrs. Mahieu was known to most of our historical society members as "Celia Woodman's Mother" and although she was in poor health in the later years, she attended many of our meetings and functions.

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We don't have room this month to print the entire program for the year as we had intended, but enclosed you will find a "flyer" (no pun intended) for your "Come Fly With Me" program next Sunday.

Please save Tuesday, Oct. 21 for your Williamsburg film and meeting.

Virginia Watson, Editor



COME FLY WITH US- - -

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROUDLY  
PRESENTS A NEW PASSENGER FLIGHT FOR  
THE YEAR 1975-1976

FLIGHT DATE: SUNDAY, SEPT. 28, 1975

TAKE OFF TIME: 5:00 P.M. No seat belts needed.

AVIATION TERMINAL: The Home of LILLIAN & FRANK SCHEPLER  
10514 ANDORA AVE., CHATSWORTH, CA, 91311

RESERVATIONS: Avoid having your name wait-listed- Confirmed  
Passenger seating limited to 50. ADVANCE RES-  
ERVATIONS AT 341 0603 or 341 3447

INFLIGHT MEAL SERVICE: 6:00 P.M. DINNER- PURCHASE PRICE \$1.50, Plus  
a little "bring it yourself" aid. In the reality of  
today's world, the \$1.50 won't stretch for an entire  
meal. EACH PERSON BRING A GREEN SALAD, OR A VEGETABLE  
SALAD.

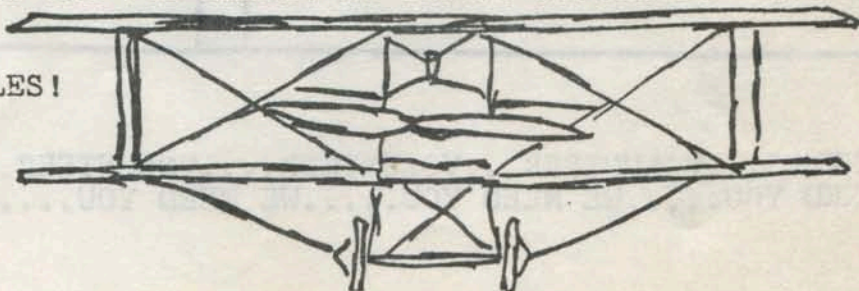
INFLIGHT MOVIE: " THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF AVIATION"  
Brought to us by DR. LINN STUCKENBRUK,

Dr. Stuckenbruk is a noted authority and brings to us  
rare slides of antique and early  
aircraft, from his private collection.

We have tried to book him on previous  
occasions and couldn't get in on his  
schedule. This is one in-flight movie  
you'll love- and no need to purchase  
earphones!

OUR CAPTAIN REPORTS: FINE WEATHER AHEAD FOR THE YEAR 75-76 for CHATSWORTH  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY: A FINE TAIL WIND MOVES US ALONG AHEAD OF SCHEDULE:  
THE FLIGHT CREW IS SUPERB FOR THE JOB AHEAD: NO STORMS REPORTED. EXPECTED  
LANDING TIME: JUNE 1976.

PUT ON YOUR HELMET AND GOGGLES!  
CONTACT!





ATTENDED SEMINAR

Lila, Lillian and Bill Schepler and Adrienne Gudin attended the Oral History Seminar held during the summer at the Hyatt House in Hollywood. According to them it was "excellent" and the different lectures held at various times allowed them to learn about recording oral history, showing slides and many other related subjects.

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OUR CHURCH ON TV

Our little Chatsworth Community Church was the location for a television commercial during the summer months.

Ileana Welch at the Cultural Heritage Board in LA suggested our church to the producers who were looking for a little white frame church that looked like a down-south Baptist Church.

It's a Chevrolet commercial showing the Rev. Welcome in front of our church. It will last only seconds so you-all watch closely now.

We were paid \$100 for the use of the building so we are just a little richer and just a little more famous.

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TREASURER's Report  
Sept. 1, 1975

General Fund	\$1582.81
Monument Fund	205.86
Publications	579.59
Trust Fund	824.85

ENRICHMENT NEEDS FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR

For our projects for next year we need:

WRITERS OF ARTICLES for our Smoke Signal. Write up some of your historical memories for inclusion in the Smoke Signal. Remember the thirties? Remember them on paper for other people to enjoy and learn from your experiences.

DECORATORS for our PIONEER CHURCH. We need to "do-over" our monument in time for our Bicentennial Party in our finished church.

POLITICALLY ASTUTE folk who will make us aware of the bills pending or in process in legislature. Bills of an historical nature.

LEADERSHIP for a project to work on historical sites in our town and publish a brochure of walking tours.

WE HAVE APPROVAL OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO USE THE LOGO FOR THIS ONE! MAYBE EVEN FUNDING LATER ONE!

SAW YOU AT THE FAIR

Many thanks to our members who worked in our booth at the revived San Fernando Valley Fair. Much interest was shown in the slides from our collection that were projected for the fair audience.

VOLUNTEER...VOLUNTEER...VOLUNTEER...VOLUNTEER...VOLUNTEER...  
WE NEED YOU.....WE NEED YOU.....WE NEED YOU.....WE NEED YOU.....



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY cordially invites you to join our organization. The membership year is from Sept.1st to Aug.31st the following year.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Community Room of Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Building, 21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, Calif. at 7:30 P.M.

The object of this organization is the protection and preservation of those buildings and objects which are deemed to be of historical significance within the community known as Chatsworth.

The Chatsworth Historical Society encourages and respects the following types of Membership:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP- Member has the right to vote; hold an office and participate in all activities approved and adopted by the Society. Annual dues: \$3.00.

DUAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP- A combined husband and wife membership is a dual, active membership and each is individually entitled to all rights and privileges pertaining to active membership. Annual dues: \$5.00.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP- Member shall be entitled to all rights and privileges pertaining to active membership. Lifetime dues: \$25.00.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP- This membership entitles an organization and its' members to participate in all activities approved and adopted by the general membership. However, this type of membership does not entitle the organization the right to vote or hold office. Annual dues: \$5.00.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP- This membership carries the same entitlement as described under organizational membership with the exception of dues. Annual dues: \$10.00.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP- Maximum age to qualify for this membership shall be 18 years of age. This membership carries the same rights as described under organizational membership. Annual dues: \$1.00.

If you are interested in joining the Chatsworth Historical Society, please tear off the membership application reproduced below and mail with your check to:

MEMBERSHIP: CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOX 102 CHATSWORTH, CALIF, 91311

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Type of Membership. Check one:      NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP                      \_\_\_\_\_      ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DUAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP                \_\_\_\_\_      CITY \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE MEMBERSHIP                         \_\_\_\_\_      STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP            \_\_\_\_\_

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP                 \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP                        \_\_\_\_\_      TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_