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Lila Schepler, President

Virginia Watson, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

Hope to see you ALL at our November meeting. Be sure to check our program notice. We are fortunate to obtain Dr. Andrew Rolle, outstanding authority on the "Americanization of California". This is the first of our Bicentennial celebrations. Bring your friends and join us in the beautiful Oviatt Library at Cal State Northridge.

Lila

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OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, NOV. 18.....8 P. M.....Room 1.....OVIATT LIBRARY.....CSUN

Jane Matthews, our first vice president in charge of programs, has arranged for us to have a joint event with the Phi Kappa Phi and the Bibliographic Society of CSUN in the Oviatt Library, Room 1 on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.

DR. ANDREW ROLLE, the Cleland Professor of History at Occidental College will be the featured speaker. "The Americanization of California" will be the topic for this noted author, lecturer, and editor.

A reception will follow the program. Hostesses for the event will be Jane Matthews, Lillian Schepler, our vice president in charge of hospitality; Virginia Watson and Mrs. Charles (Betty) Grill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schepler will exhibit a display of antique books and Mr. and Mrs. Everette Cleveland will display their collection of Americana.

ORAL HISTORY

The Oral History Committee met on Nov. 6th at the home of the chairman, Milton Parsons.

Plans were made for each member to do interviews this month and bring them back to the next meeting to be held the first Thursday in Dec--the 4th at the Parson s home.

A lot of remembering about "old Chatsworth" went on at the meeting as well as making a new list of those yet to be interviewed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chairman Bill Schepler reports that we have a total of 4 Honorary Life Members. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Minnie Palmer and Councilman Robert Wilkinson.

We also have 31 Life Members, 4 Junior members and 42 active members. We do not have any organizational memberships at the present time.

We need to increase our membership to 100 so just bring a friend--tell a neighbor--and that will do it.

NOTEPAPER FOR SALE

The lovely notepaper with the picture of our Pioneer Church is on sale now at \$1 a box. It is available at each meeting from our Librarian Betty Selvidge. Makes a nice Christmas gift and the proceeds go toward restoring our monument.

SPEECHES GIVEN

Three talks on the history of Chatsworth were given this month. We told our story to the Chatsworth Newcomers Club, the Ladies Guild of St. John Eudes and to the Rotary Club. We also provided an exhibit for the Open House at the Stoney Point High School this month.



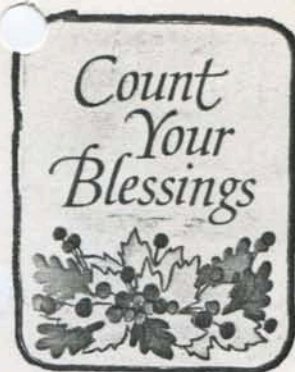
BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

Lila Schepler will be sending out letters during the month to the business and industrial community as well as the cultural and fraternal organizations to suggest various projects that they might like to participate in toward completing our church. We thought they might like to do this as a part of their Bicentennial Projects.

Lila has compiled a list of the different projects that need doing and she is asking the organizations if they would like to take one and complete it.

We are still planning on having our church done by APRIL and Lila will be calling Roy Rogers and DALE EVANS to see which day in APRIL that they are available for our dedication. They are the ones who started us out by giving us the first money to move the church and it is fitting that they should be present for our dedication.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Our hard-working Treasurer, Eileen Janess reports our balances for the past month. As of Oct. 5 the totals are:

General Fund.....	\$1659.08
Monument "	594.36
Trust Fund	835.75



THANKS TRICIA

We have Tricia Plunknett to thank for sending out our Smoke Signal. Virginia Watson is the editor and makes up our paper, but it is Tricia who gets it printed, types up the envelopes and mails out the paper. Thanks, Tricia.

BICENTENNIAL TRIP

Our Bicentennial Trip to the old "Pueblo de Los Angeles" will be held on Sat., Nov. 29th.

Ed and Esther Dietrich have agreed to be chair persons of the event.

We will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the parking lot for the old Automobile Club on Vassar just north of Devonshire. Our tour starts at 1 p.m. and we will leave Chatsworth promptly at 12 noon.

Our tour guide will be a docent named "Lucy" and we will see the old fire station, the hotel, and the kiosk.

Afterward we will have some free time at Olvera St. and perhaps some of us will want to have dinner in the area.

Reservations are not necessary, but they do help for travel arrangements. Cars can be left in the parking lot and car pools can be arranged.

See the two E s at the meeting or call 341-2246 for information.

PROGRESS REPORT

The committee for the completion of the monument met Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Pioneer Church with a carpenter & painter. They decided to go ahead with the work beginning Dec. 1st.

A WORK PARTY will be held SAT. NOV. 22 for the rough cleaning. Several youth groups have been invited to come and do the preliminary cleaning--sweeping, dusting, getting out the bird's nests and picking up the debris that has collected.

THANKSGIVING WEEK a COMMERCIAL CLEANERS will begin heavy cleaning and MONDAY, DEC. 1st. the CARPENTER & PAINTER will begin work starting with making shutters that can be removed when we want to be inside

and that can be put up when we are finished. We will be paying \$10 an hour for the carpenters and painters and that seems to be a reasonable amount and we are anxious to get the job done.

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EXHIBITS

Stop in at Glendale Federal and Bank of America and see our new exhibits.



NEED ITEMS FOR DISPLAY

BETTY SELVIDGE, our librarian and display chairman, is asking for items for the new yuletide displays in the banks. She needs small items that will fit in the 8" high cases. She is particularly interested in obtaining children's items such as jewelry, small toys like trains, tops & banks; dolls, puzzles, Christmas cards, old ornaments and decorations.

See her at the meeting if you have any items you would loan the society for the Christmas displays in the banks.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Look for our special "DEARIE, DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN" feature for this month written by our own Lila Schepler.

Maybe NEXT MONTH YOU will be the featured writer.

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CARD SHOWER

Our MINNIE HILL PALMER is not feeling up to par and so our Nov. 30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION had to be cancelled. However, that does not mean that we cannot celebrate her birthday. PLEASE SEND MINNIE A BIRTHDAY CARD. Address it to her P. O. BOX 16, Chatsworth, CA 91311