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HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

April 1978

- April Fool's Day is past (April 1)
- Cancer Control Month
- Home Improvement Month
- U.S. Income tax due-April 17
- PASSOVER, April 22
- Daylight Saving begins- April 30
- Pan American Week-April 9
- National Coin Week-April 16
- Bike Safety Week-April 17
- OUR MEETING NIGHT-April 18

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Dr. Clement Meighan, Professor of Anthropology at UCLA since 1952, instructs field and laboratory classes. He is a working archeologist and has been active in digs in South America, Mexico, Guam, Egypt and Syria as well as California and the offshore islands.

He will speak to the Chatsworth Historical Society at our regular meeting place, Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., on Tues. April 18. His subject: Archeological Findings in Southern California.

This will also be our election of officers. The following members have indicated an interest in being nominated for the following offices for the term 1978-1979:
President: Virginia Watson -- 1st Vice Pres.: Jane Matthews -- 2nd Vice Pres. Ioline Cleveland -- 3rd Vice Pres. Frank Schepler -- 4th Vice Pres. Fern Jack. Recording Sec.: Bea Berman -- Corresponding Sec.: Lillian Schepler ----- Treasurer: Esther Dietrich -- Board Member at Large: Bill Schepler -- Board Member at Large: Ed Dietrich -- Plus + Honorary Board Member: Charles Janess and Historiographer: Virginia Watson - both permanent members of the Board. Parliamentarian: to be filled by appointment of the President.. If there are any nominations from the floor, there must be a consent of the nominee.

DON'T FORGET TO BE HERE or THERE or WHATEVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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REMEMBER: To take pictures of old buildings or sites in Chatsworth for our Memory Book.

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MEMORY LIBRARY: We need more good books for our library -- Historical books, books written by Chatsworthians, especially more books of Dale Evans. We had several new books given to us since the last issue of this paper.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION!! 90 years of Service by this church - that is: We, from the Chatsworth United Methodist Church, are the direct descendants of an unbroken congregation started by Ann Johnson even before the first church building was erected in 1903. That church is our first Historical Monument, now located in Oakwood Memorial Park. When it was first built it was The Community Church of Chatsworth - in 1958, the name was changed to The Chatsworth First Methodist Church. When the congregation outgrew the old church, it was sold and the new United Methodist Church was built at 10824 Topanga Canyon. In 1964, Mr. John Spinks, owner of the building, donated it to the Chatsworth Historical Society at an Appreciation Reception held at the home of Dale Evans and Roy Rogers. **** CHURCH FOUNDED 1888 -- CELEBRATION May 7, 1978. The Historical Church in Oakwood Memorial Park is the oldest standing Protest-

ant church, still standing, in the San Fernando Valley. The Methodist Church congregation in San Fernando is older, but their original building is gone. The oldest church is the San Fernando Mission started by the Padres.

PLEASE COME! THE PROGRAM OF CELEBRATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 10:15 A.M. --Worship Service conducted by Rev. Robert Bjorklund
Bishop Charles F. Golden will be the featured speaker.
- 11:30 A.M. --Dedication of a Bell Plaza for the Bell and Cornerstone from the 1903 Pioneer Church - a Memorial to which gifts have been given for this purpose.
- 12:30 barbecue -- reservations must be made by April 24 - call church office 341-1270 for your reservations and any question you may have.
- 1:30 Talk Time -- visiting with old and new friends and former pastors.
- 2:30 Exhibits and a Pageant " Nine Decades to 90"- a story of our church history with actors and actresses - costumes of the era and even a horse and pastor as circuit rider -- see! You just can't stay away.

To keep you busy the rest of the day, there will be slides, pictures & other nostalgic remembrances. COME! COME! COME! To the Church that day !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lila Schepler is general chairman for the event. Other steering committee members are Rev. Bjorklund, Vera McGee, Eileen Janess, Beth Ashcraft, Beverly Arneson, Carl and Mildred Lender, Duane Anderson, George and JoAnn Alsup, Dorothy Rochefort, Terrie Horlick, Bill and Mildred Shasberger.

Travels: Jane Matthews has recently returned from a 22-day tour of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Israel which was organized by the Institute of Antiquity and Christianity of the Graduate School in Claremont. The group of 14 visited many archeological digs including Tutankamen's Tomb; sites of the discoveries of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Nag Hamadi Codices; the Ebla excavation at Tell Mardikh and Ugarit (Ras Shamra) in Syria and Petra and Jerash in Jordan. We are all delighted that "our Jane" could have had this opportunity to see these things "for real", when she has done so much to have programs of historical significance for us, as program chairman. Now all we have to do is urge her to "take us on this trip, through the eyes of Jane". Don't you all agree?

Speaking of King Tut -- we all know that all of us who have gone, or who will get to go to the exhibit, have had to stand in line for hours and hours to buy a ticket or buy an illegitimate one for an outrageous price, or, to have been lucky enough to be a student in L. A. City Schools and get to go free. But here we have our Raylene Rubin fortunate enough to be a volunteer at the King Tut-ankhamen Exhibit at the L.A. County Art Museum. Every Monday for the four months the exhibit will be here she will assume her duties. The month of Feb. she manned the phones, March and April she is a greeter for the tour buses. The rest of the time she will be an information guide at the exhibit. She says it is a wonderful experience and one that she will never forget.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Tom Woodard and Marian Hyland and Peter Woodman+++++++ Bob Swartz-April 1--- Anyone else have an April Fool Birthday except my niece?

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cleveland are the parents of a baby girl born March 18, 1978. She weighed 8lbs. - 13oz. She has been named Megan Kassandra. Isn't that beautiful? Will she be "Meme", "Kassie", or "Sandie"? The paternal grandparents are, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cleveland. (Doesn't that sound just too formal? Why don't we just say, "Everett and Ioline"?) And the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dray from El Centro - The new mother and baby were happy and fortunate to have mother-grandmother Dray at their home when they came home from the hospital. Megan Kassandra is the first grandchild for all four grandparents. Of course, the proud auntie is Cathe Cleveland.

DEATHS: We were all saddened to hear of the death of Phyllise Roller - Sunday P.M. April 9th. She will be resting in our beloved Oakwood Memorial Park, probably not too far away from our Pioneer Church. Her sister, Grace, from Phoenix, Ariz. was here with her at the time of her death. Our sympathies go to all the family.

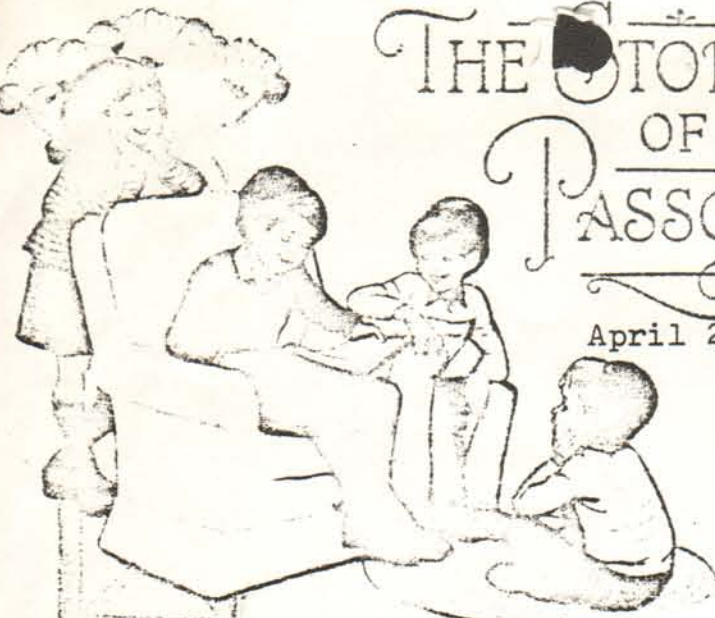
Are you saving your Antiques and our rummage for Ioline Cleveland? Yard Sale in June. Watch for date of Card and Antique Show. Tentative - May 13th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Kathryn J. Guy

Sarita Goodwin is settled in her new apt. 10415 Canoga Ave. #133-tel. 341-2697 CONGRATULATIONS: Chatsworth Woman's Club 57th Birthday Anniversary!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE STORY OF PASSOVER

April 22, 1978



When Egypt's Pharaoh long ago
Sent out the cruel command
To kill each baby Hebrew boy
Born within the land,
One mother set her child adrift
In a basket on the water,
Hoping he'd be rescued,
And he was—by Pharaoh's daughter.
She named the baby Moses,
And he later grew to be
The man the Good Lord called
To set His chosen people free.

Now when Moses asked the first time
If the Israelites could go,
The Pharaoh flew into a rage,
And shouted at him, "No!"
Then the Lord sent Egypt
nine great plagues,
And nine times Moses heard
That his people all could leave,
But then the Pharaoh broke his word.
And so the greatest plague was sent—
Each firstborn son must die,
But the Jews put lamb's blood
on their doors
So the plague would pass them by.
And it was then the Pharaoh
Finally let the Jews depart,
But no sooner did they leave
Than Pharaoh had a change of heart.
He sent his army in pursuit.
And the Israelites were scared,
For the Red Sea lay before them,
And no boats had been prepared.
But the sea was parted by the Lord
Until the Hebrews crossed,
Then when the soldiers came,
The waters closed and they were lost.

Today the Jews all celebrate
How their people were made free
By the plague that "passed them over"
And the parting of the sea.

LOST HOUR

Author Unknown



I lost two golden hours
somewhere yesterday,
Between the dawn of morning
and the close of day.
Each of these lost hours
was a rare and precious gem,
For sixty diamond minutes
adorned each of them.

I did not really own them,
they were only loaned to me,
To be used in helping others
the best in life to see,
But they are charged against me
and for them I must pay,
In one way or another,
tomorrow or today..

No reward is offered for them,
no need for them to yearn,
For they are gone forever,
never to return.
I know I'll never find them,
no matter where I stray...
I could have used them wisely,
but I idled them away.

I never can recall them,
no matter how I try,
For they are gone forever,
no more to pass me by.
But while I am permitted
upon this earth to dwell,
The rest of time to me committed
I shall guard and use it well.

April Fires

Golden poppy growing wild,
The desert's bright
and lovely child.
Signature of God's design
Where cacti rears
its bitter spine
Gilding plains that barren lie
Beneath the desert's
lonely sky.
Bursting from the heart of spring
Yellow blossoms quivering.
Red rocks crowned with golden
spires
The desert's dazzling April
fires.
Breathless wonder to all men,
The desert sings of God again.

by - Dorothy Evelyn Begg

