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HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

September 1978

Scouting USA Fall Round Up begins Sept. 1

Labor Day, Sept. 4

National Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept 10

President Carter proclaimed Sept. 10 as National Grandparents Day, (The first one, I believe) - Good Thinking - (or proclaiming!), especially for all of us who are already grandparents & for grandchildren, too. We'll get a gift next year and Hallmark Cards will have another first for a new holiday.

Sept. 17 - Citizenship Day and OUR MEETING DATE, and Constitution Week.

Sept. 22 - American Indian Day - Sept. Fall begins.

SHIP AHOY !

GET READY -- GET SET -- LAUNCH!

We will set sail for our first meeting Sunday-September 17 at 6:30.

Destination-----> Home of Gerald & Fern Jack - 22234 Lassen

Chow from the Galley---- The Captain has requested that each couple or individual bring the following "mess": Those with last names --

"A" through "F" will please bring a dessert

"G" through "Q" bring a salad or vegetable

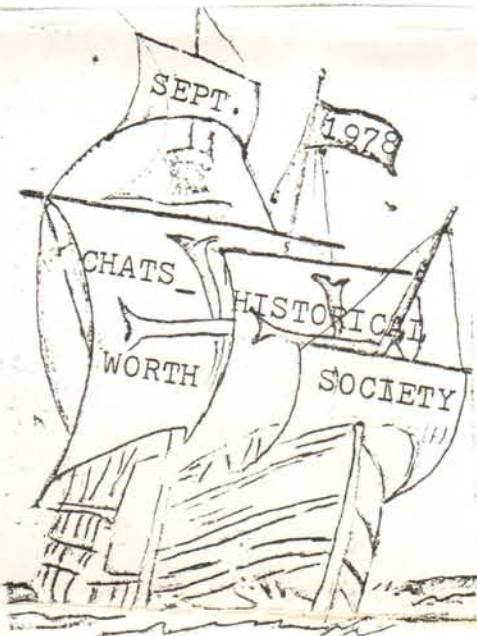
"R" through "Z" will bring a MAIN dish

This would be a good time to bring a guest - a friend or prospective member. And remember if your dues are not paid, they are now past time, but Esther will gladly accept your donation without sending you to the brig!!!

The New Frontiers

Perry Tanksley

There are mountains yet to climb
Which ne'er were climbed before,
And new frontiers invite
Brave pioneers to explore.
Uncharted seas await
Some dauntless soul to chart,
And space exploring bids
The search supreme to start.
Oh, what a thrilling age . . .
Thank God for times like these!
Ne'er has there been as much
To conquer and achieve.



President's Message

Sunday is our first fall event and I hope all of you will be able to attend. We have always had a fine time at our annual potluck which gets us started out right for the year.

As you know I have chosen "Lights, Camera, Action!" as the theme for this year. I hope we can accomplish many things--we have lots of action planned--now we must get the lights and cameras ready for the action to begin. Let's plan ahead and then get the job done.

Our most important project is getting the Minnie Hill Palmer Homestead Acre ready and our second most important project is our oral history program.

I spent a lot of time this summer working with Sarah Wright of the Mayor's office preparing our petition asking that the Homestead Acre be named to the National Register of Historic Places. We completed the form but they sent it back and asked for more information. I am working on that now.

At our request the Dept. of Recreation and Parks sent a crew of CETA workers out to Minnie's and they have really cleaned up the outside, pruned the trees, tied up bushes etc. We hope to get a decking-type patio around the big Black Walnut tree and perhaps a little amphitheater in back for giving demonstrations. We hope to get Minnie's garden in again and ask the Cherry Blossom Garden Club to give talks and demonstrations on the plants and garden. Later on, we will have docents and provide tours of the Homestead Acre two days a week.

We are planning to refurbish it and are using the 1900 Sears Roebuck Catalog (given to us by Violet Wilson) for reference as to period. We have acquired two items--a table bought for us by Everett Cleveland & wash tub-wringer stand bought by Celia Woodman. We will furnish the house in typical furniture rather than try to duplicate Minnie's house.

On the committee for reference are Ioline and Everett Cleveland, Celia, Lila, Lillian and Virginia (me). If you are interested in helping the committee, please let me know at the meetings.

Lila Schepler has agreed to be in charge of the Oral History program. We will work closely with Dr. Leonard Pitts at CSUN.

We have had two fine Boy Scouts helping us. Both boys are from Troop 226 led by Mr. Hayes. Brian Hayes and his crew cleaned up the church after vandals had gotten in and torn a board off the lectern, torn the shutter loose, scattered everything around and made a mess. The boys cleaned the church and put wax on the floor and furniture polish on the pews. It looks lovely and we have the Scouts to thank. Tom Hodgens took a crew up to the church and cleared a 50 ft. fire-break around the building for us. They did it during the hot weather and the weeds were really high and tough. Many, many thanks to both boys and their crews and leader.

While we are giving out plaudits--we must thank the CETA crew for the fine work they are doing.

As usual Jane Matthews has some terrific programs lined up for us. Oct 17th we will have Robert McGowan who will show a film narrated by Bing Crosby. He is from the Father Serra group and the film is titled "The Life and Travels of Father Serra." Jane and I met him (McGowan) at the unveiling of the Father Serra Statue at the Beverly Garland-Howard Johnson Motel this summer.

On Nov. 21st we will go to UCLA and have dinner in the Redwood Room of the faculty center. After dinner we will go to the University

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Research Library for a presentation on oral history and the work of the UCLA program. James V. Mink, head of Special Collections will be our host.

In December our new trip co-chairmen, Tom & Betty Woodard, are planning a trip to Padua Hills over near Riverside for the Christmas play and dinner. It is tentatively planned for Sunday - December 17th. Hope to see you all at the potluck at Fern Jack's.

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Morgan*

We are happy to have the return of all our summer travelers and grateful for their safe homecoming:

Everett and Ioline Cleveland have returned from a 4-week vacation in Nebraska. They picked up daughter, Cathe from Chadron College, then proceeded to visit relatives. They returned Cathe to classes for the Fall session before returning home. While in Nebraska, they visited the Rock Co. Historical Society where they saw the projects that they are working toward: A church similar to ours, a depot, the rural school that Ioline first attended and later taught in this school. It has been restored and is now open for public viewing.

The Janesses' vacation in August took them back to Michigan for 2½ wonderful weeks visiting relatives and old friends and reliving many precious memories. One highlight was the time spent along the St. Clair River while staying at a motel built on the site of the home where Chuck's folks lived when Chuck and Eileen were going together. It was in Marine City, close by, where they were married. Another nostalgic occasion was in August when Chuck hosted a dinner at the Botsford Inn, in Farmington, Michigan. It was built in 1836. Guests at the dinner were his sister, Eileen's two brothers and their wives, a dear 87-year-old friend, whom Eileen had known since she was 6 years old. Another guest was a friend of hers who was in Eileen's Girl Scout Troop in Detroit in the 20's. This was the same friend that stood up with Eileen when she and Chuck were married -- the occasion for the dinner -- the forty-fifth anniversary of that wedding. Congratulations from all of us, Chuck and Eileen!

The Berman's had several short vacations to Las Vegas and other nearby places.

Eleanore Schepler, Bill and Lila, Frank and Lillian and Elaine Swartz returned with many memories and slides and pictures of their trip sailing around the Greek Islands and other places in Europe -- we hope they will share them with us very soon.

Jim and Celia Woodman and Bill Symcovits spent 2 months in Colorado on a working and fun vacation. Jim built a new walk-in refrigerator in Jimmy and Lanita's new store. Celia and Bill went to their first auction, where Celia bought many things for Lanita's lovely "Country Home" and brought some back for daughter, Jeanne. This is where she found the wash-tub and wringer stand -- had to wait in the hot sun for 2 days to get it because all the real antiques were saved until last. It is a good thing, because, I believe most of the people had already spent their money and I got it for \$25.00 whereas I had planned to go as high as \$50.00. In the Sears Catalogue, that Virginia mentioned, it was \$3.25! The best part of the vacation was the wedding of our first grandson, Derek Woodman. He married our lovely Mona in a beautiful garden wedding at the ranch home of her parents in Sanford, Colorado. They were married by her father who is the Bishop of the Church of Latter Day Saints of Sanford. Derek and Mona are now living with us, while Derek is learning the floor covering business. Celia also attended the 45th year since graduation at Mercy Hospital - Denver

Happy Birthday to Ed Dietrich Sept. 17 - our only birthday in Sept. ++++++

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bill Schepler, our Bd.-member-at-large. He is now feeling better following a diabetic ulcer on his leg. He and his wife, Lila, were both on jury duty at the same time (yes, that's true). Bill did not get to finish the last few days because of this. ++++++

THIS IS THE NEWS that you have been anxiously awaiting: I called Ioline for the final count following our yard sale. Here it is -- \$1436.00..... But don't let this deter you from paying your dues (if you haven't already done it) because much work has to be done on our new project. Dues are: \$5.00 per person; \$7.00 Dual membership; \$1.00 student; \$5.00 Organizational and \$50.00 Life Membership.

Ask Lucille Clements, our librarian, about stationery and books for sale.