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HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH November 1978

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| Nov. 1 - All Saints Day | Nov. 17 - All money to be turned |
| Nov. 2 - All Souls Day | in for tickets to Glendale Centre |
| Nov. 7 - Election Day | Theater for "Dickens' Christmas C" |
| Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day | Nov. 21 - Chatsworth Historical S. |
| Nov. 12 - American Education Week-to U.C.L.A. Faculty Center | |
| Nov. 13 - Youth Appreciation Week-Nov. 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY | |

(We really appreciate all the work in (All during month of November) cleaning and weeding that the Boy Scouts - Give generously to the Drive... have done for our Pioneer Church)..... - LEUKEMIA - CANCER - ARTHRITIS

Nov. 19 - National Bible Week ...Some day it may be for you or your loved ones. Suggestions:

Give the price of 10 packs of cigarettes, if you smoke - 2 bottles of liquor, if you drink - the price of 2 movies that you saw that were a waste of time - the same amount of money that you lost at Los Vegas or the races - the cost of what you over ate for just one week (me). Give to your area representative. If no one calls on you, I would be glad to accept it for my Leukemia Drive. I have seen the results of the money spent on research - I have also seen the disease arrested in children at my schools. EVERYONE CAN HELP!!!!

James Mink, Head of Special Collections at U.C.L.A., will host the Society at the Faculty Center, 405 Hilgard Ave. (So. of Sunset Blvd. Enter at the main kiosk at Parking Lot 2. It's adjacent to the Center.) Hospitality hour begins at 6:30 in the Redwood Room. Dinner is served at 7. (It's Ethnic Night). The charge is \$6.00 per person (preferably paid in advance). Call Jane Matthews 346-6970 for reservations by November 17th.

Following dinner, Mr. Mink and his staff will present a program on U.C.L.A. ORAL HISTORY procedures in the Research Library. He is also making up a display of historical materials from Special Collections, especially for our members. This is an IMPORTANT evening, try to be present.

Instead of our Annual Christmas Party, Tom and Betty Woodard have made arrangements for us to attend "Dickens' Christmas Carol at the Glendale Center Theatre - 324 N. Orange - Glendale. The tickets are \$4.00 apiece. The date is Dec. 9th at 8:30 P.M. They have only 40 tickets. They are going fast - if you do not have yours, please call Betty at 360-0936 or Lillian Schepler at 341-0603.....

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Members & Friends:

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope all of you have a really happy day and enjoy the day with your families.

As a society we have much to be grateful for. Our most recent happy event was appearing before the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and having them rule in favor of the Chatsworth Historical Society being the conservators of the Homestead Acre (the name we have given to Minnie Hill Palmer's homestead and surrounding garden and fruit trees.)

We still don't have a contract--that will have to be worked out with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks, but we are on our official way!

Thanks especially due to Councilman Bob Wilkinson and our own Nanci Oliva who works in his office now, for helping us with the details. We were on the agenda with the racetrack issue and the bike path at Venice and it was very crowded and they might have overlooked us if it hadn't been for Nanci.

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Progress is being made on the gas and water pipes up to our Pioneer Church in Oakwood Memorial Park and we should be able to have our long-awaited "Flushing Party" before the year is very old.

Our November meeting at UCLA promises to be a very interesting program and dinner in the faculty room should be fun. Hope to see many of you there.

Don't forget our First Lady of Chatsworth, Minnie Hill Palmer's birthday--she will be 92 on Nov. 30, 1978 (born 1886 on the same land we now call the Homestead Acre) Mail cards and letters to her at Astoria Terrace Retirement Center, 14060 Astoria, Sylmar, CA 91342

Virginia Watson



BRIAN HAYES
Lillian Schepler presents him with an appreciation certificate for his project in making and hand-carving the sign.



TOM HODGSON
Is acceptin the Certificate of Merit for outstanding service from Lillian Schepler.....

Members of Boy Scout troop 226 were given recognition for cleaning and repairing damage to our Pioneer Church (it had been vandalized again!) and in clearing the weeds around the building, at the Sign-Dedication October the 8th. Scout Master, Bob Hayes, parents and friends, as well as many members of the Chatsworth Historical Soc. were present. Virginia Watson, Pres. gave the welcome and thanked the boys for all they had done. Brian Hayes made the sign for the church and Tom Hodgson worked and directed the rest of the Boy Scouts in cleaning the church and the weeds. Each of the boys had chosen a project toward working for their Eagle Scout award. Scout Master, Robert Hayes and boys from Troop 226 are: Brian Hayes, Tom Hodgson, Jeff and Glenn Ziemski, Andy Workman, Anthony Rottella, Adrian Iler, Peter Martin, Jeff Weinstein and Ray and David Blanchard - T. 466

THANKSGIVING MAGIC

Thanksgiving Day I like to see Our cook perform her witchery.	And meats to stews and stews to broths. And when she mixes gingerbread
She turns a pumpkin into pie As easily as you or I	It turns into a man instead With frosting collar round his throat.
Can wave a hand or wink an eye. She takes left over bread and muffin	And raisin buttons down his coat. Oh, some like magic made by wands,
And changes them to turkey stuffen'. She changes cranberries to sauce by Rowena Bennett.....	And some read magic out of books, And some like fairy spells and charms But I like magic made by cooks!



We were delighted to hear about Dr. Ruth Boak, Life Member and former President of Chats. Historical Soc., receiving an award from the American Public Health Assoc. for 40 years of membership and service to her dedicated chosen field. We wish we could all have been there. Ruth and her husband are now living in San Antonio, Texas. They love it there because his health is so much better, but they miss all their friends so much.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Loucille Hayward. Loucille was the wife of Dr. Harold Hayward, the pastor of our Pioneer Church when it was the Chatsworth Methodist Church. He was assigned to this church in 1953 and served for 6 years - at that time that was the longest that any minister had served at one time. Loucille was an English teacher at Canoga Park High School - many of our children had her as a teacher and she was the inspiration of several of our children choosing the field of teaching because of her. She was one of the best teachers in the Adult S.S. class. In addition to her Master's Degree in English Education, she also had one in Religious Education. She suffered from Parkinson's Disease for many years and we all know of the life of loving care and devotion that Harold gave to her. They had moved to Oral Roberts Retirement Village 11 years ago.

Cultural Heritage News

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HERITAGE SQUARE TO CELEBRATE 8TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

A festive Christmas party and bazaar, staged against a turn-of-the-century background, will provide fun and entertainment for the whole family when the 8th Annual Christmas at Heritage Square is celebrated Sunday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parking is free and there is no admission charge for this popular Los Angeles traditional event.

Heritage Square, located adjacent to the Pasadena Freeway at the Ave. 43 turn-off, will be bustling with continuous live entertainment, starting at noon. Among the highlights will be the famous "Junque Table" featuring for purchase assorted unusual items; a boutique, and various stands offering refreshment, a variety of holiday gifts from art crafts to cherished treasures, and other assorted attractions.

Historic Hale House, the premiere occupant of Heritage Square, will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas and open for free tours, as will Mount Pleasant House.

This joyous occasion is co-sponsored by the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Los Angeles and the Cultural Heritage Foundation, a non-profit corporation dedicated to historic preservation. Proceeds will go to continue work at Heritage Square, which has been described as "a sanctuary that harbors homes and buildings of historical and cultural significance."

The Cultural Heritage Board and the Bureau of Music, which is presenting the entertainment, are divisions of the Municipal Arts Department, City of Los Angeles.

NEWS ITEMS:

by Raylene Rubin.....

Double congratulations to the Donald Gudín family! First of all Adrienne was elected to the Presidency of the Chatsworth Women's Club. Then on August 31, 1978 their daughter, Vicki, who had graduated from U.C. Davis and was a second year law student at Lewis and Clark U., which is a part of Oregon State, was married to another law student, John Bayless of Portland. The beautiful ceremony took place at the Chapel of Lewis and Clark, and the reception was at the Oregon Yacht Club on the Willamette River. Following the honeymoon, the couple are at their beautiful townhouse at Lake Oswego. Besides the Gudín family, friends and relatives from Calif., Washington and Florida attended the wedding, including, of course, Vicki's maternal grandmother, Raylene Rubin.

Milton Parsons is improving following his hospitalization at West Hills Hospital with a chest infection. In my interview of Nov. 7th he is expecting to be at home in 2 or 3 days.

by Nancy Razanski.....

The Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County held an extremely interesting Mini-Conference in Newhall this fall. A highlight of the day was a visit to Mentryville, a Turn-of-the--Century Town, complete with Mentry home, barn, and one-room schoolhouse that was in session from 1885-1932. This year the Conference was attended by the Santa Susana Mountain Park Assoc. who had asked to make an appeal for donations to aid in their December payment on the Nichol's-McDonald property. It seems that the State is delayed in making the payment due to a prior commitment on the Brandeis Ranch property. In the meantime the S.S.M.P.A. is busy fund-raising: New T-shirts for children and adults (these make nice gifts for someone with a strong sense of community spirit in Chatsworth). Available again is the sponsor book "Over the Pass, Into the Past". This is a lovely book giving the history of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains and the S.S.M.P.A. All donations are tax deductible. For further information please write to Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mts. P.O. Box 831, Chatsworth, Calif. 91311 or call Nancy Razanski 341--3512, Jan Hingston 998-7231 or Pearl Turbush, President 345-1102.

Roller's Relics, the Antique Shop at 21500 Devonshire, has offered to sell our cards - cards for 15¢ each with the picture of Stoney Point will be available there from now on. This is another of the Chats. Hist. Soc. fund-raising projects. These cards, the Child's History of Chats. and, Pioneer Mother and stationery are available at each meeting or by calling Lucille Clements - 341-8612.(We also have the book "Mission San Fernando").

Why didn't we see Lucille Clements at our last meeting? She was cavorting around the town with her son, Roland and his wife, Joe, who were here visiting from Fair Oaks, Calif. They spent a fun week touring Universal City, visiting the William S. Hart Ranch(do you know what that is?), ask us, in the meantime if you don't already know, you will be wondering..... Her granddaughter, Dawn Clements, is getting her Master's Degree from Cal. Poly Tech. in Pomona. She joined them and together they motored to Redondo Beach to visit Lucille's youngest son, Douglas.

The Woodards, our Trip Chairpersons, will be visiting in Sacramento from Nov. 21 to Nov. 28. They will be the guests of their daughter and son-in-law. From there they are planning to visit at Lake Tahoe.....

Eleanor Schepler, Frank and Lillian are going to SanFrancisco and the wine country of Sonoma and Napa Valley from Nov. 8th to 16th. Watch that,you kids!

Happy Birthday to: Fred Clark, Violet Wilson and Maureen Cates - The Scorpios-Energetic, emotional and proud, you are the executive type. Gem is topaz, Flower, is chrysanthemum and your color is brown.....

Are we ahead of time? We may be interested in antiques, in historical places, persons and things --- but.....we shoot forward.....eg: At the board meeting, we had been discussing the pros and cons of subscribing to "The Old House Journal". Adv. "If you want to know about restoring Parquet flooring, porch Balusters, tin ceilings, pull chain toilets, Victorian Hardware, Fret work, Period Furniture or curtains, you will find the answers in this book. We were voting - "I move that..." - "I second the motion" and before Virginia had asked for questions or approval, Esther had already written the check! Yes, we will get it, you may use them when you come to our meetings....

Elaine Swartz is visiting in Chatsworth this week - she is enjoying a few extra days for the Veterans' Day Holiday. She is the sister of Lila Schepler and Bob Swartz.