



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

Dr. Carl Dentzel, President of the Cultural Heritage Board, spoke at our meeting on September 16. He was pleased with the progress visible at Homestead Acre. Dr. Dentzel has helped the Society on a number of occasions over the years. Helen Beiner of Los Encinos spoke briefly and well about the operation of their historical landmark.

Progress Report: The exterior of the Palmer house has been painted a dark russet to correspond with the color depicted in the early photos. The porch, although a more recent addition, will remain. New congo-leum covers the floor and the screening and moulding have been replaced. The interior has been painted a pale beige adobe and the fir floors have been sanded and finished in the natural color of the wood. Fern Jack has made curtains and the rose pattern lace for the living room windows is particularly attractive. The walls in the addition to the rear of the house have been painted lemon yellow. We hope soon to replace the linoleum in that section. There is more work to be done and we could use help. Members coming to the Workshop of the Conference of Historical Societies the first week-end in November have been invited to stop by for breakfast at Homestead Acre on Sunday, November 4, and we hope to have more accomplished by that date.

Scout Troop 522 is still clearing the grounds. In October we hope to have the assistance of the California Young Farmer Chapter of Pierce College in planning and laying out the gardens. We have been very fortunate to have Larry McCoy help with the water system. He was in the area when CETA workers installed it a year or so ago, and is the only one who knows how to make it operable. A sprinkler system will also be installed on the roof of the house. We are rid of the ground squirrels and caught 1 of the 5 member skunk family. The other four are roaming in the neighborhood and we trust they have found a better feeding ground.

If you can donate some time or furniture for the house, please call me at 881-7523 evenings.

Jane Matthews

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PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

OCTOBER 16 - 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting at the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan in Chatsworth

Speaker - Dr. David Hornbeck, Professor of Geography at CSUN
"California Missions: Myths and Realities" (With Slides)

NOVEMBER 6 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Glendale Federal Savings & Loan

NOVEMBER 20 - 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Speaker - Robert Pence, Instructor at Pierce College
"Early California Indians"

As representative of Region Seven of the Society of California Archaeology, Pence reviews all archaeological elements of Environmental Impact Reports filed in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and in a number of cities. He will have much to tell about the preservation of archaeological sites.

The Pioneer Days barbecue planned for October 13 with the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce has been postponed because of conflicts in members' schedules. We look forward to sponsoring an event with the Chamber in the spring.

Our COMMUNITY has lost a NATIVE SON and HEAVEN has gained a NEW ANGEL

A Little Step Away
 To close the eye, to fall asleep, or
 To draw a labored breath,
 To find release from daily cares
 In what we know as death...
 Is this the crowning of a life,
 The aim or end thereof?
 The totaled sum of consciousness,
 The ripened fruit of love?
 It cannot be, for works of God,
 Are wrought for nobler ends,
 And those away continue on
 In the hearts of kin and friends.
 It cannot be, for they live on
 A little step away...
 The soul, in the everlasting life,
 Has found a better day...
 O. J. HANSON

IN MEMORY OF
 HAROLD FRANCIS JOHNSON
 BORN
 May 28, 1896
 Calabasas, California
 ENTERED INTO REST
 September 28, 1979
 Canoga Park, California
 SERVICES
 10:30 A.M.
 October 1, 1979
 Grand View Memorial Park
 Glendale, California
 INTERMENT
 Grand View Memorial Park
 Glendale, California

There will always be the most loving memories for his wife, Myrtle, his children, Sarah Grether, Wilda Johnson, Dorothy Wilson and Ed Johnson - as well as his brothers, Ernest and Kelly and his sister, Dorothy. He leaves 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and, of course his In-law children as well as nieces and nephews and hosts of friends. He was the Spiritual Father-figure to dozens of children as they will remember him as their Sunday School Superintendent and Junior Church Leader and, especially, by his two God-children, Kellie Spangler and Tracy Harmon. He taught and lived his motto, "Help me to live for others, that I may live like Thee".

His grandmother was Ann Willden Johnson, who was the first white woman to live in the Valley. she was instrumental in starting the first school in Chatsworth-gave the land for the first Sunday School. Our first Historical Monument, the Pioneer Church was built upon that land.

The family request that any memorial be given to the Chatsworth United Methodist Church or to the Chatsworth Historical Society.....

WHAT GOOD NEWS!

Two of our very special members, Frank Daugherty and Wanda Merritt were united as one - Sunday - September 30, 1979 in a lovely Garden Wedding at the home of Wanda's nephew, Kane Waggoner. The newlyweds are now at home to their friends: 21500 Lassen St. #54, Chatsworth. Our sincere Congratulations!

"It's a Boy"

A little son to love
 To romp and play with, too,
 To do the "rough and tumble" things
 That boys all like to do,
 A son to carry on your name
 And bring you worlds of joy--
 Congratulations to you, Mom and Dad,
 And welcome to your boy!

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Robert Patrick Purnell - born 9/25/'79
 Happy and grateful parents: Kevin & Fay Ann
 Grandparents: Bob and Marian Swartz
 Great grandmother: Eleanor Schepler
 Uncle and aunts: Bill, Lila & Lillian
 Schepler & Elaine Swartz.
 Cousins: Louise, Eddie, Brian &
 Matthew Mitchell

Happy Birthday to: Doris Dossier, Cathe Cleveland, Carolyn Coughlin,
 Lucille Clements and Lillian Schepler.....

"It's a Girl"

Whatever she touches,
 wherever she speaks,
 Wherever she goes,
 whatever she seeks --
 May she discover
 a beautiful world
 And may life be good
 to your new little girl!

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Jessica Marie Gerding: Born 9/13/79
 Parents: John and Janie
 Grandparents: Jim & Betty Summers
 Great grandparents:
 Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Berkemeyer
 Uncle: Jeff Burkhart
 Aunt: Joyce Muehlenback
 Cousin: Zepher Muehlenback

HAPPENINGS THIS MONTH
October - 1979

Oct. 1 - Yom Kippur
Oct. 1-7 - National 4-H Week
Oct. 7-13 - Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 8 - Columbus Day
Oct. 9 - Leif Erickson Day
Oct. 16 - CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Regular meeting*****
Oct. 31 - Halloween
Oct. 31 - Reformation Day
Oct. 27 - Country Fair, Chats.
United Meth Church 10:45 P.M.

Oct. 20 Sweetest Day!
Oct. 20 - Sat. Mini-Conference of the Assoc. of Los Angeles Historical Soc. at Los Encinos State Park-Registration \$2. (Conf. of Calif. Historical Societies will be Nov. 2-3 at the Pico Adobe - Call Lila.)
Oct. 24 - Mother-in-law Day
Oct. 24 - United Nations Day
Oct. 27 - Navy Day
Oct. 28 - Return to Standard Time

From Ioline Cleveland, Fund Raising Chairman, and her committee:

Plans and explanation for our \$\$\$ MINI - MONEY - MULTIPLIER \$\$\$\$\$\$ will be ready for all our members (and those others, who wish to participate). We will start with \$5.00 then watch it grow and multiply until a given date in the Spring when we will have a GRAND FINALE PARTY to see who wins the prize for:
(1) making the most money on the \$5,
(2) most unusual or unique method or
(3) what do you suggest?
\$5 will buy some paper and pen to write -
\$5 will buy the ingredients to make pies, etc.

News:

We were delighted to learn of the recent honor earned by Carol Coughlin. She has won an all-paid expense ski trip to Park City, Utah as the First Runner-Up to the Snow Queen for 1979. Twenty clubs will be represented - Carol will represent her Edelweiss Ski Club. (Carol is the daughter of Lillian and the granddaughter of Eleanor Schepler.) Congratulations!

Everyone is invited to attend - Annual Country Fair at United Meth. Church of Chatsworth - 10824 Topanga Canyon. The activities will begin at 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Call for dinner reservations:
Millie Lender - 341-2937
Margaret Bjorklund - 341-8567 (evenings)

Sarita Goodwin's "Kitten" and "House sitting for Eleanor and Lillian Schepler who are visiting in Detroit. This was the birthplace of Bill and Frank Schepler. It has been several years since they have visited with those remaining relatives and friends still living there.

Bill and Lila Schepler are enjoying a well-deserved Mini-vacation in their house trailer - will return home long enough to get ready to go on a long cruuuuuuuuuise.

Marian Hyland wishes to thank the Society the lovely bouquet of Daisies & carnations received during her recovery from surgery; and the many members who took time to drop by with their cheerful thoughts.

Lillian Schepler AGAIN reminding that dues are past due. An invitation for your friends or neighbors (or your renewal)...

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From Kalene Kudin:

The West Valley Garden Club (Orcutt Park) has presented our Library with an autographed book, written by one of our patrons, Dale Evans Rogers - "Angel Unawares".... We wish to thank them - this book is very special to us.
We also wish to acknowledge the gift of Amaryllis bulbs for our garden

Concerned Citizens:

Hearing Tues. 10/16 - 9:30 A.M.
Room 150 - Hall of Records - West Temple -- Factual report & Environmental Data is available at our Chats. Library - 21052 Devonshire. This is in regard to a request for a continued Use Permit for the development & operation of a Mobile Home Park loc-north of Stoney Point & the Freeway off Topanga Canyon Blvd.

AN INVITATION FOR "YOU"

To Join The
Chatsworth Historical Society

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday-7:30 P.M.
Glendale Federal Savings & Loan
21821 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth, Calif. (Corner Vassar)

Annual Dues:
Single \$ 5.00
Couple 7.00
Life Membership (each) 50.00

Application form—Tear off here

Print Please:

Name
Address
Phone

Bring with you or mail to—

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