



Last message from our president, Jane Matthews before installation of our next president, Sheila Watts:

We have had a wonderful response from our recent programs, which has created a great interest in the activities of our Chatsworth Historical Society. At the time of this news letter, we have had all but the last six free lectures which will be this Saturday - April 12th at 10 AM at the Homestead Acre. Lila Schepler will be the speaker on This Modern World -- Agricultural changes in 1911; urban changes after World War II.

A field trip to various historical sites in the Chatsworth area will follow the lecture.....

This is the opportunity that many have been waiting for -- to see first hand the many things that the Chatsworth Historical Society and other community organizations have saved for our future generations...and.... to have the togetherness of going in a group. We will see you there!!!

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Our Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 15th will be at Glendale Federal. This will be the Election of Officers. Our Speaker will be:

Henry Welcome - talking on: "VASQUEZ the BANDIT"

He is a member of the Los Angeles Westerners and the Historian for the VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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PLEASE NOTE: The May meeting will be on May 4th - BEFORE the next Smoke-Signal comes out so put on your calendar and REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

This will be the Installation of Officers by Virginia Watson.....and the Dedication of Hill-Palmer House at 2:30 - Tour of Acre to follow

1 P.M. Society Meeting - box lunches served, fried chicken - \$3.50 - Please call Fern Jack 998-0589 or Lillian Schepler - 341-2010 for reservations.

*a little note  
to invite you*

*to the Dedication of  
Hill-Palmer House*

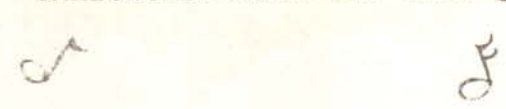
*Date May 4, 1980*

*Time 2:30 P.M.*

*Place Museum at  
Homestead Acre*

James Hadaway, General Manager of L.A. City Dept. of Recreation and Parks is THE FEATURED SPEAKER.

Music will be furnished by the CHATSWORTH HIGH PEP BAND



HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH -----APRIL 1980

This is Cancer Control Month -----	Also the Twentieth U.S. Census
Passover, April 1	Barbershop Quartet Day - April 11
April Fools' Day, April 1	( several Chatsworth people have been
Good Friday, April 4	members of San Fernando Chapter since 1956)
Easter, April 6	CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING-April 15

Daylight savings time begins April 27 - set your clock forward one hour..

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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SO MANY NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Our Society is indeed pleased and honored to welcome its new members. We want them to share with us their knowledge and experience, and to aid us in our projects and our efforts to achieve the high standards and goals of our Chatsworth Historical Society. ....

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News items:

A very successful Mini-Money-Maker was conducted on April 5th by Lillian Schepler, Ralene Rubin and Ioline Cleveland. The Bake Sale in front of the Chatsworth Pharmacy in the Hughes parking lot was a sell-out. It netted \$300.00, which will be donated to the Frank Schepler Memorial Library in the Museum at the Homestead Acre.

( a reprint of my February's request, for which I have not received your reply. How can I finish my project without your response? And have you thought about what YOUR Mini-Money-Maker will be?)

Remember you promise to cooperate with each person's Mini-Making Project!!! You either promised willingly or we "twisted your arm"? Sooooo my Project-- is creating a cook book (please don't say, "another cook book!") They sold the best at our book sale and we are still receiving requests for a reissue of "Our Daily Bread", the cook book that was put out by the Chatsworth Methodist Church before it became our Pioneer Church...We plan to do that by next year. This will be a cook book of International recipes for those who wish to entertain by giving a Chinese Dinner, Mexican Dinner, Smorgasbord or Chumash Indian Dinner. Please send me by return mail or give to me at the meeting Tues. Feb. 19th - It may be from any foreign country - it may be anything from beverage to dessert - please sign your name (address optional) city would be nice, as it is fun to see where they all come from. We have members and friends from Washington to Florida. Send to: Celia Woodman - 8867 Farralone, Canoga Park, Ca. 91304

Bill and Lila Schepler gave the Society's slide film presentation at Chatsworth Park School for Mrs. Stuckenbruck's and Mrs. Cleveland's third and fourth grade classes. This was in honor of Chatsworth's 92nd Birthday and to give added information on the study of Chatsworth by the classes.

Betty Selvidge has been seriously ill and was in Northridge Hospital, but is now recuperating at home. She would appreciate cards, but you should check with husband, Bob, for visiting privileges, because she is still under Doctor's care.

Lanita Woodman, daughter-in-law of Jim and Celia Woodman, Shelly Archuleta, their granddaughter, and baby, Jesse, their great-grandson, were in a severe automobile accident near Walsenberg, Colo. on March 17th, as they were on their way to Colo. Springs from their home in Sanford, Colo. The on-coming car traveling toward Lanita, suddenly lost control on the icy highway and crossed directly in front of Lanita, causing her to hit that car and the one traveling behind her hit her from the rear. Lanita and Shelly received concussions and lacerations of the face and Shelly lost 4 front teeth and a whip lash. Lanita is still hospitalized in the hospital in Pueblo with a fractured hip, but little Jesse received only two small cuts on the back of his head and a black eye.

Betty Summers visited her daughter, Janie Gerding, in Idaho during the Easter vacation. She reports that her beautiful baby granddaughter, Jessica, is growing up too fast.

Eleanor and Lillian Schepler went to Laguna Beach last month to visit relatives and to see a christening of a former neighbors' child. Then they traveled to San Diego to see other friends. Eleanor's nephew, Roger Clement and wife, Ethel came to visit from Seattle, Wash.

Myrtle Bradley's daughter, Eleanor, is recovering from surgery and is staying with her mother.

Sally Ann Meares and husband, Jim, are living in San Francisco while they are designing the costumes for a play; therefore Sally Ann has the opportunity to visit her father, Milton Parsons on week-ends.

### Passover celebration.

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.

Hope you enjoy this story  
of how our forefathers  
were blessed,

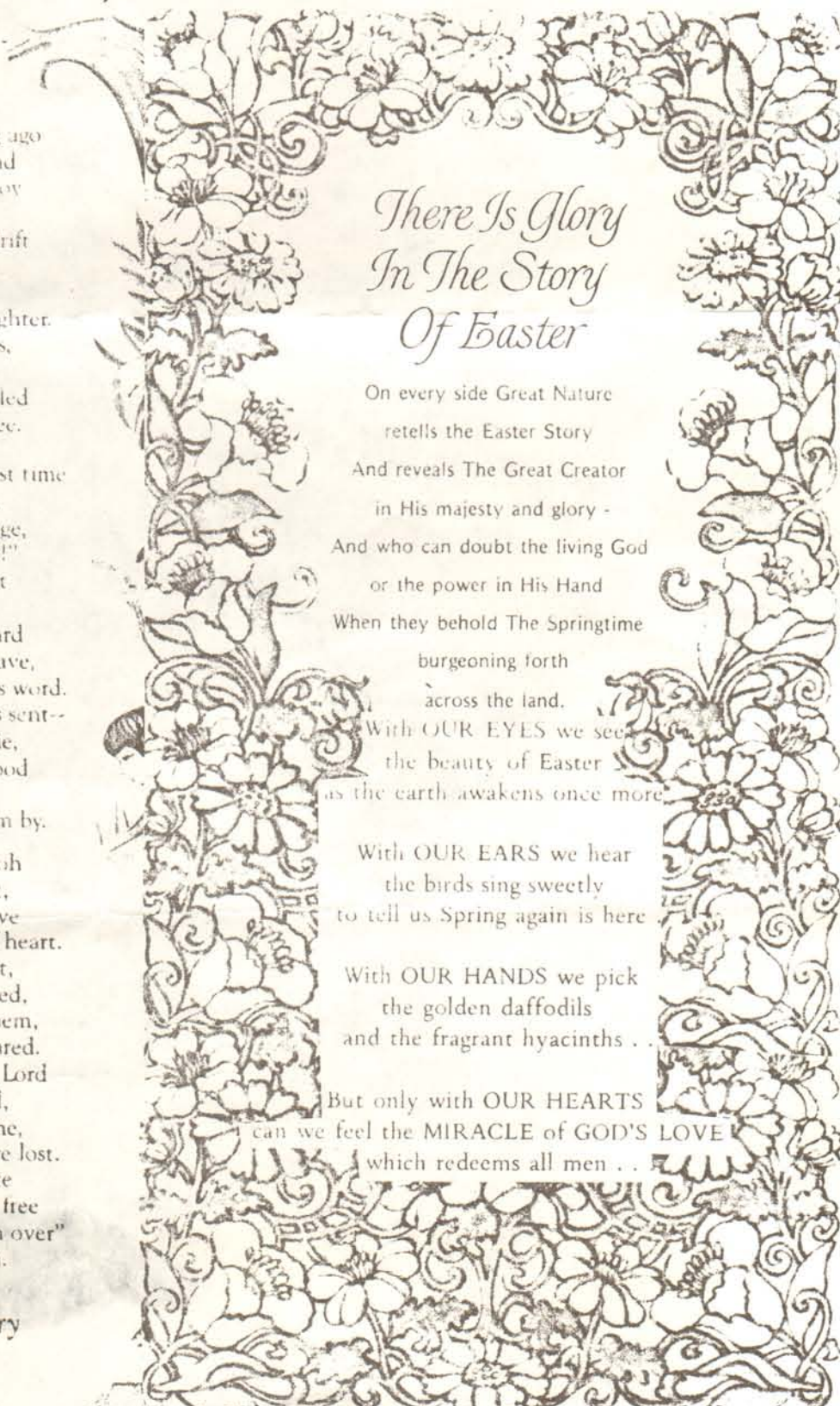
### There Is Glory In The Story Of Easter

On every side Great Nature  
retells the Easter Story  
And reveals The Great Creator  
in His majesty and glory -  
And who can doubt the living God  
or the power in His Hand  
When they behold The Springtime  
burgeoning forth  
across the land.  
With OUR EYES we see  
the beauty of Easter  
as the earth awakens once more.

With OUR EARS we hear  
the birds sing sweetly  
to tell us Spring again is here

With OUR HANDS we pick  
the golden daffodils  
and the fragrant hyacinths .

But only with OUR HEARTS  
can we feel the MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE  
which redeems all men .



ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS FOR MARCH 22nd - THE MEXICAN WAY - ELVA MELINE, and MARCH 29th - THE PIONEERS - CATHERINE MULHOLLAND, MARY JANE PETIT AND LILA SCHEPLER. (all about Lila next month)

ELVA MELINE is the Curator of the Andres Pico Adobe for the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. She is fortunate enough to live in that historic old 2-story adobe home. Elva has been a member of the S.F. Valley Historical Society for nearly three decades, having joined the Society when it was headquartered at Campo de Cahuenga, That was before the Adobe was restored and became their home.

She is Past President of that Society and of the Associated Historical Societies of L.A. County, and of the Conference of Calif. Historical Societies with its hundreds of Society and Museum members...

Lila reports that Elva has held Chairmanships of many Seminars, Symposiums and Conferences and that many people have benefited from her knowledge and expertise and have enjoyed those events.

She is a researcher, writer and speaker on Valley History, as well as other subjects of corresponding interest. One of her recent and very interesting lectures was given to the Chatsworth Women's Club on the Ernest Batchelder Tiles, at which time she brought examples from her famed collection.

She is a contributor to the forthcoming book "S.F. Valley - Past, Present, and Future" that is to be published this spring.

Elva is Chairman of the History Comm. for the S.F.Valley effort toward the L. A. Bicentennial. She is also an active member of the S.F.Business & Professional Women's Club and the North Valley YWCA Center Committee. She has recently been given an award by the Calif. Hist. Soc. for Outstanding Involvement in Calif. History at the Grass-Roots Level, as well as many other richly deserved Awards.

MARY JANE PETIT is truly one of our pioneers: She came with her family to Van Nuys in 1911 and was entered in the first class of the newly organized Van Nuys Grammar School. She is a graduate of Van Nuys High School and was Editor of their first Year Book. Her father was the first editor, publisher and owner of the Valley News and Green Sheet (now the Valley News). She rode on the float entered by Van Nuys in the Pasadena Rose Parade in 1913. Her broad interests include; antiques, music, books, Valley history and genealogy.. She and her husband, Stan, have been and still are, avid travelers. He is a pilot and flew the first plane that left the New Van Nuys Airport. They still live in the same home that he built for her in the early days - this home is in Sherman Oaks.

She is past Pres. of the So. Calif. Garden Club; P.E.O. Chapter A.M., an early member of the "Old Treasures Club"; she is on the Cultural Heritage Commission of the Nan Nuys Chamber of Commerce; on the History Committee for the L.A. Bicentennial - Valley Section; and is currently President of the Valley College Historical Museum, Inc.

She spoke about the Valley days when "wheat was King" and much other interesting Valley history, which was a tribute to the vision and foresight of our early Pioneers.

CATHERINE MULHOLLAND has returned to her "roots" in Chatsworth, from her home of many years in Northridge. She is the granddaughter of the fabled William Mulholland who had the vision to see Los Angeles as a great metropolis and sought the water to support the growth of a great dream. She is the daughter of Addie Hass (grandfather Haas, a famous judge) and Harry Mulholland. They were pioneers in the Northridge area where the family citrus ranch covered acres and acres of land. Their home was approx. where the K-Mart store is now located.

She received her B.A. degree from U.C. at Berkeley and her M.A. from Columbia U. She is currently working on her Doctorate at Berkeley. She has been very active in theatre and Playwriting and has been involved in the Children's Theatre.

She has a scholarly background on regional history and has read every book that she could find on Calif. history. She is the author of the delightful, heart-warming book "Calabasas Girls" which is about the hard pioneer times of her mother's family. She is now writing a new book, "Owensmouth - the Vanished Village". She has spent the last few years doing research on opening the San Fernando Valley to development.....

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