



September 1980

Dear Society Members:

L.A.'s the Place! but the Valley's WHERE IT'S AT - and Saturday, September 6 an all-day celebration of the kick-off of Los Angeles' Bicentennial will take place at Woodley Avenue Park (Woodley and Victory) with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m., when Mayor Tom Bradley will preside.

The all-day event will include game booths, food booths, Valley Historical Society booth including pictures of historic Chatsworth. There will be an information booth and a place to buy momentos such as T-Shirts and pins.

The following day starting at 9:30 a.m., a 60 unit parade will start at White Oak and Victory and travel to Woodley Avenue Park. The parade will include a large number of descendants of Valley pioneers who'll be on hand after the parade to reminisce. The date: Sunday, September 7.

For Los Angelenos, the kick-off will be at El Pueblo State Park in front of Olvera Street on September 4 at 11:30 a.m., again with Mayor Bradley - two hours of music, interfaith service, the UCLA band, mariachis etc.

Lila Schepler, Bicentennial Chairman for the Chatsworth Historical Society has many plans and a great deal of information about the celebration of the city's 200th birthday celebration. She has the support of the Society's board of directors on all of the following:

- 1) The first event of the year for our own group - a Bicentennial bash - a potluck dinner on Sunday September 21 at the Pioneer Acre.
- 2) A three Saturday lecture series on our own town's history - the teens, twenties, depression 30's, The War (WWII) years, the post-war boom, exit agriculture, enter housing, industry arrives.
- 3) Publication of a booklet on Walking Tour of Chatsworth Historical sites - including bike riding, horseback riding and auto tours.
- 4) Participation in the Valley's "Bus Tours of Historic Places."

These are just a few of the plans for celebration of our city's 200th birthday. Join us in all of them.

In the meantime, I've personally been very busy as the new owner of Nature's Flower Garden, a flower shop located at 21000 Devonshire St., that I opened August 1st. My home telephone has an extension there so if you need to reach me, call me at 341-4489 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Let's Make History -

Sheelagh Watts

The Best Part of a Vacation!

See....WHO'S WHO.....

From Chatsworth Historical Society!



**Top Producer &
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TRICIA PLUCKNETT of Century 21, All Properties, Inc. in Chatsworth has achieved "Top Producer of the Month" award for the month of August. This award is given to the salesperson who sells the largest amount of Real Estate each month. Tricia also has exceeded a million in sales for the year and is well on her way to two million.

Tricia has been a "Top Producer" in each of her previous 5 years in the Real Estate industry. She has always been a member of the "Million Dollar Club," she has been "Top Producer of the Year" for her Chatsworth office many times, and she has been honored by The Regional Office of Century 21 as being one of the "Top Ten Listing Salespeople" in the San Fernando Valley.

Rich Miller, her Sales Manager & Broker, says "Tricia is a pleasure to work with," and he and all of Century 21 are very proud to have her as a member of their professional sales staff.

This is your Historical Society.

What are you doing to help in making it a grand success?

We always need helpers of all kind, shape, sex and profession .. YOU !

Other travelers:

Chuck and Eileen Janess are traveling in their motor home to Big Bear and vicinity and Sarita Goodwin is house-sitting for them.

Edwina Holliday is vacationing in Philadelphia -- we'll get all that news when she returns.

Please send me your vacation news and any other news that you may have. 347-8569 Celia

The best part of vacation,
Though far and wide we roam,
Is when it's time to travel back
The trail that leads to home.
Strange roads and ways are thrilling
And mighty fine to see,
But when vacation's over
At home we long to be.

*It's fine to see the wonders
And beauties of the land --
The mighty snow-capped mountains,
The rolling sea, the sand,
The city's man-made glory;
But when tired we have grown,
We turn our faces toward
The path that leads to home.*

It's fine to see the north land,
The mountains of the west,
The great southern plantations,
But, somehow, I love best
Of all the towns and cities,
Though far and wide we roam,
That little rambling village
At trail's end we call . . . home!

Lillian Schepler has returned from her 2-month's tour of England, So. Wales, Austria, the Isle of Jersey and the Hydrofoil to France. -- A beautiful time, but too exhausting for a lady traveling alone -- carrying those suitcases up and down over enumerable stairs with no help and NO elevators is just too, too much, but one always to remember!

Bob and Marian Swartz had a family and friend Birthday Party for their first grandchild's first Birthday!! They are now vacationing - can you guess where they are going?

Your editor, Celia Woodman, went to Denver - no, not on a writing seminar, but to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of her graduation from Georgetown High School in Colorado and the reunion of Mercy Hospital School of Nursing graduates - all in one week.

To be there for a 50th Anniversary is an achievement, but to remember that you were the only girl in the class of 1930 with 5 boys was a year to really remember! Two of the young men have recently passed away, but the other 3 were there with their families. We had to have our own family there to make it a big party. We did - making it to 19. My sister Alva Clark and husband, Ed, sister, Dorothy Lasker from Mich., son, Jimmy Woodman, daughter-in-law, Lanita and grandson, Peter were my guests. Bill Hollingsworth and his lovely wife, Lois -- Leonard Reichwein and his sweet wife, Alice, both families are from Denver. Then came all the way from Aguilar, Ariz. in their plane. They were delighted to have 2 of their children and family present, as well as Lewis's sister, Genevieve. Everything was complete, even to the Royal Blue and Gold decor of our graduation day. This is the first time that we have all been together although we always keep in touch.



HAPPENINGS THIS MONTH

Labor Day, Sept. 1	Mexican Independence Day, Sept. 15-16
L.A. BICENTENNIAL KICK-OFF	Yom Kippur, Sept. 20
Sat. Sept. 6th (see below)	Chats. Hist. Soc. first meeting 9/21/80
National Grandparents Day	Fall begins, Sept. 22
Rosh Hashana, Sept. 11	Gold Star Mother's Day, Sept. 28
National Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept. 14-20	

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Adrienne Gudin, First Vice President and Program Chairman, would like to have your suggestions for interesting and informative programs for the coming year.

Lillian Schepler, Second Vice President and Membership Chairman, wants to remind all those who are not Life Members or Honorary Life Members or those whom have not paid their 1980-81 dues that they will be delinquent after this meeting. All new members who joined in March or thereafter are paid-up members for the year 1980-81. Lillian: Tel. 341-2010,.....

Celia Woodman, Smoke Signal Editor, reminds you to send ALL news items to her by the day of the Board Meeting (first Tues. of each month) 347-8569 This means births, deaths, weddings, special events and travelings.....

Lila Schepler reminds me that there will be a planning meeting of the Docent Committee called by Virginia Watson, Curator on Sept. 16th - 7:30 PM in our Museum. Volunteer Docents are: Betty Grill, Lillian Schepler, Eileen Janess, Betty Summers, Iolene Cleveland, Lila Schepler, Marian Hyland and Win Holliday.

In Memoriam: We were all saddened to hear of the death of our dear friend, Carl Dentzel on August 21st. Our deepest sorrow is with his wife, Elizabeth Waldo and his family.....

"Have faith in the Lord, He'll comfort your sorrows -
And lead you safely, through all your tomorrows....."

His burial site is in Oakwood Memorial Park just at the base of our Pioneer Church, that he worked so hard with our members and government officials in becoming a Historical Monument. Bill and Lila Schepler attended the funeral and graveside services as representatives of the Chatsworth Historical Society and as a mutual friend. Any memorial gift that you wish to send would be gratefully appreciated: Send to the Dentzel Fund for the Art Gallery at the South West Museum. He was Director of the Museum for many years. This Indian Museum is acclaimed as one of the greatest in Western U.S.

The stork flew over the home of Greg and Jeanne Marks - 9855 Shoup, and left a beautiful baby girl, Beth (Elizabeth Abbie) on August 2nd. And she couldn't even wait 6 hours to celebrate her birthday with her maternal grandmother, Celia Abbie Woodman. Even though she is named after both grandmothers, she insists on being called "Beth" and having her own birthday. Of course, both parents are most proud and share their exuberance with sisters, Kellie, Kimberly and Frankie Spangler.

Speaking of birthdays, we have always missed our summer friends before, so congratulations are due for: July - Eileen Janess, Frank Daugherty, Bill Schepler, Nancy Wilkins, Sandy Johnson, Lorraine Mitchell and Harmon Swan. August - Ralene Rubin, Orville Mitchell, Dick Basil, Clark Fogg, Celia Woodman. Sept. - Jim Summers, Kelly Johnson, Bob Selvidge, Bea Berman, Joy Dinerman, Matthew Schepler, Ed Dietrich, Louise Schepler and Eddie Schepler.....

Our busy President, Sheila Watts, has a new enterprise -- she is the owner of the lovely florist shop "Nature's Flower Garden" at 21000 Devonshire. She cordially invites you to visit her "Garden" to see the flowers and gifts.

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