



October, 1980

Dear friends:

The year started off well with members of the Society helping to kick off the L.A. Bicentennial at Balboa Park. Their participation in the event has led to renewed interest in Chatsworth and the Chatsworth Historical Society.

The next main event was the potluck luncheon held at the museum and pioneer acre in September. The food was great but we almost ran out for people showed up who had no reservations. Next year, no reservation - no food!! The Great American Sound Company entertained and they were fantastic. We tried without luck to have them sing the whole afternoon - if you're not aware of it, Jim Sommers is one of the members of the quartet and they sang for us without charge. Thanks for the great entertainment, Tom, Jim, Bob and Rich. They can be reached at 997-0468 by anyone interested in having them entertain. My thanks to Lillian Schepler and Betty Sommers for their great help with the luncheon and thanks to all the other great ladies who provided delicious dishes.

Great news about the first monument, the little church. According to Mr. Hunt at the Oakwood Cemetery, water and power are up to the church and the Society will soon hire a plumber and electrician to make the connections. They're having some trouble getting the gas up the hill to the church but are working on it right now though it's a very expensive proposition. As soon as we have all three connected we'll be able to install some device to completely cut out vandalism and we can continue the restoration.

All you history buffs are invited to participate in a joint venture to preserve the oral history of the region. This undertaking is cosponsored by the: Urban Archives Project, CSUN; Calabasas Historical Society and the Chatsworth Historical Society.

Join us for a series of three workshops on oral history interviewing. Our objective is to develop interviews with people who have experienced life in the West San Fernando Valley and Calabasas and preserve their memories on tape. - So - attend the three workshops and learn how to interview ordinary people who have memories stored away.

WHERE? WHEN? Homestead Acre Museum in Chatsworth Park South at 7 p.m. On Tuesdays, October 14, 21 and 28. Call me for reservations at 341-4489 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Plan to attend our meeting on September 21 at Glendale Federal at 7:30 p.m. and learn all about L.A.'s Heritage Square.

Let's bring in more new members like hard working Laurie Dager, our newest Life Member. Laurie has been a volunteer in Chatsworth for twenty years, combining that work with rearing FIVE children as well as being a real estate broker affiliated with the same Century 21 that our own "Tricia" is associated with.

Y'all come to the Grand Opening of Nature's Flower Garden on Sunday October 19 at 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - lot's of refreshments and great door prizes. See you then -

Sheelagh Watts

HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 1980

Child Health Day, Oct. 6	Swallows leave San Juan Capistrano, Oct. 23
Columbus Day, Oct. 13	United Nations Day, Oct. 24
Oral History Workshop, Oct. 14	Standard time returns, Oct. 26 - turn your clocks back 1 hour....
CHATS. HISTORICAL SOCIETY reg. meeting @ 7:30 P.M. Glendale Fed. as well as Oral History Workshop @ Museum - 7:00 PM - Oct. 21 ---	Oral History Workshop, Oct. 28 Halloween (& U.N.I.C.E.F.) Oct. 31

News and announcements:

Annual Country Fair at Chats. United Methodist Church - 10824 Topanga Canyon - Saturday Oct. 18 - starts @ 10:00 AM. Guests are cordially invited. Good food from the Country Kitchen, gifts, games and all the things that make a Country Fair the place to go.....

Grand Opening of NATURE'S FLOWER GARDEN - 21000 Devonshire St. Oct. 19th - 3-7 PM. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

Keep 18th, our November meeting date as an absolute must. We will have a speaker and slides of the Indian Pictographs at Rocketdyne site. (meeting place - Glendale Federal).

Congratulations to Helen Fladwed!

She is a great-grandparent again. Her granddaughter, Cindy Gillespie had a little son, Jonas Michael - 7#1oz. Sept. 24. Phyllis Owens, Helen's daughter and grandmother of little boy, is moving to Bermuda. She will be working in a school. I wonder if they have forced busing?

Life Member, Gertrude Cook, is happy to have her grandson, Tom Del Vecchio, home again. He has just finished four years in the Air Force and is now attending Pierce College. Gertrude and daughter, Anita, enjoyed a very inspirational evening October 10th with dinner at the Castaways with The Christian Women's Club of San Fernando Valley.

Betty Summers has a request: Does any of you have a suggestion for the display that the Chatsworth Historical Society maintains at the Glendale Valley Federal Savings and Loan? It could be an Antique Collection or collector's display or other interesting historical keepsakes. Please call Betty at 341-2714. You may have a "Toleware" collection or just one piece...an American Heirloom. Eg. Union Leader - Cut Plug tin-ware box or, laquered or "japaned" or even the special varnish, a process that was brought to America from England. This would not only be a "fun" thing to see at the G.F.S.&.L., but could be displayed at our Hobby Corner. Another idea could be from our Indian Heritage: Do you have Indian jewelry, pottery, headgear, arrows, flintstones, etc.?

We are happy to have our Jane Matthews back into our fold after having spent the summer on her vacation-business trip in Arizona. She wishes to thank everyone who gave to the "Arthur Wachs Memorial" for her father. All further donations will be gratefully appreciated. Jane has requested or designated the memorial be used to purchase a cookstove for the kitchen of our cottage. If you are ANYPLACE that is selling a stove like this, please get in touch with Ioline Cleveland - 341-1529 or anyone from the Chats. Historical Society.

WATTS" NEWS. Heather just completed a most successful tour of Europe with the New York City Ballet as one of only two prima ballerinas on the tour. While she was in Europe her commercial for Ship'n Shore Shirts was on NBC nightly. She returned home to receive an offer from former ballerina Nora Kaye (she produced Turning Point) to appear in the lead in a movie not concerning dance. Heather probably won't accept the offer as it would mean leaving the N.Y. City Ballet for six months but the financial offer was great! Mark will leave October 22 to spend a week visiting Heather in N.Y. and a side trip to Richmond, Va., where Heather will dance with Helgi Tommason and the Richmond Ballet - My sister and her family live within an hour's drive of Richmond so they'll have a mini-reunion. Jennifer is back at Santa Barbara, hard at work as a dance major and Kevin is continuing to study physics at CSUN.

It is time to SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! Save your books and magazines, NOW, for the Annual Book Sale at Topanga Canyon Mall in Jan. We now have storage room so ask your friends and neighbors to GIVE, GIVE, GIVE!! Call Ioline Cleveland 341-1529. Have you been anxiously waiting to know what the result of the Yard Sale was in June? Grand Total-\$2028.60.

We welcome our newest members:
 Life member: Mrs. Laurie Dager - 10035
 Gierson - Chats. Neil and Ruth Grant-
 20463 Bermuda St. Chats., Wilda Johnson-
 1240 So Orange, N.H. Glendale, 91204. &
 Organizational - Ford Properties (Real
 Estate) 18649 Devonshire, Northridge..

Happy October Birthday to:
 Doris Dosser, Win Holliday, Polly
 Vickers, Cathe Cleveland, Carolyn
 Grimm, I. Edinger, Lucille Clemens,
 Margaret Ruffalo, Lillian Schepler,
 Delia Enderle, Louise Curinga, and
 Myrtle Bradley.....

We are happy to learn that Myrtle Brad-
 ley is recovering well after receiving
 a pace-maker -- her daughter, Elenor
 Forester is also doing well after her
 recent surgery.....

The Ski Group is host for a Birthday
 Party for Carolyn Grimm at her lovely
 new home -- 6637 Salome Ave. Van Nuys.

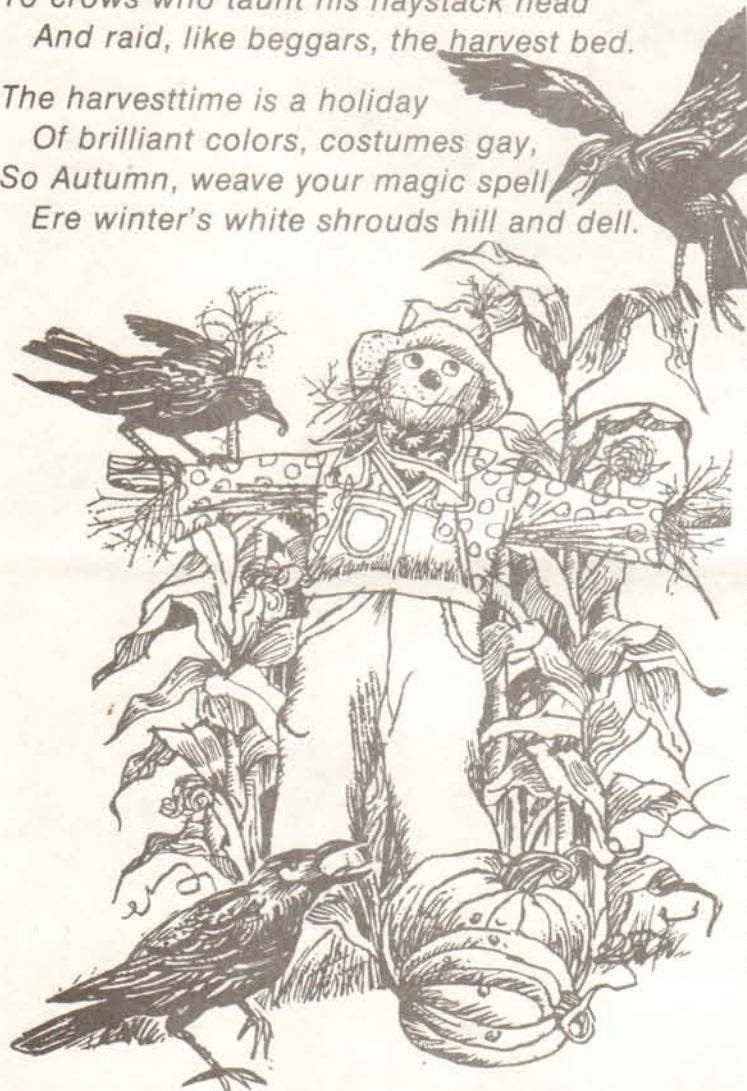
AUTUMN'S SPELL

*The fields of wheat are seas of gold
 Along the open country road.
 The orchard's wealth clings to the vine,
 Clustered fruit for sweet, red wine.*

*The cornstalks' silken, tasseled heads
 Stand tall above the melon beds;
 The golden pumpkin waits its fate
 To be a jack-o'-lantern's face,*

*While in the cornfield at his post,
 Reluctant scarecrow's playing host
 To crows who taunt his haystack head
 And raid, like beggars, the harvest bed.*

*The harvesttime is a holiday
 Of brilliant colors, costumes gay,
 So Autumn, weave your magic spell
 Ere winter's white shrouds hill and dell.*



ONE LIKE THIS!

Travelers:

"Alaska here we come!" and that is what Adrienne Gudin and her mother, Ralene Rubin said when they cruised through the channels of the inside passage. First to Juneau and the Mendenheel Glacier, a sight to behold! We went to the observatory to see this massive river of ice very blue, hundreds of years old and the largest and most rugged Glacier accessible by road. Next stop-Skagway, all the memories of the gold rush days came back to us. We left the ship and took a 10-hour trip to white Horse in the Yukon-drove on the Klondike Highway and cont. on to the Alcan Highway, saw Dawson City, Car Cross & then White Horse - MacBride Museum to view the memoirs of the gold rushers who lived in that part of the Yukon Territory.

We spent a day cruising Glacier Bay. Imagine seeing pieces of Glacier dropping off and falling into the ocean. The Fjords reminded me of Norway, where I had spent several weeks a few years ago. Adrienne took movies and stills of these and all other sights. She was up early to see the ship dock and stayed up late to see the tug-boats guide us out. She became well acquainted with the crew, learned a lot about their lives, and the countries from which they came. Ketchikan is a fishing town and home of the Totem Poles. We saw the Totem Village, visited the salmon hatcheries and learned a lot about Alaskan Indian Culture. We visited the city's new Totem Heritage Center and the Tongass Historical Society Museum. What a beautiful building for such a small city! The end of the tour was in beautiful Vancouver & Victoria with its beautiful gardens and flowers and lovely shops - a never-to-be forgotten vacation!" by Ralene Rubin A perfect vacation for both, but they both returned with the "flu bug" from which they are only now recovering...

Adrienne really kept mom hopping and she had intended to come home for a good rest, but not this kind.....

It is recommended for a new By-law: "The Chairman of the Docents be a member of the Board of the Chatsworth Historical Society".

All Saints Day, Nov. 1
Election Day Nov. 4
Mohammedan New Year, Nov.8
Veterans Day, Nov. 11

NOVEMBER 18 - Chatsworth Historical Society
meeting at Glendale Federal..
THANKSGIVING DAY - Nov. 27
Advent begins, Nov. 30

Travelers:

Bill and Lila Schepler have returned after a month's vacation spent traveling on the west coast in their trailer. Their first goal was to attend the Northern Symposium of the Conference of California Historical Societies, which was very enjoyable and informative meeting.

They visited with many friends and some former members of the Chatsworth Historical Soc. They talked with Sam and Betty Downing who have moved to Salinas, Ca. where Sam is developing land for 5-7 acre homesites. Sam and Betty have two new grandchildren..... They visited with Ed and Lorna Ahlstrom, who are moving to Yuba City, where Ed will be the financial manager and Lorna will be the bookkeeper for a group of several large ranches. There, Lorna and Ed will build a new home. Isn't it exciting?

Jan Hingston was a nominee for our recent election to run as a member of the Board of Directors for the Northwestern Los Angeles Resource Conservation District. We are sorry she did not receive the nomination, because no one has worked as hard, or given as much of her time and energy and personal money, as Jan has, in saving our Santa Susana Mountains for our future generation. However, we believe that Steve Fox, who won this position will do a very fine job in helping us preserve our beautiful mountains and to keep them from further development by the land-grabbers.

THANKS GIVING

Celia Abbie

We thank Thee for the beauty of our mountains
For the golden harvest of our near-finished plans;
Old Church and Olive Trees -- Museum, Chatsworth's first,
And now our Minnie Palmer's Homestead land.

Another year, You showed the lighted pathway
That led us onward to our destined goal;
Another year has kept alive the vision
Of completion - 'twould satisfy our soul!

We thank Thee for the host of valiant friends
And members who gave a helping hand
Who bravely held the torch when flickering
Goals; then some other body would take their stand.

We thank Thee for another year's protection
From fires and vandals as in previous days;
With humble hearts we count our many blessings...
With grateful lips we now declare Thy praise!

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We wish a Happy Birthday to:

- Fred Clark Betty Selvidge
- Dennis Moran Lewis Holliday
- Milo Johnson Jr. and a very special
- Violet Wilson one to our own
- Maureen Cates Minnie Hill Palmer

(please try to send her a card)

Other news:

"Grandmas are made for loving and baking things"

"Grandpas are made for loving and fixing things"

So Grandpa (Chuck) and Grandma (Eileen) Janess will have plenty of "baking" and "fixing" things, now that their newest grandson has joined the clan of eleven grandchildren. Charles Ellis (named after both grandfathers) made his debut on Sunday, November 2nd, weighing in at 6 pounds - 10 ounces - and making, not only his parents, Jim and Charleen Roesch and sister, Doreen and brother, Danny, but their grandparents, the most happy people in Chatsworth.

We wish a warm welcome to our newest member, Catherine Mulholland. Catherine's famous grandfather was the most responsible person for bringing water to our San Fernando Valley. Catherine has been very

BREAKFAST HONORING

Assemblyman Bob Cline

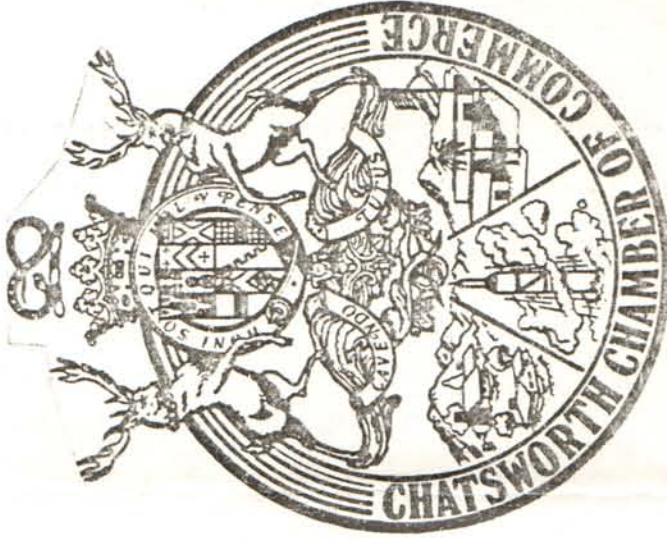
One hundred thirty five people were present on Monday - October 20th for the breakfast honoring Bob Cline for his 10 years service to our community of Chatsworth.

This lovely occasion was sponsored by the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge. Its President, Sam Dubreville, presented Bob with a beautiful memorable plaque.

Miss Irene Hunt, committee chairman with the assistance of Trudi Schaff, manager, did an outstanding job in arranging and coordinating the entire event.

Most every organization in Chatsworth had one or more representatives: those present from the Chatsworth Historical Society were: Sheelagh Watts, Adrienne Gudin, Lillian Schepler, Chuck Janess, Bob Wilkerson, Laurie Dager, Jan Hingston and your editor, Celia Woodman.

Ed Davis, Chatsworth's Past Mayor and present State Senator Elect was also there. Now we're waiting to see what Bob's next big job will be.



Have you asked anyone, lately, to come to one of our very interesting meetings, or our Museum and Minnie Hill Palmer's Homestead Cottage?

Docents will show you through on the first Sunday of every month.

much a part of our group since moving to Chatsworth - her present address is: 10001 Nita, Chatsworth - tel. 998-7972. She is currently writing a play about land development in the San Fernando Valley for the Bicentennial to be given at the Mark Taber Forum.

We are also happy to have Dr. Ruth Boak Life member) and her husband, Dr. Don Ferris returning from Texas where it was too unbearably hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter. They were very fortunate in finding a very lovely home at 85 Avocado Place - Camarillo, Ca. 93010 tel. 1-805-482-3561. She will be at our next meeting. Will YOU be there?

Sarita Goodwin has been a recent guest of Peggy Beltramo, also a Life Member, at her beautiful beach home in Camarillo.
