



# Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California

OCTOBER ... 1981

The Chatsworth Historical Society has attained another milestone. The Frank H. Schepler, Jr., Library was dedicated in ceremonies that any organization would take pride in. Our members are encouraged to use the library and to donate books dealing with Western United States history.

We had a long, hot summer and are now ready to return to the hard work of preservation. Please plan to attend the October meeting.

At the dedication of the library, several members of Frank's family made sizeable cash donations for the purchase of books and this is greatly appreciated.

Let's make this another extra successful year. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sheelagh.

P.S. The board regretfully accepted the resignation of Lucille Clemens who was treasurer. She worked hard but then got called out of retirement to return to her job as a school secretary. Thanks Lucille - and thanks to Keith Watts who volunteered to complete her term.

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Next meeting of Chatsworth Historical Society ... Tuesday - October 20, '81 At 7:30 we will meet for getting-better-acquainted and refreshments served by Eileen Janess and her committee. Meeting will start at 8:00 PM. Our speaker will be Catherine Mulholland, President of West Valley Historians (she will speak on "Collecting the Past with a Tape Recorder"..) This promises to be a very interesting and informative evening - please come and invite your friends - those that have an interest in preserving history in this special way. Catherine, in addition to being the President of this Oral History group is the author of several books and is the granddaughter of the famous Mulholland who was instrumental in bringing water to our Valley. There will be other exciting events that our President, Sheelagh Watts will be giving to you.....So please come.....

Ioline Cleveland will be showing her collection of Halloween Cards and Betty Summers will bring her father's (Henry Berkemeyer) "square nails". .....Ralene Rubin, Hobby Chairman - if you have a hobby call her 341-4420

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Also at the meeting Lila Schepler will have an Awards Ceremony giving a Certificate of Appreciation and Congratulation for the past two years for Docent Services given to: Lucille Clements, Marian Hyland, Chuck and Eileen Janess, Jane Matthews, Tricia Plucknett, Bill and Lila Schepler, Lillian Schepler, Betty Summers, Betty Selvidge, Virginia Watson, Sheelagh Watts - Betty Grill, Ralene Rubin, Marlys Stuckenbruck and Celia Woodman. In addition, a Certificate of Completion will be given to those who finished the Docent Training Class that Lila just gave: Chuck and Eileen Janess, Marian Hyland, Lillian Schepler, Mary Gregush, Tricia Plucknett, Betty Summers, Bill Schepler, Virginia Watson and Celia Woodman.

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THE FALL MINI-CONFERENCE-THE ASSOCIATED HISTORIANS OF L. A. COUNTY will be held on Saturday October 17, 1981 starting at Andres Pico Adobe for the morning session. There will be a tour of the Historical Libraries beginning with the Mark Harrington Library at Pico Adobe at 12:45 - Our Frank Schepler Memorial Library at 2:00 PM and the Kathleen Beachy Memorial Library in Pierce College at 3:00 PM (over for further information)

The day will begin at 9:00 AM for coffee and tan dulces - registration starts at 9:30. The registration fee is \$2:00. There is a luncheon for \$5:00 if you call for reservations by Oct. 15 -- call Elva Meline 365-7810. The address for the Andres Pico Adobe is 10940 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills 91345 (The Calabasas Historical Society will serve wine and cheese at the 3:00 PM session at Pierce College).

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WEST VALLEY HISTORIANS in association with URBAN ARCHIVES PROJECT C.S.U.N. holds their meeting on the last Tuesday of every month (this date Oct. 27) at our Museum. All those interested in collecting and gathering oral data, are invited to come. If you have questions, call: Catherine Mulholland 998-7972 - all are welcome!

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REMEMBER! For those of you who have not paid, YOUR DUES ARE DUE and Marian Hyland will have a table by the door on the night of our meeting for you!! WELCOME! to our newest member - Mary Gregusi - 16861 Lassen, Granada Hills 91344 - 360-5891. She is already a new graduate docent & an enthusiastic new member. Come to meet her and show her HOW GREAT WE ARE!

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NEW ACQUISITION! We have a beautiful china cabinet for our Minnie Palmer house - come to see it! We still need more treasures - the committee will evaluate. Call Ioline Cleveland, Chairman - 341-1529.

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AN INVITATION: the public is cordially invited again to the now famous International Country Fair at the Chatsworth UM Church 10824 Topanga Can. Saturday - October 24 - 10 AM to 7 PM - Fun and games and entertainment and 4 kinds of cuisine (Oriental, Mexican, Hawaiian, Western Bar-B-Que 5-7PM)

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NEWS:

Lillian is delighted to announce that \$645.00 was donated to the Frank Schepler Memorial Library for books on the day of the dedication.....

We will miss Jane Matthews, former President of Chatsworth Historical Soc. on her move to Arizona, but we know she will be happy in her new home. Her address is: Jane Matthews P.O. Box 3021 - West Sedona, AZ 86340.....

We are sorry to hear of the recent illness of Virgil Heumann, Honorary Life Member and "Keeper of our Cottage" and parttime assistant at Chatsworth Park So. On Sept 15th he suffered a spinal stroke and was hospitalized for one week. He is now walking, but weak and is recuperating at home. He wants to thank everyone for the flowers and treats brought to him. He wants to remind us to look in Valley News and flyers in all the stores, for Hallowe'en Activities at the park....

Chuck and Eileen Janess join the ranks of great-grandparents with some of the rest of us. Keri Rebecca Shaw is the first grandchild of Bill and Nancy Janess, and is the first child of Teresa (Janess) and Lawson Shaw. Keri was born September 27 in Reno, Nevada. Congratulations to parents, grand parents and GREAT-GRANDPARENTS!

Chuck and Marci Johnson are again happy grandparents: Kristen Heather Gale was the precious new baby girl born to their daughter, Kathy, on August 24th in Joplin, Missouri. Proud father is Dr. Steve Gale. This birth also makes Kelly and Mary Johnson great-grandparents again.....

I'm wondering how many of you were amongst the 95,000 at the Coliseum on Friday or the 98,000 on Sunday to see the Rolling Stones. My granddaughter, Shelly was one of them to see the excitement and feel the tension for all those who enjoy this greatest of rock 'n' roll bands. She was there to stand in the long lines to everything. She and her friends were there to walk blocks and blocks to and from parking and to watch the front row audience, packed so tightly that if one moved forward, backward or sideways the entire line had to move simultaneously, and fainting bodies being carried out - all in all it was a sight never to be forgotten....Then what about our Dodgers? At this writing they have just won 5 to 1 playing in the National League Championship games. Do you know that Reggie Smith lives in Chatsworth?.....

FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAPBOOK

All that mankind has done, thought, gained or lost or has been, it is in magic preservation in the pages of books. Carlyle

#### RECOGNITION:

Jim Woodman was awarded "LION OF THE YEAR" from the Canoga Park Lions Club at a recent meeting. He is the first one to have ever received this honor from the Canoga Park Lions.

This highly selected award was given for his outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to Lionism and to his Community and to his family.

"Jim has held most every office in the Lions Club since his joining in 1970 -- he has performed each office above the call to duty. He shows great devotion and compassion in assisting Celia in the care of Bill, a former Lion (and the person that introduced Jim to Lionism) and a dear friend. He has referred and taken several people to eye doctors for care and helped a blind lady and her family for 2 years doing tasks around the house that needed to be done as well as moving her twice. Then there are about five widows that he continually repairs garage doors, curtain rods, stoves and electric appliances, broken furniture, et. He and Celia take them all in; in addition to Bill Symcovits, their patient, they now have two grand-daughters and two great grandsons living in their home that was dedicated as a dear haven of peace and joy".

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#### TRAVELS:

Betty Grill spent a most delightful ten days in Europe this summer. Her first stop was London where she saw the "Changing of the Guards" and visited Westminster Abbey. From London she traveled to Brussels and saw the Grand Place then on to Amsterdam for a cruise of the canals. Her visit to Cologne was one of the highlights of her trip. This is where she saw those well known magnificent cathedrals. She next took the cruise down the Rhine and visited the Porta Negra in Trier. Her next two days was spent in the lovely city of Paris. From there she returned to London and home. JUST DREAMING! Betty says, "if I were rich, I would spend Fall in New York, Winter in California, Spring in Paris and my Summers in Hawaii" !

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Catherine Mulholland had a very memorable vacation when she, too, visited in England and Ireland. This was especially nostalgic as she visited with close cousins in Dublin and got to see the boyhood home of her Grandfather Mulholland -- there she was able to obtain more first-hand data about her grandfather for the book that she is currently writing.

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The Watts' family enjoyed visiting with daughters, Heather and Jennifer, recently. (Heather spent three days in town). Sheelagh's nephew, David, and a friend, Steve, came in from England for a two-week visit. They were taken to many southland attractions by Keith and later accompanied the Watts' family to Santa Barbara where they enjoyed lunch by the sea with Jennifer. From here they took the bus tour to San Francisco and will return to the southland in time for their return trip to England.

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Bill and Lila spent a delightful 41st Wedding Anniversary in Santa Barbara at the 1895 Restored Victorian House. This is the one of several new Bed and Breakfast places.....(at this writing Lila says that Bill will show slides of old Chatsworth and Ioline will display Thanksgiving cards at November Open House at the Acre - first Sunday is always open House 2-4 - next time will be November 1st. Bring your friends!!!

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Doris Dosser, Win Holliday, Sheelagh Watts, Polly Vickers, Delia Enderle, Cathe Cleveland, Carol Grimm, I. Edinger, Lucille Clements, Margaret Ruffolo, Lillian Schepler, Louise Curinga, Myrtle Bradley and Dr. Don Ferris.....



### You Can Almost Tell

*Folks who make a garden,  
Who love to weed and hoe,  
Always seem less worried  
Than other folks I know.*

*They also seem more gentle,  
Their hearts with love abound.  
You can almost tell such people  
By the look they carry around.*

*Can it be that gardening  
Plays a double role,  
Fulfills creative longing  
And cultivates the soul?*