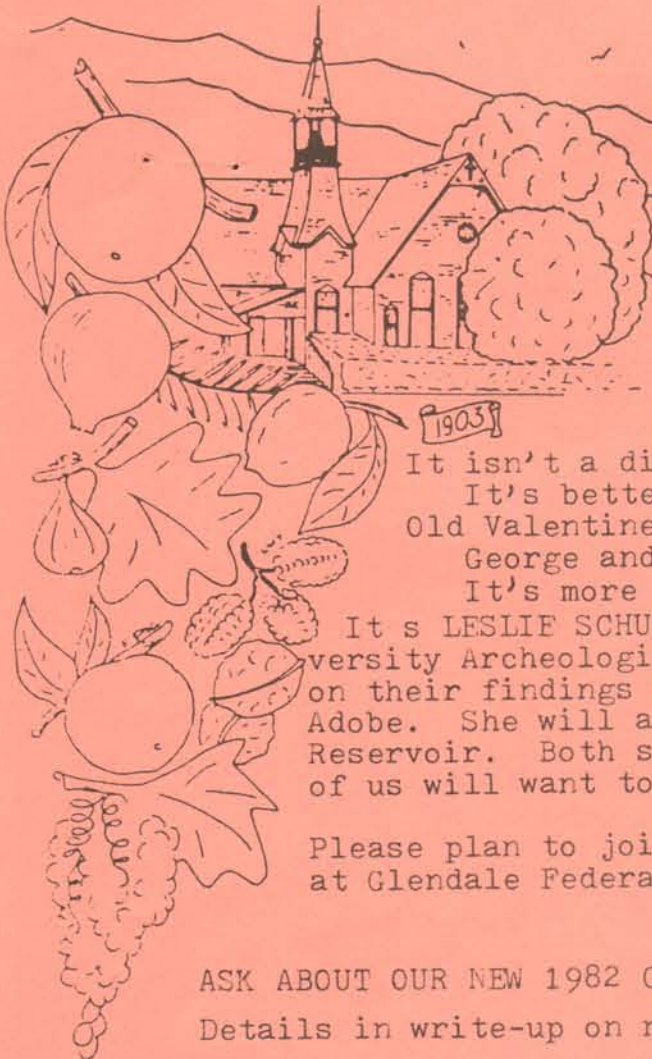


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Box 102, Chatsworth, California



It isn't a dinner - it isn't a dance!
It's better than that ----
Old Valentines to display -
George and Abe - it's their Birthday!
It's more than that ----

It s LESLIE SCHUPP WESSEL, Director of Northridge University Archeological Research Center who will speak to us on their findings following the diggings at Andres Pico Adobe. She will also speak on the Survey of Chatsworth Reservoir. Both subjects will be very exciting and many of us will want to ask questions about the reservoir.

Please plan to join us on Tuesday-Feb. 16th, at 7:30 PM. at Glendale Federal 21821 Devonshire st.

ASK ABOUT OUR NEW 1982 CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL CALENDAR?????????
Details in write-up on next page.....

From the president.....

Sheelagh Watts,
President

My congratulations to Lillian Senepler on two counts. First we had another memorable evening celebrating the Chinese New Year at the Royal Dynasty restaurant. Thanks to brand new member, Ruth Ottinger, we learned about the meaning of the Chinese years - the year of the dog this year - so watch out! My second thanks to Lillian for another successful used book sale. Lillian is so talented and I assure you, these talents are appreciated.

Lillian Schepler,
1st Vice President

Iolene Cleveland,
2nd Vice President

Marion Hyland,
3rd Vice President

Eileen Janess,
4th Vice President

I am now the Chatsworth area columnist for the Chronicle that is delivered bymail to each home - if you have news items you'd like to share, just give me a call at 341-4489.

BettySelvidge,
Recording Secretary

Hope to see you at our meeting on February 16 -

Sheelagh

Keith Watts,
Treasurer



Tricia Plucknett
Corr. Secretary

FEBRUARY 26 AND 27, 1982

Virginia Watson,
Curator

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William Schepler,
Member at Large

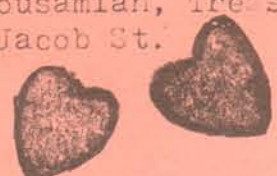
FRIDAY- Reception at Mooney Grove Museum; Dinner featuring guest speaker State-Senator Ann Vuich;

Celia Woodman,
Editor

SATURDAY- Shirley McFadzean (vignettes of Yokuts Indians life); Allan George, Tulare County Farm Advisor (Our Heritage, the Oaks); Syd Budnick, Calif. Dept. of Parks and Rec. on Allensworth State Park; Walking tour of Visalia; and John Satnat, Seasonal Naturalist of Sequoia, on history of the Parks.

Feb. 23rd - West Valley Historians will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 7:30 in our Museum..

For further information write: Irene Sousamian, Treas. Tulare County Historical Soc. - 510 E Jacob St. Visalia, Ca. 93277.



HISTORICAL PASS ROAD IN DANGER

by Nancy Razanski



Anyone who has ever traveled over the scenic old Santa Susana Pass Road has undoubtedly been thrilled by the awesome beauty located on both sides of this winding road that was the best route between the San Fernando Valley and Simi Valley before the Simi Freeway was built. Just as one enters the road from our side you can see some magnificent, huge, boulder rock formations. These boulders, some of which are over thirty feet high, are located between Topanga Canyon Blvd. and the Iverson Road just to the north side of the Pass Road. They were so large and their shape reminded someone of another outcropping of sandstone rocks located in Colorado called, "The Garden of the Gods," thus our local formations were named after them.

Remember the old saying in those wonderful old westerns, "Head them off at the pass."? They could have very well been referring to the location near the old Pass Road because many old western movies were filmed using our local "Garden of the Gods," as a natural backdrop. "They Died With Their Boots On" with Errol Flynn to name just one. There were also many Hop-a-Long Cassidy and Lone Ranger movies filmed there too, back in the 1930's and 1940's.

It seems incredible that anyone would want to destroy the area in any way, yet, the L.A. County Road Commission has called for two plans to straighten out the eastern portion of the old Santa Susana Pass Road. To do this would require destroying a large section of the "Garden of the Gods" area. The second plan would be to destroy a ravine with a natural stream that is located to the south of the Pass Road. Both plans seem an unnecessary and insensative act in the name of public safety as an excuse. Surely, if they straightened out the eastern portion of the Road the speedsters would be more encouraged, not less encouraged to violate the speed laws. The Simi Freeway is for those who want to get somewhere in a hurry. Pass Road is for people who wish to travel leisurely and enjoy a scenic drive, bicycle ride, horseback ride, or walk along the side of the road - pausing to take pictures of the area while perhaps waiting for the train to come through the tunnel there to the south of the Road.

If you are outraged at the thought of anything happening to our historical and picturesque old road and its surrounding areas, there is something to do. Write your feelings down in the form of a letter to the Los Ang. County Road Commissioner, Thomas Tidemanson, 1540 Alcazar St., L.A. 90033

The case is identified as tentative tract #41388 regarding the old Santa

Susana Pass Road. Please Correspond before the February 25, 1982 deadline. Thank you.

NEWS:

There must have been a great deal of excitement in the Cleveland household for Ioline not to have told me about her new granddaughter - Amber Dawn Cleveland born December 10, 1981. Sister, Megan and brother, Ethan join parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Cleveland in rejoicing on new birth.

Bet you just can't believe
It can be true --
That brand new baby boy
Belongs to you!

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Remember the bad accident in Ainsworth, Neb. when the floor of the church in which a large crowd of people had gathered, collapsed and everyone fell to the floor below? Many people were injured, several seriously. One was Eunice Wulf, Ioline's sister. She is recovering nicely and was a guest of Everett & Ioline during the holidays. Other guests were niece, Mary Ann and brother-in-law, Warren. Daughter, Cathe was visiting at the same happy occasion.

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We are delighted to announce that our Bill Schepler, editor of Window Into the Past, has given me #1 for 1982. It is attached to this issue of Smoke-Signal. We hope you are keeping the past issues in a file. It will be a good historic remembrance of our area.

If you have missed, one perhaps you could ask Bill for a copy. Thanks, Bill.

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Many of you (who were not there) will be anxiously awaiting the results of the book sale -- Ioline reports \$469, that is a lot of sales for only 25/50¢. And speaking of more fund-raising-- on the day our last Smoke-Signal was out we received our Historical Memory Calendars. It is a beautiful remembrance of Chatsworth with 14 pictures of our Pioneer Church, Minnie-Hill Palmer House and others. You will want to purchase several for your friends and yourself at a \$3.00 donation. They are available at each meeting night, Open House each first Sunday between 1 & 4 at the museum or from any member of the Society.

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We gratefully welcome our new members, Ruth Ottinger, 9361 Farralone, Chats. who bought 10 calendars the first nite she joined (and whose birthday we missed in Jan.) Happy Birthday late! Another new member is a long time friend of the Society and members and we cordially welcome Felicia Robinson 10336 Vassar, Chatsworth.....
Birthday Greetings to: Betty Summers, Chas. Choate, Myrtle Johnson, Laurie Dager and Jim Woodman.....