



*May 1982*

INSTALLATION

The 18th annual installation of officers will be held at the Chapel of the Canyon on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Reservations are a MUST. Call Sheelagh by Sunday, May 16 at 341-4489. Y'all come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last message as president of the Chatsworth Historical Society. I have enjoyed the past two years immensely. However, I am happy to say that my business is prospering and I would have found it difficult to continue to hold such an important office. I feel that you have chosen a wonderful president in Ioline and that the Society will continue to flourish under her direction.

I want to thank the two hard working boards of directors that helped me with my two years in office. We have accomplished a great deal in that time. The Church is completed, the gardens at the acre are flourishing because of Candy & Dean Craig and the well established monthly tours of the acre have become increasingly popular. My thanks to all who have contributed.

The establishment of the Frank Schepler, Jr., Library was the most important event of the past year - we are gradually acquiring the necessary volumes to establish it as a source of serious historical data.

Please continue to support our activities - your support is appreciated.

Thanks again, Sheelagh

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CAUSE TO REJOICE! Mark Stuart Watts and Cinde Suzuki were married in the Community Church on Sunday, May 1st, 1982. Naturally, the church looked great since Mark is Sheelagh's first child to be married and she really got carried away with the decorations.

The reception was held at Keita & Sheelagh's home after four weeks of feverish preparation. Sheelagh's sister & brother-in-law, Joy & Morris Broyles of Newport News, Va., catered the great Southern food that was served.

Out of town guests included Heather who flew in for one day just prior to the new season in New York, the New York City Ballet. Jennifer came home from Santa Barbara with her boy friend, Jim Caputo. Kevin served as best man and Cinde's sister, Robin, was maid of honor.

It was a beautiful day, the church added to the happiness and the Watts family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Lillian Schepler, Juanita Magill and Marlys Stockenbruck for serving as docents and assuring that everything ran smoothly.



## Special Thoughts About Mothers

All that I am or hope to be,  
I owe to my angel mother.

Attributed to Lincoln

Mother is the name for God  
In the lips and hearts of little children.

William Makepeace Thackeray


When God thought of mother,  
He must have laughed with satisfaction  
And framed it quickly—  
So rich, so deep, so divine, so full of soul,  
Power, and beauty was the conception.

Henry Ward Beecher



## Memorial Day

A day to keep from year to year  
In memory of the dead;  
Let music sound and flowers be laid  
Upon each resting bed.




THEY MADE ME DO IT!  
I really didn't want to tell  
you that I won First Place for  
the poem that I submitted last  
month in the writing contest  
sponsored by the L.D.S. Chatsworth  
Stake Center, but several  
of our members said "put  
it in the Smoke Signal,  
others may like to see it."

I am shy or self-conscious  
about putting it in, but  
here it is:

### COULD I CONCEIVE

I cannot understand  
Why EVERYONE can't see  
In all this precious land  
The things that God has wrought.  
There's more than magic in His Hand,  
There's more-when I observe the seed  
So plain, so hard, so small!  
Could I ever conceive  
Of an oak tree growing tall?  
How can I believe  
By seeing drops of dew  
And listening to the rain,  
Could I imagine oceans blue?  
Or could I even understand  
The desert - if in my palm  
I felt a single grain of sand?  
Then, how can I believe  
What the Atheist has said:  
For me God has all power,  
To him there is no God,  
So-how dare he look at a flower?

by Celia Abbie



We have so many talented people in our organization that again we are requesting each of you to send in something about our community that has historical value and all news about our members who have weddings, deaths, or births. Please send by the first Tues. of the month to our P.O. box #102 Chatsworth, Ca. 91311 or call me 347-8569. Our JUNE issue will be the last one until next September!!!

Celia Woodman, Editor

The Pioneer Church is located in Oakwood Memorial Park - 22601 Lassen  
Our Museum and Minnie-Hill Palmer House are on the Homestead Acre ---  
10385 Shadow Oak Drive (Chatsworth Park South) in Chatsworth.....

Meetings are held the third Tuesday  
of the month at 7:30 PM at the Glendale  
Federal Savings & Loan Association --  
21821 Devonshire St. Chatsworth

DUES  
\$10.00 Per person per year  
\$15.00 Dual membership  
\$ 1.00 Students  
\$100.00 Life Membership  
\$100.00 Organizational

Mailing address: Chatsworth Historical Society, P. O. Box 102  
Chatsworth, California 91311

# YARD SALE!

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## Four Little Letters

Four little letters, how much do they mean,  
For each of us who work on the team?

Four little letters - YARD at Ioline's again.  
SALE of everything fancy or plain.

Four little letters for funds to be raised.  
Helpers and workers - all will be praised!

Ioline and Everett - (and Hyland's next door)  
They give of their home and their yard & more.

On Sat. there'll be food and drink at Janess's  
Workers and others for this they'll be blest!

*Celia Abbe*

The days: Saturday 5 + Sunday 6

The time: 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. both days

The place: 10347 Jordan - Chatsworth

Ioline Cleveland is chairman of this fund-raising event again and has asked me to use the same adv. as last year and to tell everyone that each one living here will be contacted by someone on the telephone tree to let us know the day and time to work. At the same time we will get the reservations for the installation dinner on May 18th..

From the Editor: *Especially for You* - All Life Members

and Out-of-Town members, who are not able to work on the Yard Sale -- We hope you will send a very generous donation to Ioline Cleveland - 10347 Jordan - Chatsworth, Calif. 91311. Thank you!



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Come and Buy  
from us this  
year - and  
bring it  
back to sell  
next year!!!

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- Furniture
- Clothing
- Jewelry
- Dishes
- Plants, etc.



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8-14

Clean out your closets -- ask all your friends -- Empty your piggy bank!

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# STONEY POINT

All those who have worked so hard and were so dedicated in having any part of our historic Morumert, Stoney Point, becoming a park will see its fruition at the Dedication on Saturday June 5, 1982 at approx. 10:00 to 12:00 noon.

This is the same day as our Yard Sale, so we are hoping to see all of you at both places that day.

The pre-program entertainment will begin about 10:00 AM followed by the formal dedication..... There will be mountain climbing demonstrations, exhibits, hiking around Stoney Point. Watch the local papers for the finished program and other information, because the next smoke signal will  
over

will not be out in time for either of these events.

Lila Schepler was originally chairman of the planning committee, however, Bill and Lila are currently on another of their world travels - this time on their way to the World's Fair. Therefore, our Lillian Schepler, Past Citizen of the Year, Past President of the Chatsworth Women's Club and Past President of our Chatsworth Historical Society has been selected for this position. I had a peak at the proposed program and just the beginning is exciting enough to want to be there on time: 1. Invocation by Rev. Rex Wignall, Color Guard from Equestrian Trails, Inc. Present Colors, and Flag Salute to be led by 3 young people from the Spastic Children's Home. Of course, there will be a Showcase from our Chatsworth Historical Society..... Additional information can be obtained if you know one of these committee members: Roberta Weinstein, Chatsworth Coordinating Council; Lillian Schepler, Chatsworth Historical Society; Jeannie Plumb, Corral 54; Cynthia Fitchner, SSMPA; Tom Jeter, Sierra Club; Peg Auchterlonie, Mason Park/R&P CAC; Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce; City Rec. & Parks: Olga Singer, Judy Taylor, Kathy Harvey and Gary Bond. Virginia Watson will give the historical memorabilia about this place re: acorns, Indian Village and discovered artifacts, etc.....

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P.S. There will also be a Boutique Booth at our Yard Sale featuring hand made gifts and our stationery and books. We need each of you to contribute something to this booth also. You may contact Marian Hyland 882-1852 or Betty Summers 341-2714 for these articles and don't FORGET to call Ioline Cleveland 341-1529 about your rummage, or take to their home BEFORE that date, because the YARD SALE will be over before the next Smoke Signal!!

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We are happy to announce that our newest members are: Our own Senator Ed Davis of Chatsworth and George and Evelyn Meltzer from Granada Hills.

**SENATOR ED DAVIS:**

Senator Davis long had an interest in our Historical Society and we are delighted to have him belong to us, in addition to his very busy schedule. He has always had an active interest in our community and continues to act in the best interests for all of us, as our representative in the State Senate.

**GEORGE MELTZER:**

We received a beautiful letter from him on Cinco de Mayo - what better day could it be? He is retiring in June after 19<sup>year</sup> at Chatsworth High School in the Social Studies Dept. Many of our children and grandchildren have had him as their instructor. In his letter, which we will read at the installation Dinner, he tells of his deep appreciation for the services provided to them by our Chatsworth Historical Society with our speakers and slides, the speech made by Virginia Watson for our 94th Birthday and quote: "The news letters Celia Woodman edited are gems of historical information". Isn't that beautiful? It is good to receive recognition for all of us who work so hard to make it successful without receiving compensation. Congratulations on your retirement & maybe we can keep you as busy as we have been!

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May Birthday Congratulations go to: George Meltzer, Eunice Kent, Lois Choate, Betty Grill, Doris Van Aken and Dr. Ruth Boak.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Ruth Ottinger who had to hand feed 7 motherless kittens 5 times a day until they could drink milk from a saucer...missed the last meeting because of those babies!!

**ILLNESS:**

We are sorry to hear of the recent illness of Steve Washburn. He was hospitalized with pneumonia and we are happy to announce that he has now recovered enough to be at home. We hope you will be well enough to be at the installation dinner on May 18th.

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**Vacation**

by Fern Jack:

Fern and Gerald Jack recently returned from a "Yucutan Caravan de Mexico". There were 47 vehicles and around 100 people in all. We were in Mexico six weeks and traveled 4000 mi. in that country alone. We joined the Caravan at San Antonio, Texas, where we received our instructions and met the Wagonmaster and the assistant Wagonmaster and mechanic. The latter happened to be former residents of Chatsworth. They were Buck and Helen Newcomb. Their son, Lynn, received his first acting experience from Collette and Milton Parsons.

The main interest of the trip was to visit the old Mayan ruins and learn of the early history of that country. We also visited the beautiful Cancun Islands, located off the so. tip of Mexico. It was a most interesting & learning trip. CONDOLANCES to Paul and Margaret Johnson, Life Members of Chatsworth Historical Society, in the death of Paul's sister, Irene Willard from San Juan Capistrano. She leaves her husband and three children and another brother.

Irene Willard was a descendant of Frances Willard who fought for prohibition. Frances's husband and his father have both served as Mayor of Lynnwood, California. Frances has always been very active as a volunteer in League and hospital work.

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**NEED FOR MORE DOCENTS:** Would you? Men, too!

We have had such a great response from friends, neighbors, students and many out-of-town visitors that more docents are needed. Since Lila is still out of town on vacation, you may call Lillian Schepler 341-2010. The attendance at Open House on the first Sunday of every month between 1 and 4PM has been fantastic both by word-of-mouth and the good write-ups of Virginia Watson and Sheelagh Watts in our local papers. It is a must for your out-of-town visitors, especially former resident of Chatsworth, Canoga Park & Northridge.

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From Catherine Mulholland, Chairman of Oral History group: The last meeting was held in May and there will not be another until October. Cards will go out to inform us of the exact date. More workers are needed for this project!