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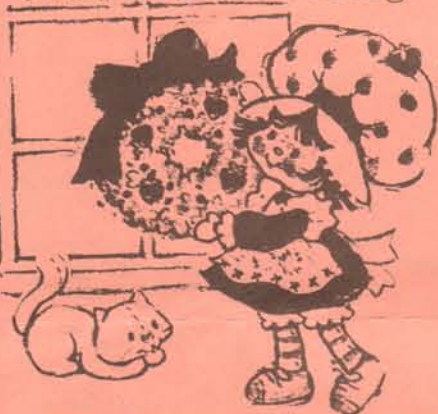
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'TIS 14 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

When to Pampalone's house

All we Historical Creatures will go.

Come you and your spouse,

To our **HOLIDAY PARTY**, Ho! Ho!

6:30's the time.....

December 12th is the date.....

10510 Fullbright's the place.....

Now, please don't be late,

'Cause there's a great buffet,

With desserts and hors d'oeuvres that are hot.

Bring a gift (about \$3.00) to exchange.

If YOU don't come, we'll miss you a lot!

Too, a great program has been planned,

With Mr. Gustafson's Chatsworth High

Choral - taking the stand!

(This Party is instead of our regular meeting)

We wish to welcome our new members: Allyn & Lee Arnold. Lee Arnold is Principal of Lawrence Jr. High. She has long been an admirer of our many accomplishments and even though she may not have the time to attend our meetings, she will do what she can.

Louise Roberts and Valeta M. Koller - sorry, I only have their P.O. Box no. 578 Chatsworth, but I'll try to get their address next time.

John and Zena Thorpe - 9657 Gierson, Chatsworth
Tel. 882-3572 - Let's all get acquainted at our Party.

OPEN HOUSE at the MUSEUM and MINNIE PALMER HOUSE every 1st SUNDAY of month-between 1 & 4 PM. This month December 5 Location: 10385 Shadow Oak Drive Chatsworth Park South, in Chatsworth..... Docents this month will be: Mary Gregush, Lillian Schepler and Virginia Watson.

The Pioneer Church is located in Oakwood Memorial Park - 22601 Lassen Chats.

Reg. meeting is held the 3rd Tues. of the month at 7:30 PM at the Glendale Federal Savings & Loan-21821 Devonshire, Chatsworth	\$10.00 per person per year \$15.00 Dual membership \$ 1.00 Students \$100.00 Organizational \$100.00 Life Membership
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Come to see our Minnie Palmer House all decorated for an old fashioned Christmas. Arrangements can be made for a small group for a donation.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

AND SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR LOYALTY AND GOOD WILL

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sincerely,

Ioline Cleveland

Dec. 12th Holiday Party at the home
Joe and Barbara Pampaline.....

Dec. 18th - 7:30 P.M. Las Posadas at
10940 Sepulveda Blvd. Guests are in-
vited to participate in the ceremony.
There is no charge unless you want to
purchase a candle to carry. It is a
very colorful and historic event. You
will want to take your friends. If
any question, call Elva Meline at
the Andres Pico Adobe - 365-7810.....

DON'T FORGET: the first of our two
big fund raising events of the year-
Jan. 27-28-29, Annual Book Sale at the
Topanga Plaza. Lillian Schepler is
urging you NOW to sign up for the time
you will help AND save all your books
and magazines - bring all those you
bought last year and buy some more.
Ask all your neighbors - everyone is
housecleaning these days & will give.

News

Great grandparents, grandparents and
parents - new babies.....
What is better than a precious new
great-grandchild? Two of them, right?
That is the way Chuck (our very first
President) and Eileen Janess feel
about it. Nov. 2nd, the day their
youngest grandchild, Charlie, was 2,
little Lauren Beth was born to Cory
& Doreen VanDenHam, making Charlie &
his big brother, Dan, uncles. Chuck &
Eileen's daughter & son-in-law, Char-
leen and Jim Roesch are the new grand-
parents. On Nov. 18th, Brittany Eileen
was born to Kameron & Elaina Emery. Son
and daughter-in-law, Don and Sharon
Janess of Thousand Oaks are the new
grandparents. Delia Janess, serving on
a mission in Texas and Patrick, study-
ing at UC San Diego are the new aunt
& uncle. Needless to say, Chuck &
Eileen are delighted to add these 2
little girls to the great grandchildren
branch of the family tree along with
their first greatgrandchild, Keri Shaw
of Reno, now over a year old.

Congratulations to those celebrating a
December Birthday: Luella Clark, Ginny
Dill, Evelyn Meltzer, Irene Haag, Larry
Mitchell, Ruby Swan, Mary Hanson, Gene
Cleveland & Winifred Widnay.



Picture shows Leonard Chenard and our
past-president, Sheelagh Watts as they
were chosen by the Chatsworth Chamber of
Commerce to receive "The Man of the Comm-
unity" and "Woman of the Community" Award
A write-up of their many varied accompl-
ishments was in the last Smoke Signal.
If you did not receive one let your editor
know and I will send you one. 347-8569.
Keith and Sheelagh Watts held Open-house
at their Nature's Flower Garden Florist
shop after the Chatsworth Parade Dec 5.
It was truly enjoyed by everyone, especial-
ly by the members that rode on the Chats.
Historical Society float - a hay wagon
drawn by 2 small horses. Riders were:
Burrell & Tricia Plucknett, Jim & Betty
Summers, Marian Hyland, Virginia Watson,
Ruth Ottinger & her daughter, Laura, and
Celia Woodman. It was a wonderful parade,
one of which all the coordinators can be
very proud, and, all the participants were
great. Probably, the two most tired were
the boys walking all the way on stilts!
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Sorry we missed your October 11th birthday,
Peggy Beltramo, it won't happen again!

George and Evelyn Meltzer joined our Society last summer after George's retirement in June from L.A.U.S.D. He ^{was} the former Social Studies Chairperson at Chats. High School, and Evelyn was once chairperson of her grade level in Canoga Park Elem. After their retirement, they spent 2½ months at their home-away-from-home at Lake Mead, Nevada. There they enjoyed roaming the state park at the "Valley of Fire", and enjoyed all the amenities of the 105 mile lake.

It was a pleasure having them come to our last meeting. George is a U.S. Navy veteran of World War 2, and he was impressed with the display in honor of Veteran's Day. He was a Physical Instructor during the war. The talks that other veterans gave that evening brought back many memories. And as he was introduced to Ruby and Harmon Swan, he learned that his friend, Paul Brockway former accounting teacher at Chats. High, is their brother-in-law. It seems the State had reviewed various High Schools for a study on improving their educational standards by giving a grant. Chatsworth High was chosen and Paul is the Coordinator of this school improvement program. They have have passed the first year with honors in discipline and other areas of education.

All good things seem to be coming for them at once; they have just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary at which time their 2 sons took them to the Velvet Turtle and next week their 3 daughters will be taking them to the Beverly Hilton. For her Anniversary gift George gave her a necklace with 33 pieces of pure gold mined from one of historic mines in Oregon. The locket is custom made with the tiny pieces of gold enclosed in crystal.

We also wish to thank the Meltzers for the generous near-new books they have donated for our coming book fair - so please everyone, let's follow their example of giving your books and YOUR TIME!!!!!!!

Everett and Ioline Cleveland have been very busy taking their antiques from one antique show to another - do you know that if something good does not sell at our yard sale they will take it to a show to sell for us?

Felicia Robinson has just returned from a trip to Europe - we will get her travel story from her for next time. Also, by that time we will have the travel news of Bill and Lila and Eleanor Schepler and Lila's sister, Elaine Swartz // Hawaii.

A BELATED NEWS ITEM from Jane Matthews, also a former President of Chats. Historical Society:

When we had fund-raising projects several years ago, it was Tom and Betty Woodward's idea to print a cook book for sale. Howard Williams, D. Nicholar, Tom Woodward and Jane Matthews worked on the recipes in their spare time for about a year. About 88 copies were issued for the Los Angeles Bicentennial. The type was hand set and they were printed on hand presses. The recipes are typical of homesteading fare and are printed on sep-

arate sheets assembled in a folder entitled, appropriately - HOMESTEAD ACRE RECIPES. The originals are on sale at the Museum for \$4.00, and will be collector's items one day. They are set with vintage autoes, trains, etc.

The recipes can be used, and it might be a fund-raising idea to serve such a homestead dinner for a special occasion.

When the original supply is depleted proofs are on hand for off-setting additional copies. Of course, these will not have the value of the originals, but will still be an attraction item for sale in the giftshop.

MORE NEWS OF INTEREST TO OUR SOCIETY;

A beautiful article appears in the November 1982 issue of Sunset Magazine entitled "Rock climbing park in Chatsworth" - page 64. There are several very nice pictures and the article tells of the dedication of the site in June when many of us from the Chatsworth Historical Society, the Santa Susana Mt. Park Assoc., the Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club, representatives from our schools and other organizations were there to dedicate this Historic Monument for a city park - Stoney Point Park. Our Virginia Watson gave the oral history of this site - who would know better than Virginia, who wrote our "Child's History of Chatsworth"? According to the article, a book has been published "Stoney Point Guide" especially for climbers, written by Paul Hellweg and Donald B. Fisher.

Many of us who do not subscribe to the magazine will want to get this issue for a keepsake. The Sunset Magazine ^{has} been good about keeping Chatsworth in the news - previously they had written about our pioneer church-
once when it was moved and made a historical monument and another time when it was dedicated.

Helen Fladwed went to Morrow Bay with her daughter, Phyllis, to visit granddaughter, Cindy and family, over the Thanksgiving Holidays. She had a wonderful time with them as she, especially, misses seeing her great-grandchildren.

The calendar says that winter begins on December 21st, but we wonder? Doesn't it feel like Spring rains to you? And have you seen our perfectly gorgeous sunsets lately (and sunrises for those who get up early enough in the morning)?

The Chatsworth Historical Society's Wish:

A Blessed Christmas!

A Happy Hanukkah!

A Better-than-ever New Year!

