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THE PROGRAM WILL BE
Potluck Dinner - 6 PM Sept. 11, 1983 - Program 7 PM

Paddle-Wheel Days

IN CALIFORNIA

BY OUR BILL SCHEPLER...Showing slides...and

GARY STAFF with the Delta Queen Steamboat Co.



I hope each of you received an invitation to the above Potluck Dinner and program. The Board Members decided it would be better to send an invitation in the form of a flyer and send it out before we had the Smoke Signal ready. In addition we wanted each of you to have one of our Chatsworth Historical Brochures, if you already have one, please share with a friend or someone who is interested in learning more about the things that we are doing and the History of Chatsworth. By the time you receive this Smoke Signal, I hope you had already enjoyed the lovely program that Bill Schepler has taken so much time to prepare.

OPEN HOUSE at the MUSEUM and MINNIE PALMER HOUSE every 1st SUNDAY of month-between 1 & 4 PM. This month-Sept.4 --Oct. 2 -- Location:10385 Shadow Oak Drive Chatsworth Park South, in Chatsworth...Docents this month will be: October 2, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Virginia Watson & Lucille Clements with Helen Thomas & Wanda Daugherty. The Pioneer Church is now 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.....

SAVE THE DATE! Our next meeting will be again in Glendale Federal. Our Past President. Jane Matthews will have a very interesting program to present to us. (Tuesday Oct. 18th). She has done a great deal of research and has presented other programs on the life of Charles F. Loomis. He wrote many papers and was the founder of the So. West Museum.

May I welcome you and encourage you to join us in the renewal of our Society's activities?

The Board is working on plans for an active and interesting year. We need your attendance and participation.

Program Chairman, Bill Schepler has some outstanding informative programs on his agenda for you.

New displays at our museum are planned by Virginia Watson and Lila Schepler and they will also continue the guided tours at the museum and Homestead House on the first Sunday of each month.

Hard personal effort on the part of Dean and Candy Craig has restored and maintained the grounds in beautiful condition.

Membership Chairman, Marian Hyland will soon be back from vacation and on the job ready to receive your membership renewals.

Lillian Schepler is in charge of the museum store and working on other fund-raising ideas. Could you please help by sending her some ideas, especially now that we have learned that our second largest fund-raising event in January - the Book Sale at Topanga Plaza has been cancelled for this year because of new construction there. Therefore, we will need another event that can raise \$700 or \$800 by that time. It is mandatory that we have a new roof on the Minnie Palmer Cottage before the rainy season begins.

Our Smoke Signal Editor, Celia Woodman is prepared to report all these activities to you. Please call Celia - 347-8569 for all news and historical events.

With all this talent at work, what can you do to help?.....PLENTY!.....

1. Attend the meetings and bring a friend to see and hear programs.
2. Fern Jack, our Hostess Chairman, needs volunteers to furnish refreshments. Te.998-0589.
3. If you have items that could be displayed in the museum when it is open, let us know.
4. Candy Craig can use anyone to do yard or garden work or could donate money or materials.
5. Lillian Schepler needs people, who like to work with crafts, to help make saleable items for the museum store.
6. Celia needs news about our members.

YOUR PRESIDENT needs all the help she can get on such things as the Chatsworth Parade in December, the Christmas Party, decorating the Homestead House for Christmas and arranging the Birthday Party for Chatsworth on March 10th.

PLEASE DO VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING.

Ioline Cleveland, President

BACK TO SCHOOL AND BUSINESS

.....after Summer Vacation: Our President, Ioline Cleveland, has returned to Chatsworth Park school as a 2nd & 3rd grade teacher, also from Chatsworth Park are Marlys Stuckenbruck, gr. 4, Sandra Johnson, grade 4, Jan Hinkston - K1 and Virginia Chipperfield-K, Betty Summers to the cafeteria at Lawrence Jr. - Celia Woodman, school nurse substitute - Fred Leiner, as Adm. Asst., Chatsworth High., Jean Williams, Asst. Principal and Eunice Farley, Chairman of Soc. Studies Dept., both at Chatsworth High; Lee Arnold, Principal at Lawrence Jr. High. Joyce Muehlenbach Ower teaches high school in far away Anchorage, Alaska and Cathe Cleveland is Alliance, Nebraska - I believe they are the two members that are farthest away. Michael Lauritzen will start teaching at Canoga Park High and his wife, Janice teaches at Sutter Jr. High. Doris Van Aken is at Vena Elem. Lucille Clements is on call as a school secretary, and Helen Fladwed has returned to the Holy Shepherd Luthern Church as Organist after a long bout with that most irritating and depressing illness, shingles (herpes zoster). She is feeling much better, but is not well yet. Polly Vickers retired from the L.A. School system after 39 years, in June. She had a beautiful retirement party on June 21st at the Platt Ranch Country Club, but Polly has "teaching" in her blood, so her retirement was short-lived. She is now really enjoying her new position at the Shepherd of the Valley Luthern School in Canoga Park. Her children there are "such a dream" after the ones she had been teaching the last few years in L.A. We were happy to see Ed and Marti Clark at the Pot Luck, Sunday eve. Because of their teaching commitments on Tues. evenings,xxEd teaches at C.S.U.N. and Marti teaches Tues. & Thurs. evenings at Pierce. One of our newest members, Mickey Sirkus, teaches history at Cleveland High. Marian Hyland is back on her job as Membership Chairman after a 3-month vacation. Dr. Linn Stuckenbruck is an Associate Professor of Systems Management at U.S.C. You will read more about his activities in another column of this paper.

XX Sorry about the unfinished sentence,"they are unable to attend our regular Tues. meetings!"

The Board Meeting of the Chatsworth Historical Society was held on Tues. Sept. 6th at the Museum after the return of our President. Another planning committee meeting was held on Aug. 26th with Bill Schepler as Vice-President, to plan for the Pot-luck and program for the first meeting of C.H.S. held on Sunday Sept. 11th. A flyer was sent out to everyone in a separate envelope with a brochure about the Chatsworth Historical Society. The flyers were blue, representing the water and a picture of the Paddle Boat as on page 1. IF you did not receive one PLEASE let me know (Celia Woodman 347-8569). We did have a wonderful time. It was such a perfectly beautiful evening after such a hot day. (the reason that many people did not come), but we felt fortunate that we had 47 members and guests to enjoy the Pot-luck and the very interesting program that Bill Schepler had arranged. There were many new friends and a few new members.

A MOST HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

James & Helen Thomas - 14780 Chatsworth Drive, Mission Hills 91345 - Carol Overton, 15111 Archwood St., Van Nuys 91405 - Morton (Mickey) & Barbara Sirkus (Valley Fed, 21525 Devonshire)

Barbara Sirkus - Tel. (office) 341-9110
(home) 845-3042

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone, if I have please call me. (Celia)

For those of you who did not pay dues for 1983-1984 in the Spring or Summer or at the meeting on Sept. 11th, if you need to know, please call Marian Hyland 882-1852.

We have many needs for the Homestead Acre as discussed by Ioline in her letter - two very urgent needs at this time are: a new roof for Minnie Palmer House and a storage barn or other type of fireproof building. We have things coming in for a book sale and for our annual yard sale all the time. We each need to ask our friends and neighbors, who are moving or cleaning out closets to GIVE to us.

Every 4th Thursday is WORK DAY at the Museum. There have been only the same 3 or 4 people who show up - it isn't fair to have them doing all the clean-up before Open House on the following Sunday. Let's all take our turn (or if we are working - offer to pay someone to help.)

Next month Lila will give us an up-date on "Museum Musings".

Pauline Aue and Lila Schepler will be the Hostesses for the October meeting - Oct. 18, 1983..

We need an old thimble - also an old deck of cards (even if not complete), a checkers game, old jacks, or other games that were played in the early 1900's. Take to the meeting or call me (Celia) 347-8569.

News

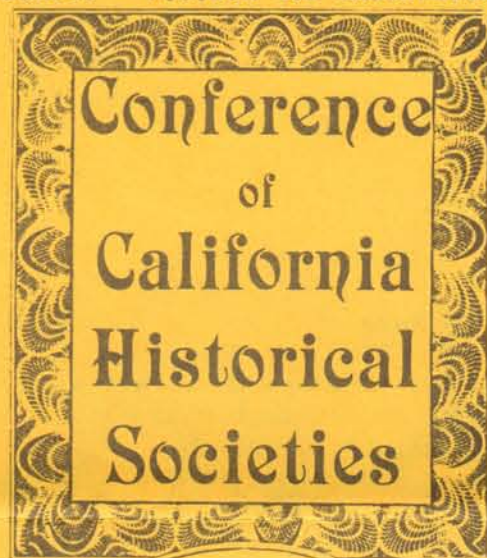
The news that you have all been wanting to know about -- "What were the final results of the yard sale?" \$3000.75. It was broken down in this way -- \$86 from the cream cheese pies made and sold by Marlys Stuckenbruck, \$130 from donations, \$1694.75 from yard sale on Sat. & Sun., \$1050 sold by Ioline and Everett - articles taken to swap meets and antique shows - items that weren't sold at the yard sale. That adds up to \$2960.75, then Ioline added a \$40.00 check to make the total \$3000.75. As our President, she is like a Guardian Angel of the Acre. She is so totally dedicated to this project. I know there are others who spend so much time, money and service, but who of us would keep tons of treasures and trash in our home & yard (2 weeks before and after yard sale) then hauling large articles or collectibles with them when they go to other sales? After the yard sale, Everett was so totally exhausted that we were worried about him, next year we must have more male help! This means EVERY man that belongs to the Chatsworth Hist. Soc.. If we could have 100% help, we could have the yard sale two weekends instead of one - we gave away enough last year to have had two yard sales.....

We are having a new Memorial Plaque made. Names of your loved ones will be placed on a brass plate for a gift of \$100.00. The first one that we started for the Pioneer Church was completely filled. The first name we have on this new one is in memory of Loucille Hayward by her husband Dr. Harold Hayward. Loucille was a longtime teacher of the Adult S.S. Class and Reverend Hayward was the pastor just prior to our selling the church (before it was returned to us to become a Historical Monument). Loucille was the English teacher at Canoga Park High when she became ill with Parkinson's Disease. She & Harold did much writing after she became ill - they later moved to Oral Roberts Retirement Village, where they lived until she passed

away. Harold has recently re-married. His bride is Lou, a retired physician and they, also, have their home in the Retirement Village. The last I heard from Harold, he had 100 members in his Sunday School Class, making this about the happiest time of his life. Several of you have asked for his address: Harold and Lou Hayward-University Village - 8555 So. Lewis - 7A

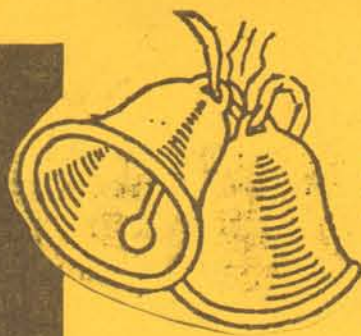
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137

We wish to thank all of you for the gifts sent in Memory of Kelly Johnson - we have the \$100.00. We would now like to have Katharine Johnson's name on this plaque, too. Katharine, as most of you know, was the original person to want to save our old church from destruction. She and Chuck Janess and Virginia Watson were the Pioneers of this project and we love them for their courage. The rest of us closely followed. Would you please give your donation to us at the next meeting or send to Chuck Janess - P.O.Box 102 Chatsworth 91311?



Bill and Lila Schepler have been chosen as Regional Co-Vice Presidents of this Conf. of Calif. Historical Societies and we are very proud that they are representing us. All Historical Societies in Calif. belong to this group. The Regional group that they are representing is the San Fernando Valley & the Santa Clarita Valley. All museums, History Departments and Historical Societies in California belong to the C. of C.H.S. and each region has its own identification. So. Calif. is 14 A-B-C-D-E. We, (the Chats. Hist. Soc.) are 14A.

Lila's family had their first family reunion June 17-18-19. The 3 family hosts were Bill and Lila, Louise and Eddie Mitchell and Bob and Marian Swartz assisted by Elaine Swartz, all members of our Historical Soc., Clifford, from Texas, and Gene, & all children & grandchildren of Bill & Lila and Bob & Marian. Other guests were Eleanor and Lillian Schepler, and Clifford's fiancée, Mary Margerison & Lila's cousin, Luella McNeil, from Oregon, - Orville & Lorraine Mitchell.



WEDDING BELLS

...have been ringing from the home of the John Ahlstroms in Chatsworth, again. Their daughter Lisa was married on May 14th. Then following Debi's graduation from L.A. County Med. School on June 5, all plans were made for another

very beautiful wedding at Grace Community Church in Panorama City on July 23rd. 450 guests watched as parents, John and Sharon gave their daughter to Carl Eugene Olson. The bride was beautiful, wearing a snowflake Chantilly lace, full length gown with Victorian sleeves and cathedral length train. Her sister, Lisa was the Maid of Honor with 4 bridesmaids - the color scheme was a lovely peach and brown. The bridegroom wore white tails. He had 6 attendants. Following the wedding ceremony, there was a sit-down buffet. His parents are Kenneth and Linda Olson. Our Life-Members, Ed and Lorna Ahlstrom are her grandparents. Other members of the Chats. Hist. Soc. present were: Chuck & Eileen Janess, Jim & Charlene Roesch, Bill & Lila Schepler, Gerald & Fern Jack, Ed & Louise Mitchell. Debi has returned to her nursing position - Carl works for Colgate - they are now at home in Canoga Park following a honeymoon.

A GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Chuck & Eileen Janess shared their 50th Anniversary with more than 165 friends and relatives at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Charleen & Jim Roesch. The center of the activities was "under the tent" in a lovely garden setting with a delicious buffet. Their beautiful memories are as Eileen has said, "Our children did it again, like our 40th, they made the 50th a celebration to treasure, a beautiful Open House". In addition to their 3 children, Don, Bill and Charlene, their individual spouses, all their grandchildren except Pat, and their 3 great granddaughters attended and one very special guest - Edith Kirk from Livonia, Michigan. She stood up with Chuck & Eileen when they were married. There were many members of the Chatsworth Hist. Soc. at this lovely occasion. Can you believe it? Eileen wore her original wedding dress!

Jim and Celia recently returned from Denver, Colo. where they had attended the Homecoming of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. The nurses of the Class of 1933 were the honored guests. This Golden Anniversary was a special occasion in many ways - Celia was in charge of finding all the living, missing nurses - of course she did it! After many phone calls, 16 letters to her former classmates (some certified letters), etc. she found ALL those that are living and received a letter from each one, typed them & had a copy made for each enclosed in a Golden book cover, even with a colored picture of each nurse. Out of the 16 girls, she got 13 to come. Five of them were from Cal..

Their vacation had a two-fold purpose - they visited son, Jim and his family, Celia's sister and family and Jim's brother & family. They took great grand-children, Jesse & Joshua to visit their grandparents Jim & Lanita so their parents could go on a belated honeymoon to Hawaii

Bill & Irene Lanzendorf just returned from a 10-day fishing trip to June lake - a few interesting vacation anecdotes: On the way up, there were about 40 people stopped by the roadside - Their first thoughts were " a serious accident," no--a large herd of 150 elk - then at the cabin about every 8 years there is an infestation of billions of pine bugs - this was their year!

Dr. Linn Stuckenbruck, an Associate Professor of Systems Management at the University of So. California, is the author of a book entitled "The Implementation of Project Management".

Linn presented an autographed copy of this book to the Frank Schepler Jr. Memorial Library on September 11th at our Pot-luck Dinner. We always accept a book for this library from one of our members who is an author of a book. You should come to visit our library sometime.

Linn has donated the royalties to the Project Management Institute, an international management organization. At the P.M.I. International Symposium in 1980, Linn received the first "Distinguished Service Award" given by the Institute.

He has just received a copy of the book which has been published in Japanese (it has only been published in English and Japanese.)

Linn is also the official photopher of the Chatsworth Historical Society. We're proud!

Our Virginia Watson is now writing a column in the Daily News. She is the Watson, a 31-year Valley resident, began writing for the Daily News in 1961 when her Out Our Way column focused exclusively on the community of Chatsworth, where she was active in the Woman's Club, 4-H, PTA, Girl Scouts and Coordinating Council, which presented her its first Outstanding Citizen Award in 1967. She is a founder, past president and curator of the Chatsworth Historical Society and in 1981 was named Woman of the Year by the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce.

Send news to her at P.O.Box 413, Chatsworth 91311 or call 341-3053.



VIRGINIA WATSON

Other News:

Louise Roberts had an exciting trip to China from June 25th to July 11th. The tour was from the U. of CA at Santa Barbara. It was an Early Childhood Education Tour. They were special guests of the ALL-CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION. 80% of the women in China belong to it. Louise said she had a wonderful time and was royally 'banqueted' at each place they visited. She was home only 2 weeks when she and her sister, Valeta Koller, traveled to N. Calif. & Oregon. One of the highlights of this trip was visiting the Columbia State Park in the Gold Country.