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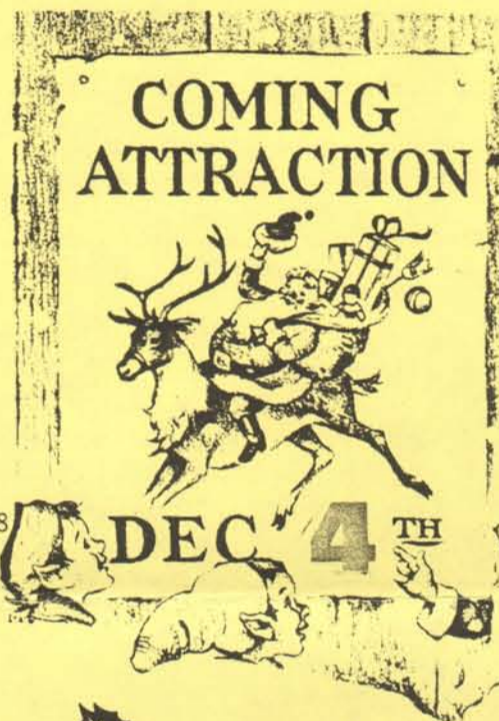
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Chatsworth's Holiday
Parade

Will be on December 4th

The Acre will not be open
on that Sunday - keep the
next Sunday - December
11th - 1-4 PM.

Watch for Chatsworth
Historical Society's
entrant in the Parade-

" MARRIAGE
of the
PAST -
PRESENT - &
FUTURE - "

With our two Junior
Members, riding as Bride
and Groom in a convertible

We will have no Christmas party and no regular meetings in Dec.

Our President, Ioline Cleveland sends Greetings and requests
your presence (and "Bring A Friend") to the..

OPEN HOUSE

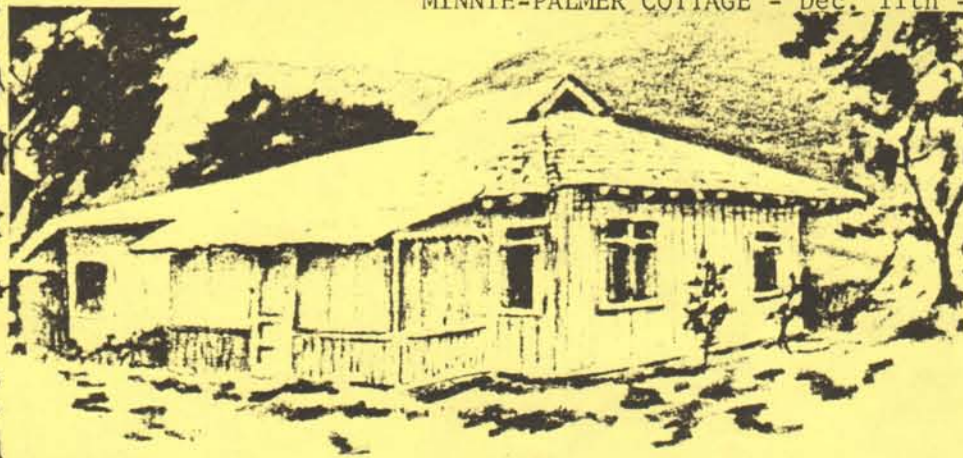
SEE OUR OLD-FASHIONED Christmas

TASTE OUR REFRESHMENTS AT THE

MINNIE-PALMER COTTAGE - Dec. 11th - 1-4PM

Holiday

Tree



SEE MARY AVILA'S DOLLS
All dressed in "RED"....
And RAMON AVILA'S Antique
Mechanical Banks -

RECENT HAPPENINGS:

A beautiful water-color of our Minnie-Palmer House was presented to the Chats. Historical Society by Mr. William Anthony Razanski at our October meeting. He is the father of our Nancy Razanski and an interested member of our community who lives in Rockpointe and has admired our development of the house and gardens.

Mr. Razanski is a commercial artist - you may recall he is the artist that did all the paintings for the book "Swanky the Swan" that Nancy wrote - a beautiful child's book-some still available.



When he was only 12 his teachers noticed his artistic talents and encouraged him to take art lessons. When he was 16 years old he won 1st prize for designing the Easter Seal - a child holding a rabbit surrounded by a wreath of Easter Lilies. In the beginning, Easter Seals were designed for all children - now specifically for handicapped children. His prize was won 55 years ago. The gift was 2 gold coins.

The Razanskis moved to Chatsworth April 1970. Mom, Amelia and sister, Janet, complete this talented family.

Our own LINN STUCKENBRUCK took the above picture of Bill and Nancy Razanski for us - Linn is our official photographer. All the lovely pictures in the museum have been reproduced by him.

And now we learn with a sad heart that Linn was hospitalized last Saturday with a severe heart attack and is in critical condition. Your prayers are needed. He can have no visitors.....

We have a NEW ROOF on the Minnie Palmer cottage (and just in time before the rains came).

We received a Grant from R.C.A. for \$200.00 for which we are very grateful. A request was made by our Dean Craig for the things we have accomplished at the Acre. We were also written up in the N.B.C. Magazine.

All of us should keep thinking of ways to request more funds for our expenses.

Millie Goff gave a Shaklee Demonstration and gave the profits to the C.H.S. \$22.73. She plans another one for evening when those of us that were working could not attend.

You can buy gifts at the gift shop in the Museum - you could donate gifts to this project - we will also be glad to accept just plain donations from you or your company! And don't forget our new Memorial Plaque, we are still accepting gifts to the Katharine Johnson Memorial.

LOST- (or borrowed and someone forgot to return)..our large flowered coffee pot that had been given to us by Hildur Berkemeyer.

Did you miss it? The last meeting----- Nancy Sandquist gave us an exciting presentation of presentation.....how and who saves our historical buildings. She teaches preservation at U.C.L.A. and Cal State. She explained the significance of the Tax Reform Act and the reasons that many of the buildings that we want to save have to be demolished. She suggested tours that can be taken. The Biltmore - Carol Ave. tour may have as many as 40,000 in one week end -- Heritage Square - there are now 80 buildings now in use. On Saturdays, Pierce College has bus tours - sign up at the Visitor's Center...

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Randy McKnight - (who already seemed like one of us, because she has helped so much in every project in the last 2 or 3 years).
10855 De Soto, Chatsworth, CA 91311 - Te.709-0835

Dorothy Hammond - (who kept her promise to join since last spring)
20203 Germain St. - Chats. 91311 - Te. 341-7848

We were delighted and surprised to receive the beautiful, enlarged, original pictures from the 1982 Chatsworth Historical Calendar presented by LOUISE KOLLER. Thank you again, Louise! This is another way have of raising money - you may purchase one or more prints from the Society.

We are grateful to another member of our community who is not a member, but a dear friend..... GLENN CHERRY from the Chatsworth Cleaners. He cleaned and beautifully boxed our 1902 wedding dress without any charge to us. Have you seen it? Do you know its history? A dear little old lady came to visit us on one of our Open House Sundays. She was moving back east and asked Lila if she could give us her wedding gown, because she had no living relative to give it to. We were more than delighted and it has a very special significance as she was married on Christmas Eve 1902.

LILA SCHEPLER is very proud to have been nominated by the Chatsworth Historical Society for the Hour Glass Award presented each year by the San Fernando Valley Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Southern California. This award is given for outstanding volunteer service. The reception will be at a house in Toluca Lake Dec.14

Put the following dates on your calendar, as the January Smoke Signal may not be out in time - you will not want to miss this demonstration if you have even one rose in your yard:



ROSE PRUNING DEMONSTRATION AT THE ACRE.

Candy Craig will demonstrate rose pruning techniques, show the "new" way to plant roses and share tips on rose care and culture Saturday, Jan. 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. (Rain date: Jan. 14th) The public is invited. Admission is free but donations for the care of the gardens will be gratefully accepted.



Recipe for long lasting roses.

1. Recut stems under water.
2. Place stems in vase containing the following solution:
1/4 teasp. clorox
4 teasp. sugar to each quart of water. Stir to dissolve.

Note: The bleach acidulates the water and kills bacteria. The sugar "feeds" the blooms.

Some varieties of roses will last up to 12 days with this treatment.



'Lest I forget-----
December Birthday Congratulations:
Luella Clark, Ginny Dill, Edward Horton, Evelyn Meltzer, Irene Haag, Carol McCafferty, Ruby Swan, Mary Hanson, Ruth Ulery, Gene Cleveland, and our Junior Member, Jimmy Studnicka and Jeanne Marks.

Virgil's son, Kevin presented two Indian arrow heads to our museum. He found them near here and said they belonged to the Chumash Indians that at one time lived in the Chatsworth area. We are always happy and thankful to all those who remember to give gifts to the museum or cottage

Virgil Heumann is the "Guardian Angel of our "Pioneer Acre".

TEENAGE SWEETHEARTS MARRY.....

Many of you remember Clifford Swartz - He is the brother of Lila Schepler and Elaine and Bob Swartz, and the uncle of Louise Mitchell. All members. 1931 Mary Thelma Chadwick was Lila's best friend during school days and was courted by Clifford at the time.

Her grandparents were the Gray family - early pioneers.

Each went a separate way when he joined the C.C.C.'s and she went away to school. Each married -

Clifford and his wife, Florence had two children and Mary Thelma Chadwick Margerison had four.

Clifford's beloved wife, Florence died two years ago and Mary's husband died several years ago.

Lila was the cupid that started it all when she met Mary Thelma's cousin at the Canoga Park High School 50th Reunion two years ago.

They were married October 8, 1983 in the Rialto Bible Church in Rialto, CA. One of her sons is a minister - who married them - another gave her away. In addition to the relatives, friends, Gerald and Fern Jack were there. They are now in Texas, but will make their home in San Bernadino.

