

# Chatsworth Historical Society

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## MARCH 1984

### THE MARCH MEETING

of the CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WILL BE HELD AT THE GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN

7:30 PM March 20th

A Delightful Program is being planned to Celebrate  
Chatsworth's 96th Birthday

Mr. William A. Myers will be speaking on "The  
Story of the L.A. Pacific Electric Railway."

Mr. is a co-author with the late Ira L. Sweet of  
"The Revised History of the L.A. Pacific.

He is a professional historian with a life-long  
passion for railroading. He, as well as his parents,  
are native Californians. He is also on the staff of  
the So. California Edison Co.

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We will have a BIRTHDAY CAKE made by  
students of Chatsworth High School

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will participate in the  
program -- Life Memberships will be presented to  
Senator Ed Davis  
Assemblywoman Marian LaFollette  
Councilman Hal Bernson

Couldn't each of you call a member who doesn't always  
come or bring them? Instead of bringing one friend,  
how about bringing two?

OPEN HOUSE at the MUSEUM and MINNIE PALMER HOUSE every 1st SUNDAY of month-  
between 1 & 4 PM. This month Mar. 4th & April 1-Location: 10385 Shadow Oak Drive  
Chatsworth Park South, in Chatsworth.....Docents this month will be:  
Lila Schepler, Tricia Plucknett, Betty Summers and Carol Overton.

The Pioneer Church is located in Oakwood Memorial Park - 22601 Lassen Chats.  
Work Party for the Acre is 9:30 March 22 - Please come to help.....

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

The heights by great men reached  
and kept were not attained by  
sudden flight, but they, while  
their companions slept, were toil-  
ing upward in the night.

*Longfellow*

The Chatsworth Pioneer Church  
Los Angeles Historical Monument



From your Editor:

I have a truly great concern for the welfare of our Historical Society. We have a few very dedicated workers, who give their time and service and talents to keep our little Society at its highest hierarchy, we must all work together. It is EACH of our responsibilities to , not only pay our dues on time, but to work on work-days, collect articles for yard sale and book sale and to come to the meetings. For those of you who have not been coming to the regular meetings you will be surprised to learn that we always have a deficit in the income that we receive and the expenses that occur each month, EXCEPT the month in June when we have our annual Yard Sale.

If we are unable to come to the meeting on Tuesday nights, we can help to make articles for the Gift Shop or donate to it. We could contact a big company who would be willing to give us a sizable amount for which they could take off on their income tax or like 5 of our members - they have joined as a life member, because they couldn't always remember when it was time to pay dues.

PLEASE REMEMBER the dues are due in June and delinquent after September!!!!!!!!!!!!

We need more ideas about Fund Raising - please come to the Board meeting on the first Tuesday at the home of Burrell & Tricia Plucknett, 10414 Jordan, Chatsworth. You would not be able to vote unless you are a member of the Board, but we would cherish your ideas.

We still have not been offered an extra room or garage in which to store our books and magazines and articles that are given to us during the year for the Yard Sale. Do you know of any such place?

Don't forget Candy's offer to plan a Rose Garden for you - she will give your \$25.00 donation to the C.H.S. Burrell and Tricia have already taken advantage of this offer. Tel. no. Candy Craig - 341-4461

\*\*\*\* We have received another donation to the Memorial Plaque of \$75.00 also in memory of Pauline Dahlman - this time from the BIXLER REAL ESTATE office in Bedford, New York..... from Sally Diorio (Thank you)\*\*\*\*\*

We welcome another new junior member--- Randall K. Clark, son of Ed and Mardi Clark. He is a student at Pierce College. His mailing address is: Randall K. Clark, 14735 Roscoe Bl. #40-Panorama City, CA 91402

\*\*\*\*\*BUSINESS CARDS WANTED\*\*\*\*\*  
Give yourself or your business, good publicity! Your business card (or from a Friend) will be printed on the card page of the April Edition of the "Smoke Signal." Cost is a \$10.00 contribution to the Chatsworth Historical Society. Please join the "CARD PARTY" and help swell the treasury a bit. Send check and card to: Chatsworth Historical Society -- Celia Woodman, Editor

Box #102 Chatsworth, CA 91311  
(or bring to the March 20th meeting)  
Ask your boss, your neighbor, your merchant, etc.)

Sincerely,

*Celia Woodman*

PLEASE NOTE:

Proposed changes in the By-Laws of the Chatsworth Historical Society. These have been approved by the Board of Directors for presentation to the Society.

Change #1 - It is proposed that three new positions be added to the present Board of Directors. These new positions would be:

- (a) Director of Gardens
- (b) Director of Photographic Material
- (c) Board Member at Large

If these positions are approved, the nominating, Tricia Plucknett, Chairman, would to place in nomination for the three positions the following names:

- (a) Director of Gardens - Candy Craig
- (b) Director of Photographic Material - Bill Schepler
- (c) Board Member at Large - Ramon Avila

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The following names have been submitted by the nominating committee for publication for the roster 1984-1985 to be voted on by the membership at April meeting:

**President:** Ioline Cleveland  
**1st. V.P. Program:** Zena Thorpe  
**2nd. V.P. Ways & Means:** Lillian Schepler  
**3rd. V.P. Membership:** Marian Hyland  
**4th. V.P. Hospitality:** Mildred Goff  
**Recording Secretary:** Louise Roberts  
**Treasurer:** Chuck Janess  
**Director of Docents:** Lila Schepler  
 (Permanent Board Member)  
**Curator:** Virginia Watson  
 (Permanent Board Member)  
**Corresponding Secretary & Assistant**  
**Director of Docents:** Tricia Plucknett  
**Assistant Curator & Member at Large:**  
 Betty Summers  
**Director of Gardens:** Candy Craig  
**Director of Photographic Materials:**  
 William Schepler  
**Member at Large:** Dean Craig  
**Editor:** Celia Woodman

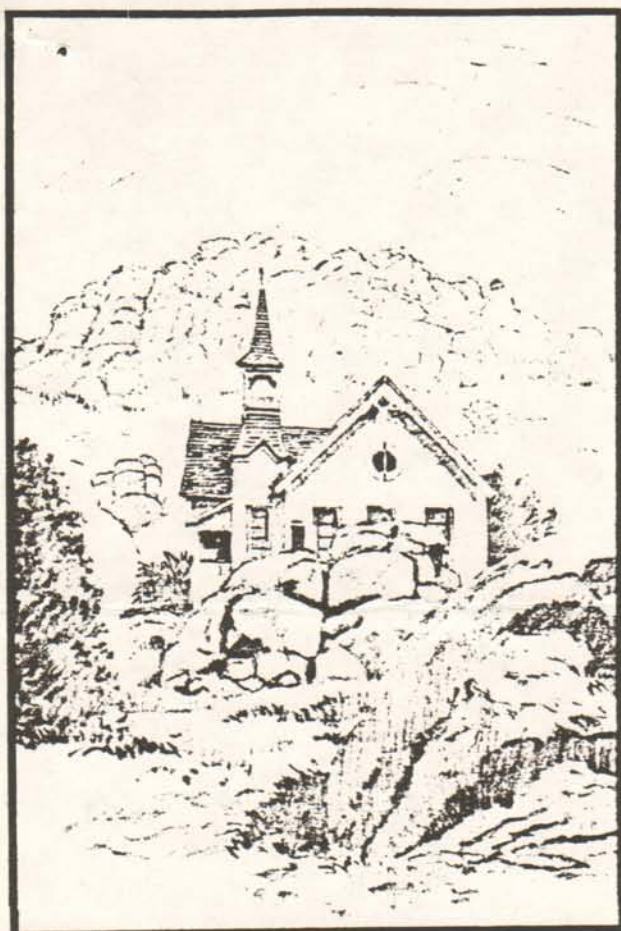
## The Sunny Days of Yesteryear

Scenes of American Life, 1900-1915

In the years before World War I, America was a nation where life often moved at a slower tempo than it does today. With increased prosperity and improved transportation, people had more time for leisure activities. These young girls could not resist the urge to go wading.







The old Pioneer Church was filled to its very capacity on Feb. 22nd when the Daughters of the American Revolution had the Dedication of a Plaque with the inscription of the history of the church. There was a beautiful program, perfect in its performance. There were many representatives from other Chapters in So. Calif. and I was brought up to date on my history - I had not even known there were "Sons of the American Revolution"! One of their Chapters was represented, also.

It is certainly inspiring to view a program in which our Country and our God is honored. Several Daughters talked on what our country stands for and Virginia Watson gave a very nostalgic talk on the history of the church (some of the highlights are inscribed on the bronze plaque). We are hoping to have reprints available. After the dedication of the plaque and the acceptance by Rev. Dr. L. Noel Stipkovich, present Rector, a presentation of the American flag and the Calif. flag was given to the Pioneer Church. Other added attractions to make it a perfect morning was singing by the famous Marianne Mendenhall Chorus (L.D.S.) who has even sung for our President, and Harry Farrar who played the bag-pipes and was authentic in wearing his native costume.

Those seen at the program from the Chats. Historical Society were: Virginia Watson, Chuck and Eileen Janess, Bill & Lila Schepler, Lillian and Eleanor Schepler, Louise Roberts, Voleta Koller, Zena Thorpe, Harmon & Ruby Swan, Nancy Razansky and her father, Bill, Georgia Cooper and Celia Woodman.

All this followed by a delicious luncheon at Calabasas Inn.

We have never had a more beautiful response to our Sunday Open House as we had on Feb. 5th when Carmelita Johnson brought her collection of ornamental hair-work. Your editor took pictures of several of the items (which haven't been developed yet), but I'm hoping will reveal some of the exquisite workmanship and art that was portrayed in each piece - pictures, pins, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, jewel boxes, etc. Most of her historical collection dates back to the 1800s. We can only wonder at the skill and patience of the artist and think about our "computer age" and then wonder how this work could now be accomplished. Perhaps much of it was done by lamplight?

Carmelita has donated a book that she has written on this subject to our Frank Schepler Jr. Memorial Library. So many of our members & friends were unable, because of previous engagements, to come on that day, that she has promised to bring some of them to our Hobby Corner on some regular Tues. meeting...



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We wish to thank Tricia Plucknett and Betty Summers for the delicious refreshments they furnished at the last Open House on Mar. 4. This Sunday was also well attended with well over 40 persons coming to view the Minnie Palmer House and Gardens and have the Docents tell about Chatsworth's 96th Birthday.....

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The Chatsworth Historical Society has nominated David Hirsch for Outstanding Youth. He is a candidate for Eagle Scout, soon to be bestowed upon him. David had worked on a project at the Pioneer Church 2 or 3 years ago and we all know that there have been many projects from that time until the present, when he directed a group of scouts to clean up the trash on the trails of Stony Point. They collected and disposed of 61 bags of litter.

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Miriam Farquer was recently hospitalized with a heart attack. She is now recovering at home and being very careful. (Miriam is the one who won the beautiful rose bush that was given by Candy Craig at the Rose Pruning demonstration).

The moral of her story is that if you are doing aerobics and you have gotten to 120 jump-ups, don't try to push it to 150!!!

MARCH BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Henry & Virginia Watson, Wanda Daugherty, Mardi Clark, Mary Guilmette, Jane Matthews, Henry Berkemeyer, Eleanor Schepler, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Chuck Johnson, Jan Hinkston & Arnold Hanson.

TEAR-OFF BELOW