

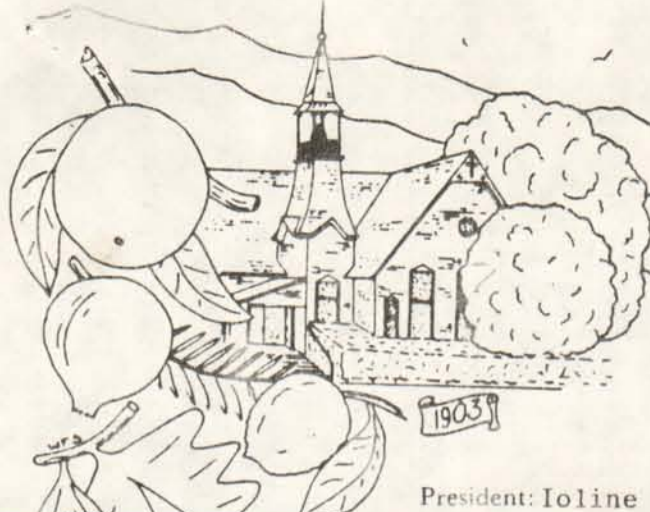
# Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California 91313

## October 1984 Smoke Signal

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You will not want to miss THIS program!

PEARL TURBUSH

will be speaking on

"MEMORIES"

Movies, events, history, Olympics, etc.

Tuesday - October 16th - 7:30 PM  
Glendale Federal Savings and Loan

Bring a friend, or two friends, or three!

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Ramon Avila (Member at Large)	341-2346
Dean Craig (Member at Large)	341-4461

We will have a Hobby Corner at this meeting, featuring pictures from old movies -- Some are autographed "To Scotty" (Lillian's father), the Craigs will have some, others from the Iverson Ranch, hopefully, some from Dale and Roy, etc.

If YOU have any to share that evening, please call Lillian Schepler 341-2010

We hope everyone came to see the exciting display of memorabilia of our talented celebrity, Heather Watts at the Museum on October Open House. We are sorry that this information was not sent out in the September issue of the Smoke Signal. Celia was on vacation and although most of the Smoke Signal was sent from Colorado, no one offered to finish it and a letter was sent regarding the September meeting instead. (the reason for so much belated news in this Smoke Signal.) Please get all you news to me by the first of each month!

Celia Woodman

## OPEN HOUSE

At the Homestead Acre - Museum, Minnie Palmer House and the Gardens the FIRST Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 PM  
Location: 10385 Shadow Oak Drive - Chatsworth Park South

The Pioneer Church is located in Oakwood Memorial Park South 22601 Lassen, Chatsworth. St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church holds Services each Sunday - Morning Prayer - 9:15 AM  
Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Visitors are welcome to view the Church each Sunday Morning

DOCENTS this month will be  
WORK DAY Thursday - October 25th 9:30 AM

Please come to help!

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Print Please:

Chatsworth Historical Society

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday--7:30 P.M.  
Glendale Federal Savings & Loan  
21821 Devonshire St.  
Chatsworth, Calif. (Corner Vassar)

Annual Dues:

Single ..... \$ 10.00  
Couple ..... 15.00  
Life Membership (each) ..... 100.00

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Bring with you or mail to--

Chatsworth Historical Society  
P.O. Box 102  
Chatsworth, California 91311

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear members and friends,

Now that the Los Angeles Olympics are over and the long hot summer is coming to a close, I am looking forward to another Super year with the Chatsworth Historical Society.

YOU can help make it Super by attending the regular meetings which are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Glendale Federal Savings Community Room and by volunteering for some of the tasks that we need to accomplish.

Please let us see you, hear from you and count on you for help.

Sincerely,  
Ioline Cleveland,  
President

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The letter was sent to your Editor from Ioline while she and Everett were vacationing in Nebraska. We will be anxiously awaiting exciting events about their trip and learning about all the antiques that Everett found while he was there.

NEWS FROM THERE:

A lovely summer graduation was held August 3, 1984 at Chadron State College in Nebraska where Cathe Cleveland received her Master's Degree at that time. Everett and Ioline entertained a group of Cathe's friends and relatives at a dinner preceding the graduations ceremony and the college hosted a reception following graduation. She will continue to teach at Alliance, Nebraska this coming term.

(Congratulations from all the members of the Chatsworth Historical Society, Cathe. Cathe is a member of our Society, as well as her parents & brother.)

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Jane Matthews

had a lovely vacation for 17 days with her granddaughter, Kristen touring England and Scotland. On July 4 she was in Aberdeen.

Jane has moved to Solvang where she will "be hanging her hat" while building a small house which she hopes to begin in Sept. Her current address is: PO Box 1301 Solvang, CA 93463

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Jim and Celia Woodman are now vacationing in Colorado and Utah where they will visit relatives and friends. They will stay in Erie, Colo. to care for Jim's older brother who has been ill, so their sister-in-law can go on a vacation. From there they will go to Salt Lake to visit the Salt Lake Temple.

Rosalie Aulepp cont.....

She helped preserve most of the Oak trees that have been saved in Chatsworth.

Rosalie is survived by her husband, Garvin, two sons, Gary and Glen and a daughter, Cyndy and two sisters, Janis in Penn. and Arline of Larchmont, N.Y. Both sisters sent beautiful letters of inspiration about Rosalie. She will be most sadly missed by her friend,

THE SADDEST NEWS for all of us.....

the accidental death of Eden Craig, daughter of our Dean and Candy so sadly missed by her parents and brother and sister. We all had extended our condolences to her family and, in her memory, memorial gifts were given for the Rose Garden.

Eden Craig, 26, associate director-production assistant, was killed in an auto accident June 17. She was currently working on the "March of Dimes National Telethon" and had completed the "Mrs. America Pageant." Craig is survived by her father, Dean, director of NBC program preparation, mother Candy, sister Bronwen and brother Matthew. A memorial service will be held at the Oakwood Memorial Park, 22601 Lassen, in Chatsworth, June 26 at 11:30 a.m. Family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made in her name to Infant Intervention at UCLA.



Eden Ellen Craig

November 7, 1957

June 17, 1984

Memorial Service

Tuesday, June 26, 1984, 11:30 a.m.

The Pioneer Church

Oakwood Memorial Park

Chatsworth, California

Clergyman

The Reverend Thomas Wade Vaughn



Who loves a garden still his Eden keeps, Perennial pleasures plants, and wholesome harvests reaps.

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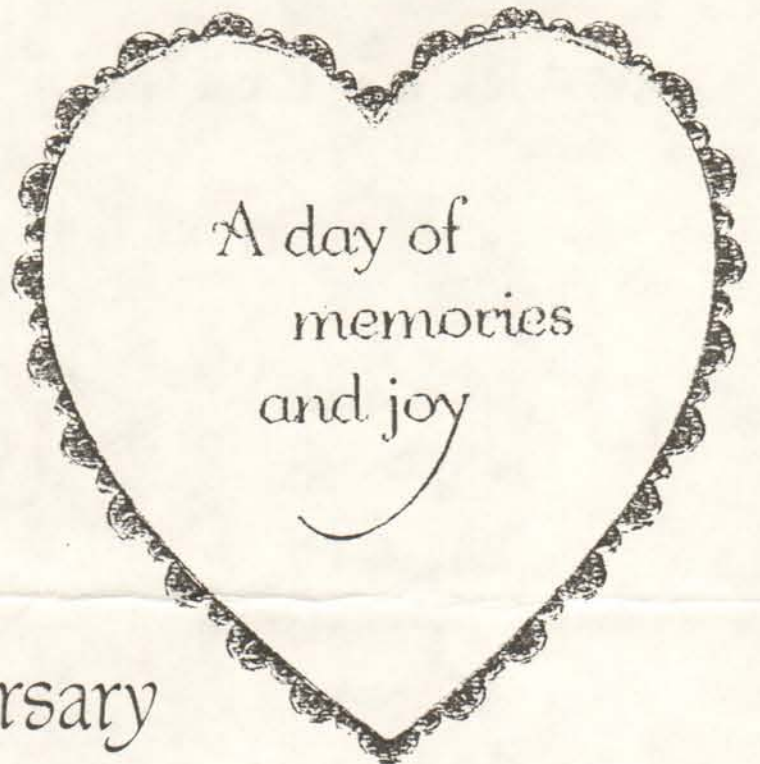
OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of ROSALIE AULEPP passed away Sunday night - September 30th.

A lovely Memorial Service was held on Oct. 4th at our Pioneer Church in Oakwood Memorial Park.

Rosalie was very much a part of saving the old church - she was chairman, representing the Jr. Woman's Club at the time we had the reception to initiate saving the church, at the home of Roy Rogers. She was active in many other projects for the Society, one which included the float-chairman representing the C.H.S. for the parade (after helping tie on flowers for hours Eileen Janess decided to join us). She held the office of Sec. at one time and was installing officer on two different occasions. Her husband, Garvin, was our third president (twice), which meant that she was an active helper for him.

She was very active in the P.T.A. organization in Germain St., Lawrence JR. High and in Chatsworth High.

Rosalie was always very much a part of the Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club



## Golden Wedding Anniversary

Over 250 friends and relatives attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Celia and Jim Woodman held at the Chatsworth Stake Center.

Congratulations were read from state Sen. Edward M. Davis, R-Canoga Park. Sheelagh Watts presented a plaque from Councilman Hal Bernson during the program.

The couple's children, James P. Woodman and his wife Lanita, and Jeanne Marks and her husband Greg, participated in the program as well as grandchildren Elizabeth Abbie Marks, Derek and Mona Woodman, Kellie, Kimberly and Frank Spangler Jr., Shelly and Bill Simon, Peter Woodman and great-grandchildren Blake and Lucas Woodman, and Jesse and Joshua Simon.

Also attending were relatives and friends from out-of-state, including Celia's sisters, Eleanore Gage of Washington and Alva Clark of Colorado.

The Woodmans were married July 4, 1934, in South Denver, Colorado, and have lived in Chatsworth since 1947.

This lovely reception was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Chatsworth on July 4th..... A memorable program was held in the Sanctuary and the reception was in the recreational hall.

Celia wore her original wedding gown and wore a golden tiara in her hair. Jim wore a gold-taupe suit.

The Wedding table was all white and gold - the wedding cake was decorated with yellow roses - the mints were white and yellow - the floral bouquet was yellow roses and white babies' breath. On another table in keeping with their July 4th Ann. were red, white and blue finger sandwiches and three punch bowls, one containing red punch, one white punch and the other blue punch.

Thirty four members of the Chatsworth Historical Society attended. The members coming from the farthest distance were Ed and Lorna Ahlstrom from Yuba City, California.

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GRANDPARENTS, CHUCK AND EILEEN JANESS, happily witnessed a wedding of another grandchild:

Daniel Roesch and Celene McWatters were united in a spiritually beautiful wedding ceremony at the Chatsworth Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses on July 14, 1984. Danny chose as his Best Man, Danny Walto with other Attendants, Cory Van Den Ham, John Robert Dewer and Shawn Lane. Debbie Kohler was Celene's Maid-of-Honor and her Bridesmaids were; Doreen Van Den Ham, Deanne Blumenthal and Debbie Brown (the four "D's").

In addition to Chuck and Eileen, other loved ones were Jim and Charlene Roesch, Danny's parents and Virginia McWatters, Celene's mother and "Grandpa and Grandma" Hank Beck. Many brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles came from in town and out of town. Several members of the Chatsworth Historical Society were there to enjoy this lovely occasion.

A sit-down reception followed the wedding ceremony at the Canoga Park Women's Club.

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Sunday, the eighth of July at Luthern Church of the Resurrection in Canoga Park, California was really a day of joy when Robert (Bobby) Swartz took beautiful Wendy Wickline to be his lovely bride.

Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wickline and Bobby is the son of our Bob & Marian Swartz. He is the nephew of Lila Schepler, Gene and Elaine Swartz..

The colorscheme for this beautiful wedding was shades of lavender and pink. Her new sister-in-law, Faye Ann was the Maid-of-Honor - preceded by four bridesmaids. Bobby chose Kevin, as his Best Man, with four groomsmen.

Kevin and Faye Anne's two little boys, as ring-bearers, were adorable and the two little flower-girls were precious in pink. Wendy's beautiful white bridal gown was crowned with new-style white bridal hat and veil.

The beautiful songs were sung by the famous songster, Barbara Hayley.

Members of the Chatsworth Historical society that were at the reception at the Knollwood Country Club were: Bill and Lila Schepler, Elaine Swartz, Gene and Lisa Swartz - Jim and Betty Summers, the Mitchells, Ed, Louise, Christina and Matthew. Also seen were Kay Curtis, Joe and Barbara Pampalone and Jim and Celia Woodman.

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# MARLYS RETIRES



Our Marlys Stuckenbruck is shy and humble, meek and modest, and believes herself unworthy of recognition - soooooo she didn't announce her retirement until the last day of school because she didn't want everyone to feel that the school and her friends would be obligated to give her a retirement party! But she really didn't know her friends and her school associates very well because instead of ONE Grand Finale, she received Double Delight: Officially she was retired on June 16th and on June 29th "the Old Timers" hosted a luncheon at the Samoa House where she was given a beautiful plaque honoring her dedicated service to Chatsworth Park School - 1957-1984.

The other - a dinner Sept. the 8th, honoring both Marlys and Lucy Riddle, who is not a member (yet), but who helps in the Rose Garden. This delightful dinner was given at the Velvet Turtle by faculty and friends. The two honorees were each given a beautiful gold chain. Marlys was truly tired and stressed after all those dedicated years, but her greater precedence was in caring for Linn - his very rigid diet takes a full-time cook and dietitian for his continuing health and it is time for them to be together. Linn continues to gain in health & strength because of her good care. He keeps busy with his writing and photography work and sends his greetings to all, and thanks you for your concerns. Marlys says it was with pride and pleasure to be at Chatsworth Park School because of the wonderful students, parents, faculty and staff. Even now since she has been retired since June, she starts to think about recess, as the clock chimes 10 o'clock.

She started her teaching career in Glendale in 1951 and has spent the last 27½ years, since Feb. 1957, in Chatsworth. She started when the beloved principal, LaVerne Lee, was principal.

They were married Oct. 13, 1945 and daughter Linda (Corky, as we have all known her) was born Sept. 1946. Corky has her Master's Degree in Fine Arts (and Fabrics) and is teaching in the same college that her husband, Mark Smith, is teaching oil painting - Texas Women's University.

Marlys has several letters from former students who are now doctors, Air Force Officers, etc....

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THE CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY wishes to give a special "Thank you" to Gene Swartz for making and hanging the 6 X 5 Bulletin Board in the Museum. Everyone is invited to come to see it & the display.

Another Big Thank you goes to Larry McCoy and Ruth Heumann who cleaned and weeded and hauled all the weeds away that had filled the ditch on the Acre, and another thanks to Larry's wife, Marcie, who had sprayed all those weeds the week before. Having them dead, dead, dead made the work of weeding much easier to do. It looks so nice and will no longer be a flood hazard for there.

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## FUTURE PROJECTS AND EVENTS:

Another of Candy's Rose Pruning Demonstrations Saturday - January 5th

Book Sale at the newly decorated Topanga Plaza Friday, Saturday and Sunday - January 18, 18, 20

Do you have something interesting for our Hobby Corner or display case in the museum?

We are still in need of a storage shed or? at the Acre to keep article that have been donated during the year for the Yard Sale.

We need many more volunteers to help in the garden and cleaning before each Open House.

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Welcome to new members since the June issue:  
Student - Ann Thomas - 7429 Alameda  
Canoga Park, CA 91303

Irma Goodman - 10018 Cozycroft  
Chatsworth, CA tel. 882-3439

June L. Butler - 10344 Farralone  
Chatsworth, CA 91311 tel. 709-4732

Richard & Lucile Thompson - 11203 Rincon Dr.  
Whittier, CA 90606 Tel. 695-8771

Kenneth & Diana Bartlett - 9824 Baden Ave.  
Chatsworth, CA 91311 Tel. 998-8053

Change of address for Harry Mitchell  
43275 Hacienda St. - Apt. S  
Hemet, CA 92344 (he wants to keep up with Chatsworth Historical Soc. happenings.)

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Birthday Blessings for those in July, Aug. Sept. & Oct.:

July- Eileen Janess, Bill Schepler, Sandy Johnson, Lorraine Mitchell, Marilyn Hayes, Keith Watts, Louise Roberts, Mary Bishop, Jean Williams, Harmon Swan, Red Ewalt, Harry Mitchell and Felicia Robinson.

Aug.- Orville Mitchell, Trudi Schaff, Robert Hayes, Irene Nalbandian, Zena Thorpe, Wilda Johnson, Steve Washburn and Celia Woodman

Sept.- Jim Summers, Bob Selvidge, Lee Arnold, Virginia Ditto, Ed Clark, Bob Sherman, Matthew Mitchell, Randall Clark, Ed Dietrich, Louise Mitchell, Eddie Mitchell, Candy Craig, Carol Overton and Hildur Berkemeyer.

OCT.- Doris Dosser, Michael Lauritzen, Millie Goff, Polly Vickers, C athe Cleveland, Carolyn Grimm, Peggy Beltramo, Iva Edinger, Sheelagh Watts, Lucille Clements, Margaret Ruffalo,

Lillian Schepler, Louise Curinga, Myrtle Bradley and Dr. Don Ferris. (All new people please call me for your date)

# Chatsworth rancher James P. Butler dies at age 92

Article  
in

Daily News

by

Virginia Watson

Fernando Valley Soil Conservation District in 1955.

He served on the County Agriculture Commission for many years and was appointed to the San Fernando Valley Fair Board which he served for 12 years.

He helped organize the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau in 1917 and served as president several times, holding other offices in local, state and national farm bureaus as well.

He was instrumental in the formation of the California Farm Bureau

Scholarship Foundation and the Cal-Farm Insurance Companies and was awarded the California Farm Bureau Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture in 1961. He went to Europe on a study mission to the Common Market with the Farm Bureau in 1963.

He had been a member of the Elks Lodge for 64 years. The San Fernando Elks Lodge 1539 conducted his funeral services at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena.

He is survived by four children: James P. Butler of Beaumont, John W. Butler, Nice; Margaret Louise Roberts and Valeta M. Koller, Chatsworth. He leaves seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

## PIONEER RANCHER DIES —

James P. Butler, a pioneer rancher in Chatsworth since 1919, died Aug. 27, two days after his 92nd birthday.

Well-known in the area, Butler had lived in Chatsworth most of his life and was a familiar figure. He was born in Wayne, Neb., in 1892 but moved with his family to Pasadena when he was only a year old.

Later he farmed melons and potatoes in the Pasadena area. He owned a citrus nursery in 1913, but the pressures of urbanization forced him out. He acquired land at the corner of Lassen Street and Variel Avenue where he planted his first citrus orchard and continued to plant citrus groves, being responsible for most of the citrus groves in the West San Fernando Valley that were so predominant before the housing development took over.

In 1960 when the orange groves were uprooted, he built the Hughes Market building at the corner of Devonshire Street and Canoga Avenue, the first supermarket to be built in Chatsworth.

A firm believer of group and unified action, Butler served as vice president of the Canoga Park Sunkist Association packing house when W.W. Orcutt was president and was a director of the San

Although he was not an active member of our Pioneer Church when it was still a Missionary church, he was always there to help out when there were no funds to pay a pastor or other demanding expenses, just as he was always willing to help in any needed situation.

Both of his daughters are Life Members of our C.H.S. and each of them gave \$100 to the Memorial Fund. His name will be placed on another brass plate and the \$200 will be used in the garden fund. Thank you, Louise Roberts and Valeta Koller!

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Orville Mitchell is again in the hospital following surgery. Please pray for his quick recovery. Cards may be sent to their home 1791 Ysrella - P.O. Box 603 - Simi Valley, 93065.

Chuck and Eileen Janess spent a month vacationing in Calif, and Idaho.

Lillian Schepler spent 2 wonderful months in Europe and she's "not glad to be home" -- too much mail to sort - too many jobs to do.....

Tricia Plucknett is visiting her sister in Phoenix, Arizona, while Burrell is deep-sea fishing somewhere in the seven-seas....

Did you see the beautiful article in the "Neighbors" section of the Daily News on Wednesday October 3rd? A large picture of our Homestead Cottage with Tricia and Marian standing in front and a picture of the kitchen, showing the old stove, etc. It was not written by Jerri Spoehel as credited but by our own Virginia Watson. (Printer goofed)

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Virginia Ditto has started what I hope will become a trend in the Chatsworth Historical Society. Virginia is the member who, with Catherine Mulholland, helped give such a delightful program at the elementary school three years ago, telling us all about what it was like to go to school in the area during the twenties and thirties. Born in Chatsworth, Virginia attended Chatsworth Park Elementary School and Canoga Park High School as that was the only high school in the West Valley.

Virginia graduated from Canoga High in 1941 and her older sister Bonnie graduated in 1939. Virginia has donated five Canoga Park High School yearbooks to the society. They are from 1937, '38, '39, '40 and '41. The books will be on display at our November Open House.

I do hope other people will follow her leadership and donate yearbooks from local schools to the society. Since we only deal with local or Western United States history - we are only interested in the yearbooks from schools within that area. However, if we had books from another area, we might possibly trade them with a society in another part of the country.

What better way of showing a period of history than through the pages of a high school yearbook?

Virginia Watson