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We had no regular meeting in December because of so many Holiday activities.

Open House on December 2nd was well attended and quite a number of people then went to the Pioneer Church which is now being open, also on the first Sunday...our Minnie Palmer House was very Festive with the beautifully decorated tree, given by Dean and Candy and then taken to their home for the remaining Holiday Season.

The Chatsworth Parade on December 16th was very good for our little town of Chatsworth - bands and horse and riders came from many miles away. Your Editor took 2 of her great-grandchildren and watched diligently for the entrant from the Chatsworth Historical Society -- believing that we were late and it, perhaps, was one of the first ones, we later learned that our riders were there, but not one of the 3 old cars that Lillian contacted ever arrived.

However, the float from the Pioneer Church, members of The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, was a beautiful Entrant showing "Pioneer Christmas at the Pioneer Church", pioneer costumes, etc. It may not have been as grand as the Rose Parade, but the Chamber of Commerce and all the committee did a very fine job. Thanks to everyone for their fine help and cooperation.

We wish to welcome our newest member, Anona McConnell - 11401 N. Topanga Canyon, #116, Chatsworth, CA 91311 Tel. 998-0432. She and her husband live in the lovely Indian Hills Mobile Estates just before you get to the Simi Freeway. She is one of our Native Daughters, having been born in Mission Acres, now the town of Sepulveda. The old house where she was born is still standing. They have three grown children.

She didn't even know there was a Chatsworth Historical Society until she took a tour of our old house and gardens. She also belongs to the San Fernando Historical Society.

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



Many of you old-timers may remember my brother-in-law, Norman Gage. Norman passed away November 19th following a heart attack. He is survived by my sister, Eleanore and his daughter, Myrna, her husband, John Knowlden and their three daughters. Some of you may remember that when they left Chatsworth, they moved to Arcata, CA, where they lived for several years before moving to Seattle, Washington.

If you have toured our Minnie Palmer House you would have seen the old sewing machine that was donated by Norman and Eleanore. It was the first sewing machine given to the Indian women by our government.

John Knowlden's mother was Mary De Pinto who graduated from Canoga Park High School about the same time that our Catherine Mulholland did. John is very interested in the history of our area. I sent him and his mother Mary Knowlden, a copy of Catherine's book, "Calabasas Girls". Those of you who do not have her book have missed a very important bit of our history.

Jane Matthews is moving back closer to us -- when she moved to Arizona, we thought we had lost her forever -- then she moved to Solvang, the quaint little town in Calif. that must be seen by everyone and now this nice surprise, Jane is moving into her new home in Camarillo. Her new address is: 458 Sobre Colinas, CA 93010 (tel.805-484-3448)

I was unable to find my "Birthday Book" when I wrote the November Smoke Signal. Now that it is found our congratulations to those having birthdays in November: Fred Clark, Dennis Moran, Milo Johnson, Jr., Olga Bay-- Myrna Leiner, Violet Wilson, Maureen Cates, Betty Selvidge, Valeta Koller (and Nov. 30 was our Minnie Hill Palmer's BD)

December Birthday congratulations: Luella Clark, Ginny Dill, Marci Johnson, Evelyn Meltzer, Jeanne Marks, Irene Haag, Carol McCafferty-- Ruby Swan, Mary Hanson, Larry Mitchell, Shirley Jones, Ruth Ulery, Gene Cleveland and Jimmy Studnicka.

Happy Birthdays for January: Greg Marks (Jan. 1), Lila Schepler, Helen Fladwed, Esther Dietrich, Janice Lauritzen, Ruth Ottinger, Christina Mitchell, Vee Perez, & Randy McKnight. Kellie's parents are Greg and Jeanne Marks from Chatsworth and Bob's parents are Bob and Ginny Scannell and sister, Kathy from Canoga Park. Dave Schroeder was Bob's Best Man. Kellie's brother, Frank Jr. and cousin, Peter Woodman, flew down from B.Y.U. following Frank's final, just in time for the wedding. The young couple were delighted that Uncle Jim and Aunt Lanita Woodman stayed for the wedding - 2 days later left for their new home in Ark. after Jimmy's 20 years in the Police Department. The bridegroom is a policeman in Simi. Following the Honey-moon, they are now at home in Chatsworth-10230 Independence.

NEW GRANDBABY:

December 1, 1984 was chosen by Caitlin Elizabeth Craig to join her brother, Timothy, now two years old. Her parents are Lisa and Matthew Craig, who live in Canyon Country. Mother, Lisa is a math teacher at Beverly Hills High School. Father Matthew has his own company, Western College Supply. Of course, the grandparents, Dean and Candy Craig are as delighted with their new granddaughter as they are with Timothy.

Golden Wedding Day

NOW WE HAVE LEARNED:

.....that Steve and Henrietta Washburn celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary (Aug. 25, 1984) "living it up" touring all of Europe in 20 days!

Now, instead of celebrating with them, we will have to go to their home to see all the wonderful memoirs they have of that great occasion.

Wedding News

Kellie Spangler and Bob Scannell chose Sat. December 15th as the day for their lovely wedding.

As they exchanged their wedding vows in the Chatsworth United Methodist Church, Grandpa and Grandma could remember her baptism just 23 years ago in almost the same spot. "Grandpa" Harold Johnson was her Godfather.

Kellie looked lovely in her sheer ivory gown with a wreath of fresh flowers in her hair. Her sister flew all the way from Odessa, Texas to be the Maid of Honor and little sister, Beth Marks was adorable, as the flower girl, dressed in pink satin. Her color scheme was all in pink and magenta, which was carried through at the reception held at the home of her grandparents Jim and Celia Woodman.