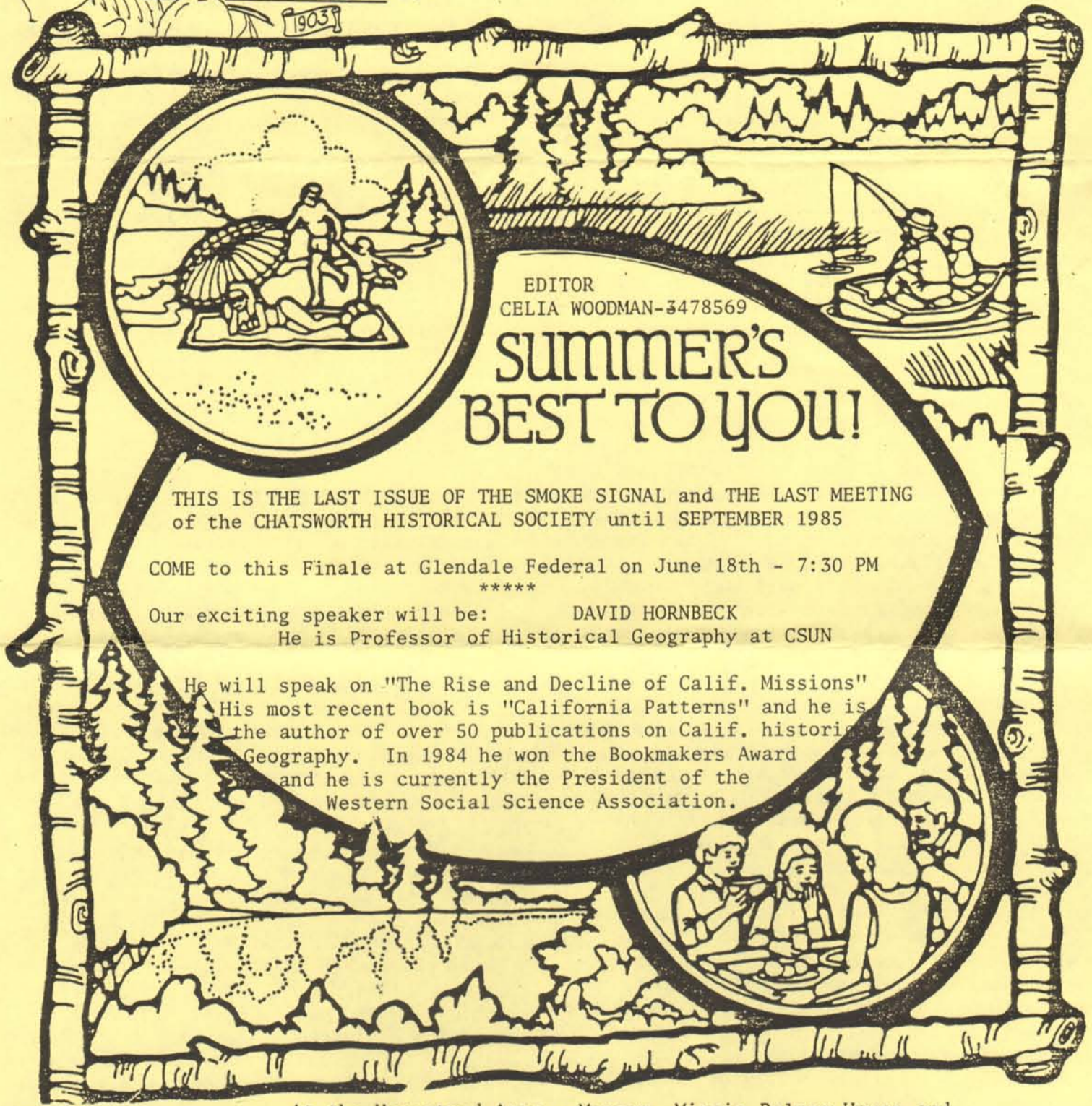


# Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California 91313

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## SUMMER'S BEST TO YOU!

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SMOKE SIGNAL and THE LAST MEETING of the CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY until SEPTEMBER 1985

COME to this Finale at Glendale Federal on June 18th - 7:30 PM  
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Our exciting speaker will be: DAVID HORNBECK  
He is Professor of Historical Geography at CSUN

He will speak on "The Rise and Decline of Calif. Missions"  
His most recent book is "California Patterns" and he is the author of over 50 publications on Calif. historical Geography. In 1984 he won the Bookmakers Award and he is currently the President of the Western Social Science Association.

# 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 Angelican 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Chatsworth Historical Society

Print Please:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bring with you or mail to—  
Chatsworth Historical Society  
P.O. Box 102  
Chatsworth, California 91311



A REMINDER FROM MARIAN HYLAND:

To all members, who are not Life Members, or have not paid their dues during the last 3 months; your dues are due in June and delinquent in Sept. for 1985-86. Dues can be paid to her or to Chuck Janess now and until June 16 at that time Marian and Ralph will be going on their vacation to Canada - they will not return until Labor Day.

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We have so many new members - we wish to give them all a BIG Welcome!  
Joe Iverson - written about on page 3.....

Sally Pollock - 10337 Larwin - Chats. CA 91311  
Tel. 882-4260 LOST and FOUND AGAIN!  
Sally sent us a check for membership a year ago but it must have gone into donations instead of membership, we're sorry, but so glad we have found you, Sally. Sally will be one of our staunchest members now, I know. She does needle point and rug-hooking. She is a volunteer for seniors transportation at the Reseda Multi-purpose Center. They will be moving into their new building on Victory & Etiwanda soon and always need donations and volunteer help.

Joanne Venditto - 22360 Devonshire Chats. CA 91311  
Tel. 362-6995 - Joanne is the Recreation Director in Charge at our Chatsworth Park. She is unable to attend our regular meetings because and her husband teach and coach a girl's softball team with the Amateur Soft ball Assoc. every Sunday. And she is currently taking computer classes. Husband, Tony, teaches at the Bel Air Prep School in West L.A. where he is always involved with young people. From this busy schedule, I surmise, they must have to have an appointment to even see each other! But she has a great interest in our Homestead Acre.

Fauness E. Day - 21500 Lassen #158 - Chats. CA 91311 - Tel 341-1155 - She is a Rock Hound and loves sewing. She was born in Burbank and lived there until 1967 when she moved to Chatsworth. She got her beautiful name from a beautiful camping trip that her parents had had when she was born (a goddess of the shepherds). She has a daughter and grandson, who live in Redondo.

Mary Lou Schultz - 8412 Fallbrook, Canoga Park CA 91304 tel. 347-6354 (It is such fun for your editor to get these interviews - I ask their place of employment or retirement, their hobbies and interests, about their loved one, etc. she likes camping and claims to be a "Beach Bumb" likes fishing, gardening and crocheting, so then I ask about her children; Clayton Ferrero, John Ferrero and Teresa Kieffer and Diana Empero. Not until she said Clayton and John were born when they lived on Plummer St. where they had a large garden-farm did it suddenly dawn on me that that was OUR Clayton Ferrero - the young man who had a moving-large-loads business. It was Clayton who moved our Pioneer Church to its present location in Oakwood Memorial Park against all kinds of odds and only charged us \$1000, just the cost to pay his workers and the permit. She then mentioned that it was her mother, Teresa Lari that had the vegetable stand on Topanga C where we all bought our veg. at that time. She is so much a part of our history.

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Danny and Barbara Daniels - 20725 Lemarsh St. #C Chatsworth, CA 91311 - 341-0885. Barbara is a Para Legal Sec.. Her hobbies are reading, writing and traveling - she and her husband and daughter, Jill are all interested in basketball! Jill won her scholarship to BYU for sports. Danny is a swimming pool specialist, loves gardening.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE:

IN MEMORIAM:

We send our condolences to the family of our long time member, Harmon Swan. He passed away May 8, 1985 after a month's illness. He was born July 17, 1903 in Washington D.C. He had a twin brother, Harold, preceded him in death. He had many fond memories of Wash. D.C. especially all the time his father worked at the Smithsonian Institute before moving to CA He was in the first 4-year graduating class at UCLA. He was married to Ruby June 4, 1939. They have 3 children, Nola Brockway, Sandra Morrison and Stephen Swan and 5 grandchildren. Harmon and Ruby moved to North Hollywood in 1948 to live at a ranch that his father had purchased in 1915. After his retirement (30 yr) they moved to Chatsworth in 1972 and joined our Historical shortly after.

Please send any remembrance to "The Organ Fund" at the Chatsworth United Methodist Church" \*\*\*\*\*

Bob Swartz joins the post-surgery club-- He had a right ocular lens implant on Wed. - May 29th. He is now home and doing very well. He can already see better, but like all the others with this type of surgery, he has to wear dark glasses to keep out the glare..... We are glad it is all over, he has waited so long for an appointment.

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Lillian Schepler took Sarita Goodman to Solvang last week-end to visit friends in celebration of her 91st birthday. They had lunch in Solvang and spent two days visiting with long-time friends. We wonder how many of us can be as spry as Sarita at age 91?

Such a sweet, thoughtful thing for you to do, Lillian.

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IOLINE CLEVELAND is RETIRING FROM TEACHING!

We will have a retirement party for Ioline at the Homestead Acre on June 23rd from 3-5 PM She is retiring from teaching after ? years. (but does that mean we will get to see more of her? Probably, not. She will be spending more time at the Antique Shows, etc.) Please call us for more details or come to the meeting on June 18th.....)

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Virgil and Ruth Heumann will celebrate their 50th Anniversary Party at Open House on June 16th 2-4 PM at The Chapel of the Canyon in the Water Fall Room. They were married June 17, 1935 in Maryville, Missouri. They have one son, Kevin, who lives here and a granddaughter Nichole (10½), who will be here to celebrate with them. Other guests of honor will be the couple that stood up with them, Chas. and Virginia Kaelson from Overland, Park Kansas. Ruth and Virginia had gone all the way through El. school and High school together.

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARYS

Chuck Janess, Gertrude Cook Joe Iverson, Nancy Lovelady Dean Craig, Tricia Plucknett, Fauness Day, Nancy Oliva, Georgia Cooper & Carmelita Johnson - Kelley Watson Daily.



# COMING SOON

2 Great Events

June 8th - 9th

Chatsworth Historical  
Society

AT THE HOME OF EVERETT & IOLINE CLEVELAND - 10347 Jordan, Chatsworth

## YARD SALE

SAT. & SUN. - June 8th & 9th

FURNITURE

PLANTS

DISHES

Come and bring your friends & neighbors  
9 to 5 on Saturday - 9 to 4 on Sunday

LUGGAGE

LINENS

If you have anything to donate,  
call any of us for pick-up

BOOKS

CLOTHING

HATS

SHOES

JEWELRY

KNICK-KNACKS POTS & PANS

TOYS & GAMES &??

We had such wonderful response and cooperation from most everyone in the Historical Soc. for the Rose Festival, that we know you will do the same, - EVERY MEMBER Please send something and come to help Lillian and Ioline and Everett EVERY NIGHT, Monday thru Friday to bring things from our storage unit, or to sort and mark, etc. Call Ioline Cleveland at Tel-341-1529 or Lillian Schepler 341-2010 to let them know when you will help.....

The grand occasion for this Centennial Jubilee is to honor Joe Iverson on his 89th Birthday His great-nephew, Bob Sherman & his wife, Debbie, are bringing together many of his old-time friends for getting together and renewing old-time acquaintances. Those who have promised to come are: Sunset Carson, Monty Hale, Jock Mahoney, Yakima Cannute, Bob Strong, Rex Allen, Doc Wayne, Leck Brown, Sammy McKain, Kid Chissell, & hopefully, Roy Rogers, the 1880 Gun Fighters and many other Industry figures; Sammy McKain was one of the Three Musketeers. Food is included in the price of the ticket....

Joe is our newest member, yes, I'm sure everyone thought he was a regular member, because he is always at our special occasions. He is not the oldest member of our Society, but he is the oldest member that was born in Chatsworth-he was born on the Iverson Ranch June 4, 1896 to his parents, Carl and Augusta, who came from Norway & Sweden. They had 5 children; Carl, Sena, Anna, Aaron and Joe, all deceased except Joe. His wife, Iva died 4 years ago.

## IVERSON MOVIE LOCATION RANCH CENTENNIAL JUBILEE

DATE: JUNE 9, 1985

TIME: 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: IVERSON MOVIE LOCATION RANCH

MEET EARLY MOVIE INDUSTRY PERSONALITIES  
ON THE LOCATION SITE OF MANY OF THEIR EPIC  
FILMS.

### FEATURING

HISTORICAL AWARDS BANQUET

WESTERN FOOD

HORSESHOE CONTEST

COUNTRY MUSIC

CHECKERS TOURNAMENT

SQUARE DANCING

BEAUTY CONTEST

STUNT SHOW & EXPOSITION

HORSE RIDING

BUGGY RIDES

T.V. & MEDIA COVERAGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION WRITE OR  
CALL: BOB SHERMAN AC818-700-9049  
P.O. Box 3096  
CHATSWORTH, CA. 91313

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$8.50  
GATE TICKET PRICE: \$9.50



# WONDERS of the WORLD

.....that's the Chatsworth Historical Soc....  
all the accomplishments, the Oh's and Ah's  
over the events of May 18th & 19th were worth  
all the work of our dedicated members and  
other volunteers:

FROM LILA SCHEPLER, CHAIRMAN of COMMITTEE

## "WEEKEND AT THE HOMESTEAD" - -

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A GIANT  
THANK YOU! to all our Docents  
and Members who made the "Week-  
end" a hugely successful event.

On a picture perfect day the L.A.  
Associated Historical Soc.'s 75  
representatives met to conduct  
business and Tour the Cottage, Rose  
Gardens, Museum and hear lectures &  
view slides of historic Chatsworth  
photos. After a delicious luncheon  
at tables decorated with historic  
roses, they also toured SSMPA Hdqts.  
and the 1903 Pioneer Church.

On a 2nd picture-perfect, warm and  
balmy day the famous Rose Festival  
took place. Hundreds and hundreds  
of people who love roses came to  
view the Gardens; sip lemonade under  
the giant walnut tree; purchase a  
cookie or baked goods at the sale  
table; purchase roses and other  
plants; browse and purchase at the  
mini-book sale or the collectable  
table or the Museum store- \$1100.00  
accruing to the Society from all of  
the browsing & looking & purchasing!  
And of course, Toured the Cottage and  
Museum.

We thank Joe Iverson who came to  
autograph Bob Sherman's Book on his  
life and the Movie Ranch. We thank  
Boy Scout Troops #777 and #26 for  
handling the parking so efficiently;  
And Scout Troop #534 for moving the  
chairs; the Recreation Dept. Staff for  
loaning and delivering the tables,  
chairs and barricades.

Thank you one and all for support  
of a fine project.

Your Steering Committee:  
Ioline Cleveland, President  
Millie Goff, Hospitality V.P.  
Candy Craig, Dir. of Gardens  
Lillian Schepler, Financial V.P.  
Lila Schepler, Dir. of Docents

CANDY CRAIG was Chairman for this beautiful  
event of the year - The Rose Festival.....  
Candy was Chairman and did most of the work  
for planning and getting roses, herbs and  
other plants ready for the sale, but husband  
Dean, did all the hard work of mowing, weeding,  
cleaning of the gardens to make them so spot-  
lessly beautiful that someone heard Shirley  
Berger say, "This is the second best Rose  
Festival in Southern California!" So all of  
you, who were there and all of you that were  
not able to come this year, will surely want  
to be there next year.

In addition to wanting everyone to enjoy our  
lovely gardens, the museum and the Minnie Palmer  
House, we were elated to learn that from the  
profits from plants, food sale, books, lemon-  
ade and white elephants, we made \$1200.00, which  
will help pay for the months that Candy and  
Dean will not be caring for our gardens - June  
to October - while they will be vacationing in  
Colorado. Dean is officially retired in June  
and we all wish them they finest earned vacation  
(This does not mean that we won't need volunteer  
help in the gardens while they are gone - so  
please call Zena Thorpe 882-3572, whose son  
will be caring for the gardens while they are  
away). Candy wants to thank EVERYONE who gave  
and helped in any way and credits the wonder-  
ful publicity for bringing the people, not  
only locally, but several from far away. Some  
of these people will be mentioned in another  
part of the paper, also to the many volunteers,  
especially Margaret Tagaris and Lucy Riddle  
and Pat and Karen Stafford who came the day be-  
fore and stayed over. Daughter, Bronwen Craig  
was the beautiful lemonade hostess helping  
our Tricia Plucknett.

And it was great to have Joe Iverson there to  
autograph the book written by his great-nephew,  
Bob Sherman - "Quiet on the Set".  
Much credit should be given to Kevin O'Conner  
for putting us on Channel 4 and to the other  
News Media - the event was written up in 3 papers

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People came from many places - probably one  
that came the farthest was Karen Craig, sister  
of Debbie Huntinford (my next door neighbor).  
Her home is in Connecticut. There were some  
from Anaheim and Cliff and Mary Thelma Swartz  
who live in Lytle Creek, CA. sister, Elaine  
who is now living in Stanton, CA. Minnie's  
daughter, Edith Butler, from San Fernando,  
brought her best friend, Mary Lou Gilbert

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Another new member:  
Stephanie Bertholdo - 6333 Canoga Ave. #201  
Woodland Hills CA 91367 tel. 883-3768  
Stephanie is the Marketing Director of Jerry  
Berns and Assoc. Realtors. She loves bicycl-  
ing, aerobics and soon-to-be-scuba diving.  
She was a friend and classmate of Eden Craig  
and had lost track of her until she saw Candy  
at the Rose Gardens and saw the Memorial Bench  
for Eden. She plans to be married in Sept.

Have you seen the embroidered sampler that is  
framed under glass as a tray in our cottage?  
It's maker was probably quite young when the  
sampler was sewn. The embroidered words are  
old and faded and it is difficult to read.  
The charming verse is as follows:

" If thou my father still art nigh  
Cheered I live and peaceful die  
Secure when mortal comforts flee  
To find ten thousand worlds in thee.

27 1816 "  
Naomi Ann Powers was born December