

Several members sharing with us the historical highlights of their particular summer vacation!

Ioline Cleveland will tell of their trip to Nebraska and thereabouts - she has also donated her school collection to the C.H.S.

Felicia Robinson will show slides and talk on her exciting trip to China (especially geared to all of us who will never be able to go.) Lila and Bill Schepler will give an overview of their family reunion in Canada, Oregon, etc.. Marian Hyland will also tell of experiences of their summer 3 months in Canada. If anyone of you have had an unusual vacation to share, please come prepared. See you all there....bring a friend.....

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Lila wants to thank everyone, especially the docents, who have worked so hard during the hot summer months in the museum, the cottage and particularly those working in the Gardens, while Dean and Candy are vacationing in the mountains of beautiful Colorado. They will be home soon, perhaps before the next Smoke Signal.

Dues are now due for all those who are not Life Members and who did not pay in Spring

William Schepler (Director of

Photographic Materials)

Member at Large)

Eileen Janess (Auditor)

Betty Summers (Assist. Curator &

Ramon Avila (Member at Large)

Dean Craig (Member at Large)

Candy Craig (Co-Chairman-Grounds) 341-4461

their swap meets \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ At Cleveland's....\$1700.00 on Sat. & Sun, the rest that they took to SPEAKING OF MONEY! To all of you who worked, donated articles and got them from your friends and neighbors, we made \$2844.55....

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 -

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM Visitors are welcome to view the Church each Sunday Morning

DOCENTS this month will be-Virginia Watson, Zena Thorpe; & Pauline Aue WORK DAY Last Thursday of every month and WE NEED YOU!

Chatsworth Historical Society

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday-7:30 P.M.

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News

Mike and Jan Lauritzen are among teachers returning to local schools this fall. They have used some of their spare time during the past several years to turn their interest in computers into Master's degrees from CSUN. Completing the degrees, which were awarded in May of this year, has taken a great deal of time and energy, but was an enjoyable and rewarding experience. It involved each writing and publishing a Project Thesis. Both are now teaching Computer Science, Jan at Cleveland HS and Mike at his alma mater, Canoga Park HS.

Unfortunately there has been little time for other outside activities, but Jan, as a member of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society, and daughter, Ridi, have entered flower arrangements in local Iris shows. Their efforts were rewarded beyond all expectations when, at the same show, Ridi's arrangement was selected as the Best of Youth and Jan's was selected as the overall Best of Show. Weeding and cultivating the 500+ iris in their garden has provided both Jan and Mike with welcome relief from the rigors of academic life.

Every year the Iris Society sponsors two shows at the Promenade Mall. For anyone interested in planting some of the thousands of beautiful varieties of iris available, the club also has an annual iris sale, at the mall, the first weekend in October.

JOE IVERSON'S CENTENNIAL JUBILEE

The Iverson Movie Location Ranch on June 9, 1985 was the site of one of the largest reunions of Western Movie Stars ever assembled at any Movie Location Ranch. The reason for this reunion was the 89th birthday of Joseph A. Iverson. Robert Sherman wanted to make this birthday a very special event for his great uncle so he organized a celebration which Joe will never forget.

The day was highlighted with live entertainment, singing, dancing, and comedians. The Kahana stunt crew from Chatsworth performed and demonstrated many simulated fight scene The 1880 gun fighters performed a make believe good old fashioned western shoot out along with western can-can dancing. Also Monte Laird, one of the worlds fastest quick drawartists demonstrated his expertise of gun slinging, quick drawing and trick shooting.

The event was attended by over 600 stars, producers, directors, crew people, enthusiasts, and historians which included Roy Rogers & Dale Evans, Bob and Marge Wilkinson, Jan Hinkston, Jim & Cecilia Woodman Bill and Lila Schepler, and Bill and Irene Lanzendorf.

The Hollywood Appreciation Society presented awards to Joe Iverson for life-time achievement in motion picture industry. Also awards were given to Roy Rogers & Dale Evans for their participation and achievements to the film industry.

Next years festivities are already in the planning stages along with a very impressive guest list so look forward to next years shindig. TOO LATE FOR JUNE SMOKE SIGNAL!

Congratulations on Your Golden Hnniversary)

Virgil and Ruth Heumann celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an Open House on Sunday, June 16, 1985 from two to four PM at the Waterfall Room in the Chapel of the Canyon, Canoga Park with over 200 guests, many of whom were members of the Chatsworth Historical Soc.

Some of the historical remembrances were:
They were sweethearts when they attended
Central High School in St. Joseph, Mo. They
were married June 17th, 1935 in Marysville, Mo.
Special guests were Charles and Virginia Kaelson
from Overland Park, Kansas. Virginia Kaelson
and Ruth went from elementary school through
high school together, and the Kaelsons "stood
up" with the Heumanns on their wedding day.
These four have remained friends throughout
the years.

The Heumanns came to Cal. in 1941 to be near Ruth's family. They lived first in San Fernando and then moved to Chatsworth. We remember when Virgil owned the coffee shop on the Devonshire Golf Course when it was located where Chatsworth Park South is now. Virgil is still employed as a part-time employee with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. Ruth retired a few years ago after working 31 years as Credit Mgr. for the Facey Medical Group. They have both been very active and held many offices in Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge.

They have one son, Kevin who lives in the Valley and a grandaughter, Nichole, 10½, who flew from Virginia to be with her grandparents

for this grand occasion.

Virgil was hospitalized for several days and released last Sunday - is recuperating nicely - you just can't keep Virgil down.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Harold Hayward has passed away in his home in University Village in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Hayward was pastor of the Methodist Church (now our Pioneer Church in Oakwood Memorial Park) for the six years previous to its having been sold to the man who later sold it back to the Chatsworth Historical Society for \$1.00. At that time it was made a historical monument. About 1970 he and his wife Loucille moved to Oral Roberts University Village and lived there for several years before she passed away. A few years after that he met Lou, a retired physician whom he later married. They have had a happy life together since that time. Until about two years ago he conducted a 100-member bible class and continued to walk from their apartment to the dining room almost everyday until 2 or 3 days before his death. He leaves his wife, Lou and a son Frank and his wife, Lucille and their 6 children and another son, Richard and his wife, Betty and their daughter.

We are planning a memorial for him. If you would like to join us please send your check to Chuck Janess. PO Box 3102 Chatsworth, CA 91313.

We are the lucky recipients of the "Ioline Cleveland Education and School Collection" numbering I have no idea how many items-Pictures, Placques, School fire bell, Text books and on and on. She may know how many items are in the collection. It includes a original slate and slate pencil, lunch box etc.

We are also the lucky recipients of a Collection donated by Elizebeth and Gilbert Shadwick (Gilbert is the Grandson of N.A.Gray who was one of the early developers in this area-1895). It includes a tin boiler and lid, wooden potato masher, rug beater, Milk can, Crisco Cook Book of 1908, wooden plane and other kitchen items- about 50 in all. The Shadwicks now live in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



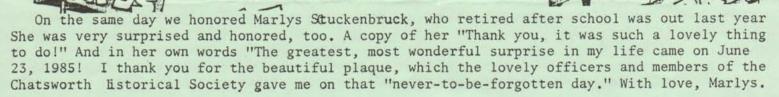
We wish you could have all been to the wonderful Retirement party that we had for our President Ioline Cleveland on June 23rd, but when you come to the next meeting on Tuesday, you will be able to see her memory book, the plaques from the Society and another from the Councilman's office, the gifts, the cards - a beautiful poem written by Roger Garrick and the beautiful book made by his wife Cheryl, honoring her for teaching their children, also 2 poems written by your Editor, etc, she will talk more about her retirement than he trip. Her "Thank You" card -- "Dear friends, You planned such a super day that I'm already glad that I retired. I appreciate your thoughts and your hard work on---vet another project".

I HAD A TERRIBLE TIME! AND IT WASN'T EASY IN...

...finding a card that said what a WONDERFUL, 1985

TREMENDOUS TIME I had!!! ()

THANKS SO MUCH!



The friends of Betty Wright Downing will be saddened to hear that she passed away on August 8,1985 after a lengthy illness. She was 68 years of age. Ahe and her husband Sam (who is a Life Member)have been with our Society since its' incepetion and - although they lived in Newport Beach, Pacific Grove and Salinas- have kept their interest in our work.

A beautiful Memorial Service was held on Aug.17,1985 in "Celebration of Life" of this lovely wife, mother and grandmother. It was held at the Methodist Church of Pacific Grove. During the service a eulogy was given by the friend who made the glorious banners flying in the church, with Betty. Betty had created the banners in Newport beach as well. A second Eulogy was given by the Presiden of the D.A.R. Unit to which Betty belonged. Two of her grandchildren sang solo' during the service- Amanda Kirkland and Michael Downing and refreshments followed served by the Downing's friends in the Church.

The sympathy of the Downing's many friends in Chatsworth Historical Society is extended to Sam and the family. A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of - Betty Wright Downing 1916-1985

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation P.O. Box 1049 Salinas, CA 93902

Betty and Sam's son is the Administrator at the Salinas Valley Mem. Hospital, Ahe leaves two daughters also- Marylu Kirkland and Diane Matthews and nine grandchildren

Lila and Bill Schepler spent a beautiful six weeks traveling with their trailer through California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alberta and British Columbia in Canada. They visited numerous friends and relatives on the way-meeting with Lila's bother Clifford and his wife Mary in Bend Oregon, Coeur d'Alene Idaho, Chateau Lake Louise and for a Famoily reunion in Bashaw, Alberta, Canada where Lila and Clifford were born. Family joined in celebration from Edmonton, Calgary and Bashaw. Historical Society Members Clifford Swartz, Robert Swartz, Elaine Swartz and Lila Scheper recall that their grandfather helped found the town of Bashaw on the Alberta Prairie in 1905.

Weather was beautiful most of the time and it is glorious scenery with the granite mountains rising in the vivid blue sk , many still snow capped or with glaciers on the heights, waterfalls abound and the clear blue lakes reflect the green of the miles of pine and cedar trees that grow on the mountains. Some of the lakes and rivers are the milky green of glacial water, reminding us of 6he winter to come. There are so many lakes, ponds, streams, creeks that some are not even named, And the 28 mile long Coeur d'Alene lake and the 80 mile long Lake Okanagan are treasures of recreation, boating , fishing and loisure and leisure.

They took this opportunity to visit the site of the World Exposition in Vancouver British Columbia which begins in May 1986 but which has the physical plant of this huge area nearly built. The signature building has been completed and they saw the preview of the Expo '86 in motion.

And, as always, they visited many sites of historic interest- the Mission of the "BlackRobes" as the Indians called them on the Lewis and Clark trail; the historic mining town of Wallace, Idaho. They report they are ready to leave on another trip right away!

SUMMER TRAVELERS: Jane Matthews in Chicago & area Georgia Cooper and a friend went on a cruise Lucy Riddle & husband touring England..... that ended by going around the world. They met As noted in the program, the following will their ship in Singapore where they had all kind As noted in the program, the following will talk about their travels: Everett Cleveland Ioline Cleveland - Nebraska and thereabouts... Felicia Robinson - Trip to China..... Marian Hyland and Ralph - 3 months in Canada... Lila and Bill Schepler - Washington, Oregon & Can.

Others vacationing:

Bill and Irene Lanzendorf flew to Helsinki, Finland on July 24th. Bill was on business for his company - The Fazer Music Corp., factories that build pianos and guitars. After two days of business, they were given two days of private tours by the factory people. This was interesting and enlightening, because they were taken to Lake in Montana in their new motor home (not many out-of-the-way places not shown to regular tourists. They then flew to Hamburg, Germany, rented a car for 6 hours for a tour of the city, in Hope, Idaho. Fern says, "how beautiful it then boarded the Vistafjard Cunnard Ship Lines on was there - a lovely meadow where the deer a two week's cruise visiting Gdynia, Poland, Len-come to graze every morning." ingrad, Russia, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Denmark and Orlo, Norway.

Memorable highlights were:

ly destroyed during W.W.2-rebuilt stone by stone in Nebraska, in Dewitt, Burrell's home town. Much poverty there. Visited the Cisterian Monas-The special occasion was to honor Burrell's tery, where there is the largest pipe organ in the rother, Donald, who was 80 years old. Tricia world with up to 64 foot pipes. It was built by was hospitalized for 3 days and is still wear the monks in the 13th century.

Russia-visited palaces, museums & parks - very without our good right arm. industrial. There they would not accept American

dollars for shopping.

pier, which is very famous in the summer months. with their trailer at Lake Tahoe. They also "We were able to view the annual 27-mile marathon visited Virginia City and Carson City, making race in which 4700 people were running."

with hundreds of statues and other beautiful sights Christina is an excited young lady now There they cruised for 5 hours and saw magnificent homes and gardens on both sides of the ship.

Copenhagen-Saw Hans Christian Anderson's home & learned much about his works. Visited Tivoli Gard- a nice vacation, but unless you give me the ens & attended the world-famous Circus that has

been operating since 1887.
Oslo-Toured to see the Viking Ships that were restored from the early ninth century, also saw the RA-2 Kon-Tiki boat at another museum, which was used by the Heyerdahl in a 1970 expedition across JULY-Eileen Janess, Bill Schepler, Sandy Johnson the Atlantic.

They wish all of us could take this trip, but they were so tired when they got home that they said, "it took a week to get the body to catch up with the mind!"

When Ioline and Everett went to her home town in Nebraska, they had another Retirement Party for Steve Washburn. her. So that made three; Parents and faculty at SEPTEMBER-Jim Summers Lee Arnold, Virginia Chatsworth Park School, Retirement Party given by Ditto, Ed Clark, Bob Sherman, Matthew Mitchell, CHS on June 23rd at our Acre and the one in her home town - a very popular and deserving lady! The wind blew there, too, which is kind of funny after our special breeze the afternoon of her retirement party at the Homestead Acre; only the breeze back there was a tornado alert which apparently did a lot of damage and kept a few people former Principal of Lawrence Jr. High is now at home in their shelters.

Bob Swartz had his cataract operation and joins the rest of the "Implant Gang" in having 20/20 vision in that eye. After his recovery, he and Marian met their daughter and son-in-law at Lake San Antonio. Between the boat, the kayaks and two grandchildren, they had a great time.

Jim and Betty Summers enjoyed a delightful time while visiting in Alaska.

of experiences . They saw the Taj Mahal in India, went to Egypt and concluded in Athens-flew home with a stop-over in London to see the shows.

Kelly Johnson's family had a reunion in Oregon with about 75 present. Chuck and Marcie J. and Red and Thelma Ewalt are still our members.

Ralph and Peggy Christianson went to an Estes Family Reunion at Sequoia with about 35 in attendance. They took their motor home.

Gerald and Fern Jack traveled to Flathead to go fishing, but to pick cherries - a sure thing!) They also enjoyed visiting relatives

A sad ending for a beautiful vacation for Burrell and Tricia Plucknett, when Tricia fell Poland- Old Town, built centuries ago, complet and broke her elbow. They, too, were visiting was hospitalized for 3 days and is still wearing a cast. One never realizes what we can do

Ed and Leuise Mitchell with children, Finland - shopped in the outside market at the Christina and Matthew spent a happy two weeks Bonanza all the more realistic. Christina Stockholm - They visited Carl Miller Gardens and Matthew are Junior members of our CHS. just entering Lawrence Junior High.

> There are probably other members having had news, I can't write it up. Please give me all news by the 1st of the month - Celia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIRTHDAY PEOPLE:

Nancy Wilkins, Lorraine Mitchell, Marilyn Hayes, Keith Watts, Louise Roberts, Mary Bishop, JEAN Williams, Red Ewalt, Harry Mitchel and Felicia Robinson.

AUGUST-Kenneth Bartlett, Orville Mitchell, Celia Woodman, Trude Schaff, Robert Hayes, Irene Nalbandian, Zena Thorpe, Wilda Johnson and

Randall Clark, Ed Dietrick, Leuise Mitchell, Ed Mitchell, Candy Craig, Carol Overton and Hildur Berkemeyer.

Two of our loyal members have moved to new positions with the Board of Ed.-Lee Arnold, Director of Instruction at Region H.

Jean Williams former Asst. Principal of Chatsworth High is now Principal of Northridge Jr. High. We will miss them at these schools, but welcome Tony Ventresca as Principal of Lawrence JR. High and JoAnna Chisholm as Asst. Principal of Chatsworth High School.

WELCOME BACK to school everyone! Jim & Celia's youngest grandchild, Beth Marks, is beginning kindergarten at Santa Susana School. Her parents, Greg and Jeanne Marks are members. Grandma, Celia Woodman, is back as a school nurse sub.

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY House Committee Report - Sept. 10, 19 and - Sept. 28. 1985 Ioline Cleveland, Catherine Mulholland, Members of the Committee: Betty Summers, Virginia Watson, Jane Matthews, Chairman ROBERT WINTER, CONSULTANT Virginia Watson and Jane Matthews met on July 27 at the Acre. (Other members were not available.) Ioline Cleveland, Betty Summers and Jane Matthews met on August 31 and, among other topics, reviewed what Virginia and Jane had discussed. The main projects of the committee this year are as follows: To compose an architectural description of the Pioneer Church and the Hill-Palmer House; To record the progress and purpose of the Homestead Acre restoration efforts, i.e., period of furniture styles for the house, consultation with experts to set guidelines for paint colors, and what features should be deleted or remain-such as the front porch (c. 1979-80); To determine what acquisitions are needed to complete the furnishing of the house. (This does not mean that what is chosen is a final choice, but that donors understand that the Society has free reign to decide what is kept. In other words, if a more suitable piece of the period becomes available, a current piece can be replaced. We will try to maintain a balance between what the Hill family originally had in the house, and what was also period so that the total effect is pleasing.) At each meeting, the members reviewed each room in the house. At a subsequent Board meeting, a list with items needed in order of priority will be submitted for consideration. It was agreed that the following items should be sought for the A roll top desk - living room. 2. A small stove - living room. 3. A cradle or baby bed for the north bedroom. A sideboard - dining room. (The existing buffet is to be sold.) A dry sink to be built for the kitchen. The glider was assembled and is a comfortable addition to the Members considered the existing flooring on the porch and agreed that it was appropriate. Betty Summers is updating her acquisition list. Virginia Watson is researching the architectural description of the Pioneer Church and the Hill-Palmer house. Virginia and Jane are working on the origin and progress of the Acre restoration for the record and plan to complete the report by May of 1986. There was a discussion about the luncheon for Robert Winter, consultant to the committee, which takes place on October 6. He will be coming to the Acre to review what we have done, and to make suggestions. The Museum painting has been completed. Consideration is being given to how best display bath and wash tubs. The kitchen is small and, since such tubs were only brought in on wash days (and for Saturday baths), perhaps a small shed (such as originally eixsted) or a covered area at the rear of the house could be installed to hold these objects, as well as garden tools of the period. They could be displayed as part of the tour. Respectfully submitted, fave matchews Jane Matthews, Chairman

W. C. C.

house:

Another new member

Robert Winter, who with David Gebhard authored, "Architecture in Los Angeles" is now a member of the Chatsworth Historical Society.

He joined Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Homestead Acre where he was the guest of the society at a luncheon.

He will be acting as a consultant to our group about what to furnish the Hill-Palmer Homestead Cottage with in the way of furniture,

It was the first time that we had served luncheon in the cottage and it was very successful. In attendance were Jane Matthews, chairman of the committee; Lila and Bill Schepler, and Virginia Watson.

More about Winter at another time.

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YOU ARE SORRY if you didn't come to the Sept. meeting of the Chatsworth Historical Society ...

YOU WERE DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED if you did.

Ioline Cleveland and Zena Thorpe arranged to have some of the members give an overview of their vacation, somewhat geared to a historical event...

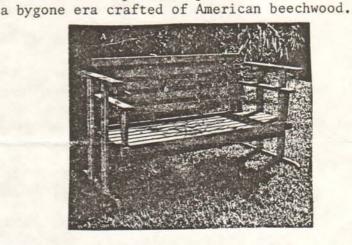
Everett took to Nebraska...their historical findings were a surprise Retirement Party (the 3rd, - the first from Chatsworth Park School, the 2nd from Chatsworth Historical Soc) from the first school she taught (not all the old friends, school personnel or even past students were there because of a tornado warning - they were home in their underground shelters. Of course they found historical tools, books, etc. to bring home for Swapmeets. Bill Schepler told of the great trip they took to meet friends and relatives in Canada, Ore., Wash., etc. This is the second trip they have taken in their beautiful and completely modersn trailer. They stopped at many historical sites.

Winnie Averill highly recommends her trip to Switzerland having been transported on all kinds of trains, antique and modern. One, a 1910 parlor car had velvet seats and carved wood decor, another a cog railroad, a steam engine, an early one-unit diesel, a very modern Vista Dome and their last very fast train. She also went on the glazier express to the highest point in Europe-Jungfraijoch. The tour was with 17 people from all over Europe - they st stayed in 4 different cities and saw cows, cows, cows - always 3 lead cows with bells -- well! what else? This is Switzerland.

The main event was Felicia Robinson showing her slides of her trip to China - it would take all the Smoke Signal to relate this beautiful really historical program, beginning with "Peking Man" 500,000 years ago, the China Man found by German Archaeologists -Tsung Dynasty -- 21 to 16th century B.C. last Dynasty...maybe she will do it over again for those of you who were not able to come...how about Chinese New Year?

In 6 minutes Lillian Schepler gave us just a sample of her 6-day trip to Bryce, Zion & Yellow-Congratulations to those in October: stone with a Senior Citizen Group called the Northridge Leisure Group. Then Marian Hyland told of starting their long vacation, when she and Ralph began with their trailer, it broke down, they brought it back and continued on the Greyhound to Canada-Ralph helped his friend build Margaret Tagoris and Dr. Don Ferris.

WISHES HAVE COME TRUE... for an authentic porch swing or glider for the front porch of our cottage .. all of us, as "oldies", have swung on a swing on our grandmothers front porch. At the July and August meeting of the House Committee, it was decided to get a swing-glider as it would be safer and just as authentic for our front porch...today it is a reality..... an authentic replica of porch furniture from



ELEANOR SCHEPLER has donated a teakwood bench to match the one in the garden in memory of Dean and Candy's daughter, Eden. The bench Ioline reminisced over the vacation that she and that Eleanor is presenting is in memory of her husband, Frank Sr. and her son Frank Jr. This is such a thoughtful gift because these benches are not only an added attraction, but are convenient for ones who become tired as they are touring the acre. Thank you from all of us!

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A GRANDCHILD is a gift from heaven above...

Mac and Debbie (Fenton) McDonald presented to her parents, Bob and Sue Fenton, a baby grandaughter Brandie Lynn, born August 15th-8# 20z - 21" -- she's beautiful, I saw her today. Brother, Joel Ryan, 22 months thinks this new toy was designed just for him!

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One of the first junior members of the Chatsworth Historical Society recently had a baby. Kelley Watson Daily and her husband Jeff Daily now have two children. Alex Taylor Daily made his debut at the Northridge Hospital on Sept. 3, 1985.

He has a big sister, Crystal Elizabeth Daily now three years old. Alex has other relatives in the historical society. His maternal grandparents are Virginia and Henry Watson AND his GREAT GRANDMOTHER is Violet Wilson of Sylmar who will be 85 on Nov. 17.

SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS..... Doris Dosser, Mike Lauritzen, Winn Holiday, Mildred Goff, Polly Vickers, Cathe Cleveland, Carolyn Grimm. Peggy Beltramo, Iva Edinger, Sheelagh Watts, Lucille Clements, Margaret Ruffalo, Lillian Schepler, Louise Curinga,

a permanent wharf, which will be historical sometime.....