

# Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 102, Chatsworth, California

January 14, 1986

Dear Friends:

This year marks the 98th birthday of the town of Chatsworth- which event we celebrate with joy. And, we look forward to our Centennial in 1988!

Neils and Ann Johnson were the first anglo Homesteaders in this area in 1870. Nelson and Minnie Gray came later in 1895. Both families made very significant contributions to the early growth of Chatsworth.

And so it is with pride the Chatsworth Historical Society invites you to share this day, Feb. 2nd, with us. Come and enjoy reviewing those early times with our Society and members of both families.

It is not necessary to respond, but- if convenient- it would be helpful for us to know approximately how many are coming. Please do not stay away because you did not let us know in advance. Phones for contacting are: (818) 341 3447 and (818) 341 1529.

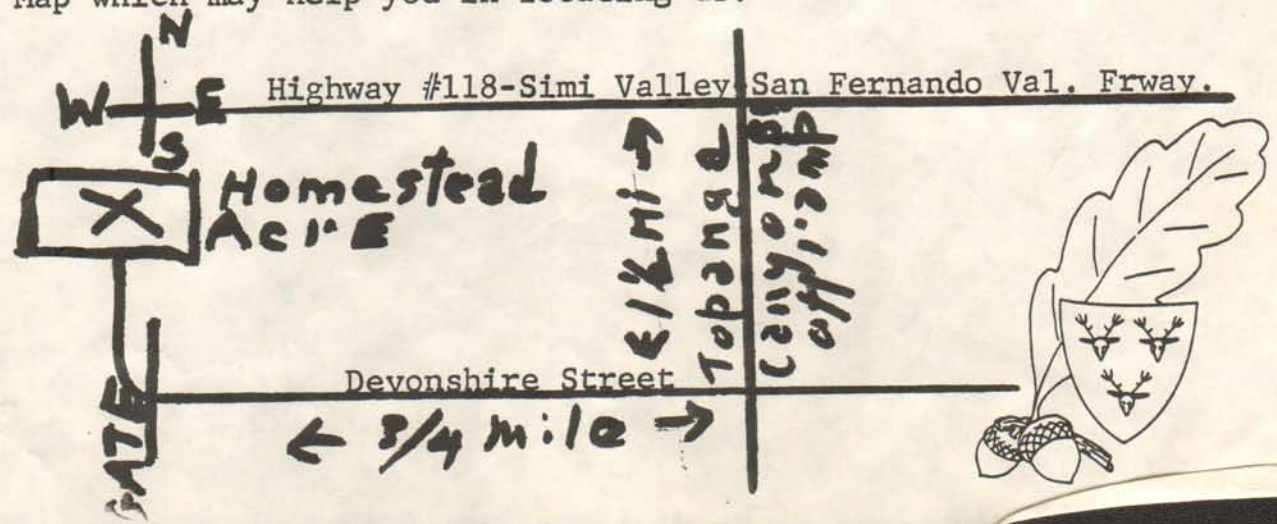
Hoping to see you on this special Sunday!

Sincerely yours,

*Ioline Cleveland*

Ioline Cleveland, President

Map which may help you in locating us:







# Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 202, Chatsworth, California 91313

JANUARY  
1986

## Smoke Signal

### Memories

OF

# Chatsworth

Come see slides of early Chatsworth, recently obtained by Bill Schepler

He has 3000 (or 300), but he will be showing the more recent ones that he has obtained at our next

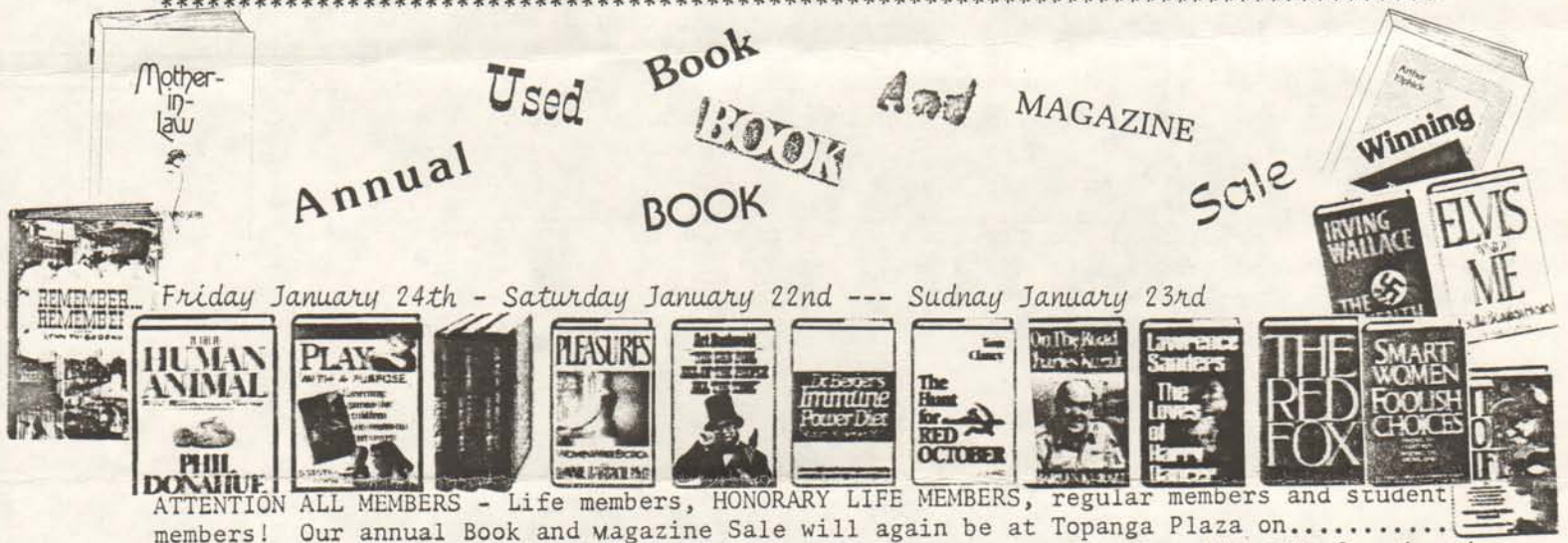
Regular Meeting of the Chatsworth Historical Society  
January 21st - at - 7:30 pm

Glendale Federal Savings & Loan, of course!

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## Annual Used Book And MAGAZINE Sale

Friday January 24th - Saturday January 22nd --- Sunday January 23rd



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - Life members, HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS, regular members and student members! Our annual Book and magazine Sale will again be at Topanga Plaza on..... Friday Jan. 24, Sat. Jan. 25, Sunday Jan. 26th. Call Lillian Schepler 341-2010 for the time you can help - setting up, selling, arranging, cleaning up, or just taking the money. IT IS REALLY A LOT OF FUN meeting the people and helping students in finding something for their special project. Bring all the used books that you bought last year and buy some more this year, even your friends may like to...TEAR OFF....help as a volunteer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Hours you can work Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_



If you are unable to work any of those days, could you please send a donation for the time that you WOULD have spent? Thank you!  
Call Lillian at the above number or send tear-off to Lillian Schepler 22335 Devonshire St. Chatsworth, CA 91311.



OFFICERS FOR 1984-85	
1st VP Zena Thorpe (program)	882-3572
2nd VP Lillian Schepler (Ways/Mea)	341-2010
3rd VP Marian Hyland (Membership)	882-1852
4th VP Mildred Goff (Hospitality)	882-0381
Louise Roberts (Recording Sec.)	341-3796
Charles Janess (Treasurer and Honorary Board Member)	341-2828
Lila Schepler (Director of Docents and Permanent Board Member)	341-3447
Virginia Watson (Permanent Bd. Mem)	341-3053
Tricia Plucknett (Corres. Sec. and Asst. Dir. of Docents)	341-2008
William Schepler (Director of Photographic Materials)	341-3447
Betty Summers (Assist. Curator & Member at Large)	341-
Candy Craig (Co-Chairman-Grounds)	341-4461
Eileen Janess (Auditor)	341-2828
Ramon Avila (Member at Large)	341-2346
Dean Craig (Member at Large)	341-4461



**Pasadena 1886**

To commemorate Pasadena's centennial, the Pasadena Historical Society has announced a special exhibit titled "Our Town—1886." Included will be photographs and artifacts presenting a retrospective of Pasadena during the year of the city's incorporation.

Examples of the diversity of the growing village that was rapidly becoming a city of 6,000 inhabitants will be included in the exhibit, which will feature sections showing different aspects of life as it was lived in Pasadena in 1886. Exhibits from the agricultural, business, educational and cultural life of the city will take visitors back to another time, when Southern California was just being settled.

Scenes incorporating period costumes and artifacts will be arranged throughout the Fenyes Mansion, which houses the historical society, so that visitors will be able to savor on an "At Home Gathering," a "Sewing Circle" and a "Musical Setting."

Beginning January 21, the exhibit will run continuously through 1986. Museum hours are Tuesday and Thursday and the first and last Sunday of each month, from 1 to 4. Admission is free. The Pasadena Historical Society is located at 470 Walnut Street, Pasadena, and the mansion itself is worth a visit. For information, call (818) 577-1680.

— Penelope Grenoble/Exhibits

*Our town Chatsworth will have its Centennial in 1988—Can you help plan? Call Ioline 341-1529?*

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

# OPEN HOUSE

DOCENTS for next Open House - February 2nd are: Marian Hyland, Helen Thomas and Dawn Budd.

WORK DAY IS: *Thursday Jan. 20th 9:30 am. Please try to come to help in getting things ready for Feb. Open House and the Johnson-Graves Reception that will immediately follow at 4:00 pm. It is yours and mine and our responsibility to help the committee! Q!Q!Q.*

OPEN HOUSE is also held on the first Sunday of the month (1 to 4pm) at THE PIONEER CHURCH, located in Oakwood Memorial Park - 22601 Lassen, Chatsworth. St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church holds services each Sunday morning - Morning Prayer - 9:30 am - Holy Communion, 10:00am. Visitors are welcomed at the services.

*Do you always put our date upon your calendar?  
 Have you brought a friend or neighbor to our meetings?  
 Have you brought an out-of-town relative or friend to  
 Our Open House?*

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## 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

## Print Please:

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

Bring with you or mail to—  
 Chatsworth Historical Society  
 P.O. Box 3102  
 Chatsworth, California 91313





WONDERFUL!

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FISH OF WEST VALLEY

20440 Lassen Street  
Chatsworth, California, 91311

WONDERFUL!

.....people of Chatsworth and the West Valley. Here is only a summary of the wonderful things they have been doing, especially for the Holidays:

Fish of West Valley has had its headquarters at the Congregational Church of Chatsworth for nearly 15 years. Fish is an ecumenical, temporary emergency organization. As you can see their telephone number is 882-Fish and they can be reached, by someone on the answering service on each day except Christmas and New Year's Day. Food is given out by appointment from the Fish Food Cupboards. 17 churches are now involved. This past year they had 3,196 calls.

In addition to the enclosed report of Thanksgiving and Christmas report, they had a grand service on Good Friday at St. John Eudes, with a reception at the activity center. The collection amounted to \$1,446.32 for Fish.

In addition to financial support from the churches and friends, because of the coalition that was formed, they may now receive surplus government food.

Another source of income is the sale of Hughes and Ralph's gift certificate by several members, including our Louise Curinga (tel. 882-2363). You can purchase any amount as a gift certificate (same as money) and every \$1000 purchased, Fish will receive \$50.00.

Thanksgiving baskets were filled and delivered to 214 families, this year. The Chatsworth churches united in worship for their first annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John Eudes. All the collection went to Fish. That collection and the Korean-Congregational service netted Fish - \$1520.00, toward Christmas.

Angel trees were seen in many places-were found in banks, beauty shops (one as far away as The Dee-Cut Beauty Salon in Santa Barbara), churches, the Chatsworth Library, as well as the L.A. Times, Valley Division, that had 200 Angels. The Angels will say "gift for boy or girl and the age of the child." The "Angels" were made by many children; CCD at St. John Eudes, Bethel Luthern, Brownie Troop #357 with Bridget Kresky and #339 with Vicki Todd, also school children from West Valley Christian Academy. Another Angel tree was seen in the A.E. Wright Middle School in Calabasas. Those who took an "Angel" from a tree would return it with the gift to the tree, which in turn would be picked up by someone to add to the families' gift basket.

The Chatsworth Women's Club worked one whole day for CATHY, a Foster Child program. Names had been given of a particular item that the child had wanted, and their requests were fulfilled.

We who gave and those who received have had a special blessing on this Blessed Season.

Many members of the Chatsworth Historical Society belong to one or more of these churches and organizations or schools.

See more on next page.....



Thanksgiving 1985, a record of 433 calls.: NEWS:

United Methodist of Reseda...50  
Chatsworth United Methodist  
St. John Eudes - Chatsworth  
St. Stephens - Chatsworth  
Chatsworth Congregational ...46  
1st Presbyterian -Canoga Park.20  
7th Day Adventist-Northridge...20  
Prince of Peace.....20  
Holy Shepherd Luthern.....9  
St. Marks Presbyterian.....9  
Canoga Park Kiwanis.....5  
St. John's Valley.....5  
Woodland Hills Presbyterian...5  
Luthern Church of the Atonement.4  
Chatsworth Jr. Women's Club...4  
Woodley Baptist.....3  
West Valley Unity Church.....2  
St. Mary's Anglican.....1

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Fifty bedside gifts were made and given to the patients at Kingsley Manor Conv. Home by members of the Chatsworth Methodist Women.

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The Octogan Club, from Chatsworth High, under the leadership of Robert Pryor, collected toys that were distributed to children by the Optimist Club. Their Choir also went Caroling to the V.A. Hospital in Northridge and to the Chatsworth Royale Retirement Home .

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Lawrence Jr. High had a very successful Can-Drive in which they received over a thousand canned goods that was given to the First Luthern Social Service of V.N. Mrs. Hecker took her "Infinities" to sing for the patients at the Chatsworth Health and Rehabilitation Center and the Chamber Singers had a Holiday Music Concert with 3 assemblies for students and an evening performance for parents and friends. Open House Hospitality was given from 7:30 to 4:00 pm the day before vacation by the administrators for all personnel.

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\$50 was given to the Chaplain of Olive View to help people with special needs, by the Chatsworth United Methodist Church.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Chatsworth made Christmas happier for many families - Christmas baskets with home baked foods, gifts and a Christmas tree if the family didn't have one. Special Christmas baskets were given to 15 widows & elderly couples. Several families took a family to adopt for Christmas.

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Our Rose Pruning Demonstration on Jan. 11th was very successful. Candy Craig who presented the program was disappointed at the number of people who came, but it was not because she did not give an interesting and informative program, but it had been scheduled for Jan. 4th when, due to rain, the program had to be changed. Only about 45 people came this year, whereas, last year we had 88. However the program was great and those who came will come again. We also made many new interested friends and two new members on the spot.

WELCOME TO THESE TWO NEW MEMBERS:

Virginia and Clark Davis - 20118 Labrador - Chats. CA 91311. They have one son and two daughters and four grandchildren. They are delighted to have all of them near here. In addition their interest in historical things - Clarks loves hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. Virginia has varied interests, in addition to gardening, camping and traveling, she enjoys needlepoint, crocheting and any handwork.

At the Rose Pruning Demonstration there was a raffle of 3 Rose bushes and "The Winners Are ---" Virginia Davis, Gertrude Poppe and Diane Mellen. (I wonder why all ladies? There were many interested men there, too.)

Even though the original program was rained out, we made \$100 from the sale of Candy's Rose Culture Booklet, refreshments and sales from the store. Every \$100 helps toward our expenses and at this time we would especially like to acknowledge the response to our December Smoke Signal asking that any member who would like to contribute money if they would be unable to help on the book sale would do so. We were delighted to receive two responses so far. Ed and Lorna Ahlstrom, who are now living in Yuba City, sent \$25 and our Peggy Beltramo, who lives in Ventura. She sent \$20. Thanks

Our prayers and hope for a quick recovery for Millie Goff, who had surgery on both feet and yet an undiagnosed problem with eyes of Eileen Janess, which may not be her eye, but some lurking systemic condition - at any rate she doesn't enjoy viewing all kinds of shapes and colors dancing before her eyes. We hope she will be fine very soon.

\*RECEPTION for all Johnson and Graves families at  
\*4 pm - Sunday Feb. 2nd following the Open House at  
\*the Museum. A quilt will be displayed that was made  
\*by one of the families grandmother. All members of  
\*the Chatsworth Historical Society are invited to attend  
\*this special occasion.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: Greg Marks, Lila Schepler, Helen Fladwed, Esther Dietrich, Janice Lauritzen, Ernest Hunt, Christina Mitchell, Ruth Ottinger, Vee Perez, & Randy McKnight.