

Chatsworth Historical Society

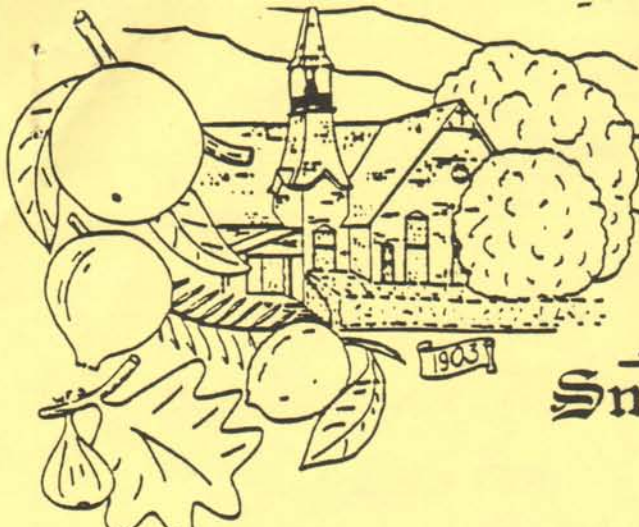
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January 1987

Smoke Signal

JANUARY

The year of the Rabbit



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Tuesday, January 20th 7:30 pm
GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN



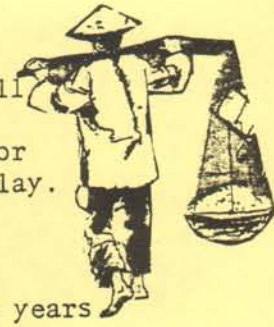
SPEAKER ANNIE WONG

Annie will be speaking on the Chinese role in California as well as explaining the Chinese Zodiak.

This is the year of the Rabbit for the Chinese. She will be telling about ways this will be celebrated. She has been a recent visitor to China. She will have artifacts of Chinese originals on display.

She is a very enthusiastic speaker.

She has been a teacher at Chatsworth Park School for the past 4 years



THE THE ACRE -- MUSEUM , MINNIE PALMER HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED FOR @ MONTHS FEB. & MARCH AND THE ROSE GARDENS-FOR RENOVATION AND CLEANING--THIS WILL BE ALL OF FEB. AND MARCH---- IT WILL REOPEN IN APRIL WITH A BRAND NEW LOOK, EVERYONE HAS AN OPPURNITY TO JOIN IN THIS SPECIAL . SIGN UP AT THE NEXT MEETING OR CALL LILA IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO COME TO THE MEETING , SATURDAYS, AFTER SCHOOL OR WORK OR? TEL..341-3447. THIS WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD TIME FOR ALL THE NEW MEMBERS TO GET ACQUAINTED.....

ATTENTION! There will be a circle around all important things for you to remember-- When you find the circle, take your red pencil and make a check mark on then put on your calend

Sorry about getting the Smoke Signal out so late, but I have been very and Celia can only work at it 2 or3 hours at a time, (I love you all)

* NO OPEN HOUSE AT THE ACRE - FEBRUARY & MARCH

A LINE FROM LILA:

A Happy New Year to all! May this special year be one of peace and joy for us. We had so many wonderful events over the Holidays--so many "thank yous" to people. What a wonderful group of persons belonging to our Society to have made each event such a great success.

And it took many of us to do that.

OUR 99TH YEAR OF Chatsworth will be a GREAT ONE!

and everyone will want to share and be a part of it all - Lila.

Lila

Happy memories will long be remembered for 1985-'86 by Phil Saylor, our host, at Abner's Yellow Barn The Chatsworth Parade - Open House at the Acre - and our most successful Rose pruning Demonstration on Jan. 3rd (more about this from Candy Craig.) Our rose festival in the Spring, and the most beautiful Installation of officers that I have ever seen, the Sept. meeting at our own Acre, fabulous speakers and those sharing their hobbies.

Speaking of hobbies, please call Ioline Cleveland if you have a hobby to share--3411529

Another surprise---Angela Alcalá (friend of Celia's) has promised to donate one of her beautiful paintings in oil of gorgeous roses. We can sell tickets to auction it off --another fund raising project,

Another "DON'T FORGET"

Remember in the last issue I had told you that Ruth Grant had accepted the chairmanship of a Committee to design and create a CENTENNIAL QUILT FOR OUR 100th Birthday in Chatsworth. If you would like to participate, call her at 882-3990.

Be sure to share our dessert - we have some fabulous hostesses. This time it will be Ruby Swan and Mary Kitchens.

Our hostess is Millie, who "NEVER FORGRTS", her number is 882-0381, in case she has never called you.

HOBBY CORNER: NANCY RAZANSKI WILL HAVE A VERY NICE SURPRISE!

coming attractions;

February Meeting --Slides and talks on Indian "Wickiups" of California.

March meeting--99th Birthday of our Town - Chatsworth!!!

CHATSWORTH BIRTHDAY MEETING

On March 17th, 1987, Chatsworth Historical Society will celebrate the 99th Birthday of our town in a very Special way.

Dinner at the faculty Center at Cal. State Northridge, followed by the Presentation "San Fernando Valley-- Crossroads of the Future, by Doctor Del Stelk. We will be viewing the photos of the valley--some came from our own collection.

Dinner is \$15.00 each, including tax and tip.

What a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and our Birthday at the same time!

Questions and Answers

*Do you always live in the middle,
Because it's comfortable there?
Do you ignore your fellowman
Because it's painful to share?*

*What height has your soul reached?
Where have your spirits flown?
How sad has your heart been?
What searching has your soul known?*

*If you get to a mountaintop
Before another climbs that high,
Do you take time to explain
God's gift of a mountain sky?*

*If you've been deep in a valley,
Groping to find your way,
Will you help the next man
To seek his light of day?*

*What did you do with your yesterdays?
How will you live your tomorrows?
If you would find true happiness . . .
Take time for man and his sorrows!*

from Candy Craig

ROSE PRUNING DEMONSTRATION A BIG SUCCESS

Over 85 people attended the 4th annual Rose Pruning Demonstration at the Homestead Acre on Saturday morning January 3rd.

Fortune smiled and so did the sun--instead of being rained out as we were last year the weather was pleasant and the rain fell on Sunday.

This year we were lucky to have 8 volunteers from two prominent rose groups--The San Fernando Valley Rose Society and Southern California Heritage Roses. After the central presentation of rose care then questions and answers these volunteers led small groups throughout the gardens and demonstrated the correct way to prune a rose bush.

Tours of the museum and cottage were given by our hard working docents, coffee and donuts were offered and packages of prepared rose cuttings proved so popular they were nearly sold out.

'JUST JOEY' and 'BETTY PRIOR' went to the lucky winners of the rose bush raffle and 64 rose care booklets were sold.

Grateful thanks are due all the members and volunteers who made the demonstration so successful. As one attendee remarked "This is the best pruning demonstration I've ever seen!"

Now we look forward to our MAY ROSE FESTIVAL which will take place this year on SATURDAY, MAY 9 from 1-4 p.m.

For those of you adding new roses to your gardens this year.....

Two new Hybrid Teas that have proved themselves in our garden are TOUCH OF CLASS and LAGERFELD.

'Touch of Class' is a coral and cream combination that is beautiful and different. Healthy, too. It is widely available at most nurseries and was an AARS winner last year.

'Lagerfeld' is a gorgeous, high centered lavender with classic form, fragrance and good health. It is available only through Armstrong Nurseries.

HAPPY ROSE GROWING.

News

OUR CURATOR MAKES THE DEAN'S LIST

As many of you know Virginia Watson, the curator of our Chatsworth Museum, has been attending L. A. Pierce College as a full-time student. She is studying magazine editing and is editor of "The Bull," a twice-a-semester student publication.

Last semester she won a \$100 scholarship from the Greater Los Angeles Press Club and this semester she was named to the Dean's List. At the reception she received a certificate for maintaining a 4.0 grade average.

PARADE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chatsworth Historical Society participated in the 6th annual Chatsworth Holiday Parade by entering a float. We also encouraged the Los Angeles City Fire Department to enter a restored fire engine noting that both the fire department and the Homestead Acre celebrated their 100th Anniversary in 1986.

We were separate entries, and the fire department won!

Our float was a delightful creation and carried out the theme of the parade beautifully. We were very proud of it and it certainly did what we wanted it to do - it drew attention to the Historical Society and the Homestead Acre. Candy and Dean said that people clapped along the route.

Zena Thorpe worked on both our float & the float for St. Mary The Virgin's float and the church float won second place. Congratulations!

Many, many thanks to the people who worked on the project: Millie Goff, Lillian Schepler, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Linn Stuckenbruck, Zena Thorpe, Marian Hyland, Lila Schepler, Bill Schepler, a group of high school students came and helped and we don't have their

individual names (there were five of them), and Jim Studnicka (one of our younger members) and his friend Jon Wittenberg.

Marian Hyland walked the whole length of the parade handing out flyers prepared by Dean and Candy Craig.

We used greenery and flowers from the Acre (including lemons and oranges) and roses. The Christmas tree contained the paper ornaments made by members of Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Stuckenbruck's classes and popcorn strung by Marian Hyland's grandchildren and her husband Ralph. The grandchildren got to ride on the fire engine and Marian's daughter Linda was chosen to ride on the seat reserved for VIP's. She sure looked pretty!

We rented our wagon from Linda Menary who brought the wagon to us early in order to allow us to decorate.

FLASH! Our editor tells me that the Chamber of Commerce (through Doris Potvkin) said that the trophy was to include the CHS and that we will get one as well as the Fire Dept. getting to keep the one they got.

MANY THANKS DORIS AND BEA AND THE REST OF THE PARADE COMMITTEE!!

Dean Craig served as co-chairman of the parade committee with me and his theatrical and practical background served us well. Thanks, Dean!

Virginia Watson,
Parade committee.

The reason we won first place is because we were one unit with ONE Number. Those beautiful red fire wagons, so shined up for the occasion and we with a beautiful float keeping closest to the theme "HOLIDAY TRADITIONS". In addition we were both 100 years old..... Lillian will show the pictures at our meeting.

COME SEE!

OUR NUMBER WAS: 207

Lila Schepler, Helen Fladwed, Esther Dietrich, Janice Lauritzen, Charlotte Brodie, Bela Molnar, Ruth Ottinger, Christina Mitchell, Vee Perez, Randy Mc Knight. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

BOOK SALE*****BOOK SALE*****BOOK SALE *****BOOK SALE

JANUARY 23rd 24th 26th

Call Lillian - 341-2010, if you have books or magazines to donate. She will have someone to pick them up.

Also there will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for the times and days you will work . One of the most helpful things (for strong backs) is getting them into the tables that we have been assigned. Asked fathers, son and even neighbors - it's a good way to get acquainted. And we always get new members.

○ Aren't you glad we don't have to read by this kind of light?

Life Is a Book



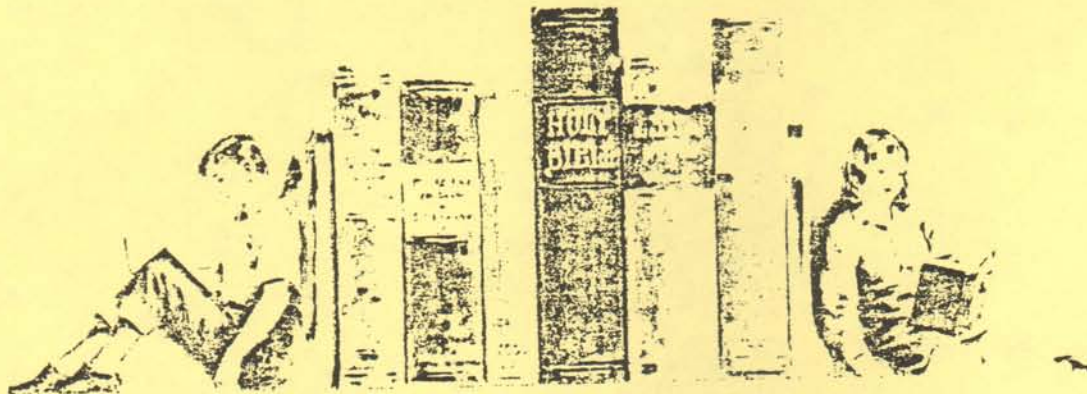
Life is a book made up of days,
Each one of us writes one.
It's opened when we come to earth
And closed when life is done.

*No pen but ours ere touches it,
In our own way we write;
Whether we fail or we succeed
Turns with the page at night.*

And there is no erasing it
To add or take away;
The yesterday's account is closed,
Sealed in a white or gray.

*The morning gives another sheet
That's broad and very white,
And oh, how glorious to have
Another chance to write!*

No bad is there too small to show,
No good that's ever lost.
All that we do goes into life's book,
In black and white embossed.



LILA SCHEPLER - President	341-3447
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LILLIAN SCHEPLER - 2nd V.P.	341-2010
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DEAN CRAIG - Member at Large	341-4461
and co-chairman of Grounds	
CELIA WOODMAN - Editor	347-8569
MARIAN HYLAND - is also	
DIRECTOR of DOCENTS this year	882-1852

A hearty WELCOME to our new members:

RUTH HEUMANN--Ruth has always been a loyal helper to our Society, but she would always read Virgil's Smoke Signal before he passed away. She can never attend our regular meetings on Tuesdays because that is the same night that she has her Eastern Star meeting. She has been an Eastern Star for 45 years. She was Worthy Matron in 1950 and Deputy Grand Matron in 1952, for the State of Calif. which kept her traveling a great part of the time. Virgil and Ruth celebrated their 50th Anniv. in 1984. They have one son, Kevin who was married before so Ruth has a granddaughter, Nichole, who lives in Virginia with her mother. On Sept. 15th Kevin married Karen Baker. The two of them were class mates in both Ioline Cleveland's and Marlys Stuckenbruck's class. Kevin and Karen each had a horse that was bred to each other and now they have a new baby colt for Nichole when she comes to Chatsworth. Ruth is still the Guardian Angel of our Acre. She locks the gates before dark each night to be sure there are no intruders lurking around. Our grateful "thanks" to you.

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be our next President? She could come to Chatsworth or Canoga Park two days each month - Regular meeting and Board Meeting several of us have a guest room. In addition to Dale & Roy, Louise Roberts and Leonard Chenard works for a company that donates to us from a special fund, we believe has she has sent in more Life members than anyone. You see, Lila cannot be President next year because she holds one of the Chairmanships for Chatsworth's Centennial 1988.)

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 CHARLOTTE BRODIE--Charlotte was so impressed with Bob Sherman's book "Quiet on the Set" and with our museum, Minnie Palmer House and our beautiful Rose Gardens that she immediately sent Marian a check for her dues. She and her husband, Roy, live at 15043 Tuba. Mission Hills, Calif. 91345. Te. 892-3862. Charlotte does part time work at Equestrian Trails. Her hobbies, of course, are horse back riding and she does some needlecraft. They two children - Brian is 12 and a "whiz" on the skateboard. Beth, now 10 - her only interest is horses..

We are so grateful that Helen Thomas has accepted the Chairmanship of the House Committee. She will be calling members for her committee. If you are interested - call her before she calls you. 365-1317.

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 From Marian Hyland: "All new members joining this month even those paying late will have their dues paid up through June 1988."

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 BILL POGUE--Dorothy has done it again. This time she sent \$100.00 for a life membership for Bill, her youngest, when he had his birthday in December. In addition to her own Life Membership, had sent in a life membership for her two daughters, Glenna Sanderson and Emily Ecroyd. Bill is a policeman at the Devonshire Division. He is not far from his 20th year. His wife's name is Linda. They live at 8023 Maestro Canoga Park CA 91304. There are 6 children - two are married--Chuck, Teri, Joni, Karyn Krystn and Brian. Bill has no special hobby, but enjoys all kinds of sports. Three of his children are students at Cal. State Northridge.

Mrs. Violet Wilson (86) is so excited when she receives the Smoke Signal that she always calls Virginia the night before and reads the whole to Virginia who gets her paper the night after. Read it to your friends - perhaps you can get another new member that way.

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 This is probably a good place to ^{send} congratulations to our members born in Jan, - Greg Marks ^{whole} was the first baby born in So. Calif, in 1949...*** ^{over}

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 (now, as members, don't you think she should **