

Chatsworth Historical Society

Smoke Signal

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PROGRAM MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 p.m.
Glendale Federal Savings
21000 Devonshire St.

This meeting will begin with the usual dessert/social hour, one half hour prior to the program.

Dr. Thomas Maxwell, professor of sociology and anthropology at California Lutheran College will talk about the Chumash Indians.



Dr. Maxwell, author of "The Temescals of Arroyo Conejo," is a charter member of the Ventura County Archeological Society. As a teacher and archeologist, he has visited numerous known sites in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.



From the President.....

In spite of many problems, last month's money raising activity, (Jane Matthew's lecture on Africa) was a financial success; we took in \$45.50. The material was very timely and Jane, as usual, was well prepared. As many of you know, ionally and we were fortunate to have her scheduled.

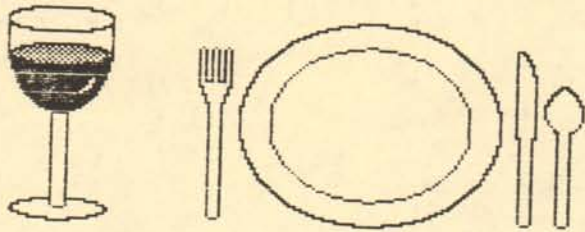
Jane has secured an exceptional speaker for November. You will have read of him in another section of the Smoke Signal so I only want to ask you to bring a friend if possible or tell someone about the program - there is no charge and we won't have a speaker again until January.

The annual meeting of the docents was well attended and they'll meet again at 7:30 pm on Wed., Nov 18 at the museum. This meeting is for those who have already been serving as docents. There will soon be a training program for new docents. Please be on the lookout for people who like to talk, teach, and love the history of Chatsworth so that they can be trained as docents.

Saturday, Nov 28 the docents will decorate the house for Christmas and anyone who would like to help is invited. Call Lila for details at 341-3447.

There is a small leak in the museum roof and it has been very wet there but otherwise no damage. Ramon is going to replace the door in the chair storage area.

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OPEN HOUSE & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER.

Nature's Flower Garden, 21000 Devonshire Street will host this event & you're all cordially invited to attend.

Thursday, November 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tasty refreshments, door prizes, and fun. Please come.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Dec.13, 1 p.m. Centennial Parade.

Dec.15 Christmas Party at the Acre with Christmas Carols. No gift exchange this year; instead we'll bring food & gifts for FISH.

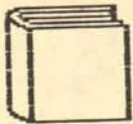
The December 20 trip to Descanso Gardens will be "on" if enough reservations are received. Lillian is accepting reservations.

FROM:
The Editor's Word Processor

The editor and the board of directors would be delighted to have features submitted to the Smoke Signal.

Any anecdote concerning history - personal, geographical, funny, sad, urban, rural, would really be appreciated.

Please save your used books for the USED BOOK sale to be held on Super Bowl Sunday at Topanga Plaza - and it's a super way for us to raise money.



Happy Thanksgiving,
Virginia.

COOK BOOK DISPLAY

You are invited to bring along a favorite cook book to the Nov 17 meeting.

There's be two prizes for the following categories:

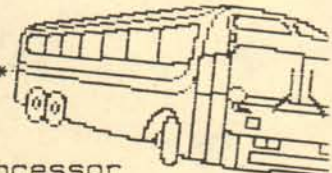
- 1. The oldest cook book or receipt book; and
- 1. The most unusual cook book.

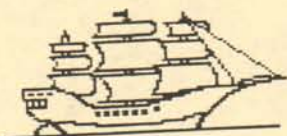
All you have to do to enter is bring the book to the meeting and wait for the results of the voting!

The editor is not doing too well in accumulating the birthdays and anniversaries of Society members. However, we do have one birthday to share in November:

Violet Wilson, mother of president Virginia Watson, will be 87 on November 17 - and that's reason to celebrate!

We can say Happy Belated Birthday to Lillian Schepler, Oct 21, Linn Stuckenbruck, Oct 25 and the editor, Oct 18.





BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE,
ENGLAND

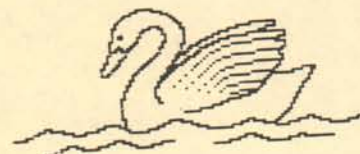
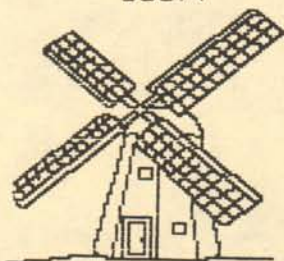
Yes, there is a Boston in England, for centuries an important port and to this day a fishing town. However, today it is most important for the surrounding farmlands.

The original Pilgrims left England for Holland in 1607 seeking freedom of religion. That first group eventually got tired of living in Holland and decided to seek freedom in the New World. Those Pilgrims left from Plymouth, England in 1620 and the rest is history.....this group sailed on the Mayflower and their descenedents have become the aristocracy of this country.

A second important group of Pilgrims set out in 1633 from the town of Boston, Lincolnshire, under the direction of John Cotton and they landed at what was then called the Massachuset's Bay Capital that later became Boston, Mass.

The town of Boston, England got its name from the 7th century monastery of St. Botolph's....a church still exists on the site of the monastery. In other words the town name is derived from Botolph's tun or town. Symbolic of the town is the church steeple that isn't a steeple, it doesn't come to a point and it's known as Boston Stump.

Keith and I visited Boston this summer during trips to all of the towns where Keith was based during World War II when he served with the 101st Airborn Division. None of the bases exist today but the small and large towns do. The museum in Boston wasn't the most outstanding museum I've ever visited but it did offer some unusual archives. It seems that John Cotton's group of Pilgrims were incarcerated for many months before being allowed to sail (they needed to pay the monarch for an exit visa and some didn't have the money). Anyway, their voyage to the New World was delayed and they were imprisoned in tiny cells, approximately 5' x 6' x 5' hewn out of cold, local stone and two of these cells are on display in the Boston museum. Giving further proof of the survival instincts of these hardy people - something for us to think about as we celebrate Thanksgiving, 1987!



The Chatsworth
Historical Society
Presents

A Free Lecture
"The Chumash Indians"
Featuring

Dr. Thomas Maxwell
Curator of Archeology + Ethnology
Stagecoach Inn, Thousand Oaks

Tuesday, November 17th
7:30 p.m.

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