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## 27th Birthday Celebration!

Sunday, March 11, 1990 will mark the 27th anniversary of the founding of the Chatsworth Historical Society. To celebrate this event, Bea Berman, program director has arranged for a bus trip to the Gene Autry museum and the details are as follows:

The bus will be at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth Park South at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. 40 people can be accommodated on the bus so make reservations right away. The bus will leave a little before 1 p.m. As a group we shall be met at the museum by docents Dr. & Mrs. Byrne Fernelius who will direct the tour for an hour-and-a-half. From 3 to 5 p.m. members can continue to tour the museum unaccompanied.

The bus will leave the Gene Autry museum for the return trip to Chatsworth at 5 p.m. sharp.

On the return bus trip we'll enjoy birthday cake and soft drinks to continue the anniversary celebration.

The bus is provided by the City of Los Angeles Senior Citizens department and there is no charge for its use. The cost per individual to visit the museum is \$3 for adults, \$1.75 for children under 12. This is a special group price.....and this will be collected on the bus.

Do plan to attend as the museum is a special treat - it has something to hold everyone's interest - from fine art of the Western United States to the many movie depictions of the Old West. It employs the finest techniques of modern museum display to the state of the art of movie making and much more!

For reservations please call Sheila Watts, 341-4489. Please leave your reservation on the answering machine if no-one is at home.  
SEE YOU THERE!

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bea Berman is chairman of the nominating committee, appointed to select a slate of officers for the 1990-91 year.

Assisting her are Eileen Janess and Zena Thorpe.

Their report will be in the March issue.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EDITOR.

There was no January issue of the Smoke Signal and this issue is late. On January 3rd my brother, Geoffrey Marsden Woodhead of Yorkshire, England, died there suddenly at the age of 56. This necessitated a trip to England to be there with my family and to attend a memorial service. It was a difficult trip and was especially hard because I was the one to have to break this sad news to my 87 year old mother.

I apologise for the missing issue but I'm now safely returned and getting on with the business at hand.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Watts

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OLD NEWS BUT GOOD NEWS.....

The theme of the Chatsworth Holiday Parade 1989 was "Holidays Around the World" and the theme of the Society's float was, "There's No Place Like Home - Grandma's House 1886." WE WON FIRST PLACE in the Clubs & Organizations category and a picture of the float can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

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NEW NEWS & GOOD NEWS.....

The Acre has a beautiful new turn of the century swing that was made by member Ralph Hyland. The swing was donated by members who contributed to the memorial fund for Betty Summer's parents, Henry and Hildur Berkemeyer.

The swing was installed by Jim Summers and Ralph Hyland and is a charming asset to the Homestead Acre and for weddings held there.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Gail and Bill Schepler, new proud parents of Rachel who was born in January and weighed 8 lbs 3 oz. Equally proud is Grandma Lillian Schepler.  
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Sarita Cristina Goodwin, a life member of the Chatsworth Historical Society, died on January 14, 1990. Sarita was born in Santiago Chile on May 27, 1894. She had lived in Chatsworth about 45 years.

Lillian Schepler arranged a lovely memorial service in the Pioneer Church at Oakwood Memorial Park on January 27. Thirty five friends of Sarita's attended and learned many fascinating details of her very interesting life. Thank you to Lillian for providing the memorial service.

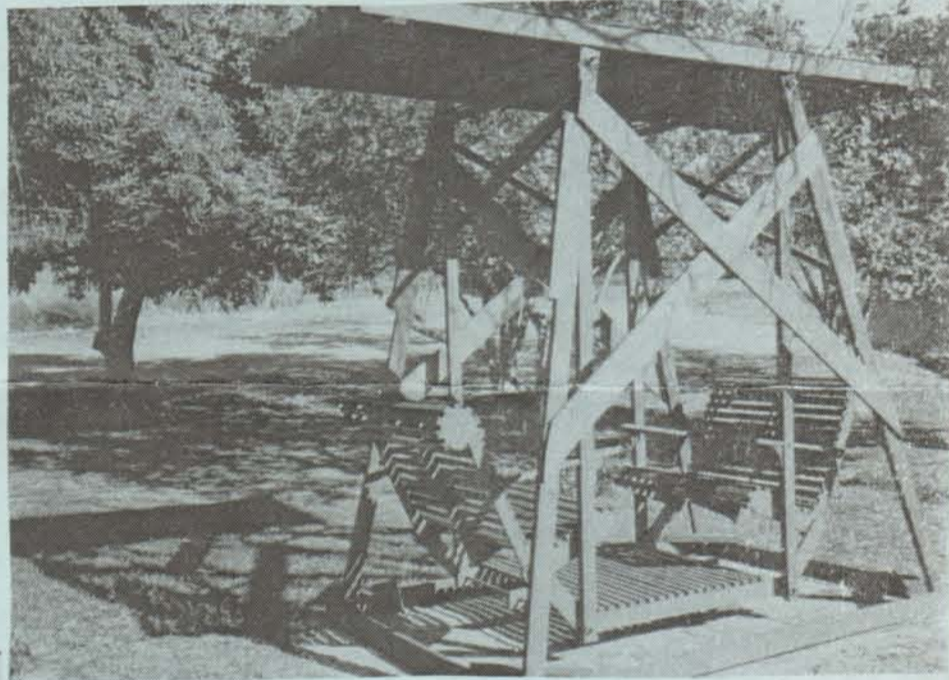
Those wishing to contribute to the memorial fund for Sarita may forward donations to the Society at P.O. Box 3413 Chatsworth, CA 91313. A garden bench in Sarita's memory will be placed in the rose garden at the Homestead Acre.



## YARD SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 & SATURDAY, APRIL 28

The Society holds two yard sales each year - our main source of revenue and we ask your help with the donation of merchandise. We have the ideal situation as we have the large storage unit behind the museum and can accept your contributions from now on. Call Sheila, 341-4489 or Lillian, 341-2617 to arrange for storage of your unwanted items - household bric-a-brac, furnishings, toys, books, dishes, pictures, clothing in excellent condition, tools - you name it! And thanks for your help.



ROMANTIC SWING. Newest acquisition for the Homestead Acre is this beautiful redwood swing. Next time you visit the Acre, take a trip down memory lane in this rustic swing from yester year.



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PARADE FAVORITE. Thanks to all who helped decorate our winning float in the 1989 Chatsworth Holiday Parade. Raggedy Ann is now our mascot!

