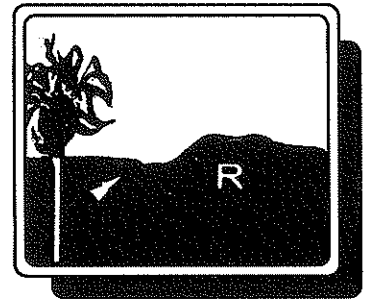


REDLANDS CHRONICLES



September, 2006

The Great Flood of 1938

Suzie Earp, CSUSB

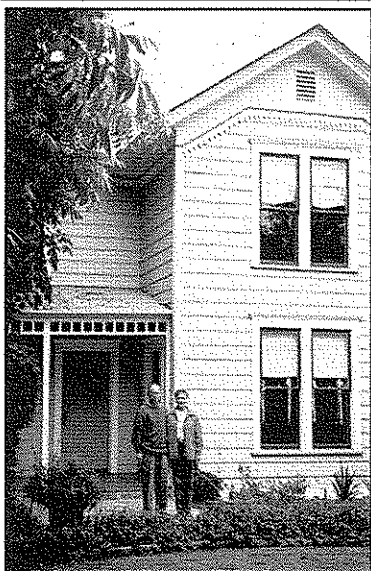
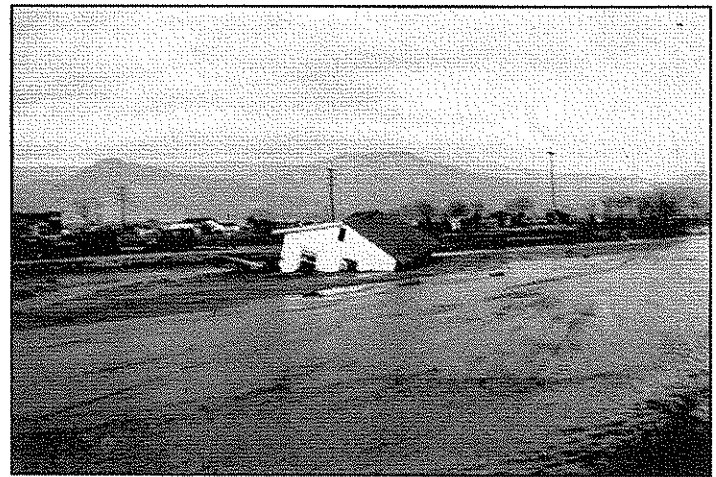
September 25th, 7:00pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

Our program September 25th will be a disaster. That's right, we begin the new fall season with Suzie Earp, Historian Archivist for the Water Resources Institute at California State University, San Bernardino. Last March Susan Keith and Tom Atchley viewed her powerpoint program at the San Bernardino County Museum on the "Great Flood of 1938." This disaster was the greatest flood in San Bernardino County and the San Bernardino Valley in the 20th century.

Suzie Earp earned a B.A. in history and is completing an M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies at California State University, San Bernardino. Her program begins with slide photos of 1930s just before the

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OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING & GOURMET POTLUCK PICNIC

Wednesday September 20, 6:30 PM

516 Walnut Avenue

Bill and Sandie Green will host the September Old House Group Meeting and Gourmet Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at their historic hundred-plus year old house located at 516 Walnut Avenue in Redlands.

Bill and Sandie are the 11th owners of this two-story home built about 1898 by Samuel Hayes. When the Greens decided to downsize from their large Italianate Victorian home in North East Ohio (the winters were so cold), they

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A Letter from your President...

To borrow a famous line, "I'm back!" Yes, it's true; I am fulfilling another term as your mighty president. There is some precedence for this; Liz Beguelin was also a three-year president. Other than Liz, no one else has mentioned a presidential stint for more than two years but I am sure there must be others. Please do not think I am complaining as Susan Rettig, our trusty Treasurer, has held her position for 24 years! And, I might add, done a fine job. However, this will be my last year because the Redlands Area Historical Society, Inc. bylaws clearly state that this is my final year on the board since it is my sixth.

This gives me a great opportunity to reach out to all you members who want to get involved with the Society. We need all of your time, talent, and input. This year we have some tremendous opportunities for you to get involved. We are searching for a Publicity Chair to contact the press in our area so that all the great events we sponsor get good community coverage. The Old House Group can always use help at their monthly gatherings; Sandie Green has done a terrific job coordinating the OHG but she is only one person. Sandie has agreed to temporarily Chair this important group but we need an RAHS member to take over this job. We also desperately need help with the many fundraising events we have planned this year. Your board consists of nine hard-working individuals who clearly know that we can not do everything. Please join us, this year, as a volunteer. You will meet some great people and be glad you helped!

September is membership month for the Redlands Area Historical Society. In a related article (elsewhere in this newsletter) you will see an exciting new addition to our membership drive this year, a Prize Drawing! We are always thinking of ways to boost our membership. If you should have some suggestions, we would be glad to hear your ideas to help us bring in new members. Please join us so you can be a part of all that RAHS has to offer to our members and this great community. Then participate in some or all of our events. Please be sure to say "Hi" when we meet each other around our town.

Judith Hunt, President

Old House Group, continued

chose this classic home even though the floors, walls and ceilings were all bright pink. In between painting the Redlands Glass Museum and other houses here in Redlands, Bill and Sandie have continued with the revitalization of their Victorian-era home.

They have recently repainted and refurbished bedrooms on the second floor in the style they established redoing the first floor. Since August, 2001, they have been working on lovingly returning their home to its original classic feel. Now, after 39 years, their wonderful antique collections from England, the East Coast and even here in Redlands, have been unpacked and are featured in their vintage home.

The grounds, filled with beautiful mature plantings, will provide the perfect spot for our Gourmet Potluck Picnic.

For the Gourmet Potluck Picnic, table service, drinks and dessert will be provided.

Please Bring:

Last name starting with A to M Main Dish

Last name starting with N to Z Salads, etc.

SEE YOU THERE!

Save the Date!

Sunday, November 19, 2006

Redlands Area Historical Society, Inc.

in conjunction with the

Redlands Art Association's
Art-on-State Street

present

HISTORIC WALKING TOURS
OF STATE STREET

One-Hour Tour

\$10

Flood of 1938, continued

flood. She previews the flood with dialog, which sets the scene for what happened in March 1938. With aerial views sprinkled throughout the program, viewers can't get lost with the slide locations.

Destruction of Colton and the Southern Pacific yard is especially telling with spans of a dangling railroad line above newly-cut Santa Ana River bed. The Orange Show and the area just north of the Orange Show took a direct hit from Warm Creek and the Santa Ana combined.

Earp has more than 150 pictures of the flood itself along with an extraordinary 1938 home movie! She will show before-and-after shots of specific locations that were impacted by the flood, including Mill and "E" Streets in San Bernardino.

The historical society wishes to tape the personal reminiscences of those who were in Redlands or the surrounding area during the flood for the Heritage Room. We know extensive damage occurred in Mill Creek Canyon, the mouth of the Santa Ana River water system, the bridges across the wash to Highland, San Timoteo Canyon, Loma Linda, and Highland.

If you are in the possession of photographs, bring them and we will scan them before the meeting begins or at the end of the meeting. If we get them scanned early, we might be able to enjoy them while feasting on the evening treat.

NEW REDLANDS ORNAMENT

The Redlands Area Historical Society is re-energizing efforts in making its ornaments available to members and the public. There are still quite a number of the ornaments left that have been so popular over the years. But, there is now a brand new ornament coming available that we hope will be a big hit. It is of the Morey Mansion. It is brass with a glass background, is three dimensional, and is somewhat smaller than our existing ornaments.

Our ornaments have been available for sale at the Heritage Room of the A.K. Smiley Public Library. Ornaments still available include Kimberly Crest, University of Redlands Chapel, Santa Fe Depot, Prospect Park Carriage House, A.K. Smiley Public Library, and the Lincoln Shrine. If you don't all of these in your collection, be sure to stop by and pick one up before they are gone. And, keep your eye out for the new Morey Mansion ornament. It looks great.

Membership Drive Prize Drawing

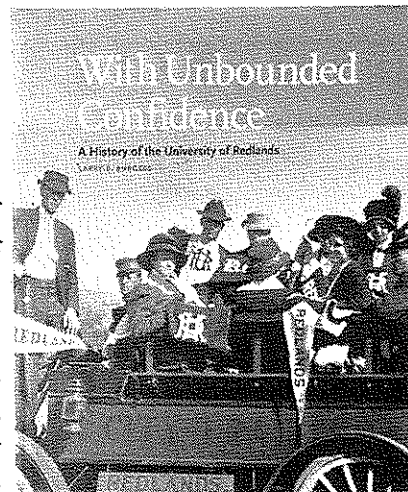
September always brings cooler weather, a return to a routine, and most importantly for the Redlands Area Historical Society our membership drive. This year your hard-working board of directors have devised an interesting new twist to our membership drive which will give us all incentive for renewing now!

Thanks to the generous donation of Dr. Larry Burgess, author of the new tome *With Unbounded Confidence: A History of the University of Redlands*, one of these beautiful volumes will be given to a lucky Redlands Area Historical Society member. All mem-

bers, past, present and future, renewing before our Annual Holiday Party (date to be determined sometime the beginning of December 2006) will be placed in a drawing for this glorious book.

This new history of the University of Redlands, which includes 250 pages, four-color hard-cover and more than 300 vintage images, was produced for the University's Centennial Celebration. It not only recounts the beginning efforts of Jasper Newton Field in 1907 but continues through the years to 2007. The successful Town and Gown connection with the University is spotlighted along with the challenges for each generation of students. As expected Larry has added his personal stories to this significant account of an important piece of our town history.

All Historical Society members should have this volume in their permanent collections. Now this is made possible by merely renewing your Society membership in a timely fashion. You will not want to miss out on this history making event in the life of RAHS. Look for your membership letters to arrive in the mail this month and be sure to JOIN!



Newsletter Deadline

All members of the Redlands Area Historical Society are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at ngonzales@akspl.org by the 1st of each month.