



# NEWS 'n NOTES

## CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### STREET SCENE, LOS ANGELES STYLE

Thousands of people were attracted to the 5th Annual Street Scene, sponsored by the City of Los Angeles on the weekend of Oct. 9-10. Hundreds of booths featured all kinds of arts and crafts, ethnic foods, and displays. A top-notch program of ethnic songs and dances, rock music and various types of entertainment set a carnival mood for the large crowds. The Society's participation included a slide show relating the history of early Chinatown in Los Angeles, and CHSSC's Golden Spike Centennial celebration at Lang Station in Newhall on Sept. 6, 1976.

Nothing terribly exciting happened until George Yee came on the scene. Then -- SHAZAM!! things suddenly started popping! With a display of showmanship bestowed on only a select few, George skillfully attracted the crowds by his expert demonstration of a 3-minute "Chinese massage". Within a few short hours, donations reached the tidy sum of seventy dollars. That saved the day, proving once again that when you "let George do it", you can bet your bottom dollar that George will do it --- with style!

### MISCELLANY

A new Asian Pacific radio program - "EAST WIND" - is broadcasted each Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Station KPFK 90.7 FM. The Aug. 29 program, "Chinese Exclusion 1882-1982", focused on 100 years of Chinese American experiences.

Several months ago, CHSSC received from the Downey Historical Society several pages of census information on the Chinese in the Los Nietos township (Downey-Norwalk area) in 1880-1900. All of the 41 Chinese in 1880 were male; the youngest was 19, the oldest, 60. Their occupations were as cooks, gardeners, laundry workers, servants, laborers, and a group of 6 who worked in a brickyard. Complete microfilm of the 1880-1900 census for Los Angeles County is available at the Downey Historical Society.

The Riverside County Board of Education has agreed to erect a fence to protect the Riverside Chinatown historical site. Although no buildings remain, the site has been designated as a Riverside City and County Landmark, and is listed in the State Historical Resources Inventory. A committee composed of members Tom Moy, John Ng, both from Riverside, and Eugene Moy, have been researching the history of Riverside Chinatown, which in the 1890's had a population of 2,000. Anyone with any knowledge of the community in Riverside before 1950 is requested to drop a note or call Eugene Moy, 1550 N. Verdugo Rd., #11, Glendale 91208. Phone: 243-7601 (home), or 847-9582 (office).

Castelar School is having its 100th birthday celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Beginning at 9:00 A.M., the Open House event will feature classroom visits, ethnic dances, a history photo display, and a presentation of several awards.

At the October meeting, guest speaker Daniel Ching shared part of his wonderful collection of post cards and trade cards with Society members and friends. In the short span of five years, Daniel has managed to accumulate an enviable collection of cards, some dating as far back as the late 1800's. Chinese were depicted in caricature, for the most part, reflecting the anti-Chinese feelings of the times.

### CHSSC NEEDS YOU and YOU and YOU!!!

By year's end, the CHSSC Board will have five vacancies, all with 2-year terms. Can you help? Be a Board member, and help plan the future projects and events for the coming year. Contact President Gene Moy, or any of the current officers or Board members. The line forms to the right, but hurry!! before all the vacancies are filled!!

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING

New members joining for the first time can join now and the membership will remain in effect for the calendar year 1982-83. Give your friends who have everything something to remember you by. GIVE A CHHSC MEMBERSHIP! They will be forever grateful and we will have new friends.

### HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Historical Photo Exhibit displayed for the Castelar School Centennial Open House will be left up for our CHSSC members and friends to see at our monthly meeting on November 10th at 7:30 p.m. Spread the word and call all those whom you think might be alumni of Castelar to come.