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Historic Downtown Docent-led walking tour

or Docent-led Walker House Tour 10:00 am

(which tour varies by weather)

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## President's Message

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream. We had another successful Ice Cream Social and fun was had by all. Apparently, my stage voice did not project the way I thought it would and I promise to use a microphone in the future. For those of you that couldn't hear me at the event, I want to thank Dave Harbin, the mastermind that brought it all together. His wife, Chris, for her ever popular hot fudge. Margie Green for the strawberries. Our super scoopers, Cheryl Avelar and Cheryl Clarke. Selina Garcia for the photo backdrop. Abel Burke for the background music. The totally awesome table decorations and covers were provided by Kay Glinternick. Thank you to all our members that attended.



The Historical Society Board approved funds to update the photos on the walls in the halls of the second floor. We replaced the regular glass with museum quality glass, added a white mat with black core and an opening for the captions on the inside of the glass. The work was done by Linco Custom Picture Framing and is beautiful. Thank you Steve, Leslie and Laura for not only the beautiful work but being such a pleasure to work with.



Ice Cream Social - September 15, 2024

Back in the Summer of 2023, I wrote about our new collections management system *Catalogit*. While there are still some bugs to be worked out, I wanted to give those of you that would be interested access to the items in our files.

You will need to download the Catalogit app to whichever device you will be viewing the files in. It is compatible with PC, laptop, iPad and smartphones (iOS and Android). When you open the app, it will ask for email and password. The email you will use is:

office91773@sandimashistorical.org and the password is: Hi8toric@l

Happy browsing and let me know if you have any questions.

Please save the date of Saturday, November 26, 2024. We will be holding our Fall Dinner Meeting and would love to see you there. Invitations will be sent closer to the event and you can visit our website, SanDimasHistorical.org, for more details. ●

**This Date In History:** This article appeared on the FRONT PAGE of the San Dimas Press on September 29, 1927

### Ford Goes Bad; Breaks Owners Arm

John Shannon, handled his Ford a trifle roughly Monday morning and it retaliated by kicking him in the arm, breaking both bones near the wrist. John has had the Ford for some time, and for a number of years it has shown only a most docile disposition. Our sympathies are with John. ●

The following article was written by Martha Glauthier, the first archivist for the San Dimas Historical Society and appeared in the October 1999 edition of the San Dimas Community News

# SAN DIMAS REMEMBERED

## Stanley Plummer and the Lumber Company

Until its closure in 1992, the San Dimas Lumber Company was the longest continually operating business in San Dimas. It was established in 1888 at the southwest corner of Bonita and San Dimas Avenue, and in 1904 was taken over and incorporated by J. S. Billheimer, W. A. and James A. Johnstone, Frank Harwood and R. M. Teague. At this time, the business was moved to Railway and Depot Streets, where it remained to serve the building needs of the community. The materials for the San Dimas Grammar School, the County Fire Station, The Voorhis School, the Masonic Temple and the American Legion building, as well as many of the homes in the area, were supplied by this hometown business.



In 1923, Mr. Billheimer moved to Pasadena and Stanley Plummer, with his wife Shirley, came to San Dimas to manage the Lumber Company. In the same year, Stanley's parent, Charles and Retta Welch Plummer, his sister Marion moved into the Billheimer's former ranch home on the northeast corner of San Dimas Avenue and Gladstone. They had moved from Redlands, where Stanley was born. During the Depression and World War II, the building business was very poor, but by adding a hardware department and offering much personal service, the Lumber Company kept go-

ing. Long-time and faithful employees included Pilar Vera, Tom Gore, Ernest Weiss and Tim Berry. In 1946, the Plummers purchased the business and for a time, operated a branch yard in La Verne. After the War, there was considerable expansion, including the acquisition of larger trucks, fork-lifts and expanded storage facilities. In 1966 the old office was replaced by a modern office and hardware center.

In 1956 and 57, Thomas E. Gore and Tim D. Berry became co-owners, and when Stanley retired in 1976, a developer from Glendora, Karl Spoerl, and Leroy Bell, a business executive, purchased the business.

Stanley and Shirley Plummer had met while students at Pomona College



and married soon after graduation. From the time that they moved into their new home at 416

N. San Dimas Ave., in 1923, they were good neighbors and leaders in the town of about 2,000 residents. They were both active in the Union Church (San Dimas Avenue & Third Street). Stanley helped found the San Dimas Masonic Lodge and the San Dimas Service Club, was active in the Chamber of Commerce, and at one time or another, President of each. Shirley was active in the San Dimas Wednesday Afternoon Club and the Inter Nos Club (both women's groups), and in the 1950's, helped found the San Dimas



**Stanley Plummer**  
First Mayor of San Dimas

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Kay Hoveland

# Vintage Treasures

SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Remembered as the Gift Shop!**

It's that time of the year and the holidays are just around the corner. We have had a very successful year with the help of all the volunteers who have made Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday and Saturday nights real money makers.



Donations have been steady and provide inventory that appeals to our customers. In those donations are Holiday ornaments including many, many crystals, antique and reproductions, that will be hanging on the

tree. Yes, there will be a single room, dedicated to the Holidays with at least one tree and many items that make nice decorations and/or gifts.

While it will not be as elaborate as it has been in the past there will be treasures for sale. Should you like to contribute any Holiday items, please call me at 626-592-2002. I will be happy to arrange a time to meet you at the Walker House or come to your house to pick them up!

**Thanks for your continued support!**

## New Life Members

Al & Cindy Corona  
Chris Ann & Richard Horsely

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Woman's Club. In 1925 and 1926, they were instrumental in the Chamber entering a Float in the Pasadena Rose Parade, built entirely by volunteers, on one of the lumber Company trucks. The 1926 entry won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in its class, and the tall Silver Vase may be seen in the Historical Society Museum.

When it became apparent in the late 1950's that if San Dimas was to keep its identity it must incorporate, Stanley was one of the leaders of this movement. He received the most votes in the subsequent election of Councilmen, so was selected by the Council as our first Mayor and served us well in getting the city started.

After Shirley's death, Stanley married Lela Ann Hathaway and had four happy years with her until his death in 1987.



## San Dimas Historical Society Fall Dinner

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

**LOCATION:** Parish Meeting Hall at  
505 E. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas  
Redemption Bible Church at  
Faith Lutheran Church

**Time: Social 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm**

### Program "Stanley Plummer our first City Mayor"

Former Mayor Curt Morris will provide some background and read an address by Stanley Plummer that was given to the San Dimas Rotary Club in 1967.

It is a summary of the first seven years of progress since the city's incorporation in 1960. Stanley Plummer was one of the leaders for incorporation and his actions probably saved our community from becoming parts of the surrounding cities.

*Join us for this insightful program  
of our city's history .*

*Invitations will be mailed to all members.*



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