

LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD
NEWSLETTER

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Meeting night: second Thursdays, Livermore Library meeting room, 7:30 p.m.

PRESERVATION OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT The Livermore City Council through city manager William Parness has written to the SP stating in detail the desirability of preserving the depot at its present site. It was the "unanimous conclusion that this project is a very important one involving cultural and civic pride." Recognizing that the present location of the depot has substantial economic value, SP has been offered in exchange for donating the depot and property: a pledge that the exterior will be remodeled, reconditioned and landscaped within one year; that the railway will be given credit in its final development plan for off-street parking and onsite landscaping in proportion to the amount of property consumed by the depot; and that no competing commercial use would be permitted in the building but instead it would be used for community purposes that would enhance the value of the area.

The City further offered the Livermore Heritage Guild matching funds up to \$2500 to be used for the restoration of the building. The Guild has collected pledges of over \$600 so far and the total grows steadily. We urge all members and friends to send in their pledges of money and/or work hours. Hundreds of hours have already been pledged but we need many more.

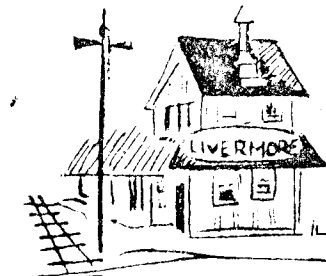
Emergency work to protect the depot from winter weather has been undertaken. We hope that we will soon get an answer from the Southern Pacific so the work of restoration can begin in earnest.

AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE AMADOR-LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM has been issued by Bill Ray, the curator, to see the special exhibit of artifacts of the Ohlone Indians whose ancestors were residents of this area. The Heritage Guild plans to visit the museum on October 24 at 7:30 p.m. All Guild members and their friends are cordially invited. We suggest car pools. Call your friends and get together for an evening of study and pleasure. The artifacts are the property of the Ohlone Indians -- a very valuable collection.

LIVERMORE ARTS FESTIVAL At the Festival October 13 and 14, the Heritage Guild will have an exhibit of old Livermore photos and other materials, and members will be on duty to talk about our hopes and plans. The Guild is now a member organization of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, the festival sponsors.

THE BUCKLEY HOUSE on Arroyo Road is being renovated through the good offices of Rev. Mike Petrillo, director of the Youth Service Center presently using the structure. The property now belongs to the City of Livermore, including the 24 acres of park around the several buildings. The Guild believes that all the buildings should be restored and made available for civic use. One possibility is to use the location for a display of several old Livermore buildings. The Guild has permission to hold an open house on the property in December. Our next newsletter will give details.

THE GUILD NEEDS: MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS, PLEDGES. ACT TODAY.



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Meetings second Thursday, Library meeting room, 7:30 p.m. Join us.

DEPOT PLEDGES GROW! The total is now over \$700 and growing steadily. Pledges of work on the restoration are now over 400 hours. A pledge of \$5 or more is good for a gold spike and a chance on a handsome old railway lantern donated by Bill Kay. We are waiting for an answer from the SP and hoping that the work of restoration can begin soon. USE GOLD SPIKES AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

1889 BIRD'S EYE VIEW MAP OF LIVERMORE AVAILABLE The Guild now has blueprint copies of the 1889 lithograph for sale. The 18" x 24" size is \$2 and the 11" x 14" size is \$1. We are preparing a guide to the map and we hope to have it ready for sale in the near future. If you want to buy a copy of the map, call Janet Newton, 447-9592. Proceeds go to the Guild. COPIES OF THE MAP MAKE GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT THE BUCKLEY ESTATE ON THE ARROYO ROAD Plan to join us on Sunday afternoon, December 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. Guild members will be on hand to show members and guests the various old buildings. Refreshments will be for sale and also gold spikes and the 1889 maps. Come and see this interesting link with the past. It is west of the Arroyo Road, south of Marina and just south of the newest tract of houses. A few years ago it was a retreat of the Redemptorist Fathers. We hope that all the buildings in this new Livermore park will be preserved for civic use.

TREVARNO The Guild has added its support to the efforts being made to keep the tree-shaded old houses at Trevarno. We need to keep the old to provide relief from the monotony of the new.

An item in a September issue of the 1918 Livermore Herald gives a different view. "Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Teeter" (great great grandparents of Guild member Marilyn Calhoun) "have recently received several interesting letters from their son, Lieut. Desmond Teeter, who is taking advanced artillery instruction at a field school in France....He describes the buildings in the towns and villages as very old with no modern structures to relieve the monotony...".

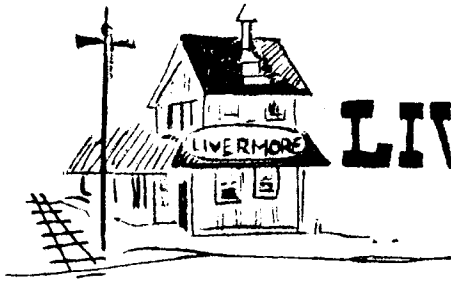
MEMBERSHIP Our membership list is growing but we need more support to carry out the work of preserving Livermore's past. Join today!

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Meetings, Second Thursday, Library meeting room, 7.30 pm.

Join us.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT Mr. Parness, the City Manager, has informed us that the SP has approached him about the possibility of making the old depot into a restaurant. We understand that the SP depot in Santa Cruz has been so developed in cooperation with the SP and that a similar operation might be feasible in Livermore. Our information is incomplete at this time.

"Adaptive Use" is considered highly desirable for restored old structures according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation - with the underlying assumption that the restoration is authentic. Adaptive use keeps the building alive. It is obvious that all old structures cannot be made into museums. Most of them are unsuitable.

The Guild favors making the building economically useful, provided that there are safeguards that will preserve the authenticity of the appearance of Livermore's cherished landmark. We are waiting to hear from the SP and until we do, we will continue to collect pledges of support for the restoration of the building. Livermore wants to keep the SP depot as a key to its downtown core and we are glad to report that pledges are still coming in steadily. We must not relax our efforts. We have made a great start and we must let it be known that we intend to succeed.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9, 1 - 4 pm. COME TO THE OPEN HOUSE AT THE BUCKLEY ESTATE.

Located just south of the newest houses on the Arroyo Rd., the first right turn south of Superior Drive. Members will be there to show you around and there will be refreshments for sale. Copies of the 1889 lithograph and gold spikes will also be available. All proceeds will go towards the cost of restoring and developing the estate. At this time it is imperative that the areas to be preserved be fenced off and that a caretaker be installed on the premises.

In his best-selling book "Vines in the Sun", Idwal Jones quoted an 1899 account of the Buckley estate: "Mr. C.A. Buckley, the noted power behind the throne in State politics, sought this region for the sake of its rare climate, and for a resting spot, but has fallen in with the spirit of his surroundings, and planted about him sixty acres in vines. His vineyard is called 'Ravenswood', and has a beautiful cottage and grounds, where Mr. Buckley has spared neither pains nor expense, in preparing himself a veritable bower of roses in which to seek rest and recreation."

The vines are gone but the trees and shrubs remain in the gardens around the cottages. The fountain is in working order and the tank house and

the carriage house are in a good state of preservation. All the buildings could be used for community activities and the whole could become a home for other reminders of the history of the area.

One pleasant note from the past is that after the Buckleys left and before the Redemptorist Fathers moved in, Captain Joseph Concannon and Nina Ferrario were married in the house.

THE LIVERMORE TOTEM POLE The Guild is pleased that Livermore's own totem pole, created by the famous Adam Nordwall, will have a permanent home in Centennial Park. It will be visible to many people coming into the town and it will be relatively safe from vandalism.

From The Livermore Herald, Jan 19, 1918: "A truck from the Arroyo Sanatorium came to town Saturday forenoon to get the piano from Sweeney's Opera House for use in the dedication exercises. It could not be conveyed on their own truck, so they borrowed one for the purpose. The driver failed to lash it in place and when he made the turn into L. St. the piano toppled and fell to the pavement, literally breaking in two lengthwise."

OLD TOWN HALL The two-story structure at the northeast corner of Third and K Streets was Livermore's first Town Hall. It was a simple building originally, with one large room upstairs that housed the courtroom and the city offices and downstairs one room that was the fire station. The building had no porches. It had a false front. Next to it was a tower for the curfew bell, sometimes called the hoodlum bell, and behind it was the jail. The bell is still hanging behind the police station. An old cannon was out front (it is now at the Rincon Fire Station) that was fired every Fourth of July. The Town Hall was located where the Wells Fargo parking lot is now. There is a picture of it in the border of the lithograph.

Mr. Joseph Poli, the owner of the structure, wants to restore the building in return for variances from the City for parking requirements for a new building he wants to put on the lot. The City Council decided against granting Mr. Poli's request and since the cost of moving the two-story structure would be very high, it may not be possible to preserve the building. Not very much of the original structure remains.

From The Livermore Herald, Nov. 23, 1918: "Arroyo Sanatorium Wishes Temporary Loan of Piano...It will be handled with the greatest care and returned in as good condition as received."

CARNEGIE BUILDING The Guild has asked the City for part of the soon-to-be vacated Carnegie building for use as the nucleus of a Livermore museum and teaching center. Already the Guild has been given custody of valuable documents from the town's history and it will be a continuing responsibility of the town to find space to house them and make them available for study. The Carnegie Building is an old building that is unusually suitable for a museum.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Reed have donated ledgers and documents that were found under the rafters of the old Beazel house at 4th and J Streets. They are most interesting and on behalf of Livermore's history buffs, the Guild thanks them sincerely.

BILL RAY HAS A NEW JOB The Guild is sorry to lose its good friend and board member, Bill Ray. He has accepted the position of Riverside County Historian. We wish him luck and hope he will keep in touch with us.

CHRISTMAS IN THE LIVERMORE VALLEY

by Janet Newton

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday and a good New Year.

Families like to gather together for holidays and this was especially true of the Spanish Californians. At Christmas Robert Livermore and his family made the long journey over the hills to the ranch of his wife's family at Warm Springs, near Mission San Jose. The women rode in the ox-drawn, wooden wheeled carts that had been well padded with cushions and bedding, and the men rode horseback. The path of the Vallecitos Road was the one they took. It is one of the oldest routes of travel in California, part of the route from the San Francisco area to the central valley.

The family attended services in the Mission, where Robert and Josefa Higuera had been married in 1838, and where members of the Higuera family were buried. The Californians knew how to enjoy fiestas and they made them last for days.

Later, when Robert Livermore, Jr. and his wife Teresa Bernal lived in their beautiful house to the east of the Livermore adobe, they, too, celebrated a long Christmas in keeping with family tradition.

First there would be an all-day outing to the hills to get a Christmas tree. They would take a horse and wagon and they would have a picnic barbecue. Then on Christmas Eve the family would gather together for prayers, the Christmas tree and a holiday dinner. Teresa would sit with her rosary and the children would kneel around her saying their prayers. The prayers were said in Spanish and in English. Hair-ribbons and toys and candy and nuts were on the tree. Each girl always got a doll.

The first written record that I have of a Christmas in the Valley is in a letter written by young Annie Armstrong in 1873 to her aunt in San Leandro. She wrote "Well, Santa Claus got here with something for each one and better of all a little sister last Sunday . . ."

The Livermore Enterprise in December 1875 announced that there would be a GRAND CHRISTMAS BALL in Exchange Hall on Christmas Day. Tickets, including supper (probably a chicken dinner) were \$2. A "General Invitation" was extended to all.

The town was only six years old in 1875 and many of the residents must have been a long long way from their homes. But evidently they joined together for a great big party.

Livermore was a busy town by that time, having two daily passenger trains going each way and four freight trains a day each way. The ENTERPRISE reported that in 1869 when the town was born, there had been just one hotel, one store and one unused blacksmith shop. By 1875 there were over 600 people. The coal mines of Corral Hollow were important to the town and a stage for the Livermore Coal Mines met the 9:30 a.m. train each day. The fare was \$2 round-trip.

From then on, there were Christmas and New Year's Eve Balls both in Livermore and Pleasanton. One in 1876 had "good music for dancing, a Christmas tree for the children and Santa has promised to be there with presents for everyone . . ."

In Pleasanton in 1880 there was a Christmas Eve Ball at the Rose Hotel (\$2 including supper) and also a New Year's Eve party at Nevis Pavillion, given by the Whittier Library and Literary Association. It was to raise money to buy books for the library.

Leap Year was celebrated more enthusiastically then than now. In Livermore in 1880 there was a New Year's Eve Farewell to Leap Year party on December 31. Tickets, sold to ladies only, were \$1.

I asked Mrs. Zylpha Beck of Livermore if many children living on outlying ranches were unable to get into town for the Christmas festivities. The weather interfered with travel then, even more than it does now. At Christmas 1880, the paper reported "All the creeks in this section are now rapidly rising and unless there be an immediate

clearing up, all the fords in the large streams will soon be impassable. At the crossings of the Mocho and the Valle, south of town, the water now rises well up on the horse's sides." (There were not many, if any, bridges then and travel was by horse and wagon or buggy or on horseback or on foot.) Mrs. Beck pointed out that not all of the ranchers had to cross large streams to get into town.

In 1889, the paper of December 26 says "Rainfall during the past week: total for week, 3.12 inches, total for storm, 11.56 inches, for season, 15.3 inches." These are extraordinary amounts. By Christmas, evidently, the valley had had more than the average rainfall for a whole season.

Once in town, there was no lack of Christmas activity. The stores were full of holiday merchandise. In 1880, for example, Fred Mally's store advertised "Toys of every description from a penny whistle to a horse and wagon. Wax and China Dolls. Fancy cups and saucers. Handsome vases. Fine assortment of Bohemian Ware. Toilet Sets. Elegant Gift Books, comprising English and American poetry and prose. Albums. Toy Books. Papeterie and other articles too numerous to mention . . ."

There were other diversions. Back in 1876 there had been a school for dancing and calisthenics and in 1880 there was an ad for "Billie Morgan, teacher of boxing, Exchange Hall, Livermore. Private lessons given on reasonable terms. Friends cordially invited."

For a long time, it was not the general custom to have a Christmas tree in each house. Children would hang their stockings at the foot of their beds for Santa to fill.

The Presbyterian Church used to have a big Christmas tree and a party for the children where gifts were distributed. The children would present a program of recitations and songs and skits. In the long program for 1889 a recitation was given by Bessie Hargrave (now living in Walnut Creek) and Lloyd Hawley of "Her Cat and His Dog."

At a later date, when the town had electricity, there would be a Christmas tree by the flag pole and lights strung from the flagpole to nearby buildings. The flagpole was then in the middle of the street.

Sometimes Livermore merchants distributed gifts to their customers. There are two examples known to us. One is a china dessert plate in the collection of Mrs. Earl Odell. It is decorated with California poppies and inscribed "From the store that appreciates your trade, Arroyo Grocery Company, Livermore." The other is a porcelain plate from the collection of Mrs. Charles Edmonston of Tassajara, inscribed "Compliments of G.M. Churchill, Livermore." This one has a gold border and a design of yellow roses.

At Christmas 1914 there was an account in the paper of a letter from France. "Jean Gourdou Tarbe, who left Livermore about three months ago to join the Allies army in France, writes to a friend at the Livermore Hotel that he is with the artillery and the work is quite strenuous, that the snow is a foot and a half deep; that they have to be on duty long hours but get plenty to eat, and that in the hospitals the wounded and sick are given the best of care, irrespective of nationality."

In December 1914, Livermore's Mc Kown & Mess drug store advertised "Kodaks: Brownie No. 1, \$1; Brownie No. 2, \$2; vest pocket Kodaks with anastigmatic lens, \$10 . . ." The Bell Theater's special features included "The Perils of Pauline" five reels; "Cricket on the Hearth" by Charles Dickens, and "The Barefoot Boy," five reels. One of the most beautiful productions ever staged."

A nice ending for a piece on Christmas in Livermore is an account of when the County Sanatorium for Tuberculosis patients was established south of town. It became known as the Arroyo San. Dr. Chesley Bush, its Director for 30 years, said (according to an article by Joan Agar) "From the first, the town of Livermore was very cooperative and helpful to the Sanatorium.

"The first Christmas, in 1919, he was invited to the office of Supervisor Dan J. Murphy in Livermore. When he arrived, he found that the long mahogany table in the office was heaped with gold pieces, which Murphy told him was a present from the merchants of Livermore to the Arroyo San. With the money, Dr. Bush hired the first teacher for the Arroyo, Miss Delia Lord Davis, who taught elementary grades for child patients at the sanatorium." Dr. Bush and Miss Davis still live in Livermore.

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Roger P. Brown, Chairman, 11450 Tesla Rd.

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Regular meeting, Thursday, January 10, 7.30 pm. Library meeting room.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT The fate of Livermore's SP depot is still not decided with any finality. But we are confident of a good outcome. We are still collecting pledges of support. Some members used gold spikes as Christmas presents for friends by making a donation to the Guild in the friend's name. The Guild sent a letter to the recipient also. This is a good way to support the work of the Guild.

THE OPEN HOUSE AT THE BUCKLEY ESTATE ON DEC. 9 was a great success. Between three and four hundred people attended in spite of the freezing weather and many citizens were able to assess the charm and potential of the old estate. We believe that we are in great need of this cultural addition to our area's resources. It can be a reminder of the past as well as a useful meeting place.

THE NEW GUILD BOOKLET, "A TOUR OF OLD LIVERMORE" (a copy of an 1889 map and a ten-page text about an imaginary walk through the old town) sold very well at the open house. Copies are still available from Janet Newton (447-9592) or from Book Haven or Schlageter's Stationery or The Blue Door Antiques.

CARNEGIE BUILDING The Guild hopes to establish a Livermore History Center in part of the Carnegie Building. We will begin with small displays, but with the hope that long-range plans for the collection and cataloging of Livermore area archives and artifacts can be made and the work begun.

THE ALVHS MUSEUM on the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton will have an open house on January 11, for the current show "Do You Remember When?". Its title is "An Evening of Nostalgia" and the meeting at the museum at 7 pm will be followed by a showing of old movies in the Fairgrounds cafeteria at 8 pm. No admission to the museum, \$1 admission to the movies. Movies from the Robert Maskel collection.

INTERESTING EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

Livermore Herald, March 6, 1936 From a piece on Livermore history by Elmer G. Still. "In 1885, the Livermore Gas Light works was erected on Railroad Avenue. It was shut down in 1901 and property reverted to donor, W. M. Mendenhall..." This is of interest because the land for the SP depot was similarly given by Mr. Mendenhall.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS, contd.

Livermore Herald, April 10, 1936 "Town Wants Old Depot. Arcadia - Here's a town that is fighting to keep its antiquated old railroad depot. Condemned as a fire hazard, the building will be saved if a campaign by prominent citizens is successful..." In 1973 the R&LHS said "Welcome to the Los Angeles County Fair Historical Railroad Exhibit...The former Santa Fe station from Arcadia stands at the front of the exhibit area..." Evidently there were depot buffs in Livermore in 1936, or why would this Arcadia item be in a Livermore newspaper? And note that the efforts of the Arcadia citizens in 1936 were successful.

We have learned of an organization called "The Depot Group" and we have been in correspondence with its Chairman, David L. Peterson.

Livermore Herald, July 12, 1935 A piece about the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Holm gives us valuable information about the towns of Laddsville and Livermore in 1873, when Mr. Holm arrived here from Denmark. The following is a condensation.

(Laddsville was a settlement around a hotel built by Alphonso Ladd. It was about where the Junction Ave. school is now located.) Mr. Holm said, of the year 1873 - "There was not a fence, not a bridge, and the roads were only trails...but the people on horseback (many with elaborate silver trappings) were almost as numerous as autos now. Laddsville was the business center of the valley. A large department store, operated by Robert Graham, who was also the postmaster, was located opposite what is now the Gardella residence (which was on the northeast corner of Junction and E. 1st St.) In conjunction with the store was a complete harness shop, a great business in those days. There were two hotels. Besides Ladd's, was one owned by Morris Hupers. Ladd was a great athlete - one of his principal feats being a standing jump from the door of his establishment over the hitching rack, ten feet away. Mr. Hupers' nickname was 'Bismarck'.

Mc Call's blacksmith shop was across the street and during the busy season he employed from 20 to 30 men...There were no lodges, no newspaper, no lighting system. The schoolhouse...was located in rear of what is now the high school property. It had one teacher..." (It was the reason for the name of School Street.)

Livermore was just building. Its main water supply came from a well, located in the center of the road, opposite the present location of the Anderson Garage. (On north side of First St. about opposite the end of J Street.) Two coal oil cans were suspended over a wheel, one coming up, the other going down, operated by hand. From this well the pioneer housewives carried water for their homes..."

MEMBERSHIP IN THE GUILD We hope that many more will decide to join the Guild so that they can help us to achieve our goals and so that they can continue to get the Newsletter. If you are a member, pass the attached application on to a friend. If not, why not fill it out and send it in today?

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE



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The Guild is a non-profit organization founded in 1973 in response to concern over the proposed demolition of the SP depot in Livermore.

IMMEDIATE GOALS

Save the Southern Pacific depot. Preserve Ravenswood (Buckley estate).

FUTURE GOALS

Support the preservation of old buildings and other artifacts of historical importance. Serve as a source of information about local history. Promote understanding and appreciation of Livermore's cultural heritage through community programs and speakers, through work with schools, through publications and through a museum.

WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We need the help of many people, both financially and physically if we are to fulfill all our goals. But with wide support we can do a great deal to preserve our historical resources for future generations to enjoy.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN OUR EFFORTS, SEND IN THIS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TODAY

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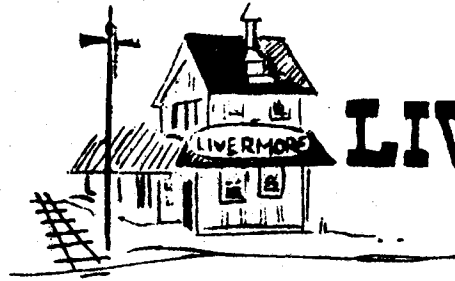
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REGULAR MEETING Thursday, Feb. 14, Livermore Library. David Bentham of Fremont will speak and show slides on historic restoration. Fremont's problems are similar to ours. David has just attended the UC seminar in SF, "Planning for the Past". Plan to join us. Board meeting 7.30, David at 8.30.

ALVHS MUSEUM Feb. 5, ADOBES IN THE SUN, photo exhibit from the California Historical Society. On Feb. 22, the Society will have a speaker from the Cameron-Stanford House in Oakland. Subject, Restoration of Victorian Buildings. See local newspapers for details.

S.P. DEPOT There are no new developments. We are still waiting for news from the Southern Pacific. We are still collecting pledges of support.

BUCKLEY ESTATE AND THE MAY SCHOOL The City has authorized improvements to the main building, including a new furnace. The building will soon be rented to a City employee. This will reduce the threat of vandalism and is good news. David Bentham, Vice Chairman of the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation inspected the Buckley place and the May school recently. He was very favorably impressed with the possibilities of both and thinks it would be quite feasible to move the school to the Buckley estate. Come to hear David on Feb. 14. Bring your questions and suggestions.

CARNEGIE BUILDING It has been suggested by Mrs. Karl Wente that the Guild might qualify for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, for the purpose of developing a new interpretive exhibit in the Carnegie Building. The building is appropriate for a Livermore Area History Center. A commitment from the City with regard to its future for such a purpose will enable the Guild to acquire funds and other contributions that will make it an outstanding unit of the County's historical resources. Guild members should do all they can to further this end.

The valuable collection of old Livermore drug-store artifacts that was in Duarte's store on First St. (now closed) has been promised to the Guild for an exhibit in the Carnegie Building. This is a major acquisition and we are indebted to Manuel Duarte and John Sarboraria and Don Hill for it. When the noted Bay Area historian, and retired pharmacist, heard about our plans, he not only offered to donate a collection of old drug store items, but promptly brought them out to us. They are of great value. All these materials are now in safe storage waiting for the Carnegie building to be ready.

OLD TIMES IN LIVERMORE Mrs. J.C. McGeehan, daughter of Capt. Wm. Crosby, who was born and raised on her father's ranch south of Del Valle Lake, (and a Guild member) writes "My memory of the old SP Station goes back to January 1895 - when we went to San Francisco 'en famille' for a week, and as we debarked from the buckboard somehow the baby's bottle broke. My father drove away to make

disposal of the team and find another bottle. Seems to me that replacement was a whiskey bottle - flat one. Quite possible that stabling the team at a livery stable and getting a new bottle and getting the family aboard the two o'clock train left little time to go to a drug store for a regulation bottle, such as they were then... I remember the little park across 'L' street from the station and the water tower where the engines 'tanked up'. I rode that train for many years when I was in school in Berkeley and Oakland..."

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS Livermore Herald, Dec. 13, 1951, page 1

"Just a week before he would have reached his 70th birthday, death yesterday took James M. (Mort) Beazell, long-time former Livermore druggist...Starting at the age of 15 as an errand boy, the native Livermorean who became health counselor to many earlier-day residents was connected off and on with the present Duarte drug store from the time it was established in 1881 by a man named Scott to the time he retired because of ill health. He worked for Joseph L. Mc Kown and Charles F. Mess after they succeeded Scott in operation of the store and bought them out in 1925. In 1947 he sold to Manuel Duarte. For a time he also worked as a pharmacist for the Owl Drug Co. in SF. He was a member of the Company I Old Guard of Livermore... City Engineer Carl Clarke said yesterday that he spent an hour with Beazell Tuesday night recalling old times."

Livermore ECHO: July 27, 1905, page 3

"Town Flagpole - The Fourth of July committee will meet this evening to decide what kind of a flagpole to purchase for the town. It will be erected near the Town Hall and will be dedicated on Admission Day with appropriate ceremonies and excercises."

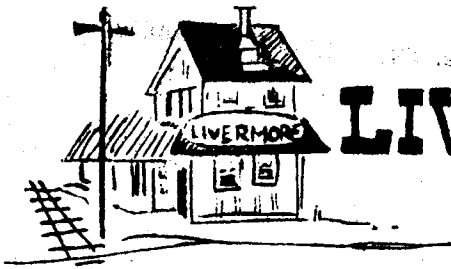
Same page. "At the solicitation of people who have used the medicine, and declared it to be 'all right' Chas. Ginger has decided to place his home-made liniment on the market and has named it 'Ginger's All Right Liniment.' See his ad in another column."

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HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR SALE BY THE GUILD

Blueprint copies of the 1889 panoramic map of Livermore are available, large size, 18 x 24", \$2; small size, 13½ x 11", \$1.

TOUR OF OLD LIVERMORE, including a portion of above map and a ten page text, in portfolio, \$2.50. Available at Book Haven, Schlageters, the Blue Door Antiques, or from Janet Newton, 447-9592



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The Guild is a non-profit organization founded in 1973 in response to concern over the proposed demolition of the Southern Pacific depot in Livermore.

IMMEDIATE GOALS

Save the Southern Pacific depot. Preserve Ravenswood (Buckley estate).

FUTURE GOALS

Support the preservation of old buildings and other artifacts of historical importance. Serve as a source of information about local history. Promote understanding and appreciation of Livermore's historical heritage through community programs and speakers, through work with schools, through publications and through a museum.

WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

We need the help of many people, both financial and physical if we are to fulfill all our goals. But with wide support we can do a great deal to preserve our historical resources for future generations to enjoy.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

All those who join the Guild before July 31st, 1974, will be Charter Members. The Guild has already embarked on a comprehensive program for the preservation of Livermore's history. At the end of our first year the Guild plans to publish a list of all those members who have helped us to make such an outstanding beginning. Be sure your name is eligible to be inscribed upon the Charter scroll. It will be a part of Livermore's history.

SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION TODAY

Roger P. Brown, Chairman
447-7780

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447-9592

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Next meeting, Thursday, March 14, Library meeting room, 7.30 pm.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT No new developments.

CARNEGIE BUILDING The Guild has not yet received an answer from the City Council to a letter sent by the Guild outlining the great benefits to the community that would follow a commitment by the City that the Carnegie building would be made into a City owned and operated History Center. Grants from other sources could be obtained for the purpose of preparing first-class interpretive exhibits. Mrs. Karl Wente brought to our attention that the Guild is eligible for outside help, such as a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Guild's modest dues and its program of providing low-cost educational materials to the public and the fact that it is working with all segments of the community, from young students to retired people, means that outside sources can be tapped to extend the work we are doing.

The Guild letter to the City states that the Guild's aim is to "collect significant materials from the Livermore area, to preserve them, to document them and to catalogue them. From this storehouse it will plan to assemble teaching materials, such as visual displays of artifacts, publications, film strips, traveling exhibits and movies, and to organize field trips that will extend the scope of these materials."

The Carnegie building is in itself worthy of being preserved and a most appropriate use for it would be a Livermore History Center. Such a center needs professional direction. And any such library-like collection of valuable reference materials needs the stability and the continuity that a government agency provides. The Guild can build on such a foundation.

We have already been given valuable artifacts and have been promised others. We could prepare a major exhibit of an early Livermore drug-store and we could show the interesting story of the coal-mining town of Tesla. But the housing for it is beyond our scope. The supporting base can best and appropriately be provided by our local governmental agency. The community would be greatly enriched by this program. The history center would be very similar in character to the Livermore Library and should be just as professional.

LOUIS L. STEIN, JR. was the name unintentionally omitted from the last Newsletter. Mr. Stein has given the Guild a great collection of valuable artifacts and has promised to work with us in building displays. Mr. Stein's help is generous and valuable. We thank him sincerely.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP All those who join the Guild (pay dues, that is) before July 31, 1974, will have their names inscribed on a scroll of Charter members. This will be a part of Livermore history. Don't be left out of it. Complete the membership application today!

ALVHS, ST. RAYMOND'S RESTORATION FUND EVENT, March 16, IRISH FEST, Dublin, Shannon Center. Corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish coffee, continuous entertainment. Dinner, \$4, under 12 \$1.50. Call 828-1477 for reservations.

BICENTENNIAL PLANS The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of California will follow the themes adopted by the national Commission. They are: Heritage '76; Festival USA; Horizons '76; with special emphasis on the California Gold Rush.

Livermore's Community Affairs Committee has suggested that we have an old-fashioned 4th of July celebration in 1976. No doubt there will be many suggestions for worthwhile projects.

In keeping with the state's Gold Rush theme, we could develop a historic park at the site of Robert Livermore's rancho home. It was an important place at the beginning of the Gold Rush. Many people stayed overnight there on their way to the mines and they wrote about it in diaries and in best-selling books. It would be an educational exhibit and also a pleasant park, alongside the Arroyo Las Positas as it is. Long-lasting programs are very desirable for the bicentennial.

The re-enactment of the Juan Bautista de Anza expedition of 1775-76 is being planned by the Heritage Guides, of Monterey. At a recent meeting called by them, all were agreed that the Anza expeditions were outstanding historic events, comparable to the momentous happenings in the east and that Californians should show their great pride in this part of their heritage. We hope that many Livermore residents will take part in a re-enactment of the Anza exploration of the eastern part of this valley of 1776.

The Guides have prepared a slide show, with narrative on a cassette, for the purpose of acquainting students of all ages with the marvellous Anza story. Color photographs of the path of the expedition are supplemented by watercolors made especially for the show. The paintings depict the people in the epic journey - over half of them young people. The Guild has ordered a set of the 160 slides and will soon make them available to Guild members and to schools and other organizations.

BOND ISSUES Both the LARPD bond issue on March 5 and the State bond issue in June, provide significant amounts of money for historic preservation. Guild members should study these proposals and consider how much valuable work could be done as a result of a YES vote.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS Southern Alameda County News, May 9, 1935:

From a report of City claims: "Carl Buck, painting the flagpole, \$15."
"John R. Michelis, rent of motorcycle, \$13.73."

Same paper, p 9: "LIVERMORE - Becoming effective Sunday May 9, the Southern Pacific passenger train No. 278, operating Sundays and holidays only, will leave San Francisco at 9 pm instead of 8 o'clock, according to P.E. Athey, local agent. The train will arrive here at 10:38 instead of 10:10."

The Livermore Herald, Sept. 4, 1933: "Carnera-Baer Bout in Distance. All hope for a championship tilt this year between Primo Carnera, heavyweight king, and Max Baer" (of Livermore) "his most outstanding challenger have been definitely abandoned. Max is busy making a picture at Hollywood..."

TOUR OF OLD LIVERMORE Booklets for sale, also copies of 1889 map. Call Janet Newton, 447-9592, or Schlageter's, Book Haven or Blue Door Antiques.

The Charter membership flyer is used this month as an envelope for the Newsletter. If you are already a member, give the application to a friend.



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April, 1974

MARCH 31, LHG's "SUNDAY AT THE BARN" Slide show of SP depot, 2 p.m.

APRIL 11, SLIDE SHOW OF ANZA EXPEDITION of 1776. Livermore Library, 7.30

"SUNDAY AT THE BARN" The developers of "Depot Restaurant No. 1" in Santa Cruz, will show us what their depot was like before restoration began and all the stages of making into a first-class restaurant. The show will include slides of the Livermore depot, which will be developed by the same people.

The Heritage Guild will have a show of old photographs and will serve refreshments. Guild historical materials will be on sale. Enjoy a Sunday afternoon with us starting at 2 pm, March 31. On Pacific Ave.

BI-CENTENNIAL As part of the California celebration in 1976, plans are being made for a re-enactment of the Anza expedition of 1776. Anza was the almost legendary Spaniard who achieved the impossible - he found a land route from New Spain (now Mexico) to Alta California. The obstacles were immense but Anza conquered them. He made an exploratory trip in 1774-75 to prove that the journey could be made and then he assembled a group of colonists and carefully and with brilliant success, guided them to Alta California. They were Alta California's first non-Indian settlers and many of their descendants live in this valley today.

The slide show was prepared by the Heritage Guides of Monterey authorized by the California Bicentennial Commission. Its purpose is to make people familiar with the Anza story. There are 160 slides and a synchronized sound track. Running time, 22 minutes. The Guild will make the show available to schools and to community organizations. It is of particular interest to people of this valley because Anza and the great Father Font, on an exploratory expedition around the Bay, traveled through our eastern hills in April 1776.

CARNEGIE BUILDING The Guild has been offered one corner of the upper floor of the Carnegie Building and will use it to the full extent that it can be used. But we will continue to press hard for developing the find old building to its greatest potential - a Livermore History Center. Such a center would be a great asset to the community and would be a fine adaptive use for a building that deserves to be saved. There is little doubt that outside funds could be obtained for building up a first-class teaching facility. But the development must be made on a firm foundation of community ownership and support. Support for our plans has been widespread and enthusiastic, but the more local people work for it, the easier our job will be. The community can have this prize and should have it. The sooner a commitment is made, the greater the benefits will be.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP Join today and have your name inscribed on the Charter membership scroll. Use the attached application blank. We now have over 100 members.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From THE LIVERMORE JOURNAL May 12, 1932

page 1 "SP WILL RUN RODEO SPECIAL ON SATURDAY A rodeo special will be run by the Southern Pacific railroad on Saturday in order that people from the bay cities may enjoy the annual Livermore show at a transportation rate cheaper than the cost of operating a car and at the same time be saved the bother of parking. The round-trip will be one dollar, the train to leave Livermore about 6 p.m.

The Sciots' sixty-piece band which is to take part in the parade will be passengers on the Rodeo Special."

Same page: "FIFTY MINERS WITH BURROS TO BE IN PARADE One of the new features of the Rodeo parade this year will be the division of miners from the Mocho camp of the Hetch Hetchy project, about 50 men with burros to appear in miners' outfits, according to a report made at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday evening."

page 6 "HIGHWAY BETWEEN GREENVILLE AND HERE COMPLETED The stretch of highway between Joesville and greenville (near the foot of the Altamont grade) has been completed and pronounced a great boon to autoists. Crews are now working on the shoulders, the entire job to be finished within a few days."

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NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, No.8, May 1974

Regular meeting, Thursday, May 8, Library meeting room, 7.30. Please come.

SP DEPOT The work of restoration has not yet begun. The pledge drive will not be concluded until we are sure the current plans will be implemented.

CARNEGIE BUILDING The Guild has been given 552 sq.ft. of the northeast corner of the main floor of the building. A museum committee is being formed, headed by Janet Newton, and with Bill Ray as a consultant, to formulate plans for the maximum use of this space. The committee will also decide on long-range plans for a first-class Livermore History Center, which will require much more than 552 sq.ft. The exhibit area of a history center is like the tip of an iceberg. Underlying the teaching exhibits must be a reference center of both artifacts and records - very much like a library. Our plans should be for an educational center we can all be proud of.

BI-CENTENNIAL PLANS The City of Livermore has not yet appointed its official chairman of bi-centennial events. Hayward is miles ahead of other cities in the county. Its bi-centennial committee has already become incorporated and qualified for tax-exempt donations. The City of Hayward has appropriated \$90,000 for the 1976 events and the committee will raise another \$60,000. It is intended that every citizen of Hayward will participate in the festivities.

We will have to do some running to catch up with our ambitious neighbors.

ANZA SLIDE SHOW Guild members enjoyed seeing and hearing the Anza slide show. We plan to add to the script and to the slides in order to show how the Anza story is connected with the history of this valley. As soon as this revised version is ready, we will offer to show it to schools and other groups as an introduction to the bi-centennial

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP Our membership Chairman, Karen Rasmussen reports a good response to our membership drive. All those who join the Guild before July 1st, 1974, will have their names inscribed on the Charter membership scroll.

Also, all those who join at any time will be urged to contribute to the Guild's biographical index. We will provide 9 x 12" loose-leaf binders, to be kept in the history center, in which pages of covered, touch-sensitive adhesive paper will be put. On the pages we would like to have a photo of the member - individual or family - with a family history. (Both sides of the page may be used.) We would like to know where the member was born, what their family's previous history was and an account of their life in the valley. History is continuous and it includes today.

TIME CAPSULE PLACED BELOW THE LIVERMORE TOTEM POLE Items from Livermore's Centennial year of 1969 have been placed in an air-tight container and sealed in the base of the totem pole. Barry Schrader is the Guild member who has carried this project to completion. The totem pole is in Centennial Park at the west end of Fourth Street.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

From THE LIVERMORE JOURNAL, May 5, 1932: "Consolidation of the city hall and the police headquarters in order to save the \$20 a month rental fee by moving the offices of the chief of police, city engineer, etc., to the city hall has been suggested and is being considered by the city council..."

From THE LIVERMORE JOURNAL, Aug. 18, 1932: "CITY NOW HAS TWO TELEPHONES AT CITY HALL City Clerk Elmer G. Still announces this week that the City of Livermore now has two telephones at the city hall. Persons wishing to talk with the city clerk or the city engineer will please call 100. Those wishing to call the city police department call 26, the same number used in the old location..."

From THE LIVERMORE JOURNAL, Aug. 3, 1927:

"SOCIETY AND CLUB NEWS Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hagemann and children left last Saturday via automobile for a vacation which they will spend among the Redwoods along the northern coast of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rees and daughter Barbara, are sojourning at Pacific Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Holm and children returned from Paradise Cove, Monday, after having spent a pleasant two weeks vacation."

ALVHS MUSEUM A new exhibit, TOOLS FOR MAN'S USE is now open to the public. Viewing hours are noon to 4 pm, Tuesday through Friday. On the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR SALE The Guild's TOUR OF OLD LIVERMORE portfolio is available at \$2.50 a copy, from Janet Newton, or Schlageter's, Book Haven or Blue Door Antiques. We have received an order for a copy of it from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin!

Copies of the 1889 panoramic map are also available. Large size \$2, small size, \$1.

LATEST NEWS Bill Ray, our wunderkind, has been appointed the Executive Director of the San Mateo County Museum and History Center. Congratulations Bill! He will begin his new duties about June 1st.

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, CALL KAREN RASMUSSEN, 443-9528

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NEWSLETTER

June, 1974

Vol.1, No. 9

Regular meeting, Thursday, June 13, Carnegie Building, Main floor, 7.30 pm.
Please join us.

SP DEPOT Restoration was begun on May 16. Estimated time to finish, 6 mos. Elliott Dopking has provided a fine photo of the depot when it was new. It will be a valuable aid in the restoration.

A list of names of those who pledged support in our "Save the Depot" campaign is being prepared. All the names will be put on the piece of old lumber that was used in the campaign. Will those who gave money with their pledge please tell us if they are willing to have the money used for other Guild projects such as restoring the Buckley estate or developing the History Center?

CARNEGIE BUILDING The Guild was offered the northeast corner of the main floor, but we have been told that we will be given more space than this. Our plan for the northeast corner (prepared by Bill Ray) will not be implemented, but will be kept until we have more definite information. In the meantime we are preparing a portable exhibit that will be a discovery center, similar to the response center in the Oakland Museum. It is designed to show people what we would like to collect and to make it easy for anyone who can help us to acquire the desired artifacts or information to get in touch with members of the museum committee. The date of the opening of the discovery center will be announced later.

BI-CENTENNIAL The City Council referred our request for the appointment of a Chairman of a Bi-Centennial Committee (or better yet a Commission) to the Community Affairs Committee. A meeting was held by the CAC and other interested citizens at which it was decided to hold another meeting after contacting all of the cultural organizations in this area. The meeting will be on June 11 and all those who are interested in helping to plan our Nation's 200th birthday and our City's 100th anniversary of incorporation, please plan to attend. The help of everyone is needed. See newspapers for time and place.

BUCKLEY ESTATE AND THE MAY SCHOOL Much work needs to be done to preserve and restore the Buckley estate. Guild members were willing to help in various ways. We need an agreement with the City that will assure us that our work will not be wasted. It is hoped that the City will make use of the talents of the historians and preservationists who are available. We already have had inquiries from history groups outside the valley about visiting the estate. If the buildings are restored with historical accuracy they could be a valuable tourist attraction as well as a great pleasure for residents of this valley.

There are no plans at this time, that we know of, for preserving the May School. It is to be hoped that something can be worked out to save our only remaining country school. Its isolation makes the problem of vandalism acute. Perhaps the building could be moved to the Buckley estate. Will anyone who can help us to save this charming reminder of the past, please contact Roger Brown, 447-7780?

ALVHS MUSEUM is getting ready for the Fair exhibit. The Guild, and many other historical societies, will participate. The Fair opens on June 30.

DUBLIN Old St. Raymond's Churchyard Faire is open on Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 12 to 4 pm. This is a charming art and craft center, an asset to the valley. Proceeds from the sales go to the restoration fund.

MEMBERSHIP Anyone who joins the Guild before July 1st, 1974, will have their names inscribed on our Charter Membership Scroll. Also we hope that every member will prepare a page about their family history for our biographical index. Call Karen Rasmussen for details, 443-9528.

Our applications for recognition by the State and Federal government as a non-profit organization have been approved.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS LIVERMORE JOURNAL, Oct. 26, 1927:

"COWBOYS READY FOR 'BIG' GAME SUNDAY...The Cowboys prepare for battle with their greatest rivals in northern California, the Live Oak Athletic Club of Berkeley...the cowboys are undefeated...Smith, Leddy, Michelli, Fran. Mc Glinchey, Jim McGlinchey, Gibson and Bonettie for Livermore, a formidable team...Dee, Higuera, O'Neil, Mahoney, McQuestion, Kane, Collins, Murphy and Silva for Berkeley. Berkeley Manager, Louis Stein..."

INDEPENDENT, Nov. 22, 1964: "We can think of no better use for the old Livermore Carnegie Library than the museum proposed by a great number of the city's civic groups..." "...a spokesman for over 1200 valley women told the city council...that eight local groups have endorsed the plan...Livermore-Pleasanton AAUW; Jr. Women's Club; Soroptomists; Business & Professional Women; Las Damas; Livermore Women's Club; Livermore Art Association..."

(Note: these items were printed just after a November vote approving the building of a new library building.)

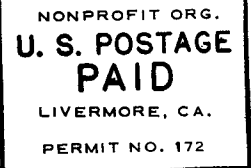
LIVERMORE HERALD & NEWS Jan. 10, 1966: "Livermore Valley residents who are interested in its history are enthusiastic over the actions of the city council in making a floor of the Livermore Library available for use as a historical museum..."



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NEWSLETTER

July, 1974

Vol. 1, No. 10

Regular meeting, Thursday, July 11, Carnegie Building, Main floor, 7.30pm
Please join us.

S.P.DEPOT The architect's drawing of the restored Livermore Depot Restaurant will be in the Guild's exhibit in the museum at the County Fair. It looks great. Plan to see the exhibits at the Fair, June 30 to July 14.

MAY SCHOOL The Guild has decided to make an all-out effort to save one of our last remaining links with the valley's rural past. If you pledged your support to save the depot, won't you please now support the drive to save the May School? What is the best way to save it? Put a chain-link fence around it and repair the roof to give us time? Plan to move the building before it is completely ruined by vandals? Dismantle it and store the parts until plans for restoration can be made? Give us your ideas. The building is attractive. It is a reminder of a time when life was very different in this area. It could be educational.

JULY FOURTH Join your neighbors at the Rincon School at 11 am to watch or participate in the parade. Bring a box lunch. Call 477-7609 for information. See the wonderfully displayed "Freedom Shrine" at the Livermore Library.

BI-CENTENNIAL PLANS A nominating committee has been formed. We hope that planning can begin soon. We hope the program will include long-lasting community benefits. There is no lack of suitable projects. Livermore has two events to celebrate, the 200th birthday of our Nation and the 100th anniversary of the town's incorporation.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We do not yet have possession of any space in the largely unused building. We are continuing to acquire museum artifacts and we need to plan our record keeping and storage areas. We are told that it is again planned to build partitions to separate the History Center and Art Museum from Youth Services.

JULY 6th at the Livermore Airport "WHEELS AND WINGS..." The Bentley Driver's Club is holding a meet of vintage automobiles and vintage aircraft, beginning at 9 am. At 4 pm the assembled cars will make a tour of the valley's historic spots. Proceeds will go to the Heritage Guild. Guild member John de Haan is the liason member. Bring your vintage cars and planes. Bring your newer cars and bicycles and enjoy the show.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP PICNIC The deadline for Charter Membership has been extended to coincide with the end of the Guild's fiscal year, Sept. 30. We are planning to have an old-fashioned Livermore Picnic sometime before that date. Details later. Our picnic will be as enjoyable as the early California meriendas and the school picnics and all the others.

Charter members will have their name inscribed on the official scroll. Join now. Call Karen Rasmussen, Membership Chairperson, 443-9528.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

Livermore Echo, July 1, 1915: "COMING EVENTS -

Saturday evening, July 3, Grand Ball at Sweeney Opera House, N.S.G.W.
Sunday, July 4, Social dance at Twin Oaks, Brushy Peak.

Livermore Journal, June 29, 1927 "PATRIOTIC EXERCISES JULY 4th -

10:15 am Grand Fourth of July Parade.

11.30 am Exercises in front of Livermore Library
Selection, Livermore Band
Introductory remarks, Mayor F.C.Lassen
Oration, Congressman Albert E. Carter
Chorus 'AMERICA' audience.

12 noon Firing of National Salute. Battery E, 143 Field Art., C.N.G.

Livermore Echo, July 9, 1914 "THE FOURTH CELEBRATED

The two-day Fourth of July celebration in Livermore, the first in seven years, attracted a crowd of about 6000 outsiders...the sum of about \$1,500 was netted for the building of ornamental archways at the town's entrances. The first day's celebration was very successful from the firing of the national salute at sunrise to the Grand Ball in the evening. ...The procession at 11 am included the following: Grand Marshall; Livermore Concert Band;(entry from)Oakland; (entry from) Hayward; Livermore Fire Department; Pleasanton Fire Department; Goddess of Liberty float with Miss Matie Fennon as Goddess of Liberty; Women's Improvement Club float..." and numerous other entries.

For History Center - Does anyone know what happened to the ornamental arches? Does anyone have any photos of them? We could use them in our exhibits.

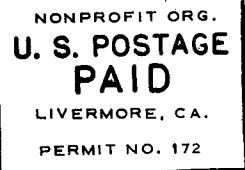
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NEWSLETTER

August, 1974

Vol. 1, no. 11

Regular meeting, Thursday Aug. 8, Carnegie Building, Main floor, 7.30 pm

Please join us.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP PICNIC August 18, Veterans Park, 3 pm. Bring a picnic supper and enjoy the beautiful park on the banks of the Arroyo del Valle. We will have music and a show of old photos. Every charter member will receive a booklet about Charles Wetmore and the Cresta Blanca Winery, one-time owner of the picnic grounds. There will be a membership table where anyone interested in the work of the Guild can become a Charter Member. See membership application at the end of this Newsletter.

SP DEPOT The original blueprints for the building, printed on linen, were supplied to the members of LIAHO WEST by the SP. Larry Bourriague, one of the principals of the firm of restorers, was the host for a tour of the work in progress for our board members recently.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We are told that the partitioning off of the rear portion of the main floor is underway and that the Guild and the Livermore Art Association will be given keys to the building very soon. The Art Association is planning a big opening party on Sept. 15. The Guild will join them. Our aim will be to show members what we hope to do and to ask them to help us to obtain the materials we need.

A basic first step is to install a burglar alarm system. It would be unwise to risk losing valuable artifacts and our hard work and hard-earned money unnecessarily. When we accept donations to the history center we have an obligation to take care of them. We hope to be able to do this.

We were gratified that the Alameda County Art Commission decided that the Guild had earned their support and that we should share in the funds allocated by the County Supervisors for cultural activities. But it was disappointing that the Supervisors decided not to follow the recommendation of the Commission. We believe that we earned our share and that the public money should be given out on the basis of performance.

MAY SCHOOL Members have responded favorably to the Guild's drive to save the May School. David Rezendes of the Security Eye Patrol has offered to help protect the school if it is saved. Mr. Rezendes is a former pupil of the May School. The building has been included in the State of California Historic Resources Inventory.

STATE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY Fourteen inventory sheets were turned in to the County by the team for Murray and Pleasanton Townships. The job of coordinating this effort was done by Janet Newton, but from now on it will be the hands of Herbert Hagemann, assisted by Ann Lewis. Anyone interested in helping with this valuable work, call Herbert at 447-3964 or Ann at 462-2766.

NEW PROJECT Dr. Ted Perkins and Janet Newton have begun work on the preparation of a manuscript on the history of Livermore. With luck it

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From a history of Livermore by Elmer G. Still, published in the Southern Alameda County News of Feb. 6, 1936:

"1889 School picnic at Tretzel's Grove attended by 800 children and 1500 adults."

Tretzel's Grove was on the banks of the Arroyo del Valle near the Vallecitos Road. There were many shady trees to sit under and a big barn where the picnickers could dance.

1927, same source:

"Annual picnic of Livermoreans begun at Mosswood Park, Oakland, by Miss Emma Smith."

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Members who join before the end of the Guild's fiscal year, September 30th, will be eligible to have their names inscribed on our Charter Membership Scroll. Also, every Charter member will receive a fine illustrated booklet giving the history of the Cresta Blanca Winery, site of our Charter Membership picnic. The booklets will be sold to the public, as long as they last, for \$1.

Fill out the following and send it in today:

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NEWSLETTER

September, 1974

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OUR REGULAR MEETING ON THE SECOND THURSDAY WILL NOT BE HELD. Instead we will have our Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Dinner at 6.30 pm. See special announcement enclosed. Guests most welcome.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP The Charter Membership period will end on Sept. 30, 1974. All those who join before then will have their names inscribed on our Charter Membership scroll and will receive a copy of our new booklet Cresta Blanca and Charles Wetmore. See membership application at end of Newsletter.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We now have the key to the main floor of the building and preparation of the initial phase of a first-class History Center has begun. We will need lots of help but we will soon have an exhibit we can all be proud of. The Heritage Guild will join with the Livermore Art Association in a Preview party on September 15. Invitation enclosed. See you there.

SP DEPOT The Guild will have a special party for the opening of the Depot, probably in November.

MAY SCHOOL Members of the Guild joined the LARPD in an inspection tour. Larry Bourriague of the Depot group, went with us as a consultant. It was decided that preserving the old school is feasible and that moving it is feasible. It could be moved to the Buckley estate and house an exhibit on the history of education in the valley. It could be available for school classes. The Guild will continue to work hard for its preservation.

YOUNG HISTORIAN Guild member Dale Mooney has been busy rescuing interesting artifacts from oblivion. His latest find is a copy of the Livermore Valley Review of 1884. As far as we know it is the only copy of this newspaper in existence. There was also, in the same place, a copy of an 1884 Herald. We did not have any papers for 1884 until now. Congratulations Dale, we are proud of you!

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS Livermore Herald, August 21, 1919:

"Farmers working in the fields near Dublin were surprised Saturday afternoon to see a bloated monster swoop down out of the sky and after tearing up the earth for several hundred feet and finally colliding with the fence, finally collapsed a short distance north of the old pioneer town...quite a crowd gathered to assist the fallen aeronauts but they needed no help except a wagon to haul their deflated air-ship, the City of Oakland, to Pleasanton."

Livermore Herald, March 23, 1934: "Slowly pushing its rounded nose through the greatest crowd that ever assembled at the Southern Pacific station here, the new streamlined train passed through Livermore Saturday night. Nearly every person in the community was on hand for a glimpse of the train...it has a maximum speed of 110 miles an hour..."

"...Livermore Red Oat hay is known from Coast to Coast. Car loads are shipped from here to New York every year to fatten up horses..."

ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19.

Our two speakers, Miss May G. Nissen and Mr. Elliott Dopking, have lived in Livermore most of their lives. Miss Nissen will talk to us about the history of the Nissen family, so important in the history of this area. She will also tell us about the Graham family whose members were among the very earliest settlers in what is now Livermore. We hope that Miss Nissen will share with us any other thoughts that she wants to give to us.

Elliott Dopking is a professional photographer. He has a collection of photographs showing the development of the old sanctuary of the church. It is one hundred years old this year and it is fitting that Guild members should see the structure on its 100th birthday.

We will have a buffet dinner (all you can eat!) and we hope that all our members and friends will join us. Guests most welcome.

The September meeting will be our annual business meeting and members will be asked to elect officers and directors for the coming year.

Also, we want you to consider a change in the by-laws that would designate October for our annual meeting instead of September. It has been difficult to transact the necessary business of preparing the meeting when so many members are on vacation. Also, September is a busy month and October would be much better.

The changes in the by-laws that are suggested, are as follows:
(Words to be changed and the words to be inserted are underlined.)

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS paragraph 2

Original: The directors and officers shall be elected following an annual meeting in September of each year, each member shall serve a one year term.

Proposed: The directors and officers shall be elected at an annual meeting in October of each year, each member shall serve a two year term, the terms to be staggered.

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CHARTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (Closes September 30.)

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