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OCTOBER, 1975

NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETING, Thursday Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. Carnegie Building, main floor.

LIVERMORE CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL October 4 and 5

The History Center in the Carnegie Building will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Two new exhibits will be on view: The Armstrong Family of Collier Canyon and a History of the Town of Tesla. We hope you will come to see these interesting shows.

To document the Armstrong story we have prepared a publication that is intended to be the first of a series of chapters of local history. These will be on 8½ x 11" sheets suitable for a loose-leaf binder. This way the information we are collecting will be made available as we go along without waiting until we can put a more complete history into publication - a project that could easily take years to finish. We expect the cost of the Armstrong pamphlets will be 50¢ each. Be sure to get your copy at the Festival.

Also we want you to admire the improved lighting in the History Center - achieve without the help of a floor outlet or any other outlets, that we have tried so hard to get.

ANNUAL MEETING on Sept. 26. The proposed bylaw changes were adopted. The following slate was elected:

Chairman	Janet Newton
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Julia Kleinecke
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Patricia Hoenig
Dorothy Nielsen
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Dr. Ted Perkins
Karen Rasmussen

BICENTENNIAL The Guild's Bicentennial publication The Anza Expeditions to Alta California 1774-1776, is selling well. This is a joint venture with the Livermore Bicentennial Organization, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Alameda Bicentennial Commission. Each sale of a booklet benefits all of these agencies. This project fits all three themes: Heritage '76, Festival '76 & Horizons '76. Be sure to get your copy. Booklets make fine gifts too.

The LBO is also publishing packages of notecards with prints of old photos of Livermore on them. They will be available at the Festival at \$1.75 per packet.

A large groups of members and friends enjoyed an excellent program presented by Meryl Calhoun and August Hagemann Jr. on Sept. 26. We are indebted to them.



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NOVEMBER, 1975

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Friday Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. REC. CENTER 8 & H Streets.

DEPOT RE-UNION and JACK LONDON NIGHT See attached flyer. Thurs. Nov. 20.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE BAZAAR AND AT THE HISTORY CENTER.

The Guild has a number of historical items that make fine gifts. For example:

Notecards: Old Livermore photos, pkt. of 8 with envel. \$1.25 (LBO project)

Xmas cards, old-time holidays in Livermore, pkt. 5/75¢, single, 20¢

Local scenes by Marilyn Calhoun, pkt. 12, \$1.50

May School by Marilyn Calhoun, pkt. 8, 1.00

Books & Las Positas, by Janet Newton, 10.00

booklets Tour of old Livermore, text & map 2.50

Charles Wetmore & Cresta Blanca Winery 1.00

Armstrong Family of Collier Canyon .50

Panoramic map of 1889, large \$2.00, small 1.00

Anza Expeditions to Alta California 1.50

Pages-Crespi Expedition, 1772 1.00

History Sheets, May School, Veterans Park .15 ea.

Gilded Railroad spikes, Guild souvenirs 2.50

Who Discovered the Golden Gate, 7.50

Handsome book by Stanger & Brown, includes earliest records of the Bay Area.

Bazaar will be at 8th & H Sts. History Center and LAA Gallery are open Thurs. Fri. Sat. & Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Art Gallery has many beautiful gift items. Third Street between J and K Streets.

MAY SCHOOL WORK DAYS Nov. 2 and 8 & 9th. Or call Dorothy Nielsen, 447-6187.

Variety of jobs to be done is almost endless, inside and out, light and heavy: e.g. removing dead trees, planting new ones; cleaning and tidying up inside to be ready for wiring, insulating and painting; digging a trench to expose the foundation of the building; etc. etc. Come and join us-it is rewarding work!

HISTORY CENTER Walter Bullard and Will Vandermolten have succeeded in improving the lighting but we have not yet been given the outlets we will have to have for enclosed exhibits. The building is part of Livermore's heritage and should be preserved and cared for. It must be brought up to code and the leaky roof repaired. Water damages the handsome ceiling and is a danger to the exhibits and to visitors who might slip on a wet floor. This year's school classes have already begun using the History Center.

RAVENSWOOD Architect Bob McCabe and Historian Jim Henly have been working with us collecting information about the estate. Mrs. Wm. Thompson generously permitted her collection of old pictures of the place to be copied. The project is an exciting one and we are hopeful of great results. LARPD project.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS Livermore Echo, June 20, 1895:

A large number of Livermoreans visited Mendenhall's Springs on Saturday evening, many of them remained until Sunday evening. The Livermore Cornet Band was in attendance and supplied the excellent music for which it is famed and mirth and jollity held unrestrained sway. The weather was quite warm, as a consequence it is said that in some instances overindulgence in the exhilarating waters of the famous spring produced very peculiar and ludicrous results. Too much chloride of sodium - or something else."

Livermore Echo Feb. 12, 1891: EDITORIAL School Reform. At a special meeting of the School Reform League of Livermore...it was resolved, inasmuch as under existing laws the mental and bodily well being of pupils in our public schools is placed in jeopardy, instruction must be given in reading, writing, oral spelling, arithmetic, geography, grammar and U.S. history...Other studies may be authorized but only on the request of the parents..."

Livermore Echo Sept. 9, 1896: THE STATE FAIR has attracted a great crowd of toughs to Sacramento and as the law now prohibits arrest merely on suspicion, the footpads are terrorizing people and cutting the harness on family rigs."

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JACK LONDON NIGHT with RUSS KINGMAN

Jack London, one of California's most famous writers, whose books are still best-sellers, lived much of his life in Oakland. When the City of Oakland decided to develop Jack London Square at the feet of Broadway, Russ Kingman was engaged to do the public relations work. He made himself familiar with Jack London's life and work. He soon became a devotee of London and is now an authority on the subject. His research included a hazardous trip to the Klendike with actor Eddie Albert to salvage the remains of a cabin where London spent the winter of 1897-98 to bring it back to the Square where it is now a fine exhibit.

Mr. Kingman's collection of Londoniana soon overflowed his Oakland office so he moved to an old winery near Glen Ellen. Here he established a bookstore and museum and gave it the name of THE WORLD OF JACK LONDON. It is near Jack London's ranch and the Jack London State Park and well worth a visit. Perhaps the Guild can arrange a trip sometime to enjoy Mr. Kingman's exhibits and the many shops on the banks of the creek where Jack London used to swim.



Jack London was born in San Francisco in 1875. His family moved to Oakland a few years later. In 1883, Jack's stepfather put a down payment on an 87 acre ranch in Livermore where they lived for about two years. According to Irving Stone in his SAILOR ON HORSEBACK, it was in Livermore that London began to read books, the passion of his life. His teacher in Livermore - we don't know her name - lent him books and Jack found other books in the homes of neighbors. The ranch was later the Claxton Ranch. On an 1889 map it is in the vicinity of what is now Alden Lane and Mardel Lane. Stone says that the Londons had olive trees, vineyards and orchards. They carried produce to Oakland.

London's most famous book is THE CALL OF THE WILD. He wrote over fifty books and his short life overflowed with energy. He lectured widely and gave freely of his time to many people and to many causes.

Mr. Kingman is an eloquent speaker who imparts to his audience a deep respect for the genius of Jack London's artistry. The Guild is very happy to have him speak at our Reunion.
DO PLEASE WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME

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RESERVATION FOR THE GUILD'S REUNION AT THE DEPOT FOR JACK LONDON NIGHT

Thursday, November, at LIVERMORE STATION, 20 South L St. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Seating is limited to 80 people! First come, first served. Please make your reservation NOW.

Reserve _____ tickets for NAME _____

Tickets must be pre-paid.

Price \$6.75, Steak & spaghetti.

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Check enclosed \$ _____. TICKETS WILL BE HELD FOR YOU AT THE DOOR.



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DECEMBER, 1975

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SEASON'S GREETINGS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

A fine way for us to celebrate the holiday would be to respond to a threat to a Livermore landmark by beginning a crash program to put all of Livermore's heritage sites and structures into the State Historic Resources Inventory and the new Alameda County Historic Resources Plan. These inventories do not guarantee the preservation of the historic resources but they do provide protection from sudden destruction without public notice.

The sudden danger that triggered the writing of the above was in a letter to the Concannon Winery saying that the beautiful gateway to the winery does not conform to the County Sign Ordinance. The letter states that the sign must be reduced to 20 sq. ft. or less in total area. A letter has been sent to the Alameda County Public Works Dept. advising them that the Guild will work vigorously for the sign to be exempt from the sign ordinance on the basis that the sign is of historic significance and a thing of beauty and that it should be classed as a historic monument instead of a business sign.

It is clear that the Olivina gateway at the corner of Arroyo Rd. and Wetmore Rd. is also in danger. It is owned by Lone Star Properties, Inc. A letter from the Guild has been sent to them. The Olivina sign is clearly not now a business sign, but it is equally clear that it should be preserved.

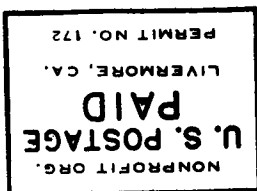
Help us to compile the inventory. Come to the December meeting (above) or mail your list to us. It would be best to put each item on a separate page showing the location and address. If you can help with the work of assembling this information and getting it ready to send to the County, please say so. These inventory sheets only need to be done once (except for adding to them as future treasures develop). It is easier to get this job done now than to cope with the results of our resources not being protected.

In addition to the above, we need a Livermore inventory. It would include such assets as old fire-fighting equipment, from fire-trucks to uniforms, the old town curfew bell, the old City Hall safe (the door and surrounding decoration), the old main desk from the Carnegie Library, the old town cannon if we ever get it back, etc. The list should include town records.

RAVENWOOD We continue to meet with the architect and the historian. The information collected will be as complete as possible. Anyone with information about the house or grounds, please call Janet Newton, 447-9592.

THE NEW YEAR will be a busy one. We must raise the money for a foundation for the May School, we will continue to help with the Ravenswood restoration, all the work of the History Center will continue, the indexing of Livermore's reference materials will go on, the publication program will be a busy one, a committee is working on a map of the City showing historic structures, etc.

FINE INEXPENSIVE GIFTS AVAILABLE AT THE HISTORY CENTER, 2155 Third St., Thurs. Fri. Sat. and Sunday, 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From the LIVERMORE ECHO:

Nov. 2, 1898: "The Ladies Brass Band will give a social dance at Independence Hall on Friday evening. The band will play for some of the dances but other good music will be in attendance."

Dec. 23, 1897:--"Frank Fenon has a fine display of Christmas meats at the Grand Central Market." (See photo in the History Center.)

Two items about Corral Hollow are of interest. May 28, 1896:"the immense hoisting engines which are to be used at the Corral Hollow Coal Mines arrived from the eastern foundries filling six freight cars. The road itself will be completed next week. Cause of delay, lack of ties. Only four miles to go..." Note the name of the mines is "The Corral Hollow Coal Mines". The first mention of the name Tesla in the LIVERMORE ECHO is on Dec. 16, 1897: "The town now building at the Corral Hollow Mines has been named Tesla in honor of the noted electrician."

THE GUILD WISHES TO THANK all those who have worked with us during the year and those who have helped us with gifts and loans. Miss May G. Nissen for a collection of old Livermore apparel, Henri & Chet Fankhauser for the loan of a fine glass cabinet for our publications and for helping us to get a larger display case, Dorothy Nielsen for obtaining the old Dutcher store sign for us and for lending an old buscuit tin. These are in addition to many items given to us previously. We hope we will be forgiven for any omisions. We are really encouraged by such support.

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JANUARY, 1976

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, Jan. 8th, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

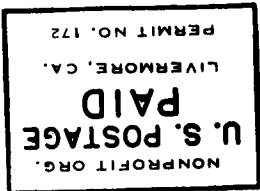
CONACNON VINEYARD SIGN A letter from the Senior Zoning Investigator for Alameda County advises us that the County recognizes that there may be signs which should not be subject to strict application of the law. The purpose of the sign ordinance is "to enhance the appearance of Alameda County." The law provides that by paying a fee of \$25 an owner of a sign may apply for a variance. The Concannons have applied for a variance and the hearing will be on Jan. 7, at 1.30 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 399 Elmhurst, Hayward. A representative of the Heritage Guild will be there to request that the beautiful gateway be preserved as a matter of public interest. It is part of the history of the Livermore Valley and no public benefit would result from changing the sign. All those who would like to add their support to our efforts are welcome to attend the meeting.

We have not yet had an answer from our letter to Lone Star Properties, the owners of the similar sign at the corner of Wetmore and Arroyo Roads, but the Zoning Administrator tells us that "similar consideration will be afforded the Olivina sign." The Guild will request that we be notified of any hearings on the Olivina sign.

INVENTORY OF LIVERMORE'S HISTORIC RESOURCES Heritage Guild's membership Chairman Anna Brown is busy compiling a historical resources inventory of the Livermore area. It is very desirable that as many historical sites as possible be included in the map that will soon become part of the new Livermore General Plan. The plan is to be officially adopted not later than March 1st. Will all those who can possibly spare some time to help with this ambitious project, whether they can give an hour or several hours or more, please call Anna at 447-7780? Now is the time to do some work that will have a significant impact on the development of this area. We want our valley to be rich in recollections of the past and not poor and shallow with no identity to call our own. Make your opinions count, join in our discussions and our work. Call Anna. Time is of the essence.

BICENTENNIAL We agree with the desire of the LBO to preserve and enhance the handsome old Carnegie Building in the center of town, but we cannot agree that it is a good idea to change the name of the surrounding park from Carnegie Park to Bicentennial Park. The purpose of the Bicentennial is not to erase the past. We oppose the changing of the name of Carnegie Park. Also we would like to suggest that an appropriate action on the part of the LBO, instead of a once-in-two-hundred-years restoration of the exterior, would be a resolution to keep the building in good repair and appearance, with work done as often as necessary. We want it to look beautiful always! It belongs to us and we should take care of it.

MAY SCHOOL WORD DAYS Two Sundays - Jan. 4 & Jan. 11. A variety of jobs to be done. Bring hammers, shovels and hoes. Work for all from light to heavy. There is a lot of work to be done to get the building ready for a new foundation.



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EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

From THE LIVERMORE ECHO:

Feb. 25, 1892: "Auction of notes and accounts due the late, lamented Farmers' Union took place last Saturday...and resulted in the selling of demands of original value of \$55,000 for \$30.40..."

Dec. 8, 1887: "A travelling tooth-puller with a banjo accompaniment, held forth on the streets of Livermore on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week."

Sept. 1, 1887: The new bell for the May District Schoolhouse has been placed in position and was to have been tried last Sunday afternoon."

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Most of our members have already sent in their dues for 1975-76. Will those who haven't, please save the Guild a lot of time and money by using this renewal form instead of waiting for us to send a reminder? Ten new members have joined the Guild in this fiscal year and we welcome them.

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FEBRUARY, 1976

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, Feb. 12, 7.30 p.m. Carnegie Building, main floor.

MAY SCHOOL WORK DAYS Dates will depend on various factors. There is much work to be done. Please phone Dorothy Nielsen for dates - 447-6187.

CONCANNON GATEWAY & PRESERVATION IN GENERAL It was said at the hearing on Jan. 7, that there is a provision in the County Sign Ordinance that provides if a sign is of historical significance it is exempt. The Concannon sign is exempt. In a letter of Dec. 8, we were told that the Olivina gateway will be given similar consideration.

Lone Star Industries, owners of the Olivina gateway, tells us that the company does not have any plans for the Olivina property at the moment but that they cannot say that the gateway will not have to be demolished some time in the future. We have prepared the inventory form that will put the gateway on the State of California Historic Resources Inventory. This will give it status that we hope will help to prevent its destruction.

We are pleased that the LARPD has requested that the new Livermore General Plan should keep the Olivina property zoned agricultural instead of residential. The LARPD also requests that Trevarno Rd. and St. Michael's Church be protected.

Guild member Anna Brown is working hard on an inventory of historic resources to become a part of the new General Plan. Time is short but Anna and her committee will make it as complete as time permits. If you would like to help, call Anna at 447-7780.

A new book Revolving Funds for Historic Preservation: A Manual of Practice is now in the Guild's collection and is being circulated.

There is a brand new organization called Californians for Preservation Action. The Guild is not a member but one of our members is and the publications of the new society will be available to us.

RAVENSWOOD, The Buckley Estate On Jan. 21, architect Bob McCabe and historian Jim Henly made a report to the LARPD and the City Council. They propose immediate steps be taken to protect the property from damage including: fencing and flood lighting; termite control; roof mending and renewal. A booklet was given to those in attendance. It includes the architect's drawings and Jim Hanly's history of the estate. It is very fine and worth collecting. We were promised by the LARPD that a public hearing will be held to determine what use should be made of the several buildings on the estate. This is necessary before the architect can prepare plans for restoration.

There are a number of alternatives that we can study right in our own County. Each is managed differently - the Meek House in Hayward, the Dunsuir House in Oakland, the Camron-Stanford house in Oakland, the Mc Conaghy house in Hayward and the Shinn estate in Fremont. We are considering organizing a bus tour to inspect these properties. If you are interested in going on the trip, please call Pat Hoenig at 447-0437.

BOARD CHANGE Karen Rasmussen, a Charter Board member of the Guild has resigned from the Board because of increased personal workload and therefore lack of time for Guild projects. We will miss her help very much.

BERNAL HISTORY Guild member James Delgado, a high school student of San José who is already a Bernal scholar, is the author of a new book Sombres de la Noche, the Agustin Bernal Adobe, 1850 - 1975. It will be out about March 19, price, \$2.50. There are 40 pages and many illustrations, some of them never before published. We look forward to reading the book.

HISTORY CENTER, CARNEGIE BUILDING Herb Street, City Building Inspector called to tell us that the electrical system in the Carnegie Building is very much overloaded - that an additional 100 amp service is needed - that if the LARPD will put in the extra power line, the City electricians will install the wiring and the outlets that will bring the building up to code. At the Board meeting of the LARPD on Jan. 14, it was decided to postpone action on this item. Gib Marguth of the LBO stated that he believed he could obtain a donation of the needed power line. We cannot have enclosed exhibits without the means of lighting them.

BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL Sunday, April 4th is the big day. On that date, exactly 200 years ago, an exploring party including the great Capt. de Anza and Father Pedro Font, traveled through the east end of this valley. We will celebrate the event with a fiesta at the Barn and the dedication of two plaques. Mark your calendar now! Riders from the Bethany area will be here on their way to a campsite near Corral Hollow.

CORRAL HOLLOW NOTES Grizzly Adams lived in Corral Hollow. Dan Mosier, a geology major at Univ. of S.F., is preparing a book on the Livermore Coal Mines that were in Harris Canyon. Mr. Mosier is doing a great job and we look forward to being able to buy copies of his work.

HOUSE TOUR OF OLD LIVERMORE Save the date! Sunday May 2nd. The Livermore Heritage Guild in partnership with the Livermore Symphony Guild will hold a tour to be called "Visit Old Livermore". It will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Details later.

NOTES FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

The Livermore Echo

July 20, 1899: "Tesla School District is now entitled to two teachers as at the last census, 129 children of school age were numbered."

June 22, 1899: "The Farmers Union Theater was filled to capacity for the Grammar School graduation. Misses Myrtle Harp and Zylpha Bernal opened the program with a piano duet. Miss May Nissen rendered the salutatory in a clear voice...The last item was a farce, 'Turn Him Out' ...the moral tone of this piece might have been better."

Oct. 8, 1914: The Livermore High School Orchestra performed, leader Louis Sachau, flute, Ruth Bernal, violin, Kathryn Mc Glinchey.

Nov. 24, 1892: "The La Fayette restaurant features pigs feet, sheep's tongues and tripe.

"The Arlington vineyard shipped 40,000 pounds of almonds to Boston & Chicago."



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MARCH, 1976

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, March 11, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

MAYSCHOOL WORK DAYS Please call Dorothy Nielsen for assignments, 447-6187.

BUS TOUR OF HISTORIC SITES has been postponed. The new date will be announced as soon as possible.

ANZA FIESTA AT THE BARN, Sunday, April 4 is the day when a party of horsemen will arrive from the Bethany area by way of Patterson Pass on their way to a campsite near Corral Hollow. Tickets will soon be available for a steak dinner for \$3. Other food and other dinners will be available in the many festive booths set up by the Latin Organization for Betterment in the Barn. There will be first-class entertainment. Plan to join us in celebrating our part in the exciting events of exactly 200 years ago. We will dedicate two plaques, one at the Livermore Library and one at the camp site.

The Livermore Heritage Guild and the Livermore Bicentennial Organization join Dr. Juan Cortez of the LOB in saking that a Livermore school be named for Josefa Higuera, a descendant of the settlers who came to Alta California with de Anza two hundred years ago. Josefa became the wife of Robert Livermore. Many of her descendants and relatives live in the valley today.

"VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR Beginning at the old sanctuary of the Livermore Presbyterian Church where each ticket holder will be given a souvenir booklet, we will tour five old houses. There will be music in the houses and refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$5 each and may be ordered by using the order blank at the end of this Newsletter.

The tour is a joint project of the Heritage Guild and the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild. The proceeds will be divided 50:50 between the two organizations. The Heritage Guild's share will be used to pay part of the cost of a new foundation for the May School.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We are pleased to report that the beautiful ceiling of the old library has been repaired. It had been badly disfigured by water from the leaky roof. So far, in this dry year, no rain has leaked through the patched roof. Now if we can just get the building's electrical system brought up to code and outlets installed, we can proceed with the installation of well-lighted exhibits.

Many members have given their time to staffing the History Center and we appreciate what they have done. Interest in the Center is increasing and there is much work that could be done. Call Muriel Allen, 447-6096 if you would like to be a part of the History Center program.

GIFTS TO THE HERITAGE GUILD We are greatly encouraged when we receive unsolicited gifts. Recently Home Savings & Loan Assn. gave us a check for \$100, for example. This money will be used to buy the supplies needed for the re-wiring of the old May School. To all our donors we extend our sincere thanks.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM A threatened cut from the budget of the museum of \$200,000 will not be made. A letter to an LHG member, in answer to one of many letters sent to the Oakland City Council on behalf of the great museum informs us that a plan has been adopted that will allow the continuation of the Museum's excellent program.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

The Livermore Echo

Jan. 10, 1901: "A Keystone Well Drilling outfit arrived at the depot direct from the company's works at Beaver Falls, Pa. ...under contract with C.A. Buckley to bore an artesian well at Ravenswood..."

Jan, 24, 1901: "A pure-bred St. Bernard dog direct from England arrived at the depot for C.A.Buckley."

April 4, 1901: From a long letter written by Clarence E. Still dated 3/6/01 at Dawson in the Yukon: (Clarence was the son of Wilbur E. Still the editor and proprietor of the Livermore Echo.) Clarence went to Skagway by steamer and from there by train to White Horse City - a thrilling ride. From White Horse, in a party of eight, he rode 385 miles to Dawson on a bicycle! At the end of the first day they had gone 26 miles. One man had a broken wheel, which meant he had to walk. There was continual slipping of the tires on the glass-like trail. The next day the tires were wrapped with strips of canvas. On the afternoon of March 2, they decided to go straight through to Dawson by moonlight, adding 12 miles to their day's travel. Clarence's total expenses for the trip were \$210.50, including fare from SF to White Horse and from there to Dawson.

ORDER BLANK FOR "VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR TICKETS

Please reserve _____ tickets for the tour on May 2, 1976, for:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Checks, payable to HOUSE TOUR FUND _____, must accompany order.

Send to LHG, P.O.Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550 Enclosed: \$ _____

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, April 8, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

DE ANZA FIESTA, SUNDAY APRIL 4, noon to 9 p.m. Music; dancing; folk art; roping and riding by the Charros; games; Mexican-American food stalls; big steer barbecue dinner at 5 p.m.; concert by the Pleasanton Bicentennial Band at 4.30; 21 gun salute to the riders by the Civil War Skirmish Assn.; old bell from the Methodist Church will be rung.

Tickets for the steer roast are \$3 and must be purchased in advance from the LASO office at 161 South M St, or the Carnegie Gallery or from the Mexican store "Pinata" on First Street near the flagpole.

The riders re-enacting the exploration of the east end of this valley 200 years ago will be in authentic costumes, including the many-layered leather jackets and shields. Dr. Juan I. Rodrigues of Mexico City will play the part of Juan Bautista de Anza. Come and welcome our distinguished visitors. Wear your most festive outfit.

Two monuments will be dedicated. One at the campsite on Tesla Rd. at 3 p.m. and one at the library at 5 p.m.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LIVERMORE The Livermore Enterprise of April 15, 1876, had a heading - "LIVERMORE IS INCORPORATED". The legislative act was introduced by Senator James Beazell, a Livermore resident who was a blacksmith by trade. We are collecting information about this event and as soon as possible we will issue a short reference article on it for local historians to put into their loose-leaf binders. The LHG booklet about the Armstrong family of Collier Canyon is also designed to go into a loose-leaf binder.

CARNEGIE BUILDING A new exhibit will be installed for April. It will be on Ravenswood, the Buckley estate on the Arroyo Rd. being restored by the LARPD. We will show our collection of copies of old photographs of the estate and copies of architect Bob McCabe's drawings.

The roof:- at last we had a heavy rain to demonstrate that the roof patching done so long ago, was successful. The attractive old ceiling of the History Center has been repaired and we are now waiting for the LBO committee to install the needed wiring and outlets that will bring the building up to code and enable us to light our displays.

Two new booklets about valley history are available at the desk. CRANE RIDGE LOOKOUT by Herbert L. Hagemann, published by the ALVHS, price \$3.25 (\$2.93 to members) and SOMBRAS DE LA NOCHE The Agustin Bernal Adobe, by James Delgado, privately printed, price \$3.00 (\$2.70 to members). Both booklets are full of interest to historians of this area.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From The Livermore Echo, Feb. 13, 1902:

"Fook Wah, better known as 'Big Tom' and 'Irish Tom', a Chinaman who has been one of the characters of Livermore for 25 years past, died about noon Wednesday from congestion of the lungs, at the Chinese wash-house on Lizzie Street. He was ill but a few hours, having been on the street the day before apparently as jolly as was his wont. He was one of the valley pioneers, and for many years enjoyed a monopoly of the laundry business, but ultimately failed, 'alle same American' ".

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO "HONOR ROLL OF PAID-UP MEMBERS"; 1 February, 1976

PAID

as of 23 March, 1976.

- Feb. 01 The David M. Abrahams Family, 737 El Caminito, Liv.
Mar. 04 De Witt & Muriel Allen, 1076 Madrid, Liv.
05 M/Mrs. Earl F. Basso Sr., 6033 Dagnino Rd., Liv.
01 Mrs. Zylpha Bernal Beck, 299 South R. St., Liv.
08 Judith P. Beery, 2058 Seventh St., Liv.
19 Merilyn Calhoun, 490 South P St., Liv.
Feb. 03 Mrs. Lee E. Davies, 3052 Reed Ave. Liv.
corr. Aug. 19 M/Mrs Manuel E. Duarte, 2344 Chateau Way, Liv.
(*) Feb. 11 CDR Gerald A. Fulk, USN USS PARSONS prepaid to 1977
Feb. 16, Ernest F. Gohler, 1277 Marguerite St., Liv.
Mar. 19, Anna I. Gohler, 1277 Marguerite St., Liv.
01, M/Mrs Richard G. Groth, 4420 Mines Rd. Liv.
Feb. 13, Home Savings & Loan Assn., 275 South K St. Liv.
corr. Dec. 21 M/Mrs. Michael L. Mac Cracken, 818 Mayview Way, Liv.
Mar. 01 Mrs. Denise Beck Minoggio, 141 North L St., Liv.
05 Mrs. El Lorene Olsen & Family, 680 Mojave, Liv.
01 Mrs. Marlys J. Overby, 1747 Pine St., Liv.
Feb. 13 Mrs. Joseph F. Pruss, Jr., 867 Mayview Way, Liv.
Mar 18 The Jerrold G. Rittmann Family, 4118 Stanford Way., Liv.
Feb 09 Varni, Fraser, Hartwell & Van Blois, P.O.Box 511, Liv.
Mar. 17 Thomas E. Wainwright, 955 South L St., Liv.
Feb. 21 Janice L. Wax, 2137 Sixth St. Liv.
corr. Jan 14, M/Mrs Robert L. Wilky, 1366 Wagoner Drive, Liv.

As of 23 March 1976 the Heritage Guild had 165 paid-up members including 3 LIFE members, 26 NEW members this fiscal year and 12 members with dues prepaid to 1 Oct. 1977. Your dues payment entitles you to a 10% discount on most publications sold by the Guild. Thank you for your support.

Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield, Treasurer.

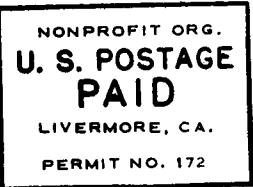


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An old photo of Tour House
number five. It was built
by Dr. C.G.Gordon in 1894.

Beginning at the old sanctuary
of the Livermore Presbyterian
Church, Fourth and K Streets,
five old houses will be open
on the tour.

An illustrated souvenir booklet
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holder.

There will be music along the
way.

Refreshments will be available.

ORDER BLANK FOR "VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR TICKETS
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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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or, Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild, P.O.Box, 1049, Livermore, Ca. 94550.



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MAY, 1976

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, May 13, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

SUNDAY MAY 2nd. "VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR

Tickets will be available at the starting point as long as they last. Begin at the old Presbyterian Church, 4th and K Sts. The tour is from 1 to 5 p.m. It includes five old houses and a souvenir booklet. Ticket donation, \$5. There will be music in the houses and refreshments available. Please join in the fun and help us to raise money for a new foundation for the May School. Phone: Barbara Otto, 447-7977; Bev Hamlin, 846-1455; Peggy Burdick, 443-9279; for tickets. Do not order by mail after Wednesday April 28.

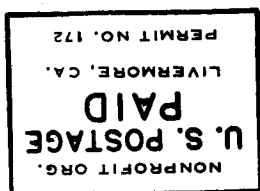
THE OLD GARAGE AT THE NORTH END OF L STREET Our efforts to save the old Duarte building from demolition have had a remarkable response. We have had phone calls from organizations that would exhibit old autos and old machinery in the building and today Robert Woods appeared at our door bearing an artifact in his hands and another one under his arm for us to use as we wish in developing interest in a Lincoln Highway museum. He brought an enameled steel red white and blue Lincoln Highway sign and an illustrated book The Lincoln Highway published in 1935. The book is the story of Carl Fisher's dream to build a road across the United States. The road was the Lincoln Highway and it went through Livermore. We are planning to have a meeting in the garage when we will have an expert speaker to help us to discuss the pros & cons of our proposals. Tanya Selden says she likes the slogan on the facade of the building "Let's get Associated".

CARNEGIE BUILDING We now have an exhibit on Ravenswood and an exhibit on the incorporation of the Town of Livermore. Ravenswood is the estate on the Arroyo Rd. being restored by the LARPD. A copy of the fine booklet prepared by architect Bob McCabe and historian Jim Henly is included in the show for you to read as you look. Bill Payne of the LARPD tells us that the booklet could be re-printed if 100 people are willing to pay \$5 for a copy. Call 447-9592 if you want to sign up.

School classes continue to come to the History Center for tours and it is gratifying to see that they enjoy the exhibits. We had a visit from Sibil Silverman, of the City of Anaheim staff. She told us of their plans to make their old Carnegie Library into a community museum. We know of a number of other towns where the old Carnegie Library has become a history museum.

A new issue of Thompson & West's Historical Atlas of Alameda County will be published in June by Valley Publishers of Fresno. The large book was first published in Oakland in 1878. The new issue will be a more convenient 9 x 12" size. Pre-publication price is \$22.50. After June the price will be \$25. If you want to order a copy, call 447-9592. The Guild will get a commission for every copy we sell. Robert Fisher and Stuart Gordon of Fremont have written a preface and some reference information for the book.

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE ANZA EXPEDITION Seeing the party of costumed horsemen riding up the valley near Tesla was a beautiful sight. A monument was dedicated at the campsite with appropriate ceremony. Later, the horsemen arrived at the Library grounds where a large crowd had gathered to meet them. A bell rang to signal our feeling of celebration and guns were fired and speeches expressed our appreciation of all that was done. Carlos D. Cantua was the master of



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ceremonies. A lovely fiesta had been in progress all afternoon, arranged and performed by the Latin Organization for Betterment. We are indebted to Barry Schrader for making the arrangements for the program and we feel especially honored to have Dr. Juan I. Rodriguez from Mexico City take part in our program.

ADDITIONS TO HONOR ROLL OF PAID-UP MEMBERS SINCE MARCH 23.

- Mar. M/Mrs. Douglas Baird, 2364 Chateau Way, Liv.
Apr. M/Mrs. John Baker, 541 Bell Ave., Liv.
Dr./Mrs. Edward B. Clark, 2136 Orion Court, Liv.
M/Mrs. Lawrence E. Cook, P.O. Box 654, Diablo, Ca.
M/Mrs. Dendall J. Englund, 2160 Orion Court, Liv.
Mrs. Barbara Hartley, 513 Briarwood Court, Liv.
John J. and Marion E. Hunter, 1088 Batavia, Liv.
M/Mrs. G. Earl Ising, 5282 Mines Rd., Liv.
Mar. M/Mrs. Wm. N. Junk, 3859 Yale Way, Liv.
Apr. Mrs. Leslie Jensen, 2691 College Ave., Liv.
M/Mrs. Dewey King, 2991 Cabrillo Ave., Liv.
M/Mrs. Claude A. Smith, 1067 Xavier Way, Liv.
M/Mrs. Malvern R. Sweet, 1363 Almond Ave., Liv.
Sara G. Van Steenburgh, 1661 Park Street, Liv.

As of April 22, 1976. Wm. N. Mansfield, Treasurer, 443-2089.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

From The Livermore Echo

April 29, 1903: "From Haywards. Seventy five automobiles raced into town Sunday."

Feb., 1901: "The well which is being bored on C.A. Buckley's place is now down 330 feet and although artesian water has not been struck, six large strata or bodies of water have been encountered on the way down. Boring will be continued for 100 feet more."

Livermore Herald, Sept. 5, 1908. "N.D. Dutcher Sr. changed the sign over his hardware store to read N.D. Dutcher & Son." (In honor of his son's 21st birthday.) See the sign in our exhibit in the History Center.

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION call Anna Brown, 447-7780.



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JUNE, 1976

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday June 10, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

SAVE THE OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE! COME TO THE MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1 - 5 p.m.
AT THE NORTH END OF L STREET

We have the potential for a unique museum showing a typical scene of the Lincoln Highway, of which the old Duarte garage was once a part. In 1912 there were very few paved roads and it was a daring idea of Carl Fisher to build a paved road from coast to coast. The new-fangled automobiles tried to negotiate the old roads but they had a bad time of it. All of this is a very important part of the development of this country. It is also part of Livermore's history. The old Rock House across the road was also part of the scene. We were pleased to be able to help to preserve the rock arches.

Demolition is expensive (in money as well as in last cultural assets) and planting parks is expensive. The City could save money budgeted for these two items.

At the June 6 meeting we will show vintage autos, an old gas pump, an exhibit of farm machinery, relics of the fire department and other fascinating items from Livermore's history. A letter to us from the CSAA says that they regret that a prior commitment prevents them from sending their 1922 Lincoln tow-truck and motorcycle to the meeting. We have asked for a photo of the vehicles for the exhibit. We will show the fine enameled steel red-white-and blue Lincoln Highway marker (circa 1920) brought to us by Robert Woods and copies of photos from the history of the highway. Come and spend an enjoyable Sunday afternoon re-living the past. See the interior of the buildings for yourself.

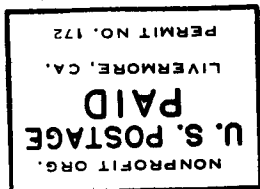
"VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR

The House Tour on May 2 was a great success in every way. All those who attended enjoyed a leisurely walk through the old streets; the houses showed that old buildings can be made into charming residences and the proceeds of the tour will provide a new foundation for the May School. The causes of preservation, conservation and the enhancement of the environment were greatly advanced. Approximately \$2600 was raised by the Symphony and Heritage Guilds working together. We owe a debt of thanks to all who worked so hard to make the event a success. There are still some House Tour booklets available at 50¢ each from the publications desk at the History Center.

FROM THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISORS We have been notified of the budget hearing in the Supervisor's chambers on June 15. It is an opportunity to state our case in support of our request to be included in the new budget. Will those who would be willing to go to the meeting please call Janet Newton, 447-9592?

CARNEGIE BUILDING AND THE LIVERMORE HISTORY CENTER

Attendance at the Center is increasing. More and more school classes come in for guided tours and more and more people come in on their own to enjoy the exhibits. There can be no doubt of the usefulness of the Center.



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We are greatly concerned about the condition of the Carnegie roof. A good roof is essential to the preservation of the building and we are told that the condition of the roof is very poor. We hope the work can be accomplished soon.

DONATIONS TO THE HISTORY CENTER This year our collection of artifacts and documents has been increased by gifts from: John Weiss of Oakland - photos and other documents of the Rancho Canada de los Vaqueros; Carlos D. Cantua - an old hay hook; Ernest F. Gohler Sr. - a fine brass printing plate from Coast Manufacturing, and other Coast relics plus items of the 143 Field Artillery; H. Ross Hansen - a typed copy of the funeral record of the Graham Mortuary, Jan, 1878 to Feb. 1893, with an index; The Heritage Guild, purchase of a soldier's uniform worn in the re-enactment of the Anza expedition. All of these items will help us to illustrate and document Livermore history and we wish to thank the donors on behalf of all the people who will enjoy them.

We will soon have to have additional safe storage space for our collection. A museum is like an iceberg - only the tip is visible to the public. The rest of it is like a library of reference materials from which the exhibits are selected;

ADDITIONS TO HONOR ROLL OF PAID-UP MEMBERS April 22 to May 24, 1976.

- Apr Carrie C. Alexander, 338 Scott St., Liv.
- M/Mrs Reed Baird, 3917 Fordham Way, Liv.
- Apr Giovanna Born, 2387 Chateau Way, Liv.
- M/Mrs Raymond R. Brice, 2705 Superior Drive, Liv.
- M/Mrs John Cronin, 8989 Dublin Blvd., Hayward, 94546
- Apr Joe Downs, Chabot College, Valley Campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Liv.
- Apr Roger N. Everett, 572 Hazel St., Liv.
- Sharon Lacey, 5321 Sonoma Drive, #2, Pleasanton, 94566
- Apr M/Mrs Carmelus Owens, 690 South K St., Liv.
- M/Mrs Everett Martin, 1122 Innsbruck, Liv.
- Apr Kattie L. Richardson, 510 Junction Ave., Liv.
- M/Mrs Thomas M. Tami, 447 Ontario Drive, Liv.
- Jess J. West, 1368 Hampton Place, Liv.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From the Livermore Echo: 3/19/03 "It is said that the shipping of hard-boiled eggs from Livermore to Oakland is likely to become quite a profitable business as the first lot was shipped on Saturday."

6/12/02 "GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE LIVERMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL...(included) a trio 'Sweet Memories' by Rasmus Hansen, violin; Frank Beazell, piano and Chester Langan, piccolo, which was something novel and in answer to prolonged applause, the boys played a short encore."



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SAVE THE OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE!

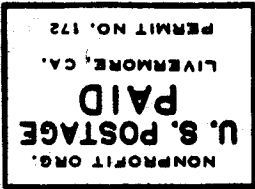
ON THE AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL JULY 19TH.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT.

STATEMENT OF POSITION

1. The Duarte Garage property was acquired by the City for a public park. Museums are a very proper part of public parks, valuable for teaching and recreation.
2. The building is in sound condition. It is quite large and is suitable for housing big artifacts and imaginative exhibits. We do not now have any space in Livermore for artifacts and archives except our well-used space in the Carnegie Building. The garage is about 150 x 50'.
3. The facade of the garage could easily be renewed and made attractive. It is an old-fashioned building, a reminder of the past. If the space around it was landscaped it would be obvious that the building was a part of the park.
4. There is a small house on the property in which there could be a caretaker - the best means of fighting vandalism.
5. The park alongside the garage (it has no name as yet) contains the Livermore Memorial Monument, recently given a special Bicentennial award by the State because of the importance of the Livermore Rancho in California history. We could put an exhibit in the garage museum on Livermore's home, perhaps with models of the adobe and the "Round-the-Horn" house. Livermore's Rancho was an important part of a main highway, as Livermore was a part of the immensely important Lincoln Highway at a later date. The new park might be named "Old Highway Park".
6. The location is excellent - convenient for school classes and prominent enough to be relatively safe from vandals. We could have exhibits of vintage cars, of old telephone equipment, of agricultural implements in the garage. We could obtain grants for special interpretive exhibits of high caliber. We could work with Chabot College on special programs - if we had the space.
7. There is no risk in saving a sound building but great risk of public loss in demolishing it. Demolition is non-reversible, preservation is not.
8. In a community as starved for building space as this one is we must not demolish a sound building. We need this space.
9. The old Seagraves fire engine could be put into the garage tomorrow!

Please see over.



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We have had many statements of support for saving the building from a letter from R. Coke Wood of the Conference of California Historical Societies (who was officially named "Mr. California" by the State) to signatures on our petition by Dr. Buffington and other members of the staff of Chabot College, to members of many local clubs, that are not now members of the Heritage Guild.

WHAT PRESERVING THE GARAGE WOULD ENTAIL

1. Sandblasting the flaked paint from the facade and re-painting it. Renewing the old signs.
2. Making the little house habitable. The sink and the cookstove have been taken out and must be replaced. Also we don't know if the roof has been mended since the ceiling of the upstairs room was damaged.
3. Rewiring the garage. This would be facilitated by the fact that the interior is unfinished.

~~These items could be paid for with the money budgeted for planting the park that would have replaced the building.~~

Added note: there are two rest-rooms in the garage building.



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JULY, 1976

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, July 8, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

SUNDAY, JULY 4th. JOIN THE PARADE FROM RINCON SCHOOL TO MARILYN SCHOOL.

The Livermore Bicentennial Organization will have a non-motorized parade beginning at Rincon School at noon. Everyone is invited to carry a flag and be in the color guard. Be a part of our salute to America.

SUNDAY, JULY 18. The Livermore Art Association will hold a Bicentennial Festival at the Carnegie Building from noon to 5 p.m. The History Center will participate in the show.

LIVERMORE MONUMENT HONORED

The State Historical Resources Commission has awarded a special Heritage '76 plaque to California Registered Landmark no. 241 honoring the site of Robert Livermore's home on Rancho Las Positas. We are told that no more than one or two plaques per county were awarded. Our application for this recognition was based on the fact that the Livermore home played an important part in California history. From its beginning, the Livermore home was host to the travelers who journeyed between the San Francisco Bay area and the interior valleys. The earliest map of the valley, made at Mission San Jose in 1824, shows the numerous springs in the area where the house was built and that there was an Indian camp on the site.

The hospitality of the Livermore family was well-known and widely written about. Published references to the home are too numerous to list here, but they began with John Bidwell's in A Journey to California, 1841 and continued to H.M.T.Powell's in The Santa Fe Trail, in 1851. There are also many unpublished references. A chapter of the book Las Positas, beginning on p.143, lists them all. (There are copies in the Livermore Library.)

At the time of writing this Newsletter, the information about the honor to the Livermore site is too new for plans by the LBO and the Guild to have been formed for a dedication ceremony. But the Livermore Memorial Monument is in the park alongside the Duarte Garage and it would be possible to have an exhibit about the Livermore home in the old garage. A permanent exhibit of models of the two Livermore houses would be a fine teaching exhibit. We have detailed drawings of the timbers of the 1851 "Round-the-Horn" house. They were shaped and fitted together like a Chinese puzzle.

In the History Center there are two copies of Gold Rush maps. They show clearly that the Livermore Rancho was where everyone stopped. One map is a copy of a manuscript map and one is a tracing of one that was a fold-out of a pocket-booklet of information for prospective gold-miners. Many similar maps were published. We can truthfully say that the Gold Rush put Livermore on the map. There are also two sketches of the valley made by an Army Survey team in 1853. They are the earliest pictures of this area.

THE OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE

The recognition of the importance of Livermore in the history of the state makes the desirability of saving the Duarte Garage even stronger than ever. The building is typical of old California. It is in good condition. Its lo-

cation in a park makes it ideal for class visits. It has large areas of unobstructed space in which innovative exhibits could be built. There is room for the old Seagraves fire engine to be stored and restored in it. There is room for large items of old farm equipment. There is plenty of space for vintage cars and a history of the highway. There is even room for an archive center. (This could be built in the well-lit area extending from the east wall.) The small house nearby makes it possible to have a caretaker on the premises. The Garage's prominent location is also a safety factor.

Livermore now has an opportunity to make something notable out of property it already owns. We have lost a great many of our historic buildings and at the moment we stand to lose valuable artifacts of local history because we have nowhere at all to store them. We could begin now to collect and conserve or we could lose everything. There is nothing to lose by saving the building and a great deal to gain.

The appearance of the building would be striking and attractive if the facade was re-painted. We are so familiar with the flaked and faded paint that it is difficult to see the garage as it looked when it was new.

Our work of collecting signatures on a petition to save the garage has been easy. We have collected a great many. If you want to add your name to one of the lists, please go to the Carnegie Building (Thurs.Fri.Sat.&Sun, 11.30 -4.)

LIVERMORE HISTORY CENTER

The school class visits have increased lately. So far, no buses have been used. Twice, classes from Almond Ave. School have walked into town where they divide up and while one group has a tour of the History Center another has a tour of Carnegie Park with a botanist from LARPD. After a sack-lunch in the park they have walked back to school. The students' enthusiasm for history is very evident and our docents feel well-rewarded.

We wish we had more exhibit space at the Center. In order to show something new we must always take down an exhibit of proved interest to the students. Barbara Fisk recently donated two lengths of antique barbed wire to the Center. They will aid us in demonstrating that barbed wire was not always available from the hardware store and that the manufacture of it had to be developed.

A call from the Livermore Police Dept. told us of an old child's gravestone in their lost-and-found area. We were pleased to take possession of it (if not to enjoy carrying it!). It is a small marble slab for "Sallie Teeter, born Feb.26, 1880, died Feb. 14, 1882". "Beautiful sleeper, robed for the grave; All of our efforts were powerless to save; Hope lingered with us as long as the breath; Thou were triumphant and called her O Death."

The Graham funeral record, given to us last month by Ross Hansen shows this entry and also one for Caroline Elizabeth Teeter, the child's mother, who died the following December, aged 33. Caroline was the first wife of Daniel Teeter who was the grandfather of Marilyn Calhoun. The Teeter family say we may keep the marker on loan in the History Center.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS

From The Livermore Echo

Jan.22, 1903; "Madden Furniture Company. Ten different grades of top mattresses, \$3.00 to \$30.00. Wool, Moss, Floss, Felt, Hair and combinations. Four grades of woven wire mattresses, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 & \$4.50. Iron beds from \$3.25 up. ODDFELLOWS BUILDING, Livermore California."

Nov. 3, 1887: "C.J.Stevens." (who owned the flour mill on Livermore Ave. - then Lizzie Street -near the railroad) "presented pitcher Fred Sprague with an order for a new set of clothes on account of his excellent work at Byron." (The CJs beat Byron 15 - 12)

LIVERMORE ARCHIVES

The reference to the Oddfellows Building above reminds us that we were allowed to borrow an architect's drawing of the building from the City's collec-

tion of old records. It is a charming rendering and we hope that we will be able to exhibit it in the History Center. The building dates from 1873. Also, Fire Marshall Charles Clelland lent us an old book of fire insurance maps dating from 1917. It is a fascinating book full of valuable information. Mr. Clelland says we may borrow it whenever we need it. The Livermore Planning Dept. also has several similar books that are available for study.

We desperately need safe storage space for these old records of the town, preferably a place where students can work. Suggestions have ranged from making an addition to the Livermore Library, using the old jail on Mc Leod St, to a newly built room in the Duarte Garage.

We were greatly assisted in preparing our exhibit in the Garage by Fire Chief Jack Baird's cordial willingness to lend us items from the Fire Dept. collection - such as the Fire Chief's badge from Tesla and an old Fireman's Exempt Certificate that belonged to Moritz Hupers and the large air-photo of Livermore taken in 1940.

Also contributing greatly to the exhibit were the many vintage cars from the Model A Club and one belonging to the David Nielsens. Anna Brown's exhibit of old clothing from the 20s and 30s was a pleasant diversion. All these were very decorative. The Garage could provide us with many delightful meetings.

SAVE SOUTH L STREET A request for historical clearance for federally funded street paving work on South L St. led to our learning, to our dismay, that there is a plan already made, in the Public Works Dept., for widening South L St., from College to the south side of the bridge that would put the new curbs within ten feet of the fine houses on the west side of South L. The plan shows a straightened double bridge and a correspondingly wide street leading to it. This would probably mean that the houses would be moved at least, if not demolished.

We learned further, from Livermore Planning Commissioner Bob Selden that if South L Street is not to be a main artery, another route must be found to accommodate the traffic that would be generated if the open space now existing along the Arroyo Rd. should be come tracts of houses. We are of the opinion that another way can and must be planned.

In 1961 a meeting of the National Trust was held in Sacramento to make plans to try to stop the proposed building of a freeway through the heart of old Sacramento. The outlook did not seem good for preservation, but the fact is that the freeway plans were changed and old Sacramento was saved.

South L Street is a charming area of old homes and fine trees. We can save it if we decide we want to save it. But we must begin now.

We are pleased to say that Gary Drummond has consented to be the Chairman of our Livermore Inventory project - taking over from Anna Brown who started the work. The Drummonds live in a fine house on South L Street and Gary's knowledge of the area and his interest in saving it are very real.

MILL SQUARE

The impending dedication ceremonies of the two miniparks in Mill Square make it appropriate to recall some of the discussion with regard to putting up Livermore's flagpole. In the Jan. 19, 1905 issue of the Livermore Echo, there is a long article that says, in brief: \$596.86 was raised for the flagpole, some thought it should be used for a 30 foot pole on the new town hall building (the old police building on Mc Leod St.) plus a flag and the remainder to furnish the upper story of the building for public meetings. Chief argument for this was that it would save money for the town whose finances were

tight and would be for three years because of the \$1000 per year payments for the town hall and the cost of making it ready for use. Some of the Native Sons wanted a 200 foot flagpole by itself with a bandstand at its base. The City's lots on Second Street (where the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot is now) where the jail yard was, was also suggested as the site for a public square, with grass plots etc. The Echo suggested moving the Anthony building (where the Masonic Building is now located at the southwest corner of South Livermore and First Street) to one side and erecting the flagpole and fountain or bandstand there. This would be an ideal location they thought, were it not for the expense of buying the lot.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Muriel Allen has consented to be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Serving on her committee will be Board members Julia Kleinecke and Barbara Otto. Elected members of the committee are Dorothy Wallace and Herbert Hagemann. Muriel's phone number is 447-6096. Please call her if you would like to make suggestions for the slate.

We were sorry to hear from Pat Hoenig that illness made it necessary for her to resign from the Heritage Guild Board of Directors. We are glad that Pat is now recovered but sorry she is not yet able to be active.

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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, Aug. 12, 7.30 p.m. in NEW LIBRARY meeting room.

NOT IN CARNEGIE BUILDING

Guild member Leslie Jensen will give us a report on the book Revolving Funds for Historic Preservation. This will be part of the board of Directors meeting and all members are welcome to attend. Other items on the agenda are plans for the Duarte Garage, work on the May School and plans for Fall meetings. Mrs. Jensen is enthusiastic about the possibilities of using our resources over and over again in the preservation of heritage buildings and sites. Please plan to attend.

LOTS OF GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS

The old Duarte Garage has been saved from demolition! The Livermore City Council voted unanimously not to demolish the buildings and we are elated by this. But no money was voted for restoration. We are confident that we can raise enough to refinish the old-fashioned false front and this, with landscaping the buildings will make them compatible with the surrounding park. As for the usefulness of the buildings, compared with our present storage, exhibit and study facilities, it seems almost boundless. We will begin immediately to make plans both for raising money and for use of the buildings.

As this was being typed we were notified of a gift of \$100 towards the work on the garage from the Caratti and Gandolfo families! Great news!

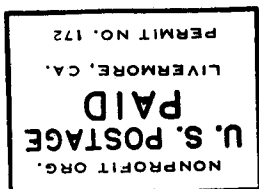
Restoration of the May School is assured. A grant of \$2000 from the Alameda County Bicentennial Commission will make a new foundation, renovation of the tower and restoration of the shutters possible. The present tilt of the building due to rotting of the wood foundation makes restoration impossible. The new foundation will correct this. Money raised through the house-tour last May will be added to the grant. The school is an approved Bicentennial project. Dorothy and David Nielsen, the team responsible for the immense amount of work done so far, are making the plans for finishing the job.

The Carnegie Building has been re-roofed by the LARPD. We are committed to the preservation of this handsome building and since preservation is not possible without a good roof, we are delighted that the work has been done.

Also, please note the newly refinished front doors! Bob Taylor has removed the dingy old paint and revealed and refinished the natural oak. The brass hardware is now bright and shiny. Bob deserves a thank-you from the community.

ANNUAL MEETING AND OTHER MEETING PLANS We are pleased that Dr. Barbara Mertes, Dean of Chabot College -Valley Campus, has consented to be the speaker at our annual meeting on Sept. 30. Dr. Mertes is a Livermore native and we are proud of her. We will give details of the meeting later.

Another meeting in the fall will be on Nov. 5, when Judith Waldhorn will give us a slide show on Victorian Preservation. Miss Waldhorn is well-known and her talk is informative and entertaining. We have invited the several other historical societies of this area to join us for this meeting. Mark the dates.



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NOW FOR THE NOT-SO-GOOD NEWS

The ceiling of the old sanctuary of the Livermore Presbyterian Church is in bad shape and the building is unsafe for use. We hope that the repairs can be made soon. Guild members who would like to help may call Ed Williams, 447-6329.

A recent news article about the Livermore American Indian Center says that the future of the Center is in doubt. We hope it can be saved so that a valuable exhibit of American Indian culture will continue to enrich the valley.

BUT HERE IS SOME MORE GOOD NEWS

The LHG booklet The Armstrong Family of Collier Canyon has a new cover, an added four pages of old photographs. The price of the 12-page booklet is now 70¢. The new cover by itself is 20¢. You will want to include this in your collection of "Chapters of Livermore History". We have a number of other titles ready to be typed and printed and we will get them out as soon as possible.

The Pleasanton Bicentennial book A Pictorial History of Pleasanton is an excellent book, a bargain at \$3.95. (Available from the Pleasanton Chamber of Com.) The material about Robert Livermore is not quite right (Livermore was married in 1838, for example) but it is a fine book. The statement that Anza entered the Amador Valley in 1776 (Anza crossed Patterson Pass and then went to Corral Hollow), makes us unable to resist quoting M.W. Wood, History of Alameda County page 810, "Up the steep ascent of Alameda Canyon the Central Pacific Railroad winds its tortuous way...and finally arrives on the level plain of the Livermore Valley at Pleasanton."

PUBLICATIONS IN GENERAL

Treasurer Capt. Mansfield has compiled a new price-list of the many items for sale by the LHG. On most items, paid-up members get a 10% discount. We have a new category of membership. For a \$5 a year membership, a library can get a 30% discount on Guild publications. Visit our sales-desk in the Carnegie Bldg. Thurs., Fri., Sat., & Sun., 11.30 - 4 p.m. We also have Guild notepaper for sale.

MEMBERSHIP The fiscal year ends Sept. 30. Dues paid before that date save Guild members a lot of the work and money of sending out notices. Payments made now are valid for the next fiscal year. Call membership Chairman Anna Brown for more information. 447-7780.



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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, Sept. 9, 7.30 p.m. Carnegie Building, main floor.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Thursday, Sept. 30, Rec. Center, 6.30 p.m.
Speaker, Dr. Barbara Mertes, See attached flyer and reservation blank.

MAITLAND R. HENRY News of the loss of the valley's foremost historian is noted with regret by members of the Heritage Guild. We are aware of the debt we owe to "MRH" for the work he did in laying a foundation for us to build on. The collection of old issues of the Livermore Echo now being microfilmed was brought to us by Art Henry from his father's collection. Julia Kleinecke did the formidable work of sorting the papers and Carl Schneider is now micro-filming them on the equipment of the ALVHS. The microfilms will be a part of the ALVHS newspaper microfilming project.

We have received donations to the Guild in memory of Mr. Henry and it seems likely that the money will be used to help publish material pertaining to the newspapers. We would be pleased to have additional contributions.

DUARTE GARAGE We are hoping to have a caretaker installed in the cottage in a very short time - as soon as the necessary agreements are in order and as soon as our crew of volunteer workers can make the needed improvements. Harold and Ruth Gabriel have asked if they can exhibit two old vehicles and other relics of valley history in the structure and the Wente family has offered us an exhibit of an old and rare engine, once used to pump water. We will have more details of these artifacts at a later date.

Dorothy Nielsen has made a record of the signs that used to decorate the false front in order that the badly flaked paint can be entirely removed. The background color for the front sign was a deep blue and the wording was bright colored - and large!

We will need to raise money to proceed with the development of the building and it seems obvious that the thing for us to do is to have a Garage Sale! Please start saving your cast-offs and making items for us to sell. If you can root some plants for us as well, please do. The sale will be on Friday, October 22. We hope that everyone will help with this. More details later.

LIVERMORE INVENTORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES In mid-October, probably Oct. 16 - 17, members of the Guild will conduct a historic resource survey in Livermore to identify and classify residential and commercial buildings by architectural style and condition. It will be primarily in the older sections of town.

Gary Drummond, who heads up the survey, will be asking for volunteers who will each survey an 8-10 block area. Gary plans an orientation session a few days before the survey to acquaint the workers with styles and characteristics. Make a note on your calendar now. Further details in the next Newsletter.

LIVERMORE BRICKS FOUND AT NEW ALMADEN Guild member Jim Delgado reports that he has been working on the renovation of a brick sidewalk at the New Almaden quicksilver mine near San José. The bricks in the sidewalk were from many places. Four of them are stamped "LIVERMORE" and two of these are marked "Premier LIVERMORE" They are off-white and measure 8½ x 4½ and about 2½" thick. Jim asks if we can supply information about them, such as when they were made. Can you tell us?

RECORDS OF ROBERT LIVERMORE Amelie Elkinton of the Monterey History and Art Association recently invited us to inspect newly-found references in the archives of the Cooper-Molera adobe. We enjoyed an afternoon studying the ledgers of 1831 and '32 and came away with photocopies of several of the pages. Livermore worked for Captain Cooper (possibly at his trade of a mason) and, since currency was scarce, took his wages in the form of purchases from the Cooper store. It was all a matter of bookkeeping.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OLD SANCTUARY When we wrote of the needs of the old chapel last month, we did not know that the repair work had already begun. The ceiling has now been renewed and bids have been received for a new roof.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From the Livermore Echo.

Jan. 12, 1888: "Chief Engineer Bradshaw has purchased a new fire bell for the engine house. It was cast at the celebrated Cincinnati Bell Foundry. It weighs 1000 lbs. It will be a great improvement on the old one.

"The question of compulsory planting of shade trees in the streets was referred to the Ordinance Committee." (We looked ahead to the next two issues to learn how it came out, but it was "continued" and we will have to tell you the outcome at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP At the board meeting of June 17, a clarification of dues categories was adopted, as follows:

Life member	\$100	one person, one vote.
Patron	100	no vote (businesses)
Sponsorship	20	two persons, two votes.
Family	5	two adults, two votes.
Individual	3	one person, one vote
Senior citizen	1	one person, one vote (65 or over)
Young historian	1	one person, one vote (18 or younger)

The Guild's fiscal year ends September 30. If you have not already renewed your membership, will you please complete the form below and send it in? This will save the membership committee much work and postage.

To The Livermore Heritage Guild, Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550

DATE _____ NAME as you want it on the membership card:

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

DUES CATEGORY _____ AMT. ENCLOSED \$ _____

Livermore Heritage Guild Annual Meeting

RECREATION CENTER, EIGHTH & H STREETS
THURSDAY SEPT. 30
6.30 P.M.

BUFFET SUPPER: FRIED CHICKEN
BEEF STROGANOFF, WINE

SPEAKER

Dr Barbara Mertes

DEAN OF CHABOT COLLEGE - VALLEY CAMPUS

SUBJECT

VALLEY CAMPUS - FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

DR. MERTES IS A NATIVE OF LIVERMORE, THE DAUGHTER
OF MR. & MRS. CHARLES FRANCISCO. SHE IS A PH.D. U.C.
BERKELEY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION; RHETORIC-
ENGLISH.

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

In honor of our speaker, we will have a special display in the exhibit case at the Livermore Library beginning on Sept. 17. It will include rare documents pertaining to Livermore's first college, the Livermore Collegiate Institute, that was established almost as soon as the town itself, in 1870. The documents are from the collection of Mrs. Rose Stewart.

Detach and send to The Livermore Heritage Guild, Box 961, Livermore, 94550
before September 28.

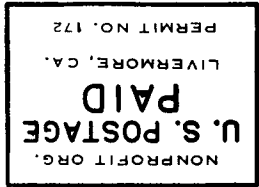
Please reserve ___ tickets at \$5.50 each (includes tax & tip) for the Annual
Dinner meeting on Thursday, September 30, for:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ AMT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Tickets will be held for you at the door. Please help us by sending in your
reservations early.

Mrs. Gail De Selm, Arrangements Chairman, 443-7977



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The nominating committee has assembled the following slate of officers and directors for consideration by members at the September 30 general meeting:

Chairman	Janet Newton
Vice Chairman	Barbara Otto
Secretary	Olga Peiffer
Treasurer	Barbara (Kitsy) Junk
Membership Chairman	Anna Brown

Directors to 1978:

Chet Fankhauser
Barry Schrader
Muriel Allen
Gail De Selm
Leslie Jensen

Elected members of the nominating committee:

Julia Kleinecke
Dorothy Wallace

As nominating committee chairman I wish to thank the very helpful and cooperative members of my committee (Julia Kleinecke, Dorothy Wallace, Barbara Otto) and also prospective officers who have graciously agreed to serve the Guild during the coming term.

Muriel Allen