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CALENDAR

October 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

November 6, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Friends of the Vineyard
Ghost Winery Tour
PH:373-1007 for information

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Our thanks to Chet Fankhauser who conducted a tour of Livermore for the docents of the Oakland Museum. A second tour is scheduled for the end of October.

The following new note cards are now available for sale at the Carnegie Bldg.: Tillie Calhoun sketches (set of 2 each of 4 designs in package) for \$2.50; Greetings from Livermore (scene of couples on 2nd St., 1903, 10 cards) for \$7.50. Both sets are very attractive and would make a great stocking stuffer.

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A color reproduction of the 1889 lithograph of an aerial view of Livermore (measuring 20'' x 24'') is available at \$40.00 each (including tax) at the Carnegie Bldg. This is a professionally done color photograph showing all the detail and color of the original lithograph and mounted on heavy board suitable for framing.

Also available is The Amador-Livermore Valley: A Pictorial History by Bob and Pat Lane for \$25.00. Any of the above would make a great Christmas gift.

Recent Donations:

The Livermore Library donated a set of small file drawers, which will be used for storing microfilm of old Livermore newspapers.

Mr. James Lima donated a videotape of family movies of the 1930 Rodeo parade; also a copy of the 1932 green and gold high school year-book.

Irene Firmstone donated a copy of the book 'Hetch Hetchy and Its Dam Railroad'.

The Livermore Heritage Guild wishes to thank you all for your donations.

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A NEW FISCAL YEAR FOR THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD AND TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY RENEWED FOR 1989, PLEASE DO SO. THE MONEY FROM YOUR RENEWALS IS WHAT FINANCES THE NEWSLETTER AND EXHIBITS IN THE CARNEGIE BLDG.

We are including a supplement to this month's newsletter entitled, 'The Livermore College'. This is the first of three supplements that we will include in the coming year with the newsletter.

Excerpt from the Livermore Herald, October 17, 1924

FRIEND OF 'BUFFALO BILL' IS VISITING IN LIVERMORE

Ben Ward of Denver, Colorado, friend of 'Buffalo Bill' Cody, government scout in the Indian Wars and fur trader, is a visitor in Livermore at the home of son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Gilbert.

Mr. Ward is a most interesting talker and has many stories to tell of his associations with 'Buffalo Bill' and 'Wild Bill' Hicock, an almost equally famous frontiersman. Mr. Ward became acquainted with 'Buffalo Bill' when the two were both

young men, when the latter was driving stage. As far as is known, Mr. Ward is one of the few closely associated with 'Buffalo Bill' in his earliest frontier days who is still alive. He has a number of interesting pictures of himself taken at the grave of 'Buffalo Bill' on Lookout Mountain near Denver a few years ago.

In the sixties, Mr. Ward was a government scout, and previous to that time was engaged in trading with the Indians for furs. He numbered as his friends many of the Indian chiefs who are well known in history for their participation in the Indian wars, including Sitting Bull, Spotted Tail, Big Mouth, Young-Man-Afraid-Of-His-Horse, and others. He states that his experience with the Indians was that if treated honestly they were friendly, but if cheated, as was the case in too many instances, they became bitter enemies. As a trader, Mr. Ward's headquarters were at Devil's Lake in the Dakotas, and as a scout he covered what is now Colorado and Nebraska.

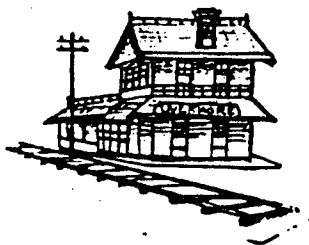
Mr. Ward has been interested in mining for many years and has extensive mining interests at the present time in Colorado.

He plans to spend the winter in California, visiting at the Gilbert home here and with relatives in Oakland.

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CALENDAR

November 6, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Friends of the Vineyard
Ghost Winery Tour
PH:373-1007 for information

November 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

December 4, Sunday, 11-4:00 p.m.
Christmas at Ravenswood

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Our thanks again to Chet Fankhauser, who escorted the docents of the Oakland Museum by

bus on a second tour of Livermore and to Gary Drummond, who conducted a walking tour of old homes for the group as well.

The Heritage Guild picked up 45 new members with a recent membership solicitation mailing. Thank you to all who joined.

Our thanks also go to Gary Drummond for conducting a cemetery tour with the Boy Scouts.

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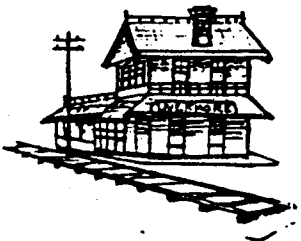
During December, the Heritage Guild will mount a Family Christmas Display. Each Guild board member has been asked to share with you one or two toys he or she had as a youngster, and we're going to put them on display. Let's hope it brings back some fond memories of your favorite Christmas toy.

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CALENDAR

December 9, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting
At the Fankhauser Home
Spouses Welcome

December 15, Thursday
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The History Center and the Livermore Art Association Art Gallery will be open for some late night, last minute Christmas shopping.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Thanks to Gary Drummond, Tim Sage, Bill Miller, Nancy Bireley and Larry Mauch for installing 7 new windows in the Duarte Garage.

Thanks to Barry Schrader, a display of antique toys has been installed at the History Center for your enjoyment during the month of December. Hopefully, it will bring back memories of Christmas past.

Don't forget the History Center and Art Gallery if you're looking for stocking stuffers. We have some very nice note cards, post cards, and inexpensive publications -- something for everyone.

Livermore Herald, March 11, 1922
LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORY
(From Faulkner's Business and Residence Directory of Murray Township-Published in 1887)

As the observer enters Livermore Valley in springtime, he is at once struck by its beauty; and its resemblance to a vast garden; neat houses, fine barns; blooming orchards, broad fields of grain, meadows and vineyards, while the surrounding hills are dotted with flocks and herds of thoroughbred cattle, horses and sheep, forming a continuous panorama of agricultural beauty and prosperity

In the midst, the very heart of these sublime scenes, the flourishing town of Livermore sits enthroned, beauteous queen of a surpassingly lovely realm. Sprung from the nothingness of twenty years ago, from the small hamlet of six years ago, she claims today a population of twenty-five hundred, and has at least two thousand; an increase of one thousand since January of 1884.

The town is incorporated and has nearly 150 places of business, all of which are in a thriving condition. The business places

and residences are generally well built, the former abounding in substantial and stylish business blocks, and the latter, most of which are cottages, are surrounded with small but beautiful and well-kept gardens. During the past year, the town has grown very rapidly, and business never before was livelier. New and handsome buildings have gone up on every side, aggregating nearly \$500,000 in value. Every year our great wine industry is increasing and our farmers still hold the palm for their excellent grain productions. Our manufacturers are increasing and improving their various productions, and we may now look forward to the Livermore of the future as a city second in industry and prosperity to none in the state.

The first house built within the present town limits of Livermore, was erected in the spring of 1864 by Alphonso Ladd after whom is called the east side of the town known as Laddsville, and which of course, bears priority in point of time. In September of the same year, Adam Fath settled near Ladd's and erected a dwelling house. In the latter part of '64 or the beginning of '65 Ladd erected a hotel. Soon after Alexander Mess, a Spaniard, put up a small building, and opened a saloon. Next came a man named Henry Goetjen, who built a small home on the hillside above Ladd's. He afterwards moved the house down from the hill and started a little store, which was subsequently burned down. That same year a man from Haywards started the first blacksmith shop near the store.

In the spring of 1866, a school district was organized, and a house built near the old Livermore house, the funds being raised by subscription. The first school was kept by a Miss Weeks, a subscription being taken to defray expenses. The first free school was organized in December, 1866, with J. M. Ginn as teacher. In the spring of 1868, R. W. Graham, of Hayward, erected a large building near Ladd's hotel, and started the first general merchandise store in the Livermore valley.

The laying out of the line of the Central Pacific Railroad through the Livermore Valley had the effect of quickening progress. In the first place the white hands and engineers required boarding places and had other wants which people were quick to supply. Mann's hotel, Bardellini's saloon and restaurant, the erection of Allen & Graham's large store, Franzen's beer depot, Knight & Sproul's drug store, which was subsequently destroyed by fire, Beazell's blacksmith shop, Elliott's livery stable, Israel Horton's residence, Joseph Harris' store, Booken's saloon, and McLeod's farmhouse, all belong to the railroad building era of 1868.

The railroad station having been located about a half-mile west of the old town, Mr. Wm. M. Mendenhall, an old Californian, dating from 1846, purchased the ground, and located the town of Livermore. Mr. Mendenhall then presented twenty acres to the railroad company for depot pur-

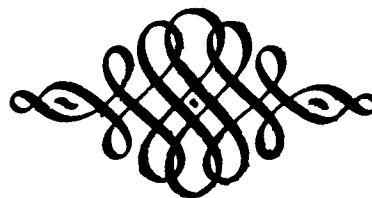
poses. He next made a survey and map of the town. In midsummer of 1869 the rail track was put down, and the first train passed through the valley in August, although the whole line was not opened. The excursionists to the State Fair at Sacramento were conveyed thither by rail in September. The first depot was a freight car, standing near the location of the present freight house.

Then followed Mendenhall's warehouse, C. J. Stevens' flouring mill, the Livermore Hotel, A. J. McLeod's store, P. Catanish's Morning Star Hotel, Anton Bardellini's Washington Hotel, Bowles' skating rink (now Anspachers' large store), and R. B. Campbell's residence.

In 1870 Wm. M. Mendenhall donated a piece of land near the town for a collegiate institute, which was erected the same year by Rev. Kingsbury. In November, 1871, nearly all the business houses in Laddsville were destroyed by fire. This hurried the tide of business toward the new town. In 1872 the Catholics erected a church building. In 1873 the Odd Fellows' Hall was erected, and in 1874 the Union Presbyterian and Methodist church. The Livermore Enterprise, the first paper, was started in May of the same year. In 1875 water was brought into town by the Livermore Spring Water Company. On the 30th day of April, 1876, the Town of Livermore was incorporated by act of the State Legislature. The population was then by census determined to be

830 and the number of buildings, 234.

The area of the town as incorporated is 960 acres. On this tract are four distinct surveyed plats as follows: The Mendenhall plat or original town; the McLeod addition, the Northern addition; and the Smith & Grant addition. In 1877 the Livermore Herald was founded by Wm. P. Bartlett. During the next five years, the town grew quite rapidly, and a large number of new houses were erected. In 1882 Stevens' flouring mill was destroyed by fire. In 1883 a new mill was erected by Laumeister Bros. The high school department was established during the same year. In 1884 a paid fire department was established. The Livermore Gas Light Works were erected in the fall of 1885, and the town was lighted with gas on January 15, 1886. Other notes and facts pertaining to the building up and development of the town, will be found under the head of ''Business Notes'', further on in this work.



Looking Back

Our happy days of youth are past --
Had we then known they would not last,
We might have saved a little gold
To serve our needs when we grow old.

We cannot know what change may come
When first we start life's race to run;
If we could plainly view the end
We would not all our earnings spend.

Not always to the swift the race,
Too much depends upon the pace;
And if at first 'tis set too fast
The racer likely will be last.

Take this advice, from one that's raced
And many different barriers faced --
Don't speed too fast when you begin,
You'll have a better chance to win.

-- J. D. Smith

Decoto, Calif., February 25, 1922

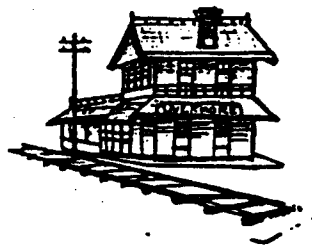
J. D. Smith was the principal of the Livermore College for twenty years until 1895.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US
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Theatre circa 1931. One shows 3 deputy sheriffs in front of the box office.

CALENDAR

January 12, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

January 13, Friday, 7-9:00 p.m.
 "Wild, Warm & Woolly, Wearable Art", presented by the Livermore Art Association Gallery
 Carnegie Bldg.
 For more information: 449-9927

The following is an excerpt from the Livermore Herald, November 14, 1908

If the people of Livermore intend to apply for a Carnegie library they should be taking steps to secure a site at once. Mr. Carnegie is growing old and there is no assurance that any provision has been made for continuing these gifts after his death. The municipal assessment has now reached a figure where according to the philanthropists terms a creditable building can be erected and maintained. Livermore has one of the largest and most valuable libraries in the State but comparatively few of her citizens seem to appreciate the fact. The big fire of last week has shown how essential it is that this collection of books should be housed in a fire-proof building. Let us delay no longer in this important matter.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Channel 30 has asked Gary Drummond to tape his Ghost Winery Tour some time in January. They will also be taping a show about Livermore memorabilia in the possession of the Heritage Guild on January 19th at the Carnegie Library. The date to air these programs is yet undecided.

Livermore Herald, dated
 December 25, 1909

The Office of Historic Preservation has launched a special project designed to identify, register, and protect California's remaining Carnegie Library buildings, which are among the state's most interesting and architecturally valuable structures. In the mid-twentieth century, evergrowing book collections required expanded and updated facilities, beyond the capability of the Carnegie libraries, which were beginning to seem outmoded. By 1967, 37 had been demolished and others were threatened. We would very much like to see Livermore's Carnegie Building listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In preparing the application, Barbara Bunshah uncovered the excerpts that appear later in this newsletter.

Every loyal Livermorean should go to the polls on Monday, December 27th and vote for the Park bonds and then work to get every other voter that he can influence to do the same. To give the Carnegie library a proper site is not only a way of showing due appreciation of a magnificent gift but it will mark the beginning of an era of improvement that will in a few years make Livermore a model town and place it in the first rank of California municipalities. This is the only means by which the better class of homeseekers can be attracted to our midst.

Recent Donations:

Mr. and Mrs. James Lima have donated two photos of the State

The issue of bonds will be \$10,000 or twenty bonds of \$500 denomination each, bearing interest at 5 per cent. To retire a bond each year and pay the interest on the remainder will require a tax of but 10 cents on each \$100 of valuation. This will make the burden of taxation light upon all classes. The cost to the owner of the average cottage home will be only from 35 cents to \$1 a year. Surely no one can object to the cost.

Two years ago the voters authorized an issue of \$35,000 in bonds to construct a sewer system. Only \$25,000 was expended so that to vote the \$10,000 for Park bonds is only to place the bonded indebtedness at the figure authorized at that time.

Livermore people have been needing both library building and park for many years. We have been furnished with the one through the generosity of a man who never saw the town; we ought at least to provide the other ourselves. Again we say: Every loyal Livermorean should go to the polls on Monday, December 27th, and vote for the Park bonds.

Livermore Herald,
February 26, 1910

... After due deliberation propositions 2 and 4 of Hoyt Bros. were accepted and the contract was awarded to that firm for \$9200 subject to the approval of plans and proceedings by Andrew Carnegie or his representative.

Library Report:

Following is a report of the Livermore Free Library for the month ending July 31, 1910:

Number of books taken out..	1057
Fiction	659
Juvenile	285
Magazines	86
Miscellaneous	27
Number of cards issued.....	14

The following books have been donated:

"The Country of the Dwarfs," l'. du Chaillu;
"Shipwrecks and Disasters at Sea," W. H. G. Kingston;
"Don Quixote";
"Young Americans in Japan," E. Greeley, donated by Mrs. Rigen;
"A Pathfinder," Ed G. Acheson.
S. J. Harp, Librarian

Livermore Herald,
February 18, 1911

The furniture for the Carnegie library arrived on Tuesday. It is of substantial oak construction and antique finish, matching the interior woodwork. There are four six-foot and two eight-foot tables for the general reading rooms and one five-foot round table for the reference room. There are sixteen arm chairs and twelve without arms for the various rooms and one revolving chair for the librarian.

Livermore Herald,
May 13, 1911

It was decided to open the new building to public inspection this (Saturday) evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. One of the features of the occasion will be a donation of books. Each visitor will be expected to bring a book, not necessarily a new one as long as it is suited to the needs of the library.

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CALENDAR

During the month of February, Tillie Calhoun will have a display of miniature looms and weaving from around the world, coinciding with the Art Gallery's sale of woven items.

February 9, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Channel 30 will be broadcasting through the month of February the program about Livermore memorabilia in the possession of the Heritage Guild at the Carnegie Library.

Recent Donations:

Mrs. Ernest Uttendorfer via Adele Kruger donated four pictures; one is of the Livermore Soda Works wagon (ca. 1904) and the Soda Works building. The other two are of local baseball teams. Mr. Uttendorfer owned the Soda Works until the early 1920's.

With this issue of the Newsletter, we begin a series of occasional notes by Barbara Bunshah -- sans comment -- carrying the general title: La Meme Chose:

'A profitable investment, one that will fill a long felt want, awaits someone who will erect in Livermore a number of dwellings such as can be rented for from \$5 to \$8 per month.' (The Echo, March 22, 1894)

This last month, Manuel Duarte passed away. A year ago, we had the pleasure of interviewing Manuel. This interview coincided with the opening of the Drug Store exhibit in which he and others donated most of the items on display. Manuel worked for McKown and Mess, Beazell's, drug stores, and later owned Duarte's Pharmacy. He was a member of many Livermore organizations as well as past President of the Chamber of Commerce. In his honor, here again are excerpts from that interview.

I started to work for McKown and Mess Drug store in Livermore on Jan 19, 1925 when I was 17 years old. I had been working shoveling sand from big gondolas to trucks when they were building the Veterans Hospital and later worked for American Express driving a horse picking up cream from the creamery in town and delivering it to the train depot. Also on Thursday nights I'd pick up fish at the depot packed in ice and deliver it to the stores in town. A kid in town asked if I'd trade jobs with him at the drug store. I talked with Mr. McKown and Mr. Mess and they said whatever we wanted to do was ok, so we traded.

I made deliveries on a bike, swept floors, washed windows and cleaned up. I later packed the wets and drys in bottles for sale. By wets, I mean castor oil, mineral oil, spirits, things we'd buy in bulk. Drys were epon salts, flaxseed, flaxseed ground. I'd take a hand cart and go around the corner to the Masonic Building and get the bottles that were stored there and bring them back and wash and check them for damage. The bottles would come in wooden cases packed with straw and have to be washed before I could fill and cork them and apply the

labels. They were still using the embossed McKown and Mess bottles when I first started. We stopped packing our own bottles in the 1930's because it was cheaper and easier to buy them prepackaged by that time.

Mr. Mess was a registered pharmacist but worked mainly in the stationery department and was the bookkeeper; he was great with figures. He could add two or three columns of figures in nothing flat. He always wore a black scull cap in the store, he was an Englishman and a very interesting man. He retired about three months after I started.

Mr. McKown was a pharmacist and very interested in pharmacy. The pharmacy department and the medicine department were his babies. He was very active in local activities and lodges. He was appointed to the state board of pharmacy by the governor and served one term I believe. He also sold insurance with Mr. Mess in the drug store as well. He later built a building behind the store to use as an office for selling insurance after selling the drug store. I remember he always drove a Cadillac and lived on 4th and L Street where the Presbyterian church is now. He had a lot of friends, and was a very interesting and easy man to talk with.

In July 1925, Mr. McKown sold out his interest to Mr. Beazell. Mr. Beazell had been the pharmacist for McKown and Mess for many years. He was not the merchandiser or pusher that Mr. McKown was but he was a very fine man to work for and I learned a lot from him. I went to school with his son Jim who is now a doctor, I believe in Colorado.

In the store at that time we sold prescription medicines, homeopathic medicines, patent medicines. Patent medicines were

big business, we had a long counter of nothing but patent medicines. If someone didn't have a prescription, all the druggist could do was suggest a patent medicine because he wasn't permitted to prescribe medicine himself. We sold Scott's Egyptian Cream and Scott's liniment which were patented by Mathew Scott, a druggist in Livermore, in 1883. Mr. McKown had offered Charlie Ginger \$200.00 for the formula for his horse liniment that he sold in town, but Charlie wouldn't sell. Later Mr. McKown came out with his own liniment, called McKown's Wire Fence Oil. We used to sell it by the gallons to the city of San Francisco for their horses.

We were the first Rexall distributor in this part of Alameda county and the first Hallmark card distributor in Livermore. Also, we were the Eastman Company distributor, this was before it was Eastman Kodak. I used to develop the x-rays for the doctors in town and we would sell medicines to the sanitarium and local hospitals. We also handled perfumes, heating pads, trusses and some electrical goods as well. The drug store was also the headquarters for school books and school supplies which were not furnished by the schools back then. When I started at the store, they had just stopped selling Victrolas and records.

In 1932, after I finished pharmacy school in San Francisco, I returned to Beazell's Drug Store as a pharmacist for \$35.00 a week. In 1934, Mr. Beazell moved to a larger store across the street from the original location on First and J Streets.

In 1944, I purchased the store from Mr. Beazell and changed the name to Duarte's Pharmacy. We continued to operate on First Street until 1975 when the store was finally closed.

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CALENDAR

March 9, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 LHG Board Meeting, Highway Garage

March 12, Sunday
 Livermore Area Recreation & Park District presents an Open House at Ravenswood Historic Site.

March 17, Friday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
 Livermore Art Association Spring Art Show, Preview, at the Barn.

March 17, Friday, 7-10 p.m.
 Friends of the Library annual Book Sale, at the Lincoln Highway Garage.

Recent Donations:

Chet and Henrietta Fankhauser donated a room key from the Morningstar Hotel, circa 1900.

Check this month's newsletter label; if the label has a date and your membership is current, it should read '89. The heritage Guild has begun purging past due memberships.

March Brings Back Memories of Old Livermore Horse Shows

Excerpted from The Livermore Herald, March 20, 1936

March, to the average Livermorean of today, may be just another month, but to the 'old timer' it brings memories of an event significant in Livermore history for thirty years -- the old Livermore horse show.

Magnificent Displays

When the horse was in his prime, the Livermore Valley was

noted for the splendid animals it produced, especially draft stock, and on a Saturday in March it was the custom to put the magnificent Percherons, Normans, Belgians and Clydes on display in a street parade which attracted horsemen and farmers from throughout the central part of the State. As the animals passed in front of the reviewing stand their pedigrees were given by the renowned announcer, the late William ('Bill') McDonald, who knew the history of each horse and its ancestors and descendants for many generations.

Were Gala Events

The annual horse show provided a gala day for Livermore, resembling in a way the Rodeo of today. Sometimes the parades were held in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon, but always there were hundreds of interested spectators from afar, and feasting and good fellowship were the order of the day. In later years athletic events were often held as a side issue and on several occasions there were forerunners of today's Rodeo when several bucking horses were ridden in a vacant lot somewhere adjacent to the business section.

First Held in 1884

It is now over fifty years since the first show was held, The Herald stating in its issue of March 11, 1911, in connection with the report on the show of that year. 'Twenty-seven years ago Livermore held its first horse show and with few exceptions it has been an annual event in Livermore ever since.' The shows were carried on with a greater or less degree of success year after year, until the late nineties when an oversupply of horses resulted in lessened demand and interest in draft stock fell off to a considerable degree among the farmers.

Interest Continued

Then, after the turn of the century, there was renewed interest and the extent to which the annual show held the attention of Livermore can well be judged by the fact that an entire first page of The Herald was devoted to reporting the show of 1903. Interest continued unabated for years and while published reports do not give a complete listing of every animal entered, a total of 76 horses are indicated as having been in line in 1908.

Final Show in 1914

The records indicate that the last show was held in 1914, and even then, with the automobile encroaching, there were 51 animals entered. In its issue of March 7th of that year, The Herald said:

'While the shows in the days gone by have had a larger list of entries than last Saturday's, none have shown a larger percentage of high class stallions, for there were in line stallions that could be entered in show rings anywhere and hold their own against all competitions. The condition of the horses shown and the way in which they were groomed were a decided improvement over any previous show. The question was asked many times last Saturday as to the probable value of the horses exhibited and it is safe to say that a conservative appraisal would be about \$80,000.

Auto Had Its Effect

But the effect of the automobile was beginning to be felt in at least one feature of the parade, the article saying: 'At former shows the section of the parade given over to driving teams and roadsters was one of the largest but on this occasion it was exceedingly small which is mainly due to the influence of the automobile, as it is no longer a very safe venture to go driving

for pleasure on any of our main highways owing to the utter disregard many of those who drive automobiles have for the rights of those who drive horses.'

Was Valuable Industry

Further evidence of the extent of the industry in this valley is indicated in an estimated \$150,000 as the value of the horses in line in 1912. In reporting the 1908 show The Herald stated that H. M. Christensen, head of the show for many years had sold in the previous two years, the following horses raised from one stallion, Ledard, Jr.: Two span at \$600 each, one at \$500 and one at \$400.

San Francisco was the principal market, the buyers being largely the draying firms and stores and other establishments which operated delivery wagons.

Sometimes there were judges for the various classes and ribbons were awarded. At other shows there was no reward other than the pride of ownership of a splendid animal.

There are those who, remembering the day when the horse was king, long for the day to return to the extent at least that the horse fits into the farm work and certain types of hauling of today, and take some measure of comfort that there are occasional marked increases in the demand for draft and farm stock. While it must be true that as far as anyone can see that the old Livermore horse shows can never return, they will always remain a glorious memory and an indication of early day leadership of the Livermore Valley in an industry in which it had a place second to none.

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CALENDAR

April 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

April 14, Friday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Carnegie Bldg.

The Livermore Art Association will be featuring an exhibit entitled "As I See It", consisting of paintings of older Livermore homes and landscapes. Also, the Livermore Heritage Guild will feature a new photo display on the Livermore Sanitarium.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Heritage Guild has purchased a used motorhome to be converted into a "Historymobile". The project is headed by Barry Schrader and will be ready for the first Red Flower Sunday (April 23) with a display of local history and a slide show.

As you may have read in the Livermore papers, the Heritage Guild will be purchasing some of the leftover bluestone to be used

as a walkway and patio at the cottage next to the Highway Garage. We have also contracted for repainting the cottage and the side of the Garage next to the cottage.

Recent Donations:

Thank you to Chet and Henri Fankhauser for their generous donation to the Historymobile project.

A new photo exhibit is opening this month at the Carnegie Library featuring the Livermore Sanitarium. The Sanitarium operated from 1895 until it closed in 1965. Founded by Dr. John Robertson, the Sanitarium originally occupied the William Mendenhall house and the old Livermore College building on College Avenue. By 1920 the grounds contained over seventeen buildings and the Sanitarium employed close to 300 people. The large trees that graced the driveway to the Hydro Building can still be seen on the grounds of the Baptist Church that now occupies the site (corner of College and South L Sts.).

Elinor (Lin) Tobin, the granddaughter of Dr. Robertson, still lives in the house her father (Dr. John Robertson, Jr.) built on the grounds in 1931. The following is an interview with Lin.

My grandfather was a fascinating man and interested in many things. His family had settled in the Crescent City/Eureka area and after attending medical school at U.C. Berkeley, he returned there to set up his medical practice. He also must have dabbled in politics some, because at one time he was a state legislator from that area. He became very interested in alcoholism and mental disorders and moved from northern California to head up an alcohol clinic at Napa State Hospital--later he also established a clinic in San Francisco (General Hospital?). Eventually, he found the site to build his own Sanitarium in Livermore. Probably the availability of the land (with usable buildings already on it) and the excellent climate of this area accounted for his decision. After retirement he wrote several books--one on Sir Francis Drake and several on Edgar Allen Poe. He was fascinated with the latter, perhaps because Poe exhibited such a strange personality and was probably an alcoholic.

My grandmother was very beautiful and loved to entertain the literary and artistic colony that congregated in San Francisco at that time. Many of these would visit the "country", arriving

here in horse and buggy, and picnicking at the encampment--a summer camp that the Robertsons maintained at Arroyo del Valle, along the creek. There are wonderful pictures of this area, one of which includes Ambrose Bierce holding one of my aunts (about 4 yrs. old) on his lap.

My grandfather established a new type of treatment for the mentally ill. No longer were they to be kept as "closet cases"; on the contrary, he felt that beautiful surroundings, fresh air and TLC were very important for their well-being and happiness. There were acres of gardens and well-kept grounds, walkways for the patients with nurses, and even a gymnasium (including bowling alleys, basketball court and a swimming pool), plus croquet and tennis courts.

The large Grecian-style Hydro building was named for its hydro baths--showers, really, with powerful water jets. (Along with massages these were used to calm and relax patients). Patients in this building could be fairly independent--most of them were recovering from drug or alcohol abuse and were no danger to themselves or anyone else. They could walk around the grounds or sometimes even downtown, often accompanied by a nurse. The Hydro also contained the doctor's offices, a drug room, a large lounge (complete with pianos and pool tables), a large formal dining room, and a huge kitchen. There were four other cottages that

housed more severely disturbed patients, two for the men and two for the women: White and Rest Cottage, and the Solarium and Gables. (The middle section of the H-shaped Gables is still in use by the Savoy family, the house just south of my own on L Street). There were also several other buildings such as my father's old family home, the Oaks and Mendenhall that provided housing for Sanitarium employees.

The Sanitarium was very self-sufficient and required a huge staff to maintain it. As a child growing up here life was easy. Except for waiting on tables in the main dining room when I was a teenager, I had very little contact with the patients themselves, but all the many employees were "my friends". The main kitchen (in the Hydro) employed a chef known as Jack the Cook, who could have quite a temper but was always very kind to me. He had lost a leg and I used to be fascinated watching him maneuver his peg leg across the open slatted pallets that surrounded the cooking area. All the food was delivered in metal containers by truck to the other buildings on the west side of L Street. I used to love to ride in the back of the truck and "help" the men deliver. I could also go down to the "engine room" and help fold sheets as they came hot off the mangle. This building housed all the laundry equipment as well as the steam plant which pumped the heat throughout the buildings (no thermostats in the resi-

dences). Steam heat was an excellent, moist type of heat, but very noisy. During the winter it would come on about 4 a.m. with much knocking and rattling. Our family was oblivious to this racket, but for house guests it could cause quite a stir.

In retrospect, it seems as if the Sanitarium was a little city in itself. It employed gardeners, cleaning personnel, painters, carpenters, electricians, floor waxers, laundry workers, food and kitchen help, etc. It raised its own beef, chickens, eggs, and pork and of course did all its own baking. For the patients themselves there were occupational and physical therapists, nurses and attendants, and a staff of at least six or seven psychiatrists. A lot of these employees lived right on the grounds and so their housing, meals, laundry, etc. were provided for them.

After finishing medical school, including a period of study of psychiatry in Vienna, my father returned here about 1926. He built the home I am currently living in in 1931. Dr. Podstata was managing the Sanitarium at that time and continued to do so until the management position was later taken over by Dr. Clifford Mack. In 1954, my father suffered a major heart attack causing him to retire and move to Carmel. He would still come back in the summer to relieve other doctors who were on vacation and to stay involved in the workings of the Sanitarium.

In 1958, my husband, Don Tobin, and I returned to the old homestead and he took over the business management of the Sanitarium. He oversaw its closure seven years later. Why did it have to close? It was inevitable, so many changes had come about. In the first place, it was very difficult to find enough help to run a facility the size of this one and continue to provide the kind of service its reputation implied. It simply was not practical. Present day mental facilities are far more compact and centrally oriented. New medical treatments also led to the Sanitarium's demise as tranquilizers, psychoanalysis, etc. became available and often allowed patients to stay at home.

It's a shame that this lovely park-like facility could not have been maintained, but now it's a thing of the past.

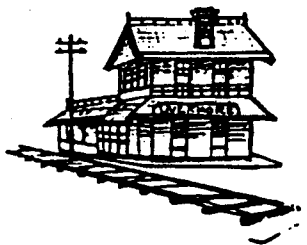
Excerpted from the Livermore Herald, November 7, 1924
Maitland Henry's "Reflections" column

The grounds of the Livermore Sanitarium present one of the most attractive sights in the Livermore Valley. The extensive and well kept lawns and gardens, with their wealth of rare trees and shrubs, together with the bright blossoms of the various flowers in season, make the grounds around the hydropath building and surrounding the cottages a place of beauty. The location of the grounds so that they border main traveled roads over which hundreds of visitors to Livermore travel every week, particularly on Sundays, is specially fortunate as visitors traveling by auto are enabled to view this beauty spot of which Livermore is extremely proud.

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CALENDAR

May 11, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

May 27, Saturday
LHG 10th Annual Auction
6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
7:00 p.m. Auction
Lincoln Highway Garage

June 15, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
LHG Annual General Meeting
Ravenswood
Election of officers followed by
a slide show on Livermore pre-
sented by Dr. John Shirley.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Get ready for the 10th Annual LHG
Dinner and Old Fashioned Auction
at the Lincoln Highway Garage.
Mark down Saturday, May 27, on
your calendar. Dinner will be at
6:00 p.m. featuring salads, spa-
ghetti and meatballs, and dessert
for \$4.00 per person.

Your donations are needed to make
this traditional Heritage Guild
fundraiser a success. Drop off
donations at LHG History Center,
Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30
to 4:00 p.m. Home pick-up ar-
rangements can be made by calling
the History Center, telephone:
449-9927 or Nancy Bireley, tele-
phone: 443-3452.

So far, we have received some old
Livermore memorabilia, a carved
solid oak rocking chair, a 5 foot
high wrought iron candelabra and
pieces of collectible glass. We
still need more items for the

auction, so dig through your attic
or garage.

The agenda for the annual meeting,
Thursday, June 15, 1989, will
include voting on the following:

New officers: Larry Mauch, Chair-
man; Jorja Vliet, Vice-Chair;
Barbara Bunshah, Secretary;
Malvern Sweet, Treasurer; Chet
Fankhauser, Ways/Means. Board
members through 1990: Gill Sul-
livan. Board members through
1991: Nancy Bireley, Susan Junk,
Bill Miller, Lorraine Raison,
George Spelvin; Nominating com-
mittee: Marilyn Calhoun, Peggy
Concannon.

HISTORYMOBILE SHOW ON THE ROAD

The refurbishing and interior
redesign of the Heritage Guild's
recently acquired Historymobile
is 80 percent complete, after two
months of work by a small group of
volunteers and donations from
local businesses.

The Guild acquired the used
27-foot recreational vehicle in
February and after repainting the
exterior and remodeling the in-
side classroom, it was first
displayed at the April 23 downtown
Red Flower Day. Due to the rainy
day, only 45 people came to see the
15 minute slide show of a brief
history of Livermore, and another
20 people just viewed the wall-
mounted exhibits of old photos and
newspapers.

The large identification
signs for both sides of the
vehicle are nearly complete,
thanks to the volunteer efforts of

sign painter Don Scullion, who also redid the exterior paint job and fiberglass patching. The remaining tasks are to acquire and install the sliding Plexiglass panels over the photo display area and recondition the roof before the next rainy season. The vehicle was stored temporarily at Malvern Sweet's home but has now been moved to more permanent quarters behind Fankhauser's former antique store.

Major donations which have helped keep the costs down include \$100 from Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Livermore for two Halon fire extinguishers that are mounted inside the vehicle, \$75 in safety glass from Roadrunner Glass to replace a damaged window, \$55 from Dom's Surplus toward a large tarp to cover the vehicle while in storage, a free smog check/inspection from Groth Bros., engine inspection from Jerry Bireley, Sr., handmade sidewindow curtains and many hours of volunteer labor from Jorja Vliet, and volunteer labor from Kay Schrader shampooing the carpet, plus interior cleanup.

Others who will be a part of the project as it begins the rounds of schools this fall will be Tillie Calhoun planning and executing the exhibits for the school classes, plus Lynn Owens and Bob Ware, who volunteered to pilot the vehicle along with Jorja. More people are still needed by project chairman Barry Schrader to serve as docents at

future Red Flower Sundays, other community events and at the schools next fall and winter. Please contact him at 449-7888 if you can help in any way. It will also be necessary to do some ongoing fundraising to finance the vehicle's insurance, maintenance, fuel costs, and continued interior improvements. We have an immediate need for electrical work to install an additional AC wall outlet, plus someone who can check over the air conditioning system on the roof.

Recent Donations:

Walter H. Detjens donated a photo of George True.

Phyllis Beyer donated 3 ledgers, grain cleaner equipment used by Farm Bureau.

Henry Thomas donated assorted photographs and rodeo posters.

Dorothy Cofer donated 2 albums of Fifth Street School class photos from the School District.

Don Scullion donated 17 paper certificates, 13 assorted plaques and awards, a uniform jacket, 2 large photos and 3 scrapbooks, I.D. cards and name tags from the estate of J. R. Michelis (former Livermore police chief).

John A. Sarboraria donated a National Cash Register out of the old Duarte Pharmacy.

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Excerpted from Herald & News
 May 25, 1928

CALENDAR

June 15, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
 LHG Annual General Meeting
 Ravenswood
 Election of officers followed by
 a slide show on Livermore pre-
 sented by Dr. John Shirley.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

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 1991: Nancy Bireley, Susan Junk,
 Bill Miller, Lorraine Raison,
 George Spelvin; Nominating com-
 mittee: Marilyn Calhoun, Peggy
 Concannon.

UPDATE ON THE 10th LHG DINNER AND AUCTION

Thanks to Chet and Henri
 Fankhauser for another very suc-
 cessful auction. The Italian spa-
 ghetti dinner was marvelous. Lynn
 Owens, our auctioneer, and Chet
 Fankhauser raised over \$2,000 for
 the Highway Garage restoration.

Recent Donations:

A cash contribution was donated by
 Stephen and Burlyne Wilson for the
 Historymobile in honor of Tillie
 Calhoun's retirement.

'W. P. Bartlett Writes on Bill
 Smith, Old-time Character''

Readers of The Herald are to
 have the opportunity to enjoy
 another series of sketches of old-
 time Livermore by W. P. Bartlett,
 former publisher of the paper. He
 has prepared a number of stories
 woven around Bill Smith, a popular
 character in Livermore thirty to
 fifty years ago. Regarding the ar-
 ticles the author says:

Bill Smith kept the Checker-
 Board Front livery stables, on
 Main Street, Livermore, for many
 years. He was good-natured and
 accommodating and walked with a
 limp. But he was more active than
 many men without that affliction.

Bill was a good story-
 teller, and a fountain for news
 items in a dull week. A number of
 Bill's stories remain with me yet.
 They are all true stories or at
 least, are founded on fact. If
 Bill exaggerated an inch or two,
 or I added a little embroidery
 where my memory fails, does not
 matter now. Bill and most of those
 whom he told of, are beyond the
 period of criticism.

This week's story will be:

The Runaway Train

When all the S. P. traffic
 came through Livermore Valley,
 and over Altamont Pass, 800 feet
 above tidewater, an ordinary
 freight train of that day required
 two engines and four brakemen.

These brakemen were all big hunky fellows, as brake-twisting against a heavy freight train was no Willie-boy job.

There was a party at Palace Hall, across the street, one night, and as the up-freight was ahead of time, three of the brakemen ran over to look on a few minutes.

They didn't hear the first whistle, they ran fast after the second--but not fast enough. They saw the tail-light of the caboose in Laddsville.

The three brakies looked at one another, with pallid faces, and proceeded to put themselves out of the railroad business.

'I saw them skip out,' said Bill, 'and I hopped on a horse and rode over to Johnny Mitchell's, to get him to come over and wire Douglas, the night operator at Altamont, to pick up brakies there, if he could.'

'It was nearly midnight, and the town was asleep--all but the dancers. I could still hear the music, as it was still night.'

'Johnny was just crossing the street, when he gave a yell: 'She's broken in two, and coming back! God help Number Four!'

'Five minutes later, here came the caboose, and ten loaded cars, flashing through town at a mile a minute.'

'I had a glimpse of the one lone brakey, clinging to his brake

like grim death, and I think he was slowing her down a little, for sparks were flying from three sets of wheels. If there ever was a hero, he was it.

'I had my fastest team in my bus in half a minute, and kept yelling for a load of helpers. They came running, dressing as they ran. The sound of music still came from the dance.'

'We were below the cemetery when we heard the crash--and it was still two miles to the wreck. We made it on a dead run.'

'And what did we see?'

'The up engineers had slowed down their engines and jumped.'

'The caboose was split in two, the up engine passing right through it--and two freight-cars.'

'There were two passengers asleep in that caboose, and both were thrown clear of the wreck, and scrambled up unhurt.'

'That brakey hero was still clinging to the brake, when the crash came, and took a flying leap to safety.'

'Then we drove home. There were no dead, no wounded--no nothing!'

'Johnny Mitchell was at the wire--and a wrecker from Oakland had the line clear for the morning train.'

The dancers were still dancing.

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July 1989 Vol. XVI, No. 10

CALENDAR

July 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

August 13, Sunday, 10:30-3:00
Art in the Park, Carnegie Park

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The annual meeting was a success. Everyone enjoyed Dr. Shirley's aerial slides of Livermore. A big Thankyou goes out to Dr. Shirley.

New windows have been purchased to replace the broken ones at the Highway Garage. Also, the cottage and portions of the Highway Garage have been repainted to spruce it up, and more work is still to be done.

Recent Donations:

Chet and Henri Fankhauser donated a wine label from the Crystal Wine Company.

The following is part of a series of occasional notes by Barbara Bunshah -- sans comment -- carrying the general title: La Meme Chose:

IN SHANGHAI

By Charles Mendenhall
(Excerpted from The Livermore Herald, October 1, 1937)

The following are the experiences of Miss Billie Waters, home economics teacher at L.U.H.S., in Shanghai during the outbreak of the undeclared Chinese-Japanese War, as taken from the notes of her speech given at the Eastern Star recently.

The War Started

Bombs bursting, machine guns roaring, and the most terrific noise ever heard, woke Miss Waters and her traveling companion, Miss May Cikuth, in their room at the Metropole Hotel in Shanghai at 4 a.m. Friday, August 13. Below in the street wretched, disheveled and sobbing Chinese shuffled

along in a steady stream escaping from the inferno that had been their homes. The weaker were trampled underfoot in this mad rush to anywhere. Old men and women, mothers and their children, all fighting for safety. But there was a display of helpfulness among these poor Chinese. Each tried feebly to aid his neighbor. To add eeriness to this horror, flames, great red leaping flames, lit the sky for miles around.

Consul Would Not Help

On the 16th of August, Miss Waters braved the dangers of shrapnel, and crossed the street to the American Consul to ask him for help in sending a radiogram. After all her trouble she was curtly informed that the Consul could not help her.

Difficulty in Leaving

At seven o'clock on the morning of the 17th Miss Waters and her companion received notice that the tender carrying them to the President Taft would leave at eight. No merchant marine vessel could get up the river, so the Dollar Line in cooperation with the American Consulate had arranged to have a tender take the refugees to the boat.

Just when Miss Waters and her companion had decided to leave their baggage and walk the mile from their hotel to the tender through the firing lines, two men, German-Swiss, offered to help them. The men commandeered a car which they used to take Miss Waters, Miss Cikuth and their baggage, to the tender under the Swiss flag.

An Exciting Trip

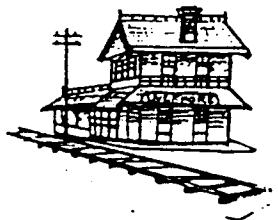
The tender passed between the fire of the Japanese and Chinese. All aboard gave up living. Death seemed certain. The crew of the tender had to be forced at gun point to navigate the course to the President Taft. An air raid countered by anti-aircraft fire was taking place. Then, suddenly, they found themselves safe aboard the President Taft. How strange it seemed, when death had been so certain, to find yourself alive!

Miss Waters, in talking with other refugees found that her experience with the American Consulate at Shanghai had been duplicated many times. The Consulate seemed unable to be of any help to American citizens in Shanghai, and it was necessary for them to call on other Consuls for aid.

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August 1989 Vol. XVI, No. 11

CALENDAR

August 10, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

August 13, Sunday, 10:30-3:00
Art and History in the Park
Carnegie Park

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Livermore Heritage Guild will join the Livermore Art Association in presenting and celebrating Art & History In The Park. There will be a display of photos from the 15-year history of the Gallery & History Center in the Historymobile outside the Carnegie Library.

In addition to our usual exhibits, there will be a small display on the Livermore Soda Works.

A new limited edition print of a sketch by Jorja Vliet of the old S.P. Depot will be on sale for \$7.50. The detail on this sketch is superb! You must see it to truly appreciate it.

A portfolio containing articles written by the members of the Heritage Guild covering such topics as the Fifth Street School, Highlights of Livermore History, A Walking Tour of Downtown Livermore, and How to Research Your Old House, just to name a few of nearly 20 articles, is available for sale at the Carnegie Library for \$5.00.

A well-deserved round of applause for Barry Schrader and his wife for their time and efforts in manning the Historymobile at recent Red Flower Sundays and the July Fourth Gardella Greens Celebration.

Excerpted from The Livermore Herald, September 23, 1899

New Plant in Operation

Electric Lights Will Be
Turned On Tonight

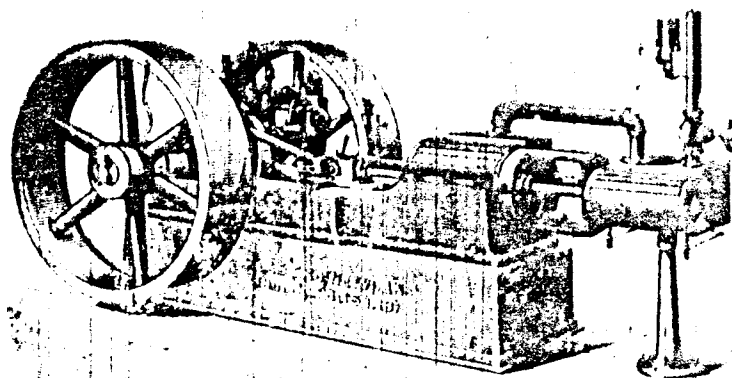
The Occasion Will Mark the Beginning of a New Era in the Industrial Development of Livermore.

This evening will witness the opening of a new era in the

industrial development of Livermore and incidently the whole valley. It will be the occasion of turning the electric current into the wires of the Livermore Water & Power Company, an institution which has extended its field of operations until it is one of the most important corporations engaged in supplying water and light outside of the larger cities of the State.

The company has been engaged for some time in supplying water to the Livermore public but did not enter the lighting field until the present summer when it bought out the electric system of D. F.

Bernal, who had been engaged for several years in supplying lights for municipality but had never assayed the private lighting. Immediately after purchasing the Bernal system, the Livermore Water & Power Company, the moving spirit of which is W. J. Dingee, the well-known Oakland capitalist, prepared to embark in the lighting business on an extensive scale. As a result they have practically discarded the old plant and put in an extensive outfit of the latest and most approved pattern, sparing no expense to have everything of the best.

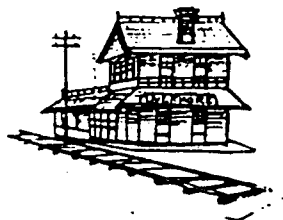


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September 1989 Vol. XVI, No. 12

CALENDAR

September 14, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

September 28, Thursday
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Livermore Art Association Annual
Open House at Ravenswood

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A NEW FISCAL YEAR FOR THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD AND TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY RENEWED FOR 1990, PLEASE DO SO. THE MONEY FROM YOUR RENEWALS IS WHAT FINANCES THE NEWSLETTER AND EXHIBITS IN THE CARNEGIE BUILDING.

The work will begin soon on restoring the Coca Cola sign on the side of the Duarte Garage. Also, the windows should be completed during the month of September.

The Heritage Guild is looking for pre-1950 maps of Livermore that we can copy. Please contact Barbara Bunshah at the Carnegie Library if you can be of help.

A large collection of photographic negatives of the last 10 years has been donated to the Heritage Guild by the Herald.

Beginning next month, Chet Fankhauser will be responsible for the monthly newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Barbara Bunshah's years of diligent work compiling an index for Livermore newspapers from 1874 to the present. The index contains thousands of entries and is cross-referenced by hundreds of topics. A copy of the index is available for use at the Livermore Library. It is this index that makes it so easy to research articles for this newsletter, such as the one on the First National Bank.

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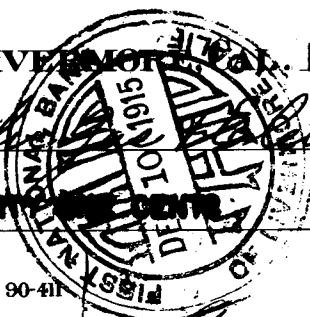
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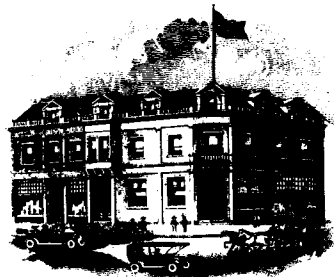
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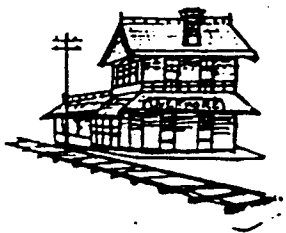
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