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October 1989 Vol. XVII, No. 1

CALENDAR

October 7 & 8, Saturday & Sunday,
LCAC Festival, Gardella Greens

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Be sure to visit the LHG History-mobile during the LCAC Festival. On sale will be Jorja Hernandez's new Depot sketch, the folder of special articles about Livermore history, and a collection of 8x10 photos and notecards.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR LHG MEMBERSHIP. YOUR DUES HELP US OPERATE THE HISTORY CENTER AND MAINTAIN OUR EXHIBITS AND PUBLICATIONS. CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL TO SEE IF YOU NEED TO PAY FOR NEXT YEAR.

Larry Mauch last month may have given readers the impression that indices exist for at least 100 years of Livermore newspapers. I would that it were so. For those interested in the indices, please note the following list of years and papers already indexed:

1874-76: The Livermore Enterprise
1887-95: The Echo (this index is on-going as the paper lasted until 1919)

July 8, 1899-June 1938: The Herald (1938 & 39 will be completed by the end of this calendar year - I hope)

Jan 1, 1970-Dec 31, 1978:
The Herald

Jan 1, 1979-Dec 31, 1979:
The Independent & Herald

Jan 1, 1980-Present: The Independent, The Herald, The Valley Times, and The Sunolian (during it's mid-80's life)

Target date for completion of the Echo through 1899 is early Spring 1990. The Herald indices for the '40's, 50's and 60's will take several more years. There exist two rolls of microfilm of random issues of the Herald for the period 1877-98. There is not a very well done index for one of these rolls. Some day I will redo that index.

Barbara Bunshah, Curator

HISTORYMOBILE GRANT APPROVED

The LHG requested \$1250 for the construction and placement of three plexiglass exhibit cases from the Tri-Valley Community Fund last July. Historymobile Chair Barry Schrader and Pres. Larry Mauch prepared the request to set up permanent exhibition cases in preparation for student and other community tours through our traveling show case vehicle.

The Guild was informed last week that our grant request had been approved in total. Schrader will begin the installation as soon as the funds are received. Marilyn Calhoun, long time member of LHG and retired school librarian is in charge of preparing and scheduling the traveling history show throughout local schools and other outdoor events in Livermore.

The LHG Historymobile exhibit in downtown Livermore on Red Flower Sunday, October 15, will feature a collection of various city candidate campaign posters from the 1960's to the present. Plan to drop by and see which ones you can remember.

FROM THE EDITOR -- Chet Fankhauser

As part of our LHG Newsletter each month during my tenure, I will begin a column called PARALLELS FROM THE PAST. As all history buffs know, nothing new really happens except in the technology arena. Since a city election is fast approaching, I culled the early Livermore newspapers for some words of wisdom from the past. In June 1874, the Livermore Enterprise covered one of our city's first elections which involved the question of whether alcoholic spirits should or should not be sold in Livermore.

The lead editorial read as follows:

Livermore Enterprise, June 20, 1874

'TO VOTERS: Next Saturday will doubtless be a day long remembered in Livermore, as well as Murray township.

We sincerely hope the good and sensible people will study well the subject of Option and vote as they can see the result that will most benefit the entire community. We regret very much there are a few in this as well as all other places who have bitterness and envy so prominent in their souls that they seek to promulgate the evil side of everything that does not meet their peculiar narrow views.

Be noble and generous once in your lives and not contaminate good thinking people with your petty ideas on this or any other question. Make a good fair fight and whichever side wins, stand up manfully and acknowledge the result.

'Live and let live' should be the watchword.

On June 27, 1874 the vote was announced as follows:

'For License, 241; against Licenses, 125; total number of votes 366. This put a crusher on the Crusaders and a countenance of joy on the liquor men.'

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November 1989 Vol. XVII, No. 2

CALENDAR

November 4, Saturday
LCAC Christmas Boutique
Senior Center

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

December 3, Sunday, 10:30-4:00
Livermore Art Association Holiday
Shoppe, Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The LHG Historymobile made its premiere appearance this month at the LCAC Festival and on Red Flower Day in downtown Livermore. Comments from visitors were very favorable and everyone particularly enjoyed Barry Schrader's collection of early Livermore political memorabilia. Plans are underway now for taking the vehicle to various schools locally with displays of Livermore historic pictures and items.

Pay close attention to the east side of the Lincoln Highway Garage as you drive down Portola Avenue. After many months of patient planning, Muriel Dean has succeeded in having the old Coca-Cola sign restored. After writing to the company about her plans, she was rewarded with a promise that Coca-Cola would pay the entire restoration bill.

Gary Drummond and his work crew have also been busily restoring new panes of glass in the shattered windows of the Garage. No damage occurred as a result of the earthquake.

FUTURE EVENTS

LHG will be setting up its usual Christmas toy display in the History Center during the Holiday Season. If any member or friend of the Guild has any old Christmas toys they would like to loan us for the display, please call the History Center 449-9927 for display details. This show has always been a popular event at the museum.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST - Chet Fankhauser

With the occurrence of the October 17 earthquake, I thought it might be of interest to review what happened in Livermore during the April 1906 Great Quake. Below are a few items from the Livermore Herald.

April 21, 1906 - LITTLE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE WROUGHT HERE - Livermore escaped with less damage than any other locality in the zone of the earthquake's activity. The only reason that can be assigned for our immunity is our elevation above sea-level which is considerably greater than any other place.

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My Special Interests: _____

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The shock occurred at 5:15 Wednesday morning and lasted 48 seconds. Its general direction was from east to west and it had also a rotary effect that always accompanies the most destructive quakes. The vibration was the longest ever experienced here and old timers are divided in their opinions as to whether or not it was more severe than the earthquake of 1868. There is no doubt that it was far more severe in other sections than here. The damage here was confined to the collapsing of the railroad water tank, the falling of tankhouses on the Reeves-Behan place, under lease to H.C. Madsen, and Carl Beu's place in town, and the toppling of chimneys on the McLeod block, depot and other high buildings. Not a brick or cement building in town was even cracked and the tall brick chimney at McClain and Hansen's flour mill was not injured. Considerable damage resulted in the drug stores, the Beck Drug Co. giving their loss as \$300 and McKown & Mess as \$200. Much crockery, glassware and bric-a-brac was destroyed but the whole loss is so trifling as to be not worth mentioning in comparison with the disaster in other towns.

April 21, 1906 - CONTRIBUTIONS TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS - Reports show large contributions of money and food. Other local contributions: C.H. Wentz, one steer; H.B. Wagner, one steer; Hinz & Murray, 500 pounds of meat; John Meyn, two sheep; Martin & Fenlon, 500 pounds meat; Lassen Brothers, one barrel flour; The sub-committee in charge of shipments to Oakland, consisting of G.W. Beck, P. H. McVicar, C. V. Worth, and M. J. Moller, reported the first day's shipment as 500 loaves of bread

and 25 cases of boiled eggs, together with some miscellaneous provisions.

Company I, the local National Guard unit from Livermore was sent to San Francisco for guard duty during the aftermath of the earthquake.

April 28, 1906 - There may have been some abuses of military power in San Francisco but they were very few and these cannot be charged to the National Guard. In fact, there have been innumerable instances in which the militia was taxed with being too lenient. On two occasions within the past week patrols made up from Company I of this place captured looters and turned them over to regular officers only to be rebuked for not shooting them on the spot. As a matter of fact the militia in San Francisco are guarding only a very limited area and very few of the complaints come from this district. They are mainly employed in distributing food supplies and only incidentally do guard work.

LIVERMORE HERALD - May 5, 1906
Christopher A. Buckley, who has been at Ravenswood since the earthquake, declares his intention to rebuild the immense business and office building destroyed by fire and the handsome residence which was dynamited and several other pieces of property of lesser value.

YOU WILL FIND A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVEN'T REMEMBERED TO RENEW YOUR 1990 MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE OR SO TO SEND IN YOUR DUES. YOUR SUPPORT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE HERITAGE GUILD. THANK YOU.

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CALENDAR

Dec. 15, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting at the
Fankhauser home, Spouses welcome

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Stalwart volunteers Larry Mauch, Tim Sage, Chet Fankhauser, Susan Junk, Bill Miller, and Muriel Dean have spent two Sunday mornings cleaning out the years of accumulated leftovers from the Highway Garage Museum. It actually is beginning to take on a museum-like atmosphere after taking away a van and trailer load of old fixtures and lumber.

Strange things have emerged from the many nooks and crannies of the Garage. One prize uncovered was a 1918 Model T Ford windshield in its original wood box and excelsior packing together with bills and shipping documents. Some election cards from Frank Barnett's 1926 campaign for Alameda County Sheriff were found and will be displayed at the next Museum Open House.

The Guild particularly wants to thank Jeff McQuown for his volunteer work in putting up new wood ceilings in the two Garage store-rooms. Jeff is a Sandia employee who lives in Manteca.

New Lexan unbreakable panes are now installed in street side windows at the Garage. The next project will be paving the side yard with blue stone donated by the City of Livermore.

Barry Schrader is planning to begin another Letterpress Printing Class at the Garage. Advance sign-up of 10 students is required. The students will use the 7x11 Chandler and Price hand platen press. If you are interested, call our Curator, Barbara Bunshah at the History Center to sign up.

The LHG Board of Directors is currently reviewing a tentative 1990 operating budget. As usual, your support in continuing our programs is essential. Membership as a Christmas present for friends you think are interested in Livermore history would be a great help for the Guild.

Don't forget to drop by the History Center to see the annual Old Christmas Toy Display. The show features several old mechanical toys, dolls, books, trains and more.

For those of you who want to give something with local character as Christmas gifts, we offer the following list of presents and stocking stuffers, all of which are available at the Carnegie Building History Center. Proceeds, of course, will greatly aid the future publication fund for the Heritage Guild:

A. Note Cards:

- 1. Calhoun Notes: 2 each of 4 of Tillie's sketches of historic buildings \$2.50
- 2. "Couples on Second St., 1903" 10 cards \$7.50 (also available as single cards at \$1.00 ea.)
- 3. Fifth St. School (photo. before 1943) 8 cards \$2.00

B. Maps and Drawings:

- 1. Photo reproduction of 1889 map of Livermore in color. \$40.00 (includes tax)
- 2. Signed, limited edition:

Sketch of SP Depot (by Jorja Vliet) ready to frame \$7.50

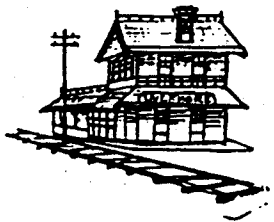
C. Booklets:

- 1. A folder of 19 selected Heritage Guild publications with a range of subjects (cover sketch by J. Vliet) \$5.00
- 2. Stories of Vineyards and Wineries, 2d. ed. by Janet Newton \$7.00
- 3. Historical Museums of the S.F. Bay Area, by Dan Mosier \$2.00

Last but not least, a 1990 calendar with wonderful nostalgic scenes of people and buildings in Livermore will be available after December 15 at the History Center. Only 300 copies are being printed. At a cost of \$5.00 per copy they would be perfect items for that hard to please friend or family member.

On behalf of the officers and Board of Directors of the Livermore Heritage Guild, may this Holiday Season be one of the best
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January 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 4

CALENDAR

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Treasurer Mal Sweet reports that LHG is financially in the black for the Fiscal Year 1989. His latest report shows expenses for the year equalled \$12,814.71 while LHG revenue came to \$18,572.83. The Guild gained \$5,758.12 during the year.

Muriel Dean successfully obtained enough bluestone from the Downtown Renovation Project for delivery to the Duarte Garage to landscape the cottage patio. A landscape plan will be developed for the grounds.

Funds for lighting the enclosed storage rooms at the Garage have been allocated. Work will soon be completed to secure the areas for safe storage.

Barbara Bunshah has received the special printing of the LHG 1990 Nostalgia Calendars, arranged by Larry Mauch. A notice will be mailed to all LHG members with pricing and purchase information.

Marilyn Calhoun is giving a special Livermore History Workshop as part of

the Winter Quarter Livermore Adult Education program. For teachers and community people who are interested, the course is free and will be given on Jan. 10 and Mar. 21 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 7, Sonoma School, 543 Sonoma Ave. For further information and registration, call 447-6671.

Barry Schrader is still looking for more students to begin another Letterpress Printing Class this Spring at the Lincoln Highway Museum. Ten students are required to start the class. If you have a suppressed desire to become a real printer who can hand set and line up lead print this is your chance to learn. Graduates can print their own stationery and cards using the 7x11 Chandler and Price hand platen press. Now that the Garage is heated, classes will be given under comfortable circumstances. Contact Barbara Bunshah, LHG Curator, at 449-9927 during Museum hours to sign up for the class.

Start thinking now about what items you may want to donate to the next Lincoln Highway Museum Fundraiser Auction. The 1990 Spaghetti Dinner and Auction will take place on Saturday, May 26. Don't throw away those unwanted Christmas presents - pass them on to someone else via our Auction. Arrangements can be made through the Museum to pick up any large items.

52 Endangered Downtown Livermore Buildings

A recent news article mentioned that 52 buildings in downtown Livermore are listed for upgrade or demolition due to new seismic safety laws. Your editor thought LHG members might be interested in this list.

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
1934 First St.	Groth Bros. Olds
2041 First St.	Cleo's Antiques
2044 First St.	Normandy Beauty Salon
2047 First St.	Adams Family Antiques
2048 First St.	Quality Cleaners
2053 First St.	La Pastoral Gifts
2059 First St.	Great Szechwan Rest.
2071 First St.	V E Club
2106 First St.	Livermore Beauty Col.
2118 First St.	Mally's Restaurant
2127 First St.	Mr. B's Antiques
2130 First St.	Bag Expressions
2136 First St.	Blaisdell's
2133 First St.	Cycle Center
2148 First St.	Van's Health Foods
2175 First St.	Lynn's Antiques
2181 First St.	Karate School
2187 First St.	Fun Factory
2190 First St.	Mel's Furniture
2193 First St.	Valley Furniture
2196 First St.	Carpets/Country Des.
2200 First St.	Proctors
2205 First St.	My Sister's Closet
2211 First St.	Vacant
2206 First St.	Vacant
2220 First St.	General Store
2226 First St.	Bennie's Burritos
2241 First St.	Tiffany's Treasures
2250 First St.	Bank of Italy Bldg.
2326 First St.	Award Signs
2338 First St.	Vacant

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
2340 First St.	Thrift Store
2350 First St.	Winfield Tire Service
2365/69 First	Old Police Dept.
2389 First St.	Valley Inn
2417 First St.	Amer. Outdoor Supply
2491 First St.	Salvation Army Store
2011 First St.	Club Rodeo
2047 Second St.	Knodt's Flowers
2152 Second St.	Travel Universal
206 J St.	Vacuum Cleaner Fact.
224 J St.	Helen's Blossom Shop
2217 Second St.	Action Jackson
2225 Second St.	Floral Design School
2233 Second St.	Boot & Shoe Repair
2247 Second St.	Bien Cleaners
2551 Second St.	Int'l. Auto Car
2155 Third St.	Carnegie History Ctr
242 Church St.	Liv. Trading Post
1948 Railroad	To be demolished
2160 Railroad	Puff & Stuff
71 Trevarno Rd.	LARPD District Office
141 N.Livermore	A Second Look
21 S.Livermore	Allied Auto Service
152 S.Livermore	American Bakery
160 S.Livermore	Liquor Store
167 S.Livermore	Goodyear Auto Serv.
1383 S.Livermore	Vacant
738 North L St.	Vacant
212 South L St.	Vacant
202 South L St.	Gardella's Liquors

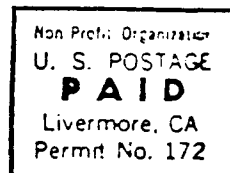
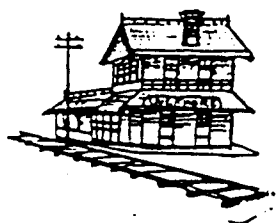
As the saying goes -- There goes downtown Livermore. The City Council will be reviewing the proposal next month to set up an ordinance covering the upgrade or demolish program.

We'll try to keep you posted on what may happen to greater downtown Livermore.

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February 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 5

CALENDAR

Feb. 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

At the January meeting, the Board discussed new fund raising ideas. One proposal was to sell sweat shirts or T shirts with silk screen Livermore scenes and an LHG logo. Pres. Larry Mauch will investigate costs and possible designs for a future presentation to the Board. Our posters of the 1889 city map of Livermore sold out and new ones will be reordered. Membership renewals still are coming in and the latest total is 125 paid up members.

Muriel Dean and her stalwart work crew have laid nearly all of the bluestone walkway between the cottage and the Lincoln Highway Museum. A final landscaping plan has been approved for a white picket fence which will surround the cottage together with some additional shrubbery.

Barbara Bunshah has set up a new display at the Carnegie Museum featuring several recent donations to the LHG archives. Some items shown include old photos of Livermore events: former Police Chief John Michelis's personal scrap book of

letters, newspaper articles, and other memorabilia; an early Livermore Rodeo trophy; and other things from the city's past. Drop by and take a look.

A re-renovation that might be of interest to LHG members has been completed at the old Southern Pacific Railroad Depot. Jim Coleman of Coldwell Banker invited the LHG Board to a grand opening of the remodeled railway station on North L Street. As you recall, the threat of demolition of the old S.P. Depot was the trigger action for starting the Livermore Heritage Guild back in 1973. After its beginning as a restaurant and then an office building, the Depot has emerged with a new paint job inside and out. The Depot has become one of the best examples of converting old to new here in the city.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST Chet Fankhauser

Livermore Herald, January 6, 1900

McKown and Mess made a remarkable offer in their advertisement this week. It is in brief to give away the sum of \$50 in gold to the holder of the winning number in a new drawing to be held by them. Every purchaser of 5¢ worth of goods will be given a coupon, five of which may be exchanged for a numbered chance in the above drawing.

Beginning with the new year, Dr. Summers will furnish medicine to all his patients without any charge above the usual price of a visit or of prescriptions in the office. Those who have been so unfortunate as to need the services of a physician complain that often they have to pay more for the medicine than for the doctor's services. The public will appreciate Dr. Summers' effort to relieve them of that expense. His office is in the Fletcher row in the rear of Rees' drug store.

Livermore Herald, January 27, 1900

The activity of the police in S.F. has served its purpose in driving out bad characters from the city, but only to foist them on suburban towns. Throughout the county there have been numerous hold-ups and robberies and our own community has not been spared.

Besides the attempted hold-up of Henry Hupers referred to elsewhere, M.N. Crane came near being a victim late Monday night. He was returning from town and when he reached a lonely part of the road, a man sprang before his team and ordered him to stop. Instead of doing so, he whipped up his horses, and ran over the would-be robber.

DOWNTOWN EARTHQUAKE REPAIR PROGRAM

The first public hearing before the City Council about the seismic safety program on 53 buildings, mainly on First and Second Street, took place January 21. City staff explained how the State law forces them to identify any buildings open to the public that are unable to resist quakes and set up programs to reduce the hazards. No direct funds, however, are made available to cities, owners, or renters affected. Merchants told how much repairs might cost and how little monetary assistance is available for them. Civic officials will try to help by looking for other funding sources, as well as hire a civil engineer to verify the degree of potential hazards to the 53 buildings. Council members voted to delay any final action on the city ordinance until April.

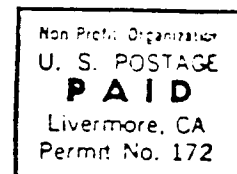
Resolution of the repair or tear down problem will require the diplomatic skill of Henry Kissinger and the patience of Job, blended with a large dose of creative financial assistance.

It should be an interesting springtime for downtown Livermore.

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March 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 6

CALENDAR

Mar. 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.
Mar. 16, Friday, 7-9:30 p.m.
Mar. 17, Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mar. 18, Sunday, 1 -4:00 p.m.
Friends of Livermore Library
Annual Book Sale, Lincoln Highway
Museum, Books half price on Sunday

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

It's all over but the planting. Our cottage at the Highway Museum is now surrounded by redwood picket fencing and the bluestone patio is in place. What an improvement. Muriel Dean spearheaded the project with a long list of valiant workers who overcame rain, mud, and strong winds to complete the landscaping. Now only new gutters are left for emplacement and the whole effort is done.

Tillie Calhoun is co-chairing the program honoring the 25th year of unification for the Livermore Joint Unified School District. As you recall the two Boards - Primary and High School - joined into one in 1965. She is looking for pictures and mementos of the period for her program. Livermore is also noted for being California Unified School District No. 1 since Assemblyman F. R. Fassett, a former Livermore school teacher, introduced the bill in Sac-

ramento creating the Statewide Unified District conception in 1893.

Barbara Bunshah is desperately seeking photographs of the western end of First Street, particularly those taken around the early 1950's. The areas of primary interest are the blocks from L Street down to S Street. Call her if you know of any. She will have them copied and returned.

Two new items have been donated to the Guild's collection. One is an 858 page book, Sandia National Laboratory - The Postwar Decade by Necah Stewart Furman, given by the Sandia National Laboratory in Livermore; and the second is a Video Tape of Pres. George Bush's visit to the LLNL and two copies of the special LLNL Newsletter edition of the visit, given by Mayor Cathy Brown.

A twenty member Leadership Group from the Livermore Chamber of Commerce visited the History Center on March 1 for a tour and presentation by our Curator. Several school groups and teachers have also requested visits to both the History Center and the Lincoln Highway Museum.

Donations are beginning to come in for the 1990 LHG Auction scheduled for Saturday, May 26. If, during your Spring house cleaning, you run across any interesting items that could be sold, arrangements can be made to pick them up or to deliver them to the Highway Museum. Call the History Center - telephone 449-9927 for action.

Remember to pay your 1990 dues for LHG membership. Check your mailing label.

Time ran out this month for your editor. Therefore, I've selected a few items from previous issues for the usual PARALLELS FROM THE PAST.

LIVERMORE HERALD - May 26, 1881

The ladies of the Public Library Association of this place have decided to open an ice cream stand at the Library Hall on Saturday afternoons and evenings during the coming summer. The object is to furnish the library building, purchase more books, and secure the services of a librarian. They will begin operations on Saturday next, and will furnish cream by the plate, or in bulk, for family use.

LIVERMORE HERALD - August 25, 1881

There is not now a good unoccupied dwelling house in Livermore. In no way would money bring a better interest than investing in half a dozen neat cottage dwellings, which would readily rent for 12 dollars per month each.

LIVERMORE HERALD - April 27, 1882

Scott and Church have just placed a very handsome gilt mortar upon a neatly painted post, in front of their drug store. Attached to it is a hanging cord which connects with a bell inside the store, so that parties

approaching in buggies or on horseback can call the attendant at all times without dismounting. The making, painting, and gilding of this beautiful mortar sign were done here in Livermore.

LIVERMORE HERALD - May 18, 1882

Billy Laumeister says if our businessmen will, every Saturday morning, sweep up into piles in front of their places of business the rubbish of the week, he will furnish a team and wagon and haul it away without cost to them. We hope every person will accept this generous proposition and make a morning job of it, so we can say no town in the country has cleaner and better kept streets than Livermore.

LIVERMORE ECHO - January 25, 1888

Some mischievous boys last Sunday broke several lights of glass in the public school buildings by firing stones from a 'sling shot'. Prof. Crodry ascertained the names of the culprits and notified their parents who promptly repaired the damages.

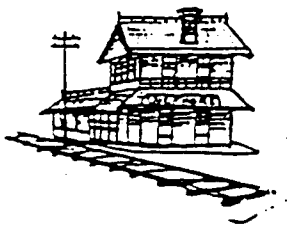
LIVERMORE ECHO - January 12, 1888

An enterprising Livermore merchant sprinkled the sidewalk in front of his premises last cold Wednesday morning. Result: a miniature ice skating rink and cuss words uttered by passing pedestrians.

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APRIL 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 7

CALENDAR

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

May 26, Saturday, LHG 11th Annual
Auction
6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
7:00 p.m. Auction
Lincoln Highway Garage

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Spring is here together with daylight saving time. The lawn is flourishing around the Highway Museum cottage and it looks terrific. Muriel Dean has finished her pledge to upgrade the grounds and if anyone drives by, they can see the splendid results. The City of Livermore has really been superbly cooperative in all the support they have given to renew the premises.

Many thanks go to City Manager Lee Horner and Bill Copeland for their creative help in finding the material for the Guild. John Krenwinkle and his crew of workers levelled the ground and laid in the greenery to really work a miraculous change behind the Cottage. The area around the Lincoln Highway Museum makes a great sight as you enter the City from Portola Avenue.

Tillie Calhoun is looking for volunteers to help as docents when the newly decorated Livermore Heritage Guild Historymobile begins its trips around the local schools. You don't have to be an expert on Livermore history, because the displays in the Historymobile tell it all for you. Anyone having a few hours of quiet time would be welcome. Just call the History Center and the tour times can be adjusted to fit your schedule.

Barry Schrader has acquired the new display cases for the Historymobile and they will be installed soon with all of the historical photos and artifacts to tour around the local schools. Chet Fankhauser showed teachers through the Lincoln Highway Museum last week to give them an idea for student field trips. Tim Sage and his "I can lift the world" crew have re-positioned the Seagrave Fire Engine so the Big Mack Fire Truck can now be parked more efficiently to see. Bill Junk and Jerry Bireley are trying to get the Mack back in shape in time to have it make the Rodeo Parade Route without worry.

NOTE FROM BARBARA BUNSHAH:

The Guild has received a gift from George Anderson of the Genealogical Society. It is a "Combined Surname Index for Four Cemeteries in Livermore, California." In other words,

an index in one place for all the names in the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society's cemeteries book. Since I use that book at least once a day, I am more than just delighted with a combined index as it makes the book very much easier to use. Blessings on George!

Anna and Gary Drummond have received quite a bit of notoriety for the contents of their cesspool. While renovating the kitchen area of their 1898 house, a cesspool was unearthed which has yielded a veritable treasure trove of Victoriana artifacts. Bottles, some in shards; a doll head; dinner ware; Chinese pots and dishes; and all sorts of interesting material from the former owners were uncovered. Their back yard looks like the excavation site of an Egyptian tomb. Lots of people have suggested that after the sorting and cleaning has been done, a display of their findings would make an interesting exhibit at the Carnegie History Center.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST
Chet Fankhauser

LIVERMORE ECHO - April 5, 1890

Judging by the quantities of dust that go floating about, it is about time to commence sprinkling First Street, but it should be definitely

settled beforehand, by contrast, that the sprinkler is to be run on Sundays as well as week days, in order that Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes be not ruined as was the case last summer.

April 12, 1900

The street sprinkler commenced running Monday, but it is remarked that the thing must be too new, for it don't leak water fast enough.

Cogent quote from Will Rogers for the month of April:

'The income tax has made more liars out of the American people that golf has. Even when you make a tax form out on the level, you don't know when it's through if you are a crook or a martyr.'

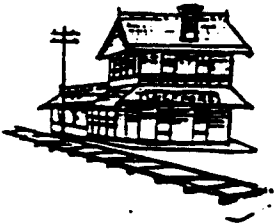
The annual fundraising LHG Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 26. Don't forget to keep it in mind for donations of interesting articles for the sale. Call the History Center if you have anything to add to the Collection.

The Dublin Historic Preservation Commission will now be open Sundays from 1-4:00 p.m. beginning April 29 in the old Murray School on Donlon Way (in back of the Dublin Corral). We are glad to welcome them back.

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MAY 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 8

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

May 19, Saturday 8:30 p.m.
All members invited to help clean up
Highway Garage for Auction.
Wear old clothes.

May 26, Saturday
LHG 11th Annual Auction
6:00 p.m. Spaghetti/Meatballs Dinner
\$4.00 Donation
7:00 p.m. Auction
Lincoln Highway Garage

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG members Bill Junk and Barbara Bunshah hosted a table at the recent LLNL Community Volunteers Fair. Hopefully some new workers might turn up to help LHG projects.

A great thank you to Bill Junk for repairing the two office chairs at the Museum which seemed to collapse when visitors sat down to chat.

Look at the new LHG exhibit next time you go to Livermore City Hall. Muriel Dean and Barbara Bunshah dug back through the Guild collection and put together a display called 'The Elegant Lady'. Dresses, hats, jewelry and other garments from the

1890's show just the way a proper well-dressed woman of that period would look in Livermore.

11th ANNUAL LHG DINNER AND AUCTION

Clear your calendar, save your money, invite your friends and come to our fun filled Auction evening on Saturday, May 26 at the Lincoln Highway Museum.

A luscious home cooked spaghetti and meatballs dinner with salads and desserts will be served at 6:00 p.m. for a \$4.00 donation per person.

The Auction will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of our favorite auctioneer, Col. Lynn Owens.

Donations or auction sales goods are still being collected. Drop off your items at the LHG History Center, Wed.-Sun., 11:30 - 4:00 p.m. Home pick-up can be arranged by calling the History Center, 449-9927.

Some of the things for sale include: a 1939 Golden Gate Exposition Guide Book, pine stool, iron toy bus, four 1920's split rattan porch chairs, a 7'x7' beautifully aged barn wood door; collection of old pharmacy bottles and boxes; huge collection of John F. Kennedy magazines, books, newspapers and memorabilia; Raiders and 49'ers yearbooks; kitchen ware; old photographs; wine labels from the Valley; a bicycle built for two;

stemware, lamps; collectible glass; jewelry, buck-saw; Pyrex table and cook ware; 78 rpm records and small furniture. WE STILL NEED MORE.

Our Heritage Guild 75th Anniversary Garage T-shirt has finally started to come together as a project. All of you who saw the splendid print on hand-made paper made by Bob Myers at the LAA Art Show last month will be pleased to know that his photography of the Garage will be our theme for the T-shirts. Since 1990 is the 75th birthday of the Highway Garage, the LHG Board decided to celebrate by issuing a limited edition item featuring his picture. Bob very graciously has made copies of his art for the Guild to use on the front of the T-shirt. Hopefully we will have them available at the Auction. If not, follow the progress in our next newsletter.

Some acquisitions last month of Livermore memorabilia have been added to our collection. One is a 4'x8' Royal Crown Cola sign that graced the side of Terry Givens' former electric work shop on Railroad Avenue. The tin sign dates from 1942. Another time of history is the stained glass entrance sign that formerly was above the entry to the Greater Livermore Railway Restaurant. Since the restoration of the old S.P. Depot was the rallying point for the creation of the Heritage Guild, we thought it appropriate to

restore the sign and add it to our growing collection; Jim Lewis, who ranches up near Altamont Pass contacted the Guild with an offer to give us the original sign from the old Summit School House that was one of the early grade schools in the Valley. Jim had wisely removed the sign a few months before the school house was vandalized and burned down.

President Larry Mauch is beginning to make arrangements for a very special program to commemorate our 75th Highway Garage celebration. Lyn Protteau, one of the people who made the vintage automobile trek two years ago over the original Lincoln Highway has tentatively agreed to present a showing of her travels. There will be more information about this presentation in our future newsletters.

AUCTION DINNER REMINDER

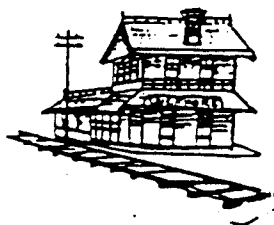
A suggestion if you can't attend the Auction and would still like to help out -- Henri Fankhauser and Nancy Bireley would like to have extra desserts for the dinner. A bag or box of freezable cookies will be welcome. Call Henry (after 5:00 p.m.) at 447-3809, if you can help. Thanks a lot.

REMEMBER -- all profits from the Auction will be used to continue our restoration work on the Highway Garage -- plus, it's a lot of fun

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JUNE 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 9

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

June 17, Sunday
Art under the Oaks
Alden Lane Nursery
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Livermore Art Assoc.
Free admission

June 23, Saturday
Livermore Cultural Arts Council
Sommerfest at the Barn
Pacific Avenue, Livermore
5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
For info call 443-8276

June 28, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG General Meeting
Library Meeting Room, Livermore
Main Library

August 18, Saturday
Lincoln Highway Garage 75th
Anniversary Celebration
Details to follow

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The 11th Annual LHG Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 25 took place without a hitch - except we

had an overflow crowd and no rain. Chet and Henri Fankhauser coordinated the event with lots of help from Larry Mauch, Tim Sage, Bill Junk, Nancy Bireley, Tom and Lorraine Raison, Bill Miller, Barbara Bunshah and many more willing volunteers.

Livermore memorabilia, Bay Area 1906 newspapers, and a large collection of box lots of weird and useful things resulted in raising over \$2200 for the Lincoln Highway Garage Fund. A very special thank you is also due to Lynn Owens, our great auctioneer for the event.

Although we almost ran out of food, there were enough salads and desserts to go round. Most attendees walked away with boxes or bags of goodies.

The next LHG production will be our General meeting which will be held in the Library Meeting Room of the Main Livermore Library at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 28.

During the meeting, the Guild will hold its annual election of officers. The 1990-91 slate of officers is as follows:

Chairman: Larry Mauch
Vice Chairman: Jorja Hernandez
Secretary: Barbara Bunshah
Treasurer: Malvern Sweet
Ways and Means: Henri Fankhauser
Directors: Muriel Dean, Gary
Drummond, Bea Haera, Tim Sage, and
George Spelvin

The special program for the meeting will be two video tapes - the first of a 1930's Livermore Rodeo Parade with all the usual fanfare and horses galore. It contains many interesting views of downtown Livermore and surrounding countryside from home movies. This tape was donated by James B. Lima. The second tape has been edited from the 1969 Livermore Centennial Film made by Ed and Olga Pfeiffer as part of the Livermore Centennial celebration. It shows our city as it was in the late 1960's -- the Holiday Inn being built in Springtown, the Livermore Totem Pole being carved, the centennial queen being crowned and well-known people from Livermore's past.

These tapes will be shown on the large screen T.V. at the Livermore Library.

The 1991 Livermore Calendar will feature the Livermore High School. We are currently looking for photographs of early interior shots, sports teams, etc. We will make copies and return your originals. If you can be of any help, please contact Barbara Bunshah at the Carnegie Bldg. at 447-9927.

We have made up a special batch of Livermore Heritage Guild T-shirts with pictures of the Duarte Garage on the front selling for \$10 including tax in sizes large and extra large. They are available at the Carnegie Bldg.

Thanks to Barry Schrader's valiant efforts, Las Positas Blvd. has been renamed to Jack London Blvd. in honor of Livermore's most famous resident.

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JULY 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 10

There will not be a Livermore Heritage Guild Board meeting in July.

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

August 18, Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Lincoln Highway Garage 75th
Anniversary Celebration
Lyn Protteau will show slides of her cross country trip last year tracing the original Lincoln Highway route as well as talk about many of the interesting museums she visited along the way.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Livermore Heritage Guild, along with the High School Centennial Committee is currently compiling a 1991 Calendar featuring the high school, which will be available in September. This is one of several ventures being worked on by the Centennial Committee to celebrate the high school's 100th birthday in 1991.

The Annual General Meeting was well received and we want to thank Ed and Olga Pfeiffer for attending and giving a behind the scenes look at the filming of the Centennial year celebrations. The film donated by the James B. Lima family of the 1930's rodeo parades was entertaining and enjoyed by all as well.

This month the Livermore Heritage Guild at the Carnegie Library will feature an exhibit on the excavation of Gary and Anna Siig Drummond's L Street back yard dig. The house was built in 1898 by Thomas E. Knox, a former mayor and vintner. In the course of adding a kitchen this year, the contractor stumbled onto a dump site from which many things were retrieved. Among them several Livermore drug store bottles, a pepper sauce bottle, several fancy dishes, silverware, chamber pots, and miscellaneous glassware. Some of the better pieces are on display for the month of July.

The following poem was excerpted from The Livermore Herald,
May 1, 1925

A RANGER'S RECOLLECTIONS OF THE SUMMER OF 1924

Smoke and dust, fever and sweat,
The hottest season I've put in yet;
All you can hear, or think, or do;
Is fighting fire the season through.
All other work has gone to pot,
Our working plans are completely "shot."
(Suffering cats, will it never rain!)

My heart has a knock, my nerves are frayed,
My stomach's gone, my feet are splayed,
My eyes are dimmed from the back fire smoke,
My lungs are sore, and my back is broke.
(Out in the West, where men are men,
It hasn't rained since God knows when!)
A column of smoke and a windy day;
It mushrooms up and drifts away.

But under that pillar of pearly gray,
Is the same old fight in the same old way,
Thirst and sweat, worry and grime;
She's jumped the line time after time
With a rip and a crackle, a rumble and roar;
We call for help and try once more.
(When winter comes, we won't be sore!)

The open spaces are free and deep,
The mountain slopes are long and steep;
The darkling canyon and rocky peak
* I've climbed them all, 'till my legs are weak.
Scenery is what some folks may desire,
But it's rotten stuff on a forest fire.

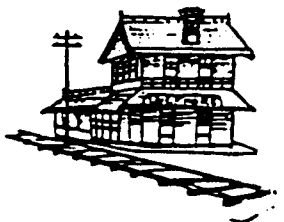
A holiday for me would be,
On a southern isle in a balmy sea,
Where I could sleep, and eat, and shave,
And bathe myself in the purple wave;
In its tropical rains with its glad downpour,
I'd dream of the Summer of Twenty-four.

R.W. Ayres, U. S. Forest Service

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AUGUST 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 11

CALENDAR

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

**LINCOLN HIGHWAY GARAGE 75th
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SATURDAY,
AUGUST 18, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The Guild is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the building in 1915 of the Lincoln Highway Garage by its first owner, Frank Duarte. The party runs from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, in the Garage on the corner of North L Street and Portola Avenue. Members, friends, and the public are invited to attend the show.

Several special exhibits will be on display. Our guest speaker, Lyn Protteau, will show slides of her cross country trip last year on the original Lincoln Highway. Her slides follow the route taken, and she will discuss the many interesting museums she saw during the month long trip.

Formally named the Highway Garage by its owner, the station sold gas and oil for the Associated Oil Co., and became the distributor in Livermore for the Durant and Star auto lines. The late Robert Livermore, Jr., was one of the salesmen for the agency during the early 1920's. In 1923 the garage was enlarged to double its size to 5200 sq. ft. It continued to operate as a central service

station and repair shop on the old Lincoln Highway which is now Portola Avenue.

In the 1940's the garage was converted into a shop for rebuilding machinery, particularly farm equipment and bottle capping gear used by local wineries. The City of Livermore purchased the lot in the early 1970's to convert into a city park. The Guild began its campaign in 1976 to preserve the old sheetmetal garage and a nearby cottage for use as a museum featuring farm and automotive displays. The City in September 1976 signed a no-fee lease with the Guild authorizing preservation and restoration of the structure as a local museum.

All funding for the work on the garage has been raised by the Guild. With the help of grants and fundraisers, the garage has been restored and used as a part of city history.

Now on display in the garage are several fire trucks, many implements and tools from farms and wineries, and old city signs. A working hand operated printing press section has recently been set up for use. Artifacts from the Ravenswood estate dig made in 1985 will be shown.

Come on down on Saturday, August 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and see the display of old Livermore memorabilia. The slide show will be very interesting.

NOTES FROM THE HISTORY CENTER

Barbara Bunshah

In recent weeks we have had several inquiries about the History Center. Specifically: "Where is the History Center?" So, as a refresher course for all our members, new and old, a brief note on the History Center.

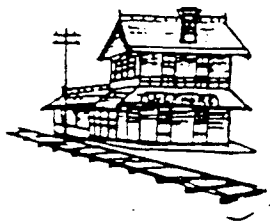
On Sept. 15, 1974, the Heritage Guild and the Livermore Art Association jointly opened a History Center and an Art Gallery in the former city library building, the Carnegie Building, at 2155 Third St., Livermore. At that time we shared the upper floor with the Park District and the Horizons program of the city police department. The park and police departed some years later and now the Art Gallery and the History Center alone occupy the main (upper) floor of the building.

In the History Center we have permanent displays of photographs and artifacts detailing the early history of the town and city of Livermore. In addition there are changing displays on specific aspects of Livermore History. At the moment the special displays include one on Drug Stores, one on the Soda Works, a panel of photographs on the Sanitarium and a case of artifacts rescued by Gary Drummond from a pit in his backyard. Also on display is an original copy of a San Francisco newspaper of April 22, 1906 (one of whose sub-headlines reads "Wine used to Fight Flames").

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For several years the former Reference Room of the Library was used by the Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society. When they moved their collection of books to the Pleasanton Library, the Guild began to turn the room into a library and study center for the History Center. Our collection of reference materials, newspaper indices, tax rolls, photo indices, etc. are being moved into the room and are available for use during the Center's open hours.

Our open hours are: Summer (June, July, August): 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Winter (Sept. to May): 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday (major holidays excepted).

Guild publications are available for purchase at the History Center, along with certain special publications from other publishers. Our newest brochure The "Self-Guided Walking Tour" of downtown has just gone on sale.

The History Center is staffed by volunteers and the preparation of new displays is also done by volunteers. If you are interested in working at the Center, either as a docent or as a behind-the-scenes display helper, please call (during open hours: 449-9927) or stop in at the Center and see what needs doing in the way of chores.

You will find the work interesting, fun, and of course helpful in continuing the Heritage Guild programs.

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SEPTEMBER 1990 Vol. XVIII No. 12

CALENDAR

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

September 26, Wednesday, 4-9 p.m.
Livermore Art Assoc. Open House at
Ravenswood Historic estate. Bring a
picnic supper & join the artists
exploring this beautiful house and
its grounds. Information: M.
Calhoun 447-2926 or LAA Gallery
449-9927

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The 75th Anniversary of the
Lincoln Highway Garage celebration
on August 18 was a smashing
birthday party. Over 225 guests
attended together with a collection
of outstanding vintage automobiles.
Our new hand operated printing
press with the assistance of
Clarence and Pat Hoenig turned out
mementos of the day's celebration.

Lyn Protteau presented a memorable
lecture with fascinating old and
new slides depicting her journey
last year on the original Lincoln
Highway with historical slides of
early days on the Highway. Her
reprinted book of the original road
guide for the Lincoln Highway sold
out. More copies have been ordered

at \$10 per book. If you are
interested in obtaining one, call
the History Center soon before our
extra copies are spoken for. There
are still Highway Garage T shirts
for sale at the History Center.

Thank you are in order for all the
LHG crew who labored to clean up
the garage and install the new
historical displays for the
celebration. Tim Sage in particular
deserves congratulations for his
work in finding the vintage car
clubs and persuading them to be
part of the celebration.

Tillie Calhoun delivered a stirring
talk about the LHG Historymobile
and its part in the local school
history program last week before
the Livermore Rotary Club. Our
traveling display van has become
increasingly popular for the local
schools. If anyone is interested
in becoming a docent and touring,
please contact the History Center.

IN MEMORIAM by Mal Sweet

Francis J. Young, a Livermore
native son passed away in Napa on
August 7 after a lengthy illness.
He was a grandson of John and Anna
Young, homesteaders in the Altamont
area in the 1860's; and the son of
Fred Young, a former City Clerk of
Livermore.

Francis was retired from the Bell Telephone Company and is remembered by many Heritage Guild members as the author of the monograph "The Barbed Wire Telephone Company (of Altamont)", a story about the Young family's use of the telephone which may have been the first rural telephone line in all of California.

The Board of LHG expresses its sincere sympathy to members of the Young family.

The following is excerpted from the Oroville, California Mercury-Register, June 1990

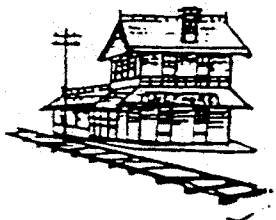
75 Years Ago (1915)

At last the resources of the wonderful clay deposit on the Marks' Ranch, five miles north of Oroville, are to be exploited. L.E. Jenks, discoverer of the deposit, interested the California Brick Co. in Livermore, and the company agreed to take 100 tons of the deposit a day for the manufacture of bricks.

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