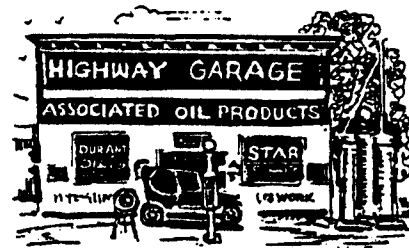


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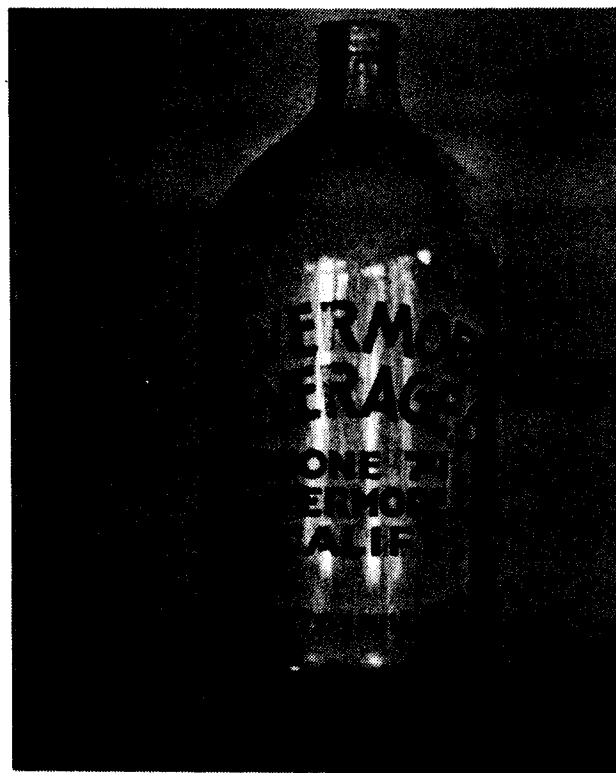
October 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

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Dan Mosier has written 3 programs for MacIntosh computers using the Hypercard software. One program is a map of Corral Hollow which simply by clicking the mouse button over the site symbols on the map, a brief history is given for each site. This program sells for \$8.68 (including tax) to guild members which represents a 20% discount. Two other programs are games with a historical theme; one is called Quest for California and sells for \$13.02 (including tax) and California Gold Fever which sells for \$19.53 (including tax). These games may all be purchased directly from Dan by sending a check to Mines Road Books, P.O. Box 3185, Fremont, CA 94539. They would make a great Christmas gift for anyone with a MacIntosh computer.

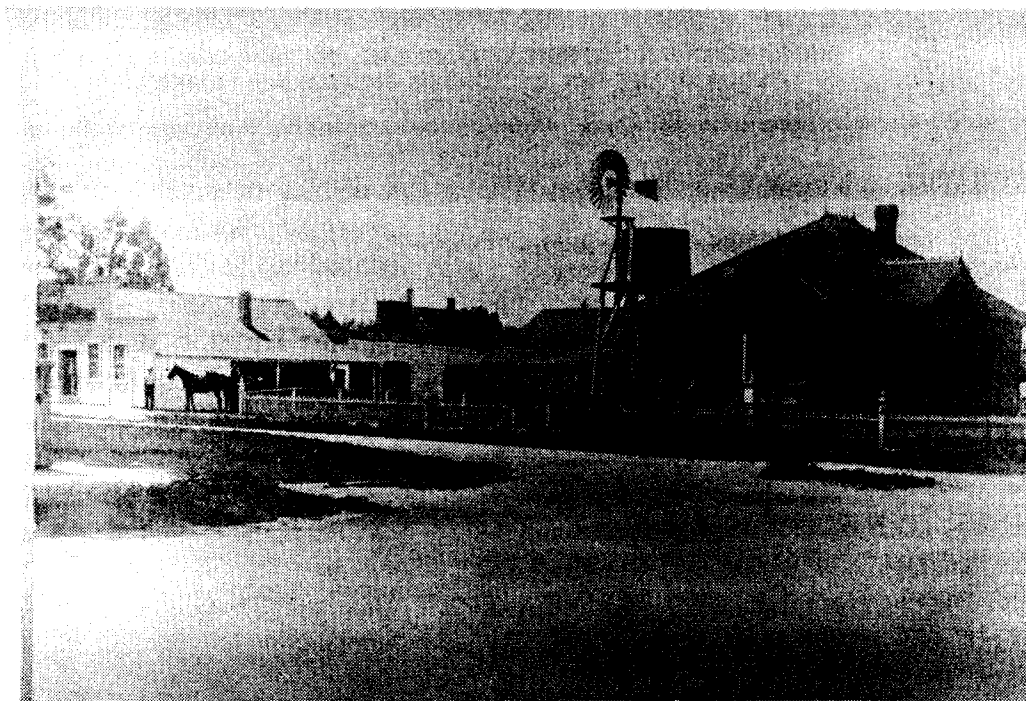
A display of bottles and photographs from the Livermore Soda Works is in the History Center located in the Carnegie Library this month. The soda works was started in 1876 behind the Morning Star Hotel, now called the Valley Hotel on First Street. It changed locations several times over the years. From 1895 until 1930 the location was on K Street between 6th and 7th Streets. Most of the artifacts and photos on display are from this period. In 1930 the business was purchased by the



Livermore Beverage Company seltzer bottle circa 1940. In the early 1960's the Beverage Company's insurance company was concerned about the danger of filling the bottles under high pressure. Most of the seltzer bottles were destroyed in order to salvage the metal tops, which were sold along with the bottling machine to a soda works in Nevada.

Anderson family and moved to 6th Street between K and L Streets. At that time the name was changed to the Livermore Beverage Company. In 1985 the building burned down in a fire and the business never reopened. During its existence the soda works had many owners including former

Mayor George Tubbs. The complete story of the soda works including pictures of the bottles and the building is available at the History Center for \$1.00. Kids should find the display interesting because of the many different types of bottles that are embossed "Livermore".

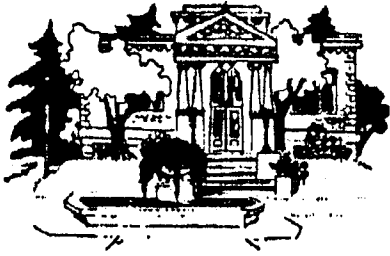


Picture of the soda works (at left) circa 1905. The house on the right still stands at K and 6th Streets. Julius Jacobs, who purchased the soda works in 1895 and moved it to the K Street location, lived in the house.

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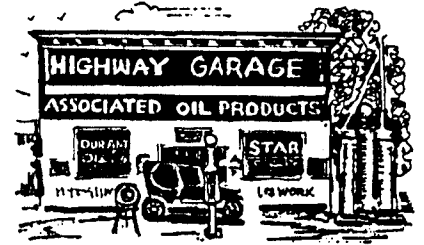
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CALENDAR

November 12, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Mtg., Carnegie Bldg.

November 19, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting
Downtown Livermore
History Center and Art Gallery will be
open this night only for early
Christmas shopping from 6-9:00 p.m.

November 26, Thanksgiving Day
Livermore Veterans Hospital will be hosting a Thanks-
giving Day dinner sponsored by the California Veter-
ans, 1-4:00 p.m. This year senior citizens are invited.
Transportation can be arranged. It is a dress affair, so
coats and ties are required. Deadline for reservations
is November 22. For more information call 1-800-
995-1562 (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 p.m.)

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RENT.**

Thanks to those who worked at the Historymobile at
Festival '92:

Bill & Susan Junk, "B" Haera, Barbara Carothers,
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Schofield, Dory Baird, Mr. & Mrs.
Walter Detjens, and Marilyn Calhoun

Some of you may have noticed, the fountain in front
of the Carnegie Library has been fixed. Stop by and
enjoy it once again.

**HERITAGE GUILD 1993 CALENDARS ARE
AT THE PRINTERS! THIS YEAR'S CALEN-
DAR ENTITLED "LIVERMORE, THE EARLY
YEARS - 1835-1880", FEATURES STORIES
ON ROBERT LIVERMORE, WILLIAM
MENDENHALL, LADDSVILLE, AUNT LIZZIE
AND JOAQUIN MURRIETA, JUST TO NAME
A FEW. THE CALENDARS SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE IN TWO WEEKS. CALL BAR-
BARA BUNSHAH AT THE HERITAGE GUILD
TO VERIFY THEIR ARRIVAL (449-9927).**

We all have recollections of our past. It's these memories that bond us to places we've lived in our lives. Familiarity gives us a feeling of comfort -- it makes a house a home.

Learn more about Livermore's past. Pick up a copy of the 1993 Heritage Guild Calendar or try taking the Self Guided Walking Tour of Historic Livermore. Become familiar with this city's history and it will feel more like a home.

Suggested Christmas stocking stuffers that are available from the Heritage Guild:

Notecards: We have six different designs for selection, including those done by Tillie Calhoun and the elegant "Couples on Second Street from 1903".

Books: Early Days in the Livermore-Amador Valley by Tillie Calhoun; Alameda County Place Names, by Page & Dan Mosier; Las Positas: Robert & Josefa Livermore, by Janet Newton; Jack London's Boyhood in Livermore, by Janet Newton.

The 1889 color panoramic map of Livermore is mounted and ready to be framed for an uncommon gift.

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Excerpted from Livermore Herald, July 11, 1914

King George Drinks Cresta Blanca Wine
Livermore product is served to British royalty at Glasgow banquet

Livermore Valley wine men have always declared that their product is "good enough for a king", but as far as known it was never actually served to royalty until this week. At the banquet given by the Corporation of Glasgow to the King and Queen of England Thursday evening, Cresta Blanca wine, made from Livermore Valley grapes and known by the poetic name of "Liquid Sunshine", was the principal wine served. The dispatch which gave the news failed to state King George's opinion of the vintage but the fact that it was on the table is a guarantee of its excellence.

C. J. Wetmore of the Wetmore Bowen Company, producers of the wine, is touring Scotland with his family at the present time but he probably will not get the news until he hears from his home office or reads it in the Herald.

While the Wetmore Bowen Company may not be made vintners to His Majesty, there is no doubt that the incident will prove a big advertisement for the local firm.



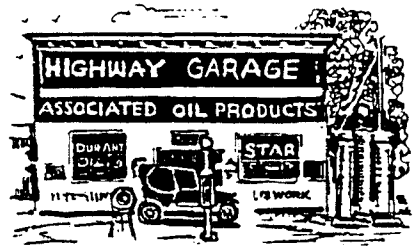
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Fankhauser, Gary Drummond Bea Haera, Tim Sage, Susan Junk, Nancy Mueller, Bill Miller, Lorraine Raison

CALENDAR

Friday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting at the home of
Larry & Treva Mauch
1392 Windsor Way, Livermore

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New large front windows have been ordered for the Duarte Garage and should be installed by the end of January.

Christmas Greetings from all the members of the Livermore Heritage Guild Officers. We hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and the New Year 1993 brings you all health and happiness. From: Larry Mauch, Muriel Dean, Barbara Bunshah, Malvern Sweet, Henri

A little history teaser for the holidays:

Do you know Robert Livermore's birthplace?
Do you know when he arrived in California?
Do you know when he settled in Livermore?
Joaquin Murrieta was a gold rush bandit reported to have hid out in the hills of Livermore. Do you know what his fate was and where his supposed hideout was?

How about Laddsville? Did you know it was an early settlement predating the town of Livermore? Do you know where it was located?

William Mendenhall was the founder of the town of Livermore. Do you know when he came to the valley?

Do you know why College Avenue is named as such?

Why is the fountain at First Street and Livermore Avenue named Lizzie fountain?

If you guessed the fountain is named after Aunt Lizzie, you are correct. Do you know who she was and what she looked like?

The building at 2160 First Street is one of the oldest buildings downtown. Do you know who built it and when it was built?

The answers about William Mendenhall are located in the copy of the June 1993 Livermore Heritage Guild Calendar, a copy of which is on the back page.

William Mendenhall founder of the town of Livermore

William Mendenhall was born in Green County, Ohio in April 1823. At the age of 21 he decided to head for California. During his ordeal west he and a companion were attacked by Indians. His companion was killed and their horses and guns were stolen. He proceeded on foot for nine days before finding his fellow countrymen. He arrived in California in December 1845. Mendenhall later participated in the Bear Flag Revolt in 1846 at Sonoma. He was a member of Fremont's California Battalion serving under Captain Ford. It was while serving with this battalion that Mendenhall first visited the Livermore Valley.

In April 1847 he married Mary Allen at the mission in Santa Clara. After living for a short time in San Jose, Mendenhall decided to try his luck in the gold fields. In June 1848 he proceeded to the mines on the American River near Sutter's Mill. After three months he moved on to the mines of Tuolumne County, trading with the Indians, bartering cloths for gold dust.

He later returned to Santa Clara and disposed of his property and went to Oregon in the brig "Anita". In the following spring he organized a wagon train of thirty wagons headed for California, arriving at Sacramento in July 1849. Mendenhall resided in Suttersville, a town he helped survey for John Sutter, until October where he engaged in teaming. He eventually ended up back in Santa Clara raising livestock. In 1853 he moved to the Sycamore Valley in Contra Costa County where he lived until 1862.

In 1862 Mendenhall moved to the mountains 12 miles south of the current town of Livermore. In 1864 he lost \$40,000 worth of cattle and horses because of a drought. In 1865 he relocated to the San Ramon Valley, near his brother, where for the next three years he raised cattle.

In 1868 he purchased six hundred and fifty acres of the Santa Rita land grant and assisted in building the first school house in the Livermore Valley. He resided here in an adobe house for 12 months before relocating his family back in Santa Clara because of the advantages in schooling there.



William and Mary Mendenhall ca. 1900

June page of the 1993 Livermore Heritage Guild Calendar
(the article is continued in July)

For the answers to the other questions, you'll have to visit the Carnegie Library and pick up your copy of the 1993 Livermore Heritage Guild calendar. The cost is \$6 including tax.

This year the Heritage Guild also is selling a Christmas ornament with Ernestina Shay's drawing of the Carnegie Library. It retails for \$7 with

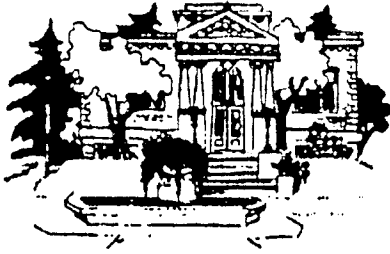
tax. You may also be interested in Barry Schrader's card game on Livermore Trivia for \$2.50 with tax or how about Tillie Calhoun's book Early Days in the Livermore Amador Valley for \$5 with tax.

Once again we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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CALENDAR

Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Building

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.
Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society will discuss the preservation and reproduction of old family photos at a meeting at Temple Beth Emek, College Avenue, Livermore. Free

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

1993 marks the Livermore Heritage Guild's 21st year. This year has started in a special way. As many of you already know as mentioned in the local papers, the Livermore Heritage Guild has obtained an original document signed by Robert Livermore and the Spanish Governor Pio Pico in 1845. The document is Robert Livermore's copy of his application for a cattle brand. During the 3 days that the original document was on display at the History Center, over 100 people stopped by to view it. The original has now been replaced with a color copy in the display while the Heritage Guild investigates possible restoration and preservation. In this issue of your newsletter, we have enclosed a copy of the document with a translation on the reverse side.

If you haven't already picked up your copy of the 1993 LHG calendar and would like to learn more about Robert Livermore, two pages in the calendar are devoted to his life. The calendars are \$6.00 including tax. Over half the calendars have already sold so don't delay. This year's calendar is the first in a trilogy covering Livermore's history from 1835-1960.

Gary Drummond has purchased the new windows for the front of the Duarte Garage and is currently painting them in preparation for hanging. The windows are sorely needed because the old ones have been reinforced several times in order to keep them from falling out.

The Board of Directors has issued a call to the membership to attend a general meeting on Thursday, February 11, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at the History Center in the Carnegie Building. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the Bylaws so that the annual meeting of the Guild will be held in September of each year rather than in June. After a vote on the proposed changes, our normal monthly agenda will follow.

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The officers and Directors of the Guild would be happy to answer any question the membership might have about these proposed amendments to the bylaws. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us or to visit the History Center during regular business hours.

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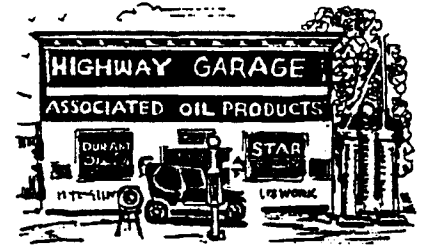
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April 15 is approaching sooner than most of us would like but in 1914 when the new income tax law was passed, you would have had to file by March 1. The following is an excerpt from The Livermore Herald dated January 10, 1914:

Income Tax Rules Issued to Public

The people of the Livermore Valley have not given much thought to the new income tax law but there are a number whose income is great enough to be included in its provisions.

Every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad; every person residing in the United States and every non-resident alien who has income from United States investments of \$3000 or over, must make such returns.

Returns must be in the hands of the Collector of Internal Revenue in the district where the payee lives or where he has principal place of business not later than March 1st, failure to observe this limit to be punished with fines ranging from \$20 to \$1000.

Refusal or neglect to file returns, except in the case of sickness or absence, will result in an addition of 50 per cent to the tax assessed. In case of false or fraudulent return, 100 per cent will be added to the tax assessed, and any person required to make, render, sign or verify such return who makes a false or fraudulent statement with intent to defeat or evade the tax will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$2000 or imprisonment for one year, or both.

The law imposed a tax of 1 per cent and provides that individuals who have an income over \$20,000 and not more than \$50,000 shall pay an additional tax of 1 per cent on such amount; on all over \$50,000 and not over \$75,000, 2 per cent; on all over \$75,000 and not over \$100,000, 3 per cent; all over \$100,000 and not over \$250,000, 4 per cent; all over \$250,000 and not over \$500,000, 5 per cent, and all over \$500,000, 6 per cent.



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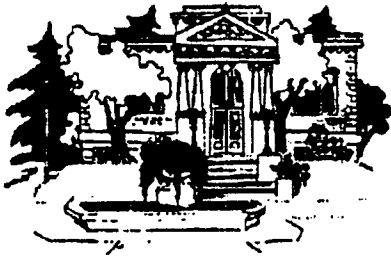


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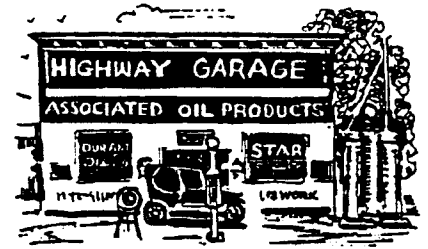
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Downtown Profile

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Building

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale
Friday, March 19, 7-10 p.m. **MEMBERS ONLY**
Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 21, 1-4:00 p.m. **MANY ITEMS
AT HALF PRICE ON SUNDAY**

Saturday, May 29, Lincoln Highway Museum
14th Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser for
Lincoln Highway Museum, Open to the public
Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (tickets for dinner are
available at the Carnegie Library at \$5.00/person)
Auction to follow at 7:00 p.m.

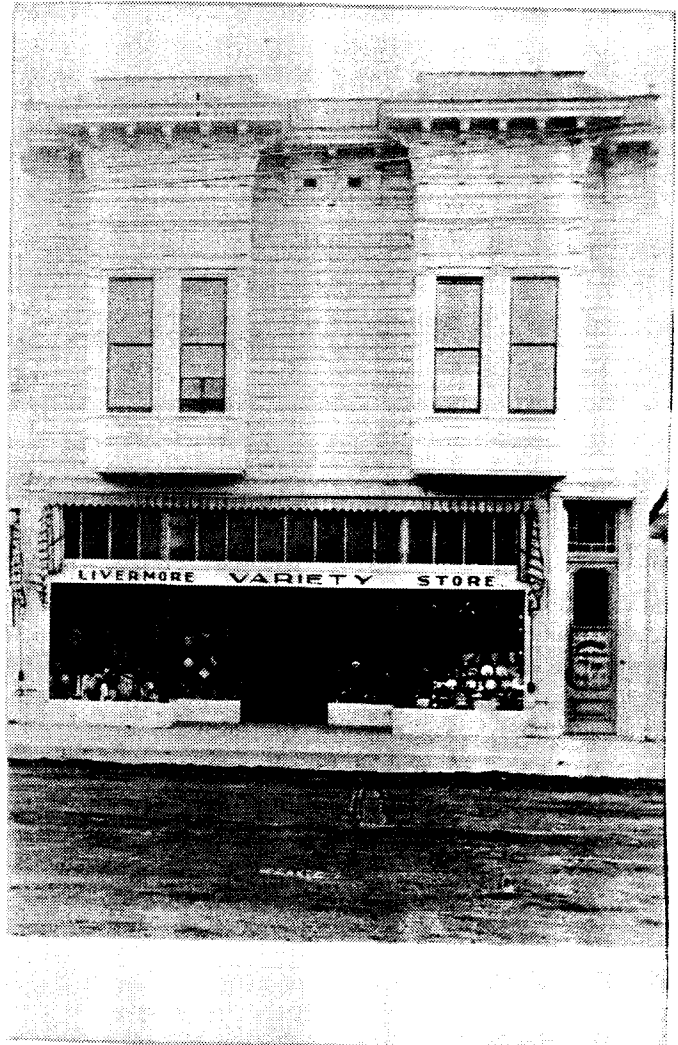
HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Donations are now being accepted for the 14th
Annual Fundraiser for the Lincoln Highway Mu-
seum. All usable items (except books and cloth-
ing) will be accepted. Remember your donations
are tax deductible! Make this a fun time for all!

A reminder: the Bylaws were changed so that this
year's general meeting will be held in September
rather than June.

A new brass plaque is being installed at the bottom
of the stairs on the outside of the Carnegie Library
commemorating the restoration of the Library
fountain. There will be a small ceremony in April,
dates to be announced at a later time.

Originally built in the 1880's, 2062 First St.
(between K and L Streets) is one of the few
two story buildings downtown.



from a postcard ca 1915

Built with apartments upstairs and storefront below, it first housed the IXL store, which, as you can see from the enclosed ad, handled everything from food to clothing. Unfortunately, their prices were so good that they went bankrupt in 1895.

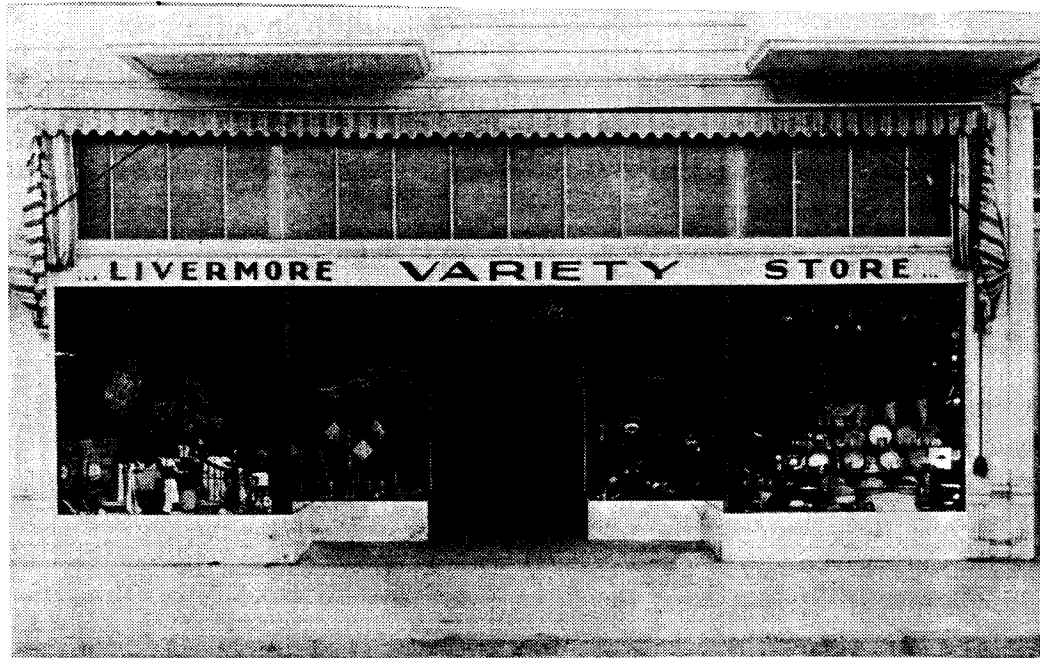
By 1896 the Eastern Auction Company operated from the building. They lasted until March of 1901 when the contents of the store were sold for \$1200 to retire their debt. The following April Marx's Dry Goods Store opened. In March of 1903 Mr. Marx announced he may be going out of business and had a clearance sale. He actually sold the inventory to the Lesser Company but remained in business anyway, lasting until 1914.

In May of 1915 a new kind of store was being advertised, called the Livermore Variety Store. The Livermore Variety Store remained in business until 1920. During all this time Mr. Marx and his partner Mr. Rosenthal retained ownership of the

building. In 1920 Rosenthal opened a tailor and cleaners shop at that location. Several years later there was a fire that started from the cleaning fluids. After rebuilding the rear of the building, Mr. Rosenthal decided he would continue only with his tailoring business which lasted until the early 1930's.

In January 1939 the Bush Variety Store opened. The family lived in the apartments upstairs. It was probably around this time that the store was modified to its present appearance. The variety store continued in business through the 1940's. By the 1950's the business was listed as the Frost Variety Store.

Baughmans mens wear was located at that address in the 1960's until the early 1970's. Several other businesses have come and gone since. Currently the store is vacant waiting for it's next enterprise.

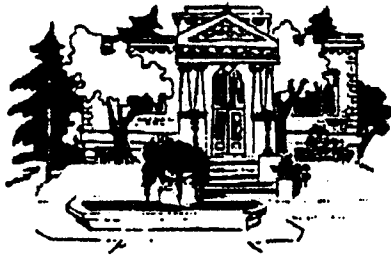


treasures in the window ca 1915



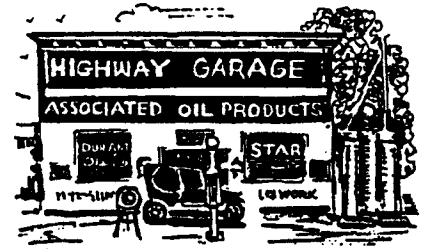
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CALENDAR

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Building

Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18
Wine and Honey Festival, downtown Livermore

Saturday, May 29, Lincoln Highway Museum
14th Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser for
Lincoln Highway Museum, Open to the public
Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (tickets for dinner are
available at the Carnegie Library at \$5.00/person)
Auction to follow at 7:00 p.m.

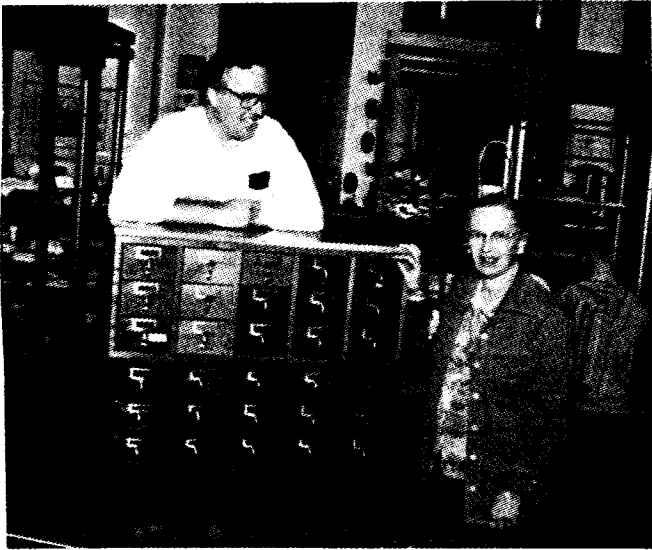
HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

You should have recently received a flyer for our Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser at the Lincoln Highway Garage. The Board of Directors has voted to rename the Auction the Chet Fankhauser Annual Dinner and Auction in memory of Chet, who along with his wife Henri, have donated so much of their time to our Annual Auction as well as many other Heritage Guild events. Donations are now being accepted. All usable items (except books and clothing) will be accepted. Remember your donations are tax deductible! Make this a fun time for all!

From the Chairman, Larry Mauch:

As I travel about on my weekend excursions to different cities in California, many times I will stop at the local historical society and visit their museum. Many times I envy the amount of space these museums have. Our space is small compared to many other museums. In the course of conversation, the topic of our different assets will usually come up. One asset of the Livermore Heritage Guild that I always talk about is the index of the Livermore newspapers that has been compiled by Barbara Bunshah over the last 10 years. This index starts with the earliest known papers in 1874 and now covers papers through the 1940's. The response from the members of the other historical societies is always the same -- one of awe and amazement. This index, originally hand written on 3x5 cards and later transferred to over 2,000 type written pages cross referenced under more than 250 topics, will be a valuable historical resource for generations to come.

Recently, the Guild honored Barbara at a Board Meeting with the presentation of a card file used by Barbara while she was reference librarian at the Carnegie Library when it was Livermore's only public library. The brass plaque attached to the card file expresses the appreciation of the Guild's membership for Barbara's significant contribution to preserving Livermore's history. Barbara plans to use the card file for her original 3x5 cards.



Presentation by Larry Mauch to Barbara Bunshah
of the card file from the old Carnegie library

Addendum to last month's article on Livermore
Variety Store

In last month's newsletter we stated we thought the building had probably been renovated around 1939. Our competent researcher, Barbara Bunshah, has uncovered the following article from the Livermore News dated May 11, 1950.

Old Building Remodeling Bares Square-Nail
Relics

Ghosts of the pioneers--of the Long Livermore past--shook their heads in emphatic approval of vanished handicrafts this week as hand-wrought, four-corner-spiked nails came out hard from a First Street building in the process of being modernized. Wood weathered by three-quarters of a century of wind and rain and brassy sun groaned and protested when the quaint, sturdy old models of nails were forced out of internment by carpenters.

They were the metal ties in the two-story, wooden Busch Variety Store building, 1212 West First Street, a portion of which was being razed preparatory to receiving a new stucco front which will prime the old structure for its journey into a modern world.

More Work Coming

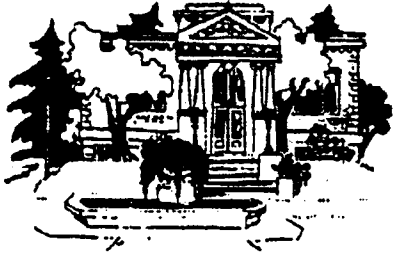
The building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosenthal, 1214 West First Street, living above the store. Remodeling is being done by Howard Anderson, contractor.

More of the old, old interior is slated to go shortly when the Rosentals begin remodeling the interior of the second story of the building, fashioning it into modern apartments.



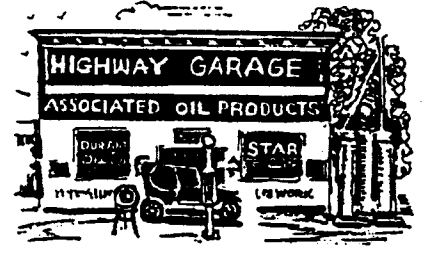
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MAY 1993 Vol. XXI No. 8

CALENDAR

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

Saturday, May 29, Lincoln Highway Museum
14th Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser for
Lincoln Highway Museum. Open to the public.
Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and Auction at 7:00 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Summer hours for the Carnegie Building are June
through August 10:30 - 3:00, Wednesday through
Sunday.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL AUCTION
IS SATURDAY, MAY 29. We will be serving
only 125 spaghetti dinners. In order to make your
reservations, contact Barbara Bunshah or Muriel
Dean at the Carnegie Library at 449-9927. Tick-
ets for the dinner are \$5.00 per person. Make your
reservations now!!

The Guild wishes to thank Pat Hoenig for her
efforts in organizing and spearheading the dedica-
tion of the fountain at the Carnegie Library. Also
to David Moore for writing his original composi-
tion on the fountain for the dedication.

A GRAND CELEBRATION TO REDEDICATE THE CARNEGIE FOUNTAIN

On Sunday, April 18, 1993 the newly renovated
fountain at the Carnegie Library Park was rededi-
cated exactly 82 years after the first acceptance of
this lovely colusa sandstone fountain. Pat Hoenig,
former Livermore Heritage Guild Board member,
introduced Marlin Pound, President of the
Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and
Larry Mauch, President of the Livermore Heri-
tage Guild. These two told about the fountain
renovation expenses as well as told the audience
about the history of the Carnegie Building and
Fountain in relation to the growth of early
Livermore. The ceremony included the dedica-
tion of a new bronze plaque which reads:

Andrew J. Carnegie
Colusa Sandstone Fountain

Constructed 1911
Architect: W.H. Weeks
Rededicated April 18, 1993
In Honor of Its Renovation

Livermore Heritage Guild
L.A.R.P.D.
The Citizens of Livermore

To conclude, original flute music written and played by David Moore, was accompanied by the following reading also written by this musician:

In Summer, the hot sun dries out the land, and water is scarce.

Birds drink at the fountain.

It sustains life through the hard summer days.

Then clouds gather, and winter's cold rains mingle with the waters of our fountain.

Winter becomes Spring and the sky is alive with the songs of birds,

and the land with the industry of life renewed.

This is the promise of our fountain:

That life shall be forever renewed, for our fountain gives forth water at all times,

And Water Is Life.

Many of those in attendance went inside to the History Center for refreshments and to also view the pictorial history of the Carnegie complex prepared for the day by Susan Junk and her father, Bill.

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

The site where the Carnegie Library now stands was an open field with a slaughter house located on the corner of Third and K Street.

The Library was located at 2136 First Street prior to the construction of the Carnegie Building. That building still stands today.

The colusa sandstone used to make the fountain is the same as used in the construction of the San Francisco ferry building.

Shortly after the opening of the new library in 1911 it was reported that over 1200 books were currently in circulation.



David Moore and Pat Hoenig performing his original composition



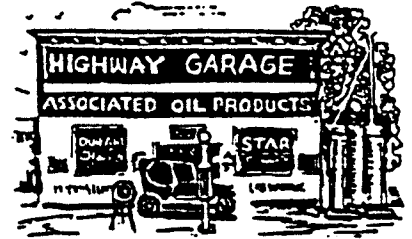
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JUNE 1993 Vol. XXI No. 9

CALENDAR

No meeting in June

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Heritage Guild Garage Sale
Duarte Garage, Portola Ave. & North L St.

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

This year's annual Heritage Guild Auction was another success. We served over 100 spaghetti dinners and the auction brought in over \$2,000 to the Heritage Guild to be used on restoration of the Duarte Garage and other Heritage Guild projects. This year, due to the generosity of our membership, we had an excess of donations and consequently on Saturday, June 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. we will have a garage sale at the Duarte Garage (see the enclosed flier).



Excerpted from the Livermore Herald, January 15, 1916

Livermore and Valley

The Livermore Valley is ten to twelve miles wide and twelve miles long. It contains 110,000 acres,

of which every acre is used for general farming, poultry raising, viticulture and hay and grain production. The town of Livermore is the center of this great valley and lies 485 feet above sea level. It has a population of 2,500, and this, coupled with the population of the valley itself, brings the figure of the immediate district up to 5,000.

The town of Livermore is particularly fortunate in its possession of an unusual number of civic advantages and a social complexion which has long been the envy of sister municipalities. Four banks with substantial deposits, aggregating over a million and a half, a Carnegie free library containing over 5,000 volumes, four churches, all the leading fraternal organizations, a number of manufacturing establishments and four or five big wineries are a few of the features of the town with which a visitor is at once impressed.

During the past year the town of Livermore, through a bond issue and private enterprise, has expended a little more than one hundred thousand dollars in street and electric lighting improvements, providing many of its principal thoroughfares with substantial pavements and otherwise conducting a general campaign of modernization of its incorporate possessions.

Poultry Raising

Within the last two or three years the residents of Livermore and the Livermore Valley have turned their attention quite extensively to the raising of

poultry, and it must be said to a wonderful degree of success. Blessed with a soil and climate that seems particularly conducive to Mrs. Hen, and located at a point which permits prompt and cheap shipping facilities to big markets, viz., Oakland and San Francisco, the valley offers unusual inducements to those who are inclined to enter into this line of industry.

Grain and feed of all sorts can be had at a minimum price and this fact, coupled with the moderate and reasonable values at which the land of the district is held, have attracted many hundreds to the section during the past few years.

Hay Production

For years the Livermore Valley has enjoyed the distinction of producing a quality of grain hay which has been in demand among those who wanted the best, and the best only, to feed their blooded and thoroughbred stock. The valley is still a major producer of this commodity.

Wine Production

Livermore Valley wines are known the world over, and some of the choicest vintages have been bottled in this section. Wine-grape growing is still one of the principal occupations of many land owners and no difficulty is experienced in disposing of either the grapes or the wine of the Livermore Valley.



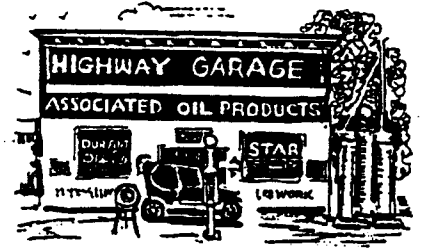
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CALENDAR

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The 2 large windows in front of the Duarte Garage have now both been replaced thanks to the efforts of Gary Drummond, Bill Junk, Susan Junk, Tim Sage and friends.

The Garage Sale brought in over \$400 for the Livermore Heritage Guild. As you know the Garage Sale consisted of items left over from our auction. We anticipate the after-auction Garage Sale will become an annual event.

Dr. Ralph Newton passed away on Monday, July 12, 1993. Ralph and Janet Newton have been members of the Livermore Heritage Guild since its beginnings. Ralph worked at the Livermore Veterans Hospital from 1946 until his retirement in the early 1970s.

The following is excerpted from an Oral History Interview with Ralph Newton who was interviewed by Barry Schrader on September 17, 1983 at his home in Livermore, California

"I was born in Iloilo, Island of Panay in the Philippines, April 15, 1913. My father was an Army doctor. He was stationed there at that time. Later my father was at Letterman Hospital. After I finished high school, I went to U.C. Berkeley, I guess that was 1931-1935 and then I went to medical school at U.C. San Francisco. That was the only state medical school at that time.

I started to get TB just as I started interning so I had to go to a sanitarium, it was a private sanitarium in Ross, California. Later, I went back to work as a resident in TB. I went to St. Mary's as an intern for a year but I broke down with TB while I was there and had to go through the usual routine and went back to the sanitarium. They started a pneumothorax on me. They put air in between the chest wall and the lung and that collapsed the lung. So I was in the sanitarium about a month and then for the rest of the year I stayed at home in Santa Rosa. My father had retired. We lived in San Francisco for a few years and then they moved up to Santa Rosa and I stayed up there for about a year. Then I returned to a residency in tuberculosis. I was a couple of years in San Francisco, the county hospital they called it then. Then I worked another year at Santa Rosa county hospital working mostly TB as a resident. Then I came to the VA hospital in Livermore in 1946. That was my first experience with the Veterans Administration Hospital. It was all tuberculosis, strictly TB. It had

about 300 or 350 patients. The place was built in 1924, I believe, and they were always remodeling it and adding a little bit here and there. The first patients were sent over from Palo Alto. They must have had some TB treatment over there. They had a women's ward and had maybe 10 women. We lived at the VA grounds. When we first came here there was no place to stay so they managed to get us a place. It was called Villa Gulf. Later we lived in one of the houses in Veterans Park. It was that one about half way up the hill with the red tile roof. There was a big bedroom, bathroom upstairs and a big combined living room and dining room downstairs and a kitchen and a garage.

The first TB drug came in 1946 -- Streptomycin -- and it wasn't widely used. I guess there wasn't enough of it and it was still considered experimental so the Army, Navy and VA had meetings every once in awhile and they decided who would get the drug and how long it would be given and how many X-rays they would have and the number of blood counts and this and that. At first they were just

giving it to mostly young people who would have died if they hadn't got it. Depending on the amount of TB you had, they would divide it into minimal, moderate and far advanced and the far advanced people had a very high mortality rate. I would say at least 50% of them died and far advanced TB was the most common I believe in those days. My chest X-rays showed a change in about 1960. They said I had active TB again so I went to bed at the hospital and took INH and PAS. I think I took that for 18 months. After I got well, I worked on the medical ward. Later I went to another medical ward and then I went down to the outpatient department. By that time they had a nursing home in the hospital and I took care of the nursing home there and the outpatient. I did both those for a couple of years. And then one of the TB doctors retired and they needed somebody for TB and so they put me on the TB ward again."

Ralph will be fondly remembered as a quiet man with a wonderful sense of humor.



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AUGUST 1993 Vol. XXI No. 11

CALENDAR

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

Friday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting
Livermore City Council Chambers

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

On September 17, the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Livermore City Council chambers beginning at 7:30 p.m. The speaker this year will be Charles Callison of San Jose. In 1986 Mr. Callison excavated a site in the Sunol Valley believed to have been at one time an adobe dwelling used by the bandit Joaquin Murrieta. Mr. Callison will make a presentation about the archeological dig along with information he uncovered while researching Joaquin Murrieta. This should be a very interesting meeting for anyone interested in the legend of Joaquin.

On July 25, 1993 Janet Newton, one of the founding members of the Livermore Heritage Guild passed away at the Hacienda Care Center at the age of 82. Ralph Newton, Janet's husband, passed away only days earlier on July 12. To all who knew

them, their passing so close together seems fitting. Janet and Ralph complemented each other well doing almost everything together. The Newtons moved to Livermore in 1945. In the 1960s, Janet began painting watercolors of old houses in the area which led to her interest in local history through contacts she made. Janet has published more material on the history of Livermore than any other author. Her love of history continues in her publications. Janet was also a charter member of the Livermore Art Association, member of the League of Women Voters, the Livermore Symphony Guild and numerous other historical societies in the area. The city flew the flag at half mast in her memory. The following is a recollection by Larry Mauch, Chairman of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

It was in 1984 that I first wandered into the old Carnegie Library on Third Street because I had heard there was a local history display there. I looked at the displays and asked some questions, and discovered that the valley had a rich history. When I inquired about books on Livermore, I was shown a volume about Robert Livermore for whom the valley was named, written by Janet Newton, one of the founders of the Livermore Heritage Guild. The book was a very thorough chronicle of Livermore's life that had obviously taken years to research.

Over the course of the next several years I visited the History Center a number of times to ask questions about local history. One night I received a call asking if I'd be interested in joining the Board of Directors of the Guild. I attended the next monthly meeting where I met Janet for the first time. She quickly wanted to know who I was. I introduced myself and her only comment was "very good". As the meeting progressed, the strength of Janet's convictions on how the Guild should operate and the museum be run quickly became apparent. At the same time Janet was having trouble hearing some of the discussion due to her poor hearing. Over the next several months the meetings were far from boring.

Discussions would break out on how we "should do" something vs. how we "could do" something. Janet was usually on the "should do" side. Unfortunately, with our resources and all volunteer labor the "could do" ended up being a slightly different version. After a half a dozen meetings Janet no longer attended. Her hearing was making it harder for her to participate and she was putting more effort into her own writing and publishing on local history.

Some time later the Guild decided to put up a display on local drug stores. It was noted that Janet had some items at her home donated by Louis Stein when he did the drug store display at Columbia in the gold country. I volunteered to contact Janet to see if we could use any of the material.

When I called, she invited me over to the house for what was to become the first of many

visits. When I arrived, her husband, Ralph, answered the door and directed me into "her room". The room was Janet's study. There were filing cabinets, bookcases and tables along with a desk and computer. The tables were covered with boxes.

Janet smiled and welcomed me while getting up from her desk. There was a certain aura about her that I later came to recognize whenever we would talk about local history. Janet was very "up" for this meeting. She walked me over to one of the boxes on a table and pulled out a folder on drug stores. It contained several black and white reproductions of old photos of Livermore drug stores. We then checked another folder labeled First Street to see if any of those photos showed drug stores.

She explained her system to me. The photos were in boxes on the table organized in folders by subject; I would guess there were 300 to 400 photos. Any slides were in clear plastic 3 ring binder pages filed in one of the metal filing cabinets. I'm not sure of the quantity of slides, several hundred probably. Each subject had a corresponding folder with newspaper clippings and photo copies of related material. This filled another file cabinet as well as several boxes. If a particular subject had been researched more thoroughly, then it moved into a 3-ring binder (or some other appropriate container) of its own.

Janet's research on Robert Livermore was contained in four or five binders, each with numerous typed as well as hand written notes on various sizes of paper. As I looked over the binders I



Janet Newton

Photo by Mary Ann Butler

couldn't help but feel only Janet could make sense of such a mass of paper and hand written notes. She explained the material on Robert Livermore was an accumulation of 5 years of research in the 1960s that included a trip to England to visit his birthplace. At this point I was reflecting on the obvious passion Janet had for local history when she mentioned we should look in her garage for the drug store items donated by Louis Stein.

The garage had actually been converted into another room. The first thing I noticed were all the water color paintings hanging on the walls. Janet explained it was through her water colors she became interested in local history. She would

paint old local houses and while she painted, residents would tell her the stories of the people who used to live there. She mentioned that someday she wanted to publish a book with her paintings and their stories. As we ventured further into the room, I noted several tables with boxes stacked both on top and below. There were also many large panels with photocopies of maps and various articles that had been used as displays in the past at the History Center. If a map or article could not be photocopied, Janet would meticulously sketch or write out the information by hand. Along one wall there were hundreds of old newspapers from Livermore and the surrounding area. She explained that they had been donated to the Guild but the Guild had nowhere to store them. We then looked at several boxes of drug store artifacts and agreed I would come back a second time to make a list and decide what we could use in a display.

Approximately two weeks later I returned to Janet's house to make up the list of drug store artifacts so that I could plan the display. I was greeted by Janet at her desk. As I sat beside her, she commented on some item in the local paper about history. She then picked up a small piece of paper with handwritten notes from her desk and commented on the last issue of the Livermore Heritage Guild newsletter, either correcting or adding some information to the historical content. She then referred to the piece of paper again and commented on the minutes to the last board meeting, either agreeing or disagreeing with a board decision or action. Finally, she directed me to her filing cabinet and asked me to retrieve various files she had reviewed since our last meeting which also contained references to drug stores or druggists.

This became the pattern of the meetings we would have at her house every six to eight weeks for five years. I would look on her desk for the

scrap of paper containing the list of topics for the day she had compiled since our last meeting. During the next hour and a half or so I was usually treated to some new box or corner of her study that held folders, binders, maps or photos about such topics as Laddsville (the predecessor to the town of Livermore), Jack London's boyhood in Livermore, interviews with old time Livermore family members and general Livermore history. A few pointed comments from the scrap of paper on her desk would be thrown in just for good measure.

Later I would borrow several of her files and make photocopies for my own records. Janet's passion for history was contagious. Over the years, I think I examined maybe 1/2 of the material in those rooms. Over the course of time we had several discussions about how nice it would be if the Guild could acquire a larger space in a building that had a proper sprinkler system and secure storage space. Janet thought one of the empty bank buildings in town would be "just grand". Again, there was the matter of the "should do" and "could do" not matching.

I found Janet's passion for the history of Livermore unwavering. Her enthusiasm and eagerness to talk about the town's past was always there. People who pursue something with a passion are usually passionate in defending their opinions related to the topic. Janet was no exception and it's that passion that made her publications Las Positas, Jack London's Boyhood in Livermore, Stories of the Vineyards and Wineries of the Livermore Valley, The Livermore Valley 1878-1889, and The Charm of Old Livermore possible. It's those publications that will help stir the passion of future local historians.

Those visits with Janet offered me a rare opportunity to become acquainted with Livermore's history. There was no business agenda like at our board meetings, just a chance to hear her tell the stories of a city she had spent so many years collecting, documenting, categorizing and filing in the folders and boxes of "her room".



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HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

CALENDAR

12th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6
Look for the Historymobile on the tour

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

Friday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting
Livermore City Council Chambers

Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3
Festival of the Arts '93
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Robertson Park
Look for the Historymobile

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR LHG MEMBERSHIP. YOUR DUES HELP US OPERATE THE HISTORY CENTER AND MAINTAIN OUR EXHIBITS AND PUBLICATIONS. IF THERE IS A DATE ON YOUR LABEL AND IT IS OTHER THAN 94, THEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE FOR RENEWAL.

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COME JOIN US!

Name _____

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I would be interested in participating in the following activities (see enclosed list):

Please contact me at phone number: _____

I would like additional information about the Livermore Heritage Guild.
Please contact me at the above phone number.

I would like to renew my membership for 1993/1994

covered while researching Joaquin Murrieta. This should be a very interesting meeting for anyone interested in the legend of Joaquin.

At the beginning of this year's meeting we will have the election of officers. The 1993-1994 slate of officers is as follows:

Chairman: Larry Mauch

Vice Chairman: Muriel Dean

Secretary: Barbara Bunshah

Treasurer: Malvern Sweet

Ways and Means: Henri Fankhauser

Directors: Susan Junk, Lorraine Raison and Karen Richardson

Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a list of projects with estimated hours and tentative schedule dates. We realize some of these dates are far

off in the future and you can't make firm commitments this far in advance. The purpose of this is to develop a list of resources so that when the appropriate time comes we can contact you and confirm if you are available. Working with the Historymobile visiting the third grade classes at our schools or planning displays at the Carnegie library in Livermore can be fun. If you are interested in participating in any of the listed activities, please use the attached form and mail to Livermore Heritage Guild, P.O. Box 961, Livermore, CA 94551. Someone from the Guild will contact you. You need not be an expert in Livermore history to participate. An interest in any of these types of activities or a desire to associate with others who have a love of our local history is all that's needed. We are always eager to share our knowledge with others.



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