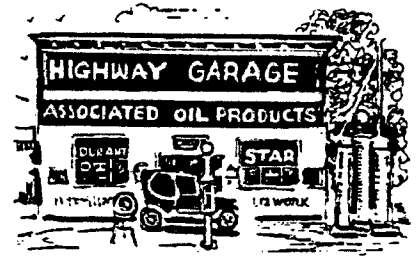




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October 1994

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HISTORYMOBILE

CALENDAR

Festival of the Arts

October 1 & 2, Saturday and Sunday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of Carnegie Bldg.

Stop by and visit the History Center and see the display for the 20th anniversary of the History Center and Art Gallery.

Anyone interested in helping out with the Historymobile, which will be out front for this event, please contact Tilli Calhoun at 447-2926

Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

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LHG's educational outreach program, the History Mobile, visited third grade students at 9 elementary schools in the spring. These students study their community as a social studies unit. Bill Junk and Bob Wade drove the bus to the schools. Docents who worked with the students included Bobbie Baird, Arlene Folker, Bill Junk, Marie Timmer and Marilyn Calhoun.

The Mobile shared local history for 2 days at Concannon Vineyard during the 2 day annual vineyard event Harvest Trails. The tasting table covered with containers holding 12 varieties of grapes used in making local wine was very popular. Docents working at the event included Joanne Bezis, Vanna Born, Bobbie Baird, Treva Mauch, Margaret Montan, Walter and Joan Detjens, Phillip and Muriel Dean, and Marilyn Calhoun.

School children and adult visitors learned about native plants, and their uses. Bobbie Baird shared large branches of the native bay laurel which were distributed to the students and adults. Enclosed are some letters from third graders who visited the Historymobile.

The Mobile will be part of Festival 94 in the Carnegie Park area in October.

This years Annual General Meeting consisted of a slide presentation by Dr. John Shirley on his recent trip to Italy to attend the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Rome. As president of the 3rd Infantry Division Association, Dr. Shirley introduced President Clinton at the ceremonies. The slide show was most interesting and appreciated by all who attended our general meeting. Thank you Dr. Shirley.

The Livermore Heritage Guild handed out three certificates of appreciation for preservation of local historic structures.

Joe and Dottie Sladky for preservation and maintenance of the 1888 C.C. Wilder cottage at 2391 Fifth Street. Charles C. Wilder was active for over 25 years as a carpenter-builder and contractor both in Livermore and in Pleasanton. Built in the venacular style, this cottage is believed to be one of his earlier works.

Bob and Gloria Taylor for the renovation and preservation of the 1880-era Connolly house and surrounding outbuildings at 1356 South Livermore Avenue. Now on the Retzlaff Winery grounds, the house in the Victorian venacular style represents a typical residential structure of the period. The surrounding land has had a long history of viticulture dating back to at least 1891 when Patrick Connolly cultivated 22 acres of Zinfandel and Mataro wine grapes.

Dr. Barbara Cretan for her efforts in the sensitive adaptation of an Italianate style residence located at 2221 Third Street as a downtown commercial building. Constructed about 1887 by P.L. Levy, a local tailor, the structure is one of the few remaining houses of the period that helped define Livermore's downtown residential area.

Thanks to all of you for helping preserve these early charming Livermore residences. Thanks also to Pat Hoenig for researching and organizing the presentations. Pat has been a big contributor to the program since it's beginning.



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Dear Mrs. Calhoun and
Mr. Junk Thank for
letting us go in the
history mobile. We had
alot of sun it was real
neat being abot to see
stuf from the old days.
Thank you
Laura

Marilyn Avenue School, Mrs. Nickison's class

Dear Mrs. Calhoun
and Mr. Junk I hope
you come again I was
so so so happy you
came. Thank you

Sincerely Stephanie

Marilyn Avenue School, Mrs. Davies' class

Dear Mrs. Calhoun
Thank you for showing
us our past. The snake
skin was cool. I like
the skull and the
lizard too. The bow and
arrow was great. I like
ed the different time
peired. They all were
cool. Thank you.

From

Jimmy

Dear Mrs. Calhoun,
Thank you for teaching
Ms. Davies and me about
Livermore. I like the
snake skin. The leaf leaves
were neat. I hope you can
come again. The tortillas
were neat.

from
Jessy

Date May 9th

Dear Mrs. Calhoun

I learned a lot of new stuff about history like how the Indians smashed the acorns with the rocks and how the Indians used the leaves to keep the bugs away.

Some thing I like about the History Mobile is that it has a lot of cool stuff in it about history and that such nice people work in it and thank you for coming to sunset school.

Your friend
Lindsey B.

Sunset School, Janet van Mastrigt's class

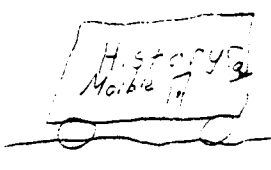
May 9, 1994

Dear Mrs. Calhoun,

In the History Mobile I learned a lot of things. We are doing a rivermore do by book and I know what to put in it now. My favorite part was when talked about William Mendenhall and Robert rivermore.

Thank you for bringing the History Mobile and for letting us visit. I had a lot of fun. Thank again.

Your friend,
Nehls Chatterton
Room #8 Mrs. van
Sunset school





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The following article is excerpted from the Livermore Herald, March 4, 1911

CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE DAY AND TIME CHANGE

Saturday, November 12 @ 10 a.m.

In lieu of a meeting there will be a Work Party at the Duarte Garage; wear old clothes, bring cleaning materials and prepare to stay for a couple of hours. Regular meetings will resume in December.

Sunday, November 13

Livermore Heritage Guild Garage Sale
Duarte Garage
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, November 25

The Sights & Sounds of Christmas
A parade, tree lighting and open house
from 6 - 9 p.m.

Presented by Historic Downtown Livermore
For more information call 373-1795

Sunday, November 20

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Livermore Art Association presents
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale
Carnegie Building
2155 Third Street

Friday & Saturday, December 9 & 10

Victorian Christmas Faire at Ravenswood
Information: Mike Nicholson 373-5775 (during business hours)

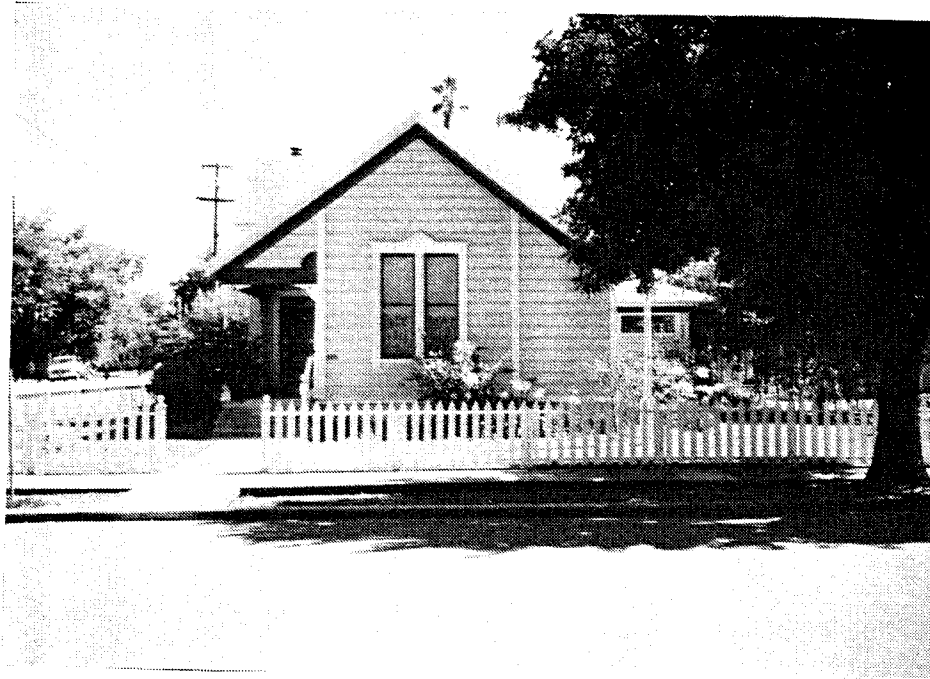
Movement Started to Pave Business Streets

Edwin J. Grindley, representing the Ransome Crummey Co. was in town Thursday interviewing the property owners along First Street in regard to a proposition to lay bitumen macadam on First Street and the cross streets within the fire limits. The cost of the work on West First Street would be \$6.25 a front foot or practically \$300 for each fifty foot lot.

The cost of the work would be much less in Livermore than in other towns for the reason that the gravelly soil makes a better foundation than loam, sand or adobe and requires much less preparation for the various layers of material. The only drawback here as far as the cost is concerned is the width of the street which is considerably greater than in most towns.

Mr. Grindley will arrange to take all the principal property owners along the street to Hayward where they may see the advantage of having the business street well paved and where all the information relative to the work may be obtained first hand. The company has done many thousand dollars worth of work in Hayward and according to the newspapers and leading citizens of that town, it has been highly satisfactory.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Livermore Heritage Guild handed out 3 certificates of appreciation for preservation of local historic structures. In this issue, we have included a photograph of Joe and Dottie Sladky's home at 2391 Fifth Street. The cottage was built by C.C. Wilder in 1888. He was active for over 25 years as a carpenter-builder and contractor of both in Livermore and in Pleasanton. Built in the venacular style, this cottage is believed to be one of his earlier works.



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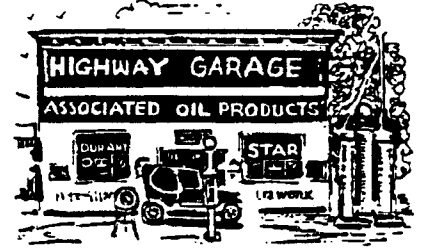
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CALENDAR

Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting at the home of
Phillip and Muriel Dean
2163 Mercury, Livermore

Friday & Saturday, December 9 & 10
Victorian Christmas Faire at Ravenswood
Information: Mike Nicholson 373-5775 (during busi-
ness hours)

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

EXTRA! EXTRA!

The 1995 Livermore Heritage Guild calendars will be available after December 15 for \$6.00 (plus tax) at the Carnegie Bldg. This year's calendar is the final in a 3 part series on the history of Livermore. This calendar covers the 1930s through the 1960s. A limited number of all 3 calendars will also be available (\$12.00 plus tax) if you did not acquire the first 2 in the set.

Christmas Greetings from all the board members of the Livermore Heritage Guild. We hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and the New year 1995 brings you all health and happiness.

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Excerpted from Livermore Herald December 27, 1961

Butcher Shop Decorations Brightened 1890 Christ- mases

Colorful holiday displays in butcher shops are well remembered by persons whose recollections go back to the turn of the century.

It was the custom to hang carcasses on the hooks about the market and decorate the interior of the shops with appropriate red and green streamers.

The displays were veritable works of art in their day, winning descriptive adjectives such as "beautiful" and "lovely" in newspaper reports.

Under the heading "Beautiful Meat Displays - Livermore Markets In Lively Holiday Attire", the Herald in its issue of December 25, 1887, gave the following description of the displays this year: "A friendly rivalry exists among the Livermore butchers as to the display of holiday meats and the exhibit made by the three Livermore markets is exceptionally attractive. The display at Frank Fenton's Grand Central market out-rivals anything of the kind ever attempted

in Livermore and it is doubtful whether the display will be excelled during the holidays in any market in the state. Fatted calves, young stall-fed steers, porkers, mutton, and lambs are there in galore. Upon a raised platform are two huge porkers and their aggregate weight is 1113 pounds. They are as fat and round as a butter ball. On the center of the table is a miniature snow-covered wagon to which are hitched four roasters. A wee pig attends to the driving. On the sides of the wagon are the words 'Bound For the Klondyke' and 'Grand Central Market'. The meats were dressed by Messrs. Collier and Murray and their tasty work is a credit to the trade.

The display of Christmas meats at Nevin Bros. Market is such as to make the average person glad that he did not go to the frozen Klondyke until after having had an opportunity to purchase a few choice cuts of the

elegant meat now on display at this popular market. The entire market is beautifully decorated and the proprietors have spared neither pains nor expense in procuring the best meats to be had in this section of the state, especially is this the case in the securing of a couple of young and handsome stall-fed steers. They are beauties, and no doubt toothsome. Call around and take a look at these displays. It will do you good. Peter McKeany's display is also something grand and comprises cuts just as choice and juicy as the best.

Year by year the displays became more attractive, the Herald saying in its issue of December 23, 1901: "It is the annual custom of Frank Fenton, the butcher, to make a fine holiday display of meat at his shop on Main Street. He has had some fine displays in the past, but none in equal this year's."

*DONT FORGET TO BUY YOUR 1995
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR*



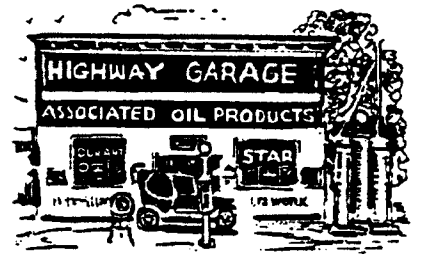
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January 1995

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CALENDAR

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

Sunday, January 22, noon
Our Savior's Lutheran Church is having a Groundbreaking for the renovation of the old Ferrario Bldg. (aka Mayflower Building) COME HELP CELEBRATE!

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

If you haven't already done so, pick up your copy of the Livermore Heritage Guild Calendar for 1995 soon. This year's calendar is the final in a 3 part series on the history of Livermore and covers the 1930s through the 1960s. A limited number of all 3 calendars will also be available (\$12.00 plus tax) if you did not acquire the first 2 in the set.

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Excerpted from Livermore Herald April 15, 1911

Dania Society Will Build Lodge Home

At last Saturday evening's meeting of Dannevang No. 7 Dania, it was decided to erect a hall and club house on the site which the lodge bonded recently,

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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 1994/95

consisting of lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 22, Mendenhall Plan, belonging to J.K. Nissen of Hayward. The property is located on Second and N Streets.

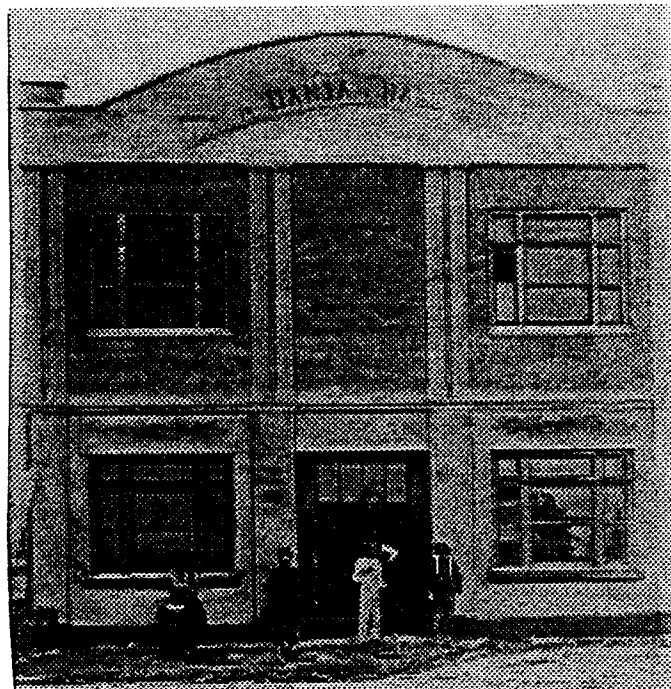
The members were a unit in declaring that for the credit of the Society and the town nothing but a substantial building should be erected.

It was accordingly decided that the building should be built of reinforced concrete with terra cotta ornamentation and that it shall be two stories in height and cover ground space of 40x80 feet. A tentative plan was presented by Carl Rasmussen, the local architect and builder, which called for a handsome structure. Before settling on a plan, it was decided to send a committee to inspect various new lodge halls and club houses about the bay and to incorporate all the new ideas of construction and conveniences in the proposed building.

The only details decided upon were that the lodge room and necessary ante rooms are to be located on the second floor, while the first floor is taken up by a large banquet hall, ladies' parlor, club rooms for members, etc.

The members of Dania are to be congratulated on their enterprise. They are not taking up the project as a money making scheme but to provide themselves with a lodge home. Few organizations have the courage to assume an undertaking as large on this basis but

fortunately for Dannevang its membership is strong and its affairs are managed on a business basis and it will be able to carry on its plans and erect a building that will be a source of pride not only to the members but to every citizen of the town.



Dania Hall around the time it was built



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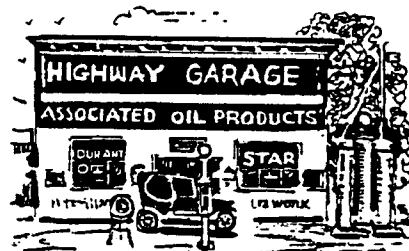
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February 1995

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CALENDAR

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

Sunday, February 19, Carnegie Bldg.

Open House

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

REMINDER: It is time to begin considering who or what might be nominated for the Historic Preservation Award for 1995. The criteria are available at the History Center in the Carnegie Bldg. The awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Guild in September.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Livermore Heritage Guild will have an open house on Sunday, February 19 to celebrate the opening of an exhibit of original hand colored prints of Livermore from the Thompson & West 1878 Atlas of Alameda County.

Thompson & West published several atlases containing the histories of various California counties in the 1870s. These books were partially funded by soliciting residents of the various towns to pay a fee and have their business or residence sketched and included in the atlas. The Historical Atlas of Alameda County was published in 1878. Except for some of the maps which were hand colored, the rest of the atlas was in black and white. A limited number of the individual pages were hand colored for the individual property owners who paid to be included in the atlas.

The Livermore Heritage Guild will feature a display of an original Alameda County atlas as well as several hand colored plates of various scenes from Livermore.

Several of the buildings in the scenes still stand today. This is a rare opportunity to see these original hand colored prints from the atlas as well as several other colored prints from past publications on Livermore.

Open house will be from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19 at the Old Carnegie Library on Third St. in Livermore. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will run through March 19.

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Excerpted from the Livermore Herald, 3/28/1877:
Thompson & West's proposed atlas of this county, of which we have heretofore spoken, will contain from 110 to 120 pages of maps, lithographs and descriptive matter, scenes throughout the county, of public and private buildings, etc., all gotten up in the highest style of art. The plates and maps alone, would make it almost invaluable. But aside from this, there will be a fund of statistical and general information, so great as to not be fully appreciated till seen. It will take a year to finish the work.

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The following is excerpted from the "New Historical Atlas of Alameda Co. California" by Thompson & West, 1878:
LIVERMORE

In the heart of the valley bearing the same name, surrounded by thousands of acres level as the sea, and girt on every side by mountain walls, is located the beautiful town of Livermore.

It requires no gift of prophecy to foretell the building here of a large and prosperous town. Occupying a level plateau several hundred feet above the

sea; sheltered on all sides from the fury of windstorms; supplied with abundance of good water; having coal-banks in close proximity; built upon a gravelly formation, and surrounded by fine agricultural lands, it must be apparent that the site is healthful, and that the other natural advantages are such as would be likely to contribute to the making of a prosperous town.

Livermore is located in two grants, -- the Rancho de las Positas, and Rancho Valle de San Jose, -- and sprung into existence upon the passage of the Central Pacific Railroad, in 1869, although years prior to that time there was a settlement within the present corporate limits of Livermore, known as Laddsville.

This place was so called after Alphonso Ladd, who came from New Orleans in 1850. In 1851 he was settled on the hills near Sunol, and in the spring of 1865 he came to Laddsville, where he erected a cabin for temporary occupation, and commenced the building of a hotel, which was completed in the fall of that year. These were the first buildings of any sort erected at or in the immediate vicinity of Laddsville. Following him was a Spaniard named Alexandro Mesa, and Adam Fath, -- the two latter settling about the same time.

In the winter of 1865, Henry Goetjen built a house on the hills beyond the town, and soon after a blacksmith-shop was started near Goetjen's, but afterwards moved into the town near the place of R.N. Caughill. In 1866 a school-house was built near the site of the present Livermore House.

In 1867, Ladd bought Mesa's house and moved it into town, and in the following spring Robert Graham, of Graham & Allen, built and opened the first general merchandise store. About that time a post-office was established, and Graham became the first

postmaster.

Following the building of Graham's store was the Italian restaurant of Bardallini, now proprietor of the Washington Hotel. The same year Elliott built a livery stable which was afterwards burned. Israel Horton erected the first building used exclusively as a dwelling-house. In September 1868 Bezell & Crowell commenced the building of their large blacksmith- and carriage-shop.

Of the strictly native population in the town of Laddsville, Miss Elsie Horton was the pioneer, being the first child born in the town.

In the summer of 1869, the Central Pacific Railroad passing through the valley, a station was located about half a mile west of Laddsville. In October of that year, Wm. Mendenhall, -- a pioneer of pioneers, -- who crossed the plains in 1845, and belonged to the Bear Flag party that captured the garrison of Sonoma one June morning in 1846, laid off and platted about one hundred acres of land, to which he gave the name Livermore.

C.J. Stevens, Esq., was the first to commence operations in the new town by building his flouring mill in the summer of 1869.

Mendenhall's warehouse was erected soon after, and from the fall of 1869 the place grew rapidly, until at the present time it has a population of about one thousand.

In 1870, Mr. Mendenhall donated a small tract of land, near the Arroyo Mocho, for the establishment of an institution of learning, and thereupon the Livermore Collegiate Institute was founded, and building commenced. This institution, by its appearance and the educational advantages it affords, is a just cause of pride to the inhabitants of Livermore.



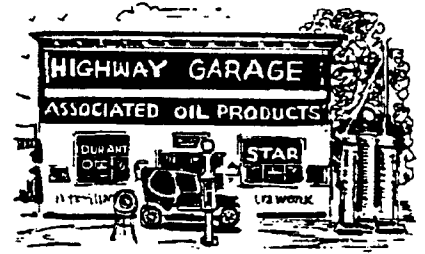
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CALENDAR

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

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale
Friday, March 24, 7-10 p.m. MEMBERS ONLY
Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, March 26, noon to 3 p.m.
Duarte Garage, Portola and North L Street
ALL REGULARLY PRICED BOOKS WILL BE
HALF PRICE ON SUNDAY

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

REMINDER: The Thompson & West exhibit of hand colored plates of various scenes from Livermore will run only through March 19. Open House on February 19 was very well received and many people came to view the original drawings. If you haven't had a chance to stop by, plan on doing so before March 19.



Excerpted from Livermore Herald, September 25, 1953

Discovery of Los Mochis Scout Camp Told

Los Mochis is now the well established and well developed Boy Scout camp of Oakland Area Council, but the story of its "discovery" was made public only at the recent dedication program.

Previously it has been known in full only to Executive Homer Bemiss of Oakland and a few leaders who participated in a search which covered the entire rural area of Alameda county.

The story goes back to 1944 when the council had definitely decided it must abandon Diamond Camp in Oakland. What had been an isolated camp spot had become entirely surrounded by residential areas and also was needed by the city as a school site.

The council further decided on a new camp in a wilderness area, away from Oakland to make it as much of an adventure as possible when the boys went out for their overnight and weekend camps.

Bemiss called on two Livermoreans, among others, to help find the spot, their selection being due to their long experience in Scouting and their knowledge of the mountain country south of Livermore — E.J. Lawless, then a Livermore pharmacist, and M. R. Henry of The Herald.

First scouting expedition was up the Arroyo del Valle canyon, beyond Arroyo Sanatorium, Bemiss remembered an ideal location, bench land which extends along the west side of the canyon for a considerable distance. But it had been "logged off" by woodcutters and had no further value for camp purposes.

The search then turned to the Mocho canyon. The Buckeye Club, Camp Repose and The Pines were all "scouted" but were either not suitable or not available. Thorough investigation was next made of possible sites in other parts of the county, but none met the requirements.

It looked like the council would not have a camp within two hours of every troop in the council as was the ambition.

Through the years it had been the custom of the Henry family while at the Pines, twenty miles south of Livermore on the Mines Road, well known to many people for the good times they have had here, to take a Sunday morning walk to Sweetwater Springs, a mile away. It was pleasant to sit on the edge of the big meadow, and the children liked to take oranges and make "orangeade" from the sweetish water which bubbled from the springs.

Shortly after the Scout camp search had apparently ended unsuccessfully, they made one of their trips. Although not thinking of the Scout camp at the time it was very much in the back of Henry's mind, and suddenly broke forth with "this is the place the Scouts want for their camp". A quick check showed it met the requirement — it was within two hours of Oakland and Washington township, most distant points from which Scouts would come; it had one big wide open space, surrounded by oak and pine trees for miles in every direction, providing wilderness camping spots; it had plenty of water and more could easily be developed; it was isolated, and yet easy to reach.

A phone call the following morning brought Bill Lindsay, the executive for the Southern District (now Twin Valleys) from Niles for a quick look. He was immediately enthusiastic and his recommendation soon had Bemiss and the camp committee on the scene. They likewise felt they had found what they wanted and so recommended to the board of directors.

The rest of the story is well known to the public generally and Scouts and Scouters in particular, hundreds of boys and scout leaders now making use of this camp on a year round basis usually for weekends. Mention of the "discovery" was made at the dedication program at which were present a number of the "searching party".

In June of 1944, the Livermore Herald stated the property was purchased by the Auto Mechanics Union for \$10,000 and donated to the Oakland Area Council Boy Scouts. The following is a description of the property from that article.

In Mocho Canyon

The area comprises slightly more than a section, 686 acres, and is located in the Mocho canyon nineteen miles south of Livermore. Most of the property is west of the Mines Road. It adjoins the Pines Club on the north. The area is largely wooded, oaks and pines predominating, with considerable chaparral and one large clear space, on the edge of which are the Sweetwater Springs from which it gets its name.

The springs produce a heavy flow the year round, and will supply water for a swimming pool and camping use. The pool, an administration building and sanitary facilities will be the only structures erected on the property.

In Use Soon

The site is to be put to immediate use, troops of the Southern Division having scheduled an overnight camp there Saturday and Sunday, June 17th and 18th. Participating will be troops from the Hayward area, Washington Township, Pleasanton and Livermore.



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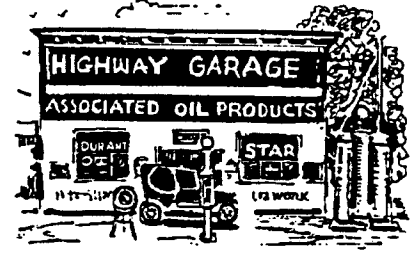
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Brushy Peak

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, **DUARTE GARAGE**
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR THIS MEETING!

Saturday, May 27, Lincoln Highway Museum
16th 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

Donations are now being accepted for the 16th Annual Fundraiser in May for the Lincoln Highway Museum. All usable items (except books and clothing) will be accepted. Remember your donations are tax deductible! Make this a fun time for all! To arrange for pickup call 455-1871 or 449-3792 (if no answer leave a message).

Don't forget this year we will again serve our famous spaghetti dinner and the price will remain an affordable \$6.00.

Proceeds from previous auctions are being used to pour our new cement floor in the Duarte Garage as well as buy new folding chairs. So you'll have to come by the auction and have dinner so you can enjoy them.

Several weeks ago I had the opportunity to participate in one of LARPD's walks at Brushy Peak. Brushy Peak is the hill to the East of Highway 580 noticeable from the freeway because it's the only hill covered with trees and bushes. The area has some unusual rock formations at the base of the peak and legend has it they were the hideout for the 1850's bandit Joaquin Murietta. One of the rocks contain the cement tomb of a local rancher, John Elliott. After I returned, I decided to research the history of the peak, Joaquin Murietta and John Elliott.

The First Mention of Brushy Peak

In 1892 the Livermore Echo mentioned a picnic held at Brushy Peak with upwards of 100 people attending.

In 1901 an article ran in the local paper about the Bohemian Club holding its annual outing that year at Brushy Peak. The group arrived at the peak about noon and partied until dark serving dinner at the peak followed by entertainment by two local comedians. Part of their act centered around the stories about Joaquin Murietta and his men who were supposed to haunt the caves at the base of the peak. This was to be one of many such outings the Bohemian Club held at Brushy Peak over the years.

In 1912 notice was given of a dance to be held at the dance platform on Brushy Peak with entertainment by Walker's Picnic Band of seven pieces. The dance was to start at 11:00 am and continue through the afternoon, admission was 50 cents.

John Elliott's Grave

John Elliott was a pioneer resident of Altamont Pass. He arrived in the valley in 1865 and soon began farming here. At the time of his death in 1911 it was reported he had lived alone for 46 years and was a notable character. Several years earlier he had commissioned Jessie Young, another local farmer, to begin preparing John's tomb in one of the caves on Brushy Peak. In October 1911, John Elliott was buried in his tomb at Brushy Peak and the tomb was sealed with cement and an iron gate. Today the gate is gone and only the cement tomb is still intact. (In 1936 it was reported that the tomb was vandalized.)

Joaquin Murietta and Brushy Peak

The first mention of Joaquin Murietta was the 1901 newspaper article referenced above. In 1937 the local paper requested anyone with knowledge about Joaquin Murietta and Brushy Peak to contact the local paper. The Oakland Tribune also picked up on the story and made the same request. There is no indication that anyone contacted the paper.

The most interesting part of the LARPD trip is the rock formations at the base of the peak. It should be noted that the hike to the top of Brushy Peak is somewhat steep. (The top is covered with Oak trees, not just brush). Not all the trips hike to the top. For information about these hikes contact LARPD at 373-5700 (Reservations are needed.)



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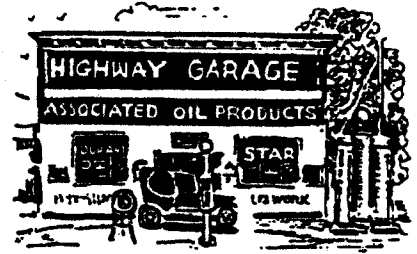
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May 1995 Vol. XXIII No. 8

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, **DUARTE GARAGE**
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR THIS MEETING!

Saturday, May 27, Lincoln Highway Museum
16th Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser for Lincoln Highway Museum. Open to the public.
Spaghetti dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (\$5.00 for dinner) and Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased @ Carnegie Bldg. (hours are 11:30 - 4:00 p.m. Wed. thru Sun.) or at the door.

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Oops! We goofed - - the spaghetti dinner was reported in last month's newsletter as being \$6.00 when it is still an affordable \$5.00!

Thanks to Muriel Dean and Bill Junk, the Duarte Garage now has a new cement floor. We have also purchased 100 new folding chairs. The old rickety chairs we used to use at the dinners are now history!

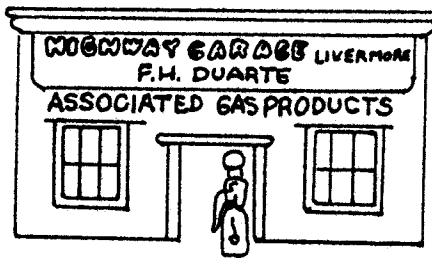


A note from Graham Nissen regarding last month's article on Brushy Peak:

Your report on the Brushy Peak tour reminded me of the time I owned and farmed the area. One evening about four p.m. I was walking by the Elliott cave and noticed the iron door open. I climbed the wooden steps to see inside the cave. There was a skeleton on a pedestal, apparently it was a small man. I notified the Elliott family who came later and re-cemented the door. There was a plaque at the time which was stolen during the war thinking there would be gold inside. Nothing was inside.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE AUCTION. IT SHOULD BE FUN!

ACTION!



FUN!

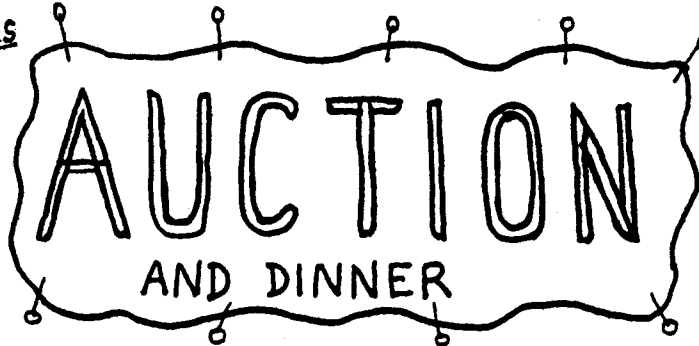
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SATURDAY-MAY 27

LINCOLN AT THE
HIGHWAY GARAGE - NORTH "L" St. at PORTOLA Ave.

PREVIEW : 5:00 to 7:00 PM

AUCTION : 7:00 PM SHARP

SPAGHETTI AND MEAT BALLS DINNER

6:00 PM - \$5⁰⁰ DONATION



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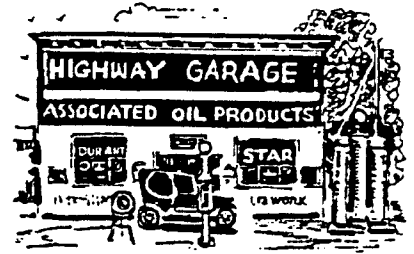
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June 1995 Vol. XXIII No. 9

CALENDAR

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The 16th Annual Auction though smaller than previous years, still offered a fun time for all. The crowd broke into applause when the new chairs were unveiled. All in all the auction raised \$1700. The money will be used for the next project at the Garage which is replacing the windows on the cottage side. Nearly 90 spaghetti dinners were served and Lynn Owens did a great job as our auctioneer extraordinaire once again.

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In two issues of the Valley Times in February this year there were interesting articles by Nilda Rego about the Nelson-Wolgast fight in 1910. There is a Livermore connection for Nelson, as explained in the following article - written at the time of Oliver "Battling" Nelson's death in 1954. (Herald, February 19, 1954)

"Battling" Nelson Trained Here For Title Bout

Livermore climate was once credited with being a strong factor in winning a world's boxing championship, a fact known to but a few Livermoreans of today and brought to light by the death last week of the famed "Battling" Nelson, lightweight title holder of nearly half a century ago.

And, further, Nelson owned a ranch here and planned to make the valley his home, a plan which never materialized.

He came to Livermore first in March, 1908, in company with Percy Dana, a San Francisco photographer, who owned property here. On a second trip he completed negotiations with F. D. Burr of the Livermore Valley Land Company on April 21, 1908 for the purchase of 65 acres of land, on which he planned to build a home. The property was long known as, and is still remembered by older residents, as the "Battling" Nelson place.

Nelson put in considerable time in Livermore in the period immediately following, participating in a double act on Sunday, May 3, when he umpired the baseball game between Livermore and the Gantner & Matterns and put on a four-round boxing exhibition with Jeff Perry, one of his sparring partners.

Nelson and his manager, Willis Britt, were frequent visitors to The Herald office, the latter making it his headquarters for much of the planning for the championship fight with Joe Gans at Colma on July 4th.

In commenting on the purchase of the property here Nelson was quoted in part in The Herald of April 25, 1908 as follows: "I consider that Livermore has the healthiest climate in California, if not the world, and from what I can see and learn the valley stands second to none in the world on wine, grapes and hay."

Nelson and Britt became further convinced of Livermore's advantages for training during succeeding weeks and about June 10 when they went to Mendenhall Springs, ten miles south of Livermore, with sparring partners to train for the fight. Original plans had been to train at Harbin Springs, a famed Lake county resort, but conditions here were found to be much superior.

Mendenhall Springs was then a resort popular with Livermore and bay area people.

For the benefit of San Francisco fight fans who wanted to get a look at Nelson the final days of training were at Colma, where the "Durable Dane" defeated Gans on July 4th with a knockout in the 17th round. Twenty Livermore friends attended the bout. The fight was Nelson's revenge for his loss to Gans at Goldfield, Nevada in 42 rounds in 1906, Nelson lost on a foul but claimed Gans had quit and he should have had the title. He argued his case for two years before he got another chance at Gans.

Dana was in Livermore a few days after the fight and said: "Nelson attributes the splendid condition in which he went into the fight to his stay at Mendenhall Springs, which he considered the ideal resort for putting an athlete into condition. He is enthusiastic over the climate of Livermore and is sounding its praises wherever he goes."

Nelson again defeated Gans at Colma in September, and held the title until February 22, 1910, when he was defeated by Ad. Wolgast in 40 rounds at Richmond, many Livermore friends again attending. He continued to fight until 1917 and after his retirement occasionally appeared in exhibitions.

In recent years he had been in poor health and penniless, living in Chicago, where his death occurred, on funds provided by friends.

As an addenda to the above article, there is a vignette of Nelson in Stud Terkel's autobiography "Talking to Myself" (New York, Pantheon, 1977). In 1953 Terkel interviewed an old, ill Nelson in his hotel room home in Chicago. The author's description is a sad comment on the fate of a once-famous fighter.



THE BAT & ERNIE: Councilman Ernie Utendorffer(1)stands alongside of Battling Nelson(2). world middleweight champ. in the Livermore ball park back in '08. The Bat was a champion nickel-squeezer, too, says Ernie.



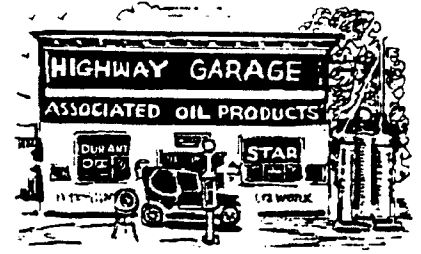
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July 1995 Vol. XXIII No. 10

CALENDAR

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Guild is sad to report the passing of Kitsy Junk, who was a lifetime member of the Livermore Heritage Guild. She was born and raised in Livermore, and along with her husband, Bill and daughter, Susan were avid supporters of the Livermore Heritage Guild as well as collectors of Livermore Memorabilia. Our deepest sympathies go out to Bill and Susan.



Excerpted from the Livermore Herald, 4/17/1909

EARLY RAILROADING IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

Building of Old Western Pacific and Other Roads

The Township Register, published at Centerville, has been running a series of interesting sketches bearing on the early history of Alameda county and especially the interior section. In the last issue appeared an article on early railroad construction in the county which will be of peculiar interest to old settlers and is reproduced for their benefit herewith:

The construction of the Western Pacific railroad through Alameda county brings to mind the building of the old Western Pacific, a road seventy-five miles long, from Stockton to San Jose, which ran through the counties of Santa Clara, Alameda and San Joaquin. It nearly crossed the whole of the widest portion of the Alameda county, from west to east, and was by way of Niles Canyon and Livermore Pass. To obtain the right of way several condemnation suits were brought. It crossed the lands of Chester Harris, H.M. Ellsworth, R. J. Horner, W.Y. Horner, W.S. Graves, Earl Marshall, M. Overacker, R. Bonner, Perry Morrison and several others. The construction of the road through Niles Canyon began in the early part of 1865, when a force of some 500 Chinamen was put to work grading a roadbed.

The country along the line of the new road began to boom. W.M. Mendenhall donated ten acres of land to the company for a depot, and laid out a town, naming the same after Livermore, the first settler in the valley. The name of the place called Alisal was changed to Pleasanton and a town platted. Land advanced largely in price, and speculation throughout the county increased to a fervor.

The road followed the same course that the Southern Pacific does through Niles Canyon, crossing the creek on a stone pier at the northern end of the Clarke tract, and thence ran along the Clarke property as does the present Western Pacific and through the lands of the several people mentioned, and on to San Jose. The depot was situated east of the Clarke home, within one hundred yards of the Clarke bridge.

The old landmark was torn down some ten years ago and moved to the present site of the California Pressed Brick Company, where another house was constructed of the material. The old stone pier was also removed—the blocks of granite being used in the construction of the handsome entrance to the Masonic Home in Decoto.

In the early part of 1863 a move was made to construct a railroad from Oakland to Niles, a distance of 22 miles, the estimated cost of which was \$750,000. It was to be known as the Alameda Valley Railroad. The Board of Supervisors was authorized by the Legislature to call a special election to vote on the proposition, and if the majority were in favor of the road, the Supervisors were to subscribe \$200,000 toward its construction. The

election was held, but the proposition was lost by a vote of 829 for and 982 against. Centerville, Mission San Jose, Alvarado and Hayward casting a decided vote unfavorable to the scheme. This election was made famous in the history of the county as that in which the question of subsidy to railroads was tested, and this was about the time the first sod was dug for the great transcontinental road, then known as the Central Pacific.

Editor's note: There was a Western Pacific railroad station in Livermore from 1910-1956 near the current Southern Pacific depot.



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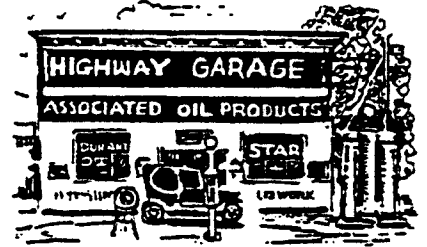
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August 1995 Vol. XXIII No. 11

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 10, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, DUARTE GARAGE
Please note location change this time only!

14th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3 and 4
Look for the Historymobile on the tour

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Jerry Bireley, member of the Heritage Guild board, recently had a fire at his Livermore home. Jerry has been a long time supporter of the Guild. The members of the LHG wish to offer Jerry our condolences in these unfortunate times.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. YOUR DUES HELP US OPERATE THE HISTORY CENTER AND MAINTAIN OUR EXHIBITS AND PUBLICATIONS.

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I would like additional information about the Livermore Heritage Guild.
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NEW RENEWAL

From: Tillie Calhoun

Re: School Visits Historymobile

In April and May the LHG Historymobile visited 7 elementary schools (Rancho Las Positas, Sunset, Marilyn, Emma C. Smith, Jackson, Portola and Christensen, approximately 700 students) in Livermore. Third grade students tour the traveling museum to learn about Livermore and its settlers.

We had to turn down some requests this year due to lack of volunteers and/or substitutes.

Thanks to the following people for their assistance as drivers or docents: Bill Junk, Bob Wade, Phillip Dean, Bobbie Baird, Marie Timmer, Mary Lou Hodgson. Upper grade students assisted me at many schools.

The Historymobile will be at Concannon Vineyard during the Annual Harvest Event in September.

Bobbie Baird shares leaves from her California bay laurel tree. Students were pleased to take a leaf after learning uses of the leaves by the first people to settle in this area.



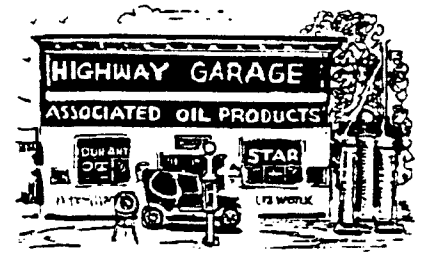
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CALENDAR

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

Thursday, October 19, 7-9 p.m.
Thompson Gallery, 2241 First Street, Livermore
"Reflections" photographs in Black and White
by Robert C. Myers
Info: 449-1163

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS OCTOBER STARTS THE BEGINNING OF OUR NEW YEAR.

The Livermore Heritage Guild is operated by a board of directors. The Guild currently has openings for several board seats. You do not need to have an extensive knowledge of Livermore history to be a member of the board. If you are interested in Livermore history and would be interested in serving on the board, contact Larry Mauch at 443-8596 and leave a message. The Board meets once a month on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the old Carnegie Library on Third St. This is a chance to interact with other members of the community interested in Livermore's history.

The Heritage Guild Board has decided to purchase a MacIntosh computer system with a scanner to

catalog all the Guild's archival records and photographs. Many people have donated artifacts to the Guild and the Board wants to develop a professional database that can be used in researching and retrieving information from our archives. The cost of this system will be roughly \$4,000 but we feel it is money well spent. We have set up a fund to purchase this system. If you are interested in making a donation, mail it to P.O. Box 961, Livermore, CA 94551. Any contributions will be appreciated.

You may have noticed you received no newsletter in September. The editor's busy schedule and the amount of research that was needed for this month's article required more time. We hope you enjoy the article about Horton and Kennedy and apologize for having to combine the September/October newsletters. You will receive another newsletter in November with an article about the Farmer's Union built in 1874.

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Israel Horton and George Kennedy owned a lumber yard in Livermore from 1878 until 1921. They advertised regularly throughout the area including San Francisco for Enterprise Windmills for which they were the exclusive California agents. The Horton home, built in 1867, still stands in Livermore. It is one of the oldest houses in town.

Horton and Kennedy
by Larry Mauch

At nineteen years of age, Israel Horton left Nova Scotia for California. Arriving in October

1857, Israel first tried his luck in the mining district in Placer County. Soon he decided to move on and purchased a team and wagon and drove 19 days to Los Angeles. At that time the town was nearly all adobe buildings. Mr. Horton stayed in Los Angeles for nearly two years working as a carpenter.

In 1860 Mr. Horton returned to San Francisco and worked for several years in a furniture factory. In 1862 Mr. Horton again relocated, this time to Washington Corners, near Mission San Jose. He continued to work as a carpenter in the area building a hotel in 1863 at Scott's corner for Mr. Foscalina. (Scott's Corner was located at the intersection of the Pleasanton & Sunol Road and Highway 84). The following year, in 1864, he built the Odd Fellows Hall in the Irvington district and the Masonic Hall in the Centerville district, both districts now part of Fremont.

In 1865 Mr. Horton built a house for Peter Wilson in the Livermore Valley. Later when recalling that time, Israel Horton commented that he didn't care for the valley because of the noise from all of Mr. Wilson's sheep and also the valley was so dry. The year 1864 had been an excessively dry year for the valley. The loss of livestock had been very high because of the lack of drinking water. William Mendenhall, later to become the founder of the town of Livermore, reported losing \$40,000 in cattle and horses.

The year 1865 was also the year that Alphonso Ladd settled in the valley in the area that was later to become known as Laddsville (near Old First Street and Junction Ave. in the current town of Livermore). Laddsville was the first town in the valley and at one time had a population of nearly 200 people.

In 1866 Israel Horton built the two story Rose Hotel in Pleasanton for Mr. Antonio Bardellini who also had an establishment in Laddsville (the hotel in Pleasanton was torn down in the 1950's).

Israel Horton also volunteered his services to build the first school house in the valley near Robert Livermore's old house. (Robert Livermore, 1799-1858 was the first Anglo settler in the valley, establishing his home near what is today Portola Ave. and Murrieta Blvd.)

Apparently Israel Horton's views about the valley changed and he purchased a ½ acre of land in Laddsville in 1867. His decision was probably influenced by Laura May, whom he had married about this time. Laura was the daughter of George May, a prominent rancher in the valley. (May school which was located on May Road in Livermore was named after him). In 1867 the Hortons built a two story house in Laddsville and started their family. The house was pictured in the 1878 Atlas of Alameda County.

In 1868 their first child, Marion Horton, was born in San Francisco. On January 2, 1870 their second child Laura May Horton was born. Laura was always referred to as Elsie and was the first child actually born in Laddsville, undoubtedly at the Hortons' home. Their third child, Everett, was born in 1874.

In 1869 William Mendenhall laid out the town of Livermore ½ mile West from Laddsville. By donating land to the new railroad for a depot he guaranteed success for the newly established town. After a disastrous fire in Laddsville in 1871, many of the businesses relocated to Livermore to be nearer the railroad depot.

In 1869 Derby and Company, lumber dealers at the Alameda Wharf, established a lumber yard in Livermore. The lumber yard was located between what is now Railroad Ave. and First Street at the intersection. Israel Horton became manager of the yard in 1870.

Being an ambitious man, in 1872 while managing the lumber yard, Mr. Horton became an agent for Enterprise Windmills, manufactured by

the Sandwich Enterprise Company of Illinois. The company treasurer was George Kennedy. In 1875 Mr. Kennedy came to California to visit Mr. Horton. Apparently the two hit it off very well as at this time Mr. Kennedy decided to relocate to California and become partners with Mr. Horton. Together they would become exclusive agents for the Enterprise Windmills in California. So in early 1876 Mr. Kennedy packed up his belongings and moved with his new wife, Henrietta, to Livermore. The partnership of Horton and Kennedy was announced in the Livermore papers in July 1876. Israel Horton continued to manage the Livermore lumber yard.

was reported that over 1000 Enterprise Windmills had been sold to-date. The firm of Horton and Kennedy was prospering. In the 1890's reports were in the papers of 10 to 20 train carloads of lumber arriving in a single week for the firm. Besides the lumber and the windmills they were also representatives for Glydden barbed wire.

In 1912, one month after the death of his wife, George Kennedy passed away. They had two children who survived them. Meanwhile Horton and Kennedy continued under the sole direction of Israel Horton.

In 1914 the firm of Horton and Kennedy purchased the Livermore Planing Mill located on the grounds of the lumber yard. C.C. Wilder, who sold the mill, continued as its manager. But in 1916 disaster struck when a fire broke out in a motor box at the mill destroying it and St. Michael's church one block away. The fire was the worst fire in town in years. The planing mill was rebuilt with upgraded electrical service. St. Michael's church was a total loss. The new St. Michael's church was built on 4th and McCloud Streets the next year.

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From August 5, 1876 Livermore Enterprise

The two men purchased the lumber yard from Derby & company in 1878. That same year it

Take It to the Planing Mill.

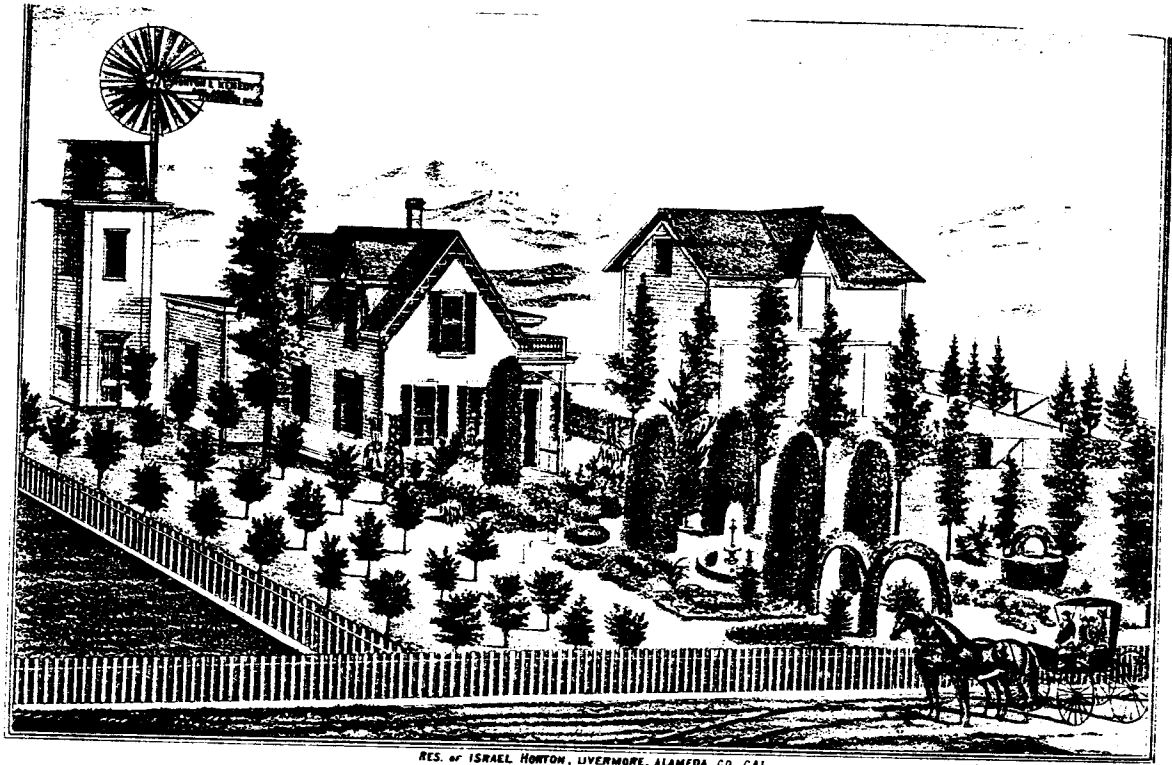
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At Horton & Kennedy's Lumber Yard

Ad from July 28, 1906, Livermore Herald



Above: Sketch from the 1878 Atlas of Alameda County of Israel Horton's home and barn.

Below: (left): house as it looks today. Notice the balcony on the right hand side in the above sketch has since been enclosed with a second roof.

Below (right): The barn shown in the 1878 Atlas of Alameda County has now been converted into a residence. You can still see the similarities between the sketch and the photo.



In 1921 Israel Horton sold the lumber yard to Arendt & Company. Later that year the partnership of Horton and Kennedy was dissolved. Israel and his wife Laura sold the home they had built 47 years earlier to Dr. J.M. Carter in 1923. The couple moved to San Francisco to be near their daughter Elsie. Elsie, the first child born in Laddsville, was now Elsie Dennis. Her husband W.J.M. Dennis worked for John Tunnicliffe & Company, grocers in San Francisco.

In August 1927 Israel Horton passed away in San Francisco. The local paper carried a front page article about the Livermore pioneer. He was nearly ninety years old at the time of his death. He was buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore. His wife passed away in 1929 and was buried beside him.

In 1929 the lumber yard was sold to A.C. Barry who in turn sold it in 1933 to the Independent Lumber Yard. In 1935 the yard was sold again to the Diamond Match Company who abandoned the site.

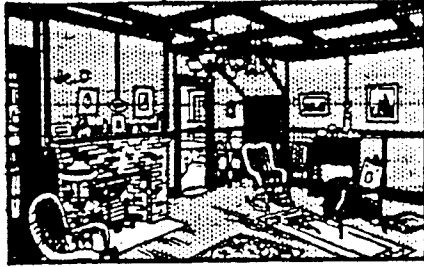
In 1940 R.A. Hansen purchased the property and razed the buildings. An article in the local paper talked of several interesting artifacts uncovered when the office was torn down. Several receipts from the lumber yard were discovered along with two calendars from 1870 and 1871 listing R. W. Graham as the local agent for the yard. Graham owned a general merchandise store in Laddsville

that handled everything from hardware to clothes and groceries.

The Horton house is now the office for the Town Motel on Gardella Plaza formerly part of Old First Street. It is one of the oldest homes in Livermore that still stands. The red house behind the motel is the converted barn shown in the 1878 atlas.

Many of the city's early pioneers are buried at Roselawn. The Horton plot is in sad shape today as is the plot of William Mendenhall and his family. The concrete covering the plots is broken and the effects of years of rain has caused the cement to sink. Originally established in 1883 as a Masonic cemetery the grounds were purchased in 1960 by the Art Monument Company of Hayward.

(Note: Israel and Laura Horton's oldest son Marion Horton (1868-1916) and his wife Ada resided in Livermore and had four children. Two boys Ellsworth and Stanley and two girls Hazel and Undine. These were the only Horton grandchildren. The date of Elsie Horton's (1870-1936) birth in Laddsville as well as her given name Laura May Horton was established from the 1936 records of Woodlawn Memorial Park in Colma, Ca. A copy of those records is on file with the Livermore Heritage Guild. Everett Horton (1874-1934) the third child moved with his wife Nina to Oakland in the late 1880's where he lived the rest of his life and became a county bridge tender.)



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