



# LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD

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P.O. Box 961, Livermore, California 94550

OCTOBER, 1977

NEWSLETTER

Vol. V, no. 1

MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, October 13, new library meeting room, 7.30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT On Sept. 8, the following slate was elected: Chairman, Janet Newton; Vice Chairman, Garrett Drummond; Secretary, Jean Becker; Treasurer, Barbara Junk; Membership Chairman, William Mansfield. Directors: Barbara Otto, Dorothy Nielsen, Carl Schneider, Olga Peiffer, Edward Peiffer, Tony Bolander. Elected members of the nominating committee, Genevieve Fraser, Barry Schrader.

Dan Mosier, our speaker for the evening, gave an excellent talk on the Livermore Coal Mines of Harris Canyon. We look forward to reading the text of the book he has written on the subject and we hope it can be published.

THE QUILT SHOW The Quilt Show was a success. It depended on the hard work and specialized talents of so many people that we hope this expression of thanks to all of them will excuse us if we do not thank them separately. The donors of the quilts were generous to lend us such an outstanding collection. There was a net donation to the Heritage Guild of about \$550. This benefit is in addition to the value to the public and to the Guild of seeing such a fine display of historic artifacts.

LIVERMORE FALL FESTIVAL, Oct. 1 and 2. Our new exhibit in the History Center in the Carnegie Building will feature a visual display of early-day subdivisions in Livermore, 1869 - 1910, prepared by Garrett Drummond. There will also be an exhibit of air-photos of Livermore taken from 1949 to 1959.

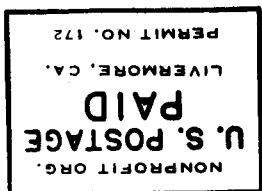
The house survey organized and carried out by Gary a year ago has attracted much out-of-town attention. It was written up in the Newsletter of CALIFORNIANS FOR PRESERVATION ACTION and as a result Gary has been asked to speak about it to the planning commissions of Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Vallejo.

Back to the History Center - bright and early on the morning after the Quilt Show we got a call from St. Michael's School asking if we could come to the school and give a slide show to the fourth grade class instead of the class walking to the History Center as planned. The beautiful, heavy rain made the plan impractical since when we have classes in the Carnegie Building our space is so limited that part of the class has to wait outside while a small group goes through the exhibit on Livermore history. We were happy to comply.

DUARTE GARAGE MUSEUM On Oct. 15 & 16 we will have an exhibit of historic artifacts including the 1920 Seagrave fire engine, old gas pumps, agricultural implements and other artifacts. We will show our most recent acquisition, a 7 foot piece of wooden water pipe that dates back to 1876 when Thos. Hayes established the Arroyo Valle Water Co. that brought water from near the dam to Livermore by means of wooden pipes. These were made from straight tree trunks. A 6" bore was made in them and they were designed to fit into each other. We have a copy of an ad. for "Wychoff's Patent Boring Machine" which we will show. This most interesting artifact was given to us by John Jensen Sr.

The same week-end of our exhibit in the Duarte Garage, we will have an exhibit in the old Murray School on Donlon Way in Dublin at the Dedication of that building. The Dedication festival will be open Saturday and Sunday. Make it a history week end. See both exhibits.

OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE SALE. will accompany our exhibit in the Duarte Garage. Jean Becker and her committee are working hard to get ready for this sale. The worthy projects we can carry out with the money from the project are too long to list here. Please help us in any way you



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you can. We need markers, salespeople, donations of food and of course, donations of merchandise. Call Muriel Allen, 447-6096; Olga Peiffer, 443-3096; Kitsy Junk, 447-4561 evenings, if you can give some work time. For pick-up, call Marylou Gregory, 447-8230; Bill Junk, 447-4561; or Jean Becker, 447-1438. Work sessions at garage, Sundays, 10 - 12.

We were shocked to get a property-tax bill for possessory interest in the Garage. We have challenged the tax and we are encouraged by a letter from the legal department of the State Board of Equalization - at the request of Assemblyman Floyd Mori - that gives us hope that the Alameda County Counsel will concur with the opinion that "a taxable possessory interest does not exist in the Guild's right to use the Duarte property". Our contract with the City specifically restricts our activity to benefiting the City of Livermore.

MAY PUBLIC SCHOOL Our new planning committee for the school will proceed with all possible speed to put the well in order and to install a caretaker on the property. It will then be safe to proceed with the work of finishing the building. Our liability insurance costs have skyrocketed and we cannot lose by spending money to reduce the risk and thereby the premiums. Dorothy and David Nielsen have done an amount of work on the building that only they know the total of. Not only have they done back-breaking work but they have found donations of valuable lumber and other needed supplies. Restoring old building is almost as expensive these days as building new ones. The Niensens have worked wonders with very little expense to the Guild, but the extent of their contribution is not apparent. - a patient being operated on does not look like a well patient. If you can contribute some work - at restoring or cleaning up (an endless job), call Dorothy at 447-1406 or the Chairman of the committee, Leslie Jensen, 447-0406. The old school is a beautiful building and we are proud of saving it.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Eager-beavers Marylou Gregory and Barbara Otto need your help. Can you: knit, crochet, do "dough art", make Christmas ornaments, tat, embroider, do crewel work, decoupage, make puppets, do collages, macrame, tole paint? If so call Mary, 447-8230 or Barbara, 447-7977, and talk to the ladies about it. They can make suggestions and will be glad to hear from you. The bazaar is Nov. 11 & 12 at the Rec Center.

IN MEMORIAM We have received a contribution towards the work of the Guild in memory of John M. Richards.

MEMBERSHIP Capt. Mansfield suggests that if you have not already paid your dues, will you please consider doing it now? We will begin publishing the list of paid-up members in the next NEWSLETTER. If you have questions about membership, please call Bill at 443-2089. The Guild year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.



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NOVEMBER, 1977

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, November 10, 7.30 p.m., new library meeting room.

## LIVERMORE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

These funds are for neighborhood improvement projects and they include grants for historic properties. The Duarte Garage museum project fits the requirements of the Act. The Heritage Guild has made an application for assistance in the construction of the museum. We have pointed out that the Guild has accomplished a great deal already but with a liability insurance bill for 1977-78 of \$746 and an architect's bill for \$585 for "as-is" drawings (both of which have been paid) raising enough money to bring the building up to code and to install the necessary museum equipment will take a long time. That the museum is needed in the community is very evident from the valuable artifacts already collected in the building (see below), that it can be of great benefit to the schools is also readily apparent. It will also interest adults and it will bring tourists from other areas. It will benefit the whole town economically. Architect Bob McCabe has been asked to prepare plans for a museum of people at work - in the shop (the garage), on the ranch and in the home. We believe that it will be a great attraction and that there is not a similar museum anywhere else in the County. Please help us to gain approval of our request for a grant.

LIVERMORE HOUSE SURVEY From Garrett Drummond. An interesting item appeared in the San Jose Victorian Preservation Association NEWSLETTER for October/November 1977. They report that Mountain View is doing a historic survey of that city using "the Livermore Technique of intensive identification of buildings in an area with computer analysis of the results." Guild members who participated in our survey last year can be justifiably proud that our methodology is being used by other cities in the Bay Area. Sunnyvale is also using a method similar to ours.

ALAMEDA COUNTY ADVERTISING BUDGET For the last several years we have applied for a small grant from this fund on the basis that our program of publications and other work is beneficial to the whole county. During this time the ALVHS has received a grant of \$10,000 a year for its work in connection with the museum on the Fairgrounds. The Supervisors have not yet awarded any money at all to us. We believe that our publications, that are used far beyond our boundaries, and our historic preservation efforts are all good advertising for the County, as are other cultural programs in the County. There are many useful publications we could publish if we had enough money for the printing.

DUARTE MUSEUM OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE SALE Really hard work by Jean Becker and her committee resulted in donations of almost \$500 to the LHG. Our exhibit of historical artifacts was much enjoyed and we hope will continue to be. We had numerous loans of old farming implements and we are working with the schools to let classes see them before they must be returned. Marilyn Calhoun brought items from the Holm Ranch, Harold Gabriel brought his charming spring wagon that is in almost mint condition plus much old farming equipment. These plus our recent gift of the 7 ft. wooden water pipe from John Jensen and the old gas pumps that have been given to us made an interesting exhibit. Since the garage sale we have received two valuable gifts from Mrs. J.C.McGeehon of Walnut Creek. One is the Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine that Mrs.McGeehon's maternal grandmother gave to her mother in 1891 when a new model was bought. It was used from then on on the Crosby ranch that is south of Del Valle Lake. The other is a group of items of rain-gear from the Civil War that belonged to Capt. Wm. Crosby. One is marked "7 Me". We are really grateful to Mrs. McGeehon for her interest in our work and her valuable contributions. The sewing machine will be shown in future exhibits in the garage.

LIVERMORE COMMUNITY BAZAAR Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12

Barbara Otto and her committee will have a table of LHG publications, LHG notecards and hand-made items. Please help us to have a good selection. If you can make any items, please call Barbara at 447-7977. She will be glad to pick them up if necessary. Our cards include the new one "Greetings from Livermore" that is proving to be popular. We will have some of these with a handkerchief in the middle, pleated like a fan. The Bazaar is an enjoyable community get-together and also an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at bargain prices. If you would like to help with the hostessing and hosting, please call Barbara.

HELP FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS A recent talk to the American Taxpayers Union resulted in their voting to make a contribution to the Guild. This is very gratifying and encouraging. The Livermore Woman's Club continues to support us also. We are most grateful to them.

MEMBERSHIP From Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed HONOR ROLL of paid-up members and additional members listed below. The address label on this Newsletter also indicates the date to which member dues are paid. Life members are designated by the letter "L". A statement is enclosed for the convenience of people desiring to renew membership or join the Guild. If you have any questions, please call Capt. Mansfield at 443-2089.

ADDITIONS TO THE HONOR ROLL that is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Virginia Smith Bennett	I	Livermore High School Library	Lib	new
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Basso	F, new	Mr. & Mrs. James W. Shearer	F	
Barbara Carothers	I	Malvern R. Sweet	I	
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Eneidi	F	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Taylor	F	
Roger N. Everett	I			

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS The Livermore Echo

Dec. 5, 1889: "Martin Mendenhall's family enjoyed the luxury of new potatoes from their ranch for Thanksgiving." (This ranch is now the home of Herbert L. Hagemann.)

"A burglar gained an entrance through the back door of the Hiram Bailey residence Saturday night and going to an upper room occupied by two young ladies carried off a dress which contained \$12. The dress was later found in the back yard but the money and the burglar are still missing."

April 5, 1888: "The Bd. of Supervisors on Monday allowed the Livermore Board of Trade the sum of \$250 with which to coax the 'boom' to travel in this direction."

May 28, 1903: "The new bell for the May District Schoolhouse has been placed in position and was to have been tried out Sunday afternoon."

March 23, 1905: "Looks as if that town flagpole question will be solved at last. Livermore will have a public park in fifty years."

April 4, 1889: "The New York State Asylum for the Insane contains over fifty patients sent there by the practise of smoking cigarettes."

Dec. 20, 1888: "REAL ESTATE Insurance, employment and matrimonial agency. Searcher of records. Office, room 1, Livermore Hotel. H. Ineyard, Prop."

"Stamped pattern in Tidies, Bureau Scarfs and Splashes. Chenilles, silks, Germantown and Saxony yarns, shetland and Fairy floss, Tablecovers and Tidies. Fur wraps and Muffs. All at the Farmers' Union."



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DECEMBER, 1977

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, December 8, 7.30 p.m., new library meeting room.

DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM The Duarte museum project was not included in the allocation of Housing and Community Development Funds, though the funds are for just such projects as this one.

But we are pleased to report that Bob McCabe and his associates have been busy completing the work that will lead to the designing of a first-class - and probably unique - museum. One recent visitor to the garage commented "The halls at the Smithsonian are not any bigger than this." The potential for imaginative displays is really great.

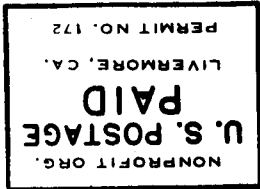
It is also very good news to get a message from Supervisor Valerie Raymond's office that Alameda County agrees with the State Board of Equalization that the Heritage Guild does not have a possessory interest in the Duarte property and that therefore we are not liable for the property tax. Our contract with the City limits the use of the property to activity that benefits the City of Livermore.

THE LIVERMORE HISTORICAL MARKER IN LINCOLN HIGHWAY PARK Our request to CALTRANS for directional signs leading to the monument was successful. CALTRANS will place signs at the end of the east-bound Portola off-ramp of U.S. 580 and on the west-bound off-ramp at Livermore Ave., Alameda County will place a marker across the road from the monument and one on each side of it. This is great but is no more than it should be! Since our plan, suggested to the Livermore Bicentennial Organization and approved by it for implementation was never carried out, we must consider other means of achieving it. We planned a shelter similar to the one at 5th and So. Livermore for the area behind the bronze plaque. The family of Robert Livermore was famous for its hospitality and generosity and it would be appropriate to provide a shady rest area in their honor for travelers who drive off the nearby highway. Many people stop now but there are only two small concrete slabs where they can sit. A pleasant ramada would be much better. If you can help either to build the structure or to donate materials or money, please call Carl Schneider, 443-3215 or Janet Newton, 447-9592. Across the road, the handsome arches of the old Rock House are now preserved, They add interest to the area, We will soon have a stopping place where visitors can re-live the era of the building of the Lincoln Highway, against a background of early California history, where artifacts and memories of how people worked and lived in the early years of this century can be seen and where people can picnic and enjoy the new park. The benefits will be both cultural and economic.

EXCERPTS FROM NEW NEWSPAPERS From HISTORY NEWS, Nov. 1977: "Vermont was the scene of a decision involving historic preservation and land use that could have national significance." Demolition of a wing of a structure in the Vermont Register of Historic Places resulted in possible criminal prosecution of the Vermont Dept. of Forests & Parks. "State agencies were shown that they are custodians of historic resources and that the responsibility is a serious one."

From PRESERVATION NEWS Nov. 1977: From a piece about Portland, Ore. Bill Naito has re-cycled old buildings in downtown Portland. "There is money to be made in preservation and Naito keeps a sharp eye on the bottom line. The cost of recycling old buildings is one-third to one half the cost of new construction..."

From "PRESERVATION MEANS JOBS" by Senator Leahy of Vermont; "...demolition and new construction yields an average of 70 jobs per \$1 million expended while renovation, including historical preservation, created 190 jobs per \$1 million - one half again as many..."



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LIVERMORE COMMUNITY BAZAAR We collected about \$138 at our table. Barbara Otto and her committee did a fine job. Start now to make items for next year's sale.

MEMBERSHIP Additions to paid-up member list since November NEWSLETTER.  
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Mrs Carrie C. Alexander	I	Mrs. Richard W. Hewitt	I
M/Mrs. DeWitt Allen	F	M/Mrs Larry Holmes	Sp
Am. Taxpayers Union, Local 115,	Sp new	Thomas A. Kramer	J
M/Mrs Peder E. Andersen	F	M/Mrs Michael MacCracken	F
Miss Marie Barthe	I	Mrs. Irene M. Meyers	S, to 79
Mrs. Elaine M. Basso	I	M/Mrs. Donald G. Miller	F
M/Mrs John J. Blaney	F	M/Mrs Ian Murray	F
Tony Bolander	J	Donald G. Nelson	I
Mrs. Merilyn Calhoun	I	M/Mrs James W. O'Connor	S 2
M/Mrs Carlos D. Cantua	F, to 79	Carmelus Owens	I
M/Mrs Charles Crohare	F	Violet Owens	S
M/Mrs Peter DeHaan	S 2	C.P. Raboli Family	F
M/Mrs Robt P. Dickinson	F	M/Mrs Remo J. Rosa	F
M/Mrs G.B. Drummond	Sp	Dr. /Mrs John B. Shirley	Sp
M/Mrs Charles T. Duffey	F new	Louis L. Stein, Jr.	I
John B. Edmands	F	Madge Stout	I
Mrs. Genevieve S. Fraser	I	Mrs. Theresa Thompson	I
M/Mrs Archer H. Futch	F	Mrs. Karl L. Wente	LIFE
M/Mrs Ernest F. Gohler, Sr.	S 2	M/Mrs John R. Wheelock	F
M/Mrs LeRoy Green	F	corr. E Lorene Olsen add	F, for M/M J.J.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From the Livermore Echo, March 12, 1891 :

The dedication and laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic church [on E. 1st] which will take place next Tues. March 17, will be by far the most notable event of the kind that has yet taken place in Livermore. It is expected that a large number of visitors will arrive on the 11 a.m. train. They will be met at the depot by the Y M I accompanied by the Livermore Cornet Band and escorted to the church, upon reaching which His Grace Archbishop Reardon will perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone... T.J. Welch of S.F. was the architect...

NOTE: This was to be the second St. Michael's church in Livermore built on land given by the family of Alphonso Ladd. The first one was built in 1872 and it was dedicated to St. Michael on Sept. 29. Father Wm. N. Abeloe of St. Joseph's church in Mission San Jose has obtained for us copies of the entry of the above information in Archbishop Alemany's handwriting, from the church archives in San Francisco. The first mission church was located about where the City Corporation yard is now. The second one referred to above, was east of the RR, on East First St.



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JANUARY, 1978

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7.30 p.m., new library meeting room.

## DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM

As of this writing, the Duarte museum project has not been included in the disbursement of the \$375,000 Livermore Community Development Fund. It was stated that the Duarte Museum was a worthwhile community effort but not of benefit to low and moderate income residents. We believe that the latter statement is not correct and we will try to show the City Council that it is not. Please help us in any way you can.

There are two items of good news. One is that architect Bob McCabe has finished the as-built drawings and that we will soon have a meeting with him to learn his specific suggestions for developing the building and to make decisions concerning them. We will then be on our way to acquiring a very exciting museum.

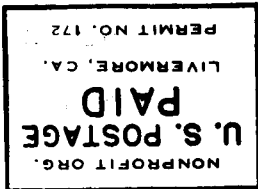
The second item is that we received a letter from the County Assessor saying that he has requested the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to cancel the erroneous assessment of the Duarte Garage property.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION From our Preservation Officer, Garrett Drummond.

More good news! Work has begun on the restoration of the D.J. Murphy house at 291 McLeod. The property has recently changed hands and the new owner, Gary Barber, has started repairs already. The Heritage Guild has offered the new owner its help as an "idea" bank for restoring the house to its original appearance and as a resource for architectural detailing on new front and rear porches. This fine Italianate will be an outstanding contribution to the historic heritage of our city. Let's offer Gary an individual and collective encouragement as he progresses with his restoration job.

Judith Waldhorn will be offering her popular Victorian architecture course this spring at the U C Extension Division in San Francisco. Several Guild members have taken her course in the past. Call Extension Division office in San Francisco, 861-6833 for details. The course starts February 16.

Another U C Extension offering will be a weekend (Saturday & Sunday) workshop at the Camron-Stanford house in Oakland. It is entitled "What's in a house - the home as a reflection of lifestyles, past and present." The focus will be on the relationship between the house as an architectural creation and the people who live, or lived, in them. The workshop will be held twice, on April 15 - 16 and on May 6 - 7. The Extension Division can provide you with details on this course also.



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LIVERMORE ROOTS The Livermore Art Association extends an invitation to an exhibit of paintings by a noted Italian artist, Pietro Annigoni, whose mother, he says, came from Livermore and all her life was homesick for the town. Her name was Theresa Botti and she was taken to Italy as a bride! The show will be at State Savings & Loan and the preview will be on Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. Anyone with information about Theresa botti or about where the Botti family house was, please call Janet Newton, 447-9592. This invitation came from Merilyn Calhoun.

THE NATIONAL TRUST announces a new HISTORIC HOUSE ASSOCIATION. It is to assist private owners of historic property with the variety of problems they encounter. An organization meeting will be held in January.

MEMBERSHIP From Membership chairman, W.N.Mansfield. 443-2089

Additions to paid-up member list since December NEWSLETTER.

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Dr./Mrs. John D. Anderson	F	M/Mrs Jerry Blackmore	F
Giovanna Born	I	Ralph H. Condit	F
Ann Dellavalle	I	M/Mrs Elliott Dopking	F
Blanche Ensign, new	S	Chet Fankhauser	Life
Henrietta Fankhauser	I	Fraser & Hartnell	Sp
Leslie Jensen	Life	M/Mrs. Fred Wagner	Sp
Juanita S. Vidalin	I		

VALUABLE REFERENCE BOOK RE-ISSUED A book long out of print that should be in the library of all those who collect the history of Livermore is THE HISTORY OF MISSION SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 1797-1835, by Francis Florence McCarthy. It has been re-issued by the Committee for the Restoration of Mission San Jose. Price, paperbound, \$7.00, includes tax & shipping, hard-bound, \$11.26, total. Send to the above Committee, Box 3314, Mission San Jose, Ca. 94538.

Father McCarthy's work depicts the life in the mission and the work of the priests who founded it. This of course includes life in this valley since our valley's name - Valle de San Jose - refers to the fact that it was part of the mission's lands. This is a good book and historians should be grateful to the Committee for re-issuing it.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From the LIVERMORE ECHO, 25 Dec., 1890:

"H. Morrill on bicycle and H. Schramm on skates will contest for a ten dollar cash prize in a series of three races at the Rink on Sat. Dec.27."





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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, Feb. 9, 7.30 p.m., new library meeting room.

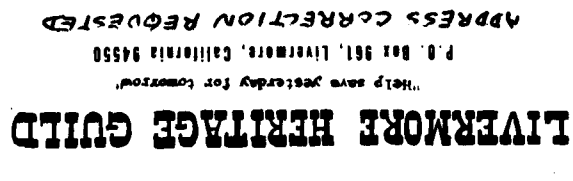
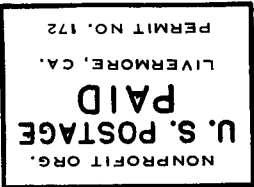
DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM In our annual report as of January first, we say, in brief, that we have an architect making plans for the museum; that we have collected valuable artifacts for it; that over 50 hours of work was done repairing the sash windows and we held two garage sales. The expenses were: liab. insurance \$616; materials \$26; architect's fees \$1090; donated work, value \$750 - does not include the vast number of hours of work on the garage sales. Total expenses \$2482. Income: garage sales \$880, coattage rental \$240. LHG investment in project, \$1361.

The meaning of the words in the Council minutes of 7/19/76 "that public funds will not be spent on the building" has not been made clear as of this writing. CM Turner who made the motion tells us that he intended this to mean City of Livermore funds, but Mayor Tirsell said she wanted time to think it over. It is an extremely important question. The recent grant to the City of \$375,000 Housing and Community Development Funds could include a grant to the museum. The Dublin Heritage Center, for example, will get \$15,000. We feel that we are entitled to a reason for being excluded from this assistance when so many other public service groups are not, including the City Council itself. We hope for an early answer.

GARAGE SALE PLANS It was decided to have only one garage sale in 1978, in October. We will all be busy working on the House Tour in May. But we will have a big sale later, so please let us have your discards. Remember us when doing spring-cleaning. For pick-up call: M/M Ed. Peiffer 443-3096; Bill Junk 447-4561, after 5; Janet Newton 447-9592.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION The County has increased the number of members of the Parks Advisory Commission from 10 to 15. The new members are consultants in historic preservation. We are pleased that Gary Drummond is one of the new Commissioners and also Father Wm.N.Abeloe of Mission San Jose. Allocations in this field will now be discussed by those who are well versed in the subject and who have made a large personal contribution to it.

CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES We have invited the CCHS to hold its Fall Symposium in Livermore in 1979. Chabot College-Valley Campus will join us, through Jos. downs of their History Dept. as well as other historical societies in the valley, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and CCHS Regional VP, LHG members E.Lunney Ryan. We will be able to discuss our problems and successes with kindred spirits from all over California.



MUSEUM NEWS Innovative museum in Paris is huge success. From A GOOD MONSTER by Calvin Tomkins. The design of THE CENTRE NATIONAL d'ART ET DE CULTURE GEORGE POMPIDOU - the "Beaubourg" is quite radical. Architects Rogers and Piano made the interior space as uncluttered and flexible as possible by putting service elements on the roof and painting them bright colors. Piping and wiring needed inside is fully exposed and painted primary colors.

At times the project had nothing but bitter enemies. Failure seemed certain. But the public fell in love with it and instead of the 5000 visitors a day predicted, 20,000 a day came and one week-end there were 46,000! It wasn't until the 19th century that museums became public places but especially in the United States they were used as educational and uplifting elements for lower income people. Pontus Hulten, the Director of the Beaubourg stated that museums must be opened to the largest possible public and right away.

All this makes us think of the Duarte garage. It has "uncluttered and flexible space" and the old facade has great appeal and will have more when it is restored to its former bright and cheerful colors.

MEMBERSHIP Additions to paid-up members since January NEWSLETTER. From Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield, Membership Chairman. 443-2089

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|------------------|------|---------------------|----------|
| Diane Andrade    | Ind. | Marlys Overby       | Ind.     |
| Virginia Barber  | F    | M/M Wm. Ralph       | Srs.     |
| Zylpha Beck      | Sr.  | Ramona Valencia     | Ind. New |
| David Eller      | Ind. | Thos. E. Wainwright | F.       |
| M/M G.Earl Ising | F.   |                     |          |

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For fiscal year ending 30 Sept. 1978. Dues & donations are tax deductible.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1978

Individual \$ 5\_\_\_

Family 7\_\_\_

Junior(18 or less) 1\_\_\_

Senior(65 or over) 2\_\_\_

Sponsor 25\_\_\_

Life 100\_\_\_

Library 5\_\_\_

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# LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD

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P.O. Box 961, Livermore, California 94550

MARCH, 1978

NEWSLETTER

Vol. V, no. 6

MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, March 9th, 7.30 p.m., new library meeting room.

VISIT OLD LIVERMORE HOUSE TOUR In partnership with the Livermore Symphony Guild.

Our second "Old Livermore House Tour" promises to be as big a success as our first one two years ago. Five Livermore friends and neighbors have agreed to share their beautiful homes with us and we are grateful to them. The house tour committee is working diligently under the general chairmanship of Sue Spataro. There will be music in each of the houses and refreshments in one of them provided without charge. There will be a souvenir guide to the houses. Tickets will be on sale soon. Reserve the date, Sunday afternoon, May 7th.

DUARTE GARAGE GARAGE SALE We are going to have one big sale this year in October instead of two sales as last year. We are pleased that items are coming in all the time and we are sure the October sale will be a big success. If you have something to donate to help us with the work we are doing, please call Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Peiffer, 443-3096, or Bill Junk 447-4561 after five, or Janet Newton, 447-9592. It is spring cleaning time, let us help you to get rid of your discards.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION From Gary Drummond.

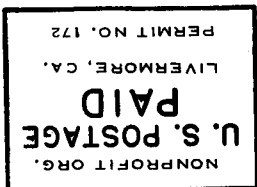
On January 28, a City contractor removed the last of the two remaining "Knox and Pellegrini - 1915" sidewalk mason's markers from First Street. The previous one was destroyed by a Pacific Telephone contractor laying underground wiring on South Livermore Avenue in November, 1977. These were the last visible reminders of the work of Thomas E. Knox, a concrete mason by trade, but also one of Livermore's early mayors, postmaster, tax collector and County Supervisor. Sic Transit Gloria Mundi.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTENNIAL Members of the Heritage Guild are working with the history committee of the church to commemorate the appointment a hundred years ago of Fr. J.F. Cassidy as the first pastor of the new parish church of St. Michael's. It is planned to publish a book as part of the celebration. The Heritage Guild has invited two notable speakers to our annual meeting in September to talk to us about the history of the church. They are the Rev. Wm. N. Abeloe, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Mission San Jose and Dr. Peter T. Conmy, historian of the church who has recently finished a book on the history of the diocese. It would take more space than we have here to give the credits of the two men. We will just say that we will be honored if they accept our invitation.

IN MEMORIAM We have received a contribution to the work of the Heritage Guild in memory of Charles H. Baird, father of Livermore Fire Chief Jack Baird. An Oakland Tribune obituary says that Charles Baird was widely known for his fairness, his common sense and his honesty. He was a member of the Livermore community for twenty years. He was 93 when he died, having been born in Scotland in 1885.

LIVERMORE MONUMENT We are working on plans to have an appropriate shelter built on the lawn area behind the 1935 State Historic Marker in Lincoln Highway Park. The Livermore monument won a special Bicentennial plaque last year and we will include it in whatever plan is adopted. Much research has been done since the 1935 plaque was written and it would be nice to update it with another plaque giving the reasons for the special award.

FEBRUARY NOTE FROM WILBUR E. STILL, pioneer editor of Livermore: "As the days grow longer the cold grows stronger."



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LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORY CENTER Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street

We have added an air-photo of this area taken from 270 miles up, to the collection of older air-photos of the valley already on exhibit. These are fascinating documents and worth a trip to the museum. No less interesting is Garrett Drummond's exhibit of the history of the development of the town of Livermore.

The History Center salesdesk has books and pamphlets on Livermore history as well as stationery for sale. Remember us when you have gifts to buy.

We will be having more classes in the center as the weather improves - many schools have their students walk to the center. If you would like to become a museum docent and share in the pleasure of talking about Livermore history to students, please call Janet Newton at 447-9592.

MEMBERSHIP From Membership Chairman Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield, 443-2089/

ADDITIONAL PAID-UP MEMBERS SINCE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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We now have 237 paid-up members. It would help us very much if those who have not yet remembered to send in their dues would use the the application form below. And of course we always welcome new members.

Your dues are paid if address label shows expiration date 10/78 or later.

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APRIL, 1978

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, April 13, 7.30 p.m., new library meeting room.

## "VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR, MAY 7, 1-5 p.m.

Five elegant homes in Livermore's oldest residential area. Starting point is the First Baptist Church at College and South L. ENTRANCE ON COLLEGE AVE. There will be music in each house and refreshments served in one of them. Donation, \$5. See enclosed flyer.

SAVE SOUTH L STREET In a piece about the proposed development of the Pentecostal Bible College property it says that "the proposal includes...the completion of L Street over the Arroyo Mocho bridge." This plan for widening South L St. south of College would include 1. removal of all the old trees along the street, 2. the removal of the first house on the right in Peppertree Place and 3. the placing of curbs ten feet from the fine homes on the west side of the street. Two of these homes are on our House Tour. At a special meeting last year, the Heritage Guild resolved to oppose the plan on the basis of the destruction of heritage property and the undesirability of fast traffic in a residential area. South L Street should not be made into another Holmes Street!

The plan for this portion of L Street now on file in the Public Works Dept. is designed to extend the Arroyo Road Route Plan into town. Read our petitions in the History Center at 2155 Third St. and join our efforts to Save Old Livermore!

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OF MAJOR ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING AMERICAN SOCIETY From Carl Schneider

The office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress has asked for contributions from the public stating the key issues and problems our country faces in the coming 50 or 100 years and ideas on dealing with them.

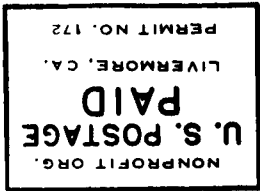
I'm sending a reply. The problem: decreasing agricultural land around cities, resulting from people moving into the countryside and the growth of industry in the suburbs. The cause: The automobile, an excellent highway system, and mass transit.

My approach to lessening the problem in the next 50 or 100 years: Getting people aware of what has happened to the land in the last 100 years - and the places where we made the wrong decisions. It's a historical approach - one that speaks of a community museum; and work by high-school and college students and all the community; an approach that brings the past to life. With a widened perspective, we'll be able to make better decisions, (as voters) in determining the future of our land. Contributions such as mine will guide the Congress in enacting legislation to attack such problems. Here's a possible source of funds for projects such as ours.

### DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM

We will hold our next Garage Sale in October and we have collected many items for it already. Let us help you to tidy up your house by picking up your discards. Please call Mr. & Mrs. Edward Peiffer, 443-3096, Bill Junk 447-4561 after five, or Janet Newton 447-9592.

The "schematic designs" for the garage museum that we asked Bob McCabe to make were not presented to us at the special meeting held for the purpose. We do not know the reason. Instead Mr. McCabe gave us a plan for using the park outside and no plans at all for the inside of the building. We had asked for plans for a phased development of a museum on the theme of "people at work". We have not changed our objectives and will proceed with new plans as soon as possible. Our need for museum space is critical.



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OLD PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION Dan Mosier, who gave such a fine talk on the Livermore Coal Mines at our Annual meeting last September has been putting our large photograph collection in order. Dan is an industrious young man who insists on doing everything just right.

ANOTHER YOUNG LHG MEMBER James Delgado with Christopher Wade has written a booklet on "How California Adobes were Built in the 1830s". There is a history and detailed instructions for constructing an adobe. We recommend that you stop by the History Center and buy a copy. Price, two dollars, 10% discount to members.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From the Livermore Echo, June 19, 1890:  
 "C.A. Buckley was married in Boston on June 16th, to Miss Annie Hurley of that city".  
 "A little daughter of J.R. Silver eat a lot of cherries last Saturday and swallowed the pits. Inflammation set in, resulting in death on Tuesday."

IN MEMORIAM

Donations have been received in memory of Laurance Cook and Harriet Mueller. Mr. Cook was a valued member of the Livermore community. His daughter Connie Duke still is. Mrs. Mueller's daughter Vena Voss was a school librarian in Livermore. We offer our sincere sympathy to their families.

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MAY, 1978

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, May 11, 7.30 p.m., Library meeting room.

**"VISIT OLD LIVERMORE" HOUSE TOUR, MAY 7, 1-5 p.m.**

Tickets available. Use order blank overleaf, or call 447-6454 or 447-8230

LIVERMORE MONUMENT Official California Highway markers for our State Historical Landmark number 241, have been installed on Portola Ave. The bronze plaque honoring Robert Livermore was first installed in 1935 in a handsome stone monument on the Chester Andersen ranch. The monument was demolished in 1973 and the plaque moved to Lincoln Highway Park, a site east of the first site. Robert Livermore's houses were about in the middle of the Chester Andersen ranch, on the banks of Las Positas Creek. We hope that we will soon be able to begin planning an appropriate exhibit that will tell the story of the Livermore family's hospitality.

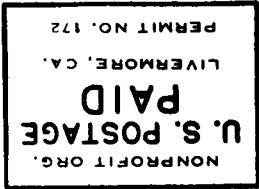
GOOD NEWS Bill Ray, one of our Charter members, is now the Museum Projects Coordinator for Interpretive Services Division of the State Parks and Recreation Department in Sacramento. Bill says "At present I am overseeing the developing plans for a new state Indian museum; a state agricultural museum in Fresno; interpretive services in the restored Capitol Building and am Curator of Exhibits for the State Railroad Museum." Since we know that Bill likes to keep busy we think he must be in his element. We congratulate him.

DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM We have not yet resolved the problem of obtaining the working drawings we must have to begin development of the museum - since we cannot use the drawing provided by architect Bob McCabe - but we will acquire them as soon as possible.

In the meantime, donations for the fund-raising garage sale that we will have in October continue to come in. A neighbor of one of our members moved away recently and gave to us a large number of fine sale items. If you can help us to collect merchandise for sale, please call Olga and Ed. Peiffer, 443-3096 or Bill Junk, 447-4561 (after five).

Chet Fankhauser announced at our last monthly meeting that he will issue a quality reproduction of a rare 1927 Livermore Chamber of Commerce brochure in a limited edition to be sold as a benefit for the Duarte Garage Museum. It is a most interesting document and we are lucky to have it made available to us.

LIVERMORE ARCHIVES The new owners of the old brick building at the SE corner of First and McLeod, Ralph and Liz Moir and Richard and Doris Ryon (as was reported in the newspapers) found a valuable cache of old City of Livermore records in the building. We were pleased to be invited to examine them and to discuss what should be done with them. We have asked the City Council to authorize the City Clerk to give to us any of them that cannot be stored by the City but we would like to discuss a well-planned professional program for cataloging them and microfilming them. Reference librarian Barbara Bunshah is interested in working on this and University of the Pacific archivist Dr. Ronald Limbaugh has offered to come to Livermore to advise us about it. He has also offered us the use of their microfilm camera. We hope to arrange a meeting to discuss this project. This is a most valuable resource for historians.



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PUBLICATIONS We have two "Chapters of Livermore History" ready for printing. One is in honor of St. Michael's Church Centennial ~~and is a short~~ history of the Catholic Church "Mount Carmel" in Tesla, by Dan Mosier and the other is one chapter from A.L.Kroeber's Handbook of California Indians on the Costanoans, first published by the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1925. We have obtained permission of the Smithsonian to do this. We plan to have them available this fall. Other chapters could and should be published.

This leads to the subject of FUND-RAISING. We have been invited to staff one of the booths at the Air Show on July 30. We have asked for the soft-drink stand. We will tell you more about this later.

Also, please will those who like to make hand-crafted items suitable for the Community Christmas Bazaar, please remember that we can make those items help with the work of preserving Livermore history by selling them at our table. Please call Marylou Gregory about this if you want to help - 447-8230.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From The Livermore Echo, June 19, 1890:

"MORNING STAR HOTEL CORNER OF FIRST & L First Class in every respect...French Restaurant. Meals at all hours with bottle of wine, 25¢... E. Berton, Prop. "

We like the old saying, recalled for us by John Garbini in the Herald this week about Elmer Still, the editor of the Livermore Echo: "Keep Still and hear the Echo" We hear the echo of Elmer still.

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Roger and Anna Brown, F Mr. & Mrs. Tom Michell and sons, F  
Mr. & Mrs. James H. Cooper, F

We welcome new members. Call Membership Chairman Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield, 443-2089.

ORDER BLANK FOR "VISIT OLD LIVERMORE HOUSE TOUR" May 7, 1978, 1 to 5 p.m.

Send to LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD, Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550

Please send \_\_\_ tickets for May 7 House Tour at \$5 each. I enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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The starting point is the Livermore First Baptist Church at College and L Streets. The Church has kindly given permission for us to use their parking lot. The entrance is on College. Tickets may be bought at the starting point where ticket holders will be given a souvenir booklet about the houses. The tour is from 1 to 5 p.m. It would help us if you would send in your order to our PO box but either way please come and enjoy the afternoon with us.





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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, July 13, 7.30 p.m., Library meeting room.

## DANIEL J. MURPHY HOUSE PUT ON NATIONAL REGISTER

Thanks to Vice Chairman Garrett Drummond, Livermore has the distinction of having the first structure in the Livermore Valley recognised as a National Landmark. The house was once so decrepit that no one except Gary correctly evaluated its potential, though its being saved was due to action by the City Council that gave Gary a year's delay in the order for its demolition. At the end of that time, when no rescuer had appeared, another LHG member, Gary Barber came to the rescue. He decided to buy and to restore the building. Congratulations to all who were concerned with it.

RESULTS OF OLD LIVERMORE HOUSE TOUR Five lovely homes in the area of Old Livermore were opened to the public by their hospitable owners. The Heritage Guild and the Symphony Guild each gained \$876 to help them carry out their community programs. We are grateful to home-owners Mr. & Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Churchill, Dr. & Mrs. James Danielsen, Mr. & Mrs. Quintin Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sears. Sue Spataro was the general chairman of this beautifully planned event.

NEWS FROM LONDON The Livermore family home at no. 4 Paradise Row, Bethnal Green has not been demolished, as seemed certain a few years ago, but has been restored! This was the home of William Charles Livermore, Robert's brother and it is where Miss Strickland came in May, 1851 to give the family the good news that their long-lost brother was alive and well in far-off California. William sat down right away and wrote a letter to Rancho Las Positas that was the first of a series, now in the Bancroft Library, that are one of our prime sources of information about Rancho Las Positas.

DUBLIN CANYON ROAD We are pleased to learn that the plan to divide the old road through Dublin Canyon into an east and west section with the west section named Rowell Ranch Road has been abandoned and that the whole road will be named Dublin Canyon Rd., as it should be.

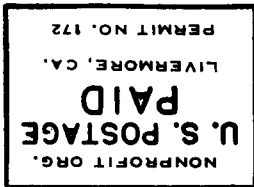
ALVHS MUSEUM AT THE FAIRGROUNDS Be sure to visit the exhibits in the museum when you go to the Fair.

DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM An application for a matching grant to help pay for the cost of water-blasting the old paint from the facade and repainting, was approved by the advisory commission. Prop. 13 however, makes the grant uncertain.

## A GUIDE TO THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLES IN THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY

A new book by Garrett B. Drummond. Those who share Gary's affection for old houses will enjoy this book. Besides telling the history behind the various designs of houses that were built here, there is a useful reference section of terms used and an account of what we know about the architects who practised here in the days when the valley was first developed. The several styles are then described and examples given by means of photographs and addresses.

Available from Gary himself or from the History Center, 2155 Third St. (11.30 to 4, except Mon.&Tues.) Price, \$2.82, plus tax. Gary has donated 25 copies of the book to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the Duarte Garage museum.



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GOOD FRIENDS A call to Louis Stein on a Friday afternoon asking permission to use a photograph of the Catholic Church in Tesla that is in his collection resulted in two photographs of the church arriving in the mail on Saturday afternoon!

David Bentham who now lives in Shingletown, near Mount Lassen, has sent us two old Livermore postcards to add to our collection. Many thanks to both friends.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar now - Thursday, Sept. 14, we will have a dinner meeting in St. Michael's Parish Hall to join with them in celebrating one hundred years of Livermore history. Our speaker will be the distinguished historian, Dr. Peter T. Conmy. Also, in honor of the occasion, the Guild will publish a history of the Catholic Church in Tesla, by Dan. L. Mosier. (Tesla was connected with the diocese of Stockton but officially it was connected to Livermore and is very definitely a part of Livermore history.) We look forward to a festive meeting.

DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM OCTOBER GARAGE SALE Our collection of sale items for the sale increases steadily. Please remember us when you are summer-cleaning your house. Please call Olga and Edward Peiffer, 443-3096, or Bill Junk, after five, 447-4561, for pick-up.

IN MEMORIAM

We have received memorial gifts in honor of our valued friends and neighbors John F. McGlinchey, Joseph S. Concannon and Florence Elliott. We miss them very much.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS Livermore Echo, July 24, 1890:

"D.M. Teeter's machine one day this week threshed 1622 bags of wheat, each weighing 146 pounds, in 13 hours, moving the machine once during the time. The grain grew on the Stanley Ranch."

"Long lines of wagons laden with hay stand every day in front of the various warehouses, waiting to unload."

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PLEASE CALL Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield, 443-2089



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AUGUST, 1978

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, August 10, 7.30 p.m. at 598 Escondido, Livermore, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace.

We no longer have the free use of the library meeting room and since fund-raising is very hard work that uses time and energy needed for historical work, we decided to meet in member's homes for the time being. But we have been offered the use of other meeting places by people who believe that we are engaged in useful community work and it is likely we will have further announcements to make on this subject.

OTHER FINANCIAL PROBLEMS The LARPD will no longer print our Newsletter on their offset printing machine. It costs us about \$15 to have this sheet printed each month. But because it is necessary for the members to be informed if we are to have a strong organization, we will have the Newsletter printed until other arrangements can be made. We will not - and we do not - print a letter when there is no news to report.

The LARPD has also decided that we must pay a rent of \$66 per month for the space occupied by the Livermore History Center in the old Carnegie Building. At an emergency meeting of the Heritage Guild Board of Directors on July 25, it was decided to continue to provide this community service devoted to preserving local history and to pay the \$66 per month rent, under protest.

We believe that interpreting the community's history and preserving its heritage is a function and responsibility of local government and that we should not be charged a fee for the privilege of giving our work and our money to the community. The Carnegie Library was given to the City of Livermore for just such a program as ours.

## BETTER NEWS - MUCH BETTER!

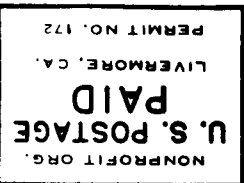
The plans for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14 are developing very well. Our speaker, Dr. Peter T. Conmy is a distinguished historian whose impressive credits are too extensive to put into this short letter. The meeting will be a dinner meeting in St. Michael's Parish Hall in honor of the Centennial of St. Michael's Church. The Heritage Guild is fortunate that member Dan Mosier has given us the right to use a chapter of his forthcoming book on the history of the town of Tesla for a new booklet for the occasion. The title is Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Tesla, California. Tesla was closely connected with the history of Livermore.

FALL FESTIVAL Our special exhibits in the History Center for the week-end of Oct. 7 & 8 will include the history of St. Michael's Church; the story of the rescue of the Murphy house in Livermore; and an exhibit by the American Indian Center of Livermore. In honor of the last one, we will publish a chapter of A.L.Kroeber's Handbook of the Indians of California, first published by the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1925. We have permission from the Smithsonian Institution to re-issue Chapter 31, The Costanoans.

LHG COLLECTION OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS Our industrious young member Dan Mosier has put our collection in order. The prints are now stored in large envelopes and catalogued and cross indexed. The last number used: 435.

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DUARTE GARAGE AND LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM At our last monthly meeting it was decided to proceed as soon as possible to get bids on water-blasting the facade to make it ready for re-painting. Our long delayed plans for putting in wiring will be implemented as soon as possible. The cost of new paint for the exterior of the caretaker's cottage was authorized.

Not knowing if the architect's plans would suggest a use for the little redwood barn on the property, we delayed its being dismantled. But the architect did not give us the plans we asked for. The building has now been taken down and the redwood lumber stored for future use.

All this makes it imperative that we work hard to make our 1978 garage sale a success. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14. Please remember us when you have discards. Please call Olga and Edward Peiffer, 443-3096, or Bill Junk, after five, 447-4561, for pick-up. Many items have been donated already and they come in steadily. It will be a good sale.

IN MEMORIAM We are sad to report the loss of Angelo Schenone, one of our good friends and a valuable source of Livermore history.

Mr. Schenone once visited the home of the family of his wife's ancestor Robert Livermore, at 4 Paradise Row, Bethnal Green, London. We have just received a letter from Schottell Ltd., new owners of the restored building. They say "If any members of your Guild are in Bethnal Green during weekdays please do not hesitate to make yourselves known, when you will be more than welcome."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Carl Schneider is the Chairman - 443-3215. Board members are Barbara Otto and Edward Peiffer. Elected members are Genevieve Fraser and Barry Schrader.

MEMBERSHIP You will be hearing from our Membership Chairman next month. In the meantime, if you have questions, call Capt. Mansfield at 443-2089.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From: The Livermore Herald, Jan. 1, 1879:

"A List of Buildings Erected...During the Last Year...C.C.Anthony - elegant two-story residence, 28x44, ten large rooms, spacious hallways, bath room and closets, all hard finished. L Street." (C.C.Anthony was a Presbyterian minister. This was the fine house at the NW cor. of 5th and So.L Streets.)

Herald Supplement, June 11, 1885 "...Ellen Ladd Foscalina offers for sale one acre lots...in Laddsville...on the Dublin and Altamont Rd...No dust on this side of the street..." (Highlights from a long ad.)



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SEPTEMBER, 1978

NEWSLETTER

Vol.V, no. 11

ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall.  
Please see attached flyer for information and reservations.

RAVENSWOOD The Heritage Guild will hold a public inspection day on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be a chance for you to see the work that is being done at the beautiful Buckley estate on the Arroyo Road. (It is expected that the buildings will be opened for use later this year.) We plan this to be a Sidewalk Superintendent's Day! Come on out and see the work that has been done. Guild members will be there to talk about the history of the estate. Refreshments will be available. *If you would like to be a host or hostess please call Janet Newton, 447-9592.*

Dr. Wm. A. Bullough, a professor of history at Cal. State, Hayward, has written a book about Christopher Buckley that is being published by the Univ. of California Press. Dr. Bullough has consented to let us publish a part of it as one of our Chapters of Livermore History. We are planning to have this ready for when the buildings will be open for use.

## THE LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORY CENTER IN THE OLD CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Livermore City Council, on August 14, refused to support the Guild's protest against the charge of \$66 a month being levied by the LARPD on the Guild for the operation of the History Center.

This is in contrast to conditions in surrounding areas. In Hayward, the city has just bought a large building for the Hayward Area Historical Society's museum and agreed to maintain it, keep it in repair and pay most of the utilities. In Oakland, the city decided to dip into its reserves in order to maintain the high level of public services provided by the city-owned Oakland Museum. In San Jose, the museum in Kelly Park is owned and operated by the City of San Jose. The Executive Secretary of the Conference of California Historical Societies, Dr. R. Coke Wood, wrote to us recently to say that no other governmental agency in California charges a historical society rent to maintain a public museum in a publicly owned building.

The minutes of the Livermore City Council for March 25, 1974, in a discussion about the Carnegie Building, read, in part: "...the building belongs to the City but the lease is with the LARPD which can be revoked at any time..."

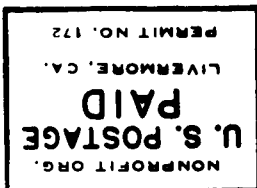
We continue to protest our being charged for the work we do in providing a public service.

## MAJOR ISSUES, PROBLEMS, DEVELOPMENTS, OPPORTUNITIES FACING AMERICAN SOCIETY

Guild member Carl Schneider recently participated in a program of the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress. Carl believes that the Heritage Guild can assist with this program in the collection of information and in the evaluation of it. We can collect evidence of the changes that have occurred in the past and what price we have paid for them. Looking back gives us perspective and understanding and this should help us to make wiser decisions for the future. That drastic changes have occurred and will occur surely cannot be doubted or that the changes have a profound effect on the quality of our lives.

Carl has sent to the OTA a page of information about the changes that have occurred in this valley. He suggests that the evaluation of the problems should be done by those who will live in the 21st century - high school and college students and young research historians. We are planning to participate in this program and we hope that it will result in greater understanding of our problems and opportunities.

NEWSFLASH! We have received a pre-publication order for 40 of our Kroeber booklets.



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## LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The following slate is submitted, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Sept. 14. Nominations may be made from the floor.

Chairman	Janet Newton	Directors, 1978-80,	Tony Bolander
Vice Chairman	Chet Fankhauser		Bill Mansfield
Secretary	Frances Wheelock		Muriel Allen
Treasurer	Barbara Junk		Gary Drummond
Membership Chairman	Carl Schneider		Malvern Sweet

For elected members of the nominating committee: Genevieve Fraser, Barry Schrader.

From Carl Schneider, Ch., Edward Peiffer, Barbara Otto, Genevieve Fraser, Barry Schrader

IN MEMORIAM We have received a donation in memory of Judith May Paulo. We extend our sympathy to her family.

### RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY

This year in addition to all the other benefits of membership such as knowing that you are helping to preserve Livermore history and enjoying the NEWSLETTER, every paid-up member will receive a copy of our new booklet by Dan Mosier MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH OF TESLA, CALIFORNIA and all those who pay their dues before Dec. 31 will receive a bonus of our other new book THE COSTANOANS (a chapter of A.L. Kroeber's HANDBOOK OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS, first published in 1925 (by permission of the Smithsonian). Extra copies of both these booklets may be bought for 50¢ each. If you send in your membership check with your reservation for the dinner meeting on Sept. 14, you can save us work and postage because we will then have your booklets ready for you when you pick up your dinner tickets at the door. Please help us to save work and money, two items we always need help with! Help us to preserve the history of Livermore!

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