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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., HISTORY CENTER, J St. door.

FALL FESTIVAL, Oct. 6 & 7. The History Center will be open. Of special interest will be the new gallery in the east room where there is an exhibit of photographs by Peter Shearer on the theme of "Livermore Now"

Peter has lived in the Livermore Valley since 1957. He first began studying photography under Bill Owens and later worked with Larry Funk and John Hill at Yale University.

After October 13, we will begin to install a special exhibit in this room on the subject of Livermore City Halls, in honor of the imminent move of the City Hall into the new building.

HOSTESSES FOR THE HISTORY CENTER. We are actively recruiting members who will give an hour or two a month to the pleasant task of welcoming people to our exhibits. If you would like to join this group, please call Muriel Allen at 447-447-6096.

At the monthly meeting on Oct. 11, we will discuss future plans for the History Center.

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD Sept. 13.

The slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee was elected. The proposed change in the by-laws was passed after some discussion. The election of officers will take place in June, instead of September.

C.C.H.S. FALL SYMPOSIUM As this is written, final plans are being made for what is to be a really successful meeting. Participating members are coming from literally all over the state, from Crescent City and Yreka, to Independence and San Diego.

THIS IS DUES RENEWAL TIME Please help us to carry out the numerous historical projects that need to be worked on by sending in your dues promptly. If you respond to this mailing, it will save us much work and money.

Please send this completed form and your check to:

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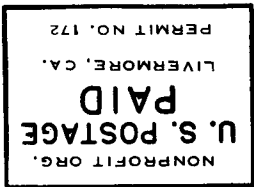
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Wm. Bullough, one of our Symposium speakers, has given us the text of a booklet titled CHRISTOPHER AUGUSTINE BUCKLEY, BLIND BOSS OF SAN FRANCISCO, LORD OF LIVERMORE. This is now ready for sale and also another booklet about the Buckleys titled THE RAVENSWOOD STORY by Janet Newton. These two are 75¢ each and are available at the History Center. All Livermore history buffs will want to put these two new Chapters of Livermore History in their collection.

Dr. Bullough's book THE BLIND BOSS AND HIS CITY, published by the University of California Press, will be out in December. Copies can be ordered by writing to the Press at 2223 Fulton St. Berkeley, 94720 at \$19.95 each + tax. 336 pages plus illustrations.

COMMUNITY BAZAAR The Heritage Guild will have a table, as usual. Our limited edition calendar will be on sale again and many other special items. Please will anyone willing to help, either by making sale items or helping to sell, please call Janet Newton, 447-9592? The dates: November 9 and 10th. Recreation Center, 8th and H Streets.

FRIENDS OF THE LIVERMORE HISTORY CENTER

Your support during the past year has been of crucial assistance. We still have to pay rent for the part of the old Carnegie Building we use as a History Center. We hope that you will continue to provide the means for us to continue to do the much needed work of preserving Livermore history. Many of you sent us checks for \$12 (\$1 per month) towards the cost of our rent. Please will you continue to help us, in whatever amount you can?

We welcome suggestions and comments on our work.

WE WILL HAVE A RECEPTION FOR THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBIT ON OLD CITY HALLS. IT WILL BE IN OCTOBER. MORE ABOUT THIS LATER.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR DUES.



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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Nov. 8, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. HISTORY CENTER, J Street door.

COMMUNITY BAZAAR, Friday & Saturday, Nov. 9 & 10, Recreation Center, 8 & H Sts.

DEDICATION OF NEW LIVERMORE CITY HALL, Sunday, December 9th.

HISTORY CENTER NEWS

OLD CARNEGIE LIBRARY, 2155 Third St.

The new exhibit in the East room will be by Edward and Olga Peiffer who will show some of their extensive collection of photos of the Livermore Centennial that was celebrated ten years ago.

The History Center now is open on a regular basis Wednesday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be open from 10 to 4 on Saturday, Dec. 1, during the LAA Boutique Sale.

Keeping the History Center open has been possible only with the help of many, many volunteers. In October Tony Bolander, Peggy Concannon, Tot Green and Gail Shearer gave more than six hours. Marie Barthe, Barbara Bunshah, Janet Newton, Helen Phillips, Frances Wheelock and Yucola Wischnack worked four to six hours. One and a half to three hours were donated by Carrie Alexander, Muriel Allen, Virginia Bing, Anna Brown, Barbara Carothers, June Duffey, Blanche Ensign, Mary May, Phyllis Parker, Olga Peiffer, Jean Ratcliffe, Jim Shearer and Rae Winslow.

We continue to need more volunteers in the weeks ahead. If you can give even an hour or two once a month, please call Muriel Allen at 447-6080 or Gail Shearer at 447-9685.

Do come in to visit and browse. Heritage Guild publications, other publications on local history, the historic calendar and historic note paper will make much appreciated Christmas gifts for the history buff on your shopping list. The Center also will be selling Our Valley, Yesterday and Today, Essays on Local History, by Livermore High School Students.

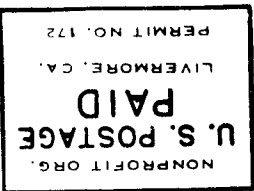
The book The Blind Boss and his City by William A. Bullough about Christopher Augustine Buckley and Nineteenth-Century San Francisco, will be available at the History Center in mid-November. The price is \$19.95. Univ. of Calif. Press.

COMMUNITY BAZAAR We will have our 1980 limited edition calendar of old photos of Livermore. The copies will be numbered. Come in early and make sure of your copy. If you can contribute any hand-made articles for sale, call Janet 7-9592

MARIE BARTHE HONORED The Livermore Eagles have given special recognition to her and we join with them in their celebration.

LIVERMORE'S NEW CITY HALL But it is titled, alas, Livermore Administration Building. We were pleased to be invited to provide an exhibit for the dedication. We are also preparing a special booklet for the occasion which will be available at our sales desk after December 9th.

CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES The Northern California Symposium held here last month was a great success. We received many favorable comments on it, from local members who commented on what a friendly group the CCHS is, to visitors who liked our program. It is the object of the CCHS to help and support local historical societies and to provide meetings where problems can be discussed.



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MEMBERSHIP IN THE GUILD AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE "FRIENDS OF THE LIVERMORE HISTORY CENTER"

You will find a combined renewal form below.

Membership in the Guild includes the monthly NEWSLETTER and a 10% discount on LHG publications in addition to the knowledge that you are making the preservation of Livermore history possible.

Membership in the Friends means that you contributing a dollar a month, or whatever you can, towards the rent that is charged the Guild for the space in the old Carnegie Library used as a History Center.

With community support a great deal could be accomplished in developing a sense of community self-respect and pride. Please help us if you can.

Please complete the form below and send to:

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PLEASE NOTE: THERE WAS A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER! The new dues will not make you paid up to 1989, but to October 1, 1980.

For FRIEND OF THE LIVERMORE HISTORY CENTER, \$ enclosed. DATE

For membership in the Livermore Heritage Guild: NAME(s) you want on membership card, please print

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PHONE Special interest

- Individual \$ 5.
Family 7. (2 votes)
Junior, 18 or less 1. (1 vote)
Senior, 65 or over 2. (1 vote)
Sponsor 25. (2 votes)
Life 100. (1 vote)
Library 5.
Patron (business) 100.

Total amount enclosed \$

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LATE NEWS LHG members Mr.&Mrs. Charles Davis have given to the History Center a very fine Indian grinding stone and pestle. Come and see it. How many years did it take to make it so deep we wonder? A great many Indians must have used it.



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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING Thursday, December 13, 7:30p.m., LHG History Center, enter on J St.

HERITAGE GUILD SPECIAL EXHIBIT The Heritage Guild has set up an exhibit pertaining to the history of Livermore's Town Halls at the OPEN HOUSE of the City of Livermore to be held on Sunday, December 9. The dedication of the new City Administration Building will be at 2 p.m., and the building will then be open to the public for inspection until 4 p.m.

A special booklet prepared by the Heritage Guild is being printed by the City for distribution in honor of the opening. It will be available at the dedication.

LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD 1980 NOSTALGIA CALENDAR IS NOW READY. The new 1980 calendar with photos of old Livermore scenes is now for sale at the History Center at 2155 Third Street. The price - \$4.00 each - 2 for \$7.50 - This is a limited edition of 100 copies, each inscribed and in an envelope. A perfect Christmas gift. The Center is open from 11:30 to 4 p.m. every day except Monday and Tuesday.

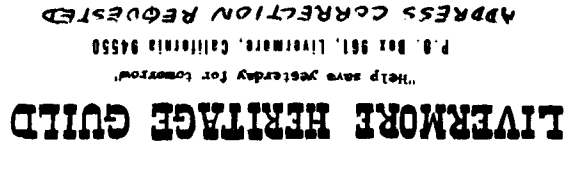
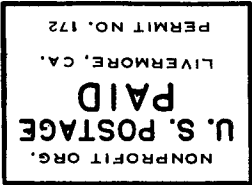
HELP FIND US A PHONE The old phone booth from the Hub attracts quite a bit of attention at the History Center. There is often a bit of disappointment, however, when it is noted that it contains no phone. Can you help in any way? We need to date the booth and then find the right phone for that period. The Telephone Company Public Relations Department has been contacted. They may send someone to look at the booth. It will be quicker if we can find a person who used to work for the telephone company or someone who is a telephone buff. Help if you can or recruit anyone who knows about old phones. Please call Anna Brown, 447-7780.

DISPLAY AT HISTORY CENTER In order to publicize their book, Our Valley, Yesterday and Today, a very beautiful display was put up at the History Center in November by Linda Starnes, Chairperson of the Social Science Department at Livermore High School and some of Mrs. McClain's former students. Our thanks to Mrs. Starnes for donating the pictures and drawings used in the book to the Livermore Heritage Guild.

SPECIAL NOTE We were saddened in early November to hear of the serious illness in Indiana of one of our members and very hard workers, Jewel Shields. Flowers were sent from the History Center Volunteers. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon back in Livermore. Those wishing to write, should contact the History Center or the Livermore Library for information.

JACK LONDON DISPLAY Something new has been added to the Jack London Display at the History Center: an old eight volume set of the works of Jack London - donated by Jim and Gail Shearer. These books will be available for browsing, and we hope they will inspire visitors to want to obtain copies to read. Gail found the books at Atarr's Book Company in Boston, and reports it was an experience to shop in a musty antiquarian book store reported to have 100,000 titles on hand.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FROM THE BOARD OF THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD



HISTORY CENTER VOLUNTEERS Muriel Allen and Gail Shearer have been very pleased at the increasing number of volunteers who have admirably managed to keep the History Center fully staffed during the past months. The Guild is very appreciative of their assistance and wishes to thank each of the following for their help:

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| Mary May | Virginia Bing | Dona Blackmore | Helen Phillips |
| Frances Wheelock | Marie Barthe | Barbara Bunshaw | Carrie Alexander |
| Tot Green | Anna Brown | Jean Ratcliffe | Blanche Ensign |
| Peggy Concannon | Pat Hoenig | Rae Winslow | Julia Kleinecke |
| Janet Newton | Yucola Wischnack | Barbara Davis | Beth Wainwright |
| Tony Bolander | | | |

ROBERT LIVERMORE PIANO During their recent trip East, Jim and Gail Shearer talked with the staff of the Musical Instruments Collection of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts regarding the Robert Livermore piano on display at the History Center. From reference books at the Museum, it is possible to date the piano as having been made by Bacon and Raven in New York City shortly after 1850. The Livermore piano has the serial number 5698. Bacon and Raven pianos with serial numbers 5400 to 6900 were made between 1850 and 1855. At that time the company was located at 160-162 Center Street in New York City.

The Boston Museum believes that musical instruments should be heard as well as seen. They sponsor a series of musical events on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the Museum using the antique musical instruments in their collection. The Museum staff encouraged the Heritage Guild to continue in its effort to have the Robert Livermore piano restored to playing condition.

THIS IS DUES RENEWAL TIME. Please help us carry out the numerous historical projects that are necessary by sending in your dues promptly. Send this completed form and your check to: THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD, BOX 961, LIVERMORE, CA. 94550. For Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30, 1980. DUES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Members receive 10% discount on LHG books.

Individual	- \$5	DATE _____	Please print name(s) wanted on membership card.
Family	- \$7	NAME _____	
Junior(18 or less)	- \$1	ADDRESS _____	
Senior(65 or over)	- \$2	PHONE _____	SPECIAL INTEREST _____
Sponsor	- \$25		
Life	- \$100		
Patron(Business)	- \$100		
Donation	-		
Library	- \$5		



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NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Meeting - Thursday, January 10, 1980, 7:30 pm, History Center, enter on J ST.

MAY SCHOOL FIRE SAD LOSS FOR GUILD The fire late the night of December 28, 1979, totally destroyed the historic May School north of Livermore which had been a Livermore Heritage Guild restoration project since 1974.

Hundreds of hours of labor by LHG members David and Dorothy Nielsen plus many others went up in the flames caused by unknown arsonists. The county and city fire department arson investigators are making an effort to locate clues as to the identity of the responsible parties, and the police Secret Witness program is including the crime among its list of those where a reward is being offered. The Guild has pledged \$100 to the reward fund if the arsonists are caught.

May School had been abandoned by the Cask and Mask Theater group in Livermore and was later purchased by the Guild from the Livermore School District in an effort to restore it for community use and enjoyment. A 10-year-lease was also signed with the school district for the land surrounding the country school so it would be able to remain at the site if a more suitable location in town was not found feasible.

More than \$5,000 had been spent by the Guild and from a grant by the Alameda County Bicentennial Commission in 1976 for a new redwood shingle roof, bell tower and flagpole restoration and a new cement foundation.

At the time of its destruction, plans were underway for fencing in the property, once again boarding up the doors and windows to try and thwart the continuing vandalism problems at the site. Contact had been made with the U.S. Army for assistance in further restoration or moving the building to Lincoln Highway Park on Portola Avenue.

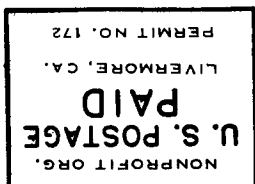
The loss is a tragic one, and the first major setback for the Guild which has been successful in saving old homes, the Livermore SP Railroad Depot, the Duarte Garage and cottage, and other local landmarks.

HISTORY CENTER NEWS Those who missed the Dedication of the new Livermore City Administration Building are invited to visit the pictorial exhibit of Old Livermore Town Halls now on view at the History Center. The interesting 12-page booklet Livermore Town Halls written by Heritage Guild Historian Janet Newton, also is available.

Sales of The Blind Boss and His City by William Bullough have been brisk. Only one copy remains in stock at the Center. If any Guild member has planned to buy this book, which tells the story of Christopher Buckley, builder of Ravenswood in Livermore, he might come in as soon as possible or call to reserve it. (History Center phone - 449-9927)

The Heritage Guild, in cooperation with the Livermore Art Association, hosted a special concert of Christmas carols by the Ecumenical Brass Choir at the Carnegie Building on Thursday evening, December 20. Heritage Guild trumpeter, Jim Shearer, made arrangements for the group. Guild member Ed Peiffer, assisted by his wife, Olga, took pictures for the newspaper publicity. Yucola Wischnack volunteered to make a beautiful poster for the Center. We hope this will be an annual event. Watch for it in our Newsletter next December.

We are pleased to hear that Jewell Shields, long time History Center Volunteer, is back in Livermore. She is still recovering from a serious bout with pneumonia, but welcomes telephone calls from her many friends in the Guild.



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Our thanks to the members of the Livermore City Council for voting to store surplus office equipment at the Carnegie Building for use by LHG. Guild members Henri and Chet Fankhauser picked out two fine desks and three chairs on Christmas eve. Chet was ably assisted by Gary Drummond and Jim Shearer in transporting the furniture to the History Center on December 27.

LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT Due to frequent complaints from visitors that History Center exhibits are gloomy, the Guild Board authorized History Center Volunteers to raise the window shades above the display cabinets for a trial period and to monitor the results. This will be done during January. Heritage Guild members and the general public are invited to visit the Center during the month and express their opinions on the increased natural lighting.

HISTORY CENTER VOLUNTEER HONOR ROLL - Muriel Allen wishes to thank the History Center Volunteers who donated many hours of their time helping staff the Center during the month of December. We thank the following for their effort:

Barbara Bunshah
Virginia Bing
Marie Barthe
Peggy Concannon
Carrie Alexander
Barbara Davis

Gail Shearer
Yucola Wischnack
Blanche Ensign
Helen Phillips
Pat Hoenig
Frances Wheelock

Mary May
Kim Broomal
June Duffey
Mike Folkend
Judy Burns

MEMBERSHIP LIST Membership Chairman Carl Schneider has prepared the enclosed 1980 list of current Guild members for your information.

FUTURE CALENDAR REMINDER The Friends of the Livermore Library have arranged for noted California historian and author, Richard Dillon to speak at their next Author's Night Lecture on Friday, February 29, at the LLL Auditorium. Details for tickets will be in our next Newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL GUILD MEMBERS FROM THE LHG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIFE MEMBERS

Buckley, Mrs. Chris. Jr., Life
Bunshah, Barbara S., Life
Fankhauser, Chet, Life
Jensen, Leslie, Life
Junk, Mrs. William N., Life
Mansfield, Capt. W. N., Life
Meamber, Bertha H., Life

Murphey, Mrs. Byron F., Life
Newton, Mrs. R. W. (Janet), Life
Newton, Henry D., Life
Schneider, Carl, Life
Stear, Jack C., Life
Wente, Mrs. Karl L., Life

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Allen, Muriel and Dewitt, Fam.
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Bennett, Virginia S., Sr.
Bing, Virginia, Ind.
Bireley, Mr./Mrs. Jerry E., Sp.
Blaney, Mr./Mrs. John J., Fam.
Brown, R., Family, Fam.
Burdick, Dr./Mrs. C. O., Sp.
Carothers, Mrs. James, Fam.
Clark, Suzanne E., Sp.
Concannon, Mrs. Joseph, Ind.
Crohare, Mr./Mrs. C. F., Fam.
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Davis, C.T. Sr. and B.J., Fam.
Deck, Mr./Mrs. Richard, Fam.
Depaoli, Charles A., Ind.
DeHaan, Mr./Mrs. Peter, Sr.
Ensign, Blanche, Sr.
Fannuchi, Mrs. Carmel, Ind.
Foote, Mr./Mrs. James H., Fam.
Fraser, Genevieve S., Ind.
Gohler, E. F. Sr. and A. I., Sr.
Green, John and Tot, Sp.
Groth, Mr./Mrs. Dick, Fam.
Henry, Lois E., Sr.
Hewitt, Mrs. Richard W., Ind.
Holloway, Mr./Mrs. Bill G., Fam.
Holm, Mr./Mrs. Warner, Fam.
Howe, Denise, Ind.
Hunter, Mr./Mrs. John J., Sr.
Ising, G. Earl and Rae, Fam.
Junk, Susan E., Ind.
Junk, William N., Ind.
Kahn, Mrs. Francesca L., Ind.
Kleinecke, Julia, Sr.
Lerche, R.A. and J.M., Fam.
Livermore, Mr./Mrs. Robert J., Sr.
Lyons, Martin and Minnie, Fam.

Madsen Family, Fam.
Magness, Mrs. Helen Pruss, Ind.
McCoy, Mary L., Sr.
McFann, Mr./Mrs. Charles, Fam.
Meadows, Mr./Mrs. Jesse W., Fam.
Medeiros, Philamena, Ind.
Meyers, Irene M., Sr.
Miller, Donald G., Fam.
Moir, Ralph and Liz, Fam.
Murray, Ian and Zoe Ann, Fam.
Newton, Ralph W., Sp.
O'Connor, Mr./Mrs. J. W., Sr.
O'Shea, Mr./Mrs. Mortimer J., Sr.
Otto, Barbara M., Ind.
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Pruss, Mrs. Joseph F. Jr., Ind.
Pruss, Mr. Louis M., Ind.
Ralph, William and Marie, Sr.
Riley, John, Ind.
Schall, Norma M., Ind.
Scullion, Mr./Mrs. Donald J., Fam.
Shearer, Jack and Olga, Ind.
Spataro, Sam and Susan, Fam.
Suits, Harriette, Sr.
Sunol Regional Wilderness, Lib.
Sweet, Mr./Mrs. Malvern R., Fam.
Tami, Mr./Mrs. Thomas M., Fam.
Thomas, Henry, Sr.
Tilles, Abe and Mae, Sr.
Vidalin, Juanita S., Ind.
Wainwright, Mr./Mrs. T., Fam.
Waters, Arthur and Patricia, Fam.
Wheelock, Frances M., Fam.
Young, Mr./Mrs. Edwin, Sr.

NEW MEMBERS

Barber, V.M. and G.J., Fam.	McDermott, Mr./Mrs. Donald F., Sp.
Bullough, Dr./Mrs. Wm. A., Sp.	Moffitt, Jerry and Patricia, Fam.
Burns, Mrs. Judy, Ind.	Nelson, Don, Ind.
Day, Mr./Mrs. James A., Fam.	Olsen, E. Lorene and J.J., Fam.
Eliason, Alison, Sp.	Phillips, Helen and Tom, Fam.
English, Ed and Cindy, Fam.	Shearer, Mr./Mrs. J W., Fam.
Gaster, Joan, Ind.	Silva, Mrs. Hazel, Sr.
Grandfield, Charlene and Kim, Fam.	Wischnach, Yucola, Sr.
Ker, Mr./Mrs. Keith R., Fam.	

MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED BUT NOT YET PROCESSED

Mr./Mrs. Peder E. Anderson, Mrs. Joe Andrade, Giovanna Born,
Page Finney, Capt. Gerald A. Fulk, G.B. and E.H. Drummond,
Hoover Family, Dan Mosier, Marlys Overby, D. Nielsen,
Mr./Mrs. Donald Nolte, John and Barbara Sarboraria, Barry Schrader,
Alice Tetlow-Noyes, Bill and Theresa Thompson.



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FEBRUARY, 1980

NEWSLETTER

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THE MONTHLY MEETING HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7:30 p.m., History Center.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, noted historian Richard Dillon will be the speaker for the FRIENDS OF THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY. 8p.m. LLL auditorium. "BOOKS OF THE MOTHER LODE". \$2.50 & 1.50 at door.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, FIELD TRIP for History Center Volunteers to the Haggin Gallery & Pioneer Museum in Stockton. A limited number of seats available in Malvern Sweet's car or Ralph Newton's. We will leave Livermore at 11 a.m., eat a sack lunch in the park in Stockton & have a tour of the museum at 1 p.m. We will be joining the Docents of the ALVHS museum for this tour, courtesy of Curator Page Finney. Call Janet Newton, 447-9592 for reservation. Bring a sack lunch.

HISTORY CENTER NEWS The severe earthquake in Livermore on Jan. 24, caused minor damage in the History Center. We have had several inquiries about previous earthquakes in Livermore.

From Malvern Sweet we have an account by his great-grandmother Mrs. Anna Young, written when she was in her 80s. "We moved to the land we have called home ever since [now the junction of North and South Flynn Rd.] from Corral Hollow. Frank Young [her brother-in-law] had a one-room house where we stayed with them till our own house was ready. We had been in it but a few days when the big earthquake occurred (Oct. 8, 1869). We were pretty well frightened as it was the hardest we had ever experienced. What a mess things were in. We had a boiler of water on the stove about two thirds full and it slopped all on the stove. The milk in the little cupboard was skimmed, as the cream went over the side which made us lots of work and we were so shaken up we did not wash that day."

Note: The big earthquake that levelled Mission San Jose was on Oct. 21, 1868. But from family history it seems likely that Mrs. Sweet's dates are correct for the locality she was in.

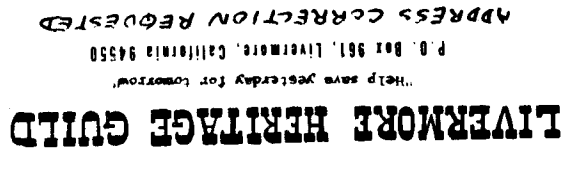
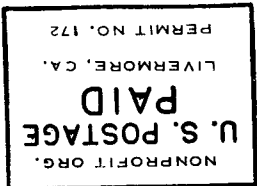
From the LIVERMORE ECHO of April 19, 1906: "The severest and most destructive earthquake ever known here came at 5.13 o'clock, Wednesday morning... There was no loss of life in the valley, nor even anyone injured so far as can be learned. The most pecuniary loss was sustained by the R.R.Co. in the falling and demolishing of their big 50,000 gal. water tank near the depot, which fell with an awful crash toward the NE and the flood of water was such that it carried boards rods away and the water spread like a wave in every direction.

"The two drug stores were the heaviest losers, in broken bottles of drugs and medicines, show cases etc.... The windmill & tank at Carl Beu's, fell with a crash against the side & roof of the house, directly underneath which Carl Beu, Jr. was sleeping, but luckily did not break through the roof... two windmills were down, many brick chimneys fell, Mrs. J.P. Smith [of Olivina] lost \$200 of bric-a-brac and china, two large water tanks at Tesla fell and water escaped from a reservoir like a flood..."

History Center Volunteers on duty in February: Carrie Alexander, Edith Andersen & friends, Marie Barthe, Virginia Bing, Anna Brown, Barbara Bunshah, Peggy Concannon, Tot Green, Mrs. Gresham, Pat Hoenig, Mrs. Holdener, Mary May, Janet Newton, Gail Shearer, Helen Ransome, Rae Winslow, Yucola Wischnack, Frances Wheelock. We appreciate their help in keeping Livermore history alive.

LIVERMORE NOSTALGIA CALENDARS now half price! This is a limited edition of old photos of Livermore. Now a great bargain. On sale at the Center.

The exhibit about the history of Livermore Town Halls has been enhanced by the addition of a copy of a program for a dedication ceremony in 1936, held to celebrate a new stucco exterior. We are indebted to Dr. Grace Devnich for this interesting item.



DUARTE GARAGE & LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM Bill Junk and our cottage tenant Jimmie Harris have done a great deal of work improving the cottage. We have started collecting items for our next Garage Sale. Please call Bill Junk, evenings, 447-4561 or Janet Newton, 447-9592, if you have items to donate. Your discards can be very valuable to the Heritage Guild.

LIVERMORE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS During Sept. 1979, when we were extremely busy getting ready for the CCHS Symposium, we neglected to note the obituary in the San Francisco Chronicle of their distinguished reporter Carolyn Anspacher. Miss Anspacher's home was in Livermore where she attended the Fifth Street School. Her work as a reporter won many prizes. The Anspachers owned and operated a large department store in Livermore, on L St. next to the RR where they sold everything from farm machinery to dry-goods. Miss Anspacher's father, Philip B. Anspacher, left a bequest of \$500 to the Livermore Library in 1925.

PAID-UP MEMBERS NOT INCLUDED IN LAST LIST:

Carrie Alexander, Sp; Marie Barthe, Ind; M/M Jerry Blackmore, F; M/M D. Cantua, F; Ann Dellavalle, Ind; David Eller, Ind; M/M C. Holdener, F; Myrtle Jewett, Ind; Louis L. Stein, Fr. Ind; Marge Stout, Ind; M/M Duncan Tanner, F; Alice Tetloe-Noyes, Ind; M/M W. Thompson, F; Dorothy Wallace, L; M/M J. Wilson, F; Harold Wright, Ind; Keith Fraser, F. Dues received after this date in next Newsletter.

If your Newsletter label does not have an 80 marked on it, it probably means that you have forgotten to pay your dues. (But not necessarily!) If this is the case, won't you please help us by writing your check now and sending it to the LHG, Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550?

DATE _____	DUES for year 1979-80.	NAME _____
Individual	\$ 5.00 _____	ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
Family	7.00 _____	PARTICULAR INTEREST _____
Junior (18 or under)	1.00 _____	
Senior (65 or over)	2.00 _____	
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Sponsor	25.00 _____	Amt. enclosed \$ _____
Library	5.00 _____	
Patron (business)	100.00 _____	<u>Dues and donations are tax deductible.</u>

We have made mistakes in the numbering of the Newsletter beginning with the Oct. 1979 issue, which should have been Vol. VII no. 1. The first issue of a newspaper is always Vol. I no. I. Therefore this is still the seventh year of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

HISTORY CENTER contd. Mrs. Geneva Belzer of Livermore has donated a collection of clothing that belonged to her mother, Mrs. Leona Harkness. We are pleased to have this addition to our resources.



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NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 7:30 p.m., HISTORY CENTER, 2155 Third Street

FRIDAY, MAY 17, LHG SUPPER & AUCTION FUND-RAISER AT DUARTE GARAGE

A five dollar donation admits you to: the auction preview from 4-6 p.m., supper at 6, and a \$2 credit on any purchase during the auction held at 7 p.m. A two dollar donation admits you to the auction only and a one dollar credit on your purchase.

Co-Chairmen Chet & Henri Fankhauser need volunteer workers and any saleable items you can give to LHG. Tax credit receipts given. Proceeds to Duarte Garage fund. Call Chet or Henri, home, 447-3809, work, 449-9791.

HISTORY CENTER NEWS From March 29, we will hold Saturday classes in Livermore history from 10 - 11 a.m. All are welcome but small children must be accompanied by an adult. We wish to make our resources available to students this way, but special hours can be arranged by appointment. Call 447-9592. Will all those who would like to be a part of this project please call and tell us. We need docents and hostesses.

From Yucola Wischnack: The field trip to the Haggin Gallery and Pioneer Museum in Stockton was enjoyed by Malvern Sweet, Janet & Ralph Newton and Yucola. We joined a group from the ALVHS museum in Pleasanton. We drove by way of the old Altamont Rd. Malvern made it very interesting telling the history of families that settled in that area. Also he told of Brushy Peak as a picnic area in his youth.

We had lunch in the large park around the museum then we enjoyed the docent-led tour of the exhibits. The museum stresses local history. Stockton's founder, Capt. Charles M. Weber, named the town for his friend Commodore Stockton. The town now numbers 141,000 and is the center for one of the largest agricultural areas of the world, producing a large variety of crops. In particular it was noted for producing wheat. The new Holt wing of the Museum is devoted to the machinery of this era.

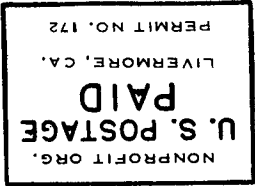
We came home by way of Flynn Rd. and again Malvern gave us the history of the families that settled along this road.

JACK LONDON BOOKLET The booklet JACK LONDON'S BOYHOOD IN LIVERMORE is about ready for the printer. It will be available in the History Center about the middle of April.

MAY SCHOOL REMEMBERED Many members have asked about the possibility of our publishing a booklet about the history of the May School. We are pleased to say that Barry Schrader has agreed to prepare a booklet that will include the other country schools of this area as well as May, working in cooperation with Janet Newton and Dan Mosier. We are not sure that our former Herald editor can work without a deadline but we will assume so! And we will get it out as soon as possible.

REMINISCENCE GROUP LEADER NEEDED Take a trip down memory lane. One hour, one day a week or a month (it must be something regular) to lead a group of senior citizens^{to} converse and remember the good old days. Bring an object for discussion. For a small group of residents of Hacienda Convalescent Hospital. Some are long-time^{LIVERMORE} residents. Call LHG member Marge Stout, 443-1800, Activity Director. You will be thanked.

RICHARD DILLON when he spoke to the Friends of the Livermore Library, began with a reference to Robert Livermore from the records of the Wilkes' expedition of 1841. A group of men from this U.S. Scientific Expedition travelled inland through California on their way from the



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Columbia River to San Francisco. At the end of September, 1841, they went through some hills that abounded in fossil oysters (the Altamont hills) and descended at night to the area of Robert Livermore's - as one of the men named Brackenridge put it - "miserable rancho". "It was so dark that most of the men could not even find water...though they were virtually on top of it." Mr. Dillon did not add that "They were astonished when their guide, Romero, asked permission to go to his rancho for a change of clothing. They could not believe that the pilot could find his way about in a pitch-black night. "But...he was back, as ordered, by daylight...metamorphosed, 'having come out a perfect Spanish don, with broad-brimmed black hat, a big Spanish cloth cloak lined with red, his pantaloons on the sides studded with bell buttons, and a pair of spurs with rowels more than two inches in diameter which, having a little wire tongue attached to them, made as much noise, every time he stepped, as a string of hawk's bells.' "

Now, in 1841, there were exactly two houses in this valley, Robert Livermore's and Jose Amador's. Since, from their comments, it is likely that the camp was in the main area of Las Positas springs, near Springtown, it is almost a certainty that Romero would find his way to Robert Livermore's house for his costume change instead of going all the great distance to Amador's place.

We are indebted to Mr. Dillon for giving us this, until now, not known by us, reference to the Livermore ranch. It is a very early one and we like the picture of the splendidly dressed rancho emerging from his house in the early morning. (We know that several families lived at the Livermore rancho as was usually the case at a rancho when this was a sparsely settled land.)

OLDER HOMES FOR SALE Guild members have an opportunity to be among "the first to know" when older homes are for sale. Leslie Jensen will mail information to members who request it. This will allow time for action if a home is on commercial property and ^{will} permit homes to be saved rather than destroyed. Please send your name and address to Anna Brown, 11450 Tesla Rd. We cannot put your name on such a list without your permission.

PAID-UP MEMBERS NOT INCLUDED IN FORMER LISTS: Ind+individual;F+family;Sp.+sponsor;Jr.+junior. Tony Bolander, Jr; Wm.A.Brummond, Ind; CampFire Girls, Jr; Pat Dencer, Ind; M/M Manuel Duarte, F; M/M C.T.Duffey, F; Karen Faraldo, Ind; M/M T.F.Givens, F; M/M H.Graham, F; M/M LeRoy Green, F; Walter H.King, F; Livermore High School Library; May Nissen, Sp; M/M Paul Norman, F; M/M S.Sacco, F; Dr/M John B.Shirley, F; Joe and Dot Sladkey, F; Sara Van Steenburgh, Ind;

FRIENDS OF THE LIVERMORE HISTORY CENTER , WHO HELP TO PAY THE RENT OF THE CENTER. Julia Kleinecke; a contrib. in honor of Marie Barthe; Virginia Bennett; Frances Wheelock; Dr.&Mrs, James W. Shearer; Charlene & Kim Grandfield; M/M John Wallace; Juanita Vidalin; Dr./M Sterrett T.Perkins; Dr/M Michael May; Earl S. O'Dell; Randy Schlientz; Floyd S.Arnold; Donald W.Molzahn; Robert F.Edwards; Dr.John B.Shirley; Edwin C.Rundstrom; David B.Greiner; Gerard P.De Bruin; A.L.Fairweather; Lyman R.Low; Arthur L. Henry; Dale Turner. MANY THANKS!

For information, call 447-9592, or Malvern Sweet, 447-3461.



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MAY, 1980

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MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 8th, 7:30 p.m., HISTORY CENTER, 2155 Third St.

SUPER SUPPER & AUCTION!! DUARTE GARAGE, NORTH L ST & PORTOLA & PINE. SAT. MAY 17
Preview 4 - 6 p.m., Supper 6 - 7 p.m., Auction, 7 p.m. See attached flyer.

NEW BOOKLET! We had an enjoyable reception at the History Center to launch JACK LONDON'S BOYHOOD IN LIVERMORE, our new "Chapter of Livermore History" Becky London, Jack's daughter, and Russ Kingman, helped us to celebrate the occasion. The booklet sells for one dollar, including tax and is selling very well. Jack London's popularity and acclaim continue to grow long after his death in 1916.

A few days before the booklet came out we got a phone call from Mrs. Karl D. Bartle whose family owned the ranch at 442 Alden Lane from 1922 to 1964. The front porch, Mrs. Bartle says, and part of the back of the house was built by members of her family, but parts of the rest of the building are from the house occupied by the Londons from 1884 to '86. This is the first confirmation we have had that the house is actually the original one. It is now owned by Bob Hervas.

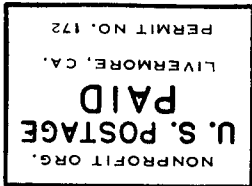
HISTORY CENTER NEWS We have decided to try limiting our staffing time at the Center to 1 to 3 p.m.—On Wednesdays, Peggy Concannon and Judy Burns will share the duty, on Fridays, Jewell Shields and Yucola Wischnack and on Saturday mornings Janet Newton will be there. Muriel Allen will share these hours as she is able and we hope that all our volunteers will come in and sign up for whatever hours of duty they can give us. Please call Janet Newton, 447-9592, to make suggestions and to tell us you can help us.

On Saturday mornings we will have sessions on Livermore history for all those are interested. (All are welcome, but we ask that children under ten be with an adult.) We need more teachers to help us make our historical resources available. Please call and say that you will help. (447-9592)

Judy Burns, a new member, has made a quilted cover for the back of the Livermore piano. We appreciate Judy's support.

We had a visit of a group of Cub Scouts recently, led by Barbara Sarboraria. We were to have had a class from the 5th Street School, but it was rained out. Special tours can be arranged by calling 447-9592. We enjoy group tours.

SPECIAL TRIP TO OAKLAND Wednesday, May 21, Malvern Sweet and Ralph Newton will drive their cars to the Bayfair BART station where we will take a train to the Oakland Museum. Here we will eat a sack lunch or buy something from the snack bar before going to the Camron-Stanford house for a special tour. This is a Victorian house brought back from a derelict state by the Camron Stanford House Association and now a beautiful historical resource. It is on the shore of Lake Merritt, near the Museum. A limited number of places are available in each car. Call 447-9592 for a reservation - or to tell us that you will take your car and make more seats available. There is no charge for the trip.



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HISTORY CENTER CONTINUED Our good friend Louis Stein recently brought us a number of pieces of old masonry from the town of Carnegie in Corral Hollow. We have added them to our exhibit.

MEMBERSHIP Months ago we inadvertently omitted the name of Jewell Shields from our list of paid-up members. We apologise to Jewell. We now also want to add the name of Archer Futch. If there is an '80' on your mailing label, it means that you have paid your current dues. If there isn't, it means that either that we have neglected to put it in or that you have forgotten to send in your dues. We know that it is easy to overlook your dues notice and unintentionally not pay but we hope that you will check and make it right. We have expenses to pay - rent for the History Center, the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter and a number of other necessary expenses and we depend on member support.

Carl R. Schneider is our Membership Chairman, 443-3215.

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Individual	\$ 5.00	NAME(s) you want on member. card, please print.
Family	7.00	_____
Junior, 18 or under	1.00	_____
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DUES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Members, 10% discount on LHG books.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE AUCTION ON MAY 17TH.



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MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 12, HISTORY CENTER, 2155 THIRD ST. 7:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, HISTORY CENTER 5:30 - 6:30, DINNER 6:30 - 7:30, downstairs.
SPEAKER, MERILYN CALHOUN, topic: A HOME-TOWN ARTIST LOOKS AT HER COMMUNITY. See below.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Slate to be voted on on Sept. 25:

CHAIRMAN,	Roger Brown	Directors to 1982: Pat Dencer
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Barry Schrader	Giovanna Born
SECRETARY	Carl Schneider	Genevieve Fraser
TREASURER	Lorraine Raison	Malvern Sweet
WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN	Chet Fankhauser	Janet Newton

Elected members of Nominating Committee: Peggy Concannon, Juanita Vidalin.

Directors to 1981: Judy Burns for Dorothy Nielsen, Jerry Birely for Chet Fankhauser.

Submitted by, Anna Brown, Chairman, Carrie Alexander, Barbara Bunshah, Olga Peiffer, Janet Newton

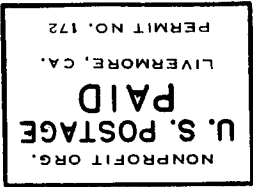
BY-LAW CHANGES Your Directors spent many hours debating several changes in the by-laws and their conclusions and recommendations (to be voted on on June 25) are as follows:

The new wording is underlined.

ARTICLE III Membership (paragraph B.) A family membership or dual sponsor membership shall have two votes.

ARTICLE V, OFFICERS AND DUTIES (first paragraph) The officers shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Membership-Chairman Ways and Means Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the active membership.

- ~~6 The Membership-Chairman shall keep the roll of all members and issue membership cards.~~
- C The Ways and Means Chairman shall promote financial support of Guild activities from sponsors and organizations within the community and shall establish a budget for expenditure of Guild funds.
- E The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and shall have the care and custody of all funds and property of the Guild...
- ARTICLE VIII, COMMITTEES (Article to be re-written entirely.)
The following standing committees shall be designated and appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Actions of committee Chairmen shall be subject to review and oversight of the Board of Directors.
- A Curator - The Curator is responsible for the collection, preparations, repair, maintenance documentation, etc., of documents and artifacts; shall coordinate preparation of traveling or loan exhibits; shall coordinate interchange of information with other groups, societies, museums, etc.; shall coordinate choice of sales items; and shall select and recommend to the Board appropriate material for publication by the Guild.
- B Membership, Newsletter, Publicity Committee - The chairman of this committee shall keep the roll of all members and issue membership cards as appropriate, shall coordinate the publication and distribution of the Guild newsletter, and shall provide public media releases on Guild activities.
- C Community Involvement Committee - The chairman of this committee shall coordinate visits to the History Center by groups making requests, shall establish a speaker's bureau and visiting docents panel; shall coordinate the Guild's social events; and shall promote recruit-



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ment and scheduling of volunteers as History Center staff.

D Facilities and Property Management Committee - The chairman of this committee shall coordinate Guild relations with the City of Livermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and the Livermore Art Association; shall oversee the general real property for which the Guild is responsible; and shall provide and maintain display facilities in the History Center.

"SUPER-SUPPER & AUCTION" The May 17 fund-raiser at the Duarte Garage under the guidance of Chet and Henri Fankhauser was delightful and profitable. Barry Schrader's promotional ability and the generosity of many friends who gave materials to sell and home-made food, resulted in some \$900 being realized. The pleasant weather was a factor in making it a friendly, enjoyable event. Sincere thanks to all donors, helpers, and buyers for the support. It was appropriate that it came at the end of National Historic Preservation Week.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS We have received gifts in honor of two valuable supporters of the work of preserving the history of this valley, Laretta Kelly of Livermore and John Cronin of Dublin.

MERILYN CALHOUN

A HOME-TOWN ARTIST LOOKS AT HER COMMUNITY

MERILYN IS A FOURTH GENERATION LIVERMORE NATIVE WHO, BESIDES HER KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL HISTORY, HAS A GREAT TALENT FOR PAINTING LIVERMORE SCENES.

A group of Merilyn's paintings will be shown , the subject of her after-dinner talk.

June 25, 2155 Third St., 5:30 - 6:30 reception in History Center then buffet dinner downstairs, featuring beef Stroganoff. Wine will be available. Price, \$5.75 incl. tax&tip. Reservations limited. First come, first served. You will be notified if we cannot fill your order. Otherwise your tickets will be ready at the door.

Please send your order and check to LHG, 2131 Chateau Place, Livermore, 94550. Deadline June 23.

Please reserve _____ tickets for the dinner and program on June 25, for:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Enclosed is check for \$ _____ You are welcome to come in after dinner.



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JULY 1980

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. HISTORY CENTER, 2155 Third St.

ANNUAL MEETING The proposed slate of officers and directors was elected and the proposed by-law changes were adopted. Merilyn Calhoun's display of her paintings of Livermore and her talk about Livermore as she knew it when she was growing up, was greatly enjoyed.

The new officers and directors will begin their terms of office on October 1st, but several appointments were made at the June Board meeting that took effect immediately. Carl Schneider was appointed Secretary, Judith Burns was appointed Membership Chairman, Lorraine Raison was appointed Treasurer and Janet Newton was appointed Curator.

THE ARROYO ROAD ROUTE PLAN

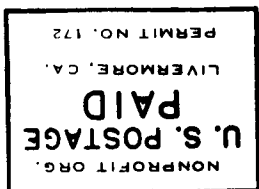
In May, when there were reports in the newspapers of property being re-zoned along the Arroyo Road we were prompted to write to the Livermore City Council and to the Planning Commission about our concern for the destructive plans for widening the Arroyo Road and L Street that are now on file in the City's Department of Public Works. We are told, in answer to our concern for the plan for L Street from College Avenue to the south end of the Arroyo Mocho bridge, that there is no money to implement this plan and that therefore there is no danger. (The plan on file would widen L Street so that the curbs would be only ten feet from the houses on the west side, would cause the destruction of many fine trees and would cause the removal of the first house on the east side, on Peppertree Place.) It is our contention that the road and the bridge can be made safe without making it a part of what would be the widest street in the Valley - in other words, a street even more dangerous than Holmes Street. Our basic message is that THE PLANS NEED TO BE CHANGED.

It should go without saying that we are not opposed to making Livermore's City streets safe for the residential neighborhoods they serve. But extra wide streets cause drivers to forget that the street is not a freeway and, like Holmes Street, to make the street dangerous.

As long as the plans are on file for making L Street and the Arroyo Road into a perfectly straight road as far as the entrance to the Veterans Medical Center (they stop abruptly and unreasonably at this point), these are the plans that are implemented bit by bit whenever a piece of property along the road is re-zoned.

We don't want to lose the old houses along the Arroyo Road, we don't want to lose the handsome Olivina gateway, we don't want to lose the trees that would be in the way. We believe that there is plenty of room to make plans that would avoid these losses to the community and that the resulting road would be better and safer.

Since a special LHG meeting in February 1977, attended by Director of Public Works Dan Lee and other knowledgeable people, when the plans were exhibited around the walls of the meeting room, the Guild has circulated petitions for citizens to sign. We now have a great many of these signed sheets and we are still collecting them. The one for L Street states: "RESOLVED: L STREET SHOULD NOT BE WIDENED because, it would cause many fine old homes to be threatened since the planned width of the street would put the curbs ten feet from the walls of the houses; it would cause many old trees to be destroyed; it would encourage fast automobile traffic through the heart of the City." And the one for the Arroyo Road reads: RESOLVED: THE ARROYO ROAD ROUTE PLAN SHOULD BE MODIFIED. because, the plans would make the Arroyo Road the widest Road in the Valley, second only to U.S. 580, therefore the road can be made safe without destroying: the handsome Olivina gateway at Wetmore Road; the valuable nature preserve of the LARPD's Sycamore Grove Park, one of the last areas of native plant and wildlife in the valley; the many old homes along the way that the plan would move or demolish. PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITIONS IN THE HISTORY CENTER.



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MEMBERSHIP Due to the changes being made and the fact that our new Membership Chairman is in Hawaii at the moment, the list of new members and members who have sent in their renewal checks since the last reporting, will be deferred until the next Newsletter.

HISTORY CENTER NEWS We are planning new exhibits which we hope will be ready for the Fall Festival. We will send a notice to the schools saying that class visits to the Center and slide shows to be taken to the classrooms will be available. Please call 447-9592 to tell us that you want to participate in this rewarding work. We hope to do a great deal of work during the summer, preparing old newspapers for microfilming. We are very pleased to know that the Livermore High School has begun to create a Livermore photo archive. Linda Starns and photographer Bob Broznan have already copied a large number of pictures. We plan to work with the school and to integrate our collection with theirs. Also we are planning to use the advice of the Oakland Museum photography department in setting up these files.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From The Livermore Herald & News (from set of 1962 papers)

Oct. 12, 1942: "All Livermore stores closed Sunday and Monday to help the tomato growers pick the crop. Shortage of pickers because of the war caused the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and the schools and the public to respond to help save the crop."

1922: " First bids on contract for a bridge across the Arroyo del Valle for the Livermore Veterans Hospital were called for. C.A. Bruce & Sons of Pleasanton were the successful bidders!"

October 9, 1962: "Room rates at Valley Memorial Hospital increased by \$2 per day, up to \$27 a day for semi-private room."

" Ten years ago: (1952) Rent Control, a hangover (sic) from World War II, was still in effect in Livermore."

"In 1922, the Amador High School District formation was approved."

NOTE FROM JANET NEWTON: Our newly elected Chairman, Roger Brown was the first Chairman of the Livermore Heritage Guild and we are looking forward to his taking office on Oct. 1st.

LHG PUBLICATIONS Our new booklet Jack London's Boyhood in Livermore is available at \$1. The Ravenswood Story and Christopher A. Buckley are 80¢ each. We have a number of other books and booklets including Brief History of Livermore (30¢). All prices of LHG items include tax. Paid-up members get a 10% discount on LHG publications. We also have attractive Livermore stationery. AT THE HISTORY CENTER, 2155 Third, Weds. & Fri. from 1 to 3 p.m.



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AUGUST 1980

NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 14, 7:30 p.m. HISTORY CENTER, 2155 THIRD STREET

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Our newly nominated and elected Chairman, Roger Brown has decided to resign from this office because he realizes that his personal business will not permit him to give it the time it requires. He agreed to the nomination when he was six thousand miles away and the job seemed easier at that distance!

But we are pleased that our elected Vice Chairman, Barry Schrader, is able and willing to fill the office for us. So now we have Barry Schrader, Chairman and Anna Brown, Vice Chairman. Taking Anna's place as a Director to 1981 will be Barbara Bunshah.

MEMBERSHIP Judith Burns reports that she has been working on the files and getting ready to send out a memo next month to remind members that dues will be due on October 1st.

HISTORY CENTER NEWS Through the courtesy of Stanford Lane Library and the Alameda County Historical Society, we have been able to reproduce a number of fine photographs of the Livermore Sanitarium, the hospital for mental diseases that used to occupy large tracts of land on both sides of L Street between College Ave. and the Arroyo Mocho. The photos are from a fine copy of a charming booklet about the Sanitarium, published in 1904. Elliott Dopking made a collection of prints for us that will be on display during September and October. In addition to the ones taken in 1904 we will have two airphotos of the area taken by Elliott about 1952. The pictures are all fascinating. Come in and see them.

Also, we are working on a special display about Robert Livermore's "Round-the-Horn-House" the pre-fab frame house built for the Livermores in 1851. Through the courtesy of Juanita Vidalin, a Livermore descendant, we will have a most interesting artifact on display, a specimen of the heavy timbers used in the construction of the house. No nails were needed for these beautifully dove-tailed and doweled beams. Roman numerals chiseled into the wood showed which piece went where. As much of the voluminous material we have collected about the house as can be conveniently displayed will be shown. This is the house that the old square piano came from that is already on show in the History Center.

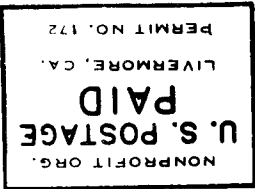
AGNES DUTCHER REES

We have received a donation in memory of Mrs. Agnes Rees, a Heritage Guild member who was herself a part of Livermore history and who took a great interest in the preservation of it. As Miss Agnes Wallace, Mrs. Rees came to Livermore in 1908 from Pennsylvania. She was a school teacher who had graduated the year before. She had a brother-in-law who was an engineer for the Western Pacific Railway. The only vacancy in the Livermore schools at that time was at the Townsend School, several miles down the Tesla Rd. and this is where she began her life-long career of teaching in Livermore. She was paid \$80 a month, four \$20 gold pieces, by the late Mrs. Nora Taylor of Vasco Road. Her salary in Pennsylvania the year before had been \$40 a month. There was no PTA then, but the parents must have thought that the teacher needed nourishment. Every week there would be gifts of cake, cookies, a jar of beans, fried chicken or loaves of home-made bread. We miss Agnes, as we have for the last few years when her illness kept her secluded in her home.

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A FINE NEW "CHAPTER OF LIVERMORE HISTORY"

A new booklet by Garrett B. Drummond, Jr. REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN LIVERMORE HISTORY is off the press and ready for sale in the History Center, priced one dollar. This is an interesting and informative text illustrated by two maps. Gary's research will be of value to all Livermore history students.

THE LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Judy Burns has accepted the Chairmanship of the Guild's plans for participating in this event. She hopes that all members will help to fill our table with saleable items of home-made gifts of all kinds. Please call Judy to tell her that you will help, 447-4437.

SPECIAL BONUS SENT TO MEMBERS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Through the courtesy of Malvern Sweet, we are sending each member a copy of a charming story about rural telephones in the Livermore Valley, a History Sheet titled THE ALTA-MONT BARBED WIRE TELEPHONE CO. LTD. We hope in the future to collect and publish a fuller account of the history of the Young and Sweet families.

Our BRIEF HISTORY OF LIVERMORE by Janet Newton, has been re-issued with updating by our new Chairman Barry Schrader. Price of each booklet, 30¢. At the History Center.

THE HISTORY CENTER is at 2155 Third St. It is kept open Tuesday through Sunday by members of the Livermore Art Association. Heritage Guild members are on duty on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. We would like to have our exhibits open more than this and we need the help of many members. Please call Janet Newton, 447-9592 to say that you will give two hours a week, or a month, or whatever you are able to do. It is rewarding work.

EXCERPTS FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS From THE LIVERMORE ECHO

- Oct. 14, 1915: "Olivina Winery sent shipments of wine to Kansas City and Yokahama."
- Oct. 17, 1915: "Autobus load of children nearly collides with train near Pleasanton. The bus was carrying 15 girls and 2 boys to the Livermore High School."
- Mar. 17, 1898: "For sale or rent, the Matthieson blacksmith shop by Mrs. M. He went to Alaska with Clarence Still." "Born, August Hagemann, a boy."
- Mar. 31, 1898: "During the past week, the trains have been bringing any number of Japanese laborers to this place and the fields are now being worked by them."
- Mar. 10, 1898: "Reuben Hunter appointed postmaster."
- Mar. 17, 1898: "Farmers Hotel in Pleasanton burned to the ground. The building was built 35 years ago by M.H.Reiners."