

LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD



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CALENDAR

Sat. Oct. 3, & Sun. Oct. 4, Cultural Arts Festival, Carnegie Building Area

Sat. Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Livermore Heritage Guild Auction, Duarte Garage.

Sun. Oct. 11, Tour of Nut Tree Museum. Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society - Evelyn Moller, 846-5727

Thurs. Oct. 15, LHG Monthly Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 13 & Sat. Nov. 14, Christmas Bazaar, Recreation Center, 8th & H St.

New Exhibits: LCAC Fall Festival and Valley Memorial Hospital

HISTORY CENTER

Janet Newton, Curator

To help celebrate the LCAC Fall Festival, the week-end of Oct. 3rd and 4th, there is a special exhibit in the west room on the history of the Festival. This exhibit was organized and installed by Bev. Hamlin. There are numerous old photographs of Festival events of the past dating back to the days of miniskirts.

Also, opening on Sept 23, the date of the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Valley Memorial hospital, is a special exhibit on the history of the hospital. The first discussions on the possibility of building the hospital were held in 1958 and they were evidence of the town's sudden and rapid growth. The drive to raise the necessary funds was very successful after hard work and a modern well-equipped hospital was built. The exhibit shows details of the campaign - for example, a photo of Dr. Edward Teller at the controls of a tractor that turned the first bucketful of earth - and also pages from the scrapbooks of the Women's Auxiliary, an organization that has raised enormous amounts of money over the years for the support of the hospital.

Photo Archive

Bob Bronzan, Vice Principal of the Livermore High School has offered to help the Guild develop a photo archive that will be of great value for all future historians of the Livermore Valley. Based on the photofile, installed for us by Dan Mosier, Mr. Bronzan will make negatives and contact prints of every photo. We now have about 1000 photos.

HISTORICAL ARCHEOLOGY

Bill O'Neal

Artifacts recovered from old Livermore dump site

In September, I recovered hundreds of artifacts from the Livermore historical site near the old Holdener Dairy. Saved from the bulldozer were such things as a "McKown & Mess Druggists, Livermore" bottle fragment, a "Livermore Soda Works" bottle, and "Peterson & Iverson Dairy, Livermore", bottle fragments.

Some of the artifacts are from pre-1900 times and some date to fairly recent years. Washing and preliminary examination and packaging of the artifacts has been completed.

VINEYARDS PRESERVATION EFFORT CONTINUES: Save the Vineyards

Barry Schrader, Chairman

There will be a public hearing in October with the Pleasanton City Council and Planning Commission listening to a presentation by the Danville developer who wants to rezone the Stony Ridge/Ruby Hill property for housing and an office complex. A good turnout of Vineyard supporters is being sought, and the date for the meeting will be announced in the papers in a week or so.

Some committee members and I have met with County Board Chairman Joe Bort and with the developer, Bo Rajkovski, who has the option to buy the land from Southern Pacific, but nothing concrete came from those meetings.

I feel that the decision on rezoning will finally be decided by the County Board, despite what the Pleasanton officials think of the plan, since the winery acreage is still under county jurisdiction.

AUCTION: , UPDATE:

(1) WE NEED SALES GOODS
All those perfectly good appliances, dishes, tools, yard equipment, ornaments, and bric-brac you no longer use. (No clothes, please.)

(2) WORK PARTIES (cleanup, sorting, tagging) on Wed., Thurs, Fri, Oct. 7-9, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Garage.

(3) DONATIONS to be sold at the Auction. Please bring to the Garage during work party hours on Wed. or Thurs. Someone can pick them up, if necessary.

(4) CONSIGNMENT ITEMS from members. Please bring to the Garage between 9 & 12, Sat. Oct.10, so we do not have to be concerned with overnight storage. Pickup can be arranged. All consignments will be tagged and will show a starting bid price. LHG will collect a 20% commission on all consignment items sold. Reimbursement will be made within the week. (A lot of paperwork must be done after the auction!)

(5) OTHER EQUIPMENT NEEDED to borrow for the Auction: strong picnic tables, or pairs of saw-horses with sheets of plywood or 3/4" boards.

(6) HELP AT THE AUCTION - People to take tickets, clerk, monitor, carry boxes to and from the auction block, cleanup - an hour's work will be welcomed.

(7) INFORMATION Please call me at home (447-3809) or at my shop (449-9791) between 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.) if you have any questions, or want to have anything picked up, or have equipment to loan or information about consignments.

Henri Fankhauser,
Co-Chairman

MORE NEWS:

FIRE TRUCK

A colorful participant in the Pleasanton-Heritage Day Parade on Sat. Sept. 19th was our fire truck.

It was also present at the C.H. Toliver's plaque presentation on Sat. morning, Sept. 26th at the Livermore Airport. It matched the sponsoring E Clampus Vitus group's red shirts.

OTHER EVENTS

Ravenswood, one of Livermore's historical treasures, was open to the public on Sept. 17th for the LAA "sketch-in". Touring the house and grounds of this lovely old estate was really a treat.

On Sat. Sept. 20, The Preservation Fair at the Cameron-Stanford estate on Lake Merritt's shore included house tours, slide shows and an outdoor concert by the Oakland Pops Orchestra. Some bay area historical societies had outside booths on the grounds.

The Amador Valley Historical Society's Annual Barbeque on Sat. Sept. 26th, was a "tasty" event - lots of great steak and other good food as well as good company.

JOB OPENINGS ...JOB OPENINGS

Volunteers Needed

Chairman of the Facilities and Property Management Committee

Duties: "chairman shall coordinate Guild relations with the City of Livermore, the LARPD, and the LAA; shall oversee the general and

real property for which the Guild is responsible; and shall provide and maintain display facilities in the History Center." Bylaws. Important and interesting job, call Bill O'Neal, 447-5957.

Oral History

"Interesting, challenging, and rewarding", is how oral history volunteers view their job. More are needed to complete this im-

portant project of recording Livermore's "old timers".

Call Pat Dencer, 447-8470, to find out how you may help with this very worthwhile program.

History Center - Carnegie Bldg.

Spend a few pleasant hours as a volunteer docent in the Guild History Center. Besides helping visitors learn about the Guild and the center, you'll find much to interest you during the slow times. There are many Guild publications you can browse through, and also some informative magazines on historical preservation. Of course, you may always catch up on letter writing and personal reading, too.

Center hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30 - 4. Since Barbara Bunshah will be on vacation in October (the last two weeks), we badly need volunteers then. Call Barbara at 449-9927.

HISTORICAL NEWS BRIEF:

"BLAMES RAILROAD FOR FAILURE OF AIRSHIP

Suit for \$50,000 damages was brought against the Western Pacific Railway Company last Saturday by the Toliver Aerial Navigation Company, which alleged that the collapse of the Toliver Airship while in course of construction at Verona was due to the Western Pacific. According to the complaint, the Western Pacific built a high embankment near the place where the airship was being constructed, and thus made it impossible for the Toliver Company to get on the ground a large quantity of steel and sulphuric acid, which was needed for the airship..."

Livermore Herald, July 9, 1910

(News brief courtesy Bunshah News Paper Index)

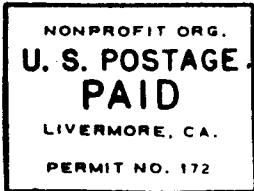


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MEMBERSHIP

Some of you receiving this newsletter are not Guild members. We would like to invite you to join us. We look forward to an active, productive year and feel there are many of you, who would find our organization enjoyable and worthwhile.

For our members, a reminder - it's dues time, our fiscal year running Oct. 1, 1981 to Sept. 30, 1982. So just send your check to Kitsy Junk - or you can become a life member and not have to worry about dues anymore!

Note the change of board meeting date to the 3rd Thurs. Oct.15, for this month only. We changed it from the usual 2nd Thurs so all members, including the board, can help with the auction.

Also, remember the History Center - pass a few pleasant hours, learn something new, and help the Guild.

MEMBERSHIP: FOR RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS

We hope you will join us in continuing our work. Please contact Kitsy Junk, 447-4561 (evenings) with any membership questions.

Please detach and mail to the LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD, P.O. Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550

For Fiscal year Oct.1,1981 - Sept.30,1982 DATE _____

Membership, check one:

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CALENDAR

Nov. 12, 7:30, Guild Board Meeting
Carnegie Bldg.

Nov. 13, 10a.m. - 8p.m. & Nov. 14, 10a.m. -
2p.m., Christmas Community Bazaar
Recreation Center, 8th & H, Livermore

Nov. 13 - Dec. 30, Edna Tunison and
Claire Haratani Exhibit, State Savings
(Preview Reception, Nov. 13, 8-10p.m.)

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

For the LCAC Christmas Bazaar we will have a new calendar, a new greeting card of a photo of the Southern Pacific Depot at Altamont, and some old Livermore newspapers. Chet Fankhauser has published a facsimile edition of a Chamber of Commerce Booklet for Livermore of 1927 that he has offered to the Guild for sale as a benefit for our Lincoln Highway Museum.

We enjoyed having Mrs. Reitter's class of 31 third graders from Las Positas School in the History Center recently. They travelled to the Center by Rideo bus. They were especially interested in our exhibit about Las Positas Rancho.

Old volumes of the City of Livermore Assessment books were offered to the Guild and we accepted them because we believe such records should be preserved, even though finding space for them is difficult. Preserving the records of local history is one of the prime objectives of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

Barbara Bunshah continues to supply visiting scholars with historical reference material. Janet Newton attended the "Collections Care Seminar" at the Camron Stanford House.

AUCTION RESULTS

Despite the bad weather and low turn-out, an estimated \$500 was made at the auction. There were many excellent donations. Something for everyone.

Many thanks to cochairmen, Chet and Henri Fankhauser, for all their fine work. Also thanks to Nancy Bireley, refreshment chairman, and to members who made donations, helped set up and attended the auction.

DUARTE GARAGE NEWS

Antique Farm Wagon: Livermore resident, Rich Turner, has donated to the Guild an antique Studebaker multi-purpose farm wagon. Built with iron tires and wooden spoke wheels, the wagon has an expandable length. It may be seen in the Duarte Garage. Many thanks to Mr. Turner for this very valuable gift.

Fire Truck: On Oct. 10th as part of the Fire Prevention Week festivities, East Avenue Station firemen drove Smokey the Bear around in our fire truck. The truck was also on view at the station that day.

Roof: The cottage roof has been replaced with fiberglass asbestos asphalt shingles by Don Phillips Construction Co. at a total cost of \$2750.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Be Haera, a long-time Livermore resident, is very interested in our local history and a very good addition to our Board. Bill Junk has held several positions in the Guild and brings much experience to the Board.

TUNISON EXHIBIT

Edna Tunison, coordinator of the LAA Gallery extends an invitation to all Guild members to a preview reception for her exhibit of zipper art on Nov.13, 8-10p.m. at State Savings, 999 Stanley Blvd. Livermore.

CHS CONCANNON CELEBRATION

On Oct.12 at Concannon Vineyard, California Historical Society members enjoyed a harvest feast, the Ballet Folklorico, tours of the winery, and a visit to the scene of Edward Deakin's painting "Farming in Livermore Valley", 1875. Local artists, Margo Kirkewoog and Tillie Calhoun, painting at the same scene, greeted the visitors. CHS will be selling a special wine with a label copied from Deakin's painting.

LHG Chairman, Bill O'Neal, greeted CHS members and answered questions about Livermore history and the Guild. Also on hand, thanks to Janet Newton, were packets containing a "Brief History of Livermore", List of LHG Publications, and a welcoming letter.

LCAC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Visit the Guild booth for baked goods, candy, hand-made items, Guild Christmas cards, Heritage Calendars, and antique newspapers. Also this year a Chet Fankhauser replica of a 1927 Livermore Chamber of Commerce Brochure will be on sale. The Chamber's motto then was "Live Longer in Livermore".

Member contributions of food stuff and hand-made items are needed. Please contact Henri Fankhauser, 447-3809 or Barbara Bunshah, 447-5065.

MEMBERSHIP

Please check the coding on your mail-label. It notes when your dues have expired. And please keep those dues coming in to Kitsy Junk.

ASSESSMENT BOOKS

Livermore assessment books, 1887-1927, are a recent Guild acquisition. The books list property valuations, locations, landowners, and taxes assessed.

SILENT FOLLOWING

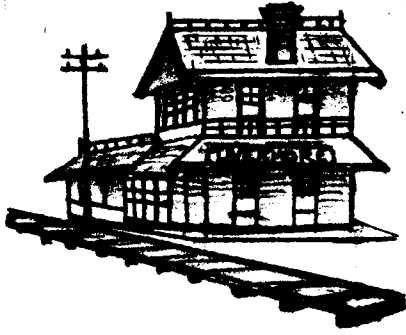
The Heritage Guild has been in existence for nine years now. It has a long list of preservation accomplishments, good publications, and a growing vital history center.

It also has a large "silent following" - people who are supportive, some of whom pay dues - but most of whom are seldom seen or heard. Well, we need to hear from you. We want your ideas, criticisms, and suggestions. We're aiming for a stronger, more active Guild. Would any of you be interested in speakers on historical preservation or antiques or whatever? How about tours to historic places. We could carpool and go as a group. A slide-show or mini-course on Livermore Valley history might be particularly valuable for transplanted Easterners as well as local school children. Please let us hear what you'd like the Guild to be doing. Help us to plan future activities. Drop me a line, Mary O'Neal, P.O.Box 961, Livermore or call 447-5957. Thank-you.

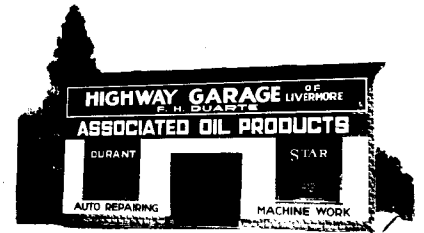
LATE BULLETIN: History Center Storm Damage, Oct.28 - The Carnegie Building's leaking roof caused considerable damage to the History Center's photographic materials and artifacts. The LCAF exhibit materials were ruined. Walls are still wet. Ceiling covering material has fallen in side rooms. LAA has had some paintings damaged. Work on the Carnegie Building roof was completed in Sept. Some leaking still occurred after the first rains and LARPD was notified. The problem was supposed to be solved. The Center would have sustained more damage if it had not been for quick thinking and hard work by Barbara Bunshah. She was joined in her salvage efforts by Janet Newton and Bill O'Neal. Much material, including the Assessment Books, has been moved out of the Carnegie Building and the Center will be closed until repairs are completed.



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CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:00-4:00, LAA CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE, the Carnegie Building.
Sunday, Dec. 6, ALVHS CHRISTMAS AUCTION, at the Fairgrounds cafeteria.
Friday, Dec. 11, 7:30 PM, LHG Board Mtg., at the Brown's.
Friday, Dec. 25, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

The destructive deluge that poured into the interior of the Carnegie Building in October soaked the ceilings and walls of the two corner rooms (as well as the cupboards) but luckily did little damage to our historical records. But the interference with the use of the rooms is complete as of this writing, although the tatters of the ceilings have been scraped off and the walls stripped. As soon as it is possible to cover the windows again and walk on the floors safely (nails are still protruding from the heavy carpet that had to be removed) we will begin to offer a short slide/sound show to our visitors. It will consist of 24 slides of early Livermore with a 20 minute tape accompaniment. We also have a 20 minute tape from the National Archives titled SOUNDS OF HISTORY that we will play for those who request it. This includes the voices of many famous people in American history.

We gave a 30 minute talk to Helen Phillip's group of gifted students recently at the East Avenue School. We are hoping they will accept our invitation to visit the History Center.

The LAA will hold a Christmas Sale on Dec. 5, where the LHG will have cards, books and pamphlets on Livermore history for sale, as well as our new Calendar. You can help us preserve Livermore history by buying a few gifts at the Center. The old assessment books of the City of Livermore are a goldmine of information. Barbara Bunshah has begun a program of making an index card file of the entries. This will greatly aid researchers combing the books for a particular entry. If you would like to help with this, contact Barbara.

CARNEGIE BUILDING REPAIRS

The roof drainpipes have been unplugged and rainwater no longer leaks into the building. LARPD has removed the waterlogged rugs and pads, and is scraping the walls and ceilings to prepare them for repainting. When this is complete, new rugs similar to the those in the main room will be installed. We will ask LARPD to also install rugging in the History Center area of the main room. This will improve the appearance and help absorb sound. The rooms are now pretty well dried out and the musty odors have dissipated.

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LCAC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thanks to the Fankhausers and all members who contributed to and worked at the Bazaar. We made \$225 profit.

DUES DUES DUES

Kitsy Junk asks all members to please send dues to save the Guild the expense of a reminder letter. Please check the coding on your mailing label to see when your dues have expired or will expire.

RESTORATION OF THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

Many people would like to see the Veteran's Building returned to its former state. We all realise the great expense this would entail (possibly up to \$300,000, according to newspaper reports). This building is owned and self-insured by Alameda County. This means that there is no commercial fire insurance policy on the building and that there may be funds in the county treasury which should be used to repair the fire damage. If so, it is the duty of the county Supervisors to authorise repairs to be made expeditiously.

However, there are reasons to consider why the building should not be torn down, the lot sold, and the sale proceeds plus the insurance money be used to build a new Performing Arts building at the Civic Center. The main reason this should be done is that the city badly needs such a building because there is no suitable place for large-audience performances in or around Livermore. The new building should be dedicated to veterans of all past wars.

There are also good reasons to repair the existing building. Firstly, it is not legal or practical to use the fire insurance money, if any exists, for other purposes. Secondly, a new building would cost millions of dollars which would require a large fund-raising campaign during recessionary times. Thirdly, The 1931 vintage Veterans Building has an historical and architectural significance worthy of preservation. Fourthly, Livermore Veterans wish to preserve the building and have started a fund to which donations can be made.

My recommendation to the Heritage Guild is that we support the Veterans in obtaining funds for the repairs of the building. I would also recommend that when the building is repaired that the stage be rebuilt to a design which can accommodate a larger performance and that other changes be made to suit the needs of the supporting organizations. I urge all Livermore area organizations to support efforts to restore the building and to raise funds to help defray the costs. Organizations and their members should also write letters to the County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator urging immediate authorization of money from the self-insurance fund to pay for repairs. The people of Livermore really need the use of the Veteran's Memorial Building and its unavailability is forcing rescheduling of educational, cultural and private events to inadequate facilities at greater expense.

Bill O'Neal, Chairman.

IN MEMORIUM

We have received donations towards the work of the Guild in memory of two men who were great friends of the Guild and who always helped us to collect historical information whenever we asked. They were Earnest A. Wente and John Jensen. Their friendship was a source of pleasure to us and we will miss them very much.



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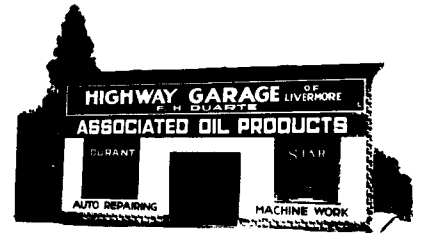
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN.14, 7:30 PM...Guild board meeting at the Carnegie Building.....
FRIDAY, FEB.19, 7:45 PM...."The Restoration of Mission San Jose"...at old Cresta Blanca Winery (across from the Veterans Hospital on Arroyo Rd.) To be presented by Fr. William Abeloe of Mission San Jose. Open to the public.....

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

We enjoyed talking to Mrs. Helen Phillip's sixth grade class at the East Ave School recently and were pleased to receive a copy of the class's new magazine DOLPHIN REVIEW. We quote Billy Duba and L. Clift's article CARNEGIE GHOST TOWN.

"A ghost town near Livermore? Yes it's the old Carnegie Brick town on Tesla Road.

In about 1900, John and James Treadwell saw a perfect site for a brick factory. The site was located near the Tesla Coal Mine which had a lot of coal and clay in it. In 1901, the two men started construction on the brick factory. They completed construction of the factory in 1902.

The brick factory, owned by a San Francisco bank, was having trouble finding good workers so they hired some from Italy. The brick workers and their families built a town that had a population of 1,200. It had a bunk-house, a hotel, a saloon, a residential section with four or five rooms to a house, but it had no city hall.

Besides producing bricks, the factory also made terracotta, decorative tiles used near the tops of some roofs.

After a while the bank that owned the brick factory went out of business and sold the factory to a brick company which, in order to keep up with competition, destroyed the brick works. Because there was no more work, the people abandoned Carnegie. Today, where the old brick factory used to be are just a few broken bricks that seem to say, "Here was Carnegie."

Billy Duba, Lester Clift

The class plans to visit the history center on January 8, when we will be able to illustrate our answers to their questions. We hope there will be many more issues of the DOLPHIN REVIEW.

CARNEGIE BUILDING REPAINTING

The West Room walls and ceiling have been scraped, the cracks filled and a prime coat of paint has been applied. The plan is to complete this room first so that slide and sound demonstrations can be held and exhibits can be set up in the new display case. Slide-sound shows are available in the West room on an as-available basis between LARPD work periods in the room. Oral history tapes of Livermore old-timers can now be heard here, too.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM Pat Dencer, Chairman

There are several Livermore old-timers we would like to interview. We need volunteers to tape-record their remembrances of Livermore's history. Pat Dencer can quickly train you to interview. She can be reached on 447-8470. The old-timers ready for interviewing are; Dino Preftokis, Francis Santucci, and Virginia Fellingham. The information these people have to record is invaluable and doing an interview is a rewarding contribution to preservation of Livermore history.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Barbara Bunshah, Chairman

Christmas sales of historical books and pamphlets have been outstanding this year, amounting to over \$150. This income will certainly supplement membership dues which have been slow in arriving. There were many visitors to the History Center in December including an unusually large turnout of 20 people on the day after Christmas.

FUTURE EXHIBITS

There have been many ideas proposed for exhibits in the History Center for 1982. We would like to here from the membership on their preferences in the list below

- *20th Anniversary of the Symphony
- *Old Livermore Homes
- *Livermore Valley Winerys
- *LCAC Festival '82
- *Old Livermore drug store equipment
- *Urban artifacts of Livermore

PRESERVATION OF OLD LIVERMORE FIRE-TRUCKS

By the time you read this, the City will probably have turned over to the Guild the oldest Livermore fire-truck, a Ford Model T. This truck has been partially restored but is not fully assembled. The Guild hopes to complete the restoration in the future. This brings to three the number of fire-trucks the Guild is preserving. One of these, the 1944 Mack is often driven by Guild drivers and by Fire Department drivers in parades and demonstrations.

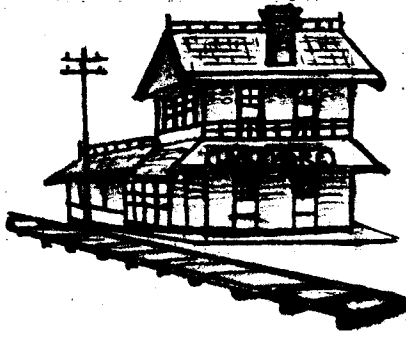
GUILD TO HOST FATHER ABELOE FOR TALK ON MISSION SAN JOSE

On Friday, Feb. 19, Fr. Abeloe, Pastor of Mission San Jose will present a slide show and discuss the history and restoration of the adobe Mission Church. This building was destroyed in the 1868 earthquake and was torn down and replaced by a wooden church. Robert Livermore's grave was recently revealed when the wooden church, St. Joseph's, was moved in preparation for construction of the replica of the adobe church. Fr. Abeloe has been given full time responsibility for the project, the last of the original California Mission Churches to be restored. We plan to hold the presentation, which will be open to the public, at the tasting room of the old Cresta Blanca winery on Arroyo Rd. past the V.A. Hospital. The final arrangements have not been completed, but if Wente Winery, the new owners of the property cannot open it to us, we will find another place to have the talk. Plan to bring a friend with you and listen to a very interesting and informative presentation on Bay Area history.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

Efforts to rebuild the fire-damaged Veteran's Memorial Building have gotten off to a good start due to the efforts of George Mancuso who has raised \$10,000 from donations and sales. The Alameda County Supervisors expressed their desire to rebuild the building and work with grass-roots groups to attain this goal. Mancuso says he has not heard from the Supervisors or the City of Livermore regarding the VMB and is very disappointed.... The Guild has written letters to Supervisor Excell and to the County Administrator urging expeditious action towards repair-the building.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 7:30PM...Guild Board meeting at the Carnegie Building.....

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 7:45PM..."The Restoration of Mission San Jose", a talk and slide show by Father William Abeloe, to be presented at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 3rd and Maple Sts.....

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

All of what is now the Livermore Valley once belonged to Mission San Jose and hence the one-time name of this valley, VALLE DE SAN JOSE. Most of our earliest rancho owners attended the Mission church. It was where they were married, where their children were baptised, and where they were buried. Until St. Raymond's church was established in Dublin, Mission San Jose was the nearest church. We are pleased that Father William N. Abeloe, curator of Mission San Jose, has consented to give us a talk about the important undertaking of the restoration of the adobe mission church. See the enclosed flyer for details of the meeting. For those members who would join Father Abeloe for dinner at the Emperor's Garden, please contact Valerie Raymond (447-4027) to make the necessary arrangements.

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We enjoyed a visit by Helen Phillip's 6th grade class from the East Ave school. Such visits make all our hard work worthwhile and we are looking forward to a visit by a class from the Jackson Avenue School, arranged by Mrs. Givens.
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Janet Newton received interesting letters from people named Livermore in England, who have done a great deal of research into the history of this family. One letter was from Barbara Cross (nee Livermore) who wrote, after visiting the Essex Record Office, "The whole area is thick with Livermores...there are over 60 in the local telephone directory!". Another letter from Canon Thomas Livermore in Norfolk complains that in his studies, he has found that the family produces mostly females so that the name disappears. We hope to keep in touch with all such good friends.

Also we have corresponded and enjoyed a visit from members of the Wetmore family, of Cresta Blanca fame. We continue to collect information about the family and we appreciate the help of Jeffrey Wetmore whose stationary is headed WETMORE-CERES CO. LTD. HOMESTEAD OUTFITTERS. We hope to learn more about such an interesting business.



The Restoration of
MISSION SAN JOSE

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY

FATHER WILLIAM N. ABELOE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8 P.M.

PARISH HALL, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, THIRD & MAPLE STS.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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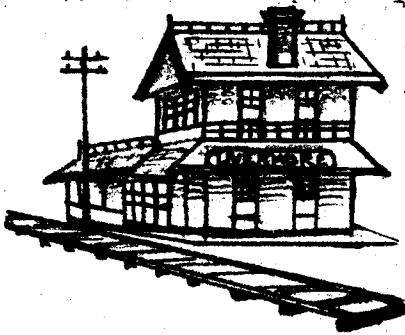
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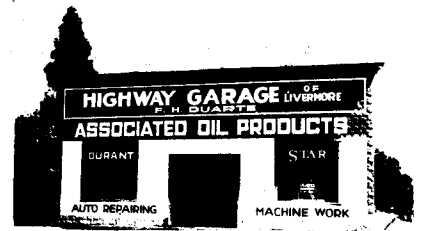
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAR. 11, 7:30PM...GUILD BOARD MEETING at the Carnegie Building.....
MAY.....AUCTION AND OPEN HOUSE AT THE DUARTE GARAGE.....
JUNE.....ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS, AND DINNER.....

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

NEW EXHIBIT IN THE WEST ROOM...by Chairman Bill O'Neal

"URBAN ARTIFACTS FROM OLD LIVERMORE", is an exhibit of artifacts from a historical dumpsite which was located under the parking lot of the new Albertson's supermarket in downtown Livermore. The artifacts, consisting of broken dishware, pieces of glass, crumpled pots and pans, bones, leather scraps, etc, were salvaged by O'Neal during construction last fall. This site and another historical Livermore dumpsite are represented in the exhibit. Livermore pioneers used the sites to dispose of their trash. Their lifeways, ethnic origins, food preferences, medicine, skills, economic level, and other facets of their culture are partially seen in the trash they dumped.

FINAL REPAIRS TO RAIN DAMAGED CARNEGIE BUILDING...completed by LARPD

The two corner rooms have been repainted, restored, and recarpeted and the center section of the main room has been newly carpeted. LARPD's Doug Bell and his men have done a very nice job of getting us back into first-rate condition. The LHG work crew are to be thanked for all the moving and repositioning of the furniture and equipment during this trying period.

EARLY LIVERMORE SLIDE SHOW...

Our new slide show, "Early Livermore", with taped commentary, is being shown frequently and is available to visitors on request. If your club would like to have the 30 min. show presented at a meeting, contact Janet Newton, 447-9592.

NEW PUBLICATION...

We have a new publication, a booklet by Bill O'Neal titled THE ROBERT LIVERMORE ADOBE SITE. This gives the details of Bill's archeological work at the site of the Livermore Rancho. Price \$1.50, including tax. As a result of the work and the booklet, the California Archeological Site Survey Regional Office at Sonoma State University has assigned the following Northwest Information Center file number.

S-2868 - "The Robert Livermore Adobe Site."

The following state trinomial has been assigned to the archeological site located in Alameda County:

CA-ALA-430H : Robert Livermore Rancho Site

PRESENTATION ON THE RESTORATION OF MISSION SAN JOSE, by Father Abeloe...

Our meeting with Father William Abeloe at St. Michael's parish hall was a big success. The excellent presentation gave us a history of the mission establishment and a history of the buildings, outlined the archeological work, showed pictures of the mission artifacts and gave details of the ongoing multi-million dollar restoration project. All of it is part of the history of the Livermore Valley, once lands of Mission San Jose.

A great deal of money will be needed to complete this project and anyone wishing to help should contact "The Committee for the Restoration of Mission San Jose, P.O. Box 3314, Mission San Jose, CA 94538."

After the talk, a bottle of special historical label, vintage Concannon wine, an antique Carnegie brick and a book on Mission San Jose were raffled off. The proceeds of \$50 will be used by the Guild towards preserving and telling the history of the Livermore area.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE GUILD...

The History Center has received gifts from LHG member Barbara Bunshah of subject indexes of the 1981 Tri-Valley Herald, the Independent and the Times, and the 1980 Herald. These are valuable references of hundreds of pages of alphabetized headings which took months of work to put together.

Guild Member Pat Dencer has donated a horse-drawn hay rake with wood crossbar and steel tines, and a double-tree from her former ranch near Livermore. These are from this area and will be kept on display at the Duarte Garage.

Another gift to be housed in the Duarte Garage, donated by Guild member Ernest Gohler, is an old time gasoline engine and pump, once used to pump water in Livermore vineyards.

A boxfull of teaching materials, including old maps was donated by Mrs. Robert Craig.

The Valley Banjo Band has donated \$50 to be used as the Guild desires. This group performs old-time and current urban folk music. The banjos they play are authentic 1920's instruments. They charge \$50 to \$100 to perform at parties and dances, and donate the proceeds to worthy causes.

A memorial donation in the name of Keith Mintor was given to the Guild.

GUILD MEMBER MARIE BARTHE DIES...

We regret the loss of our faithful member Marie Barthe, long time resident, once Livermore High School Dean of Girls. We are thankful that we knew her and worked with her as long as we did. Memorial donations in her name have been placed with the Guild.

FIRE ENGINES....Bill Junk

Bill Junk drove the Guild's restored 1944 Mack fire engine in the Dublin city incorporation parade. Livermore's Mayor Dale Turner and Susan Junk were passengers in this historic parade.

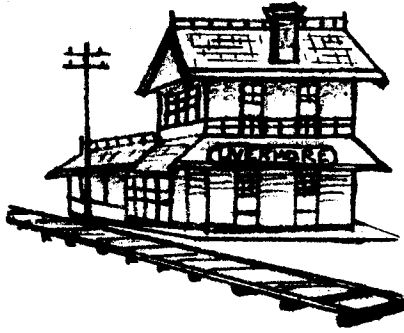
LORRAINE AND TOM RAISON HONORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE...

The Raisons were awarded a plaque at Castlewood Country Club. The award was in recognition and appreciation for their "outstanding and meritorious service for the cultural arts". The Guild wholeheartedly agrees and extends congratulations.

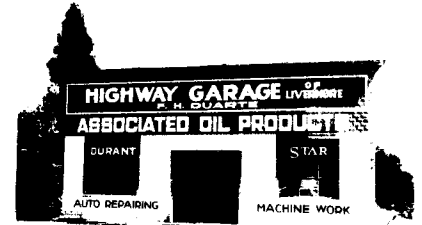
MEMBERSHIP...Kitsy Junk

For members who can't remember if they have paid their 1982 dues, please read the code on your newsletter address- code 81 means dues paid for 1981, 82 means 1982 dues have been paid. The Guild needs your support! Cut off the coupon and send it with your check.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APR. 8, 7:30PM...GUILD BOARD MEETING at the Carnegie Building.....
SATURDAY, MAY 15, 5:30 PM....AUCTION AND OPEN HOUSE AT THE DUARTE GARAGE.....
SATURDAY, JUNE 5,...POW-WOW, PCAC/SAI, AMADOR VY. H.S. FOOTBALL FIELD, PLEASANTON
THURSDAY, JUNE 17,..LHG ANNUAL DINNER AND ELECTIONS.....

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

We have a new exhibit in the West Room about the vineyards and wineries of the Livermore Valley, prepared by Janet Newton.

In the East Room we have an exhibit about the 25th anniversary of the Livermore Art Association.

We are very glad to accept Dan Mosier's gift of a slide-sound show about the Tesla coal mines. (Tesla was a coal-mining town in Corral Hollow in the hills east of Livermore.) Dan has incorporated music into his show and it is altogether enjoyable as well as instructive.

John Miller, who did such an outstanding exhibit last summer on the Livermore Rodeo, plans to make a slide-sound show for the Guild on that subject.

A new booklet, A WALKING TOUR OF PRE-1910 ARCHITECTURE IN PLEASANTON, by Ann Doss, has been published by the ALVHS. The price is \$2 and it may be bought at the History Center or at the ALVHS museum in Pleasanton.

In March we enjoyed a visit from a class of 30 third-graders from Portola School under the direction of Mrs. Lewis. They toured our exhibits and saw some slides. Since teaching as well as preserving history are our primary objectives we are always glad to have students visit the History Center. We want them to realize that this is their Valley and that they are a part of its history.

Four LHG members attended the Annual Meeting of the California Historical Society in Monterey in March. One of their award winners who is a good friend of ours, Mrs. Amelie Elkington, advised us that she could give us several valuable references about a forthcoming LHG publication. It will be a reproduction of and comments on a rare document which has a reference to Robert Livermore. Mrs. Elkington's references will be included in the booklet.

ORAL HISTORY RESEARCH Pat Dencer, Chairman

Pat is requesting that two Guild members volunteer to interview long-time Livermore residents Virginia Fellingham and Elliot Dopking. Pat will coach you on how to do a taped oral history. It can be fun and rewarding to you and will help preserve the unwritten history of Livermore. Phone 447-8470.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Guild members Barbara Bunshah, Janet Newton, Bill O'Neal and Mal Sweet undertook a short research project on the "ghost town" of Altamont. In response to a request from Holman & Associates of San Francisco, an archeological firm, the Guild researched this 1868 village and vicinity for information on building locations and land uses. Mal Sweet and Altamont old-timer Lloyd Madsen went to the town and drew a map showing the few remaining structures and the locations of former buildings and a nearby quarry. Janet and Barbara and Bill turned up some historical references and Bill put together a report containing the material. The information is to be used by Holman to help plan a survey of the area for an Environmental Impact Report for a proposed windmill farm. Copies of the report can be obtained at the History Center at LHG copy cost of \$1.

FIRE ENGINE INSURANCE

The Guild has finally obtained the insurance the City of Livermore requires in the lease to us of the three antique fire engines. We obtained liability and comprehensive coverage on all three and the City is named as coinsured. The 1944 Mack, which has been so beautifully restored by the Guild, will be driven in the Livermore Rodeo Parade in June.

MEMBERSHIP Kitsy Junk, Chairman

Kitsy Junk has arranged with the Livermore School District for the Guild to hold a reception at the Fifth Street School to celebrate the end of its long career of educating Livermore children. The Reception will be held on a Sunday afternoon in June and all alumnae, teachers and former teachers, School Board members, friends, etc will be invited. Displays of Livermore school memorabilia will be exhibited.

WAYS AND MEANS Chet and Henri Fankhauser

An auction will be held at the Duarte Garage on Saturday, May 15. Inspection of items will be at 5:30 and the auction will start at 6:30. Chet and Henri need your donation of good items for auction (no clothes, please). If you have valuable things you would like to auction off for a commission, Chet will be delighted to do it! All proceeds go to the Guild for preservation of the Duarte Historical Vehicle Museum. Chet and Henri need a volunteer to coordinate the acquisition of material for auction from Guild members and others. They would be very thankful for your help. All you would have to do is take calls and call people telling them when a pickup can be made. Chet will arrange for the pick-up of the items. Please help out Chet and Henri!



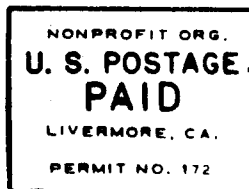
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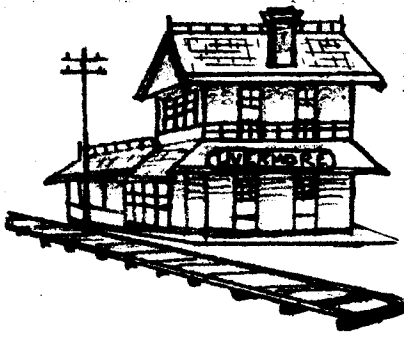
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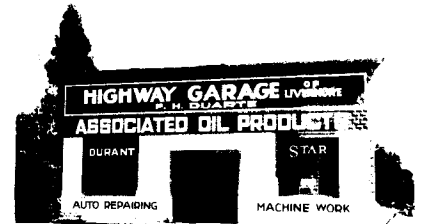
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY..MAY 13....7:30 PM...GUILD BOARD MEETING AT THE DUARTE GARAGE.....
SATURDAY..MAY 15....5:30 PM...AUCTION AT THE DUARTE GARAGE.....
SUNDAY....MAY 23..1 to 4 PM...OPEN HOUSE AND COMMEMORATION OF 5TH STREET SCHOOL.
SATURDAY..JUNE 5.....POW-WOW AT AMADOR HIGH FOOTBALL FIELD, PLEASANTON.
SATURDAY..JUNE 12..10:00 AM...LIVERMORE RODEO PARADE AND RODEO.....
THURSDAY..JUNE 17...6:30 PM...LHG ANNUAL DINNER AND ELECTIONS.....

FIFTH STREET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND COMMEMORATION-Kitsy (Peterman) Junk, Chairman

On Sunday, May 23, LHG is sponsoring the commemoration of the history of the FIFTH STREET SCHOOL in honor of its long and faithful service in the education of Livermore children, which is now coming to a close. The success of this open house depends on you, the LHG members, to extend invitations to former teachers, alumnae, school personnel, friends and others interested in seeing the school one last time as an elementary teaching facility. A slide-sound show on the history of Livermore will be shown during the afternoon. At 2:30, a short program honoring the school's history will be presented at the front entrance.

For this commemoration, a large display of "Livermore School Memorabilia" is planned. If you have any keepsakes to share, they would be very much appreciated. The emphasis is on Fifth Street School artifacts, but all will be welcomed (photos, awards, programs, old report cards, books, medals, etc). All loaned articles will be secured in glass cases and returned to you that day.

Also, many cookies will be needed for the open house and all Heritage Guild members are asked to donate two dozen. Because we will need an advance estimate, please let me know you will be doing some baking by phoning the History Center 449-9927 (Wednesday thru Sunday 11:30 to 4:00) or evenings, Kitsy Junk 447-4561 or Barbara Bunshah, 447-5065.

For convenience, please bring the memorabilia and cookies to the History Center on Saturday, May 22. For more information call Kitsy Junk.

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

During the weekend of April 10 and 11, for the third time this season, we had a deluge of rain leaking through the roof into the West Exhibit Room. It was lucky there was not a fragile exhibit there at the time. The Old Livermore Urban Artifacts exhibit suffered only minor sign loss. The artifacts themselves have experienced rain and mud for 100 years and couldn't care less! However the Curator had just started setting up a new exhibit and some of the materials could have been destroyed. This was discouraging, to say the least, but on Monday morning LARPD workmen removed yet another collection of tar from the drainpipe. We hope this means that we are safe from another soaking. The walls and carpet

and ceiling were soaked but are gradually drying out. Originally, the Carnegie Building had a slate roof that was not a threat to the drainage system. Tar and gravel roofs are another matter, evidently.

Our Vineyard and Wine exhibit has been postponed until June. In spite of our troubles with the leaky roof, we had a class of students from Marilyn Ave School at the center. They had to stand up while they watched the slide show instead of sitting on the wet carpet. The students asked good questions and it was a pleasure to have them in. We need volunteers to run the slide show and to talk to students about Livermore history. If you would like to be on call for such duty, please call Janet Newton, 447-9592, or Barbara Bunshah, 449-9927 or 447-5065. We have two slide-sound shows; EARLY LIVERMORE and THE TESLA COAL MINES. The first takes about 25 minutes and the second about 15.

In the East Room we have a display about the beginnings of the Livermore Art Association. This year is its 25th anniversary.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH ON OLD LIVERMORE HOMES Barbara Bunshah

The Guild's recent acquisition, the Livermore Assessment Roll books of 1887-1928 are providing valuable data for historical research. These books list the property owners' names, lot numbers, value, and tax assessed. Present day owners interested in tracing the history of their (old) houses usually have a modern address or possibly a lot or block number, and seek the names of previous owners. With the help of Henri Fankhauser, Peggy Concannon, and Carolyn Parrish I am indexing the Rolls by tract, block and lot. Using this index, we will be able to identify "the house at the corner of X and Y" streets as having been owned by Mr. Z in 1887, improved and sold to Mr. A in 1895 and a succession of others through 1928. To date, sorting of the index has been completed only through 1887 and 1889, and index cards have been completed through 1897-8. Sorting of these is under way. We hope to complete the project by the end of the year at which time the entire listing will be typed for readability and housed in a notebook for ease of use.

THIRD ANNUAL AUCTION AT THE DUARTE GARAGE Chet and Henri Fankhauser

On Saturday, May 15, the preview of auction goods will start at 5:30 and the auction will begin at about 7:00. We still need many more things to auction off, (no clothing, please). Call Hazelee Jaberg, 447-5685 for pick-up of donations. If you have items you would like to auction on consignment, the Guild will be delighted to sell them for a 20% commission. Admission to the auction will be by a \$1 donation at the door for which two refreshment tickets will be given. For more information, call Henri, days 10-5, 449-9791, eves, 447-3809.

MEMORIAL DONATION

The Guild has received a memorial donation in the name of Elizabeth Drummond.



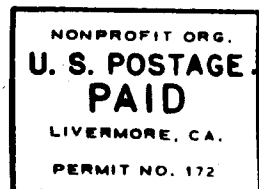
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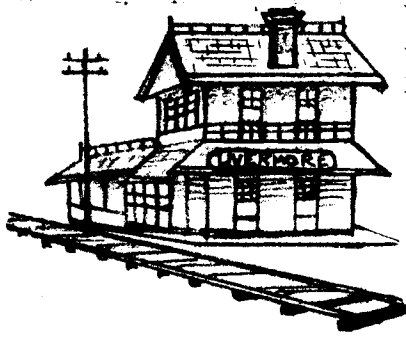
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY..JUNE 10....7:30 PM...GUILD BOARD MEETING AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING.....
SATURDAY..JUNE 12....10:00 AM..LIVERMORE RODEO PARADE AND RODEO.....
THURSDAY..JUNE 17....6:30 PM...LHG ANNUAL DINNER AND ELECTIONS.....

JIM CAROTHERS TO SPEAK ON LLNL HISTORY AT GUILD ANNUAL DINNER, ON JUNE 17

All Guild members and guests are invited to the LHG Annual Dinner at Mac-Marill's Restaurant. Dr. Carothers, Archivist at the Lab and Guild member will tell us about the beginnings of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and will illustrate the talk with slides of early Lab days. 1982 is the 30th anniversary of LLNL. Details of the event are given below:

LOCATION..MAC MARILL'S RESTAURANT, 3571 FIRST ST., LIVERMORE

TIME.....COCKTAILS AT 6:30, DINNER AT 7:00, ELECTIONS AT 8:00, TALK AT 8:30

COST.....\$7.50 FOR SOUP OR SALAD, LONDON BROIL, VEGETABLE, BAKED POTATO, DESSERT, AND COFFEE OR TEA. (no-host bar).

RESERVATIONS..CALL NANCY BIRELEY ON 455-1871 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Elections of officers and board members will be held at this meeting as specified in the bylaws. Most of the 1982 officers and board are running for re-election. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

HIGHWAY GARAGE AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS!

Chet and Henri Fankhauser and the auction committee have achieved the most successful auction in the history of the Guild. An overflow crowd filled the Duarte Garage to the rafters and bidding was vigorous. The donations by members of recent and antique articles are highly appreciated. The large consignment from the Henry estate attracted antique fans from all over the valley. All food and wine was sold out. The Guild has benefitted to the tune of over \$1000 which will enable us to continue the restoration of the Highway Garage property.

THE FIFTH STREET SCHOOL COMMEMORATION WENT BEAUTIFULLY!

Kitsy, Bill and Susan Junk, and their colleagues have memorialized the history and educational contributions of the Fifth Street School in an outstanding fete on May 23. The historical exhibits were very well put together and displayed and some of these can now be seen at the History Center. A large, enthusiastic crowd of alumnae, guests and Guild members toured the school to see it for the last time in its historical role. The commemoration speeches, reminiscing, and camaraderie were enjoyed by all. The school artifacts lent for display by townspeople were extremely interesting and highly appreciated.

1983 ELECTIONS OF GUILD OFFICERS AND BOARD

The Nominations Committee chairman, Barry Schrader, reports that a slate has been developed consisting of the following names (subject to final revision):

OFFICERS

Chairman-Bill O'Neal
Vice Chairman-Anna Brown
Secretary-(we need a volunteer)
Treasurer-Lorraine Raison
Ways and Means-Chet Fankhauser

DIRECTORS

Janet Newton
Kitsy Junk
Malvern Sweet
Barbara Bunshah
Bill Junk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR FY 1984

Genevieve Fraser
Peggy Concannon

HISTORY CENTER Janet Newton, Curator

The Fifth Street School Exhibit at the History Center will continue through June, and in addition we will have an exhibit about the history of the Livermore Rodeo. The show about Livermore wineries and vineyards has been postponed until July.

We received two gifts recently. One is a framed exhibit of six photographs of the fire that destroyed St. Michael's Church in August, 1916, given to the Guild by member Michael O'Shea. It will be a great addition to our fire-fighting collection. The other is a hand-crafted bouquet of flowers in a small vase made by the late Lois Henry which she had kept in her house. It is a pleasant reminder of Lois and is attractive on the Robert Livermore piano in the History Center.

Under the direction of John Miller, we are developing a slide-sound program about the Livermore Rodeo.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF OUR ANTIQUE FIRE ENGINE

Bill Junk, Susan Junk, and Jerry Bireley have exhibited the 1944 Mack Fire Truck recently at the Save-The-Vineyards victory celebration and at the Fifth Street School Commemoration. The old pumper is becoming more beautiful all the time as details are restored to original condition.

MEMORIAL DONATION

A second donation has been received in the name of Elizabeth Drummond.



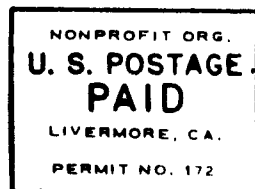
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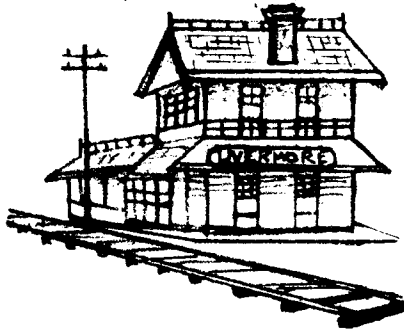
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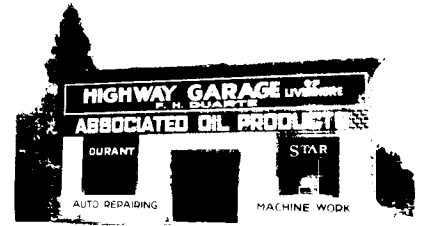
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CALENDAR

Thursday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. Board meeting, Carnegie Building
Friday, July 23, 8:00 p.m. Preview and champagne reception for new exhibit,
VINEYARDS & WINERIES OF THE LIVERMORE VALLEY.

The Heritage Guild has an interesting collection of artifacts pertaining to the wine industry in the Livermore Valley and we are lucky to have a number of precious items lent to us for the exhibit.

Stony Ridge Winery has offered to be the hosts for the pre-view reception and we hope that all our members will take advantage of their hospitality.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW.

FRIDAY JULY 23, 8 p.m., HISTORY CENTER

PRE-VIEW OF WINERY EXHIBIT & CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

Historical notes collected recently: Regarding the old eucalyptus trees in the news last month, that the town of Livermore has decided to save, Malvern Sweet tells us that it was the habit of farmers, when they brought their milk cans into town to the creamery, to fill the cans with water so that they could water the trees on their way home.

Ernest F. Gohler, Sr., looking at the old Studebaker wagon now in the Duarte Garage, that we were told was used for hauling gravel: Ernie confirms that it was used for gravel and that the owner could make two trips a day delivering gravel with it for which he was paid \$4 per trip. And he had to supply his own horses, at least four.

At the Annual Meeting held on June 17, the following slate was elected:

Chairman,	Wm. O'Neal	Directors, to 1984:	Elected members of the
V. Ch.,	Anna Brown	Kitsy Junk	Nominating Committee:
Secretary,	Mary O'Neal	Malvern Sweet	Genvieve Fraser
Treasurer,	Lorraine Raison	Barbara Bunshah	Peggy Concannon
Ways & Means,	Chet Fankhauser	Janet Newton	
		Nancy Bireley	

Their term of office begins on October 1st.

MORE ON THE FIFTH STREET SCHOOL COMMEMORATION

Chairperson Kitsy Junk wishes to extend special thanks to Anna Brown and Barbara Bunshah for the time and effort they put forth in helping with the preparation of the program in addition to being on duty that afternoon. Also thanks to Nancy Bireley for taking care of the punch and to all the members and non-members who donated cookies. The slide show EARLY LIVERMORE prepared and shown by Janet Newton was well received by the crowd. (This slide show is available for viewing at the History Center.)

It was heartwarming that there were graduates in attendance from the classes of 1910, 1912, 1914, 1915, and from the 20s, 30s, 40s, and 50s, many from out of town, including former student Buddy Baer of Sacramento.

We extend thanks to Ed Rundstrom, former Superintendent of Schools who was the M.C. for the program. A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of three copies of a Historical Resolution by Assemblyman Gib Marguth. One went to Joe Michell, former Fifth Street School principal and District Superintendent; one went to Fifth Street School, accepted by Leo Croce, Superintendent of Schools; and one went to the Livermore Heritage Guild, accepted by Malvern Sweet. Malvern is a past Chairman of the Guild, a former Fifth Street School student and later a principal in the Livermore Schools. His father, the late Charles Sweet was the first recipient of Fifth Street School P.T.A.'s Honorary Life Membership Award, presented to him in 1948.

Also we thank Jerry Bireley for having the 1944 Mack Fire Truck at the Open House. It was the school fire in September 1943 that prompted the city fathers to purchase a new fire truck, the 1944 Mack!

In honor of the occasion, the Livermore Heritage Guild published a brief history of the Fifth Street School, a free copy of which is inserted in this NEWSLETTER for the benefit of our members.

Ralph and Janet Newton will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies in the town of Paradise at the end of June. (Written earlier.) They are pleased that they are going to visit Mrs. Herbert Hubbard whose father was Clarence Wetmore, one of the founders of the Cresta Blanca Winery. Clarence Wetmore's house was at the corner of Wetmore Rd. and the Arroyo Road.

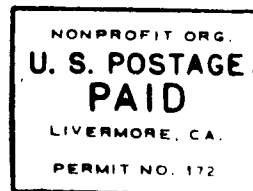


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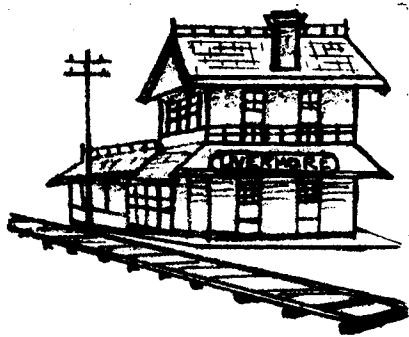
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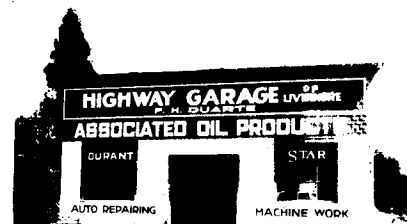


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THURSDAY..SEPT 23...3:30 PM TO 8...ART IN ACTION AT RAVENSWOOD...PICNIC, TOO!..
SAT.-SUN..OCT 2,3....FESTIVAL '82...AREA AROUND THE BARN.....

WINE HISTORY EXHIBIT NOW OPEN AT THE HISTORY CENTER IN THE CARNEGIE BUILDING.

The reception and champagne tasting (courtesy of the Hank Schneiders and Stony Ridge Winery) for the Wine Exhibit was well attended and enjoyed by all. Janet Newton's exhibit of Livermore area vineyards and wine-making history is very nicely displayed. The exhibit will remain in place for several months and can be seen Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 PM. It contains old photographs, wine-bottles and labels, documents and other artifacts from the past.

URBAN ARTIFACT EXHIBIT AT ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Bill O'Neal's exhibit of artifacts from a 100 year old Livermore dumpsite was displayed in the ALVHS museum for the fair. Hundreds of visitors viewed the exhibit with interest. The old porcelain enamel blue and white California license plate was dated at about 1913 by Frank W. Johnson of Danville.

The Guild's 1944 Mack Fire Truck was driven in the parade by Bill Junk. We didn't win a prize this time, though. For the Livermore Rodeo Parade we won a trophy for the entry and it can be seen at the History Center.

GUILD AWARDED BOTTLE OF COMMEMORATIVE WINE

The SAVE THE VINEYARDS committee presented the Guild one of the special bottles of Livermore Valley Chevrier bottled by Stony Ridge Winery at the Save the Vineyards victory celebration recently. The Guild was the first organization to officially sanction the drive to preserve the Ruby Hills vineyard land in vineyards. In this action, the Guild felt it was important that the County Supervisors not grant permits to develop the land into mini-vineyards or ranchettes because the development would probably not be economically viable as vineyards if subdivided. Subdivision would have destroyed the historic winemaking use of the land, and the 90 year old winery would have fallen into disuse. The winemaking and grapegrowing activities there and in the rest of this green and gold valley are a heritage from the past which is unique and highly appreciated by residents and tourists alike.

We are looking forward to restoration work on the winery which is now in architectural planning, according to Hank Schneider. Stony Ridge will be holding musical events at the winery later on this summer. Such events are very enjoyable as are wine tasting and picnics at other local wineries such as Wente and Concannon, both historical producers of special wines. These, the many other small wineries and winemaking hobbieists in the valley are carrying on the century old craft of wine that forms a very significant part of our local heritage.

The Herald, Sunday, July 18, 1982

A link with the past destroyed

Editor: It was a tragedy that the valley lost its last visible ties with Phoebe Apperson Hearst and her family with the unannounced demolition of Casa Bonita at Castlewood Country Club recently.

It seems incredible that this could have happened without prior notice, since we have three active historical societies in the area — the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, the Dublin Historical Preservation Association and the Livermore Heritage Guild. Yet this is not the first time we have seen buildings of great historical significance destroyed.

Recall the loss of the Fallon House along Foothill Road several years ago when it was accidentally burned down in a firefighting exercise. Back in 1969, there was the horrible fire that consumed the ori-

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ginal Castlewood. That was the greatest loss of all to the valley historically.

We can't do much about these past losses, but looking ahead, what will become of Kottinger barn, the Bernal adobe and Alviso adobe? Two of them are in deteriorating condition, and to my knowledge there is no active plan under way to preserve or restore any of them.

Will the newspapers kindly assist in researching their present and future status and keep a watchful eye on their progress or lack thereof?

It is sometimes difficult to keep volunteer organizations at a constant high level of activity, and when

historically significant structures like Casa Bonita are able to "fall through the cracks" without warning, then it is time to regroup and be more diligent and alert to avoid future potential disasters.

I was told by skeptics in 1973 that the old Southern Pacific depot in Livermore was too far gone to be salvaged, and then again in 1981 it seemed too late to try and save the Ruby Hill/Stony Ridge vineyards. But both still remain today and appear to have a rosy future. So preservation and restoration are possible even on buildings and places that seem unsalvageable.

Barry Schrader
Livermore



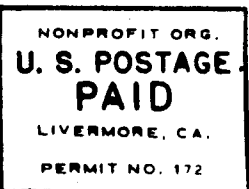
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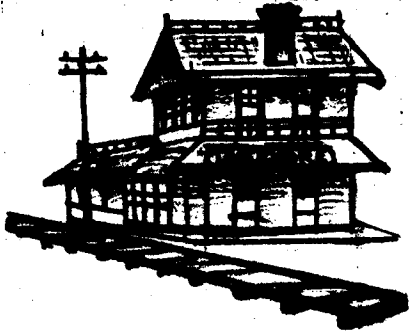
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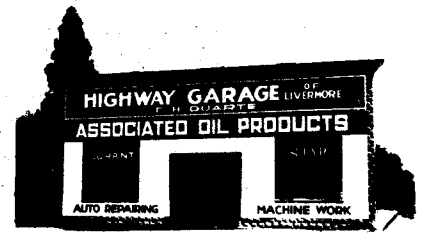
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY...SEPT 9...7:30 PM...GUILD BOARD MEETING AT THE CARNEGIE BUILDING.....
THURSDAY...SEPT 23...3:30 TO 8 PM...ART IN ACTION AT RAVENSWOOD...BRING A PICNIC
SAT, SUN...OCT 2, 3.....FESTIVAL '82...AREA AROUND THE BARN AND LIBRARY..
TUESDAYS...OCT 12,19,26..T.CALHOUN LECTURES ON VALLEY HISTORY...LIBRARY MTG.RM.

TILLIE CALHOUN TO GIVE HISTORY TALKS AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY

Tillie Calhoun will present a series of three talks on the history of the Livermore Valley in October. In addition to her interesting lectures which she has given at Chabot in the past, Tillie will display historical artifacts from this area. The dates are Oct 12, 19, and 26, at 7:30 pm, Library meeting room. (The dates were incorrectly given as Oct 5, 12, and 19 in the LCAC calendar)

ART IN ACTION AT RAVENSWOOD

The annual ART IN ACTION gathering at historical Ravenswood will be an opportunity to paint or sketch Ravenswood scenes, to tour Ravenswood, and to picnic on the "green". The action starts at 3:30 PM Thursday, Sept 23.

THE GUILD NEEDS YOUR HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Henri Fankhauser urges you to start your projects, now, so they will be ready for the bazaar in November. The Guild benefits greatly from this event and appreciates your efforts.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We have received three contributions in memory of Judith Burns who died recently in Texas. Judith worked hard for the Heritage Guild while she was in Livermore. One of her projects was the quilted cover she made for the Robert Livermore piano now in the History Center.

The Guild also received a donation in memory of Norma Schall, who was one of our Charter Members. We appreciated Norma's continued support.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Barbara Bunshah reports that 236 visitors toured the History Center in July and sales of Guild publications amounted to \$212. This is a good indication of the service the Guild is providing in educating and providing historical materials to the public. When Barbara is not giving reference information on Livermore history, she indexes the Livermore historical assessment records. She is now up to the 1928 book and has sorted previous information. See Barbara if you want to trace the history of your Old Town Livermore home.

GUILD CURATOR DISCUSSES GOOD OLD DAYS WITH EDYTHE WOODWARD

Three interviews were had by Janet Newton with Mrs. Edith Woodward who gave the Guild a large collection of artifacts recently. In chatting about old times, Janet remarked on the fact that very large parties were often held in what seemed to be houses that would not hold so many. Edythe said that they would be held in a barn, as they were in her birthplace in Colorado, where small prairie towns would hold dances in the railroad freight depot. These were not, of course, sanctioned by the railroad. So when a train was due to pass, all the lanterns were put out until it went by, and then were re-lighted. She didn't know if this ever happened in Livermore.

THE GUILD'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR

Exhibits

LCAC Fall Festival (Festival '81)
Valley Memorial Hospital's 20th Anniversary
Early Livermore Urban Artifacts
Vineyards and Wineries of Livermore
Livermore Art Association 25th Anniversary
Livermore Rodeo Exhibit
Wine History Of the Livermore Area
Fifth Street School Exhibit

Historical Gifts

Livermore Assessment Records, 1887-1927
Studebaker farm wagon
Model T Ford fire truck
Index of The Herald, 1980, 1981
Hay-rake and double-tree
Irrigation pump and engine
Artifacts from the Henry estate
Artifacts from Edythe Woodward
Donations for the Duarte Garage Auctions

Publications

1927 Livermore Chamber of Commerce Pamphlet
The Robert Livermore Adobe Site
Historical Preservation In Livermore
1982 Calendar with early Livermore scenes

Fire Truck Displays

Pleasanton Heritage Days Parade
Dublin Incorporation Parade
"Save The Vineyards" victory celebration
C.H. Tolliver Memorial installation
Fifth Street School Commemoration
Livermore Rodeo Parade
Alameda County Fair Parade

Cultural And fund-raising events

Fifth Street School Commemoration
LLNL History Lecture
Duarte Garage October and May auctions
Christmas Bazaar
Early Livermore slide-sound show
Tesla Coal Mines slide-sound show
Mission San Jose history lecture

Archeological and Historical Preservation

Livermore historical dump-sites
Altamont historical research and survey
Index of Livermore assessment records
Reroofing of the Duarte cottage

Education of the Public on Livermore history

History Center open five days a week all year
Livermore history talks to school children
Historical reference work and information for
Publications on Livermore history for sale
Historical exhibits and slide-sound shows

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The Heritage Guild has had a busy year and has accomplished a great deal of historical preservation. With the help of Dan Mosier we are continuing to work on the preparation for microfilming of another collection of old Livermore newspapers. Almost ready for printing is a pamphlet about an old account book of 1837-1839 which includes an account for Robert Livermore, and we have other publications in work that are based on historical research in the Livermore area.

But we need your help in order to continue to do this work. There are many expenses to be met. Please use the renewal form at the end of this NEWSLETTER to show you care about preserving the history of the Livermore area. Membership includes a subscription to the monthly NEWSLETTER.
