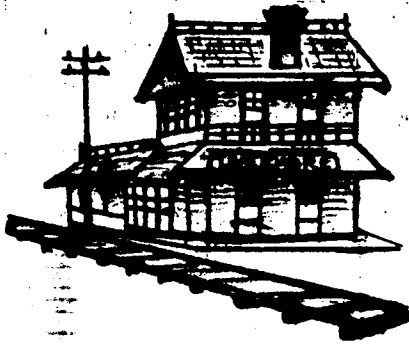
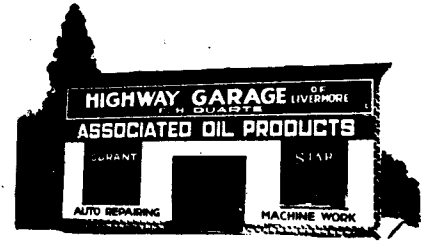


# LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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OCTOBER, 1982

LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

VOLUME X, NO. I

### CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT 14,.....BOARD MEETING,  
CARNEGIE BUILDING.  
SUNDAY, OCT 10, ANNUAL GRAPE STOMP AT  
STONY RIDGE WINERY, (BENEFITS LHG)  
TUESDAYS, OCT 12, 19, 26. TILLI CALHOUN  
HISTORY OF LIVERMORE VALLEY, AT  
THE LIBRARY.  
FRI, SAT, OCT 29, 30, LIVERMORE SYMPHONY  
POP CONCERT.

### FROM THE HISTORY CENTER...Janet Newton

During the month of October we will have a special exhibit honoring the 20th anniversary of the Livermore-Amador Symphony. The symphony has given great pleasure to the community, to listeners and performers alike, as well as providing incentives to young music students in the way of scholarships and performing assignments. The results have been quite remarkable, for example, one of the performers during the coming season will be Laura Hamilton. Laurie began her studies in Livermore and was benefitted by the Symphony Association. The story of Laurie's career is very gratifying to the association members.

No one who hasn't participated in the volume of hard work that is necessary to produce these results has any idea of the contribution to the community that such a program requires. We hope that all our readers will consider giving their active support to the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

The special exhibit, VINEYARDS AND WINERIES OF THE LIVERMORE VALLEY continues in our West Room. In honor of the upcoming 100th anniversary in 1983, of three of the Livermore Valley's most

notable wineries, Wente, Concannon and Cresta Blanca, in January we will begin a series of short articles in the NEWSLETTER on the history of the wineries in the valley.

Our two slide-sound shows are still available on request. One is titled EARLY LIVERMORE and the other THE TESLA COAL MINES. We believe you will enjoy seeing them.

### THE WAY WE WERE

Local history with slides and artifacts will be presented by Tilli Calhoun at the Livermore Public Library. The topics to be covered in the three week series are: INDIANS (Oct 12), DAYS OF THE DONS (Oct 19), GRAIN, GRAPES, GRAVEL (Oct 26). Starting time is 7:30.

Merilyn (Tilli) Calhoun is the author of the excellent book "Early Days in the Livermore-Amador Valley". Don't miss her informative and interesting lecture series.

### ROBERT LIVERMORE ADOBE SITE

By Bill O'Neal

Construction of more residential units on the Livermore Rancho is imminent. The site is on land adjacent to Portola and I-580. The developer has applied for a permit to construct an additional 144 units. The Livermore adobe site is within the dedicated channel of Las Positas Creek and may be threatened by recontouring and concreting of the channel to prevent future washing away of the steep banks. If the banks were to erode badly, the housing would be in jeopardy. The development plan shows no grading required on the adobe site, but shows concreting of the bank on the edge of the site. This is highly likely to

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damage some of the sub-surface archeological remains of the adobe site. The Director of Planning of Livermore has written that since no contouring is planned directly on the site, the contractor is not required to pay for any archeological work. I am writing him another letter pointing out the high probability of site damage from planned work and from construction directly next to the site. Heavy trucks and other vehicles will need to drive on the site to prepare the steep banks for concreting and to transport concrete to the banks for emplacement. This is a shallow archeological deposit and could easily be gouged by construction vehicles. This may break up near-surface artifacts and mix up the stratification of the artifacts. Thus, valuable information will be directly lost and future site stability will be threatened by erosion of the disturbed surface.

If you are interested in preserving the Livermore Adobe site, call or write to Howard Nies and the City Council and urge that mitigating action be taken at the expense of the contractor before the city grants permits to build more houses near the site. If the contractor is not required to pay for this work, the City will have to pay for it in the future at our expense. Copies of the report on the Guild's archeological work at the site are available at the History Center.

#### THE ANNUAL GRAPE STOMP AT STONY RIDGE

Plan to attend this happy harvest celebration on Oct. 10. The cost for dinner, entertainment, grapes to stomp and wine to drink is \$22.50 per person and the Guild will receive over \$100 from the proceeds. The Stony Ridge Winery is a beautiful setting for the grape stomp, and the Guild has been active in efforts to preserve this historical vineyard and winery for future generations to enjoy.

#### RESTORATION OF THE DUARTE COTTAGE

The former tenants have moved out of the cottage and the Restoration Committee under Valerie Raymond has contracted for cleaning and painting. Some of the committee has repaired screens and windows, and will be re-tiling and re-carpeting the floors. We are now looking for responsible new tenants. Tenants will have some caretaking duties for the property and must maintain the lawn and grounds in good condition. We prefer a retired couple who will be on the premises most of the time. Contact Bill O'Neal for more information.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our fiscal year runs from Oct '82 to Oct '83 so dues payment time is here. The Guild has not raised dues since Oct, 1978 because of funds raised through benefits, auctions and other events. For this year we can still balance the budget without an increase, if dues are paid promptly. Think ahead to Christmas or a birthday and give a subscription to a relative or friend.

Do you know someone whose family goes way back in this area? Or someone who feels we should preserve some of the past and present for future generations? Or someone who wants their grandchildren to know about the "old ways and values"? If you do, then give them a gift of membership or ask them to join on their own. If each member could bring in one new member, we can eliminate the need to raise dues in the future.

If you are not a member, please join us, now, by filling out the enclosed form and sending in your dues, today!





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NOVEMBER, 1982

LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

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#### CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING...Thursday, Nov. 11  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR...Saturday, Nov. 13,  
Recreation Center, 8th & H.  
LAA RAVENSWOOD BOUTIQUE...Sun, Dec. 5  
11-5 PM, at Ravenswood.

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Support the Heritage Guild by doing your Christmas shopping at the LARPD BAZAAR on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Recreation Center. The Guild will have a sales table at the BAZAAR with historical publications, note-paper and handcrafted gifts. French-fold notes with a 1930's photo of the Fifth St. School will be on sale at 8 for \$2.00. Some baked goods will also be available, and the new, 1983 Heritage Guild calendars will be ready.

#### FESTIVAL '82 REPORT....Barbara Bunshah

The Guild's booth, which was carefully chosen by Art-In-Action Chair Rosemarie Wade, was located directly in front of the Anza monument on the library grounds. Many people stopped at our table and we made a number of sales, but volume was down by 33% from last year. This was our first time as a Festival participant away from the History Center and we came away from the experience with many ideas for improvements for our booth for next year. Planning for next year will begin early in 1983 and we will ask for participation by a number of Guild members to make the booth a bigger draw and increase our visibility in the community.

#### ORAL HISTORY...Rosemarie Wade

We need volunteers to tape-record the spoken history of Livermore old-timers. Rosemarie will quickly show you how to work with old-timers to get their very interesting stories of Livermore history on tape. Call her on 447-6861.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to members who have paid their dues! For those of you who haven't done so yet, please take a minute to fill out the enclosed membership form and send a check today. We need your help!

#### HISTORY CENTER....Janet Newton

First of all, we wish to extend a happy birthday to Guild member Mary McCoy who will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 27. We congratulate ourselves on having Mamie as a member of our community. (see below for more on Mamie McCoy).

We have a new slide-sound show in the History Center that tells the story of the twenty-year-old Livermore-Amador Symphony. You will enjoy seeing old and new photos of your many friends in the symphony. There is music in the background, provided, of course, by members of the symphony. Come in and ask for it.

A new Heritage Guild publication is now at the printers. It is a booklet about a rare document pertaining to this area - a little account book kept by Thomas G. Bownen, a merchant in San Jose in 1837-1839. In most cases, there is a page for each customer, including one for Robert Livermore, and one for his partner, Jose Noriega. Five consultants helped Ralph and Janet Newton to prepare the interpretive text for the booklet:

The late Father William Abeloe, curator of Mission San Jose; Dr. Neuerburg, student-historical documents; Amelie Elkinton, historian of Monterey; Juanita Vidalin, Livermore descendant and historian; Carl Schneider, professional editor.

The publication will be a useful tool for teaching and studying California history and we are sure you will enjoy it. The price of the 30 page booklet is \$4.00 including tax. Pre-paid mail orders mailed before Jan 1, 1983, will be filled and sent post-paid. The booklet will be for sale at the Christmas Bazaar.

#### IN MEMORIUM

In November we lost two descendents of notable pioneers of this valley. Mary McGlinchey and Leroy Allen. We will miss them both but we are thankful that they were with us so long (they were both 88 years old) and they contributed so much to the community.

## MARY MCCOY

Mary McCoy lives on a ranch on Mines Road. She will be one-hundred years old on December 27, 1982, having been born in Randolph, Vermont in 1882. She was brought to the Livermore Valley in 1885 by her father, John Stanley.

John Stanley had three older brothers, George, Joseph and James. They came to California during the Gold Rush and they settled in the Livermore Valley. John also came to California before the Civil War but then went back and fought in the war. On his first journey to California he walked all the way across the Isthmus of Panama.

After the war he returned to California where he joined his brothers in the Livermore Valley. George Stanley had a slaughterhouse on the road that approached Livermore from the west, not far from the Portola on-ramp to interstate highway 580 - near what Mary refers to as the Esden bridge. John began peddling meat from his brother's butcher shop to gangs of men working on the railroad and to houses around the valley.

In the 1880's John returned to Vermont where he married Marian York. Mary was their second child (their first one died at birth). In 1885 John brought his family to California and settled on a ranch on Mines Road, next to the ranch of Charles H. McCoy.

At this time John's brothers owned large acreages north of town. Stanley Boulevard is named for Chester Stanley, a descendant of one of them who was an Alameda County Supervisor. Mary McCoy's late sister Grace, was the wife of noted Livermore native Louis Gardella.

Mamie, as she is generally called, attended the Mocho School on Mines Road, very near where she lives now. She rode a horse and cart or a bicycle to town to attend Livermore High School where she was a class-mate of May Nissen. It took an hour to drive to town.

In 1895 Mamie was married to Charles H. McCoy. The house where she lives now was built by her husband three years later. Mamie's father-in-law Charles L. McCoy owned the land across Mines Road from Mamie's husband's place. It was an almond orchard. Her mother-in-law was a niece of Senator William Sharon of Comstock Lode silver mining fame who had a large house in Oakland. Charles L. McCoy



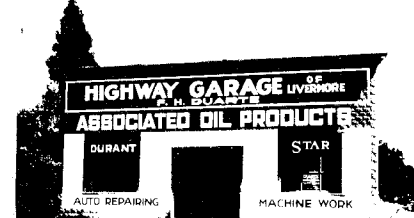
worked in the mining exchange in San Francisco. Both Mamie and her son Jim, with whom she now lives, remember the big McCoy house in Oakland. There were large ornaments on the floor made of cast metal, painted. One was in the shape of a grasshopper and one in the shape of a turtle. Charles L. was born in Oakland where he knew Jack London.

Mamie has four children and a number of grandchildren and great and great-great grandchildren. She has been active in many Livermore social organizations and is regarded as a good partner in card games. She has also found time, during her long life to travel widely over the United States. For example, she has traveled "back East, New York, Atlantic City, Niagara Falls and places like that" but, she says, "There is nowhere better than Livermore to live."

Mrs. McCoy has been blessed and is still blessed with an amount of energy that amazes her friends. An article in the Livermore Herald in 1971 quotes her as saying "Our life was simple, healthy and busy. Youngsters had no time to get into mischief when there were chores to do all day. But they had fun anyway...dances in the barn, singing, music and laughter."



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DECEMBER, 1982

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## CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING. Friday Dec. 10, 7:30 at the Brown's residence.

LAA RAVENSWOOD BOUTIQUE... Sun. Dec. 5  
11-5 PM at Ravenswood.

## HISTORY CENTER... Janet Newton

Christmas shopping at the Center.

New items for 1983: Our 1983 calendar of historical photographs of Livermore, (while they last). NEW BOOKLET- A copy of a rare document with commentary by Ralph and Janet Newton, consisting of an old account book of a merchant in San Jose of 1837-39. A nice gift for the history buffs on your list. Price, \$4.00. Also for sale is the collection of note cards of historical subjects in Livermore, which includes a nice photo of the Fifth Street School.

We have recently showed our slide-sound shows to classes at St Michael's School and at East Ave School. In addition, classes come in to the Center to see our collection of artifacts. For reservations call or see Barbara Bunshah at the Center, 449-9927.

A new exhibit is now set up in the East room of drawings made of some of the artifacts in our collection. Many of the subjects are in the Lincoln Highway Garage Museum. The drawings are primarily a record of measurements made by Curator Janet Newton.

Juanita Vidalin and the Newtons recently spent a day in the library of the California Historical Society examining their many items pertaining to Livermore history. We will soon exhibit copies of some of them.

The History Center has received a copy of Part 1 and Supplement I of B. Bunshah's retrospective Selective Subject Index to issues of the Livermore Herald (as micro-filmed), July 1899 to December 1919. Part 1 includes subjects from "Accidents to Farms and Farming". Supplement I contains an alphabetical listing of obituaries of valley residents and former residents. The entire index is scheduled for publication by the end of 1983.

## HERITAGE GUILD COTTAGE

The interior of the Heritage Guild cottage has now been restored thanks to the Restoration Committee, chaired by Valerie Raymond, with Henri and Chet Fankhauser, Lorraine Raison, Barry Schrader, Bill O'Neal, and the Junks. The initial "swampout" of the cottage was done by Barry Schrader, the Junks and others. The interior walls were washed and painted by M and D Cleaning, the kitchen, laundry, and bath were re-tiled by Raymonds, Fankhausers and Lorraine Raison, Barry Schrader arranged for re-carpeting of living room, closets, stairs, and upstairs bedroom, and repaired attic door to clear carpeting. Lloyd Madsen rewired the upstairs light fixtures, Bill O'Neal contracted for repair of three broken windows and repaired broken screens and banister. Henri Fankhauser contracted for installation of a new toilet. Valerie Raymond did final cleanup and made a trip to the dump. Jay Chase (son of the new tenants) and Mirna Chase have spent many hours putting on the finishing touches, installing appliances, installing a gas line for a drier, drying out the basement and getting the place livable. Bill O'Neal managed tenant interviews, leasing arrangements, utilities repairs and connections, new house number (2016 Pine St.) and overall coordination. Everett and Lisa Chase moved in over thanksgiving weekend.

The cottage is now in very nice condition and we look forward to a pleasant, long term relationship with our new tenants, who want to work with us to further improve the property.

## LARPD BAZAAR... Barbara Bunshah

This year the Bazaar was for one day only, but our income was about the same as last year. Donations of handicrafts were made by Henri Fankhauser, Nancy Bireley, Anna Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Gregory, Yucola Wischnach and Kitsy Junk. Sales assistants were Peggy Concannon, Anna Brown, the Junks, Mary O'Neal, Janet Newton, and Barry Schrader. Thanks to all who made this project a success.

## IN MEMORIAM

We have received a donation to the work of the Heritage Guild in memory of Marian Wagoner, a daughter of early pioneers of the Livermore Valley.

## New Booklet

about a rare account book of Thomas Bowen, merchant of San José, 1837-'39. One of his customers was Robert Livermore of Rancho Las Positas. Merchandise was both bought and sold making this an interesting study of California history.

### ORDER FORM FOR LHG's NEW BOOKLET

AN OLD ACCOUNT BOOK OF THOMAS BOWEN'S CUSTOMERS IN  
SAN JOSE, INCLUDING ROBERT LIVERMORE 1837 - 1839

by Ralph & Janet Newton

Thirty pages 8½ x 5½". On the left is a copy of a page of the document and on the right the comments of the authors and their consultants who were: Wm. N. Abeloe, Norman Neuerburg, Amelie Elkinton, Juanita Vidalin and Carl Schneider.

PLEASE SEND \_\_\_\_\_ copies to

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at \$4.00 per copy, including tax, plus postage and handling of \$1.50 per copy. Check enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_

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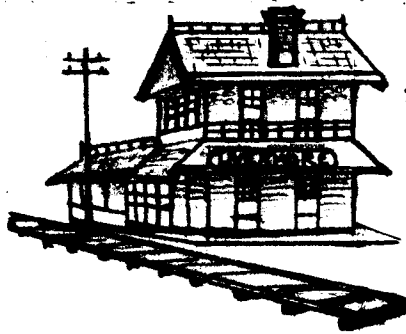


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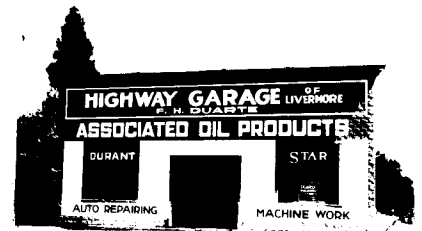
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### CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING...Thursday, Jan 13,  
7:30PM at the Carnegie Building.

### STORM DAMAGE TO HIGHWAY MUSEUM

Three front windows and frames were blown out of the Highway Museum by the heavy winds in December. Fortunately, no damage was done to the old Livermore fire engines and farm wagons inside. The broken windows have since been restored to former condition except for the "S" from the STAR automotive products sign painted on one of the broken panes. We are looking for a volunteer to trace the original "S" onto the inside of the pane and repaint the letter. Call Barry Schrader if you can do it.

### FOURTH ANNUAL AUCTION-Henry Fankhauser

The Guild's annual auction has been scheduled for sometime in May. As in previous years, it will be held in the Highway Museum at Portola and North L. We will be needing donations and consignments to auction. Last years auction was a big success partially due to many antique items donated or consigned. Call Henry Fankhauser for information. 846-3563

### 30's RADIO DONATED TO THE GUILD

Dale Lovdahl donated an "art deco-ish" Philco table radio of the depression era to the Guild. It is a nice looking wood radio which plays with a good sound. With fine dialing, we can still tune in to Amos and Andy!

### HISTORY CENTER ...Janet Newton

Our new booklet, AN OLD ACCOUNT BOOK, is ready for your inspection at the sales desk. It consists of a rare document and comments on it by Ralph and Janet Newton and their consultants, the late Rev. William N. Abeloe, Norman Neuerburg, Juanita Vidalin, Amelie Elkinton, and Carl R. Schneider. Price, \$4.00 including tax. By mail, add \$.50.

### 19th CENTURY WINE NEWS...Barbara Bunshah

From The Enterprise,  
Dec. 4, 1875...

"An unusually large portion of the season's grape crop remained still on the vines in many vineyards when the late storm occurred, and has been ruined by the rain."

Dec. 12 1876...

"GRAPE VINES...Persons wishing to secure a fine variety of grapevine cuttings can find them by calling on J. M. Mendenhall, on the old Bardellini ranch, 2 miles SE of Livermore."

From The Echo,

Aug. 18, 1887...

"22,000 gallons of wine were shipped from this station during the first three days of this week."

Mar. 4, 1889...

"A. Duval shipped 32 cases of wine to New Orleans on Tuesday. This is the first large shipment of wine in cases ever made in Livermore."

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## HISTORY OF THE LIVERMORE VALLEY VINEYARDS ...Janet Newton

During 1983 we plan to publish, in the NEWSLETTER, excerpts from a booklet about the vineyards and wineries of the valley that is in preparation. The following is a brief introduction.

The first systematic planting of grapes in this valley was in the late 1870s or early 1880s. Joseph F. Black is credited with being the first man who realized the potential of making the valley into a community of vine growers. Black owned very large areas of land both in Livermore and in Pleasanton and by 1889 he had 200 acres of vines.

Some of the first men to establish vineyards and wineries were natives to Bordeaux, France, such as J. Mortier and Louis Mel. A.G. Chauche of San Francisco, after noting the quality of the vintage of 1884, immediately purchased land for a vineyard and winery. C. Aquillon, an experienced wine-maker of Sonoma decided to open a branch establishment in Livermore. By 1893 there were at least 156 vineyards in this valley occupying over 5500 acres.

The book WINES AND VINES OF CALIFORNIA by F.E. Wait, published in 1889, describes "...that part of the Livermore and Vallecitos Valleys supported by the tertiary and cretaceous hills and terraced table lands flanking the streams known as the Arroyo del Valle, Arroyo Mocho and San Antonio. Here, every condition known to be essential for the production of the highest grades of wine and brandies, approximating the noblest French types, exists."

From the First Annual Report of the State Viticultural Commission, (revised April, 1880)-"...French, Portuguese and Italians made wine at home. Their apparatus consisted of six or so French claret casks, a couple of tubs to tread out the juice, a small lever press or a small cider press if they wanted to be up to the times. All the members of the family drank wine, including the baby. But they were never drunk or disorderly. They loved wine too well to abuse it."

The Austrian J.W. Kottinger, as early as 1874, made over 1000 gallons of wine from his four acres of vines. Robert Livermore also made wine from his own grapes.

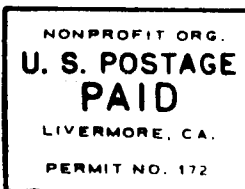
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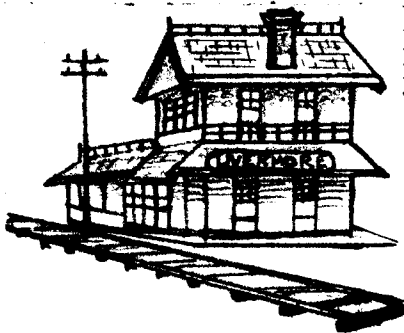
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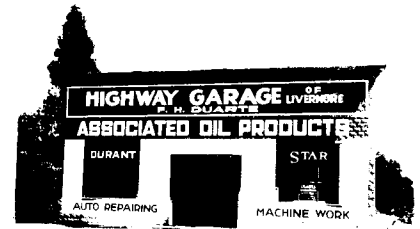




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FEBRUARY, 1983

LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

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### CALENDAR

Board Meeting...Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:30 PM, Carnegie Building.....  
Livermore Valley Wine Festival...Apr 30-May 1, At major wineries in the valley.  
LHG Auction...Saturday, May 14, Highway Garage, Portola & North L.....  
Art in the Vineyards...Sun, May 29, Concannon Winery.....

### HISTORY CENTER...Janet Newton

Recently Heritage Guild members Juanita Vidalin and Ralph and Janet Newton spent a day in the library of the California Historical Society in San Francisco. In their materials pertaining to Livermore we found a number of interesting items. One was a portrait of Robert Livermore, Jr. and Julian Cantua that we hadn't seen before. Also, in an extensive collection of materials pertaining to the Edsen (or Edson) family of Livermore there were many items of interest. We plan to have an exhibit of copies of some of these in the History Center during February. Glossy prints of two photographs were purchased by Mrs. Vidalin and given to the Guild.

This month, instead of an article from the forthcoming booklet on Livermore Vineyards and Wineries, we are enclosing a "Chapter of Livermore History" on Chinese Culture in the Livermore Valley in honor of the Chinese New Year Feb. 13.

We have been pleased to receive orders for our new booklet "AN OLD ACCOUNT BOOK..." from Holmes Book Co., from the Huntington Library, and from the State Library. Obtainable from the History Center sales desk, \$3.75 plus tax.

Another gift to the center was received recently from Francesco Lowenthal Khan, a former resident of Livermore and Guild member. It is a token marked "F.C. Duncan, Livermore" and on the obverse, "The Brunswick". Barbara Bunshah has searched in her Old Livermore Newspapers index and found the following information on The Brunswick:

F.C. Duncan sold his interest in The Brunswick Billiard Hall to his partner Emmet Moran...(1908). He opened a new bowling alley in the same building as the billiard parlor on K St. ("his own new building") in May 1915.

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In Jan. 1917 he purchased the 1/2 interest of his partner C.E. Denman in the "billiard parlour" which they held in joint interest for several years past.

Geo. E. "Dad" Jones purchased F.C. Duncans's billiard and bowling alley, located on K St. adjoining the Valley Hardware in 1924. Mr. Duncan "states that he plans to retire from active business."

All quotes from The Livermore Herald.

HERITAGE GUILD AUCTION...Henri Fankhauser

AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 5, IF WE HAVE ENOUGH GOODS!...for example: furniture; working appliances; useable sheets, bedspreads, towels, kitchenware. Better yet: antiques, collectibles, art objects, bricabrac, games, sporting goods, (no clothing, please).

Pick-ups can be arranged. Consignments accepted (owner receives 80% of the selling price). Call Henri Fankhauser, at work, 449-9791 (ten to five Tuesday-Saturday) or, at home, after six, 447-3809.

OLD LIVERMORE BRICK WORKS PROPERTY BULLDOZED...Bill O'Neal

Only a pile of foundations, twisted metal and thousands of old broken bricks marked "LIVERMORE" remains of the early 1900s Livermore Brick Works. Formerly located on land across from Valley Memorial Hospital, it will soon become a K MART. On a rainy day in January, a survey of the area turned up several interesting artifacts: red bricks marked Oakland and California which were probably the bricks the kilns and buildings were built with; red clay and tan clay from which bricks were formed; white clay, an unfired white brick and a fired white brick with two glazed sides. These were facing bricks. Also; reinforcing bars which held the kilns together; railroad spikes from the spur line formerly servicing the brickworks; various pieces of terracotta tiles; an electrical insulator made by G.E. Co. with a patent mark of 1908; various pieces of steel from the Brickworks' mechanical equipment; finally, a brown beer bottle with mold marks indicating it was made with hand-held molds before the invention of automatic bottlemaking machinery, dating it to about 1900.

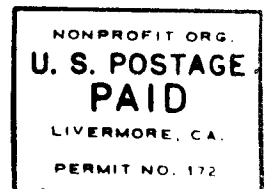
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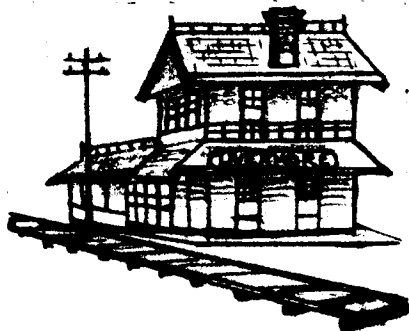
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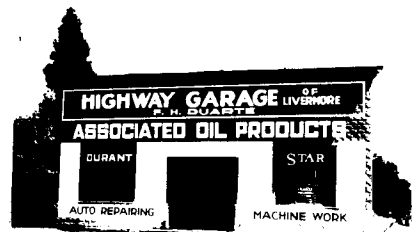
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### CALENDAR

Board Meeting...Thursday, March 10, 7:30 PM, Carnegie Building.....  
Vineyards Centennial Ball...Fri. Apr 29, The Barn.....  
Livermore Valley Wine Festival...Apr 30-May 1, at major wineries in the valley  
Heritage Guild Auction...Saturday, May 14, Highway Garage, Portola and N. L...  
Art in the Vineyards...Sun, May 29, Conconnon Winery.....

### HERITAGE GUILD AUCTION...Henri Fankhauser

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### HISTORY CENTER...Janet Newton

The new exhibit of items from the library of the California Historical Society will be shown through March and April. In addition, there will be an exhibit of local bricks marking the end of brick-making in the valley.

With this issue we include an article about Livermore brick-making by Dan Mosier. We will resume our installments of material from our forthcoming new booklet about vineyards and wineries in the valley with the April Newsletter. This will be in honor of the first public festival of the Livermore Valley wine centennial on April 29. When the new booklet comes out we will have an enlarged copy of the 1889 panoramic map of the valley in the History Center showing the location of the vineyards and wineries of that date.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM OLD TOWN LIVERMORE

**RICHARD M. CALLAGHAN ADMITTED TO BAR TODAY**

Richard M. Callaghan of this place will be admitted to the State bar at ceremonies held in the Supreme Court rooms in the State Building in San Francisco this (Friday) morning. He received announcement the first of the week through the State Board of Bar Examiners that he had successfully passed the examinations held two months ago. The oath of office will be administered to those who were successful in the examinations and they will be granted their licenses to practice. Mr. Callaghan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Callaghan of this place and a graduate of the legal department of the University of Santa Clara.

Livermore Herald 7 October 1927, p. 1, col. 2

**LIVERMORE LAWYERS FORM PARTNERSHIP**

**M. J. Clark and Richard M. Callaghan Are Now Associated**

Formation of the law partnership of Clark and Callaghan was announced this week, the principals being M.J. Clark and Richard M. Callaghan, Livermore attorneys.

Both partners are well known in Livermore. Mr. Clark has been established here for the past ten years and in addition to handling his private practice is town attorney. Mr. Callaghan is a graduate of the law department of the University of Santa Clara and was recently admitted to the bar. He is a native of this place and a graduate of the Livermore schools.

Offices will be maintained in the post office building, where Mr. Clark has been located for many years.

Livermore Herald 4 Nov. 1927, p. 1 col, 6

Note: Mr. Richard Callaghan has just (February 1983) retired from the practice of law. (See article in Livermore Herald, Feb.25,1983, p.11, col.2)

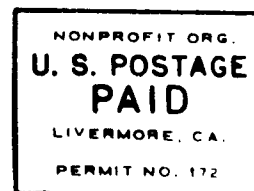
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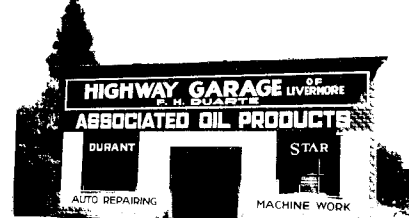
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CALENDAR BOARD MEETING, Thurs. April 14, 7:30 p.m., Carnegie Building  
Livermore Valley Wine Festival, April 30 - May 1, at major wineries in valley  
HERITAGE GUILD AUCTION, Sat. May 14, Highway Garage, No. L & Pine Street.

HERITAGE GUILD AUCTION, Henri Fankhauser

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HISTORY CENTER, Janet Newton

Our new booklet is out! You will want to have this souvenir of the Winery Centennial. See the attached flyer and send in your order, or come in to the History Center. We also have a second edition of our booklet CRESTA BLANCA & CHARLES WETMORE, and we have copies of our booklet THE RAVENSWOOD STORY. Three booklets about wineries.

The recent LHG publication AN OLD ACCOUNT BOOK, is selling well to reference libraries and history buffs in general.

With this issue we print brief excerpts from the Wente & Concannon stories from our new booklet. We hope that you will all participate in and enjoy the Wine Centennial.

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## THE CONCANNON WINERY

James and Ellen Concannon came to Livermore in 1883. It had been suggested to James by Archbishop Alemany in San Francisco, that he should establish a winery in Livermore to produce wine for the Catholic Church, and on August 1, 1883, he purchased 47 acres in Livermore.

James was born on the Island of Inishmaan in Galway Bay, Ireland, on March 17, 1847. He got his only schooling from an itinerant teacher who gave him lessons while sheltering from the wind behind a wall. He left home when he was eighteen, embarking on a sailing ship for Boston where he arrived in 1865. He got a job with the Singer Sewing Machine Company but shortly afterwards moved to Augusta, Maine, where he was a bell-boy in the Mansion House Hotel. Hard work and study at night school made it possible for James to become manager of the hotel before very long.

James met a young lady from County Kilkenny named Ellen Rowe who had come to Maine to join relatives, one of whom was a United States Army Captain. They were married in Augusta but in 1878 moved west to a sheep ranch in Oregon and then to San Francisco. In San Francisco James began his business career selling books for the publisher Anton Roman.

When the Concannons moved to Livermore they planted a vineyard and established a winery. It was a great success. The Concannons built a house and raised a family of five sons and five daughters on the estate.

After the original James Concannon died, his son Joseph became the owner of the Concannon winery. Joseph's wife Nina was born in Milan, Italy. She came to Livermore when she was twenty-one, when her mother died. Nina then lived with her brother Carlo Ferrario who had a winery in Livermore. The Ferrarios and the Concannons were neighbors and it was not long afterwards that Nina was married to Joseph Concannon, who was James and Ellen's third son.

After Joseph Concannon died, his two sons, Joseph Jr. and James operated the winery but when Joseph Jr. died in 1978, James decided to establish a partnership with Agustin Huneeus,

WENTE BROS.

In 1883, Carl Heinrich Wente and his bride, Barbara Trautwein came to the Livermore Valley. In partnership with Dr. Louis Busch and Herman Oterson they bought fifty acres of land, twenty of which were planted with Zinfandel grapes. The Wentes began to make wine and eventually to add to their acreage. Mr. Wente had been working with Charles Krug in his winery near Napa and Mrs. Wente had a background of winemaking in her family in Germany.

At an early date, Mr. Wente began to buy the grapes from the nearby vineyard of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mel. Mrs. Mel was an acquaintance of the Marquis de Saluces, owner of the Chateau Yquem in Bordeaux, France. Armed with a letter from Mrs. Mel, Charles Wetmore, who was another Livermore Valley vintner, had gone to France about 1882 where he visited the Chateau Yquem. He was given cuttings of the three varieties of grape that when combined make the blend of white wine called Chateau Yquem.

Local vintners were able to produce a white wine that compared favorably with the best in the world, as proved when Wetmore's Cresta Blanca wine won the highest prize in the Paris exposition.

In 1889 F.E.Wait wrote that C.H.Wente of Livermore, was a "practical and thorough man". His operation of the Livermore vineyard and winery must have been excellent, judging by its success. By 1898, according to a local newspaper, he was shipping two carloads of wine a day from the Livermore depot. The Wentes say that "two carloads" must have meant something different then than it does today. Two shipments perhaps, or two barrels.

Carl H. Wente had three sons, two of whom (Ernest and Herman) worked with him in the vineyard and winery. Ernest, after graduating from High School in Livermore, attended the University of California at Davis, an agricultural school. He was in its first graduating class in 1911. Herman Wente graduated from the University of California in 1915. Their brother Carl F. Wente became a very noted banker in the state, but Ernest and Herman devoted the rest of their lives to the family winery.

When Herman died, Karl Wente became the president of Wente Bros., and when Karl died, his son Eric became the President, his brother Philip, the Executive Vice-President and his sister Carolyn, the Vice-President of Public Relations. Their mother Jean Wente is the Chief Financial officer.

For the full story of the Livermore wineries, see our new booklet, and come into the History Center to see our special Vineyards and Winery exhibit.

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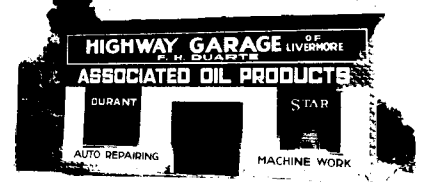
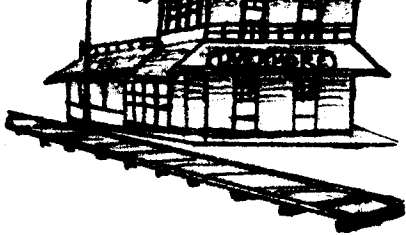
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CALENDAR

Heritage Guild Auction...Saturday, May 14, Lincoln Highway Garage, N. L & Portola Sts..  
Board Meeting..Thursday, May 12, 7:30 PM, Lincoln Highway Garage, N. L & Portola Sts...  
Art In the Vineyards...Sun, May 29, Concannon Winery.....  
LHG Annual Meeting and Election...Fri, June 17, Old Livermore RR Station.....

HERITAGE GUILD AUCTION...Henri Fankhauser

(Board Members note-the May Board meeting will be at the Highway Garage)

The LHG 4th Annual Auction on Saturday, May 14 will include antiques, consigned goods and donated objects. We need more auction material, such as collectibles and antiques. The deadline for entry is Tuesday, May 10. If you have any items to donate or consign, please call Henri Fankhauser, at work on 449-9791, (10-5, Tues-Sat) or at home, after six, 447-3809. You can consign goods to be auctioned (you get 80% of the sales price).

There will be a spaghetti dinner available before the auction. For \$2.50 (donation) you can enjoy spaghetti and meat balls, a beverage, salad and dessert! Such a deal! Preview of goods will be from 5-7 PM, dinner 5:30 to 6:30, and the auction starts at 7 PM sharp. Come to the auction and bring friends.

The location is at North L. and Portola in the HIGHWAY GARAGE, Saturday, May 14.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS...Anna Brown

The Livermore Heritage Guild Annual Meeting and election of Officers and Board of Directors will be held on Friday, June 17 at the Old Livermore SP Railroad Station. The depot has been redecorated by the new residents, Coldwell Banker, and they have kindly allowed us to hold our annual meeting there. The speakers for the program will be announced in the June Newsletter. The address of Livermore Station is 20 South L St. between First and Railroad Ave. It is appropriate that the Annual Meeting be held at Livermore Station because preserving this station was the first project of the Guild ten years ago.

In order that the Annual Meeting Committee may plan for desserts and seating, we ask that you send a post-card with your name, phone no., and the number in your party to the Livermore Heritage Guild, PO BOX 961, Livermore, CA 94550, or, call Anna Brown on 447-7780. There is no charge to attend the meeting. If you would like to bring some cookies for refreshments, please indicate so on the card.

The slate of candidates which has been put together by the nominating committee consists of:

Officers

Board Members, 1983-85

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| Chairman.....Anna Brown   | Bill O'Neal     |
| Vice Chairman...Bill Junk   | Carolyn Parrish |
| Treasurer.....Lorraine Raison   | Tim Sage        |
| Secretary.....Barbara Bunshah   | Gary Drummond   |
| Ways and Means Chairman...Henri Fankhauser                                      | Giovanna Born   |
| Nominating Committee for next year...Barry Schrader and Merilyn (Tilli) Calhoun |                 |

Dessert and coffee will be served after the meeting.

HISTORY CENTER...Janet Newton

Our exhibit about the vineyards and wineries of the Livermore Valley has been enhanced by a Cresta Blanca Pink Champagne bottle lent by Barbara Stear. Be sure to come in and see it. Our new booklet about vineyards and wineries is selling well. Stop by the History Center and get your copy. The price is \$3.75 including tax.

Dr. Robert Fisher, President of the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation of Fremont, recently brought to me a group of maps that were put in his custody by the Alameda County Surveyor's Office some years ago when all their old maps were microfilmed. One of them, the 1900 official map of Alameda County, will soon be exhibited in the History Center. It is in four parts, which makes it easier to exhibit than if it were in one piece. The map is in good condition and is particularly interesting because it shows land ownership.

The Heritage Guild is pleased to report that work has begun on repairing the fire damage in the Veteran's Memorial Building. We were among many who urged the County Supervisors to carry out repairs.

Below is a brief history of the Brodt Winery in Pleasanton. For a full account, see the new booklet.

Aurelius W. Brodt and his wife Helen Tanner Brodt were teachers. Mrs. Brodt was an accomplished artist of considerable repute. In the 1880s Mr. and Mrs. Brodt established themselves on a 300 acre ranch on what is now Vineyard Avenue. They produced wine in addition to commuting to Oakland where Mr. Brodt was a teacher and Mrs. Brodt had an artist's studio.

They had four children and one of them, Ethel Brodt, left behind a school composition in which she described the Remillard brickyard that she could see below her house. It is useful to have a first-hand account of the manufacture of bricks in the valley. Another anecdote of the Brodt family is interesting. There used to be many more fine trees on their Pleasanton property than there are now. A later owner cut them down because they tempted the workers to rest in the shade when they should have been working. Now there are houses all over the hills where the vineyard was.

ORAL HISTORY...RoseMarie Wade

Recently a very interesting oral history of Mines Road old-timer Curtis McCumber was taped. In next month's newsletter we will present excerpts from this tape. If you know of Livermore area old-timers whose history should be recorded, contact me on 447-6861.

ORAL HISTORY EXCERPTS FROM THE FRANCES MAE BAER SANTUCCI TAPE...interview by RoseMarie Wade.

"I worked at the telephone company at the switchboard. At that time we used to take telegrams from the people who phoned in. I couldn't wear rings or bracelets. If I touched one of those things I would get knocked right out of my chair (by electrical shock). There were only two of us on the switchboard at night-one taking long-distance calls and one doing local. We'd go in on calls and they'd get disconnected and we had light flashes (electrical sparks) and we had to go in and work on the switchboard they plug into the thing. You've seen, like in the olden days in the movies, that's how the telephone girls in 1924 and 25 worked in the telephone company.

We moved to Livermore in 1928. We leased the Twin Oaks Ranch for five years. In the meantime my brother Max started his fight career. We stayed at the ranch until the lease was up, and then my husband bought a piece of land out there.

We had two or three thousand head of hogs. They had two trucks go to Oakland to the restaurants and they gathered the garbage. They mixed it with other food and fed it to the pigs. There were two men working all the time. My husband would buy the pigs small and then raise them and fatten them up and then sell them to the different meat-packing companies. Later, they passed a law that they had to cook all of the food. My husband installed a cooker and every time they brought the food, they had to cook all that food. The name of the street the ranch was on was Lomitas Avenue. At that time they called it "C" Street. My husband retired in 1958. He sold the ranch to a fellow by the name of Livermore. He was no relation to anybody here. He was from San Ramon and he worked for the Bishop Ranch."



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### CALENDAR

Board Meeting.....Thursday, June 9, 7:30 PM, Carnegie Building  
 LHG Annual Meeting.....Thursday, June 30, 7:30 PM, Livermore Depot  
 Livermore Rodeo Parade and Rodeo.....Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12  
 Alameda County Fair.....June 25 to July 10...Pleasanton Fairgrounds

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS ON JUNE 30

Speakers for the Annual Meeting Program will be Carolyn Wente and Jim Concannon who will present talks on their family histories. The meeting will begin at 7:30 with election of officers for the 1984 fiscal year starting October. Next, we will hear talks on the Wente and Concannon families, and then we will have refreshments (dessert and beverage). To help the committee plan for accommodations, please clip out the coupon at the bottom of the Newsletter, fill it out with your name and the number of people in your party, and send it to the Livermore Heritage Guild, Box 961, Livermore, CA 94550. The meeting will be held at the old Livermore Station which the Guild preserved as its first project ten years ago. The address of the Livermore Station is 20 South L St. between First St. and Railroad Ave. Remember, Thursday, June 30, 7:30 PM.

### GUILD AUCTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Henri and Chet Fankhouser and the auction committee conducted a wonderful auction which was a financial success and very enjoyable. The Guild thanks the many who helped set up and run the auction and the delicious spaghetti dinner cooked and served by Nancy Birely and her committee! The event truly had the feeling of an old fashioned, home town U.S.A, family auction. Many people made very good buys on real antiques and useful items. Net proceeds of the auction totaled over \$1900. These funds will be used to complete the lighting and other restoration work in the Highway Garage.

### RODEO PARADE...BILL JUNK

Look for the Guild's restored 1944 Livermore fire truck in the Rodeo parade. Riding with us will be Al Bonne, Livermore Fire Department Chief from 1946 to 1957. If we can find volunteers to pull it, we may also have a very old Livermore fire-hose cart in the parade.

### RESERVATION FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HERITAGE GUILD

NAME.....NO. IN YOUR PARTY.....

HISTORY CENTER...Janet Newton

This is the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Livermore Heritage Guild. We believe that a great deal has been accomplished in collecting and cataloging the records and artifacts representing the history of the area. We hope to progress even further in the next ten years.

We have received a donation to the Heritage Guild in memory of Edythe Woodward, a valued member of the community since 1930. The Woodward family donated many family mementoes to our Livermore History Center.

Chairman Bill O'Neal, Dan Mosier, Janet Newton, and Nancy Lewis are putting together an exhibit on the Livermore Fire Brick Co. which once occupied the land now being developed for a K-Mart Store. The exhibit will feature artifacts, illustrations, and photographs of the 1910-1949 brickworks, and will be installed at the Alameda County Fair in the ALVHS Museum. After the Fair, it will be displayed the History Center.

With this Newsletter we give you another chapter to put in your copy of the booklet STORIES OF THE VINEYARDS AND WINERIES OF THE LIVERMORE VALLEY. The story of the Wagoner family winery at the east end of third street in Livermore was unintentionally left out of the booklet. We are preparing a second edition of the very successful booklet.

We are very pleased to say that the four segments of the 1900 Official Map of Alameda County have been very beautifully framed by Carolyn Parrish and that the cost of the work was paid by an anonymous supporter of the Guild's program. The maps are on exhibit in the History Center. The maps are very interesting because they show land ownership. We hereby thank the anonymous donor.

We were pleased recently when the State Office of Historic Preservation, meeting in Oakland, approved the placing of a historical landmark designation plaque on the Wente Brothers Winery. Barry Schrader, Gary Drummond (representing E Clampus Vitus), and Janet Newton were responsible for obtaining the designation. The dedication ceremony will be held on Sept. 24 at Wente Bros. Winery.

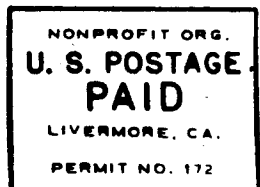
We acknowledge with thanks a gift from Barry Schrader of three Souvenir Wineries Centennial Cachets. These are large envelopes imprinted with drawings of Concannon and Wente Wineries and stamped with the new U.S. postage stamps of hot air ballons.



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Board Meeting..Thursday, July 14, 7:30 PM, Carnegie Building.....

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The Livermore Heritage Guild annual meeting and election of officers and board of directors was held on Friday, June 30 at the old Livermore Southern Pacific Railroad Station. The depot resident, Coldwell Banker kindly allowed us to hold our annual meeting there which is highly appreciated by the Guild. The speakers were Carolyn Wente and Jim Concannon who gave histories of their families and of their wineries over the last one-hundred years. The Guild thanks them for their interesting and informative talks.

The slate of candidates which was nominated by the nominating committee was unanimously elected at the Annual Meeting. The new officers and board are:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Board Members, 1982-84</u>
Chairperson.....Anna Brown	Bill O'Neal
Vice Chairman...Bill Junk	Carolyn Parrish
Treasurer.....Lorraine Raison	Tim Sage
Secretary.....Barbara Bunshah	Gary Drummond
Ways and Means Chairman...Henri Fankhauser	Giovanna Born
Nominating Committee for next year...Barry Schrader and Merilyn (Tilli) Calhoun	

Dessert, coffee and wine were served after the meeting. The Guild thanks the Bireleys for the delicious cake they donated, and thanks to others who brought cookies, refreshments and raffle prizes. The Unitarian Fellowship loaned a set a chairs for this as well as other events the Guild has put on. All told, the meeting was a very enjoyable and productive event. Good luck to the new officers and board members!

HISTORY CENTER...Janet Newton, Curator

The first ten years of the Livermore Heritage Guild have been eventful ones. We have collected valuable records of various kinds pertaining to Livermore History and we have published many of them - one of the best ways of preserving them. We have had most of our collection of old Livermore newspapers microfilmed, requiring many hours of work in preparing the papers and the expenditure of a large amount of money.

Our collection of copies of old photographs is now quite large. A great many, if not most of them have been dry-mounted for their use in museum displays. This makes them bulky, and storing them requires quite a lot of space.

Our collection of other artifacts grows steadily and again we need much more space than we have.

In short, we are critically in need of a museum of our own, one that we can develop as we are able and one where our collection can be housed in good order. I suggest that we initiate a fund for the purpose of building a museum. One suggestion that I would like to make is that such a building be placed near the Highway Garage, to the east of the cottage. This way, a caretaker in the cottage could help to protect both buildings. The outside of the building could be made to fit in with Livermore architecture, but the inside should be designed as a museum, preferably by a museum architect. It could be a Livermore History Center and Wine Museum. The nearby Livermore historical marker would make it appropriate. If we do not take action in this direction, we are in danger of losing all that we have worked for.

We can be proud of the exhibit of artifacts and photographs of the Livermore brick-works prepared by Bill O'Neal. It will soon be installed in the History Center. In addition there will be an exhibit honoring the Heritage Guild's tenth anniversary.

GUILD ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE LAST YEAR...Mary O'Neal

This year the Guild completed many projects towards preserving history and artifacts from the Livermore area. We have also sponsored events commemorating long-time residents and institutions of this area. In our support of preserving vineyards, we look to the future in regard to maintaining the time proven values esteemed by the people living here now. Below are the Guild's accomplishments from June, 1982 to June, 1983.

GUILD ACCOMPLISHMENTS June 1982 - June 1983

History Center

Exhibits:

California Historical Society  
Fifth Street School  
Urban Artifact  
Vineyards & Wineries of the Livermore Valley  
Livermore Fire Brick Company  
(Now at Pleasanton Fair Grounds Museum)

History of the Livermore Symphony  
Sound/Slide Show

Fireproof file cabinet, standard cabinet, display case

Publications:

An Old Account Book of Thomas Bowen's Customers in San Jose including Robert Livermore, 1837 -1839  
Stories of the Vineyards and Wineries of the Livermore Valley  
Chapters of Livermore History:  
Chinese Culture in the Livermore Valley  
Brick Making in the Livermore Valley  
Reprints: Early Days in the Livermore Amador Valley  
Cresta Blanca and Charles Wetmore

Indexing of the Livermore Tax Assessment Books, 1916-1928

Oral History Tapes:

Freida Callaghan, Curtis McCumber

Archeological & Historical Preservation

Recovery of artifacts from site of the Livermore Brick Company  
Completion of Mack Fire Truck restoration  
Extensive repairs and redecoration of Heritage Guild Cottage

Fire Truck Displays

Pleasanton Fair Parade  
Pleasanton Heritage Day Parade  
Rodeo Parade  
Heart Fund Drive  
Art in the Vineyard  
Vineyards Centennial Ball

Culture & Fund Raising

History of LLNL Talk by James Carothers  
Champagne Reception Preview of Vineyard Exhibit  
Guild Auction and Spaghetti Dinner

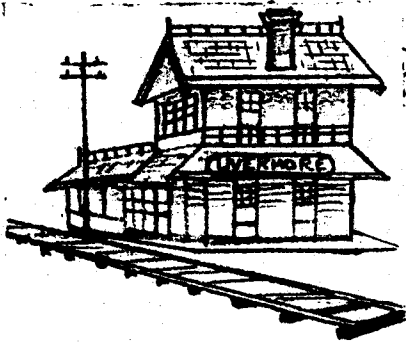
Some of the Donated Gifts

Philco Cathedral Style Radio, 1930's  
- Dale Lovdahl  
Firefighters' Uniforms (old Fire House)  
- Ralph & Liz Moir  
F.C. Duncan token - Francesco Lowenthal Khan  
Old Alameda County Maps - Robert Fischer  
Indian Grinding Stones - Mamie McCoy  
Livermore Fire Brick Co. Artifact  
- Robert Wood  
Souvenir Wineries Centennial Cachets  
- Barry Schrader  
Selective Subject Index to the Livermore Herald, 1899 -1919 - Barbara Bunshah  
New England Past, 1880-1915 - Janet Newton  
Max Baer Posters - Be Haera

Vineyard Preservation

Board voted to support recommendations for county action in Livermore Valley  
Vineyards Study  
Received state approval for historical landmark designation for Wente Brothers Winery

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### CALENDAR

Board Meeting...Thursday, Aug 11, 7:30 PM, Carnegie Building.....  
Livermore Art Association Open House...Aug 10, 11:30 to 9PM, Carnegie Bld.....  
Harvest Festival...Saturday, Sept 24 to Saturday, Oct 1.....  
Festival 83...Saturday and Sunday, Oct 1 and 2, the Barn and Livermore Civic Center....

### HISTORY CENTER

There will be two new exhibits in the History Center during August. One will be Bill O'Neal's exhibit about the Livermore Fire Brick Company and one will be on the ten year history of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

A chapter of Livermore history is attached to this month's newsletter. It was written by Dr. John Shirley about the Livermore Planning Commission and city planning since the 1920s.

### AN OLD FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY

A great time was had by all who went to Livermore's first annual Fourth of July celebration. The Guild's fire truck was on display and Bill Junk and Jerry Bireley were there to take Polaroid pictures of kids on the firetruck for \$1.50. Kitsy Junk, Henri and Chet Fankhauser, Bill and Joann Miller, and Nancy Bireley set up an "antique" popcorn warmer from the old State theatre and sold tons of popcorn. The proceeds will help the Guild preserve Livermore area history.

### BRONZE PLAQUES FOR CENTURY-OLD BUSINESSES OF LIVERMORE

Barry Schrader has suggested that the Guild award centennial plaques to Livermore businesses which have been in operation for 100 years or more. The board of directors voted to adopt the idea and soon, the first establishment will be selected and awarded a plaque and a free one-year membership in the Guild.

### LIVERMORE ART ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE

The LAA will be holding an open house and old fashioned picnic supper at Carnegie park on Wednesday, August 10. The Carnegie Building will be open from 11:30 until 9PM or so in the evening. Bring a picnic supper and eat in the park from 5 to 7. Then, go inside the Carnegie Building for open house activities.

STATE HISTORIC PLAQUE FOR WENTE BROS.

THE Livermore Heritage Guild and Chapter 13 of E Clampus Vitas will be dedicating a State Historical Landmark Plaque No. 957 at Wente Bros. Winery on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. All members and friends are invited to the ceremony.

The wording on the official state monument will read:

**WENTE BROS. WINERY**

Here the first Wente vineyards of 47 acres was established by C.H. Wente in 1883. In 1935 his sons, Ernest and Herman, introduced California's first varietal wine, Sauvignon Blanc. The efforts of the Wente family have helped establish the Livermore Valley as one of the premiere wine-growing areas of California. In their centennial year, Wente Bros. is the oldest continuously operating, family-owned winery in California.

MEMBERSHIP

New members joining this month get two free months, August and September. Their membership will go through from Aug. 83 to Oct. 84. If you have friends who would be interested in joining the Guild, use the coupon below and sign them up. Also, send the names and addresses of potential members to the Guild, and we will send them a free newsletter. Send names and addresses to the Livermore Heritage Guild, P.O. Box 961, Livermore, CA 94550.

Detach & mail to LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD, P.O. Box 961, Livermore, CA 94550

For Fiscal year Oct.1,1983-Oct.1,1984 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership, Check one:

- Individual \$5. \_\_\_\_\_
- Family (two persons) 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- Junior (18 or under) 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- Senior (65 or over) 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor (one or two persons) 25. \_\_\_\_\_
- Life (one person) 100. \_\_\_\_\_
- Library 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- Patron (business) 100. \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) you want on membership card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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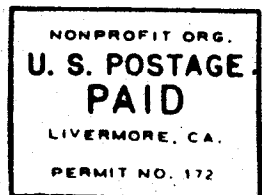
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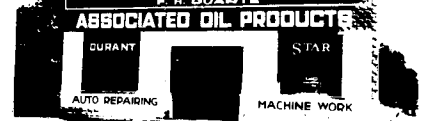
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CALENDAR

September.	8	Board Meeting. 7:30 pm. Carnegie Building
	22	LAA - Open House. Ravenswood. 3:00-9:00 pm. Bring a picnic for supper and sing-a-long
	22 & 27	Harvest Festival Heritage House Tour & Winery Dinners **
	24 & 25	Livermore Valley Wineries Harvest Festival & Street Fair Downtown Livermore, and Carnegie Park.**
	30	LCAC Festival 'Toast to the Arts' Art Show preview The Barn - 8:00 pm
October	1 & 2	LCAC FESTIVAL - Civic Center

\*\* see below

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In early August the Guild re-joined the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. We have been directly involved with helping to plan some of the Livermore Valley Wineries Harvest Festival events. Representing the Guild on the Chamber's Festival Historical Committee are C. Parrish and J. Newton.

DUARTE GARAGE

We now have a definite plan to restore the Model T Ford - with the aim of having it in good working order as an entry to the Rodeo Parade in 1984.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HERITAGE HOUSE TOURS

The Guild has several activities planned as participants in this Festival. On Saturday the 24th our vintage Fire Truck will be present at the Wente Bros. Winery for the dedication of the State Historical Landmark Plaque. After this event, which commences at 10:30 am. the Fire Truck will be parked downtown in front of the Carnegie Building on Third Street, and similarly on the next day, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Those are the official hours of the Street Fair and Harvest Festival. Once again, for a small fee Polaroid photos will be taken of those wishing to pose with the Fire Truck. On Sunday 25th we will show slide-shows in the basement of the building. Of course, the History Center will be open both days 11:30 to 5:00, with new and existing displays.

Anna Brown has been working hard to co-ordinate the Heritage House Tour and Dinner events. The same houses will be used on two nights, but the dinners will be at alternately Wente's the 22nd and Concannon's the 27th. Guests will view three southside homes before dinner, departing from Carnegie Park at 5:30 pm and returning at 8:00. Transportation for the house tour will be by Horse & Wagon! Individuals will then drive themselves to the respective winery for a full-course dinner. Tickets are \$30. each for the tour and dinner, or \$25. dinner only. Each dinner is restricted to 50 places, with only 30 tickets for each house tour. The Heritage Guild will be supplying docents and helping to sell tickets, which are available at the History Center and Wente's.

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#### HISTORY CENTER, Janet Newton

We now have a Livermore Vineyards and Wineries exhibit in the East room of the History Center and an exhibit about the Livermore Brick Works and one about the ten-year history of the Heritage Guild in the west room. Also, we have a copy of the interesting 1925 air-photo of Livermore that was in the office of Coldwell Banker when we held our Annual Meeting there. We wish to thank Coldwell Banker for allowing us to have the old photo copied. Members may place orders for copies with Barbara Bunshah at the History Center. The cost for a 5 x 7, for example, is \$6.

We will be actively participating in the Livermore Valley Wineries Harvest Festival at the end of September, and in honor of the occasion we have published a short Walking Tour of Downtown Livermore, available at the Center for .50¢ each, including tax. To make old photos of Livermore available to members and merchants, or anyone else, there is now a collection of large old photos of downtown Livermore in the Center, from which copies may be ordered. Similarly, copies of other photos on display can be ordered, and prices and size information is at the Center.

On Sunday, September 25, again as part of the Harvest Festival, we will use the east room downstairs in the Carnegie Building for two showings of our double presentation slide & sound shows - "Old Livermore" by Janet Newton, and "The Tesla Coalmines" by Dan L. Mosier. Shows will be open to the public, free-of-charge, and will commence at 2:00 p.m. and 3:15 pm. Please plan to join us.

Our exhibit about Fossils in the Livermore Valley now includes a copy of an 1850 map from the book Geology and Topography of California by Philip Tyson, showing two areas in the Livermore Valley where fossils were found. Far West Printing made the copy for us.

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#### MUSEUM FUND

A committee has been formed to consider the various aspects and possibilities of commencing a Museum Fund here in Livermore. The members are: Chair: Barbara Bunshah, Vanna Born, Anna Brown, Chet Fankhauser, Janet Newton, Carolyn Parrish. A preliminary meeting was held on August 2, 1983. At the August 11th Board Meeting a motion was passed that the Heritage Guild should in the near future commence collecting funds for this specific goal.

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