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OCTOBER 1987

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CALENDAR

October 8, 1987

LHG Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m..

Carnegie Building

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Ms. Connell of the Beautification Committee spoke of the maintenance problems and the use of the Oak Knoll Cemetery/Pioneer Park area. She asked for ideas from the Guild concerning the area. A committee consisting of Susan Junk, Muriel Dean and Mrs. Bireley was appointed to study the history of the area and make suggestions at a future Guild meeting.

It was approved that the Guild express the consensus of the board as being in favor of the efforts of the Heritage Preservation Committee to rename Altair St. to Jack London Lane.

The city has asked to have the fire truck for the first day of Festival when a display by the fire Dept. will be in progress. The board decided to lend the truck with the provision that the Fire Dept. take extra care with it.

The Highway Garage is still roofless because the contractor is having trouble stripping and re-galvanizing the old panels. One last attempt will be made, and if that doesn't work, new panels will be put in place as soon as possible.

There are approximately 30 oral history tapes currently in the Guild library. We will, in future newsletters, present excerpts from some of these tapes made by past and present Livermore residents and merchants.

TRI VALLEY HERALD AND NEWS - DECEMBER 18, 1897 - 'STRANGE VISITATIONS'

(Unseemingly Midnight Sounds at the Reid Home In the Dead Hours Doors Open and Shut and the Tread of Steps is Heard on the Stairs)

Strange noises that no human can reasonably account for, sounds produced by an invisible hand, the closing and opening of doors in the still hours of night, the steady tramp of footsteps climbing a steep and narrow stairway, the peculiar swish, swish of a broom sweeping against the inner walls, the almost noiseless movements of an invisible form are only a few of the ghostly apparitions that superstitious people firmly believe haunt the residence of Rev. John Reid.

Be it said right there that Rev. Reid takes no stock in the stories of these "flitting phantoms", but on various occasions he has been awakened time and again by midnight sounds that were attributed to the presence of burglars. He has hunted the house over and over, sometimes with a lighted lamp and sometimes noiselessly groping his way in the darkness, but has never discovered a ghost, specter, a visible form, being or burglar. Yet the unseemly noises continue.

The house is a plain two-story dwelling out on south Lizzie Street. It sets back from the road about sixty feet and an arbor partly covered with shrubbery leads from the sidewalk to the veranda. It cannot be said that the place presents a dismal appearance, but may be a little lonely for a city residence as the nearest neighbor is over a block distant.

Rumors were on the streets Thursday that the building had again been visited by nightly apparitions. Mr. Reid was absent in Oakland and Mrs. Reid and daughter were at the place alone. It was said that when the ghosts took possession of the house, they did not vary from the accustomed style. First, there were the rappings, then the steady tread up the stairway followed by the opening and closing of the doors. But Mrs. Reid informed a HERALD reporter Thursday that she and her daughter did not run from the house and seek the seclusion of the barn as stated, but that they remained that night at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Connell. The professor was anxious to hear the strange noises, and expressed a desire to remain at the Reid house during the remainder of the night but somehow he didn't do it.

The place has probably derived its haunted name from a lady who lived there years ago. She held spiritualistic seances and it was said that the tables and chairs would turn upside down and that spirit voices would engage the meeting in conversation on matters not terrestrial. They did these things and many more and finally the place was looked upon as being haunted. People passing the place at night would hear queer sounds that seemed to come from underneath the house and white robed specters were seen to enter and leave the premises. The more timid ones never passed the place after dark.

Rev. Reid is not in the least bit worried over the sounds or rumors and says that if he were to remain in Livermore, he would not wish a better residence.

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NOVEMBER 1987

VOLUME XV No. 2

CALENDAR

November 7, 1987 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Recreation Center, 8th & H Sts.
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sponsored by LARPD

November 14, 1987 LHG Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The 1988 Nostalgia Calendars, some of the features being a scene of Robert Livermore's Round-the-Horn house and a photo of the Livermore Union High School's graduating class of 1958, are available for \$5.00 from the Heritage Guild.

"Christmas at Tesla" Christmas greetings are also available at the Heritage Guild, a package of 10 for \$2.50.

Donations to the LHG collection of memorabilia have been added.

1. A photo, framed, of the 1925 high school classes
2. A number of Indian grinding mortars from the valley - Donor, Ray Jones

FROM THE CHAIRMAN - Volunteer organizations like the Heritage Guild rely on volunteer support. Your Guild is fortunate enough to have a group of 15 officers and Board members who feel strongly enough about a commitment to Valley history to make this a vital organization in the community. There are others who offer their time to make the Guild thrive: Bill Junk is our primary fire-truck driver; the Fankhausers sponsor our annual spaghetti supper/auction each spring; Virginia Moore and Peggy Concannon give their time to staff the History Center desk in Barbara Bunshah's absence.

We need more VOLUNTEERS to docent the History Center. If you can spare 4 1/2 hours once or twice a month, would you please call Barbara at 449-9927. Your help would be most welcome.

OAK KNOLL CEMETERY

A unique physical feature on the Valley landscape is Oak Knoll (located at the corner of Wall Street and Stanley Boulevard), an isolated, almost circular rise of some 40 feet surrounded by an otherwise flat plain. Perhaps it was this uniqueness that led it to become an early Valley cemetery. The first burial at Oak Knoll was that of William Mendenhall, Senior, father of the founder of the city, on January 12, 1873. Others included Henry Clay Smith, called the "father of Alameda County", who died in 1876.

In the summer of 1889, the Livermore Echo reported "Last Sunday afternoon as a lot of Chinese were burning joss-sticks and performing their customary annual ceremony over the graves of their countrymen buried at Oak Knoll Cemetery, they carelessly set fire to the grass, and the entire cemetery was burned over, destroying all of the enclosures and doing a large amount of other damage."

Natural disasters took their toll at Oak Knoll also. In 1906, it is reported that many headstones were thrown down by the earthquake. And several wet winters brought high water in the arroyo that washed away a large portion of the eastern hillside.

Around the turn of the century, the Catholic, Masonic and 100F cemeteries came into existence, so burials at Oak Knoll became less common. It is not known when the last burial took place there. Oak Knoll was formally abandoned as a public cemetery in April, 1963, to be dedicated as a public park. The existing gravestones were removed, and advertised as available to any descendant who wanted them. Today, Oak Knoll still holds that unique attraction for us that probably attracted the early settlers of the Valley to it.



Wishing You A Nice Thanksgiving

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DECEMBER 1987

VOLUME XV No. 3

CALENDAR

Friday, December 11, 1987

LHG Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
At the Fankhauser Home

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Christmas gift suggestions available for sale at the Heritage Center are:

1988 Nostalgia Calendar	\$5.00
Stories of the Vineyards and Wineries of the Livermore Valley Revised edition, by Janet Newton	\$7.00
Early Days in the Livermore/Arnador Valley by M. Calhoun	\$4.00
Panoramic map of Livermore, circa 1889	\$2.50

FROM THE CHAIRMAN - During December, the History Center will mount a Christmas toy exhibit. We're calling it "Childhood Christmas Memories". Each Guild Board member has been asked to share with you one or two toys he or she had as a youngster, and we're going to put them on display. I'm not sure just what you'll see—that's what will make this an exciting exhibit. But let's hope it brings back some fond memories of your favorite Christmas toy.

THE GUILD BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP. THIS MONTH WE'VE INCLUDED A SUPPLEMENT WITH THE NEWSLETTER WE HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION. FROM ALL OF US, WE WISH THAT YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON IS A WARM AND MERRY ONE.

LODGES, CLUBS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (By Gary Drummond)

That man is a social animal was not better proven in the Valley than during the years on either side of 1900. A thirty-year period saw the organization of numerous fraternal, social and civic groups with such diverse names and aims as Turn Verein (1875) and the Sons of Hermann (1887) that provided social contact for German settlers, as the Dannevang did for Danish immigrants; the Livermore Brass Band (1876) and the Livermore Mandolin and Guitar Club (1898) for those of musical bent; and the Livermore Minstrel Club (1907) and the Livermore Lyceum and Dramatic Club (1897) for budding stage performers. There was even a Saloon Owners Protective Association (1907) whose purpose has been forgotten. And surely, organizations for civic progress, like the Livermore Women's Improvement Club (c. 1906), have left an imprint on the appearance of the city.

One civic-minded group, organized in 1902, was the Hayseed Club. Its members included many of the younger merchants and businessmen in the community such as George and Charlie Beck, Dave McDonald, H. R. Seeband, John Callaghan and J. D. Twohey. For at least ten years, the club sponsored an Annual Ball, often at Sweeney's Opera House, at which the guests were expected to dress in jeans and calico. The proceeds from their events went for community improvement. After expenses on the gross proceeds of \$212.00 from their Eighth Annual Ball in October, 1910, they donated \$130.00 to the Carnegie Library fund for furnishings. After their Ninth Annual Ball the following year, the proceeds were used to construct a drinking fountain for the Library grounds and to finish up the terraces around the building before landscaping.

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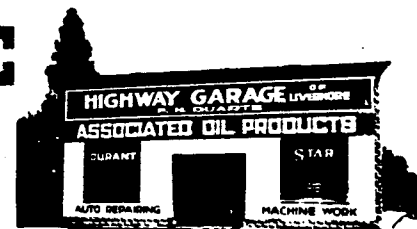
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January 1988
Volume XV No. 4

CALENDAR

January 14, 1988
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.
7:30 p.m.

February 7, 1988
Open House Featuring New Drug
Store Display
Carnegie Bldg., 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Sales of the 1988 Nostalgia
Calendars have been brisk. There
are approximately 100 calendars
left, so don't delay.

A drug store exhibit featuring
artifacts from McKown and Mess,
Beazell's, and Duarte's Drug
Stores is currently being as-
sembled and will be complete for
the Open House on Sunday, February
7. This display traces the
history of Livermore drug stores
since 1871. The majority of the
artifacts in the display were
donated by Manuel Duarte and John
Sarboraria, including a wooden

drug cabinet used by J. O. McKown,
circa 1890, several prescription
ledgers and many beautiful
apothecary jars from the turn of
the century. We hope you will join
Manuel and John at the Open House.

Don't forget -- the Heritage
Guild relies on your support
through your membership. If you
haven't already renewed for 1988,
please do so.

NOTES ON OAK KNOLL CEMETERY
by Janet Newton

In the book Centennial Year Book
of Alameda County, by Wm. Halley,
published in 1876, on page 349, it
states that the first burial at
Oak Knoll was in January, 1873.
But according to a piece written
by Mrs. James Swent, whose husband
is a descendant of William Menden-
hall, she says "This was evidently
the first Mendenhall cemetery,
for Mendenhalls were buried there
from November, 1855, when Sophia,
daughter of Martin Mendenhall was

buried there." It was Mendenhall land.

Again quoting Halley, on page 302, "Thomas Hart ... died at his residence in Livermore, September, 1970. He was buried in Dublin, then the only burying place in Murray Township...."

I once read that a member of the Harlan family, of San Ramon, was first buried at Mission San Jose, and then moved to Oak Knoll. Historical note: the Thomas Hart, mentioned above, lived in the house at 799 South L Street, that was according to Mrs. Josephine Bernal, whose house was next door, the oldest house in Livermore. It still stands.

EXCERPTED FROM HISTORY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 1883

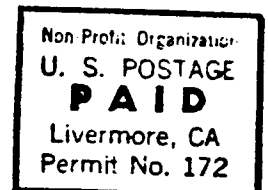
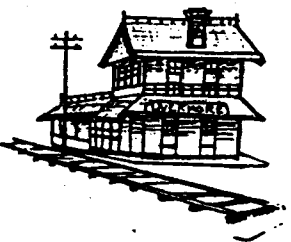
On June 6, 1867, a fracas of a fatal character occurred at the ranch of Robert Livermore, in Livermore Valley. A Californian named Moche, who had been drinking heavily, made an attack with a knife upon a young man called Foscalini, who avoided him several times, but finally turned upon him and discharged his pistol

at him, emptying three chambers of the weapon, each shot taking effect. Both parties were on horseback. The wounded man instantly wheeled his horse, rode away rapidly and soon disappeared. When about three miles from the place of shooting, Moche fell heavily from his horse, head foremost, to the ground, and when approached was found to be dead, his neck having been broken by the fall. It was found, however, that either of the shots was sufficient to kill him. Foscalini surrendered himself, and after an examination before Justice Mark of Pleasanton was dismissed. Moche, who was partly paralyzed, was, nevertheless, considered a desperate and dangerous man. Some ten years previous it was said he attacked a stage single-handed, and on the refusal of the driver to pull up, sent a shot from his revolver through it.

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February 1988
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CALENDAR

February 7, 1988
Open House Featuring New Drug
Store Display
Carnegie Bldg., 2:00-4:00 p.m.

February 11, 1988
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.
7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

WANTED -- Mechanic interested in
repairing a drug store penny scale
and putting it back in working
order. Please apply to Barbara
Bunshah at the History Center
Wednesdays through Sundays, 11:30
a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Check this month's newsletter la-
bel; if the label has a date and your
membership is current, it should
read '88. The Heritage Guild has
begun purging past due member-
ships.

On February 7th, the Heritage
Guild will open a new drug store
exhibit. This article was taken
from several interviews with
Manuel Duarte. Manuel worked for
McKown and Mess, Beazell's, drug
stores, and later owned Duarte's
Pharmacy.

I started to work for McKown
and Mess Drug store in Livermore
on Jan 19, 1925 when I was 17 years
old. I had been working shoveling
sand from big gondolas to trucks
when they were building the Vet-
erans Hospital and later worked
for American Express driving a
horse picking up cream from the
creamery in town and delivering it
to the train depot. Also on
Thursday nights I'd pick up fish
at the depot, packed in ice and
deliver it to the stores in town.
A kid in town asked if I'd trade
jobs with him at the drug store.
I talked with Mr. McKown and Mr.
Mess and they said whatever we
wanted to do was ok, so we traded.

I made deliveries on a bike,
swept floors, washed windows and
cleaned up. I later packed the
wets and drys in bottles for sale.
By wets, I mean castor oil,
mineral oil, spirits, things we'd
buy in bulk. Drys were epron
salts, flaxseed, flaxseed ground.
I'd take a hand cart and go around
the corner to the Masonic Building
and get the bottles that were
stored there and bring them back
and wash and check them for
damage. The bottles would come in
wooden cases packed with straw and
have to be washed before I could
fill and cork them and apply the
labels. They were still using the
embossed McKown and Mess bottles
when I first started. We stopped
packing our own bottles in the
1930's because it was cheaper and
easier to buy them prepackaged by
that time.

Livermore, Cal. *Nov. 3 1887*

Mr. D. G. Paul

Bought of **J. O. McKOWN.**

DEALER IN

Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet Articles,
Perfumery, Etc., Etc.

PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED, DAY OR NIGHT

Wines and Liquors for Medicinal Purposes.

<i>86</i>				
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Jim Butters</i>		<i>100</i>
<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>100</i>
<i>Aug 29</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Mud Leaver</i>		<i>150</i>
				<i>250</i>

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Mr. Mess was a registered pharmacist but worked mainly in the stationery department and was the bookkeeper; he was great with figures. He could add two or three columns of figures in nothing flat. He always wore a black scull cap in the store, he was an Englishman and a very interesting man. He retired about three months after I started.

Mr. McKown was a pharmacist and very interested in pharmacy. The pharmacy department and the medicine department were his babies. He was very active in local activities and lodges. He was appointed to the state board of pharmacy by the governor and served one term I believe. He also sold insurance with Mr. Mess in the drug store as well. He later built a building behind the store to use as an office for selling insurance after selling the drug store. I remember he always drove a Cadillac and lived on 4th and L street where the Presbyterian church is now. He had a lot of friends, and was a very interesting and easy man to talk with.

In July 1925, Mr. McKown sold out his interest to Mr. Beazell. Mr. Beazell had been the pharmacist for McKown and Mess for many years. He was not the merchandiser or pusher that Mr. McKown was but he was a very fine man to work for and I learned a lot from him. I went to school with his son Jim who is now a doctor, I believe in Colorado.

In the store at that time we sold prescription medicines, homeopathic medicines, patent medicines. Patent medicines were big business, we had a long counter of nothing but patent medicines. If someone didn't have a prescription, all the druggist

could do was suggest a patent medicine because he wasn't permitted to prescribe medicine himself. We sold Scott's Egyptian Cream and Scott's liniment which were patented by Mathew Scott, a druggist in Livermore, in 1883. Mr. McKown had offered Charlie Ginger \$200.00 for the formula for his horse liniment that he sold in town, but Charlie wouldn't sell. Later Mr. McKown came out with his own liniment, called McKown's Wire Fence Oil. We used to sell it by the gallons to the city of San Francisco for their horses.

We were the first Rexall distributor in this part of Alameda county and the first Hallmark card distributor in Livermore. Also, we were the Eastman Company distributor, this was before it was Eastman Kodak. I used to develop the x-rays for the doctors in town and we would sell medicines to the sanitarium and local hospitals. We also handled perfumes, heating pads, trusses and some electrical goods as well. The drug store was also the headquarters for school books and school supplies which were not furnished by the schools back then. When I started at the store, they had just stopped selling Victrolas and records.

In 1932, after I finished pharmacy school in San Francisco, I returned to Beazell's Drug Store as a pharmacist for \$35.00 a week. In 1934, Mr. Beazell moved to a larger store across the street from the original location on First and J Streets.

In 1944, I purchased the store from Mr. Beazell and changed the name to Duarte's Pharmacy. We continued to operate on First Street until 1975 when the store was finally closed.

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March 1988

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CALENDAR

In honor of Women's History Month, 'Faces of Some Women in Livermore', will be on exhibit at the LHG through the month of March.

March 10, 1988

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

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

New windows are being ordered to replace damaged ones at Duarte Garage.

The opening of the Drug Store Exhibit was a great success. If you haven't already stopped by, take a moment to do so.

Recent Donations:

1889 Map of Livermore in color, issued by W. P. Bartlett and a mortar and pestle - gifts of Harold G. Wright

Livermore Naval Air Station Mascot - gift of Ray Ansick

Renwal Vaporizer - gift of Dixie Newbury

May Nissen's key case - gift of Oneida Stowe

Check this month's newsletter label: if the label has a date and your membership is current, it should read '88. The Heritage Guild has begun purging past due memberships.

Stories I've Heard
 by Anna Siig Brown

This is a story I would like to have "documented". I don't recall who told me this, perhaps they

will read this and get in touch with someone in the Heritage Guild and we can find out more about it. The story was told like this. Lizzie (as in Lizzie Street and Lizzie Fountain) had a son. He would come to the Callahan house (on East Avenue near the present high school) almost everyday at breakfast time. He would come into the kitchen, which was in the stone or concrete addition on the south side of the house. He would lean against the wall, behind the cooking stove, which stood out from the wall. There he would stand the whole time, watching as the family ate breakfast. They would invite him to join them and he always refused. The family often wondered what prompted him to do this so often. Guess they never knew.

Alice Myners, cousin to the Browns who had a ranch on Tesla Road, about six miles east of the library, inherited the Brown/Copeland Ranch. She had lived in the town of Tesla and Carnegie as a child. (She inherited the ranch, a section of land from Andrew Brown). She also spent some time living on this side of the hills, at her grandmother's place. That was on the property later owned by Gatzmer Wagoner on Reuss Road. Her father would sometimes be laid off from jobs at Carnegie or Tesla and that is why they would then come to live at her grandmother's. Alice told of the thrill of getting a small doll. She and her friends would go out to the hillside or a little gully, carve shelves in the dirt and use boxes and broken bits of pottery and with their dolls, play house. She also told that even at age 12 or so, she really believed that the babies came in the doctor's black bag. She said that most of the children believed that. They

just thought their mothers were getting fat and never did put it together with the arrival of a sibling.

Years later, I met a woman who was doing research on Tesla. I mentioned about Alice's "where babies came from story". The woman said, "Oh yes, even the doctor told that to the children and I know because that doctor was a relative of mine".

Alice often walked over the hills to go to school on Tesla Road near Greenville Road. The children would walk over the hills rather than along the road as it was quicker that way. She didn't think that was so extraordinary, at least not when she was telling me of it. There was a school, at least some of the time in Carnegie or Tesla, so I don't know why they sometimes walked clear over to this side of the hills for school.

Alice remembered one occasion when her mother had worked so hard, as usual, doing the wash and ironing with the old irons that were heated on the stove. Alice had been all dressed up in a white dress complete with white petticoat and white stockings. She was then asked to wait quietly outside while her siblings were gotten ready. Well, there was this mud puddle outside and, well, she kind of fell into the puddle. Yes, her thoughts later were about all the hard work her mother had to do to get the clothes ready. I don't remember if she told about what happened to her that day after the mud puddle incident.

Alice also told of the parties the family gave for her Uncle by

marriage, Mr. Copeland (they lived for years on the Copeland Ranch on Tesla Road). Apparently, Mr. Copeland's birthdays were cause for big parties. For days ahead, they would cut up chickens and the family would eat chicken wings for dinner the first night. I can't remember the order of eating the other parts of the chickens, I think some parts were used for making soup and the best parts were saved for the day of the party.

Just a little extra for the records -- Andrew Brown was Mrs. Copeland's brother. He had been a bit of a wanderer and so it was that his sister and her husband got the ranch. Andrew then got the ranch when the Copelands died. Andrew came to live at the ranch. Later, Alice and her husband came to live there, too. After Alice's husband died, Alice stayed on, taking care of the home and cooking, etc., for the two of them, she and Andrew. When Andrew became ill, Alice stayed, taking care of him. When Andrew died, Alice was surprised to learn that she had inherited the ranch. Alice had one child, a daughter, Earlene Walker (of Union City). Years after Alice passed away, Earlene sold the ranch to John Kiely, Jr., and his wife, Katherine Gandolfo Kiely. (Katherine's mother is Anita Caratti Gandolfo and is the owner now of the Rock House Deli, built by her father.) John Kiely, Jr.'s father, John, had leased most of Alice's ranch for years. He also leased another piece of land south of Alice's for years and if I remember correctly, John Sr.'s father had ranched that back piece before him.

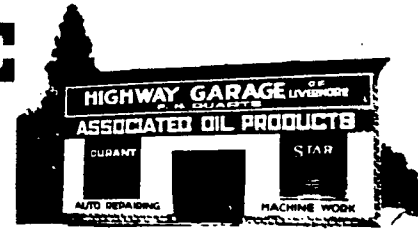
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April 14, 1988, Thursday
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7:30 p.m.

May 21, 1988, Saturday
Ninth Annual Heritage Guild
Auction
Lincoln Highway Garage

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Get ready for the 9th Annual LHG Dinner and Auction at the Lincoln Highway Garage. Mark down Saturday, May 21, on your calendar. Dinner will feature salads, Italian spaghetti and meatballs, and dessert for \$4.00 a plate. A silent auction will continue with dinner until 7:00 p.m. sharp when the fun begins with an old fashioned open Auction under the gavel of our hometown auctioneer, Col. Lynn Owens.

Now is the time to start your spring clean-out of attics, basements, garages, and upper shelves for potential auction donations. Remember all of the money raised goes toward the restoration of the old Lincoln Highway Garage. Any items in usable or workable condition will be welcome -- except

books or clothing. Arrangements can be made for pick-up of your donations by calling the History Center -- telephone 449-9927.

Recent Donations:

The Genealogy Society has presented a copy of its new publication 'Livermore Cemeteries' to the History Center.

Excerpted from History of Alameda County, California, by M. W. Wood

On Sunday, August 9, 1868, a man named Hyde, a desperate character, came into Ladd's Hotel, in the Livermore Valley, and demanded a drink, but being already under the influence of liquor, he was refused the beverage he sought by the proprietor. He then stepped behind the counter, and seizing a large water-pitcher struck Ladd on the head, cutting an ugly gash upon the temple. This blow he followed with another from a lager-beer-jug. Ladd, however, managed to grapple with him, but being no match for so powerful an adversary was thrown down to the ground and held there. At this juncture the bar-keeper of the establishment came upon the scene, but failing in his endeavors to separate the combatants,

proceeded to procure assistance, which he found in the person of two Mexicans, with whom he returned. As they entered, the report of two pistols was heard, and on pulling Hyde off Ladd, they found he held a pistol in one hand, his finger on the trigger, and Ladd clutching it by the middle. Hyde was found to be shot in the abdomen, and, from the effects of the wound, died on the following day. During an examination into the cause of the man's death before Justice Kottinger, Ladd stated that after being struck with the pitcher, he remembered nothing until the firing of the pistol brought him to his senses, and then he thought that he himself was the victim of the shot. A statement was made by another who had that day heard Hyde say he would "have a man for his supper" that night, and went into Ladd's house with the deliberate intention of killing Ladd, who, when he was down, had turned away the muzzle from his own breast towards that of Hyde, when the latter pulling the trigger shot himself, Ladd's hand being considerably lacerated by the powder. The death having been the result of a scuffle in self-defense, Ladd of course was discharged. The man (Hyde) killed the mulatto barber named Manley, at Mission San Jose in October, 1866.

This month, the Downtown Renovation will begin, part of which will be the replacement of street lights along First and Second Streets. We thought you might enjoy this article from the Livermore Herald, April 1896.

PROPOSALS

FOR LIGHTING THE STREETS OF THE TOWN OF LIVERMORRE.

Office of Town Clerk of Livermore, Cal., April 20th, 1896.

In accordance with a Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Livermore on the 17th day of April, 1896, sealed proposals will be received in open meeting of the Board, at the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock P. M., May 6th, 1896, for lighting the Town of Livermore.

NOTICE.

Bids will contain an estimate and state a price for which 12 or more electric lights of 2000 candle power each will be furnished.

Lights to be kept burning from a period of time just before dark until 12 o'clock midnight, upon a "Moon Schedule," and upon moonlight nights when the moon is obscured by means of clouds, stormy weather, or otherwise.

The contract to extend for a period of five (5) years.

All lights to be located under the supervision of the Board of Trustees.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

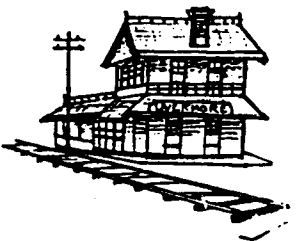
By order of the Board of Town Trustees.

JOSEPH FLETCHER, President.
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Lynn Owens. Be sure to come and join the fun.

CALENDAR

May 12, 1988, Thursday
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.
7:30 p.m.

May 21, 1988, Saturday
Ninth Annual Heritage Guild
Auction, Lincoln Highway Garage
6:00 p.m.

June 23, 1988, Thursday
Annual General Meeting
Ravenswood, 7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG 9th Annual Auction and Dinner,
Saturday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.,
Lincoln Highway Garage

The LHG meatball brigade and the donation collectors crew are busily preparing for the 9th annual fundraiser dinner and auction on Saturday, May 21. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Highway Garage with a splendid dinner of salads, spaghetti and meatballs, desserts -- all for \$4 a plate. A silent auction will continue through dinner. At 7:00 p.m. sharp, an old fashioned item-by-item auction will begin under the gavel of Col.

So far, some of the auction items donated include a Persian carpet designer cushion, three gum vending machines, several pieces of gilded Italian furniture; collector plates; an old gum ball machine; 1930's furniture; pewter; old German dome clock; an 1876 Livermore newspaper; labels from Livermore's pioneer pharmacies and drug stores, and much more.

As usual, more things are needed for the auction. You are urged to search your nooks and crannies for interesting items to donate for the event. Pick-up times can be made by calling the History Center at 449-9927 or Chet and Henri Fankhauser: evenings at 447-3809; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tues. thru Sat. at 449-9791. All items, except books and clothing are welcomed. Proceeds from the dinner and auction will be used for the Highway Garage Restoration Fund.

Plan to join the party, bring your friends, and help the Guild, and most of all have a fun-filled evening.

The agenda for the annual meeting, Thursday, June 23, 1988, will include voting on the following:

New officers: N. Bireley, Chair; L. Mauch, Vice-Chair; B. Bunshah, Secretary; M. Sweet, Treasurer; H. Fankhauser, Ways/Means. Board members: B. Haera, T. Sage, A. Brown; G. Drummond, J. Vliet; Nominating committee: C. Fankhauser, M. Calhoun.

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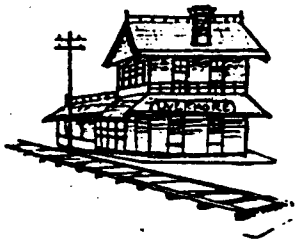
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SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1988**

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been set up at City Hall.

CALENDAR

June 11, 1988 Saturday
Heritage Guild and the Livermore
Art Association Gallery
will be Closed for the day.

June 11, 1988 Saturday
Ravenswood Antique Quilt
Display
The Livermore Quilt, made over
90 years ago listing the names
of many prominent Livermore
residents, will be on display.
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
\$3.00 admission

June 23, 1988, Thursday
Annual General Meeting
Featuring a talk by Malvern Sweet
Ravenswood, 7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

New Summer hours for the
Heritage Guild and the Livermore
Art Association Gallery will be:
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
6/1/88 through 8/31/88

A special exhibit honoring the
70th annual Livermore Rodeo is on
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additional Rodeo display has also

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UPDATE ON THE 9th LHG DINNER AND AUCTION, Saturday, May 21

Coinciding with typical warm weather for our event, the luscious Italian spaghetti and the strange and interesting auction items melded to make the evening a smashing success. Nancy Bireley and Henri Fankhauser with all of their helpful assistants served over 90 dinners to a long line of guests. Lynn Owens, our favorite auctioneer, and Chet Fankhauser sold over \$1600 worth of donated goods -- everything from an old F. C. Lassen store front sign to three boxes of purple iris bulbs. Prices were good and bargains were plentiful. A special thank you should go to Larry Mauch, Tim Sage, and Susan Junk for their over and above the call of duty effort in climbing ladders and walking the Lincoln Highway Garage rafters to clean and remove 50 years of fallen leaves and dust. Many thanks to all who donated sales items and our guests who attended. Our Garage Preservation fund will be better off by \$1900.

Francesca Lowenthal Kahn and the Anspacher Family (contributed by Janet Newton)

In the Independent of June 1, there was an obituary for Franc-

esca Lowenthal Kahn, a member of the Anspacher family that once played an important part in the life of the town of Livermore. Anspachers was Livermore's department store. They sold everything from lumber and furniture to dry goods and farm machinery. Their place of business was on the west side of L Street between First Street and the railroad tracks. In old photographs, the name Anspacher can be seen in large letters on the roof of their big warehouse building that ran parallel to and close to the railroad tracks.

Mrs. Kahn was a valued member of the Livermore Heritage Guild, and we are sorry to lose her. Her cousin, Carolyn Anspacher, was a distinguished reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle. Her grandfather, Philip Anspacher, contributed a great deal to the development of Livermore and when he died in San Francisco in 1925, it was found that he had included in his will a bequest of \$500 to the Livermore Library. The Anspachers built a large residence at the northwest corner of South L and College, but it was never used by the Anspachers themselves.

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CALENDAR

July 10, Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
The Duarte Highway Garage will be open to greet the vintage cars traveling the old Lincoln Highway from New York to San Francisco.

July 14, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

July 20 through August 31
'Art for Children' at Livermore Art Association Gallery and Carnegie Building

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Annual Meeting held at Ravenswood was a success. Malvern Sweet's talk and slide presentation was entertaining for all.

The Rodeo exhibit turned out nicely in large part because so many interesting items were loaned by the following people: Diane Andrade, Susan Junk, Nancy Bireley, Ken Finders, Virginia Fellingham, and Malvern Sweet. We wish to thank all of you. The exhibit will be dismantled in July and your items will be returned to you.

We wish to thank Eric Heinitz for his donation to the Drug Store Exhibit of: 2 Duarte pharmacy pill boxes, 3 drug manufacturers jobber order forms (on 2¢ post cards).

Janet Newton was honored June 21st at the Hilton Hotel in Oakland by the Native Daughters of the Golden West for her many contributions in the preservation and publication of local history. Janet was added to the Roll of Honor, established in 1910, for women not eligible for membership (because they were not born in California) but who render signal service to the Order or the State of California. Since 1910, less than fifty women have received this honor.

On Sunday, July 10th, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. a group of 25 vintage cars will be passing through Livermore on the last leg of a cross country trip, via the old Lincoln Highway, from Times Square in New York to the Lincoln Highway Park in San Francisco. This trip is to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the old Lincoln Highway (see the article below). The trip has taken four weeks averaging 100 miles per day. Through the magnificent cross

country effort of Muriel Dean to contact the group while in route, it has been arranged for a brief stop for coffee and donuts and a tour of the Duarte Highway Garage on Portola Ave. We invite anyone who would like to attend to drop by the garage on Sunday morning and help us welcome our visitors.

The Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum

The old 'Highway Garage' at the end of North L Street in Livermore, was once part of an exciting chapter of American history. What is now Portola Avenue, was once a section of the first transcontinental highway in the United States. The development of this country and its current high standard of living, in large part depended on the automobile and the roads to accommodate it.

Carl G. Fisher, a noted early inventor and designer, conceived the idea in 1912, of forming a Lincoln Highway Association whose aim was to build an automobile highway from coast to coast. He

is reported to have said 'A road across the United States! Let's build it before we are too old to enjoy it.' He was successful, both in raising money for it and in obtaining support for it from leaders of American industry.

The beginning of what was named the Lincoln Highway was in Lincoln Park in San Francisco, overlooking the Golden Gate, where there is a plaque commemorating the event.

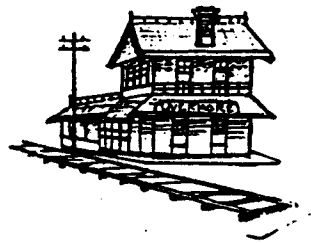
The road was continued eastward along the route of what became eventually, U. S. Highway 50, and it went through Livermore.

The new machines needed service centers where gasoline could be bought, and repairs made. The Duarte's Highway Garage, built in 1915, was one of them. The sign-painted front of the building became a land-mark that was familiar to all the motorists traveling the coast-to-coast road on their way to and from Tracy and Stockton.

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Recent Donations:

CALENDAR

August 11, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

Turn of the century photographs of R. H. W. Mahoney, Pearl Curran (Mahoney), and Agnes M. Keller were received from Irving F. Mahoney of Oakland.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

New windows are being installed in the Highway Garage. They should be completed in several weeks. Also, gravel has been laid in the driveway to the cottage and the entrance to the Garage.

Also received from Dr. Grace Devnich was a photograph (circa 1928) of citizens of Livermore at a picnic in Oakland (approximately 75 people). If you think you might be able to identify anyone in this photo, please stop by the Carnegie Bldg.

A color reproduction of the 1889 lithograph of an aerial view of Livermore (measuring 20''x24'') is available at \$40.00 each (including tax) at the Carnegie Bldg. This is a professionally done color photograph showing all the detail and color of the original lithograph and mounted on heavy board suitable for framing.

Also received from the Livermore Union School District were two panels of pictures of the Missions (circa 1900's). For many years, these panels hung in the library at Fifth Street School.

The gathering at the Lincoln Highway Garage celebrating the 75th anniversary of the old Lincoln Highway and greeting the vintage cars traveling cross country was a roaring success thanks to the superb effort of Muriel Dean.

Mendenhall Springs

from the
Special Midwinter Edition
of the Livermore Herald
January 25, 1896

Situated on the Arroyo Mocho, among the foothills of Cedar Mountain, southeast of Livermore, and at an elevation of 1,750 feet

above the sea, are the famous Mendenhall Springs. Unsurpassed in beauty of surroundings, and in the purity of the air, this property offers a rare opportunity to build up one of the finest health and pleasure resorts in the State. The water of these springs is of light carbonated character, and is clear, sparkling, and extremely palatable. In action it is tonic, antiacid, diuretic, and laxative, and is of great service in dyspepsia, torpidity of the liver and bowels, rheumatism, glandular affections, renal troubles, and skin diseases, and is also an excellent bathing water. Dr. Winslow Anderson says: 'In several cases of cystitis, congestion of kidneys, etc., I have found it of great benefit. These mineral springs were used many years ago, by the early settlers and by the natives who dwelt in the valley before them.'

Being only three hours' ride from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, and Stockton by rail, they are within easy access.

The Mendenhalls originally intended to preserve the property as a residence, but the demands of the public required its surrender to the cause of suffering humanity. Now Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall find in their advancing years that the burden of managing the springs

is more than they can carry, and the property is offered for sale. It consists of several hundred acres of fine grazing and farming land, and valuable improvements. It is easily reached by a ten-mile ride from Livermore. The grade up to the springs is a county road and easy, and is one of surpassing beauty and grandeur of scenery.

As high as 100 guests are usually accommodated here in the height of the season, and with more accommodations and an effort to advertise the springs, the patronage could be doubled.

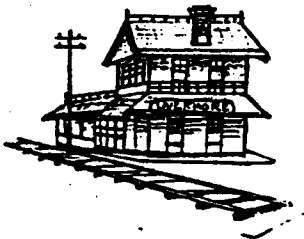
The efficacy of the waters is beyond dispute. Unnumbered cures have been effected of almost a miraculous character at these fountains of life. Following is the Smithsonian Institute's analysis of the water:

	Upper Spring, <u>Kidney</u>	Lower Spring, <u>Liver</u>
Magnesium carbonate	3.57	4.68
Ferrous carbonate	.03	.06
Calcium carbonate	11.73	12.55
Magnesium sulphate	5.33	2.87
Sodium sulphate	3.40	3.75
Alumina	.12	.09
Silica	1.04	1.06
Potassium chloride	.52	.71
Sodium chloride	<u>3.18</u>	<u>2.31</u>
Total grains		
per U.S. gallon	28.92	28.08

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