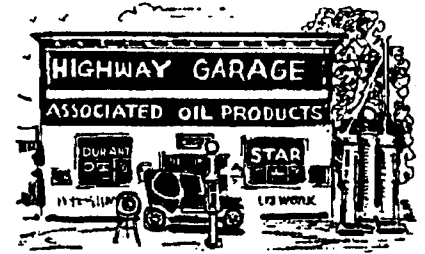




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October 1996

Vol. XXVI

No. 1

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

Sunday, October 13
Open House at Ravenswood Historic Site
Arroyo Road, Livermore
Costumed docents will tell the stories of the house
and its owners. Info: 373-5700

Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (19th), 1-4 p.m. (20th)
Friends of the Library will hold a Semi-Annual
Book Sale at the Barn, Pacific Ave., Livermore.
This is part of the Livermore Public Library's Cen-
tennial Celebration.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

On Sunday afternoon, October 20, Gary Drummond will lead another of his popular historic residential area walking tours. If you are interested in walking with Gary, please meet him at 2:30 p.m. in front of the History Center. The walk will take about one and a half hours. Other walks are planned for early November. Please call Barbara Bunshah at the History Center, 449-9927, Wed. through Sun. between 11:30 and 4:00 p.m. for more details.

A steamer trunk, with hangers and drawers, even a "hat drawer", was sold at the Heritage Guild Auction last Memorial Day weekend. It was purchased by a woman who attended with her young daughter. We hope the trunk's new owner reads this (or

if you know her, please call this to her attention), because the keys to the trunk are waiting for her at the History Center. Rosemary and Bob Wade, donors of the trunk, recently found them and gave us a call. Thanks again, Rosemary and Bob, for the donations and the keys.

Talking about the Auction...some of you come across items you wish to dispose of at other times of the year. You don't have to wait until April -- we will pick them up at any time!! Just call Bill Junk at 447-4561, Anna Siig at 373-9468 or Gary Drummond at 447-5475. We will come NOW (or as close to NOW as can be arranged). So when you are rearranging the garage this fall, sorting out after the Holidays, during Spring cleaning, or when "Uncle Herman's wonderful gift just doesn't fit any more", remember the Guild's Memorial Day weekend Auction: Call us NOW.



The mailing labels have a new look! If you notice any errors on your label, please notify us.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS OCTOBER STARTS THE BEGINNING OF OUR NEW YEAR.

The Pawnee Indian Co. was located in San Francisco in the late 1800s. They sold a variety of patent medicines. Patent medicines were usually nothing more than vegetable juice with a very high alcohol content. Several companies at the time produced traveling medicine shows styled after Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show only on a smaller scale. The main purpose of the show was to sell their medicine usually for \$1 a bottle. This article refers to the Pawnee Indian Co. show coming to Livermore.

August 4, 1889 Livermore newspaper

Our Entertainers Depart

The Pawnee Indian Co. closed its three weeks' stay at this place on Monday evening, with a very large house. The champion audience was that of last Friday evening, when nearly every seat in the theatre was filled, and a large number of people were standing up. Fully 600 persons were in the house. Monday evening the audience was set to guessing the number of bottles of their leading medicine disposed of in this place. A hatful of ballots was gathered, including a very wide range of opinion. The number was announced as 309, and the best guesser was J.H. Armstrong, whose estimate was 310. He was given \$3 in coin for his achievement. The company has given eighteen very enjoyable entertainments during its stay here, all but four of which were free. Its members are gentleman--every one--and several are entertainers of no mean order. Taylor Jahmes has few equals on the banjo, in this circuit, while he bubbles over with original wit and humor. Billy Harvey is the Southern plantation negro himself. Geo. Ferguson is an athlete whose equal it is difficult to find, and while his feats here were very remarkable, it is only just to state that the lowness of the ceiling prevented some of his best acts. C.A. Burgess, the head man and orator of the company, did some very neat rifle shooting. But Harry Burgess, the "Boy Chief", must be called the leading attraction of the combine, owing to the entire novelty of his nets, his complete knowledge of Indian character, remarkable use of language, and great earnestness and evident respect for the nobler traits of Indian char-

acter. His Indian songs and dances, in costume, were at once picturesque and grotesque, while his description of Indian customs, implements and acts, were of absorbing interest. Several of our people, who have seen Indian life on the plains of this country, declare that the performances give a perfect picture of it at its best. The company is now in Pleasanton, and will go to Haywards on Tuesday next, and thence to San Jose. May their shadows never grow less.


If you don't know what's the matter with you, or even if you do.

CALL IN AND SEE THE INDIAN DOCTOR

Proprietor of the Pawnee Indian Medicine Co., who has visited at great expense every town and city in California and lots of Metropolitan Towns.

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November 1996

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No. 2

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10

Open House at Ravenswood Historic Site
Arroyo Road, Livermore

Costumed docents will tell the stories of the house
and its owners. Info: 373-5700

Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

Saturday, November 16, 12-2:00 p.m.

Annual General Meeting at El Lorito Restaurant
Lunch will be served. Contact: Barbara Bunshah
at 449-9927

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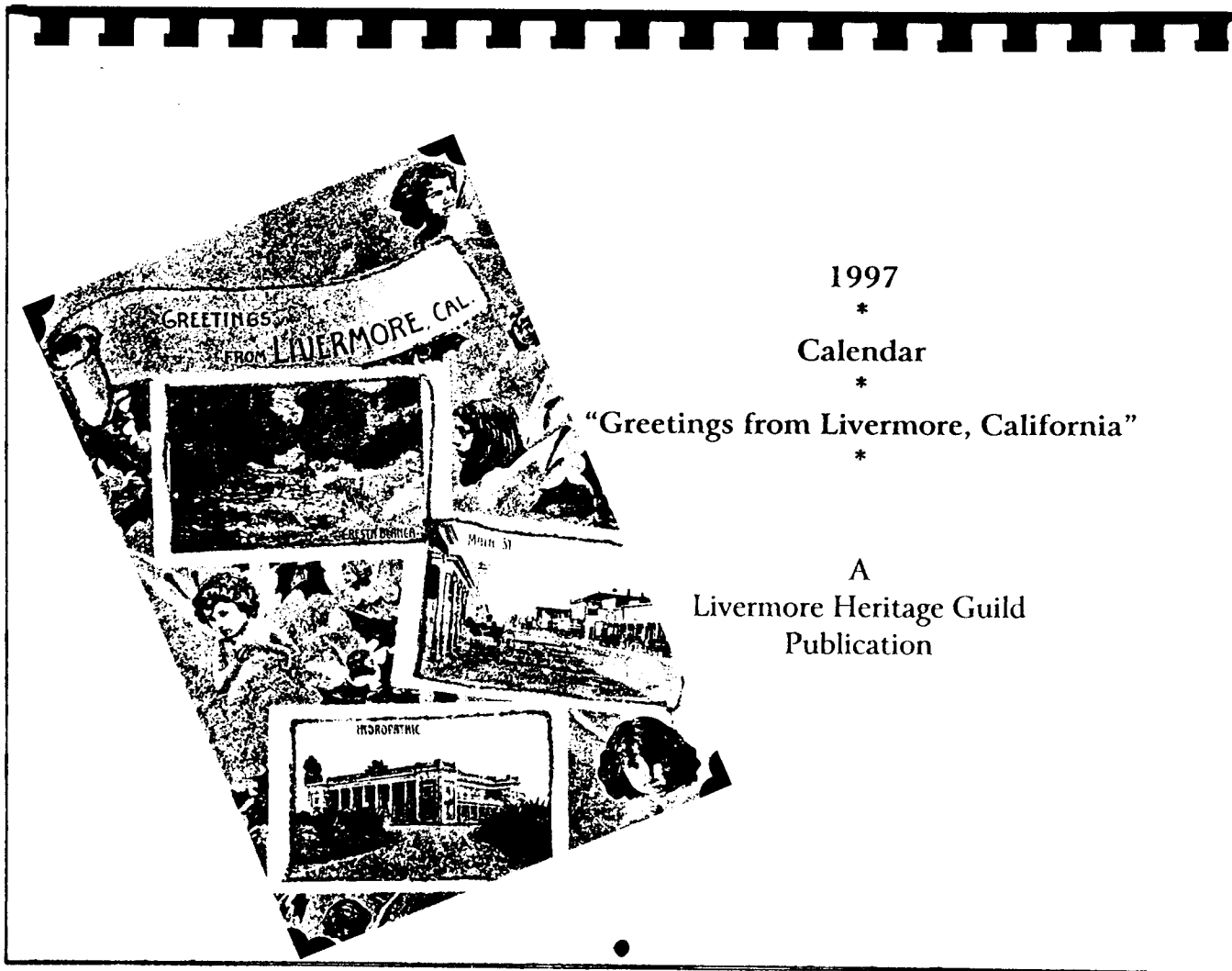
The Annual General Meeting will be held at El Lorito's and will feature Herb Street, former City of Livermore Chief Building Inspector. Those of you with long Guild memories will place Herb in

conjunction with the campaign to save the Southern Pacific Depot and the founding of the Livermore Heritage Guild. A lunch will be served costing either \$10 or \$12 per person depending on the selection. Seating is limited for 35 people. **Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Carnegie Library (on Third St.) as they will not be available at the door. Please choose one entree below when your ticket is purchased.** For more information, call Barbara Bunshah at 449-9927.

Menu Choices:

1. Tostada Supreme: a crisp flour tortilla shell filled with your choice of beef or chicken topped with lettuce, cheese, sour cream and guacamole \$10.00
2. Luis Salad: shrimp or crab, or try it half and half \$10.00
3. Chicken enchilada suiza: topped with guacamole and sour cream and served with rice & beans \$10.00
4. Carnitas: moist tender pork cooked in citrus juices and spices, served with rice & beans \$12.00
5. Pollo en Mole Poblano: tender pieces of chicken served in a rich, dark sauce consisting of peanuts, chocolate, chiles, and spices, accompanied by rice & beans \$12.00

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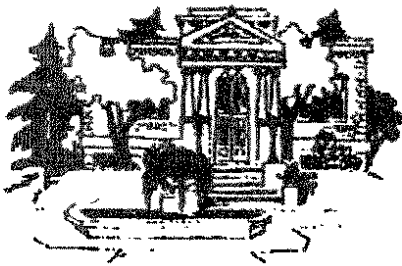
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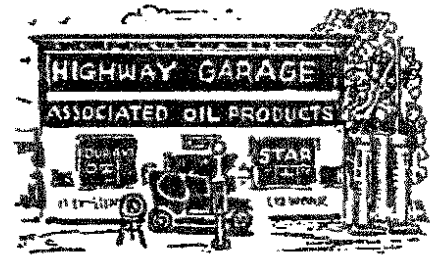
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December 1996

Vol. XXVI

No. 3

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8, noon to 3 p.m.
LAA Gallery & Livermore Heritage Guild Open House at the Gallery/History Center in the Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third St., Livermore
Art works and Livermore Heritage Guild calendars will be for sale and prizes will be offered. Refreshments will also be offered. Admission is free.

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Travels of the Historymobile 1996

The LHG Historymobile rolled out of the Garage to bring local history to third graders at

toric Preservation Week, to Concannon Vineyard for 2 day Harvest Trails event and to Livermore City Library for its 100th birthday.

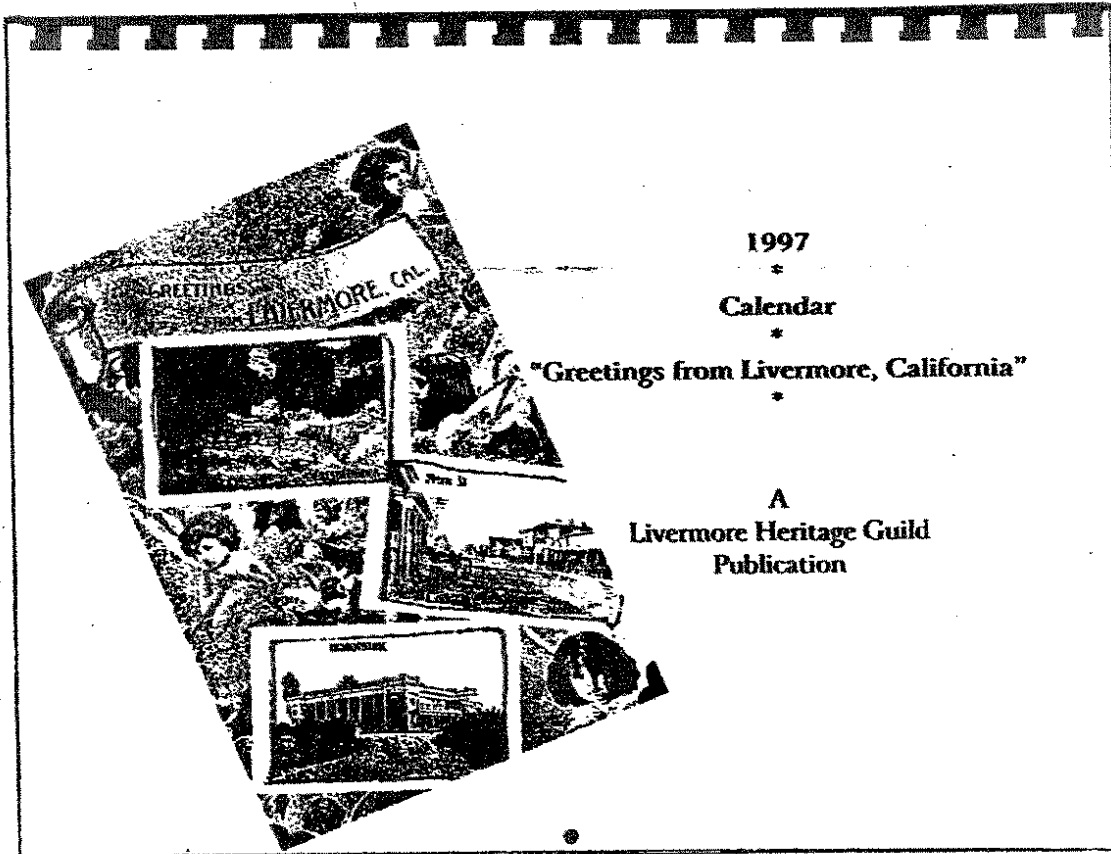
Chairwoman Marilyn Calhoun greatly appreciated the assistance of volunteers at the schools - docents Bobbie Baird, Mary Lou Hodgson, Doris Lennon, Arlene Folks, Marie Timmer, drivers Bill Junk, Phillip Dean, and Bob Wade. At other events she was assisted by Bobbie Baird, Vanna Born, Joanne Bezus, Phillip and Muriel Dean, Malvern Sweet, Joan and Walter Detjens, Bill and Susan Junk.

Bill Junk keeps the mobile rolling, recharging batteries, making repairs, filling gasoline tanks. Wayne Calhoun helps in setting up displays and chauffeuring drivers. Bobbie Baird shares California bay laurel leaves with visitors - some traveling to New York City. Volunteers feel this is a very worthwhile project. Visitors appreciate the opportunity to learn about Livermore's past, about the plant used by the first people, and that mining and brick factories supplied jobs for many early settlers.

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Christmas is just around the corner. Be sure to attend the Open House on Sunday, December 8 at the Carnegie Bldg. There will be all sorts of things for sale that can be used for stocking stuffers or gifts under the tree. The new 1997 Heritage Guild calendars will of course be available also. The theme for this year's calendar are post cards from Livermore. Included with the calendar are very fine color reproductions of 4 post cards issued

pot, the Sanitarium and one of the wineries from that time. The originals of these post cards are rare and quite collectible. I'm sure this calendar will become a collectible in the future. They make

great stocking stuffers as well as gifts to relatives and your children's teachers. The photocopy below does not do justice to the quality of these reproductions. Come in and see for yourself!

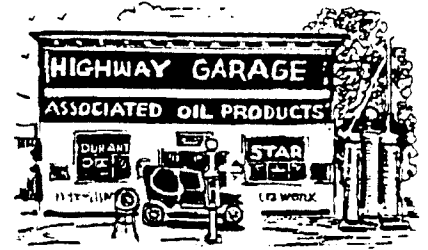


*Don't forget to buy your 1997 Heritage Guild Calendar
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



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January 1997

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No. 4

The Bank Of Italy Building

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

Tuesday, January 14, Livermore/Amador
Geneology Society
Tillie Calhoun will speak on family research
Temple Beth Emek, College and M St., Livermore

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Recently the Livermore Heritage Guild recognized Joan and Lyn Seppala for the restoration and preservation of the Bank Of Italy Building on the corner of First Street and N. Livermore Ave. Built in 1921, the building housed the Bank Of Italy and later served as City Hall. The building has been beautifully restored. Below is its history as a bank.

In December 1916 the local paper announced that Livermore's Farmers and Merchant Bank as well as the Livermore Savings Bank had been purchased by San Francisco's Bank Of Italy. The name was changed but the Bank Of Italy would continue to operate in the old three story McLeod Building on the corner of Livermore Ave. and First Street.

Serving over one million depositors



California's bank of the people increases in democracy of ownership as it grows / / / / /

As this bank grows and its organization enlarges, the ownership becomes increasingly vested in the people. In 1904 the institution was owned by a small group of stockholders. Today the 15,000 owners are distributed throughout the entire state. Instead of a small group of individuals spreading their interests over an entire commonwealth, here is a great army of thrifty people in 164 California cities virtually owning its own institution.

Bank of Italy

National Trust Association

LIVERMORE BRANCH
FIRST & LIZZIE STREETS

Resources over 600 million dollars

In March 1920 Charles A. Smith, the manager of the Livermore branch of the Bank Of Italy, announced that plans were being considered to build a new bank building in Livermore. In September 1920 it was announced that the plans were near completion and the McLeod building would be torn down to make way for the new building. A similar structure in Oakland for the Fruitvale branch would also be built. Both these banks would be built in the spring. The Oakland Tribune stated that the buildings will be in the Italian renaissance lines with granite and terra cotta. The buildings will have great arched windows, bronze doors and all modern appointments. The budget would be around \$100,000 for each building. These would serve as models for future bank branches.

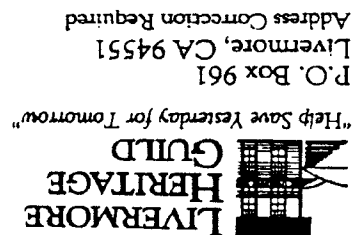
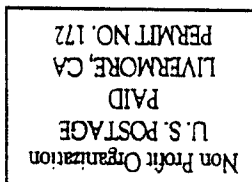
In March 1921 it was announced that the Livermore Fire Brick Company (located where K-Mart is today) would be supplying the terra cotta for the buildings. At the same time it was announced that the Bank Of Italy now had 221,788 depositors statewide and the average deposit was \$630.00. The Bank of Italy had more depositors than any other bank in the country.

In May 1921 the bank temporarily relocated into the justice courtroom in the post office building while the McLeod building was demolished and the new building constructed. In July the concrete was being poured for the new bank and by August the

terra cotta supplied by the Livermore Fire Brick Company was being installed.

Finally in December 1921 it was announced the new bank building would hold a grand opening on January 3rd of the new year. The celebration would start at the bank with tours and bill folds being handed out as souvenirs. Piano and saxophone music would be supplied by Marguerite Sylvia and Andrew Barteime. The celebration would conclude with a \$1.00 a plate dinner at Mally's grill. Everyone in the valley was invited. The grand opening was a huge success. The final cost of the new building was over \$125,000

In November 1930 the Bank Of Italy consolidated with the Bank Of America and the name was changed. The Bank of America continued to operate in the same location until January 1958 when a new bank building was opened on Second Street. During its tenure as a bank the Bank Of Italy Building (as it is now known) had a peaceful existence. The only excitement was in August of 1935 when it was discovered a stray rifle bullet had pierced the banks window casing. It was supposed that it came from gunfire heard at midnight the night before in the area of Third Street and Livermore Ave. The local paper reported it was probably just some hunter accidentally firing several rounds into the air.





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February 1997

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No. 5

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Last month Tim Sage, Chairman of LHG, and fellow board members presented to Lynn and Joan Seppala a certificate in recognition of their renovation of the Bank of Italy building on First St. The event, co-sponsored by LHG, was held at the renovated bank building. The evening was enjoyed by all the invited guests. Members of the City Council and the Livermore Historic Preservation Committee were in attendance as well. Each year the Livermore Heritage Guild tries to recognize one or more groups or individuals for their efforts in preserving Livermore's past.

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Have you noticed our beautiful new signs on the Highway Garage? Thanks to Jerry Bireley's and Don Scullion's efforts, we now have two new signs attached to the side of the Garage identifying the Garage as a Heritage Guild project.

Just a Reminder: It won't be long before the annual auction is here. You don't have to wait until April -- we will pick up at any time!! Just call Bill Junk at 447-4561, Anna Siig at 373-9468 or Gary Drummond at 447-5475. We will come NOW (or as close to NOW as can be arranged). So when you are rearranging the garage this winter or during Spring cleaning, remember the Guild's Memorial Day weekend Auction. Call us NOW.

GREAT NEWS!! The Carnegie Library has a new roof. After many long years of fighting leaks, we think we finally won!



BITS AND PIECES

July 13, 1882, Livermore newspaper
TO THE AFFLICTED

To all whom it may concern. That a sure cure for cancer can be obtained by applying to P.C. Waltenbaugh, Livermore, Cal. This miraculous remedy was discovered 40 years ago, and cures have been made that stand good to this date. Mr. Waltenbaugh secured the recipe about two years ago, while on a visit East, and he respectfully refers to Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. F. Hartman, of Livermore. Any person having a cancer would do well to consult him. Cure or no pay.

June 23 P.C. Waltenbaugh

July 20, 1882 Livermore newspaper

Livermore Valley

The Oakland Tribune has the following to say of our Valley:

A year ago today the Livermore Valley was one of the most neglected sections of the State. It was unaccountably so if you take into consideration its many advantages, but nevertheless, the fact remained—it was the Sleepy Hollow of California. Today this is all changed, and there is not a more thriving town in the State than Livermore. It is being rapidly built up, and there is not a vacant house within its limits. Businessmen say they are doing well and the lumber yards can hardly fill the demand. Several handsome brick blocks have been erected within a short time, and a bank is about to be opened. Most of this activity is due to the recent vineyard planting operations in the neighborhood, a partial account of which is given in another column. Last season may be said to have been an unfavorable one for the setting out of grape vines. The rain which fell before the month of March was of little or no benefit, and at that date,

most of the men who intended planting, felt disheartened and meant to put off their operations for another year. The plentiful rainfall in the month of March, however, induced them to change their minds, and since March 1st, over one thousand acres of grape vines have been set around Livermore, and they are nearly all doing well. In buying land and working the vineyards, at least \$100,000 have been expended, and probably twice as much will be spent during the coming winter, for the boom has only commenced. In five years from today the Livermore Valley will be one of the most important wine making sections in the State, and the wine will all be of the best quality, for none but the best varieties have been planted and the soil is almost identical in character with that of Gironde, the famous district in which the Bordeaux wines are produced. It is not necessary to dwell on the proximity to market of this valley, nor upon the fact that there is nothing to prevent a business man living in the city, and at the same time building up for himself a pleasant home with his surplus earnings.

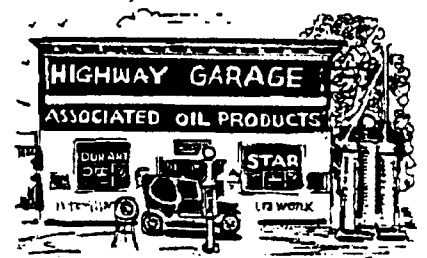
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March/April 1997

Vol. XXV II

No. 5/6

This newsletter is a combination March and April newsletter and you will be receiving the May newsletter in a couple weeks. Sorry for the inconvenience.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

18th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1997

Lincoln Highway Garage

North L St. at Portola, Livermore

Don't forget this year we will again serve our famous spaghetti dinner and the price will remain an affordable \$6.00. Open to the public. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and auction at 7:00 p.m.

HELP!!!! WE NEED DONATIONS

The auction is only 6 weeks away and we need more stuff! Your help is needed with donations of goods/services for the auction. All useable items (except books, clothing and newer (after 1950) overstuffed furniture) will be accepted. Please call Bill 447-4561 or Gary or Anna 447-5475 to arrange for pickup. Your donations are tax deductible! This year we are going to try something new. We will take consignments on single items that will sell for \$25 or more and charge a 20% consignment fee. Consigned items that do not sell have to be picked up by the consignee on Sunday, May 25 between noon and 2 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

If you don't recall receiving a March newsletter, it's because you didn't. The editor was ill for 2 weeks with the flu bug that has been going around.

We want to thank Mrs. Lamfri and Karen Faraldo for their recent donations to our upcoming auction.

In preparation for the open house held on March 23 for the Chrysler Products Club of San Leandro, we want to thank the following people for their efforts in sprucing up the Garage: Robert Griffith, David Zanini, Bill Junk, Susan Junk, Dick Lerche, Jean Lerche, Tim Sage and Anna Siig. The Garage has never looked better! If you didn't read about it in the local paper, the Car Club showed up around 1:30 on Saturday and toured the Garage for about 1 hour. Interest was shown by others who attended in using the Garage for their car club events. The Garage, built in 1915, is one of the few remaining garages from the old Lincoln Highway that stretched across the country.

THE HERITAGE GUILD NOW HAS ITS OWN WEB PAGE. The page was set up by Wendy Weathers of Computernets.com. The address for our Web page is <http://www.lhg.org>. The page is about 90% complete, sound will be added soon. Potential new members can sign up via the Web. We also have an e-mail address now: lhg@lhg.org. The Guild wishes to thank Wendy for donating her services. If you would like to contact her she may be reached at: Wendy Weathers, Computernets.com, P.O. Box 370, Livermore, CA 94551-0370, 449-1982 mail to: sales@computernets.com

Excerpted from Feb. 20, 1909 Livermore Herald

Steeple-Jack Paints Town's Tall Flagpole

Wayfarers on First Street Thursday afternoon were surprised and even startled to see a man at the top of 116-foot flagpole in Mill Square calmly regilding the ball with which it is surmounted. When this work was completed the steeple-jack worked slowly down painting the pole as he came.

When he finally reached the ground the man resumed his coat as unconcerned as if he did that sort of thing every day, as in fact he does, for he informed the Herald representative that steeple climbing was his occupation. He gave his name as H.M. Chaplin and stated that he had worked as steeple-jack and rigger in every state in the union. He had climbed hundreds of flagpoles, steeples and smoke stacks but in spite of the risk he had never met with but one accident. While engaged in painting a stack at Long Island City, N.Y. several years

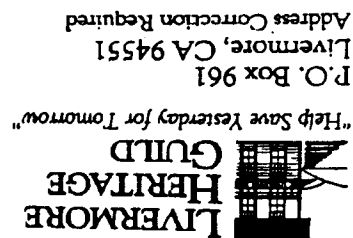
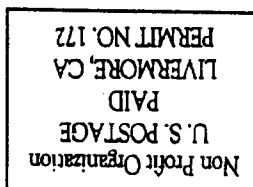
ago, the hook by which his tackle was suspended broke and he was thrown to the ground, breaking his left leg.

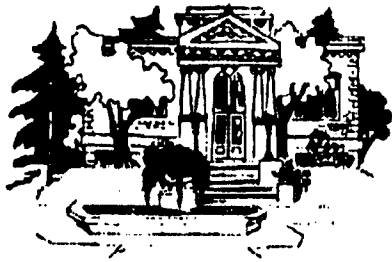
Mr. Chaplin does not use the lineman's belt and spurs that most steeple-jacks employ but uses slings instead. Each leg is in a loop which passed around the pole and which are moved up or down the pole by turns, the tension of one holding the climber in position as he relaxes to move the other. In this way slower progress is made but the pole is not marred as happens with the use of spurs.

Mr. Chaplin painted the slender flag staff on the McLeod Building and rove new halyards Friday. He has made an arrangement with the Town Trustees by which he will return in a few weeks and give the town pole a second coat of paint.

Editor's note: Mills Square is the name originally given the area where the flagpole stands today.

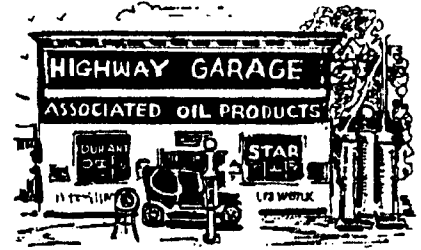
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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

18th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1997

Lincoln Highway Garage

North L St. at Portola, Livermore

Don't forget this year we will again serve our famous spaghetti dinner and the price will remain an affordable \$6.00. Open to the public. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and auction at 7:00 p.m.

THERE'S STILL TIME LEFT!

The auction is only 2 weeks away and we need more stuff! Your help is needed with donations of goods/services for the auction. All useable items (except books, clothing and newer (after 1950) overstuffed furniture) will be accepted. Please call Gary or Anna to arrange for pickup or leave a message at 447-5475. Your donations are tax deductible! This year we are going to try something new. We will take consignments on single items that will sell for \$25 or more and charge a 20% consignment fee. Consigned items that do not sell have to be picked up by the consignee on Sunday, May 25 between noon and 2 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Carnegie Building will be closed from May 24 through June 7 for repairs and painting. Volunteers are needed to help relocate the contents of the museum to make room for the workers. If all

goes well, there will be a **GRAND OPENING** on Sunday, June 8.

There used to be a town at the foot of Altamont on the Tracy side called Ellis. The town centered around the railroad depot, very similar in appearance to our own. This article ran in the local newspaper in the 1920s.

Interesting Data In Historical Article

Writing on the history of Tracy in The Press of that city, David J. Welch gives much information of interest to Livermoreans familiar with the early history of the area between Livermore and Tracy. He says:

Few residents of Tracy know when, and why, the name of this livewire town was placed on the map of San Joaquin County, and that it was efficiency experts of the old Central Pacific Railroad we must thank.

The main line of the Central Pacific was completed between Sacramento and San Francisco, via Altamont and Niles, in 1869 and Lathrop became a division point, where the roundhouse, shops, yards, and a company "Eating House" for passenger trains were located. Lathrop was a busy place. Because two or more locomotives were necessary to haul trains over the Altamont Pass, and it was 14 miles from Lathrop to the foot of the hill, a helper station was established at the point named Ellis. Coal piles for fuel, helper engines (pushers) and crews, telegraph operators, and the necessary equipment and men were moved from Lathrop to Ellis, and a new railroad town was started in the San Joaquin valley.

Before the Central Pacific was built, freight from San Francisco was handled on schooners and other sailboats up the San Joaquin river two miles from where Bethany station is. Horse stages and freight teams handled passengers and freight from there and it is claimed that 1,800 tons of coal were hauled from Corral Hollow to Mohr's Landing by teams and wagons between 1856 and 1861. While Ellis grew and appeared to be a permanent town, shipments of freight by water and freight wagons declined, so most of Mohr's Landing moved to Ellis.

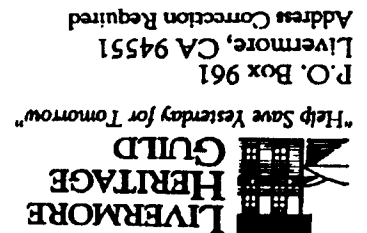
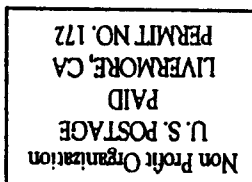
But efficiency experts had not overlooked the great expense of putting the trains over Altamont Pass with extra engines and helper stations. So when the Northern Railroad was completed from Oakland to Martinez and connections made with the California Pacific at Suisun, creating a direct line between San Francisco and Sacramento, they got busy. Under the name of San Pablo and Tulare Railroad, a line was built from Martinez along the south shore of Carquinez Straights and this low level railroad met the Central Pacific at a point three miles east of Ellis. September 8, 1878, a junction switch was installed, and Tracy was born.

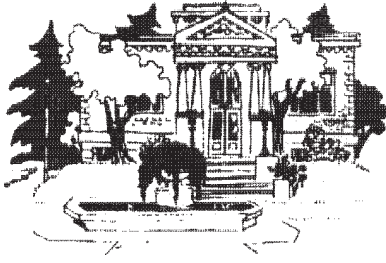
But Ellis was doomed! The new switch at Tracy was fine for the new low level main line on which one locomotive could haul a passenger or freight train between Tracy and Oakland, so a few trains were routed over the Altamont Pass and the

helper station at Ellis was abandoned. Everything the Central Pacific owned and all the employees were moved from Ellis to Lathrop, except James Eagan and family. Jim Eagan was a coal passer and loaded tenders of helper engines at Ellis until it was abandoned, then he was appointed section foreman at the new junction so Mr. and Mrs. James Eagan, son Harry Eagan and Annie Penny Eagan were born at Ellis (so are without a home place), and Thomas Eagan and Mrs. W. P. Weston are the second generation: Engineers W.H. Weston and Thomas Weston, all of Tracy are the third generation; the former Katie Weston now living in Oregon has two children, the fourth generation of the first Central Pacific (now Southern Pacific) family in Tracy.

The pioneers who were left behind at Ellis headed for the new town, bag and baggage, and buildings were moved across the prairie to Tracy. But Tracy remained a loading point with a side track and stock corral for many years, switch engines running over from Lathrop to do the switching. On March 1, 1894 Lathrop was abandoned as a division point and all the Central Pacific buildings, equipment and employees were moved to Tracy, and this part of San Joaquin county got a real start. The one railroad family of 72 years ago has grown to a very large "Southern Pacific Family", with a large payroll which helps to make Tracy a bright spot on the map of San Joaquin county.

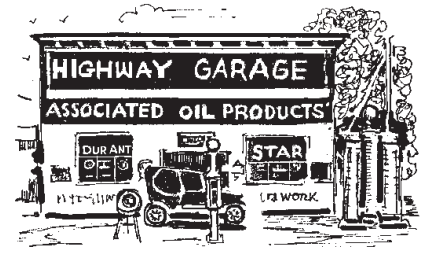
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CALENDAR

Thursday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

We're OPEN again!!!

The Carnegie Building has had the damage to the floor repaired, the ceiling replastered, and has been completely repainted inside! Most of the displays have been reinstalled thanks to the hard work of Anna and Gary Drummond, Tim Sage, Bill Junk, Barbara Bunshah, Jerry Bireley to name a few. We will have a grand opening to be announced in the near future but feel free to stop by and see the progress we have made.

Auction Report

The Annual Auction was a great success: a straw pole showed we had approximately 15 new bidders who had never attended our auction before. We had lively bidding and brought in nearly \$3,000 for the Heritage Guild. We wish to thank Lynn Owens and his partner, Randy Griffith, for their help. Some of the money will be used to purchase new filing cabinets and shelving for the archival room in the Carnegie Building.

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Andrew J. McLeod was one of Livermore's earliest settlers. McLeod Street is named after him.

Andrew J. McLeod

by Larry Mauch

In 1875, six years after William Mendenhall laid out the original town of Livermore and began selling lots, Andrew J. McLeod, a store keeper and resident of the area since 1868, filed his plan for the expansion of the town. Bordered by South Livermore Ave., Church Street, First Street and Sixth Street with McLeod Street running through its center, this addition was comprised of eighteen blocks.

Born in 1837 in Gallia, Ohio, Mr. McLeod would lose his parents at an early age. When he was seventeen Andrew would leave with his uncle, L. P. Gates, for California. Arriving at mission San Jose in October of 1854, Andrew would settle in Centerville (now part of Fremont) and take up farming. After three years ill health would force him to give up farming. A.J. McLeod would then become proprietor of the American Exchange Hotel in Centerville, a position he would hold for the next nine years. While in Centerville, in 1859, Mr. McLeod married Delia Foley, a native of Ireland. Together they would have five children, Norman, Mamie, Colin, Annie and Leah.

In 1866 the family moved to Washington Corners (now also a part of Fremont). There Mr. McLeod built and operated the Union Hotel. Six months after the hotel began operation the family decided to sell the hotel and move back to Centerville. For the next year A.J. McLeod tried his hand in the livery business.



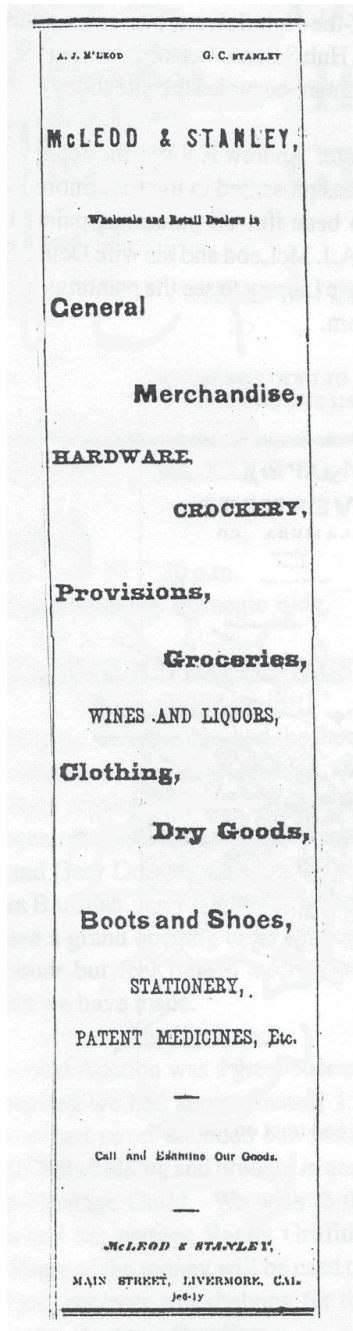
Andrew J. McLeod and Delia Foley McLeod

In 1868 the family moved to the Livermore Valley, settling on land next to William Mendenhall's recently acquired holdings. The only community in the valley at the time was located a half mile away in Laddsville. Mendenhall would soon file his plan for a new community he would name Livermore, after Robert Livermore, who had settled in the valley from 1834 until his death in 1858. Mendenhall was working with the soon to arrive railroad, encouraging them to establish a depot in his proposed new town.

In 1869 Mendenhall officially filed his map for the town of Livermore. The railroad established a depot on land donated by Mendenhall. Andrew J. McLeod built a mercantile store with his new partner Henry Meyers on the edge of the new town. That same year Calvin J. Stevens moved his flowering mills from Centerville to Livermore. This formed the nucleus of the new settlement.



McLeod Building corner of N. Livermore and First Street circa 1905



Ad from 1875 Livermore Enterprise

Meyers and McLeod operated until 1871 when Mr. Meyers sold out his interest to Mr. Anspacher. Anspacher remained a partner until 1874 when he sold his interest to George C. Stanley. Mr. Stanley was a local rancher who at one time also lived in Centerville. The firm operated as McLeod and Stanley.

In 1876 the Livermore Enterprise ran an article about the store. The article stated the firm resided in a one story building built of wood. The warehouse was 75 feet by 25 feet with an adjoining store room. The business sold every conceivable article of food, domestic utensils, and machinery. The store room held paints, oils and similar goods. The post office was located in the front of the building. There were 175 private boxes and mail was delivered on the average of once a week. The article also noted that the store's stock of goods had diminished as of late allowing for more competition from other merchants. It seems Mr. Stanley was always on his ranch and Mr. McLeod ran the store alone. The article stated that in the past the firm had enjoyed \$75,000 per year in sales. If the store was restocked the sales would surely return. One year later in 1877, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. McLeod retired from the mercantile business.

Previously in 1875, a notice appeared in the paper that Mr. McLeod had finally received the title to his land. He would soon begin selling deeds to those wishing to buy property. Mr. McLeod's venture into real-estate would last the next twenty years. Lots around McLeod Street would still be for sale in 1890. The terms were \$25 down and \$10 a month with 8% interest.

Mr. McLeod was postmaster of Livermore from 1869 until 1882. His son, Norman, served as postal clerk for his dad. As mentioned in the article in the Livermore Enterprise in 1876, the post office was located in the front of the store. The post office continued to operate out of the same location until a fire destroyed the building in 1882. A new larger three story wooden building was built by Mr. McLeod on the same site. McLeod's Saloon was located on the ground floor and was operated by Norman McLeod, A.J. McLeod's son until the mid 1990's. Norman McLeod would then become partners with Mr. Sangmaster and in 1892 together they would open the Hub Saloon across the street, a local landmark for many years.

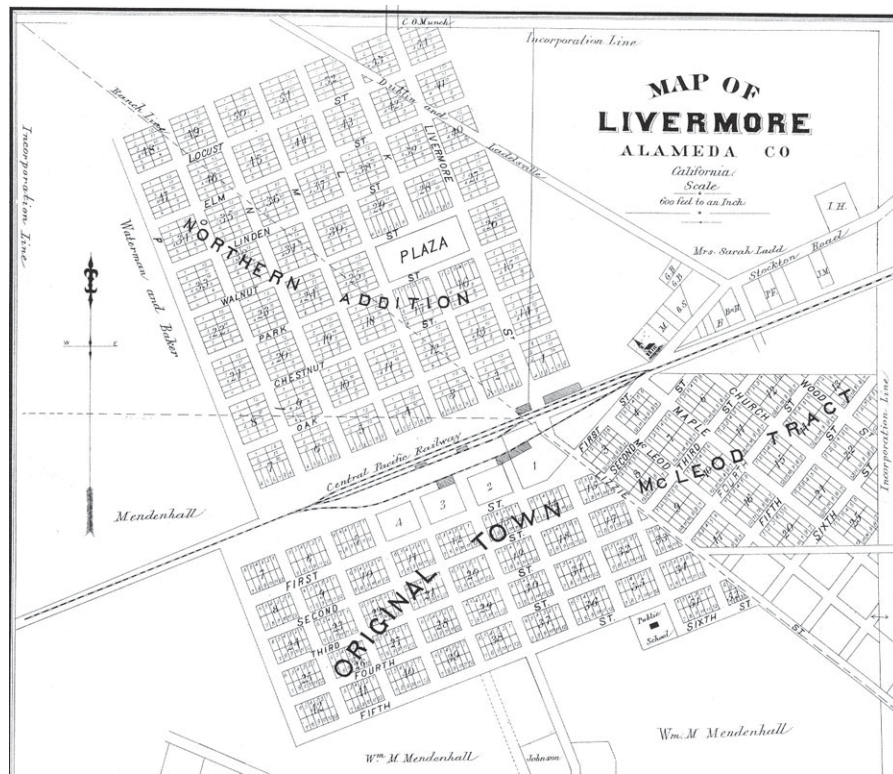
In 1895 the Bank Of Livermore would move into the ground floor of the McLeod Building. The front

of the building was repainted to look like granite. Dr. Savage would open his dental offices upstairs. In 1916 the Bank Of Italy purchased the Bank Of Livermore. The McLeod building was torn down in 1922 to make way for the new Bank Of Italy Building which still stands on the site, the corner of N. Livermore Avenue and First Street.

In 1905 A.J. McLeod passed away from kidney disease. His wife Delia passed away the following year. Norman McLeod, A. J. McLeod's son and

founder of the Hub Saloon passed away in 1935. (Note: the Hub Saloon was torn down in the 1970's. Lizzie Fountain occupies the site today.)

Editors Note: Andrew F. Silva, the nephew of A.J. McLeod, has presented to the Livermore Heritage Guild two beautiful oil paintings, painted in the 1870's, of A. J. McLeod and his wife Delia. Stop by the Carnegie Library to see the paintings in our reference room.



Map of Livermore circa 1878 showing McLeod tract on the right

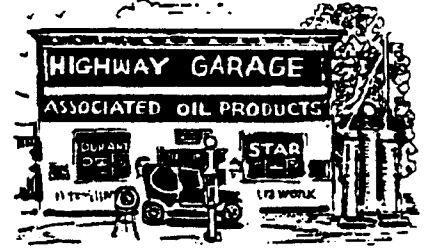
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LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

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Be sure to try our new Web page at www.lhg.org. We have added a "news" section. We will be updating it with the latest news from the Heritage Guild so check it every month or so.

We had another open house at the Duarte Garage in July. The Dodge Brothers stopped by for a tour of the Garage. This is the second car club that has used the Garage as a stopover while traveling this year. We always welcome opportunities to open the Garage for non-profit groups especially automobile related organizations.

The History Center is open and 90% back in operation. We wish to thank Larry and Jeff Faltings from Clean Care for cleaning the carpets at the Carnegie Building. They did an excellent

job! We are planning an Open House in September. Details will be in the September newsletter. (look on the Web page for details as well).

We are looking for information about and a picture of Captain William Mansfield who was one of the founders of the Livermore Heritage Guild. If you have any information please contact us at 449-9927.



Note from the Editor: At the turn of the Century baseball was a popular sport in Livermore. This article pertains to the Oaks which later became the Oakland Oaks, an early professional baseball team in the Bay Area.

Excerpted from Livermore Herald, March 2, 1912

Sharpe Has Only Praise for Livermore Says Conditions Here are Ideal for Spring Training

Within the next four or five days now, the new 1912 Oaks baseball squad will be in Livermore showing their paces to Bud Sharpe, and the long anticipated day which will gladden the heart of every fan will be just around the corner. The boys are arriving each day from their homes all over the country, and Manager Sharpe expects that the full squad of 35 will be on hand in the valley town Monday.

Bud has a word of praise for the people of Livermore, who have worked to put in every appliance for the convenience and comfort of the players. A big swimming pool located across the road from the grounds has been fitted with lockers and

dressing rooms and will be at the disposal of the Oaks. For rainy days the boys have been offered the use of a big armory, containing gymnasium apparatus, basketball and handball courts.

"Conditions in Livermore," said Sharpe, today, "are ideal for a spring training camp, and the people of the town have extended themselves to provide every necessity. Give us the days of good weather and we will be ready for the tap of the gong. A lot of the boys have been working out on Tuesdays and Sundays and need little to put them in condition. Those that have been east and have laid off the pace during the quiet months will have to do some lively work to get back their wind and take the springs out of their joints."

The boys will work out every day with the Livermore nine and will take to the armory in the wet weather. A big excursion will be run to the valley March 10th, so that the local boys will have a chance to look the boys over in a game with the Livermore team.

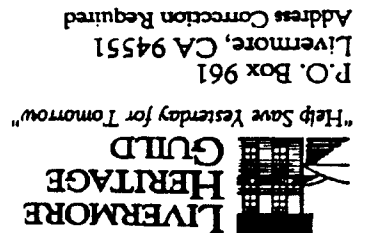
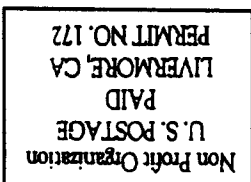
Quite a cut has been made in the big squad and only 36 players will be taken to Livermore. Additional cuts will be made from time to time during the spring workouts. The battery will only be exempt from the hatchet. Thirteen pitchers and four catchers will be retained.

The squad which will start the training will comprise the following: Catchers — Tiedeman, Mitze, Rohrer and Gleason; pitchers — Ables, Christian, Gregory, Flater, Mularkey, Martinoni, Boehn, Clafrin, Pope, Brooks, O'Laughlin, Durbin and Parkin; infielders — Sharpe, Leard, Cooke,

Hetling, Fricke, Hille, Amsbrey, Wilkinson, Hamilton and Guisto; outfielders — Hoffman, Patterson, Zacher, Coy, Fitzgerald, Workman, Bankhead and Smith — Call.

Just as an evidence of the advertising that Livermore is getting from the successful efforts of the Merchants Association to locate the training camp of the Oakland Coast League baseball team in our town, the following is reprinted from Sporting Life, a paper that goes to thousands of baseball fans every week.

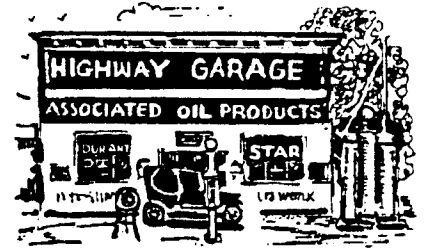
"Livermore, in Alameda county, some forty miles from Oakland, has been selected as training quarters for the Oaks during the season of 1912. The announcement was made following a visit to Livermore by Manager Bud Sharpe and Secretary H.S. McFarlin. The team will go into camp about March 4th, although the exact date has not been framed, and will play exhibition games during the week with Livermore and other clubs in that vicinity. On Saturdays and Sundays the Oaks will likely play exhibition games at Freeman's Park, weather permitting. There is a fair diamond at Livermore and the players will have the use of a large bathhouse and plunge. In order to provide accommodations for the large Oakland squad it will probably be necessary to divide the players between two hotels, which, however, are so close together as to make it virtually one home for the men. Sharpe liked Livermore because the soil is good for rainy weather, as the diamond will dry out quickly after showers."





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CALENDAR

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

Saturday and Sunday, October 11 & 12
Livermore Heritage Guild and Livermore Art Association invite the public to attend the grand re-opening of the museum and gallery at the newly refurbished Carnegie Building. Fresh paint and new displays are offered, along with light refreshments during reception hours of noon to 3:00 each day. Free

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DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS OCTOBER STARTS THE BEGINNING OF OUR NEW YEAR.

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Excerpted from the Livermore Herald, October 21, 1899

THE SALVATOR GRAPE Its Possibilities Worthy of Closest Investigation by Growers

Several weeks ago we made mention of a new grape which had been discovered by C.A. Wetmore in the Eastern States and developed by a grower at Stockton. This vine is resistant and produces a

splendid grape, which will perhaps find its best use for blending but makes a wine itself which experts declare to be a high grade and of excellent flavor. The vine thus far has not proven a heavy bearer, but local conditions may have affected it to a degree and it may improve in this regard. Its resistant quality makes it worthy of the closest investigation by growers whose vines are affected by phylloxera or are threatened with the disease. A limited number of cuttings for experimental purposes may be had.

Mr. Wetmore has favored this office with a sample of the Salvator wine and interested vineyardists and wine men are invited to judge of its merits. We have also a bottle of ink made of the pommice, which would require very little chemical treatment to make it the equal of any of the copying inks of commerce. Altogether the Salvator grape promises to be a boon to wine men and we hope our local growers will give its merits the attention they deserve.

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The following article was donated by the Livermore High School

Summit School-Altamont by Irene Armstrong

The first Altamont school was built in 1862 and operated as an unofficial district until 1868 when the school district was formed.

The present Summit School was built in 1894 and was located about a quarter mile from the original one.

After the first school was built, the Southern Pacific Railroad laid tracks through Altamont in 1868. Irish railroad workers came to Altamont and after the railroad lines were completed many of the workers decided to stay and make the grassy and wind-swept hills their homes.

At one time 85 pupils attended the Summit School with two teachers. The school was one room with grades from the first through the eighth.

Nathaniel Andrew Nickerson was clerk of the school district when the present Summit School was built and instigated to have the new school built. The foundation for the school was sandstone from Edward Kiely's quarry in Altamont.

The first graduating class of the present Summit School was in 1894 with a class of five. Elizabeth Kiely Nickerson, Estelle Hansen Groth and Rose Greeley Young were three of them.

Twice three generations graduated from Summit School: Irene Armstrong and William N. Armstrong and Elizabeth Nickerson, Lucille O'Loughlin and Betty O'Loughlin Martinez.

The school closed in 1954 for lack of students and was declared lapsed on August 3, 1954 - eight years before its centennial. It was first annexed to the Green School District, then to the Livermore Elementary School District.

Irene Armstrong was the last teacher. She taught from 1918-1921 at the school, then married to become a housewife. She resumed teaching at the school again at the outbreak of World War II from 1943-1954. She was a graduate of the class of 1911 from the Summit School. Twelve of her brothers and sisters attended the school.

William Donahue, who later became a judge, was the first teacher of the present Summit School.

