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CALENDAR

Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.

LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.

Saturday and Sunday, October 11 & 12 Free.
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.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Excerpted from the Oakland Tribune, November 1948

Daily Knave

As yet there are no reports of actual fist-cuffs, but old friendships are wavering between heated argument and cold glares out Livermore way. The biggest argument since what was the worst dry year, 1898 or 1899, is still at fever pitch.

Not a single old-timer is willing to admit that the Palm Ballroom, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, was only 44 years old. Some are positive that the building was already old when they first saw it 50 or more years ago. And they get very cross indeed when Mait Henry, publisher of the Livermore Herald, digs into the files to prove the building was completed in May 1904.

Most Livermoreans just know it must have been older than that, and the assumption is not surprising. For more than four decades the huge, barn-like structure was a center for the city's social life.

So important was it to the community that it was regarded as an historic landmark, and nearly everyone assumed it antedated other Livermore

buildings which actually are much older.

To hundreds of old-timers in the city—and many not too old—the structure never was accepted as the Palm Ballroom. To them it always was, and always will be remembered as Sweeney's Opera House. That's the title it held when it was built—in 1904—by John Sweeney, pioneer saloonkeeper whose place of business adjoined the structure. That good old Irish name stuck to the building for many years. Some 10 or 15 years ago someone nailed some palm branches to the interior walls and gave it the more recent title.

It was Sweeney's Ballroom for a time before that, and the name of its building was further kept an Emerald Green for many years in the adjoining Sweeney's Restaurant. That place was distinguished as the only Sweeney's Restaurant in the world which specialized in Italian cooking. In recent years the anachronism was corrected by renaming it the Italian Inn.

Recollections are vague as to whether Sweeney's ever was actually an Opera House but nearly everything else was presented within its walls. In the early days, traveling theatrical troupes and amateur thespians trod its stage. Two National Guard units used it as a drill hall—Company I, 159th Infantry, and Battery E, 143rd Field Artillery. It was the scene of the city's greatest social functions—New Years' Eve masquerades presented by the Foresters, the Firemen's Ball which came annually on the first Saturday after Lent, the Halloween Ball of the YLI, military balls by the Guard outfits, the annual dress-up event of the Woman's Improvement Club, and minor affairs almost every Saturday night.

Not minor by any stretch of the imagination were the Lions' Club Rodeo Booster events, which

stretched everyone's imagination. And thousands of Bay area residents will recall the Ballroom as the place where unexplainable things happened during the cowboy dances staged by the American Legion as a feature of the Rodeo celebrations.

Max Baer—long before even he dreamed he would become heavyweight champion—was one of the penniless youngsters who hung around outside the place until midnight on Saturday nights before joining the festivities inside. It was customary to quit charging admission at midnight.

It was in Sweeney's that the Livermore Cowboys—composed mostly of McGlincheys—scored their basketball triumphs and became contenders for the National AAU championship.

Long after theatrical glories had vanished, the Opera House staged a brief comeback in that field, serving as a movie theatre while fire damage to the city's regular theatre was being repaired.

In recent years it had been used as a dance hall and roller skating rink, and its front had been remodeled into a food market, with apartments above.

To the lore of old-time recollections must now be added some of the incidents which occurred when the structure literally went out Tuesday in a blaze of glory. Paramount is the story of George Chapell, service engineer for an Oakdale manufacturer of fire fighting equipment, who just happened to be driving through Livermore en route home from demonstrating a pumping engine at Lafayette. He hooked up the pumper to a hydrant and started

delivering water at the rate of 500 gallons a minute. Fire Chief Al Bonne credits that lift, together with assistance from Pleasanton, Santa Rita Prison Farm and Veterans' Hospital fire departments, as enabling his men to stop the fire when it threatened to destroy a whole block of wooden business buildings.

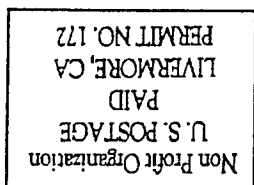
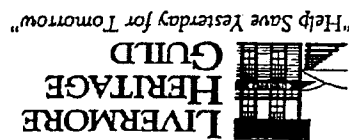
To the estimated \$100,000 loss, however, must be added one item of fire department equipment. While the Livermore fire ladies were busy saving adjoining buildings, one of their ladders burned up.

Almost as badly stricken by the fire as Roy Anderson, the owner of the building, was George White, who operated the skating rink and lived in an apartment in the building. White had just disposed of business interests at Salinas, had sold his home there, and was preparing to become a permanent resident of Livermore. He was in Salinas, loading furniture for removal to Livermore, when the fire broke out. He arrived with his household equipment to find no place to put it.

Hundreds of pigeons were left homeless by the blaze. Accustomed to roosting on the building every night, they were flying around in huge flocks after the fire, obviously bewildered. Owners of nearby large buildings are unanimously hoping they do NOT fall heir to the pigeons.

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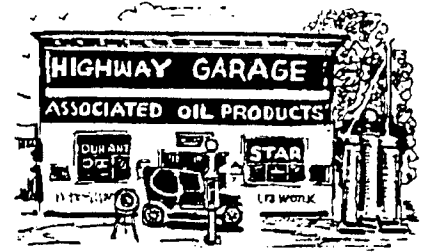
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CALENDAR

December LHG meeting time and place to be announced.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG would like to thank Paul Springer for his donation of an assortment of business licenses, federal tax receipts and retailers' permits from "Frank M. Gardella - Yosemite Cafe and Rodeo Club".

The Guild is grateful to the family of Marguerite Crohare DePaoli for the privilege of allowing us to copy a number of photographs from Mrs. DePaoli's days at Livermore Grammar School and at Livermore High School where she graduated in 1925.

This year's calendar features the Valley wineries "Then and Now". Calendars are \$9.00 (including tax). If you would like one mailed it will be \$1.50 extra. They make excellent Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

This year's calendar was created by Anna Siig-Drummond. It features photos from the early wineries dating back to the 1880s as well as photos from current wineries. Also included is a map showing where the wineries are located. The Livermore Valley has a long history of wine making and this calendar is a tribute to that history. I think you will agree when you see the calendar that Anna did a great job!

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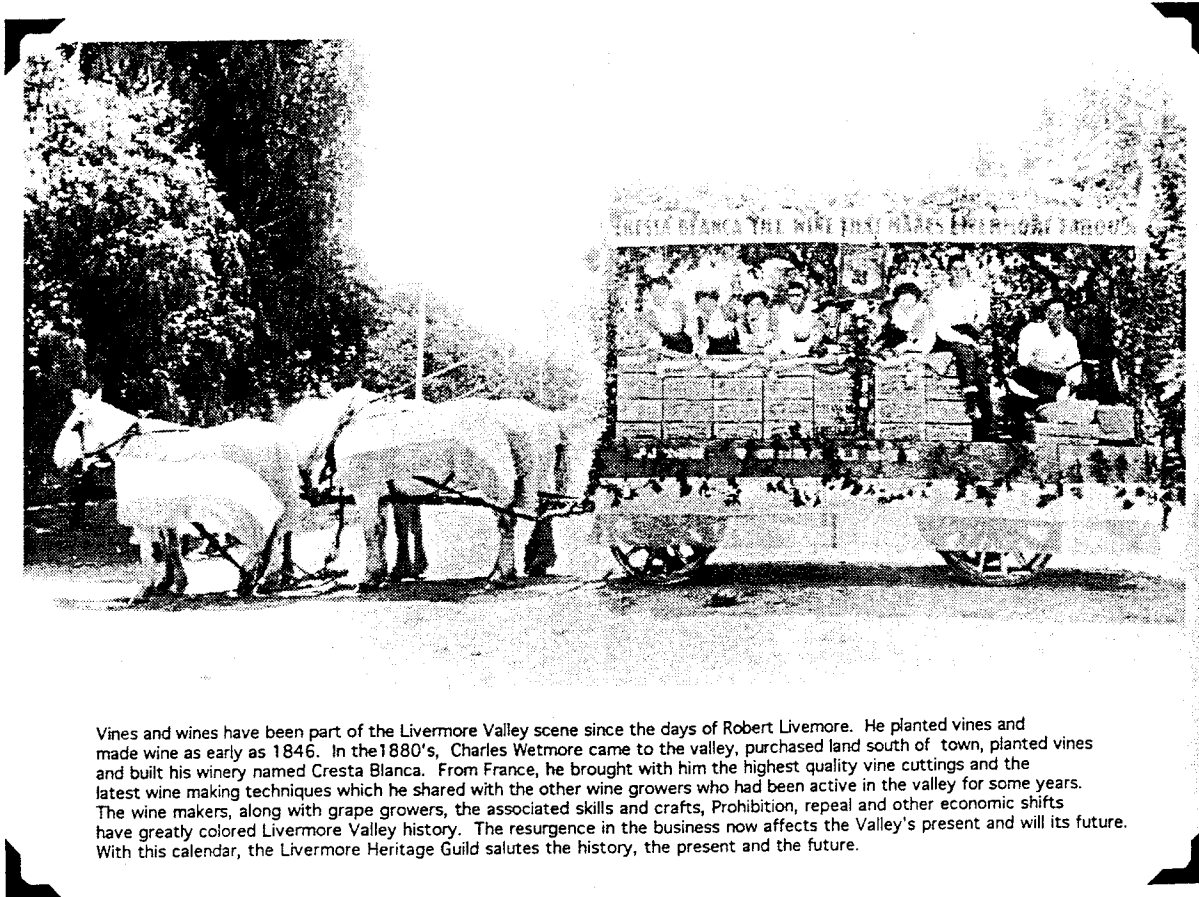
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Excerpted from Livermore Herald, December 18, 1897

LOST - A large black sow; a small piece off right ear. Finder will receive a reward of \$3 by returning the property to Martin Nevin or informing him where it can be found.

EXTRA! EXTRA!!!

THE 1998 LHG CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!!

The Livermore Heritage Guild toasts
Livermore Valley's Vineyards and Wineries Past and Present.



Vines and wines have been part of the Livermore Valley scene since the days of Robert Livermore. He planted vines and made wine as early as 1846. In the 1880's, Charles Wetmore came to the valley, purchased land south of town, planted vines and built his winery named Cresta Blanca. From France, he brought with him the highest quality vine cuttings and the latest wine making techniques which he shared with the other wine growers who had been active in the valley for some years. The wine makers, along with grape growers, the associated skills and crafts, Prohibition, repeal and other economic shifts have greatly colored Livermore Valley history. The resurgence in the business now affects the Valley's present and will its future. With this calendar, the Livermore Heritage Guild salutes the history, the present and the future.

Available at the Carnegie Bldg. Price: \$9.00 (including tax)

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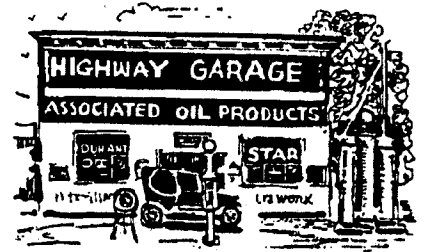


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December 1997 Vol. XXVII No. 3

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
LHG Board Meeting, Carnegie Bldg.
(Check with Heritage Guild for confirmation of December meeting)

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Don't forget to purchase your 1998 LHG calendars as they make wonderful Christmas presents. This year's calendar focusses on the Livermore Wineries then and now. Price for the calendar is \$9.00.



William Mendenhall, the founder of the town of Livermore, purchased the Aqua de Vida Springs in the 1880s. He changed the name to Mendenhall Springs in 1889. The Springs remained in operation as a resort until the late 1920s.

Excerpted from Mineral Springs and Health Resorts of California, 1892

Aqua de Vida Springs

The springs are on the Arroyo Mucho, among the foothills of Cedar Mountain, southeast of Livermore, and at an elevation of 1,700 feet. There are a number of mineral waters on the place, both carbonated and sulphureted. The lower drinking spring is of light carbonated water, which is clear, sparkling and extremely palatable. In action it is tonic, antacid, diuretic and aperient. The upper or larger spring is mildly sulphurous, saline and laxative. These mineral springs were used many years ago, not only by the early settlers, but by the natives who dwelt in the valley before them. Extensive improvements are being made on the grounds,

consisting of a magnificent hotel surrounded by commodious family cottages. The grounds, which are naturally picturesque, will be still further enhanced by the construction of broad driveways, rustic bridges, cool arbors, in fact everything that can add in any way to the luxurious comfort of the guests.

Being only three hours' ride from San Francisco by rail, and possessing in the highest degree delightful climatic advantages, this ought to become a favored resort for health as well as pleasure seekers.

We find a number of springs here, most of them being carbonated. The principal drinking spring is found on analysis to yield as follows:

Agua de Vida Springs		
"Lower spring" — light carbonated water		
Dr. Winslow Anderson, Analyst, 1888		
<u>Mineral ingredients</u>	<u>U.S. gal.</u>	<u>Contains Grains</u>
Sodium Chloride	4.02	
Sodium Carbonate	3.65	
Potassium Carbonate	.55	
Magnesium Carbonate	7.95	
Magnesium Sulphate	.46	
<u>Mineral Ingredients</u>	<u>U.S. gal.</u>	<u>Contains Grains</u>
Calcium Carbonate	13.75	
Calcium Sulphate	.10	
Alumina	.37	
Silica	.42	
Organic matter	trace	
Total Solids, 46.00		
Carbonic Acid Gas	19.25 cubic inches	

This comes under the head of light carbonated water, gently aperient and diuretic, an excellent antacid in many cases of dyspepsia. In several cases

of cystitis, congestion of kidneys, etc., I have found it of great benefit. There are other springs said to contain iron, and still others are lightly sulphurous. These latter are used for anemia, chronic malarial toxemia, chlorosis and rheumatic troubles. Further analyses will be made in the near future.

Agua de Vida Springs

“Lower Spring” — Light Carbonated Water
(unknown analyst)

<u>Mineral Ingredients</u>	<u>U.S. gal contains Grains</u>
Sodium Chloride	3.68
Sodium Carbonate	.25
Sodium Sulphate	12.45

<u>Mineral Ingredients</u>	<u>U.S. gal contains Grains</u>
Magnesium	8.89
Calcium Carbonate	15.50
Silica	.42
Total Solids, 41.19	
Carbonic Acid Gas, Not determined	

This spring is one of the light carbonated mineral waters, gently laxative and diuretic, and excellent in certain forms of dyspepsia, liver and kidney troubles, etc. The writer has used it in a number of cases of cystitis with marked success. The springs have only lately been developed. A good hotel is built, and several cottages are nearing completion for summer occupation. Bathing facilities are also being constructed. The route of travel is to Livermore on the Central Pacific Railroad, and thence

by carriage a few miles to the springs.

Agua de Vida Springs

“Upper” or larger spring — light salino-sulphureted water

Dr. Winslow Anderson, Analyst, 1889

Temperature 57.5 °F

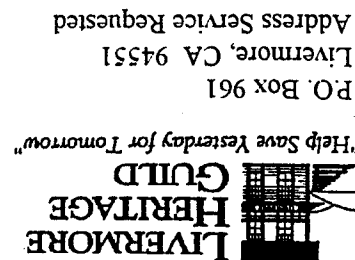
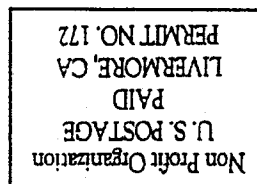
<u>Mineral Ingredients</u>	<u>U.S. gal contains Grains</u>
Sodium Chloride	5.07
Sodium Carbonate	2.25
Sodium Sulphate	17.50
Potassium Carbonate	traces
Magnesium Carbonate	3.19
Magnesium Sulphate	8.70

<u>Mineral Ingredients</u>	<u>U.S. gal. Contains Grains</u>
Calcium Carbonate	11.92
Calcium Sulphate	4.35
Manganese Carbonate	traces
Alumina	.40
Silica	.55
Organic Matter	traces
Total Solids, 53.93	

Gases

Sulphured Hydrogen	2.74 cubic inches
Carbonic Acid Gas	9.25 cubic inches

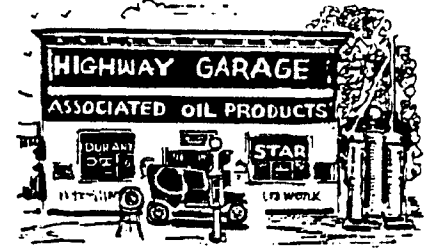
This mineral water is of service in dyspepsia, torpidity of the liver and bowels, rheumatism, glandular affections, renal troubles and skin diseases. It would also be an excellent bathing water.





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January 1998 Vol. XXVII No. 4

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 7, 1:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, City council chambers
Speaker: Jim Concannon

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Stop by the History Center to see our new display featuring Livermore wineries. The display features memorabilia and photographs from early wineries. The display was set up to complement the Guild's 1998 calendar.

While at the History Center if you have not already purchased your 1998 calendar featuring the wineries, be sure to do so. We have already sold over 250 copies. Thanks to Gary and Anna Drummond for putting this display together.



The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Jim Concannon. Jim will reminisce about the valley and give us his view of the future for viticulture in the valley. The meeting will be held at the City Council chambers. Refreshments will be served. The election of officers will be held at

the beginning of the meeting. Please join us for what will be an interesting and informative meeting.



Excerpted from the Livermore Herald, April 15 1911

Humble Horse Has Advantages Over Autos

In the midst of the present extravaganza of automobile and aeroplane racing, it is refreshing to take notice occasionally of the horse. Witness the feat of a horse that belongs to a mail carrier. He has traveled 26 miles every day for 22 months or a total of 17,000 miles. It is impressive to note that in all this distance this horse did not puncture a tire, lose a bolt, wear out a bearing, foul a spark plug, break a chain or run out of gasoline ten miles from home. Moreover he did not exceed the speed limit, run over a hog or skid on a corner. His chauffeur never killed his engine on a hill nor did he have to get out every hour or two and crank him from in front. The horse climbed every hill and pulled through every mud hole and at the end of the 17,000 miles his owner did not find that it would cost him \$100 to replace his bearings, rebuild his magneto and take the carbon out of his cylinders, and another \$100 for new tires. Truly the horse may be humble but there is much comfort in him and he gets there just the same.



THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD

Toasts

Livermore Valley's Vineyards and Wineries Past and Present

1998 Calendar



We don't know a thing about this wine...
but we like the label.

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February 1998 Vol. XXVII No. 5

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 7, 1:30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, City council chambers
Speaker: Jim Concannon

Thursday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.
LHG Meeting, Carnegie Building

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Excerpted from Crofutt's New Overland Tourist and Pacific Coast Guide 1880 (This was a guide for traveler's by train)

Altamont: This is a small station at the foot of the mountain. Speeding to the westward 8.1 miles, brings us to Livermore.

Livermore: a thrifty town of about 1,200 inhabitants, most of whom are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The town is the center of Livermore Valley—one of the most fertile in the State—is about 20 miles long and fifteen miles wide, surrounded by the Contra Costa Mountains, and their numerous spur. To the north, away above the head of the valley, rises Mt. Diablo, the meridian center of the Pacific coast.

At the station are several very large warehouses for storing grain—as this is a productive grain valley—several large hotels, some stores and many fine, costly residences. Here are particularly noticeable the eucalyptus, or Australian blue gum tree; we have seen it in a few places before, but from this time forward they will be found numerous, in some places comprising immense groves. These trees are planted along the sides of the streets, around public buildings, in the grounds of private residences, and by the Railroad Company, in immense quantities. The latter had 300,000 of these trees growing beside their road and around their stations in the year in 1877, and we understand 500,000 more are to be set out as soon as they can be procured. One peculiarity of this tree, besides its being an evergreen and unusually thrifty, is that it will grow on the most sandy, alkaline, dry and barren soil, and it is said to be a sure preventive against chills and fever, where it is grown in profusion. Some claim that it is fire-proof, and that shingles or plank sawed from these trees will not burn, and for that reason, they are very much esteemed in Australia—its native country—and from which the first on this coast were imported. There are 125 known species of the eucalypti, about 50 of which are to be found in California.

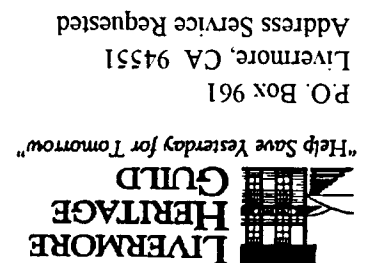
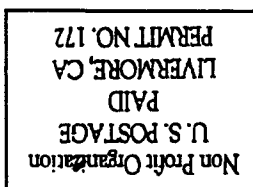
Leaving Livermore, the ground is covered very thickly in places with white, water-worn pebbles, from the size of a mustard seed to that of a bird's egg; when the ground is bare of grass or grain, they show very plainly.

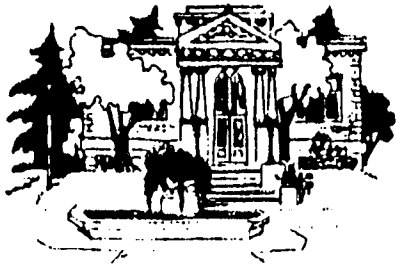
Pleasanton: is reached 6.1 miles west of Livermore, after crossing a long bridge over Alameda Creek. The town contains about 600 population and is beautifully situated on the western edge of the valley, and is a thrifty, substantial town.

Leaving the station, the mountain again looms up directly ahead, and it looks to be impossible this time to get through it; but soon the train passes around, or through several mountain spurs and emerges into a narrow canyon, down which ripples the sparkling Alameda Creek. The bluffs on each side are steep, and covered with scrub oaks, wild oats, and bunch grass. Sycamore trees are to be

seen, also white and live oaks, some with long drooping moss-covered boughs—some very large—growing on the banks of the creek, presenting at a distance the appearance of an apple tree laden with fruit. On we go, down, down, first on one side of the creek, then on the other, the bluffs drawing in close on both sides, through deep cuts, over high bridges, with rapidly changing scenery on either hand. Soon we enter a little valley where once was located the San Jose Junction at Sunol.

Sunol: the road bed of which can be seen on the left. Then the canyon narrows to a gorge and on, on we go past the old "Vallejo Mill", the track curving to the westward, and 11.5 miles from Pleasanton the train arrives at Niles. Elevation 86 feet. From Livermore Pass we have descended 654 feet and are now in the valley, which continues to San Francisco Bay.





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again Jim for sharing your evening with us.

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.
LHG Meeting, Carnegie Building

19th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1998
Lincoln Highway Garage
North L St. at Portola, Livermore
Open to the public.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and auction at 7:00 p.m.

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

We are looking for donations for this year's annual auction. The auction is only 10 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 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 24 between noon and 2 p.m.

The Livermore Heritage Guild would like to thank Jim Concannon for his and well received presentation at the Annual General Meeting on February 7. We had a good turnout for the meeting and we're sure it's because Jim was the guest speaker. His talk was both humorous and informative. Thanks

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have made donations to the Guild in the past. Listed below are donations received within the past 18 months:

W. James Clawson, miscellaneous photos and letters

Jerry E. Bireley, assorted garage tools and glass display case

Ralph Moir, jail door from Livermore Jail

K.F. Sauer, artifacts for Duarte Garage: oil can, gloves and light kit

Leonard V. Martin, 1924 Black & Decker drill

Howard Boyd, poster from "Wallie's Place"

Charles E. Nichols, 25 cent token from Morning Star Hotel

John A. Sarboraria, miscellaneous photographs

Pat Hoenig, notes and photo re: Wetmore Ranch

Mac Smith, wooden crate Friesman Dairy

Malvern Sweet, dance program from 1912, misc. photographs

Raymond T. Devany, list of Livermore military during WWI; program 1930 Livermore Rodeo and downtown Livermore photo ca. 1927-1931

Be sure to check our web page as it has just been updated by Anna Siig Drummond and Bill Junk. The address is www.lhg.org

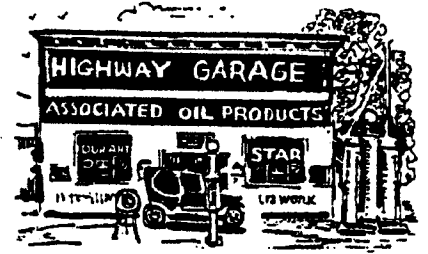
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April/May 1998

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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 14 7:00 p.m.

LHG Meeting, Carnegie Building

**19th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1998**

Lincoln Highway Garage

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Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for preview; dinner at 6:00 p.m. and costs \$6. Entry to auction is free, which follows at 7:00 p.m. Advance ticket sale at the History Center in Carnegie Bldg.

Livermore Lodge #219, Independent Order of Odd Fellows Celebrates its 125th Anniversary
by Gary Drummond

Livermore Lodge #219, Independent Order of Odd Fellows celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding on May 23, 1998. A longstanding local landmark is the IOOF Building on Livermore's First Street. It was the second two-story structure in the budding community, whose population at the time of construction is estimated at 500 people.

Early in 1873, a group of local citizens petitioned the Most Worthy Grand Master of the Order for permission to organize a lodge in Livermore. A charter was granted, and on May 23 of that year, the Lodge held its first meeting. The charter members were a cross-section of prominent citizens of the new community: James Bezell, blacksmith; James T. Campbell, farmer; William Gibbons, saloonkeeper; Robert W. Graham, merchant; Peter A. Hinckley, farmer; Jacob F. Meyers, hotelkeeper; Robert M. McGlashan; A. A. Overacker, farmer; Arthur St. Clair, farmer; Philip C. Waltenbaugh, saloonkeeper, and William H. Wright, merchant. Following installation of officers, twelve new members were initiated into the Lodge.

An item of business before the Lodge members the next week was the appointment of a committee to see about building a meeting hall. Meantime, the Lodge members met in a downtown building, rented for \$15 a month from Bunker and Waltenbaugh, realtors.

On February 5, 1874, members appropriated \$12 to pay for plans for a new building. The new lodge hall was designed and constructed by J.L. Weilbye, a

young architect in the community, at an estimated cost of \$4500, furnished. A sign of the times: the contractor was reminded to put strips of wood in the anteroom so that the brothers who came from outside the town could hang up their knapsacks (as they usually stayed overnight in local accommodations). A Grand Ball celebrated the opening of the new hall in March. By this time, the Lodge numbered 50 members.

By November, 1874, weather conditions required the members to acquire a heating stove for \$29.69, and a supply of coal for an additional \$5.50. And in June 1875, a bucket and dipper were donated by Thomas Hayes, town water supplier, to provide drinking water for Lodge meetings.

Livermore's Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge #218, were afforded use of the building until 1886, when their own Temple was completed in the McLeod Building at First and Livermore Avenue.

January of 1890 saw the institution of Livermore Rebekah Lodge #154; provision was made to permit the women's group to use the hall on the third Wednesday of each month.

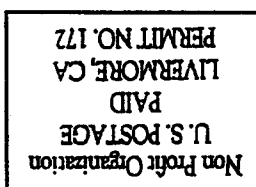
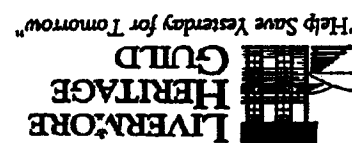
The Odd Fellows began discussing the possibility of a public cemetery as early as 1907. By early 1910,

work was under way. In March, the lot, located on East Avenue and formerly occupied by a slaughterhouse, was ploughed and ready to be surveyed for gravesites. By October of that year, the Odd Fellows were ready to begin sale of lots in the cemetery.

The Lodge observed its semi-centennial with a gala celebration on May 28, 1923. Several hundred visitors from nearby places came to take part in the festivities, including at least a hundred from Oakland, who brought a marching band with them. The occasion was held at Dania Hall, and earlier that evening the Odd Fellows paraded up First Street to the flagpole where the band gave a concert. A highlight of the post-banquet program was a whistling solo by Anna Louise Keck, accompanied by Margaret Beck at the piano. A roll call of charter members was read that included Israel Horton, Norris D. Dutcher and Horace Overacker, the first two having been members of the Lodge #219 continuously for fifty years.

The Livermore City Council, upon recommendation of the city's Historic Preservation Commission, has named the Odd Fellows Building a local landmark, a designation truly deserving one of the community's earliest remaining structures. A landmark plaque dedication ceremony will take place later this spring.

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Livermore Heritage Guild Auction
Saturday, May 23, 1998
Duarte Garage
Portola and L Streets
Livermore

Two large wicker chairs, 1920s wooden table and chairs, Christmas bubble lights, **Howard Miller chime wall clock 24 inches tall (beautiful wood cabinet)**, several *nice* desks, 2 *nice* wing back chairs, Sears Craftsman lawn mower, **men's Schwinn's 10 speed bike**, Maytag 1920s electric washer, **approximately 100 piano rolls**, apothecary bottles, old Ball and Mason canning jars, microwave stand and microwave, braided area rugs, miscellaneous lamps, **lots of costume jewelry**, large wicker chest, **large metal trunk**, 1950s McCall's & Vogue dress patterns, cookbooks, child's skis, **large amount of brass kitchenware, planters and miscellaneous items**, **lots of copper kitchen molds (collectors of brass and copper this is a must for you!)**, **hand forged aluminum trays (Everlast metal) and silent butler**, USA pottery pitcher, old linens, **2 HP compressor (safety inspected and works)**, set of wooden kitchen canisters, Realistic turntable and receiver, **box of LPs, 45s and 78 records**, 2 projector screens (one is antique), old GE waffle iron with bakelite handles, lots of picture frames, lots of Christmas decorations, old Coleman camp stove and much, much more.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (\$6.00 per person, includes drink)

Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for dinner can be purchased at the old Carnegie Library or at the door

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 11 7:00 p.m.
LHG Meeting, Carnegie Building

June 14, July 12, Sunday
Docent led tours of Ravenswood Estate
Spinning and weaving demonstrations are presented
and horse-drawn carriage rides are available.
Admission is free, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 18 & 19, Saturday & Sunday
Livermore Art Association 11th Annual Art Under
the Oaks, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art demonstrations and live
entertainment daily. Admission is free

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Annual Fundraiser Auction was a big hit. We wish to thank Lynn Owens for his expertise and humor. Lynn always makes the auction great fun. Some personal items were left at the Duarte Garage. Please call Barbara Bunshah at 449-9927 with a description of the items and they're yours.

Recent acquisitions to the LHG:

Painting by Marie Mann of May School done only 2 weeks before the school was destroyed in a "suspicious" fire, which was on December 30, 1979 (gift of Dudley Cantua)

5x8 ft. painting of early California history by the late Ben Aikin. Presented to the then "new" Civic Bldg. at 39 So. Livermore Ave. in July of 1964. The painting was donated to the Guild by John F. Regan, who has had it in his office for many years.

This is the Guild's 25th anniversary. We thought you might enjoy this article.

Excerpted from Livermore Herald September 27, 1935

Offers Relics of Old Days Here

Interesting relics of old days in the valley are offered Livermore in a letter received this week by the Herald from Herbert D. Shove, an old-time Livermorean, now an attorney at Detroit Lakes, Michigan. He writes as follows:

The Livermore Herald, Livermore, California, Gentlemen: Somebody from Livermore very kindly sent me the Herald for several weeks about the time of the annual Rodeo there. This is to express my thanks for the kindness and to say how much I appreciated it, although I do not know who did it.

I wanted also to ask if Livermore has a Historical Society, preferably incorporated? If it has I have a few items relating to the early history of the Valley which I want to present to the Society. Among these are an old Bible printed by the American Bible Society of New York, 1865, and this Bible states on a fly leaf that it is the "Sabbath School & Pulpit Bible Livermore Valley School House." To my knowledge it was for years, along in the early 1880s the pulpit Bible in the old Presbyterian Church of Livermore, and no doubt, previous to the erection of that building, in a school house where services were held of that church. I know that the Rev. Philo Phelps preached many a sermon from its pages in the early days there. It is a "Royal Octavo" edition, bound in full leather, and shows its age. Its leaf edges are gilt. An interesting relic of early days in the Old Valley I think.

Also, I have several satin badges printed to commemorate some sort of picnic or public festival held in Livermore. In those days on such occasions it was the custom to tear off to the printer and have him strike off printed satin badges or ribbons with an appropriate legend. One of mine reads: "Tretzel's Grove. Opening picnic, May 1884", black on green satin. And, boy I remember that picnic. It was a daisy. There were flocks of cakes, old-time honest-to-goodness layer cakes with frosting, and ice cream, and some young girl whose name I forget sang a solo in German - "Fischerina Linda" (Little Fisherm maiden) which did not in the least detract from my keen interest in the eats. There was even a banana layer cake, and in Livermore in 1884, bananas did not grow on every bush let me tell you. Was it a good cake? It was. And sandwiches too, none of your thin slices of anemic chalk and faded sawdust covering a safety-razor shaving of alleged ham, but big slabs of home-made bread with a soul, heavily buttered and enclosing fragrant furrows of deviled ham—the kind with a snap to it. Which I rise to remark, as Bret Harte used to put it, that was a picnic.

Another badge celebrates July 4th, 1884 or 1885 I forget which. There are several of them, and

since no one will take any interest in them after I am gone, I want to present them, along with the old Bible, to the Livermore Historical Society, where they may be preserved and be of some interest at least to future generations. I think they might be that, and anyway they belong to Old Valley, and were a part of it once when it was in a decidedly formative stage. For I remember when Livermore was Laddsville. When the old Mexican bull ring still stood on the north side, and Peter McKeane used it for a corral for his butcher shop. When the Anspachers, the Pitchers, the Langans, the Bowles, the Falveys, the Aylwards and scores of others were well known names in the Valley, pioneers all.

Gone, all gone, or most of them, this many a year. Only the Old Valley still stands and the memory of days gone by when things were slower and maybe a bit solider, and radio and planes and automobiles and movies and seventy miles an hour were not even dreams. We move, yes. No doubt to better things, though these are days of transition and doubt and uncertainty. On the whole I like to think we move upward, strengthened and heartened, possibly, by the memory of old days.



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CALENDAR

Thursday, July 9 7:00 p.m.
LHG Meeting, Carnegie Building

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Special thanks go to Tim Sage for getting the fire engine running and in the Fair Parade. Also thanks to Barry Schrader for the great commentary he always gives the Livermore Heritage Guild in the Livermore Rodeo Parade.

Excerpted from Herald & News 12/18/63

Church Expansion Has Historic Significance

Much of historical significance is involved in the project which will give the Livermore Presbyterian Church a new sanctuary and a new "plant" covering nearly the entire block bounded by Fourth, Fifth, K and L Streets, on which the first work has just started.

Teen age group of the church took over when arrangements could not be made with house wreckers and on a recent Saturday started razing the building at Fifth and L Streets. Efforts are still being made to have the job done professionally to be completed by the middle of January. The residence at Fourth and L has been sold and will be removed intact.

The razing of the residence at Fifth and L Streets will be continued until four buildings are removed, all having been homes of persons and families prominent in the history of Livermore.

It is especially interesting to note that all were active in the church, which had been erected still earlier, the first building having been done in 1874.

The church has had its enlargement program in prospect for a considerable period and has through the years acquired the four pieces of property required for the expansion.

For information on the early history of the buildings the Herald and News contacted Albert E. Norman of Oakland, a former Livermore resident and recognized as the leading historical authority on Livermore and Oakland of half a century ago and more through his personal contacts with old time residents who had a part in making the history of the two communities.

Early History of Presbyterian Site Told

by Albert E. Norman

You have asked me about the properties along South L Street which have been acquired by the Livermore Presbyterian Church as a site for a new edifice.

I remember that area well. We the Norman family, lived in Livermore from May 1, 1894 until May 15, 1903, when we returned to Oakland.

In 1897 we lived in the Hawkhurst house on the north side of Fourth Street, about 100 feet east of L Street. On the opposite side of the street at the corner of K was the First Presbyterian Church.

Actually, it was the same building which is here today but has been rebuilt several times and appears much different. It was erected nearly 90 years ago, having been dedicated July 24, 1874.

2035 Fourth Street

Next to the church to the west was a residence which was the home of Miss Katie Rice (designated as A on Sanborn map).

In the early 1880s W.P. Bartlett, who established the Livermore Herald in 1876, deeded this property to a man by the name of C.J. Thorn. He apparently built the house on it for on October 28, 1890 he sold the property to Sarah A. Rice for \$1,250.

Thorn lived in Centerville at the time of selling the property. The selling price would indicate the house, the one soon to be torn down, was there at the time of this sale.

Back in the 1870s, Henry C. Smith used this lot for a driveway to the rear of his house on L Street about which more below.

Katie Rice, who resided in the house, was for some time organist at the Presbyterian Church and took a part in all its activities. The property has since changed ownership a number of times. At one time it belonged to the late Henry Crane, who owned and rented many residential properties in Livermore.

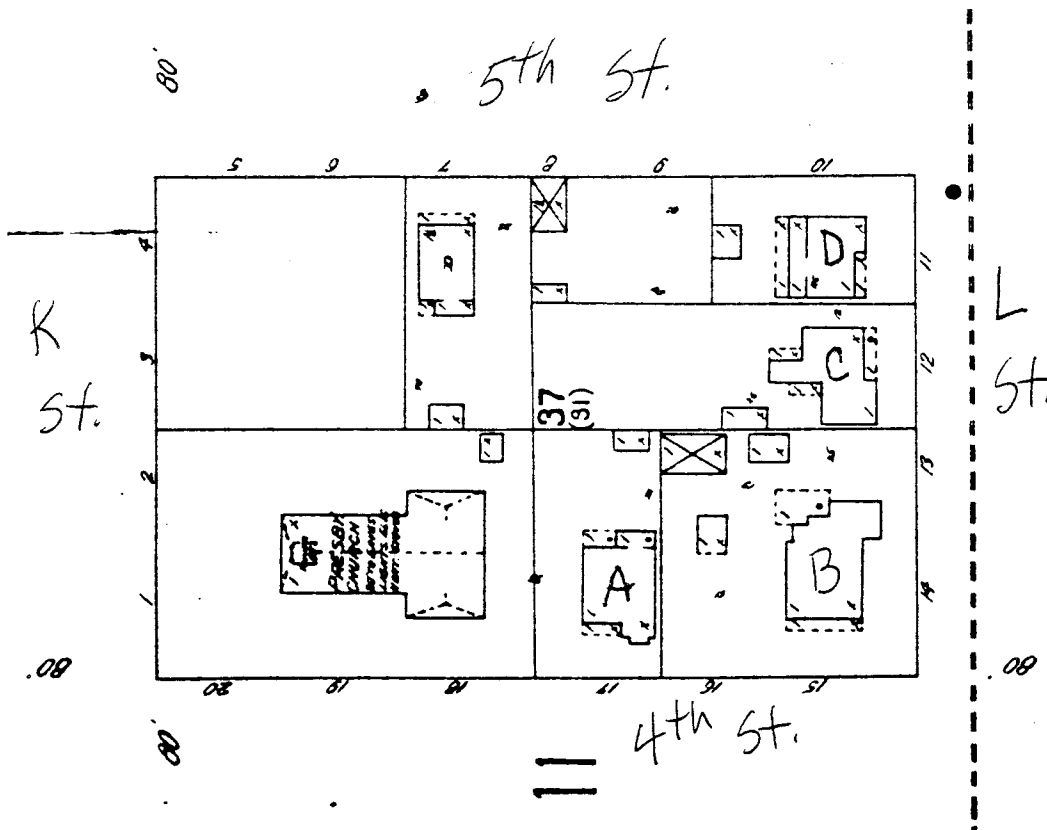
Fourth and L Streets

During the time we resided on Fourth Street and for many years later, the residence to the west of the Rice property at L Street was the home of J.O. McKown (B on Sanborn map), one of Livermore's most prominent residents for more than 60 years prior to his death in 1933.

This property was sold to McKown in 1892 by Louis Pink of Santa Clara county. He was well known in Livermore through having owned a saloon in Laddsville. The lots became the location of a tennis court used by a Livermore club.

Among the members were Rev. J.S. Gilfillan, pastor of the Livermore Presbyterian Church; H.H. Pitcher, president of the Bank of Livermore, which later was taken over by the Bank of Italy, which still later became the Bank of America; and Fred Mathiesen, cashier of the bank; and McKown.

It is of interest to note that most of Livermore's prominent families lived on L Street between Second and College Avenue during the years before and after the turn of the century.



1907 Sanborn map of Livermore

It is also significant that most of these residents were affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, which was nearby and which will become with its new structure an even more dominant feature of the neighborhood than it has been in the past.

The Pitcher home was across L Street and one block south of the McKown residence, which was later built on the tennis court location, and a later early day tennis court adjoined the Pitcher home, making it just across the street from the McKown residence.

The McKown home was built about 1895. Mrs. McKown was the former Mary Carpenter of Oakland and she was as active in women's community affairs as her husband was in men's activities.

462 South L Street

Adjoining the McKown home on the south on L Street was the residence of Mrs. Mary "Aunt Mary" Smith (C on Sanborn map), whose husband as a member of the legislature had headed the move which created Alameda county from parts of Contra Costa and Santa Clara. He died in 1875.

How well all of my generation remembers their daughter, Miss Emma Smith, who taught the receiving grade, corresponding closely to today's kindergarten, in the old Livermore grammar school from 1877 to 1919. Before Mrs. Smith acquired this property it was owned by R. R. Bradshaw, a brother of C. W. Bradshaw, a pioneer Livermore builder. He erected

a small three-room house, which was enlarged by the Smiths. I note that C. W. Bradshaw's son, Fred Bradshaw of Sommerton, Arizona, usually attends the annual reunions of Company I.

Corner Fifth and L

Bradshaw also built the residence at Fifth and L Streets, already partially razed (D on Sanborn map).

He sold it to Mrs. Wellington Cobb, who later became Mrs. Peter Classen.

In 1895, the Hargrave family took up residence in the home and resided there for a number of years. Mrs. Hargrave was an older sister of Miss Emma Smith, and was the first Anglo-American child born in what is now Oakland, on April 9, 1848. She was the mother of Harold Hargrave of Oakland, Mrs. Bessie Hargrave Drury of Walnut Creek, the latter a frequent visitor to Livermore.

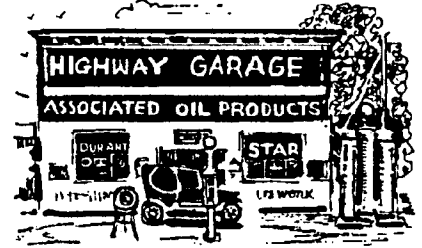
I would love to reminisce about the Presbyterian Church where I attended Sunday School as a boy, but I don't feel up to the task, my heart tiring me very quickly these days.

If you would like to read more on the Presbyterian Church, you can obtain a copy of "125 Years A History of the First Presbyterian Church, Livermore, California 1871-1996" by Julia A. Kleineke, expanded and updated by Garrett B. Drummond. This is available at the Carnegie Building.



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Thursday August 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
LHG Meeting, Carnegie Building

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Watch next newsletter for garage sale
announcement in September.

As part of the Guild's on-going celebration of its 25th Anniversary this month's Newsletter contains a complete re-printing of Volume I Number I of the Newsletter edited (and we believe, written) by the late Janet Newton. We hope that our newest members will be impressed with the Guild's plans - even at that early date - and that our long-time members will enjoy reminiscing with us. So---

LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD
NEWSLETTER

Volume I Number 1 PO Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550 October 1973
Meeting night: second Thursdays, Livermore Library meeting room, 7:30 p.m.

PRESERVATION OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT The Livermore City Council through city manager William Parnoss has written to the SP stating in detail the desirability of preserving the depot at its present site. It was the "unanimous conclusion that this project is a very important one involving cultural and civic pride." Recognizing that the present location of the depot has substantial economic value, SP has been offered in exchange for donating the depot and property: a pledge that the exterior will be remodeled, reconditioned and landscaped within one year; that the railway will be given credit in its final development plan for off-street parking and onsite landscaping in proportion to the amount of property consumed by the depot; and that no competing commercial use would be permitted in the building but instead it would be used for community purposes that would enhance the value of the area.

The City further offered the Livermore Heritage Guild matching funds up to \$2500 to be used for the restoration of the building. The Guild has collected pledges of over \$600 so far and the total grows steadily. We urge all members and friends to send in their pledges of money and/or work hours. Hundreds of hours have already been pledged but we need many more.

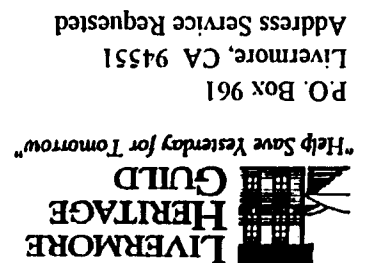
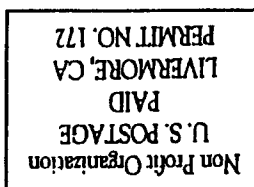
Emergency work to protect the depot from winter weather has been undertaken. We hope that we will soon get an answer from the Southern Pacific so the work of restoration can begin in earnest.

AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE AMADOR-LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM has been issued by Bill Ray, the curator, to see the special exhibit of artifacts of the Ohlone Indians whose ancestors were residents of this area. The Heritage Guild plans to visit the museum on October 24 at 7:30 p.m. All Guild members and their friends are cordially invited. We suggest car pools. Call your friends and get together for an evening of study and pleasure. The artifacts are the property of the Ohlone Indians -- a very valuable collection.

LIVERMORE ARTS FESTIVAL At the Festival October 13 and 14, the Heritage Guild will have an exhibit of old Livermore photos and other materials, and members will be on duty to talk about our hopes and plans. The Guild is now a member organization of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, the festival sponsors.

THE BUCKLEY HOUSE on Arroyo Road is being renovated through the good offices of Rev. Mike Petrillo, director of the Youth Service Center presently using the structure. The property now belongs to the City of Livermore, including the 24 acres of park around the several buildings. The Guild believes that all the buildings should be restored and made available for civic use. One possibility is to use the location for a display of several old Livermore buildings. The Guild has permission to hold an open house on the property in December. Our next newsletter will give details.

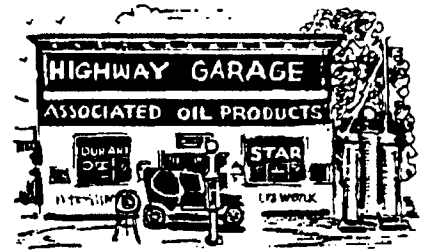
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business and civic leaders. A number of the residences still exist, some remodeled.

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Excerpted from Herald & News January 27, 1964

Take a Walk Down South L 60 years ago Part I

By Albert E. Norman

Albert Norman Recalls Street as He Knew It

When Albert E. Norman of Oakland, resident of Livermore sixty and more years ago, recently contributed an article to the Herald and News on the history of the residences which are being removed to permit the Livermore Presbyterian Church expansion, his interest was aroused in his old home town.

Since three of the buildings razed or removed are on South L Street, his memories of that street then and now one of the main thoroughfares of the city, were particularly revived.

In a second article he takes a walk on the street, from the Southern Pacific depot to College, in memory and recalls the business buildings and residences as they existed at approximately 1900 and the people connected with them. All were prominent at the time,

His history will interest "old timers" who personally knew many of the people mentioned, and later comers to the city will be interested in knowing the names of the people who resided on it and had a part in developing the community.

When in 1830, Antone Sunol, Antonio Maria Pico, Augustine Bernal and Juan Pablo Bernal were granted some 11 leagues, or about 48,000 acres of land in a part of what is now Alameda county, none of them would have believed that their acreage would be developed as has this Livermore Valley in the past several years

When the Norman family moved to Livermore on May 1, 1894 they had come from Oakland to a little town of less than fifteen hundred people that grew very little during their sojourn here up to May 15, 1903.

William Mendenhall, one of the Hastings Party that arrived at Sutter's Fort Sacramento, December 25, 1845, had a vision of a city on the open land of which we are talking and purchased some 608 acres during 1865 and 1866

On November 4, 1869 he had a map filed of the Town of Livermore. Its boundaries then were Lizzie Street, now Livermore Avenue, westerly to Q Street and from the Western Pacific now the Southern Pacific, railroad to Fifth Street. In 1885 a subdivision called "The Southern Addition to Livermore" extended the town boundary to the Mocho creek.

We will continue this story to L Street from the depot to the Mocho as it was in the very early days of Livermore and up to the time the writer ceased to be a resident of the community.

Let's take a look around the depot (1) and say "hello" to John L. Mitchel, the station agent and Wells Fargo Express agent who greeted us, particularly my father Bob Norman, who was the train baggageman and Wells Fargo express messenger on the local train running from Livermore to Oakland Pier and back daily.

Those were the times when half the townspeople came down to the depot to meet the train and greet the arrivals. The conductors on this train well remembered by many were Lon Cummings and Oscar Whitney. The engineer was none other than Bill Bradley.

As we leave the depot and walk on the easterly side of L Street, we pass the ice house (2) run by Sam Wilkinson. As a boy I well remember watching him throw around large chunks of ice. Next came the saloon of Moritz Hupers, and his hotel later run by Max Berlin, now the Greyhound depot (3) (where Kentucky Fried Chicken is now) and Travellers Hotel. On the basement floor was another saloon run by Pete Zabella.

On the corner of First Street was the saloon of Louis Guanzioli (4). Across the street on the southeast corner of First and L was the hotel of A. Bardellini (5), who acquired the land for this structure on January 3, 1873, it extending to Second Street, where there was a summer house and croquet grounds.

At the southeast corner of Second Street was the saloon, restaurant and oyster house of Peter Catanich ((6) located where Pizza Hut is now). Then came his home and next that of John L. Mitchel (7) and family. "Old timers" will remember that Mrs. Mitchel always took a prize for her finely decorated horse and buggy in any parade.

Here we are at Third Street, headed for Fourth and on the corner was a house built by Robert Adams, caretaker at the Oak Knoll cemetery (8). His widow sold this place to Eugene and Katie Day. The corner

of Fourth was vacant. Back of this lot on Fourth Street lived the Norman family from about 1897 to 1900. The next block, where the Presbyterian church is about to erect a new church (9), was graced with the homes of Joe McKown, Mary Smith and the Bradshaws, more of which I told you about a month ago in the Herald and News. At the southeast corner of Fifth Street was the Henry Meyers home (10). At the other end of the block was the Oscar Meyers home (11), one of George Meyers' sons.

The next block from Sixth to Seventh was vacant. On the southeast corner of Seventh and L was the home of B. Morrell (12), carpenter in the employ of Hiram Bailey, whose home and grounds graced all the rest of that block up to College Avenue. He built this home in 1875 for his family. His wife was the daughter of Mrs. Robert Livermore. He also built the frame house on Los Positas ranch for Robert Livermore. In later years he was one of Alameda County's supervisors. They had three daughters and two sons. I only remember two of the daughters: Josephine, who was Mrs. Dennis Bernal, who recently passed away and in 1962 was Livermore's oldest resident and Mayme, now Mrs. Nash, living in Oakland. It is my joy to say that I well cherish their acquaintance.

Where Dr. John W. Robertson later built the sanitarium building at the southeast corner of L and College stood the home of Jesse Bowles (13). We now approach the bridge crossing the Mocho Creek. It brings back memories of when this stream overflowed and flooded the community in wet winters.

Where the sanitarium is now located west of L was the home and grounds of Wm. Mendenhall. In 1896 Dr. Robertson acquired the property and created the Livermore Sanitarium, building his stone residence on the corner (14). I can see the governess wheeling young Dr. Robertson in a baby buggy along the roadways.

On the northwest corner stood the home of Simon Anspacher (15), where later lived the Sellers family. Note: this house still stands today at 879 South L St.) Edgar Geist and still later the H.B. Wagoner family. Next down L Street was the home of Mr. And Mrs.

Wm. Hart (16), later that of the Jordan family, which their daughter Constance was the teacher at the Arroyo de Valle school above Cresta Blanca and then at Livermore high school.

Take a Walk Down South L 60 years ago Part II

By Albert E. Norman

This is the second of two articles by former Livermorean Albert Norman, recalling South L Street as he knew it around the turn of the century.

The next house is that of John and Ruth McGlinchey (17). It was not there when your writer lived in Livermore. In those days the Dennis Bernal family lived at Third and K Streets.

In 1898 when this writer was badly burned, their daughter, Zylpha, now Mrs. George Beck, and a sister of Mrs. McGlinchey, used to take me in a baby buggy for a ride around the streets of the town. Now after sixty-five years we get together for chats about the old days.

The Vanderhoof home came next (18) and in later years Mr. Erskin Esden made his home here.

COTTAGE

The next cottage belonged to Mrs. Hart, who after her husband's death made this place her home. Then came the Thomas home. He was the agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. On the lot next, he maintained a small vineyard.

Edward C. Newell built the house on the corner of Sixth Street (19) and later we find it the home of W.P. Creswell family, where they conducted a poultry business at the rear. Many will remember Corporal Clay, a Spanish American war veteran, who although in a wheelchair, did not let this daunt him in conducting the poultry establishment.

When Will Taylor married Lillie Meyers, he built that nice house still standing on the northwest corner of Sixth and L Streets (20). Next comes the Thomas E. Knox home (21), the family including his wife and three children, Mattie, now living in Canada, Arthur and

Thomas Jr. (Dude), both gone to their reward.

When I was in the second grade at the Livermore Grammar School, Miss Nellie Boston, the teacher of the class, lived with the Knox family. She is today living in Oakland.

On the corner adjoining was a house built by Antone Laumeister (22), and later occupied by the Paul Miguel family. Mr. Laumeister at one time operated the mill near Mill Square, the area northwest of the city flag-pole. The mill, moved to Livermore by C.J. Stevens. He had moved it from Union City, where it was built by J.M. Horner.

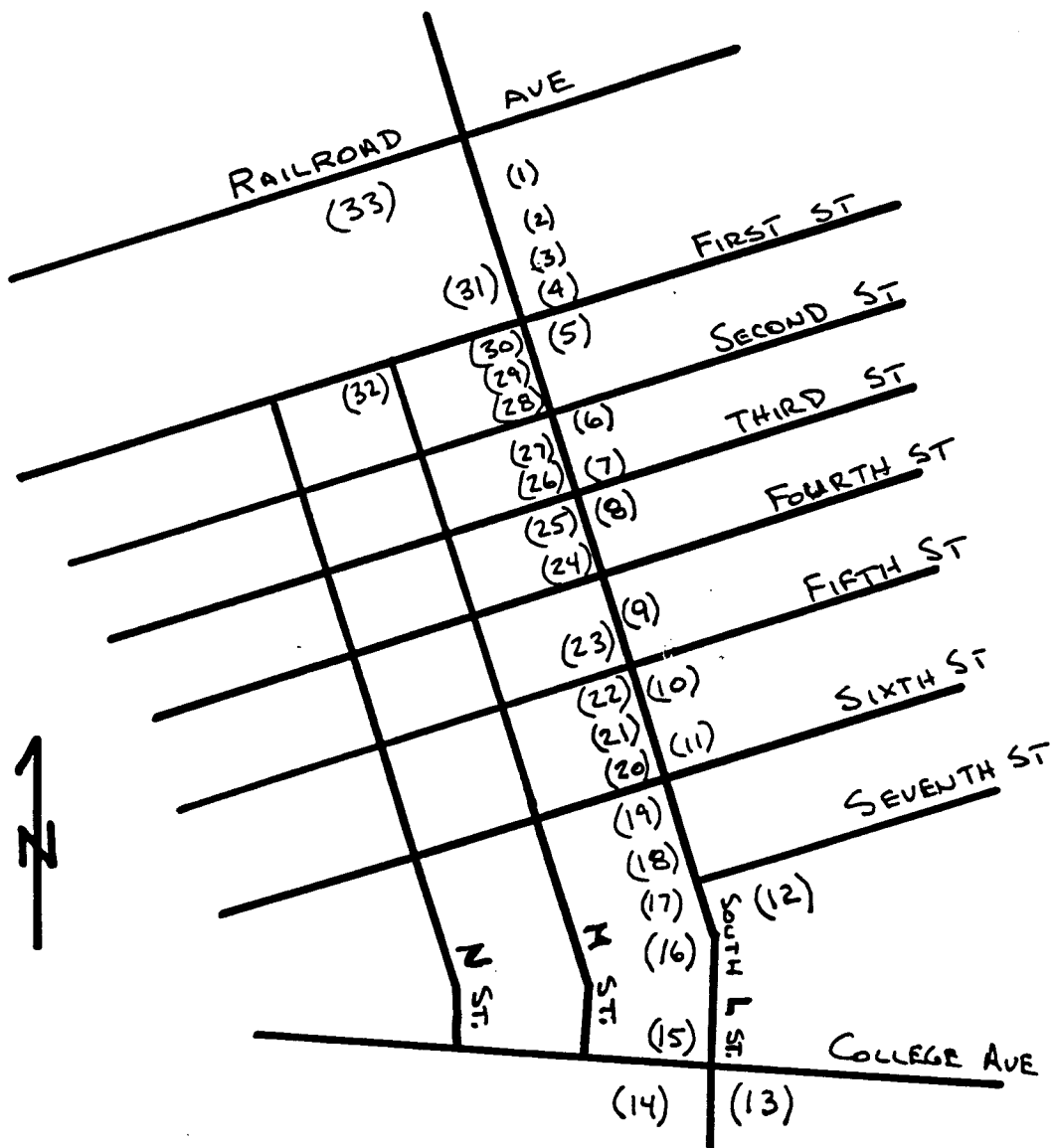
FIFTH STREET

Here we are at the corner of Fifth Street, where H.H. Pitcher, president of the Bank of Livermore made his home. The home was built by F.A. Anthony. This was then the only house in that block (23). On the next corner was the home of Dr. William S. Taylor, (24) purchased September 26, 1877 from N. B. Holmes. A highlight in my life in Livermore was to go to the Presbyterian Sunday School on Sunday morning and then go over to the Taylor home and sit in front of their fireplace and look at the funny paper. The rest of this block was occupied by the N.B. Holmes home (25).

The next corner north had a home on it built by Norris Dutcher (26) and while we lived in town, I used to play with Mayo Hayes, now Mrs. O'Donnell of Monterey, whose folks lived in this house. Next came the home of Mrs. Taylor (27) and the family consisting of children Will, Charles, Lizzie and Katie.

When my father started running on the railroad to Livermore, he roomed in this house before he moved from Oakland. On the corner was a small building used by Holmes as a shop.

Gradually we are winding our way back to First Street and at the corner of Second and L was Hans Mathiesen's blacksmith shop (28). Next the livery stable of Eugene Day (29). The corner of First and L was graced by the Morning Star Hotel (30), owned and operated by G. Gauline, where one could stay for



\$5 per week and have a meal for twenty-five cents. Later this property and business was in the hands of Frank Grassi.

The next block, that between First Street and the railroad tracks, was covered with enterprises of Anspacher Bros. (31). In 1869 this business was organized by Henry Meyers in cooperation with A.J. McLeod. In 1870 the interest of Henry Meyers was sold to Phil Anspacher.

In 1877 Phil Anspacher sold his interest to G. Gerst. S. Sellers became business manager at the general store. Some of the help remembered were John Wallman, William Thorn, Louis Altman, Fred Brenzel, Mark Sanderson, Will Taylor, Henry Hupers, Edgar Gerst, Abraham Lowenthal, Will Lowenthal, Andrew Hupers, Joseph Anspacher, Mr. Baum and Annie Callaghan.

Many will remember that Edgar Gerst had a fine voice and later became a member of the Scala Opera Company in Italy.

The general merchandise store of Anspacher Bros. Was on the corner of First Street and in later years a part of it was purchased and operated by H.W. Lassen.

On First Street right at the rear of the store was a cottage attached thereto where Abraham Lowenthal, the bookkeeper, made his home with his wife, daughter Francesca and son Will.

ON M STREET

Stepping away from L Street for a few words about the Joseph Anspacher family who lived on the corner of First and M Streets (32). When we moved to town Mrs. Anspacher came across to the cottage next to Patrick Callaghan's house to tell my mother she would be glad to take sister and myself off my mother's hands while she unpacked and that introduction to them has lasted all these past years.

During this last holiday season I received a Christmas greeting from their daughter Babete from Beverly Hills.

Back on L Street next to the general store was vacant space where many spur tracks stood (33) and then came the block along grain warehouse. After the Spanish-American War my father brought home from San Francisco a Philippine goat.

One day he was found missing, so my mother offered a reward for his return. Two of the daughters of Max Berlin found the goat down amongst the grain in this

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building and coaxed him to our house to receive their reward. Will Taylor who by this time had his own grocery store across the alley from Mrs. Leonhart's candy store on First Street was a little disappointed that he was found because Mr. Goat used to walk into his store and feed on the vegetables.

A few things that happened in the street along L, while making this journey up and back may be of interest.

First there was the Haynes-Apperson car standing in front of the Dr. Taylor house, the first car in Livermore. Then the train must have come in for there goes Hans Anderson driving the bus, pulled by two horses, one of which was blind and there goes Chris Buckley, the blind politician of San Francisco, with young Chris by

his side headed for his estate, Ravenswood out on L Street near the Olivina and Cresta Blanca, now Villa San Clemente.

As I close this tale I am looking forward to the Sunday School picnic, when all we youngsters will be riding in that bus I just mentioned out to the Arroyo del Valle at Cresta Blanca. We will have to walk part of the way because of the horses not being able to pull the grade south of town with such a load of mothers and children.

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