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NEWSLETTER

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Box 961, Livermore, California, 94550

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, Thursday, Oct. 10, Carnegie Building, Main Floor,
7.30 p.m.

Slate of Officers and Directors elected at the Annual Meeting, Sept. 19:

Chairman	Janet Newton	Directors	Roger P. Brown
Vice Chairman	Karen Rasmussen		Herbert L. Hagemann
Secretary	Barbara Otto		Juanita Vidalin
Treasurer	Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield		C. Dudley Cantua
			Chester L. Fankhauser
			Barry Schrader

Miss May G. Nissen and Mrs. Julia Kleinecke gave us a memorable evening on September 19. They shared with us their knowledge of Livermore history and we are greatly indebted to them.

SP DEPOT The new restaurant THE LIVERMORE STATION will open soon. Watch for our special announcement of a gala pre-view party. Probably in November.

CARNEGIE BUILDING Over eleven hundred visitors saw our exhibit in the new History Center during the Festival. We gained many new members and we look forward to the time when we will have a really valuable resource center. We are pleased that Walter and René Bullard have accepted the co-chairpersonship of the Livermore History Center Committee. It will take time to develop a program of preservation and cataloging and a program of exhibits. We will keep you informed.

MAY SCHOOL At a special board meeting it was decided to make the following statement: "The Livermore Heritage Guild proposes to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District that we purchase for the token sum of one dollar the century-old May School building for historic purposes and lease the surrounding acre for one year with renewal option for a mutually agreeable sum. We intend to establish a non-profit foundation for long term restoration and maintenance of the building to increase the cultural and historic resources of this area." Further developments will be reported in our next Newsletter.

PUBLICATIONS We now have a good selection of books and booklets about Livermore history for sale and also packets of notepaper designed by Guild member Marilyn Calhoun. They may be bought from the History Center whenever it is open and they will be for sale at the big Christmas Bazaar in the Recreation Center on Nov. 15, 16 and 17. Include us in your Christmas shopping plans.

MEMBERSHIP The Charter Membership period is now closed and we will soon prepare a list of Charter Members and make plans for the Charter Membership Scroll. We are pleased at the enthusiastic response from the community to our membership drive.

Membership is still available, of course and we welcome everyone who is interested in our work to join us. Also, renewals are now in order. Please fill out the form that is overleaf.

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NOVEMBER, 1974

NEWSLETTER

Vol. II, no. 2

The November meeting will be one week early, on Nov. 7, 7.30 p.m.
Carnegie Building, Main floor.

S.P.DEPOT See the attached announcement of our GALA BENEFIT PRE-VUE! We will have the featured menu of the new restaurant, steak & spaghetti. The door prize will be the deluxe book OUT WEST ON THE OVERLAND TRAIN. Please wear semi-formal or early 1900s dress. Join the fun.

Part of the decoration of the restaurant will be an old railway lantern donated by the Heritage Guild. This is through the courtesy of Bill Ray who gave the lantern to the Guild and who suggested the gift to the Depot.

The Guild will have an exhibit at the restaurant that will remain the property of the Guild. If anyone can lend items of interest, please call us. We will make photographs of old tickets and other documents. Louis L. Stein Jr., has already made several valuable railroad artifacts available to us for this purpose and we are grateful to him.

Join us at the big party at THE LIVERMORE STATION.

MAY SCHOOL We have signed a contract with the Livermore school board to buy the May School for \$1 and to lease the two acres of land for \$50 per year, renewable for a total of ten years. We must provide liability insurance and meet the requirements of the Fire Marshall. The greatest need is for a new roof. We are fortunate that Dorothy Nielsen has agreed to be the Chairperson of the May School Restoration Committee. She will supervise the work and see to it that it is structurally sound and historically accurate.

Dorothy has already acquired a donation of a square of No.1 grade cedar shingles. We need about 30 squares. If you can help us in any way to obtain lumber or can help with the work, please call Dorothy at 447-6187 or Janet Newton, 447-9592. It will be a wonderful achievement to save and restore this beautiful old building.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We are looking for people to man the history center as docents. We will have the museum open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be three two-hour shifts of two people. We want men as well as women. Please phone Walter Bullard, 447-3577, or Karen Rasmussen, 443-9528 if you want to help with this interesting work.

These hours are on a trial basis for two months, beginning on Nov. 2, (except Thanksgiving) to learn the public response. We are planning a docent training program to provide museum tours during the week for groups of ten or more visitors on an appointment basis. Let us know if you want to participate in the training programs.

We also need cabinet workers to put doors and/or glass fronts on our exhibit cases. And we need a display cabinet for our publications. Please let us know if you can help.

BICENTENNIAL PLANS The Livermore Bicentennial Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays downstairs in the Carnegie Building. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. We need ideas and workers to make it a truly community effort.

CHRISTMAS The LARPD is sponsoring a Community Christmas Bazaar at the Recreation Center at 8th and H Streets on November 15 and 16. The Guild will have a table of publications including a Christmas card of stories about Christmas in the Livermore Valley. Help us to raise money for our programs and at the same time help yourself to easy shopping. The Bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Barbara Otto is in charge of this project for the Guild.

GUILD PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE at the Bazaar and at the Carnegie Building:

Booklets:	A TOUR OF LIVERMORE, incl.map and text	\$2.50
	CRESTA BLANCA & CHARLES WETMORE.illustrated	1.00
Book	LAS POSITAS, by Janet Newton	10.00
Blueprint copies of 1889 panoramic map of Livermore,	small	1.00
	large	2.00
Stationery, Livermore scenes by Marilyn Calhoun, pkt.of 12,		
	3 each of 4 designs, with envelopes	1.50
Christmas cards, CHRISTMAS IN THE LIVERMORE VALLEY		.25 each

CHARTER MEMBERS Will Charter Members who have not yet received their copy of the Cresta Blanca booklet please help us by picking it up at the Carnegie Building?

OUR MANY FRIENDS It has been encouraging to receive the support we have had. The membership has grown rapidly. We have many sponsors and one Life Member. The Springtown Women's Club recently gave a generous check to the Guild after listening to an illustrated talk about Livermore History. We heartily thank one and all. We will put the money to good use in the History Center and in preserving the May School. The money from Life Memberships is invested in an interest bearing account in order to build up a secure income for our programs.

!! THIS IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME !!

Please save the Guild a lot of time and money by using this renewal form instead of waiting for us to send a special renewal notice. Please.

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THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER



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GALA BENEFIT PRE-VUE

The Livermore Heritage Guild
 requests the pleasure of your
 company at the opening
 of the new restaurant

Call
 447-7780
 " 2111
 " 3964

THE LIVERMORE STATION

on NOV 22 1974

no-host cocktails from 6:30 p.m.
dinner will be served throughout the evening
semi-formal or early 1900s dress suggested

SPACE IS LIMITED. RESERVE EARLY. TICKETS WILL BE MAILED

STEAK DINNER. \$7⁵⁰ EACH TICKET

DOOR PRIZE

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NO. OF TICKETS _____

CHECK FOR \$ _____ ENCLOSED



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SPECIAL BULLETIN, NOVEMBER 1, 1974

The November NEWSLETTER will be mailed just as soon as we know the date of our special benefit preview party at the new restaurant
THE LIVERMORE STATION

In the meantime here are some items from old newspapers pertaining to
THE LIVERMORE SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT.

The first item is in the May 23, 1874 issue of THE LIVERMORE HERALD.
(All these excerpts are from the Herald)

"C P R R - Timetable

The trains arrive and depart from the Livermore Station as follows:

Passenger East		Passenger West
A- 9.32 a.m.		B- 10.22 a.m.
B- 6.25 p.m.*		A- 5.24 p.m.
	FREIGHT	
B- 8.35 a.m.		C- 6.20 a.m.
B- 9.05 p.m.		B- 8.35 a.m.
A- 11.23 p.m.		B- 6.25 p.m.

A- Daily, B- Daily except Sunday, C- Daily except Monday
* To Stockton only. J.L.Mitchel, Agent."

July 8, 1899: "A SUPERB TRAIN, EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR via UNION PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO TO CHICAGO WITHOUT CHANGE

Buffet, Smoking and Library Cars with barber shop.

Double Drawing Room Sleepers

Pullman Tourist Sleepers Dining Cars (a la carte)

Free Reclining Chair Cars

ONLY 3½ DAYS TO CHICAGO

Leaves San Francisco daily at 6 p.m. J.L.Mitchel, Agent"

Dec. 20, 1902: "The New Electric Lighted OVERLAND LIMITED
Less than 3 days to Chicago."

June 20, 1903: "Hurrah! For Fernbrook Park! (in Niles Canyon)
GRAND ANNUAL PICNIC. Livermore Local will stop
at the Park. Round trip tickets, 50¢"

May, 1904: "World's Fair Rates over Southern Pacific-Union Pacific,
St. Louis and return, \$67.50"

March, 1904: "Colonist Rates to California via Southern Pacific.
Daily, March 1st to April 30, 1904.
from Chicago, \$33.00"

January 13, 1906: "S. P. TIME CARD:

West-bound		East-bound	
Livermore Local *	6.30 a.m.	Stockton & Visalis Pass.	9.27 a.m.
Stockton & Sacramento	2.03 p.m.	Stockton & Sacramento	11.02 a.m.
Stockton Passenger	5.32 p.m.	Stockton & Lodi Pass.	5.47 a.m.
		Livermore Local	6.55 a.m.

*Leaves Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

April 21, 1906: "The damage here (from the S.F. earthquake) was confined to the railroad water tank, the falling of other tankhouses...and the toppling of chimneys on the Mc Leod block, the depot, and other high buildings."

June 30, 1906: "SOUTHERN PACIFIC REDUCES RATES. Sweeping Reductions... the purpose...is development."

Same paper: "San Francisco to Los Angeles (200 passengers a day) reduced from \$15 to \$14."

From a hand-written document (in pencil) lent to us from the Louis L. Stein Jr. collection, we learn that on October 5, 1914, the Southern Pacific passenger timetable #156 (for Livermore) included the following trains, both eastbound and westbound: THE NEWSBOY, SACRAMENTO PASSENGER, STOCKTON & SACRAMENTO PASSENGER, STOCKTON PASSENGER, STOCKTON FLYER and the TRACY PASSENGER. Mr. Stein has written at the bottom of the sheet, "Last passenger train, Jan. 22, 1941."

Come to the Guild's Livermore History Center in the Carnegie Building on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Watch for special programs. Something new every month.

Membership dues may be paid at the Carnegie Building. Renewals are in order for the year 1974 - 75. Or send them to Box 961, Livermore.

STOP PRESS NEWS: The Guild will be given the key to the May School today!
See you at the opening of THE LIVERMORE STATION!



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January, 1975

NEWSLETTER

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Board meeting, Thursday, Jan.9, 7.30 p.m.,Carnegie Building, main floor.

S.P.DEPOT The Gala Preview party of the LIVERMORE STATION was a great success. We had a sell-out crowd of happy people and we collected enough donations to buy about half of the cedar shingles needed for the May School roof. The restaurant is a credit to Livermore, a charming reminder of our history.

During the festivities at the depot a valuable document pertaining to the building's history was presented to the Guild. It is the receipt for \$500, dated Feb. 22, 1973, paid by Otto Birk and Del Sullivan to the A.Allen Demolition Co. of Oakland for "the railroad station in Livermore". The buyers planned to tear down the building immediately. Mrs. Dorothy Rosa, a close friend of the Sullivans, told them that she thought it was a shame for the town to lose such a historically important building. Mrs. Rosa was given permission to call the newspapers and others, to alert them to the danger of this loss. The result was that the demolition was delayed and eventually stopped, as we all know. It seems clear that the preservation of the building began with Mrs. Rosa's actions and also, as a consequence, the formation of the Guild. We are very pleased to add this document to our archives and we thank Del Sullivan for his gift.

MAY SCHOOL Dorothy Nielsen has the authority to buy a supply of shingles for the re-roofing and soon will be calling for volunteers to help with the big job of putting them in place. An enlargement of the photograph of the school taken in 1889 will be a valuable aid in achieving an accurate restoration.

CARNEGIE BUILDING Our big job this year will be combining the work of installing wiring and cabinet making and general setting-up of archival and exhibit facilities with a program of public exhibitions. One part of the program will be an "artifact of the month" series on Sunday afternoons when we will ask collectors and old timers to bring in their precious items just for the afternoon. We already have a number of family histories in our files and would like to collect many more. We hope that all those interested will give us a brief account of when their family came to the valley and from where, and what their life in the valley has been. One or two photographs would be a valuable addition.

BICENTENNIAL The Heritage Guides of Monterey, the group authorized to conduct a program leading to a re-enactment of the Anza expedition of 1776, reports that "Members of the North American Trail Ride Conference, Horsemen of both Arizona and California, Charros of Mexico and the U.S. as well as walking groups will participate in the over-all expedition...it will be treated as a relay...Individual participation in the Expedition is encouraged..." We will keep you informed about the part of the ride that will be through the eastern end of the Livermore Valley.

LIVERMORE NATIVE HONORED Donald C. Tretzel, a June 1930 graduate of Livermore High School, recently retired from a brilliant 44 year career with

Kaiser Industries. Mr. Tretzel's greatest efforts were in Jamaica where he was Vice President and Resident Manager of Kaiser Bauxite Co. Honors have been heaped on "the slender young man" who started his career in 1930 at the Kaiser Sand & Gravel Co. in Radum (a railroad station between Livermore and Pleasanton). Members of the Kaiser company met with us earlier this year to learn more about Donald C., having noticed the term "Tretzel's Grove" in an article in the Tribune. The Grove was, however, named for another branch of the Tretzel family. It is now a park called Sycamore Grove.

LIVERMORE NOTES FROM ALL OVER DEPT. contd. On a trip that included Lake Chapala, Mexico, Janet Newton was with a group invited to the home of Jack Mc Donald, the noted U.S. sportswriter. At the mention of Livermore, Mr. Mc Donald immediately said that Joe Oeschger of Livermore pitched the longest game in baseball history in 1921 (a 24 inning tie game between the Braves and the Dodgers). Turns out that Oeschger was, and is, from Ferndale, Calif., but that he has strong Livermore connections. Mrs. Ida Murray is his sister and Mrs. Phyllis Westmoreland is his daughter. He spent Christmas, 1974 in Livermore!

ANOTHER REMINDER TO CHARTER MEMBERS Please pick up your copy of the Cresta Blanca-Wetmore booklet at the Carnegie Building.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The work of the Livermore Heritage Guild has been the result of the efforts and generosity of a great many people, from the work of the depot pledge drive to the restoration of the May School.

With the hope that we are not, through human fallibility, omitting anyone who has contributed to our program, we want to thank the following people:

IN THE DEPOT PLEDGE DRIVE Dudley Cantua donated the gilded spikes that were used and Anna Brown and Merilyn Calhoun the nice lettering on them. Barry Schrader donated the old plank and the lettering on it where we put the names of those who pledged. Bill Ray donated a beautiful old railroad lantern to the depot project (it will be part of the Guild display in the Livermore Station). Many people worked on collecting the signatures of our supporters.

FOR THE CARNEGIE BUILDING Our first offer of support came from Manual Duarte and John Sarboraria who told us that the collection of old Livermore drug store artifacts that were in the now-closed First St. store would be kept in safe storage for what they hoped would be a Livermore History Center in the Carnegie Building. Knowledge of this action prompted Louis L. Stein Jr. to bring to us a large collection of old drug store items including Livermore prescriptions. Since then Mr. Stein has brought us valuable railroad artifacts and old photographs. Mrs. John Wallace presented us with a group of old photographs of Livermore. Mr. Tony Ramirez brought us a Livermore saloon token found under an old building. Mrs. Graham Nissen brought us several items from the estate of Livermore's Judge Manley J. Clarke. Mrs. Martha Caughron gave us one of the spikes removed in the ceremonies beginning the Livermore track relocation. Miss May G. Nissen presented us with a black silk velvet and lace capelet used in Livermore long ago. Renée and Walter Bullard donated a photocopy of the 1896 special editions of the Livermore Herald to the History Center Library in addition to their gift of materials and a great deal of work time to our initial exhibit that is still on view. The Tri-Valley Herald donated mounted photocopies of old newspapers. Mr. Lawrence S. Germaine gave us a group of photos of the May School. Mr. & Mrs. T.E. Peiffer have regularly given us large glossy prints of the fine photographs they have taken of Guild activities. Dale Mooney presented us with the Livermore stationmaster's copy of the 1883 Wells Fargo Directory, and Del Sullivan gave us the document referred to above. Janet Newton donated a copy of Corral Hollow Notes and Memoranda collected by Earle E. Williams to the H.C. Library.



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FEBRUARY, 1975

NEWSLETTER

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Board meeting, Thursday, February 13, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

CARNEGIE BUILDING HISTORY CENTER A new show of enlarged old photos of Livermore will be on view during February. An exhibit of May School photos and maps is being installed. Come in and enjoy the show. Books, booklets and Guild stationery are for sale at the desk. Also the Cresta Blanca booklets for Charter members who have not yet picked them up.

BICENTENNIAL The Guild and the Livermore Bicentennial Organization (LBO) have agreed that the Guild program will be the official LBO "Heritage '76" program. This is in several parts: the restoration of the May School, the development of a first-class Livermore History Center, the preparation of a text on the history of Livermore, the publication of a booklet on the Anza expedition and the building up of a file of family histories of residents of this area. We hope that everyone will participate in these programs.

Also we are planning to take part in the re-enactment of the Anza expedition. This is a very large-scale venture being planned by Mexico, Arizona and California. We hope to share the two parts of the trip that pertain to this valley - the marriage of Josefa Livermore's grandparents at Mission San Xavier del Bac on Oct. 26, 1775 and the crossing of the east end of this valley on April 4, 1776. In 1976, April 4 will be on a Sunday, just right for a big barbecue and fandango in Robertson Park.

Bicentennial programs are available through LBO member David Abrahams at 447-9386. as follows: Slide-sound show of the Anza expedition, (30 mins.); a slide show prepared by Bill Owens narrated by the Toastmasters; and slide shows with commentary by Herbert Hagemann and Janet Newton can be arranged.

BUCKLEY ESTATE The application by the LARPD to the Board of Supervisors for a "Point of Historical Interest" designation was successful. This is the first step in getting a State Historical Landmark number, after which the property will be eligible for funds from the State bond election of last June.

MAY SCHOOL Dorothy Nielsen will be calling for volunteers to help with the work of installing a complete new roof as soon as time and weather permit. Other work must be done as soon as possible, such as repairing the shutters, making them secure and installing new locks. Be ready to do what you can to help.

HISTORY CENTER contd. Much work must be done to make our exhibits and our work center safe and effective. We need wiring for outlets both in the wall and in the floor (for the exhibit cases). We need to do extensive cabinet work. It is hoped that we can get financial assistance with the financing of the Center and we are applying for funds to help us. Studying the requirements for eligibility and submitting the necessary forms is a time-consuming job.

We have asked for help of a different kind from Chabot College. We would

like to have the help of students in the preparation of exhibits and we hope that young people interested in a museum career with work with us and help us.

ST. RAYMOND'S RESTORATION COMMITTEE will have an IRISH FEST on March 15 at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. See enclosed information sheet.

CORRECTIONS Jack Mc Donald writes from Chapala, Mexico that he didn't say that Joe Oeschger came from Livermore (as reported in the last Newsletter) but that Joe's mother and several other relatives lived there. Also that his mother who died in Livermore not long ago, lived to be over a 100. We are pleased to hear from Mr. Mc Donald and we hope to learn more of Joe Oeschger's family.

There was an error about membership in the last NEWSLETTER. New members who join after July 1st (not June) are paid up for the following year. The Guild year begins on Oct. 1st.

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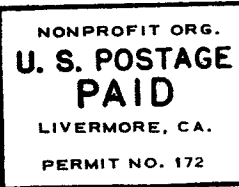
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MARCH, 1975

NEWSLETTER

Vol. II, No. 5

Board meeting, Thursday, March 13, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd. We will have a party at the History Center in the Carnegie Building from 2-4 p.m. in honor of the new exhibit on the May School. The Livermore Art Association will join us in the festivities and will have art in action downstairs. Refreshments will be served. We will have old and new photos of the May School and copies of old maps. There will be a bound book for people to enter names of pupils and teachers of the school and the date they were in attendance. We would also like to have an information sheet filled out for each one. In addition we have some old photos of Livermore on display.

We are indebted to Kenneth Edwards, paleontologist of Chabot College for help with our study of the pre-history of this valley.

The History Center is open every Thurs.Fri.Sat. and Sunday, 11.30 to 4 p.m.

ARROYO SANATORIUM The following resolution was adopted at a special meeting held on Feb. 6: "RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of the Livermore Heritage Guild recommends that the Arroyo del Valle Sanatorium be considered for placement in the National Register of Historic Places." The criteria for inclusion in the National Register having been broadened so that national significance is no longer required.

BICENTENNIAL We have applied for recognition for four projects: restoration of the May School, creating a Livermore History Center, preparation of a text on the history of Livermore and publishing a booklet on the Anza expedition. Bicentennial flags, pins, and decals are available at local banks. Get in the spirit of '76 and buy your flags soon.

The re-enactment of the Anza expedition of 1775-76 will be a large-scale venture, beginning in Mexico and continuing through Arizona and California. Early in August, 1975, the Royal Decree to found the City of St. Francis will be presented in Mexico City and Anza and his company will depart with the decree and a thousand souvenir facsimilies in their saddle bags. Festivities along the way include fandangoes, barbecues, dedication of parks, singing of Masses and displays of historical artifacts. Costumes will be authentic. A supplier of hats and firearms has been found and souvenir saddle bags and spurs will be available. We plan to participate on April 4, 1976, a Sunday, with a barbecue and fandango in Robertson Park.

LADDSVILLE We were pleased to get a long letter from Harold G. Wright in Oregon, giving us information about the town that preceded Livermore. Laddsville was where Junction Ave. meets East First Street and it started when Alphonso Ladd settled there in 1864. We are pleased to add to the information in our files and we hope Mr. Wright will continue to share with us.

MAY SCHOOL RESTORATION The weather is not yet stable enough for Dorothy Nielsen to plan a big work party, but when it is we will be calling on everyone to pitch in and help. There will be jobs for everyone.

IRISH FEST, MARCH 15, Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. See attached flyer.

FOR SALE in the HISTORY CENTER, Carnegie Building:

TOUR OF OLD LIVERMORE, text and map.....	\$2.50
BLUEPRINT COPIES OF 1889 PANORAMIC MAP OF LIVERMORE, LARGE	2.00
SMALL	1.00
HISTORY OF CRESTA BLANCA & CHARLES WETMORE.....	1.00
FAGES-CRESPI EXPEDITION of 1772 (as pert. to this valley).....	1.00
LAS POSITAS, a history of the Livermore family, Newton.....	10.00
EARLY DAYS IN THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY, Calhoun.....	3.00
(benefit 5th Street PTA)	
HISTORY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Livermore, Kleinecke.....	2.00
(benefit Presbyterian Church)	
NOTEPAPER, 12 sheets & envelopes, by Calhoun.....	1.50
HISTORY SHEETS, History of Veterans Park	
History of May School.....	.15 ea.
Colorphoto postcards of Livermore's S.P. Depot.....	.15 ea.

Prices include salestax.

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APRIL, 1975

NEWSLETTER

Vol. II, no. 6

BOARD MEETING, Thursday, April 10, 7.30 p.m. Carnegie Building, main floor.

MAY SCHOOL The shingles and nails for a complete new roof have been purchased and as soon as the weather is more settled the big job will begin. We will need all the help we can get both from those who are willing and able to nail shingles into place and those who can assist in less athletic jobs such as telephoning volunteers and helping with the numerous jobs of organizing the materials on ground level. This includes general cleaning up and the possibility of giving the workers a drink of coffee or fruit juice to spur them on.

We have had offers of help from people of all ages, from ten-year olds to high school students and many adults. It is a popular project. Phone 447-7977.

CARNEGIE BUILDING The open house for the new exhibit, on March 2, was a great success. We collected a large number of names of former pupils and teachers of the May School. The names are now being alphabetised.

We need volunteers for the job of host or hostess for the History Center. Edna Tunison, who manages the LAA Gallery has been making up a calendar of people to be on duty. If you can spare two hours a month (or more), call Edna at 447-1902. It is gratifying work. Many people drop in, both young and old, and it is a pleasure to show them around. The History Center is open on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We have been asked to be hosts to classes from the Fifth St. School. Three classes will visit the Center during April. We are in great need of docents to help with this program. It is hoped that a training course can be worked out with the cooperation of the South County Junior College. A guide to the reading material available on Livermore history is being prepared. Those who are interested in becoming docents specializing in Livermore history, please call Janet Newton, 447-9592. We hope we will have men as well as women in all our programs.

BICENTENNIAL The four Guild programs for the Bicentennial have been approved at the County level and have been forwarded to the State. The May School restoration is proceeding well, the booklet on the Anza expedition is ready for the printer, the History Center is being developed and work on the index to Livermore history is progressing also. We need help. Please let us know how much time you would like to give and what you would like to do.

The Livermore Bicentennial Organization has four slide shows available for showing to local groups. The Guild's copy of the Anza slide and sound show has been shown many times already and also slide shows on local history of Livermore. If you know of any clubs that would like to have a Bicentennial presentation, call David Abrahams at 447-9386.

The official Bennington '76 flag is available at all Livermore banks. There are three sizes of flags and a lapel pin for sale.

Fund raising is a necessary part of all programs. Mrs. Richardson of the LBO Ways and Means Committee will have a plant sale on April 4 at the Recreation Center on 8th St. If you can help with this, call 447-9352 and please come to the sale.

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE ANZA EXPEDITION OF 1775 - 1776

In 1775, Col. Juan Bautista de Anza was ordered to make an overland trip from New Spain (now Mexico) to Alta California to escort a colony of settlers and to select the site for the Presidio and Mission of San Francisco. The difficulties of the journey were immense but Anza successfully overcame them.

He left Mexico City in August and proceeded to Sonora where he began to recruit the settlers for California. Soon after the expedition had begun, the chaplain of the trip, Fray Pedro Font, had the pleasant duty of performing three marriages of young people of the colony. Two of the participants were the grandparents of Josefa Higuera Livermore, the wife of the man for whom this town was named.

On October 26, 1975, as part of the re-enactment of the Anza expedition, the marriages will be re-enacted. We are hoping to have representatives from Livermore to witness this ceremony (and whatever other celebrations are planned in Arizona at that time) and we would like to have volunteers for the participants in the marriage. (It would be wonderful to have descendants).

October 26, 1975 will be a Sunday and the following day is a holiday, Veterans Day. If enough Livermore people sign up for a three-day week-end jaunt, we can get a special rate. Please call David Abrahams if you are interested, at 447-9386

REMEMBER, the History Center, upstairs in the Carnegie Building, on Third St., is open on Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have many interesting items for sale - notepaper, booklets and books.

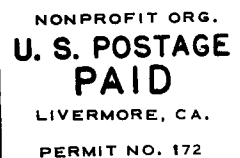
And of course Guild memberships are always available and can be taken at the History Center.



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NEWSLETTER

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BICENTENNIAL The Livermore Bicentennial Organization has had numerous meetings on preparing a program of activities to present to the Livermore City Council. The Heritage Guild's four projects have been endorsed by the County Commission, including the booklet about the Anza expeditions of 1774 - 1776. Loan funds to cover the cost of printing the booklet have been granted by the Heritage Guild, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Alameda County Bicentennial Commission. The proposal must now be endorsed by the County Supervisors.

The re-enactment of the marriage of Josefa Livermore's grandparents at Mission San Xavier del Bac in Arizona 200 years ago next October 26, will be witnessed by a number of Livermore citizens. If you are interested in joining the special trip, call David Abrahams at 447-9386.

Four LBO slide shows are available for showing to clubs and other groups - two sets of slides of old and new Livermore narrated by the Toastmasters, two slide programs on Livermore history narrated by Herbert Hagemann and Janet Newton, and the Anza expedition slide and sound show. Call David Abrahams if you want to arrange a date for one of these.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We are pleased that the exhibit at the History Center is being used by local schools. We have had three third grade classes and two groups of high school students. In addition, history students from Hayward and Berkeley have made extensive use of our resources. The program of training docents has started, but we have much more work to do. We plan to work in close cooperation with the Valley Campus of Chabot College but the campus will not be open during the summer. We will continue to work and will not lose any time. Working with young people is a great pleasure and the docent program is recommended to all our members. If you are interested, call Janet Newton, 447-9592.

We now have another source book at our sales desk in the History Center. It is WHO DISCOVERED THE GOLDEN GATE? by Frank M. Stanger and Alan K. Brown. This book brings together the earliest records of the exploration of the Bay Area, with modern place names in the margins. The book includes a number of fine maps and other illustrations. A beautiful book. Price, \$7.50. Published by the San Mateo County Historical Association.

The History Center is a fine place to take visitors and to shop for gifts. It is open Thurs. Fri. Sat. and Sunday, 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., thanks in large part to the cooperation of the Livermore Art Association and Edna Tunison. Please call Edna if you can help out with the hostessing. 447-1902.

BUCKLEY ESTATE At the May board meeting, Lowell Bergman of the LARPD will tell us about all the work that is being done to collect information about the estate and to apply for its recognition as a landmark. This is necessary to qualify for grants that will make authentic restoration possible. We look forward to hearing Mr. Bergman.

"Improvement of the Cresta Blanca road has been one of the biggest problems Supervisor T.E.Knox has had on his hands in a long time. The handling of the immense amount of heavy hauling which is going over the road since construction of the U.S.Veterans Bureau hospital started would cause a problem under the best of conditions, but with the scarcity of water this season the difficulties were greatly increased.

Arroyo Sanatorium's water supply usually furnishes water for sprinkling, but this year there was no surplus. Efforts were made to obtain water from several places along the road, but in every instance the water was being used for irrigation. An attempt was made to develop an old well on Del Valle Farm, but it failed. Finally it was decided to pump from the creek..."

same issue: West First Street is now Open to Traffic. The construction crews completed their work the first of the week and the new paving made ready for use. The opening of this strip fills in the gap which previously existed between the end of the paving at M Street and the end of the Livermore-Pleasanton highway. It also completes the paving of First Street from the eastern end to the western town limits and gives paved connection with all the highways of the valley."

FOR NEW MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND GIFT MEMBERSHIPS:

JULY

Renewals were due Oct. 1, except for new members who joined after ~~June~~ 1.

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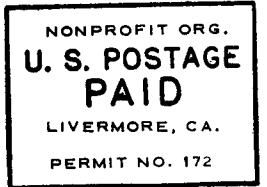
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BOARD MEETING, Thursday, June 12, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, main floor.

MAY SCHOOL Nine hundred dollars worth of first grade shingles are being put into place on the May School roof, the money raised and donated by the Heritage Guild. This is a Livermore Bicentennial project, endorsed as an official program. The objective is to preserve a beautiful building that is part of the history of this area and to keep this evidence of the character of the pioneers who valued education almost before anything else. Rural schools played a fundamental part in the development of this country.

Very much more work needs to be done on the old building and much more money needs to be raised. A good fence around the property would help to protect it and make it possible to use animals to keep down the weeds. The well needs to be repaired and made useable. The list of capital improvements needed is long. But there is much work for willing hands, such as picking up the best of the old shingles for preservation and putting the others into piles to be sold for kindling. And there is always general clean-up work. Whenever you can spare an hour or so of time, call Dorothy Nielsen, 447-6187 for information about work sessions or work assignments. Come on out and enjoy participating in a worthwhile project! Professional construction workers welcome to come out for an hour or so of a busman's holiday!

If you can spare a dollar or more towards the many expenses, please send your contribution to the Heritage Guild at the above address. Every dollar helps. Dues and contribution to the Guild are tax deductible.

If you would like to buy some kindling, call Dorothy.

CARNEGIE BUILDING We have learned to our dismay that the badly needed re-roofing of this fine old building is not in any budget! The building belongs to the City. It is an asset to the people of Livermore and must be conserved as such. Judging by the appearance of the ceiling (the beautiful ceiling) of the main floor, the leaky roof is not anything new. The time has past for pardonable delay in providing for the job. A good roof is the first item in the preservation of a building. We must have a program for preserving this handsome part of downtown Livermore. It should begin with the roof and continue with the the protection of the exterior. Talk to your City Councilpersons!

A letter forwarded to us by the City Manager, from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, calls our attention to the availability of funds for preserving "The identity, sense of place, historic value, and economic viability of your community through the rehabilitation of structures and neighborhoods of historic, architectural, or aesthetic value..." We are very much in need of someone to study the availability of the many funding programs. If you are interested, Call Janet Newton, 447-9592. A committee could be formed to make recommendations to the City and to the Guild.

BICENTENNIAL Plans are going forward for Livermore's participation in the re-enactment of the Anza expedition of 1776. A booklet giving the story of the expedition is ready to go to the press. It will be a publication of the Livermore Bicentennial Organization, supported by the Alameda County Bicentennial Commission, the Livermore Heritage Guild and the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. It will be ready soon and will sell for about \$1.50.

EXHIBITS AT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR The Heritage Guild, in partnership with the LARPD will have an exhibit in the museum on the Buckley Estate. The County Bicentennial Commission will have an exhibit booth also in *please* another part of the grounds. The Fair runs from June 19 to July 13. Be prepared to say you will help with the staffing of these exhibits. ¹

LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORY CENTER The docent program is progressing very well. We are getting ready for school classes to visit the center next fall. If you would like to help with this most enjoyable work, please call Janet Newton, 447-9592.

The History Center is a popular place. It is gratifying when young people wander in, become interested in the exhibits and come back bringing their parents with them!

We have many publications for sale in the Center, also stationery designed by Marilyn Calhoun. Books make fine gifts. The LAA Gallery also has many gift items for sale. Please remember us when you are shopping for gifts.

MEMBERSHIP For information about Guild membership, Call Anna Brown, 447-7780.



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MAY SCHOOL July work days: Sunday, 6, Saturday & Sunday, 26 & 27. For time of day call Dorothy Nielsen, 447-6187, or if you want to arrange work sessions on other days, call Dorothy.

Junior citizens turned out in force to help with the work of restoring the school, also senior citizens and those in between. We want to thank all of them for their contribution to the saving of a valuable community asset. The high school class of Ms. Mc Gill worked like Trojans and also the school children of the May School neighborhood. We are proud of them all.

One side of the roof is nearly finished and very fine it looks. We need continued help with the work of the other side. Please give us whatever time you can - one hour, two hours, one day, two days, whatever you can. There is work on the ground for those who can't work on the roof. If nothing else, come out and cheer the workers on. It all helps.

We need donations of materials - fence posts, insulation, bricks. All Guild dues and donations are tax deductible.

BICENTENNIAL The Alameda Bicentennial Commission will have a booth at the Fair in Pleasanton. The Covered Wagon will be on display near Gate C on Bernal Avenue. Be sure to see it and to put your name on one of the scrolls that will be taken to Valley Forge.

OTHER HISTORICAL DISPLAYS AT THE FAIR The Heritage Guild in partnership with the LARPD has an exhibit on the Buckley Estate in the ALVHS museum. You will enjoy seeing all the exhibits in the museum, including one for the Alameda County Historical Society on the town of Tesla in Corral Hollow, done by Louis L. Stein Jr.

There is an exhibit of old agricultural machinery behind the old 4H poultry building, including a Best steam traction engine made in San Leandro in the early 1900s. The history of agriculture underlies all other history of this country and Alameda County played an important part in it. The support of all historians is needed to help preserve these significant artifacts.

Nearby is an exhibit of horse-drawn vehicles on loan from the Miller Horse & Buggy Ranch in Modesto. Support for the effort to make this collection a permanent public asset is greatly needed.

LIVERMORE VALLEY HISTORY CENTER, Carnegie Building. To be ready for visits of school classes next fall, a program of docent training has been started. Betty Banke, one of the docents, invited the group to visit her home on the Patterson Ranch recently. We will have well-informed guides so that visitors to our exhibits can enjoy them to the full. We need hostesses also. Call Edne Tunison if you can help with this enjoyable work. 447-1902. We have been told by the LARPD that the leaky roof of the building has been patched.

CARATTI ROCK HOUSE Following a presentation by architect R.H.Schlientz, the Guild Board voted to send a letter to the County Planning Dept. asking that a variance be granted to permit the saving of the hand-built rock arches on Portola Avenue because of their historic value to the community.

OLD NEWSPAPERS A new (to us) store of old Livermore Echos was brought to us by Art Henry. They are numerous and they have not yet been sorted. If there is anyone who enjoys hard work and the feeling of doing something of real value to the community, they can gratify their inclination to the full by working on this project. Call Janet Newton if you are interested. 447-9592.

The issue on top of the pile is dated Feb. 23, 1888. Excerpts follow:

"Published every Thursday by Wilbur E. Still, First Street, foot of K."

"Livermore Bd. of Trustees: Pres. James Beazell, W.P. Laumeister, A.J. McLeod, L. Schaffer, Hiram Bailey." "Chief Engineer, J.H. Dutcher." "Justice of the Peace, R.W. Graham."

"CPRR time-table:" - two westbound trains and two eastbound.

"Post Office hours: 7.50 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. except on Sundays when the office closes at 4 p.m."

"ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE" "It is estimated that women spend \$8,000,000 a year on bustles."

"LOCAL ECHOES" "The windmill at the schoolhouse was sadly demoralized by the northwind Monday." "Geo. N. Raymond this week completed the laying of a brick foundation under the residence of N.B. Holmes." (Now the residence of Guild members Anna and Roger Brown.)

"Peter Donlon, formerly of Dublin met with a fatal accident at his ranch in Ventura County. He was standing near some gum trees which were being topped when the ladder fell and striking Mr. Donlon on the head crushed his skull."

In the ads.: N.B. Holmes' ad includes "scroll sawing". There are three U.S. Land Office notices. Acreage for sale from \$8 to \$100 an acre. "House of four rooms, an acre of land, good well and outbuildings, \$1000." "In the spring of the year, drink Livermore beer!" There is a large interesting ad for the Farmers' Union.

The Bd. of Trustees awarded a contract to John Beck for re-grading First Street on a bid of \$78.

OLD ST RAYMOND'S CHURCH We learn from the ALVHS Newsletter that the Church-yard Faire, the very successful fund-raising project at Old St. Raymond's Church in Dublin has been closed. This is necessary to complete the restoration of the interior. We congratulate Marie Cronin and all her hard-working committees for the enormous amount of work they have done on this project, work that has resulted in the saving of the Church. It is an ornament to the community as well as a valuable historical resource.



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AUGUST, 1975

NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETING, Thursday, August 14, 7.30 p.m., Carnegie Building, upper floor.

MAY SCHOOL August work days: 9 & 10 and 16 & 17. Call 447-6187 for starting times. Or if you want to work on other days, call Dorothy Nielsen.

Working above and beyond the call of duty, the roofing crew was on the job July 26 and 27! The heat was merciless but they completed about a quarter of the roof on the west side. Please rally round and help with the rest of the job. There is work on the ground as well as on the roof. Commercially the new roof is worth about \$3500. Think how much our workers have contributed to the community!

The school tower will be restored with the accuracy the Nielsens are famous for. Some of the gingerbread has been taken down so that it can be worked on.

NEW BOARD MEMBER We are pleased that Edward Peiffer has accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors. Edward and his wife Olga are the Guild members on the team of workers collecting oral histories of the Valley.

BICENTENNIAL The booklet THE ANZA EXPEDITIONS TO ALTA CALIFORNIA, 1774-1776, is now for sale at the Carnegie Building and other outlets. This is the story of the marvellous achievement of the early Spaniards in exploring and opening a land route from New Spain to Upper California 200 years ago. The Livermore Valley can be proud that it has connections with the story. Many residents of the Valley are descendants of members of the expedition. The grandparents of Josefa Livermore were married when the group stopped at Mission San Xavier del Bac in what is now Arizona. Part of Anza's mission was to select the site for the presidio and mission of St. Francis and to explore the regions near what we know as San Francisco Bay. His explorations took him across the east end of this valley. All of these notable events will be commemorated in the Bicentennial celebrations.

The booklet is a project of the Livermore Bicentennial Organization (LBO) and is part of all three Bicentennial themes. It is Heritage '76, fund-raising for Festival '76 and other projects, and it is a resource for Horizons '76.

Price is \$1.50 from the Carnegie Building or LBO members, or by mail \$1.75. Orders can be sent to the LBO, P.O. Box 1776, Livermore, 94550.

CARNEGIE BUILDING The lighting in the Carnegie Building is quite inadequate. We have been told that a new 100 amp service is needed and that though the City electricians can do the work there is no money in either the City or the LARPD budget to pay for the supplies. The Guild must provide the supplies or the money to pay for them.

In order to have improved lighting in time for the Fall Festival, we have asked that the minimal work should be started without delay - the added service and one floor outlet. As it is now, students have to stand in their own shadow in order to look at an exhibit in detail. We plan to put lights into the cabinets themselves in order to avoid track lighting that would hide the handsome old library ceiling.

We would be glad to have help of any kind with this project.

GIFTS MADE TO THE GUILD ON BEHALF OF FRIENDS OF MEMBERS Since December 1972, the Guild has received donations that were made in lieu of gifts from members to their friends. We are very pleased to be remembered in this way. Wedding anniversaries or any other occasions can be honored by a gift to the Guild. A special letter will be sent to the recipient.

OLD NEWSPAPERS Two Guild workers spent a whole hot afternoon sorting our new store of old papers by year. The papers range from 1887 to 1919. We will now work on them a year at a time. We have already gleaned much information from them that is being put into our history index. Space limitations make it difficult for many people to work on the papers, plus the fact that they are very fragile, but we hope to work out a plan that will make it possible.

From the 1891 papers we learn that the S.P. Depot, built in 1869, burned to the ground and that in 1892 a new depot was being built. We do not yet know when it was finished or if it was the same one that is now the Livermore Station, but further reading will tell us.

We can date old houses from items in the papers. The Buckley house was begun in 1891 (cost \$8000). Also in 1891 there was a shipment of brandy from the Buckley estate, therefore the vineyard and the winery must have been established several years earlier.

On the light side: "The locomotive collision which was to have taken place at the State Fair has been called off." "The Hayseeds will give their sixth annual ball at Sweeney Opera House on Sept. 26th." "The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold an oyster and chicken pie supper. Eastern oysters, stewed, fried or raw, with coffee, 50¢." "Several shots were fired at a party of serenaders last Sunday night, but no one was hurt." "An attendance record was broken last Sunday when the Deweys beat the Any Old Things. St. Clair, the imperial czar of ball tossers says that the ovation tendered him from the grandstand was very gratifying. Kolatire is making his 16th grand semiannual farewell bridal tour of the diamond. He is a bachelor. M. Crane says it takes the hope and joy and pride all out of a nine to be scooped like this by the Deweys. J. Teeter says Crane's Park is getting to be quite a summer place, and a person can go out there and spend the afternoon and fill their system full of baseball and be entirely safe from the prying eyes of his mother-in-law. The Any Old Things will play the Deweys next Sunday for a ball, winners to take the ball and the losers to pay for it."

MEMBERSHIP For membership information, call Anna Brown, 447-7780.

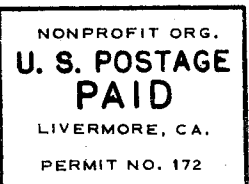


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SEPTEMBER, 1975

NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: MAY SCHOOL WORK DAYS, 6 & 7, 13 & 14. Or call 447-6187
Thursday, 11th, Board meeting, Carnegie Building, 7.30 p.m., main floor
Sunday, 21st, Roof-raising Celebration, May School, 2 to 4.30 p.m.
Friday, 26th, Annual Meeting, speaker August Hagemann, Rec. Center, 8&H Sts.

MAY SCHOOL At this writing, the beautiful new roof is all but finished. The gingerbread of the tower is being repaired and made ready for restoration. We now have more information about the old school, thanks to a set of photographs given to us by Margaret Raymond Brown. All of this is reason enough to have a celebration - a Rejsegilde - a roof-raising! Join us at the school on Sept. 21 from 2 to 4.30. We will show the old photographs. Refreshments will be served.

CARNEGIE BUILDING An old sign from the N.D. Dutcher hardware store was given to us recently and its installation on top of an exhibit case led to our getting a collection of old photographs of Livermore stores. All of them will soon be on view. We have much work to do on the exhibits and we hope that the wiring for additional lights will be done before the fall festival. The lighting is very poor now. The Guild has been told that it must pay for the supplies needed to bring the building up to code. We would welcome any support for this project.

The exhibits are seen by many people - teachers, out-of-town visitors, old-timers and many young people.

ANNUAL MEETING We are very pleased that August Hagemann has consented to talk to us about the history of agriculture in the Livermore Valley. Marilyn Calhoun, the program chairman, will assist him by showing slides. Both Mr. Hagemann and Marilyn are particularly qualified to talk about this subject, both being descendants of very early pioneers of this valley. Mr. Hagemann is a graduate of the Univ. of California School of Agriculture at Davis, as was his father, the late August Hagemann. Our speaker's grandfather, also August Hagemann, was the Secretary of the Board of the Livermore Union High School in 1896 when Mrs. Calhoun's forebear, Daniel Teeter was the President of it. Both men were farmers. Agriculture was the foundation of the valley's economy.

The meeting will begin with a short business session at 6 p.m. when the proposed bylaw changes will be voted on. Dinner will begin at 6.30, after which we will have an election of officers before our program begins.

A buffet dinner featuring beef Stroganoff will be served. The Guild will give a glass of wine to those who wish to have one. Please plan to join us. Send your reservation in now.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME DEPARTMENT.

From The Livermore Echo, Aug. 3, 1893: "Mr. John Mc Iver last Friday had returned to him from the dead letter office a letter which he mailed to a party in S.F. on Dec. 27, 1883, as shown by the Livermore P.O. stamp on the envelope. The letter was absent on its travels exactly 9 yrs. 7 mos. and 1 day. The letter contained a note against a former resident of Livermore; but it is not very valuable at the present time as it outlawed nearly 7 yrs. ago."

The Nominating Committee has completed the slate - not an easy task during vacation time.

Officers, one year:

Chairman	Mrs. Janet Newton
Vice Chairman	Mr. Walter C. Bullard
Secretary	Mrs. Olga Peiffer
Treasurer	Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield
Membership Chairman	Mrs. Anna Brown

Directors, one year

two years

Mrs. Muriel Allen	Mrs. Patricia Hoenig
Mr. Chester L. Fankhauser	Mrs. Dorothy Nielsen
Mrs. Julia Kleinecke	Mr. T. Edward Peiffer
Mrs. Barbara Otto	Dr. Ted Perkins
Mr. Barry Schrader	Mrs. Karen Rasmussen

Nominating Committee: Mr. Herbert Hagemann, Mrs. Dorothy Wallace

RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Send to Livermore Heritage Guild, c/o Mrs. Jens Rasmussen, 833 Murdell Lane, Livermore, 94550, before Sept. 22.

Please reserve _____ tickets for the buffet dinner, Sept. 26, at the Recreation Center, 8th & H Streets, Livermore. Price \$4.25 each, includes tax & tip.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Tickets will be held at the door. Meeting begins at 6, dinner at 6.30 p.m.