



LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD

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Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 1980

VOLUME VIII, NUMBER 1

MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. History Center, 2155 Third St.

NEW FISCAL YEAR: As you can tell by the Volume/Number we are beginning the new fiscal year. This means that annual dues should be paid at this time. Please use the coupon at bottom of this letter.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

IS NOV. 7-8: The 10th annual community Christmas Bazaar is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8 at the Rec Center. Several members of the Guild have volunteered to help, BUT MORE ARE NEEDED. To help, call Judy Burns at 447-4437. People are needed from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. the first day and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday to work two or three hour shifts at our table. We also need handcrafted items to sell there with Christmas themes--toys, decorations, gifts, and Christmas goodies such as candies, cakes and fruitcakes (regular and miniature).

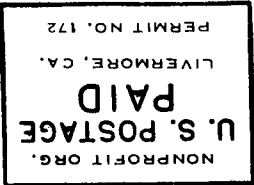
NEW OFFICERS

AND BOARD: The new officers and board were all present at the September meeting. New chairman is Barry Schrader (phone 449-7888), vice chairman Anna Brown (447-7780), secretary Carl Schneider (443-3215), treasurer Lorraine Raison (443-0751), Ways & Means chairman Chet Fankhauser (447-3809), Board of Directors: Judy Burns, also membership chairman (447-4437), Jerry Bireley (455-1871), Giovanna Born (447-1064), Barbara Bunshah (447-5065), Pat Dencer (447-8470), Genevieve Fraser (447-3507), Bill Junk (447-4561), Janet Newton (447-9592), Olga Peiffer (443-3096), Malvern Sweet (447-3461).

NEW PROJECTS: The chairman received board approval to undertake two new Guild projects this year. They are an Oral History program where local pioneers will be interviewed on tape recordings and the tapes preserved in the History Center files, and secondly, a Local Historical Essay Contest at the high schools where the best papers written will receive cash awards and a plaque for the school. Also, a third project will hopefully be arriving in the form of a 1944 Mack firetruck from the City Fire Department this fall and board member Jerry Bireley agreed to coordinate its care and refurbishing. The board also agreed to go ahead with the sandblasting and sign painting on the Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum as soon as the city concurs with the plans. On Sept. 17 chairman Schrader appeared before the City Heritage Preservation Commission to show the Garage painting plans and the Commission voted unanimously to approve those plans as presented. Next they have to be filed with the City Planning Department.

FESTIVAL 80

OPEN HOUSE: Volunteers are being sought to operate the History Center during the Fall Festival of Arts which centers around the Carnegie Building. We want to have one or two docents on duty all during the two day event Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4-5. To volunteer call Barbara Bunshah (447-5065). Stop in and see our new exhibit of Robert Livermore's "Round-the-Horn House" in pictures, words and even some original timbers from it. Our curator Janet Newton completed the display early in September. This is the house that the square piano now in the History Center came from!



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INVITE A FRIEND

TO JOIN THE GUILD: A board of 15 people cannot accomplish all the tasks and projects outlined on the first page of this newsletter. We need interested, active members to help make the Guild a truly communitywide interest organization. There are even more projects to be proposed, so we ask that you not only become more INVOLVED but ask others to join and be supportive with time, talent or money to keep the preservation of our precious history in the forefront of Livermore's attention.

BOARD MEMBERS

VISIT ENGLAND: Dr. Ralph and Janet Newton are just returning from a trip to England where they helped observe the anniversary of the Drake voyage. Their invitation to participate in the celebration is a well deserved honor. We look forward to hearing about it at our October meeting!

Malvern and Jewel Sweet are also in England. Malvern served in the 305th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force in World War II from 1942-45 in England, which is having a reunion. The group helped restore a 750 year old church located in the village near the air base as a memorial to the men lost in action. The old church was rededicated there Sept. 24. You can read more about it in an Independent article dated Sept. 19. We hope to get a report on that trip also in October.

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TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

(Please check your choice)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	7.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior(18 & under)	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior(65 & over)	2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	25.00
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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m., History Center, 2155 Third Street.

NOVEMBER POLITICAL

CAMPAIGNS EXHIBIT: Beginning Saturday, Nov. 1 at the History Center the side room will contain a local collection of campaign memorabilia from elections in Livermore as far back as 1924 and 1938. It is not intended to be complete in any category or year, but a smattering of materials, photos, signs, buttons and clippings from a cross-section of local politicians and groups. Three highlights will be the SAVE campaign of 1972, the 1976 Zone 7 battle, and 1968 Human Relations Commission controversy. In addition to local items Ralph Laird of Pleasanton has loaned a small portion of his state political button collection for display. Others loaning materials include Dorothy Hock, Bill Zagotta, Ray & Jan Brice, The Tri-Valley Herald, The Independent, Dr. John Shirley and Clarence & Pat Hoenig. Anyone else having material that they might want to add should contact Guild chairman Barry Schrader at 449-7888 before Nov. 1. The exhibit will be open from noon to 4:30 p.m. both Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, then other exhibit hours later in the month will be posted.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The annual communitywide Christmas Bazaar is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8 at the Rec Center, H & 8th Sts. More items--handcrafted, handmade, home baked--are still needed and can be donated by calling Henri Fankhauser at 447-3809 or Judy Burns at 447-4437. Also volunteers to staff our sales booth are needed. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 10 to 4 on Nov. 8. Please call one of the above numbers if you can help.

NOSTALGIA CALENDARS

WILL BE ON SALE: The 1981 Livermore Nostalgia calendars will go on sale for \$2 at the Bazaar and any left over will be available at the History Center. There will also be a new greeting card with a snow scene on Arroyo Road for sale in packets of 10 with envelopes for \$2. These would make nice Christmas cards for out-of-town friends or former Livermore residents. They will also be available at the Bazaar and History Center.

PERIODICALS ON LOAN

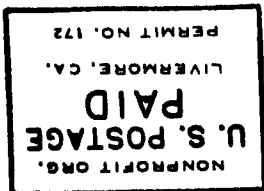
AT HISTORY CENTER: A variety of periodicals from other historical societies and some copies of American Heritage and Americana are now at the History Center and can be borrowed by arrangement with the docent on duty.

MORE DOCENTS

NEEDED AT CENTER: Committee chairperson Barbara Bunshah, phone 447-5065, is in need of more help at the Carnegie Building to keep our exhibits open more hours. Docents are being sought to staff the Center afternoons from Wednesday through Sunday each week. Two or three hours once a week or even once a month would be much appreciated. Call Barbara to volunteer.

TWO NEW PROJECTS

HAVE CHAIRPERSONS: Two of the newest projects adopted by the board now have people heading them. The Oral History Tapes program is being chaired by Giovanna Born, phone 447-1064. She is seeking people to help do the interviewing of pioneers in Livermore. The other committee, Local Historical Essay Competition in the high schools, is headed by Pat Dencer, phone 447-8470. She can also use some help on the project. These are both worthwhile and can be a real asset to the Guild and the community. One will preserve forever the voices and personal history of our oldtimers; the other will involve young people in local history.



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EUROPEAN TRAVELLERS

RETURN HOME: On a recent visit to London, Ralph and Janet Newton visited Bethnal Green, where the family of Robert Livermore resided at one time. They found the old house open and through the courtesy of the business firm that has restored the building and made it into a handsome office, they went through it from attic to cellar. Also, in a new history of Bethnal Green there are two nice references to No. 4 Paradise Row, which was the Livermore home. Janet gave a brief report of their England trip at the last board meeting.

Malvern and Jewel Sweet have also recently returned from a trip to England. He attended the reunion of his World War II 305th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force. You may have seen a feature on their trip in the Oct. 10 Valley Times. A handsome photo of Malvern holding an aircraft gun during the war appears on the front page. Reminds you of Clark Gable in one of his war movies!!

DUARTE GARAGE

RENOVATION CLOSER: Facilities chairman Bill Junk has just completed an agreement with a local sign painter and sandblasting firm to begin renovation of the front of the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum. It will be restored to its earliest original front with white lettering on a blue background and burnt orange fringe decor. We hope to see the start of work before the winter rains arrive. It has been a long wait, but should be an attractive historic structure when the work is completed!

MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME IS HERE: Please use the form below to send yours in.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL THE
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR HERITAGE GUILD BOARD!!!
Thanks for your support in 1980!!



STOCKING STUFFER gift ideas for the coming holidays can be found at the History Center in the Carnegie Building. Our new local history calendars for 1981 have arrived and are on sale for only \$2 this year, thanks to the donated work of Far West Printing. There are 12 different local historical photographs from the collection of Janet Newton on the new calendars. Another gift idea is a set of our latest notecards with a photo of Arroyo Road after a snowfall many years ago. These would even make a great personal Christmas card with space inside to write a note. These are also only \$2 a packet.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: Special invite from Roger and Anna Brown to have our holiday month meeting at their home, 11450 Tesla Road, on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Their home is exactly 6.7 miles from the city library out South Livermore Ave. and Tesla Road. From Greenville Road it is 3 miles, on the left up a lane.

DONATION RECEIVED

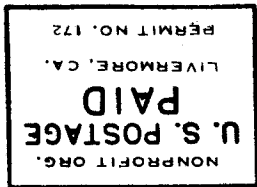
IN MEMORY OF 'JOE' CARATTI: A donation has been received in memory of Aquilino Paul Caratti, the 'Joe' of Joesville. Members of the Heritage Guild were privileged to interview Mr. Caratti a few years ago. They recall that it was a memorable experience, according to Janet Newton.

Joe was born in Switzerland and came to Livermore in 1914 where he became an active and generous member of the community. Mrs. Newton had occasion to recall the interview when she appeared before the Livermore Planning Commission in November concerning the permission needed to repaint the Duarte Garage in its original state. She was asked about the space between the Garage and Portola Avenue (formerly Lincoln Highway) and she recalled that Joe had said the highway used to be right in front of the garage where it was part of a sharp and dangerous turn. During the Depression when they were working on the road Joe said he thought to himself, "Everyone else is going broke, I might as well go broke as well..." and therefore decided to give enough of his land to make it possible for the road to be straightened and made safer.

It is also remembered that when the Guild first obtained the lease for the Garage the Caratti family was first to send in a check as a donation towards the restoration.

DUARTE GARAGE PROGRESS: Anyone driving by the corner of Portola and North L Street cannot help but notice the fresh paint job on three sides of the old structure. Soon to come is the original sign work on the front being professionally done by Bill Davidson. Jim Boemke and the Henry A's Club of Livermore have noticed the work also and just donated \$100 from their treasury for the restoration.

The Livermore Planning Commission voted 4-0 last month to approve the proposed original sign for the front of the Garage when Mrs. Newton, Bill Junk and Barry Schrader appeared before the commissioners. There were no protests from surrounding property owners to the plan either!



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GUILD BOARD ACTIONS, REPORTS: At our November meeting we accepted the resignation of longtime Guild supporter Olga Peiffer. The board gave her a vote of thanks for years of service, including being Secretary. Elected to replace Olga on the board is Joan Boer, recently retired from The Independent. The board also received a letter of resignation from Genevieve Fraser, and has yet to find a replacement for her. Anyone interested????

The board also heard from Vana Born on the progress of the Oral History Tapes committee which is beginning to line up interviews of oldtimers.

Ways and Means chairman Chet (and Henri) Fankhauser are hoping to have a Quilt Show and Sale in March at The Barn. More details on that proposal later.

The History Center is open five afternoons a week (Wednesday through Sunday) thanks to chairman Barbara Bunshah, but more help from volunteers to staff it are needed. Curator Janet Newton gave a slide-sound show on 1776 to an adult ed class at LHS last month.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR DUES--OUR NEW FISCAL YEAR IS UNDERWAY AND YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

October was the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Heritage Guild and the dues for the year are payable. The following members have paid their dues so far as of Nov. 22: (Designations behind names--I is Individual member, F is Family, Sr is Over 65 years old, Jr is under 18, S is Sponsor, L is life member): M/M D.C. Allen (F), Peder Andersen (F), Mrs. Diane Andrade (I), Virginia and Gary Barber (F), Marie Barth (I), Zylpha Beck (Sr), Judith Beery (I), Virginia Bennett (I), Dr/M George Bing (F), Myron Bird (I), Jerry E. Bireley (S), Tony Bolander (Jr), Giovanna Born (I), Chris A. Buckley (L), Barbara Bunshah (I) Dr/M C.G. Burdick (S), Judith Burns (Sr), M/M C. Dudley Cantua (F), Dr./M J. Carothers (F), Edna F. Chance (I), Suzanne Clark (S), Mrs. Jos. Concannon (F), James Concannon (F), M/M Charles T. Davis (F), M/M James A. Day (S), M/M Richard M. Deck (F), Ann Dellavalle (I), Mrs. Kenneth Dencer (I), Carlton Douglas (F), M/M Charles T. Duffey (F), Robert Edwards (S), Chet Fankhauser (L), Henri Fankhauser (I), Mrs. Carmel Fannuchi (I), Far West Printing (S), M/M James H. Foote (F), Mrs. G. S. Fraser (I), Capt. Gerlad A. Fulk (I), Archer H. Futch (I), M/M Ernest F. Gohler (Sr), Charlene Grandfield (F), Bea Haera (F), Arthur L. Henry (F), Lois Henry (Sr), Bill Holloway (I), M/M Warner Holm (F), Denise Howe (I), Marion Hunter (sr), M/M G. Earl Ising (F), Leslic Jensen (L), Myrtle Jewett (Sr), L. Barbar Junk (L), Susanne Junk (I), William Junk (I), George E. Keppel (F), M/M Richard Lerche (F), Robert Livermore (F), Livermore Woman's Club (S), M/M Martin Lyons (F), Lloyd Madsen (F), Helen P. Magness (I), Capt. Wm. N. Mansfield (I), Dr/M Michael May (F), M/M Charles Mc Fann (F), M/M Jesse Meadows (F), Bertha H. Meamber (L), Philomena Medeiros (I), Irene M. Meyers (Sr), Dr/M Donald Miller (F), M/M Ralph Moir (F), Mrs. Byron F. Murphey (I), Donald Nelson (I), Henry Newton (L), Janes Newton (I), Ralph W. Newton (S), May G. Nissen (S), M/M David Oakley (F), M/M J. W. O'Connor (Sr), Mortimer J. O'Shea (F), Mrs. Charles Otto (I), Mrs. Marlys J. Overby (I), M/M Carmelus Owens (Sr), M/M T. E. Peiffer (F), Dr/ M S. W. Perkins (F), Mrs. Jos. F. Pruss Jr (I), Mrs. Jos. F. Pruss Sr. (I), Louis M. Pruss (I), M/M William Ralph (Sr), The Raboli family (F), M/M Tom Raison (S), David Rezendes (I), John Riley (I), M/M Ed. Rundstrom (F), Stephen A. Sacco (F), John Sarborario (F), Norma M. Schall (I), Barry Schrader (F), Jewell Shields (I), Dr. John Shirley (L), Jack Stear (L) M/M Louis I. Stein Jr. (F), Mrs. Winford Suits (Sr), M/M Malvern Sweet (F), M/M Thomas M. Tami (F), M/M Duncan Tanner (F), M/M Robert W. Taylor (F), Henry Thomas (Sr), M/M Wm. Thompson (F), Dr/M Abe Tilles (Sr), M/M James F. Tracy (F), Juanita Vidalin (I), Mrs. John Wallace (L), M/M Art Waters (F), Mrs. Karl L. Wente (L), Frances Wheelock (F), Yucola Wischnack (Sr), M/M Edwin Young (Sr), Frances J. Young (F).

JOIN ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RENEWED
THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HERITAGE GUILD
FOR THE 1980-81 YEAR. SEND IN YOUR DUES
THIS MONTH...



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JANUARY BOARD MEETING: Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Carnegie Building History Center

CITY FIRE TRUCK

LOANED TO GUILD: The Guild received the old 1944 Mack Fire Department Pumper in good running shape on Dec. 30, 1980 from the city. Truck restoration chairman Jerry Bireley and several board members met at the East Avenue fire station to accept the 50 year loan of the vehicle. Jerry then drove it through town to its new resting place in the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum. Along with the truck came four old fire helmets, four portable fire extinguishers, a wooden extension ladder, and some hose with nozzles. Jerry hopes to have the truck repainted and gold-leafed in time for the 1981 Rodeo Parade. Also in the agreement the Guild was loaned the old 1920 Seagrave engine which has been at the Duarte Garage for nearly five years but not officially on loan until now. The Seagraves is in bad shape, having been left outside for many years.

GUILD QUILT SHOW & SALE

PLANS MOVE AHEAD: Henri Fankhauser reports that plans for the HERITAGE QUILT SHOW & SALE II are well along and it will be the weekend of March 21-22 at The Barn. She asks if any more people have quilts to exhibit. It can be old or new, traditional or modern, small or large, hand-or machine-made, as long as it is interesting for some reason.

WILL YOU HELP with the show? (No ladder climbing is required) Before the show we need people for telephoning, various errands, quilt pickups, and setup workers the night before. During the two-day show and sale we need we need ticket takers, salesroom workers, and people to keep sales items in order.

CAN YOU HELP IN SOME OTHER WAY? Do you have quilted or patchwork items for sale? To help or take part in any way contact Henri for further information at her shop Tuesdays through Saturdays, phone 449-9791, or evenings and Mondays at her home, phone 447-3809.

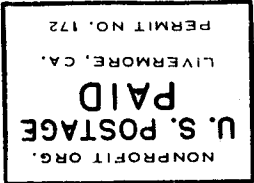
GREETING CARDS EXHIBIT

STILL AT HISTORY CENTER: The special display of old greeting cards, on loan from Mel Luna, organized by Anna Brown, will remain through most of January for those of you who didn't have time during December to see it. This fine random collection also has some old photos of Livermore people and recalls how many occasions people used to send greetings to friends near and far.

GIFT TO THE GUILD: Janet Newton obtained a frontispiece from a new book that is an oil painting of "Farming in the Livermore Valley" done by Edwin Dealin in 1874. The new book is "The First Hundred Years of Painting in California" published by John Howell Books of San Francisco. Warren Howell donated this full color copy to the History Center via Janet and she will soon have it on display at the Center with photographs of possible sites where the painting was done. Early illustrations of the Livermore Valley are rare and we are glad to have this one for permanent display.

TWO GUILD FAITHFULS

DIE IN DECEMBER: The Guild's former treasurer and membership chairman Capt. William N. Mansfield, USN Retired, died last month. One of our founding members Captain Mansfield was present at a meeting of the city one night that led to the actual formation of the Guild and gave a lot of his time and effort to building the organization in its formative years. A memorial service was held at the Unitarian Fellowship Dec. 12 at which time Janet Newton delivered a spoken tribute to his fine work.



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DEATHS, continued: A second loss was Zylpha Bernal Beck who died Christmas Eve at the age of 96. A Livermore native she was descended from the Bernals, Robert & Josefa Livermore and Juan Bautista DeAnza.

Memorials in both the names of Captain Mansfield and Mrs. Beck can be sent to the Heritage Guild. Donations have already been received in their names.

MICROFILMING OF ECHO

APPROVED BY BOARD: The Guild board last month approve the funds to microfilm a group of newspapers from the collection of the late Maitland R. Henry. They are the Livermore Echo from 1887 to 1919. Also to be added to that microfilmed collection are other rare local papers, partly those given to Janet Newton by the late H.J. Callaghan, and some from other sources including many purchased by Janet. The papers are fragile and have a poor life expectancy in their brittle, yellowed condition in many cases. Since many are dates which are not in any other collection known to exist they are especially valuable to historians. The microfilming will be done by the Bancroft Library. The project has been named in honor of the donor--the Maitland R. Henry Memorial. We would be happy to receive contributions toward the continuing expense of having this copy work done. The microfilms will be made available locally to history students and Guild members once the project is completed.

ORAL HISTORY

TAPING BEGUN: The first interview in the Guild's new Oral History Tapes project is completed, with May Nissen the first interview subject. Joan Boer did the taping and also wrote an article on the project in the Herald. Oral History chairman Giovanna Born is holding a workshop for others interested in helping with the tape project on Jan. 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the History Center. More members are needed to undertake the interviewing.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: After receiving the resignation of Genevieve Fraser last month the board found a replacement in John Miller, longtime Oakland Tribune bureau chief in the valley, who has lived in Livermore since 1958. He will join another newspaper, Joan Boer, on the board. She attended her first meeting as a board member in December.

HISTORY CENTER STAYS

OPEN DESPITE LACK OF VOLUNTEERS: Barbara Bunshah faithfully kept the History Center open five afternoons a week all through December despite a lack of volunteers to help staff it on a regular basis. She has one or two docents but needs several more to keep the hours we would like 12 months a year. Barbara reports that there was a good turnout at the Center and considerably more sales of our items because it was open every day the Art Center was.

DUES STILL COMING IN: More dues were received from members last month, but several are yet to come, so don't forget to pay yours in January if you didn't in 1980!!!!!!!



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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Feb. 12, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the History Center, 2155 Third St.

QUILT SHOW & SALE

NEXT BIG EVENT FOR LHG: The Heritage Quilt Show & Sale II is getting closer and more help from members and friends of the Guild is being sought. Contact Henri Fankhauser at 449-9791 days Tuesday through Saturday or 447-3809 evenings to volunteer or to show a quilt. She also is in need of 8 ft. tall STEPLADDERS for erecting the roping at the Barn for the March 21-22 event. AND, if you have quilted or patchwork items for sale the Guild will allow you to take part as well.

PRESERVING A VINEYARD: At its January meeting the LHG board voted to support the preservation of the Stoney Ridge (formerly Ruby Hill) Winery as a vineyard and to oppose its use for a housing development. Letters will go to the appropriate officials to make our stand known. Members are welcome to express their opinion on the issue in private letters to the county planners, our supervisor Don Excell and the newspapers, too.

HOLDENER HOUSE

MAY BE A GIFT: The Holdeners have contacted the Guild to offer their two-story house at the dairy on Stanley Boulevard to us as a gift, allowing the Guild to resell it to anyone who is willing to relocate the historic structure. The board is being polled on the advisability of accepting this generous gift and by February a decision will be reached. The dairy property has been sold to a developer and the house must be moved by April.

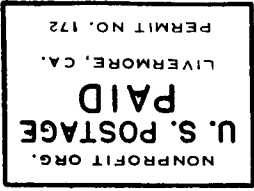
EXHIBITS COMING

TO HISTORY CENTER: During February the History Center will feature a copy of the painting titled "Farming in the Livermore Valley" that was given to the LHG by John Howell Books of San Francisco. The original painting was done in 1874 by Edwin Deakin. The artist was born in England in 1838 and emigrated to California. He specialized in paintings of the California missions.

Heritage Guild curator Janet Newton has researched the painting and will display color photos of the site believed to be the same view as the artwork. From the south side of the Arroyo Mocho, looking south, and between the Arroyo Road and Holmes Street the mountains in the background match those in the painting, not only in contour but also in the fact that the lower hills are wooded. In addition, there are still many ancient sycamore trees that could be the one featured in the painting. In the background, at the foot of the wooded hills there is an indication of another tree-filled streambed that could very well be the Arroyo del Valle.

Mrs. Newton doubts the accuracy of the ox-drawn hay wagon in the immediate foreground, thinking that horses were used and a different design of wagon. Also, the house and barn on the south side of the arroyo does not look typical of Livermore, but the location would suggest that it was the home of Daniel Teeter. Let us know what you think???

ANOTHER UPCOMING DISPLAY, planned for April, is an exhibit from the Henry family, centering around an exhibit of carvings of native California birds by Nancy Henry, plus memorabilia from the Maitland Henrys, her parents. Tillie Calhoun and Art Henry are going to assist with the exhibit.



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TRIBUTE TO ZYLPHA

BERNAL BECK: (Written by Janet Newton)

Zylpha Bernal Beck, who died in December 1980, was the eldest child of Denis and Josephine Bernal, born at 610 South K St. in Livermore on May 14, 1884. The house is still there, newly renovated. Her mother's parents, Hiram and Casimira Bailey, lived close by. Their house was a two-story one on South L Street in the middle of the long block bounded on the north by College Avenue. It was surrounded by a lovely garden and by grassy fields. Casimira was the eldest of Robert and Josefa Livermore's family.

When Zylpha was small her family lived on Second Street and then in other locations in downtown Livermore. Her father also owned large tracts of land near Livermore, but as Zylpha used to say, her father was not a rancher. Zylpha was a part of the old Spanish way of life through her grandmother Casimira, and through her father, but, since she lived in town she was well acquainted with the ways of the newcomers.

Zylpha once told me that it was said of Casimira that she always had one foot in the stirrup and this was true of Zylpha. Only once, when I called to invite her to go out with us did she not immediately accept. It worried me that she might be sick that time, but she wasn't. She was one of my chief sources of historical information. She not only had great knowledge (and interest) in local history, but she owned a valuable library that she knew how to use to check facts. Besides this, her personal recollections were illuminating and quite precious.

I have two pictures of her in my mind, from her life when she was a young lady with an English pony cart (or trap) and two ponies. One of the pictures is of Zylpha and her classmate Bessie Hargrave driving the cart to the Harlan Ranch at San Ramon. The girls fully intended to stay a week, but so that it wouldn't be obvious when they arrived, they hid their luggage in the barn. Another picture of Zylpha is when, with a companion, she would drive to Oakland, take the ferry to San Francisco and drive up Market Street to her aunt's house near Mission Dolores. Then there is the photo of Zylpha of Zylpha outside her house on Third Street, proudly tending her elegant baby carriage (or perambulator) and wearing a very stylish outfit including a dashing feather in her hat. Did she wear such a hat when she was driving up Market Street I wonder? It seems likely.

Dear Zylpha, we miss you very much.

RAVENSWOOD PUBLIC HEARING: The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board held a public hearing in January to receive public input on the future possibilities for the old Buckley Estate. Janet Newton represented the Guild at the meeting. There will be more on it from the board after they have collected all the testimony.



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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, March 12, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at History Center

QUILT SHOW

& SALE MARCH 21-22: The big event at the Barn this month will be the Guild's Quilt Show & Sale II chaired by Henri Fankhauser. Tickets can be obtained from her and advance sales are encouraged to attract more people. She can also use more volunteers before and during the event, so give her a call at 449-9791. See the attached leaflet for more details and we'll see you THERE!!

FEBRUARY BOARD

MEETING NEWS: The board accepted the resignation of membership chairman Judy Burns from the board and appointed Kitsy Junk as the Membership Chairman for the remainder of this term. Also named to fill the board vacancy was Valerie Raymond.

An insurance policy covering the two fire trucks in the Duarte Garage was purchased, and truck project chairman Jerry Bireley has begun the restoration work on the Mack pumper. He has quotes on repainting, and later in February removed the big metal water tank that had been added to the vehicle after it was purchased by the city many years ago. Now the truck will appear as it did in its original state, plus have room for some passengers when it is in parades and on display. Jerry also had to repair the clutch which had "frozen up." Jerry was interviewed by the San Jose Mercury and the truck was pictured with an article on the project in its Feb. 18 issue.

LHG member Bill O'Neal presented a short program for the board on salvaging artifacts from sites around town. He showed some interesting "junk" collected from some diggings, including colored glass, china and fragments of bygone eras.

MEETINGS WITH TWO

OUTSIDE GROUPS HELD: Chairman Barry Schrader and vice chairman Anna Brown met with the presidents of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society (Pete Bailey) and Dublin Historical Preservation Association (Pete Hegarty) to discuss preservation and historical projects of common concern. We hope to hold a cooperative barbecue at the fairgrounds with them next fall with shared proceeds. This will depend on board approval from each group.

Another meeting was held with Livermore City Library (Sallie Gray and Alicia Toms) with Oral History Tapes coordinator Vana Born also present. The library is interested in having copies of each history tape we make and also will keep copies of the newspapers' reel microfilm done by Janet Newton for the Guild. The library may also turn over to the Guild its sizable historical clippings files, some of which the Guild may want to microfilm for easier storage.

Lorraine Raison represented the Guild at an Old Town Meeting on the Arts held at Chabot Valley Campus Feb. 27 by the Alameda County Art Commission to discuss the future of art and history around the county.

----- (Clip & Mail Membership/Dues Coupon)-----

Enclosed are my dues of \$ _____ for the 1980-81 Heritage Guild year.

PRESERVING HOLDENER

HOUSE & LIVERMORE ADOBE: The board agreed to sell the Holdener Dairy house to Tom Elsnab who will move it to a site adjacent to his home on St. Johns Street in Pleasanton. He has until March 10 to make the purchase for \$1,000 before it is offered to other interested parties.

Bill O'Neal has volunteered to watchdog the Chester Anderson property development which would eventually encompass the site of the Robert Livermore adobe and Round-the-Horn house. He is seeking to have an archeological team work the site before it is subdivided and houses built on it. We may also want to see the adobe site preserved as a park or with a marker on it.

HISTORY CENTER

DISPLAYS ADDED: Curator Janet Newton is working on a display for the East Room of Railways in Livermore History. She is also collecting items for the June Rodeo Month display and will be assisted by board member John Miller in assembling an exhibit on that theme. She has also met with Tillie Calhoun to work out an arrangement for the display of the native Californian bird carvings of Nancy Henry Lyons during April in the West Room. Included will be a limited amount of Henry family history but it is hoped that through the efforts of Mrs. Newton and Art Henry that a more complete family and newspaper history can be assembled for later in the year when more time to research the Henry collection is available.

The Art Association and Heritage Guild will cohost a reception for Nancy Henry Lyons on Sunday, April 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Carnegie Building when the public will be able to meet the artist wood carver as well as other Henry family members.

NEWSPAPER MICROFILMING

PROJECT MOVING ALONG: Thanks to Janet and Ralph Newton the first reel of Livermore Echo newspapers up to 1893 has been microfilmed and they are now working on more in conjunction with the Bancroft Library. Mrs. Newton relates how this project got started. "Several years ago one afternoon Art Henry phoned to say he had found a collection of Echo's in his late father's garage and offered them to us for historical safekeeping. He drove over that same day with a carload of papers that filled a six foot square space in the utility room of our home. After having been stored so long and then moved they were in disarray and even folded twice. Fortunately (the late) Julia Kleinecke happened to be at the house and she volunteered to flatten them and put them in order. Later, Bill Junk made a fine cabinet to hold them, and Randy Schlientz provided large sheets of cardboard on which to store the fragile papers."

Barbara Bunshah, Guild librarian and assistant curator, as well as docents and Community Involvement chairperson for the History Center, has now agreed to make an index of the Echo issues, thus adding to the immense amount of indexing she has already done on other local papers.

OTHER LHG NEWS: Anyone driving past North L Street and Portola Avenue the past month will notice more progress at the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum. The front windows have now all been replaced with plexiglass (less breakable) and the two automobile brands "Star" and "Durant" are painted on the windows. Also the dead trees along the L Street side of the building have been removed by the city as well as a driveway cut into the street by the cottage, thanks to Dan Lee, city Public Works Director who had the work done.



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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at History Center. A representative of Stony Ridge Winery has been invited to discuss the future of the vineyards.

HISTORIC BIRD

DISPLAY OPENS: Livermore native Nancy Henry Lyons has her Waterfowl in Wood historic woodcarvings on exhibit at the History Center all this month. We will be co-hosting a reception for her Sunday, April 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carnegie Building. It is open to all members and friends. The Art Association is also involved in the reception. Another display on the same subject is at the Livermore Public Library.

RAILROAD EXHIBIT

ALSO BEING FEATURED: A new Livermore Railroads Exhibit in the East Room of the History Center created by curator Janet Newton commemorates the grand opening of the long-planned State Railroad Museum in Sacramento which has its dedication May 1-3. Livermore's part in railroading includes the story of Charles McLaughlin whose name appears on the earliest maps of the valley. In 1864 McLaughlin contracted with the Western Pacific (soon to be absorbed by Central Pacific) to build a railroad from San Jose to Sacramento (via Livermore). The firm of Cox & Meyers became subcontractors, but they ceased work when they had used up their funds and McLaughlin did not reimburse them. In 1865 McLaughlin sold his interest in the then Western Pacific to Leland Stanford & Co. McLaughlin never did pay the Cox & Meyers firm, though he soon became a millionaire. He acquired vast acreage through federal land grants to the railroads. But in 1883 an angry Cox went to McLaughlin's San Francisco office and shot him dead. Cox was acquitted and the estate had to pay the claim.

QUILT SHOW & SALE

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS: Few would imagine that the Quilt Show & Sale chaired by Henri and Chet Fankhauser would draw the hundreds of people or net more than \$700 after expenses for the two days, but it did! The Barn was filled with some 70 display quilts, plus a sales area and demonstration area. The Girl Scouts ran the food concession and paid the Guild a percentage. Including sales, more than \$1300 was taken in. A lot of thanks go to Dee Wilson and husband for their hard work in organizing the quilt hanging task.

HOLDENER HOUSE

PUBLIC HEARING SET: In order for Fred and Mary Spaeth to move the Holdener House to their lot between College Ave. and Sherry Way a public hearing has to be held to hear any protests. It will be Tuesday, April 7 before the Planning Commission. At the same time the Guild is pressing for a waiver in the City House Moving Ordinance which would make it prohibitive and too costly for Spaeth to follow through. Members are welcome to attend the April 7 hearing at the council chambers. There is opposition which may surface that night.

----- (Clip & Mail Membership/Dues Coupon) -----

LIVERMORE FAMILY

ADOBE SITE REPORT: Guild member Bill O'Neal has spearheaded the effort to assure that the Livermore Adobe site on the Chester Anderson property is preserved and possibly an archeological dig conducted there. He wrote to the city to notify them of the value of the site, so it was noted in the city Environmental Impact Report. Bill also met with Anderson and has scouted the site for possible digging by an archeological team. He will continue to watchdog the progress of the planned housing development on the Anderson property to seek its preservation as an historic site.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

FOR THE GUILD MEMBERS: Instead of our May board meeting we will hold an informal open house at the Carnegie Building to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the city library there. Barbara Bunshaw and Kitsy Junk are organizing the event which will include all living former library workers and its board, plus citizens who have supported the library over the years. The date and time will be forthcoming in the May newsletter. ALSO COMING UP is the annual Heritage Guild dinner meeting, hopefully to be held Friday night, June 12 at a local restaurant. Chairman Barry Schrader will ask the board for final approval once a meal price is obtained. He has gotten tentative agreement to feature Livermore's former world champion rodeo cowboy Johnie Schneider (now of Salinas) to return and speak. The theme of the dinner would be Livermore's Rodeo history and John Miller has volunteered to help with a Rodeo exhibit for June at the History Center. Anyone having rodeo material or memorabilia relating to cowboys locally is asked to contact the Guild so it might be included in the display.

NEW BOOKS AT

HISTORY CENTER REFERENCE LIBRARY: A copy of the transcript of the taped interview with Ernest Wente made by the Oral History Department of the Bancroft Library has been added to our resources. This copy is restricted and can only be used by contacting our assistant curator and librarian Barbara Bunshaw. Another large reference work is the gift of Ralph and Janet Newton. It's called CARRELL OF CORAL HOLLOW by Earle E. Williams, 658 pages (both sides) including an index by Dan Mosier. It weighs more than three pounds! The book is based on the diaries of Edward B. Carrell dated from 1868 to 1880. Other reference materials are being added, so talk to Barbara if you need additional information about local history. The Guild recently provided information and the oral tape of Miss May Nissen for a newspaper column that paid tribute to this Livermore pioneer. It was published in the Valley Times March 29. We are always looking for additional information about Miss Nissen and other pioneers, so if you have any material or knowledge that would be helpful please contact Barbara Bunshaw who is at the History Center Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The phone there is 449-9927 but is usually answered by the Art Gallery workers since they have it in their name.

SAVING BRUSHY PEAK

CONNECTED TO WINDMILL FARMS? Conservationist and Zone 7 Board member Margaret Tracy reports that she has met with the developer of the proposed wind energy project atop the Altamont and he may donate money as a part of the deal to help preserve Brushy Peak on the Walker ranch property. He does not now plan to erect windmills on the Peak, and for years there has been concern over the fate of the historic and picturesque landmark. It is too fragile a wilderness environment to make it a park, but a limited access wilderness area might be the answer according to Mrs. Tracy. The Guild will want to keep alert to any changes being planned in its preservation. Anyone having ideas on it should contact Guild board members soon.

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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the History Center, Carnegie Building.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE AT CARNEGIE BUILDING

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1981 FROM 1 TO 4 P.M.

TO COMMEMORATE THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CARNEGIE BUILDING AS A LIBRARY IN LIVERMORE. WE ARE COMBINING THIS WITH A RECEPTION FOR FORMER LIBRARY STAFFERS AND VOLUNTEERS AND A MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EFFORT FOR THE HERITAGE GUILD. COME AND BRING A FRIEND OR TWO WHO DON'T YET BELONG TO THE GUILD. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE ANY "LIVERMORE KEEPSAKES" TO SHARE BRING THEM FOR OUR DISPLAY THAT DAY. ALL LOANED ARTICLES WILL BE SECURE IN GLASS CASES. CONTACT KITSY PETERMAN JUNK EVENINGS AT 447-4651 IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO LOAN.

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DEDICATION OF THE DUARTE GARAGE & LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, FROM 1 TO 4 P.M.

THE GARAGE WILL BE RESTORED ON THE OUTSIDE WITH THE ORIGINAL SIGN PAINTED, AND OUR 1944 MACK FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER WILL HAVE ITS NEW COAT OF PAINT. OTHER ANTIQUE FIRE ENGINES AND CARS WILL ALSO BE ON HAND, AND WE PLAN TO ACTUALLY PUMP WATER WITH THE OLD FIRETRUCKS THAT ARE COMING. PUBLIC INVITED FREE.

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LHG ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

SAME DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 13 FROM 6 TO 9 P.M. AT SMORGA BOBS
SPEAKER: WORLD CHAMPION COWBOY FROM THE 30'S, LIVERMORE'S OWN JOHNIE SCHNEIDER, NOW RESIDING AT SALINAS.

SOCIAL TIME: 6 P.M., DINNER AT 6:30, BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 AND SPEAKER BEGINS AT 8 P.M. TICKETS MUST BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE AND ARE \$5.50 EACH. OR YOU CAN ATTEND THE PROGRAM AT 8 P.M. AT NO CHARGE IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE GUILD.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FROM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee offers the following slate for consideration of the members to be voted on at the annual meeting June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at SmorgaBobs Restaurant, 4193 First St.

FOR CHAIRMAN: Bill O'Neal

VICE CHAIRMAN: Anna Brown

WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN: Chet Fankhauser

SECRETARY: Barbara Bunshah

TREASURER: Lorraine Raison

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Genevieve Fraser &
Peggy Concannon

BOARD MEMBERS (1981-83): Valerie Raymond, Jerry Bireley, Barry Schrader, plus one vacancy to be filled by nominations from the floor.

NOTICE: Any member attending the annual business meeting can make additional nominations from the floor for any office. Nominating committee members this year were John Miller (chairman), Juanita Vidalin, Pat Dencer, Peggy Concannon, Joan Boer.

RAILROAD HISTORY

EXHIBIT STILL ON: Continuing in May is the special exhibit of Livermore railroad history in honor of the opening May 2 of the new State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento. The grand opening celebration runs for nine days there and Governor Jerry Brown dedicated the new historic complex. In attendance were the Raisons, Newtons and Schraders. Old engines and trains from all over the country have been brought for the exhibit, plus Stevenson's Rocket and the "John Bull" from York, England, which were flown in from the museum there. Those who have been there can highly recommend a visit to Old Sacramento and the museum!

ECHO MICROFILMING

IS COMPLETED: Issue of the Livermore Echo from 1887 to 1899 have now all been filmed through the Bancroft Library thanks to Guild Curator Janet Newton. Microfilms will be available at the City Library and from Guild Librarian Barbara Bunshah. If funds become available we continue to plan for microfilming more papers, including the Livermore Journal issues. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthwhile historical effort can contact Mrs. Newton, and help enrich our local newspaper resources.

MORE NEWS: There will be an exhibit this month in honor of National Historic Preservation Week, beginning May 10. Mrs. Newton is in the process of further developing the exhibit cases and wall panels in the two corner rooms. New lighting has also been added for better viewing of artifacts and memorabilia

TWO CONTRIBUTIONS of money have been received in the past month--one in memory of Eugenia Edmands who owned the Pleasanton Times with her husband John for many years and was a good friend of historians of the valley; the other a \$200 check from Home Savings & Loan of Livermore to continue with our preservation work.

HOLDENER HOUSE

STILL NOT MOVED: Due to an appeal by two neighbors on Sherry Way near where the Spaeth family proposes to move the Holdener Dairy home, the City Council will have to decide on the move of the old house at its May 11 meeting. The Planning Commission approved by a 4-0 vote, but the appeal forces the issue before the council. You're welcome to attend and give support.

FIRE TRUCK GETTING

NEW COAT OF PAINT: Firetruck chairman Jerry Bireley has the 1944 Mack Pumper in the paintshop this month, and hopefully we may even have some original wording painted on the hood by Rodeo Parade Day June 13. Watch for the truck and Jerry in the parade; you can also see it up close at the Duarte Garage later in the day at the dedication and open house there. The Henry A's Club of Livermore will also have their cars there, plus some members of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Fire Apparatus in America will bring their vehicles to town for the event, and promise to pump some water if the Livermore Firefighters loan us their tank truck. It will be a big day for the Guild--Parade at 10 a.m., Garage opening at 1 p.m. and annual dinner at 6 p.m.





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ANNUAL HERITAGE GUILD DINNER MEETING JUNE 13--SPEAKER: JOHNIE SCHNEIDER

The annual meeting and dinner for the Livermore Heritage Guild is Saturday evening, June 13 at the private banquet room of SmorgaBobs, 4193 First St. Social time begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30, the business meeting at 7:30 and speaker at 8 p.m. Members who elect not to attend the dinner can come free to the business session(annual election of officers and board) and program. Dinner reservations at \$5.50 per person must be made in advance. You may fill in the order form below and mail it to Heritage Guild, Box 961, Livermore, or contact dinner chairman Anna Brown at 447-7780. Deadline for dinner reservations is June 6.

GARAGE DEDICATION

AND ANTIQUE DISPLAY: The Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum will be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, June 13 about 1:30 p.m. to celebrate the completion of its exterior renovation and original sign repainting. Open house will be held at the Garage from 1 to 4 p.m. with several old cars, fire engines including the city's 1944 Mack Pumper and 1920 Seagrave, and a water pumping demonstration by the Antique Fire Apparatus group known as the Society for the Appreciation and Preservation of Antique Fire Apparatus in America. The Henry A's Club of Livermore will also have cars on display, plus the oldest commercial school bus in California will be there for the afternoon. The public is welcome to come and take part in the dedication and enjoy the pumpin. Co-chairing that event will be Bill Junk and Jerry Bireley Jr.

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY: Held on Sunday, May 17 the 70th anniversary of the opening of our local Carnegie Library Building drew a crowd of more than 100, many of them recalling the days when they either worked or browsed in the old library. Kitsy Junk and Barbara Bunshah are to be commended for their efforts to create the exhibits and carry out the open house that went so well. Others who should be thanked for their help include Jerry and Nancy Bireley, Tillie Calhoun, Bill O'Neal, Malvern Sweet, and Kay Schrader.

ORDER FORM FOR ANNUAL LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD DINNER JUNE 13

I would like to order _____ tickets @ \$5.50 each for the annual LHG dinner on June 13 at SmorgaBobs Restaurant. Enclosed is a check made payable to the LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD.

NAME: _____ Second Guest? _____

ADDRESS: _____ Phone: _____

Mail Reservations to: Livermore Heritage Guild, Box 961, Livermore, Ca. 94550

DEADLINE FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS: June 6

Dinner chairperson is Anna Brown, LHG vice chairman

You have a choice of smorgasbord menu at the restaurant. We will eat and meet in the private Banquet Room. Limited attendance 100 people. Reservations must be made in advance for the dinner.

HISTORY CENTER

ACTIVITIES: Curator Janet Newton had two exhibits for National Historic Preservation Week, one about the rescue and restoration of the Homes-Baughman house by Roger and Anna Brown, and the other about saving Ruby Hill Winery (now Stony Ridge). Anna brought in a number of items from her scripbook showing how awful the house looked before it was restored by them. They will remain on exhibit through June. For the Ruby Hill display photographer Dave Bohn (featered in the current Oakland Museum Newsletter) gave us a copy of his great photo of Ernest Ferrario in front of the winery.

LIVERMORE RODEO EXHIBIT: John Miller and Mrs. Newton have prepared a special exhibit in the side room about the history of the Livermore Rodeo, dating back to 1918. Several people, including Pat Dencer and Tillie Calhoun, Art Henry, Elliott Dopking, Johnie Schneider, E.J. Mulqueeny, Richard and Geraldine Deck. Many artifacts, photos and even a saddle and wagon wheel add to the exciting display which runs through June.

MICROFILMING: The bill for microfilming the first batch of Livermore Echo newspapers at Bancroft Library was \$720.11. It is hoped we can raise more funds to continue this program which will be a very valuable service to students of Livermore history.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Financial gifts to support the work of the Guild have been made this past month in memory of Mrs. Norma Cook, mother of Mrs. Bert (Connie) Duke, and for Richard Olsen, grandson of Judith Burns.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 25 volunteers are wanted who can give at least one afternoon a month, a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Can you help from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carnegie Building History Center? It is a rewarding, valuable service, and it's fun besides! There are oldtimers and newcomers to greet and meet, a lovely old building in which to work, plus paintings and crafts to admire as we share the building with the Livermore Art Association. Contact Barbara Bunshah at the History Center afternoons, or at home by calling 447-5065. We are in great need of volunteers beginning in June.

HOLDENER HOUSE SOLD: Fred and Mary Spaeth finally got through the appeal process at the city level and have acquired the Holdener Dairy House from the Heritage Guild for \$1,000. The money will be used for renovation and reapirs at the Duarte Garage and caretaker's cottage which is in bad need of a new roof. Fred and Elsie Holdener donated the house to the Guild with the understanding that we find a new location and onwers for it, since a shopping center is being built where it stands now. Watch for it to be moved to a lot between College Avenue and Sherry Way early some Sunday morning soon.

FIRE TRUCK REPAINTED: Through the efforts of truck project chairman Jerry Bireley the 1944 Mack pumper has been repainted its original red and polished brass fittings put back on so it can be in the Rodeo Parade and then displayed at the Duarte Garage June 13. Truck painting was done by Lee Kasanski for \$1,200.

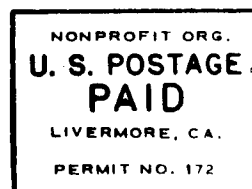


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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in History Center.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD;

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED: The annual dinner meeting was June 13 at Smorgabobs organized by Anna Brown and attracting 65 members and guests. Speaker of the evening was Livermore's world champion all-around cowboy Johnie Schneider who is 78 years old and now resides in Salinas. Several old friends of his attended the dinner including former rodeo board member Al Bonne.

ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR (taking office Oct. 1) are Chairman--Bill O'Neal, Vice Chairman--Anna Brown, Secretary--Barbara Bunshah, Treasurer--Lorraine Raison. Nominating Committee--Peggy Concannon, Billie Maitino, Genevieve Fraser; Ways & Means Chairman--Chet Fankhauser; Directors to 1983--Jerry Bireley, Barry Schrader, Carl Schneider, and one left unfilled.

SPECIAL AWARDS in the form of Appreciation certificates were presented by the outgoing chairman Barry Schrader to six people: Bill Junk for getting the garage exterior completed this year; Barbara Bunshah for donating nearly 600 hours of her time as History Center coordinator and librarian; Chet & Henri Fankhauser for continued successful fundraisers such as the auction and quilt show; Jerry Bireley Jr. for restoring the 1944 fire truck to its original condition; Merilyn "Tillie" Calhoun for her work in setting up the woodcarving exhibit and other historical programs; and Kitsy Junk for many hours devoted to Membership, the Carnegie Library anniversary and for assistance on numerous other Guild functions.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: People are still needed to help at the History Center between noon and 4 p.m. any Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday through the summer and even next fall. Please contact Barbara Bunshah to assist, even if for only one shift a month.

HOLDENER HOUSE MOVED: On June 30 the Holdener Dairy house was moved down First Street, then down K Street and finally onto College and Sherry Way where it was relocated on a lot owned by Fred & Mary Spaeth. They plan to renovate it to its original exterior, add a porch and modernize the interior for resale within one year. They paid the Guild \$1000 for it, funds which will be used for further restoration and renovation of the Duarte Garage and adjoining caretaker's cottage.

ROBERT LIVERMORE GRAVE

MARKER REDISCOVERED: Workmen preparing the old wooden church at Mission San Jose for removal to a new site so the original adobe mission could be reconstructed at the site found the large marble grave marker of Robert Livermore under the church floor. The grave will remain there and be made a part of the replica mission's floor, according to Father Abeloe who heads the mission restoration project. Janet Newton was among the excited crowd that witnessed the removal of the church from the gravesite, and was featured in newspaper photos and stories about the discovery.

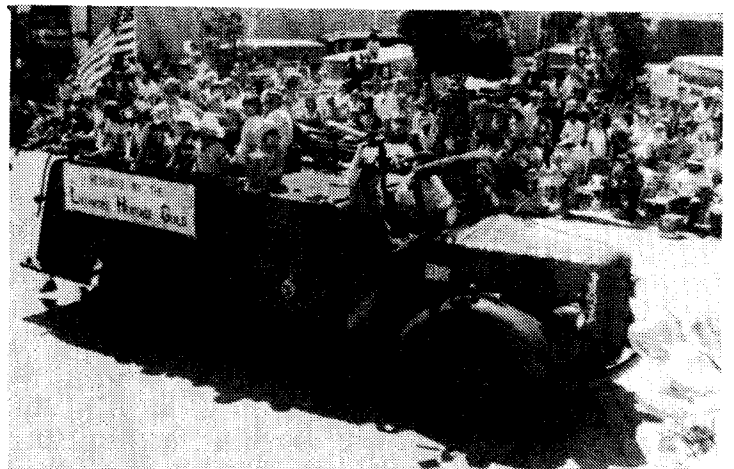
A PICTORIAL LOOK AT GUILD PROJECTS



DUARTE GARAGE & LINCOLN HIGHWAY MUSEUM exterior painting and restored sign were completed on June 12, 1981 just in time for its dedication on June 13. The interior was filled with Henry A's Club Fords plus an early commercial school bus and a depot taxi. Outside that day five restored fire engines from the Society for the preservation and Appreciation of Motorized Fire Apparatus in America put on a water pumping demonstration. A circus caliope replica provided music from a circus wagon belonging to the Redwood City Peninsula Celebration Association. We cut the ribbon by driving the Mack pumper through it.



LINED UP FOR THE GARAGE RIBBON cutting June 13 (l to r) were Garage and Properties chairman Bill Junk, Chairman Emeritus and History Center curator Janet Newton, Firetruck chairman Jerry Bireley Jr., and sign painter Bill Davidson who redid the exterior.



PARADING DOWN SECOND STREET in the Livermore Rodeo Parade making its debut since being restored was the Guild's 1944 Mack Pumper, driven by Jerry Bireley Jr. The truck was turned over to the Guild by the city in early January.



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MONTHLY MEETING

TO INCLUDE PICNIC: The Aug. 13 regular board meeting date will be something different this time--a picnic and winery tour. Those interested in seeing the Stony Ridge Winery on Vineyard Avenue are welcome to take part in the event. The picnic will begin at 6 p.m. at the old winery building, a tour of the facilities will take place at 7 p.m. and our Board meeting will be at 7:45 p.m. inside the old brick structure. Those planning to attend **MUST CALL** us in advance as the Guild will provide the meat course and drinks. Call the Schraders at 449-7888 evenings before Aug. 9 and learn what to bring--plus your own table service. We have skipped the August meeting some years, but this time have business to conduct plus the thought of enjoying a nice outdoor picnic was too good to pass up, and the winery's invitation was accepted!

MORE ITEMS ADDED

TO GUILD'S COLLECTION: During the dedication event at the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum in June we received the oldest Livermore Fire Chief's uniform--jacket, belt and cap from Warner Andersen. On the carved leather belt is engraved "J.H. Mahoney - 1874." The first fire company in Livermore was formed in October 1874 with Mahoney as president. It was the Livermore Hook & Ladder Company No. 1. The belt also has "President" carved on into it and has a big No. 1 on it. Mahoney was the husband of Antonia Livermore, one of Robert Livermore's daughters.

John Jensen, one of Livermore's elder residents, says that there used to be 15 or 20 of these uniforms hanging in the fire house and that the men looked very smart in them, manning the pumper apparatus.

Another recent acquisition, a gift from Livermore High School thanks to Librarian Emily Crowley, is a set of 32 school yearbooks from LHS. Six issues are of the "Green and Gold" years and 26 others are "El Vaquero" named.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: We have received donations in memory of Dr. Roger Hardy and Miss May Nissen. Miss Nissen was the principal speaker at the first annual dinner of the Guild in September 1974 and her death this July means a great loss in the community to all she had ever touched. Her funeral at the Livermore Presbyterian Church was attended by many who had known her or were her pupils during her long tenure as a teacher in Livermore.

HISTORY TAPE SET

GIVEN TO LIBRARY: The first 10 oral history tapes, interviews with oldtimers from this Valley, have been turned over to the Livermore Public Library by Tapes project committee chairperson Vana Born. We still have one set, and the library now has the duplicates so people can go there during regular hours and listen to them on a recorder there. Vana is to be congratulated on taking this project from its inception last fall. She will be leaving this month for a year's teaching assignment in Canada. We wish her well in that exciting educational exchange experience and will welcome her back to the Guild and the community in the fall of 1982. Due to her being out of the country for a year she had to resign from the Board. A replacement is being sought.

MORE MICROFILMING

PLANNED BY GUILD: Now that the first batch of Livermore Echo papers has been microfilmed Guild curator Janet Newton is preparing another set, including the 1914 Herald issues. These were inadvertently omitted from copying in 1969 when the newspaper converted its files to film. Also being done are a broken set of heretofore missing issues of the Herald purchased by the Newtons, plus some copied from Bancroft which cover the years 1879 to 1899. They have never before been available for public use.

RODEO DISPLAY ENDING:

ARTS FESTIVAL HISTORY NEXT: The well attended Livermore Rodeo display done by John Miller and Mrs. Newton is about to be dismantled after a two month show and by September we hope to have a new display shpwng the history of the Fall Arts Festivals in Livermore. Bev Hamlin will coordinate the exhibit and anyone having items to loan or wishing to help can call her at 846-1455.

ARTIFACT FROM

MISSION SAN JOSE: Mrs. Newton has been following the excavation of the floor of the old adobe mission of San Jose at Fremont where Robert Livermore's tombstone was uncovered this spring. His marker is a handsome slab of white marble incised with lettering covered with gold leaf. Mission pastor Rev. William N. Abeloe presented her with a small fragment of the tile floor from the mission. It is now in the History Center where assistant curator and Guild librarian Barbara Bunshah can show it to you.

Mrs. Newton also received photographs and information for the Guild about the Cummings Manganese mines from Mrs. Dorothy Fitton. Geologist and mine specialist member Dan Mosier says that the manganese mines were just as important to Livermore as the Tesla coal mines. He supplied the Guild with additional information on the mines.

SUPPORT FOR SAVING

THE VALLEY VINEYARDS: The Guild board was the first group back in February to act in support of preserving the Stoney Ridge Winery which is threatened with a residential development project. We took a stand in support of keeping the land in vineyards and preserving the winery building as well. Now a valley committee called Save the Vineyards has been formed to preserve not only this former Ruby Hill property but also Cresta Blanca's site and other vineyards that may be eyed for building sites in the coming years. The new organization appointed our retiring Guild chairman Barry Schrader as its chairman and will be holding an informational open house at the winery on Aug. 7. All are welcome to come and learn more about the effort.

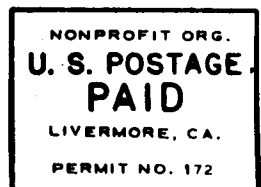


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MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in History Center.

MEET OUR 1981-82 CHAIRMAN

BILL O'NEAL: Beginning with the new club year next month a new chairman takes the reins. He is not familiar to many of our members, so here is a short biography so you can become better acquainted. Bill and his family moved to Livermore back in 1959. He works at LLNL in the Mechanical Engineering Department where he is a Group Leader in liquified gaseous fuels. He is also a member of the Valley Banjo Band, he and his wife Mary have a 21 foot sailboat, plus they belong to the Hydromatic Hoboes camper club. Bill is attending California State University at Hayward parttime working on his Master's degree in Anthropology, and is an archeologist in training, doing work at the Livermore Adobe site as one of his projects. His wife is secretary of Friends of the Library and publishes their newsletter. They have two daughters, Kathy and Vicki, at Livermore High School. We'll be anxious to see if Bill can outdo his wife's newsletter...or maybe he'll enlist her expertise at helping with the Heritage Guild monthly letter!!

GIFT FROM WENTES

NOW IN HISTORY CENTER: Carolyn Wente was the invited guest speaker at the annual LHG picnic held in August at Stony Ridge Winery (formely Ruby Hill). She talked about the appellation designation for the valley's wineries so that they might have official use of the "Livermore Valley label" under a new federal law that requires wineries to apply for the use of such a geographical area name to put on the bottles. Also Carolyn presented the Guild with a copy of the privately printed memoirs of Livermore history written by Ernest Wente. Use of this valuable book should be arranged for through our Guild librarian Barbara Bunshah at the History Center. We also have the memoirs of the Young-Sweet families in our files that are being assembled and written up by Curator Janet Newton. These were contributed by Malvern Sweet and Dorothy Vittoe. We are always glad to add more such histories to our reference resources.

TWO NEW EXHIBITS

DURING SEPTEMBER: On September 1 we will open an exhibit about the history of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council's Livermore Fall Festival. Bev Hamlin has been working on assembling memorabilia of the Festival's 13 year history. If you can assist her in any way call Bev at 846-1455.

ANOTHER EXHIBIT to honor the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Valley Memorial Hospital on September 23 is being organized by Mrs. Newton. It will be about the history of the valleywide campaign that resulted in the building of a first-class hospital for the valley. If you can help in any way call Mrs. Newton at 447-9592. More items are welcome.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at Rec Center is first weekend in November; those who like to make handcrafted items are welcome to begin now to help the Guild with its booth at the bazaar.

GUILD CAN BENEFIT

FROM LLNL CAMPAIGN: Due to a change in their HOME giving campaign guidelines this year employees at Lawrence Lab can designate any non-profit charitable group they wish. We encourage people who work there to designate at least a portion of their pledge to support the preservation work of the Guild, and you can do so simply by marking your pledge card and writing in Livermore Heritage Guild. We believe the upcoming LEAP campaign at Sandia will also offer alternatives to regular agencies chosen by the committee, so people at Sandia should also be able to specify their contributions where they wish.

FIRST PHASE OF

MICROFILMING DONE: The microfilming of the Livermore Echo (1887-1919) is finished and when funds are available we can proceed with filming other newspapers not available before to the public, next being early editions of the Livermore Journal. It is expensive work and we would welcome contributions to help with this worthwhile project.

NEW COMMITTEE

HEAD FOR ORAL TAPES: With the departure of Giovana Born to Canada for a year's teaching assignment we needed a new chairman to coordinate the Oral History Tapes project for the Guild. Board member Pat Dencer has volunteered to head the program and those interested in helping or having suggestions for local pioneers to interview can contact her at home.

REROOFING OF DUARTE

COTTAGE APPROVED: At the August meeting the Board of LHG approved an expenditure of up to \$2500 for the reroofing of the caretaker's cottage next to the Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum. It began leaking badly last winter and needs a whole new roof. This large expenditure will take a sizable chunk out of our reserves, so we are hoping for a very successful auction in October.

BIG AUCTION COMING...BIG AUCTION COMING...BIG AUCTION COMING!!!!

The Heritage Guild's Second Annual Auction is Saturday, Oct. 10 at Duarte Garage at 7 p.m. A preview will be held from 6 to 7. Handling the event again this year are Henri and Chet Fankhauser. Guild members may put up items for sale on assignment and the auction will get 20 percent of the selling price for the Guild, and the member gets 80 pct. We also are seeking donations of goods for the auction; bring items to the garage Oct. 6-7-8 between 5:15 and 6:30 p.m. At the same time we need work parties to help at the garage those three days. Call Henri at home at 447-3809 or at her shop Tuesdays through Saturdays at 449-9791 to offer your help. To help with refreshments for the auction contact Nancy Bireley at 455-1871.

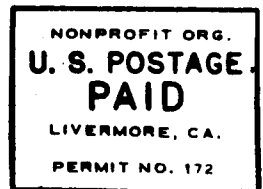


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