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OCTOBER 1986

VOLUME XIII NO. 11

CALENDAR

- Sun, October 5 Reception and grand opening of Maitland Henry exhibit, 1-2:30 PM, LHG History Center, Carnegie Building
- Thu, October 9 LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, LHG History Center, Carnegie Building
- Sat & Sun, Oct 11-12 Festival '86, Civic Center, S. Livermore Avenue, Be sure to visit the LHG Booth
- Sat, October 25 LARPD Dedication ceremony of the newly renovated Cottage House, Ravenswood Estate Park, Arroyo Road, 11AM-4PM. Tours and talks.

MAITLAND HENRY EXHIBIT OPENS

A special exhibit of memorabilia and artifacts from the late Maitland Henry, long time editor and publisher of The Livermore Herald, will open on Sunday, October 5, at the LHG History Center. LHG members and the public are invited to attend the official opening of the new exhibit at the Carnegie Building. Several members of the Henry family will be honored guests at the reception from 1:00 - 2:30PM on October 5. The display will run through the middle of November.

Coinciding with the exhibit opening, a limited edition publication entitled Mr. Livermore Herald: Maitland R. Henry will go on sale at \$2.50 per copy. The booklet was published by LHG and hand printed on the Guild's Chandler & Price letter press. Only 100 copies were printed. It traces the career and community contributions of Mr. Henry as publisher and editor of Livermore's leading newspaper for more than 40 years.

Items on display include many personal notes and photographs from the later publisher, minutes of the Carnegie Library erection committee, early Livermore Rodeo programs, a hand tinted lithograph of the city in 1889, an event list of Livermore first compiled by Mr. Henry, his personal typewriter, and many papers from early organizations of old Livermore.

The Guild sincerely thanks the Henry family for making these historic documents available for this interesting exhibit.

GUILD HAPPENINGS

The LHG 1987 Illustrated Calendar will soon go on sale. This edition will feature twelve pictures of Livermore happenings from the 1950's. Keep it in mind for Christmas.

Barry Schrader and Gary Drummond have just completed the first LHG VCR interview tape which will be added to our oral history archives. The tape features talks with Joan Kinney Seppala, David Lowell, and Robert Seveal covering the early history, management, on operating philosophy background for the Independent newspaper. VCR tapes will continue to be made as part of our community oral history programs.

Several members of the Guild will be working with Brian Tibbett of LARPD on the dedication program for the Cottage House at Ravenswood Park. An interesting series of talks and tours through the estate will follow the official dedication ceremony at 10 AM on Saturday, October 25. Mrs. Christopher Buckley will be an honored guest at the program which is open to the public. The Cottage House has been refurbished with late 1800's household items.

PARRALELS FROM THE PAST

Chet Fankhauser

Livermore Echo - August 20, 1903 - The Carnegie Brick and pottery Co. was incorporated Tuesday with a capital stock of \$100,000, of which \$700 is subscribed. The directors each of whom has subscribed \$100 are James H. Swift, O.K. McMurray, C. A. Gray, M. B. Maynard, C. Bosse, M.A. Murphy, and W.C. Gregg.

Livermore Echo - Sept 20, 1904 - An alarm of fire Monday afternoon was caused by the burning of a bed in the Livermore Hotel, which was ignited in some unknown manner. The fire was extinguished before the fire engine reached the scene. One of the new fire extinguishers was used with great effect - on Jeff Higgins' pantaloons, which suffered damage to the extent about equal to that caused by the fire..

Livermore Herald - April 6, 1882 - Oscar Wilde, the apostle of beauty, has been in Livermore. But he didn't stay long. He was dressed in his regulation suit - mouse-colored velvet coat, black velvet cape, loose, baggy, light, poetic pants, patent leathers, and a regular "Buffalo Bill" hat of the loudest pattern. Oscar wears his hair very long, and he had neglected to comb it that morning. He sat in his seat about as utterly graceful as would a sack of flour. He is not handsome, has large features, no beard, and looks like anything but a poem. We have seen finer looking restaurant waiters. He was, all the way up from Niles, absorbed in stealing the matter for his next lecture, which he was to deliver at Sacramento, from a weighty volume on the poets and prose of Ireland.

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NOVEMBER 1986

VOLUME XIII No. 12

CALENDAR

- Sat, Nov 8 LARPD Christmas Botique, Recreation Center on 8th Street, LHG 1987
 Calendars and other items will be on sale at our booth. Drop by!
- Thu, Nov 13 LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, LHG History Center, Carnegie Building

LHG MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE YEAR ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED. DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!!!!

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

NATIVE SONS EXHIBIT AT LHG HISTORY CENTER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

The Las Positas Parlor # 96, Native Sons of the Golden West, celebrates its 100th birthday this month. In commemoration, the Guild has mounted an exhibit at the History Center of meeting minutes books, membership lists, and other memorabilia dating back to the Parlor's founding in 1886. Opening in early November, this exhibit outlines some of the Native Sons contributions to Livermore. Stop by and see the collection.

The old reseed piano owned by Robert Livermore has been put on long term loan from LHG to LARPD for display in the refurbished Cottage House at Ravenswood. It looks right at home in the beautifully renovated parlor.

LHG REFERENCE INDICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC - Barbara Bunshah

Thirty plus years as a Reference Librarian gave me a great respect for subject indices to books and periodicals. I found it very frustrating to have long runs of newspapers on microfilm with no way to find specific items in the papers as there were no subject indices to them. Therefore, when I retired in 1980 I decided to turn a sheaf of random notes, taken at odd times, into a formal Selective Subject Index to Issues of the Livermore Herald. Since then I have expanded the indices to include other papers. The History Center has copies of all the indices which have been completed so far. These are:

The Livermore Enterprise, 1874-76 (a broken file)

The Livermore Herald, July 8, 1899 - Dec 1919 (The file begins with the first issue under the editorship of Arthur Lindsay Henry) The Livermore Public Library has a duplicate copy of this index.

The Livermore Herald, 1920 - 1929

The Independent, 1979

The Independent and The Valley Times, 1981

The Livermore Herald, The Independent, The Sunolian and The Valley Times, January 1982 to date (this index is updated monthly; the Public Library has copies of this index)

The Livermore Herald, 1970 - (this work is in progress; it is complete through December 1980; completion date - six to eight months ahead)

Indices for the Echo and the 1930's Heralds are in note form, covering only a few years for each paper. I hope to get back to them when the 1970's Herald index is finished.

All these indices are for public use. I will be happy to show anyone who comes in to the LHG History Center how to use them.

PARRALELS FROM THE PAST

Chet Fankhauser

LIVERMORE HERALD - October 15, 1904 - RENDER UNTO CEASAR, ETC, (An editorial)

Livermore people have no objection to Oakland newspaper men crediting them with the good things, but they do seriously object to having the horsethieves, brawling Indians, and other objectionable characters who make things lively for the peace officers of the Pleasanton end of the Valley charged to our account, as has been done repeatedly in the past few months. Livermore may have had a bad reputation in the days of its stormy youth, but it is a very orderly and peaceable community these days.

IN RETROSPECT - "REFLECTIONS" BY M.R.H. - One of the most widely read features in the Livermore Herald while edited by Maitland Henry was his column "Reflections". These reflections covered a wide range. Poring through past issues, these three items demonstrated M.R.H.'s universality to me.

October 13, 1933 - The impossible does happen. A San Francisco high school teacher is in trouble with mothers because she permitted pupils to play marbles for keeps. Imagine that happening in 1933! Who would think that it would bring any protest, being such a harmless pastime; compared to what is usually charged to flaming youth today as to be beneath notice.

April 27, 1934 - Picturesquely appropriate was the suicide method followed by a youthful printer in a southern European city when he took his life by swallowing 30 pieces of type. The thirty bits of metal spelled the name of his beloved Marianne Eleanore Schellenberger. Being a printer he should have added 2 more pieces for spaces between the names. Despite the typographical error the method proved effective.

January 5, 1940 - There is on file at the Herald office an envelope containing a piece of blank paper and nothing more received about a month ago. If there is someone whose account has not been credited with cash or a check intended to be forwarded in this letter, or who did not find a news item in the Herald which it was thought had been sent in this envelope, this will tell the story.

If anyone has any old dress mannequins they are not using, the Guild needs some to display some of our collection of vintage clothing. Call the History Center if you can help out.

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CALENDAR

Thur, Dec 11, 1986
Thur, Jan 8, 1987

LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, History Center, Carnegie Building

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*Greetings
and Best Wishes
for Christmas*

*and the
New Year*



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HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG President Gary Drummond has appointed a number of committees to handle the business of the Guild. These include a Curatorial Committee, Archives, Facilities and Property Management, Community Involvement, Membership and Publicity, and other Ad Hoc committees. Each one will be responsible for overseeing a particular phase of Guild activities. More volunteers are always needed. If any member wants to join in the fun, contact Gary or call the History Center and leave your name.

Highway Museum curator Bill O'Neal reports that the architectural work drawings and structures report for the renovation of the Garage are now completed and are heading for approval. Contract bidding and awards for the State Grant money are slowly winding their way down the road to progress. The City of Livermore has also made an additional HUD grant of \$4500 available for restoration of the Highway Museum.

The 1987 LHG Appointment Calendar featuring photos of Livermore in the 1950's has been a smashing success. All 300 copies have been sold out !! Many thanks to Barry Schrader.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CHECK LIST

Drop by and purchase some of these special items of Livermore history at the Carnegie Building History Center. Hours are Wed.-Sun., 11:30 - 4:00. Prices of the items vary, but orders can be mailed in.

- ** POST CARDS OF OLD LIVERMORE
- ** PICTURE NOTECARDS AND ENVELOPES
- ** PUBLICATIONS ON VALLEY HISTORY

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST

Chet Fankhauser

Livermore Herald - Dec 29, 1895 - Immense numbers of ducks and geese have invaded this valley during the past week, the latter settling in the fields in flocks of many hundreds each. Not for many years have the birds appeared here in such numbers, and our hunters are after them day and night with weapons of every conceivable description, from a horse pistol to a Gatling gun.

Livermore Herald - Oct 22, 1904 - ATTRACTIVE SHOW WINDOWS - Window dressing has become a fine art and we are always pleased to note any unusual local efforts in this line as it shows that our business houses are up-to-date and enterprising. One of the most striking and original displays in this line that we have noted is a show window at Anspacher Bros. this week. The window has been completely covered with whiting except a small circular space above which appears the legend "For Men Only". It is fun to watch the passersby. The men approach boldly but with the evident expectation of finding something naughty. The ladies are timid and pass several times before their feminine curiosity overcomes their scruples and they take a furtive peek. Both are disappointed, but their disappointment is tempered by a very neat and complete display of men's furnishing goods.

** Note from your Newsletter editor - I have goofed in assigning the correct Volume and Number series for the past few Newsletters. In insure absolute accuracy, please renumber your October issue, Vol XIV, No. 1; November as Vol. XIV, No. 2, and now everything is accurate for historical posterity. Since December and January are more known for celebrations than history, we are combining two issues of the Newsletter. See you again in February, 1987.

LAST MINUTE GIFT SUGGESTION - Why not give your friends a membership in the Livermore Heritage Guild ??????

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM THE LHG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FEBRUARY 1987

VOLUME XIV No. 5

CALENDAR

Thu, Feb 12, 1987 LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, History Center, Carnegie Building

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG members are invited to attend the Board Meeting on Feb. 12 to hear and see a special slide presentation on the Main Street Project to be given at 8:15 by Jeff Eichenfield who is coordinating the City sponsored development project.

The History Center Curatorial Committee held its first meeting in January. The group agreed that the most desirable exhibits are of a permanent educational nature, and that it is important for the Guild to continue its current direction of providing a place for people to visit in Livermore where they can learn about the past values of our locality. Future exhibits should continue to be representative of this particular community.

It was suggested that a permanent exhibit of a cohesive nature be installed with a central theme, for example, a Then and Now display emphasizing existing buildings of an historic nature, perhaps utilizing the idea of a walk through eras and areas of Livermore as it grew.

Also discussed were temporary exhibits which could be displayed simultaneously with the permanent show. The committee agreed to plan ahead with three displays all running for approximately four months each during the next year.

Barbara Bunshah is planning the first 1987 exhibit which will feature memorabilia from Cask and Mask, Livermore's home grown theatrical group, which performed many years during the late '50s and '60s at the old May School. If any LHG members have copies of programs or other material from Cask and Mask, call Barbara at the History Center for possible use in the exhibit.

Bill O'Neal, Highway Museum Curator, reports that two renovated windows have been installed with more to be done soon.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HERITAGE GUILD FOR 1987. YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

RECENT GIFTS TO THE HERITAGE GUILD COLLECTION

Now that LARPD has provided LHG with temperature controlled and secure storage space, several members and friends have generously donated items to our permanent collection of Livermore artifacts and memorabilia for study or display. These include:

1. Bell & Howell Microfiche Reader - Donor, Mr and Mrs Leroy Green
2. 2 California Wine Association bottles - Donor, Larry Mauch
3. Insulator and 3 square nails from Altamont - Donor, James Patrick Fuchs
4. 2 Livermore Heralds and a Livermore Journal from 1928 - Donor, Doris G. Martin
5. Over 40 old sets of licence plates (many California's) - Donor, Richard Ryon
6. Framed 1900's ad from Del Valle Mercantile - Donor, Bea Haera
7. Company I photos and correspondence - Donor, Barbara Baird
8. Original 1916 Livermore High School Senior Yearbook - Donor, Mal Sweet

FUNDS SOUGHT TO RESTORE OLD STAINED GLASS SIGN ON FIRST STREET

Linda Galles, owner of Proctors, has uncovered a 70 year old stained glass sign over her new store at 2200 First Street. About \$800 is needed to renew and install backlighting behind the sign reading VICTOR BAUGHMAN. Donors names will be engraved on a plaque outside the store. If you are interested in saving the sign, contact Linda at Proctors.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST

Chet Fankhauser

LIVERMORE ECHO, Jan 25, 1894 - In San Francisco, an active warfare is being waged against the cigarette; which reminds us that Livermore has an ordinance forbidding the sale of cigarettes to persons under 16 years of age - which ordinance is violated many times daily.

LIVERMORE ECHO, Jan 10, 1895 - The leading citizens of Sacramento have organized a committee of safety and are engaged in ridding that city of the army of tramps, idlers, and deadbeats with which it of late has been infested. The Sacramentans evidently believe - and rightly - that the presence of the Legislature will be quite enough to endure without the added burden of other "Industrialists."

LIVERMORE ECHO, Jan 17, 1895 - The defect in the new culvert across Lizzie Street (now S. Livermore) at Third has been remedied and the water is no longer compelled to flow uphill in order to get into it.

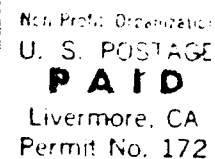
LIVERMORE ECHO, Feb 1, 1900 - The work of getting into operation the new electric light plant of Ph. Meyer, of the Livermore Gaslight Co, has been progressing very rapidly during the past week, and it is expected that the street lights will be going by Monday night. A 50 horsepower gas engine will furnish the motive power. The workmen have nearly finished putting up the poles, which number 102 in all. There will be 21 arc lights, instead of 13 as formerly, and they are distributed all over the town and put up in many localities, where there were none before, so that the town promises to be very well lighted up.

LIVERMORE ECHO, Jan 3, 1895 - The San Francisco Chronicle on Sunday issued a 58 page edition. It was a great newspaper in every sense, but it is safe to say that no single person will ever read its entire contents.

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MARCH 1987

VOLUME XIV No. 6

CALENDAR

- Sat, Mar 7 Treasures and Trivia, Liv Amador Valley Symphony Fund Raiser; 10AM - 2:30PM, The Barn; Somethng to buy for everyone
- Thu, Mar 12 LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, History Center, Carnegie Building
- Fri-Sat, Mar 20-21 Used Book Sale, Friends of the Library, Fri - 7 to 10PM,
Sat - 9AM to 1PM, The Barn; Books on every subject -- Cheap!!!

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

Plans have been presented to the Board for the revised display area at the History Center. The exhibit will feature a time line of Livermore history from Indian days through the present with photographs, maps, artist renderings, and community memorabilia. Display cases will show articles from the LHG permanent collection of local artifacts. A new addition will be a display case exhibiting local family historical documents. This will allow early Livermore residents to set up shows of their family memorabilia on a rotating basis during the year. A new part of the display will feature a replica of the old arch of welcome to Livermore formerly erected over the Portola and North L St. entrance to our city. The work crew has already installed new display doors on the book cases showing maps and photos of historic interest. If any member wants to help in arranging the area please call Barbara Bunshah at the History Center for details. Grand opening will be soon.

An interesting presentation was made by Jeff Eichenfield on the Livermore Main Street Project at last month's Board meeting. He discussed the workplan underway to enhance the visual and physical elements of shops on First Street by encouraging historic preservation based building rehabilitation. LHG will assist by providing informational material from its historic collection.

Congratulations to the Livermore Rotary Club on its 40th Anniversary. A special dinner was held last month honoring Hal Kamp, an original member of the local Rotary chapter.

NEW GIFTS TO THE HERITAGE GUILD COLLECTION

A rope halter that broke during Johnnie Schneider's bare back horse ride during an early 1930's Livermore Rodeo. The accident probably cost him a World's Championship. A large collection of early photographs of Livermore events. Donor - Barry Schrader

American College of Surgeon's certification of Arroyo Seco Sanatorium. Donor-Carolyn Ramsey
Badge of D.A. Smith, early 1900's Marshal of Livermore - Donated by his grandson
Call the History Center if you have donations to the LHG collection of Livermore artifacts.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST

Chet Fankhauser

1915 Livermore High School Yearbook - "Wildflowers" by Lois Henry

"I waited for a single flower to blow, While all about me flowers were running wild;
Gold-hearted kingcups, sunnily that smiled, And daisies, like fresh-fallen flakes of snow,
And rarest violets, sweet whole colonies, Nestled in shady grasses by the brooks,
That sang, for love of them and their sweet looks, Delicious melodies."

Read this and then try to imagine our valley with no poppies, buttercups, creamcups, baby-blue eyes, or any of the other wildflowers. Here in the country where two years ago wildflowers of all kinds could be found in abundance in the vacant fields and along the road sides, one now has to walk a mile before he can find some of these flowers. Why? What is the reason for the wildflowers becoming rarer? One reason is that the country is becoming more populated. The fields which were covered with wildflowers a few years ago are now occupied by the homes of many people in the valley. Another reason is the cultivation of the fields. Many hundreds of plants are destroyed each season. But this is not the chief reason for the increasing scarcity. Think how many plants have been uprooted while we were picking them, how many flowers have been picked and left carelessly on the grass to die, and how many plants we have walked on and crushed not realizing what we were doing. We don't appreciate the wildflowers enough now that we have them, their beauty and delicate fragrance we take as a matter of course. Try to think of the fields without a poppy, buttercup, or creamcup. Then think of them a few years ago and the way some of them are now How much more beautiful are our thoughts as we recall the fields aglow with brilliant poppy and yellow buttercup.

CALLING ALL RAILROAD BUFFS - PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION STEAMING TO SUNOL

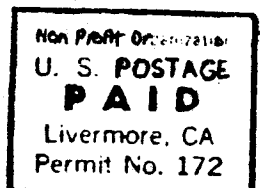
Plans are underway to recreate a 2 mile stretch of the Niles Canyon Scenic Railway between Sunol and Brightside this summer if plans can be approved by Alameda County. The non-profit P.L.A. began laying rail on the old S.P. right-of-way in June 1986. They are beginning to build a temporary loading platform in Sunol. The Association hopes to carry passengers on the two mile section this summer several times a day during weekends. The Pacific Locomotive Association is always interested in acquiring new members, especially those who are willing to help work on old trains or with railroad construction. For information on the Association, write to Jim Evans, P.O.Box 451, Burlingame, Ca 94011-0451. An informational meeting on the Niles Canyon Railway plan will be held on Monday, February 23, at the Sunol Glen School at 7PM and is open to the public.

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APRIL 1987

Volume XIV No. 7

CALENDAR

Thu, Apr 9 LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, History Center, Carnegie Building
Wed, Apr 15 Official Opening of new permanent exhibit, History Center, Carnegie Building

A sparkling new exhibit has been set up in the History Center featuring highlights of Livermore's growth from Indian days through its present national prominence as a center for cowboys, fine wines and scientific technology. Visitors can track the progress of our community through the years via photographs, maps, and artifacts all captioned to explain the unique history of the area. The new display will be a permanent fixture of the History Center. Opening is planned for Wednesday, April 15 to commemorate the 111th birthday of Livermore's incorporation as a city in 1876. Drop by to see the new look, it's great!!!

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR ---- Gary Drummond

It takes a good deal of hard work to assemble a museum exhibit: to think out the scope and focus of an exhibit, to build display panels, to gather together the materials, and to coordinate the effort that puts it on the wall and makes it all work together. And, it should be noted, doing all of this facing a deadline.

The History Center today has a great new permanent exhibit because of the efforts of a number of the Guild's members and friends. The major credit for orchestrating the show belongs to Carolyn Parrish. And there are others to be recognized: Larry Mauch and his crew; Bill and Susan Junk, Tim Sage, Harold Hicks and Bill O'Neal assembled the new exhibit panels; Barbara Bunshah researched historical sources and provided background material; Linda Armijo provided the typesetting for captions and text; Anna Brown chased down photographs; and Bob Bronzan helped with photo enlargements.

The members of the Heritage Guild can take pride in the History Center's new look, but we are even prouder that we have members without whose determined endeavor this project could have happened.

LHG SILENT AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER has been set for Saturday, May 30, at the Lincoln Highway Garage. Spaghetti/meatball dinner plus salad and dessert starts at 6PM. Silent auction of many items at 7PM followed by a short historical lecture on Livermore. Tickets on sale at the door for \$3.50. Donations or gifts for the Silent Auction are needed. Call the History Center if you have something for our annual Garage fundraiser. MEMBERS: PLEASE ATTEND, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, SUPPORT THE GUILD AND HAVE FUN - SATURDAY, MAY 30 at 6:00 PM.

LIVERMORE ECHO - Mar 30, 1916 AS OTHERS SEE US - The American Town of Livermore and Its Ways Under the second caption given above, the following interesting though not entirely accurate write-up on Livermore appeared in the S.F. Bulletin of last Saturday, being part of a series of articles written by Rose Wolder Lane who passed through here a couple of weeks ago on her walking and riding tour of the State.

"Livermore is American. Having just come from that part of Alameda County where only 2 of every 8 men are American born, I felt that I had come home again. There's nothing logical about patriotism, and prejudice against other races is narrow minded, I admit it. But after all, I am an American and I gazed upon Livermore with joy. These blocks of two-storied white houses, the big high school, the short paved streets, dropping with a bump into rutty roads, the Fuse Works, with its huge black chimneys, the shining drug store, the 'picture house', the little hotels, were all American. The people on the streets were all American. The girl who offered me a ride in her automobile was typical of it all. A clear-eyed, straight-forward wholesome girl wearing an orange sweater and a simple hat set at a dashing angle on her shining hair, she looked like nothing so much as the outdoor girl on the cover of a magazine. And she was American to her finger-tips, with five generations of American blood behind her. Even the defects of Livermore are American. One whole side of the main street is owned by a family living in Oakland, which is letting an opportunity slip through its fingers by leaving its property in one story buildings. Enterprising business houses must leave the main street and put up their modern brick buildings on the side streets, and they are doing it. The land about Livermore, too, is owned and farmed by Americans. There are no vegetable gardens here, no intensely cultivated orchards. Grain, stock, and hay are grown here in wide sweeps of hundreds of acres. The cowboy is a familiar figure on the streets. Surely the Portugese or the Italian would cry aloud at wasted opportunities here and yet, I don't know. Here is a wholesome life, a prosperous kindly life of peace and plenty and leisure. And Livermore is thriving. I left the town with a real regret next morning, and set out toward the San Joaquin."

THANK YOU - THANK YOU from Carolyn Parrish, Chairman, Curatorial Committee

As a result of several months of hard work and great co-operation - a new permanent exhibit has now been installed in the History Center. Many hundreds of dollars have been saved by using volunteer workers in the preparation of the displays and many, many expressions of thanks are certainly overdue.

I would personally like to say THANK YOU to the whole team who helped me put everything together: Anna Brown, Barbara Bunshah, Dave Chen, Muriel Dean, Gary Drummond, Bea Haera, Susan and Bill Junk, Larry Mauch, Janet Newton, Bill O'Neal, Tim Sage, Sandia (for services donated) and Barry Schrader.

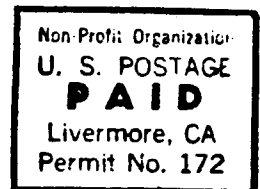
Please come in and see for yourself what a wonderful job they did. We would appreciate your comments.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND JOIN US AT THE GARAGE FUND RAISER ON MAY 30!!!

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CALENDAR

- Thu, May 14 LHG Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30PM, Work party at Lincoln Garage
Sat, May 30 LHG SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION, Dinner - 6PM, Silent Auction-7 PM
Annual fundraiser for Garage restoration, Lincoln Highway Garage

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG SILENT AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER is ready to go on Saturday, May 30, at the Lincoln Highway Garage beginning with a spaghetti/meatball dinner plus salad and dessert at 6PM. Tickets at \$3.50 per person will be sold at the door. Silent auction begins as soon as the crowd assembles and will end at 7:30 followed by a short talk by a local authority on the history of the Livermore Rodeo Association. We still need donations or gifts for the auction. Call the History Center if you have something for us. So far we have a nice piece of carnival glass, some 1885 store bills from Livermore businesses, a Livermore Enterprise paper from 1876, furniture, a kitchen sink, and other interesting articles. This is a fund raiser for the Lincoln Highway Garage restoration - well worth your support. Plan to be there

WALKING TOURS START AGAIN THIS MONTH. Gary Drummond will lead three walking tours this month. In addition to the Old-South-of-Fourth-Street Neighborhood Tour he conducted last year, Gary will offer a downtown commercial area walk. His fellow travelers hopefully will get a better appreciation of the early structures remaining along First and Second Streets, and an insight into the changes that have taken place over the past 100 years. Residential tours are scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and 30, and a downtown tour for May 23. All groups will meet at 10AM at the Carnegie Library Building at 3rd and K Streets. Watch for the schedule of follow-on summer walks to be announced in the next LHG Newsletter.

LHG ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION has been set for Wednesday, June 24. Details of the meeting will be given in the next Newsletter. Our Nominating Committee has suggested the following slate of officers for the 1987 election: Gary Drummond, Chairman; Nancy Bireley, Vice-Chairman; Barbara Bunshah, Secretary; Mal Sweet, Treasurer; Chet Fankhauser, Ways and Means; Muriel Dean, Susan Junk, William O'Neal, Carolyn Parrish, and Lorraine Raison, 1987 Directors and Henri Fankhauser and Bill Miller, 1987 Nominating Committee. A special speaker is being invited for the meeting which is open to members and the public.

CARROLL OVERHEAD BRIDGE HISTORY - by Janet Newton

The historical background of the Carroll Overhead Bridge on the Altamont Pass Road, 1.6 miles east of Livermore is of interest to historians of the Livermore Valley.

The County of Alameda Public Works Agency has sent to us a copy of Historical Archeological Engineering Recordation of the Carroll Overhead Bridge including 20 photographs. The bridge was constructed in 1922-1923. It is eligible for inclusion in the National Register. It is a reinforced concrete structure 540 feet long and 24 feet wide. The design of the bridge solved several unique problems. There were two railroads and a creek to be crossed. The result was a custom bridge that was well ahead of its time. The Carroll Overhead was one element in a series of improvements to what was the Lincoln Highway.

The Carroll Overhead is to be demolished. Due to the abandonment of the Southern Pacific right of way, one of the major site constraints has been removed.

George A. Posey, who designed the Posey Tube under the estuary between Oakland and Alameda, was involved with the design of the Carroll Overhead Bridge. It was the scene of a recent railroad derailment.

WANTED - WEDDING MEMORABILIA - LHG will be mounting a short-term temporary exhibit in the West room of the History Center sometime in June - the topic: VALLEY WEDDINGS. Please contact Carolyn Parrish, 443-3272, if you have any artifacts you would be willing to loan for this exhibit, for a maximum of three months. We hope to include items from all eras up to the 1960's - wedding gowns, mother's dresses, men's clothes, fans, shoes, invitations, photos, and other related articles would be greatly appreciated.

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEYORS NEEDED - The Heritage Preservation Commission recently accepted a proposal by the Urban Programmers of San Jose to preform a Livermore Historic Preservation Survey. When information regarding the City's historical and architecturally important resources has been accumulated, a management plan for sites, structures, districts and neighborhoods can be undertaken.

The first step in the project is to recruit volunteers to assist in the Survey. Volunteers will receive about 5 hours of training during one or two sessions in June. Please consider this opportunity to learn more about your community and its historic resources. Survey activities will occur on a convenient schedule between July 1 and December 31. Specific information regarding the time, date, and location of training will be forthcoming. Anyone wishing to participate or find out more about the project can call Barbara Hempill of the City staff at 455-0360. Volunteer now and learn more about Livermore history.

NATIONAL PRESERVATION WEEK - May 10 through May 16. LHG is helping the city celebrate this week of historic preservation action by sponsoring walking tour during the month, providing newspaper articles and photos of local landmarks to the Downtown Development program, and setting up a new historical exhibit at Livermore City Hall.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY GARAGE SILENT AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, STARTING AT 6:00 PM. TICKETS AT \$3.50 EACH PERSON.

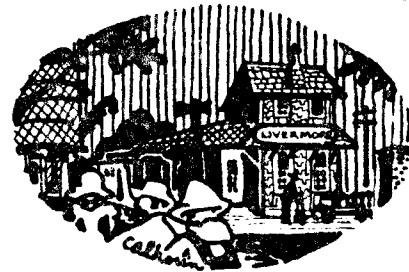
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CALENDAR

- June 13 - 14 LIVERMORE RODEO - Parade, 10AM Saturday, Downtown Livermore
Rodeo at Robertson Park Rodeo Grounds, Sat. and Sun., YIPPEE!!!!
June 24, Wed LHG General Membership Meeting - Ravenswood - CHECK BACK OF NEWSLETTER

LHG ANNUAL ELECTION - Carolyn Parrish has had to withdraw from the 1987 Directors slate. As a replacement, the Nomination Committee has appointed Bill Miller.

- 8TH SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER - Chairmen Henri and Chet Fankhauser report a resounding success. Over \$1,000 was added to the Lincoln Highway Garage Restoration Fund. They thank each and every person who helped make the evening a success. A highlight was the talk by Mrs. Leona McGlinchey who discussed her memories of the great Livermore Rodeo.

LIVERMORE ECHO, July 11, 1918 - RODEO PROCEEDS OVER \$2,000 - The net proceeds of the Rodeo held here on July 3 and 4 are between \$2,000 and \$2,500 as nearly as can be told at this time, all the bills not being in yet, while the gross proceeds were about \$4,650, besides the proceeds of the two street dances given by the Eagles, which were very largely attended.

The crowd at the Rodeo was much larger on the 4th than on the 3rd, and there were thousands of automobiles parked in the Anderson field. The events of the field gave entire satisfaction to the enormous crowd, and the only rider much hurt was Phil Stadler of San Jose who was thrown by the outlaw horse "Mike", but was able to be up and around next day.

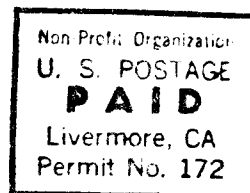
There was a parade both afternoons, with 118 riders in line headed by the San Leandro Band. Moving pictures of the event were taken and will be shown Fri. and Sat. at the Bell Theatre.

The story above covers the first Livermore Rodeo sponsored by the Livermore Stockman's Association. All profits were donated to the American Red Cross.

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 1987 - 7:30 p.m.

Ravenswood Estate
Arroyo Road, Livermore

The Guest Speaker is

WOODY MINOR

Whose Subject is

Henry Meyers
Alameda County Architect

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JULY 1987

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CALENDAR

July 9, Thur. LHG Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Carnegie Building

Don't forget the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. 75th Anniversary. Lots of fun!!

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

LHG ANNUAL MEETING On June 24 at Ravenswood, during a very warm evening, the new LHG Board was elected unanimously. After the election an interesting slide show and lecture was presented by Woody Minor showing the life and contributions of Henry Meyers, one of Alameda County's foremost architects.

The officers for next year are:

Chairman - Gary Drummond
Vice Chairman - Nancy Bireley
Secretary - Barbara Bunshah
Treasurer - Mal Sweet
Ways and Means Chairman - Chet Fankhauser

1987 Directors -

Muriel Dean, Susan Junk, William O'Neal, Bill Miller, Lorraine Raison

1987 Nominating Committee - Tillie Calhoun, Henri Fankhauser

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE: This issue of the Newsletter has on each address label either two numbers or a letter. The numbers indicate the most recent year for which your dues have been paid. (The letters indicate: L=Life member; C=Complimentary; S=Sponsor). If the two-figure number is not 87, your dues are not up to date. We will repeat this identification on another issue before the end of the fiscal year. (Remember, our LHG fiscal year runs October through September).

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE - Barbara Bunshah is looking for information and photographs of Del C. Savage (Mrs. S. L.) who was Chairman of the Livermore Library Board when the Carnegie Building grant was being applied for. Mrs. Savage led the campaign to obtain funds for the building from the Carnegie Foundation as well as the fund raising from the city. Please call the History Center if you have information on Mrs. Savage or know someone else who might assist.

HELP IS NEEDED AT THE HISTORY CENTER - The Guild needs more volunteers to serve a few hours a month as docents at the History Center. The Center is open from 11:30AM to 4:00PM on Wednesday through Sunday. By donating some of your time, our programs can be kept expanding. Our new display and exhibits have been very successful. The work is not difficult and is vital to the Guild. Training sessions will be given to volunteers. A few hours of your time would really help the Guild. Call Barbara Bunshah at the History Center, 449-9927, for additional information.

AD FROM LIVERMORE JOURNAL, THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1928

United Grocers

M. J. B. Coffee per lb. 53c
Your big Christmas Dinner will be enjoyed just a little more with M. J. B. Coffee.

Pineapple—Honey Dew—2 large size No. 2 1/2 cans..... 51c
The finest sliced pineapple from Dole's Hawaiian Pineapple kingdom.

Toddy and Big Shaker Free—1/2 lb. size..... 31c
For the holiday vacation—So satisfying between meals for the youngsters.

Dumbar Shrimps..... 2 cans 35c
The old reliable brand. Why take chances with your Xmas dinner?

XMAS SPECIALTIES—Grape Juice, Welch's, pints..... 29c
Marshmallows, Angelus per pkg. 8c
Stuffed Olives, Medallion..... 3-oz. bottle..... 15c
Mushrooms first choice, 2 ounces, 2 for 27c

Ehmann Ripe Olives—large size—pint..... 27c
Palatable, easily digested—High in food value.

Little Buster Pop Corn—Big 12-oz. tin..... 12c
Sealed in cans—A better way. Guaranteed to pop, quicker, too.

Del Monte Fruits for Salads—large No. 2 1/2 cans..... 37c
Especially prepared and blended for fruit cocktails, salads and desserts.

Star Olive Oil—Pure Virgin..... quart can 89c
A necessity in the preparation of your Christmas dinner.

Ipsan Ginger Ale—Imported Dry per bottle 20c
"E-Swan"—A Native expression, meaning "the spirit of joy"

NUTS—Walnuts Diamond brand, No. 1 soft shell, lb. 34c
Almonds, I. X. L. soft shell per lb. 31c
Alberis, large imported per lb. 27c
Dates, Bulk Hallawee 2 lbs. 27c



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AUGUST 1987

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CALENDAR

August 13, Thur LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, Carnegie Building

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

FROM THE CHAIRMAN - Two long-tenured Board members, Carolyn Parrish and Bill Junk have decided not to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors. Carolyn is responsible for the History Center's very comprehensive new permanent exhibit. Her talents are difficult to replace, and the Guild will be the poorer for her decision. Bill will continue to be involved in Guild affairs and we hope it won't be long before he returns to the Board. I would like to extend a welcome to our new Board members, Susan Junk and Bill Miller. The Guild is pleased to have you working with us.

LHG HAS COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT - Barry Schrader, LHG member, mounted an antique hand platen press exhibit for the Heritage Guild and demonstrated its use at the 1987 Alameda County Fair. Barry printed sample business cards as souvenirs, and gave away almost 5000. Located in the Antique Farm Equipment Building, it was, interestingly enough, the only exhibit by a valley historical organization at the Fair this year.

PANEL BOARDS COMPLETED FOR FUTURE EXHIBIT AT HISTORY CENTER - Larry Mauch and Gary Drummond have put together three new eight foot panel boards in the West Room of the History Center. Larry is busily researching the LHG collection of old drug store artifacts to begin setting up a new exhibit at the Center. More details later.

OLD NEWSPAPER MICROFILMS AVAILABLE - Barbara Bunshah reports that the LHG newspaper micro filming project for the Livermore Herald has finally been completed. Any person who wants to look up articles from the early days now can come to the History Center to use our microfilm reader and films.

WALKING TOURS OF OLD HISTORIC LIVERMORE AREAS - Plans are being completed to resume the personally conducted walking tours through older parts of Livermore in September when the air cools down. Watch forthcoming issues of your Newsletter for the schedule.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LIVERMORE HERITAGE GUILD. WE NEED YOU !!!!

AN EDITORIAL -- Gary Drummond

(Editorial opinion is generally inappropriate for the LHG Newsletter: however, a recent local event dictates that proscription be waived.)

Another example of bureaucratic ineptitude has come to light following the wanton destruction on July 27 of the Jack London house. For the city administration to ignore, for the sake of developer convenience, an ordinance provision that has been on the books for ten years and that clearly states the process by which a demolition permit is issued on a pre-1930 structure smacks of incompetence.

Isn't it paradoxical that the City Council appropriates good money to do a survey of Livermore's heritage resources, and yet allows the destruction of the historic fabric of this community. Is it true that the Mayor, as reported in the media, interceded on behalf of a private individual to accelerate the issuance of a demolition permit without the normal review process.

It is high time the City Council and the administration sensitize themselves to the problems in historic preservation in this community. That includes applying evenly and carefully the provisions of the existing preservation ordinance. That includes resisting the hard-luck wails of a developer who may claim he didn't know the rules. The contrite apologies of those responsible for raping the heritage of this town aren't worth much now. The citizens of Livermore are entitled to know what the city administration is going to do the next time.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST - Chet Fankhauser

TRI VALLEY HERALD AND NEWS - June 28, 1973 - 'WHATITIS' HALTS DEMOLITION (Partial text)

Only a broken whatitis on a demolition company bulldozer made the difference Wednesday between Livermore's old train station and a pile of rubble. "Boy, if I'd had a dozer running and out here Monday, we'd have had that station torn down in 30 minutes," mused Jack Merington of SP's demolition contractor Abdo Allen Company of Fremont. As it was the comedy of errors that almost resulted in destruction of the apple of the eye of the Livermore Heritage Guild was brought to an abrupt and confused halt none too soon. A five-man hand-wrecking crew from the Allen Company ripped and tore busily away inside the old station Monday, unnoticed and out of sight, much like the termites gnawing at the foundations of your house right now. Just hours after the first day of destruction Monday, the city council heard and approved a plan for restoration put forth by the nostalgia buffs of the Heritage Guild. But no one bothered to tell Herb Street, Livermore building inspector, who said Wednesday he waited weeks for word from the Guild on their plans for the old station and then, by chance, missed the Monday council presentation.....

AND SO IT GOES - DEMOLISH, DESTROY, AND THEN EXPLAIN AWAY THE ERROR.

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SEPTEMBER 1987

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CALENDAR

- Sep 5, 5, 7 LIVERMORE VALLEY WINERY HARVEST CELEBRATION during Labor Day Weekend. \$10 Festival glass admits one person to all 8 Valley Wineries for tasting and entertainment. Busses available.
- Sep 10, Thu LHG Board Meeting, 7:30PM, Carnegie Building
- Oct 3 & 4 Livermore Arts Festival - Crafts, art, entertainment all day around Livermore Civic Center and Gardella Park

HERITAGE GUILD HAPPENINGS

The Lincoln Highway Garage Museum has taken on a topless look. Just to satisfy your curiosity, the reason is that our first renovation contract has finally occurred. The grant received by LHG from the State Historical Preservation Office spells out that original material cannot be removed but must be restored. The galvanized tin roof which was very rusty and beginning to leak was therefore removed for re-tinning and re-installation. A work party hurriedly covered all of the display materials in the Garage, and barring unexpected showers or drizzles the museum will soon be back in shape and hopefully waterproof for the next 50 years.

Gary Drummond is resuming his personally conducted historic walking tours through the South side residential areas and the old Downtown business sections beginning on Saturday, September 12, at 10AM. Anyone interested in taking one or both of the tours should call the History Center, telephone 449-9927 for details and reservations.

Barry Schrader has added an exceptionally interesting oral history tape to the Guild's collection. He interviewed former Livermore Police Chief Johnny Michelis and is presently copying a set of the Chief's personal scrap books which will be added to our growing list of Livermore historical documents. The Guild is still interested in finding more volunteers who can help expand our verbal history project. Training will be provided and volunteers, so far, have all enjoyed talking with early residents about life in early Livermore.

Selection of photographs of 1950's Livermore scenes was completed last month for the 1988 Heritage Guild appointment calendar which will debut soon for Christmas gift shoppers. Keep it in mind. Remember last years' edition was a total sell-out.

Several donations to the LHG collection of historic memorabilia have recently been added. Donors and items received include:

1. 28 photos of Kelly-Gallagher-Devarey clans; May Kelly Devaney's wedding dress; several table linens - Donor, Tillie Calhoun
2. 15 reels of micro-film of July 1899 to January 1960 issues of the Livermore Herald - Donor, Tri Valley Herald
3. Box of reports and phots of Sunol Glen School - Donor, Myron Heusinkveld
4. Photo of the Cockerton house built in Altamont before 1868 - Donor, Lola Dale Madden
5. A number of items from Company I - the Livermore National Guard Company, 68 photos of local historical interest - Donor, Malvern Sweet
6. Wooden Cresta Blanca Winery container, Highway Garage gasoline gauge - Donor, Harold Hicks
7. 2 old metal collapsible ballot boxes and 3 tin document boxes from early bond elections in Livermore - Donor, City of Livermore

If you or anyone you know has items to donate to the LHG collection please contact Barbara Bunshah at the History center for details and arrangements.

To show what good preservation planning can do, watch for the new set of apartments soon to be built in the 300 block of North K Street, where the old Gothic style Lassen house is sited. The builders and architects will not destroy the old home, but plan to move it and use it as a theme style for the entire apartment complex. They will even keep the old hand-built stone wishing well. The Guild compliments the City of Livermore and the builders for demonstrating how an older residence can be saved.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR - This will be the last of my Newsletter editions. Treva and Larry Mauch will assume the awesome responsibility for keeping Guild members up-to-date on old and new happenings around our community. For me, it has been very enjoyable to go through the old newspapers and discover that community news doesn't change -- it just repeats itself. Thanks for all your help. Chet Fankhauser

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