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Early view of old Del Monte Hotel, now the Naval Postgraduate School, where our Annual Meeting was held this year.

Annual Meeting, September 20, 1978

Following dinner at the Naval Postgraduate School, President James Henderson made his report to the membership. This report, including those also of the various committees for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978 is summarized in this issue for the benefit of those unable to attend the meeting.

President Henderson reported total membership of 1,958. The Membership Chairman, William H. Ballard, is especially grateful to Monterey Savings and Loan for its helpful services to the Membership Committee and to the editors of *Noticias*.

The Chairman of the 1978 Merienda was Douglas Despard, who did an excellent job. However, the Merienda this year ended with a deficit of \$800. Despite rising costs, the charge per person has been held to \$10. To avoid taking additional losses on the Merienda, the price will probably be increased next year. President Henderson stated that the Merienda is not intended as a profit-making event, but, at the same time, it should not take a loss.

President Henderson also stated that it is the policy of the Association that a person must have been a member for six months in order to be eligible to attend the Merienda, because of the very limited number who can be accommodated in Memory Garden.

Mrs. Joseph Leo and her committee were congratulated for their outstanding efforts and a most successful Adobe Tour. Despite bad weather, the April tour produced a net profit of \$3,539. The President also commented on the Association's appreciation for Mrs. Ralph Atkinson's opening of the Castro Adobe for the tour.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Mrs. Stewart Peck and her committee for the results of the second annual Antique Show in September. Attendance was 27 per cent above last year's and a profit of \$7,133 was realized. Plans are already under way for the third annual show in September 1979.

The Hospitality Committee, under Mrs. James D. Land, gave a welcoming tea in August at Casa Serrano for new members through June 1978.

Captain Jack Roudebush, Chairman of the Sloat Day Ceremony, was thanked for making it an event of which all members of the Association can be proud. Appreciation was also expressed for the help of Mrs. Elmarie Dyke and the cooperation of the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy for a memorable occasion.

Phyllis S. Moore, reporting on sales of post cards and brochures, states sales averaged around \$25-\$35 a month up till August. At that time copies of our booklet "Old Monterey" went on sale in the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center in the old USO Building and since then they have brought in about \$150 a month.

In June, Pacific Southwest Airlines generously turned over \$1,645 to the Maritime Museum Building Fund. This was derived from the sale of tickets for scenic flights over the Peninsula the day before Pacific Southwest started service to Monterey.

Treasurer T. Gordon Greene reports \$94,454 in various Association bank accounts, including \$57,255 for the Maritime Museum Building Fund. This compares with \$81,639 at the end of fiscal year 1977—an increase of \$12,815.

Business Affairs Committee, primarily concerned with physical holdings of the Association, supervises maintenance of grounds and buildings, repairs and replacements, etc. Contracts were drawn to assure continued servicing of heating

plants and fire control equipment. This has eliminated a number of dangerous conditions.

Special Events Committee, headed by Mrs. Dwight Morrow, gave a musical presentation by William Pell, member of the San Francisco Opera Company. Mrs. Morrow has also initiated plans for a members' tour to the King Tut Exhibition in San Francisco this coming summer.

Acquisition-Inventory Chairman Carol Todd thanked members and friends of the Association for their donations. Outstanding acquisitions included the blue-white antique Chinese rug in memory of Alfred G. Fry, on display in Casa Amesti; the Bicentennial serving plates from Bob and Virginia Stanton, to add to our collection at the Casa Serrano; etching of the Washington Hotel from Ruth Gratiot; and Benjamin Elrich's gift of an early 18th century game table for Casa Serrano. Two Imari plates that belonged to Mayo Hayes O'Donnell were purchased to hang in the Library. Mrs. Todd stated that the inventory of Association possessions, taken every four years, should be completed by the end of 1978.

Martha Bentley, in charge of the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, reported that with new volunteers (in all, 25 regulars and 6 substitutes), the Library can now be open to the public four afternoons each week — Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Also, the special library staff of 5 volunteers has met every Thursday morning since 1970. Under direction of a former professional librarian, this hardworking group does the endless cataloguing, inventory, mending, and shelving to keep nearly 3,000 volumes and periodicals, plus picture files, in good shape.

To Mrs. B.A. Hackney — deepest apologies for having accidentally omitted her name from early *Noticias* as a donor to our Library of the complete set of Bancroft, which is such a marvelous addition to our collection.

Mary Frances Singleton, head of the Casa Serrano Committee, reported they are working diligently to add to the Jo Mora collection. During the last year they purchased two handsome watercolors and a small green bronze statue, a special favorite of the artist. Mora's daughter Patti Mora Anderson gave first priority to the Association. Mrs. Singleton reported opening the Serrano to a number of touring groups, as well as maintaining the regular hours from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. She also stated the need for donations of tea-towels, cups and saucers, knives, forks, and spoons for special teas. Mrs. Doris Bissell is the new house hostess chairman and additional volunteers are asked to call her at 375-9647.

President Henderson reminded members that additional volunteers to help keep buildings open to the public are always needed at Casa Amesti, the Maritime Museum, and the Library, as well as at Casa Serrano.

Rear Admiral Earl E. Stone, Director of the Allen Knight Maritime Museum, reported on efforts to find a suitable site for the much-needed new building. As a result, the Monterey City Council has appointed a subcommittee to

help look into the matter. Also, information has been received from the San Francisco Foundation that \$300,000 can be counted on from Mewborn Estates funds. The actual amount of money required cannot be determined until a site has been agreed upon, but will obviously be more than funds at present available.

Museum attendance averages about a thousand visitors a month, with conducted tours given for special groups, including students. The museum continues to receive contributions of valuable nautical books and other artifacts, so its library can provide a useful source of information for researchers. Noteworthy was the addition of the model of the Spanish galleon *San Diego*, the work of the late Col. Charles Richmond, Raymond Aker, and William Fenerin. On permanent loan from the U.S. Coast Guard is the revolving lens from the Point Sur Lighthouse, which will be assembled and displayed in the museum.

New Members — Late 1977 and Thereafter

November: Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Anderson, Mrs. Margaret B. Beck, Miss Susie V. Bergquist, Mrs. Shirley Bialak, Mrs. Vada M. Bissell, Mrs. Violet Colleto, Mrs. Desmond Geraldine, Mrs. Valerie Heren, Ruth Harman, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jackson, Dee Anne Keyston, Dr. and Mrs. John Evan Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Erich Schoenwisner, Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Shopbell, Mrs. Barbara J. Shuler, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Tanner, Mr. William B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Burney Threadgill, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Harry Van Wyk, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Winningham, Peter Wright, Jr.

December: Mr. and Mrs. Webb C. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. A.H.G. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Crane, Donna Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Duck, Mrs. Joyce Flacco, Steve Horning, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dexter R. Krutsch, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lucido, David V. Phillips, Capt. & Mrs. John H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sigmund, Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler, Dr. and Mrs. Selby Mason.

January: Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Beemer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blair, Mrs. Richard Lohr, Mr. C.E. Pohlhammer, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart D. Robinson, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wharton Sinkler III, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Scudder, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram S. Truett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wilber.

February: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. Lorrimer Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood T. Beaver, Dr. and Mrs. Paul A. Kandler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Cortwright, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Diner, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Doud, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Earls, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Hudgens, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas Moan, Mr. and Mrs. William K. McEwen, Mrs. Marguerite K. Squier, Miss Maya Stevens, Miss Ester M. Williams.

March: Miss Christina Berg-Donoso, Mr. and Mrs. Perry S. Bower, RAdm. and Mrs. Tyler F. Dedman, Mrs. Rececca Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Ringer.

April: Dr. and Mrs. John H. Brazinsky, Virginia Harrington Brown, Mrs. Martha B. Corbett, Ellen De Vine, Ja De Vine, Cdr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Byron B. Jose, Mrs. Dorothy J. Long, Mr. and Mrs. McKee Mhoon, David V. Phillips.

May: Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Berlin, Col. and Mrs. Colgate Dorr, Col. and Mrs. Felix L. Early, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Rock, III, Mrs. Verne Skhonsby. Mr. G. Quincy Thorndike, Lt. Col. and Mrs. A.K. Zakby.

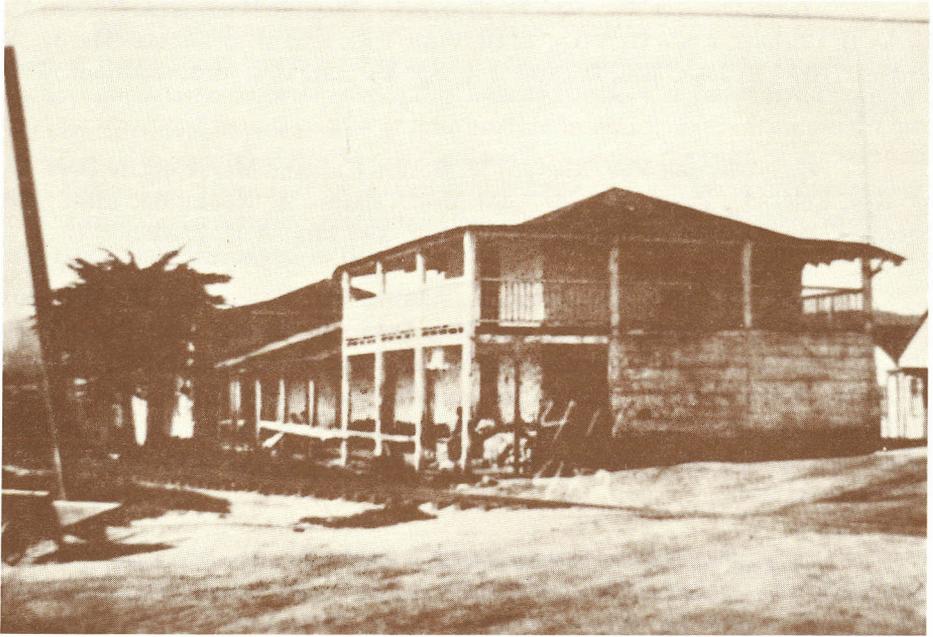
July: Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Allaire, Mr. Philip Arnold, Mrs. Jutta Corrigan, Mrs. R.S. Danforth, Mr. and Mrs. David M. Dysart, Miss Rose A. Ferrante, Dr. and Mrs. Harry B. Goodspeed, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grandt, Mrs. Margaret M. Greene, Miss Jocelyn S. Lamson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Love, Mrs. James A. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. Oliver, Ramond and Francis Oliver, Dr. and Mrs. Sydney R. Parker, Mrs. Joseph W. Small, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Stafford, Mrs. Dorothy P. Steven.

August: Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, Mrs. Cletus Doneux, Mr. and Mrs. Nelms Finch, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. John A. Hemphill, Mr. Adrian Michaelis, Mrs. Agness Nohnberg, Lt. adn Mrs. Robert L. Ryan, Col. and Mrs. Samuel Stapleton.

September: Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, LCdr. and Mr. J.P. Carwin, Philip Carwin, Mr. Harvey C. Clark, Mr. Paul E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Nelms Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Haderlie, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. John A. Hemphill, Mrs. Charles H. Hoover, Mrs. Carol Kaplan, Mrs. Calvin A. Knickerbocker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. McKenzie, Miss Ann Pittendrigh, Lt. and Mrs. Roger L. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Serrano, Jr., Col. and Mrs. Samuel Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wahle.

To All Members: **Please** don't cause us unnecessary expense! It costs as much as 37 cents in extra postage for each of you who forgets to give us your change of address when you move. That really mounts up horribly over the year.

We're sure our members will enjoy the following charming memoir sent to us by one of our members. The editors hope others will be encouraged to search their memories, old diaries, or letters for the enjoyment of us all.



Monterey's Custom House, early 1920's.

Mounted Troups Traveled "Path of History" in the Twenties

In 1923 an encampment of high school students of California enrolled in the Citizens Military Training Camp located on the Del Monte Polo Field, which is now occupied by the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

I was a Captain in the United States Army, charged with training the CMTC Field Artillery Battery. Recreation on weekends was solved by a mounted trip over much of the ground designated as the Path of History by the History and Art Association. Father Mestres briefed me on the history of outstanding historic points and I outlined them for the boys on the rides. Sunday mornings at ten a.m., volunteers from the battery mounted their horses and we proceeded first to the Royal Presidio Chapel, where I outlined its history and the part Father Juniperio Serra played in the civilizing of the California Indians as well as the settlement of the State.

From the Chapel we rode to the Custom House, where there was a brief halt and a short dissertation regarding its capture from the Mexicans.

Thereafter we rode around the First Brick House to the place where Viscaino said mass, at the entrance to the Presidio; thence back along what is now Pacific Street to the First Theater; then to Colton Hall, where the men dismounted and visited the Hall where the Constitution of the State of California was signed. Great interest was manifested in the picture of the signers. Then the group toured the Presidio before returning to the camp at the Polo Fields.



SEASON GREETINGS



Christmas Decorations, Alvarado Street, 1920's or 1930's.



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