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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1978-1979

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School on Tuesday, September 18, 1979. President James E. Henderson presided, and made his report to the membership. This report summarizes the year's activities of the Association.

Total membership as of September 30, 1979, is 1,998. Membership Chairman William Ballard relinquished his job to the new Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Land, after having served in that capacity for over eight years. President Henderson acknowledge his outstanding contribution to the Association, and thanked him on behalf of all the members.

The Treasurer, Mr. T. Gordon Green, reported on the financial status of the Association, and stated that the Association has over \$145,000 in various bank accounts, savings certificates, etc., which includes about \$75,000 in the Maritime Museum Building Fund. The total savings show an increase of about \$50,550 over last year. Among the many donations given to the Association in 1979 was a generous bequest of \$33,450.00 from the C. Austin de Camp Estate, and \$1,020.05 from

the Estate of Mayo Hayes O'Donnell. Also, the Association has been notified that it will receive a bequest from the Estate of Sylvester J. Small after necessary administrative action has been accomplished.

Preliminary arrangements were announced for major repair work to be done on some of the building belonging to the Association. Specifically, a new roof will be installed on the Casa Serrano, and complete fumigation pest control will be accomplished at the Fremont Adobe, the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, and the Casa Serrano.

Among the many gifts presented to the Association this year was an antique black walnut sideboard with marble top, 60½" wide by 91" high, from Mrs. Anna R. Wait, of San Diego, California. This particular sideboard came around Cape Horn in 1850 with the Wait family, who settled in Sacramento. Also, the Association notified the City of Monterey, through Mayor Gerald Fry, of the planned donation of some historical items to the Colton Hall Museum. These items are currently on display in the Museum, and will remain there on permanent display.

Major progress has been made this year on the repair, cataloguing and identification of the many old garments and articles of clothing belonging to the Association. Our costume collection amounts to over 250 separate items, all of which ultimately will be available for display in the restored Cooper-Molera Adobe complex within a couple of years. The Costume Committee is preparing for a display of eight (8) separate costumes at the Third Annual Antique Show and Sale at the Monterey Conference Center.

President Henderson reported on the outstanding Adobe Tour held in April. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Virginia Stanton the tour was a complete success. Eleven (11) separate historic buildings were open to the visiting public, where they were able to see the superb display of period table settings, and to visit with the volunteer hostesses and docents who were in attendance. The Association realized a net return of over \$8,000 for the one-day event.

Mrs. Stanton, in her complete, detailed report to the President of the Association and to members of the Board of Directors, made the point that the Monterey History and Art Association's Adobe Tour is nationally recognized and is an event eagerly anticipated by many people.

Another activity sponsored yearly by the Association for members only, the Merienda, was as always completely sold out. The President reiterated 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.

The charge per person of \$12.50 enabled the Association to put on this event and pay all the cost associated therewith, and still realize a small profit. The aim of the Association continues to be that this event is not a money-making proposition, but one where the cost per person offsets the cost of the event.

The Third Annual Antique Show and Sale held in September at the Monterey Conference Center was an overwhelming success. Mrs. Stewart Peck again performed yeoman service in heading the Committee for this event. Financially, the Association's new Maritime Museum Building Fund realized an increase of over \$10,000 from the net proceeds of this one event. The show continues to attract

visitors from all over the country, and is recognized by numerous national magazines as one of the foremost antique shows held in the western United States.

Attendance for the year at the Casa Serrano and the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library showed a slight increase over past years. Among the significant acquisitions obtained by the Casa Serrano Committee were two Jo Mora bronze sculptures. The money used to purchase these two items came from luncheons and donations from historical groups using the Casa Serrano throughout the year.

Two literary collections were given to the Association this year, and both are now catalogued and shelved at the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library. We received 51 volumes of Western Americana from the J.V.C. Gregory family of Carmel Valley Manor, Carmel, California. Another gift was the complete Bancroft Works, and Four volumes of Hittell's California History from the Captain Cooper family.

The 144rd commemoration of Commodore John Drake Sloat's landing at Monterey was celebrated on July 7, 1979. As always, the cooperation of the Army, Navy, Fraternal Order of Masons, the State of California Parks and Recreation Department, and the City of Monterey was outstanding. Capt. (U.S.N. Ret.) William Provost acted as Chairman for this historical event, and did a magnificent job.

President Henderson made the point that the work of our member volunteers as Committee Chairmen, hostesses, docents, guides, etc., continues to be of superb quality. He thanked everyone for their conscientious dedication to the aims and purposes of the Association, and for their personal help to him as President.

A long-awaited event occurred in 1979 which will have a long-term effect upon the City of Monterey and the Monterey History and Art Association. It was the beginning of the restoration of the Cooper-Molera Adobe complex, including the two large barn structures inside the adobe wall. The State of California Parks and Recreation Department has budgeted over \$1,300,088 for this project, which will require two to three years to complete. When completed the home will be open to the public, as is the case with other State historical buildings in the City. The Monterey History and Art Association will operate and maintain the interiors of the two barns as a workshop for costumes, for restoration of transportation items such as carriages, buggies, etc.

Two Special Event tours were held this year for members of the Association. In March, 83 members attended an exhibition of the Dresden Collection at the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. Again on August 3, 1979, 84 members traveled to the de Young Museum in San Francisco to see the Treasures of King Tutankamen, as well as 5,000 years of Korean art. Both tours were under the excellent supervision of Mrs. Alice Long, Special Events Chairman.

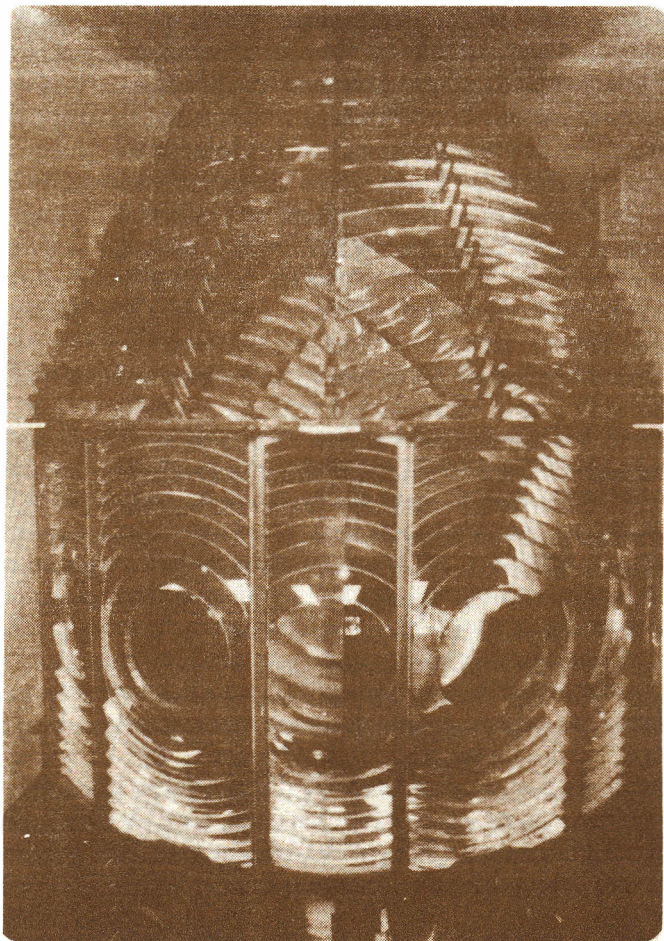
The activities at the Allen Knight Maritime Museum continued as a fast pace. Visitor attendance averaged over 1,000 people per month. There were 23 scheduled tour groups that visited the Museum during the year. School children from many schools made up the bulk of these groups; however, there were quite a few historical groups as well.

Through the combined efforts of personnel of the United States Coast Guard in Monterey and in San Francisco, and the staff of the Museum, we were able to get a most unique item which has been placed on permanent loan to our Maritime Museum. It is a First Order Fresnel Lens. This lens, manufactured in Paris,

France, in 1887, was erected at Point Sur in 1889, and was in continuous use until 1975, at which time a new, automated light was installed atop the lighthouse tower by the Coast Guard. Removal of the lens from its former site was a most difficult task. The disassembly at Point Sur, and later the reassembly in the Allen Knight Maritime Museum, proved challenging and rewarding. The lens makes a most impressive exhibit. It is our intention at some later date, when a new Maritime Museum in downtown Monterey becomes a reality, that the First Order Fresnel Lens will be mounted on its rotating mechanism, making the entire light assembly one intact unit.

The status of the New Maritime Museum Building Fund stands at over \$75,000, and continues to grow daily. Progress on obtaining a site, preferably on the Custom House Plaza, has been rather slow; however, there may be a solution to this problem by a combination of commercial development and museum use. This proposal is receiving considerable study by both City officials and our Association, and will be reported upon as planning progresses.

Col. James E. Henderson (USA Ret.)
President, 1978-79



If this picture seems familiar to Noticias readers, it is. It was published in the last issue but, unfortunately, it was printed upside down - for reasons best left unexplained. The picture is of a first order Fresnel lens from the Pt. Sur Lighthouse now on display in the Allen Knight Maritime Museum, of which Rear Adm. Earl E. Stone (USN Ret.) is director. That the mistake should involve the pet project of a worker as indefatigable as the admiral makes it doubly unfortunate. So, the Board of Directors directed that the picture be printed again, this time correctly. And so it is.

New Members

1978-1979

October: Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. CONWAY, Mrs. Peggy T. DIEHL, Major General and Mrs. Philip R. FEIR, Colonel and Mrs. Thomas G. FOSTER III, Mr. and Mrs. Rene GUILLOU, Mr. Kent SEAVEY, Junior Members Gina SERRANO and Lisa SERRANO.

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Care to spend two hours Saturdays in the pleasant surroundings of one of Monterey's most notable adobes? If so, try being a docent at Casa Amesti. Help is sorely needed there and volunteers will be welcomed, especially husband and wife teams. Interested members should call the Association office - 372-2608.

The Pleasure of Your Company

You are cordially invited to be the guests of the Board of Directors of the Monterey History and Art Association and the board of the Monterey County Historical Advisory Committee at a celebration in the Casa Serrano on Saturday, December 1st, 1979 between 3:00 and 5:00 in the evening.

A wine and cheese reception will be held celebrating the republication of Elliott & Moore's 1881 History of Monterey County, California, the first fully illustrated history of Monterey County.

First published exactly a century ago and never before reproduced, this rare edition is being re-printed as a facimilie edition in its original large format to fund the establishment of a publications fund for local history in Monterey County. Copies of the book will be on sale in either the regular edition for \$35.00, or a special printing of 200 numbered copies in full Buckram binding at \$50.00 per volume. Won't you please join us in commemorating this important event while enjoying an evening at the beautiful Casa Serrano.



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