

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Nineteen years ago there was organized in Monterey a Monterey Peninsula Garden Club, which has lived through those years to become one of the most active and civic-minded groups among the many existing clubs of the community. The first meeting was held at the House of the Four Winds and was attended by a capacity houseful of enthusiastic, garden-minded men and women from the three cities. The late Dexter M. Rogers of Pacific Grove and now a resident of Morgan Hill, was another former president.

Mrs. Frank Wilkinson of Pacific Grove is the present president, having recently been elected for a second term. Under her zealous guidance the club has continued its active participation in the beautification program of Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove. During the past year the club has planted Paul Scarlet roses and honeysuckle at the new Carmel Woods school and a group of flowering plum trees at the Community Center in New Monterey, in memory of the late William Martin O'Donnell. They assisted materially in the success of the flower show at the Monterey County Fair in September and have held educational program meetings at stated times with a splendid attendance of members and guests, and have arranged several garden tours, one of which was means of entertaining visitors during the Centennial.

Now the membership is asking the public to assist them in their continuing efforts to make the Peninsula a better and more beautiful place in which to live. The club is sponsoring a Christmas bazaar to be held at the Pacific Grove Woman's Clubhouse on Friday, December 16, from 12 noon until 7 o'clock in the evening. The sale will not be the usual type of holiday bazaar but will feature wreaths, candles, table and tree decorations, gift plants and herbs and a child's booth.

Members of a committee from the club met Thursday evening at the home of the chairman, Mrs. William F. Ward, in Pacific Grove, to discuss and make final plans for the event. Receiving and giving practical and unusual ideas were Mrs. F. L. Knudsen, Mrs. Jessie Caffee, Mrs. William Robertson, Mrs. Alla C. McCarthy, Mrs. Francis Hopper, Mrs. Weston Booth, Mrs. Leon Ebner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schirmer and the president, Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allaire and their daughter, Eleanor, are in their Carmel home again after a holiday visit in San Francisco as the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Loy E. Linebarger, Mr. Linebarger, and their two daughters, Marcella and Rita. Basil Allair, a student at the University of Santa Clara, joined the family for the Thanksgiving dinner. Two of Basil's college friends, John Metheny and Leigh McKenney, returned with the family to spend the last week end in Carmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Luckenbach have as their house guests in their Carmel home Miss Helen Hodges and her younger sister, Miss Claire Hodges, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hodges of Montreal, Canada. The father of the young ladies is a prominent textile manufacturer in the Canadian city. During their visit, which will probably be for a couple of months, Mr. and Mrs. Luckenbach will entertain them with drives and parties. They spent several days recently in Los Angeles and Palm Springs.

Mrs. Fredrick Godwin has departed from Carmel for New York, where she will meet her daughter, Mrs. Warren Trabant, Mr. Trabant and their three children, Gretchen, age 2, Eric who is 3, and 1 year old Peter – as they land in the U. S. after three years in Munich, Germany.

Mr. Trabant has been publishing a newspaper for the State Department in the German language with English captions and heads. The family's plans are unsettled at present but their friends and family on the West Coast are hoping that they will settle on or near the Peninsula.

Mr. Godwin, mayor of Carmel, is remaining at the La Playa, going duck hunting and managing the La Playa ranch up the Carmel Valley during Mrs. Godwin's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Warshawsky will motor to Santa Cruz on Wednesday evening, December 7, to lecture on "Art and Its Manifestations" for the members of the Santa Cruz Art League. They will be the guests of Miss Marjory Warren in her home at 26 Pasatiempo Drive during their stay. Miss Warren writes that she is planning to open a pottery work shop and art school in the house as soon as details can be arranged.