

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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A new and different nature program, by outdoor hobbyists Alice and Harold Allen of Los Angeles, nationally known radio and screen artists, will be presented in the Sunset School auditorium in Carmel on Monday evening, January 9, at 8 o'clock by the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society.

Those who have thought of the sageland as devoid of vegetation and scarcely inhabited will be pleasantly surprised at its wealth of animal and plant life as portrayed in glowing color motion pictures. To go with the Allens to the Salton Sea and listen as their skill reproduces the strange music of the sageland will be the opportunity offered to the interested public by the Audubon Society of the Peninsula.

The series, of which the January 9 program is the second event, is the third in a local series to be given in past years. Audubon screen tour programs are presented in the interest of wildlife protection, wise use of natural resources and conservation education.

On January 14 at 8:30 a.m., the members of the local society will participate in a field trip to Los Banos Game Bird Refuge. The group will meet at Tiny's Café in Los Banos at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and leave from there for the refuge. Sandhill cranes have been seen there, so the members are looking forward to seeing this strange bird again, as well as many waterfowl. Anyone needing transportation is asked to call Dr. W.A. Angwin, Monterey 2-0070.

On January 20 at 8 p.m. the regular monthly meeting of the Audubon Society will be held in Sunset School. The important subject of saving the Carmel marsh and beach from commercial encroachment will be discussed, and what the Audubon Society can do to help this project. Mrs. J.B. Speller, the program chairman, has announced that R.A. Wilson of Point Lobos State Park will show colored slides of the wild life in the park, including flowers and shrubs.

Yesterday we reviewed in part the catalog of the California Centennial of the Gold Rush and the First State Constitution exhibit at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., which opened November 12 and will close February 12. As there are so many items that pertain to Monterey and its history, we will continue the discussion today.

"Writing California's First Constitution: 1859" is opened to the title page in the exhibit. This is a complete account of all the acts and proceedings, as recorded in shorthand by John Ross Browne, who was the only such reporter in California and received for his work \$10,000.

Next in the exhibition is "California's First Constitution – 1849," opened at the page containing the Proclamation to the People of California, Monterey, October 12, 1849. No. 261 in the display is a manuscript copy of California's Constitution, and a picture of the frontispiece of the first printing of the document and of the first page of Vol. 1 No. 1 of the Californian, dated at Monterey, August 15, 1846, are shown in the catalog. In the photographic section of the Library of Congress exhibit the first scenic photograph is one of the Seventeen Mile Drive. Under "Parks and Recreation" the second picture on exhibit is one of Point Lobos.

A merry Christmas was spent at the Carmel Valley home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hale when they were joined by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Sand, and their two sons, Tolland and Eric, of Richmond; and Mr. Sand's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sand of Robles del Rio. Fred Bechdolt of Carmel, father of Mr. Hale, was also among the guests.

John Sand is majoring in political science at the University of California, where he is in his senior year. The couple live in the college housing project at Richmond during the college year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Palmer came down from San Francisco Friday evening of last week to spend Christmas with Mrs. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Vincent O'Dea. They were also here to assist in the celebration of the 86th birthday on December 26 of Mrs. Palmer's grandmother, Mrs. Anna Clyde Cooper. Many old friends called during the afternoon at the O'Dea home on upper Harrison Street, to bring gifts, cards and flowers to Mrs. Cooper.