

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

October 27, 1950

Native Daughters' Local Club Formed

Junipero Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West was organized in Monterey on December 18, 1903, as No. 141 in the roster of state parlors.

The minutes of the organization meeting recorded: "A meeting for the purpose of organizing a parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Custom House in the room of the Monterey Parlor of the N.S.G.W. No. 75. Miss Alice Leland, deputy district Grand President, acted as organizer and Mrs. Newbarth as recording secretary. Twenty-three candidates for charter membership were presented. It was decided to name the parlor the Junipero Parlor and that the meetings should be held in the Custom House the first and third Thursdays of each month. The charter fee was fixed at \$2.50, and the dues at one dollar per quarter.

The following charter members were enrolled: Amelia Catherine Bergschicker, Matilda M. Bergschicker, Amy Mossip Bickford, Bertha Schwartz Gunzendorfer, Lou Marie Harrison, Lucy Archer Hollingsworth, Teresa Trescony Johnson, Jennie Merritt Kilpatrick, Margaret Ruth Mossip, Leah Caroline Peckham, Sophie Harris, Julia Meyer Hilby, Edith Little, Anita Pardee, Carrie Eakle Read, Henrietta Louise Ruhl, Florence Adele Schaufele, Laurretta Mary Schaufele, Dolly Gregg Steadman, Carrie Whitcomb Wolter, Lucy Little Wolter, Nellie Brooche Ingram.

The following officers were elected: Past President, Matilda Bergschicker, President, Mrs. Teresa Trescony Johnson; First Vice-President, Mrs. Lucy Little Wolter; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Julia Meyer Hilby; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Jennie Merritt Kilpatrick; Recording Secretary, Leah Caroline Peckham; Financial Secretary, Amelia Bergschicker; Treasurer, Sophie Harris; Marshall, Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb Wolter; Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Amy Mossip Bickford; Inside Sentinel, Laurretta Mary Schaufele; Organist, Florence Adele Schaufele; Trustees, Florence Adele Schaufele, Carrie Eakle Read, Dolly Gregg Steadman; Physician, Dr. James McGowan.

The meeting then adjourned until 7:30 o'clock. At that hour the parlor re-assembled and the officers were duly installed, after which the meeting adjourned. Mrs. Newbarth was the recording secretary pro-tem."

The first regular meeting of Junipero Parlor was held on January 7, 1904, in the Old Custom House. Teresa Johnson, wife of a former mayor of Monterey, mother of Mrs. John B. Cooper of Carmel and the owner of the Larkin House at

that time presided as the first president. That evening Annie Brening Duarte, a charter member, was initiated.

In 1904 calling days were still in vogue and ladies stayed at home to receive callers and also went calling on other days. Appointed on the calling committee for Junipero Parlor and their days to call, were: Monday, Lucie Hollingsworth; Tuesday, Lou Harris; Wednesday, Carrie Read; Thursday, Dolly Steadman; Friday, Florence Schaufele; Saturday, Matilda Bergschicker, and Sunday, Laurretta Schaufele.

At the first regular meeting the charter of the chapter was closed. It was also moved, seconded and carried that the Parlor hold a Leap Year Ball on February 3, and the following women were appointed to serve on the committee of arrangements: Amelia Bergschicker, Lou Harris, Florence Schaufele, Bertha Gunzendorfer, Matilda Bergschicker, Carrie Read, Margaret Mossip and Amy Bickford. L.C. Peckham was to be doorkeeper and Sophie Harris was to be in the ticket office. It was decided to have the town marshall assist in keeping order in the hall.

On the evening of February 26, 1904, the Grand President Stella Finkledey, paid an official visit and explained in full the principles and work of the order.

The remainder of 1904 evidently was successful and uneventful for there is no recording otherwise in the scrapbook compiled by Mrs. Eleanor Frasier and preserved by the Parlor.

Amelia Bergschicker, now Mrs. Gomez, was the president in 1905. She was installed on January 15. That year the members sponsored a Country Ball and \$58.50 was taken in at the door from the ticket sale. There were 38 members.

From August to December of 1905, Mrs. Gomez was replaced by her sister, Miss Matilda Bergschicker. The parlor had donated \$30 to the Fourth of July committee and the membership marched in the parade.

In 1905 when the Grand President, Dr. Eva Rasmussen, paid her official visit to the Parlor, Mrs. Bertha Gunzendorfer was the president, and she presented the distinguished visitor with a Monterey souvenir spoon.

(More on Monday)