

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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A New Publication

The California Historical Society is announcing with "much pride" a preview reception for members to be held Nov. 30, 1956, at the society's new permanent quarters, 2090 Jackson St., San Francisco. Receiving hours are from 4 until 7 o'clock. Admission will be by card only.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, the public will be welcomed after which the doors will be closed to all while preparations for the official opening in January are being made.

The board of directors of the Monterey History and Art Assn. recently voted to publish a quarterly bulletin for the information and interest of the membership at large. As yet no name has been chosen for this publication. Neither has the size or contents been decided upon but it is hoped that the first issue will appear soon after the first of the year. Mrs. William Kneass, Miss Ethel Solliday, Donald Craig, Fred Diefendorf and Mrs. William O'Donnell are members of the editorial staff which will plan the first policies and make-up.

A recent, much appreciated gift to the Monterey History and Art Assn. is a small gold cross presented by James Hernande in memory of his grandmother, Guadalupe Holjin de la Torre, and his mother, Maria de los Angeles Hernandez.

The first de la Torre to be born in Monterey was Jose Remigio de la Torre. He was the son of Joaquin de la Torre and Maria de los Angeles Cota, born in 1831. Joaquin was born in the mountains of Santander, Spain, emigrated to Mexico and came to California in 1801 as a cadet in the army. He served until 1822 and was for much of that time the governor's secretary. He also served in the diputacion (legislature).

Maria de los Angeles Cota de la Torre was the daughter of the well known Cota family of Santa Barbara.

Jose, the youngest son of Joaquin's large family, married Guadalupe Holjin, a young lady from Mexico, and they established their home in the charming adobe on Pierce street, until recently the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Oliver. Their daughter, Maria de los Angeles, married Daniel Hernandez. Their son, Jose, married Mary Post of the well known Posts of Big Sur.

James Hernandez, the donor of the little cross, is the son of Daniel Hernandez and Maria de los Angeles de la Torre. The late Mrs. Angie Kynock was the daughter of Jose de la Torre and Mary Post. Both are the grandchildren of Jose de la Torre and Guadalupe Holjin.

Of interest to friends of Anne Benson Fisher is the fact that she is now established in a home which she describes as "delightful" at 14220 Lutheria Way, Saratoga. Recently Mrs. Fisher was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Santa Clara branch of the National League of American Pen Women in San Jose.

Rs. Fisher is now working on her 14th book, to be published next year. One of her first books "Wide Roads Ahead," which she was commissioned to do for Dutton and Co., tells of her experiences as a government bacteriologist in the mountain states. This book has been translated into Swedish, German, Italian and other languages. The Salinas which she wrote for Rinehart's Rivers of the America Series, was illustrated by her husband, the late Dr. W.K. Fisher, director of the Stanford Marine Laboratories at Pacific Grove. "Cathedral in the Sun," a story of the Carmel Mission and the Indians who helped to build it, is probably her best known publication.