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The advance program for the Ninth Annual Institute, California History Foundation, has arrived. This event, important to all historical societies and historians, will be held at the College of the Pacific in Stockton March 9 and 10.

Dr. Robert E. Burns, president of the College of the Pacific, Randolph Hutchins, director of the Foundation, and Dr. Rockwell Hunt, president of the conference, will all be present to welcome the members and guests. The Monterey History and Art Assn. is a member of the group and there are also several individual memberships on the Peninsula.

Last year the conference met in Monterey with headquarters at the House of Four Winds. We are proud to report that we are a member of the Board of Sponsors of this very fine organization of historical societies throughout California.

The program will include an address during the ninth annual banquet by Prof. Hubert Herring, department of Latin American Civilization Claremont Graduate School, entitled: "California Looks at Latin American." At the general session on Saturday morning Dr. Malcolm R. Eislen will introduce Mrs. W.G. Paden, distinguished California author, as the speaker. Her latest book, in collaboration with Margaret E. Schlichtmann, is "The Big Oak Flat Road," an account of freighting from Stockton to the Yosemite Valley. Her address is entitled "New Lights on California History from Old Documents."

Dr. Andrew F. Rolle of Occidental College will speak on: "The California of the Pioneer, William Heath Davis." Dr. Rolle has visited Monterey many times in years past. He came here as a very young man with the ROTC; later he was inducted into the Army here and has served in Europe and in Korea. Since that time he has also been with the consular service in Italy and is now with the department of history at Occidental College. His book on William Heath Davis will soon be released, if it has not already appeared in the book shops. While he served with the Army here Dr. Rolle spent every spare moment he had browsing about in the historic spots and learning all he could about the history of Monterey and California.

Sir Llewellyn and Lady Woodward of England have been recent guests on the Monterey Peninsula and callers at the Stevenson House. Sir Llewellyn Woodward has been a professor of history at Oxford and is at present an instructor of Advanced Studies at Princeton. They are friends of the Balfours of England, cousins of Robert Louis Stevenson, who, they told Mrs. William Kneass, the curator of the Stevenson House, would be happy to know that the Stevenson memory was being kept green in Monterey.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parish of Altadena, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy of San Francisco and Maurice Block of Pasadena spent several days last week in Monterey, touring the state historic monuments here. Mr. Parish is the curator of prints at the Henry E. Huntington Library at San Marino. Mr. Block was formerly in charge of the decorative art department at the Huntington Library, now retired, but still active enough to assist in the restoration and furnishing of the Queen Anne Cottage on the Lucky Baldwin estate at Arcadia. The party visited at the Stevenson House and also called at Casa Soberanes and the Larkin House.

The Ninth Annual College of the Pacific Mission Trail tour will start from Stockton on March 24 and last for eight days. J. Randolph Hutchins and Dr. and Mrs. R. Coke Wood will be in charge. This historic tour is of interest to Monterey for the reason that Sunday and Sunday night, March 25, will be spent in Monterey at the Casa Munras. College credits will be given for the participation in the tour.

The Northern California Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity, plans to erect plaques at historic sites in journalism in Northern and Central California, and Monterey has been wisely chosen for the first plaque, for it was here that the first printing in California was printed (1830) and the Californian, first newspaper in the state, made its appearance August 15, 1846. It has not been announced as yet just when or where the plaque will be placed. The location for printing of the Californian was the old Cuartel with the Rev. Walter Colton and Robert Semple as the publishers and Agustin Vincente Zamorano as the printer. The California was later published in San Francisco where it became the Alta California.