

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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An Unusual Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Monterey History and Art Assn. was an unusual one on March 4. Reports and regular business were cut to the minimum in order that Mrs. Mary I. Greene and Claude Faw might have sufficient time to show a group of slides of most of the historic old adobe buildings in Monterey and a number of pictures of the many admirable and historic pieces of furniture objects of art and other appointments in the State Historical Monuments in Monterey. A greater part of the items in the latter photographs, all in color are the property of the association and loaned to the various buildings for exhibit purposes.

All the beautiful pictures have been collected and photographed by Mr. Faw during the past several months. Mrs. Greene wrote the commentary which accompanied the showing and read the script as the showing progressed. Many expressions of appreciation were heard, and opinions expressed among the directors that the films should be shown in the schools and to the membership at large in the near future.

Donald Craig a director and chairman of the publication committee, announced that the first issue will be mailed to all members of the association by the end of the present month. This quarterly has long been a dream of the officers and directors. It will contain articles of historic value, activities of the association, new exhibits to be seen in the historic monuments in Monterey and other items of interest to the membership. Members of the editorial staff are Donald Craig, Mrs. William Kneass and Miss Ethel Solliday.

R. H. Partridge was presented with a History and Art Assn. scroll in recognition of his gift of \$50 making him a life member. Other life members are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holman, the Misses Ardelia and Alice Work, Mrs. Roger Fitch, Mrs. Harry Luisgnan, Miss Anita Doud and Mrs. W. M. O'Donnell. All money from life members is to be placed in a savings account as a building fund with which someday the association hopes to acquire one of the historic buildings as clubhouse.

Placed on a committee by President van Loben Sels as an advisory group to the planning commission, a

committee asked for by the latter group – were Eldon Covell, Mrs. Guy Curtis and Myron Oliver.

Directors present at the meeting were Mesdames W. R. Holman, F. I Knudsen, Maria Antonia Thompson, Mary L. Greene, Robert Giet, Maria Gragg, Christine Raynsford, W. M. O'Donnell, Misses Margaret Jacks and Ethel Solliday, J. F. van Luben Sels, R. H. Partridge, Eldon Covell, Claude Faw, Allen Knight, Charles McHarry, C. L. Slusher, Howard Severance, Donald Craig, Guy Curtis, Al Coons and John Martin.

"Historical Activity in California Today" will be the subject discussed at the luncheon meeting tomorrow of the California Historical Society in the Comstock Room of the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The speakers are to be Dr. John D Hicks. A. F. and May T. Morrison, professor of history at the University of California. We will have more to report on this meeting later.