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The Knowland Papers

The Honorable William F. Knowland has announced that he would present to the Bancroft Library of the University of California his collection of documents, letters, memoranda, and other personal papers from his quarter century in state and national politics. This news is of great importance, to California history and the Bancroft Library, for with the acquisition of the Knowland collection the Library will have the papers of four California senators, covering a period of 47 years. Director George P. Hammond has pointed out that with these records, combined with the Library's already extensive collections relating to state politics, the Bancroft Library will become the major center of research in the field of California political history.

At the recent annual meeting of the Friends of the Bancroft Library, Mrs. Henry W. Toulmin of Monterey and Santa Barbara was given a vote of sincere thanks for her eight years of service on the council.

Publication of another new and historical book is being announced by the California Historical Society. The Author is W. W. Robinson and his book, "Los Angeles from the Days of the Pueblo," is the second in a series of popular guidebooks.

The Los Angeles pueblo is one of California's newest state parks. Here, Saturday luncheon and a regional meeting of the society was held. The society's president, George L. Harding, presided and introduced Dwight L. Clarke of Los Angeles, who presented the speaker of the day, Dr. Aubrey Neasham, historian of the State Division of Beaches and Parks, The Hon. Joseph R. Knowland and Mrs. Knowland were also present.

W. W. Robinson, the author of "Los Angeles from the Pueblo Days," a nearly life-long resident of Southern California, was for 11 years vice president of the Title Insurance and Trust Co. in charge, of its publication program. He has written several books, including "Ranchos Become Cities," "What They Say About the Angels," and "Land in California," and - in conjunction with his wife, an artist, about a dozen children's books which have proven very popular.

Mr. Robinson is active in various historical societies and book-centered groups, having served as president of the Zambrano Club and of friends of the UCLA Library.

The volume is designed by Lawton Kennedy, distinguished typographer, and includes modern photographs and reproductions of old views and paintings; five of them in color. There are 100 pages with a map showing the old and modern streets and points of interest. The price is \$1.56 for the cardboard cover, and for full cloth, \$4.16 including tax. The California Historical Society, 2090 Jackson St., San Francisco, 9, are accepting orders.

Oscar Lewis' "Fabulous San Simeon," was the first in this guide series. It is planned to publish one for Monterey, according to announcement by the Society.

The fifth annual meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies will meet in San Mateo Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Monterey. History and Art Assn. is a member of this conference and the members of the Monterey group are eligible to attend. Clyde Arbuckle of San Jose is this year's president.

The program for the conference schedules a number of lectures which should be of value to anyone interested in history or related subjects. For instance: The Problems and Pleasures of Publishing. History, How to Get Along with Your Newspaper; Western Regional Publishing and Western History; Radio, the Untapped Medium for Historical Publicity, and a Video View of Yesterday, are some of the titles for lectures by persons familiar with those subjects.