

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### Historical Conference

The sixth annual meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies will be held in Bakerfield, June 23-25, 1960, with the Kern County Historical Society as the host. Kern County will be assisted by Tulare, Kings and Fresno counties historical societies. Dr. Frank Stanger of San Mateo will preside.

Among the titles announced for the various talks during the conference are these: Implements Used by the Yokuts Indians of the South San Joaquin Valley, The Kern County Museum and Pioneer Village, Problems of the Historical Society Museum, Physical Facilities and Organization, and Acquisition, Documentation, Preservation and Care.

There will be an escorted tour of the Pioneer Village and historical exhibits in the Kern County Museum and a talk by Dr. Donald Cutter, associate professor of history, University of Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Park are displaying an attractive arrangement of old time photographs and other historical items in the windows of their real estate office next to the Casa Serrano on Pacific street. The items are on loan from the collection of the Monterey History and Art Assn.

In response to an appeal from the History and Art Assn. board of directors the floors of Casa Serrano are now covered with eight oriental rugs. Three large ones were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Miles Leoni and Dr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Tolfree. Several small orientals were given by Dr. and Mrs. Tolfree and Frank Work.

The Monterey County Historical Society will meet Sunday, May 15, with Walter Rosenberg as host. The members and guests will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Southern Pacific depot in San Ardo for a noon picnic at the Mobil Oil picnic grounds eight miles southeast of San Ardo. From there the group will be escorted on a tour of Texaco and Mobil Oil Co. oil fields. Those attending are asked to bring individual box lunches and to make up car pools.

The California Historical Society will entertain members on the evening of May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Mansion, 2090 Jackson St., San Francisco., with an unusual program. At least two students from St. Mary's College will present

talks on the study of history as a dynamic and living experience. Brother Mathew, professor of history at St. Mary's College, reports that his students are encouraged to use primary sources in their immediate environment, Contra Costa County, and to interview actual participants in the California story, or their descendants.

A study of the de Laveaga family has been made by James Neylan, a junior student majoring in history. He has made tape recordings of the de Laveaga family reminiscences. John Mon Pere will speak on Contra Costa County's first settler, Robert Livermore. He has been able to obtain first-hand information for Livermore's granddaughter, Mrs. Christina Alviso Chapman, a resident of Berkley.

"The Story of Yankee Whaling," the first book in American Heritage's new Junior library series, has been released. Irwin Shapiro, a specialist in American folklore and history and author of more than 30 books for young readers, prepared the narrative for this volume, while Edward A. Stackpole, curator of the Marine Historical Assn. at Mystic, Conn., acted as historical consultant.

From Ralph L. Milliken, curator of the Los Banos Museum, comes this newspaper clipping: "The Los Banos Museum is in need of discarded dress forms on which to display pioneer dresses."