

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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A Merienda For San Francisco

Mrs. Gwen Powers Applegarth (Mrs. George Applegarth) was among those who attended Monterey's 190th birthday celebration in the form of the annual Merienda sponsored by the Monterey History and Art Assn. and held in the Memory Garden of the Old Pacific Building. Mrs. Applegarth is the daughter of the late Laura Bride Powers, who was the first curator of the Old Custom House and one of the founders of the Monterey History and Art Assn.

Mrs. Applegarth writes us that she is in the throes of plans for the celebration of "Founders Days" in San Francisco from June 26 through June 29. The program on these days will consist of a celebration in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, the anniversary Mass and wreath placing to honor the founders on the morning of the 29th at Mission Dolores, luncheon at the Presidio Officers' Club at noon with Dr. Glen Dumke, San Francisco State College president, as speaker.

La Favorita, will be Susan Penelope Lockridge, who is a descendant of the de la Guerra family of Santa Barbara, and W. E. P. Hartnell of Monterey. Her father, Hartnell Lockridge, resides in Carmel, and she attends Monterey Peninsula College. Penny, as San Francisco's La Favorita is known among her friends, was a debutante of last December. Francesca Ortega Brady gave her a coming out party. Mrs. Brady is a member of the Ortega family whose ancestor was Sgt. Jose Francisco Ortega, attached to the expedition of Gaspar de Portola, who discovered San Francisco Bay Nov. 2, 1769.

Among the new members of the Monterey History and Art Assn. is Mrs. Bertram F. Rudolph Jr. of Carmel. Mrs. Rudolph's great-grandfather was the late Harry Ashland Green of Monterey. Her great-great grandfather was Milton Little who became a Monterey resident in 1844 and also a partner of Thomas Oliver Larkin. In 1851 he built a number of residences. As a consequence, he imported quantities of heavy lumber from Australia and galvanized iron from New York, with iron being cut and grooved according to his specification. Both shipments arrived by sailing ships. He had ordered sufficient iron to cover the outside walls of six houses but in the end received just enough to cover four. At this date the only building still standing in Monterey and built by Mr. Little

of this iron is enclosed in the Kimball Hotel on Alvarado Street.

Two houses built by Mr. Little of the same material were in New Monterey. The one known as the Ranch House occupied the corner where the Lighthouse Furniture store is now and the other was across the street. The Greene home was also in New Monterey.

The California Historical Society has sent out a notice to its membership to accept an invitation from Sacramento, the old river town that was the trading and entertainment center for the northern mines. It is planned to make this a kind of Old Sacramento preview that is hoped will give the guests a greater sense of latent excitement and drama inherent in the city's historical buildings. Those attending will be shown pictures on the screen of the old buildings as they are today and as they were in their heyday. Following this, a panel will discuss the buildings from both their historical and architectural viewpoints. Analyzing their place in history will be Aubrey Neasham, historian of the Division of Beaches and Parks, Hero Rensch and Carrol Hall, curator of Sutter's Fort, as well as Joseph Baird of the University of California Davis and Dunbar Beck of Sacramento.

Buses will meet guests at the Mansion, the headquarters of the California Historical Society in San Francisco, 2090 Jackson Street, at 8 a.m. and will leave Sacramento at 3:30 p.m. for the return trip to the bay area.

The Board of Directors of the Monterey History and Art Assn. will meet Monday afternoon, June 13th, at 4:30 p.m. in Casa Serrano.