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Wanted: One Old Building

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., is searching for an old California building dating back at least to the 1850s. Once donated, this California relic will be added to a collection of historic holdings for permanent exhibit in the collection, efforts to locate such a building in California have been unsuccessful to date and the Smithsonian staff has turned to the California State Society in Washington for assistance.

President Ralph Lorimer of that society writes "The building could be a blacksmith shop, covered bridge, a pioneer's home, assayer's office or mercantile store. Although it will be necessarily small in size it should nevertheless depict California's early history." The donated building will be carefully disassembled and shipped to Washington for reassembly. Suggestions for such a building should be sent to The Knave, Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California. All nominations will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution.

Formal dedication of the new \$140,000 James W. Marshall Museum near the gold discovery site at Coloma, Eldorado County, will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22. Senator Swift Berry of Placerville is to be the master of ceremonies A big parade will be held at 10 a.m. and the dedication of the museum at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served by the Coloma - Lotus Boosters and the Grange. The public is invited to attend. A record advance sale has resulted from the announcement of the publication of E. Geoffrey Bangs beautiful volume, "Portals West". Almost daily the local press contains an account of some venerable landmark which has been destroyed. The most recent example is the tragic loss of the Hartnell adobe which was located near Salinas. Those who deplore this regrettable destruction will respond to Portals West, for, as the author states, "It is hoped that these photographs will stimulate a growing awareness of that brief background (our architectural heritage) and create a more widespread appreciation of our charming provincial architecture."

The Monterey History and Art Assn., Ltd, announces today that the annual Adobe House Tour will be held Saturday June 24th, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Transportation will be provided as usual for those who wish it and there will be a luncheon at the Mission Inn in Monterey with members of the association as the

sponsors. Several new adobe buildings will be added to the list of homes and adobes which have been successfully remodeled to be use as offices. Mrs. Henry Jones is the overall chairman of this year's popular event which annually brings hundreds of guest to the Monterey Peninsula.