

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Historic Tours

The California Historical Society in San Francisco is planning an interesting historic tour for May 21 from 1:00 to 5 p.m. when chartered buses will take the tour guests to Historic Bay Area Forts.

The itinerary of the tour will be as follows:

Leave the California Historical Society Mansion, 2090 Jackson Street, San Francisco, at 1 p.m. Tour historic spots in the Presidio with stops at the original Presidio compound and Mountain Lake, the camp site of Lieut. Col. Don Juan Bautista de Anza; Cross Golden Gate Bridge and enter Fort Barry to inspect World War I Battery Spencer and early gun emplacements dating from 1853; Fort Point (including the seldom opened interior), Fort Mason, where a special program is being prepared by James Sullivan to be presented at Fort Mason Officers' Club after which a musical program will be presented at the mansion and champagne will be served.

A highlight of the trip is the expert guidance and wealth of historic information offered by Sfc. Charles S. Hawkins. The unique features of this tour have been made possible through the cooperation of the Commanding General, Sixth Army, and Post Commanders of the Bay Area installations. The contribution to benefit the Society is \$5.00.

Reservations accompanied by check must be sent to the California Historical Society, 2090 Jackson Street, San Francisco 9. The general public is cordially invited to participate.

The seventh annual meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies will be held at Columbia Historic State Park from June 22 to 24. The Tuolumne Historical Society will act as host organization. The garden at the Columbia Park home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Burns, president of the University of the Pacific, will be the setting for the opening program Thursday evening.

On Friday afternoon a scheduled program should be interesting and informative, entitled "Organizations about which we should know more": National Trust for California Heritage Council, Western Heritage, Inc., Golden Chain Council, and California Folklore Society. On Saturday afternoon Walter C. Frame of the

Sacramento County Historical Society and chairman of the legislative committee, Conference of California Historical Societies, will discuss "Historical Agencies and the State Legislature," at a meeting in the old Fallon Theatre.

Another historic tour in the offing is scheduled for the same day as the California Historical Tour of the Forts. Sacramento County Historical Society has announced a bus tour for Sunday, May 21, with transportation provided in three modern, air-conditioned buses, leaving McKinley Park Center at 8:15 a.m.

Auburn will be the first stop where the museum will be visited, following which the group will continue on to Dutch Flat, where many original buildings still stand in the quaint village, once the center of intense hydraulic mining activity. The next stop is announced for Emigrant Gap, where the early pioneers, used rope and tackle, lowering their wagons into Bear Valley after coming over the Donner Pass.

Luncheon will be served in the Victorian Room of the National Hotel in Nevada City. On the return to Sacramento, the route will be by way of Marysville through Rough 'n Ready, Smartville and Timbuktoo, those picturesque hamlets immortalized by Mark Twain.

Reservations may be made at \$6.25 each, by writing to the Society headquarters. Room 1107, 9th street, Sacramento 14.