

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### **Thank You Note**

The Monterey History and Art Assn. wishes to thank Rose Marie Ansel for her complimentary letter to the editor recently in The Monterey Peninsula Herald. For those who did not read it, we will print the paragraph relative to the association.

"As a native and citizen of Monterey, may I extend my sincerest gratitude to the Monterey History and Art Assn. This organization has done more to make Monterey attractive and profitable than any other group.

"Every motel owner, every concessionaire, owes much to this wonderful group, for it was the vehicle directly responsible for saving much of this historic town and making it the tourist mecca it is today. Listen well to its voice.

"One thing to keep in mind is that Monterey's treasure will be found in its history, not in its merchandise. It should be the center of great culture."

At the regular board meeting of the Monterey History and Art Assn. held the first day of October in Casa Serrano, the following resolution was read as authorized at the September meeting:

"Whereas the Monterey History and Art Assn. Ltd., is a cultural non-profit organization, duly incorporated under the laws of the State of California, with a membership of more than 800 persons; and

"Whereas the purpose of this association is in part, ' - to protect (Monterey County's) historic landmarks and buildings - ', which has consistently been interpreted to include preservation of the character and atmosphere of the historic sections of the city of Monterey: and

"Whereas overhead power, communication and other utility lines are altogether unsightly and anachronistic in the older, historic section of the city of Monterey;

"Be it resolved that the Monterey History and Art Assn., Ltd., requests and charges the Urban Renewal Agency to relocate underground all utility lines in the Urban Renewal Area, and to establish effective safeguards to preclude overhead wiring in the future."

Mrs. Herman Wieland of Modesto appeared before the board of directors of the Monterey History and Art

Assn. at the last meeting to present, on behalf of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Crane (Helen H. Crane), an old day book dated 1849 up to May 23, 1842, which include the names of many of the well-known pioneers of those days as they were charged for board and room, supplies, etc., possibly at the Old Washington Hotel in Monterey which occupied the corner of Washington and Pearl streets. There will be more to relate after we have made a complete study of the book.

The directors expressed a vote of appreciation to all the members who assisted in any manner to make the annual Adobe House Tour a complete success. More than 900 persons made the tour and were most enthusiastic over the table settings and the private homes they were permitted to visit.