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### **George's Weekly Views City Council Hearing**

George Sandholdt, the publisher of George's Weekly which appeared in Monterey in 1925, wrote a news comment concerning a meeting of the Monterey City Council meeting. It might have been written in 1962, according to reports we read of the meetings of our present council this year. Here is the comment:

"I went up to Colton Hall last night to watch the wheels of the city government go round but the wheels didn't throw much sparks so it was slightly uninteresting.

"As a-matter of fact it was an entirely dull eve-ping till the garbage ordinance as newly proposed was read.

"To the average person garbage doesn't sound as though it could do much to enliven the occasion.

"And that's because the average person has never heard that newly proposed ordinance read. It sure was a lalapaloosa.

"Its treatment of the subject of the handling of garbage was quite thorough. If it is ever passed and enforced, we had better add a garbage study branch in our school system courses.

"Bridge parties will be enlivened by discussions on the best methods of manicuring potato peels, how to properly marcel carrot tops before laying them to rest in the 'sanitary garbage container,' how to properly address the garbage man when he calls and above all will echo masterly arguments on the proper classification of garbage.

"Does an egg shell go with the broken crockery or vice versa? Will it be proper to mix the remains of an English boiled dinner with the remnants of the banquet served to the ladles of the Thursday Afternoon Club?

"When the ordinance, which is composed of many pages, had been read the audience was stupefied and the councilmen stared at one another in consternation. After consterning a moment or so Mayor William Hudson opined that it might be well to shade a few of the high spots in the ordinance a shade or two and as his opiner got into better working order he intimated that he barely felt equal to become as much of an expert on garbage as the ordinance would require of a good citizen. So the ordinance was put over for a few weeks.

"Monterey Peninsula had another near beer rumrunner raid last night. Moral - Don't do your fishing near the Peninsula shores after dark.

"Those who were looking forward to a hearty Feast of Lanterns at Pacific Grove this year are due for disappointment. The Putter-ups of the city are responsible for the lantern famine. They refuse to be the lantern feaster's meal tickets. All of which causes some folks to wonder why it is that celebrations always need so money lubrication.

"Good times without money must be, what do we call it? Oh! Passe. Used to be that folks could have a good time doing something that brought results other than headache and an empty purse. But not anymore. We all think we're a whole blame lot smarter than folks used to be at that."

"The overflow from the Monterey Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night, found room at the Sticker's Club Meeting.

"The professional Getter in-the-way at Monterey fires is frequently at a loss as to which way the fire is, on account of the hesitation in the fire siren, and losses of valuable seconds in getting first row positions at the fire.

"A local Citizen on seeing our brand new Motor Cop, Offlsa Trenner, riding up the street says, 'Louie sits that go-devil, pretty well for an old stiff.'" "Don't you just love those merry souls that gather out by your front gate at three o'clock in the morning and sing you into wakefulness that you may be merry with them?

"And the autoist that drives his car down Franklin street hill in such a manner as to bring out the car's best; in the way of explosive backfires?

"When one of these chaps sings, 'be merry for tomorrow we die.' We sure feel that it's unfortunate that the morrow must be waited for."

This writer of 1962 has discovered that Mrs. Nye Otis is the only charter member of the Monday Afternoon Club who is still an active member today. Although 87 years old, she gave a program for the members at last Monday's gathering of the club at the home of Mrs. Stuart Work, in Pebble Beach. Her topic was the histories of outstanding American women.