

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Girl Scout Datebook

The 1964 Girl Scout calendar is a completely unusual one published by the Monterey Bay Council. The Council now consist of Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey counties and the chairman of this newly combined group chose to have another historical date book as was published two years ago with all Monterey adobes pictured for the twelve months.

For the cover design there are three trees in black and white—a Monterey Cypress, an oak and a tall redwood.

For January the Custom House in Monterey, seen from the bay side, is the illustration with two Girl Scouts and a small Brownie enjoying the experience of having their picture taken before such a historical monument.

Mission San Antonio de Padua, built in 1771 by the Franciscans, is being studied from the exterior by two scouts and their leader, for February.

Santa Cruz county chose to be represented in various months by the Castro Adobe near Watsonville built about 1829 by Joaquin Castro, the Neary Adobe built about 1791 in Santa Cruz, now a State historical monument; the Watsonville City Park, given to the city by Don Sebastian Rodriquez prior to 1860; and a view in Big Basin California's first state park established in 1902

Salinas is represented by a picture of Hartnell College as it looked before it was demolished about one year ago.

The college was built by W.E.P. Hartnell in 1833, the first school of higher education in California. Sausal Rancho or the Sherwood Adobe, near Salinas, built in 1823 by Jose Castro, and now almost a complete ruin, also represents the Salinas area.

In addition to the Custom House, Monterey Scouts chose pictures for the 1964 calendar of Colton Hall, the French Consulate on the shore of El Estero, now headquarters for the Monterey Bay Council, and San Carlos Church. A picture of the Zanetta House represents San Juan.

The Cascarone Ball will soon be on the social scene again before the Lenten season begins. As long as 155 years ago, eggs were being prepared and saved to make the colorful cascarones, as will be perceived from "The Governor's Request."

The military commander of Alta California, writing to the Commissioner of Branciforte (Santa Cruz), December 2, 1809, says: "I wish you to procure for me by the 8th all eggs you can find, to be used in the celebration here on the 12th of the Day Our Lord. With them send a memorandum, showing who had delivered them to you and the price they asked, and inquire if they wish pay in money or merchandise. I have spoken to the militiaman, Besankido, that he may bring them to me, but if by reason of some accident he should be prevented from coming, then you will see that another brings them and I will recompense him for the trouble and pay the freight. I hope you will be particular and prompt in attending to the above.

"May God protect you for many years,

Jose J. De Arillaga."