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Some New Books and Calendars

One of the most beautiful as well as informative books that has come to me in a long time is one published by John Howell Books, San Francisco, designed and printed by Lawton Kennedy, edited by John Galvin, with illustrations in original colors by Louis Choris.

Its title is "A Journal of Explorations," northward along the coast from Monterey in the year 1775. It is a translation of Father Campa's "Diario," made from a Spanish contemporary manuscript copy in Galvin's own library; the original of which is in the National Archives in Mexico City.

A supply ship, the "San Carlos," left San Blas at the same time as the frigate "Santiago" and the schooner "Sonora." The San Carlos was to go independently, carrying supplies to Monterey and the new presidio at San Francisco. The first and second chaplains of the expedition were two Franciscans, Miguel de la Campa and Benito de la Sierra, borrowed in Mexico City from the Colegio de San Fernando, the Franciscan seminary for missionaries.

With the compliments of the Kalamazoo Public Museum I have received a small paper bound book entitled "Gold Rush Adventures of James Lovell Loring" all the way from Michigan. In the foreword by Alexis A. Praus of the Kalamazoo Museum staff, James Lovell Loring is described as one of the Forty-Niners who reached the gold fields and who received little benefit for his toil and the gold he found. He was only 17 years of age when he followed the trail to the West. He wrote the sketch that follows in 1818 in the hope that a few of his descendants might be interested in this brief but exciting period of American history and the small part he played in it.

The Monterey Bay Girl Scout Council has published for sale one of the nicest 1965 calendars one can imagine, with excellent photographs from Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey counties, of historic sites and buildings in each community and groups of Brownies and Girl Scouts in each picture.

On the cover is the Monterey Girl Scout House on El Estero in Monterey, the old adobe which was once the French Consulate.

Mission San Antonio de Padua at Jolon; Colton Hall in Monterey; an old adobe once known as Rancho San Andres near Watsonville; John Steinbeck's old home in Salinas; the Old Custom House and the Old Anchor, Monterey; Jesus Vallejo's adobe, Watsonville; Casa Buelna, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ross, Monterey; Louise Hatton's home in Calera Canyon; Covered Bridge at Santa Cruz, and the Plaza Hotel, San Juan Bautista, are the pictures representative of the three counties which form the Monterey Bay Girl Scout Council. The captions beneath the photographs are well written and most correct.