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### **Old-Time Pageantry In Books**

It has been a great joy these past weeks to receive several beautifully printed and illustrated books from various sources: "Orange County; Indians to Industry"; "Parade of Our Golden Years" from San Luis Obispo; "The Story of Mission Santa Ysabel," and "American West,: the magazine of the Western History Assn.

"Parade of Our Golden Years," is a pageant of the history of San Luis Obispo County, sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County, San Luis Obispo County Historical Society and Special Events Committee. A particularly interesting article, illustrated with pictures, attracted my attention at once—the caption read: "Painting of Chumash Indians in the estuary near Baywood Park. Morro Rock may be seen in the distance. The Indians are in a canoe built of driftwood and calked with pitch. Their hair is arranged for some special ceremony. Hair ornaments are made of abalone." These are the Indians who made the baskets now on special exhibit in Santa Barbara, of which there are only about 175 in the world, several of which are numbers among the W.R. Holman collection of baskets and other Indian treasures in the Pacific Building in Monterey.

Orange County Title Company is the publisher of "Orange County; Indians to Industry, by C. E. and Marilyn Parker. A comprehensive history of Orange County, illustrated with old and new scenes, is followed by a list of 10 historical flags which have flown over the county since the arrival of the first Spanish expedition in 1769.

The first American Title Insurance & Trust Company has all these ten flags flying over its building gives a brief history of each. The flags are those of the Spanish Empire, 1542-1785; the Spanish National Ensign, 1785-1822; The Spanish National Ensign, 1785-1822; The Flag of the Privateer, flown by the Argentine revolutionary Hippolyte de Bouchard, who was captured at Monterey on November 10, 1818; the Mexican Republic flag, 1826-1846; John C. Fremont flag, 1844-1847, the American Flag 1846-47, flown by Com. Robert Stockton and Gen. Stephen W. Kearney on January 6,7, and 8, 1847, The Bear Flag, 1849; the American Flag, 50 stars, July 4, 1961, following the admission of the State of Hawaii.

"The Story of Mission Santa Ysabel," the lovely mountain-desert outpost that dreamed of becoming a mother mission to a chain of island missions, was published by Elena Quinn of Downey, Calif., this year. Santa Ysabel is located about 70 miles from San Diego in a beautiful valley of the same name. Besides writing a history of the birth of the mission, Elena Quinn had provided many illustrations and maps showing the route of the padres.

"The American West," Vol. 1, Number 1, is a new magazine, sponsored by the Western History Assn. and the University of Utah. The council of the association has two well-known Californians as members: Ray Allen Billington, Huntington Library, John W. Caughey, University of California and Stanford University. Membership is open to anyone interested in the history and culture of the American West.