

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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Three Centuries of History

The Conference of California Historical Societies, twelfth annual meeting, will be held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Barbara on June 16,17,18, the theme to be "Three Centuries of California History," Walter Frame, president of the conference, will preside.

The program sounds very interesting and exciting. There will be a guided walking tour of El Pueblo Viejo historical area, which includes the Presidio site with two Adobes, Cuartel, and El Caneda, then the Trussell Adobe, the de la Guerra Adobe, and the Judge Charles Fernald Victorian home where tea will be served.

Among the speakers and the subjects will be Dr. Maynard Geiger, O.F.M. Santa Barbara Mission, "Hold Onto Your History;" Jacob Morrison of Vieux Carre Commission, New Orleans, a Historic Preservation Legislation;" Dr. V. Aubrey Neasham, president, Western Heritage Inc., "Presidios in California and Santa Barbara's Opportunities."

Dr. Eliot Evans curator of the Pioneer Society historical building in San Francisco, will be chairman of the program at breakfast Saturday morning. Allen Welts, historian of the State Division of Beaches and Parks will discuss "Historical Source Material, and many other well-known persons interested in "Three Centuries of California History."

The Monterey History and Art Association is a member of this California historical association.

A letter from La Jolla, California, brings another interesting question from Mrs. N.A. Yager to Peninsula Diary. "In collecting copies of pictures of old buildings of California, I have been unable to locate one of Loreto, Baja, when it was the capital of the Californias (1767-1776). Do you think the mission there might have been used for the governmental purposes? I have seen pictures of that.

"The other one I am missing in my collection is Monterey's government House (1822-1846) under Mexico or also called "Territorial Hall" and Casa Del Gobierno" which was on the south end of the Custom House Plaza Del Muelle.

"If you know of either of the above of which you might know the cost, I would very much appreciate it. Thank

you." Mrs. Yager's address is 5956 La Jolia Mesa Drive, La Jolla.

Guichi Kageyana of Monterey has written a note in which he tells more about the old Monterey street car route as he remembers it when he was child. He states that he was born on Washington street where Beattie Motors used car lot now stands. "Two years later my parents moved to E. Franklin St., which to this day has been my adobe.

"My parents never mentioned a street car track on Washington street and in my early childhood, the street car ran through Alvarado street but turned east on Webster street, then came to Figueroa street, crossing two wooden bridges (one now where Anthony street lies and the other at Franklin.) then to Del Monte avenue on to Oak Grove and the Del Monte Hotel entrance.

The car barn was on the northwest corner of Figueroa and Franklin with long waiting benches for passengers. From here in my early childhood we took trips to Pacific Grove, Holman's or to our Sunday picnic at Del Monte Park.