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Historic Interest Mounts

The National Trust for Historic Preservation which will meet in Oakland, California, on Nov. 3rd and 4th, 1967, announces that the aim will be to stimulate interest in the field of Historic Preservation and Restoration. It is co-sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and the Junior League of Oakland, Inc.

Plans for the conference include a presentation by the National Trust as well as a series of seminars and lectures covering the following topics: Economic Benefits of Historical Preservation, Government's Role in Preservation, Conservation and Restoration, Community Interest and Local Preservation.

Experts in these fields will participate in the two-day conference. The conference will be held in Oakland's historic Jack London Square.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies to be held in Oroville, June 15-'17, 1967, will take the opportunity to receive and exchange fresh ideas on historical societies and their activities in California.

The conference has some 115 historical agencies as members as well as associate members, including the Monterey History and Art Association, which was a charter member and entertained the conference in Monterey for its second meeting.

Dr. Albert Shumate, vice president and program chairman, has arranged a most interesting program for the meeting to be held in Oroville of the group which will include some 115 historical societies and agencies. Co-hosts of the meeting are the Butte and Colusa County Historical societies.

Visitors will find Oroville and Butte counties to be historical gold mines. The historic Lott Home, Chinese Temple, and Pioneer Museum to be of great interest. There will be tours along the gold fields of the Feather River to the Oroville Dam.

One hundred and ninety-one years ago, San Francisco began life near the site of Mission Dolores when a small band of colonists arrived from Mexico on June 27, 1776, set up tents, built a shelter, and offered mass in celebration on June 29th.

Their intention was to build a mission and presidio in the name of King Carlos III of Spain. This was the de Anza party, the famous expedition which completed its trek here under the leadership of Lieutenant Jose Joaquin Moraga and Padre Francisco Palou.

"San Francisco Days" include June 25-29 and will celebrate this historic event by ceremonies at Golden Gate Park, Mission Dolores and the Presidio sponsored by the California Historical Society and a citizens' committee. Mrs. George Applegarth and Dr. Albert Shumate, are co-chairmen of the plans for the celebration. Both Mrs. Applegarth and Dr. Shumate attended the Monterey History and Art Association's Merienda here on June 3rd.

The 1967 "La Favorita" is Mary Arlotta Ortega, a descendent of Francisco Ortega, the discoverer of San Francisco Bay.