

# NEWSLETTER

The Historical Society of Southern California

*This issue edited by* MRS. ELIZABETH I. DIXON

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## SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

If you weren't among the 125 members who took part in the May Trek to Palm Springs, you missed a very exciting and gala affair. With Stanley Malora acting as Chief Wagon Master, ably assisted by Charles Powell, Wade Kittell, Tom Owen, and George Dunning, the tour of the fine Museum and the exhilarating ride on the Tramway came off without a hitch. Keepsakes filled our kit bags, and Ranger James Whitehead gave a most informative talk following luncheon atop Mt. San Jacinto.

With many unusual and historically important items from private collections on display, Membership Exhibition Night proved to be a resounding success. Exhibits included Joseph Harker's display of original land grants signed by John Quincy Adams in 1827, Peggy Christian's early-day California juveniles and textbooks, Edwin Harbach's collection of Donner Party memorabilia, and Dudley C. Gordon's *Lum-misiana*, as well as books and paintings of educational institutions of Southern California.

"The West in Prints" — etchings, woodcuts, and watercolors of western artists were exhibited by Thomas S. McNeill, while Tom Owen's collection of motion picture house handbills, posters, and photographs vied for the viewers' eye. Frederick Nelson's remarkable historically enriched scrapbooks brought many a sign of nostalgic yearning, and the railroad buffs were delighted by the Ruth and Charles Powell exhibit of mementos of passenger depots of a past and passing era. A photographic tour of the Gold Rush country was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craib through their exhibit entitled, "Striking Gold on the Landmark Trail."

Early copies of the Los Angeles *Times*, together with vintage copies of City and County telephone directories were supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rogers. Mrs. Florence M. Hay caught the attention of the viewers with her fine photograph of Monolith in 1912, a letter of William T. Sherman, and "Reports on the Construction of the Los Angeles Aqueduct." Two Santa Anans, C. E. Parker and Allen W. Goddard, provided exhibits abounding in the lore of days past in Orange County. The remarkable exhibit of Henry H. Clifford included pioneer gold coins, Western Express covers, and a rare shotgun on hand to protect his "loot." Glen Dawson displayed a rare collection of early Los Angeles imprints. Mr. and Mrs. Hager provided



mementos of San Pedro's Volunteer Fire Fighting days, and past president Justin G. Turner contributed a large portion of his noted collection of Californiana, and permitted viewers to handle the exceedingly rare copy of George Washington's manuscript Orderly Book from Valley Forge, dated 1778.

All credit goes to Wade Kittell, chairman of the evening's program, and to Miss Ruth Mahood, for an evening of good management and smooth cooperation. Ella Cole added yet another colorful note with her gay floral arrangements and decorative coffee table.

## NEWS ITEMS

New faces on our Board of Directors will include: Ray A. Billington, Senior Research Associate at the Huntington Library, Robert G. Cowan, Bibliographer and Historian, Charles E. Fulkerson of the Lincoln Savings and Loan Association, Raymond Girvigan, Preservation Officer and Chairman of Historic Buildings Committee for the American Institute of Architects, Southern California Chapter. Also Stanley E. Malora, Civil Engineer, Charles Powell, of the Richfield Oil Company, Clyde L. Simpson, historian for the Security First National Bank and Burnett C. Turner, Architect planner of the Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Monument.

Two of the Society's members were honored when the Santa Ana Library celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on May 12th with an Oral History program. Appearing were Mrs. Ana Begue de Packman and Alan Dartford. Mrs. de Packman, our Secretary Emeritus, is the author of "Leather Dollars," "Early California Hospitality," and numerous fine articles which appeared in our *Quarterly*. Mr. Dartford is an enthusiastic aeronautical historian and particularly noted for his knowledge of the famed 1910 Dominguez Air Meet.

Our Society's members must be among the busiest persons in Southern California, for familiar names keep appearing on so many commissions and committees — a fact which makes us proud and happy for their efforts and contributions to the California scene.

The Conference of Historical Societies met in San Diego on June 18, 19, and 20, together with the California History Commission. Justin G. Turner, Ruth I. Mahood, and C. E. Parker serve on the Governor's Commission. Among those attending the Conference were Clara Ackerman, Victoria Cook, Robert Weinstein, Walt Wheelock, Allen W. Goddard, Dorothy K. Hassler, Ruth Mahood, C. E. Parker, Ella Cole, Peggy Cassidy, and Everett and Anna Marie Hager. Mrs. Ella Cole was elected to serve as Regional Vice-President, Unit 14-B. The book auction was handled in a lively manner by Paul Gallagher and Arthur Clark, Jr.

Stepping forward to serve on the Los Angeles County Committee on Statuary and Memorials for the Civic Center Mall are members Patrice Manahan, editor of *Westways*, and Mrs. George Fullerton, of Glendale's art circles.

## PUBLICATIONS

The list of new books arriving from the local presses continues to offer many works by Society members. Mrs. Viola Lockhart Warren's latest work, *Los Angeles Military Commission of 1847*, has been issued by Dawson's Book Shop. Edwin H.



Carpenter, in his spare time from the Huntington Library, has compiled a rich item, *Printers and Publishers in Southern California, 1850-1876: A Directory*, published by Walt Wheelock's La Siesta Press. Robert G. Cowan has recently prepared a fourth volume to join the monumental work, *Bibliography of the History of California, 1510-1930*. Before his departure for England, where he is working on a Guggenheim Fellowship, Editor Doyce B. Nunis saw the publication of two more books, the first, *The California Diary of Faxon Dean Atherton, 1836-1839*, was published by the California Historical Society, and the second, *The Letters of a Young Miner, Covering the Adventures of Jasper S. Hill During the California Goldrush, 1849-1852*, was published by John Howell-Books.

If you are not acquainted with the publication of the California Highways and Public Works Department, you should make it a point to remedy the oversight. It is available upon request from the Division of Highways, P.O. Box 1499, Sacramento, California. The March-April, 1964, issue contains an informative article entitled, "Evolution of a Pass," the story of the old San Fernando Pass, embellished with fine illustrations and a nice accolade to the Historical Society of Southern California, as well as to the fine articles submitted by Mrs. Frederic C. Ripley in 1947.

Beginning July 6th, the Bank of America will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a birthday party. We would like to call your attention to the exhibit of artifacts and memorabilia of an earlier-day Los Angeles, supplied by the Society .

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Make note: Our first meeting will be held on September 23rd. Justin G. Turner, our first speaker, will address us on the *History of Los Angeles Jewry, 1850-1875*. On October 21st, Dr. Robert Winter will discuss *Architecture of Los Angeles*. On the Saturday following Dr. Winter's lecture (October 24), a special home tour of the West Adams area has been arranged under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell. Paul Bailey, noted Western author and owner of Westernlore Press, will discuss the problems as well as the joys of publishing "grass root local" histories and reminiscences at our November meeting.

Remember to tell others of the fine programs in the offering for the new season. Invite your friends and those whom you think might be especially interested to come and join us in Delacour Hall. We shall be meeting on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** beginning in October. Our September meeting is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday, but all others will follow the above schedule.

## IN MEMORIAM

A particularly valued friend has been lost with the passing of Mrs. Edmond F. Ducommun in May. She will long be remembered for her gracious friendliness and for her unstinting efforts on behalf of this Society. Mrs. Ducommun's philanthropies were far reaching in their scope and will serve as a bright monument to her untiring industry and generosity.



ROYCE L. HAMILTON

8736 Oakdale Avenue

Northridge, California

August 15, 1964

President and Board of Directors

Historical Society of Southern California

The Balance Sheet of the Historical Society of Southern California as of June 30, 1964 and the Income Statement of the year then ended are presented herewith. Those statements were prepared from your records without Audit.

The expression of an opinion as to the fairness of financial position and results of operations presented by these statements is not justified. However, financial position as of June 30, 1964 and the results of operations for the year then ended are presented on a basis consistent with that of prior years.

ROYCE L. HAMILTON,

Accountant

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1964  
ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in Banks — Commercial	\$ 6,125.37	
Savings	4,332.88	\$ 10,458.25
Petty Cash		25.00
Accounts Receivable		143.77
Inventory		8,706.72
Total Current Assets		\$ 19,333.74
Deposit — Franchise Tax Board		50.00
Trust Fund Assets: (See Note)		
Cash	\$ 4,312.50	
U.S. Government Obligations	27,232.51	
Corporate Bonds	39,913.15	
Corporate Stocks	34,609.38	106,067.54
Total Assets		\$125,451.28

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,695.75
Notes Payable	5,000.00
Trust Fund Liabilities (See Note)	106,067.54
Net Worth	12,687.99
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$125,451.28

NOTE: Trust Fund Assets are held by Trust Department, Security First National Bank Head Office as Custodian for Historical Society of Southern California. Assets of the Trust are subject to Accounting to Court.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
COMBINED INCOME STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1964

INCOME:

Memberships	\$ 10,214.75	
Reprints and back issues	1,124.48	
Gifts	130.00	
80th Anniversary Dinner — Net	325.57	
Trek — Net	177.04	
Interest	2,796.25	
Dividends	1,571.65	\$ 16,339.74

EXPENSES:

Administration	\$ 7,389.97	
Quarterly — Net	7,627.03	
Newsletter	373.07	
Publication Revolving Fund — Net	65.05	
Accounting	75.00	
Custodial Fee	344.89	
Interest	180.43	
Insurance	367.00	
Miscellaneous — Net	368.16	
Loss on Security Conversion	5.63	16,696.23
Net Income (Expense)		\$ (456.49)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
GENERAL FUND — INCOME STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1964

	Income	Expense	Net
Memberships	\$ 10,214.75	\$ —	\$ 10,214.75
Reprints and Back issues	1,124.48	—	1,124.48
Quarterly (See Note below)	806.90	8,433.93	(7,627.03)
80th Anniversary Dinner	1,085.00	759.43	325.57
Trek	1,498.75	1,321.71	177.04
Miscellaneous	26.57	394.73	(368.16)
Newsletter	2.45	375.52	(373.07)
Payroll Expense		5,592.00	(5,592.00)
Postage and Office Supplies		1,078.18	(1,078.18)
Telephone		291.85	(291.85)
Dues, Meetings and Conferences		427.94	(427.94)
Accounting		75.00	(75.00)
Interest	75.77	180.43	(104.66)
Insurance		367.00	(367.00)
Gifts	130.00	—	(130.00)
Totals	\$ 14,964.67	\$ 19,297.72	\$ (4,333.05)
Transfer from Trust Fund:			
Income Cash	3,947.24		3,947.24
Principal Cash	9,000.00		9,000.00
	\$ 27,911.91	\$ 19,297.72	\$ 8,614.19

NOTE: Quarterly Expense:

Printing and Engraving	\$ 8,234.85
Envelopes	84.80
Editorial Staff — Postage etc.	114.28
Total Expense	\$ 8,433.93



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
TRUST FUND — INCOME STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1964

INCOME:

Interest	\$ 2,720.48	
Dividends	1,571.65	
Total Income		\$ 4,292.13

EXPENSES:

Custodial Fee		\$ 344.89
Net Income		\$ 3,947.24
Fund balance beginning of year		115,073.17
		\$119,020.41

DEDUCT:

Transferred to General Fund:	Income	\$ 3,947.24	
	Principal	9,000.00	
Loss on Security Conversion	5.63	12,952.87	
Fund Balance 6-30-64		\$106,067.54	

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
PUBLICATION REVOLVING FUND — INCOME STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1964

Gross Sales	\$ 238.84	
Less Cost of Sales	128.51	
Gross Profit		\$ 110.33
EXPENSES:		
Interest		175.38
Net Profit (Loss)		\$ ( 65.05)



## NEW MEMBERS

### *Sustaining*

R. W. Kennedy

### *Active*

Mrs. Frank Ainsworth

Mrs. Walter F. Beachy

Walton Bean

Danily Bell

Fred A. Berk

Beverly Hills Public Library

Miss Alice I. Brown

Mrs. Edwin Corle

Costa Mesa Library

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Curran

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dartford

Francis P. Farquhar

Lionel G. Gatley

Mrs. Margaret M. Glenar

Martin Hebeling

Leonard Horwin

Barton Jacobs

Harvey S. Johnson, M.D.

John M. Keller (deceased)

Mrs. Leo J. Klotz

Charles Krown

Anthony L. Lehman

Miss Louise H. Lillico

Henry F. Lippitt

Miss Barbara Ann Metcalf

Pasadena City College

Nicholas C. Polos

Princeton University

M. C. Richter

Fred B. Rogers

San Diego State College

San Gabriel Historical Society

J. Arnold Saurin

Harold Schwartz, M.D.

Luther N. Steward, Jr.

Charles R. Westbrook, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Wilder

Mrs. Helen Z. Wilson

### *Student*

Craig Cherrstrom

George J. Heath

Samuel H. Mayo

Stanford Mottaz, Jr.

### *Sponsor*

Doyce B. Nunis, Jr.

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Raymond Girvigian

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*The Historical Society of Southern California*  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

To the Board of Directors:

Please accept my membership as a \_\_\_\_\_ Member in the  
Historical Society of Southern California. I enclose my remittance in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for dues for the fiscal year of \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Proponent (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Active Member .....	\$15.00	Patron Member .....	\$100.00
Sustaining Member .....	\$25.00	Life Member .....	\$300.00
Contributing Member .....	\$50.00	Student Member .....	\$ 7.50

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Dues include subscription to the Society's *Quarterly* and *Newsletter*. All dues, contributions, bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and contributions.

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