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butions and bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the
Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and
contributions.

NEWS NOTES (Continued)

Membership Meeting

A double treat was in store for members who attended the May meeting of the Society: a sumptuous gourmet buffet in the Executive Dining Room of the new Los Angeles Headquarters Building of the Security Pacific National Bank and an enlightening talk by Dr. Doyce Nunis. His topic was "Alta California in the Era of the American Revolution," which seemed to really come alive as he was making his comparisons between the actions on this coast and the east.

Bicentennial Events

As history buffs, we should all revel in the proliferation of Bicentennial activities taking place this year. Sometimes it's difficult to separate the "wheat from the chaff" with so many offering souvenir items, tours, events, etc. We can truly appreciate the efforts of our Program Chairman, Kay Wright, who has brought us so many outstanding activities and programs this past year. One other event that your Editor is going to attend is the Greater Los Angeles Zoo's "Bisontennial Zoobilee" (naturally) for its members.

EVERY MEMBER GET A NEW MEMBER

The life blood of any organization is its membership. Your Society needs not only your continuing support but a steady influx of new members in order to both continue and improve our varied activities.

Have you told your friends, relatives and neighbors about the Society's activities? Invite them to attend Society functions with you — let them read your newsletter — and suggest that they apply for membership with you as their sponsor!

A handy application blank will be found in this newsletter; additional blanks may be obtained from Peg Cassidy at the Lummis Home.

Have you brought in a new member recently?

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NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE SUBMIT NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO EDITOR STEWART ROGERS AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING MINI-PUBLICATION TO KEEP US ABREAST OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: Programs!

Your suggestions for programs, activities, treks, lectures or whatever are solicited. Not that our Program Committee is running out of ideas, but to make this a viable organization, we want to be responsive to ideas from our members. If you think of something that would be rewarding or just plain fun, we'd surely like to know about it. Please submit your brainstorm to Peg Cassidy and she will forward them on to the Committee.

Docents Wanted

There are still some slots left at the Lummis House, especially on weekends, for tour guides. For those interested in getting the training and donating a few hours a month, please contact Peg Cassidy. She also needs help in getting out the Newsletter and other miscellaneous chores. Call her.

Flagstaff Celebration

Beginning Wednesday, June 9 and extending through Sunday the 13th, there will be a "Celebration of Southwestern Civilization" at Flagstaff, Arizona, sponsored by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, Arizona Council on the Humanities and Public Policy, Arizona Historical Society, Conference of Intermountain Archivists, New Mexico Historical Society, New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology, Northern Arizona Society of Science and Art, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. The program will include train excursions, historical tours, sessions, business meetings, public forums, Basque barbecue and an annual banquet. The price is most nominal (\$3.00 registration, \$5.00 banquets, etc.) Those interested should contact Dr. Andrew Wallace, Box 5739, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.

Historical Exhibit

The Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History will celebrate the Nation's 200th birthday by opening a new gallery of early American history. Called "The American, This New Man," this exhibit is one of the most complete early American interpretative displays in the West. The gallery is located on the main floor, adjacent to the foyer.

The exhibit follows a topical approach, with an emphasis on the life and times of the common man. Among the wide variety of topics covered are household crafts, textile manufacturing, religion, education, blacksmithing, architecture and home furnishings. There are also displays on the Indians and their contacts with Europeans, western exploration, and warfare, especially the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The exhibit will help the visitor to appreciate the attitudes of self-reliance, cooperation, and individual initiative that allowed the Americans to survive, to become independent, and to prosper in a new land.

Festivities begin at 1:30 p.m., July 4, at the main entrance hall of the museum, 900 Exposition Boulevard, in Exposition Park.

The Vintage Years

The Vintage Years Gallery, an exciting visual journey through the evolution of the East San Gabriel Valley will be on display for the balance of May and all of June at the main office of Pomona First Federal Savings in downtown Pomona. The exhibition includes mural photographs, maps, sketches and historical graphics such as a collection of citrus labels, slides, Indian artifacts, and about 90 photographs. Featured will be: the Indian Culture to 1771, the Mission and Rancho Era, 1771-1850, San Gabriel Valley Town Life, 1850-1920, Early Business, Citrus, Agriculture and Transportation, Recreation and Social Life 1850-1945.

NEWS NOTES

Railroad Excursion to Mission

A large turnout of members embarked on Amtrak on Saturday, April 24 to enjoy a ride from Union Station to historic San Juan Capistrano, where they visited the mission and the city. On arrival, members had coffee at the Capistrano Depot, newly converted to a most charming restaurant. The Reverend Paul Martin gave the group a brief history of the mission so we could truly appreciate the self-guided tour which followed. For luncheon, which was held in the patio room of El Adobe restaurant, the group heard an illustrated talk on the "Facts and Fancies of History in San Juan Capistrano" by 5th-generation San Juan resident Pamela Hallan. Mrs. Hallan had recently published her book, "Doscientos Anos," which was offered for sale to our members.

Before the trip home, members were given an opportunity for a walking tour of the historical spots of San Juan. There are several significant buildings still standing, and the residents of San Juan are to be congratulated for their efforts to preserve those that are left. Unfortunately, many have already been disintegrated or bulldozed away. One adobe, built in the 1790's by Jose Sylvas, has been acquired by the City and Historical Society for preservation. It was a treat for our members to be able to get a look at the building before restoration begins.

New Members

Approved and accepted by the Board of Directors at their May meeting were new members: Michael F. Billington, Pearl T. Brown, Mrs. Grace Coffin, Rosario Andrea Curletti, Luther H. Johnson, Michael M. Johnson, James M. Kueser, Suzanne Lessley, Alice A. Miller, Thomas Moran, James L. Nolan, Lucille O. Potter, Donald Swartz, Mrs. Henry J. Wheeler and R.E. Whitehead, M.D. Welcome aboard!