

New Series No. 2 - Winter 1967

Lummi's House, Los Angeles

ACTIVITIES The 1966-1967 season opened with a reception for officers and directors, at the Lummi's House on Sunday afternoon, September 11. A strolling musician, and California wine and taquitos added to the festive affair, planned by Jean Gordon and Stanley Malora.

On Sunday, October 23, members and guests enjoyed an afternoon tea at the Gamble House in Pasadena. More than 200 came to tour this beautiful old home, designed by the famous architects Greene and Greene in 1908. A keepsake was provided, and Randell Makinson, curator, was on hand to point out important features of the house.

Wednesday evening, November 16, we gathered at our regular meeting place, the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, to hear a sparkling talk, with excellent slides, on "My Adventures as a Collector," by Society Board member Robert Weinstein.

To celebrate the Holiday Season we had a wonderful evening on Thursday, December 15, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sophia. The Ladies Philoptochos Society served a traditional Greek dinner; and as we later gathered in the magnificent Cathedral, Father Theophilos told us about the history of the Church. Dorothy Gleason, assisted by Bob Cowan, was the gracious chairman of the event.

The New Year started with a stimulating talk, again at the Museum of Natural History, on Wednesday, January 18, when Jerry Mac Mullen took us on a fascinating journey "In and Out of the Dog Holes of the Mendocino Coast," using slides collected by Bob Weinstein.

Now we are looking forward to February 15, when we will meet at the Sunkist building in downtown Los Angeles to hear about the citrus industry. See separate announcement.

This year's program, under the direction of Pat Manahan, is offering Society members many rewarding and unusual experiences.

And there's more to come -- our Anniversary Dinner at the historic Huntington Hotel in Pasadena on Thursday, March 16; in April, we will hear a talk about the restoration of El Pueblo de Los Angeles by our Board member and restoration architect Burnett C. Turner, AIA; then in May our annual party at the Casa Adobe with Carl Dentzel as host; and Wade Kittell is hard at work on the Annual Trek in June.

THE SOCIETY WELCOMES THE MANY NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED RECENTLY.

NEWS OF MEMBERS The Sixth Annual conference of the Western History Association at El Paso, October 13-14, attracted Society members. Dudley Gordon, who presented a paper on Charles F. Lummi's, reported that Doyce B. Nunis, Jr. performed an herculean task as program chairman. A paper was read by W. Turrentine Jackson, and Robert Weinstein spoke at a luncheon. Others attending: Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Billington, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Clarke, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Galleher, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodward.

Isabel and Robert Craib journeyed to Yreka for the Symposium of Historical Societies of Northern California and Southern Oregon, October 14-16. Theme of the conference was "Aborigines and Orientals," and the Craibs reported the demonstration of loading a pack mule to be "eye-opening."

Many members continue to appear before groups to speak about history: Ray Phillips at the San Fernando Valley Historical Society; Carl Dentzel and Ray Girvigian at Pomona Valley Historical Society; Manuel Servin and Glen Dawson at the new Historical Society of Downey; and Edwin Carpenter at the San Gabriel Geneological Society.

INFORMATION WANTED Ella Cole continues research on Felix Peano, artist and sculptor. If you have any information on this accomplished, but little known man, please call Ella at 672-9029. Felix and his Door of Life, and Ella, were the subjects of a fine article by Birchel Barrett in the Inglewood Morningside News-Advertiser recently.

Ray Girvigian, AIA, is deeply involved in efforts to preserve historical landmarks. Among other projects, he is now serving on a national program to catalog architectural drawings of American historical buildings, sponsored by the AIA and the Smithsonian Institution. If you know of original drawings or information that would lead to locating such drawings for significant buildings in southern California - prior to 1917 - Ray would appreciate a note to him at 1220 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 90017. (He says: please don't phone.)

HONORS Bob Cowan is the recipient of the first Honorary Membership Award of the Southern California Library Council on California and Local History. The Eternal Light Award Dinner of the Patrons Society of the University of Judaism was held on January 22 to honor Justin Turner and the late Maurice Turner on the establishment of The Turner Library Fund of the University. Carl Dentzel, Mrs. Dorothy Huggins Harding, and Edwin and Andriette Gledhill received Awards of Merit from the California Historical Society in San Francisco on January 19. Mrs. Everett Hager attended the function. The Gledhills have also recently been honored by having a library in Santa Barbara (their home city) named for them.

PUBLICATIONS Society members continue to produce books, articles, and other writings. Here are a few of them::

MAPS OF LOS ANGELES, by W. W. Robinson, published by Dawson's Bookshop.
EDEN IN JEOPARDY, Man's Prodigal Meddling with his Environment,
The Southern California Experience, by Richard G. Lillard.
GEORGE THOMAS MONTGOMERY: CALIFORNIA CHURCHMAN and
READINGS IN CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC HISTORY, both by Father Francis J. Weber
TO CALIFORNIA AND THE SOUTH SEAS: The Diary of Albert G. Osburn, 1849-1851,
edited by John Haskell Kemble.
TIME AND THE TERRACED LAND, by Augusta Fink.
THE COLORFUL BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND STAGE, Paintings by Marjorie Reed,
Text by Richard Pourade.
AMERICA'S FRONTIER HERITAGE, by Ray Allen Billington.
A GALLERY OF CALIFORNIA MISSION PAINTINGS, by Edward Deakin, edited by
Ruth I. Mahood. Text by Paul Mills and Dr. Donald Cutter.
THE ORIGINAL JOURNALS OF HENRY SMITH TURNER, by Dwight L. Clarke.
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY HISTORY. THE FIRST 111 YEARS, 1855-1966,
by John Bartlett Goodman III.
HISTORIC PLACE NAMES IN ORANGE COUNTY, by Don Meadows.
Anna Marie Hager continues to chronicle Western Events as a regular
feature of "Westways."

Speaking of books, the Society has been presented with a fine collection of old record books from The Capitol Milling Company of Los Angeles, which was established in 1883.

The Society has suffered the loss of several members by death in recent months: Mrs. Richard Y. Dakin of San Francisco; Frank Rolfe, Mrs. Bessie Hedderly, Paul J. Howard, Frederick W. Koenig, and Mrs. Samuel K. Rindge, all of Los Angeles; Judge J. Howard Ziemann of Pasadena; Kennedy Hamill of Santa Barbara; and J. C. Earle of Hawaii.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ninth Annual Southern California Symposium of the Conference of California Historical Societies, hosted by the Historical Society of Long Beach, will be held at the Edgewater Inn Marina Hotel in Long Beach on February 10 and 11. The theme "Haciendas, Hides, and Harbors" should provoke your interest. Plan to attend.

History in the making: The new Los Angeles Zoo opened in November 1966. The first Los Angeles Zoo opened in Lincoln Park (then Eastlake Park) in 1885.