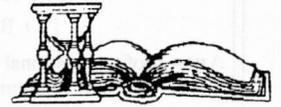




# Fair Oaks Historical Society

## NEWSLETTER



January 1990

Number 11

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For an organization dedicated to reviewing and retaining the past, our Fair Oaks Historical Society is currently actively engaged in creating future history! In less than a month--on May 11th at 7:00 p.m. to be exact--we will officially cut the ribbon to the entrance of the Fair Oaks History Center, located in the administration building at the Fair Oaks cemetery.

This project, spearheaded by Gayle Anita and June Melvin with the wonderful supporting efforts of many members of the Society, is the culmination of over two years work and planning. When Don Latta came to our Historical Society with the generous offer by the Fair Oaks Cemetery Districts Board of Directors to provide our society with display space in their new building, we quickly said, Yes! Gayle Anita graciously accepted the task of making the museum a reality, and now, many months later, we will enjoy the results of her intensive efforts! Mark your calendar for May 11th, 12th and 13th!

When you visit the museum, please make special note of the beautiful wrought-iron gate installed for us by Mr. Charley Beebe, and the picture frames made for us by Gayle Anita!

Finally, a special word about our good fortune in having as guest speaker at our April 24th meeting, Fr. William Breault, S.J. Father Breault is truly one of California's rare renaissance men. An active teacher of history, English, and theology at Jesuit High School for over 20 years, Fr. Breault is a lifetime member of the prestigious Western Watercolorist Association, and also enjoys a fine reputation as a steel sculptor. At this quarters meeting Fr. Breault will describe his research into the exciting life of Bishop Monogue, and the recently-published biography of this early miner-giant who gave so much to Sacramento's history! I urge you to each bring your favorite pot-luck treat and also your favorite friends!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday!!

*Bill McPhail*

**PARTICIPATE IN  
HISTORY IN THE MAKING**  
Dedication of Fair Oaks' First  
History Center  
**May 11, 1990**

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### QUARTERLY MEETING

**April 24, 1990**

*Program Subject:*

**Fr. William Breault, S.J.**

will describe the Exciting

**LIFE of BISHOP MONOGUE**

See comments in President's Message on left

**Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse**

7997 California Avenue, Fair Oaks

Lower Level Dining Room

Phone 965-9887

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Select a casserole, salad or dessert and

make your reservations with

Jennifer Miller Kenmonth, 961-0637

### CAPTURED!! - FIVE YEARS OF FAIR OAKS HISTORY

*by Bob McCafferty*

About a year ago a special lady named Lora Dumont, who has made the preservation of community newspapers a personal, life-long crusade, called to remind me that she had faithfully kept every copy of the Fair Oaks Post for its five-year life. And she had a question: Would anyone in the community be interested in preserving this record of some of the most active years in Fair Oaks on microfilm?

As editor of the Post, I first met Ms. Dumont in 1985 when she would show up on our publication date to pick up a copy of the new issue. The fact that she lived in Sacramento did not deter her nor lessen her interest. Rewardingly for us all, your Historical Society Executive Board voted to adopt this project. So we now have all five years of The Post available on microfilm-- and we have purchased an extra copy which your Board will soon donate to the Fair Oaks Branch Library.

There's even more good news. Ms. Dumont, a patron of the Sacramento Public Library, asked that we have an extra copy of the microfilm made at her personal expense to be donated to the Central Library. She has already made this donation. Additionally, she donated all of the newspapers themselves to our Society and they will now be preserved in our new History Center. Now that we have taken the most essential step of preserving The Post, we are in the market for a good 35mm microfilm reader. Please call me at 965-8318 if you have any

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## Fair Oaks Historical Society

P.O. Box 2044, Fair Oaks CA 95628

A non-profit educational corporation established to develop, preserve and share Fair Oaks community history.

**Meetings:** Regular meetings are held quarterly on the last Tuesday in January, April, July and October. Public participation is encouraged. Meetings consist of a social period at 6:00 p.m., a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., an educational presentation related to Fair Oaks history, and a short business meeting.

**Membership** is open to all persons interested in Fair Oaks regional history. Interested persons can obtain information at the regular meetings, by writing to the Society at the above address, or by calling any of the officers listed below.

### Officers:

President ..... Wm. R. McPhail, 961-9641  
 Vice-President ..... Richard Gilmore, 967-7887  
 Secretary ..... Dorothy McPherson, 967-6522  
 Treasurer ..... Charles Hull, 965-6210 (962-3194)  
 Parliamentarian ..... Theo. L. Olson, 967-5538

### Committee Chairmen:

Amenities/Social Hour ..... Edwin Eubanks, 967-1135  
 Auditor ..... Alfred B. McKenzie, 961-1642  
 Budget ..... Gayle Anita, 961-6912  
 Decorations ..... Leigh Landes, 967-5593  
 Historian ..... Robert L. Masser, 967-6197  
 Membership ..... June Melvin, 967-5605  
 Program ..... Richard Gilmore, 967-7887  
 Publicity ..... Bob McCafferty, 961-8318  
 Refreshment/Dinner ..... Maybelle Scott, 966-3536  
 Registration ..... Jennifer Miller Kenmonth, 920-0531  
 Ways and Means ..... Janet & Warren McWilliams, 961-9012  
 History Center Project ..... Gayle Anita, 961-6912  
 Monson Home Feasibility Study ..... Donald & Jennifer Miller Kenmonth, 961-0637 (482-0340)

The Newsletter is published quarterly, preceding regular meetings, and is distributed by mail. Subscription is included in membership dues, and is available to non-members upon prepayment of Two Dollars per year.

The Newsletter welcomes articles and items for publication. Articles must relate to the history of the Fair Oaks area, and must be submitted to the Editor no later than the First of January, April, July, or October to be considered for publication in those respective months issues. The editor reserves the right to amend or omit items.

## Financial Status as of April 17, 1990

### ASSETS:

#### Liquid Assets:

Cash in Bank January 1, 1989 ..... \$ 2,638.27  
 1990 Deposits to Date ..... 347.07  
 Checks Cleared to Date ..... 790.41  
 Net, Cash in Bank April 17, 1989 ..... \$ 2,194.93  
 Undeposited Receipts as of Date ..... 12.00  
 Total, ASSETS ..... \$ 2,206.93

LIABILITIES: ..... None

NET WORTH ..... \$ 2,206.93

Total, LIABILITIES & NET WORTH ..... \$ 2,206.93

### OPERATING STATEMENT

#### INCOME:

Membership Dues ..... \$ 257.00  
 Sale of Publications ..... None  
 Cash Donations ..... 71.92  
 Misc. Income ..... 30.15  
 Total, INCOME ..... \$ 359.07

#### EXPENDITURES:

Office Supplies ..... None  
 Newsletter Publication and Mailing ..... 31.00  
 Membership Dues in Other Historical Societies ..... 30.00  
 Amenities for Meeting Dinner ..... 45.43  
 Misc. Administrative Expenses ..... None  
 Project Expenditures ..... 524.28  
 Total, EXPENDITURES ..... \$ 524.28  
 NET INCREASE <decrease> in Net Worth ..... < \$ 177.21 >

#### Reconciliation:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1990 ..... \$ 2,638.27  
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Prepared by C. H. Hull, Treasurer

## Fair Oaks Post Microfilm

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ideas on obtaining one. Till we get it, the pages of The Post are no further than our History Center or (on microfilm) at the Fair Oaks Library. Happy Reading!

## FAIR OAKS HISTORY CENTER

### The First Families

The opening ceremony and dedication for the Fair Oaks History Center will be held Friday, May 11th. The Center will open at 6:00 p.m., and the Dedication will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Center will be open for the weekend from Noon until 5:00 p.m. The Womans Thjursday Club will provide refreshments on Friday evening.

A photo exhibit depicting the early days of the Colony will be featured in this first show, along with some items that were part of everyday life in Old Fair Oaks.

We are very fortunate to have obtained the talent of young Richard Stockett of Boy Scout Troop 67. For his Eagle Scout project, Richard is designing and carving a large wooden sign for the entrance of the History Center. He is also building a bench for the porch.

The Monson farm equipment has a permanent display space outside the building. It is an interesting display and is already receiving a great deal of attention.

We again thank the Fair Oaks Cemetary Board of Trustees for its support, and the enthusiasm of Nancy Ralls is especially appreciated.

Ed Eubanks discovered some beautiful photographs and valuable glass-plate negatives of Fair Oaks, at the Folsom Historical Society. These photos have not been viewed for many years and they are stunning. The Folsom Historical Society has graciously restored this collection to our Society. Some of these photographs will be included in the display at our History Center.

We hope you will join us for our opening celebration at the Fair Oaks History Center. It is located in the administrative building at the rear of the Fair Oaks Cemetary at 7780 Olive Street, between Minnesota and New York Avenues.

Dont miss the refreshments and fun at our opening show!

Gayle Anita

## WE ARE INVITED...

### April 21, 1990

Sacramento History Center, Old Sacramento, Gift-Giving Ceremony; Issei Oral History Collection. Reception and viewing of exhibit, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ceremony 6:30 p.m.

The Issei Oral History Project, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose major purpose is to record the personal histories of the Issei, forst generation Japanese immigrants who came to the United States before 1924. The Project, begun in 1969, has completed the taping, translating and transcription of 205 interviews. Most of the interviews were with residents of California; However, the geographic range includes Washington, Oregon, and Utah. It is the largest collection of its kind and will be donated to the Sacramento History Center Archives.

### April 19-22, 1990

John Muir Center for Regional Studies, History Department, University of the Pacific, Stockton CA 95211. Campus sessions/overnight trip to Yosemite For details, contact Bill McPhail, 967-6000

## MEMBERSHIP

Dues are payable on January First and shall become delinquent if not paid by May First. We hope that each Member will want to renew his/her membership in our Society and lend support to the goal of preserving our historical heritage and protecting our future identity. Invite others to join! Until we again have a local newspaper, it is up to the Societys members to spread to word of our projects and good meetings - a time of good fellowship, of family gathering and sharing of a common goal; the preservation and protection of Fair Oaks.

*June Melvin (Mrs. Wm. N.)  
Membership Chairman*

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are

Individual Membership .....	\$ 8.00
Family Membership .....	12.00
Supporting Membership .....	25.00
Life Membership .....	100.00

and may be paid in person at the General Meeting on April 24th, or by mailing a check using the form at the left.

Mail to:

Charles Hull, Treasurer  
Fair Oaks Historical Society  
7887 Olive Street  
Fair Oaks CA 95628

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of 1990 dues in the Historical Society.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul Moran (Fair Oaks WA)  
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