

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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967-2967

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open, set-up, amenities,
decorations, etc.)

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June Melvin
967-5605

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967-1539

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966-2524

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961-8415

WAYS/MEANS:
Horace Crundell
967-2102

QUARTERLY POTLUCK/GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1994

PROGRAM: **STEVE ABBOTT**, NOTED* AUTHOR,
HISTORIAN, AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
TOPIC: "YANKEE INGENUITY -- THE APPLE PARER"

LOCATION: FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE
6:00PM SOCIAL HOUR
6:30PM POTLUCK DINNER
(PLEASE BRING CASSEROLE,
SALAD, OR DESSERT TO SHARE)

*see Steve's story further within this newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE RALPH CARHART

It is with sadness that I report that member Alice Olson passed away on March 21, 1994. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Ted, our Society's Historian, and to the family at this difficult time.....

Parliamentarian

I look forward to seeing a large crowd at our April 26 general meeting. Member Steve Abbott will be our guest speaker, sharing his interest in apple peeling. I still need several volunteers for this meeting: to help with setting out placemats, food, and utensils at 5:30pm and to clean up the kitchen after the meeting. If you can help, please let me know. In addition, I'm looking for a scrapbook historian to collect current information and pictures of our members and current Fair Oaks History. Please remember, volunteers get to make their rules.

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PLEASE NOTE: IF A RED DOT APPEARS ON THE ADDRESS LABEL PORTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER, THIS INDICATES THAT THE MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED JANUARY, 1994 AND THIS WILL BE THE FINAL NEWSLETTER SENT TO THIS ADDRESS.

Our History Center glass display bookcase, on loan from the McPhail family, has been reclaimed by the family; we are seeking a suitable replacement that is in character with the History Center -- that is, old and elegant. We can also use some filing cabinets if anyone would like to make donation. We recently acquired a few of the old records of the now-defunct Fair Oaks Fire Protection District and could benefit from some organized storage. Remember **the History Center is open April 10, 1994 from 1:00 to 3:00pm.** Why not drop by and bring friends and family.

Bob Massey, the Centennial History Book Committee Chairperson, can use some additional help. The book is planned as primarily a pictorial publication utilizing old photographs and maps of Fair Oaks. Since the township of Fair Oaks used to be considerably larger than it is today, the book may include items of interest from Citrus Heights, Carmichael, Gold River and other lost territories. If you can help by submitting unique maps, photographs, captioning, and/or sales of sponsorship advertising, please contact Bob. It will be 1995 sooner than you think.

JANUARY, 1995 WILL BE THE FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MONTH as part of the overall community Centennial. A special meeting is planned as we usher in the Centennial and acquaint the public with Fair Oaks' beginnings and its unique charm of today.

Bob Erbacher, Publicity Chairperson, is looking for interesting current news and pictures of the Fair Oaks Historical Society members in action. If you have such would you please contact him.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

MARILYN KENDRICK

The first 1994 quarterly meeting on January 25, 1994 was called to order by Ralph Carhart at 7:30pm and introductions were made.

June Melvin read the slate of officers. (A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the members to cast a unanimous ballot. *at 8:00 or meet*) The officers were then installed: President-Ralph Carhart; Vice President-Iva Langness; Secretary-Marilyn Kendrick; Treasurer-Carol Crowther.

Secretary Marilyn Kendrick referred members to their newsletter for the minutes of the previous meeting. Horace Crandall and Lois Tow requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that their names be added to the list of volunteer workers at the Cemetery. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

June Melvin, Membership Chairperson, announced the different membership categories and that memberships were due and payable in January of each year.

Treasurer Carole Abbott reported a balance of \$3444.88 in the treasury. A bill for \$5.00 for registration as a non profit organization was presented; by motion, the members approved payment. A check for \$15.00 for calendar sales was received from Horace Crandall.

Ways and Means Chairperson, Horace Crandall, referred the members to the newsletter for his report.

Lois Frazier, History Center Docents chairperson, announced that Larry and Meg Smart would serve as the docents in January, June Melvin in April. Lois reminded the members that the Center Museum is open the second Sunday of each month 1:00-4:00pm.

Jeanne Hill, Chairperson for the Fair Oaks Centennial Celebration, presented the new logo for the Celebration, which had been selected from a contest held in the local high schools; the logo will appear on pins, cups, or wine glasses -- wherever possible.

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President Carhart announced that for our Centennial project, the Fair Oaks Historical Society membership will present a pictorial history of Fair Oaks. The Centennial History Book Committee includes: Chairperson/Bob Massey; Format-layout/Charlie Hull; Advertisements, photographs, maps/Lois Frazier and Iva Langness; Bob Erbacher/preparation, editing text; Elizabeth Steinke/- - marketing, fund-raising.

Don Kenmouth discussed the efforts to preserve the ^{house} barn built about 1875 on the Munson property. The Society has been considering the project for about 2 years. Don also indicated that a group of people representing about 20 Sacramento County Historical Societies come together as the Area Consortium and meet the 2nd Wednesday of January, April, July and October. If you are interested in participation, and/or would like to help prepare the lunch for the April meeting, please contact Don or Lois Frazier.

Ralph announced that the old Fair Oaks Bridge is under consideration as a possible Sacramento County Historical restoration project. Bob Vogal, Ralph Carhart, and Bob Massey have worked to verify the date of its construction. Pictures supplied by Bob Massey insured that the project would be considered.

It was announced that a meeting of the Fair Oaks Planning Committee has been scheduled for 2/17/94, 7:00pm to discuss various concerns about the proposed development of the Gum property between Bella Vista High School and Kenneth Ave.

Bob Massey, with his historical interlude, spoke of the variety of dance halls in the area...the spot on the Murphy Block, Mills Dance Hall, Dime a Dance on 5th Street, the Sweet Spa and Rainbow Gardens, Pappy Holmes Restuarant and Bar, etc. To hear Bob tell it, things are much quieter today.

Dottie Dykeman reported that the Audit Report had been corrected as of 12/22/93. *was found to be correct*

The raffle was conducted by Horace Crandall prior to Iva Langness' introduction of one of our members, Les Hannibal, the speaker for this evening with the topic: the Sacramento Valley Railroad.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CAROL CROWTHER

As of March 29, 1994, the Balance-on-hand is \$4231.09.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

DR. HORACE CRANDELL

Our 1994 budget goal is to receive \$400 in raffle receipts. Members contributed \$150 toward this goal at our January meeting.

As the Centennial Year approaches, we are becoming more generous in donating quality prizes, and in acquiring raffle tickets. A **big BIG THANK you** to RED CARPET CAR WASH, ROY EDWARDS INSURANCE, FAIR OAKS VILLAGE TRAVEL, AND OAKS HARDWARE for consistently donating raffle items. A thank you, also, to Al McKenzie for his donating wine to celebrate Linda's federal appointment.

DOCENTS' REPORT

LOIS FRAZIER

Thanks to the following people for being docents at our History Center:
January 9 -- Larry and Meg Smart; February 13 -- Dottie Dykeman and Lois Frazier; March 13 -- Mike and Darlene Aylward; April 10 -- June Melvin. *Jay Campoy*
The Historical Society History Center is in the Administration Building at the Fair Oaks Cemetery. The Center is open to the public every 2nd Sunday afternoon, 1:00 to 4:00pm. If you would like to help as a docent also, please call me for more information.

ROBERT/PATRICIA VOGEL

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JUNE MELVIN

JANUARY, 1994 was the month for the annual dues to be paid for this year. Please review the following list to confirm your dues status. If you wish to join the Society or renew your membership, please contact June Melvin or mail the enclosed membership form to the address listed on the form.

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST 3/31/1994 -- JUNE MELVIN

STEVE/CAROLE ABBOTT	BOB/BERYL MASSEY
GAYLE ANITA	BOB/DEE MCCAFFERTY
MIKE/DARLENE AYLWARD	ALFRED/LINDA MCKENZIE
KENNETH BANSEMER	DOROTHY MCPHERSON
BETTY BISHOFBERGER	WARREN/JANET MCWILLIAMS
FRANK/JULIA CAMPOY	JUNE MELVIN
RALPH/EILEEN CARHART	TED OLSON
HORACE/ROSEANNE CRANDALL	DONALD/MARY GENE PAGE
GLENN/CAROL CROWTHER	GAIL PAYNE
MARGE DAVE	MARILYN PEARCE
DOROTHY DYKEMAN	IONE RADONICH
FRED EASTERDAY	ELVA REED
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EDWIN EUBANKS	LEE/MARY SCOTT
FAIR OAKS CEMETERY	LELAND/MYRTLE SHERMAN
FAIR OAKS SCHOOL PTA	LOWELL/NANCY SHERMAN
SUSAN FERGUSON	LARRY/PEG SMART
LOIS FRAZIER	MICHAEL/DARA STAFFORD
BARBARA GILMORE	THE WOMAN'S THURSDAY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS
SARAH GOLLER	LOIS TOW
STOSH/RENEE GOLLER	ROBERT/PATRICIA VOGEL
LES/GRACE HANNIBAL	HARRY/LISA VOTH
RICHARD/JEANNE HILL	ALFREDA WEISS
LAWRENCE/DOROTHY HUGGETT	NEW MEMBERS:
CHARLES/MARGARET HULL	ROBERT/MARNEAL BROWN
PATRICK/PATRICIA JENSEN	PAT CHAIX
KENNETH/MARSHA KARLEY	EVERETT/ETHEL EUTSLER
CHARLES/MARILYN KENDRICK	JOAN LISTA
DON/JENNIFER KENMONT	MAJ.RUSSELL OLSON
LEIGH LANDIS	ROBERT/NORMAJEAN RAYMOND
IVA LANGNESS	OWEN/DORIS MAYBERRY
RICHARD/PAT MALONE	

Used Book Sale

April 16, 1994
9:00 — 3:00 p.m.

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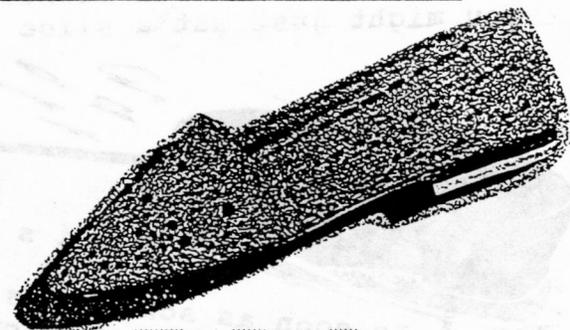
BIG BAND MEMORIES

Coming to **CHANNEL 17**, Sacramento -- Stosh Groner will produce a live *Big Band Memories Quiz for Seniors*. . . . Video and music of the big bands will be featured along with audience participation -- with questions on people, places, and music of the Era 1935 to 1945.

Stosh will use a live audience made up of Senior Citizens. The Show will be taped on April 19 at 1:30pm at the Coloma Community Center, 46th and T Streets. There will be room for 30 people. If you wish to participate, please call Stosh Groner (989-9281) to reserve your space.

the ANNIVERSARY

Maybe you've seen this 7-minute short subject also produced by Stosh Groner for **CHANNEL 17**. It shows how a husband and wife celebrate their 10th Wedding Anniversary in a unique manner. Check with Stosh for the corrected times for showing.



do your FOOTSTEPS
have
SHADOWS ????????

if you remember way
 back when and would like
 to share such details,

PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR, NANCY SHERMAN/967-1539.

"YANKEE INGENUITY -- the apple parer": by Steve Abbott

Fair Oaks, the Home of the Orange, wasn't just a home for oranges, grapefruits, and lemons. But, as was true of nearly every town in America, it was home to the apple. While apples weren't produced on a commercial level here, probably every home had an apple tree or two for family use.

Few things excite the salivary glands as much as a loud chomp on a freshly picked apple. And although apples keep well in a dark, cool cellar, some folks have always liked to make things like applesauce, apple butter, apple jelly, apple candy, dried apples, and cider. These projects require more than a sturdy set of "chompers". At a minimum, a sharp knife is needed.

Sometime around the American Revolution, the chore of peeling a bushel of apples ran smack into the desire to go fishing. Some budding engineer figured out that he could probably finish the apples and still have to catch some blue gills if he applied some machine technology to the problem. Thus was born the apple parer.

The first parers were made at home, probably entirely of wood. They were powered by hand and transmitted power to the paring head through belts, cogs, or gears. By 1803, Moses Coates from Pennsylvania was issued the first parer patent by the U.S. Patent Office. Over the next 130 years more than 400 patents were issued and more than 200 brands of parers were manufactured, proving there must be more than one way to "shuck an apple of its skin".

This month's Historical Society Program features the apple parer. If you never had the chance to use one as a kid, this may be your chance. These will be on exhibit and will be demonstrated. I will talk about this important gadget of our history. It's guaranteed that you'll see some parers you have seen no other place unless you were in the Slocum-Gore or John Holst stores right here in downtown Fair Oaks around the turn of the century...And you might just get a slice of a freshly pared apple!



t h i s FOOTSTEP has a shadow.....

As soon as school was out for the summer, we hid our shoes and barefeet became the custom for these two brothers. Their Mom, Ruth, became the community life guard as they would play along the American River building forts, hiking into the rock piles, and camping.....Rrrremember Ma Ferguson's Variety Store (where the Blue Eagle Antique Shop now exists) and waxing the annually-decorated windows at the local Soda Fountain (where the State Farm Insurance office now exists) and Stark's Pharmacy (where Feingold's now exists).....Entering the 8th Grade and being allowed to ring the bell for Mrs. Dosh and Mr. Allred at the Fair Oaks Grammar School.....oranges and sling shotsJoe Tingley.....When Lowell and I went riding on his horse, "Lady".....The original recycler-Pegleg Pete- who lived in the shack at the dump at the base of the Pennsylvania Avenue bluff.....Town meetings at the Club House.....Tap dancing lessons.....The first F.O. Fiesta, first french fries, first crystal radio, first potatoes fried in oil.....Earning money as a messenger riding his bike decorated with flags.....The mysterious building of the Thursday Club.....The beautiful wooden interior of the Federated Church.....Margie Wood as Fiesta Queen.Kennedy White



EDITOR'S NOTES:

If there is someone who has old pictures, maps, and miscellany dating 1895 to the 1940's, Bob Massey and the Fair Oaks Centennial Pictorial Book Committee are looking for you. To tweek your memories, maybe you might have something on the following: the old cemetery, dredgers, olive tubs, candied fruit, early F.O. telephone company; occupation -- day-to-day life; the cyanide gold-recovery system; chicken hotel -- egg industry, key company, Fehr's Mayonaise; the first Fair Oaks Fiesta, PFE (Pacific Fruit Express). Please contact members of this committee if you have such hidden treasures in your attics.

Bob Erbacher as Publicity Chairperson, is also looking for pics and clips of Fair Oaks Historical Society members participating in historical events.

Iva Langness indicated that the speaker for July will be Charles Kanoff, Retired Pharmacist and owner of Stark's Pharmacy, and long time resident of Fair Oaks.

The Fair Oaks Historical Society, Post Office Box 2044, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is a non-profit educational corporation established to develop, preserve, and share Fair Oaks community history. Public attendance is encouraged at quarterly meetings, scheduled on the fourth Tuesday in January, April, July, and October of each year. The potluck dinner meetings begin at 6:00pm with attendees bringing potluck dishes. To attend on Executive Board meeting or for further information regarding meeting agendas, contact the President of the Society. The Society is open to anyone interested in Fair Oaks regional history; contact the membership chairperson or an officer if interested in joining.

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ renewal/new member(circle one) DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ Amount of money enclosed _____ for _____ number/persons

How many years have you lived in this area? _____

Are you interested in serving on a committee? _____ which one? _____

ANNUAL DUES-- always beginning with January 1, of each year:

Individual	\$ 8.00	MAIL TO: CAROL CROWTHER, TREASURER
Family	12.00	F.O. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Supporting (org./bus)	25.00	P.O. BOX 2044
Life	100.00	FAIR OAKS CA 95628
Family life	150.00	

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P. O. BOX 2044

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LATE INFORMATION PER JEANNE HILL, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 1985 - 1995 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: this is the logo selected for the celebration -- submitted by Del Campo Art Teacher, Jack Schaffer for artist, student Hao Nguyen.

