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QUARTERLY POTLUCK/GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1994

PROGRAM: "THIS OLD HOUSE" -- Adele Copeland, retired teacher and photography enthusiast, will give a slide presentation, showing old Fair Oaks homes as they once looked and as they appear today.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RALPH CARHART

Shorter days, nippy nights! The pumpkins, almonds, and apples are harvested; village merchants get ready for the annual Safe Halloween; political candidates make their last promises to the voters; autumn has returned as Fair Oaks wraps up the end of its first century.

Entertainment 95 Book Sales are going well. If you haven't purchased one yet, I encourage you to pick one up at or before the next meeting from Carol Crowther, Nancy Sherman, or myself. If you dine out three times a year, you'll come out ahead. Books are valid now through November, 1995. Consider this: these books make great Christmas gifts.

Beginning immediately, our meetings will be re-structured to feature the historical vignette, very important announcements, and the program. Society business will be conducted after the evening's program.

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 an 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.

On October 25, our agenda will include the **election of Officers** for 1995. The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of officers:

President:	Ralph Carhart
Vice President:	Iva Langness
Secretary:	Bonnie Drago
Treasurer:	Carol Crowther

Nominations may be made from the floor.

In January, 1995 to lead off the community-wide Centennial festivities, the Fair Oaks Historical Society will invite the whole community to learn about our early heritage -- the people, the organizations, farms, and businesses. A special expanded Potluck and Meeting will be planned. Those wishing to be a part of this program, please contact Iva Langness, Vice President and Program Chairperson.

The Centennial Book Committee have been very hard at work assembling the contents of a **pictorial history of Fair Oaks** early days. A 48-page limited edition of 1000 copies is planned to be ready by December. Sponsors (\$50) and patrons (\$100) are being sought by the Committee and will be recognized in print in this publication. Contact **Bob Massey, Lois Frazier, Meg Smart, or Iva Langness.**

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES
MARILYN KENDRICK**

General Meeting: July 26, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Ralph Carhart who asked for a moment silence in memory of Vernon Rosevear, who passed away since our last meeting.

Ralph thanked the kitchen crew, registration committee, and news editor for their efforts.

June Melvin introduced Douglas Dupen and his mother Kathleen Wilson Dupen. Mr. Dupen wrote the letter that appeared in the July Newsletter and awakened many memories for many readers.

The minutes from the last general meeting were approved as printed and read.

Carol Crowther, gave the Treasurer's report: \$4,682.98 balance on hand. Outstanding bills were presented by Warren McWilliams for napkins and plates (\$15.06); by Adele Copeland for slides and pictures (___); by Horace Crandell for wine and batteries (\$20.97). Warren McWilliams moved that the Treasurer pay these bills; Jeanne Hill seconded motion; the Motion passed.

Horace Crandell announced that his report had been printed in the newsletter. The members of Fair Oaks Historical Society will be selling Entertainment 95 books. Nancy Sherman, Carol Crowther, and Ralph Carhart will oversee book sales. Pre-sale will begin 8/15/94. We are hoping to sell 40-or-more books and earn \$8.00 from each sale.

Bob Massey, for the Centennial Book Committee as chairperson, deferred to Meg Smart for the report. She announced that the books would cover Fair Oaks from 1895 through 1940, Phoenix Field, Fair Oaks Fire Department as well as many other subjects and is already up to 36 pages. Henry Kroeger has the pictures of the Fair Oaks School.

Barbara Gill has asked for assistance in locating a San Juan Record publication that included an article on Fair Oaks history.

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Lois Frazier, for the History center, reported that the following persons participated as docents for the Center:

June: Iva Langness, Gayle Anita, Meg Smart, Wilma Rice and
Lois Frazier;
July: Larry and Meg Smart.

Warren McWilliams announced that we will have another Cemetery Work Day again in late August or early September.

Ralph indicated that the Society By-laws show that officers will serve for one-year terms, and that a Nominations Committee was needed. A motion was made to include Warren McWilliams, Lois Frazier, and Darlene Aylward on the committee. The motion was seconded and passed by the audience.

June Melvin has agreed to serve out the term as the Society's Parliamentarian.

Sacramento is celebrating their 155th Birthday.

Adele Copeland is looking for houses that are 60-years plus for her collection of photograph prints.

Stosh Groner passed around a sign-up sheet for those people who would like to be in the audience for his televised Big Band TV Show.

The first activity of the Fair Oaks Centennial year will be the Fair Oaks Historical Society Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 1995. This will be held in the first floor of the clubhouse and begin at 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars.

Ralph shared information about some new publications which should be of interest to our membership: the HISTORY OF THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER and PIONEERS OF CALIFORNIA.

Bob Massey, enlightening his audience with his *historical moment* on early Fair Oaks murder, fights, and scandals.

Horace Crandell conducted the Ways & Means Committee raffle.

Vice President Iva Langness introduced three speakers: Charles Kanoff, Robert Raymond, and Larry Smart. Each spoke of business activity in early Fair Oaks

At the conclusion, Ralph thanked the speakers and adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

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Board Meeting: September 20, 1994 --by Ralph Carhart

Meeting at the Cemetery Office was called to order at 7.00pm. Those in attendance included:Ralph Carhart, Iva Langness, Carol Crowther, Lois Frazier, Harry Voth, June Melvin, Marilyn Pearce, Gayle Anita, Bob Massey, Horace Crandell, Bob Erbacher, Ron Wessels, and Nancy Sherman.

Treasurer's Report: balance of \$5295.10, which includes \$240 earned from the sale of the *ENTERTAINMENT* 1995 books. Bills were presented and a motion was made, seconded and passed to pay for the following: to Nancy Sherman, for last newsletter printing and postage (\$44.15); to Adele Copeland, for photography and framing of historical home sites (\$79.45); to Gayle Anita for History Center supplies (\$95.00); to Lois Frazier for Centennial Book Committee expenses (\$83.12). The motion to pay these expenditures was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. A motion was made by June Melvin and seconded by Bob Erbacher and approved by members granting Carol the authority to issue a check to Nancy Sherman to pay for the September sales of the Entertainment 1995 books.

Ralph announced vacancies in Standing Committee chairmanships. A review
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of the Society's By-laws shows that we have numerous committees not addressed in the By-laws. We need to consider revising the By-laws to match current priorities. Bob Massey moved and Nancy Sherman seconded a motion to allow the President to fill vacancies; motion was withdrawn as it was pointed out that the By-laws already address this topic. A motion was made by June Melvin and seconded by Bob Massey, to allow the President to appoint a By-law Review Committee. This was approved by unanimous vote.

Regarding the Centennial Pictorial History Book, Bob Massey and Lois Frazier reported the Committee's progress. Lois introduced Ron Wessels, Accelerated Computer Services who presented his bid on 1000 copies of the 48-page "perfect bound" paperback book, indicating the following particulars: 8 1/2 x 11" paper size; 2-color 120#- stock cover; interior one color (black) on 80#-code glossy paper; 300 dots per inch laser print proof for our approval prior to printing. Cost is \$5210.00 payable 50% on proof, 50% on delivery -- normally COD, but possible that Mr. Wessels would carry note. An option second printing for an additional 1000 copies will cost \$2500.00. Tentative schedule for production is proof and first payment of \$2605 due November 1, 1994; second payment, \$2604.00 and delivery and availability for sale by November 25, 1994. Lois Frazier moved and Iva Langness seconded that we accept the bid from Ron and Paula Wessels, as specified above; the motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance.

A motion was made by Iva Langness, seconded by June Melvin, and unanimously approved to authorize sponsorships to be solicited for book production and page recognition by the Centennial Book Committee.

Horace Crandell, Ways and Means Committee Chairman, referred the members to the last special Newsletter for his report. He indicated that he was in need of further raffle donations for the next meeting. Nancy Sherman indicated that the Society has sold about 28 *ENTERTAINMENT* 1995 books to date.

Iva Langness, Program Chairman, announced that Adele Copeland will be the featured speaker for our general meeting on October 25, 1995; she will be giving a slide presentation on old Fair Oaks residences.

The slate of officers for the general meeting election, October 25, 1994 includes President -- Ralph Carhart; Vice President -- Iva Langness; Secretary -- Bonnie Drago; Treasurer -- Carol Crowther.

It has been suggested to the President and Board members that meetings are too long and not focused on the program. Beginning in October, the structure will be adjusted for improvement.

The articles for the Newsletter must be to Nancy Sherman by October 5, 1994.

Lois Frazier announced that Peg and Larry Smart will act as docents on October 9, for the History Center; there is a need for an additional person as well. The Board agreed to host a **Christmas Open House** at the History Center on **DECEMBER 11, 1994**.

Also, Gayle Anita is doing a history display for the Fair Oaks Library.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 1994.

The meeting was adjourned 9:45pm.

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This editor and her family would like to acknowledge with great sadness the passing of a dear friend and past Fair Oaks resident, Ruth Farley White, mother of members Peter and Kennedy White. Ruth passed away on July 13, 1994 in Carmel, California. Ruth came from an early California family who were wholesale grocers, Wellman Peck & Co., in San Francisco. Ruth played a very important role in our lives and will be remembered for her exceptional kindness granted us.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
CAROL CROWTHER**

Balance 9/1/94.....		\$4975.10
revenue:	6 ENTERTAINMENT 95 books	240.00
	memberships	<u>20.00</u>
		\$5235.10
expenditures:	photo & artifacts	174.45
	ENTER. 95 Company	160.00
	Centennial Book Comm.	83.12
	Newsletter	<u>44.12</u>
		\$ 461.69
		\$5234.10
		- <u>461.69</u>
Balance 10/10/94.....		\$4773.41

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
HORACE CRANDELL, 967-2102**

Are you ready for this one???? We have a super colossal raffle prize for the October Meeting, compliments of 'Farmer Bob' Massey: a 6 to 7' Douglas Fir Christmas Tree! Please note, you must wait until December to claim your package.

We could use a few more raffle items. If you would like to contribute, please bring them to the October Meeting. Please attach a small card with donor's name so the receiver will know the source of the generosity.

**DOCENTS' REPORT -- HISTORY CENTER
LOIS FRAZIER, 967-2967**

The second Sunday of every month the History Center at the Fair Oaks Cemetery is open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Two people are needed to act as docents for the day.

In September, we had Mike and Darlene Aylward; on October 9, Adele Copeland and Lois Frazier opened the Center. Call me if you'd be willing to volunteer.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE
(Repeated from last newsletter)

Each month in 1995 has been assigned to specific groups or organizations which will determine the nature of their contribution toward the celebration. The tentative themes include the following calendar events:

January:	HISTORICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK
	Sunday, January 22, 1995 -- 6:00pm
February:	"chickens of Fair Oaks"
March:	churches
April:	spring concerts
May:	Fair Oaks Fiesta

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June: Village Singers' Concert
Fair Oaks Theater Festival

July: Moon walk
Fair Oaks Theater Festival

August: Symphony

September: Thursday Club Tea

October: Safe Halloween

November: Postal Stamp Collection
Horse parades

December: Old-fashioned Christmas

FAIR OAKS CENTENNIAL LIMITED EDITION LITHOGRAPH: A Fair Oaks Centennial Limited Edition lithograph is being prepared by FOHS Member Steve Abbott and Fair Oaks printer Geary Tracy. This centennial piece is not associated with the Fair Oaks Centennial Committee.....The lithograph will feature the beautiful American River Naval Orange label, Fair Oaks Fruit Company (three oranges, blue vase, pyroantha). The litho will be printed on high-quality paper stock, come unmatted, and framed in a tasteful natural oak frame with glass and cost \$25.00. The edition will be numbered and limited to 100 copies; copies can be reserved for a \$5.00-fee. Printed will occur no later than December 1, 1994 or as early as the printing is underwritten. A working copy will be available at the FOHS' October general meeting.....Anyone interested can reserve a copy by calling Steve Abbott at 961-7174 or write to him at 8060 Sierra St., Fair Oaks, Ca 95628.

Editor's note: I'm taking the liberty of reproducing the following portion of an edited portion of a letter addressed to the editor, treasurer, membership chairman, and past president:

"This letter is to do several things, the first of which is to express my mother's and my appreciation for all the courtesy and attention we received when we attended the July meeting....."

.....I would like to share with you our excitement with some of the publications we purchased at the July meeting.

On perusing "The Heart of California", originally published in 1897, I was absolutely delighted to find: -- facing page 34 a reproduction of the broadside promoting the original Sunset Colonies which contains the names of my great-grandfather and grandfather ("Samuel Wilson and Son") as "General Eastern Agents". This is the same photograph which is on the wall at the new Slocum House Restaurant and of which I have been trying to locate or obtain a copy.

-- facing page 41, a family photograph of my grandfather Clarence with his father, mother, and brother, and

-- on the very last page "List of Purchasers as of November 1, 1896," the name of my great-grandfather "Sam'l Wilson, New York".

Rifling through the Fair Oaks Historical Calendar for 1979, I found the picture, facing November, of the "Robinson-Buffum Baseball Team, ca. 1910". And right there is a picture of my great uncle Bill Caulfeild and beside him his brother Jack. My mother had to tell me the brother's first name because the calendar didn't know and had left it blank. (My mother remembers most of the other first names that remain blanks and could provide them if the calendar maker should be interested.) Also I note, as always, the compiler misspelled the family name which should be and is "Caulfeild."

Again, thank you all for your interest and kindness. My mother and I look forward to our October 25 meeting.....

Sincerely, Douglas Dupen"

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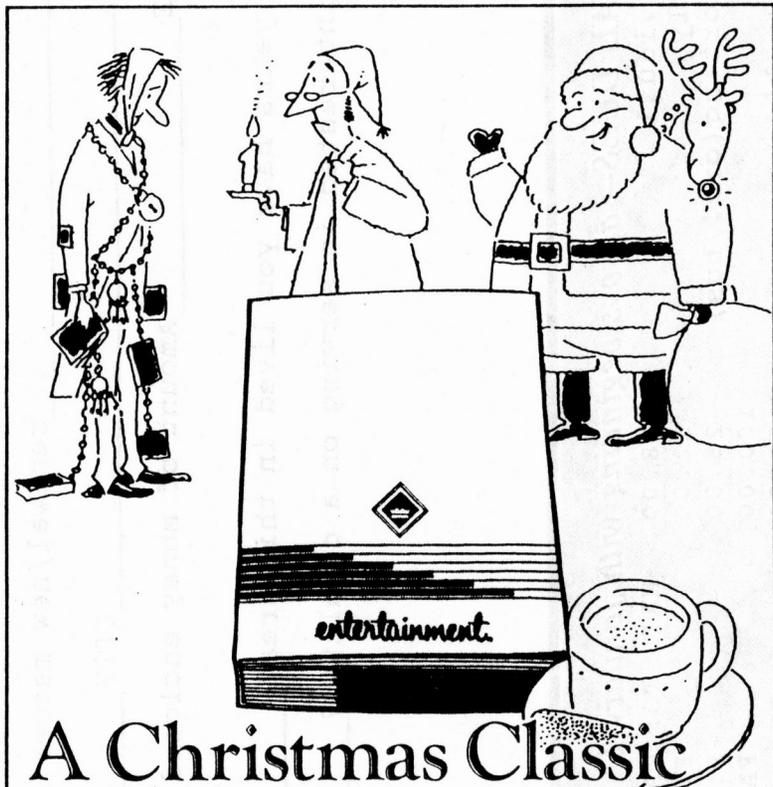
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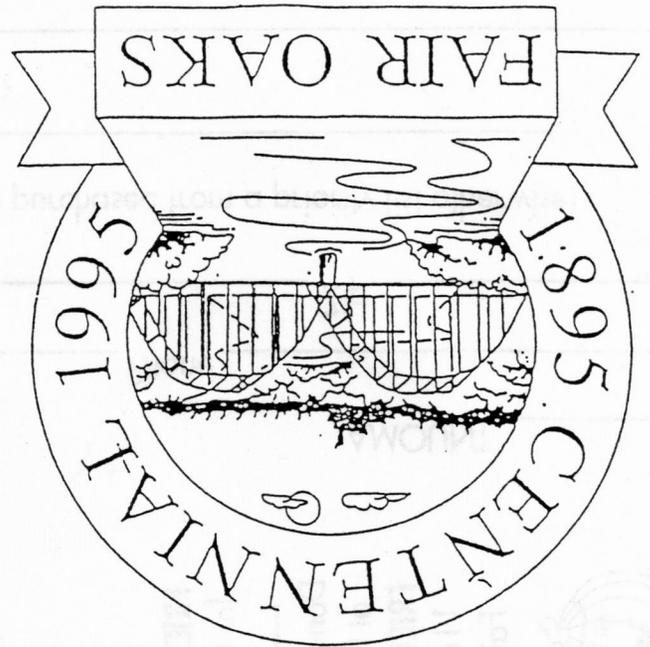
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NAME _____ renewal/new member(circle one) DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

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

How many years have you lived in this area? _____

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Family life	150.00

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