



FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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QUARTERLY POTLUCK - GENERAL MEETING

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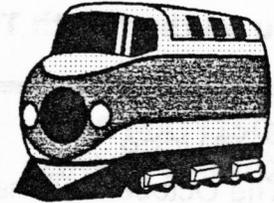
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boxes, including some from the Fair Oaks Fruit company, were purchased as were several monthly magazines from Diamond Match Company, Fair Oaks. Some of these will be on display at our October meeting.

A series of photographs of very early Fair Oaks, donated some time ago by Ellen Fowler VanDeMark, have been reframed as part of our on-going process of preserving our collection consistent with museums' standards of conservation. These six photographs have been copied, negatives made, and slides made. These will also be on view at our October meeting.

The Nominating Committee has been seeking members to fill a slate of officers for our next year. If you are interested in serving in some capacity, I can pass your name on to the committee. Also, a Budget Committee will be formed shortly after our October meeting to establish a budget for the up and coming year.

Finally, the October meeting may be our most informative program in a long time. I'll leave you with that teaser and let Pete White provide you with the details

See you on the fourth Tuesday of October.

FROM THE VEEP.....

The October 27th meeting of the Fair Oaks Historical Society will be featuring an old time radio program called, "THE FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOUR". The format will be similar to "The Prairie Home Companion". The speaker will be Walter Gray, past director of the California State Railroad Museum and currently the State Archivist and Chief of the Archives and Museum Division. Walter's works have been well-published. He has appeared in many television programs relating to the railroads.

In addition, we will have a musical group led by Michael Sand, a local practicing attorney and a past professor at McGeorge School of Law. He and fellow railroad museum docent, Willard Downes will present "Songs of the Rails" and other old-time favorites. As a matter of fact there may be a brief sing-a-long at the conclusion of the program.

Beware... a relative of Lucky Pierre might appear on the scene as will "peter generic" who was present at our last encounter...!

Be prepared for an enjoyable evening. Please dress comfortably western of any period. The magic word for the evening will be "FOAMERS". Ask me for the definition at the end of the program.....

Pistol packin' Pete.....

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lee Scott

Balance as of 6-9-98" (corrected balance \$20.00 sub. error)"		\$9746.99
Income- Membership	\$ 233.00	
Books	41.00	
Wine and Raffle	202.00	476.00
Expenses- Newsletter	206.44	
Office	4.07	
Kitchen	81.59	292.10
Investments to C.D. and passbook accounts	5000.00 P.B. 2000.00 C.D.	7000.00
	Balance of checkbook 9/22/98	2930.89
	Balance of C.D. & passbook account	7030.71
	Balance of total funds	9961.60

DOCENTS' REPORT: Lois Frazier

On Sunday, August 2, 1998 the following members thoroughly cleaned the History Museum. Many, many thanks for hard work on a very hot day:

STEVE ABBOTT
CAROL BAKER
SUSAN BURMASTER
TEL LABELL

DARLENE AYLWARD
MIKE AYLWARD
RALPH CARHART
AL VOLMER

ADELE COPELAND
LOIS FRAZIER
GORDON HEIDT
PETE WHITE

The Museum is in the administration building in the Fair Oaks Cemetery and is open from 1:00 — 4:00pm every second Sunday of the month. Please stop by and say **"helloooooo"!**

Thank you to the following docents who have served this past year:

STEVE ABBOTT
ADELE COPELAND
DARLENE AND MIKE AYLWARD
MARILYN AND CHUCK KENDRICK
PEG AND LARRY SMART

JUNE MELVIN
HARRY VOTH
CAROL BAKER
LOIS FRAZIER

ELISE MATTISON
BONNIE DRAGO

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Darlene Aylward

Please welcome the following new members: **LEE AND DORIS LUNDGREN**
ZIPP AND MARILYN KEITGES



THESE FOOTSTEPS ARE GOOD FOR A CHUCKLE: remember old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. We each are a little older than when we last saw one another and a few changes have come into our lives. Frankly, I am becoming a little frivolous — I'm seeing five gentlemen every day:

As soon as I wake up, WILL POWER helps me out of the bed. Then, I go visit JOHN. Then CHARLIE HORSE comes along and takes up some of my time and attention. When he leaves, ARTHUR RITIS shows up and remains for a greater portion of the day. He takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy schedule, I'm tired and glad to be going to bed with BEN GAY.



**FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OFFICERS**

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- Vice President : Pete White——967-2661
- Secretary : Ralph Carhart ——961-6301
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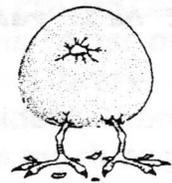
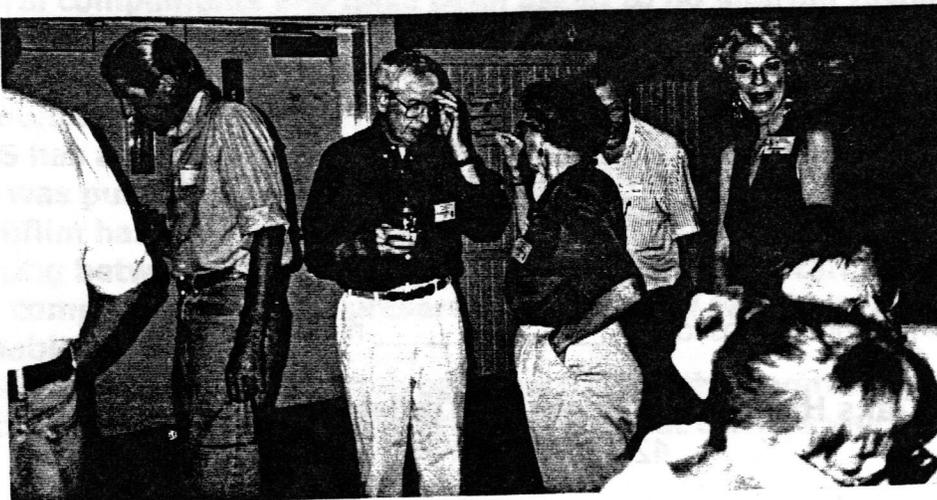
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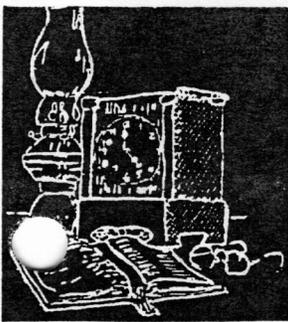
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Mark your calendars for December 13, 1998 — that's the Holiday Open House at the History Center. If you would like to help out with treats and attendance, please contact Lois Frazier and/or Steve Abbott.



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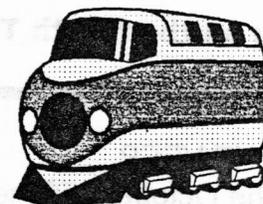
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