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MC KINNEY HOUSE ACQUISITION

by "WOODY" LINKE

Because time tends to deceive us, I want to get down on paper just how the La Mesa Historical Society came to be, and by what circumstances we were able to acquire the McKinney Home. The writer is Helen Wood Linke, a Licensed Real Estate Broker in La Mesa.

During the spring of 1975, I showed the old McKinney Home, on the corner of Pine and University Avenue, to a client who was looking for an old house for an antique shop. At that time the property had been purchased from the McKinney family by Forrest McKinley, a Realtor, active in the east county. He planned to remodel the house into offices, but because of a change in circumstances decided instead to place it on the market.

My client was delighted with the house, but her family and associates felt it was in poor condition and would take too much work to put it in shape.

Shortly after that an item appeared in the La Mesa Scout that the Historical Branch of the Bicentennial Committee would meet to form a Historical Society and interested parties were invited to attend. I had taken courses at Grossmont College in San Diego History and noted the lack of some group to preserve what heritage remained. So, I became an "interested party." In discussing his property with Forrest, I mentioned the formation of the Society and suggested he give the house to them as headquarters and a museum. He said that I must be joking and it was too late, as he had an offer on the property. That seemed to end the discussion.

So it was, that on a warm day in June, 1975, I attended the meeting in the Conference Room at La Mesa City Hall. During introductions I learned the gentleman on my left was Joyce McKinney and next to

him his wife, Ruth. Opposite me sat their sister-in-law Marie (Mrs. Cromwell McKinney) and brother Donald McKinney. At first the name meant little to me, but then someone started to discuss the old house on the corner of Pine and University Avenue, and I realized this was THE McKinney family.

After the meeting was over I spoke to the McKinney's and told them about showing the house to my client and my suggestion to Forrest that it might become the home of the Historical Society. Ruth McKinney's response was, "Oh, Mother McKinney would have liked that."

I'm a firm believer in fate and as I drove into my yard at home, my husband told me Forrest had called and wanted to talk with me. My immediate reaction was, "I know what he wants, he's going to tell me we can have the house!" I'd better explain that WE was purely hypothetical. There was at that moment no Historical Society WE. I had not been to a Bicentennial meeting before that day. There was some discussion about starting a society, and a Mr. Lloyd-Donahoo, whom I had met for the first time that afternoon, had been appointed to try to get one organized.

I dashed to the phone and called Forrest. He made an offer I felt we couldn't refuse. Then I called Donahoo, introduced myself and said, "Look, you had better get a committee together to organize the Society, because I have the house!" His reply was "Great! I'll call a meeting for tomorrow noon at Sexton's."

So, we met the next day for lunch, Lloyd Donahoo, Eric Sanders, Bill Orsborne, Karna Webster, Jim Parker, and Woody Linke.
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Karna, invaluable help and advisor (from experience) and also our first Life Member and financial supporter. Eric, an old hand at by-laws and legalities of organization, was our guiding light through the maze of papers and articles of incorporation. Lloyd agreed to serve as President, Bill, Jim and Eric as Vice Presidents and Woody as Secretary. Without his knowledge we drafted Clifford Asay as our capable but tight-fisted Treasurer.

We had everything under control except money. For the record we were to assume an existing first trust deed held by the McKinney's, give Forrest \$12,000, and he would make a gift of his \$8,000 equity. Now our only problem was to borrow that twelve-thousand. Not easy. Several lending institutions would have let us have a first loan, but none would give us a second trust deed loan. So, Lloyd and I went to the Joyce McKinney's and told them our problem and asked if they would consider making their loan a second so that we might borrow money for the first. They were most gracious in their discussion, enthusiastic to our plans, and promised to think the matter over. A few days later I received a call from their Attorney, Chuck Gorder. He introduced himself and explained that the McKinney's would rather not place their note in a subservient position to another loan, and my spirits sank. HOWEVER, he continued, they would like to make us a loan of the money needed to purchase the house. Incredible news! Fantastic people! I was on Cloud 9. I called Lloyd and the others. We were In!

There were a few more details to be worked out. Mayor Paul Fordem offered the services of Home Federal Savings & Loan Escrow Dept. The Mayor is also the Manager of the branch at Grossmont Center. Our thanks to you. Thanks, too, to First American Title Company for helping to preserve the past for the future and to LeRoy W. Knutson of Knutson, Tobin & Meyer, Attorneys at Law, for assistance with various legal matters.

Our gratitude to the McKinney's, Joyce, Ruth, Marie and Donald, for your cooperation and generosity.

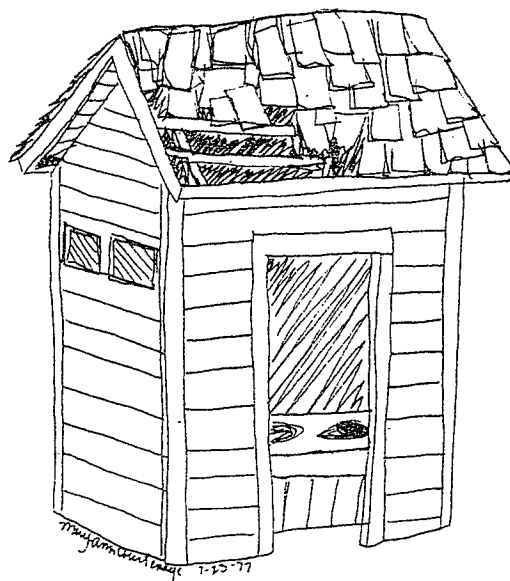
Finally, thanks to Forrest McKinley, for his generosity and help in acquiring the property. He's a modest fellow, not given to showing off, so we are having a bronze plate made which says, "Thanks, Forrest." (signed) La Mesa Historical

Society. The house came to us complete with original plumbing, including the chain-pull "John" on the back porch. If you look up to the wooden water closet, you'll see the plaque, placed there in appreciation.

FOUR-HOLER FINDS NEW HOME

The La Mesa Historical Society has been presented with a unique gift by the Spring Valley Historical Society, our sister organization to the South. On May 10, 1977, the Board of Directors of LMHS voted to accept the donation of what is probably the last four-hole outhouse remaining in San Diego County.

An early panorama indicates that this outhouse was built in 1890 when a lemon ranch was established in the northern part of Spring Valley. A family by the name of Bussey apparently either owned the ranch at this time or acquired it by 1895. By the 1920s it had been purchased by Richard and Grace McGowan, who operated a turkey farm there for many years.



Our new addition - with two of its four holes visible

The McGowan family retained the property until the mid-1960s when land was being assembled for the interchange of State Highways 94 and 125. After purchasing the farm, then at the corner of Campo Road and Panorama Drive, Caltrans donated the outhouse to the Spring Valley Historical Society. The Society has maintained the outhouse at its Bancroft Ranch House property but, feeling unable to do a com-

plete restoration, decided to donate the structure to us with the expectation that we would restore it and provide it with an appropriate home.

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The outhouse is constructed of redwood and still contains many of its original square nails. It measures $5\frac{1}{4}$ feet by $6\frac{1}{4}$ feet and stands $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet tall at the peak of the roof. Inside there is a seat with four holes - two large and two small. Three small, high latticed openings provide light and ventilation. The original door unfortunately is missing.

Moving the outhouse to the McKinney House was a major task. On July 8, Jim Orsborn and several strong volunteers from the La Mesa Fire Department and the Explorer Scouts lifted the structure into a pickup which led the small procession to La Mesa. There it was put on a temporary site to await restoration, which will include replacing the door and some of the structural wood, reshingling the roof, and placement on a permanent foundation.

The McKinney House originally had an outhouse - a smaller two-holer, however - before plumbing was added about 1912. Some consideration had been given to constructing a replica building as a part of the restoration of the grounds, but it is much more appropriate that we preserve an authentic structure which has been part of our area for almost ninety years. We greatly appreciate this opportunity provided to us by the Spring Valley Historical Society. Note: Mary Ann Courtenaye, who did the illustrations for this issue, is currently working in La Mesa as a typsetter and artist.

by Donna Regan

OUTGOING PRESIDENT HAS A MESSAGE

As immediate past President, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many, many members of the historical society and fellow board members who have contributed so much in time, talent and energy to the growing success of the Society. The list is long and continues to grow as more members join in our effort to make the Society one of the best.

It is difficult in this brief item to remember all of the names of those who have worked so hard to accomplish what we have done in so short a time. Hopefully, those persons who headed up various com-
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LOOKOUT AVENUE

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Two years have now passed since the organizational meeting of La Mesa Historical Society attended by many of you in September, 1975, in the Adult Center. The response of La Mesans in becoming charter members, attending our meetings, and supporting money-raising projects has been a source of joy to your elected board of directors. Under the leadership of President Lloyd Donahoo so very much has been accomplished. We feel we are a going institution and have been told that we are one of the most active of more than 100 historical societies of San Diego County, although one of the youngest!

Gratitude is due to the many other individuals who have assumed major roles and given unselfishly of their time. Although the Society is incorporated and is a public organization, as opposed to a private club, all of us who participate are of course volunteers contributing of our time, energy and resources. Your board wants to invite you to become active, too, and urges that you make yourselves known to us by coming to meetings, filling out questionnaires as to your interests. Or call us!

As we start the new year we have a fine group of people in leadership roles on the Board (see accompanying article). We still have several chairmanships unfilled. From time to time there will be
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work parties needing volunteers or clerical help needed. But it is the thinking of the Board that our major needs in restoring the McKinney House will be better filled by raising the funds to have the work done professionally (and properly). Here we need all of you! The painting of the exterior and preparation thereof is a high priority item. In addition, the interior requires replastering, painting, etc. This fall we expect to take care of re-roofing the garage, used for storage, and a small area over the kitchen.

We especially wish to be aware of La Mesa Pioneers, a long-standing group who came to La Mesa in earlier years. We hope to have a joint meeting with them this fall and surely hope that they will all realize that their participation is most meaningful to us. Our Society, as you know, is open to all interested La Mesans, both newcomers and "old-timers" of all ages. Our youngest member is one year old, our oldest?

Your Board has prepared a proposed calendar of events for 1977-78 which is printed on this page. Do be sure your membership is in full effect and join us! You are wanted and needed!

Sincerely,
Joan L. Wilken

Past President's Message continued

mittees will acknowledge those who worked for them on projects assigned to them.

First of all, my thanks to all the board members for their tasks and a hearty well done! Woody Linke, Andy Smith, Thelma Todd, Eva Quicksall, Jim Parker, Bill and Jim Orsborn, Cliff Asay, Eric Sanders, Joan Wilken, Pat Kettler and to those heads of committees not board members, Liz Blackwell, Jean Guy, Dorothy Griner, Donna Regan (endless worker),.

To those members who personally helped me on the McKinney house, Bill Pyper, who made all the new screens for the house and to Bob Howard who is replacing windows, Irvine Smith who has done much in the stripping of old paint from the exterior, Vic Geroche and Richard Coolidge. Businesses who have joined with us like La Mesa Lumber, Julius Acevez of Frazee Paints, ~~Kelven's~~ Paint Palette, Bob Browne of Browne's Maytag appliances who donated the

washing machine for our raffle.

To all these and more, we owe a special debt of gratitude. If I have missed a name of someone who worked directly with me, please call and "Chew me out."

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president. We can look forward to even greater progress under the very capable leadership of Joan Wilken, our new president. I urge all to lend her your support during her term of office.

Sincerely,
Lloyd Donahoo

CALENDAR

- Sep. 13 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors
Members welcome. See other story.
- Oct. 8 Society bus tour to Hancock Park and its Page Museum, and to Farmer's Market (L.A. area)
- Oct. 11 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors
- Oct. 16 4:30 p.m. General meeting at the Adult Center
- Nov. 8 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors
- Nov. 13 2 p.m. ? Joint meeting: LMHS and the La Mesa Pioneers
- Nov. ? Tour of local homes
- Dec. 6 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors
- Dec. 10 Open House at McKinney House tentative - dolls, old tools
- Jan. 9 7:30 p.m. Board of Directors
- May 21 Potluck dinner
- July 1 Ice Cream Social

Activities from January through June include board meetings on second Tuesdays, a dinner meeting on January 19, a fund raiser in April, the annual potluck dinner on May 21, the Ice Cream Social on July 1, and other events (see below). You are invited to attend board meetings; however call Thelma Todd, 466-5970, to confirm date, time and place. Do feel free to attend the meetings.

NOTE: Ten or more "educational, historical and social experiences" built around the theme, "The People of Southern California" are scheduled this year and next. First is a bus tour, Saturday, October 8, to Hancock Park with its tar pits and the new George C. Page Museum, the new world of Los Angeles prehistory, and Farmer's Market. Fare is \$12. Expect a bulletin by mail within the week. Call Lloyd Donahoo or Eric Sanders, if you wish.

HISTORIC LA MESA HOUSE MUST BE MOVED

by Donna Regan

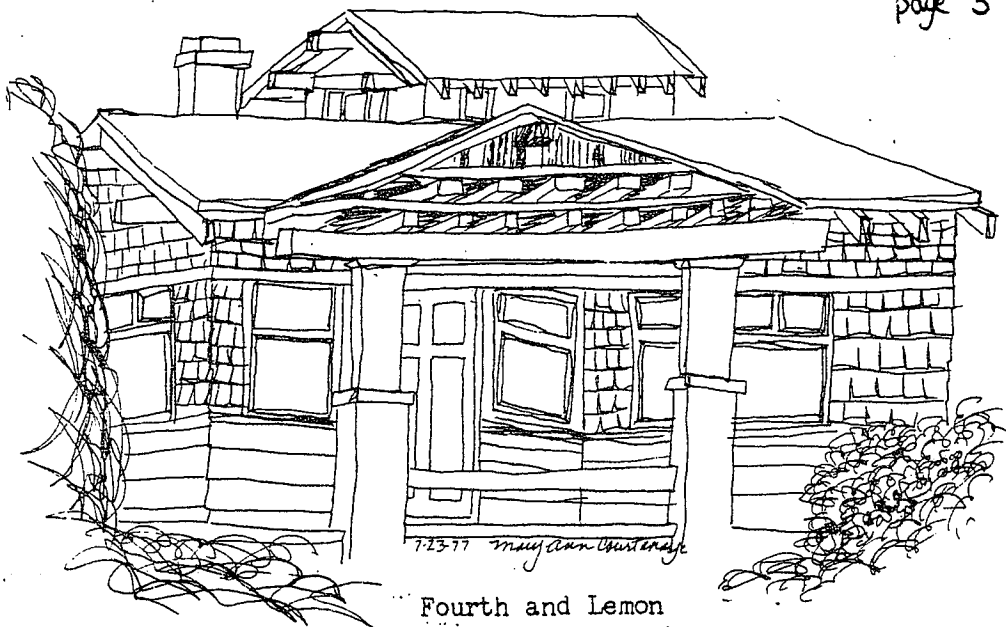
One of La Mesa's finest examples of California bungalow architecture must be moved within the next two or three months if it is to escape demolition. The house, which stands at the southwest corner of Fourth Street and Lemon Avenue, is currently owned by Dr. C. J. Padfield. Dr. Padfield, who plans to develop the property as an apartment site, has expressed his willingness to sell the house to whoever might be able to move it.

The house has been described by Bruce Kamerling, president of the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO), as "an almost perfect example of a California bungalow." This architectural style which developed in this country around the turn of the century, is generally characterized by wide eaves with projecting rafters; a broad low-pitched roof; wide porches and verandas; shingled walls; and an emphasis on the horizontal. These elements were used in both simple and elaborate houses and culminated in the designs of the celebrated Pasadena architects Charles and Henry Greene whose best known work is the 1908 Gamble House.

The La Mesa house has shingled walls, two porches, and a porte-cochère. The story-and-a-half structure contains seven rooms, including two to three bedrooms. The interior has remained generally intact, still retaining the original woodwork (although now mostly painted), hardware, and other fixtures.

The evidence of early photographs indicates that the house was probably built between 1912 and 1915. According to Mrs. Lamoureux, who has lived on Fourth Street since 1924, the house was first owned by a family named Scott, who in the 1920s built and moved into the house across the street on the southeast corner. The Benton family owned the house from the 1920s until a few years ago; Laura Benton is remembered as a teacher in La Mesa schools.

The Society would like further infor-



mation about the house and its owners, including any early photographs.

Anyone who is interested in moving this house should contact Dr. Padfield at 466-7243.

ATOP MT. NEBO

Part Two

by THELMA TODD

Next door to the Worths lived the Todds. Their house, the second one on Mt. Nebo, was built in 1911. They, too, had come to California seeking help for a health problem. For many years Mr. Todd kept his business in Elgin, Illinois, and Mrs. Todd, her four young children, and often her father and mother lived in the La Mesa house. Finally, Mr. Todd grew tired of being away from his family so much, sold his Elgin business and opened a business in San Diego.

Mary Waterman was born in Cameron, Missouri. Her father, William Waterman, was discharged because of wounds as a Lieutenant of 37th Mass. Vol. at Washington, D.C., 1865, went to Chicago Theological Seminary and was ordained a Congregational minister in 1867. He married Julie King of Monson, Mass., in July, 1867 (She was the first woman principal of a secondary school in the State of Massachusetts) and was sent as a Home Missionary to Cameron, Mo.

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ATOP MT. NEBO continued

As the child of a missionary she had many changes in homes. She told of being dressed from missionary barrels. In 1875, her father went to a church in Marion, Iowa where they lived until 1886, the longest that she had lived in one town. But it was not a really happy time for Mary. She was the only red haired, blue eyed member of the family. The other children were brown eyed and dark haired so she was teased by the children at school who told her that she didn't really belong to the Waterman family. To make it worse, her mother, who had advanced ideas for that time in education, sent her to the high school after she finished her day at the elementary school, to take Latin and math. So she was not very popular at either school.

She graduated from high school when she was sixteen and the same year a blond baby sister was born. Mary then told her mother of her years of unhappiness and was reassured.

Her father was sent to Kalamazoo, Mich., and she started college there. Her father was the pastor of a Chicago church when she married Orien W. Todd in 1896 and they went to Elgin, Illinois.

May Worth and Mary Todd became life long friends. They organized many projects together. The First Sunrise Easter Service in La Mesa was held on Mt. Nebo due to their efforts. They were both involved in the work of the Congregational Church. Mary was the supervisor of building when the new church was built. Mrs. Todd organized the church dinners and Mrs. Worth furnished the programs. There was a bridal pageant dreamed up by Mrs. Todd who urged women to bring out their wedding gowns. They were worn by daughters or granddaughters. Mrs. Worth was the commentator. They both taught Sunday School classes. They were each president of the Woman's Guild and each president of the Missionary Society.

They were both active in the Woman's Club. Mrs. Worth was president during World War I and did a great deal of work in organizing relief work. When Mrs. Todd was president she organized a study group in business and protective law for women.

Then there was the Mt. Nebo Club, which seems to have been a fun thing. Always there was laughter and joking when

many funny stories about her early life in Virginia where relatives came for a week's visit and usually stayed for at least a year. Mrs. Todd could dash off a poem for any occasion.

They were tall, striking looking women. Mary Todd's red hair turned pure white and her bright blue eyes never lost their sparkle. May Worth with her darker blue eyes and her heavy Coronet braid of reddish hair brown said her golden hair turned brown instead of gray.

Mary Todd might grumble that "Minnie May" was never on time - ; May Worth might observe that "Mayree" was always President, regardless of her position in an organization. But they loved each other dearly.

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* Note: The story of May French Worth was told in Issue No. 1

MICROFILMING HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Microfilming of the older La Mesa Scout newspapers (1944-1949) has been completed. A microfilm copy will be given to the La Mesa Library for the public's use and the original film will be stored in the La Mesa Historical Society's archives.

To date the surviving La Mesa Scout newspapers - 1916 through 1936 and 1944 through 1949 are on film and are available at the La Mesa Library.

The years 1950 through 1959 have been filmed by another organization and are available for purchase through a microfilm catalog. I was told that a fire in the Scout office sometime in the 1943 destroyed all file copies of the La Mesa Scout prior to 1916 and isn't that a shame. At least what remains of our local history is safe on film for the future generations.

Once again, thank you to the Soroptimist Club and the Tempo Section of the La Mesa Woman's Club for making the completion of this project possible. If anyone has copies of the La Mesa Scout dated prior to 1916 or copies for the years 1937 through 1943, we would be grateful if you would consider donating them to the Society or loaning them so they can be microfilmed. Please contact me if you can help.

Pat Kettler (463-0197)

Recent additions to our membership include: Wayne Ashman, Mrs. Ben H. Clay, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Drew, Alice Evans, Robert Hall, Harder House Antiques, Elizabeth Harrison, Rurik Kallis, Vernon Kettler, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Orsborn, Dennis, Bruce J., Fred J. and Noelle Orsborn, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Small, Bob Smith, Inga A. Swiderski, Edward True and F. Norris West.

Along with various fund-raising activities throughout the year, the La Mesa Historical Society must rely on new and renewal membership fees to carry on our McKinney House restoration and other programs designed to preserve La Mesa's special heritage.

Current membership cards will be mailed soon after September 15. In case you have overlooked sending your renewal, the form below is included for your convenience.

Membership categories are:

- ___ Life \$100.00
 - ___ Patron 25.00
 - ___ Sponsor 10.00
 - ___ Individual 5.00
 - ___ Student 1.00
- (under 18 years)

Please complete this form, or a reasonable facsimile, and mail to:

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La Mesa, California 92041

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Address _____

City, state, zip _____

Telephone _____

Jean Guy, membership

ICE CREAM SOCIAL DID VERY WELL,
THANK YOU

The Ice Cream Social was a success this year from all angles. Weather and people cooperation resulted in a 58% greater profit over 1976 - our 1st Social. Our sincere thanks to all of you who contributed: time, money, food for the bake table, white elephant items and those who

helped clean up before and after the event.

Raffle of washing machine	\$ 350.00
donated by Brown Appliance of Lemon Grove	
Two lovely oil paintings	30.00
donated by Clifford West	
Memberships, renewals, 1 life	265.00
Pictures & history books	54.10
Bake table	68.55
White Elephant table	114.20
Food table - chili, corn, hot dogs, ice cream	176.83
Total receipts	\$ 1,058.68
Total expenses*	105.61
Net profit	\$ 953.07

- * Includes plates, cups, napkins, ice cream, toppings, bags and all food.
- * Thanks also to Tri-Co Flooring, Logan's Bakery and La Mesa Camera and Sound Center for picking up the cost of the tickets for the raffle.
- My own personal thanks to my Committee - Erlene Lourenco, George Felix and his son, Rick, and Joanne Knutson.
- Set your calendar for next year - July 1, 1978!!

Next fund raising event will be to participate in the Oktoberfest - Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, October 1.

"Woody" Linke
Fund Raising Chairman

THERE WAS A HISTORICAL DISPLAY
AT GROSSMONT CENTER

A La Mesa Historical Society historical display was set up in the glass kiosk at the Grossmont Center on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. It included costumes from the turn-of-the-century, old photographs of La Mesa and several pieces of furniture from the McKinney House. Eunice Pyper loaned several of her antique kitchen items which were also on display at the kiosk. An information table was set up near the kiosk and materials pertaining to the LMHS and La Mesa history were displayed and sold.

A sincere thank you to Eunice Pyper for her expertise in setting up the display and working a shift, to Jean Murrell, Celeste Haslam and Jean Guy who spent those two days handing out historical

society brochures, selling and answering the questions of interested people. We sold two membership and many copies of the La Mesa - A Brief History and hopefully made many people aware of our historical society and what we're all about.

Pat Kettler, chairman

LMHS OFFICERS ARE: Joan L. Wilken, president; T. William Orsborn, 1st vice pres.-program; James A. Parker, 2nd vice pres.,-historic sites; Helen Wood Linke, 3rd vice pres.,-fund raising; Patricia M. Kettler, secretary; Clifford H. Asay, Jr., treasurer.

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE ARE: James O. Orsborn, 1978, L.M.Pioneers liaison; Eva M. Quicksall, 1978, historian; Dr. Andrew Smith, 1978, promotion, sales; Eric Sanders, 1979, Lookout Avenue, tours; Thelma J. Todd, 1979, memorabilia; and Lloyd E. Donahoo, immediate past president, coord. of House reconstruction, tours.

APPOINTIVE CHAIRMEN ARE: Dorothy Griner, hospitality; Nadine Washburn, mailing; Jean Guy, membership; Jane Donahoo, memorial gifts, bequests; Lucille DeWaide, press; Donna Regan, restoration; and Elizabeth Blackwell, telephone.

HELP! HELP! HELP! The following items, either new or used, would be most helpful in the restoration and maintenance of the McKinney House: scissors (kitchen shears and paper scissors), metal retractable tape measure, five-step and three-step stepladders, extension cords (including heavy duty ones), flashlight, pliers, hammers, screwdriver, wrench, push broom, rake, paper cutter, plastic trash cans with lids. If you would like to donate any of the articles on this list, please call Donna Regan at 460-3726

EXCERPTS FROM DONNA REGAN'S "McKINNEY HOUSE UPDATE": Helping remove paint from the exterior of the McKinney House on May 14 and 21 were: Roy Swearengin, Victor Gerache, Irvine Smith and Lloyd Donahoo.....other work was done in June by Bob Howard, his wife Mary-Em and daughter, Terry. Bob repaired the wiring for the dining room fixture. Bill Pyper carefully constructed 21 new wood-framed window screens with wood donated by the La Mesa Lumber Company.....Lloyd Donahoo, in the front room, patched wall and ceiling cracks and with the assistance of Richard Coolidge applied three coats of paint.

Others have also been active in working on the house in recent months: Joan Wilken, Eric Sanders, Lorraine Turner, Jimmy Frankey, Donna Regan, and Celeste Haslam with her daughter, Jean Murrell. Eunice Pyper, Pat Kettler and daughter Erin and Don and Joyce McKinney also assisted. Much work still remains. We hope in September to have a new roof put on the garage, which is currently very limited as a storage facility during rainy seasons. Other priorities include the reroofing of the one-story kitchen, the preparation and repainting of the exterior and interior wiring. If you can be of any assistance, please call Donna at 460-3726. - - - We have more copy but no space! Happy fall months!

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For Services Rendered:



Louis Granger - Assistance with plumbing at the McKinney House;
Robert Browne - Procuring the Radár range at cost for the July 2nd.
Raffle, Management of Grapefruit Daze, Assistance with
wiring at McKinney House, etc. etc.;

Business Office Outfitters - For offering us discount prices for
La Mesa Historical Society;

Terri Miller and Young Adults of La Mesa Second Ward, Church of Jesus
Christ of the Latter-Day Saints - Cleaning at McKinney House;

The Adams Family and Friends - Labor for re-roofing the garage at
McKinney House;

John Reid, Lee Lourenco, Henry Osborn and Dennis Tuttle - For Advice;
Bill Pyper and Ted Reynolds - For help with screens at McKinney House;
Bob Howard - For help with windows at McKinney House;

Mark Tarasuck - Designing the sign in front of McKinney House;
Barry Worthington - Use of antique auto at Oktoberfest and for
working on the windows at McKinney House;

McEwen's Paint Palette - Help with windows at McKinney House;

Skipp Fenn, La Mesa Recreation Department - For help with meetings.

For Donations:

Jean Twiss - Paper cutter;
Woody Linke - Typewriter table for office at McKinney House;
La Mesa Lumber and Eddie Walsh - Materials and workmanship on the
sign for McKinney House;

La Mesa Lumber - For shingles at cost for garage roof and for wood at
a reduced price;

Michael Alspaugh - For plumbing supplies;

La Mesa Spring Valley School District - For film loaned of Early
La Mesa Grammar School;

Fraze Paint and Wallcoverings - Paint at 50% discount (Julius Acevez
arranged this);

San Diego Scaffolding Company - Two extra weeks service at no
additional cost;

La Mesa Lions' Club - \$200.00;
La Mesa Rotary - \$200.00.

