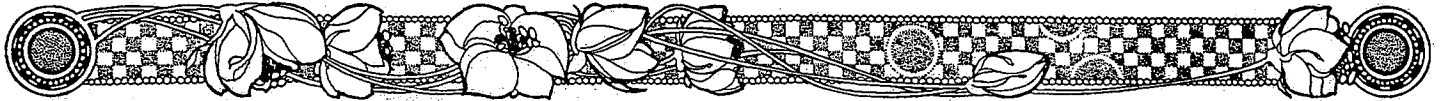


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The La Mesa Historical Society Annual Election will follow a Four O'clock Potluck Dinner at the Senior Citizens Recreation Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa, May 18. Come and vote for your officers and Directors. The nominating committee has presented the following slate. Other nominations can be made from the floor.

Officers:

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| President | Helen Wood Linke (Mrs. Howard) |
| First Vice President | Patricia M. Kettler (Mrs. Vern) |
| Second Vice President | William J. Pyper |
| Third Vice President | Jean Guy (Mrs. Hubert F.) |
| Secretary | Dorothy Griner (Mrs. E. Lee) |
| Treasurer | Clifford Asay, Jr. |
| Associate Treasurer | John T. Ahern |

Directors-at-Large: (Terms expire in 1982)

- Vivian Higgins (Mrs. Frank)
- James Polak
- Karna Webster (Mrs. Thomas)

Continuing on the LMHS Board of Directors until 1981 are

Directors-at-Large Robert L. Browne and Donna Regan and Past President Joan L. Wilken (Mrs. Robert H.)

--Joan L. Wilken, Chairman, Nominating Committee

CALENDAR

ELECTION-POTLUCK MAY 18, 4:00 P.M.

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL June 29, 1980

QUILTERS Mondays 10:00-2:00

DOCENTS AT THE MC KINNEY HOUSE
THURSDAYS, 1:00-4:00

ANNUAL DINNER MAY 18 4:00 P.M.

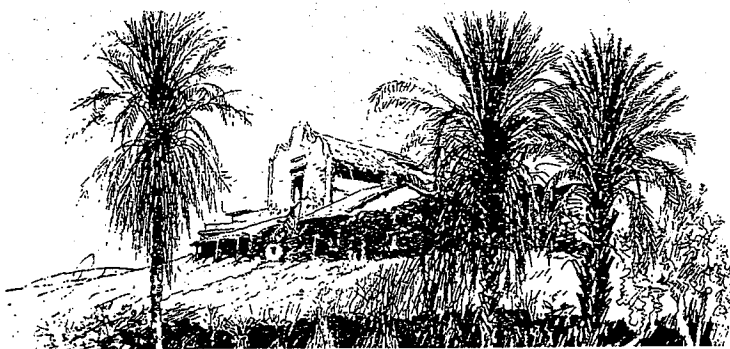
8450 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa

BRING: Plate, cup, table service, and
casserole, salad or dessert for eight.

IF the telephone committee does not
reach you, call 466-9244 to make a
reservation and state your preference
of food donation.

We look forward to seeing you and
visiting with you.

Vivian Higgins, Hospitality Chairman



MEMORABILIA

--Thelma Todd

Mrs. Larry Boeing gave us some very good, clear color slides from Mr. Boeing's collection.

We were glad to receive the slides of the Festival de las Flores taken in 1951 and 1953. They will be very helpful when we revive this Festival.

There were also some slides of the La Mesa Depot that will be very useful for that project.

Mrs. David Fitch gave us four reprints of old La Mesa from the collection of her sister, Jean Sinclair. She also sent an interesting picture of Jean and a group of boys. Could you help identify them?

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE

--Thelma Todd

With the "Ice Cream Social" not too far away, anyone wishing to donate items for the white elephant table may bring them to the Potluck-Meeting-Program and Election on May 18. We would like anything and everything you have.

CHRYSLER IMPERIAL DRAWING

--Jean Guy

Tickets are still available for the drawing of the 1959 Chrysler Imperial four-door sedan to be given away at a drawing to be held at the FIFTH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Sunday, June 29, 1980.

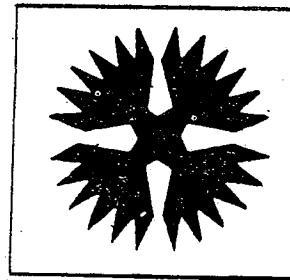
The tickets are only \$1.00 each and are available from any Board Member, or, if you wish, contact Jean Guy at 466-7385 and she will see that you receive them.

THANK YOU'S

--Eric Sanders

To Lee Lourenco who helped the City and PSRMA plan all details necessary for the moving of the railroad station to the Museum site and who worked with Larry Rose, PSRMA member, drawing up site plans, restoration plans, and other necessary planning. One of Lee Lourenco's old-style, sturdy Master's locks is on the gate protecting the museum property.

To Dennis Tuttle who worked with Larry Rose on the drawing of the

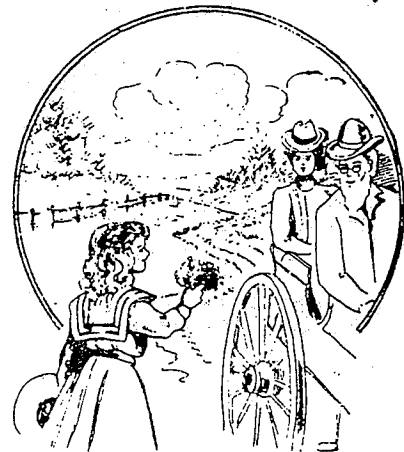


CHIPS AND WHETSTONE

QUILTERS AT WORK

The Quilters of LMHS would like to thank each person who has so generously donated the many useful and necessary items to our group. We have received an electric portable sewing machine, materials, patterns, and two new folding chairs. All of these are being put to good use. We are now working on small gift items for the June 29 Ice Cream Social Sale.

We have almost finished the quilt we are working on. If YOU have a prized quilt top which you would like to donate to LMHS, the QUILTERS would appreciate the opportunity to quilt it. WE MAKE RESTORATION MONEY by raffling these quilts. Your help is invited. We meet at the McKinney House, 8369 University Avenue, Mondays, 10:00-2:00. Julie Bras, 698-0833.



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ORAL HISTORY

Mildred Bryan, Oral History Chairman, has many interesting stories on tape. From the taped interview with Mrs. Nell Parks, March 11, 1980:

In early days, a Dr. Strite lived on the hill above La Mesa Elementary School. He had a bulldog named Pickles who became lonely and found companionship at the school.

Every day he went down to the playground, met the bus when it arrived, and stayed all day until the children departed, and then went home.

The children loved him, petted him, fed him and generally spoiled him. When vacation time came, he was lost and lonely. One day he didn't arrive home at the usual time, so Dr. Strite went to school and (to quote Nell Parks, school cafeteria manager) "laid out the principal, John Reed, a fellow Legionnaire, for keeping Pickles after school."



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day Parade used to be an annual affair in La Mesa. The American Legion carried the flag and placed it in a standard on the La Mesa Elementary School Grounds. One year Pete Mitchell carried the flag. As he placed it in position, he collapsed and died of a heart attack!

The American Legion always held ceremonies with speakers (often a local minister), music, etc. Lornelle Grable was soloist for many years.

There used to be a board at the northwest corner of La Mesa Boulevard and Nebo containing names of local servicemen. The American Legion Auxiliary placed flowers there on suitable occasions such as Easter and Memorial Day.

One year the Levy Hardware Store allowed the Legion to use one of their windows for a display of fathers' and sons' pictures--fathers in their World War I uniforms and sons in their World War II uniforms. This display created great interest.

GETTY MUSEUM TOUR

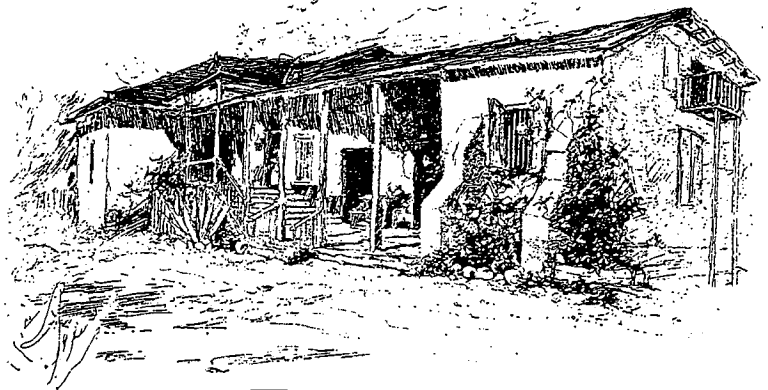
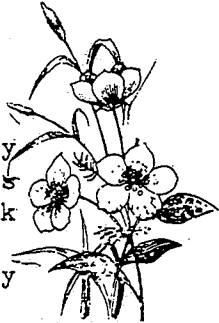
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On Saturday, June 14, the La Mesa Historical Society will sponsor a tour to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu. The tour will leave La Mesa at 7:00 A.M. and return by 6:00 P.M., with a pick-up in Mission Valley.

The J. Paul Getty Museum contains one of the finest collections of Greek and Roman antiquities, Baroque and Renaissance paintings and 18th century decorative arts. These collections are housed in a magnificent reconstruction of the Villa dei Papiri--a Roman seaside villa that was buried in volcanic mud when Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. destroying both Pompei and Herculaneum.

Luncheon, which is available in a cafeteria-style tea room located on the museum grounds, is not included in the price of the tour.

The cost of the tour is \$17.00. The deadline for reservations is June 2; however, space is limited and the tour may fill before that date. Please make your check payable to La Mesa Historical Society and send it with a self-addressed envelope to LMHS Tour, 8671 Tulare St., La Mesa, CA 92041. For information call Dorothy Griner or Donna Regan, 460-3726. --Dorothy Griner



THE CAMULOS RANCH--THE SCENE OF H. H.'S "RAMONA,"



WE STILL NEED HELP ON THE
MAILING COMMITTEE AND THE
TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

SPANISH AND INDIAN HISTORY

On May 18, Sunday, following the 4:00 P.M. Potluck Dinner and Election, LMHS members will be enlightened and entertained by a two-part history program.

First, Mr. Don Shannon, popular and amusing Grossmont College history instructor, will give a slide program about the Spanish and Mexican heritage of our area. Mr. Shannon has written a book on the History of San Diego County and is particularly interested in the Spanish and Mexican period in Alta California dating roughly from the 1770's to 1850.



DON ARTURO BANDINI IN THE OLD SPANISH RIDING DRESS OF HIS FATHER.

Also, Karna Webster, a LMHS member, will be presenting a fascinating up-date on the dig in process at the Bancroft Ranch House in Spring Valley. This dig is on the site of a very old Indian Village. On display will be various artifacts from the dig site.

Karna has been working for the Spring Valley Historical Society for more than ten years as president, curator, tour director, head researcher and in many other ways. She is extremely knowledgeable in many historical areas of Spring Valley and East County History. Bring your questions and come.--Pat Kettler Editor's note: The Program sounds like a short course in the History of Our Part of San Diego County!! A wonderful way to entertain guests who might or might not wish to become LMHS members. Let's have a BIG CROWD to enjoy it all together. (We also have a DUTY to vote at this meeting.) L. DeW.



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