

July Meeting - JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM!"

In the September 28, 1986 issue of Focus, magazine insert of the Sunday Examiner/Chronicle, was a delightful article on San Francisco's City Archivist, Gladys Hansen, entitled "Just the Facts, Ma'am!"

Our guest speaker, with a fascinating depiction of San Francisco's historical archives, will be Ms. Hansen, on July 15th, at 7:30 p.m., in the cheerful Doelger Center.

Well-documented as an historian, author, lecturer, and guest on local radio talk shows, she is the foremost expert on the victims of the 1906 earthquake and fire.

She initiated the project some 25 years ago, and continues to update her statistics as new data continue to appear.

In charge of the San Francisco Room of the San Francisco Public Library, Ms. Hansen's collection of antiques, photographs, books, newspapers and artifacts relating to San Franciscana is enviable.

She is a veritable storehouse of knowledge about San Francisco, "called on by everyone imaginable... the uncommonly curious...students, researchers..."

Much of the information (facts and figures) which her patrons seek from her has been published in "The San Francisco Almanac", first published in 1975, revised in 1980, and, as she says, "It's time for another."

Emperor Norton is not a favorite of hers, she avers, and she maintains that Lillie Hitchcock Coit associated with firemen because, "the volunteer fire department was where the eligible bachelors were. If I'd been in the city at that time, I would have been chasing them, too!"

Illustrated by some of her choice San Franciscana slides, Gladys Hansen's program, titled "The San Francisco Archives: Building on the Past", will be a splendid kick-off to our 1987-88 History Guild year. Y'all come, now!

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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1987-88

A new Guild year is upon us, with the passage of the Summer Solstice, and, as we reflected in the May bulletin, 1986-87 was a good, activity-filled season.

We were so grateful for the service of Pam Giusti, our vice-president, so faithful, so helpful, and so knowledgeable!

The Nominating Committee for the new year's officers presented a slate at the May meeting. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer's offices were to be filled, per our by-laws.

At the special, Election Meeting of the Guild, held on June 17th, as announced at the May meeting, and printed in the May bulletin, the following officers were elected:

President: Ken Gillespie
Vice-President: John Palmer
Secretary: Bunny Gillespie
Treasurer: Roz Babow

The floor was opened for any other nominations. There being none, the above slate was elected, for a one-year term, ending mid-June, 1988.

The other officers, directors, were elected in 1986 for a two-year term, and were not up for re-election.

Appreciation is extended to the Nominating Committee, chaired by our Mayor of Daly City, Jane Powell, with members Ed Smith and Stan Roderick for their diligent committee activity.

MAY MEETING AT COLMA

One great thing about being married to the Guild's Secretary, **Bunny Gillespie**, is that you have almost immediate access to the minutes, since they are created in the same place as this bulletin!

So, we kill two stones with one bird by repeating, or paraphrasing **Bunny's** minutes as a report on the May meeting.

"The hospitality of the Colma Town Council was again experienced as the History Guild of Daly City/Colma convened a general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, at 7:30 pm, in Colma's historic and comfortable public center. Guild President Ken Gillespie presided.

"After dispensing with the minutes of the previous meeting (March), by reason of their having been published in the most recent Guild newsletter, Treasurer **Roz Babow** reported a cash balance, as of May 19, 1987, of \$2,480.52!

Guest speaker was **Mr. Mitchell Postel**, director of the San Mateo County Historical Association's museum on the Skyline campus of the College of San Mateo. His report on the facility, its origin, progress over the years, current activities and the recent opening of a large carriage museum was accompanied by a brilliant slide program, appropriately titled "Storehouse of History."

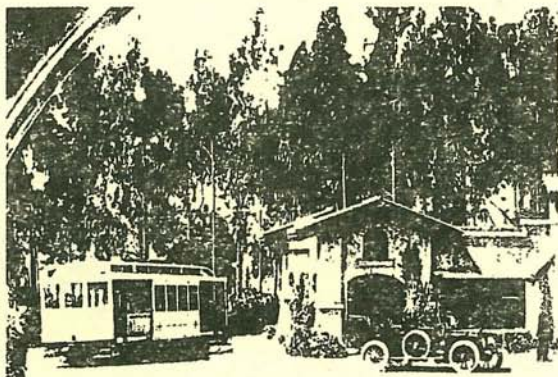
Special interest attendees at the meeting were Mayor **Harold Donahue**

of Colma, Mayor **Jane Powell** of Daly City. Councilman **Ted Kirschner** of Colma also represented their official family.

"President **Ken** read the report of the Nominating Committee (see the Election story), and a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to **Mr. Postel** at the conclusion of his presentation.

"Member **Stan Roderick** donated two beautiful plants as raffle prizes, for which appreciation is sincerely extended. The meeting adjourned to refreshments, served in pleasant fashion by **Mary Hutching's** outstanding committee, including **Marilyn Olcese** and **George Gaggero**."

We add our appreciation to **Bunny** for the snazzy minutes, and to **Mike Giusti** and friends for moving 50 chairs to the Colma Town Hall on the previous night, and returning them the following night. Good work, lads!



HOLY CROSS MARKS 100TH!

This picture of the Mt. Olivet funeral car #2 reminds us that Holy Cross Cemetery is marking its 100th anniversary this year, being the very first burial grounds in the entire Colma area.

Several Colma cemeteries were served by such cars, which brought funeral parties from San Francisco to Olivet, Cypress Lawn, and a siding to Holy Cross. Service started in 1903-1904, and continued til 1921, when hearse deliveries became more common, and business dropped off.

In 1886 Darius Ogden Mills deeded three large lots in Rancho Buri-Buri to then Archbishop Hanna, forming the bulk of Holy Cross Cemetery.

Most of the original occupants were removed from Calvary Cemetery in San Francisco, northeast of Lone Mountain.

In 1937, when the S.F. Board of Supervisors demanded evacuation of the cemeteries there, the action was upheld by a referendum vote.

It took eleven years to complete the removal, from Calvary and Laurel Laurel Hill, the Odd Fellows Cemetery and other burial grounds, to various Colma locations.

A big problem was the disposition of thousands of headstones, many of which were used to form the base for the breakwater of the St. Francis Yacht Club.

PEOPLE, PEOPLE...

Two of our favorite people, **Belva Carroll**, our peppy little Program Chairperson, and **Sam Chandler**, Daly City's Historian and Librarian Emeritus, have been on the sick list recently, and we certainly wish them a rapid return to their normal, active lives in our Daly City/Colma milieu.

We were in the Colma Town Hall the morning of our May meeting there, when all the people in the Administration area started running to the windows, and pointing west.

A thick cloud of black, black smoke was billowing from the hilltop south of Serramonte, right from the apartment complex where **Roz** and **Ted Babow** reside. We drove by, and the smoke had subsided by the time we passed. We called the **Babows**, who lived very near to the burned area, who were okay, and who expressed real appreciation to the Daly City firefighters for their speed and skill.

Speaking of fireworks, **Ed** and **Olive Smith** are just back from Hawaii on vacation. While visiting the Big Island they inquired if the volcanic activity was still ongoing. A Park official noted that all was quiescent when another chap wandered by, and remarked that he'd just returned from

the area, and that there was lively, surface lava flow.

It just depends whom you ask, no?

CATALOGUING PROGRESS

Our Cataloguing Crew is getting along most famously, not only with each other, but with the project!

Regular attendees at the Friday 1 p.m. gatherings at Serramonte Library have been: **Yolanda Hardiman**, **Bianca Caserza**, **John Palmer**, **Elaine** and **Walter Riney**, **Ed** and **Olive Smith**, **Ken** and **Bunny Gillespie** and Chairman **Neil Fahy**.

We estimate that probably 85% of the photographs have been catalogued, each exhibit listed and described in as much detail as a consensus of the viewers can achieve.

The great part of this project is the discovery of details that help close gaps in descriptions made on previous listings.

For instance, we've seen prints of Mayor **H.H. Smith** at a function in the 1930's. Nobody could pinpoint the activity until we found an envelope with smaller, unmounted prints. On the back of one we found what was going on, the dedication of the Pump House!

When the remaining pictures have been catalogued, the next step will be verification and filing, prior to establishing a data base for the computer input. That's sometime in the future, however.

SMCHA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the San Mateo County Historical Association was held on June 14th last in the newly-restored Old Courthouse in Redwood City.

Guild attendees were **Bunny & Ken Gillespie**, as Association members, and Councilman **Al Teglia**, who wears the hat of a Director of the Association.

The history of Camp Fremont, a huge World War I military base in Menlo Park, was well presented by **Col. William Strobridge**, most know-

ledgeable of the huge facility in the Ravenswood area of Menlo Park.

Thousands of troops were quartered, trained and ready for "Over There", but they eventually went the other way, landing in Vladivostok, Russia, for activity in the post-war campaigns and occupation duty.

The History Buff sparkplug, Betsy Bogle, announced the next meeting in July for the "no-dues, no-duties" group, to be held at Duarte's in Pescadero, July 19th.

Time, directions, details will be available at our July 15th meeting for any Guild members who wish to attend.

OLYMPIC CLUB IN DALY CITY!

The U.S. Open is over, and we express our thanks to Bill Hurschmann, of the Times Group, for being the only journalist to acknowledge that half the course is in Daly City!

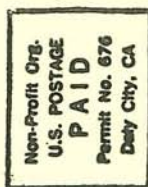
We attended the function, and saw a number of Daly Cityites in helping activities. Mayor Jane Powell surely should have been given the opportunity to belt the first ball.

This reminds us of the i.d. problems during the 1964 Republican Convention at the Cow Palace, located in Daly City, but grudgingly recognized by the media.

It was interesting, however, to see pictures of the area prior to the building of the courses, with little else than sand, scrub trees, and a lot of open space!

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