

HEY, LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!

A week and a day before Thanksgiving, we'll be thankful for the opportunity to gather as Guild members and friends at Doelger Center for our Fall meeting, this on **Wednesday, November 18th**, at 7:30 p.m.

We emphasize the time and date because some of our friends were used to the third Wednesday of the meeting month, and came a week early for the September clustering.

Zo, on the described evening we can look forward to what we hope will be a comprehensive description of some of the choice pictures that have been discovered in the **Samuel Chandler Historical Collection** in Serramonte Library.

Reproduced in slide form, the pictures will be shown with narration by **Neil Fahy**, who heads the team of researchers/cataloguers from the Guild, and by **Ken Gillespie**.

Attendees at the meeting are encouraged to participate in the program, offering further explanation (if available) of the contents of the pictures. Long-time residents are especially urged to add to the store of knowledge that is gradually being assimilated about the history of our Daly City/Colma area.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Golden Gate swung wide open at our September 23rd meeting, when **Carney Campion**, General Manager of the Golden Gate Bridge District was our featured speaker.

Before a full house of bridge players, **Mr. Campion** presented as comprehensive a history of the who, what, when, where, why and how of the building of the bridge, its current and future status, as could be imagined. Prefaced by a 30 minute, little-seen motion picture, "**The Building of the Golden Gate Bridge**", the careful planning, execution and fruition of one of the world's greatest engineering and aesthetic feats was beautifully presented to an enthusiastic audience.

Many attendees had walked the Bridge on Opening Day, May 28, 1937. One attendee

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HISTORY EVENING!



WEDNESDAY, November 18 at 7:30 pm

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An illumination of choice pictures from the Daly City Historical Photograph Collection narrated by **NEIL FAHY** and **KEN GILLESPIE**, with plenty of time for comments and questions!



Doelger Center Multi-Purpose Room
101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City



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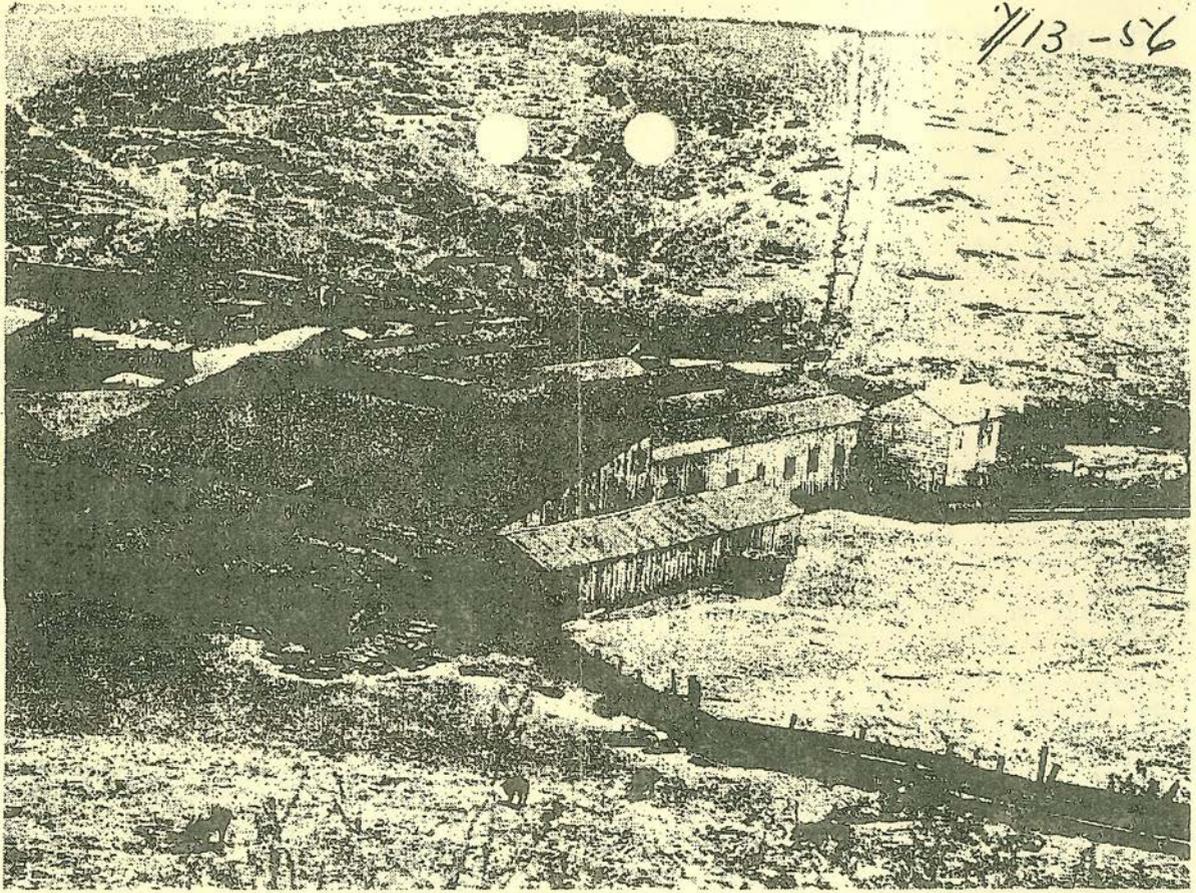
was carried across the span, in his mother's womb, seeing the light of day later the same day.

Many thanks go to **Angie Imperatori**, who brought beautiful models of the Bridge, used as table displays, and decorated with floral displays provided by Hospitality Chair **Mary Hutchings**. Lovely paintings of the Bridge were displayed by Bay Area watercolorist **Gil Doyle**.

Continuing their generous contributions to the Guild are **Stan Roderick** and **Rose and Leona's Flower Shop**, donating twin chrysanthemums for our raffle, most happily won by **Rev. Herb Tweedie** and **Bunny Gillespie**.

At the start of the meeting, **Mayor Jane Powell** made a presentation, on behalf of the Council of the City of Daly City, to

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Bunny and Ken Gillespie, wherein the couple were named as "Official Historians of the City of Daly City". Pleased and flattered, they pledged to use their new office (described by Mayor Powell as "non-paying, with the chance of twice as much next year, if you do a good job") to further the historical knowledge of our area.

Treasurer Roz Babow made her financial report, showing a balance, after all current bills were paid, of \$2,475.57.

Tasty refreshments were dispensed by Mary Hutchings, George Gaggero and Angie Imperatori. Display tables of newspaper articles, badges, souvenir pillows, etc. overseen by Ted Babow, were a highlight of the evening at Doelger Center.

REMEMBER THE HOG FARMS?

The caption of this picture, from the Daly City Record of July 13, 1956, was as follows: "VANISHING BREED - Last of the hog ranches in northern San Mateo County are apparently on the way out, as the county health department has recommended against renewing permits. Shown here in a recent photo is the ran just south of Westmoor High school site which was granted extension of permit to operate last year because of delay in constructing school building. Extension of permit expired last week, and the farms must cease operation."

WHO WAS WHERE, AND WHEN?

Looking to the future, projects envisioned for the Guild include a hoped-for block-by-block location description of early-day Daly City and Colma.

Using lot and street number maps, it is anticipated that old-time residents of our area will come to a series of meetings to point out where they lived, and who their neighbors were, the local businesses as they are remembered, etc.

Recently donated to the Guild are a series of maps of early homestead plot plans, the **1872 School House Land Association**, showing streets from Market south to A street, from Mission west to Brady Street. The location of the first little schoolhouse is depicted, being right next to "church property, Catholic Church" on San Pedro Avenue, just about where Colombo Hall is now.

Another map is of the **City Extension Homestead Association**, June 1872, with most of what is now Unincorporated Colma shown, and locations of businesses on San Pedro Road (looking to be the only built-upon thoroughfare at that time). Pictured are the Chinese Shoe Factory, on the westerly side of the r.r. tracks, with a boarding house on the south side of the road. 8 Mile House is located where Wendy's is now, on the s.e. corner of Mission and Market.

Yet another part of the collection is a plat of the **Pierce, Vanwinkle & Patten Tracts**, with an extension of San Pedro Road, dog-legging at what would be Junipero Serra, then following the location of Eastmoor before splitting into twin, curved roads over the top of what we call Westmoor Hill now.

The northerly section of the split, along Eastmoor, toward the high school, is labeled Easton's Grade, before joining the southern curve, meeting about Edgmont Avenue now.

The road continued out to where Skyline Blvd. is, wandering south along the general route, showing three buildings of R.S. Thornton, pioneer resident of area, since the early 1850's.

This map is dated Dec. 19, 1883, is surveyed by one A.S. Easton, and we wonder if he named Easton's Grade after himself???

Another map, which is undated, has some information on it, including the location of the Abbey House, where the old bank used to be, corner of San Jose and Mission, with John Daly's milk ranch across San Jose, off Bepler St. Flournoy St. was Prim St., Wilson St. was Bismark St., and Rice St. apparently was named after the house and property of a flower grower named Rice, with a building on the west side of Mission, between what is Rice and Goethe Sts.

Where San Jose intersects with Alemany, at that time the San Jose Railroad right-of-way, there was Bepler's Beet Sugar Refinery, three large buildings on the wedge-shaped property north of Leibig St., and what is called San Miguel Station on the railroad area. The tract is labeled as the **Mission Extension Homestead Association**, and surveyed by the transit business' classiest named gent, one Vitus Wackenreuder!

ANNUAL MEMBERS' PARTY JAN. 24TH

Mark down in your new datebooks Sunday **January 24, 1988** for our **Annual Members' Party**, from 2 until 4 p.m. in Colma Town Hall.

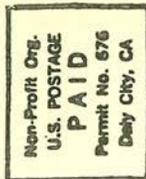
In tradition with these events, the party will be just that, with games, songs, prizes, surprises, wonderful food and the fellowship for which our Guild is justly proud.

Remember, this party is for **members only** as a reward to ourselves for maintaining and expanding **THE HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA** in its work in our communities.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO'S HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

Our neighboring city's **Historical Society of South San Francisco** issues an invitation to a comprehensive exhibit at the **San Mateo County Historical Association Museum**. The exhibit embraces industry past and present, ethnic groups, government, social and religious organizations in photo and artifact displays.

The videotape documentary, **Sign of the Times**, depicting industrial history of South San Francisco will also be available for viewing during the run of the exhibit, every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., or at other times by request. We've seen the documentary, and it's a splendid piece of work, consisting largely of voice-over oral histories from long-time South San Francisco residents while pictures of their descriptions are being shown. The video was a joint effort of members of the **Historical Society** and the local government, and funded for its professional production by local businesses and the city.



DOCENTS SOUGHT

The **San Mateo County Historical Association** is looking for new volunteers to join its docent groups at three County locations.

Those interested in becoming tour guides at **Woodside Store**, Woodside, **The SMCHA Museum**, College of San Mateo, or **The Sanchez Adobe** in Pacifica are required to complete a three-day training course: Saturday, Jan. 23; Sunday, Jan. 24; and Saturday, Jan. 30, 1988.

The training program will consist of a series of lectures by local historians, and a full day at the location of the individual's choosing to complete the training. Docents are expected to give two hours per month to the site of their choice, after training.

Those interested should call Exec. Director **Mitch Postel**; 574-6441.

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