

"For what is the present, after all
but a growth out of the past?"

-Walt Whitman

SRDHS NEWSLETTER

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News clipping 1928

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1988 Membership meetings have provided a varied list of most interesting programs. In May, Loyal Mealer, Barbara Brooks, John Salisbury and Art Brown reminisced about the Walnut Grove School in an entertaining panel discussion organized by Art. The meeting also included the dedication of the new Resource Center at the Jean Harvie School Community Center. The speaker's table was decorated in purple and white, the Walnut Grove school colors, and everyone celebrated Jean Harvie's 80th birthday with cake and singing. The March meeting of the SRDHS in Isleton featured an impromptu program of Society members, including Bob Augusto with tales of the steam train on Ryer Island, supplimented with photos of the train provided by Julius Nielsen. The September meeting organized by Don Quesenberry at Towe Ford Museum in Sacramento was a great success. Members and guests enjoyed a catered buffet dinner and special docent tours.

The Annual Meeting will be at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, January 16, 1989, in Walnut Grove. Carol Gwerder and Chris Giovannoni are co-chairmen for the potluck dinner, and Bob Augusto is in charge of the entertainment.

SOCIETY PROJECTS

The Oral History Program has found capable leadership in the hands of Jan Quesenberry. Another safe deposit box was rented at the Bank of Alex Brown in Walnut Grove to accommodate the slowly increasing number of tape cassettes. Original drafts are kept in another smaller safe deposit box. Jan has prepared an inventory of the transcribed tapes and employed Helping Hands Typing Service in Sacramento to transcribe and type final drafts. The Board of Directors authorized the Oral History Program to make copies of tapes requested by the interviewee's family. There will be a \$25.00 charge per each request.

Kathie Graham is working with Walnut Grove Area Chamber of Commerce to prepare information on brief walking tours of Walnut Grove and Locke. The brochures will be available at a kiosk near the Chevron Station. The Chamber of Commerce asked that the brochures note that further and more detailed information is available in the booklets Kathie prepared on Walnut Grove and Locke which will be on sale at various Chamber selected businesses. The C of C will finance the typesetting, artwork and publication of its brochures.

The Board of Directors, on May 13, cleaned and organized the Resource Center. Kathie Graham pinned a frieze on the bulletin board of old photographs with canning and packing labels and hung a selection of the Society's old maps. It made the room look like our own! This autumn Becky Wheeler and Kathie Graham further organized the Center. Kathie donated a number of books with significance toward the Delta. If anyone has such books, maps, photos, or other paper ephemera they would like would like to share or donate, the Resource Center and Library Committee would welcome your gift or loan. Contact Kathie Graham or Becky Wheeler.

With sadness and appreciation the Society has accepted gifts in memorium for Harriett Figg Connaughton, Clarence Arthur Pratt and Mary Motlow. The family of Marion Aldrich Brown has also given a generous donation in her memory with a request that the funds be used to benefit the Resource Center. A memorial fund benefiting the Dai Loy Museum has been established by the Board of Directos in memory of Clarence Pratt.

WALNUT GROVE TO GRADUATE LARGEST CLASS

WALNUT GROVE — On May 20th the Walnut Grove grammar school will graduate the largest class in its history. In the evening the exercises will be held in the auditorium of the school. The entire school will present the operetta, "Over the Rainbow."

Otto Babcock, a Sacramento attorney, will deliver the oration. County Superintendent of Schools Golway will present the diplomas to the graduating pupils.

Prayer will be given by the Rev. Barker of Walnut Grove.

Thirty-eight in all will graduate, twenty-three from the main building and fifteen from the Oriental branch. Those to receive diplomas are:

Ada Andriani, Ray Arlin, Jr., Paul Adcock, Melba Charamuga, William Barry, Adele Carr, Ruby Casio, Luella Cook, Hilda Drefs, Ewaldt Esslinger, Theodore Esslinger, Tony Gutierrez, Josephine Gwerder, Robert Graham, Eplfaula Gutierrez, Edna Luter, Margie Belle Landis, Helen Kastrupoff, Edna Pozdnikoff, Manuel Perry, Minnie Perez, Mary Jane Silva, Vernal Silva.

The Dai Loy Museum continues to perk along. All miss Clarence Pratt, and the Board has directed that a memorial plaque shall be placed in the Museum to honor him and his dedication to the Dai Loy. Linda Cummings will continue through December to guide the Exploration Cruise Lines tourists through the Museum. (What would we do without her!) Carol Watson and Phyllis Ellert did yeoman duty providing staffers for the year. Our showplace wouldn't have been open without their wonderful help and dedication. And, THANK YOU to each of you who staffed in 1988--some more than once!!!

The Board of Directors of the California Heritage Council in San Francisco has unanimously approved bestowal of the Award of Merit on the SRDHS for preservation of the Dai Loy Museum. Clarice Jonson and Don Quesenberry have been invited to attend the annual dinner in May, 1989, to accept the award. Clarice was "sitting" the day the representatives visited.

The Museum Committee would like to thank the following people who donated items to the Dai Loy in 1988:

- William J. Smith: Photo of Suen Sum in front of Men's Club, Locke
 - James Motlow in memory of his mother, Mary: a box of Chinese opera records
 - Newell McMullen: Pair of men's cut velvet Chinese shoes
 - Tim Wilson: Fruit basket form
 - Ralph Santos, Jr.: Canvas lottery ticket rack
- Additionally, the Museum Committee would like to know WHO DONATED these items:
- Stool from P.J. Huth Ranch
 - 2 small ginger jars
 - Pear Packing wrappers
 - Embroidered silk ladies' slippers
 - Ladies' bamboo hairpins
- Many thanks to all!!!!

Did You Know?

- that Sacramento High School is the 2nd oldest public high school west of the Mississippi?
- that before the huge upriver dams were constructed tides were visible as far upstream as Sacramento?
- that sturgeon liked to sunbathe in the shallow summer river water?
- that in summer, at certain spots, one could walk across the river or sloughs on sandbars?
- that the difference between a barge (it has) and a lighter (it hasn't) is being equipped with a rudder?
- that Hood was named after William Hood, the Southern Pacific Company's Chief Engineer (whose SP predecessor was Central Pacific's Chief Construction Engineer for the Transcontinental Railroad Project)?
- that Sun Yat-Sen, when living in Sacramento, regularly visited Courtland to see his secretary, Loo Hou Tung?
- that the Sperry (of flour fame) Building in Stockton recently celebrates its 100th year?
- that Twin Cities Road acquired its name only in about 1940? Prior to that time, it was called Wilder-Ferguson Road. (Information courtesy of SRDHS member Wendel Flint whose family has lived on the road since 1872.)
- that the "Tule Theory" stated in testimony at the State Water Board hearings recently says that "construction of levees and reservoirs and development of irrigated agriculture has increased the amount of fresh water flowing into the Delta and the Bay"? **see more details in other notes**

'NEWS FLASH' OF FRUIT SHIPMENTS ALONG "NETHERLANDS ROUTE" ...

S.P. Bulletin April 1, 1918
ASPARAGUS CROP OF CALIFORNIA
RUN ABOUT 250 CARS

The California asparagus crop has begun its eastward movement with Southern Pacific handling the 1st P.F.E. shipment from Walnut Grove on March 21st.

Shipments have been a little backward on account of cold nights and heavy frosts, but recent mild weather should bring on this valuable crop quickly, and Eastern consumers shall soon have a liberal supply.

The crop this year will run about 250 cars providing weather conditions are favorable.

S.P. Bulletin April 1919

The first shipments of asparagus are commencing to move off the Walnut Grove Branch, and heavy shipments will move out of this district in the near future.

DELTA FAMILY NOTES

The girlhood home of the late Marion Aldrich Brown on Grand Island was built by Peter Hansen, a Swede who was engaged to an Egbert daughter. He modeled the home after his bride-to-be's home. It took a number of years to complete, and after it was finished, but before the marriage, Peter Hansen tragically died on a riverboat plying between Sacramento and San Francisco. He died in estate, and the property, as a result, was sold at auction to John Lyman Aldrich, Marion's father. (story courtesy of SRDHS member, Mrs. Mildred Brown Millhauser.)

The Runyon family traces its name to the French, originally spelled "Rongndon." The family were Huguenot (French Protestants) and fled to Hlland where the name was spelled "Rondyon." When the family settled in North Carolina, the spelling was shortened to "Runyon."

Armstead Runyon, who came to the Delta with a few of his offspring, was married twice and fathered 21 children. He was 21 when the eldest, Amelia Ann, was born and 66 when the youngest, Walter Scott, arrived. (Armstead's sister Mary married Lewis Kercheval, and their son, Reuben, settled on Grand Island.) Armstead lived part of his life in Lockport, Will County, Illinois (near Joliet, just south of Chicago) although born in Madison County, Kentucky. The remainder of his life was spent in the Delta and Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

His children included these: Amelia Ann (her 1st husband was Joseph Eustace Pratt; her 2nd was George Andrus; her 3rd was Robert Hall), Elizabeth, George Washington, Solomon Blackwell (His middle name was the maiden name of his grandmother Nancy, wife of Michael Runyon; his wife was Adaline Bloom, daughter of William Henry Harrison Bloom and Delilah Dye), Juliette, Orrin Randolph (1st white child born in Lockport, IL in 1833. He built the "Runyon-Dorsey home and was the father of Laura, Mrs. Robert Dorsey.), Alexander Newton (he built the house presently known as "Moreno's Delta Breeze Ranch" near Courtland. He was appointed Onisbo Postmaster in 1858 and

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COURTLAND BANK HOLDUP NETS \$7000

COURTLAND BANK ROBBERY

as told to Carol Watson by Margaret Wiedmann Smith

Margaret Smith (nee, Wiedmann) graduated from Courtland High School in June of 1925. (The Class of '25 started high school in September of 1921 in the Bates School basement and moved to the brand new Courtland High School building in the middle of their freshman year.) A month after her graduation, Margaret went to work as a bookkeeper at the Bank of Courtland which had been established in 1920.

Doris Fisher was the teller; Dewey Arrasmith was bank investment offers, and the bank was managed by Mr. Warren, who lived in Joe White apartments, just south of the bank, on Harkness.

The Wiedmann family took a trip to the mountains Sunday, February 12, 1928, to celebrate several family birthdays. Margaret returned with the family, worked as usual on Monday, and then came Valentine's Day--Tuesday, February 14, 1928.

About 2:45 in the afternoon, Margaret and Doris were working on the ledgers at their desks--facing one another. Dewey Arrasmith was away on business. Mr. Warren was in an office making a regular phone call to the Wells Fargo Bank to tell them what cash would be needed for the next day.

"This is a hold up! Put up your hands!" was the first thing the girls heard. A man was standing in the bank lobby just outside the cashier's cage. There was also a man standing inside the bank door keeping lookout. The girls put up their hands. Margaret felt tears running down her face although she was not crying. "No use crying," she was told. (She couldn't have stopped the tears if he had shot her.)

Mr. Warren came out of the office and startled the would-be robber; Doris took the opportunity to move to her teller window and press the alarm button on the floor. (No one knows why she did not press the one near her desk in the first place.)

The alarm caused the phone to ring in Mr. Warren's nearby apartment. His wife, as previously instructed, phoned the bank. She received the code indicating that yes, there was in fact a robbery in progress. She lost some time as the phone lines were not immediately clear but, finally got the operator. (Perhaps she had to run the two or three blocks to the telephone office.) The operator suggested that they call the men playing cards in one of the local saloons on the other side of the levee where Joe Fisher, Doris' father was proprietor. However, Mrs. Warren persisted in her instructions and phoned the sheriff's office in Sacramento.

Meanwhile, back at the bank: when the phone rang, the men had Doris answer it. The first man vaulted over the counter gate into the back area of the bank. He had Mr. Warren open the vault. He proceeded inside, grabbed the rusty-old gun kept there and said, "I've got your gat." Everyone was herded into the vault; Mr. Warren was required to open a special section and turn over all the greenbacks--\$13,000 worth. The gunman backed out, closed the vault grill, vaulted the counter gate again and, with his partner, left through the front door. Mr. Warren drew his gun and shot once inside the bank and once through the window--missing both times. The bandits fled in their waiting car driven by a third participant, who was waiting with the motor running.

No one seemed to notice anything. Telephone troubleshooters working nearby remarked that the shots sounded like a bank robbery, but simply smiled and went about their business. Georgia Williams (nee, Colby) came in to deposit her check from the telephone company. Doris and Margaret started to leave for fear that the bandits would return but decided to remain. Then everyone began to show up. Margaret got a nervous chill and the next day broke out with poison oak from the mountain trip. She spent the next ten days in bed and so missed the local excitement.

Things quieted down. In April, Oakland police thought they had the culprits. Doris, Margaret, and Mr. Warren went down to identify them, but they were not the ones. Mr. Warren felt he would recognize his walk, and the girls were sure they would never forget what the man looked like.

It developed later that the robbers had been seen, at different times, the morning of the robbery in the Bank of Alex Brown in Walnut Grove. "Casing the joint" no doubt!

In June, Deputies Walt Goodman and Charley Ogle appeared with photos of suspects. Margaret knew immediately that was the man and broke into a sweat. The others identified him too. The robbers had bought lots of nice clothes and gone to Arizona. A man in a cardroom, who had been a deputy, noticed that they had a lot of small bills. They explained that they had been playing poker with a bank president--he phoned Sacramento anyway and that's how the robbers were caught. A trial followed. Word went around that the witnesses would be "gotten" if they testified. A clever lawyer kept asking what clothes the bandit wore--no one remembered--the lawyer remarked he could have been in his underwear. They were asked about a hat, the color of the gun, etc. No one could recall details--just the main facts.

Today (1987) this can be told with some humor, but at the time it was pretty serious to those looking down that steel blue gun barrel.

Cashier And One Other Employee Locked In Vault

The Bank of Courtland was held up at 2:45 P. M. this afternoon by two masked men, who forced open automobile with cash amounting to \$13,000, \$7,000 and \$5,000.

The cashier and another employe were locked in the vault.

COLONIZATION IS HELD PROBLEM ON RECLAIMED LANDS	PAIR ARMY TO SAFE ROBBERIES HERE IN MOUNTAIN
Secretary Work Week Pro- vides Aid to Development	Two Held In San Jose Jail Give List of Victims

RUNYON FAMILY NOTES: later returned to Illinois to live.), Valentine, an unnamed infant, Victoria Adelaide, Henrietta, Oliver Perry, Winfield Scott, Henry Armstead, Albert James, William Neely (He was the father of Mercer Runyon and Gertrude Runyon Crane. His home stands next to his half-brother Orrin's near Courtland.), Charles Edward, Frederick Marshall, Laura Frances, Mary Emma, and Walter Scott.

Armstead was appointed postmaster at Onisbo in 1868 and his brother David Blackwell Runyon assumed the post in 1872. David Blackwell Runyon married Minnie Painter. Charles Arrasmith, appointed postmaster in 1920, appears to be a descendent of Armstead's sister Ann Eliza and her husband James Arrasmith.

Sarah, the wife of Nelson Bump of Merritt Island was Armstead's niece, the daughter of his brother Jarred. Bump is also an anglicization and shortening of a French name: "Bompasse" ("fine step" - bon pas) and sometimes the name appears as Bumpas.

"TULE THEORY": Contrary to previous reports of biologists, the "Tule Theory" concluded that the agricultural crops use less water than native vegetation that they have replace. The Central Valley once had 2 million acres of tule marshes and riparian forests whose plants consumed 2 to 3 times the amount of water agricultural crops use. "Delta riverboat captians once reported that there was no downstream flow." One million acres of swamplands (tules, bullrushes, cattails) consumed as much as 13 acre beet a year, whereas most crops use 3 acre feet or less per year. Even rice uses less water. Two interesting documentations were presented at water hearings: the South Bay was home to an oyster which thrived on high salinity, but today there is too much fresh water to sustain the oyster beds. And, in the Delta, archeologists found mounds of salt water clamshells deposited over a 500 to 3000 year period. Today, these clams couldn't survive in the high levels of fresh water flowing through the Delta.

Did you know that, we have the first Boat Club on the River Headed by Russ Graham's The Flagship Cruiser Florence. Mealer Bros. Berlina, George Figg's Cat-Fish-Mar. Harvey's Dragon-Fly. And a fleet of Outboards. Bill Arlin and Ricco Squalia's FGO FOO. First in the F Class Pacific Coast Champs. Bill Barry and his Maggie No. 3 Pac. Coast Champ Class C. Milo's El-Gro Winner of the long distance. And that we are the Home Port of the "PERCH" The Fish and Game protector in the Delta. Capt. Siebeck. And we have two Drug Stores. Everything and also Medicine. 2 Doctors (Horse) Hoffman and Mount The Police Dept. The Cop. Walt. 1 big gun, Cuffs, and Star. Also side line of ditching machines and Well Drilling. Three Cleaning Agencies and Piano Studio. Ala Barry. Meat Markets. All grades Tough, Tender and Meat. Butschy's, Power Buck Rake factory. Makes hay fly. Geo. Adams' Mill. If it's wood we make it. The one Architect is at Adams also. Building Contractor. Bill Schauer. All the latest. Italian Dinners. At Gisto Giusti's. Just fene ahead. All Nationalities. You name 'em. We have 'em. And we do not write Life Ins. Farming Center. Since 32 and no prices. We are afraid they will starve to death. Stockton Box and Calif. Pine Box furnish all the Boxes for the Delta. Boy Scout Troops. Canary Birds to Eagles. We keep Cool with Ice. Union Ice Co. Ice House. Car Pre-cooling. Russ Graham. Playwright-Impressario. Xmas Party. Tickets like hens teeth. Plumbing Supplies and Plumbing. The Pioneer. Geo. Fry. Now 4 Plumbers. We are surrounded by Grand, Andrus, Tyler, Staten, and Dead Horse Islands. Our Homes. All kinds. Shanty Town to the DeLuxe Round home of Stew. Brown Frank Gwerder. The mounted Dep. Sheriff. Heads the Posse. See that saddle. Our Auto. Drivers. Some fly too low. Wire Service. Western Union. Pacific T. & T. Co. and Delta T. & T. Co. The Town's famous dogs. Chang and Diesel. The only Chinese Masonic Lodge in the Delta. Flower Shop. Rose Figgs. The Way-Side Gardens. See Rose for Roses. Mechanical and Elec. Contractors. Carr Bro. Consultations with a Smile. Catfish caught, cleaned, and sold at the Fishermans Dock. Bob's nursery and Landscaps. Gardening. Our town has the best drinking water in the Delta. The Resident of the Deltas Dep. Co. Assessor. So when you are down the River. Drop In. And smile it don't cost anything, and, Hoping we never grow up.

"PR from the past!"

Give a membership —
a gift of history

A fine holiday gift of a membership in the SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY can be obtained for friends and family members by sending dues (\$6 individual/\$12 family) with name, address, and telephone number to

SRDHS
P.O. Box 293
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

FROM THE ARCHIVES:::::

SP Pamphlet "Netherlands Route—Sacramento River" — June 10, 1915

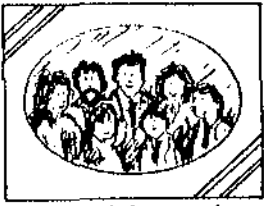
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	12 30	63	Lv. Emmaton Ar					
	1 10	69	Lv. Rio Vista Ar					
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	2 33	80	Lv. Ryde Ar					
	2 56	83	Lv. Walnut Grove Ar					
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Steamer NAVAJO leaves San Francisco 8:30 a. m., daily except Sunday, stopping at all points en route.
Steamer NAVAJO leaves Sacramento 9:00 p. m., daily except Sunday. No stops en route.
Steamer MODOC or APACHE leaves San Francisco 12:00 noon daily, except Sunday, arrives Sacramento 4:00 a.m., returning leaves Sacramento 10:00 a.m., daily except Sunday, arrives San Francisco, 11:55 p.m.
Fare between San Francisco and Sacramento \$1.50.
Meals: { On Steamer NAVAJO Breakfast and Dinner a la carte, Luncheon \$0.50
On MODOC and APACHE all meals table d'hote, \$0.50 each.
Berths \$0.50, Staterooms \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.
Special accommodations for Automobiles.
Rates for autos between San Francisco and Sacramento are as follows:
10 ft. 6 in. and under \$5.10 | Over 13 ft. 6 in. \$10.10
13 ft. 6 in. and under 7.60
Regular ticket to be held by each passenger.

T. G. CAMP, Supt., Southern Pacific River Steamers,
Pacific Street Wharf, San Francisco, Cal.
F. A. FISB, Asst. Supt., Southern Pacific River Steamers,
Pacific Street Wharf, San Francisco, Cal.
H. G. OTTS, Agent, Southern Pacific River Steamers,
Pacific Street Wharf, San Francisco, Cal.
Information Bureaus: Ferry Station, Palace Hotel, Third Street Station, Flood Building, Southern Pacific Building, Exposition Grounds, San Francisco

L. RICHARDSON, District Freight and Passenger Agent,
Broadway and 13th Street, Oakland, Cal.
B. D. MYERS, D. F. A., 461 Market Street,
Telephone Kearny 3160, San Francisco, Cal.
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R. J. SMITH, District Freight and Passenger Agent,
Box K Street, Sacramento, Cal.

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New Members

The Sacramento River Delta Historical Society welcomes our most recent members!

Mrs. Elizabeth van Loben Sels
 Ms. Dorothy Maxey
 M/M Herman Fisher
 Ms. Faith Boucher
 Mrs. George Jensen
 M/M William Darsie
 M/M Jeffery Trantum
 Ms. Jennie McCormack
 Ms. Sue Ann Wood
 Ms. Gail Perry
 Mrs. George Hardcastle
 Giusti's Place
 M/M Wayne Johnson
 Ms. Mary Jans

Mr. Leonard Maxey
 Mrs. John Gilmore
 Rev/M Dennis Montzingo
 Dr/M Daniel Ferrigno
 Dr. Henry Go
 M/M John Callis
 Mrs. Helen McCormack
 Mr. Albert Medvitz
 Ms. Jane Wood
 Mr. R.J. Clark
 Ms. Kathryne Dorsey
 Ms. Jennifer Gong
 M/M Warren Merwin

Many thanks for your support, and we hope you'll all enjoy the activities of the Society. Much appreciation is also given to Becky Wheeler and her membership committee for their efforts with the community mailings this spring.

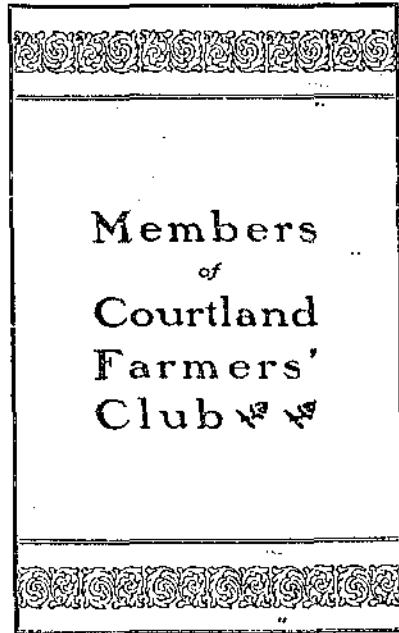
N E W H I S T O R Y

A roaring fire reported at 4:30 a.m. on October 22 at the Boathouse in Locke, formerly the Southern Pacific Warehouse, consumed roughly one-half of the structure, as well as all boats stored in that section and several boats moored in dock facilities below. There is nothing left but twisted metal and charred pilings. The upstream portion of the structure burned, but a firewall helped prevent fire from razing the entire building. The earliest portion of the warehouse was built in 1906.

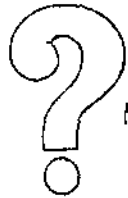
The Bank of Alex Brown will be absorbed by Interstate Bank of California. Alex Brown Financial Group and First Interstate have signed a letter of intent for First Interstate's acquisition of Alex Brown and its two banking subsidiaries: Bank of Alex Brown and Meridian National Bank. Bank of Alex Brown, founded in Walnut Grove, now has 14 offices and assets of \$315 million.

N E W A U T H O R S

Members are invited to share in recording history! If anyone would like to write a short (say one page) reminiscence, story, or research paper, to be included in a future newsletter, please send it to Kathie Graham at P.O. Box 98, Walnut Grove, 95690.



Members
of
Courtland
Farmers'
Club



MORE--DID YOU KNOW???

-that the Portuguese fishermen living near Clarksburg fished netted salmon commercially using a "Missouri Drift" net. The net was a salmon swing net which reached across the river. Nets were about 20 mesh deep (a mesh = 7", and nets are measured in meshes to pulls its weight and knot to knot.) The nets had a fork line on top and a lead line on bottom. The net was laid out using rowboats and placed in a circle shape which the current held in place. The drifts (formed by the nets) were often 2 1/2 miles long.

Members of the Courtland Farmers' Club were listed in the pamphlet pictured above. Address were from Courtland, Walnut Grove, Elk Grove, Oak Park, Franklin, Vorden, and Sacramento. The roster included these names:

Barnes, Buckley, Bunnell, Callaway, Calmese, Coggshall, Condon, Dowing, Eastman, Elliot, Fisher, Gage, Gammon, Greene, Green, Hollman, Hustler, Johnston, Lindsay, Mack, McKeehan, Nichols, Pringle, Ralston, Reynolds, Runyon, Sheldon, Shields, Stephenson, Thomas, Wildanger, and Yearnshaw.

Eighty names were listed, with wives named as "Mrs.". Membership was not limited to farmers only as there are three "Dr.s", a "Judge" and a "Rev." listed.

BOOKS

The new printing of *Boyhood Days* replicates the charming illustrations which were another attraction of the original edition and is printed with brown ink on the same warm ivory colored paper. It makes a delightful gift or personal keepsake. *Boyhood Days* is available from CHS at a special price of \$5.95 for CHS members. ■

Clarksburg: Delta Community

by Shipley Walters and Robert Heringer

\$15.00 + \$2.00 shipping

Yolo County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1447, Woodland, 95695

Boyhood Days

(photo advertisement)

Capay Valley the Land & the People 1846-1900

by Ada Merhoff

\$45.00

Silver in the Golden State

ed. Edgar Morse & Thomas Curran

\$27.95

Oakland Museum History Department

Sacramento: Excursions into its History & Natural World

by William M. Holden

\$11.95

To the Land of Gold & Wickedness, the 1848-59 Diary of Lorena L. Hays

\$27.95 + \$4.63 tax and shipping

San Joaquin Historical Society, P.O. Box 21, Lordi, 95241

A Tale of Two Cities and a Train (Grass Valley & Nevada City 1874-1942)

\$24.95 + \$3.00 tax & shipping

Nevada County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1300, Nevada City, 95959

If the Walls Could Talk: Colusa's Architectural Heritage

by Jane Foster

\$40.00

Heritage Preservation Committee, City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa, 95932

A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay

by Mark A. Wilson

California Cavalier; the Journal of Capt. Thomas Fallon 1843-85

\$19.95

San Jose Historical Museum Association

Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers, Santa Clara County, California

\$29.95

San Jose Historical Museum Association

Signposts

Signposts II

by Patricia Loomis

\$19.95 and \$20.95

San Jose Historical Museum Association

San Jose & Other Famous Places

by Harry Farrell

\$19.95

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This Bittersweet Soil: The Chinese in California Agriculture 1860-1910

by Sucheng Chan

Through Harsh Winters: The Life of a Japanese Emigrant Woman

by Akemi Kikumura

An American Odyssey: The Autobiography of a 19th Century Scotsman, Robert Brownlee, at the Request of His Children, Napa County, California, October 1892

ed. Patricia A. Etter

\$12.00 (paper)

University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville

Chinese American Portraits, Personal Histories 1828-1988

by Ruthanne Lum McCunn

Chronicle Books, San Francisco

\$16.95 (paper)

BOYHOOD DAYS

Ygnacio Villegas' Reminiscences of
California in the 1850s



Edited & with an Introduction by
DR. ALBERT SHUMATE

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