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We greet you once again to report on the happenings and objectives of your Fallbrook Historical Society ... and please note this first publication of our handsome "new face" (masthead and bulletin name) created for FHS by member Bob White, Editor of the Fallbrook Enterprise. Many thanks, Bob, for your fine artistic effort.

- I. ANNUAL MEETING was held on April 13th, and for those of you who were unable to attend we give the following summary:
 - A) Program

 President's welcome
 Showing of the file "THE FALLBROOK STORY"

 Introduction of speaker, Attorney Franz Sachse, by Boyd
 Gibbons; Mr. Sachse gave a vivid picture of Fallbrook's
 20-year, successful legal bout with the federal government over water rights in the Santa Margarita watershed, in which he was closely involved
 President's report and message
 - Business

 Meeting
 Operating Account: \$1,352.09
 Book Account: 381.38
 Savings Account: 3,718.70

 Total Worth \$5,452.17

The Operating Account, deriving from membership dues and excess on bus tours, is used for general operating expenses (printing, postage, supplies, awards, etc.)

The Book Account stems from the sale of FHS's publication, "Fall-brook 1869-1977" and has already paid for printing costs and \$250 allotted to Friends of the Fallbrook Library for their cooperative efforts in the editing, publication and sale of the book. This account will be closed when all books are sold.

The Savings Account consists of \$1,000 transferred from Book A/C and a gift of money. A 4-drawer, legal-size file cabinet was purchased for \$140 from this A/C, and is now in use at the Fallbrook Library for FHS reference material.

By-Laws Amendments - were approved by the membership expanding the Board of Directors from 5 to 7 members, and increasing the Board meetings quorum from 3 to 4.

Nominating Committee Report & Election of Directors - Nominating Committee chairman Roy Noon presented the following slate of 7

directors for the ensuing year: Don Dussault, George P. Kelsey, Conrad J. Schuck (incumbents;) Helen N. Barker, Lea E. Bergez, John N. Lynn and Vernese B. Thompson. There being no nominations from the floor, these members were unanimously elected by the membership.

Awards - were presented as follows:

Certificate of appreciation to Hilda M. Hroch for dedicated secretarial and membership service during the past year

Certificate of appreciation to Franz Sachse for his presentation of the water history of Fallbrook

Special award to Boyd H. Gibbons for outstanding service to FHS during the past year

Pioneer-of-the-Year award to George Kelsey

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORGANIZATION MEETING - was held on May 1st, and the following officers were elected:

President: George P. Kelsey Vice-President: Don Dussault Secretary: John N. Lynn Treasurer: Conrad J. Schuck

The Board voted to form the following standing committees, with chairmen to be announced at a later date: Communication; Funding; Library; Membership; Museum; Programs; Research.

By-Laws provide that any Board vacancy occurring before next annual election of directors shall be filled by Board appointment.

Reminder: Board meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 10 A. M., the Scout Hut, 231 E. Hawthorne. Any member is invited to attend.

- III. FHS ACCOUNTS for the period April 1, 1977-April 1, 1978 were audited by Orville L. Evans, who reported them in balance.
- IV. BOOK SALES as of June 1st were 1,520 copies ... leaving 480 copies still available (2,000 printed.) At a cost of \$3 per copy, they are available at the Fallbrook Library, Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook Enterprise and Fallbrook Board of Realtors. Let's "talk up" this treasure of local history and get the remaining supply into circulation! "Fallbrook Past and Present, 1869-1977" is exciting reading for anyone interested in our area (and P. S., makes a great gift!)
- V. This past year FHS members have enjoyed a number of group events, including a tour of Rancho Guajome in Vista, and two delightful bus tours of the San Diego area; points of historical interest visited there were:

 1) Old Town, Presidio Park, Serra Museum, Villa Montezuma and (2) San Diego Mission de Alcala, Hotel Del Coronado and Point Loma. FHS sponsored a luncheon meeting held at Pala Mesa Country Club, featuring an address by J. Howard Pyle, former Governor of Arizona; all North County Historical Societies were invited and 350 persons attended. Many members undertook the rare treat of attending the "Rancho Fiesta" held on June 11th at the historic Ranch House, Museum and Chapel of Camp Pendleton. Trips and meetings of historical interest will be an ongoing endeavor of your FHS, which we hope all members will join in and enjoy. ... V-P and program chairman Don Dussault is hatching-up a very interesting train or bus trio and tour for around late July! Watch for announcement!
- VI. GIFTS, INQUIRIES AND INTEREST continue to flow into the Fallbrook
 Historical Society from many sources, both near and far, we are happy

to report ... all pointing to our fledgling organization as the focal point for the activity and interest to which we are dedicated. Please read on thru the next three "punch-line" paragraphs re the most important issues facing FHS ... but first we wish to acknowledge, with heartfelt thanks, the following most recent gifts to FHS for community posterity:

- 1) Anvil, forge and blacksmithing tools for future "Village Smithy" exhibit. Donor: Mr. T. W. Read of Houston, Texas, present owner of the historic Bleeker Ranch of De Luz.
- 2) Thirty 24 x 36 prints of Western Indians, their abodes and basketry, done on Japanese v llum in rotogravure. Photography by famous artist Edw. S. Curtis in the early 1920's. Donor: Mrs. Jane Rosequist, Fallbrook.
- 3) Complete collection (photos, news clippings, letters, documents) of history of Fallbrook vs. U. S. Gov't on Santa Margarita River water rights. Donor: Mrs. Laurette Gallacher, Fallbrook.
- 4) Calif. Avocado Society year books collection; documents including U. S. income tax form of 1863 (outlawed!); copy of Pac. Railway Journal of 1957 with history of Fallbrook branch, Santa Fe RR, with rare pictures. Donor: Col. and Mrs. Wm. Trigg, Fallbrook.
- 5) Stereoptical mountings of early Fallbrook scenes. Donor: Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier, Fallbrook.
- 6) Hand-drawn map of original homesteads from Live Oak Park to Red Mt. Ranch, also showing subsequent owners; map showing first division of historic Rancho Monserate. Donor: Mr. David T. White, Fallbrook.
- VII. OUR PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVE continues to be the Finding and Funding of a suitable home for our future Museum, to contain exhibits, artifacts, reference and research library, and gallery of historic paintings, pictures and documents. The realization of this goal for the community is going to take a lot of work and money, so let us all be on the alert for the right location and/or persons who are in a position to donate same or gifts of money toward this end. Such contributions are tax deductible when made to our non-profit corporation.
- VIII. OUR MOST URGENT CURRENT NEED is storage space for historical items and data already in our possession. We also need space for sorting, cataloging and filing of materials for useful public reference. We have constant offers of gifts and inquiries as to availability of reference materials from interested persons (members, non-members, near-by and far-away) and remain frustrated in the lack of storage, display and reference areas. Board members' garages and homesteads are bulging at the seams! An empty garage or two would be helpful ... Ideas, anyone? Please remember ... tax deductible!
 - IX. MEMBERSHIP is the key to FHS's successful accomplishment of its permanent showcase objective! The more people involved and interested, the greater our progress! Our membership as of June 1st totaled 169, smallish ranks considering the size of our community and the actual number of people who are really interested in 'things historical.' We are so certain of the latent, wide community interest in our Society ... the individuals "out there" who need only to be asked to join our common-

interest group in its goals, - that we are asking you, as a member, to accept the chairmanship-of-a-committee-of-one ... to seek out, ask and bring in at least three new memberships this year (see cate-gories below.) Enclosed are three FHS membership blanks, and we sincerely hope that you will keep this endeavor uppermost in mind when chatting with friends and acquaintances. Please ask any Board member for additional brochures /membership blanks needed!

Members as of June 1, 1978	Classification	Annual Dues
32	Single Adult	\$ 3.00
108	Family	5.00
19	Contributing	10.00
5	Business	10.00
0	Profession	25.00
3	Clubs & Libraries	5.00
0	Junior	1.00
1	Life Patron	One-Time-Payment 250.00 500.00

(P. S. Won't you 13 former members who have not yet renewed sit right down and do so immediately before you forget it? We'll be working up a new membership roster and certainly want you to be included!)

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HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!

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Editor's Note: This edition of Fallbrook Historian is being mailed to a number of individuals and organizations thought to be interested in supporting the objectives of the Fallbrook Historical Society, and therefore are issued a cordial invitation to our membership. We will be very happy to welcome you aboard!

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