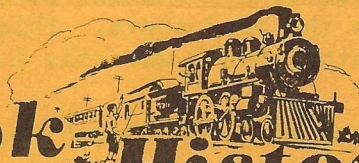




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## COME TO OUR HARVEST HOE DOWN!

Saturday, November 5

12 noon - 2 P. M.

Maie Ellis Cafetorium

This will be a POT LUCK affair! Those whose last names begin with the following letters should bring food indicated (enough for selves and 2 to 3 other people.)

A - H Main Dish\*

I - P Salad

Q - Z Dessert

\* well-insulated for heat retention; we won't have access to kitchen facility

Everyone please bring your own plates, cups, silver and serving pieces. Your Society will provide Coffee, Punch and Entertainment.

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A WORD FROM 260 ROCKY CREST ROAD: Please come by and visit me! I am looking pretty terrific after my "body-and-face-lift" and dressing up, done by a lot of great people through cash donations and much physical work. I need a lot of things just to keep me going. Do any of you good members have any of the following just lying around which you'd like to donate to me?

Vacuum Cleaner  
Refrigerator  
Coffee Pot (electric)  
Tea Kettle

Step Stool  
Door Mats (4)  
Porch Furniture  
File Cabinets

Index Cards, Files  
Scratch Pads, Pencils  
Pens, Carbon Paper  
ETC.!

P. S. I still need antique furniture/pieces for my pretty bare living room .. and more.

MEMBERSHIP: Leona Ault, FHS Membership Chairman, will have a sign-up table at the Hoe Down, and will happily sign up new members and renew old members (are you lapsed?) Please see her at the meeting ... WE NEED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

WEAR YOUR BLUE JEANS and biggest smile and join in the fun atmosphere of this FHS get-together. Bring family and friends for an enjoyable few hours of camaraderie, and to hear our great speaker, John Tanner.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON NOVEMBER 5TH!

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Your board accepted an offer by member Adrienne Marshall, local decorator, to give us advice and wallpaper to do the house up in style. She also obtained, at her cost, shades, blinds, etc. Our treasurer, Pauline Benson, coordinated this work and also made lovely lace curtains for the house. Wonderful contributions by two great ladies!

Carl Catlin and Tom Williams did some necessary touchup painting. Director Felix Garnsey picked a couple of our hottest days to paint the living room. Felix had previously painted the porch decks.

As soon as the ground was stable, Henry Vogt and his crew paved our driveway and parking area, relieving our recurring washouts. I built a headwall for the 12"

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culvert that Southwest Irrigation installed at cost, to drain the large volume of water that comes down from the road above. This, incidentally, clogged with debris during our recent heavy rains, but I was able to remedy this with a half day's shoveling.

All of this delayed our planned "Open House" and, when we finally decided we were about ready for you, some thinking board member suggested that having a large gathering on the premises might antagonize the neighbors and jeopardize our chance of getting our projected Major Use Permit from the county! So we have abandoned the idea of a get-together at the house until we have passed that hurdle.

This required change in land use designation has been uppermost in our minds ever since the purchase. Helen Barker and I, accompanied by Lance Vollmer, assistant to Supervisor Paul Eckert, went to the county planning department in San Diego over a year ago to discuss the requirements. We had a good meeting, but it was obvious that the house remodeling must be completed under the residential requirements instead of trying to comply with commercial. We also realized that Rocky Crest Road was such a problem with washouts, making it impossible to use, that I would attempt to get neighbor support for improvement. That proved fruitless, but member Clyde Hunter came to our rescue (Hunter, you will recall, was the donor of the White Ranch farm equipment.) His firm, the Wayman Co., was chosen to sell the subdivision that focused run-off water onto Rocky Crest. He filled in the ditches and graded us a new road that might pass county inspection; a big project, but a critical tractor breakdown left it a bit rough. I SOS'd Earl McDougal who helped us with his big motor grader. It looks great, but rains have already taken their toll. Many thanks to Clyde and Earl for their generous free services ... and all others mentioned above, who gave us their efforts at either minus-cost or as an outright gift to the Society. Great people, all!

When the road was completed, Helen and I completed the complicated application and I took it to the county, accompanied by Judge Henry Busch, our V-P, and Lance Vollmer (again) for reinforcement. The planners revealed ALL NEW RULES! So "back to the drawing board" and weeks of getting utilities signatures and OK's, names of all residents within 300' of the property, ETC. Thanks to Hal Barker, Safeco Title Insurance Co. provided us with the names and necessary addresses, maps, etc. Back again to San Diego, another 2-hour session, and we were FILED, at long last.

On October 6, another trip to San Diego for the hearing (where Dori and I sat for 4-hours before being heard.) A new county planner had taken over the application and misunderstood our goals, so both the health and road departments had "lowered the boom." After my presentation, both representatives came to me and said that under the circumstances I had outlined, they were willing to revise their requirements. So we have an extension - a review board hearing (again) set up for November 3. In the meantime - endless conferences, engineering reports, etc. WOW!

ON TO THE GOOD NEWS DEPT! Director Floyd Markham is working on data for the new History of Fallbrook. Directors Paul Johnson and Rosemary Pankey, with the great help of member Elizabeth Yamaguchi, are set to sort, catalog and store our collections. We acquired a simply marvelous collection of fine books on western history and lore, a gift from our late member, Frances Davidson, with the help of Dr. Irvin Cole. Her lovely Lincoln rocker, a handsome addition to the living room of the "old house," was purchased from Frances' estate by Josephine and George Kelsey as a gift to FHS. (The Kelseys, incidentally, are doing very well.) Director Ilia Mitchell has gifted the house with a beautiful oak-framed mirror and straight-back wooden chair, both antiques.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding that the renovation of the house and grounds of our property has taken precedence over our usual meetings, etc. since last April. We directors need your loyalty and backing, plus help in obtaining new and interested members. By the time the county gets through with us, we may be BROKE. Our dreams for the new museum by next year may have to be delayed indefinitely. ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR A BIG FUND DRIVE?

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