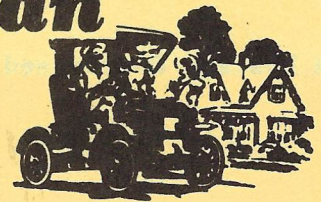




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The May Board of Directors meeting was a busy one. A first draft of the budget for 1996-97 was presented and approved. Election of officers put the same hard-working people back in office. A committee for bringing the Bylaws up-to-date was appointed. Members offered to take charge of certain areas of the museums. They will change displays, tidy up and unpack donations that are stored, and pack away some things. We are trying to do this every three months if possible.

The month of May is a busy one. Lots of visitors coming. And June is not far behind. If you would like to help, give the Museum, Dick Griset, Liz or Marjorie a call.

Pioneers for 1996 honored at Annual Meeting

On March 27th, at the Grand Tradition, Patricia Pierce Donath and Robert A. Woodbury were presented to the General Membership of the Historical Society.

Both grew up in downtown Fallbrook, Pat on Beech Street, and Bob on Main Street. Pat's mother once taught at Reche School, riding her horse to work every day. Bob's father was postmaster for many years, and the post office was in his store, located in the front part of the family residence. (In the building now occupied by Brandon Gallery.)

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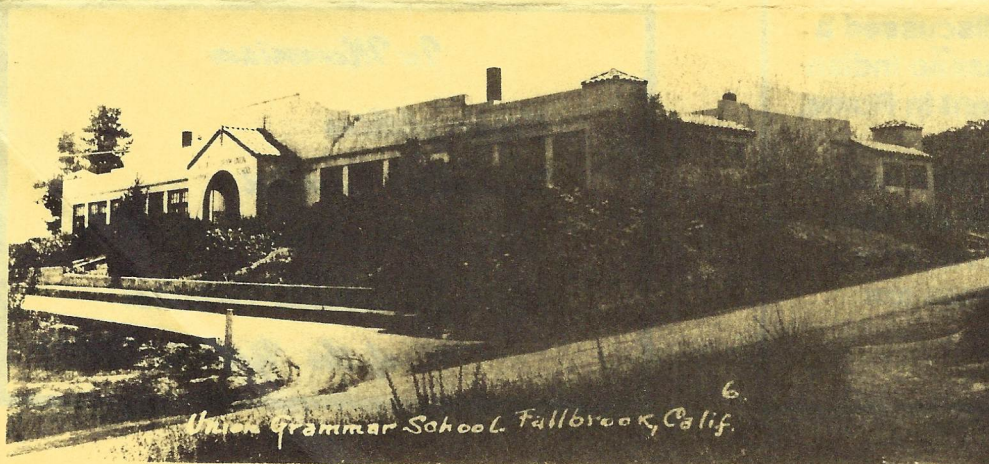
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DON'T FORGET THE OLD-TIMERS PICNIC!

The annual get-together of Fallbrook old-timers and friends will be held Sunday, June 30th on the museum grounds. It will be pot luck, with drinks provided. Bring yourselves and your families, and enjoy eating and visiting. The museums will be open for those who wish to tour, or just come inside to chat. Lunch begins at 12:00 noon, but come sooner if you wish.

By the way, everyone is welcome, regardless of when they came to Fallbrook.

For more information, call Jack Story, 728-7078.



This school, built about 1926, was replaced by the present Maie Ellis Elementary. That is Elder Street on the right side.

Union Grammar School, Fallbrook, Calif.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We have received 47 donations so far in 1996. Of special note: an 8' metal sign which says FALLBROOK, originally located on Old 395; a Story's Dairy milk bottle and a Fallbrook Olive Oil bottle; a 1948 FUHS Letterman's sweater.

The Society provided historical displays in three different locations for the Avocado Festival in April. Info on Fallbrook celebrities, on newspaper history, and on African Americans in North County, was compiled for our column in the Enterprise and/or North County Times.

Families seeking their roots have used our facilities, and would like more information, including Randy Martinez (a descendant of Mary Elizabeth Hubbard, who was featured in "The Fallbrook Story" film of the 50's) and descendants of the Van Velzers, an early newspaper publishing family in Fallbrook.

Assistance was provided to three college students doing research on local history and town development, and one completed paper has been received.

Scenes for the Vintage Car poster for 1996 were selected from the Society's photograph collection.

The Literature Group, which meets at the museum, read and discussed a work written by a local Luiseño Indian youth while he was a student in Rome, Italy 150 years ago.

The Walking Tour Committee needs volunteers to read and walk the Main Street route so it can be revised and finalized. (Call 728-7233 if you are interested.)

MEMBERSHIP: Many members have renewed early this year; for this I thank you. For those who might have forgotten, I have a reminder dot to the left of your name on the mailing label of this newsletter. If you have questions about your membership do call me at 728-3271.

Old Timers: To those of you who are not already members of the Historical Society I have included a remittance envelope with the hope that you will consider joining us in supporting our Museums and other Society activities--ours is a great group of people, volunteering for twenty years to preserve Fallbrook's history for Fallbrook's residents and our many visitors from out of town. The Museums will be open the day of the picnic for your viewing. I hope to see you there. And to our Main Street businesses, please join us.

Cecelia Njust, Director
Membership/Mailing

340 people now belong to the
Fallbrook Historical Society

In Memoriam

Oliver Atkins

Margaret Bandini

Mrs. Robert Deebach

Ruth Sanderson (Pioneer

of the Year in 1980)