



# The Historian



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## Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 14

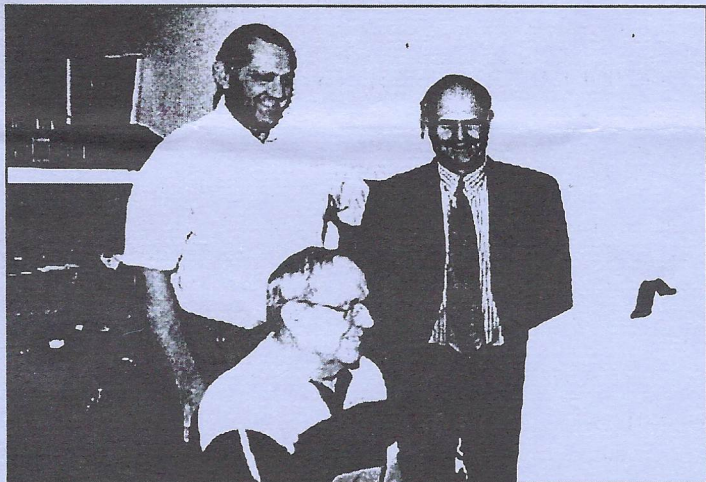
Our Annual Meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14 at the Grand Tradition. The cost will be \$14.50 which includes a delicious luncheon, dessert with all the trimmings. All reservations should be in the hands of Marge Yackey by April 7. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will follow at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to be on the agenda for the meeting should make their desires known to Marge Yackey or Don Rivers by April 7.

### ANNUAL MEETING RESPONSE

I (we) plan on attending the Annual meeting Wednesday, April 14 at 11 a.m. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ attending at \$14.50 each. Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be included on the agenda \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made to: Fallbrook Historical Society

### Lost Microfilm Obtained



Dick O'Brien photo courtesy of the Village News

*Garth Bricker, from the Gem and Mineral Society, Don Rivers and Tom Swanson from Fallbrook National Bank are looking at the final copies the Enterprise.*

Both the *North County Times* and *Village News* related with well written articles and good pictures of our good fortune in acquiring the remaining 43 rolls of all extant microfilm of Fallbrook newspapers from 1911 through 1997. Fallbrook National Bank and the Volunteers for Minerals gave the Society matching grants to make the recent purchases possible. With the census rolls of the Fallbrook area from 1850 through 1920 and the purchase last year of a microfilm/fiche reader this 'film' acquisition is now complete. We will add to this collection by CD Rom of the *Village News*. Microfilm of the *Times* is still under discussion. We will be glad to help you use these films for research as we do at the Museum.

A Big Thank You to Fallbrook National Bank and to the Volunteer for Minerals; both have been Patron Members of the Society for many years.

Special thanks to those members who have supported the Society for many years and who now have become "Life Members" Daniel Branson, Jack and Edith Cornell, Jeanne DeLand, Dorothy Finley, Mickie and Charles Gilchrist, David and Judi Hedrick, Jacqueline Hughes Jackson and Cliff and Flora Pleggenkuhle.

Members who have become Patrons are: Robert and Alice Clarno and H. Lee Stillens. We might add that Dorothy Finley has been a Charter Member since December 1976 and Lee Stillens since January 1977. Charter Members for sure!! Don Taylor is our new Patron member and new Life Members are Newton and Vera Calhoun and Lois Davis.

We welcome our new Junior members from the "Key Club" who are named in Liz's article.

We also want to welcome Lynne Barnett, Shannon Blemberg, Lynne Bullock, A.D. (Freddie) Clemmens, Catherine Dicey, Marion Dukelow, Fallbrook Country Day School, Robert Fofield, Bill and Barbara Hall, Peter and Patricia Hensley, Violet Patten Kossian, L.A. (Bill) Lamb, and Rosemarie Linter.

Also, Don and Marion McLean, M.J. Nelson, Richard and Patricia Pearce, Carolyn Schroeder, Peggy Sierras Shell, St. John's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop, Robert Tierriere, William and Jason Wargo, Dorothy B Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. David Yarnell.

It is wonderful that we have had such good response to the Society and hope that you will all feel free to come to the museum and volunteer any help you can. We are open every Thursday after noon and the second Sunday of each month. There is need for help in many ways so please call Liz, Marion or Don if you have time to volunteer.



## Oak tree and Wood

By Don Rivers

The Fallbrook Historical Society owes Ralph Steinhoff a "pat on the back" and a great big "thank you!" for all the work he did in splitting up the oak that came from the old oak tree that used to be next to the Hill Street gate.

After the tree was cut down and cut into fireplace lengths, Marion Clemmens split it up into pieces that a single person could handle. Then Ralph brought his wood splitter on three Saturdays and spent many hours splitting the pieces into optimum fireplace pieces. THANKS RALPH!!!

Anyone wishing to have some of the remaining wood should contact Marion. The Museum cannot sell the wood per say, but if one wishes to make a contribution to the Museum arrangements can be made for them to secure some of the wood. What Marion is hoping to do is recover the cost of removing the tree with the donations from the wood.

I do not wish to be remiss and not recognize all the effort that Marion has put into the removal of the old oak tree. He split up the large slices of the trunk of the tree by hand. "Yes, with wedges and a sledge hammer," so they could be handled by Ralph and the splitter. That's a lot to ask of "such a young man as Marion!!" We cannot thank Marion enough for all the work he is doing around the Museum!! He could use your help too!

## Oldtimers picnic

The Oldtimers Potluck Picnic is always held at noon on the last Sunday of June. This year it will be Sunday, June 27 at the Historical Museum Parking Lot. Make your plans to attend and be sure to tell everyone you know who has lived in Fallbrook to be sure to attend too. Everyone is welcome!

We do not make assignments as to who will bring what type of food, and it has seemed to work out very well in the past. There is always lots of fabulous, delicious food. The Society will furnish the table service, (napkins, plates, cups) plus coffee and drinks.

Come - Bring something to eat and join your old friends and neighbors who are making "The History of Fallbrook!"

For questions and information please call Jack and Shirley Story, chairpersons, 728-7078 or Don 728-7964.

## Weekly Stories in Village News

The Fallbrook Historical Society is endeavoring to maintain a 'historical story' each week in the *Village News* and a monthly article in the *North County Times* for the enjoyment of the interested public and to publicize the Fallbrook Historical Society. We hope you have enjoyed reading them and will tell your friends to read them too.

In order to continue with this undertaking, we need the help of old timers and family members of the older families of the Fallbrook area. We wish to thank Margaret Ray, Janice Bricker, Russ Vatnsdal, Gillie Gillan, Babs Somocal and of course Liz Yamaguchi for their contributions so far. Also thank you to Richard McDonnell for his drawing.

We would appreciate it if anyone having knowledge they wish to share about families, businesses, churches, farms/ranches or special happenings and stories would pass them on to the Don, Liz or anyone at the museum. They don't have to be "finished" copy, we will be happy to help compose the material to be printed. All the submitted material (or copies if you want your copy back) will be placed in files at the museum for information

for future research available to whoever would like to use it. Also photos are most welcome and desired. These can be used with the stories and also be on file for the enjoyment of others in the future.

This type of public input makes it a lot easier to "dig" up a story. The Fallbrook Historical Society wishes to thank Julie Reeder, publisher and editor of the *Village News* and Betty Johnston and Karen Colterman of *The North County Times* for helping us tell some of the history of Fallbrook. For those with computers, we are now on the Internet with our stories and information, look under "Fallbrook Historical Society" or Remembering the Past - <http://sd.znet.com/~schester/fallbrook/history/memories/>. We are indebted to Tom Chester who has helped so very much with placing our stories on the web and trying to teach us about this new modern system.

We will soon have our own "Web Page" for the Fallbrook Historical Society too. You can send information e-mail to Don at [rivers@tfb.com](mailto:rivers@tfb.com).

## Thank you to Julie Reeder for newsletter and weekly stories

A special thank you goes to Julie Reeder for helping us with this newsletter and giving us the opportunity to tell some of the history of Fallbrook. There is a great need for everyone to know about the "beginning of how Fallbrook and the surrounding area was developed." The stories are limitless and a plea is sent to anyone with information to share what they know with us at the museum. As you have noticed, Julie has given us "front page" which we especially appreciate. Her staff has been very helpful each week and we enjoy working with them. Thank you again.

## Board members

The monthly board meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 in the Museum. All member of the Fallbrook Historical Society are cordially invited to attend. Please note: The March meeting of the board will be held on March 9 due to scheduling conflicts.

## Elections:

In accordance with our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee, appointed in January, reported last month the names of Board members whose terms are up. Marion Clemmens, Jack Story, Liz Yamaguchi, Garth Bricker and Henry Vogt were elected by you in 1966 to serve three-year terms. The first four of those listed are willing to serve for another term. Henry Vogt has resigned and the Board appointed Francis Gillan to fill his position. Wilma Violet, whose term is up next year resigned because of a scheduling conflict and Mary Rivers, was appointed to fill her position. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at our April 14 Annual Meeting at which time we will have our Election of Officers.

## New Junior Members

By Liz Yamaguchi

We have 13 new Junior members this year. They belong to the Keystone Club, a youth group which creates activities for and promotes community service by teens. This is the second year they have helped us by carrying Society banners in the Christmas parade. To show our appreciation, we gave each a two-



year membership in the Historical Society, plus special research privileges at the museums. Their names are: Xio Acevedo, Tammy Acevedo, Gabe Astorga, Claire Atkinson, Travis Chesney, Marco Cruz, Walter Leitmeyer, Alex Lyon, Heather Perry, Ryan Pinkham, Tori Steres, Mauricio Villareal and Julianna Young.

## Vintage People awardees ride in Christmas Parade

By Liz Yamaguchi

This is the fifth year we have given Vintage Awards, a program which calls attention to long-time business owners and employees who have contributed to the community for many years.

Unlike the "Pioneer of the Year," those chosen to receive this award do not need to be members of an original family. We gather their history and make a special photo display emphasizing their contributions and adding to our knowledge of Fallbrook.

If you attended the Fallbrook Christmas Parade in December, you probably saw Francis Gillan and Ralph Enander, the winners of this year's Vintage Awards. Accompanied by their wives, they were riding (courtesy of the Vintage Car Club and its president, Don Kramer) in vintage cars, which sported our new Historical Society magnetic signs.

In honor of our Vintage special people, Board members Bev McDougal, Cecelia Njust and Peggy Johnson, assisted by their husbands, provided refreshments and hosted the Chamber of Commerce VIP room before the parade. Francis and Hazel Gillan and Ralph and Joan Enander will be our special guests at the Annual Meeting, April 14, so plan to come and meet them.

## Tours of the Museums

Every year the Society welcomes young children to tour the museums. The majority of these tours are in the spring just before school is out. The children come to enjoy some of the history they have learned about during the school year for the summer. These are usually third graders from our local schools. They enjoy seeing everything but really look forward to seeing Garth at the Gem and Mineral museum. There are lots of special rocks in the driveway and Garth seems to find them each a sample or two to take home.

There are other tours all during the year. In fact, just a couple weeks ago a group of children from the Cub Scouts, Home Schoolers and St. Peter's School visited. They are always welcome. From time to time you in the membership will be asked to help guide these very special children through our exhibits. Tours are not limited to children. We are happy to open the museums to any and every group. Just contact Marjorie Yackey, 728-7518 or Don, 728-7964.

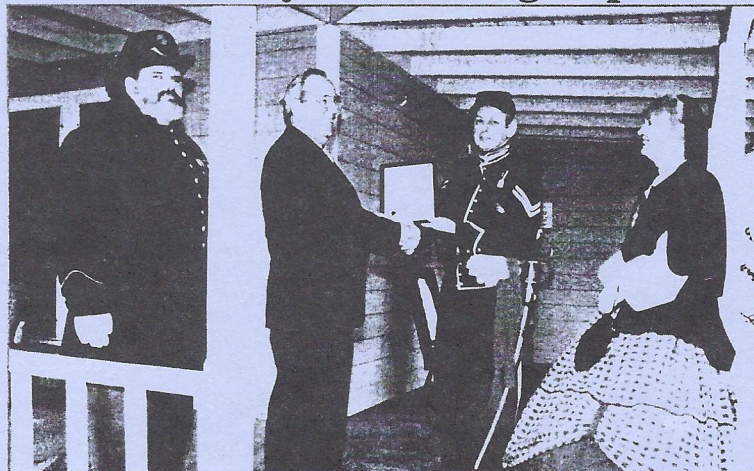
## Continuous Quality Improvements

The Committee formed to address the improvements in the office of the museum has been meeting. This collection by CD morning to tackle the job of getting the Times is still under the Computer Age. They have been using these films for involved to bring our materials allbrook National Bank and to the cataloging up to date so that there have been Patron Members of the puter. There are many issues to grow and represent the commu

Progress has been made in selecting the proper computer and hardware along with other equipment such as a scanner and digital camera to record all the records and pictures that are in the museums now and those that will come later.

The committee consists of Liz Yamaguchi, Connie Knutson and Margaret Ray along with their assistant consultants.

## Presentation by Civil War group



*Dick O'Brien photo courtesy of the Village News*

The Fallbrook Historical Society was proud to receive a copy of the charter of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War from Bob Lowe and his party recently. Our House Museum is the former farmhouse of the Pittengers' and he is buried at the Fallbrook Odd Fellows Cemetery. There will be a "costumed presentation" by this group at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on the Saturday after Memorial Day. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Potpourri

One might say that the "Heritage Hall" building has been around town. It was first located on the southeast corner of Hawthorne and Main streets; then it was moved to the eastside of the 100 block of Main Street (next to the old hardware store); then to the south side of the 100 block of East Alvarado Street. It can now be found in "Heritage Square" at 122 West Beech Street.

In the 1940s the few telephones available in Fallbrook but they were on "party lines" of 10-12. You would hear at least six different "sets" of rings. For instance: three longs and two shorts. But you could hear any of the 12 conversations if in use. Courtesy was practices.

In the 1920s you would have to ring "Central" which was at the Bailey family home in the south 100 block of Main Street, Fallbrook. You would ask for the party or business you wanted or the number if known usually a three-digit number. the Society and hope a museum and volunteer combination grocery and dry goods was Thursday after noon at east corner of Main and Alvarado streets. There is need for help al Center is in the building that was last Don if you have time's Drugs. *Potpourri cont. on next page*



## List of Board of Directors:

Don Rivers, president  
Jack Story, vice president  
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Peggy Johnson,  
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Francis Gillan  
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Connie Knutson, office  
Bev McDougal, annual meeting  
Marnie Mifflin,  
Margaret Ray, acquisitions  
Mary Rivers, newsletter

## Potpourri, cont. from previous page

Did you know the first Bank of America was located at the northwest corner of Main and Alvarado streets. The entrance was at the corner of the building.

Did you know that the building where the PackingHouse Restaurant is located was at one time an open front meat market with living quarters in the back?

## Membership Report:

By Cecilia Njust

Many of you sent your dues early this year. To date we have 362 members in our Society! The response to the winter newsletter was most encouraging. I have placed a "dot" on the mailing label of this newsletter if I have not received your dues for the membership year ending April 30, 2000. You may send a single check for both your dues and your "Annual Meeting Luncheon Reservation" but be sure the check reaches Margorie before April 7.

Please fill out the member information if you do, so that I can keep our member files up to date. Thank you very much for all the additional donations that have accompanied recent renewals.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES APPLICATION

Please complete the following information and return this form with your check payable to "Fallbrook Historical Society," P.O. Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088-1375 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Junior \$1 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Contributing \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Business & Professional \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

### GIFTS

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional amount for Museum Fun gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you would like a pledge reminder \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships & gifts are tax deductible

### Thank you for your support

You can include the \$14.50 for your reservation to our Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 14 with your membership check.

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