

The Historian



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Message from President Lee Shaeffer:

Let us all remember that America has a republic form of government whereby we elect those in whom we trust will do what is right.

When we recite the pledge of allegiance we say "and to the republic for which it stands." Therefore, I hope that all Americans have taken part in our God given right to vote or else we stand to loose the freedoms we now so enjoy.

We need to pray always for our elected leaders and this country.

YARD IMPROVEMENTS

One of our board members, Sandy Baxter, has generously taken on the task of sprucing up the gardens at the Pittenger House next to our museum building. Marion Clemmens has done a wonderful job taking care of these gardens but can no longer devote as much attention to the task as he would like due to a recent back injury. With Marion's guidance, a few willing hands, and some Tender Loving Care, we will have the gardens looking great again! If you would like to help with the project, please call Sandy at 731-1336.

INFORMATION NEEDED

Periodically we have inquiries about different subjects that we are unable to find any information about. Recently the subject of "Duffy's School" came up but our data consists of very sketchy material.

We do know that in a report of the Fallbrook Enterprise Fall 1950 Emily Duffy owned and operated a boarding school for girls that she opened at 3909 Reche Road, where the Valley Oaks Mobile Home Park is today. Prior to the school being on this property there was a CCC camp at that location from June 1933 to Jan. 1936. In this Enterprise report it stated that Mrs. Duffy's school had been operating in Fallbrook area for 19 years. Do you recall where they may have been located?

We believe that there are a number of people still living in Fallbrook who had connections or have knowledge of the details. Any information about the school would be appreciated.

FUTURE PLANS

The Board of Directors of the Society is planning to have a Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce "Sundowner" at our Museum grounds in the Spring of 2005. We'll inform you of the date as soon as we have it!

FROM THE OFFICE: by Margaret Ray

We are very proud of our increasing files on "The People of Fallbrook," those who were born here and have descendents making inquiry, as well as those who may have lived here at some time in the past, and are tracing down events they remember.

All of these files are being prepared and placed on computer files, so that a printout of this information will be available. Just understand that we want only information that you are willing to share with the public. All of our files are public records.

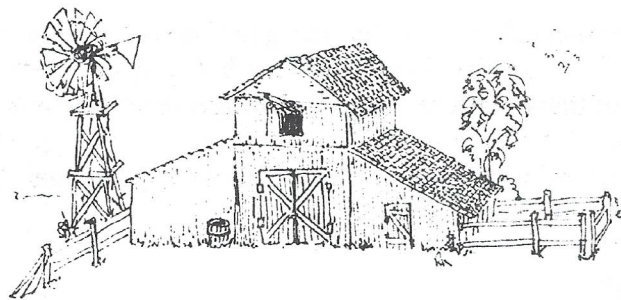
If you would care to write a summary of your life here in Fallbrook, (or that of some of your ancestors) we would be most happy to place this information in our files. If you have pictures that can be

included, even if only copies, we would like to include them too.

Should you not feel that you want to write the story, if you will supply us with the information, we will have one of our people prepare your stories for you.

These stories are available for genealogy research, and/or historical research of the people of Fallbrook.

We have visitors to our museum frequently, looking for information about their parents or grandparents who once lived in Fallbrook. Sometimes they have very little information when they come, and are very delighted to find a file with stories, and/or even pictures of these people. In this way they can learn more about their ancestry, and we are proud that we can help.



BARN PROJECT

The Board of Directors is happy to announce that there is very hopeful progress being made in our "Barn" project. With the very generous donation from County Funds from Supervisor Bill Horn of \$25,000; added to the donations of our friends we are going to begin the preliminary preparations and the obtaining of permits, etc. First of the many tasks will be the moving of the storage bins. The Gem and Mineral Society have been asked to remove their bins by the first of the year. The Historical Society will transfer the contents of their bins into a larger container to be placed behind the old Pittenger House.

As soon as possible we will pour a foundation and concrete slab. At that point it is hoped that there will be projects that our friends and members will be able to help with, just like the old fashioned "barn raising." If you have any questions please call the museum at 723-4125 our chairman, Darwin East at 909-301-6329.

We are still in dire need of donations for this project. If you have already donated we thank you and ask that any and all who would like to send their money to: Barn Project, P O Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088 as soon as possible. You can use the "membership" form on the back of this letter. **THANK YOU**

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cecelia Njust reports that our membership list is growing, but more slowly than I'd like. As you know, our all volunteer society relies on its membership for all of our activities, including maintaining our museums and manning them during the hours when we are open to the public. More members mean fewer hours 'on duty' for each of us.

New members this summer include Fallbrook residents Peggy Hinrichs, Norma Kruse, Kathy McGoldrick and Ritz Standerfer. Bill Hansen not only joined as a Patron member but sent a large donation to the Barn Building Fund. Local members Joellen Maddock and John D. Tanner Jr. became Life members.

Out of towners who joined us are Larry Cook of Sacramento, Jeanie Clark Evans of Medford, Oregon; Harmon and Barbara Johnson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Betty Oswald of Los Angeles. Thank you, one and all.

BEREAVMENT:

We are sorry to report that during the past couple months we have lost some of our members. New member but very good friend Hal Standerfer died; and just recently, Jack Tanner, who had served on our board and was a longtime loyal member passed away. Our prayers go out to their families.

VOLUNTEERS:

Chairperson Bev McDougal reports that Fallbrook Historical Society Docents and Volunteers have been busy rearranging exhibits, adding new displays, training new personnel and enlarging display areas in the museum.

We welcomed new members at a morning coffee to get acquainted and visit the different display areas. With great pleasure we are delighted to have the following people join our staff: Lori, Gary and Kelsey Adams, Bruce Denhart, B.B. Berry, Kathy McGoldrick, Virginia Corison, Reba Daubert, Bob, Shirley and Samantha Finder, Andrew and Kathy Bender, Robert and Marilyn Skare. Jim Isbell stopped by to do some research and we appreciate his expert help.

We still have room for more volunteers, so why not join us as we preserve the past and plan for the future? Our hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. We would love to have you join us. The schedule asks that you work just once a month or either day or to fill in as needed. This is a great group of people. Look forward to welcoming you.

FIRE CART

With the cooperation of North County Firefighter's Association our "Fire Section" will soon have the old 1927 hose cart on display. This is definitely an important part of our past history that we will treasure having in our museum. Therese McDonnell and Thea Moore have taken the responsibility of the Fire Section and have done a terrific job with the display.

We are very happy and proud of the continued work of the volunteers and welcome you to come get involved.

COME VISIT THE MUSEUMS AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS