President's message – Living in Fallbrook

I recently received an e-mail from a schoolmate that I hadn't seen for 59 years. He commented that he couldn't imagine anyone living in Fallbrook his whole life as I have. Well, I have taken cruises, bus trips and airplane flights to many parts of the world over the years, which were all enjoyable, but coming home always felt good to me. Here are a few reasons why!

We have the Pacific Ocean a few minutes away and the mountains and snow the opposite direction. There are all kinds of arts and entertainment available because of our location between L.A. and San Diego. There are super shopping malls nearby. The weather is perfect. Fallbrook soils will grow anything. In downtown Fallbrook I can enjoy cuisine from most any country, as well as mixing socially with people from other ethnic backgrounds.

I could go on, but you get the picture. I guess it's probably true that Fallbrook is not the best place to land a job that will help you climb the corporate ladder. I worked in town my whole life at a modest wage but took advantage of some investments connected to the growing population to compensate.

I think Fallbrook is the place where I am supposed to live, especially since I am involved in activities at the Museum. Don't forget to stop by and see us on Thursdays and Sundays......and bring your friends.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

HiSTORYcally yours,  JACK

Eagle Scout Project at Historic Pittenger House

Cameron Kraus, a 17 year old Fallbrook resident, recently earned his Eagle Scout award by completing a landscaping project at the Historic Pittenger House. Over the course of three weeks, Cameron and his crew worked many long hours executing his plan to beautify the Pittenger House. His service project involved adding a stone planter the length of the front porch, new irrigation for a variety of plants he added, solar lights along the pathways to accentuate the layout of flowers around the curve, as well as a stone bench and bird bath.

Cameron credits his parents, Rich and Joanie, for their support and encouragement.

Congratulations and thank you, Cameron!

You did an outstanding job on your Eagle Scout project!!
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The following article was in an old newspaper found in the barn of our Historian, Sherri Lenfers. We have contacted the Museum of Man in Balboa Park for more information. We hope you will find it an interesting addition to the history of our Village.

**Archeologists Seek Buried “Lost Village” Near Fallbrook**

(The Tribune-Sun, San Diego, March 4, 1948)

_by Frank Macomber_

Washington, March 4 (Copley Press Leased Wire) - Archeologists are on the trail of an Indian Village believed buried under two centuries of earth near Fallbrook in San Diego County.

The story of the “lost” village and tribe which apparently died out with it was told today by Dr. H.H. Roberts, Associate Chief of the Smithsonian Institution’s Bureau of American Ethnology.

Members of the Southern California Archeological Survey Association, who discovered clues which lead them to believe they will find a buried village, will begin excavation soon, Dr. Roberts said. He is being kept advised of progress of the expedition.

Site of the proposed excavation is what eventually will be the basin behind a Fallbrook flood control dam to be built by Army engineers. Dr. Roberts said the excavation job is being hurried so relics and other evidences of an earlier Indian civilization, if there are any, can be unearthed before the engineers move in.

(The Interior Department’s Reclamation Bureau, rather than Army engineers, is planning an all-purpose dam in the Fallbrook area. The project still is in the investigation stages and reclamation officials said it might be several years before construction will begin.)

**Benjamin E. McCown** of 30779 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, a civil engineer, and **Malcolm F. Farmer**, director of the San Diego Museum of Man, directed the preliminary survey which uncovered evidence of the “lost” village, Roberts said.

During this field study they found shell fragments, pottery fragments, stone arrowheads and knives and other indications of an earlier Indian community, he reported. “These were on or near the surface of the ground and in sufficient quantity to merit an excavation.”

Relics picked up during the survey have been placed in the San Diego Museum of Man at Balboa Park, Roberts said. Whatever is unearthed during the excavation also will go to the San Diego museum, he added.

“From the nature of the relics already found, the village near Fallbrook probably was inhabited by an Indian tribe during the early Spanish period of the 18th century,” Roberts estimated. He said he doubted whether the tribe had any connection with the Mission Indians who now live in San Diego County.

“The whole story of the tribe or tribal band can be told only after excavation and a thorough study of whatever relics are found,” the Smithsonian ethnologist explained. “Perhaps the Indians can be identified, perhaps they cannot, by what they left behind.”

Roberts said he believed McCown and Farmer would be in charge of the Fallbrook excavation, to be financed by the Southern California archeologists group. Later the results will be tied into the Smithsonian Institution’s archeological program, but the exhibits will remain the property of the San Diego Museum, he explained.

McCown and Farmer, Roberts said, conducted a similar preliminary survey at Pauma, 10 miles east of Temecula, in Riverside County, but nothing was found to indicate an excavation was necessary there.

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**Tanner Family Records** by Cecelia NJust

We are completing the archiving of family records of Jack and Dorothy Tanner, who owned the local stationery story on Main at Alvarado for many years and who were active in many Fallbrook organizations. It consists of four 3” loose leaf binders (one of Jack’s USMC service), an Iwo Jima scrapbook, and a box of archival materials.

Two additional volumes of the records of their son, John Jr., have also been accepted, plus his full Explorer Scout uniform and two framed collections of Boy Scout awards. John, Jr., Palomar College’s Historian Emeritus, is now retired and he and his wife Karen are completing their ninth book about the Southwest and those earlier residents who were inside and outside the law.

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_Reverend Dr. Bradley and Mrs. (P.J.) Ressare_
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