

Business and Beauty

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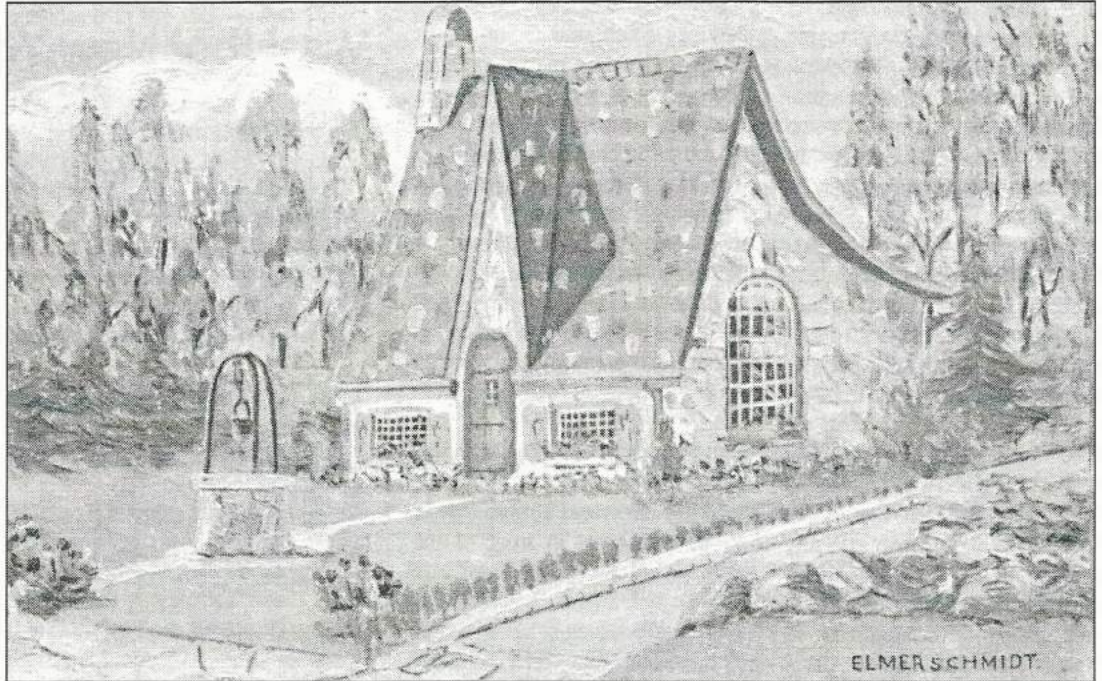
On the nippiest of Berkeley's few chilly nights, a crackling, dancing fire burns cheerily in a great, open stone fireplace, just a few feet from the sidewalk at Shattuck and Adeline streets, where all passers-by may stop to enjoy its warmth and admire the beauty of its surroundings. It is as beautiful as it is unusual.

The fireplace is in the center of a wide V-shaped stone which forms the background for a trim little garden of green grass and shrubs. The open fire casts its warm light in flickering shadows over the garden and the walls behind it. Silhouetted in the fire's glow is a picturesque little building of stone sharply-peaked roof makes it resemble a Swiss mountain home rather than a business office.

Members come through for BHS Archives

Two Berkeley Historical Society members responded generously to the Archives Committee "wish list" printed in our last newsletter. Mariece Batey of Oakland donated several items that we had asked for: a record turntable, a dual tape deck, a 27" television, and a slide viewing table, as well as a desk amp. These pieces of equipment will help make it possible to share records, tapes, videos, and slides from the BHS collection with researchers and visitors to the

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BERKELEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION #514-192-0774

In 1902, Hamilton J. Haney settled in Berkeley as a pioneer dealer in wood, coal, and grain. He then organized the Alpine Wood & Supply Company. Some years later Mr. G.A. Beukers became manager of the coal and wood yards of the expanding business. At that time Berkeley was fast becoming as a city of beauty. Her homes, her civic buildings, and her business houses were being constructed as things of beauty as well as places of shelter.

Mr. Beukers was home from England with a vivid impression of old-world beauty. It was his plan to make the coal and wood yards

under his direction reflect both the beauty of the traditional old world and that of Berkeley. There were no specifications or plans for new buildings. Their construction was simply supervised by Mr. Beukers so that they would express

his idea.

The design of these offices is Swiss-English. They are built of natural rock taken from the Valley of the Moon. The steep roofs are fireproofed with asbestos and cov-

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Historical Radio Society plans new radio museum in Berkeley

The California Historical Radio Society (CHRS) has unveiled plans for the first radio history museum in California. The museum will be housed in the historic KRE radio station and transmitter building at

601 Ashby Avenue in Berkeley.

The radio museum facility will include exhibition galleries, guided tours, educational courses on radio history, repair and restoration, a vintage radio repair shop, audio transfer service and research library.

CHRS signed an agreement with Inner City Broadcasting Corporation of Berkeley to create the radio museum inside the historic radio station, which has been vacant for over nine years. Originally constructed in 1937, the KRE station was one of the first

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Mansions on Marin

By Baird Whaley

For about a year in 1943-44, at the age of 14, I was the sole gardener for the homes belonging to the Clark and Dobbins families. [Editor's note: these homes are now part of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary located at Marin Avenue and Grizzly Peak Boulevard.] It

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Letter from the President

Dear BHS Members and Friends:

I once thought that the fall would be an opportunity for a leisurely pace to catch up on important BHS matters, but I've been mistaken again. We've had a very busy schedule during the fall and it promises to continue through the winter and into spring. In fact, it's become increasingly clear to me that the Berkeley Historical Society is composed of a marvelous group of people that has no shortage of ideas and energy to assemble activities likely to interest many.

On September 14, we participated in the Solano Stroll parade and hosted a BHS information and sales table where we displayed historic photographs (always a popular draw) and promoted the benefits of the BHS. Two weeks later, we joined in the "How Berkeley Can You Be" parade and distributed BHS information. And, on that same afternoon, our new exhibit "Early Berkeley Women 1878 - 1953" opened at the Center. This was followed by an afternoon tea on October 12 with author Carol O'Hare speaking on the women's suffragette movement and her book *Jailed for Freedom*. This exhibit is co-sponsored by The College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and will remain open through March 27.

From September 20 until November 1, we hosted six walking tours around Berkeley, with attendance averaging 25 and a record 23 season subscribers. On October 26, we had a sales and information booth at Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto's "Crabby Chef Competition" which selected the BHS as its beneficiary. On November 11, we hosted a temporary Veterans Day photo and memorabilia exhibit following the City-sponsored commemoration in Civic Center Park. A post-ceremony reception in the Veterans Memorial Building lobby ensured high attendance at this one-day exhibit. This promises to become an annual event and an

excellent opportunity for the BHS to introduce itself to many more Berkeley residents. And we hope to expand our collection of U.S. Armed Forces veterans' photographs and memorabilia for future display. Please consider donating items you may have or lending photos that we could scan.

During October and November, Berkeley celebrated Ocean View's 150th anniversary with a series of seven lectures and a walking tour. This event was skillfully organized by author Barbara Gates and historian and former BHS President Stephanie Manning, and was co-sponsored by the BHS and the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. This and other BHS activities have benefited from articles and press releases written by Board members Steve Finacom and Linda Rosen. And, as the holidays approach, we'll be setting up a BHS information booth at the Saturday Berkeley Farmers' Market on Center Street in front of the History Center.

Although details are not yet available, we're assembling a winter lecture series related to the "Early Berkeley Women 1878 - 1953" exhibit. Also beginning in January, we'll be offering orientation days for members who might be interested in learning more about BHS' resources and may wish to become more involved in BHS activities. During February or March, we'll be scheduling a reception for the planned publication of the oral history of author, playwright, and Berkeley resident Dorothy Bryant that Therese Pipe has been completing. We'll have a special mailing that will provide information about these events.

John Aronovici, chair of the Publications Committee, is writing a booklet on the origins of the names of Berkeley's streets, paths, park, and streams. Publication in late winter is anticipated. Linda Rosen is closing in on the publication of her Berkeley timeline book (a very abridged three page version starts on page 52 in the just-published edition of the Guide to the Good Life in Berkeley book

along with many historic Berkeley photos.) And the Program Committee is finalizing plans for the next Center exhibit "Berkeley Bohemians" that is expected to open in mid-April.

I hope that you had an opportunity to join in one of the above events, and I hope that you will make plans to join us for the

upcoming events. There's much to learn about Berkeley's history and our efforts to collect, preserve, and publicize it. We very much thank you for your support of these efforts, and we take this opportunity to wish you happiness and peace for the holidays and beyond.

-- Tom Edwards

New docent class benefits community Meet that New Year's Resolution

1. To make better use of my free time
2. To improve my computer skills
3. To prevent Alzheimer's by keeping my brain active
4. To make some new friends
5. To contribute to my community

You can do this by taking part in the new docent's training class at the Berkeley History Center that will be held on Fridays, January 16, 23, and 30, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If you can commit three hours a week for three months, you may learn how to preserve your grandmother's wedding dress, make archival copies of those old fading family photographs, improve your writing skills by telling the story of your neighborhood; or just enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people who are also interested in the history of Berkeley. Please sign up early as the class will be limited to fifteen people.

Call 848-0181 to reserve a place or send a postcard or letter to Berkeley Historical Society, PO Box 1190, Berkeley, CA 94701 today!

New Berkeley Historical Society Wish List

By Shelley Rideout,
Berkeley Historical Society Archives Committee

- We are actively seeking photos, ephemera, and memorabilia from the 1960s to update our collections.
- Our newly donated 27" television for use in viewing videos does not fit on the small wooden pedestal occupied by the old set. Does anyone have a portable/rolling television/video cart to donate to the History Center?

Other needed items are:

- Tape recorder
- CD Player
- Past and Present of Alameda County, California, Volume 1, by J.E. Baker, published by S.J. Clark Publishing Company, Chicago, 1914.
- Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County California by William Halley, 1876.

In Memoriam Father Bill O'Donnell

By Ken Stein, Stephanie Manning, and Linda Rosen, former BHS presidents

The beloved activist priest, Father Bill O'Donnell, died on December 8, 2003, while writing a homily at St. Joseph the Worker Church. He was honored as the "saint of Berkeley" in a memorial service attended by thousands. He was known for speaking the truth, his commitment to the poor and homeless, for marching with the Farm Workers as early as 1974, and for protesting the Lawrence Livermore Lab weapons research and the terrorist tactics taught at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was arrested

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Father Bill (seated at left) blocking access to the Federal Building in San Francisco to protest the U.S. shipping weapons to El Salvador in 1988.

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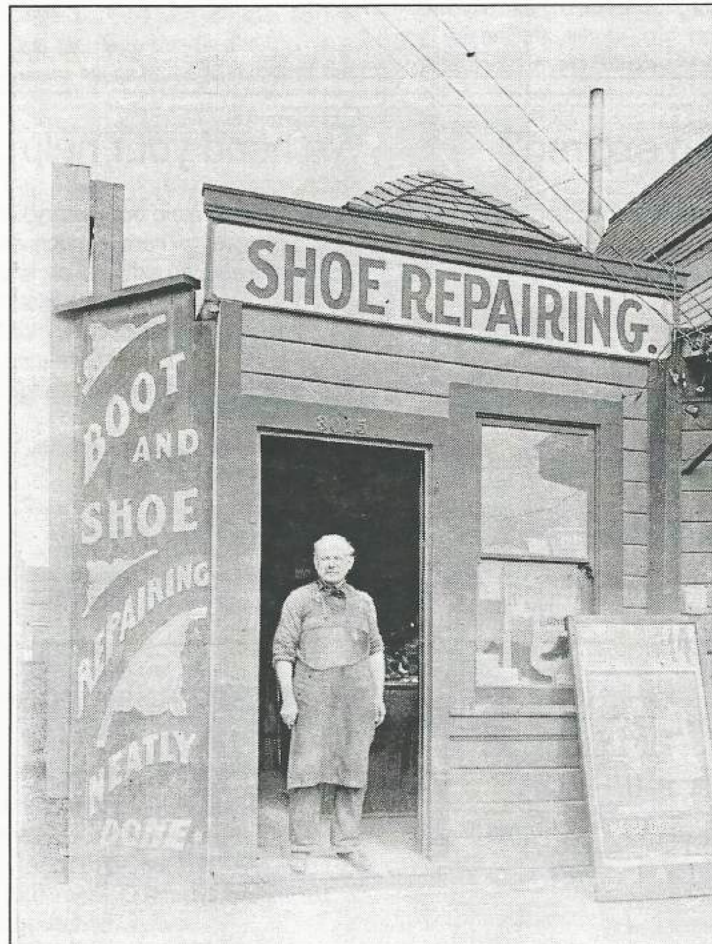
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History Center.

Ms. Batey also added to our historic photo collection with seven original black and white photographs of burned areas in Berkeley after the 1923 fire.

Tom Weller of Berkeley donated a large, professional quality slide light table, which is currently in the small room adjoining our upstairs archive. The archives committee has discussed the possibility of eventually turning this space into a research room where materials from the archives (such as the heavy, bound copies of the Berkeley Gazette) could be studied without having to carry them downstairs to the History Center. This project is only in the discussion stage and would depend on having a higher level of staffing for the History Center than is currently available.

The Archives Committee would like to extend a big "thank you" to these donors for their thoughtful and generous contributions. With their help we are further towards our goal of making Berkeley's history available to its people.



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William Mauch at his shop, Adeline and Ashby, Berkeley, 1910

Radio Society

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facilities built in California dedicated to broadcasting and was also the venue for the now infamous Wolfman Jack scenes in American Graffiti.

"The KRE station is an important landmark in radio history," stated Steve Kushman, President of the California Historical Radio Society. The restoration of the station and creation of a museum gives us an environment to share our knowledge and love of radio and radio history, and will allow us to create a level of understanding and appreciation for a new generation of antique radio buffs.

"There are at least four generations of people that have no idea about the origins of today's technology. We hope to fill the information gap between wireless in 1899 and wireless today," he added.

The CHRS/KRE restoration Project is a major undertaking and the completion date is to be announced later.

For more information, go to <www.californiahistoricalradio.com> or call (415) 821-9800.

BHS newsletter advertising space now available

The Berkeley Historical Society is pleased to offer members two advertising space sizes in the BHS quarterly newsletter (circulation of 500). Here is an opportunity to show your support for the Berkeley Historical Society by purchasing a business card size or a quarter page.

- **Business Card Size**
size 2" width x 3.5" height
Cost Per Issue, \$50
- **Quarter Page**
size 3.5" width x 4.5" height
Cost Per Issue, \$75
(see example on left of page)

The specifications to consider when submitting your advertisement are:

1. Black and white (greyscale) images only
2. JPG, TIF or EPS format (with all fonts outlined)
3. 300 dpi resolution

4. Submit digital ads on floppy disc, CD, zip cartridge or through e-mail.

5. Deadlines are February 15 (for Spring), March 15 (for Summer), August 15 (for Fall), and November 15 (for Winter).

6. Acceptance and placement of the advertisement is at the sole discretion of the Berkeley Historical Society's editor and publisher.

7. Your advertising submission and your check or money order must be submitted by deadline. Make check or mail order payable to the "Berkeley Historical Society."

8. Send advertisement and payment to Margot Lind, Newsletter Editor, Berkeley Historical Society P.O. Box 1190, Berkeley, CA 94701-1190, or via e-mail at <mlind@lmi.net>. For more information, call us during our business hours.

A bit of history makes a great gift...

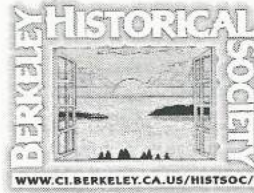
BOOKS

• **Picturing Berkeley: A Postcard History** \$45 Member's Price
Features over 400 reproductions of Berkeley postcards from the early 1900s. (Burl Wiles, editor) Berkeley, 2002.

• **Exactly Opposite the Golden Gate: Essays on Berkeley's History** \$11 Member's Price
(Phil McCardle, editor) Berkeley, 1986.

CDs

• **All Hail Blue and Gold! Sather Tower Bell Music** \$17.50 Member's Price
Digital recordings of Sather Tower Carillon pieces played by UC carillonists Jeff Davis, John Agraz, Ronald Barnes, and David Hunsburger. (John Aronovici, editor) Berkeley, 2003.



This is just a sampling of the history items for sale at the Berkeley Historical Society, in the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1931 Center Street, Berkeley, (510) 848-0181.

Open 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Has your membership expired?

If the date on your address label is 5/30/03 or earlier, your membership has expired. Please renew today. We appreciate your support. Your contributions are tax-deductible.

Yes!

Please renew my Berkeley Historical Society membership:

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We need your help . . .

We couldn't maintain our History Center without the generosity of our volunteers. There is much work to be done on filing the archives, preparing exhibits, organizing programs, cataloguing photographs, and staffing the History Center. Would you like to volunteer two or three hours a month to work with other members of the Society? Give us a call at (510) 848-0181, or drop us a note. Yes! I would like to help with:

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Mansions on Marin

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was wartime and adult gardeners were unobtainable. My family lived on Euclid Avenue, a few houses south of the end of the Euclid streetcar line at Regal Road. My friend Leland Foster, who lived across the street, had held the job but, as he was several years older, he graduated to a more prestigious occupation and bequeathed the gardener job to me. I worked two afternoons after school, one at each house, and alternated between them on Saturday mornings.

Leland had recently sold me (\$10.00) his heavy, balloon-tired, coaster-braked bicycle that I road to work - out Euclid, along Grizzly Peak, and up Marin. Once, and only once, I rode the three blocks down Marin from Grizzly Peak to Euclid. The bike was so heavy and I was so light that it took all my effort standing on the coaster brakes to keep the bike from running away with me.

Both houses had large gardens with many flowerbeds, edged with boxwood hedges. No planting had

been done for several years and they required a lot of weeding. The live-in cook/maid at the Clarks had been with them for some time and told me that pre-war there had been hundreds of Dutch daffodil and tulip bulbs in the front garden.

There was an extensive lawn at the Dobbins house and a big flagstone patio. I weeded, mowed, clipped, raked, swept, and watered but, of course, couldn't keep up with the gardens' gradual deterioration. Some of the original framework of both gardens remains today, along with many of the boxwood hedges.

For me, the most striking feature at the Dobbins house was the two-story garage that was built on a loping hillside and had room for six cars. During my time there were four vehicles: a 1936 Buick sedan, a 1940 Ford sedan, a 1942 Ford sedan with Nevada license plates, and, the gem of the collection, a shiny black 1937 Pierce-Arrow sedan that was seldom used because gas rationing was in effect and it got very poor gas mileage.

Mrs. Dobbins told me that before her marriage she lived in the large white house that still stands at the

corner of Oxford Avenue and Rose Street. When Rev. Dobbins came to call, he would ride the stream train to Vine Street station. From her window she would watch him get off the train and walk across the open fields to her home.

I also learned that Mrs. Dobbins' daughter had married an Italian diplomat named D'Anneo. When the D'Anneo family visited the Dobbins in Berkeley, their son Andrew was enrolled at Cragmont School, the same school I attended.

I remember him quite well, partly because he was sometimes picked up after school in a truly spectacular automobile - a black Pierce Arrow sedan. It was only several years later, when I started the gardening job, that I realized that the car belonged to the Dobbins family and that Andrew was their grandson.

There was another exotic car, a black Lincoln Zephyr sedan with right-hand drive, possibly chauffeur-driven, that sometimes waited along side the school to pick up another student. I wonder if anyone remembers whose car that was. In another coincidence, when

my mother learned for whom I was working, she told me that she had been christened by Rev. Dobbins, early in his pastoral career, at a small church in Grayson, California (near Modesto).

There were special things at the Clark house, too. The living room of this Spanish-style mansion went from front to back of the house with a large fireplace, a red rug, and a Great Dane named Dagmar - lying picturesquely in front of the fire.

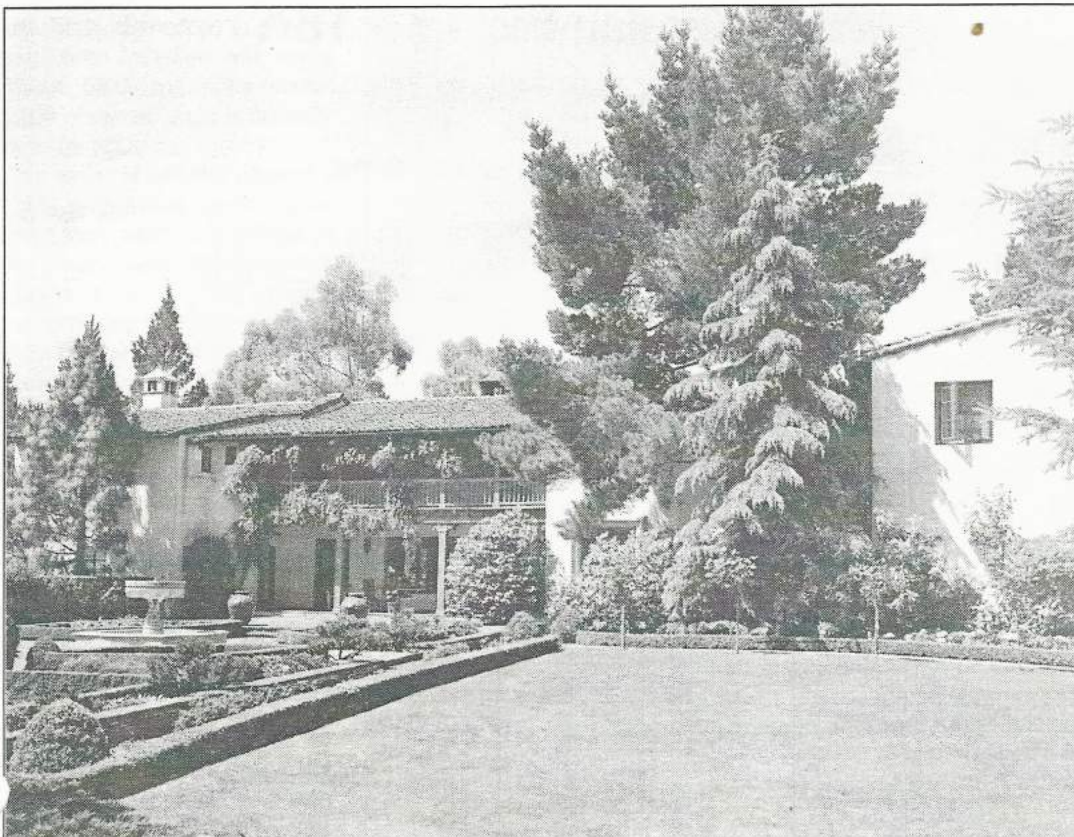
It was an extensive property and there was a plain wooden garage located at some distance from the house. Inside was a late model Dodge coupe up on blocks and a large array of garden tools. Mrs. Clark told me that they belonged to the Japanese-American gardener who had done a lot of the work before the forced imprisonment of American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

In addition to storing the equipment, Mr. Clark, who was an attorney, had taken charge of all of the gardener's property and was managing it for him until the end of the war. I was impressed then, and am still impressed now, by their kindness, compassion, and help at a time when so many "good" people were taking financial advantage of their helpless fellow citizens.

The folklore at that time had it that the Clark home, then being outside the Berkeley city limits and at some distance from Contra Costa County law enforcement, was the site of parties with bootleg liquor. I imagine that rumors of this sort attached themselves to many remote homes.

Since the house wasn't built until 1931 and prohibition was repealed in 1933, such practices couldn't have spanned many years, if at all. There were no such rumors about the Dobbins house, as parties with bootleg liquor were an extremely unlikely event in Rev. Dobbins home.

Like my friend Leland, I, too, moved on to another job as a stock clerk in my uncle's auto parts store, Berkeley Automotive Center, on Shattuck Avenue. But I still think of these beautiful homes with their tasteful architecture and interior décor. What a contrast they represent to the ugly, bulbous monster houses being built today.



BERKELEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY #268-195

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary located at Marin Avenue and Grizzly Peak Boulevard.

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Women's History Lecture Series

AT THE BERKELEY HISTORY CENTER

SUNDAY, JAN. 25, 2004
3-5 P.M.

Ocean View, Past and Present

Author Barbara Gates and historian Stephanie Manning will discuss Ocean View history to set the background for Gates' Already Home memoir exploring inner and outer terrain in her Ocean View neighborhood. Celebrating Ocean View's 150th Anniversary. Barbara Gates is cofounder of Inquiring Mind, an international Buddhist journal. Stephanie Manning was the researcher for the Ocean View Committee, which opposed the Berkeley Redevelopment Agency in the 1970s and 1980s to create the Ocean View Neighborhood Preservation and Residential Planning Ordinance.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8, 2004
2-4 P.M.

Berkeley Women and the History of the University's YWCA

Dorothy Clemens, author of a book on the University's YWCA, will discuss the role of Berkeley women, both town and gown, and the history of our own YWCA.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22, 2004
2-4 P.M.

League of Women Voters of Berkeley: Recording Their Leaders

Therese Pipe, Oral History Coordinator for the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville, will focus on the achievements of several League pioneers through their oral histories.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2004
2-4 P.M.

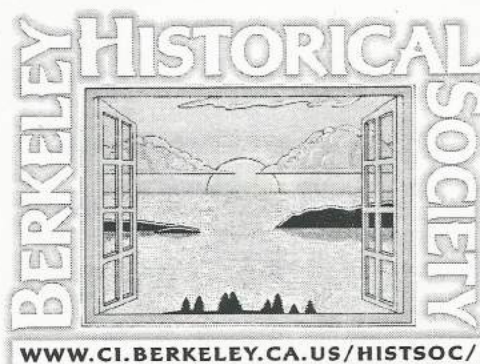
On Her Own Terms: Annie Montague Alexander and the Rise of Science in the American West

Author Barbara R. Stein will present a portrait of Annie Alexander (1867-1950), an amateur naturalist and skilled marksman, who as benefactor for two natural history museums at UC Berkeley, shaped the study of science in California.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2004
2-4 P.M.

Closing Lecture - TBA

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Spenger's Crabby Chef competition nets big catch for Historical Society

By Shelley Rideout

On Sunday, October 26 2003, on one of the hottest days of the year, the Spenger's Crabby Chef Competition was held in the parking lot across the street from Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto, 1919 Fourth St., in Berkeley.

Established in 1890, Spenger's is a landmark in the San Francisco Bay Area. In its third year, the event is a promotion for Spenger's and the restaurants participating in the competition, and a fundraiser for a Berkeley community organization.

The Berkeley Historical Society (BHS) was the community organization chosen in 2003. BHS volun-

teers set up the pavilion in the parking lot, arranged a display of historical photos and staffed the sale table of books and information in shifts.

Several hundred people attended the event, which had been well publicized in the local press. The BHS booth was directly on the path to the food and beverage booth -- a perfect position to talk to people about the historical society while they were waiting to buy lunch. We sold books, gave away newsletters and 25th Anniversary stickers, and answered questions about the historical photos.

At the BHS December 8th Board meeting, board members were

surprised and delighted to open a letter from Spenger's containing a check for \$1,700.00.

Thank you to Melissa Katz and Tom Walton of Spenger's for organizing this event and inviting BHS to participate. Thank you to all the volunteers, Judy Wilkes, Margot Lind, Greta Olsen, Daphne Tooke, AnaLuisa Quinonez, and especially Linda Rosen, who provided last minute transportation of the pavilion and supplies.

BHS has already been invited to participate in the 2004 Crabby Chef Competition and BHS will feature a photo display focused on the Oceanview neighborhood and special walking tours of the area.

Did your family live in Berkeley, 1890 to 1925?

This spring, the Berkeley Historical Society is opening an exhibit on early Berkeley Bohemians. By this we mean artists, poets, writers, musicians, photographers and other creative folks who lived in our city between 1890 and 1925. Along with profiling some of our famous and not-so-famous Bohemians, we are researching the neighborhood activities and social events of this period that are connected with this theme.

At that time, it was not uncommon for ordinary Berkeley families to throw parties which featured musical performances and dramatic presentations in their backyards or even inside their homes in performing spaces created in their living rooms.

If your family was here then, check your family photo albums and other records to see if you have any photos or personal accounts of these activities. If so, we would like to try to include this information in our exhibit. We can easily scan any useable pictures for the exhibit so you may retain the originals.

If you can help, please contact Ed Herry, co-curator for this exhibit. Herry can be reached at (415) 725-4674 (cell), or by e-mail at: <edphemra@pacbell.net>. Berkeley Bohemians Exhibit will open in April.

Beauty and beast

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ered by colored slate shingles.

The main office of the Alpine Wood & Supply Co. with the outdoor fireplace stands at Shattuck and Adeline with a private railroad spur supplying its contact with the sources of supply. Another of the quaint buildings is located at Shattuck & Vine. It is similar to the other in beauty and originality of design. In all, the company operates five coal and wood yards which have been beautified in

keeping with Berkeley's natural beauty. And beauty has paid. Business has increased fifty percent since the building of the new offices, according to Mr. Beukers.

Mr. Haney in 1914 pioneered the manufacture of ice in Berkeley to meet the refrigeration needs of the city and from time to time it was necessary to add larger machinery units to meet the growing demand. Several years ago, however, in order to concentrate and enlarge his fuel business, he leased to ice plant to large interests.

Father Bill

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more than 220 times for non-violent civil disobedience.

As many of the BHS originators know, the Historical Society had its earliest roots in St. Joseph's Church, in no small measure thanks to the very wide latitude that Father O'Donnell gave to Father Harry Morrison (the Historical Society's first president) to pursue Harry's tremendous interest in the early history of Berkeley in general, and of the Catholic farm pioneer families in particular.

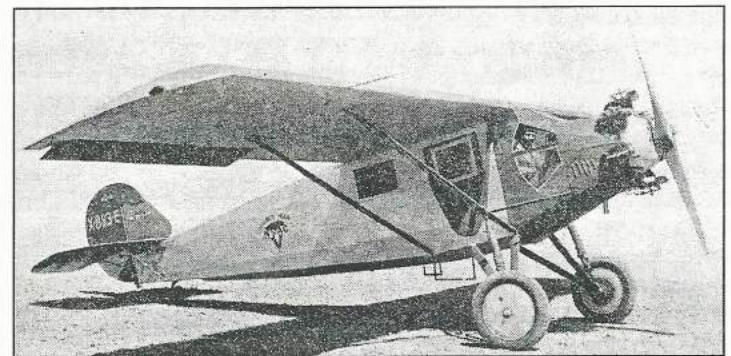
Father Bill not only warmly opened the doors of St Joseph's to the very first meetings (and pre-meetings) of the historical society,

but also allowed us to store a great deal of our stuff in their basement! In addition to all of the incredibly wonderful contributions that Father Bill made to his community (far and wide), it is worth our remembering this as well.

Stephanie Manning wrote: "What's more, I was one of Bill's pen pals while he was in prison [last year]. I sent him a postcard a week for the six months he was in there. He wrote me nice ascerbic letters filled with cloaked jabs at his wardens who were determined not to let him practice his profession while in the clink. They failed at that. And I had a nice lunch with Bill when he got out, as he said, 'Courtesy of the Pope.'"

Picturing Berkeley: A Postcard History Published

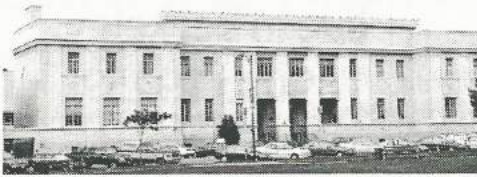
Picturing Berkeley: A Postcard History, edited by Burl Willes, has been jointly published by the Berkeley Historical Society and the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Society. The book features over 400 reproductions of Berkeley postcards from the early 1900s, most in full color. Prices are Members \$45 and \$50 for U.S. mail order. To order by mail, send check or money order to BHS, Box 1190, Berkeley CA 94701. Books are also available at local bookstores.



BERKELEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY #351_193

Members help Plane collection take off

Come in and see our expanded collection of vintage airplane photographs and imagine what it was like in the first days of flight. Thank you to our members for sharing their collection with the community.



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Events Calendar

Winter 2004

Early Berkeley Women 1878-1953 Exhibit

Berkeley History Center - Exhibit celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's history, working alone and through their clubs. Featured women's organizations include: The College Women Club, the League of Women Voters, Berkeley Political Equality League, Mobilized Women of Berkeley, The Women's Congress, Berkeley Women's City Club, the Twentieth Century Club, Town and Gown, the Hillside Club, the Monday Study Club, and many others. Featured women include: Idela Reed Marston, Lilian Bridgman, Mary Ritter Bennett, Millicent Shinn, Annie Alexander, Julia Morgan, Mary McHenry Keith, Florence Boynton, Louise Keeler, Ruth Acty, Leola Hall, Phoebe

Hearst, Jane K. Sather, Florence Boynton, Carrie Hoyt, Fanny McLean, Haruko Obata, Annie Maybeck, Theresa Maria Jacquemena, Carrie Hoyt, Frances Albrier, and Tarea Hall Pittman.

Sunday, January 25, 3-5 PM. Ocean View, Past and Present

Berkeley History Center - Author Barbara Gates and historian Stephanie Manning will discuss the history that sets the background for Gates' 'Already Home' memoir exploring the Ocean View neighborhood.

February 8, 2-4 PM. Berkeley Women and the History of the University's YWCA

Berkeley History Center - Dorothy Clemens will focus on the role of town and gown Berkeley Women and the history of our very own YWCA.

February 22, 2-4 PM. League of Women Voters of Berkeley: Recording Their Leaders

Berkeley History Center - Therese Pipe, Oral History Coordinator for the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville since 1995, will focus on some of the earlier achievements of several League leaders and pioneers through their oral histories.

March 7, 2-4 PM. On Her Own Terms: Annie Montague Alexander and the Rise of Science in the American West

Berkeley History Center - Author Barbara R. Stein will present a portrait of Annie Alexander, a remarkable woman who through her role as a great benefactor of the University of California shaped the study of science in California.

March 21, 2004

To be determined

Berkeley History Center - Save this date for the closing lecture of the series and last even for the Exhibit Early Berkeley Women.

April 2004 Bohemian Berkeley Exhibit

Berkeley History Center - Curator Ed Herney is currently soliciting items. See article on page 7.

April 25, 1-5 P.M. Berkeley High School New Buildings

Open House Ceremony
Enter on Allston way at Milvia - Come celebrate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Berkeley High School's new buildings made possible by the BSEP bond measures. Fun for the whole family featuring a proclamation by the Mayor, performances by the Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble, the Lab Band and the Orchestra and dance ensembles, and sports hand-ons activities.