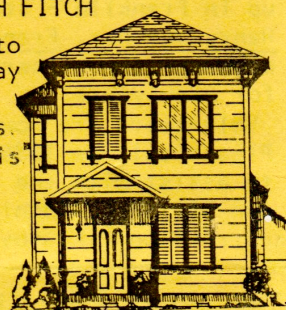


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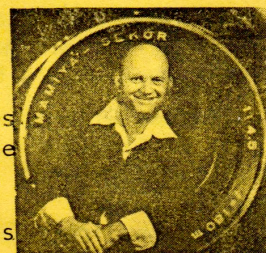
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APRIL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, APRIL 20 - 7:30 PM  
AN EVENING WITH DAVE HARRIS AT THE OLD PARSONAGE THANKS TO MATT AND RUTH FITCH

The April Meeting of the Elk Grove Historical Society has been changed to Monday, April 20 instead of the regular meeting date of the second Monday of the month. The place is 9120 Elk Grove Boulevard, the home of Matt and Ruth Fitch who have restored the "Old Parsonage", one of Elk Grove's landmark buildings. Speaker for the evening is Dave Harris of Dave Harris Studios, 4308 Florin Road, well known photographer. Following a walk through the Fitch home, Mr. Harris will speak on copying and restoring old photographs. Society members are asked to bring their old photos to the meeting if they would like suggestions on how to make copies of them or restore them.



Mr. Harris has been in the photography business since 1963 after having majored in history at the University of San Francisco. He belongs to Professional Photographers of America, California and Sacramento Valley. In the course of his photographic work he has copied many old photographs for his customers, restoring where necessary, and if possible, to produce images to be enjoyed for another hundred years. During the Bicentennial Year, Dave, along with his wife, Sandra, copied several interesting photographs of Old Sacramento showing important landmarks. The originals are on file at the main library, but Dave has sepia toned 16x20 prints of these landmarks which are on display in his studio at various times.



## HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP - BESIDES TULIPS!

**WESTERN FESTIVAL**, May 2-3: Historical Society members will serve as docents for the Rhoads School in Elk Grove Park. The Society will also have photographers available to take pictures of folks in various settings in and around the school including several period automobiles. Help will be needed. Please call Bud Long if you are willing to donate a few hours on either Saturday or Sunday.

**ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW** - June (probably the 21st): This will be held in Old Town on Elk Grove Boulevard. This year the Historical Society will assist with the arrangements for this annual event.

**PEDDLERS' ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE STREET SALE** - (probably the same day as the car show): More on this event in next month's newsletter.

**RAILROAD MUSEUM** will open the first weekend in May in Old Sacramento. Members who took the tour (80 of you) will be interested to see how much work has been done since February.

**HEARST CASTLE TOUR** - sometime this fall: Following the talk and discussion on this fascinating topic by Mr. Eldon Penrose at the March meeting, a number of Society members expressed interest in a trip to Hearst Castle in the near future. Sterling Kloss, program chairman, is looking into the details of such a trip for Society members.



## Stan's Sacramento

by Stan Gilliam

Our new member gives us some press in The Sacramento Bee, March 8, 1981. Thanks, Stan, and don't worry, we did not

Sterling Kloss, bearer of a rather historic name himself, reports the Elk Grove Historical Society's Elizabeth Pinkerton has embarked on an ambitious oral history project covering not only Elk Grove but also Franklin, Sloughhouse, Wilton, Alta Mesa, Sheldon and Florin (hey, what about Point Pleasant?).

forget about Point Pleasant!

Old-timers or descendants of early settlers are encouraged to call her at 685-3206 and arrange to tell their stories.

Watch out for that Sterling. He has a steak dinner bet with Carl Amundsen that he can sign up 100 new members this year, and he's already past the halfway point. With my roots deep in Franklin, how could I resist his sales pitch?



## ORAL HISTORY TAPING HAS BEGUN

The Elk Grove Historical Society now has a collection of three tapes from interviews conducted during March. The subjects were as follows:

Avellino and Ester Signorotti, Sloughhouse: Mr. Signorotti has been raising hops for 70 years at Sloughhouse. He, with the help of his son, George, and his grandchildren is one of the few remaining hop ranchers in California.

Helen Johnson and Agnes Buscher, Franklin: These two ladies, who are sisters, lived in the hotel in Franklin when they were little girls. They tell delightful tales of growing up in Franklin - stories of trains, wildflowers, circuses, and downtown Franklin.

Henry Buscher, Franklin: Mr. Buscher was born in Point Pleasant, attended the one-room country school there, worked in the Franklin Store and has been engaged in agriculture for many years.

Volunteers are now needed to begin the all-important work of transcribing the tapes. Please call me (685-3206) if you think you can help with this. We still need more people to assist with the taping. Virginia Signorotti will be in charge of the Sloughhouse-Michigan Bar area; Dennis Buscher has the Franklin-Point Pleasant area. In April we will concentrate on Elk Grove.

## THE GREAT 1981 CHALLENGE - OR HOW TO GET A STEAK DINNER OUT OF A TURKEY

Rumor has it that one new member of the Society actually was handed an application form while out for her morning walk by a young man who was apparently waiting for a bus. I didn't know that's how he signed them up, but this is what we have for March:

C. Stanley Gilliam

Mark & Mariane Beaudreau

Sacramento Savings and Loan

Holly M. Silvia

Dave Harris Studios

Gary Conner D.C.

Kristine Kay Quinn

Janet M. Wiley

Sheldon & Chris Schulz

Lucille Case

Roger & Joan Mahon

Robert R. Ruth

Adriaan and Ineke Don

March renewals are: Marie Krook, Elk Grove Parlor No. 41, N.S.G.W., Marilyn Fischer, Elk Grove Book Club and Steele Realty and Investment Co., Inc. Steele Realty is also a new LIFE member. Other new members sponsored by Carl Amundsen are: Robert Ehlers and J.B. Jones.

That gives Sterling a grand total of 74. Congratulations, Sterling, and welcome to all new members as well as all renewals!

**ASK THE MEMBERS:** Some discussion has taken place at the Board of Directors' Meeting regarding meeting during the summer. Traditionally, the Society has not met during the three summer months. Some people would like to have summer events to look forward to. These could be tours, picnics, etc. Let Sterling Kloss know what you would like so that a decision can be made at the next Board Meeting which will be on April 27.

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