

GREETINGS,
GATE,
LET'S RUMINATE!

Doelger Center
Gathering on
September 23rd



Carney Campion

Get ready for another fine Guild evening on Wednesday, September 23rd, when we'll gather at 7:30 p.m. to hear "THE REST OF THE STORY", as told about the building of the Golden Gate Bridge by Mr. Carney Campion, general manager of the Golden Gate Bridge District. Mr. Campion will bring a little-shown motion picture of the building of the bridge, and bring us up-to-date on the planning of the super-celebration, and the great day itself.

Members and friends are encouraged to bring any memorabilia, photos, badges, etc., from the opening in 1937...or the celebration in 1987.

JULY MEETING NOTES

Our July meeting in Doelger Center was another happy occasion, with a good house, a GREAT SPEAKER, and delicious refreshments and decorations.

There were beautiful dahlias, from the green thumb and flourishing garden of Marilyn Olcese of the Hospitality Committee.

Colma Councilman Ted Kirschner was eloquent in his installation ceremonies of the Guild officers for 1987-88, elected at the June meeting held for such purpose.

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The elected office of Vice President is currently unoccupied, due to the resignation of John Palmer from the position, due to press of concurrent activities. The post will be filled by appointment from the president.

Honored attendees were Daly City Councilman, and Mayor pro-tem Al Teglia, and San Mateo County Historical Association Board Member Irene Nisham. Al is also a board member of SMCHA. Note: If you rearrange those letters you get the word "chasm". Hnm, we'll have to think about that...

Speaker for the evening was Gladys Hansen, city archivist for San Francisco, who presented a thoroughly fascinating, illustrated exposition of S.F. Library storehouse, where,

among other treasures, are some 300,000 photographs, catalogued.

We had just finished being puffy about cataloguing our 2,000 plus pix, but Gladys was generous about it, saying, "Well, we've had a lot of time to work on ours."

She also shared the fact that San Francisco "gave up" the land where Daly City/Colma is now, under the Consolidation Act of 1856. Save for that act, we might yet be part of San Francisco.

Ms. Hansen's presentation was well received, with lots of questions and admiration.

Continuingly splendid refreshments were served by Mary Hutching's efficient Hospitality folk, Marilyn Olcese, George Gaggero and Kathy Skupien.

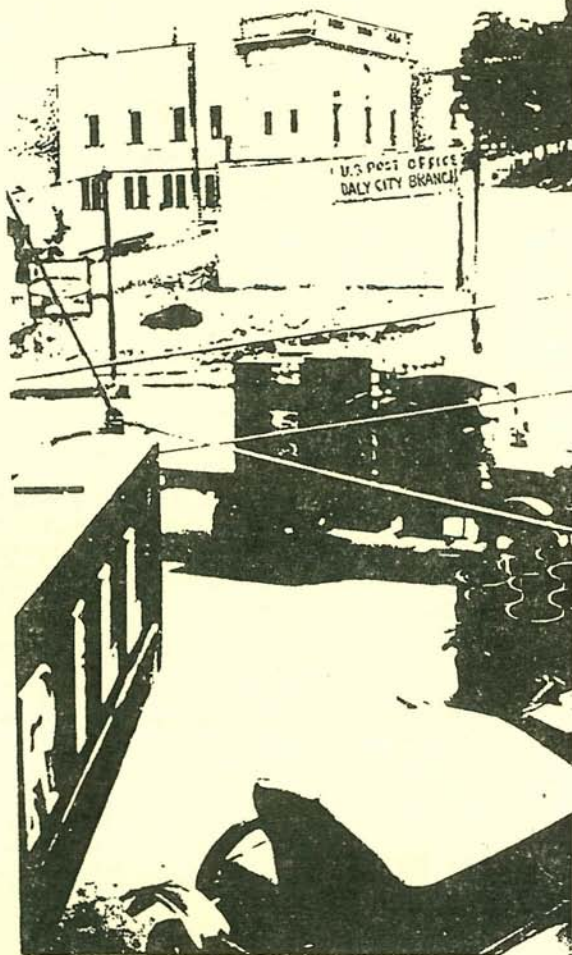
Recent acquisitions to the history collection were announced and shown, including photos of Silvio Landini, lawman, a vintage business card from M. Belli, and a treasured City Council from the collection of pioneer resident Irene Moresco Dalton, who lived on Dunks St. Mr. Dalton was a Daly City policeman..

UPCOMING AND HISTORIC

Looking to the future, our next two meetings should be happy, interesting events. Mark your calendars for these dates:

November 18 - "Look What We Found" - gems from our photo collection, in slide form for all to see - narrated by Neil Fahy/Ken Gill-espie.

January 23 - Annual Members' Birthday Party at Colma Town Hall.



RARE PIC OF 1ST CITY HALL

The above picture is the only one we have yet found of our first City Hall built on Wellington Ave. in 1914 at a cost of \$6,000!

Taken from a spot on Mission St.'s west side, near Los Olivos, the pic shows Mission and Wellington's southeast corner as yet undeveloped.

Does anybody know the structure that was labeled "U.S. Post Office, Daly City Branch"? Was it a signboard, a shack, or what? A post office was later built on Bepler St.

VICTORIAN DAYS IN PARK A REAL ROUSER!

Victorian Days in the Park were held in San Mateo's Central Park on August 29 and 30, where some 50,000 visitors strolled in perfect weather around 100 or so booths containing arts, crafts, food and displays of historical significance.

Featured was **History Lane**, where organizations such as our Guild displayed photos, artifacts, etc., and answered questions about the history of their communities.

Besides Daly City/Colma there were history groups from South San Francisco, Millbrae (running the scrumptious Pancake Breakfast), Burlingame, Redwood City, Sanchez Adobe, Woodside Store and Menlo Park, plus the DAR and the county genealogical folks.

Because it was very hot day, our booth featured "**OFFICIAL DALY CITY AIR**", captured in a Windex spritz bottle, for all to enjoy.

Booth staffers **Ted and Roz Babow**, and **Ken and Bunny Gillespie** sprayed passers-by lightly, proclaiming, "Welcome to Daly City, where the atmosphere is always cool and refreshing!"

Much interest was evinced in the pictures, which, because of the hands-on display, allowed for more detailed inspection, questioning and discussion.

Next booth over was from South San Francisco, with Times Group columnist **Lola Garcia** in attendance for a time. We spent good times chatting with their members, especially **Edna Harks**, who is featured in the new So. S.F. video history **A Sign of the Times**, made about the industrial activity in our sister city around San Bruno Mountain.

Councilman **Al Teglia** was staffing the accounting center; members **Walter** and **Elaine Riney** stopped by the booth, as did City Manager **Frances Liston** of Colma township.

An amazing number of people who work or live, or who used to live in our communities stopped to examine the maps and pictures to show us where they or their relatives had homes or businesses...great fun!

Our Guild was represented in the 16-team Croquet Tournament, and, in our two-team flight, came in second. You can ask about the participants at the September 23rd meeting. As with the Giants, '49-ers, etc.... "Wait 'til next year!"

Bouncy Betsy Bogel kept fluttering around in her chair position, beautifully garbed in Victorian fashion, complete with cameo!

Incidentally, more than one-third of the total prizes donated for the Victorian Days drawings were donated by Daly City/Colma merchants, including the Grand Prize, a travel certificate worth \$600.

Beside that, the listings for contributions of printing and other materials showed one D.C., three Colma and one So. S.F. donors...five for five from the North County!

Also, the visual hit of the Days was the beautiful 1953 Daly City Pumper fire truck, displayed by restorer **Al Schwoerer**, in the Antique Auto Parade around the park.

PHOTO CATALOGUING ALMOST COMPLETED

Our Photo Cataloguing Project is near the end of Phase I, thanks to the zeal and dedication of the Friday afternoon gang, who have been so faithful and so interested.

Under the expert tutelage of Chairman **Neil Fahy**, the scribes have put on paper the identification features of more than 2,000 pictures! All these are now neatly stored in filing cabinet and indexed in binders so that the subjects can be easily discerned.

Phase II will be the transcribing of the information on the individual, yellow 8½ x 11 sheets into a data base, which is being developed by **Neil**.

Phase I's indexing system was devised by City Hall Administrative Analyst **Mike Wilson**, who had made a large step already before the Guild volunteers began their stage of the project.

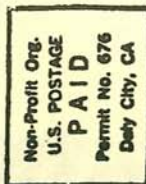
There are five huge binders, each filled with descriptions of the photographs, sectioned into subject sections, and certainly easy to use, the pictures easy to find. No more boxes of loose pictures on the floor, thanks our catalogue cats, such as **Yolanda Hardiman**, **Bianca Caserza**, **John Palmer**, **Ed & Olive Smith**, **Ken & Bunny Gillespie**, **Walter & Elaine Riney**, and especially Chairman **Neil Fahy** and **Claire Fahy**.

The assistance and cooperation of City Librarian **John Sullivan** and Library Staffer **Lorraine McClay** is so very welcome and appreciated. **John** is always available for assistance, and **Lorraine**, who acts as our liaison for mail and messages also orders and receives needed stationery items for the Cataloguing Project.

And, continuing the appreciation of the Guild to City Hall, we mention **Al Gee**, who prints our bulletins and flyers in such good fashion. The Guild is billed, as a client, but the service is so splendid!

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