



the **BOARD**
and **BATTEN**
Newsletter of the Pacific Grove Heritage Society

JULY 1984

Heritage Highlights

The California Preservation Foundation of San Francisco held their quarterly board meeting at the Barn . . . Heritage Society President Adam Weiland was elected Second Vice-President of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors . . . The Wednesday, June 20, 1984 edition of the San Jose Mercury News contained a feature article on Pacific Grove in which the Heritage Society was prominently mentioned . . . City Council recently made some amendments to the Bed and Breakfast ordinance. Using input from the Heritage Society, the time frame was changed from an arbitrary 1910 cutoff date to a moving 75-year period . . . Pat Hathaway donated a few more photos to the Heritage Society . . . Sirrah Harris is hard at work moving tons of poor soil to be replaced with good soil in our little park. You can hear the plants cheering! . . . The Barn is now open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from noon until 4:00 p.m. through the end of September to better serve our members and visitors. Stop in and say Hi! to Lori and/or Bruna Of course the Barn will continue to be open every Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with our wonderful volunteer docents.

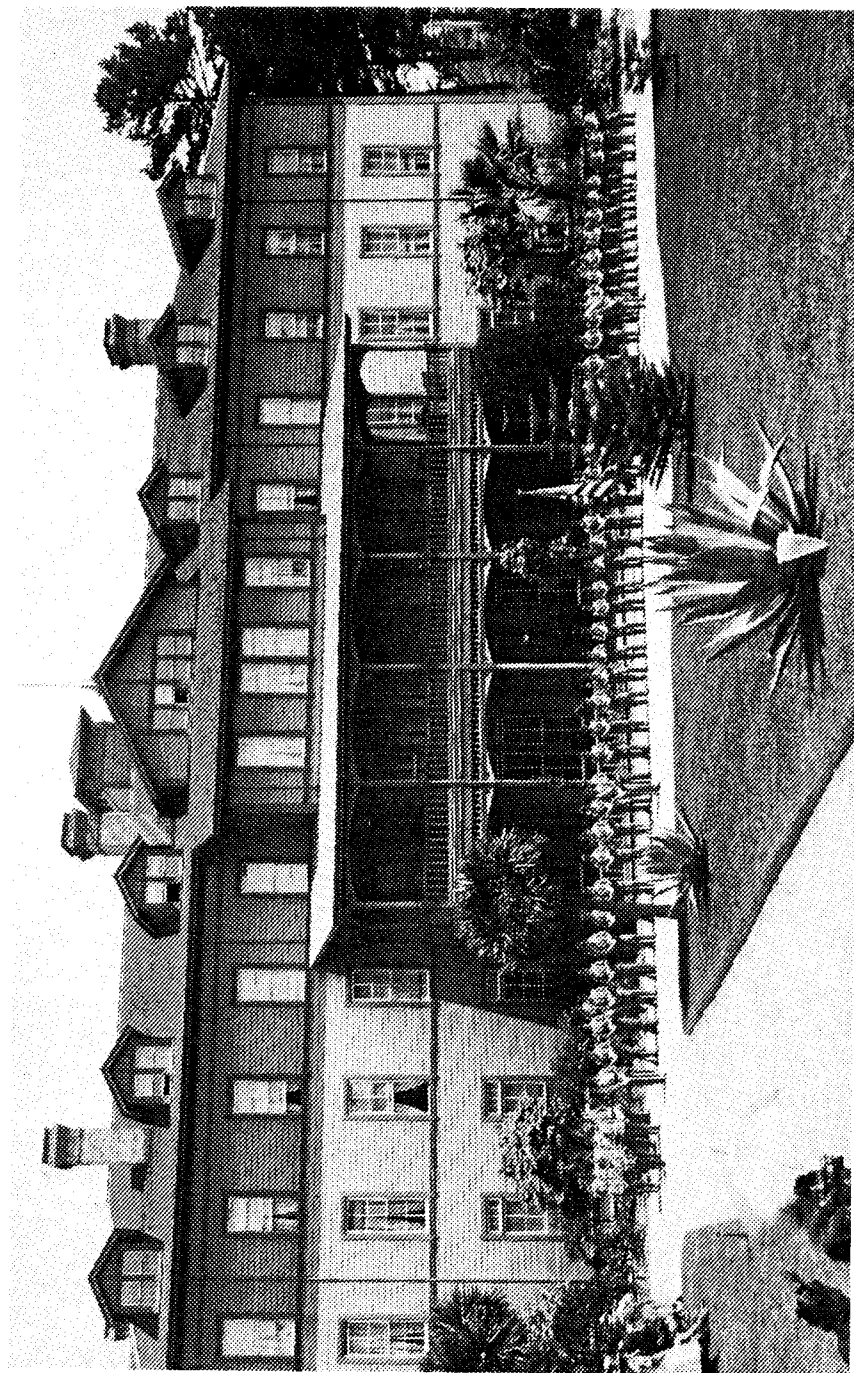
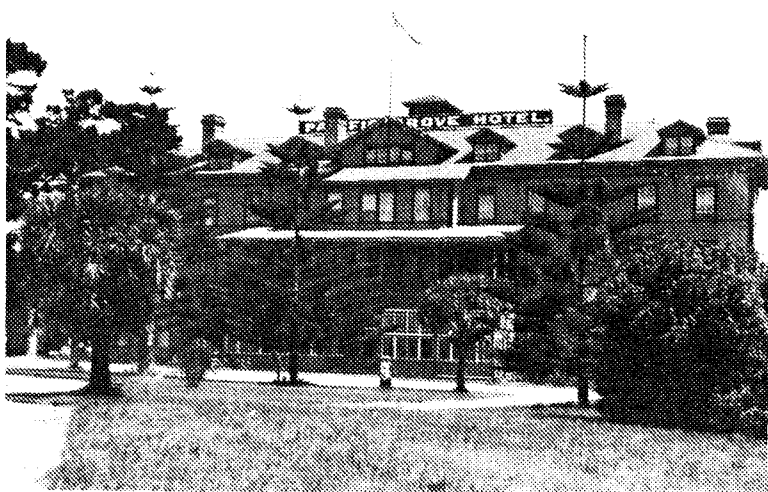
Board Resignation

Doris Bissell recently resigned from the Heritage Society Board of Directors after three years of dedicated service. Her hard work ensured the success of our rummage sales and Victorian Home Tours among other things. Fortunately, she will continue to help out on special events as needed.

El Carmelo/Pacific Grove Hotel

The El Carmelo Hotel, Pacific Grove's first building of true hotel pattern, officially opened to guests on May 20, 1887. It was located on Lighthouse between Fountain and Grand where Holman's now stands. It was built by the Pacific Improvement Company and included six cottages across the street on Grand Avenue which were built earlier in 1883. It was three stories high plus an attic and contained 114 rooms along with broad staircases and many means of exit and entrance. Every room was plumbed with Carmel River water and lighted with gas manufactured on the premises. It enjoyed some measure of success, especially after the Del Monte Hotel in Monterey burned in late 1887, even though wine could not be served to guests as was the custom at the Del Monte.

Around 1910, the name of the El Carmelo Hotel was changed to the Pacific Grove Hotel to avoid any confusion with the new town of Carmel. Finally in 1918, the hotel was taken down and its lumber was used to help build the Del Monte Lodge in Pebble Beach. In 1924, Holman's Department Store was constructed on the site. (Please see 1905 map in centerfold for location of hotel.)



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HOUSE?



This house was situated on a corner lot in Pacific Grove in the 1890's. We have been unable to determine its street location.

If you know anything about it please call Adam at 649-5184.

New Members

Meg Feher
Dr. Richard H. Bolt
Jan and Rich Holloway
Mrs. Barbara H. Morrow
The Seavey Family
Kathleen Nebeker
Dr. Steven MacDonald
Jean Ackerman
Robert Gardner and Cynthia Parham

Recipe

The following is from a book published around 1909 containing recipes of many of the women in Pacific Grove, Monterey, Salinas, etc.

Nasturtium Salad

First sprinkle flowers at night-fall so that every particle of dust is washed away. Early in the morning while the dew is on, gather the latest blossoms and tenderest leaves, and put in a cool place until wanted. Prepare a dressing as follows:

1/2 cupful of vinegar
1 teaspoon of mustard
1 teaspoon of salt
Yolks of three eggs
Butter size of an egg

Mix and cook until thick. When cool add a cupful of whipped cream. Serve by placing the flowers and leaves on plates and adding one teaspoonful of dressing.

Mrs. G.S Hamilton, Pacific Grove
(who lived at 512 9th St. in 1907)

Little Town

I like to live in a little town
where the trees meet across the street,
where you wave your hand and say: "Hello!"
to everyone you meet.
I like to stand for a moment
outside the grocery store
and listen to the friendly gossip of
the folks that live next door.
For life is interwoven
with the friends we learn to know
and we hear their joys and sorrows
as we daily come and go.
So I like to live in a little town.
I care no more to roam.
For every house in a little town
is more than a house, it's home.

(from the Fruit Basket Restaurant in
Madera, California)

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