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The Pacific Grove Free Kindergarten Association of 1894-1896

❖ by E. C. Davis

The ideals of Chautauqua were cherished and in Pacific Grove identification with Chautauqua was all year round. Each year Chautauqua lasted only ten days, but in the 1890s it was a feast for reform-minded residents. One of the ideals was that of the Free Kindergarten, based on the Froebel system, which aimed to prepare all children for regular school and the development of manual skills. Those who believed in it, also believed in free vocational education in the high schools as well as handicraft programs for adults.

In Pacific Grove, a succession of private kindergartens was attempted, each with young lady graduates of Froebel schools in San Francisco and San Jose. The new Methodist Church in the Grove was dedicated with the help of Sarah B. Cooper, the leading light of the California Kindergarten movement. She had a soft place in her heart for the Grove and was a regular visitor in the 1890s, staying at the El Carmelo Hotel.

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Free Kindergarten (continued from front cover)

In December of 1894, a few women met in Pacific Grove to organize a Free Kindergarten for children of permanent residents. Each resident was asked to contribute 25 cents per month; leading citizens were Directors. Children of tourists were charged one dollar per month. It might be added that the school census of the time listed 200 children in the Grove under the age of five years, so the 25 children enrolled no doubt represented the entire population of children the age most suitable for the work.

The Association hired a teacher with a Froebel diploma and a Kindergarten opened in one of the Pacific Grove cottages. A year later, the Association was given a room in the public school. Benefits were given to raise funds, a piano was donated and moved into place with the help of enthusiastic volunteers. The benefits consisted of socials, concerts with local musicians, picnics, lectures on Kindergartens, and programs given by children, including marches, a "wand drill", fairy tableaux and songs.

Sad to say, the Kindergarten lasted only until August, 1896, when it closed for lack of funds.

Aside from this Association, we can only guess when the first private Kindergarten opened, but in July of 1890 there was an advertisement for one - and it was declared to be based on the Froebel system. This lasted two years. In February of 1896, another such Kindergarten opened.

After the demise of the Association, another Kindergarten opened in the public school. The following year, yet another Kindergarten opened in a cottage at 220 18th Street. (This cottage still stands, although somewhat remodeled). It was many years before the public school system funded Kindergarten programs such as are taken for granted today.

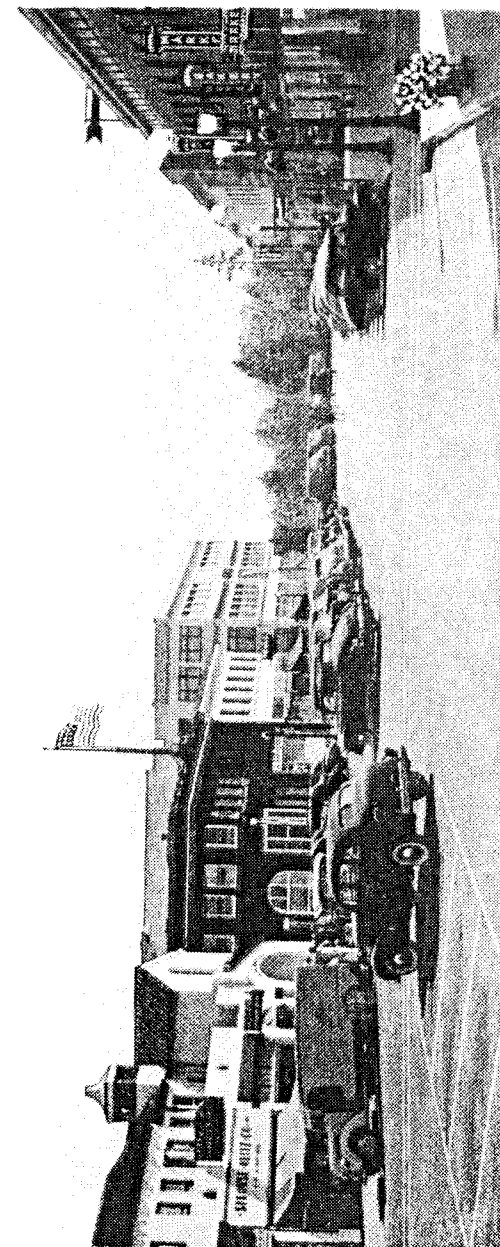
Bess says:

Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, But you are not getting anywhere.

Bess Washburn Hazard

Others Saw Us Through Postcards

LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA—M27



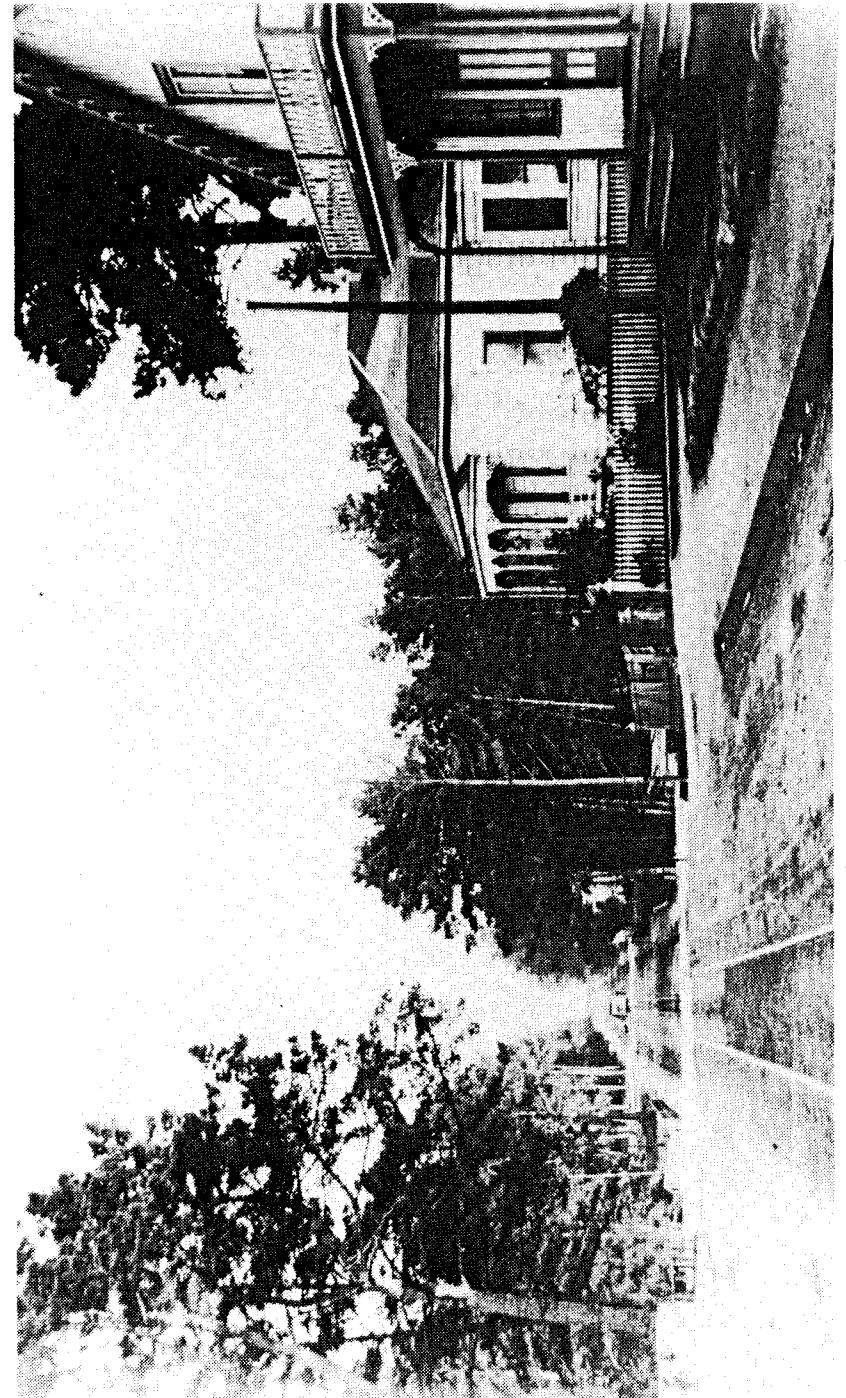
Pacific Grove is one of the principal points of the Monterey Peninsula. It is the "city of Homes" and has its own municipal golf course, swimming pool and sandy bathing beach.

Down the Piney Path

News of Pacific Grove from the Monterey WEEKLY CYPRESS (Dec 1889 - Feb 1890)

❖ by E.C. Davis

- It is said the Salinas River has left its bed. We hope it will not be troubled with insomnia or somnambulism as it might run all over the county.
- A lady from Pacific Grove has on exhibition, at the Del Monte Drug Store, several pieces of shell flower work, made from shells gathered at Shell Beach, which are really handsome.
- Several washouts between Monterey and the Grove have made the road almost impossible for vehicles.
- The Grove Band composed of fourteen members, George James, leader, has received a lot of new instruments and will henceforth make the pines resound with their melodies. The Band will give a concert in the Methodist Episcopal Church on New Year's night.
- It has rained for nearly 40 days and 40 nights.
- The Carmel River has been higher this year than ever before during the history of white civilization.
- A petition is now before the City Trustees of Pacific Grove asking for an ordinance prohibiting cigarette smoking and the use of tobacco by minors.
- The Chinese New Year came on Tuesday and the familiar fire cracker so announced it.
- The Chinaman found with his throat cut at the Pescadero was named Hung Cheong.
- A young earthquake shock was felt here Saturday night, February 15th.



View down Central Avenue around 1890 looking toward Monterey at 15th Street.



Heidrick photo - 1933

Photo taken in 1933, soon after the Golf Course opened, when the clubhouse was located where the Meals on Wheels building now stands. Photo donated by Kent Seavey.

Pacific Grove Personal Mention

(from the Del Monte Weekly of April 9, 1910)

Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Molony gave a very charming little dinner Thursday evening to half a dozen of their friends from the Presidio.

Mrs. W. V. Grimes has gone to San Francisco, where she will be one of the guests of honor at a breakfast given by Mrs. J. B. Hune, President of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, at the St. Francis. Mrs. Grimes is one of the prominent clubwomen of the State, and is well-known for her wonderful executive ability and admired for her charming personality.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Tuttle gave an elaborate card party at their home (549 Lighthouse) the other evening, their guests being Messrs. and Mesdames W. H. P. Hill, Metzler, Brewer, George Eckhardt, Joe Clingman, W. E. Olmstead, J. P. Pryor, Wallace Clarence Brown, Miss Parke, Miss F. E. Lowe, Miss Nellie Smith, Mr. August Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. William Adam. There were seven tables, and the prizes were a dainty bob-bon box and a nut bowl painted by Miss Gladys, one of the charming daughters of the house.

The benefit given at the "White Elephant", the home of Chris Jorgensen, was a great success in every way with almost a hundred dollars being realized for the Arts and Crafts Building Fund. The vaudeville performance included several illustrated songs, readings and a "Dutch Band", led by Herr Devendorf, which took the audience quite by storm.

The Swastika Club, composed of some of the most charming and most popular young ladies of Pacific Grove, spent a merry week lately at Carnel-by-the-sea under the chaperonage of Mrs. Will Burbeck.

Charles Huyek has acquired two lots on Monterey and Central Avenues and will at once begin building a \$6,000 residence (388 Central) on them.

Mrs. Mary Wilbur is building a neat home on Central Avenue and Eighth Street (332 Central).

Mrs. Ernestine Davis has bought the J. C. Higgins property on Junipero and Twelfth streets, on which stands a large two-story house, which the present owner will remodel, making a handsome modern home.

John Gray has purchased the property formerly owned by Mrs. Kidd on Seventeenth Street and Pine Avenue (621 Pine), and is adding to and remodeling the building.

Mr. Lubeck, a retired Auburn lawyer, will soon occupy his handsome home on Central Avenue and Twelfth Street (411 Central), which the Chivers Brothers have been building.

Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Sutherland are here from Minneapolis, Minn. They are the guests of Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Richardson (127 Grand). They went around the 17 Mile Drive today. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Minnesota. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of Millionaire Weyerhaus, who made his fortune selling lumber from the pine forests of Northern Minnesota. Mr. Sutherland is the treasurer of the largest real estate investment company in the Northwest.

New Exhibit at the Barn

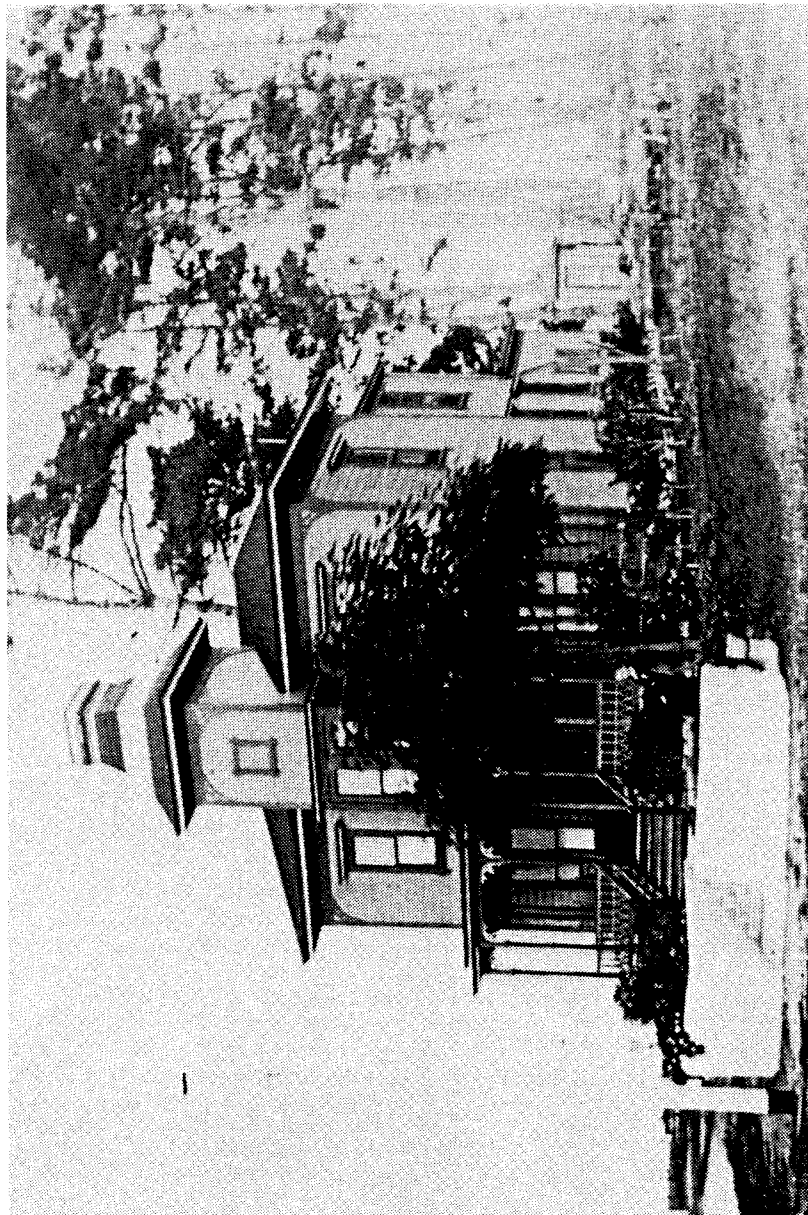
We are proud to announce a brand new exhibit on display at our Barn on the corner of Laurel and 17th Street. You now have the opportunity to step into an early Pacific Grove General Store. While the outside is still Ketchum's Barn, the inside features Ketchum's General Store. This charming and authentic display was designed and built by Lynne Harter and Mary Twisselman. Take time to look at the goods on display and browse through some early catalogues. Check out the prices! Try to open Tuttle's antique brass cash register. This is the perfect time to visit our Barn, especially if you haven't been there for awhile. The Barn is open on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 until 4:00 in the afternoon.

Lynne suggest bringing a lunch to enjoy in our beautiful gardens at the Barn. The table tops are checker boards and the docent can provide checkers for you on Saturday afternoons. Bring your own other times.

Two Books Missing From the Library

On July 27, 1932, Ethel DeWitt of the Pacific Grove City Library went to see William Burchett, Judge of the Police Court of Pacific Grove. She swore out a complaint against a person unknown for the theft of two books from the Library. Although she didn't know the person's identity, she was sure they lived at the Willson Hotel at the corner of 19th and Union.

Judge Burchett immediately issued a search warrant. Officer Bashline took the warrant and went to the Willson Hotel. During the search of the rooms, the officer did indeed find the two missing books. They were returned safely to the Library. Officer Bashline noted the titles of the books on the back on the warrant. They were "Steele of The Royal Mounted" and "The Crouching Beast"! The name of the reprobate was not noted on the warrant.



An early photo of Senator Langford's home at 225 Central, now a beautiful Bed & Breakfast Inn called The Gatehouse (for reasons obvious to most local residents). This Inn will be featured on the 1990 Christmas At The Inns Tour.

Christmas at the Inns

The 6th Annual Christmas At The Inns tour will be held on Tuesday evening, December 4, 1990 from 6:30 to 9:30. The seven Inns participating on this year's tour are: The Martine Inn, Green Gables, Gosby House, Centrella Hotel, Maison Bleue, Old St. Angela Inn and The Gatehouse Inn. Tickets are still only \$10.00 each and should be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office at Forest & Central during normal business hours. The first five tours were early sellouts, so avoid disappointment and get your tickets now.

The tour is co-sponsored by the Heritage Society and the Pacific Grove Art Center. Proceeds are divided equally between the two organizations. They both thank you for your attendance and support. This year's committee consists of Marion Martine, Marilyn Arioto and Joanna Chapman.

New Members

Beverly Jean Ryan

Geoff & Joy Welch

Celeste & Warren Clemens

Share The Heritage With A Friend Annual Family Membership \$10.00

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