



THE BOARD AND BATTEN

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A. W. Weiland photo

Plaque Number 500 Awarded

Plaque number 500 was recently awarded to 411 Carmel Avenue. This house was built in 1904 and the first owner of record was Miss Jessie Spencer. The new owners, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Evans have been slowly and carefully restoring the house, which had been neglected for many years.

Future Events

- December 5, 1995 (Tuesday): Christmas At The Inns
December 7, 1995 (Thursday): Museum of Natural History
7pm - Lecture on Julia Platt
February 13, 1996 (Tuesday): Annual General Membership Meeting

The Hart Mansion - 649 Lighthouse Ave

❖ (From the January 31, 1936 P. G. Tribune)

A Pacific Grove landmark, now housing Gernot's Victoria House Restaurant, 649 Lighthouse was built in 1894 and its first owner was Dr. Andrew Jackson Hart. Dr. Hart and his family moved to Pacific Grove from Modesto and they lived on the second and third floors of the house, while the first floor was used for the doctor's office and treatment rooms. In 1899, Dr. Hart died at the age of 62. He had two sons that went on to become doctors. Dr. Charles Edwin Hart, who lived and practiced in San Francisco and Dr. Frank R. Hart, who continued to live and practice in the family home in Pacific Grove.

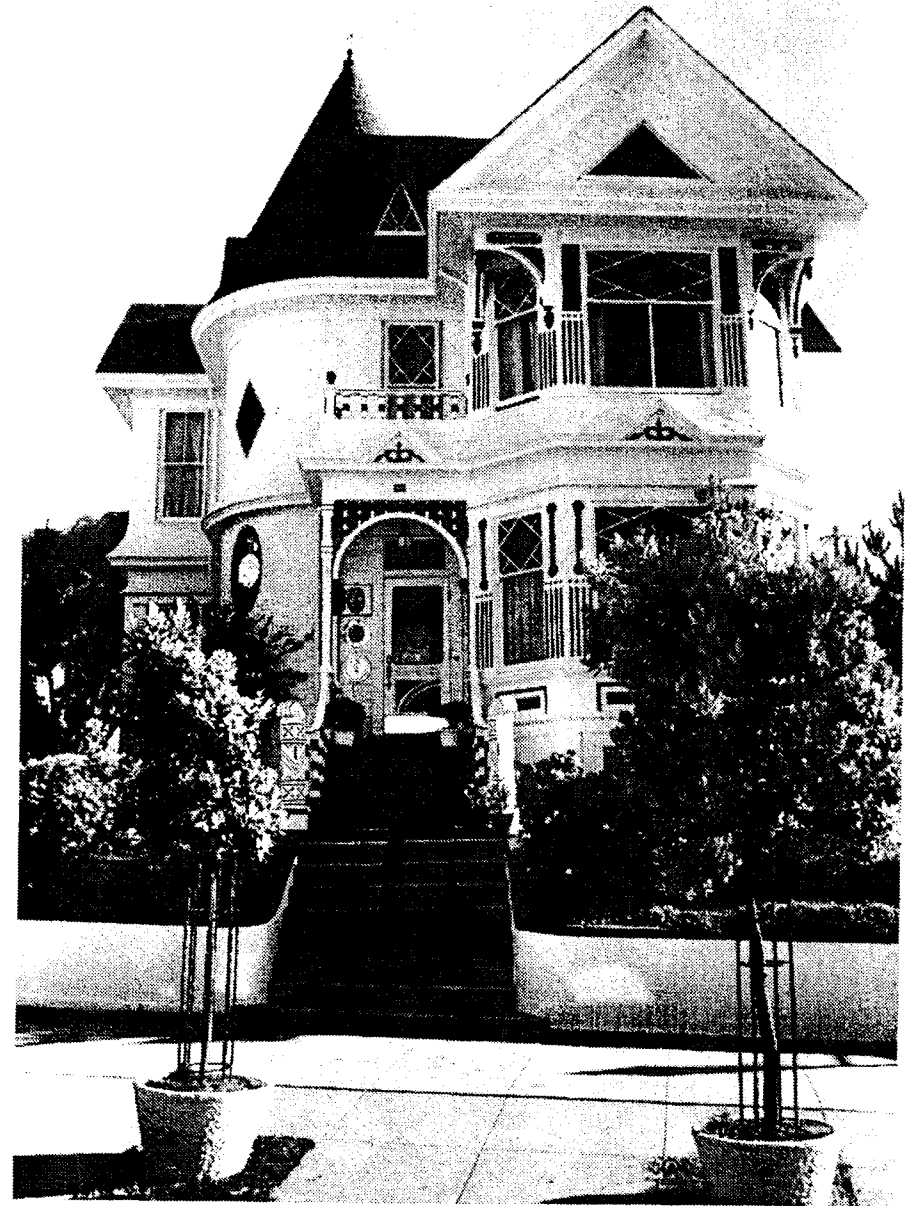
Dr. Frank Hart was a humanitarian and dedicated civic leader. He served as President of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce in 1916. During World War I he enlisted and became a commissioned officer in the Medical Corps, serving at Camp Fremont and later going overseas. He resumed his practice in Pacific Grove upon his return from the war. In a 1964 interview in Game and Gossip, one of his former employees, Mrs. Carrie Ryan said "He and Mrs. (Marie) Hart used part of their house at 649 Lighthouse to help out folks who needed medical attention for a few days and could not get to the county hospital." It was Dr. Hart, along with W.R. Holman, who was responsible for the Pacific Grove cut-off. Mrs. Ryan also said "Dr. Hart and Mr. Holman walked that way every day, to establish the route for the road from Pacific Grove to Carmel hill."

In 1924, Dr. Hart purchased the entire city block bounded by Cedar, Pine, Locust and Laurel from Shelley Pickles of Monterey. During the next two years, he had 14 cottages built on this block and it became known as "Whispering Pines". An October 1933 San Francisco newspaper article on Pacific Grove mentioned that if you live in Pacific Grove and feel you might be getting sick, "You ring up Dr. Hart, and ask him if one of his houses in "The Pines" is vacant. It is? Okey. You take it, knowing that a couple of weeks living there will set you right as rain, And there is no fee included."

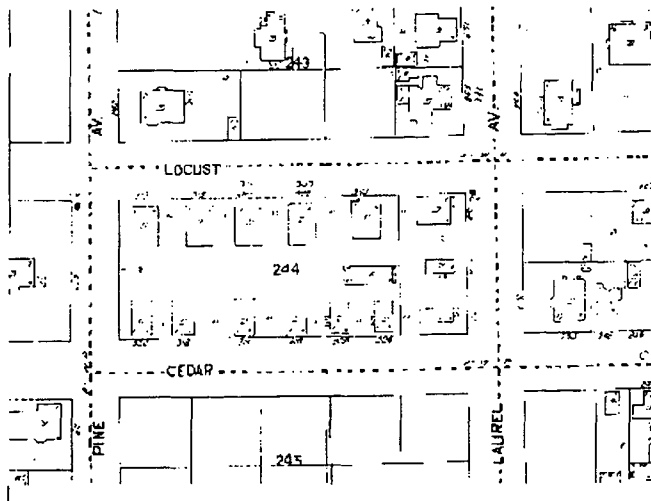
Dr. Hart again served as President of the Chamber of Commerce in 1926, 1927 and 1928. He was also an active member of the American Legion post, the Masonic order and the Elks lodge. Dr. John Gratiot, in his Medical History Of Monterey County, remembered a white dog that rode on the running board of his car as Dr. Hart made his rounds.

In August of 1935, Dr. Frank Hart died at the young age of 56, leaving his wife Marie, and two sons, Dr. Archie J. Hart and Franklin Hart. In July of 1937, his brother, Dr. Charles Hart of San Francisco, completely remodeled the house, converting it to an apartment house suitable for two families. Two complete apartments were made, one upstairs and the other on the ground floor.

All the old plumbing, electric fixtures, plaster and paint were replaced. A service porch, bathroom, hardwood floors and a two-car garage were also added. L. E. Godfried was the contractor.



649 Lighthouse - 1978 file photo



1926 Sanborn map of the "Whispering Pines" block in Pacific Grove. Dr. Frank R. Hart had the 14 cottages built in 1924-25. After his death in 1935, his estate sold the whole block in early 1937 to Colin Whitehead of 420 Forest Avenue and his sister, Miss Lorena Whitehead.

Poetess Visits Spot She Named

❖ (From the Tide June 23, 1931)

Miss Helen Molyneaux Salisbury of Los Angeles, who named Asilomar when it was first established in 1913, is a visitor there this week during the Student Conference of the Y.W.C.A. Miss Salisbury is becoming more and more noted as a writer of verse, for her poetry has appeared in many leading American magazines during the last year - Harper's, Literary Digest, The World Tomorrow and the Christian Century. She has recently finished a book in collaboration with Dr. Josephine A. Jackson of Pasadena, called "Outwitting Our Nerves."

An interesting talk was given by Miss Salisbury on Sunday afternoon to a group of conference girls on poetry appreciation, and she read some of her own poems at that time. Miss Salisbury has been at Asilomar many times since its establishment in 1913.

Lake Majella

❖ (From the P.G. Tribune of June 21, 1946)

Lake Majella, now disappeared from south of Moss Beach, was given that name by Mrs. George Crocker in the late 1840s, the name meaning "wood doves". She and her friends used to picnic there, and always found the lake encircled by wood doves. Helen Hunt Jackson, often a guest of the Crocker family, mentions Majella in her book "Ramona". The lake before that had been called Laguna de los Ajolots - Lake of Water Dogs.

Fish Odors Change Tint of Building

❖ (From the P. G. Tide of October 15, 1937)

While many local laboring people were rejoicing this week as the sardine industry payroll approached the half million mark, after a discouraging start during September, the air over Pacific Grove became so fouled by odors from fish reduction plants as to change the color of the paint on at least one local building.

Dr. W.F. Fisher, eminent Stanford University scientist and superintendent of the Hopkins Marine Station, stated this week that there was so much sulfur fumes included in the reduction plants' discharge into the atmosphere as to make a chemical reaction with the paint of one of its buildings at the station, considerably altering its color. Dr. Fisher pointed out that while the building is kept tightly closed, enough of the fumes entered the interior to also affect paint in certain of the rooms. He indicated that the atmosphere over the past weekend was unusually dry or the effect might have been much greater. "The statement has always been made that these fumes, while distressing to the nostrils, are not harmful to health. In view of the chemical reaction demonstrated this week, that statement is open to serious question," Dr. Fisher declared.

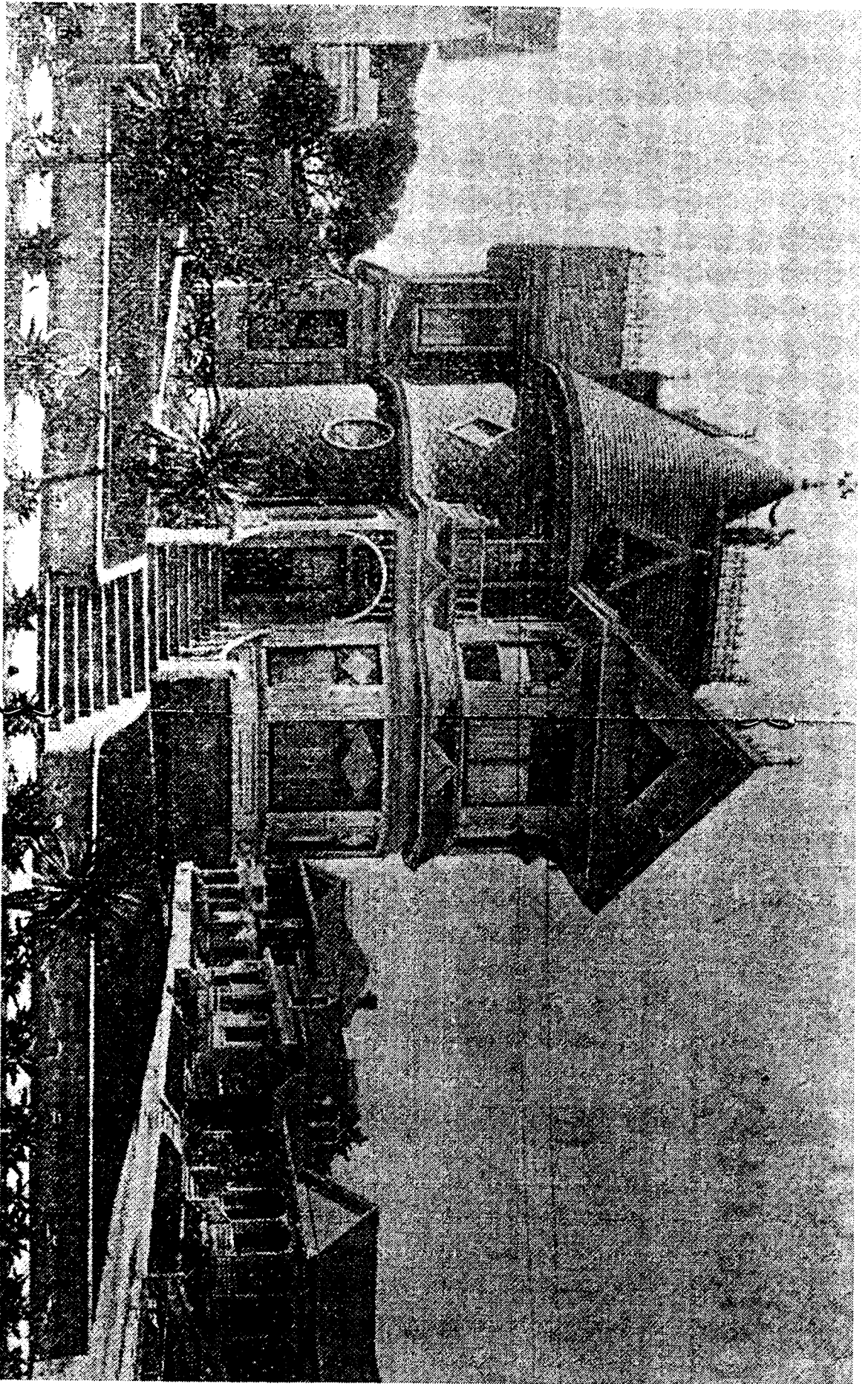
Pacific Grove's Annual Kite Festival

❖ (From the P. G. Tribune of March 24, 1944)

Pacific Grove's annual Kite Festival made the front page on the San Francisco Chronicle this week, and the weather man promised to concentrate on good flying weather for the big annual event to be staged this Sunday in the large field at the fourth fairway of the golf course at the end of Del Monte avenue, between Lighthouse reservation and the ocean.

Mayor E.K. Bramblett, City Manager Irwin Dames, grammar school shop instructor F.J. Lubeck, high school shop instructor Paul Cradler, and Police Chief Ernest McAnaney are to be judges in the many events for which prizes are being given. Prizes include: pocket knives, games, toys and defense stamps. There will be two groups in each contest, with prizes for each group. In the first division will be boys and girls under 12 years of age; all above that will be in the second division. Contests will be for the largest, smallest, prettiest, most unique and for the best flying kite.

The affair is sponsored by the Recreation Commission, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lighthouse Club. There are still sticks available at Pease's Drug Store and Sprouse-Reitz, donated by the Lighthouse club and Hayward Lumber Company. Fifty entries have been taken out so far.



1906 photo of the Hart Mansion at 649 Lighthouse. Notice the man on the roof. The four houses shown on the right are 212, 210, 208 and 206 19th Street. The house at 210 19th burned to the ground in May 1933. The two storey boarding house next door at 212 19th was heavily damaged in the fire and was repaired as a one storey house. The house at 210 19th was not rebuilt until 1938. The house at 208 19th does not appear on the 1926 maps.

Photo from the Nov. 2, 1902 P.G. Review

Pacific Grove Municipal Pool

LYLE CROCKER, Mgr.

Open Daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(Wednesday nights until 9:00)

Children under 12 14c

(10 swims for \$1.20)

Teen-agers from 12 to 17 35c

(10 swim tickets for \$2.50)

Adults 50c

Suits rentals.....25c Towels Furnished

Wading pool for tots

Instructor and Life Guard on duty at all times

GROVE THEATRE

(THE THEATRE WITH THE GOLDEN VOICE)

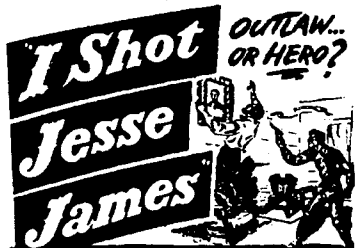
FRIDAY—SATURDAY



★ DAVID JANE
★ NIVEN and WYMAN ★

★ THE STAR OF 'JOHNNY BELINDA'
★ HAS EVERYONE TALKING AGAIN! ★

★ KISS IN THE DARK ★



with PRESTON BARBARA
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JOHN IRELAND · REED HADLEY
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SUNDAY—MONDAY—TUESDAY



COLUMBIA PICTURES presents
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KNOCK ON ANY DOOR



A SANTANA PRODUCTION
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ARTHUR LAKE

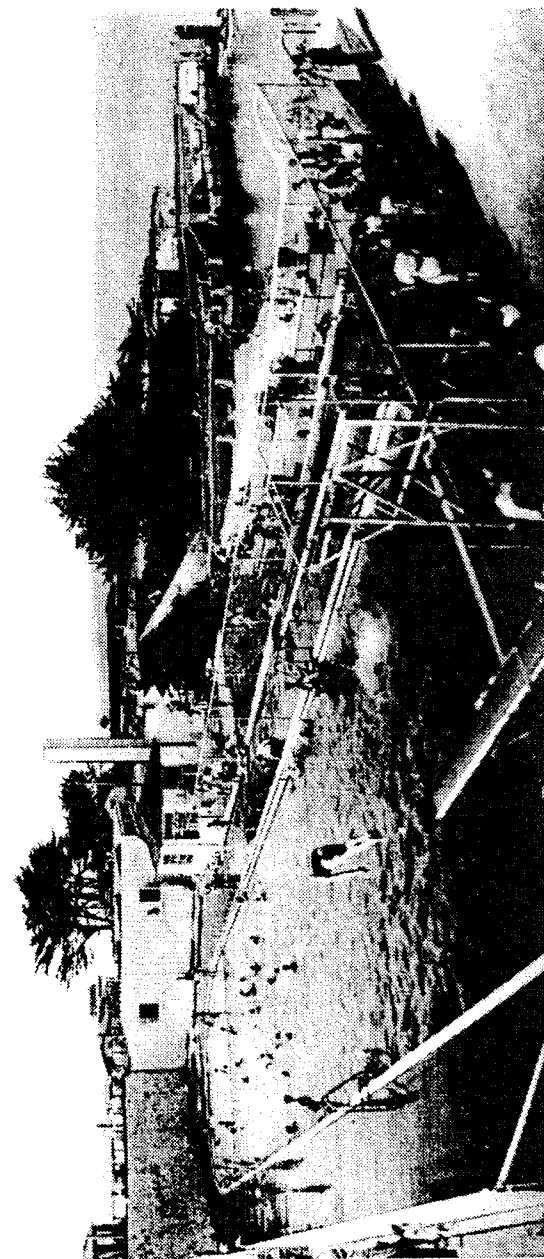
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Ads from the August 5, 1949 P.G. Tribune

Others Saw Us Through Postcards

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Down the Piney Path

News from the Pacific Grove Review
November 3-24, 1888

- ❖ by E. C. Davis
- ◆ The Ladies Aid Society will hold a Fancy Bazaar and literary entertainment.
- ◆ A barn is crushed by a falling tree.
- ◆ In November 1886, there were 82 water connections in use; in November 1887 there were 132; in November 1888 there were 203.
- ◆ The Library is moved from the Parlor to the Museum building.
- ◆ There are sixteen six-horse teams hauling rock from the seashore for the new reservoir. Work is so far advanced that several of the Chinese work gangs are transferred.
- ◆ An agent collecting subscriptions for the Overland Monthly defaults ... "This stamps Mr. R. as a fraud of the first water and a prominent candidate for a situation in the State's jute mills."
- ◆ Our polling place has been moved to the office of T.W. Cook on Grand Avenue.
- ◆ A number of whales have been sporting in the bay this week.

Council Chambers For First Time Is Marriage Setting

❖ (From March 30, 1945 P. G. Tribune)

For the first time in its history, Pacific Grove council chambers was the setting for a marriage performed at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, March 27, by Judge Wilbur Way. The bride was Miss Mary Anne Ricketts of Kansas City, Virginia, just arrived a few hours before. The bridegroom was Theodore R. Dean of the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Ord and previously of Virginia. Witnesses were police chief Ernest McAnaney, and assistant to the city manager, Mrs. Margaret Davidson. The bride was attractive in a light grey wool suit, modish spring hat, and navy blue accessories.

Lecture on Julia Platt

Dr. Steven Zottoli, Professor of Biology at Williams College, will give a lecture on the scientific and civic accomplishments of Julia Platt. The lecture will be held on Thursday, December 7, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (648-3116), Forest & Central avenues. In conjunction with the lecture, the Museum is currently featuring an exhibit about Miss Platt.

Christmas At The Inns - Tuesday December 5, 1995

The 11th annual Christmas At The Inns tour will be held on Tuesday evening, December 5th from 6:30 to 9:30. This is your chance to see the Centrella, Old St. Angela, Green Gables, Gosby House, Martine and Gatehouse Inns in all their holiday glory. New this year are the refreshments and fellowship to be found at the Mayflower Church between 7:30 and 9:00. As you stroll from inn to inn, please stop at the Mayflower (14th & Central) to sample the delicacies donated by many of our fine local restaurants.

Tickets are still only \$10.00 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce office on the corner of Forest & Central during normal business hours. Please get your tickets now. This event is mainly for the locals and we need your attendance to be successful. Please call 373-3304 for more information.

Need Some Doors?

One of our members, James Thorsen has a selection of interior and exterior doors which he has accumulated over the years. If you are fixing up an old house and need a door at a nominal cost, give James a call at 372-9061. He also has some old plumbing parts.

New Members

Pamela Colleary

Jan & Ted Rose

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

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