

New Seabright Museum-Library To Be Opened Today

Reception Scheduled From 1-3

By Betty Wixcey

All Santa Cruz is invited to a reception at the newly-renovated Seabright museum-library building at 1305 East Cliff drive from 1 to 3 p.m. today.

The occasion is to show off the city's newest accomplishment in providing display quarters for trophies of our town's historical heritage and natural resources.

Although some of the museum's prizes, including a mummy and a Pacific Island canoe, are buried in the basement, the new arrangement admittedly provides more, and better, space for showing treasures in shells, Indian craft, bird nests, coral, wild life and other categories which have been gathered here over the years.

City Manager Robert N. Klein this week expressed hope that in time a wing can be added to the building so it will be entirely adequate for storing and showing a collection of Santa Cruziana which started a hundred years ago.

In the meantime, Mrs. Laurel B. Flickinger will preside over a combined museum-library operation in which Santa Cruzans can take pride.

She will be in the white building across from the Castle every afternoon, Tuesday through Saturday, to check out books to Seabright branch library readers and to show off such reminders of old Santa Cruz as photographs taken here more than a century ago and fancy work made by candlelight.

Through the summer-long uproar of moving the city's museum collection from the old museum building, right behind the present museum, Mrs. Flickinger managed to keep Seabright library in part-time operation.

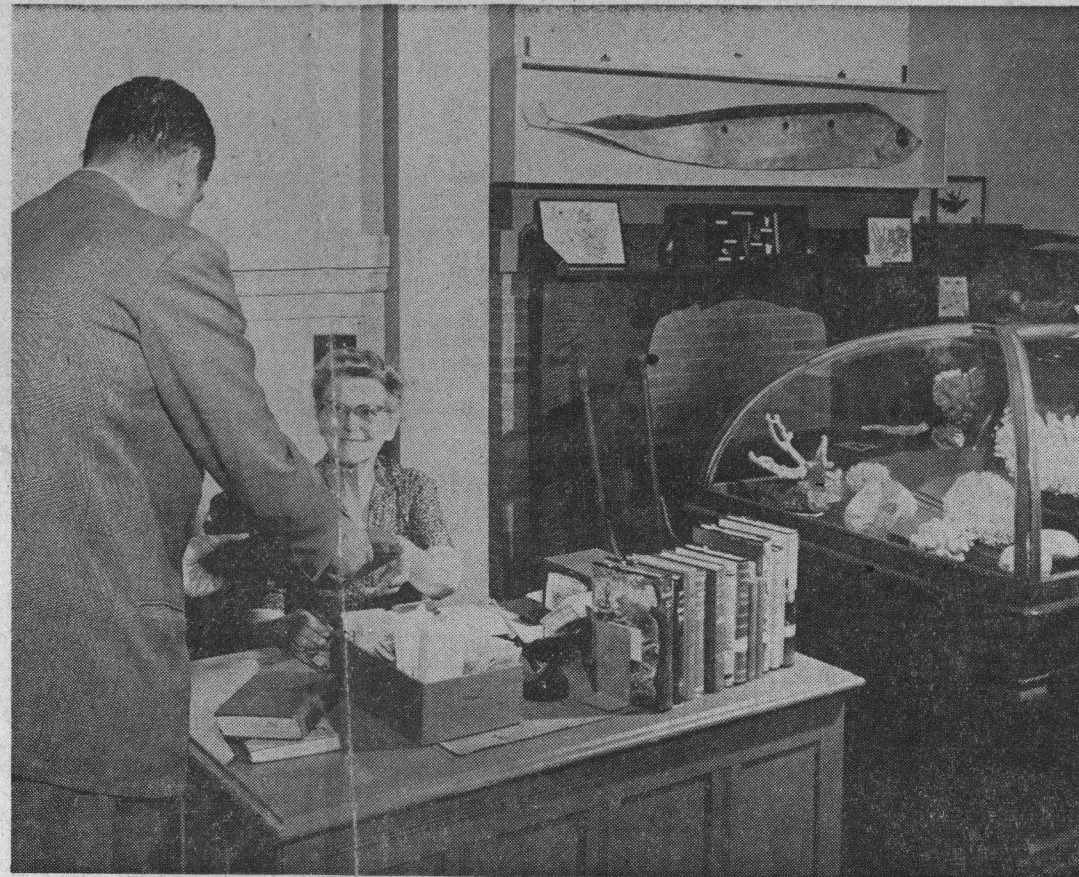
Now that things have settled to normal, with a remarkably wide selection of non-fiction, fiction and juvenile books lining the walls of one small room in the building, she hopes a heavy turnover of reading matter will be re-established.

By monthly book exchanges from the main library, City Librarian Geraldine Work said Seabright readers will be provided with fresh material for perusal regularly.

The city library board's decision to turn the building over to the museum commission, so the unstable structure which for years housed the museum collection could be demolished, was made last spring.

Basis for the decision to contin-

Museum And Library Open In Newly Renovated Quarters In Seabright



Miss Laurel B. Flickinger, who has charge of the combined museum and library operation at the Seabright building, checks out a book from the small library room in the structure. At her right, in front of the entrance, is a coral display in an antique red-

wood cabinet. To the left are City Librarian Geraldine Work and City Manager Robert Klein, coming from the newly-fitted museum building which formerly was only for library purposes, after a final check before opening it to the public. Miss Alice Everett, city museum commis-

sion secretary, shows Librarian Betty Barnes some of the authentic Indian dress and wares ready for inspection in newly-painted cases. In front of Miss Barnes is a cardboard replica of the original Santa Cruz mission, a new library acquisition.



ue only a minimum library service there was a consistent falling off of library circulation in Seabright.

On the site of the old museum building, torn down just in time to prevent it from falling down, will be a public park, landscaped and provided with benches and tables as a rustic spot for picnickers.

The new museum building, repainted and shelved for the joint use, is one of four library buildings made possible by gifts from the Carnegie Institute before the turn of the century, according to Samuel Leask Sr., a library trustee when the structure went up.

Leask recalled in letter to Klein that the Seabright library property originally was owned by Miss Sarah Tyrell, a Bostonian who was active in the antislavery movement before she came here. She left the land to a widowed niece named Mrs. Peck, who lived in Chicago, Leask said.

He recalled he visited Mrs. Peck

there after she donated the land to the city for library purposes to learn she was extremely pleased with its use.

The museum collection, shunted from inadequate city facilities to inadequate school space over the years, was originated by Miss Laura Hecox, Leask said. Miss Hecox, whose family came to Santa Cruz about 1849, for many years had charge of the lighthouse here, he continued, and was a tireless collector of a great variety of specimens. She donated them to the library and so started the museum.

The museum collection still is growing. Just last week models of the 21 California missions, made in intricate detail of cardboard and paper, took their places on display cabinets and tables. They were given to the museum by a group of brothers leaving Chaminade.

Visitors this afternoon will be served punch and cookies, besides an educational treat.

County Banks To Spearhead H Bond Sales

Santa Cruz county banks will spearhead an all-out drive on the new series H U. S. savings bond this month, it was revealed today by Lt. Col. R. C. Murphy, volunteer U.S. savings bonds chairman of the county.

The county's quota of \$1,266.8 in total Series E and H bonds set for the balance of the year can be met only by increasing current sales averages to gain an additional \$125,949, he said.

Bankers and investment dealers throughout the county are volunteering to cooperate in the drive by putting special emphasis on sales of the comparatively new Series H bond which is designed for people who desire current income from investments. H bonds pay interest semi-annually by check, direct from the U.S. treasury department. They earn three per cent when held to maturity, and indi-

vidual investors may purchase up to \$20,000 per year of the \$500 and over bonds.

The county chairman said, "Our banks and investment dealers who sell savings bonds without remuneration of any kind again have taken the lead in this important drive. We urge citizens in the county to contact them and discuss the outstanding merits of Series H bond for current income with guaranteed security."

DAV To Entertain Veterans

The Santa Cruz Chapter 52, Disabled American Veterans, and its auxiliary will entertain 45 patients from the Palo Alto veterans' hospital Tuesday at its lodge near Felton.

The picnic and outing will conclude a season of monthly visits by patients from the hospital. The patients and staff will be honored at a luncheon and entertained by musicians from Santa Cruz' local 346.

Among special guests invited

will be Mayor Pat Freeman and other civic dignitaries.

Commander Ed Muegge Jr. said as far as he knows the local DAV is the only organization in the nation participating in such a program.

The local DAV established the visiting program in 1950, according to Muegge. Myrtle Brouskievith is commander of the auxiliary and the chairman of the auxiliary hospital committee is Mrs. Francis Walle.

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