

Historical Society Plans Picnic Meeting

Meeting again at the main public library, interested members of the new Santa Cruz Historical society gathered last night for the April meeting, with the membership roll now standing at 93.

A short business meeting was followed by a delightfully informal evening in which all present were given the opportunity to identify themselves. Old Santa Cruz newspapers were passed around, examined and discussed, as were a quantity of early day local photographs from the Preston Sawyer collection.

John Strohbeen exhibited a telephone book of 1897 covering phone holders over the entire state—a book smaller than today's Santa Cruz directory. There was reminiscing and merriment over differences recalled between the past and present, as drawn from the old newspapers.

Through the hospitality of Member Hulda MacLean, the May meeting will be held at Rancho Del Oso, the Hoover place, beyond Davenport. It will take the form of a potluck picnic, with members bringing food and their own table service. Coffee will be furnished.

As Rancho Del Oso was a stopping place of the Portola expedition, there will be much of historical interest to be seen and studied there. The time will be Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. Those planning to attend, who did not sign the list last night, were requested to call 1650-J or 70-J-3.

The meeting closed with a refreshment period, with tasty cookies and coffee taking the spotlight.

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