



# NEWSLETTER of the Carpinteria Valley Historical Society

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## CALENDAR

May 24 - Saturday  
Memorial Weekend  
**FLEA MARKET &  
ANNUAL PLANT &  
FLOWER SALE**  
8:00 a.m. - 3 P.M.



May 28 - Wednesday  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING - 6 P.M.**



June 25 - Wednesday  
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**FLEA MARKET**  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 P.M.



July 4 - Friday  
**Happy Independence  
Day!**  
**Museum Closed**



## VALLEY HISTORY

### Ada Lescher's Diary 1893-1896

edited by her granddaughter, Betty Shannon  
excerpted and annotated for *The Grapevine*  
by Roxie Grant Lapidus

*Part III. We continue with the third installment of 12 year old Ada Lescher's schoolgirl diary, discovered in an old trunk by her granddaughter, Betty Shannon. Betty then painstakingly transcribed and edited this lost treasure. Roxie Lapidus has further edited, excerpted and annotated this wonderful view of life as seen through the eyes of a young girl coming of age on a Carpinteria ranch in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

### Spring Time & the Flower Festival

March 21 Tues. Papa took us to school & I got a ride home with Mr. Dimmick. Poor little Duke was sold to the butcher to be killed. Mama pretty near finished my wrapper. It is pretty.

March. 22 Wed. Wind blew most all day & the dust flew all over. Papa & Uncle Theodore trimmed the walnut trees. I went to school & played with Kittie Pyster's ball. It is a daisy bouncer. Mama & Aunt Josie went over to Mr. Ellery's. He is sick with rheumatism. Grace Carden, Emma Grubb, Edith Shepard & Alice Walker all went down to Mrs. Whitehead's to get an oil painted picture.

March 23 Thurs. I went to school & played ball. The other girls rode horseback. We all went up to see old man Lea's house. It is pretty small. Mary Carden came to visit the school. She is an awful cute little girl. Papa, Mama, Aunt Josie & Uncle Theodore all went up to Mr. Knapps They saw Sam. He had been killing 2 pigs.

[“Old man Lea” is probably the Treloars’ Grandpa Charles Lee, who lived in Lillingston Canyon, close to the Rincon School. Myrtle Treloar (Ogan) later recalled the family’s arrival in Carpinteria from northern California in November of that very year, 1893: “Grandma Lee was sick and Grandpa sent for Mother to come to care for her. Mother and I came by stage and train, and then stayed with



*Charles J. Lee ("old man Lea") with wife Sarah Dorkes Lee, c. 1865. In a Carpinteria Herald article published in the 1960s, Albertina Cadwell Rodriguez, life-long friend of the Lee's granddaughter, Carrie Phelps (Sawyer), and schoolmate to Ada Lescher, recalled that Mr. Lee "was a large jolly man...(who) drove by our house each morning about five o'clock with his little horse and cart. He went to Serena and fished off the old wharf...He was very generous and often left us a nice mess of fish." Mr. Lee's account of his arduous trip by ship from New York to the goldfields of California in 1851 was published in this newsletter in November, 2003. Carpinteria Valley Museum of History photo.*

my grandparents until Father arrived by covered wagon with 7 of my 8 brothers and sisters. For a while we lived in a rented house, near the present Donald Bailard home (Casitas Pass Rd. before it turns east), until our house was built next door to Grandpa Lee's house in Lillingston Canyon."]

March 24 Fri. I went to school & lost my ball in the creek. Papa sold Jennie June & Susie Sept. [calves] for \$20. I went with the Grubb children over to Mrs. Chambers. They are having some new dresses made & they are pretty. I gave them some

flowers. We played by our bridge a long time. Edith Shepard staid all night with Emma Grubb yesterday. Mama finished my wrapper.

March 25 Sat. Fine & warm. Papa & Uncle Theodore went up town. They took up the calves that they sold. Mr. & Mrs. Dimmick are calling now. Mr. & Mrs. Marquis came to call this afternoon. Royal went up to Austen & Jimmy Franklin's. Mama & Mrs. Dunn went around in the neighborhood with a partition to be signed. Aunt Josie & I dug up the earth in the garden.

March 26 Sun. I wore my new shoes to Sunday school. They are a fine fit. We had a fine pudding for dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Webster called here this afternoon. Mr. Webster's tongue to his wagon broke.

[This would be Mr. & Mrs. LaTorre Webster, who raised apricots in the valley. They were the parents of Alice & Dean, and lived east of Rincon School on the south side of Casitas Pass Road.]

March 27 Mon. Mama & Aunt Josie went around with the paper to be signed by people. I rode home with them from school. Mrs. Ellery & Frankie came over here.

March 28 Tues. At school us girls are making a play house & we climbed all over a tree that had been cut down. When Emma Grubb & I was coming home from school her dress skirt fell right off to the ground & she said, "Oh, murder!" Mama, Aunt Josie, & Uncle Theodore all went to Santa Paula to a Universalist convention. I have to do all the work, so does Papa.

March. 29 Wed. Papa has just went down to the train for Mama, Aunt Josie & Uncle Theodore.

March. 30 Thurs. Mama, Aunt Josie & Uncle Theodore came home last night. They brought us each a ball and some oranges. The road scraper went by the school house. Aunt Josie & Uncle Theodore went over to Grandpa's this afternoon.

March 31 Fri. At school I played ball most all the time. Charlie Wride dent my dinner pail way in with my ball. We had a Round Table Society this p.m. We talked about the grasshopper. There was a good deal said about them.

April 1 Sat. Today was April Fool's Day & Royal fooled a good many people. I fooled a good many too. Clarence & Irvie Cadwell was over here this p.m. Mama went to town. I took her down & went after her. She got herself a pair of shoes & other things. She got me a red waist for a dress of mine. Papa cut some fox tail [grass] & then we all went over & brought some in.

[The Cadwell children, who were school mates of Royal & Ada, were the grandchildren of patriarch Oren Cadwell, who lived to the west, above Foothill Road (present Monte Val Mar Ranch, east of Santa Monica Creek). Clarence, Irving, Susie & Albertina Cadwell were the children of Andrew Cadwell, and lived on Casitas Pass Road, on what was later the Jack Rock ranch.]

April 2 Sun. Papa & Royal went over after Uncle Theodore & Aunt Josie. They had a good time over there. We all went to the beach & over the hill & got some wild flowers & ferns.

April 3 Mon. We have a new scholar at school. Her name is Carrie Phelps. Edith Shepard sent some mariposa poppies by me to Mama & Aunt Josie. Annie Thacher sent Royal & I each an Easter card. They were pretty ones. All of us but Papa & Mama went to the P.O. We got some mail & other things. Papa worked in the field & hauled in some hay.

[Carrie Phelps was the orphaned granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lee ("old man Lea") of Lillingston Canyon. Her cousins, the Treloars, would arrive in Carpinteria the following November.]

April 4 Tues. At school we played with Alice Walker's ball. Papa, Royal & Uncle Theodore hauled in some hay this p.m. Will Richardson is up & I saw him. I took some flowers to school & a vase. The Youth's Companion came today. It has in it a story of the flower festival at Santa Barbara. Old Tabby has 4 kittens. I am going to have a gray & white one. I call it Tiddleywinks.

April 5 Wed. I went to school. Us girls played ball on the little ground. Carrie Phelps & I got a ride with the Grubb children. Royal's stamps came. The men want him to be an agent for them. There was an earthquake in Santa Barbara yesterday & all along the coast it done some damages. Papa clipped the chickens' wings tonight.

April 6 Thurs. I got a ride to school with Mr. Shepard & a ride home with Mr. Dimmick. Papa & Uncle Theodore went up town. They took up some turkeys and chickens. Royal took his stamps to school. He sold 50 cents worth.

April 7 Fri. I got a ride home from school with Mat Wheeland. Dutard Laughlin was on with him. He had some wild onion blossoms. Uncle Theodore & I went to the P.O. I got a bottle of mucilage. Uncle. T. got some gum for each of us. Mama & Aunt Josie went over to Mr. Ellery's. He is better. She finished up 2 pairs of panties for me.

April 8 Sat. Clear & quite warm. I sweated. I raked my flower garden & then set it out with flowers. Royal set out some beans too. Uncle T. & Royal went to the grocery & got some things. Oscar Stewart is running a store alone. Him & Ed Bailard came in here. Aunt Josie & I went up the Franklin Canyon. It is a beautiful place. We got some wild flowers & ferns.

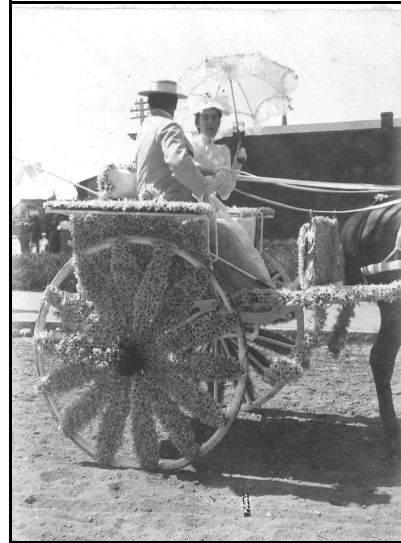
[Oscar Stewart was the older half-brother of Royal & Ada's friends Austin, Jimmie & Helen Franklin.]

April 9 Sun. Very lovely & warm. Royal & I went over to Grandpa's & staid all day. We had a fine time. The first thing we done was to go on the hills & get wild flowers. Then we went over to the grave-yard, & then hitched up Billy & went for a ride. We decorated the horse with ferns. The other folks went up town to church.

April 10 Mon. The trustees decided to have a vacation all this week but today & tomorrow [because of the Flower Festival in Santa Barbara]. Mama & Aunt Josie washed & ironed most of the clothes. Mama baked bread. Papa cut some alfalfa. The wind has spoilt the roses. The chickens scratched in my garden.

[The Leschers had named their home "La Rosa Matorral," or "The Rose Bush." This may have been a double reference, both to the roses growing on the place, and to Rose Lescher herself.]

April 11 Tues. All of them but Royal & I went to the flower festival in the pavilion. They said it was not very good, the wind spoilt the roses so. Edith & Lottie Shepard went up to the carnival already. Royal learnt me a piece that he learnt in school.



*A flowered cart participates in Santa Barbara's Flower Festival parade.*  
Carpinteria Valley Museum of History photo.

April 12 Wed. Warm & lovely, just right for the flower parade. We all went up in 2 rigs. We took our lunch along & ate it in Montecito. We got a good place by the Unity church. I saw lots of Carpinteria folks. The parade was lovely & people went by with loads of flowers. Lots of people got prizes for their decorated buggies.

April 13 Thurs. Emma Grubb & I walked down to the

Aliso School [where Veterans' Memorial building now stands]. It is a pretty noisy one. Mama trimmed my straw hat this morning. Uncle Theodoere & Aunt Josie went up town. They said that it was fine. Royal earned 20 cents by catching gophers. The Cadwell boys are over here now. They are playing with the playthings.

April 14 Fri. At 1 o'clock Uncle T. & Aunt J. took the train to S.B. to stay awhile. Mama finished up my red waist & I wore it to the store to get some magic yeast. Then I went over to Ellerys & got a pattern. The Cadwell boys have been here most all day catching gophers.

April 16 Sun. Maybe the trustees of this district are going to arrest a fellow for cutting down an oak tree on the school ground. We all took a ride over the hill and to the P.O. I pressed some flowers.

April 17 Mon. Mr. Edwards & his son came from S.B at 9 a.m. They took a picture of the house, & after Royal & I came home from school they took our pictures, & the Jersey cows. They took a ride most all over & got some strawberries & we had a strawberry shortcake for supper. They went away at 9 p.m.

April 18 Tues. The wind arose at noon & is blowing now, very hot wind. John Doerr helped Papa haul in hay. Royal has sold all his stamps. Fred Whitehead quit school. His mother went away yesterday & they haven't found her yet. Lottie Shepard's dog followed her to school & we had lots of fun with him.

April 19 Wed. Warm & clear & lovely. At school Edna Derieux & Emma Grubb went in wading. It is a daisy place where we eat dinner—awful cool. Mr. Knapp went up town to get the tickets to go east on. Papa cut some alfalfa for Mr. Livingstone [Lillingston?]. Mrs. Whitehead isn't far from here. She told him to pack up her things & put them in the closet.

["Daisy" is 1890s slang for "great." Ada wrote earlier of Kitty Pyster's ball, which was "a daisy bouncer."]

April 20 Thur. A beautiful day only a little hotter. I went to school & 5 of us girls went in wading in the creek. It was awful nice & cool.

April 21 Fri. Papa & Mama went up town. Uncle Theodore & Aunt Josie gave Papa some money to buy a present with for Royal & I. They got me a Scotch gingham dress. It is pretty. They got Royal 2 waists. They got some tooth powder & other things.

April 22 Sat. Royal went up to Mr. Moore's & got some birds' eggs. He is getting a collection. He is making a cabinet for his eggs. Papa sold \$5 worth of hay to a Spaniard. Mrs. Ellery was over this p.m.

April 23 Sun. I went to Sunday school & staid to church. Didn't get tired as I always do. When I got home they were eating dinner & Grandpa & Grandma were over here. Papa & Mama went to the P.O. Papa found a Chinaman's horse. He tied it up. They came for it tonight.



*Carpinteria Methodist Church, South, c.1893. Museum photo.*

[Ada seems to have attended the Methodist Church. The original Methodist Church was on Santa Monica Road, in Old Town. But in 1892, the year before Ada began her diary, the congregation had acquired a building abandoned by the Methodist Church in Santa Barbara. Bern Franklin reported, "They gave the church building to me and my brother, Gideon, if we would haul it away. We each made either 23 or 24 trips hauling the church to

Carpinteria." Given the difficulty of the winding road around the back side of Ortega Hill, this was a Herculean task. It became known as the Methodist Church South, and still stands on the corner of Maple Avenue and Eighth Street, where it is now home to the Valley Baptist congregation. The old Methodist Church on Santa Monica Road then became the Catholic Church, until St. Joseph's was built.]

April 25 Tues. A lizard came in the school house & crawled all around. At home, a cow came in the yard & ran around the house 2 times. Papa shut it up. The ladies are going to have an entertainment. They wanted Royal to be in it but he will not. He is too darn bashful.

April 26 Wed. At school Dora Grubb, Helen Franklin & I went across the creek & got some wild flowers. We called it "Rightside Creek Park." Royal & 2 other boys went on the mesa & got a hawk's egg. He found 2 linnets' nests with 4 eggs in them. The school is going to give Mr. Gammill a present. We have got \$2.80 collected now. Edith Shepard told me my fortune. It is funny to hear it.

April 27 Thurs. Alice Walker & Emma Grubb went down to the P.O. Emma rode straddle. Grandpa brought over some peas & beets. Mama & I took some over to Mrs. Ellery's.

April 28 Fri. Fanny had a little colt last night. It is awful tame and gentle. We don't know what to name it yet. Emma Grubb & I went into Mrs. Franklin's when we came home from school. She wanted to see what my piece was.

[A "piece" was something memorized & then recited, such as a poem or essay. Learning "pieces" was a big part of schooling at the time.]

April 29 Sat. Royal & I went to a May Day picnic in the afternoon. I had a good time. Had a dish of ice cream & 2 oranges & played games & swang.

April 30 Sun. We all went over to Grandpa's for dinner. I went up to Nellie & Myrtle Westberry's. We went up to the spring & saw 2 big ring snakes [California King snakes?]. I lost my silver ring. I got some stamps over to Grandpa's.

May 1 Mon. I stopped in at Mrs. Franklin's when I went to school & spoke her my piece. Some people had a May Day picnic on the beach. Papa got Mrs. Grubb's bean planter. He worked in the field all day.

May 2 Tues. Emma Smith [the seamstress] came down this morning on the train. A good many people from town started east this morning. Papa planted beans today. Emma Smith started on my shawl.

May 3 Wed. Emma Smith started on my gingham. Is making it quite a pretty way. Papa got some corn of Mr. Webster & tried to get Mr. Moore's corn planter. He finished planting beans at noon. Royal planted a good many peanuts. He got 4 more sheets of stamps to sell.

May 4 Thur. Foggy & gloomy all morning. At school Edith Shepard decorated her horse & buggy at noon. Papa & Royal planted some watermelon seeds. Emma finished up my gingham. I have it on now. Papa & Royal planted some corn tonight. The Cadwell boys came over with old Victor [horse].

[Myrtle Treloar Ogan later recalled that "the Cadwells (Albertina, Clarence, Irving & Susie) had an old white horse which they rode to school. At lunch time it had to be watered, so if there was no water in the creek, 4 or 5 children would climb on and ride it to a neighbor's house for its drink of water."]

May 5 Fri. School was out today. There was a good many there to visit. The scholars gave Mr. Gammill a gold pen. Lottie Shepard & Myrtle Bailard gave him a scarf pin. I wore my new dress to school. They all thought it was pretty.

## Summertime

May 6 Sat. Papa started to paint the spring wagon this morning. I had to go down & get him some stuff. I took Emma Smith over to Mr. Woods' [by the Blood ranch]. Emma Grubb & Edna Derieux came over here this afternoon. I took them home in the surrey. Papa is painting the spring wagon citron yellow & dark green. Royal went up to Mr. Giles' & staid all day [Gobernador Cyn]. He went on the mountain & had some trout.

May 7 Sun. Charlie Woods came over this morning. This afternoon we all went up to Mrs. Blood's. She is quite sick. Mama took her up some flowers. I found my silver ring. I saw the Westberry girls. They have a horse. I got some pretty pinks. We have a fire in the grate tonight.

May 8 Mon. Foggy & damp all day. Papa went over to Mr. Ellery's & bought some potatoes. I caught cold & my head is stopped up.

May 9 Tues. We all went up town.. I had 2 of my teeth filled. It cost \$5. Mama got a new dress & had an old hat trimmed over. We rode on the boulevard, & went & called on Aunt Josie & Uncle Theodore. We saw the Thachers. Emma Smith rode down with us as far as Cravens corner.

May 10 Wed. Papa varnished the spring wagon. The wheels are citron yellow. Royal went up to Mr. Franklin's. He earned 5 cents. I bought 2 cents worth of stamps. Charlie Wride bought 5 cents worth.

May 11 Thurs. Papa washed the surrey & started to varnish it. I sprinkled some of the road with the hose. Royal & I went over to Nellie Woods to sell some stamps. I got a lot of vegetable seeds. A tramp came in here to get something to

eat this a.m. We got the trout of Mr. Giles today. I took some flowers to Mrs. Tobey. Mrs. Ellery & Ed just came over to spend the evening.

May 12 Fri. Royal rode Dan up to Mr. Giles. He saw a rattlesnake. Papa finished varnishing the surrey. I went up to Helen Franklin's. Dora & Lena Grubb was there. We had lots of fun. We wheeled the baby, Maud.

May 13 Sat. The Thachers & Smiths came down from Santa Barbara & we went over to Shepard's canyon for a picnic. We had a gay time. We took a ride over the hill when we came home. Papa just took them down to the train in the new painted rig.

[Shepard's Canyon was the site of Shepard's Inn, which had opened 3 years before. The 30-mile road from Ojai to Carpinteria over Casitas Pass had opened in 1878, providing an alternative to driving along the beach at Rincon (impassable at high tide). The James Shepard family had agreed to make their ranch a stagecoach stop. From this was born Shepard's Inn, which thrived from 1890-1921, when James & Belle Shepard retired. Their daughter Edith was Ada's school chum. Lottie Shepard, another of Ada's friends, was apparently Edith's first cousin, and lived in the vicinity of Shepard's Mesa. A third Shepard brother, John Stanley Shepard, would move to Rincon Canyon in 1898 and develop the resort called Stanley Park.]



*Long a popular picnic locale, this Shepard Canyon picnic occurred a few years later on July 4, 1896. Surrounded by their neighbors and friends, Zach Lescher can be seen in the center of the photo holding Ada's new baby sister, Julia, with Royal in front and Ada standing behind Zach. Rose Lescher, wearing a dark hat with white flowers, is seen on the lower center right sitting in front of the row of darkly dressed gentlemen. Lescher Dowling family photo.*

May 14 Sun. I set out some flowers & so did Royal. I got some land of him for \$.02. When we came back from the P.O. we stopped at Mrs. Ellery's. Mr.

Webster's were there. We got some turnips.

May 15 Mon. I rode Dandy while Papa was planting some beans. Royal set out some peach trees. Aunt Hat & her son & his wife & children were here this p.m. She took the picture of the house & Jersey cows. Then we all went down to the beach. Mrs. Blood is worse. Mr. Blood's horse ran away.

May 16 Tues. Frankie Ellery came over & Mama showed her her dresses. An old drunken man came in here. He wanted to know where Mr. Waggar was & he swore.

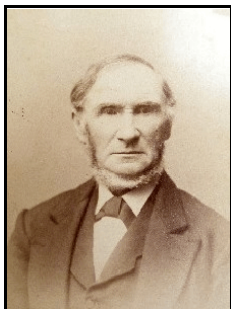
May 18 Thur. I cut some wood this morning. I helped churn. Royal & I played meat man. A tramp came in here tonight. He is going to sleep in our barn. Between 4 & 5 there was quite an earthquake.

May 19 Fri. A gypsy girl & boy came in here this morning. We gave them some walnuts. I cleaned off the bean flour & earned 10 cents. I rode on Dandy this p.m. & Helen Franklin rode on Lucy. We went to the school house & up to Moores'.

May 20 Sat. Papa & Mama went to town. Royal & I staid here alone. All the Franklin children came here & staid all the afternoon. We had lots of fun. Mama got me a hat, and got a stamped leather belt for Daisy Wiswell. She saw Uncle Theodore & Aunt Josie. Saloon burnt down at 2 a.m.

May 21 Sun. Grandpa & Grandma came & staid to dinner. We all went to the beach but the tide was in so we could not get any shells. Then we went riding & then over to Mr. Ellery's. I went out & saw the windmill. Royal & I played blacksmith.

May 22 Mon. Hot as blazes. Mama washed & I scrubbed the porches. Papa & Royal hauled over some fox tail [grass]. They put 2 loads on the road. Royal's letter was in the Union Signal.



"Grandpa" Royal Wiswell.

[This practice of putting dried grass on the roads was recalled by Ada's contemporary, Ed Bailard: "All the roads were dirt, and the men covered them with straw to hold down the dust. Once in a while someone would drop a 'roll-your-own' cigarette and burn up some of the straw, and they would have to get some new straw spread around." Myrtle Treloar (Ogan), a few years younger than Ada, recalled the dusty roads: "On Sundays we went to Sunday school and church in the spring wagon, always stopping to take Emma, Dora and Lena Grubb with us. Mother made dusters for us to wear over our good clothes." On the other hand, promotional material touting the wonders of the Carpinteria Valley spoke of "the great asphaltum deposit from which cities are now being paved, is at this point affording a free supply of the best paving material yet discovered" (1887).]

May 24 Wed. Mr. & Mrs. Smith from Santa Barbara came down horseback. Then we all went up the Walker canyon & saw the ostriches. We took our lunch along & ate it up there. When we came home he looked around on the Richardson & Grubb place. Charlie Armour is digging a well in front of our house to sprinkle the roads.

May 26 Fri. Emma Smith made Mama a cape & started on my silk dress. I hung around the well most all day. I gave the men some oranges. Royal went bird nest hunting with Clarence & Irvie Cadwell but did not get any eggs. He is going to sell his air gun tomorrow. The lamp chimney broke right in our faces at supper time.

May 27 Sat. Cloudy & cold all day. Emma Smith finished up my dress. I went with Papa down to Oscar's grocery store. The well is deep & muddy.

May 28 Sun. I took my bath but did not go to Sunday School.

We all went down to the P.O. in the p.m. Mama gave some roses to Mrs. Doerr. Papa fixed my pocket book this morning & made some candy.

May 29 Mon. Papa took some roses down to the train to Miss Gould as she is going home. This afternoon him & Royal went out in the field with a weed-knife. I took some spools over to Ruth Cadwell. Grace Carden came over horseback to see me. The well diggers are down 9 feet and it is awful muddy. I dug a ditch for the water to run in.

May 30 Tues. Mama went down to the W.C.T.U. meeting. Frankie Ellery came over here this morning after some oil paints of Mama's. Mr. Bliss bought a dollar's worth of alfalfa hay. The well diggers were awful lazy today. They are not down far.



"Grandma" Melinda Wiswell.

May 31 Wed. When Papa & Royal were weeding the beans, the tongue broke & they went down & had it fixed. Mr. Morse came here & tried to sell a coffee pot to Mama. Mr. Webster came in & him & Papa talked a long time on railroad affairs. Mama finished my drawers. Mr. Anderson brought back the hay rack.

June 1 Thur. There was quite an earthquake this morning at 10 min. of 4 o'clock. Papa & Royal finished weeding the beans. They went down to the P.O. & his shirts came. We sent some butter up by Hayes Anderson. Mr. Ellery walked over here 2 times.

June 2 Fri. Papa went up town to a trial. He got some candy & strawberries & bananas. We had a strawberry short cake for supper. Mama took up the carpet in her room. Dora Grubb & I went out riding. When I came home Charlie Wride & Clarence Cadwell was over here & we played hide & go seek. Made caps out of bean sacks.

June 3 Sat. Royal & I went up to the Franklin Canyon with the Wrides. Went up to the falls & Lover's Leap. Royal got some bird eggs. A Spanish boy named Pablo helped Papa haul in hay. Mama had company.

June 5 Mon. Papa, Royal & the Wride boys hauled in some hay. I went over to Emma Grubb's. We played house. Papa got some candy & gum this afternoon.

June 6 Tues. I swang in the hammock. Grandpa came over this morning to leave his buggy here & I rode his horse. I went over to Emma Grubb's & took her up to Helen Franklin's. Mama went calling on 2 persons.

[Grandpa Wiswell was preparing to head east to the World's Fair, in Chicago.]

June 7 Wed. Papa & I hoed some beans with Dan [the horse]. Papa & Mama cleaned the dining room. Mr. Gammill came here this morning to see us. The Wride boys come over here every night.



June 8 Thurs. Papa, Royal & I took Dan, Dexter & Lady May to pasture. We came home on the beach & saw some boys digging clams. This afternoon we all went down & got some ice cream & it was fine. All but Papa went over to Mr. Ellery's tonight.

June 9 Fri. Papa, Royal & I went down to the train to see Grandpa & Grandma start to the World's Fair. Then we went down to the beach & dug some clams. We had them tonight for supper. We went down to the wharf to see a steamer land.

June 10 Sat. Papa & Royal went to Santa Barbara & got lots of good things. Royal got his money out of the bank. He had \$4. Mama & I cleaned the stairs & took up the carpet & swept the parlor & bedroom. Mama cleaned out the trunk so as to have it ready when [we] go east.

June 11 Sun. I wore my silk dress & new shoes to Sunday School. This afternoon we all went up to Mrs. Blood's. She is better. I went to see the Westberry girls. Nellie is eleven years old. Mama got some pinks.

June 12 Mon. The Wride boys came over here tonight & we had lots of fun playing games. Only they stink of onions awful. Mama packed some of the trunk.

June 13 Tues. Royal planted some sweet potatoes. He went bird nest hunting with the Cadwell boys. He got one egg, & yesterday 13. Mama went over to the W.C.T.U. meeting.

June 14 Wed. I went over to Mr. Ellery's this morning & got a knife to sucker corn with. Papa & Royal done it. We all went down to the beach to get shells but did not find any. There was some other girls down there that had been in bathing.

June 15 Thur. Papa & Mama went up town & got me a fan, a paper called "Youth" & lots of other things. Royal went up to Mr. Franklin's & had a good time. I went up to Alice Webster's & staid all day. I went in wading, teetered, played house & laid around. Carrie Phelps was over there all day too.

*To be continued in the next issue of "The Grapevine."*




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## MUSEUM NEWS

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### FLEA MARKET TO INCLUDE FLOWER & PLANT SALE

Don't miss the big Memorial Weekend Flea Market on **Saturday, May 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 P.M.** on the museum grounds.

A beautiful plant & flower sale is planned for this event. Over thirty local nurseries will donate many, many varieties of cut flowers, orchids, garden, and houseplants to this museum benefit. Support the work of the historical society while beautifying your home and garden!



The market also features the usual array of antiques, collectibles, hand-crafted gifts, and bargains on used goods of every description including furniture, jewelry, clothing, household, tools, toys, and more. Nearly 70 vendors will fill the museum courtyard, parking lot, and Wullbrandt annex for this popular fund-raising event.

Tax-deductible donations of your quality used items are accepted any time prior to the day of the market and are greatly appreciated. 🌻

### MUSEUM RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

The museum has recently received two grants in support of our operating fund. **The Ann Jackson Family Foundation** has once again contributed **\$3,000** and we wish to acknowledge Mr. Palmer Jackson for his continued confidence in our work.

We also wish to thank Mr. Jack Baker and the **Wallis Foundation** for a grant of **\$10,000** to further support the preservation and exhibition of our rich local history.

We deeply appreciate the sustained support of both of these generous foundations.

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## MEMORIALS

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**MARGERY CRONSHAW:** Pat Latham.

**BILL DANSON:** Tom & Anita Lewis.

**DOROTHY GARY:** Nan & Marty Panizzon; Tom & Anita Lewis; Betty Doop Zittel.

**MARILYN BARBER GONZALES:** Martha Hickey; Mavis Hansen; Mary Alice Coffman; Phyllis Hansen; David Griggs; Tom & Anita Lewis.

**JUNE GUTHRIE:** Lucerne & Bob Hamer.

**GEORGE HOLSTEN:** Bonnie Milne; LeeAnn & Dick Morris; Steve Martinet & the North Kaibab Ranger District Employee Association; Valerie Riddle; Tom & Beth Ramey.

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