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The Pomengia Building in San Jacinto represents the 1899 earthquake damage in the San Jacinto Valley.

(Internet Photo: E.W. Claypole)

The 1899 San Jacinto Christmas Day Earthquake

Reprint January 13, 1900, Riverside Daily Press

The Murrieta correspondent of the Perris New Era writes that paper as follows:

"About two-thirds of the houses in this vicinity have been slightly damaged. It moved the Linda Rosa hotel, that is three miles south of us, about eight inches; the house was put up in boom times and is a beautiful building, about the size of the Bordwell in Riverside, so you can judge of the power; again, it moved a car from the platform of the station down to the crossing about fifty feet below, the car was loaded with hay and weighed about twenty-five tons car and all. The bell on the locomotive at Temecula was rung with much violence. About two and a half miles from here an adobe house belonging to Mr. Gonzales was completely ruined. The house was finely furnished, but everything has been abandoned; at present they sleep in their barn. The milk house was adobe and the front end fell out.

On the Pauba Ranch twelve miles southeast of here it ruined the dwelling house of the superintendent of the ranch by demolishing the foundation. It seems as if the brick and adobe buildings got the worst of it, as they rest so firmly on the ground. Six miles east of here it threw a bell out of the belfry of the Alamos school house, and most all the plaster was shaken off. Our country is pretty thin down this way, you know, we have the hottest spring

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Calendar Of Events

Monday, July 28 – 6 p.m.

Authors Max Kurillo and David Kier present: *The Old Missions of Baja and Alta California*, a Power Point presentation of the complete story of the missions. They recently published a book on the subject telling "the Mission story like you have never seen or realized before".

Monday, August 25 – 6 p.m.

Archaeologist Shelby Castells presents: Nate Harrison. Nate Harrison was born into slavery in 1832 and lived on Palomar Mountain. Shelby participated in the 2005 excavation at Harrison's cabin. She will tell what items were discovered and what conclusions the team made from analysis of those items. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Temecula Valley Museum and will be in the air conditioned comfort of the Temecula Conference Center at the Temecula Civic Center.

Welcome New Members:

Fernando Alejandr 

Thank you for renewing your membership:

Garth & Janice Bricker
Cheryl Cady
Vince & Audrey Cilurzo
Jim and Mary Corona
Dean & Suzanne Dechert
Dr. David Elliott
Rod & Charlene Fink
Julie Gilbert
David Elliott and
Dr. Anne Miller

Earthquake (Continued from Page 1)

in California – the Murrieta Hot Springs are 165 degree Fr. The big quake made them flow four inches higher and opened a fresh cold water spring right beside the hot springs.”

Researcher's Note: The estimated Magnitude 6.7 San Jacinto Earthquake struck on December 25, 1899. An adobe wall fell and killed six people on the Soboba Indian Reservation. The San Jacinto business district was destroyed and many Riverside brick buildings sustained heavy damage.

Temecula News **100 years ago**

C. G. Tripp started his auto stage from Temecula to Aguanga and return last Thursday. He has had more passengers speak for rides than he could accommodate
(July 8, 1914, Riverside Daily Press, Aguanga column)

Temecula, July 31 – A party will be held in Swanguen Hall, Temecula, on Saturday evening, August 1st. Ice cream will be served and games played. The National Ripsaw gang of Temecula will not miss the big feature.

A club of four from here is going to attend business college in Riverside. The students will be Arthur Escallier, Lola and Waldo Swanguen, Johnny Cantarini, and perhaps, Jessie Smith.

Ole Larson purchased a new Indian motorcycle from F. L. Fernald.

George Friedemann is on a weekend vacation at the beach.

Ray Fernald and his helper, Arthur Escallier, extracted 110 cases of light honey.

Joe Winkels has been ill, but is now feeling better.

The big grey cat of Mac Machado died about three weeks ago.

(July 31, 1914, Riverside Daily Press)

Large Cattle Shipment

A special train of fattened cattle has just been shipped from the Pauba Rancho, near Temecula. These were sent to the meat dealers in Los Angeles. The train consisted of 10 cars and each car contained 29 head of cattle.

(August 1, 1914, Riverside Independent Enterprise)

Murrieta News 100 years ago

July 7, 1914
Riverside Independent
Enterprise

8th Grade Graduates

Murrieta

Katherine Tuffield, Catherine
Buchanan, Rosa Sykes,
Lewis Dickerson

Temecula

Elizabeth Leedy, Cecil Bell,
Zoe B. Rudd

Pujol

Florence Thompson

Hyatt

Alice C. Roripaugh

Antelope

Grover Guthrie

Ray Guthrie

Aguanga

Mattie Singletary

July 9, 1914
Riverside Daily Press

A very quiet Fourth in our town. Thompson Bros.' harvester is making the only noise in sight.

Ainsworth and Fallis shipped a car of wheat Tuesday, the first of this season.

The honey cases and cans are still coming in. We have a big honey crop of fine quality.

H. Zimmerman was the storekeeper while Mr. Ainsworth was away.

Urban Tarwater went to San Diego to spend the Fourth.

A Complication of Offences

Another Indian gets into Jail for Petit Larceny

On Saturday Constable Billy Faine [sic] brought to the County Jail an Indian named Cervantes Chutnickle who was sentenced by Justice Machado to twenty days in jail for petit larceny. It seems that one day last week Jacob Juror, a German living in the northeast part of Warner's Ranch missed some articles from his home. He suspected the Indian and Constable Faine soon located the articles in Chutnickle's rancherie. He therefore arrested him and took him to Temecula where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced as above. In explaining the matter, however, he stated that he was at Juror's house and had purchased some liquor of him on which he got drunk and while drunk committed the larceny. On this statement Juror has been arrested and will be tried for selling liquor to Indians.

(April 14, 1890, San Diego Union)

TVHS Receives New American Flag

The Society was honored at our June meeting with the donation of a new American Flag. The Omaha Woodmen of the World, a non-profit dedicated to distributing new American Flags to other non-profits that are in need of a flag. This organization is the second largest distributor of American Flags, only surpassed by the Federal Government. Mr. Ray Register of the organization presented the flag to TVHS, and after posting it in a new base at the front of the meeting room – led us in the opening Flag Salute. What a special privilege it was. Look for our new Flag at next month's meeting.



A group of 30 members and guests attended the TVHS sponsored-tour of the Murrieta Hot Springs on June 19th. Our docents were Malcolm Barnett and Tony Guenther. (Photo by Roger Cudé)

**Temecula News
83 years ago**

Temecula, Feb. 21 – Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnett were honored last Friday with an old fashioned charivari.

About 9 o'clock friends of the young couple surprised them by arriving at their home and starting a noise that made the echoes ring. Whist was played until a late hour, when cake, coffee and candy were served.

The grammar school children were treated to a talk on Lindbergh and a show Thursday afternoon.

Bob White is making a few repairs on his miniature golf course, and just as soon as the weather permits the course will be open for play.

Ralph Barnett of Murrieta Hot Springs and Mary Sutherland of Elsinore announced their engagement last Monday evening and will be married next Monday night at the Masonic hall in Elsinore.

February 21, 1931,
Riverside Daily Press

Please join us for a
"Meet & Greet" time
at 5:30 PM on
Monday, July 28th,
prior to the meeting
at 6:00 PM.

We would like to get to
know you.
REFRESHMENTS
will be served!

President's Message by Dick Fox

By any measure I feel that TVHS can be proud of our 1st Annual Graduating Seniors Scholarship project. We met three of the graduates at our May meeting, and were honored to meet the 4th recipient, Ms. Claire Gatzky at our June 23 meeting.

As follow-up to this project a one-time committee was appointed at our May meeting to review the project and make a recommendation to the board as to whether to continue, and if so in what form. The committee decided to recommend that we continue next year in the same format as was done this year – participate with the Dollars for Scholars organization. The board concurred, so now we have to work on raising \$\$ to build up the Scholarship Designated Funds area of our bank account.

To avoid conflicting with our annual meeting, it was decided to work on a fund-raising spaghetti dinner. A couple of possible venues were discussed. Stay tuned.

Dick Fox,
President TVHS

From the Archives:

Catholic Indians: Father Ubach says the Messiah Craze won't affect them.

Rev. Father Ubach has returned from a visit among the northern rancheries [sic] of the county. He says the Indians have not yet learned of the Messiah craze that is arousing the Sioux country and that if they do hear it they will not be in the least affected. They are the descendants of the neophytes of the missions – the Luisenos and Dieguenos – whom the Spanish friars Christianized and they all hold tenaciously to the faith of their ancestors. Should anything be heard of this matter, Father Ubach says they would at once seek him and hear what he had to say. They are a very different people from the Indians in the interior and do not readily take up with new ideas.

At the Pitchango [sic] rancherie [sic], near Temecula, Father Ubach baptized eight children, at Pauma five, at Rincon two and also married a couple of full-blooded Indians, at La Joya [sic] he baptized five more. At Pitchango [sic] the Indians were working on the foundation for their 24 X 60 foot adobe chapel and they had nearly 5,000 "adobes" ready for the walls. He set ten or fifteen more Indians at it to make enough of these bricks to complete the structure before the rains should interfere, and marked off a sacristy on one side and a priest's room on the other, to be added. Jim Banks of Temecula is superintending the building. (November 21, 1890, San Diego Union)