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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, January 21 - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10:00 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,
1550 Diablo Road, Danville, Speaker: John
Ferris on "Tracing Lost Persons".
- Saturday, January 25 - Contra Costa County Genealogical Society Workshop
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Contra Costa County Water
District Center, 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord.
Fee is \$8.00. Bette Kot and Carlton Smith will
speak on "Getting the Most for Your Genealogical
Research Dollar"
- Tuesday, January 28 - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
trip to National Archives in San Bruno.
Rosemary Kennedy, staff member, will give
orientation on use of Archives. Meet at 8:30 a.m.
behind Alpha Beta on Diablo Road for carpooling.
Bring 25¢ for locker fee. Brown bag or restaurants
nearby.
- Tuesday, January 28 - San Ramon Valley Community Center Genealogy
Workshop "Research Your Family Tree" by Bonnie
McNamara will meet at San Ramon Valley High
School for four sessions. Fee is \$30 and prior
registration is required. Contact 820-8886.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With a new year at hand, here is a resolution I suggest: MAKE PROGRESS IN MY GENEALOGY! This can be resolved by TIME, PLACE, KNOW-HOW and ACTION.

1. Write letters, explore resources, file and record information. These take TIME. If necessary, I must set aside a regular time each week just for genealogy-and keep that date with myself.
2. I will set aside a PLACE for files, books and supplies. Having the right materials accessible is conducive to progress.
3. I will expand my KNOW-HOW. I will read genealogies, periodicals, attend genealogy classes and workshops, join appropriate genealogical/historical societies...local for learning and sharing information...elsewhere, for specific information on locals of my interest.

4. ACTION - I will make phone calls, write letters, order books or information-and do all of the above. 1986 may be the year of a big breakthrough, an unexpected connection, some vital new information, but I won't make progress if I don't resolve to do it.

Happy, successful 1986 - Jean Blackmur

THE JOINER by Mary-Ella Jones Parrott, Joiner

The FLAGON AND TRENCHER SOCIETY was formed twenty years ago to celebrate descent from a person conducting a tavern, inn, ordinary or other type of hostelry prior to 4 July 1776. It is interesting to note that the first person so designated was aboard the Mayflower and empowered to mete out portions from the ever-present rum barrel. This group publishes COLONIAL TAVERNKEEPERS, biographies and meets yearly to dine and entertain as in the 17th Century.

LETTERHEAD/LOGO

We received four enteries in our contest. Each will be used as a newsletter heading. Then the society will vote on which will be our permanent logo/letterhead.

CLASSES BY BETTE KOT

Beginning and intermediate classes have been postponed. Salt Lake City preparation classes will be held as scheduled.

TAPING SPEAKERS

Does any member have the equipment to tape our speakers? Contact Dorothy or Jean.

BOOK REVIEW BY JEAN BLACKMUR

"Lake Wobegon Days" by Garrison Keillor, currently high on best seller lists, is particularly appealing to genealogists. If you are Norwegian and from Minnesota, it's a 'must'. Filled with warmth and humor, it is a delightful portrait of small-town American life with just the sort of local and personal observations we should all be making of our own families and hometowns.

HERE AND THERE

BEATRICE BAYLEY, INC. - In Dane County, Wisconsin, Circuit Judge Richard W. Bardwell, ruled that a computer listing of people with the same last names cannot be marketed as a 'family heritage book'. The Judge ruled that the company's post card solicitations to Wisconsin residents are grossly misleading and the company should pay a \$1,500 fine for violating a 1980 consent judgment. Hurrah for the Justice Departments' Office of Consumer Protection, who instituted this case.

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CALIFORNIA STATE
INDEXES

- Indexes available at the Contra Costa Records Office, 822 Main Street, Martinez: Grooms Index 1949-1972; Brides Index 1949-1972; Death Index 1905-1939 and 1949-1969; Birth Index is not available to public but they will look up a name for 1905-1924 and 1949-1972.