



Then & Now

TULARE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"PRESERVING TULARE'S HISTORY"

SUMMER 2016

"Joy" Brought To The Heritage Art Gallery



The Heritage Art Gallery at THM is currently awash with color, with local artist Nonnie Rhoades' latest exhibition, "Joy From Me To You."

The 89 pieces of vibrant art, a mixture of oils, watercolors, and mixed media, will be on display through September 10th.

Nonnie, a resident of Tulare, is a member of the Tulare Palette Club, the Arts Consortium in Visalia, and the Alliance of California Artists in Fresno.

Left: **"Moonshine"** -Oil
Right Top: **"Flowers in the Rough"**

-Mixed Media

Right Bottom: **"Boa Nova"**
-Watercolor



"Scratchers" Fundraiser

Do you love playing Lotto scratchers? How about playing THM's new version, with a twist...all "winning donations" go to THM to help in our mission to preserve Tulare history!!

Between now and September 21st, you can play the THM Fund 2 Rai\$e scratchers game, by visiting the Museum or contacting any of the Board of Trustees members.

The rules are simple...

- 1) Scratch off two or more stars on the scratcher card.
- 2) Total the donation amounts revealed. Amounts range from 75 cents to 3 dollars.
- 3) Total will be the amount which player donates to THM.

While all cash prizes go to THM, if your scratchers total \$5, the player will receive one free anytime guest pass to the Museum. And if the scratchers total \$10, the player will receive 2 guest passes.

We hope you'll take part in, and enjoy our new, fun, low-cost donation game!

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Kudos to...

* All of the artists of the Tulare Palette Club, for their great work in their annual 'Spring Art Show'. Extra kudos goes to this year's featured artist Bethany Phillips, and the Best of Show winner Cassandra Richter, for her winning work entitled 'Wise One'.



"Wise One"

* All of the supporters of our annual Reverse Drawing fundraiser, and special kudos to all of the prize winners.

* Crystal Garcia, THM intern from College of the Sequoias. For half a semester, Crystal provided invaluable behind the scenes help with our collections management system. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

* Mrs. Jacobsen and her students at Garden School from the past 2015-2016 school year, for being the winners of THM's "Adopt An Animal" contest. With their winning submission, our inquisitive wood duck on display is now named Mr. Woodster!

* Helen McCourt, retiring as our long-time coordinator of the THM Gift Shop. Helen assisted and supported THM in many ways throughout her time here, and her retirement is well deserved!

* Joanie Ingram, retiring as one of our long-time Docents. Joanie also assisted and supported THM in many ways throughout her time here, especially providing invaluable support with our school tours. It's hard to say the number of school children she led through here over the years! Joanie's retirement is also well deserved!

* Don LeBaron for holding his great photographic retrospective "Custom Memories" in the Heritage Art Gallery. Extra kudos for the great 'Sunday @ 2' program "Don LeBaron & 'Bloody Gold' Revisited," which Don so lovingly entertained a capacity crowd with.

* Outgoing TCHS Board of Trustees members JoAnne Watte and Anne Hoffman. JoAnne served on the Historical Society board since 2013, and Anne served since 2010 and served as President for the last two years. Thank you both for your service and hard work!

* New TCHS Board of Trustees member Deborah Thrasher. We look forward to your service and hard work!

Museum Schedule of Events

JULY

- July 17** - Museum open for free, 12:30-4:00pm.
Special "Sunday @ 2" program: Don LeBaron & 'Bloody Gold' Revisited.
Final day of 'Custom Memories' exhibit.
- July 20** - Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting, 5:15pm, Audio-Visual Room.
- July 28** - "Joy From Me To You" Paintings by Nonnie Rhoades exhibit opens.
Reception 5:00-7:00pm

AUGUST

- Aug 17** - Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting, 5:15pm, Audio-Visual Room.

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 10** -Final day of "Joy From Me To You" exhibit
- Sep 15** -James Stark photography exhibition opens.
Reception 5:00-7:00pm
- Sep 18** -Museum open for free, 12:30-4:00pm.
- Sep 21** -Tulare City Historical Society Board of Trustees meeting, 5:15pm, Audio-Visual Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 24:** 26th Annual Taste Treats In Tulare.
- November 10:** Bob Goetting art exhibition.

Memorial & Honorary Contributions

* Contributions received as of August 10th

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IN HONOR OF

Ellie Tragen

Irving Tragen

Curator's Corner

In July, I began my first full fiscal year as your Executive Director-Curator. At our Board of Trustees first meeting of the year, I presented a "State of the Museum" presentation. I'd like to present highlights of those remarks to you now, because it is you, the supporters of THM who created the Museum, and it is because of you that our doors stay open day after day. It goes without saying that we can't do it without you, but it bears repeating... we can't do it without you!

The Tulare Historical Museum has a long and solid history, since the Tulare City Historical Society began its important work in 1980. While different volunteers, staff and Trustee members have come and gone with the normal march of time, the main purpose of the Museum has always been kept true. That is because the Museum, and more importantly its mission, is bigger than any one person. As long as THM always holds true to its main purpose, it will continue to hold strong 100 years from now, after other generations of volunteers, staff and Trustee members have come and gone. I am proud to be a part of it, for but a brief moment.

One of the biggest things which we have focused on for the past three years (yes, it's been that long already!), is a changing of mind-sets. It is our desire for people to be completely invested, hearts and minds, in the appreciation of Tulare's history...our history. I've said before, that our shared history as a family of Tulareans, can connect us deeper to our own personal family histories. Tulare's heritage, good, bad or indifferent, tells us who we are. And our heritage is strong, and should not be taken for granted, but rather appreciated. Appreciated through the verbal stories and reminiscences, through the physical structures like our historic buildings Downtown and homes throughout town, through our landmarks like the Tower Square clock tower, Adohr milkmaid statue, Olympic Cauldron at TUHS, B-17 and F-4 planes at Melford Field and the field's hangar, among others. And last but not least, appreciated through the valuable artifacts housed and on display at the Tulare Historical Museum.

I'm happy to say that mind-set is changing, and it is changing for the better! I hear it through the remarks and personal stories that I have the good fortune of hearing from our members and our guests. We've seen our Facebook page dramatically jump to 2,000 'likes' since we began our presence there. We're not a celebrity Facebook page by any means, but for a small category non-profit Museum, I think that says something...our fan base is Awe-

some!

Here at the Tulare Historical Museum, people are realizing that history is much more than just rote memorization of names and dates for a school test (apologies to the history teachers/professors out there!) or just looking at a "bunch of old stuff." History is about establishing a personal connection between the past and the present, on in to the future. "If this antique object could talk, think of the stories it could tell us!", I tell people. And in many instances, "Think of how many lives that object has directly or indirectly affected, in many different ways, over the years!" In order to help You feel a deeper connection to the past, as well as to yourself, We will continue to do Our part with championing historical advocacy here in Tulare. Our city's history is not relegated

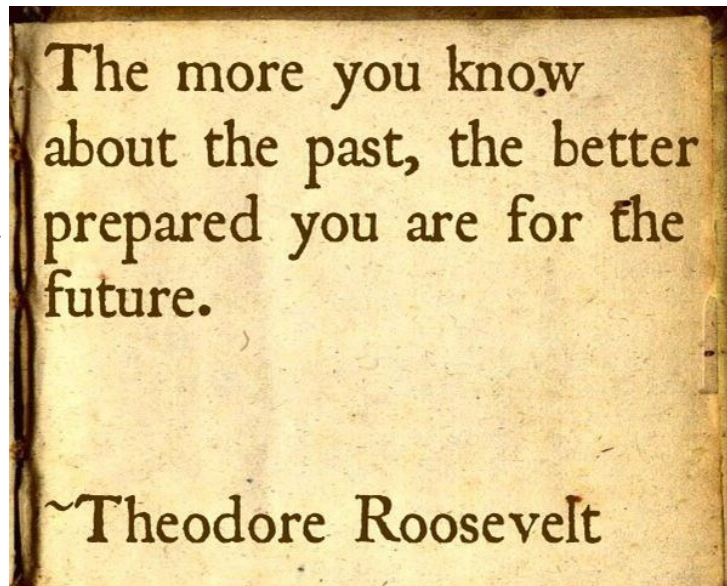
only within the walls of THM; it is around us every single day...IF we choose to seek it out and appreciate it. Many do, and it is our hope that many more will continue to jump on board, and also respect and appreciate what they see around them.

As time marches on, we will continue to update and freshen up our amazing 31 year old building, in many ways. For example, we will ensure that we have the best lighting possible, to help keep our great artifacts preserved. And

along with a little elbow grease, and a coat of paint here and there, we will ensure that we keep THM as the true gem among small museums in California, as it has been for the past 30 years!

Year-round fundraising, unfortunately is the nature of the beast for any non-profit organization. So as we continue with ours, I want to ensure that Every donor feels and knows that their monetary contributions are worth it...whether it's \$5, \$50, or \$500. You should continue to see it through the physical appearance of the Museum, through the creation of its displays, and through our various programs and art exhibitions. As you'll read later in this newsletter, you'll also see how our gift shop inventory is continually expanding, to provide even more relevant historical material which our members and guests are requesting. And we also continue to provide a historical newsworthy newsletter for your enjoyment as well.

I can tell you, this fiscal year will see much going on here at your Museum; and with your continued efforts, it will be rewarding work for the Tulare Historical Museum and for Tulare history!



TULARE TRIVIA

From the Files of Tulare Newspapers:

The Daily Tulare Register; Thur. July 15, 1920:

"Local Briefs:

Harold McCourt announces that arrangements have been made with the Lindsay Post of the American Legion for McCourt's orchestra to furnish the music for the street dances being held in that city under the auspice of the Legion."

Tulare Advance-Register; Wed. June 30, 1948:

"These Registered:

Bob Mathias, relaxing with a comic book while a house full of admirers are running around like chickens with their heads off.

Mrs. Carlton Kinder, who learned after two weeks of sweltering in her home that the register to her air cooler had been closed since December.

Don Hillman, up bright and early getting his 'routine' out of the way so his conscience wouldn't bother him when he took time out for the Mathias celebration."

Tulare Advance-Register; Fri. Aug. 6, 1948:

"These Registered:

Coach Virgil Jackson, picketing the Western Union office from 7 am on—waiting for 'news from London.'

W.H. Katz, Santa Fe Trailways district passenger agent, pinch hitting behind the counter and even getting the hang of brewing coffee."

Tulare Advance-Register; Sat. Aug. 29, 1948:

"These Registered:

Rookie Highway Patrolmen, just arrived in the county, getting a super-duper traffic initiation bringing the Mathias caravan down 99 to Tulare."

Tulare Advance-Register; Tues. June 28, 1949:

"These Registered:

Patrolman John LaMarr, hanging 'no parking' signs along the parade route.

Right-handed Sheriff Ben Gurr, wearing his pistol on the left side; it's better on the draw, he says.

Robert Mello, Boston, haggard but ready for the decathlon after hitchhiking to Tulare from New York; getting to California was seven-day affair for Mello."

Tulare Advance-Register; Tues. July 22, 1952:

"These Registered:

Earl Nelson, back from Korea, roping calves for pastime. Zaven Egoian, denying that the second shock felt in Tulare yesterday was him falling out of bed after the first earthquake tremor.

S.B. (Si) Tyler and John Africa, turning cartwheels when hearing that Sim Iness had won the Olympic discus championship."

Tulare Advance-Register; Fri. July 25, 1952:

"These Registered:

John Africa, planning an all-night vigil by the Associated Press teletype for Olympic decathlon results."

Tulare Advance-Register; Sat. July 26, 1952:

"Tule Tim's Corner:

To Si Tyler, John Africa, Et Al:

The Advance-Register and Hotel Tulare thank you from the very bottom of their hearts for our help in conducting their community decathlon party yesterday and today, and I'm sure the many people who enjoyed listening to the decathlon results and watching the big scoreboard join me in this vote of thanks."

Tulare Advance-Register; Tue. July 29, 1952:

"These Registered:

John Africa, conducting a decathlon for Academy street boys.

Charlie Whiteside, pondering earthquake insurance."

Tulare Advance-Register; Aug. 28, 1952:

"These Registered:

Tulare Bandmaster Gordon Lowe, guest conductor as the marine corps band played Souza's 'Washington Post March' at the fairgrounds last night."

Tulare Advance-Register; Wed. Aug. 12, 1953:

"These Registered:

Bob Peryman, getting attention from motorists on the Lindsay highway as he jumps on his trampoline."

Tulare Advance-Register; Mon. Aug. 16, 1954:

"These Registered:

Marge Osterman, finding it rough to have breakfast at 7am when for the past two weeks it has been at 10am.

Roger Hope painting a picture of Merrit manor.

Herb Morrelli, already excited about next February's state high school wrestling tournament here.

Shirley Hammond, drawing laughs and applause for her acting in the Barn theater's 'Springtime for Henry.'

Henry Unger, John Haslam and John Seaman, locked in a local store and unable to get out because Proprietor Unger didn't have his key with him."

Tulare Advance-Register; Thur. Aug. 19, 1954:

"These Registered

Mrs. Lillian Kelly, wife of the chief of police, carefully putting a penny in a parking meter."

Tulare Advance-Register; Sat. Sep. 4, 1954:

"These Registered:

Dialogue, overheard in a shoeshine shop: 'If I had your money, I'd go somewhere over the holiday.' Retort: 'If you had my money, you wouldn't get to Goshen.'"

TASTE TREATS IN TULARE THIS FALL!

Invite your family and friends to Tulare's social event of the season, the annual Taste Treats in Tulare!

This sell-out event, now in its 26th season, is the biggest fundraiser event of the year benefitting the Tulare Historical Museum and their mission of local historical advocacy, preserving the rich history of the city of Tulare.

For only \$50 a ticket, you enjoy a wide sampling of some of the finest food and beverages from premier local area restaurants. Along with a hosted bar, a silent auction will also be held with a wide array of unique items for your bidding enjoyment.

Come celebrate with THM on Monday, October 24th at Taste Treats In Tulare!!!

Monday, October 24

**International Agri-Center
Heritage Complex**

**4500 S. Laspina St.
Tulare**

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.



To Purchase Tickets:

Fill out & mail the enclosed form

In person at THM or by phone: **686-2074**

Online at www.tularehistoricalmuseum.org

26th Annual Taste Treats In Tulare

Get ready, get set, EAT!

Tickets are \$50.00 (price includes all beverages).

MAIL TO: Tulare City Historical Society, 444 W. Tulare Ave., Tulare, California 93274

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$50.00 each (price includes all beverages).

I cannot attend but I wish to donate \$_____ in support.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount enclosed \$_____

Charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/AMERICAN EXPRESS/DISCOVER card _____

Card Expiration: _____

Signature: _____

GIFT SHOP NEWS

The THM Gift Shop is the only place in Tulare where you can purchase fascinating historical books (some hard to find) and other historical items related to the history of Tulare and the San Joaquin Valley. As the Gift Shop continues to grow to meet the historical needs of our members and guests, we are pleased to present you these new additions for your reading and listening pleasure:

California: A History (\$17.00)

An updated historical account of California, written by Kevin Starr, former State Librarian for California for 10 years.

The Mountain of California (\$16.00)

Originally published by famed environmentalist John Muir in 1849.

My First Summer in the Sierra (\$14.00)

Originally published by John Muir in 1911.

A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of WWII (\$17.00)

A fascinating true account, written by Adam Makos, of an incredible encounter between an American B-17 pilot and a German fighter pilot.

The book gives the reader an expert account of what life was like as a combat pilot, on both sides, during the war. As an extra special treat, Tulareans are able to get a glimpse into the professional life of our very own Maurice Preston, who served as Commander of the 379th Bomb Group, which is chronicled in the book.

The Best That I Can Be: An Autobiography (\$19.00)

Autobiography of Kingsburg's own Rafer Johnson, Olympic legend and Decathlon gold medalist.

Leon Patterson: A California Story (\$15.95)

Heart-warming and wrenching story by Gerald Haslam, on Leon Patterson of Taft, one of the greatest prep athletes in the U.S., who was destined for athletic greatness, prior to his life being cut short by Bright's Disease at age 21. Tulare's own Sim Iness was a mentor to the young Patterson, and the two forged a special friendship, which Sim would remember for the rest of his life. Sim is mentioned in several heart-warming passages in the book.

The Way It Was: The Colorful History of Tulare County (\$25.00)

The original, definitive history of Tulare County, written by well-known local historian Annie Mitchell in 1976.

Collection of rare Brooks Gist historical books:

The Wild Young Land (\$25)

High Sierra Adventure (\$25)

The Years Between (\$35)

Echoes of Yesterday (\$35)

Collection of rare Frank Latta historical books:

Handbook of Yokuts Indians (\$150)

Joaquin Murrieta and his Horse Gangs (\$175)

Tailholt Tales (\$125)

Black Gold in the Joaquin (\$135)

Saga of El Rancho Tejon (\$75)

Dalton Gang Days (\$24.95 –PB; \$75 –HC)

Death Valley 49ers (\$24.95 –PB; \$75 –HC)

Indian Summer: Traditional Life Among The Choinumne Indians of California's San Joaquin Valley (\$16.00)

Interesting true account by Thomas Jefferson Mayfield, who in 1850 at the age of six, was adopted by the Choinumne Yokuts.

Adopted By Indians: A True Story (\$10.95)

Great juvenile edition by Thomas Jefferson Mayfield, derived from his book 'Indian Life.'

Tulare's Heritage of Homes booklet (\$20.00)

Interesting glimpse into Tulare's historic homes, published in 1972 for Tulare's Centennial.

Echoes of Yesterday CD (\$15.00)

Latest release by Tulare's one and only The Charades, with all new versions of their classic tunes.

The THM Gift Shop also offers a small collection of Retro Tulare postcards at \$1 each, as well as a small collection of original Vintage Tulare postcards at \$7 each.

Hours of operation are Thursday-Saturday from 10am-4pm, and as well as the 3rd Sunday of each month from Sep-May, from 12:30-4pm. You can also purchase through our on-line gift shop at www.tularehistoricalmuseum.org.

We look forward to adding even more inventory in the coming months ahead, so be sure to check back regularly!



DID YOU KNOW??

...In 1890, a special stage for Paige & Morton's Ranch would leave Goldman's Store (corner of Front St & Tulare; present day Carl's Jr) and the Post Office (approximate corner of 'K' St & Tulare), every morning at 8am, and every afternoon at 2 and 6.

The Paige & Morton Ranch was founded in the early 1880s, and was the forerunner of several large Tulare ranching operations such as Tagus Ranch. Jointly owned by James Morton and Timothy Paige, the ranch stretched from just west of Tulare to Road 60, and from Avenue 232

to Paige Avenue. P.J.S. Montgomery was the ranch's manager.

The first artesian well in Tulare was bored in 1881 on the ranch, and after planting began in 1884, the ranch had the distinction of having the largest orchard and vineyard operation in California, with 4,705 acres at its peak.

The existing row of palm trees along Palm Street (Road 76) today, mark the original entryway to the Paige & Morton headquarters buildings.

By the turn of the century, the ranch began breaking apart, selling off small parcels to other farmers.

Tulare City Historical Society Membership Renewals

Welcome to the Family, and Thank You for your continued support!

New Individual

Sandie Anderson
Joan Miller
Patricia Phillips
Marilyn Steinberg

Individual Renewals

Joy Augustson
Marie Baker
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Kinelle Rodriguez
Rosemary Ribeiro
Kathy Simmons
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Margaret Stadden
Leslie Taylor
Pat Thomas

Ione Walden

Dorothy Warren

Brett Williams

Dolores Witt

Family Renewals

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Dennis & Janet Castor
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Anthony & Angela DeRose
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Jean & Gib Moorhead
Craig & Karen Smith
Lionel Pires
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Business Renewals

Skip Barwick Realty
Miranda & Clay Beck/Beck Family
Doug Les Farms
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Lane Engineers, Inc.

Joanie Ingram — Volunteer Spotlight

The Tulare Historical Museum is pleased to have Joanie Ingram as our "Volunteer Spotlight" for Summer 2016. Joanie volunteers as a Museum Docent.

Joan Kathryn Mills was born in the city of Santa Monica on November 17, 1945. Her father was employed with Douglas Aircraft during the war, and her mother was a teacher, prior to the birth of their two daughters. In 1948, after the addition of another daughter, the Mills family returned to the Porterville area, where Joanie's parents had originally grown up.

Joanie's father took up farming until 1952, when he and his wife both went into teaching. That same year, Joanie's brother Michael was born.

Joanie attended Porterville schools, and in high school met and became sweethearts with a young musically-inclined man named Bill Ingram. A year after graduating, the two high school sweethearts were married. After Joanie's first two children were born, she resumed her studies at Porterville College and then Cal State Bakersfield. She has the distinction of being in class the first year the college opened.

After earning a teaching credential, Joanie began her teaching career at Burton School in Porterville, where she taught for five years.

Her husband Bill was then hired as the band director for Tulare Union High School, and as a result, the Ingrams moved to the city of Tulare. During this time, Joanie taught at Tulare City schools from 1977-2005. Their third child was also born during this time.

The Ingram's' three children, Kristi, Billy and Cliff, all attended Tulare schools. The TUHS Redskin Band was of course a big part of all of their lives, and sons Billy and Cliff have continued their musical pursuits with their participation in the Tulare Community Band, along with Joanie and Bill's daughter-in-law Kary. The Tulare Community



*Joanie Ingram
Docent*

Band is directed by her musically inclined high school sweetheart, Bill.

The light of Joanie's life, besides Bill, are her lovely grandchildren. While Joanie was never a member of the band, she found her creative outlet in acting. The many years she spent with Encore Theatre were most enjoyable to her, and she always looks back with fondness on all the rehearsals, performances, and the good times with fellow cast and crew members.

Joanie began volunteering at THM in 2006, after she retired from teaching. Derryl Dumermuth, THM Docent Coordinator at the time, saw Joanie at a band concert one spring and mentioned he thought she would be a good fit as a Docent at the Museum. Joanie signed on, and she continued giving tours until retiring at the end of this past school year.

Joanie especially enjoyed the school tours with the third grade classes. Joanie fondly recalls, "I love seeing their eyes light up when they see our amazing Yokuts Village display."

One memorable time for her while at the Museum, is when Tulare notable, baseball player Rance Mulliniks, came by the Museum for a tour. Joanie's father had been an avid sports fan, and she recognized Mulliniks' name as a local boy who went on to play in the Major Leagues. Rance had been a student at Woodville School when Joanie's father was superintendent there, and he had followed his career with great pride and interest. Joanie exclaimed, "It was quite an honor to give him a tour of our wonderful museum!"

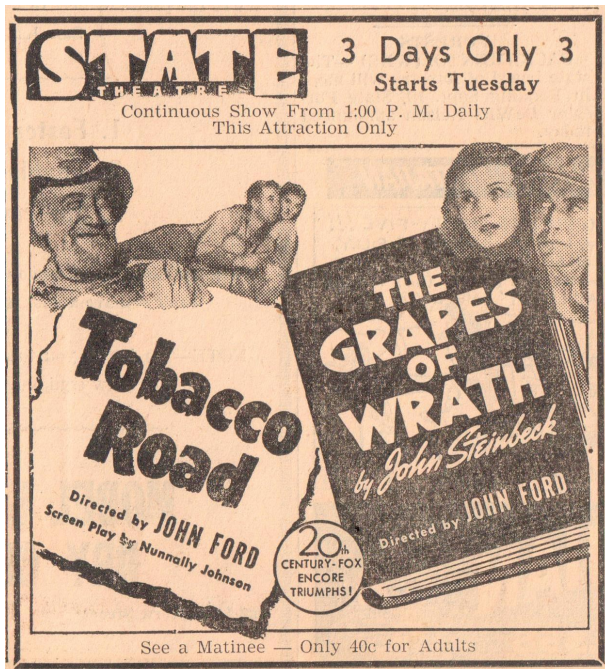
Thank You Joanie for your many years of support and service to the Tulare Historical Museum! Your "second retirement" is well deserved, and we look forward to you and your husband Bill continuing to be strong supporters of the Museum. Both of you have helped THM in so many ways over the years, and it is greatly appreciated!

***Interested in volunteering at THM?!**

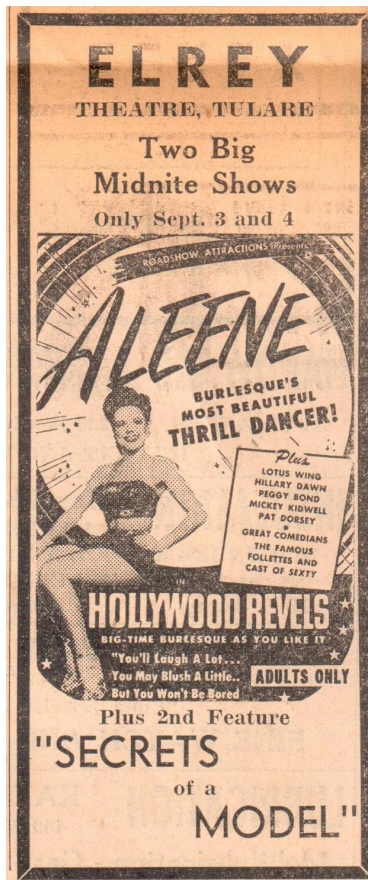
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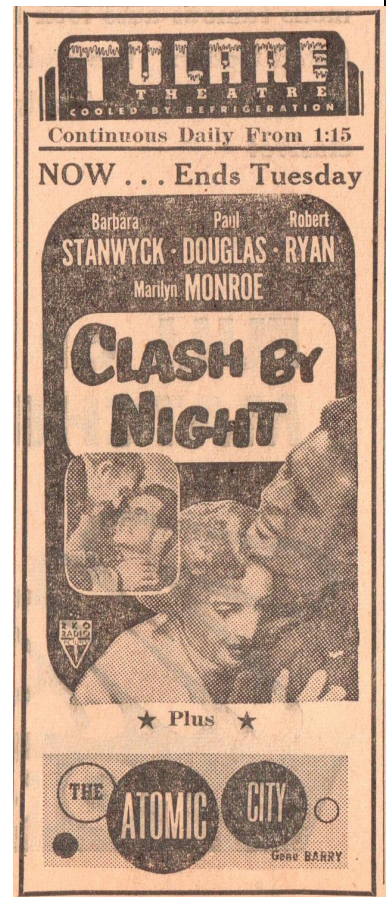
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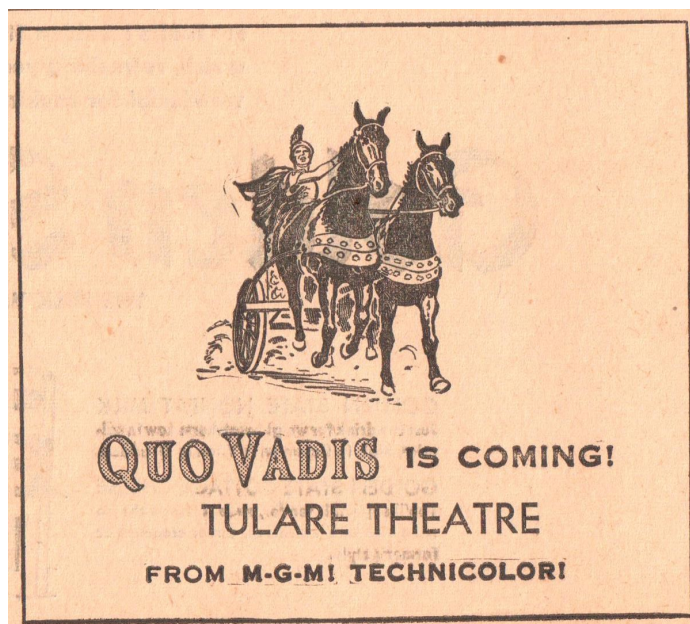
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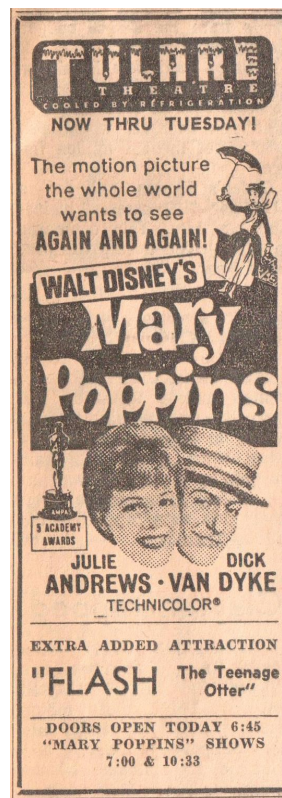
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