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DEPOT DAY! Sunday, October 9th is indeed going to be Goleta Depot's big day. Not only is it the tenth anniversary of the depot's closing by the S.P. and the first anniversary of the dedication, but it is also the occasion for the first annual "Depot Day," in which we commemorate the role that the depot played in the history of the Goleta Valley. Scheduled events for Depot Day, which runs from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., include: musical entertainment; "A Salute to Steam," in which reduced-scale steam locomotives and other steam-driven devices will be displayed; unclaimed freight and baggage auction; food and drink in our dining and club cars; lost-and-found sale; produce market; depot tours; fun for all.

We urgently need the help of all Depot Friends to organize and carry off this major community event and project fund-raiser. Please contact Events Chairman Nancy Ried (964-5785) or the depot office (964-3540) to sign up. Also, please call the office if you have any new or used items for the auction or rummage sale.

FOURTEEN AT THE TABLE The Goleta Valley Historical Society and the Institute for American Research are co-publishing a special, limited-edition reprinting of Fourteen at the Table, the book on the pioneer Goleta family of Joseph and Lucy Foster Sexton, written in 1964 by Walker A. Tompkins, in collaboration with Horace A. Sexton.

A founding director of the historical society, Horace Sexton had 200 copies of the book privately printed, for distribution to family members and friends. The book attracted much attention in the 1960s and was the inspiration for Tompkin's longer work, Goleta: The Good Land. Today, original copies of Fourteen at the Table sell for as much as \$100.

There will be 500 copies in the special reprinting, which will be numbered and signed by Mr Tompkins. Proceeds from the sale will be shared by the Depot Project and the historical society. Copies may be ordered by returning the accompanying coupon with payment.

There will be a drawing on Oct. 11th (5 p.m. at the Institute) to determine the order in which the numbered books will be issued. The first name drawn will receive one of the original copies, donated by Eugene Sexton, which has been signed by both Tompkins and Horace Sexton.

Copies will first be distributed at a reception on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Stow House, hosted by the Ladies of Stow House League. Walker Tompkins and members of the Sexton family will be honored guests.

DEPOT TRANSFER The transfer of the depot to the Institute for American Research is now complete. The Depot Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend Goleta Beautiful for all that it has done to make the Depot Project a reality. Goleta Beautiful has demonstrated, through the skills, diligence and hard work of its members, that even the most difficult of tasks can be accomplished by a volunteer community effort.

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DEPOT FRIENDS There are now 106 active Friends of Goleta Depot. It costs only \$2.50 for a membership for the remainder of 1983; \$7.50 will pay for a membership through next year. Why not convince a friend to join; or give a membership as a gift?

COMMITTEE EXPANDS At its July Meeting, the Depot Friends elected two new members to the Depot Committee: Nancy Ried and Ralph Moore. Most of you know Ralph and Nancy as two of the project's hardest-working supporters. We're all very happy to have them aboard.

MASTER PLAN The draft version of the Depot Master Plan is now finished. Copies are available for review at the Goleta Library (Reference Desk) and in the Institute office upstairs at the depot. The Depot Committee would like all Friends to review the draft and send any comments or recommendations to the committee. In this way, we can all help ensure that the building is restored and developed in the best possible manner.

PHASE III FUND-RAISING Nearly \$1000 has been received in grants and contributions for Phase III of the Depot Project. Donors include: Dripcut Corp. (\$250); Goleta Beautiful (\$500); and Santa Barbara Research (\$100). Thanks to these organizations for their continuing support.

PROJECT PROGRESS There have been a number of major developments at the depot since our last report. Shades have been acquired for most windows in the building. The railroad office has seen many improvements: Ralph Moore has been doing a lot of cabinetry work and other carpentry there, and painters Gary Coombs and Nancy Ried have added that fresh look that only a new coat of enamel can bestow.

A considerable amount of landscape work has also been done. Ray Baird and Phyllis Olsen planted six pepper trees behind the depot -- a gift from the Goleta Lions Club. Maria Ealand also donated additional plantings for this area.

Work has also been under way in the two planters behind the depot. The area behind the Chamber of Commerce is now complete. Phyllis Olsen designed the beautiful layout of red and white geraniums, french lavender, and marigolds, bordered in white alyssum. Workers included George Adams, Pam Weatherby, Gary Coombs, Anna Dato, Bob Hiestand, and Elmer Coombs. Railroad ties have been used to construct steps and a retaining wall in the second planter, which will soon be planted. Ralph Moore, Jack Michela, and Gary Coombs performed this work.

THANKS: To Mary Lou Williamson for donating the money to reconstruct the old message board in the railroad office; to Nancy Ried for donating two lovely mirrors for the restrooms; and to Bill McNally, for donating a vintage brass fire extinguisher, and Bill Shrives, for contributing several pieces of original electrical equipment, for display in the railroad office.

NOVEMBER EVENT Don't forget about the plaque ceremony set for Nov. 19th, beginning at 11 a.m. The Native Sons will conduct their landmark ritual and the Depot Friends plaque and all door and window commemoratives will also be unveiled at this time. Please plan to attend.

DEPOT BROCHURE The Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce continues to help the Depot Project. Their latest form of assistance is the publication of a very nice brochure on the depot. Special thanks to the Chamber for their support.

FRIENDS MEETING The next Depot Friends meeting is October 18th, 7 p.m., at the depot. The showing of another railroad film is planned and those in attendance will have the chance to take an insider's look at the recent improvements at the depot. Refreshments will be served.

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