

LOCAL LIBRARY

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minutes at a time, or longer, if no one is waiting.

The San Bernardino Sun microfilms, plus the historical volumes in The California Room, are most exciting to those who are interested in Local History. The California Room is full of books on state history, and it has its own card catalog to help you find what you want. This is the one place in the library where you need some identification to get in. You are not allowed to check out this material — it is too valuable — but there is a copy machine available to duplicate pages of interest to you. There are also microfilm printers.

The Audio-Visual Room houses many phonograph records which may be checked out for two weeks. Also available are reel-to-reel music tapes and a good supply of 16mm and 8mm films, which can be checked out for one day only,

including a small insurance charge to insure against damage. Films may be previewed by making an appointment ahead of time and there is also a listening center where you can play records to help you decide which ones you want to check out. Clubs or groups may even check out a 16mm projector for one day, but for this identification is required, plus a fee of \$1.00.

The San Bernardino Public Library is a storehouse full of treasures. Everyone in the area should be aware of the informations, materials and services that are available to them. No doubt many people find enough reading material at the Branch Library near their home. But if you've never been to the Main Library, you should make it a point to visit it, if only to look around. You'll be glad you did.

BEAR YARN

JACOB METZKER was well known by many old-timers in California. He was quite a favorite among his many acquaintances and generally well liked. Uncle Jake, as he was usually called, kept a butcher shop in Sacramento in the early fifties, shortly after the big fire there which destroyed the city in 1852. One day a man brought to him a fine grizzly bear, probably not a very large or full-grown one, which Jake bought, shut up in a cage and proceeded to fatten it, preparatory to butchering and selling it out in the shape of bear steaks. The day came and there was a great rush to get some of the bear meat at \$1.00 a pound. It soon became exhausted before half those who wanted some could get any. Uncle Jake, however, did not propose to let his friends be disappointed in that way. He had a large hog in good condition for pork chops, so he killed and dressed that, and from it continued selling his bear meat at the same price until everybody who wanted bear meat got supplied. The result was afterwards that all who got some of the genuine bear meat thought that it did not amount to much as a luxury after all, while those who got some of the hog declared that bear meat was the best meat they had ever eaten in their lives and were anxious to learn of Uncle Jake when he would have some more.

(Story written by H. C. Rolfe on Feb. 4, 1899)

BULLETIN BOARD: All our meetings, until further notice, will be held in the Public Library's COMMUNITY ROOM, starting at NOON:

Wednesday, January 2 - REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 31 - DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Wednesday, February 6 - REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 28 - DIRECTOR'S MEETING

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