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LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS: PHOTOGRAPHS

President Steve Shaw recently obtained some original photographs of San Bernardino and scanned them for our library collection. There are five pictures, which are shown below. The first picture, "505. San Bernardino, Cal.," was probably taken by Benjamin Franklin Conaway. It has an identification number and is otherwise similar in style and format to the photograph of Patton State Hospital, which is numbered 659 and identified as a Conaway photo. The Arrowhead picture is also a Conaway photo. Benjamin Conaway was a San Bernardino photographer from 1894 to 1900, according to a list prepared by genealogist Mary Lewis.



Looking west on Third from D Street, circa 1900. The structure second from the right, with the white arches, is the Farmers Exchange Bank building. The dome of the Stewart Hotel, located at the southeast corner of Third and E Streets, can be seen at the left.



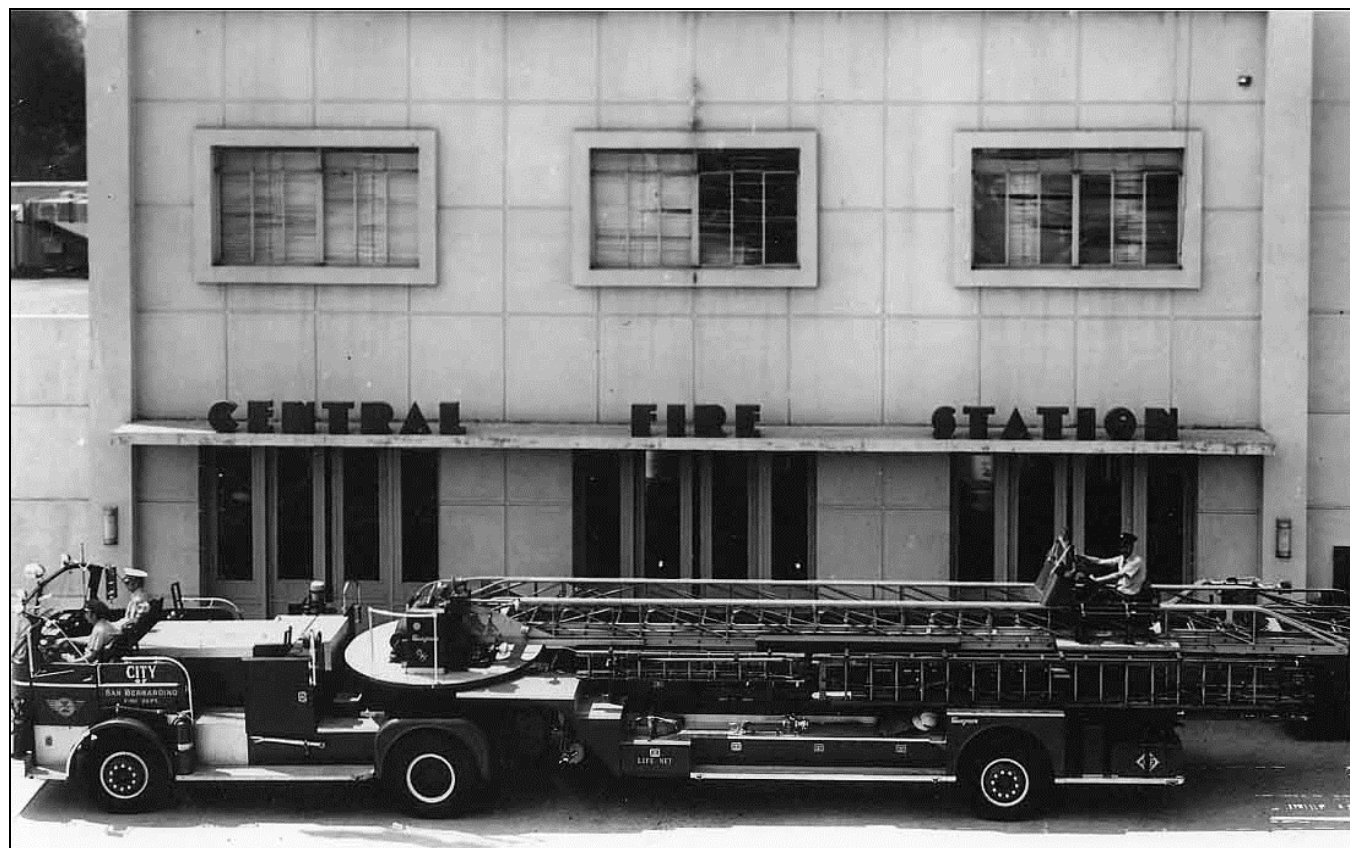
Patton State Hospital, circa 1900, also known as “the Insane Asylum” back then



Conaway's caption reads "The Arrowhead. Santa-Fe Ry." The rail line is in the foreground. This route was known as the Kite-Shaped Track or, later, as the Loop Line, and approximated 30th Street in San Bernardino.



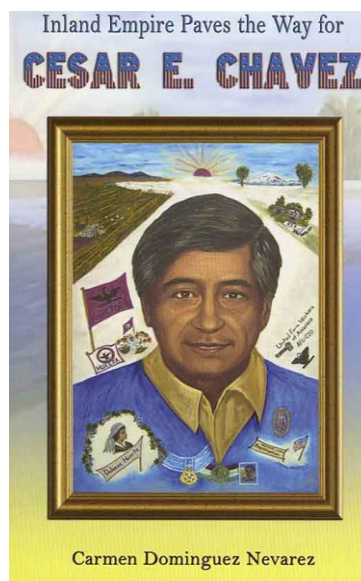
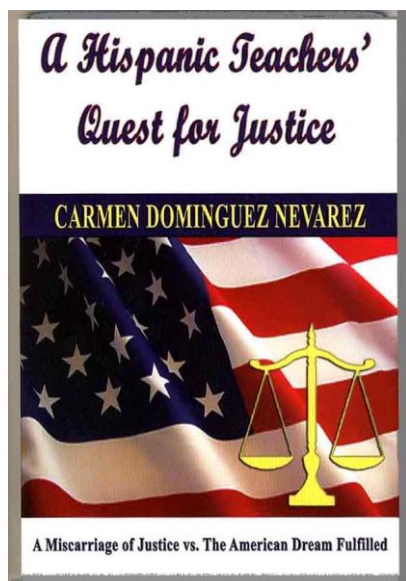
Crowd gathered at the railroad tracks to welcome home the local National Guard unit, Company K



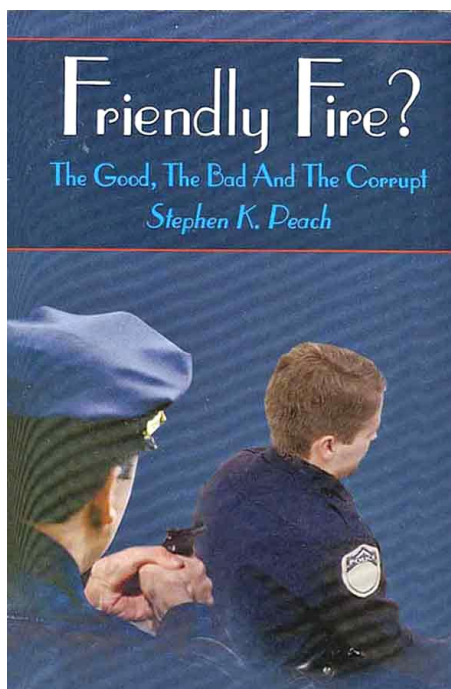
This glorious piece of equipment, built by Seagraves, was the city's 100-foot aerial ladder truck. It is parked in front of the Central Fire Station at 456 Mt. View Avenue.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS: BOOKS

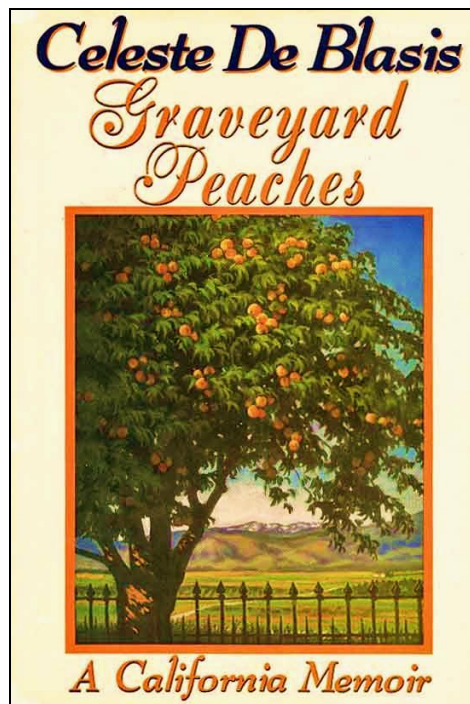
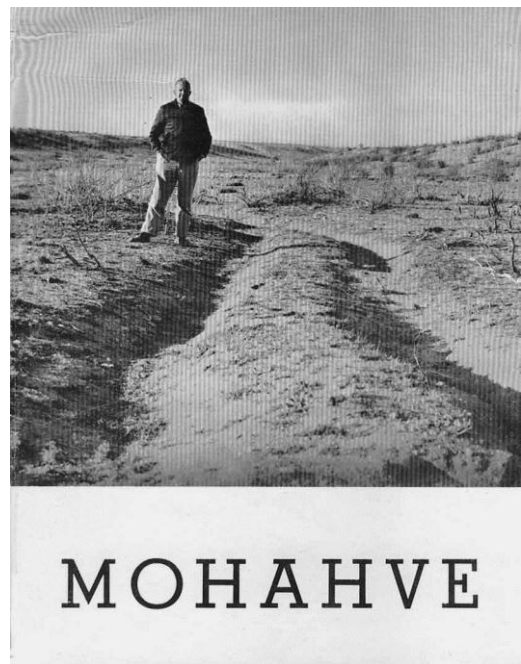
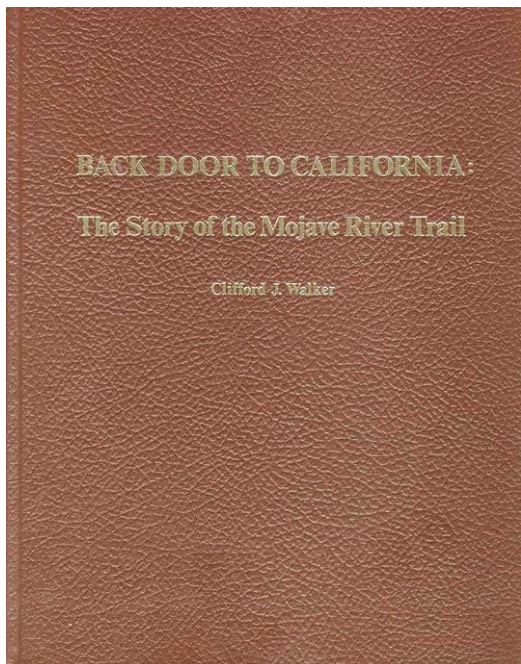
The guest speaker for our September meeting was Carmen Dominguez Nevarez, and she generously donated two of her books: *A Hispanic Teachers' Quest for Justice*, and *Inland Empire Paves the Way for Cesar E. Chavez*."



Another book now in our library collection is *Friendly Fire? The Good, The Bad And The Corrupt*, written by Stephen K. Peach and published in 2003. On the rear cover of the paperback version is the following comment: "Stephen Peach was a highly respected accomplished officer that took great pride in being a member of the law enforcement community. He was very proud until the corrupt administration (that has always existed) began to see him as a liability."



We also were given the following books whose subject matter is the desert. We now have two shelves of desert books, and these are three of the better ones and are much appreciated for that reason.



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