



# The Albany Historical Society

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## President's Message

Our sincere thanks go to; Corrine Brennan (old issues of the Albany Times), Ruth Eaton (Albany Mother's Club archives) and Duke Wagg via Jim Turner (Residential Photos) for their recent contributions to our historical archives. We welcome Albany photos, artifacts, newspapers, and memorabilia and will arrange to scan items for preservation.

### You're Invited

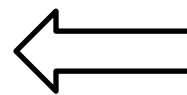
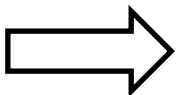
**Sunday, January 8, 2011, 1:00pm – 3:00pm.**

**Annual Albany Historical Society Meeting:**

**Election of AHS Board**

**History of Albany Hospital: Special Guest Speakers and Open Forum**

**Edith Stone Room, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany, CA**



## Live Sheep and Other Holiday Memories



Do you remember when Flowerland had live sheep as part of their holiday display? How about the nativity scene at the torch on Key Route? There have

been a wide variety of holiday decorations in Albany over the years. At one time the firehouse was decked out with a multitude of lights with a rooftop tree. Before BART began operations, a tree was placed on the tracks at Solano and Masonic.

## New Plaque Coming in 2012

The next plaque to be donated to the City of Albany by the Historical Society will commemorate Albany Hospital. Located on the corner of Marin and Evelyn, the hospital first opened its doors in the early 1930's. Although small, the hospital had



## Tree being set up at Albany Firehouse on the corner of San Pablo and Washington, 1965

*Photos Courtesy of the Albany Library Historical Collection*

The house on the north east corner of Marin and Curtis had life size choirboys with carols playing.

an emergency room, surgery center and maternity ward. After over 60 years of service, the hospital by then a part of Alta Bates closed in the late 1980's.

Were you or any of your children born there? Were you treated there? We would love to hear your stories.

## 50 Years Ago

### December 6, 1961

A grant of \$11,232 from the State of California was announced by Senior Center Foundation President Harold ( "Hal" ) Denham. This capped a fund-raising effort which Denham and others had begun in 1954.

### December 20, 1961

After several years of testing by the Western Regional Lab in Albany, the Defense Department announced that it would purchase 150 million pounds of bulgur wafers. With a shelf life of five years, it was claimed that they tasted "something like graham crackers"

### December 27, 1961

Services were held for Edmund Cushing, of 830 Cerrito, who had lived in Albany for 50 years and was Albany's 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor.

### January 3, 1962

Albany School Superintendent Ken Forry was in Sacramento seeking an emergency appropriation from the State for the estimated cost of educating children from University Village. Construction of new housing units at the Village was expected to bring in an additional 75 to 100 students.

### January 24, 1962


Suzy Griffin was elected president of the Albany High Student Body.

The Albany City Council adjourned in disarray after a failure to rescind their previous designation of the following week as "Anti-Communism Week" in Albany

Two baby boys were born at Albany Hospital on January 15th, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan.

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