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El Alisal, built by the late Mrs. Charles F. Lummis in 1894 as his home, is now Southern California headquarters for the California Historical Society.

Opening of the headquarters, located at 200 E Avenue 43, was celebrated with a champagne reception at El Alisal when Messrs. and Mmes. Dwight L. Clarke, Henry H. Clifford, Homer D. Crotty, Gordon G. Guiberson, William W. Robinson, John R. Mage and Van Kensellaer Wilbur were sponsors.

Mrs. Mage and Mrs. Wilbur were co-chairmen for the event at which members and their guests were entertained by Mexican musicians and a tour of the headquarters, refurbished and maintained as a Califor-

nia Landmark by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

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Some of the visitors at the reception were Messrs. and Mmes. Joseph R. Knowland of Oakland, George L. Harding of Berkeley, Francis Farquhar and Mrs. Gerald Kennedy and Dr. Albert Shumate of San Francisco.

Others among those attending were Dr. and Mrs. Rufus von KleinSmid, Mrs. Thomas E. Workman, Will Rogers Jr., Mrs. Edmond Ducommun, Mrs. Huntington Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Yorba and Turbese Lummis Fiske and Patricia Lummis de los Reyes.

San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, Pala and San Fernando.

El Alisal is open to the public Mondays through Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The late Mr. Lummis was founder of the Southwest Museum, an author, librarian, founder of California Landmarks Club and was first city editor of *The Times*.

In El Alisal he entertained such notables as Theodore Roosevelt, Helen Modjeska, William Allen White, Vicente Ibanez and Will Rogers. He was active in projects to save Missions