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WHEN CECILLE B. DEMILLE STAYED...HERE.

Ventura CA – “Ventura Post” article Friday, April 20th, 1923. “Cecille B. DeMille is a guest at The Pierpont this weekend and with him is Paul Veibe. Mrs. E.L. Covell and daughter, Miss Julia Faye, are also guests at The Pierpont. The party motored up from Los Angeles yesterday afternoon.” (Ventura Post, 1923)

Ventura CA – Dateline Monday, Nov. 20, 2006. Ventura’s restored treasure, The Pierpont Inn, realizes the special place in history it holds.

Movie stars, screen legends and celebrities have made The Pierpont Inn a private sanctuary since the lovely widow Mrs. Josephine Pierpont-Ginn purchased the “bluff property” in Ventura in 1910 and established her “motoring inn.” Guest Cecille B. Demille is assumed to be on the way to, or from, the site where he was filming the epic “Ten Commandments” in the Guadalupe Dunes above Santa Barbara. Ventura’s own hideaway inn has hosted such notable guests as President George H. Bush and attorney and mystery writer Earle Stanley Gardner.

Gardner celebrated each of his courtroom victories by enjoying a favorite meal at the Pierpont Inn’s restaurant - a thick, medium-rare steak with a garden salad and baked potato. Here, he met his second wife, Jean Walter, when she worked as a hostess. She eventually became Gardner’s model for the character Della Street in the mystery series “Perry Mason.” The tradition of fine cuisine continues at The Pierpont Inn as Executive Chef Marcus Hollingsworth creates superb light California gourmet fare.

Hollywood’s elite who opt to stay at The Pierpont inn will love The Vicker’s Estate Executive and Family Retreat Center, a 1935 Spanish Revival mansion that has been meticulously restored to its original beauty. Each of the estate’s 5,000 sq. feet of meeting rooms contains authentic artifacts from Ventura County’s standing historic adobes, the Ortega, Olivas and Rancho Camulos.

Yesterday’s and today’s list of legends that have stayed at Ventura’s historic Pierpont Inn includes such luminaries as: Charlie Chaplin, Cecille B. Demille, Babe Ruth, Delores Del Rio, Bette Davis, Robert Mitchum, Claire Bloom, Rod Steiger, President and First Lady

Barbara Bush, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Mary Steinburgen, Ted Danson, John Ritter, David Birney, John Travolta, Jane Fonda, Susan Clark, Pat Riley, Delta Burke, Kevin Costner, James Garner, Michael Douglas, Peter Strauss, Marsha Clarke, Alicia Silverstone, George Segal, Elgin Baylor and more.

“It’s important that we give all of our guests much more than just a place to stay, we have to give them an experience they will remember,” says Pierpont General Manager Vicki Dussaigen.

New owners of The Pierpont Inn have lavishly remodeled the rare, historic Inn in a tribute to its Craftsman roots. In a beautiful juxtaposition between (high-speed) DSL and historic dovetail joints, the picturesque Inn shines with meticulous attention to detail.

Photo opportunities are available at the restored Inn, California’s newest Historic Hotel of America and The Vicker’s Estate at the Pierpont. Favorite Hollywood hideaways on the grounds include the two rose covered English Tudor cottages originally built in 1925.

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The Arts and Crafts movement in California began in the early 1900’s. In general, the movement espoused harmony and simplicity. That the balanced design of the architectures be in harmony with the gardens, use of warm woods inside, and other architectural details expressed almost a theosophical outlook on life. The Pierpont Inn is an example of the Swiss Chalet Style of the Arts and Crafts movement. There were also English Tudor, English Cottage, Spanish Revival and Mission styles. All of these various styles are expressed in both Oxnard (Henry Oxnard District) and Ventura’s hillsides. The Pierpont Inn is a fairly rare Craftsman Inn. There were not a lot of Arts and Crafts Inn’s designed and built in the United States. The Architect was Sumner P. Hunt of the Los Angeles Country Club, Southwest Desert Museum fame.