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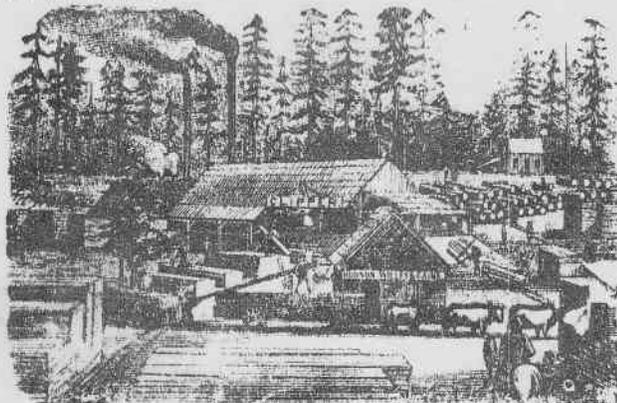
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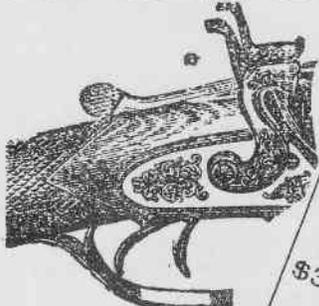
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Second Day--Wednesday, Sept. 1st.
TROTTING--No. 4--2-10 class. Purse \$300. Free for all.
TROTTING--No. 5--Four-minute class. Free for all and go as they please. Purse \$50.
The horse nearest to four minutes to win the heat. First horse \$20, second \$10, third \$5, fourth \$5, fifth \$5, sixth \$5, third \$300. Free for all.

Third Day--Thursday, Sept. 2d.
TROTTING--No. 7--2-30 class. Purse \$400. Free for all.
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WALKING--No. 8--Best walking team \$30, best walking stallion \$30, second best of either \$20. One mile. Purse \$100. For horses owned in this district.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our April program on New Guinea took me back to the days of a younger country and the unsophisticated philosophy of "When there was peace, we were for peace, and when there was war, we went" so aptly expressed by W. H. Auden for us all. Like thousands of others, I found myself half a world away from home. I was bombed for the first time under those equatorial skies, and felt a wild and only half-resisted joy in first seeing an enemy plane struck from an inky sky to a flaming finale by the guns of our fleet. Today's Papua is a different sort of place, reflecting progress into an agricultural region, while still manifesting some practices and traits of its primitive days. Our thanks to Mr. John Simon for filling in for his son and bringing us a bit of Papua — old and new. Our thanks also for a fine dinner and neighborly hospitality to Live Oak Assembly of God Church, and to Pastor Cunningham and his wife for their guided tours of the beautiful octagonal landmark, which most members had never seen before.

It's no longer news that Jean Gustin, Director-Curator of Community Memorial Museum, has resigned to take up a new life in New Mexico. She departs with what I'm sure are some unique memories of Sutter County, our sincerest gratitude for an outstanding job of public service, AND OUR AFFECTION!

Our ranks were depleted on May 17th by the death of our long-time member, Miss Jessica Bird. Our future gatherings will lose interest and zest because of the absence of this reporter's probing questions, and our local publications will miss her competent writing. Her interest in local historical matters was lively, and her help on our projects was extensive. It seems fitting to bid her farewell in the melodious Spanish of an earlier California: Via con Dios.

1983's summer arrived with the Coalinga rumble, and settled in for the season. For our regular quarterly meeting, I'm trying to coax some local Nimrod or Walton to tell us all about Sutter County hunting and fishing — today and yesterday. Such a topic could stir up real controversy!

JULY 19th - 7:30 P.M. - Quarterly Meeting at the Museum.
DIRECTORS: Please come in for a short Directors' Meeting immediately after the quarterly meeting.


Dewey Gruening

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL MUSEUM NOTES

Plan to spend some time this Summer in the cool comfort of the museum!

On exhibit through Labor Day are the watercolors and the copper over redwood sculptures of well-known west coast artist Melvin Schuler.

On Sunday, July 17th come in to enjoy the beautiful voices of Shirley Eckardt and Ben Thompson. This concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the museum.

The museum's 1983 fund-raising project, a quilt depicting the history of Sutter County, will be on display in the museum until the fortunate winner has their name drawn at the museum's gala Christmas party on December 10th. Tickets for the quilt drawing are available at the museum at \$1.00 each of 6 for \$5.00. You do not have to be present at the party to win this family heirloom of the future.

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On the evening of May 13th, the museum provided a very appropriate setting as sixty-four well-wishers gathered to honor our departing Director/Curator, Jean Gustin, who has resigned effective May 31, 1983. Jean and her husband, Ed, plan to move to Santa Fe, New Mexico, after they sell their home on Lincoln Road.

May 5th marked Jean's eighth year with the Community Memorial Museum. Beginning on that date in 1975, she was responsible for moving the Sutter County Historical Society's collection from the Sutter County Museum on Carriage Square, into the new building on Butte House Road. Approximately 1,000 items were unpacked, inventoried, non-accessioned items recorded, and items were selected for display or storage. The museum was opened to the public on August 5, 1975, and two months later, on October 19th, official dedication ceremonies were attended by over 500 individuals and representatives of local community organizations as the building and contents were accepted for care, maintenance, and administration by the Sutter County Board of Supervisors. Since that time, the collection has grown to well over 10,000 items and the museum has logged over 55,000 visitors.

Museum Commission President Randolph Schnabel spoke briefly and echoed the sentiments of everyone present as they expressed appreciation for the fine job Jean has done in developing the museum.

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A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

HEIMAN CHEIM II

1954

Tennyson, in his poem, Lacksley Hall, said,

"Men, my brothers, men, the works ever reaping
something new,
That which they have done but earnest of the
things that they shall do".

This is where progress lies, not in the large industrialists, but in the little men, the individuals who never really gain recognition but without whose help progress could never develop.

One hundred years in the great span of time, seems a mere nothing, but in the course of California history a century is its entire life. This is the "bridge of time" filling in the gap between what was then a wilderness and what is now a highly mechanized and complex civilization.

What was it that made California develop so rapidly? Was it Horace Greely who said, "Go west, young man, go west", the call of the gold fields, or the lure of the "Big Bonanza"? Were these the true settlers, or were they merely the explorers who came to get rich but enjoy their wealth elsewhere?

Historians classify these pioneers into different frontiers. For example, we have the "Mountain men", the fur trappers, the miners,

the cattlemen, and the last frontiersmen of all to come west, those that literally built the west, the lumbermen.

Close on the heels of the lumber frontier come the Union Lumber Company, which in its own way has helped bring about this "Century of Progress".

The Union Lumber Co. of Marysville, one of the oldest firms in continuous operation in California, has already observed its one hundredth year.

The firm was started in 1852 by W.K. Hudson, who came to California from Maine. It was located at Third Street and Maiden Lane and used the name of Hudson and Company. The yard was burned out in 1854.

By 1855, Hudson had moved his yard to the southwest corner of Fourth and C Streets and had as his associates W.H. and G.B. Pepper. The 1856 Marysville Directory, which I possess, discloses in a lumber ad, that W.K. Hudson, W.H. Pepper and G.B. Pepper were still associates in the lumber business. The 1858 directory discloses the firm name had become Willey, Dean & Co. with A.P. Willey and Thaddeus Dean as partners. The firm was manufacturing lumber at a plant at Clipper Mills in Butte County.

Going back to the years 1855-56, we find Mr. Willey and a Mr. Elisha Scott built the Clipper Mills. The mill commenced cutting timber May 1, 1856. It was located on the divide between the south fork of Feather and the Yuba Rivers, near the County line, and in one of the finest bodies of sugar-pine timber on the western slope of the Sierra. The property passed afterwards into the hands of Willey, Dean & Co.

In 1861 there was another personnel change in the Willey, Dean & Co. A Mr. P.P. Caine, a native of Ohio, replaced Dean in the firm and its name had become Hudson, Willey & Caine.

The company incorporated under the name of Union Lumber Company on March 1, 1864, with Hudson as president and Willey as general superintendent. The same year the Union Lumber Company purchased Clipper Mills, which was run continuously until 1873 under the management of Mr. Willey, when Mr. H.M. Leach became its owner.

In 1873, Mr. Hudson died, and the company disposed of their mills which numbered some fifteen in this county and several in other counties, and have since been doing a yard business only.

Let us take a quick survey on some of the other mills owned and operated by the Union Lumber Company.

Union Mill, which was a steam saw-mill on Rice Turnpike, built in 1852, blew up in 1857 and was repaired. It was abandoned in 1872.

Challenge Mill, built in 1856, was disposed of in 1874.

The Indiana Mill, built in 1855 and run by steam power was moved to Oregon Creek in 1859 and was sold to the Union Lumber Comany who abandoned it in 1871.

The Dashaway Mill was built in 1858.

Payne's or Excelsior Mill was built in 1857, between Indiana Ranch and Oregon Hill. It was sold to the Union Lumber Company in 1864.

The Brook's Mill was built in 1857 at Oregon Hill. The Union Lumber Company bought it and later moved the machinery to the Cottage Mill, which they built in 1865 on the Downieville Road.

By 1870, mills had been acquired at LaPorte in Sierra County and at Clear Creek and Deadwood in Yuba County.

The Marysville Daily Appeal of January 26, 1875, gives in detail, the disastrous flood which befell our city on January 17th of the same year. Many of our citizens were awakened on Sunday morning six minutes past four o'clock by a shock from an earthquake. Its motion was from east to west, and heavy enough to rattle the windows. Some thought the walls of their houses were giving away and jumped from their beds without waiting to be called.

The first public alarm was given by the ringing of the fire bell.

In the vicinity of the city cemetery, where the water had raised on the plains outside to the depth of three feet and was passing over the levee for a distance of several hundred feet, there was a force of men, but it soon became evident that the water could not be stopped.

With the full knowledge that in a short time a large crevasse would be made in the levee, at 7:00 o'clock the city bell gave another alarm. There was more attention given now to the saving of property than to the levees. The river had now reached fourteen and one-half feet.

About 8:00 o'clock a large crevasse was made in the levee north of the hospital at the head of the F Street slough. The water then poured into the slough and came into the lowlands carrying everything before it.

The flood proved no respecter of persons; the most elegant jewelry and dry goods stores presented the same disastrous appearance as the smaller retail shops. The Union Lumber Company estimated its losses at \$7,000.00.

Let me take you back a few short years to an event which at the time seemed of little consequence in the history of the Union Lumber Company.

On November 26, 1868, Thanksgiving Day, Heiman Cheim, a boy of sixteen arrived in Marysville. This lad was born a century ago in Posen, Germany. He was young and eager for the teachings of the New World. Marysville was his destination because he had a relative living in this city.

Mr. Joseph Lask, his cousin, came to Marysville in 1849, establishing a clothing business on the corner of Third and D Streets. The building still stands.

Heiman Cheim enrolled in the Marysville Grammar School in January 1869. He excelled in figures so was under no difficulty in procuring a position. He went to work as bookkeeper for the Union Lumber Company.

It has been quoted that approximately the year 1878, Mr. Cheim, with his savings and heritage became one of the owners and held the office of secretary of this corporation.

On September 19, 1887 a large hole was burned out of the heart of the business section of Marysville. It was Police Officer, John Colford, making his rounds about 12:30 a.m. who discovered what appeared to him to be but a bundle of shakes burning in the driveway of the Union Lumber Company's yard. In a very few minutes the immense sheds and building which was the office of the company on the lower

floor and apartment rooms in the upper floor, were one mass of flames, leaping fifty and sixty feet in the air.

The temporary office of the Lumber Company was moved to C.S. Cooley's store, opposite the former office.

By this time Heiman Cheim was owner of the corporation so he set about rebuilding in the same location, which you will now recall as the park, occupied by the Marysville Water Company. His plans did not materialize as the Water Company wished to purchase said location for the drilling of a new well. So another location, the corner of Fourth and B Streets, was purchased by Mr. Cheim for the new lumber company.

While the erection of the lumber company was in progress, Mr. Cheim decided to pay his native land a visit. He was gone some three months and on December 11, 1889 in Posen, Germany, he bestowed his name on the beautiful Rosa Koenigsberger. The trip back to the United States was their honeymoon.

The present site of Union's main building on the northeast corner of Fourth and B Streets, was occupied in early days by Marysville Iron Foundry and Machine Company. The plant of Gothic and Teutonic design was built between 1856 and 1857. By 1884 it was occupied by Bill Mulhern Produce Company until the disastrous hub fire of July 4, 1921 when 12 square blocks of the city were destroyed. The old bricks were used to build the present main storage area of Union Lumber Co.

The particular incidents or occurrences of which I have written thus far, do not attempt to tell all the stories or note all the land marks of this particular era. For most people neither county lines nor geographical contours will be important. The question is far more likely to be: "What can I read that will give me an idea of what's still in existence of the early-day history?"

In 1923 Heiman Cheim and Mr. Cooper Nasan established a lumber company in Yuba City, Sutter County. The Yuba City firm operated for several years as the Nasan Lumber Company until 1929 when Nasan sold his interest to the Cheim family and the name of the business was changed to Sutter Union.

On September 20, 1928, Heiman Cheim passed away, leaving five sons who have tried in every way to continue his pattern of tradition.

From the time Mr. Cheim purchased the Union Lumber Company, it has been a closed corporation. Mr. Cheim holds the position of Secretary and Vice President and his wife, Rosa Cheim, President. After the death of both Mr. and Mrs. Cheim the sons have in turn taken over.

On October 4, 1949, disaster struck again. The Union Lumber Company, on the northwest corner of Fourth and B Streets, was completely destroyed by fire. This was a great loss to the Cheim family, not only

in business, but all the old documents, ledgers and family history went up in flame. The Union Lumber Company was by no means defied by this catastrophe as they reestablished their lumber yard at another location east of B on Fourth Street.

Credit should be given to a family who has created such a successful business for so many years through fires, depression and the keenest competition. The Union Lumber Company is proud of the reputation which its members, in unbroken line, have spent more than a century in building.

Having seen the way the Union Lumber Company has developed and expanded to keep abreast with the evergrowing community, I think one should realize the importance of privately owned business in this nation of free enterprise to stimulate the people toward a second century of even greater progress.

Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each tomorrow
Bring us further than today.

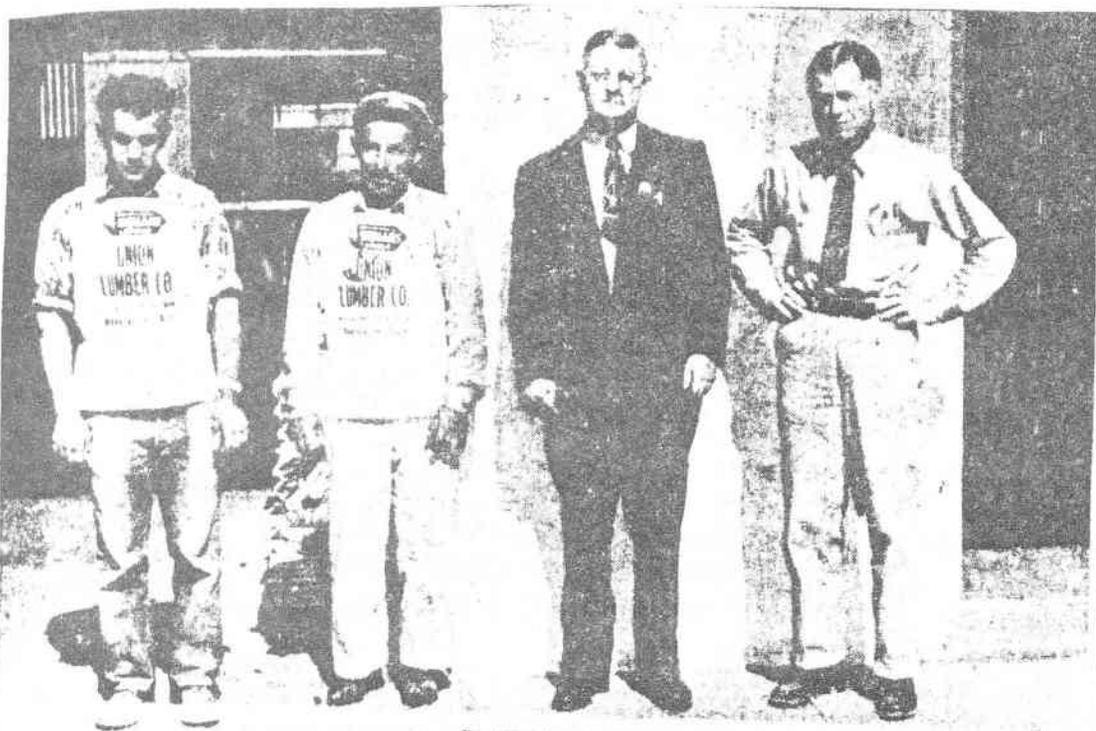
Longfellow (A Psalm of Life)

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Appeal-Democrat 1887
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Mr. H.P.B. Cardin, 927 F Street, Marysville, California
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NOTE: The following is an excerpt from an article by Wilbur Hoffman in the April 1979 Bulletin.

A steam barge designed to haul wood to Oroville was built in Marysville in the spring of 1867 for the Union Lumber Company. Named the LARKIN, she was capable of carrying sixty cords of wood. The LARKIN never did reach the Butte County Seat, but did run as far as the Live Oaks wood farm about ten miles above Marysville. Beginning in the summer of 1867, the LARKIN developed a regular procedure. It took on wood at the Live Oaks that was sold in Marysville and Yuba City for \$7 a cord. The LARKIN took 55,000 to 60,000 feet of lumber to the Union Lumber Company's branch in Colusa, returned to the wood farm and repeated the process, the whole procedure taking about three weeks.



VETERAN EMPLOYEES—Some of the employees of Union Lumber Co. observing its 100th anniversary this week have been with the firm for more than a quarter of a century. Shown above are some of the veterans with Harold Johnson, Marysville yard manager. From left are Norman Armstrong, driver, 18 years with the company; Eddie Allender, yard foreman, an employe for 38 years; Johnson and M. J. Jacobson, yard salesman and bookkeeper, an employe for 28 years.

(A-D Photo)

UNION LUMBER COMPANY TO RECEIVE HONORS
AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE 100-YEAR CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
KAYE CHEIM

The Union Lumber Company of Marysville is the oldest retail lumber yard, in continuous operation, in the state of California.

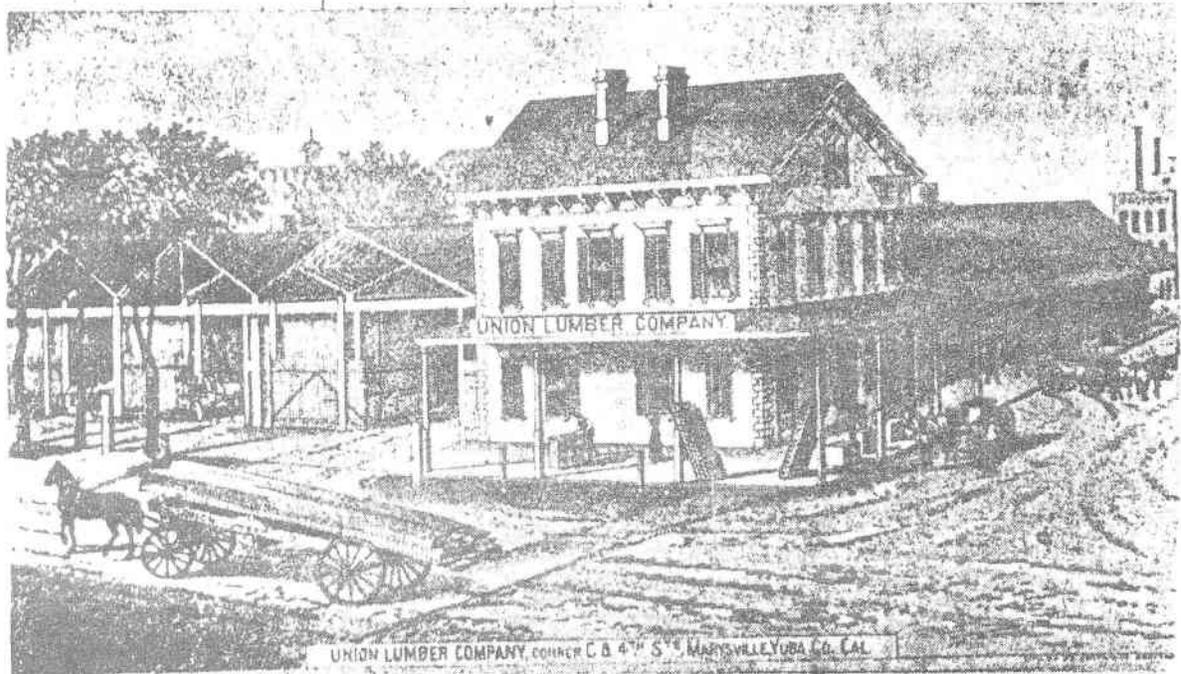
The firm was started in 1852 by W.K. Hudson and was incorporated in 1864. At one time, the company owned and operated 15 saw-mills in Yuba County and several in other counties.

Since 1884, the Company has been owned by the Cheim family; the founding member being Heiman Cheim, an emigrant from Germany. Due to the strong determination and progressive spirit of Mr. Cheim and his heirs for the past 80 years, this business has survived numerous fires, a depression, and the keenest competition. Today, the Union Lumber Company is a respected and modern enterprise serving the building needs of the ever-growing Yuba-Sutter Community.

Officers of the Union Lumber Company are Arthur Cheim, President; Frank H. Cheim, Vice President; and Heiman Cheim, Secretary-Treasurer.

Accepting the award for the Cheim Family is Heiman Cheim, a third generation Cheim. Mr. Cheim is a member of the California Historical Society, and a direct descendant of W.G. Murphy, a survivor of the ill-fated Donner Party.

NOTE: In August 1970 Heiman and Kaye Cheim purchased the Union Lumber Company from the Cheim Estate.



No picture of our original yard is in existence. This cut showing our plant about 1875 indicates that even in those distant days, three quarters of a century ago, large stocks of fine merchandise were made available by Union Lumber Co. for the growth and development of Marysville. The best service that fine teams and sturdy wagons could furnish was at the command of the public.



Now we have a modern lumber yard . . . chock full of new and up-to-date equipment to help you make the most of your home. Our experienced staff is here to give you advice and suggestions on how to get more comfort, more conveniences and more living space. Today's men and machinery are all dedicated to your benefit.

SERVING YOU SINCE 1852!



HAROLD JOHNSON, Manager
Union Lumber Co.



MR. HEIMAN CHEIM
Builder of the modern Union Lumber Company and
with the company for 64 years. Died 1928.



HAROLD PAXTON, Manager
Sutter Union Lumber Co.

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Union Lumber was one of Permanente's first commercial customers and have loyally maintained their association throughout the ensuing years.

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HALL'S STATIONERY
by
"Sam" Sperbeck

It was on St. Patrick's Day ninety five years ago that the Hall's Office Supplies and furniture store, located at 6th and E Streets, in Marysville started business. It was on that day that G.W., G. "Billy" Halland, A.B. Miller, now both deceased, purchased the stationery store from Engle Brothers. The business was located at 220 D Street. The store then became known as Miller & Hall. Five years later Hall bought out Miller's interest and the store became known as G.W. Hall Stationer and Bookseller.

The original Hall Family consisted of Mr. & Mrs. and eight children; Hedley, Francis F. "Hira", Edwin, G.W. "Mick", Dr. Robert, Leila, Jane and Kathryn. The senior Hall was an active civic leader including being the city's mayor and Mrs. Hall, in spite of her family duties, found time to devote to many charity and social affairs of the community. The old family home still stands and is used on H Street.

Getting back to the Hall store, the senior Hall passed away in 1936 and the business was taken over by G.W. Jr., better known as Mick. Mick moved the store site to 421 D Street in the Haney building. A word on Mick. He was a graduate of Marysville High and played a period of time in pro ball with the Odgen team of the coast league.

Although baseball was Mick's life, he gave up full time playing to return and take over the family store. He did find time to carve out a brilliant career in the old Trolley and Valley Leagues. Mick's favorite team was managed by the late Major Jack Dooley, a local bank manager.

In the meantime, Mick married Sherry, now a resident of East Marysville. They had two children, Nancy Aaberg of Sacramento and the late Hedley.

Back to the long time one family store. The store was then known as Hall's Stationery Store but needed more space, so Mick moved the store to it's present location at 6th and E Streets. This was done in 1963. From then on to this day, it is known as Hall's Office Supplies and Furniture, Inc. The manager of the store is Mick's sister-in-law, Stella Brower. Mick, like his father and brothers, was an active civic leader, being a long time member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Peach Tree Country Club, Sacramento LaSalle Club, Hall of Fame, which honors outstanding baseball players of past years. Hall Jr. was one of the better golfers in the area and played basketball with several leading independent clubs of this area.

G.W. "Mick" passed on September 16, 1982 when the area lost one of it's better citizens.

The store is still going great under the supervision of Stella Brower and serves Yuba, Sutter, Colusa and South Butte in the same courteous manner as it did in 1888.

It no doubt ranks high among the one family continuous operations in Northern California, which is an outstanding honor for a pioneer section of the West Coast.



NEW TODAY

Marysville, March 17, 1888

NOTICE

WE HAVE THIS DAY DISPOSED OF OUR business to A.B. Miller and G.W. Hall, who will continue the same under the firm name of Miller & Hall. All accounts due us will be found at the old stand and parties indebted are requested to call and settle the same. J.P. Engel will remain with the new firm during the next two months. We trust that the patronage which has been so liberally bestowed on us during the three years we have been in business, will be continued to our successors.

ENGLE BROS.

Referring to the above, we would respectfully announce to the public and patrons of our predecessors, Engel Bros., that we shall at all times keep on hand for their inspection, a fine selected stock of goods in our line of business. We hope, by strict attention to business, and polite attention, to merit continuance of those favors so long extended to the late proprietors. Visit our store before purchasing and get our prices.

MILLER & HALL



1888-1935
G.W. 'G. Billy' Hall, Sr.

Business Changes

A.B. Miller and G.W. Hall, two young men of this city, who are well-known and popular, have purchased the stock and business of Engel Bros., the stationers, on D Street, and will assume charge tomorrow.

24 The above notice was located from the files of the Yuba County Library through the help of Mr. John Little, Librarian. The notice shows that my father, G.W. Hall and uncle, A.B. Miller purchased the store on March 17, 1888. The store was then located at 220 D St. At that time the store was known as Miller & Hall. Five years later my father purchased Miller's interest. From 1893 to 1935 the store was known as G.W. Hall stationer and bookseller.

After my father passed away I moved the location to 421 D Street and changed the name to Hall's Stationery store.

In 1963 I again moved the store to 527 E Street and changed the name to Hall's Office Supply & Furniture. Two years ago I Incorporated.

G.W. Hall Jr.



1926
G.W. 'Mick' Hall, Jr.

Robinson Paint Co.

'Old Marysville' Firm Celebrating 100th Birthday—1878-1978

In the decade following the Civil War two brothers left their Indiana home to seek their fortune in the Far West. They settled in Marysville, and through generous application of diligence and industriousness, they succeeded.

The brothers were Neen and Arch Robinson who established a Marysville business that is celebrating its 100th anniversary this spring. The business is the Robinson Paint Co.

Robinson Brothers was the original name of the business. Neen was a drummer boy, too young to be a soldier, with the Union forces in the Civil War. His descendants have continued the business.

When Arch Robinson died in the late 1890s, his brother acquired a new partner, Charles Brooks, and it was this partnership that opened a paint store at 117 D St., in the south half of the building now occupied by Becker's Auto Service.

James W. Robinson, son of Neen, entered the business at this time as bookkeeper and store clerk. When Brooks died in 1906, James W. joined his father as partner.

Still known as the Robinson-Brooks Co. in 1911, the partnership bought the building at 113 D St., which at that time housed a bag factory. The business, now known as the Robinson Paint Co., has continued in the same location.

When Neen Robinson died in 1919, his son, James W., became sole owner. In 1924 James Ralph Robinson, son of James W., became a co-partner, and at that time the name of the business was changed to Robinson Paint Co. James W. Robinson retired several years before he died in 1962.

The long and continued success of the business is attributed in large measure to its "loyal and longtime employees." Among them is R. E. Prindiville, who began his

career as an apprentice in 1925 and later became superintendent of painting operations. He retired after 50 years but remains president of the corporation formed in the early '50s.

In the early '30s the glass department was opened and later was managed by Tom Peters, who began work for the firm in 1928. Peters also has retired.

Frank Nelson, present manager of the business, joined the firm as bookkeeper and store clerk in 1935. He became manager in 1966, when J. Ralph retired. (Frank's father, O. W. Nelson, also spent 35 years with the company).

Lawrence Brown joined the business as an apprentice and now is manager of the glass department.

Frank McQuay, who also served his apprenticeship with Robinson Paint Co., presently is superintendent of painting operations.



James W. Robinson



J. Ralph Robinson

J. Ralph Robinson, after 47 years of active participation in the business, has retired, although he remains a major stockholder. Frank Nelson, vice-president of the corporation, is general manager.

The corporation, now one of the largest paint contracting firms in Northern California, has completed contracts from San Francisco to the Oregon border.

OLD RECEIPT — A March, 15, 1888 receipt shows Robinson "Robinson & Bro" collected 35 cents for painting the flag pole at the "China Josh House."



1912 CALENDER

Musick 15-1888
China Josh House for to
Robinson & Bro for 35 flag
pole 35 cts

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF YUBA-SUTTER FAIRS - 1948

Taken from history file at the Fairground Office

Fairs are older than Christianity, and although the emphasis placed on fair activities changes with the years, the idea of a fair itself goes on and on with its traditional appeal to the farmer and trader.

In ancient times, fairs afforded the only great markets where necessary and exotic things were displayed and sold.

Even now, when many kinds of marketing have developed, fairs are the only media where the best and latest products may be seen, smelled, tasted, felt, and even heard.

While modern fairs no longer command such a position in commerce as sales places for commodities, they have assumed an even more important role as stimulators of farm and industrial production.

Long before the American pioneer shouldered his way through the mountain passes into the golden state of California, there existed a tradition of fairs under the Spanish colonial period. They were called "fiestas", and at the turn of the century, most California fairs still were called by this name. It has been only gradually, since then, that the Spanish-Americans have withdrawn as the chief participants in fair festivals.

Take, for example, "LaFiesta de San Bernardino" held in 1890. The town was festooned in Spanish red, yellow and green. Indians, who had free passage on the railroads in the early days, came to town on the Santa Fe to ride in the fiesta. There were prancing steeds richly adorned with carved leather and silver trappings. This fiesta was one of the last true Spanish-American fairs held in the state.

For the first five years of the great gold rush, it is true, mining was the prime consideration. Most of the overland immigrants arrived late in the summer. According to an article on Early California fairs written by Charles W. Paine, secretary-manager of the California State Fair of 1926, the first impression gained by these immigrants who arrived in late summer, was one of "dried-up grass and vegetation, unfit for agriculture."

But in that great horde of red-shirted men were many young farmers, eager and optimistic. Paine attributes the exorbitant price of fruits and vegetables as temptation to some of these ambitious men to till the soil and plant. "The results were amazing," Paine adds.

But California was an isolated country. It took months to get an answer to a letter sent East asking for information or seeds. So, these early agriculturalists gathered together to talk things over. They decided to band themselves in a little society, but at the same time they had bigger plans.

This early group of farmers petitioned the state legislature for authorization of formation of a "State Agricultural Society." The governor signed the bill creating the body on May 13, 1854. That day was born the society now known as the California State Board of Agriculture. Sutter County's own Captain John A. Sutter was elected Vice-President of the society.

The State later appropriated \$5,000 cash annually to be used for premiums at state fairs. The society was empowered to buy land for the purpose of holding fairs, and the movement was underway.

A few months later, on October 4, the first State fair ever held in California opened at San Francisco in Musical Hall with the cattle show department put on at Mission Dolores. The fifth state fair was held in Marysville.

For the great occasion, the State Agriculture Society erected "The Pavilion" on Cortez Square in Marysville. The odd looking structure was in the shape of a Greek Cross, according to early descriptions, and built in the style of Roman architecture.

The main structure was 120 feet by 50 feet in dimension, with adjoining wings each 25 feet by 40 feet.

A dome topped the structure with room for 36 double doors and eight large windows. W.P. Miller was the architect; O.W. Aubrey the Contractor.

The fair held here was notable chiefly for the large exhibit sent up from Los Angeles, and it must be remembered that in those days, everything had to be transported long distances in great freight wagons. None of the drivers dreamed, as they urged weary animals along day after day through dusty roads and trails, that some day there would be 24-hour delivery service over the same routes.

Little else is known of this fair, however, as historical documents indicate that most of the records were lost in the Sacramento flood three years later.

According to Paine's research on the subject, these early State Fairs produced some exhibits which were record-breaking even today.

Among them, Paine's article states, were the following exhibits: a bunch of carrots, each carrot 39 inches long and more than 10 pounds in weight; a 73-pound beet, seven and a half feet long; a corn stalk 24 feet high; a 15-1/2 inch apple; and a 129 pound pumpkin!

In the State Fair held in Marysville in 1858, Warren P. Miller's "Steam Wagon" was awarded \$400 and a medal proclaiming the innovation as "Suitable for agricultural purposes". Miller's machine was equipped with tracks, and is credited with being the forerunner of the first U.S. crawler tractor.

As the State flourished, and the agricultural wealth of this "promised land" increased, it was inevitable that one state fair would never satisfy the communal craving for fairs and festivals.

Thus was born the County and District Fairs. As early as 1870 there existed a Northern California District Fair association with regular meetings of District Agricultural Society Members who discussed premium lists and fair sites.

On October 11, 1875, Marysville again hit the fair spot-light as location of the "14th Annual Exhibition of the Northern District Agricultural Society."

A specialized version of a district fair was held here in 1891, known as the "State Horticulture Convention." It was held in the Masonic Temple in Marysville under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture.

The Horticultural Convention pamphlet is interesting in itself in that it shows the background of citrus and deciduous fruit cultivation here.

In the years 1852 and 1862, the vast expanses of sand and willows are observed lying east of Marysville, extended to the foothills, a distance of 12 miles, and varying in width from three to five miles, were meadow farms, held in small areas by several hundred people. These people had settled there to make homes and were of the sturdy and thrifty

class. They came not for the purpose of mining, but to till the soil.

Within the territory mentioned, and within the years from 1852 to 1862, statistics at hand indicate that the combined planting of deciduous fruit trees and vines exceeded 1,600 acres. These orchards and vineyards grew rapidly and were very prolific. The owners brought a good portion of their yield to Marysville and disposed of it at what would now be looked upon as fabulous prices. The markets were confined to the shipments made to the mines in the lower mountains and to local consumption.

The fruit industry of California, it will be observed, had its birth in the bottom lands of the Yuba River. It was killed by the over-flows which followed 1862, and were caused by the filling of the river channel and the lowest lands. As the filling process encroached upon the higher lands, the orchards and vineyards vanished. The industry was destroyed in 1875, but one or two vineyards were productive until 1881.

After 1862, other parts of the State began to grow the apricot, peach, pear, plum and plant vines; but it was some time before people could be found who had the courage and confidence to try again their success at fruit growing in this part of the state. When they did, it was in Sutter County on the west side of the Feather River, and to a small extent in Yuba County on the north and south of Marysville.

District Fairs were held regularly, though not necessarily annually. One of the first, however, was the Marysville District Fair of 1892, W.T. Ellis, Jr. was elected president of the District at a meeting of directors held February 13, 1892. The article from the Breemer and Sportsman, February 13, 1892 reads as follows:

Marysville Fair: "The week preceding the State Fair has been selected as the time for holding the next District Fair in Marysville.

A meeting of the Directors of the 13th District Agricultural Association was held in the private office of the Northern California Savings Bank last evening, and general plans were formed that should promise, as a result, one of the most successful fairs that the District has ever known.

An endeavor will be made to interest all classes in the undertaking. The best horses that can be secured will be entered on the racing program; stockmen will be induced to make a showing that will be in every way creditable, and the display at the pavilion will not only be more diversified than formerly, but it will comprise the very best of everything that the District can produce. The arrangement of the exhibit will be somewhat different from what it has been in the past, and the Directors confidently assert that it will be the most attractive ever held here.

Work is going ahead at the race track, and it may be said that it will be entirely remodeled. There will be a new grandstand and judges' stand, new stables, new sheds, new fences, and many other comforts and conveniences that have been sorely needed.

An accurate history of these early District Fairs apparently is lost. Digging deep into his storehouse of facts of yesteryear, W.T. Ellis does recall that most of these early expositions had as their theme the then plentiful orange. In those days, citrus fruit production in this area overshadowed the peach; and the county exhibit booths more often than not were constructed with sun-ripened oranges.

After the turn of the century, the continuity of fair activities is difficult to trace. Sometime in this era, the idea of holding a county fair replaced the district plan.

The year 1921 was one of the first in which Yuba County fairs were held. Apparently there was an hiatus of many years between fairs; an editorial appearing in the Marysville Appeal on August 23, 1921, following the fair, seems to bear out this thesis. After complimenting the foothill district people for showing interest in putting on the fair, the editorial stated: "It is in my judgement a said commentary on our County to think that we have not had a county fair, nor been represented in a state fair for many years.

Browns Valley farm center may take credit for revival of the Yuba County Fair in 1921, for in that year, William Harrison, the first Yuba County Farm Advisor, and Worthington Ames, Farm Bureau Secretary, met with Browns Valley people to put on a fair in Hammon Grove, by the cool waters of winding Deer Creek.

The Yuba County Supervisors put up \$300, and the Marysville City Council \$200, toward premium money. The big event was named the "Yuba County Fair and Farm Bureau Picnic", and a \$100 was offered for the best all-around exhibit made by a farm center.

Browns Valley farm center members volunteered their services to clear the grove and prepare the fair site. Apparently the idea of holding a fair in the open was something new, because newspaper accounts commented on the fact that "this fair will be a departure from closed fairs."

It was quite a fair, too, on that opening day of August 1921. The list of exhibit sections was lengthy and included "cattle, hogs, sheep, milk goats, horses (work teams, saddle, and purebred stallions), poultry, turkeys, geese, pigeons, ducks, pet stock; farm garden and orchard products; school exhibits -- and others.

There was a big day for the kids, too, with athletic events and swimming contests featured on the site of the dammed-up creek. A swinging bridge was built from bank to bank to make it convenient for

visitors to pass from side to the other.

A dance platform afforded evening entertainment, and the Marysville band, under the direction of Robert Fenton, provided concert music.

All in all, the Hammon Grove revival of the Yuba County Fair must have been a gala affair, for records indicate that approximately 4,000 persons thronged the fair grounds on Sunday, the last day of the festival.

Yuba County continued to hold fairs intermittently through the 1920's. Sutter County, however, was beginning to awake to the possibilities at hand, and newspaper accounts of the 1925 Yuba County Fair held in Marysville Auditorium came out with the following: "Rumors are circulating that it will not be long before Sutter County fairs will be presented".

The Yuba County Fair of 1926 was heralded as the "Greatest and Biggest fair in history".

Livestock shows held in connection with these county fairs of the middle '20's were usually located at the Flying J Ranch, while other exhibits were set up in the auditorium.

This system continued up until 1934 when the 13th District Agricultural Fair Board was reorganized.

It spelled the end to such overlapping agencies as the Marysville Rodeo Association, the Sutter-Yuba Bi-Counties Fair Association, and the Yuba Sutter Fair Association - all of which contributed in no small part to the continuation of the fair idea.

At the first meeting of the Board, the fair date was set for August 23-26, and plans were discussed to make the fair the most "comprehensive in history".

The new Board of Directors ran into a lot of difficulty in locating a large enough site for the fair. Original plans called for utilization of the municipal ball park. They were abandoned in favor of a new location situated between Sixth and Eighth Streets, and Pine and J Streets, Marysville. Directors discovered it was going to take much more construction work than expected, so a third change was made - only a few weeks before the fair dates. It was finally decided to hold the festival on the circus grounds at 10th and I Streets.

Director Ed Johnson stated this would be the last move of location "although", he commented, "some people wonder why the fair was not put on wheels and moved from street to street as seen fit!"

The 1937 fair did mark the first concrete action taken toward establishment of a permanent type fair site, when three tracts of land were purchased consisting of the "flying J Ranch of 40 acres; a 15-acre tract adjoining this property; and a 100-foot strip roadway to the fairgrounds.

The property was located about seven miles from Marysville in the Arboga District. Horseshow and Livestock Exhibits were conducted on this property until 1940.

Fair activities halted abruptly during the war years. In 1945, the district acquired approximately 22 acres of land from A.G. Bremer and Frank Bremer, and others, for \$12,000. The property was contiguous to the 10-1/2 acre tract purchased from the City of Yuba City in 1941.

Expansion continued to the present site which includes 17 acres on which rests the Yuba City ball park. This acreage was deeded to the district by the Mayor of Yuba City on November 18, 1946.

Fairs have been held at this location continuously since 1945, although the severe flood of 1955 curtailed operations that year. All buildings on the grounds were unindated by flood waters except the main exhibit building. Buildings and grounds were restored through use of emergency funds from the state in the amount of \$205,000.

District fairs are under the direction of a board of eight directors, appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. These directors serve without pay. County fairs are under the control of the County Boards of Supervisors.

Fairs are operated as non-profit enterprises - that is, any profits accruing are used for support, maintenance, operation and improvement of the facilities.

That the educational fair program is justified is shown by the marked increase in the number of registered live stock in California; the improved standards in agricultural production; the heightened interest of young boys and girls in agricultural and live stock projects. District and county fairs are playing an important part in encouraging and improving the vast agricultural and live stock industries of California.

First Lady Of The Fair **Blanche Palmer Retires**

By MARLENE McCORMACK
A-D Staff Writer

An appropriate title for Blanche Palmer of Marysville might be "The First Lady of the Yuba-Sutter Fair."

She has spent 36 years working as the Fair's business assistant and will be honored for her faithful service at a retirement dinner Thursday at the Fairgrounds Art Center. Reservations for the dinner — which will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. — can be made at the fair office in Yuba City through Monday.

Mrs. Palmer, who officially retired in March, has seen the fair grow from a rodeo event at the old



Blanche Palmer

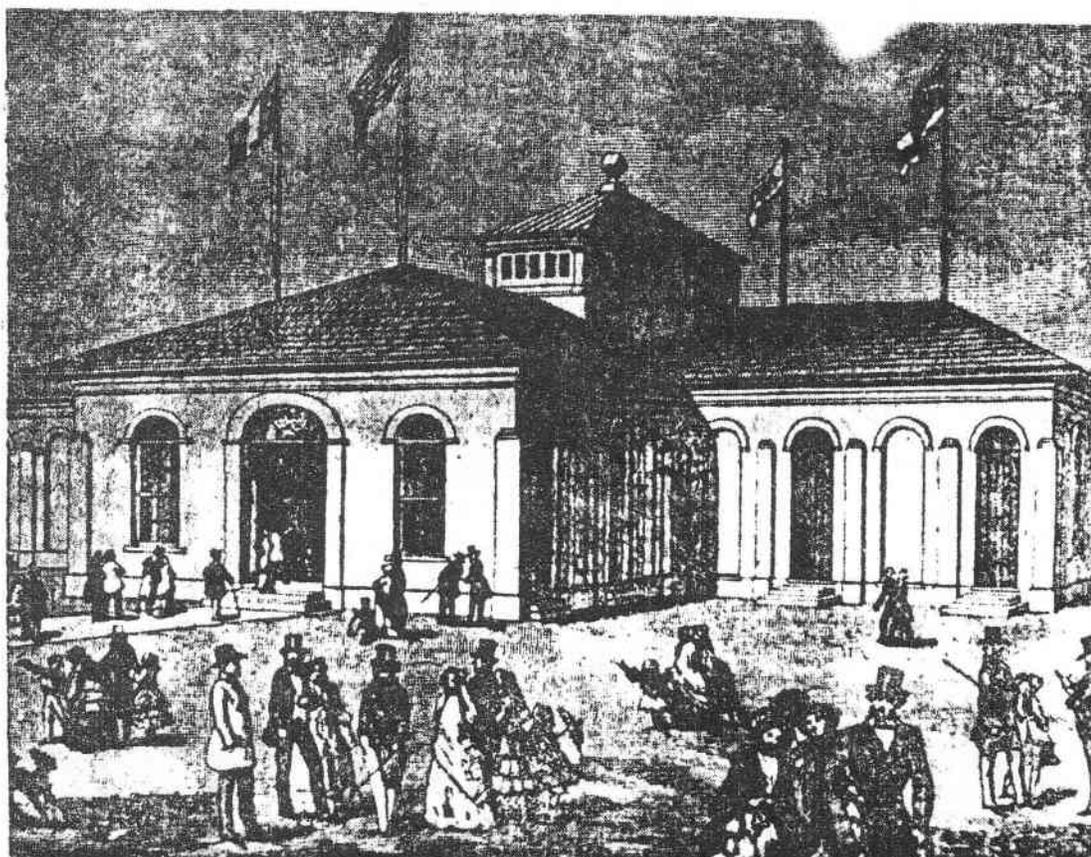
Flying J Ranch on Arboga Road to a full-fledged fair that drew 67,000 spectators

last year during its five-day run.

Seated inside her manicured, comfortable ranch-style home in East Marysville, Mrs. Palmer reflected on her years starting in 1947, the year of the first fair held after World War II.

"It was a horse show, rather than a rodeo," she said, "in fact, our office was in the tack room of the horse barn."

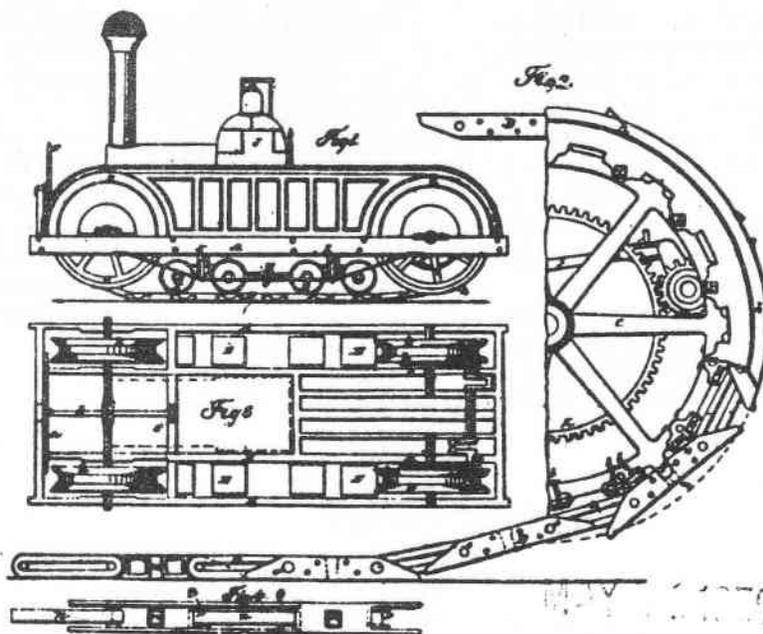
Exhibits were housed in tents, there was no permanent building at that time, she said. Mrs. Palmer only worked three months for the fair because "that's all the money they had" for her position.



STATE FAIR IN MARYSVILLE—This copy of an old print is of the California State Fair pavilion in Marysville in 1858. Apparently this building is one of a group which was erected across the East Marysville levee near what is now the Valley Meat Co. plant.

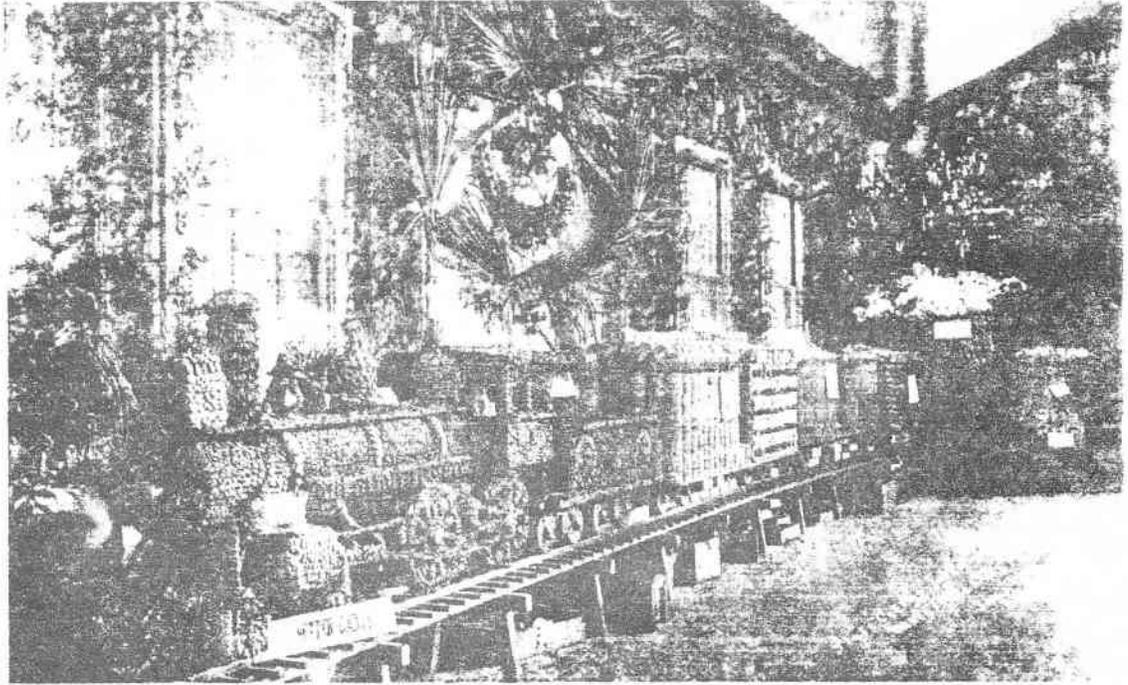
Miller's Crawler Tractor of 1858

By F. HAL HIGGINS



Patented May 4, 1859

FIRST TRACK TYPE TRACTOR IN U.S. It was paraded at California State Fair held in Marysville in 1858 and won prizes. Drawing is from U.S. patent office. Does anyone know where a photograph of this pioneer tractor could be found?



SCENE IN THE STATE CITRUS FAIR AT MARYSVILLE

Locomotive and Train of Cars constructed wholly from different fruits and nuts

ROBINSON PAINT COMPANY, Inc.

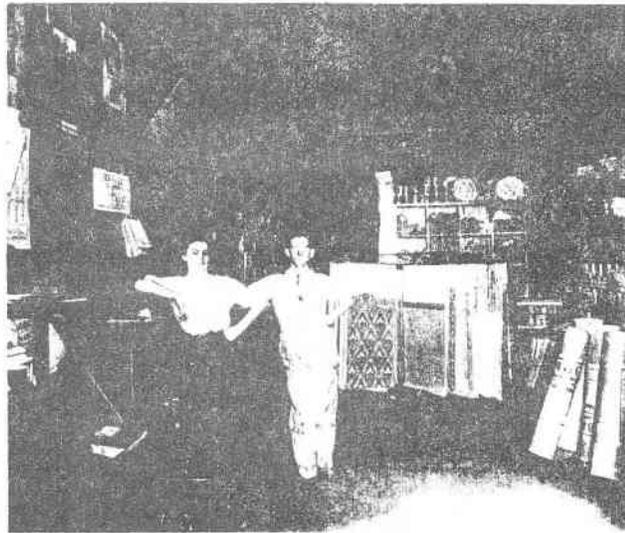
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General Painting Contractors

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131 D STREET

MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA



circa 1910

Jim and Jennie Robinson

1975



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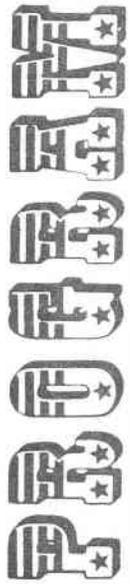
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May 24-25-26

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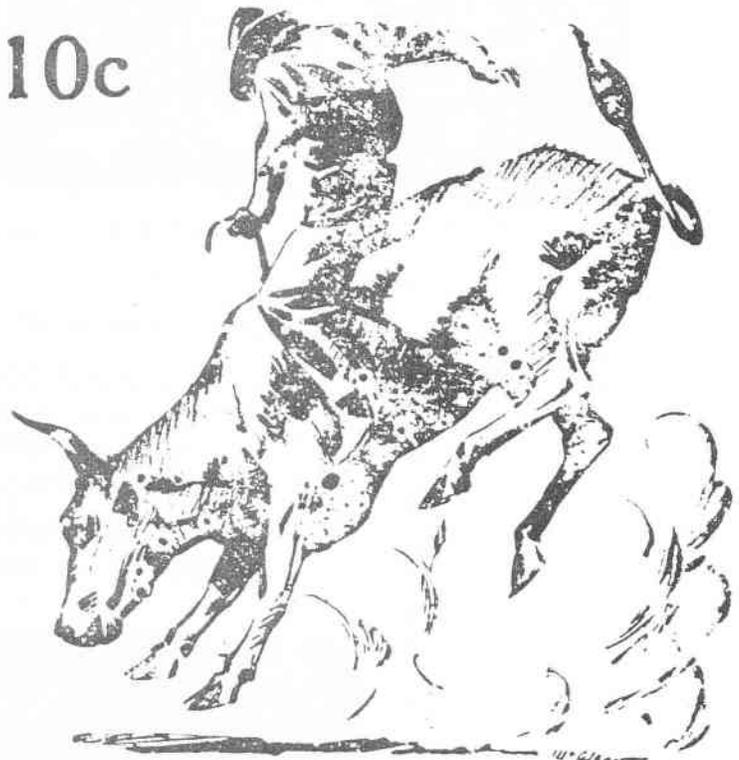
13TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

CALIFORNIA STAMPEDE

Flying "J" Ranch

Sunday, May 29, 1938

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