

# Sutter County Historical Society News Bulletin

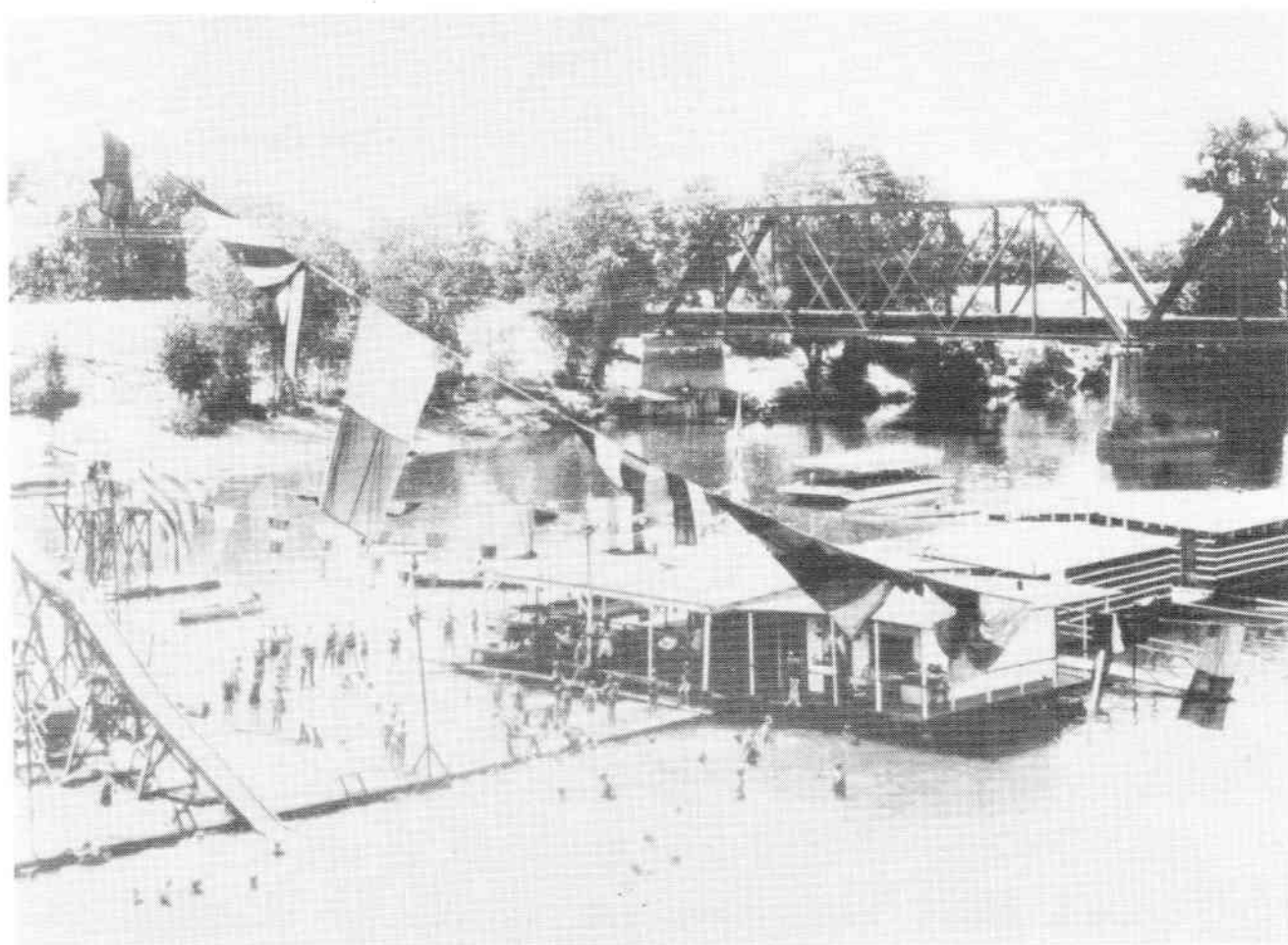
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## **The Feather River Boat and Bathing Resort**

*(Photograph credit: Myrtle Newcomb)*

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## President's Message

Springtime - 1996

The anticipation of the Earth's Spring has always enchanted my every passion! And now it has arrived. What a joy it is to have travelled through the proceeding seasons and once again find myself in the midst of vernal surroundings.

We have a great Earth on which to conduct our short stay and each of us can make our trip through life a happy and fulfilling experience. At the same time we can make our doings fruitful to the well being of the World - both the earth and mankind.

As each one of us contribute to history in general and the history of the Sutter County Historical Society in particular, let us forge ahead in a jubilant manner ever remembering that *our* Spring is upon us. New foliage, new flowers, new fruit, new root growth. We, individually, and our Society will reap a bountiful harvest!

I have enjoyed my tenure as President this past year. I appreciated the cooperation you have extended in our proceedings. And, most importantly, I thank you, Linda Leone, for your untiring efforts in gently guiding both me and the Society. Well done!!

Bruce Harter

### JOHN A. SUTTER - 1850 U.S. CENSUS Hock Farm - Sutter County, California

Name: John A. Sutter  
Improved Acres of Land: 100  
Unimproved Acres: 1,000  
Cash Value of Farm: \$100,000.  
Value of Farming Implements and  
Machinery: \$10,000.  
Horses: 1,000  
Asses and Mules: 25

Milch Cows: 300  
Working Oxen: 50  
Other Cattle: 600  
Sheep: 500  
Swine: 60  
Value of Livestock: \$46,250.  
Wheat: 50 bushels  
Indian Corn: 50 bushels

## Director's Report

It is hard to believe, but on April 7 I will celebrate the completion of my tenth year as the Director of the Community Memorial Museum. In many ways it seems like I just got here, there are still so many exhibit themes we have yet to tackle and so much history still to collect. On the other hand, there are days when I feel like I have been here for a lifetime, and I guess in a way I have. Through the study of history, especially the kind of active study through collection, research and exhibition that we are allowed to do in the museum setting, I have been lucky enough to have dipped into the lifetimes of many of the fascinating people who have lived in and contributed to the place we know today as Sutter County. As with those who are still living and contributing to Sutter County, some of the people of the past have enchanted me, some have inspired me; there are some that I am very glad to have met, and some that puzzle and intrigue me.

It is perhaps ironic that as I celebrate my ten years in Sutter County history, I am also planning my departure from that history. In mid-June I will be leaving, moving to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to join the man who will, by that time, be my husband. The move is exciting and scary and I often have the strong desire to retreat into the past I am still working on in my job, but that really doesn't work. When I look at the people who first settled this area I get very little sympathy from them. After all when they came here it was an untamed place, full of mystery and uncertainty. While I am worried about finding a job in the museum field and making new friends, they were worried about finding enough food to eat from one day to the next and making a life for themselves and their families out of nothing but raw earth and their own labor. In comparison, my worries seem silly and small.

While I am sad to leave Sutter County I believe that I can look back on the past ten years as good, productive ones, where the Museum made great strides in collections care, exhibition, educational programming, and community involvement. For my final exhibit I don't think I could have picked a better exhibit to work on than *The Road Not Forgotten: The Journey of Japanese Descendants in Butte, Colusa, Sutter and Yuba Counties (1889-1995)*. Working on this exhibit with the Japanese American Citizens League is a great pleasure and the amount of information and artifacts that they have made available for the exhibit ensure that *The Road Not Forgotten* will be a rich, unforgettable experience for everyone who views it. Please join us on Friday, May 3, from 5 to 7:00 p.m., at the opening reception for *The Road Not Forgotten*. And please accept my appreciation for all of the kindness and support that all of you have extended to me and to the Museum over the past ten years. It is heartening to know that even though I will be leaving, that same support and kindness will continue to strengthen and enrich the Museum.

Jackie Lowe  
Director

## Letter from the Editors

What an interesting and challenging Bulletin this one was! The "challenge" came with all the information which wouldn't fit into this issue. It leaves us with ideas and information for future articles.

Lillian Scheiber supplied us with the Hock Farm census information.

Myrtle Newcomb's picture and information about the Feather River Resort led us on a hunt for more information about it. When we locate information concerning its demise, there will be another article about the resort. Who else remembers it? Share your memories with us.

Cal-Trans is trying to find a buyer for the Baldwin house. The description of the house came from its information packet. Bonnie Oliver in the Marysville office and John Snyder in Sacramento were contacted for permission to print the information; to John fell the job of explaining some of the building terms.

John Winship's mention of the 1907 Yuba City fire sent us hunting for information about that. It was interesting to compare the newspaper coverage with the information from Hugh Moncur and Edmond Von Geldern. At first, it sounded like the article should have come from a Marysville-biased paper instead of Yuba City's own Farmer, but upon reading further we learned it was probably a push for Yuba City to have a more organized fire department than what existed at that point.

The Zoller Store piece brought back great childhood memories of ice cream cones, weiners, bottles of soda in

ice water and George and Nadine. Did he call everyone "Slippery Sam, the Crawdad Man?"

The July issue will contain the winning essays in the Judith Barr Fairbanks Memorial Essay contest. The judging has been done and the students will be honored at the April dinner meeting in Meridian.

Also in the July issue, you will meet another Honorary Member of the Society. In addition, Don Burtis is writing an article about Issac Winship. Carol Withington, the speaker at our January meeting, is submitting a piece about another of our early settlers for that Bulletin.

In the future, we would like to write about the 1939 "Pageant of the Pacific" at Treasure Island. If you attended and have memories about the exhibition, contact us. How did you get there? Where did you stay? Does any one exhibit stand out in your memory?

If you have written information you wish to submit to the Bulletin, send it to us at P.O. Box 1004, Yuba City, CA 95992. Be sure to include your name, address and a telephone number where we can contact you. We use the WordPerfect computer program if you care to submit information on a computer disk.

If you have ideas for a story, information to share or names of people for us to contact, write or call us (Linda - 673-2721 or Sharyl - 674-7741).

Linda Leone  
Sharyl Simmons

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In Memory of **Mary Lou Aberasturi**  
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## Where Does Your Contribution Go?

The above list of contributions contains gifts to both the Community Memorial Museum and the Sutter County Historical Society.

Unless otherwise specified, the donations to the Historical Society go into the Agricultural Addition Building Fund of the Society. Plans are progressing for the addition to the Museum.

Donations specified for general use go into the Society's General Fund. These monies are used to help pay the Society's annual insurance premium, post office box rental, Bulletin printing and mailing expenses and other operating expenses.

All donations are greatly appreciated and help keep the Historical Society a viable entity in the community.

# Historical Society News

## April Annual Meeting

The April Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, at the Veterans' Building in Meridian. The building is located on the southeast corner of 4th and Bridge Streets, one block south of Highway 20. There is a lot planned for this evening!

The Lilac Rebekah Lodge #350 will prepare the dinner. The menu will consist of a baked ham dinner (with wonderful scalloped potatoes!), coffee and delicious homemade desserts. This is a great bunch of cooks!

Mrs. Judy Barr will present the awards for the Judith Barr Fairbanks Memorial Essay contest. The winners have been notified, but will not find out until that night how they placed. The winning students, their parents and teachers will be our special guests. Their essays will appear in the July Bulletin.

The program will be presented by Don Burtis, retired Sutter County educator. His topic is the history of Sutter County schools. Don enjoys his topic and so will you.

Bruce Harter will be the "MC" for the raffle. We're not sure if "MC" stands for "Master of Ceremonies" or "Major Comic." Bruce does enjoy this chore. Raffle prizes are accumulated by the Board members.

Come join us for a great evening. The cost is \$10.00 per person and reservations, required prior to April 9, can be made by calling Linda Leone at 673-2721. Our gatherings are not limited to members so come and bring a friend.



## Life Members

At the creation of the Sutter County Historical Society, many people took advantage of becoming a "Life Member" of the group. These people can be considered the backbone of the Society and deserve recognition. Those remaining with us are: Mrs. Robert Amarel, Florence Arritt, Eber Beilby, Dick & Bee Brandt, Connie Cary, Wallace & Dorothy Coats, Mr. & Mrs. George Derby, Richard Epperson, Celia Ettl, Mrs. Allen Ferguson, Jim Gilpatric, Helen Heenan, John Heenan, John Lowrey, Beatrice McKeehan, Mary Louise Neubauer, Inez Peter, Caroline Ringler, Charles Rosenback, Margit Sands, Jan Schmidl, John Schnabel, Randy & Shirley Schnabel, Randolph E. Schnabel, Virginia Stanton, Robert Sunkler, Jim & Gene Taresh, Burwell & Loretta Ullrey, and the Yuba Community College Library.

## Ona Ottillia "Tillie" (Scheiber) Dettling

Tillie Scheiber was born in Nicolaus, California on October 2, 1905. Her father, John Scheiber, was born in Schattdorf, Canton Uri, Switzerland. He was born in 1872 and came to the United States in 1893. He was the son of Karl Scheiber and was involved in the dairy business in Nicolaus. Her mother, Anna Theresa Linggi, was born in Yolo County. The Linggis were early Swiss immigrants. Tillie's two brothers are Carl J. and Otto J. Scheiber.

Tillie attended grammar school in Nicolaus. Her brother, Otto, was only a year older than she was and they walked to school together. They had a St. Bernard dog they hitched to their wagon and let the dog pull them. When the ground got too sandy, Tillie would have to get out and push the wagon while Otto rode. She enjoyed music and her many friends. Her sister-in-law, Lillian Scheiber, remembers Tillie and Otto talking about taking the train from East Nicolaus to classes in Sacramento following grammar school. She thought they went for two years.

Tillie played the piano in Otto's Swiss band, the Otto Scheiber Band. Otto played the clarinet and accordion (Ken Engasser says Otto could play any instrument), Judge Herzog played the bass fiddle, Ben Drescher played the bass fiddle, and Otto's father (John) played the small Swiss accordion. Mac McCaffery was also in the band. Ken says they were one of the first Swiss bands to play on KFBK radio station in Sacramento. The band also played for dances at Garwood Grove near Nicolaus and at Helvitia Park on the Sacramento

River north of Sacramento.

Tillie married Steve J. Dettling, a rice farmer born in Sacramento, on October 1, 1932. Their families had known each other for years; Tillie's mother had dated Steve's father prior to them finding other marriage partners. Otto Scheiber was married the end of October of 1932. Otto and Tillie had a joint wedding reception held in Nicolaus.

Steve and his two brothers each had speed boats and the families would spend Sunday afternoons on the Sacramento River. Lillian describes Tillie as a good dancer who enjoyed being with her family. She has resided in Woodland for about 59 years.

Tillie listed her hobby as China painting. She has painted decorative plates, bowls, pitchers, etc. Most of her work is of flowers with roses, pansies and tulips being her favorites. She has also painted Native Americans and animals.

Steve and Tillie had two sons, Richard S. and John Gary Dettling. She has four grandchildren.

## Aileen (Scheiber) Marty

Aileen (Scheiber) Marty, the daughter of Morris and Emma (Peter) Scheiber and wife of Antone Marty was born in Nicolaus on February 3, 1901. In the January Bulletin, we promised to tell you about her this month as one of our new Honorary Members. She passed away on March 1, 1996 before we could tell you her story.

## Reminiscences

by  
Myrtle Newcomb

In 1921, my sister and I arrived in Berkeley from Fargo, North Dakota. The train was split into sections and ferried across the Carquinez Straits. That was a time before any bridges in the Bay Area, and the only transportation to any point was by ferryboat. I commuted for two years from Berkeley to San Francisco to work.

After two years, my sister married and since my brother, Randolph Cleveland, had just arrived in Marysville from North Dakota, I decided to visit him. I also preferred small towns and a warmer climate. In the fall of 1923, I came here on the Southern Pacific one-car gasoline operated motor coach called the "Skunk" (probably because of the odor of gasoline). There were only a few passengers on board. The only means of travel into the area was by rail and this coach was in use until 1934. It ran from the Bay Area, was ferried across Carquinez Straits and came through Knight's Landing. It crossed Sutter Basin where Highway 113 is now located. This was all swamp and overflow land filled with tules, and the water came up to each side of the railroad bed - it looked like a huge lake. What a transformation this area has experienced since Reclamation District No. 1500 was formed, the land reclaimed and levees and canals were built; as well as the much needed Sutter By-pass.

The train then made its way up the valley through Tudor, moving slowly enough so I could see the beautifully kept orchards of ripening peaches and

plums on both sides, along with many other fruit crops. Closer to Yuba City, I saw vineyards of Thompson seedless grapes, with huge wooden trays drying them in the hot valley sun. Peaches and plums were also dried in the fields. Whole families worked all summer - women and children helped with picking the fruit and cutting peaches right in the orchards to dry.

Even before arriving at my destination, I felt that I had found a virtual paradise and hoped that I could live out my life in this wonderful place.

It wasn't long until I spotted the Sutter Buttes, and I will never forget the thrill of sighting that unique small mountain range for the first time.

Arriving in Yuba City, I was sure I would never want to leave - it was love at first sight. Orchards came right up to the limits of the small river front town.

After crossing the Feather River, another pleasant surprise came into view - the charming town of Marysville. It looked like a toy town in a bowl, completely surrounded by levees to protect it from the two rivers.

My brother had been here long enough to have met most of the wonderful people; and it wasn't long until I felt I had met everyone in the two towns. I was particularly impressed with the friendliness and I was made to feel right at home. I knew I had found the place for which I had been searching. At age ninety-one [1993], I have lived and loved life in these two communities for seventy years.

In just a few days, I found employment as Deputy Treasurer with Fred Heiken, Treasurer & Tax Collector of Sutter County. I spent thirty-three years working in the courthouse and the Sutter County Title Company. Both places were on Second Street in Yuba City. I was fortunate to have had the privilege of preparing the first typewritten Assessment Rolls for the County of Sutter and the City of Yuba City in 1928, on a newly invented Remington Bookkeeping Machine.

I lived in an apartment on "D" Street in Marysville with my brother. Some days I took the trolley to Yuba City, but most days I walked to work over the Fifth Street Bridge. It was really just a "walk bridge." There weren't any cars to speak of. I got my exercise anyhow.

There was much activity and entertainment in the two towns. Clubs and lodges flourished and were a large part of our lives. There was nothing to hold us captive in our homes, and we were free to enjoy the people and the great outdoors.

We were lucky to have our very own summer resort - "The Feather River Resort" - in the middle of the river between the Fifth Street Bridge and the old railroad bridge. It kept the children and many adults entertained all summer and everyone in both towns could walk there. The main entrance was from the Marysville side where there was a sandy beach for picnicking and sunbathing. There was a wooden stairway down from the middle of the Fifth Street Bridge and the streetcar stopped to let people on and off, but the easiest place to get in was from the Marysville side.

There was a dance pavilion and a place to buy refreshments on floats in

the middle of the river. There were different level diving boards and a long slide on another float over the deepest part of the river. The floats were connected in some way. The slide was metal, high and long. You can see by the photo that it was big. I never went down the slide, but my husband's sister went down it and said she was scared to death. She was about ten.

Young kids would go there for the whole day. Many mothers have said that they fixed a little lunch up for them in the morning and sent them off -- knowing that they were safe because of the life guards on duty -- and they stayed all day. I don't remember anyone having to pay to use the slides or diving boards.

The river was the center of attraction. Of course, it was a dangerous river. Everyone remembers that. People were careful. The river had a sandy bottom full of holes so you had to be really careful in swimming there. That's why the Resort was so nice. It was so safe and a lot of youngsters learned how to swim there because there were guards on duty all the time. It was a wonderful place.

In the evenings, the grownups danced on a small pavilion on the float next to the one that held the slides and diving boards. It was in existence from about 1920 to 1926, and during one winter unusually high water washed it away and it was never rebuilt. It was a great loss to the communities and missed by everyone.

Then came the era of boating - Rockholt outboard boats, built locally by Harold Rockholt, were introduced and began taking over the river. Races were held every summer which attracted large audiences. The water in the river stayed

at a fairly high level. All of this activity was below the Fifth Street Bridge.

Marysville was the hub of most of the activity and was where we did most of our shopping. All of the stores stayed open on Saturday night. We gathered on "D" Street before going to the dance. After the automobile showed up on the scene, we would sit and visit. We kept the ice cream parlors busy making ice cream cones - Angilley's Soda Bar and the Ideal Bakery's Soda Fountain.

There were many places to dance, not only on Saturday night but during the week - the Feather River Resort, Marysville Hotel and the Forester's Hall where I met Ralph at the 1923 Armistice Day Dance. An open air pavilion was built at 4th and "E" Streets where it was such fun to dance under the stars.

The two towns were fortunate to have many wonderful musicians and we had several excellent "Big Bands" of our own; and we felt they could equal any of the "Big Bands" in the country. Some of them were - Harry Camper's Vel-Tones, Bill Gern's All Stars, Mac's Band, Madge Maynard's Orchestra and Banta's Orchestra. My brother played drums in several of them.

Not only were Saturday nights filled with music, but Sundays were equally as busy. Starting in the forenoon, band concerts were held in two parks. There were bandstands in a park in East Marysville, and in the park on Fifth Street. Whole families gathered with their picnic baskets to spend the day. When evening came, many of us went to the Atkins Theatre at the foot of "D" Street to enjoy silent pictures and Vaudeville. It was quite a fancy theatre with a large balcony. Marysville High

School held its graduation exercises there.

Yuba City's business district was confined to Second and Bridge Streets, with small businesses and the only bank - Boyd's First National. The largest store was Frank Bremer's Hardware which is still in existence. The Hall of Records, which looks just the same, and the Courthouse were the main attractions. Many special events were held on the Courthouse lawn.

Every summer during the 1930s there would be a big 49er celebration in the two towns which lasted for days. Everyone dressed in old fashioned outfits - the women in long dresses and bonnets and the men in the hats and garb of that era. Everyone wore their outfits to work. The men entered into the spirit of things - even Judge Mahan wore a stove pipe hat. Fred Heiken and Mick Hall were the ones who brought the laughs - Fred dressed as a woman and Mick as a gold miner on a bicycle built for two. They won first prize in the parade. Ed Von Geldern always had charge of all arrangements for the parade down "D" Street. There were homemade floats on wagons pulled by horses.

Another regular pastime was going out to dinners several times a week. We always "dressed up" for everything. Sunday evening, the Marysville Hotel was the favorite place to enjoy a leisurely dinner and spend time with friends. Other places visited during the week were the Uriz Hotel and the many excellent Chinese restaurants.

I have many fond memories of those early years and still remember how much fun we had in everything which we did.

## Arthur T. Baldwin Home

Arthur T. Baldwin was born in Stockton on December 25, 1881, the son of Thomas J. and Lilian (Cody) Baldwin. Both Thomas and Lilian were born in San Joaquin County, California. Thomas was a farmer whose father came to California by ox-team from Missouri during the gold rush. Lilian's father, Patrick Cody, came to California in a sailing vessel via Cape Horn during the Gold Rush.

Arthur was the oldest of four children. The family lived on a farm near Belota, San Joaquin County, and he attended school in Stockton. At age 20, he attended the Western School of Commerce in Stockton, studying commercial and "normal" [teacher preparation] courses. He graduated in 1905.

After teaching in Nevada and Stanislaus Counties for a short period, he undertook the dry-cleaning business, opening his firm in Monterey. After six months he moved to Eureka. In 1908 he opened the National Cleaners located at 515 D Street, Marysville. He operated the business alone until February of 1921 when he took on a partner, Earl Fairlee. Period references to the business characterized it as "modern" and "fully equipped."

Mr. Baldwin married Miss Abbie Smith in Marysville in 1908. She had been born in Georgia and was raised in California. They had one son, Jack.

In 1922 he acquired 21-1/2 acres of land in Sutter County, where he built the subject house located on Colusa Highway just west of Highway 99. He and his wife resided there and developed the land into a peach orchard,

supplementing the dry-cleaning business. It appears that Baldwin built the house shortly after acquiring the land in February 1922, though the exact date remains unknown as does the architect/builder.

Arthur T. Baldwin's house is the best and most substantial example of its type in the Yuba City area. It is a one-story bungalow and basement residence of brick masonry construction and gable roof. It is a fine example of a late Craftsman Bungalow exhibiting a relatively rare use of brick masonry construction for this style, with Prairie School overtones exhibited by the horizontal emphasis achieved by roof line and window groupings, and with the half-timbering also indicating a coming transition to the Period Revival architectural styles of the later 1920s. The brick masonry is laid in 5/1 common bond [five rows with the bricks laid lengthwise and one row laid endwise], with heavy use of clinker brick [brick popular from 1900-1920 which is partially exploded in the kiln causing it to be dark/almost black and not rectangular] characteristic of Craftsman-style detailing. The shallow pitched roof has broad, overhanging eaves, boxed, but with exposed purlin [horizontal timbers supporting rafters] notched into fascia boards on the gable ends. The gable ends are stuccoed and some feature half-timber detailing. Windows throughout are a mixture of fixed casement and double-hung types in wood frames, with brick lug sills [earlike projection for holding or supporting something] and brick masonry flat arches; the arches are supported on steel headers. A number

of the windows feature Craftsman-type detailing. At the front of the house, battered brick masonry posts support the porch roof and the roof of the adjoining porte cochere [a large covered gateway for vehicles leading into a courtyard or a porch over a driveway at the entrance of a building for sheltering persons entering or leaving vehicles]. The front porch also includes what appears to be original framing for enclosing screens. A side porch on the east side of the house was protected by a timber pergola [arbor or covered walk made of trelliswork covered with vegetation or flowers]. Exterior alterations are minimal, confined largely to asphalt shingles on the roof, roofing of the pergola and removal of the front porch screening material. Slate-colored mortar, with nicely detailed weather-raked joints, combines with the dark brick to give the house a monolithic appearance. Interior details include original hardwood floors, base and picture moldings, redwood built-in cabinets and book cases

in the living room, redwood front door with beveled glass lights, encaustic [method of painting architectural details with colored wax which is later fused with hot irons to burn in the pigment] fireplace surround and hearth, angled corner cabinet, bathroom fixtures and tile floor, push-button light switches with mother-of-pearl faced buttons, and brass wall registers. The original coal furnace remains in the basement. At the rear of the house is a wood frame three-car garage and wood frame worker's cottage, both sheathed in double-lap siding and whose attic vents match those of the main house, revealing the outbuildings to be contemporary with the house.

**Sources:**

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Dept. of Transportation  
Yuba and Sutter Counties of California by  
Peter J. Delay (1924)

## A Little Information About Earl Fairlee

Earl Fairlee was born July 23, 1892 on a Sutter County farm. His parents were G. W. and Louisa (Feiling) Fairlee. G. W. Fairlee was an early Sutter County settler who owned 140 acres of land at Pennington where he raised grain and later planted some fruit trees.

Earl was one of ten children. His three brothers were Frank, Thomas and Warren. His sisters were Ida who married Mr. Graves, Clara who married Mr. Scott, Florence who married Mr. Bender, Mamie who married Mr. Walkup, Bertha who married Mr. Barnes and Myrtle who married Mr. Kimball.

Earl attended schools in Yuba and Sutter Counties. At the age of 15 years he went to work as a clerk in Kelly and Brown's grocery store in Marysville. During World War I, he was a member of the 116th Engineers attached to the 41st Division and spent 13-1/2 months in France.

In addition to being in the dry cleaning business with Mr. Baldwin, he had an interest in the home ranch at Pennington. He married Verna Bryan, a native of Sutter County, and they had a daughter, Lauralu.

# The Sanborn/Schillig/Winship Office

by  
John O. Winship

To the best of my knowledge, this building was built by a man named M. E. Sanborn in 1870. It was built as a law office and consisted of the front room and the back room. Great big pocket doors, which my mother had removed after we became owners, separated the two rooms. In newspaper ads from the time, Mr. Sanborn gives his address as "the first door south of Courthouse Square."

Lawrence Schillig came into this office about 1895. He was Marie Winship's brother and the father-in-law of Max Brand, the author. Marie was married to my dad's uncle, Edwin Winship. Lawrence Schillig was the City Attorney and Yuba City was incorporated as a city in this office. Mr. Schillig was also the District Attorney of Sutter County for a period of time.

About 1908, after the fire in Yuba City, the north room was added to the building. It was around this time that sessions resulting in the incorporation of Yuba City took place in this building. The biggest addition that I know of was the addition of the bathroom at the same time. Prior to that, there was an outhouse in the back yard.

The window on the south side of the building and the window on the north side are exactly the same. Apparently, the window on the north was formerly where the door is now and when they did the addition, they moved the window. The front windows are a different style than the two side windows. The two windows of the original office are made

of square hand-made nails. The north window has regular machine-made nails.

Mr. Schillig took my father into his office. During 1920s and 1930s when my father was the Sutter County District Attorney, his office was upstairs in the Von Geldern building on the corner of Second and C Streets. When he was defeated in 1934, he came back into this office.

My father was in this office until 1957 when he died. Jim Changaris was here for three or four years, until he built the office next door. The books from the original law office are in Changaris' office. Over the years, I've given the signs from the office to the Museum. The building was called "Winship Hall" when it was used by the Sutter County Welfare Office from 1964 to 1966.

On January 1, 1966, I started practice in this building and have been here ever since. The only changes that have been made have been paint and wallpaper.

The two green bookcases and the revolving bookcase have been here as long as I can remember. The tall bookcase came from my mother's home; because of the height, we couldn't find any place else to put it. My mother obtained it through Chapman's Antiques in Marysville and it belonged to Mary Murphy Covillaud, the lady who was a member of the Donner Party and for whom Marysville was named. The safe came from the first bank in Yuba City after the fire in 1907. It's steel and fireproof.

## **\$75,000 FIRE IN TOWN**

**Greater Portion of Yuba City Business Houses  
Destroyed Last Wednesday**

**A Few Buildings on Bridge Near Second  
Saved by Aid of the Marysville Fire Department**

**Residences Narrowly Escape**

**Waterworks and Other Structures on Both Sides of Second Street  
Destroyed - Losses & Insurance - The Ruined Blocks  
Will be Rebuilt - No One Seriously Injured**

Practically all the business portion of Yuba City, embracing the business block on the west side of Second Street from the Masonic hall to Fairman Street and the two blocks on the east side of Second Street from the Sutter County Hardware Store to B Street, was swept Wednesday afternoon by a fire which originated in the kitchen of the Windsor Hotel. For a time it looked as though the brick block facing Bridge Street was doomed. But the timely assistance of the Marysville fire department saved this portion of the town.

A rough estimate of the losses is placed at \$75,000 to \$100,000 as the contents of nearly every building was consumed. For a time the eastern residence portion of the town was threatened owing to the strong north wind which prevailed and which caused the flames to leap from building to building and across streets but about 4:00 o'clock the wind subsided and this with the help of the Marysville fire department, saved a much greater loss.

### **Origin of the Fire**

The Chinaman cook in the hotel was kindling the fire in the big oil range preparatory to beginning getting the

evening meal for the house. He was in the habit of using crude oil to start the range and poured in a can full on some fire already in the stove. This splashed up and caught the woodwork in the kitchen. The windows being up, the flames soon got beyond the control of the people in the house and the alarm was then turned in. The building being an old wooden structure it took only a few minutes for the flames to spread over the entire building. Efforts to save adjoining brick buildings and Attorney Hewitt's fine office building were then made but the strong wind drove the flames high into the air and whipped them around corners and through window openings, driving the fire fighters away. The business portion was then at the mercy of the flames.

The fire department of Yuba City was totally unable to cope with the fire. The Marysville department was then telephoned for and after some delay an engine and hose cart were dispatched over. By this time every building south of the Masonic hall on the west side of Second Street and the four story Water Works building on the east side of the street were on fire. The brave lads of the

Marysville department ran their engine over to the river bank and pumped water from the Feather River and kept the flames from eating up the brick structures facing Bridge Street, including the Masonic hall and three buildings owned by the bank.

### **Flames Spread Southward**

The fine cement building of Attorney Hewitt adjoining the hotel was soon gutted. A. S. Barr's cigar store, a wooden structure, went like a pile of shavings. The find brick on the corner of Second and Fairman, in which was located E. G. Van Arsdale's grocery store on the first floor and the I.O.O.F. hall on the second floor was soon in flames and a mass of ruins. On the east side of Second the flames jumped from the Water Works Building to the machine shop of Orr & Wilcoxon and from there to the hardware store and the residence of O. Moncur. Across Keyser Street, the flames leaped and caught to the livery stable of Williams Bros. and consumed it. Next came the residence of C. H. Potter on the corner of Second and B Streets. Here the fire was stopped by brave men who had sacked every residence facing B Street on the south. At Fairman Street the flames were checked by the calming down of the wind and the brick firewall of the Odd Fellows hall.

### **Fire Department Does Fine Work**

After burning the building north of the hotel up to McRae and Ashley's grocery store and the bank buildings the flames were checked by the fire department. The town feels grateful to the Marysville people for their assistance and feel that they were the means of saving the rest of the business portion of the town. The chief and his men took

many risks to confine the flames to the district already consumed.

### **Those Who Lost**

The wooden addition to the Masonic hall, occupied by the Yuba City Ice Company was a total loss. The value of building about \$1,000, partially insured.

The wooden structure of the Slattery heirs adjoining, in which were located Mount & Morgan's paint shop and the two story wooden building of H. Cheim, occupied by N. C. Hull's barber shop, were a total loss including much of their contents. Hull's barber chairs and utensils were saved. The people occupying the second stories of these buildings lost most of their furniture. Value of buildings and contents about \$3,000, partially covered by insurance.

The two story brick of Annie Matti in which were located the grocery store of Best & Wililston [sic] on the first floor and Vernon White and wife on the second story was consumed with its contents. Value of building \$3,000, contents \$3,000.

The two story brick of the Slattery heirs next south occupied by J. F. Jones' cigar store and billiard parlor on the first floor and S. J. Stabler's law office and C. M. Sheldon's residence on the second floor was burned with contents. Jones' insurance \$800, value of stock \$1500. Stabler's law books burned were covered by insurance. Sheldon's furniture \$100 with no insurance. Dr. Kosby's drug store and residence next south was a total loss. Value of building about \$3,000 and value of his drug stock is estimated at \$2,000 with insurance to the amount of \$2,000.

The Windsor hotel, owned by Robert Davis, where the fire started, was

occupied by the Valley Meat Company, the Sutter Chamber of Commerce, and J. E. Jones' barber shop on the first floor. The meat company's loss is estimated at \$1,000, they have lately installed a costly refrigerator. Insurance \$500. The Sutter Chamber of Commerce lost its office furniture and books valued at \$100, with no insurance. Jones saved most of his barber fixtures. The hotel was valued at \$3,000, contents about \$500, and carried an insurance of \$2,000. Attorney Hewitt's two story cement office building was gutted, but the walls were not injured. The loss to the building is \$4,200 with \$2,500 insurance. His office books, furniture and records were destroyed and valued at about \$1,000 partly insured. A. S. Barr's cigar store building, owned by the Elmer estate was a total loss. The building was valued at \$1,000, was partly insured. None of Barr's fixtures and furniture as well as the stock of candies, cigars and billiard table were saved. His loss is estimated at \$1500 with \$650 insurance. The two story brick building of the Odd Fellows hall occupied on the first floor by Van Arsdale's grocery store was probably the largest single loss. The building, the hall furniture and Van Arsdale's grocery stock were valued at \$20,000. Van Arsdale's stock was insured at \$4,000, the hall and furniture at \$5,000.

The Yuba City Water Works was built at a cost of \$7,500 and was a total loss with an insurance of \$4,500.

Orr & Wilcoxon's machine shop, tools and implements were valued at \$4,000, insurance \$500.

O. Moncur's hardware store building occupied by the store on the first floor and its residents on the second,

was valued at \$2,500, stock \$1,000, with no insurance.

Williams Bros. Stables, valued at \$4,000, and contents at \$5,000, partially insured. Vehicles and horses were saved.

C. H. Potter's residence was built at a cost of \$1,800. Furniture valued at \$500. Insurance \$1500.

### **Minor Losses**

In the Odd Fellows building Shamrock Camp W. of W. lost much of its lodge paraphernalia on which there was some insurance.

Many valuable documents were burned in Attorney Hewitt's office.

In the Windsor Hotel Miss Henney, the stenographer for Rosenberg's, lost a purse containing \$100 in gold coin. A number of the guests lost clothing and small sums of money.

A barn on the lot of Mrs. Klempp, in which were stored some of the farming implements of the Sutter Hardware Store, was a total loss. Most of the farming implements were saved. The barns of W. E. Tucker, O. Moncur, Windsor Hotel and Slattery estate were total losses with no insurance.

The Yuba City Post Office had about 40 {?} of its lock boxes torn out, some of them being considerably damaged.

The damage by water to the store of McRae & Ashley, the offices and composing rooms of the Sutter Independent & Sutter Farmer was very light. The bank was practically uninjured.

### **Rebuilding Will Begin at Once**

Among those who have already signified their intention of rebuilding are Dr. A. E. Kosby, who will put up a two story drug store; Attorney A. H. Hewitt, who will replace the woodwork in his cement building, the walls being

practically unhurt; Williams Bros., who will at once erect a fine livery stable; the Yuba City Water Works, who will build a steel frame water tower and works. The Slattery heirs had, before the fire, planned to replace their buildings with modern structures and no doubt they will carry out their plans. The other losers in the fire have not as yet been interviewed as to their intentions of rebuilding.

### **Two Accidents Noted**

The big conflagration was marked with no serious accidents. Fred Day, a fireman, was badly cut over his eye by falling through the roof. Merle Comstock was also hurt by falling through the roof of a wooden awning.

### **Water & Lights Temporarily Cut Off**

The electric current and gas were temporarily shut off, and the town in darkness, owing to burning of wires and breaking of gas pipes. The committees deserve the thanks of the town for their prompt action in restoring these necessities on the day following the flames.

### **Plenty of Water Tomorrow**

C. B. Andross, president of the Yuba City Water Company, states that he will have water flowing through the town's mains by tomorrow. He will, for the present, pump directly into the mains from the old wells as well as from the big wells at the Rosenberg Packing House. The pumps at the old wells were practically uninjured by the heat.

### **Those Who Deserve Special Praise**

The officials of Marysville and the Marysville fire department have the hearty thanks of the people of Yuba City for their timely assistance. It was through the fire department's efforts that the entire business section was not destroyed. In fact, the whole section of

the town east of the slough may not have escaped had Marysville not lent timely assistance. Many of the business men came over and took a hand with the local fire fighters.

Manager Hetherington of the Yuba City C.F.C.A. plant locked his plant up and brought about fifty men down and staged them on every building in the residence portion that was in line with the flames. These men put out numerous small fires which may have spread and added to the big loss. Scores of other men and women rendered valuable service of which special mention would be made if space permitted.

### **Will Raise a Purse**

Yuba City business men are going to raise a purse and present it to the Marysville fire department. The Farmer's Union Bank will head the subscription list. Other business houses will subscribe and give the fire lads a neat little sum for the valuable service rendered.

Rosenberg Will Assist With Water Supply

This afternoon manager C. A. Rand of the Rosenberg Packing Houses will connect the company's water works with the B Street main and furnish the town with 20,000 gallons of water per day. This will give a limited supply to the people until the Water Company can get their pumps in action. People should be careful and use the water sparingly just enough for house use but no irrigation.

### **Notes of the Fire**

Several of the hotel roomers lost some money besides all their clothes and other effects.

The Valley Meat Shop will locate at the Sutter Hardware Company's warerooms for the present.

J. E. Jones saved his chair and tools and will locate at the wood yard

office on Bridge street temporarily.

Burning shingles set houses and grass on fire as far down Second street as the Magruder place.

Almost all the residences in the fire region were stripped of furniture etc., which was carried to a place of safety.

N. C. Hull saved his barber outfit and will locate in the Sutter Independent office.

Everyone appeared to be ready and willing to help save anything in sight and the property owners feel very grateful.

Attorney A. H. Hewitt had one of his hands burned trying to save some of his effects and was also burned about the face and neck.

Mr. Houghton, the aged father of Mrs. A. E. Kosby, was unable to get out of the drug store building, and had it not been for the assistance of some of the volunteer firemen would have lost his life.

**Sutter County Farmer** -  
4 October 1907

The ruined walls of the cement building of Attorney Hewitt are being broken up and the material will be used on the roads. W. B. Green has charge of the work.

**Sutter County Farmer** -  
8 November 1907

The committee appointed by the Odd Fellows to consider the proposition of rebuilding their hall has not made its report as yet.

**Sutter County Farmer** -  
8 November 1907

***The following material comes from a round table discussion led by Randolph Schnabel and first appeared in the Sutter County Historical Society Bulletin in July of 1958.***

**Edmond Von Geldern:** I know all about it. The Levee District #1 had a little office on the levee back of the tire shop on Second Street which was a livery stable at that time, north of the Masonic Temple. I was working at that time on some cross sections when I had paper across the windows to shield the rays of the sun and didn't know what was going on at the start but heard this crackling noise. I stepped outside to see the hotel on fire. That was the Windsor Hotel run and operated by Hugh Moncur's father. And I ran over there to see what was the matter and found the blaze from the fire fanned by a pretty strong north wind; the flames were going diagonally across the street. The next building to burn was the water works. The water works consisted of a two story building, the top floor looked like a block house, overhanging the side. There were several large metal tanks inside the building itself, probably not more than 40 feet above the ground to the bottom of the tanks. In the first place it gave no pressure and in the second place because of the water works being destroyed there was no water. Second Street was practically at the mercy of a strong north wind. The only reason it didn't burn out entirely was the fact the people south of B and C Streets, by their own efforts, got on the roof with wet sacks and stuff and put out the fires when they started. It might be well to mention here that if it weren't for the Deputy Sheriff, Ben Shillig (sic), there

wouldn't have been any court house. I think he put out no less than five or six fires that had already started on the roof. That fire extended south as far as the Odd Fellows Hall and as far as the Masonic Temple. There was a small cottage occupied by Potter, a shoe repairman from Marysville. The fire extended down as far as the Potter place, where the Masonic Temple stands, and as far south on the west of the street as the Odd Fellows Hall. Walls of the building kept the fire from going farther south because of the gap and the efforts of those people who kept it from burning. There were no buildings in between. Crosby (sic) owned the lot with no building on it and the Kimball house which is next to Barr's Title Company on the south was far enough away to keep it from burning. Otherwise they were helpless because the fire was cutting into the building to the north and behind where the old bank building was, east of the present bank building. If it wasn't for the fact the Marysville Fire Department came over with their steamer and backed it over the levee, down to the waters edge, pumped out of the river and ran four lines of hose over to this part of the city, and that is all that saved it. The destruction to the south was as far as Odd Fellows Building. The destruction in the west was just behind the building occupied by Crosby's (sic) Drug Store and the Windsor Hotel and several other store buildings. One of the interesting recollections on that building of Hewitts, where Mr. Hewitt in his anxiety to save everything in the last minute tried to move some furniture into the vault and couldn't get the door closed, so the contents of the vault burned up. There were many other amusing things that

happened. One was the city had gone on for years never anticipating a fire of any extent and they didn't have anything to cope with the fire if they had had one. The water works, the little inadequate water works, with 2 and 4 inch mains at the largest and no pressure, so they played in luck. Following that, one of the things that occurred, we might state is the leading up to the incorporation of the City of Yuba City. It was one of the things that brought that about, was the need, at least for a fire department. Their fire fighting equipment consisted of one two-wheeled hand-drawn rig with a reel of fire hose which was destroyed at the water works. That is the fire of October 7, 1907.

**Hugh Moncur:** I will tell you just exactly how that fire started. I was born in Yuba City on the corner of Fairman and Yolo Street, where Ora Heiken lives, and my father having come over from Bonnie Dundee where he was a craftsman, sheet metal workers now, but he was just an ordinary tinsmith, that is where we lived. He finally traded that business he had along with some other things. You know he was quite a trader too. Old Man Butler owned the Butler House. My father, being from Scotland, renamed the hotel, "The Windsor." That is where he lived from the time I was five until I was twenty while we operated the hotel. It was a family affair, everybody worked. All we hired were the cooks. We had a Chinese cook and a Chinese dishwasher, and my sister and my two brothers until they "flew the coop" and left me "holding the bag." We used to deal them off the arm there. I had the pleasure many and many times of "throwing the hash" along with Gene's Uncle George when he came

in there. But anyway, that is beside the point. We had an immense long French range in the hotel. It seemed to me that it was a mile long, but of course, it wasn't. It was about as long as from here to the wall over there. It had two ovens and three fire boxes and great big coils in there with a 300 gallon hot water boiler behind. That was fired with wood, and how well I remember on Saturday when we boys had to pile enough wood behind the stove to last the cook for a few days. Then came the Southern Pacific along and introduced the burning of coal from Utah, which they would deliver at your door for \$6 a ton. Well, we immediately changed from wood to coal because wood cost three times that much money and that was what we were burning until we sold the place in 1906. The place was purchased by Mrs. Parkhurst who opened up the Parkhurst addition out there along with the Forbes addition. They immediately modernized the place and they put in what was then a very fine oil burner. They discharged the Chinese cooks and hired white men, two white men. They put the oil burner in and it was one of those kind that had to fill the reservoir underneath and get it good and hot so you could generate it before you could turn the oil on the heat for cooking. The story goes that the white man cook was over to Marysville and he had a little time to spare and he proceeded to get himself "liquored up" and he suddenly decided he had to get back to the hotel so he rushed home and he did not heat the burner enough so when he turned the oil on it did not go like it should, it just simply burned a little

bit but the oil kept running and ran all over the floor and then next thing they knew the whole thing was one solid mass of flames. I was working for a living those days, they say I don't work now, but I had just got in from work and I unhitched the horses and put them in the barn and the fire broke out. We owned the property right across the street. You were all wrong about the water works building, that was a five story building and had 100,000 gallons of water up on top. We built those tanks out in the shop. It was five stories high and we called it the "Barricks." On the ground floor was nothing but cheap apartments where people could live. That was the last thing up until the time the water works caught fire our building was perfectly intact. We had just finished the house on top. I was contemplating committing matrimony with a young lady, and had to have a place to live, so we were going to live up there, but we didn't get moved in. But anyway, the fire burned the whole thing from the Masonic Temple to the Odd Fellows Building, gutted the whole thing. The site of the Masonic Temple was at Johnnie's Quick Lunch. That was the first temple built in the town in 1869. Anyway, that is the way the fire started and it jumped down and burned the water works and it just fell over and collapsed. If it had fallen this way, it would have put the fire out on our place - no such luck. Then it burned the livery stable and the little Potter house across the street and that is where the Masonic temple stands today. The fire started at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.



Zoller Store -- Meridian, California

*(Photo courtesy of Lyle Callaway)*

# The Zoller Store

by  
Nadine Zoller Boutin

I married George Zoller in 1941. He had always worked in a grocery store. While he was in the Army during World War II, we decided that we were going to get a little grocery store - our own "Mom and Pop" grocery store.

We bought the property at the corner of Central and Third Streets in Meridian from Tom Taylor who lived in Meridian for many years. It included the lot, a house and the store itself. Tom built the store and ran it for seven years. Then he leased the store to Bill Woodard who ran the store for 27 years. We bought the store in 1945 and ran it for 24 years.

My dad loaned us some money. It doesn't seem like much now, but you know, at that time it was quite a bit. I can't really tell you how much we paid for it, to be honest with you. It wasn't that much though. We made a good living there.

We took possession of the store and the contents on November 1, 1945. George wasn't home from the Army yet. They didn't muster him out until the last part of January in 1946. Before George got home, other people helped me in the store. Margaret McVey, Ernestine Beckley, Aileen Meyer, and Winnie Peck all helped out in the store at different times.

Our daughter, Ellen, was born in 1943. She pretty much grew up with us having the store. All her friends liked that because she came in the back door and whenever they came in the back door, her Daddy went back to greet them

and they got whatever they wanted -- soda pop or he'd take them some bubble gum on his way back. They thought he was great.

I'll try to describe a typical day in the store. George was an early bird and he always had the store open by 6:30 in the morning. I always stayed home until I got Ellen off to school because I thought that was real important. I went to the store about 8 o'clock and waited on the customers and did the books in the morning. At lunch time I'd go home a bit ahead of time so I'd be home when Ellen came home from school for lunch. I'd fix lunch for us and stayed there until Ellen went back to school to play, usually about half an hour, and then head back to the store. Then George went home for lunch and he always stayed about an hour because he'd have a 20 minute snooze every day. We always tried to sweep the floor at night before we left to come home so it would be ready to go in the morning, but sometimes we didn't do that. So, sometimes I swept the floor or stocked the shelves.

I was the gofer of the store. I had to go to the bank or to the wholesale house if we needed something in between when the delivery trucks came. For a long time we stayed open sometimes until 7-7:30 at night. As time went on and we got older, George still got up early in the morning, but we tried to close by at least 6:30 at night. Twelve hours a day was enough.

George was a volunteer fireman. If the fire whistle blew, he was at the fire

house. I never knew who I was going to find behind the counter when I got back from a trip to town -- in the summertime especially. If there was smoke in the Buttes, I'd know that George wasn't at the store and I'd think, "I wonder who's there today running the store?" Usually it was somebody from town that said, "Go ahead, George, I'll stay until Nadine gets back." Well, this one time, there was a man I didn't know behind the counter. I thought, gee, George must be in the back room. I thought it was funny that he was behind the counter. I said, "Can I help you?" He said "Are you the proprietor's wife?" I said, "Yeah." He said, "Well, he said you'd be back in a little while." There wasn't any fire in the Buttes that day, but there was an emergency and George left. I don't have any idea who that man was. He came in to get a drink or something.

We were broken into twice. Once just before we closed the store and once a year after we closed it. The first time, all they took was cigarettes from right under the counter. They didn't bother anything else. There was no money. We always left the cash register open at night. That was one thing Bill Woodard said, "Don't ever shut your cash register at night because if they come to rob you, they're going to break your cash register open so always leave it open." What they wanted was something for quick sale, I guess. I don't know. The second time was after we closed the store. One morning about 5 o'clock, Sutter County Sheriff's officers came and said "Your store's been broken into." I kind of laughed. I thought, "Boy, they're going to get a surprise today; there isn't

anything in there."

After we closed the store, we never had a kid break a window or anything until all the kids that knew us when they were kids grew up. When new kids moved to town it seems they started breaking the windows and then we put boards up over them. I eventually hope to tear it all down and clean up the corner. I'll hate to tear it down but I know it needs it. Those couple of snows that we had kind of caved in the roof over the storage area. It was just a wooden roof with paper on it; it wasn't anything great. During the last two winters, the windstorms have been blowing the tin off the main building.

Another thing is that we didn't really take vacations together. When Helen Bumgarner and Sally Lemos came in to work for us, we went someplace. I think we went to Disneyland. We were gone just about a week and that's the first vacation we'd taken together. Another time we went to a family reunion in Wisconsin and my mother and Stella Rockholt ran the store for us. We were gone three weeks that time. Those were the only vacations that we took together.

We closed the store in 1969. My dad died the year before and we had the ranch to take care of. We worked every Sunday down here. Lots of times George would go down and I'd work the store by myself. When it got time to harvest the walnuts I said, "What are we going to do for walnut season? Are we going to close up for a couple of weeks? How are we going to do that?" He said, "Why don't we just close up and work the ranch?" So, we had a big going-out-of-business sale.

# Kid's Page

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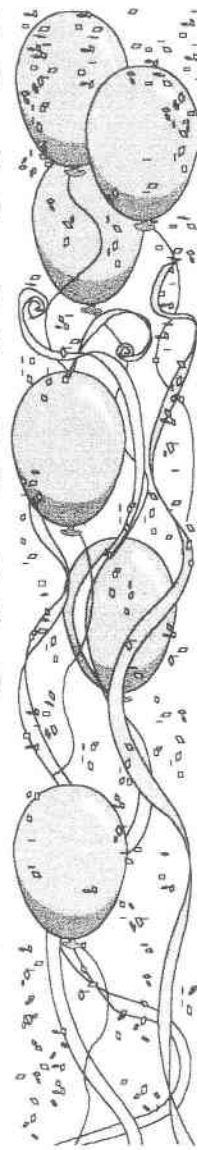
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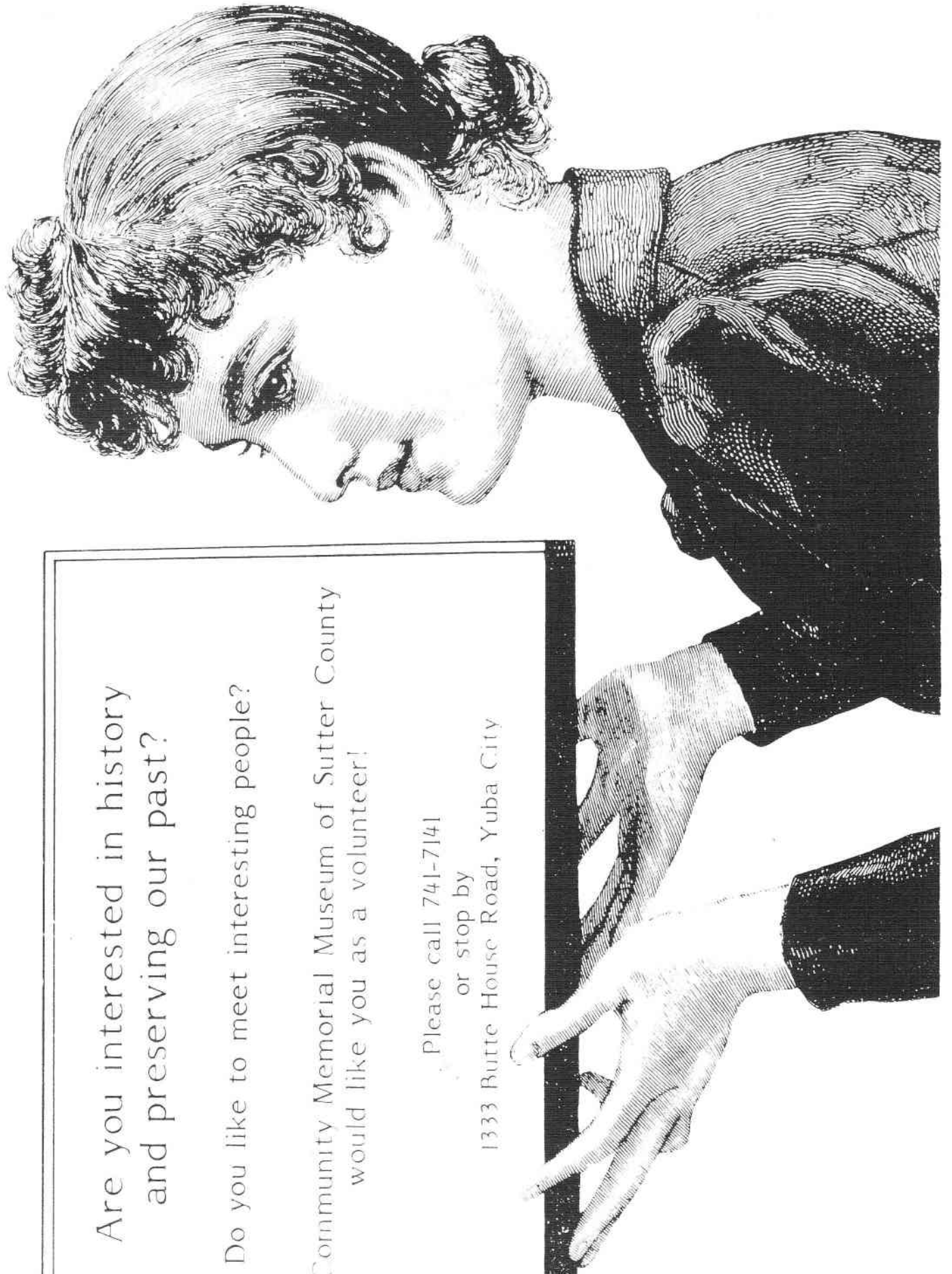
Do you like to meet interesting people?

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County  
would like you as a volunteer!

Please call 741-7141

or stop by

1333 Butte House Road, Yuba City



# COMING EVENTS

## March

### 23 *Silk, Gold and Glass*

An Exhibit of Clothing & Portraits

Marysville Chinese Community & Mary Aaron Museum Collection

Mary Aaron Museum

## April

### 6 *Gum San: Land of the Golden Mountain*

Museum exhibit closes

### 11 Children's Spring Program at the Museum - no fee

Origami class by Satoko Kim 2nd - 6th grade

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Limited space

*Reservations Required*

### 13 *Bus Tour Around the Buttes - Sold Out*

### 13 *Wear & Remembrance - A Vintage Apparel Fair*

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$4.00/\$3.00 w/coupon

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11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$4.00/\$3.00 w/coupon

### 16 *Historical Society's Annual Dinner - 6:30 p.m.*

Meridian Veteran's Hall Price: \$10.00

Judith Barr Fairbanks Memorial Essay Contest Awards

Program: History of Sutter County Schools

Speaker: Don Burtis

## May

### 3 *The Road Not Forgotten*

Cooperative Exhibit opens

Museum - Japanese American Citizen's League

Reception 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### 10 Mother's Day Decadence Gift Bags Delivered

### 25 Mary Aaron Museum Exhibit Closes

## June

### 1 *Sutter Buttes Day*

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