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Marysville Cemetery

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President's Message

School is back in session, farmers are harvesting, the year is more than half over. 2016 brought us the Summer Olympics in Rio, where the United States did very well. The media likes to tell us how horrible life is here in the United States. They are wrong. We live in the greatest country in the world. Our ancestors worked hard to give us our colorful rich history. They have left us lots of things to be proud of.

Some of you reading this message have added to this rich history and now are thinking about the things you worked for in the past. We would love to hear your stories. At the beginning of August my husband traded in my car for a brand new Dodge pickup with a diesel Cummings engine powerful enough to pull our trailer over the Sierra and we won't have problems like the Donner party. So far he is still farming and hasn't hooked up the trailer. When he does then he and I will be traveling.

I would like to hear about more of the century farms in Sutter County. I am also going to branch out and find out about century businesses. Please contact me if you know about or have a century farm or business. I would like to celebrate the people who made Sutter County what it is today.

We would enjoy having more directors for the Historical Society. It does not take a whole bunch of time and you get to meet some very interesting people. I can promise you they are not people who ignore you and spend time on their cell phones. Instead they will want to hear your story.

I hope to see you at our October 8 meeting at Cordi Winery on the north side of the Buttes. It is a beautiful setting and unlike the picnic in the Buttes the Winery has a flush toilet and you are in the Buttes.

Sarah Pryor, President

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Director's Report

I don't know about you, but my summer flew by! We were very busy at the Museum, which was great because I had an excuse to stay in the air conditioning.

The Museum Commission began a strategic planning process in July. As part of that process, they have rewritten the Museum's mission statement to more accurately reflect what we are striving to be. I'm pleased to share our new mission statement with you!

The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County shares local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future.

I'd love to hear your thoughts on it!

Our fall exhibit, *The National Park Service: 100 Years of Heritage*, has been very well received. It's up through November 12, so make sure you come in before then. An added bonus is that all of the work in this exhibit is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Museum. Much of the art is local, with the rest but one being from the Sacramento area.

Following the National Park Service exhibit, it's time for Trees & Traditions! We're already making plans, so if you'd like to help make ornaments or decorate the Museum, please let us know. Ornament workshops are October 19th and November 10th, Decoration Day is December 1st and the party itself is December 3rd! We're going all out this year, so invite your friends, pick up a ticket, and come join us for a delicious meal, champagne and fantastic company.

The holidays are also the time of year to renew your membership – renewal materials are included in the next Muse News. Make sure to get them in early so you don't miss any newsletters or exhibit invitations, and don't forget, a membership to the museum makes a fantastic gift!

Speaking of gifts, the Museum store is full of great gifts, so please remember us when planning your holiday shopping. And we've got something very special for all of our members – one day only, December 10th, your discount is doubling! Twenty percent off everything in the store. And for the months of November and December, we're offering 25% off all books, for members and non-members. It's a great time to come in and stock up!

As always, thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at Trees & Traditions!

Jessica Hougen
Director/Curator

Memorials

In memory of **Alyce Buchman**
Bogue Country Club

In memory of **Erich “Rick” Butler**
Sharyl Simmons

In memory of **Spike Carville**
Jim Staas

In memory of **Albert “Buck” Fruetel**
Julie Stark

In memory of **Bette Lue Beard**
Goodman
Helene & Michael C. Andrews

In memory of **Jean Goss**
Gene & Joan Erfle

In memory of **Beverly Herring**
Robert & Rose Wood

In memory of **Sadao Itamura**
Phillip & Marilyn Isenberg

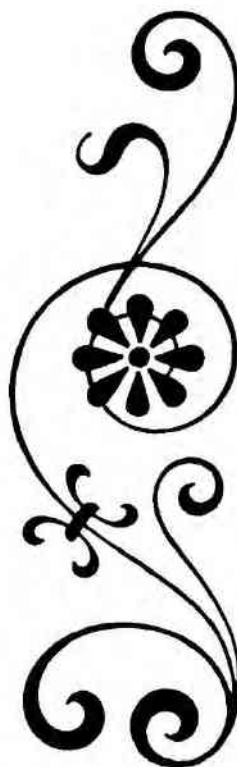
In memory of **Joan M. Martin**
Alice Chesini
Gini Harter
Allen & Kathe Herr
Darlene & Bobby Inouye
Geraldine Lemenager
Maria & Laverne McPherrin
Jean Miller, Traci, Denise,
Richard & Families
Mary S. O’Neal
Merlyn Rudge
Francis & Darlyne Silva
Julie Stark
James & Claireen Tarke
Suellen Teesdale
Trent Teesdale
Mel Tsuji

In memory of **Elizabeth Smith**
Gene & Joan Erfle
Sharyl Simmons
Julie Stark

In honor of **Dr. John S. Zil’s**
Retirement
Sutter County co-workers

Corporate Sponsorship for Pig Roast
Northpointe Veterinary Hospital

Outright Gift
Billie Burky
Sandra Duncan
John S. Zil





Jews Were Gold Rush 49ers Too!

In 1850 in California with hard work and lots of luck riches were found by some in the form of gold discoveries. Jews were amongst those willing to risk their journey to an unknown land, usually as merchandise suppliers to those who actually searched for gold. Jewish participation and assimilation in California were part of the Gold Rush era spirit. Come to learn from Stephen Kinsey, Chairperson of the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West, about the Jewish presence, their businesses, and communal involvements from this bygone era. You will, also, hear how you can help continue this L'Dor v'Dor (from generation to generation) saga today.

Join us on **Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 in the Museum** to hear Stephen Kinsey share information about the Jewish Cemetery in Marysville.

Stephen has been very active in academia and the Jewish community. He has a master's degree in California History from San Jose State University, writing his thesis on *They Called It Home: The Development of the Jewish Community of San Jose, California 1850-1900*. He was a graduate assistant at Sourisseau Academy for State and Local History, and taught Social Studies at J. W. Fair Middle School/Bridges Academy in San Jose for many years.

Stephen is Vice Chairman and Trustee/Officer of the Commission for the Preservation of Jewish Historical Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West. He lectures and leads tours to Jewish Gold Rush cemeteries. He and his wife Lynne Kinsey are members of Congregation Beth David and Sharone Hadassah, and he was President of the Congregation Beth David Men's Club.

Quail Basket

by

Ray Frye

February 12, 1997

When I visited the Sutter County Memorial Museum in December 1996 to make a donation for paver blocks, I was shocked to learn that vandals had broken a window the night before and made off with the donation box. What a low thing to do to a non-profit organization!

Then I was devastated a couple of weeks later to read in the paper that someone had struck again and removed the treasured Indian baskets and some arrowheads and other items from their glass case. Imagine my relief when these items were recovered by the police.

I am referring mainly to the oval quail basket, pictured below. This basket was donated by my brother, Emmet Frye, shortly after the museum was opened. It has special appeal to me as I had lived with that basket and another smaller one for the first twenty-eight years of my life.

On holidays the larger one was always filled with fruit or nuts and the smaller one with candy or stuffed figs. The smaller one is now in the hands of my daughter and son-in-law in Arroyo Grande, California. I hope someday it will be donated to the museum to join its sibling.

The smaller basket resembles the larger one in weaving and design, having been made by the same person.

These baskets were so tight and beautifully woven that the larger one would hold water, a fact that I verified when I filled it with water on one occasion. Only a few drops seeped through and would have stopped had I left the water in for a few more minutes.

Since I am the only person still alive who can verify the origin of these baskets, I feel it my duty to do so. I hope it will be as interesting to others as it is to me.



I was born in District 70 near the west end of Long Bridge on Highway 20 at the home of my parents, "Tom" and "Minnie" Frye. I had three older brothers, Ulysses, Gerald and Emmet and a sister, Gladys.

Our house was built on stilts about four feet off the ground as it flooded every winter. I remember Mom telling how the older brothers used to paddle around the yard in washtubs with a board for a paddle.

We lived next to what they called the old back levee, which used to deflect the flow of water until it backed up to the house. This was before the present day by-pass was completed. The west by-pass levee is a continuation of the old back levee along Butte Creek.

Along about 1912, when I was two years old, there lived a family of Indians in a shanty atop the old back levee next to the property of an Irishman by the name of Jim O'Connor. The father of the Indian family was called Sam Indian. The Indians had no last name, so they were all referred to as Indian. He had a son known as Jesse Indian. He had a wife and a daughter whom my sister Gladys knew and spoke of highly.

One day the wife of Sam Indian arrived at my mother's door with a beautiful basket she had woven and asked Mom if she could trade it in town (Marysville) for a lady's hat. My mother said she would try, so she took it on her next trip to either J. C.

Penney or Bradley's store where she usually traded. I think it was Bradley's. There, one of the clerks was overjoyed to trade a hat for the basket. Mrs. Sam Indian was also pleased.

Now this lady was an artistic genius at basket weaving, and got her reeds and material in the Tule land in which they grew. The family may have wintered in the Buttes as many Indians did. Sam and Jesse Indian both worked for my father at times to help with their livelihood.

One evening our neighbor, Jim O'Connor, who was known for an occasional bout with the bottle, became inebriated and ousted the Indians from their home. Then he proceeded to tear down their shanty and throw what they had left of their belongings into the slough.

A couple of days later, my brothers Ulysses and Gerald found the destruction and by wading into the water of the slough were able to salvage a couple of hunting bows and two baskets, the larger which now resides at the Sutter County Memorial Museum.

The only Indians I can remember seeing were when my father finished harvesting beans in the fall. Then they would come with their sacks and baskets to glean the fields on their hands and knees.

Whatever happened to Sam Indians and his family remains a mystery. God Bless them and may their offspring multiply and prosper.

October 1912 – June 1913

Journal of Mrs. E. A. Noyes

Isabella Dean Noyes kept a journal from October 1912 to August 1913 during a time of great change in her household. Between the fall of 1912 and summer of 1913 Isabella and Ed Noyes sold the original Noyes homestead, sold their garage in Santa Cruz, bought a new truck, and saw their only son married and another daughter move out of the area. The diary starts with the two day – by automobile – trip from Santa Cruz to the Sutter Buttes. By the spring of 1913, the Noyes were the proud owners of an Oldsmobile auto and a Kissel truck – their journey to the mountains this year was going to be decidedly quicker than in past years when the trip took several days.

Several things jump out from this section of the journal: that in 1912 they owned not one, but two motorized vehicles, that similar to other Sutter County ranching families they had a Chinese cook, even if it were for a few short months, that after 36 years of marriage they are selling their ranch and garage in Santa Cruz and beginning a new chapter in their life (which will result in the purchase of another ranch before too long). Also, it's clear that the women of this family are land owners. Isabella mentions her brother paying her rent for the use of her share of the Dean Ranch and refers to her daughter, Mrs. Abbie Vagedes, buying property in Sutter.

The second part of this journal covers their annual trip to the mountains to get out of the heat and we'll be looking at that portion in future Bulletins.

Sunday, October 6, 1912

Left Santa Cruz at six o'clock, came to San Jose, stopped at garage for gasoline then on we went. Stopped quarter of hour at Livermore where Charlie fixed the clutch. Our next stop was the other side of Stockton where we stopped for lunch. Then kept on to Sacramento where we filled up with gas and were soon on our way to Marysville where we found Ralph Skinner. At Marysville we took in gas and took our dog Sport. In 40 minutes we stopped in front of Abbie's gate [in Noyesburg] at six o'clock in the evening.

Monday, October 7th

Began cleaning house.

October 10th

Charlie Noyes [son] went to M'ville and took the train for Santa Cruz. E. A. Noyes [husband] and Tony Vagedes [son-in-law] brought home Wong, a Chinese cook, from Marysville.

October 11th

Friday morning, Oct 11th, we had our first breakfast [presumably with the new cook].

Saturday, October 12th

Charles Allen Noyes, Harriet Maud Miller married in the Episcopal church at Santa Cruz.

Monday, October 14th

Charles Noyes and bride arrived at the Noyes home. Had supper in M'ville. Mr. Kock came up with them.

Tuesday, October 15th

Began hunting. The following men E. A. [husband] and C. A. Noyes [son], Anton Vagedes [son-in-law], A. L. Kock and Calvin Wisner. Hunting not very good. Weather a little too warm.

October 22nd

Edna [daughter] went to M'ville.

Saturday, October 26, 1912

Ray Williams arrived from Santa Cruz to take the game to Live Oak.

Monday, Oct. 28th

Ray Williams and Calvin Wisner went to Live Oak in the truck with a load of game. Mrs. E. A. Noyes [author] and daughter Edna went to West Butte Store.

Oct. 31st

Noyes family went over to Colusa and up to Moynihans where Edna stayed to visit Agnes.

Saturday, Nov. 2nd

Myrtle and Jim arrived from Santa Cruz — staying in Marysville.

Saturday, Nov. 9th

Jim and Myrtle came over home.

Monday, November 11th

Noyes Family went to M'ville, bought clock for a wedding present for Alta Stohlman.

Thursday, Nov. 14th

Alta Stohlman and Willard Welter were married.

Wednesday, Nov. 27th

Jim Haynes and Calvin Wisner went to Stockton in Jim's Mitchell [automobile].

Monday, Dec. 2nd

Discharged Chinese cook Wong — doing our own work

Tuesday, Dec 3rd, 1912

Miss Mary Whiting arrived from Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Wednesday, Dec 4th

Myrtle and Glenister Haynes went to Stockton to make their home [daughter and son-in-law]. Charlie and Maud accompanied them as far as Sacramento.

Dec. 11th, 1912

Papa's chickens laid their first egg. More real estate men today. Baked swan for supper — best we ate. Miss Whiting and Edna went to M'ville in the Mitchell with Abbie and Tony. Edna had teeth filled. Miss M. had a tooth pulled. [Theodore Vagedes and dau Kate and Lizzie]

Dec. 24th — Christmas Eve

Had a tree over at Abbie's and Tony's. The following persons were there: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Edna Noyes, Charlie Noyes and wife [Maud], Miss Whiting, A. L. Kock, Calvin Wisner, Ray Williams, Tony, Abbie and Necia Vagedes.

Dec. 25th — Christmas Day

The same parties took dinner at E. A. Noyes. May be the last Xmas dinner on the old place.

Dec. 31st

Rash Lamme died Dec. 31, 1912, buried at Pennington.

1913**Jan 1st**

Had white turkey for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Noyes, Edna Noyes, Abbie Vagedes, Miss Whiting, Mr. Kock, Necia Vagedes and Ray Williams were at dinner. Edna and Maud went to store for the mail, broke the (?) out of the buggy and walked home from the Baker place.

Jan 5th

Cold north wind. Thermometer down to 14 degrees. Ice formed on the water in the Tule. Charley Noyes gathered ice. Made ice cream for dinner. It was heartily enjoyed by the following: E. A. Noyes and wife, Edna Noyes, Charley Noyes and wife [Maud], Miss Whiting, Mr. Lock and Ray Williams.

Jan 6th

Still cold. Thermometer registered 13 degrees.

Jan 7th

Ray Williams and Mr. Kock left for their homes in Santa Cruz.

Wednesday, Jan 8th

Began snowing. About 4 inches of snow fell. Bessie Hogeboom died at the Rideout Hospital in Marysville Jan 7th 1913 of pneumonia.

Sunday, Jan 12th

Thermometer is lower and it is raining. The thirteen great things of life are Dreams, Occupation, Know-

ledge, Ignorance, Religion, Tradition, Temptation, Life, Death, Failure, Success, Love, Memories.

Jan. 21st

Mrs. Ralph Graves [nee Emma Tarke] died at Ceres, Stanislaus County.

Jan 28th

Tony, Abbie and Necia Vagedes left Noyesburg for Sutter City where they will make their home with Tony's father and sister, Lizzie.

Jan 29th

Allen Eugene Wisner died at the Rideout Hospital. Buried in the Noyesburg Cemetery Jan 31st.

Feb. 1st

Received a payment of \$1,000 on the place from L. L. Quigley — Messrs. Brooks, ? , Quigley, Ware and Dr. Smith of Seattle, Washington were here from Saturday until Monday.

Feb. 8th 1913

My 37th Anniversary.

Feb. 13th

Frank Harris died at the Wisners.

Feb. 17th

Tood paid Mrs. E. A. Noyes \$15.00 rent for her part of the Dean place.

Feb. 20th

Edna and Miss Whiting went over to Sutter to see *The Colonel's Maid*. Remained overnight.

Feb. 21st

Charlie went to San Francisco to meet Maud, his wife. Snow fell at the Buttes.

March 1st

Signed the papers that sold the place to Mr. Quigley. Received check for [no number written in] as second payment on the place. Ware and Quigley took train for Seattle. [They sold the original Noyes ranch.]

Sunday, March 2nd

Abbie and Tony came over from Sutter and took truck back with them.

Feb. 16th

Myrtle, Jim and Glenister came over and remained over Sunday.

Monday, March 3rd

Began packing up our house hold goods.

Friday, March 7th

The Noyes family, accompanied by Miss Whiting went to M'ville and spent the day.

Saturday, March 15th

Mrs. [Louisa] Immendorfer passed away at her home in the Buttes. Buried in the Noyes Cemetery Monday, March 17th.

March 17th

Cal Wisner took Miss Mary Whiting's trunk to Live Oak to the depot. Trunk weighed 200 lbs.

March 18th

Miss Mary S. Whiting returned to Los Angeles having spent the winter with E. A. Noyes and family at West Butte.

March 23rd

Easter Sunday. Also my birthday. Abbie and Tony gave me a nice dinner. We all went to Sutter for the dinner.

Tuesday, March 25th

Ed and Will Forderhase took two loads of furniture to Sutter for E. A. Noyes. Abbie and Tony came over and began packing up getting ready to move their belongings to Sutter. James Haynes came over with three wagons to take lumber and posts(?). Returned 26th and took load of wood, furniture and farm implements. Also took Pe? And buggy and colt.

April 1st

All trunks are packed — all our treasures and keepsakes and we are ready to leave in the morning.

April 2nd

After dinner we bade our old home goodbye forever and hence forth some other hand than mine must chronicle the events.

April 5th 1913

The Noyes family consisting of Papa and Mama Noyes, Edna Noyes, Charlie Noyes and wife [Maud], accompanied by Calvin Wisner, arrived in Santa Crus on the 6:30 train. Met at the depot by Otis Hill and Mr. Kock who took the women of the party and the suitcases in his auto to Otis Hill home where Bernice [daughter] had a nice supper for us. After supper came over to 108 Walnut Ave. and made up the beds.

Sunday — April 6

Went down to the Saddle Rock Restaurant for breakfast. After waiting quite a while we finally got something

to eat. Was stung when we came to pay for it. Took supper at the California Restaurant which proved to be a much better and cheaper place.

April 15th

E. A. Noyes and son Charles went to San Francisco and bought a Kissel Truck. Brought it down to the Beach Garage April 16th 1913. [The Noyes had a garage in Santa Cruz.]

April 22nd

E. A. Noyes and son Charles went to Sacramento in regard to exchanging Garage in Santa Cruz for Sacramento property. Arrived home April 23rd – no trade.

April 24th

Mrs. Abbie Vagedes purchased the F. W. Best place in Sutter City for \$2,750 – 2¾ acres, all improvements.

May 4th

Edna went up to the Big Trees to a picnic.

May 7th

E. A. Noyes and son Charles left for Sacramento. Returned the 10th with signed contract.

May 15th

Shultz arrived in S. C. Bought the Beach Garage of E. A. Noyes and son and took possession. Keeping Mac as mechanic.

May 27th

Everything is packed and we are ready to leave Santa Cruz on the early morning train. Edna's birthday passed in Santa Cruz.

May 28th

After a light breakfast we walked back to 108 Walnut Avenue and after putting the house in order, Mr. Kock took the Noyes family in his auto to the train. Calvin taking bedding, dishes, etc. in the truck. We left on the 8 o'clock train. Mrs. E. A. N. was sick all the way up to the city [San Francisco] – going to bed after lunch and remaining there until 3 o'clock when we took the train for Sacramento – arriving there at 7 o'clock in the evening. We remained overnight taking room at the Sequoia.

May 29th

Went down to the Puritan Restaurant for breakfast after which we went over to Weinstocks & Lubin and bought our Khaki suits and a few waists and then back to the hotel and were soon on the N. E. [Northern Electric] car on our way to M'ville. We found the heat almost unbearable. At three o'clock we were on our way to Sutter City and soon arrived at Anton Vagedes where we remained until the 12th of June.



Oldsmobile Mitchell

Sutter County Farmer Golden Jubilee Edition

Free Library Becomes an Important County Institution

by
Miss Frances Burket

The story of the Sutter County Free Library does not resemble one of our modern adventure tales which thrill so many of our readers, nor does it assume the proportions of the lengthy, tedious volumes to be found in our history section, but it might rather be classed with the life stories of men and women who have set out to reach a definite goal and have done so with nothing of the spectacular or phenomenal in the process.

To launch a movement which meant an increase in taxes was no small undertaking, especially when the plan involved was such a deviation from the old established ideas of libraries. Today, when the California County Free Library system is held as the most efficient and economical method of supplying books, and foreign countries are sending representatives here to study the system, it is hard to realize that the start was made such a few short years ago.

County Library Formation Effected but 14 Years ago

Due to the newness of the system, a thorough education campaign was necessary. This was supervised by Miss Harriet Eddy, the State Library Organizer, and she had as her helpers a number of prominent men and women of the county who had a vision of what such a library might mean to Sutter County. But it took six years to at last bring the matter to a vote. On April 3,

1917, the Board of Supervisors took the initial step of passing a resolution of intention and on May 9, 1917, when they voted in favor of its establishment, Sutter County became the thirty-eighth county in the state to extend library services to every person living within its boundaries.

After the establishment and first tax apportionment made, came the interesting but sizeable task of setting up the machinery for carrying on the work.

Margaret Hatch Writes of First Days of Library

Miss Margaret Hatch was chosen the first county librarian and it was her privilege to lay the foundation of the present system. She began her duties October 8, 1917.

In a recent letter from Miss Hatch, who is now librarian for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in San Francisco, she tells about her first days in Sutter County: "The very first start of the library was made in one-half of a large desk used by Miss Vagedes, the county superintendent of schools," Miss Hatch writes, "and for the first month or two I shared her office, her desk and even her pencils. When the first library room in Mission Hall was built, I felt it was no less than one of Mr. Carnegie's choicest edifices. I remember the thrill of putting up the first books and arranging the furniture (such as it was), of having Mr. J. L.

Wilcoxon donating a fern and having the first people come in. Beyond that there was no formal opening."

To gather together the nucleus of a book collection was the librarian's first endeavor, and it is interesting to note that the first volume ever purchased for the library was a war book, "On the Edge of the War Zone," by Aldrich, which was very popular at the time. It has been withdrawn from circulation and placed in our collection of books of special interest to Sutter County.

Branch Libraries Extend Service to Entire County

As the primary purpose of the county library is to furnish books to residents in communities without library service, branch libraries were established as rapidly as the supply of books would permit. The branch at headquarters opened at once. Then on January 4, 1918, Live Oak and Meridian branches were established, the former placed in the Woman's Club building where it is still housed through the courtesy of the club. Mrs. P. A. Carroll has charge of the work in that community. Meridian branch was located in Hooper's Hardware Store, and later when Mr. Albertson opened his mercantile store in the same building, he permitted the library to remain there. The use of the library has increased to such a degree in recent years that these quarters became inadequate and a small building was purchased and remodeled to meet the needs of the branch. The residents of Meridian responded to a call for shrubs and plants which add to the attractiveness of the building. Mrs. Alice Reische has been custodian there for several years.

On the 10th day of January, 1918, three branches were established: East Nicolaus in the Wise store with Mrs. Evelyn Smith the custodian; Nicolaus with L. M. Webb in charge of the branch in his store, and Pleasant Grove located in the store with Miss Mary O. Srite as custodian. The unique feature about these three branches is that they have never changed locations or custodians.

Library Branches in Homes Service Smaller Populations

A few days later in the same January, Sutter branch was started in the grammar school building. Through the cooperation of Sutter Women's club it was moved into the bank building. At present through the generosity of McLean's it is housed in a large room in their store. Mrs. Aethalina McPherrin is the custodian in charge of this branch.

In April 1923, a branch was opened in the Rio Oso store and has remained there, although the store has changed hands several times. Mrs. Ellen V. Heady, one of the present owners, has charge of this branch.

Four communities are served from the homes of the custodians. Cranmore is in the charge of Mrs. Neva Smith; Bear River in the home of Mrs. Ellen Blood; Pennington with Mrs. H. E. Fairlee in charge, and Wilson where the custodian is Mrs. O. R. Mitchell.

A few branches have been discontinued as the circulation did not warrant the expense of retaining a custodian in certain localities.

The success of the county library system depends largely on the efficiency and interest of the individual custodian and each one who has done her bit in this work has helped materially in the building up of the

library service in Sutter County and has aided in establishing the sort of service that builds up a community.

Library Cooperates with Schools; Brings Low Cost Book Service

The library law has made it possible for the school districts of the county to pool their funds with the librarian and receive book service in return. The first year after its establishment, all elementary schools in the county then in operation voted to join the library. Today there are twenty-eight elementary and four high schools receiving service from headquarters at Yuba City. This service includes supplementary texts, music records, visual education aids, carefully selected books for home reading, and professional books for teachers, maps, globes, current magazines and reference books. This is one of the few counties in the state where every school is a branch of the library. The school collection numbers over 30,000 books, besides other material. By a constant interchange of books there is no dead material on the shelves and the schools are able to have access to many more text books than they would if buying independently. This department has been in charge of Mrs. Irminna Hurst for the past eight years.

In the main library, starting with the above mentioned war book, the book collection has grown steadily, meeting the demands of the changing interests of the readers. This collection numbers approximately 32,000 volumes. With the exception of the reference collection, these volumes keep moving from branch to branch according to the tastes of the community. The fiction books of the

day are purchased, although their popularity, in many cases, is short lived. Books of permanent interest are of more value for they build a library for all time. For each line of business and industry, for each branch of the arts and sciences, the best and latest books are purchased as far as funds will permit. Special attention has been given to the agricultural section and this collection is particularly valuable to this county. The preparation of all the books in the general collection is done by Miss Estelle Brockman, the cataloguer for the past four years.

State Library Service Aids People of Sutter County

Of inestimable value is the State Library in helping us give the needed assistance to patrons, for oft times the book wanted is too expensive or too limited in its use to warrant the county buying, and we are able to borrow it from the State Library, or, if the State does not own it, through a system of inter-library loans, we may borrow it from any library in the state which may have a copy.

A review of the annual reports show a gradual steady and healthy growth in the use of the library, the last report showing a recorded use of books and magazines amounting to 116,919.

The library was fortunate in having Miss Hatch to start it on its career. She in turn was fortunate in having the late Miss Edna Hewitt appointed as her assistant in January, 1918. When Miss Hatch went to San Francisco as librarian for the Standard Oil Company, Miss Hewitt was appointed county librarian. This post she filled in a most competent and efficient manner and it was mainly

through her splendid personality and ability that the county library became so firmly established as an integral part of the county life.

“Right Book for Right Person at Right Time”

In the April 13, 1917 issue of The Farmer, we find an article on the orange and black sign of the county library system. It says: “There are now over 2000 county library branches in the state and practically every one can be located by its sign, which stands for the most economical, equal and complete library service yet worked out anywhere. Sutter County people will welcome the time when these signs are also found all over the county as a

proof that the library plan has been adopted by our Supervisors.” Since that article was written there are over 4,000 branches in the state and the orange and black signs are to be found in all the communities in Sutter County.

Fourteen years ago Sutter County’s classification was 48 with a population of 6,328; today it is in the 36th class with a population of 14,618. As the county grows so the library grows, reflecting the interests and activities of the various communities. As we said in the beginning, there has been nothing of the spectacular about our growth, but we hold fast to the aim: “The right book for the right person at the right time,” and that we feel to be the best kind of service we can give.

Camp Bethel The Sutter County Farmer Golden Jubilee Edition

Camp Bethel stands out in the early history of Sutter County as one of the largest camp meeting grounds for religious services in Northern California.

Gilbert Smith of East Butte, who owned the ground, gave the North and South Methodist churches a 99-year lease, without cost, with the provision that whenever the churches ceased to hold religious services in the grove, the land should revert to him. In 1862, Rev. George Baker, then the pastor in charge of the Butte circuit with a few others raised a subscription and built a board pavilion about 100 feet square, with seats in which the annual Methodist camp meetings were held.

People from all directions moved to Camp Bethel for three weeks each year, and lived in small wooden cabins doing their own cooking or boarding with Mrs. Smith. Gil Smith conducted the “shebang” where he sold candies and soft drinks.

The camp meetings gradually dwindled in attendance during the ‘70s and early in the ‘80s were discontinued altogether, the land reverting to Mr. Smith.

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Golden Jubilee Edition

1931

Yuba City in 1881

How different Yuba City now appears than it did in 1881! Second Street was a busy thoroughfare, with hotels, saloons and grocery stores. Then the Yuba City Brewery, with Fred Klempp as proprietor sold No. 1 lager beer for \$1.50 for five gallons and \$3.00 for ten gallon kegs. The brewery is now occupied by the Sutter Independent. Across the street on the corner was a grocery store with W. P. Harkey and C. E. Wilcoxon owners. On this corner also there was a well where cold water could be obtained.

Dr. T. H. Ferguson had his office upstairs in the Dobbins Building on Bridge Street. Next to the building was the Farmer's Union Bank, with George Ohleyer manager. By the bank was the O. K. Saloon with J. Van Tassell as proprietor. Upstairs over the bank was the office of the newspaper, "The Banner," which was bought by a group of farmers in February of 1881. The name of this paper, under the management of George Ohleyer, was changed to "The Sutter County Farmer." G. W. Alberti, coroner and public administrator, had his office in the Farmer office.

Post Office Was on Site of Farmer Office of Today

In the same block with the brewery on Second Street was the blacksmith shop, owned by Orr and Burns, and on the opposite side of the street was the Windsor Hotel, with F. Wilbur as proprietor. Then came O.

Moncur's office where well boring tools could be obtained.

The post office was next to the Windsor Hotel, where the Sutter County Farmer office is now. Below the post office was the general store owned by Jonas Marcuse. The Ernest C. Kimball drug store was located where the Frank Bremer hardware store now stands. Dr. Norman S. Hamlin had his office in this drug store.

Back of the Windsor hotel and the post office on Sutter Street was a large flour mill owned by T. B. Hull. Across the street was the M. E. Church.

Farmer's Union Warehouse Stool on River Bank

The home of Judge Philip Keyser was on the levee at the end of Keyser Street. This house is still there.

There was a large corral where the Masonic Hall now stands. Here the cattle were kept before they were loaded on the boats, which came up the river. All night long one could hear the low of the cattle and the bleat of the sheep.

Just around the corner on B Street was Dr. J. G. Cannon's office. Mrs. Lambert's boarding house was where the Hewitt home now is. Across the street was the I. C. McQuaid home.

Back of the Masonic Hall on the levee was a large brick warehouse called the Farmer's Cooperative Union Warehouse. There was also a frame warehouse on the site of Dr. Barr's home, which also belonged to the Farmer's Union. The first telephone

service in Yuba City was between the Farmer's Union Bank and the brick warehouse. Across the street from this was the Eureka Livery and Sale Stable and Express line owned by Polk Simmons, who also drove the bus between Marysville and Yuba City. Simmons would stop in front of the houses for his passengers and blow an old fish horn to let the people know he was there.

Parrot In McGee's Stable Swore at Passersby

J. L. Wilbur, attorney-at-law, had his office one door north of the courthouse. McGee's stable stood in this same block next to where the hall of records is. McGee kept a parrot who always called to anyone passing by and if answered would swear profusely. In the same block was the Yuba City Stable and Express Line with H. Calif as proprietor.

Stabler and Bayne, also attorneys-at-law, had their office opposite the courthouse, in the building now occupied by A. C. McLaughlin.

Dame Kenrod lived on C Street where Mrs. Eva Gregg lives and across the street was the Sam Kenord home. The school house was at the end on this street where the F. B. Ware home is. The E. Wilcoxon home was at the corner of Second and C Streets. Below the Schillig home were livery stables. Joseph Donovan's blacksmith shop was opposite the Journal office on C. Street.

Slough Marked Western Boundary of City Then

At the end of Second Street was the home of Mrs. Mary Raub and Superior Judge J. H. Craddock's home was where Claude Kline lives.

The frame warehouse was the scene of many of the church bazaars. The booths for these bazaars were very elaborately decorated, the framework being completely covered with flowers, such as violets, roses and poppies, as flowers were as plentiful in those days as now.

The slough made the boundaries for the town. On the north side of the town along the levee were some Chinese wash houses and a saloon or two.

Sutter County in 1881 was a prosperous place. The farms were not large as California ranches went in those days, but the average size was about three hundred and twenty acres, with well improved barns and fences and many fine residences. There were good schools and many churches which furnished a large amount of social activities.

The main crop raised on these ranches was grain. One can get an idea of the amount of grain raised by the daily shipments which amounted to between two hundred and two hundred and fifteen tons daily. This grain was loaded onto steamers, one of which was the D. E. Knight. This steamer also carried the passengers to the picnics that were held at Hock Farm. These picnics were very popular and were well attended by all classes of people.

The Briggs peach orchards were an attraction for people near and far.

Camp Life (c. January 1919)

This letter was mailed by Albert King, Sr. to his sister Clara. Albert was the first man in Sutter County to volunteer for the Army when the United States entered World War I in 1917.

To the Editors of the STARS AND STRIPES:

The subject of weather is worn threadbare, but there is a little story you may have heard which exactly illustrates our experiences at the present time. One of our soldiers was plowing along on the main road last week when he saw a short pole sticking out of the mud. Upon investigation he found it was a rifle, and digging down reached a Cavalryman who remarked shortly but pointedly that the mud was rather annoying. He asked that his horse, under him, be excavated, and it was then seen that the horse was standing on a load of hay, cheerfully munching away.

Life in our camp is a constant round of pleasure and luxurious ease. In the morning one rises before the sun, quickly slips on wet boots and swims out to reveille. Then we break the ice in the water pail and perform the sacred rite known as "the morning wash." After that, a dainty breakfast of quarter-inch bacon and burned oatmeal, sans sugar, washed down by a lubricating fluid falsely named coffee. We have a suspicion it is the salvaged oil from the motor truck transmissions. The fare is sometimes varied by the substitution of thick disks of a strange rubber compound mixed with tinfoil. These are called "flapjacks" because they flap only after being swallowed.

The men then gaily prance out to work singing happily all morning and praising their officers in various ways and odd phrases. After luncheon has been served and the silver and linen put away again, another dashing bout with the pick and shovel helps to keep dull care away until 5 p.m., when all return and dress for dinner.

Motoring is popular. Henry Ford's original three cars are proudly cherished here, and wheezily stagger to town and back when necessary. Sometimes a wheel comes off, and then we pick ourselves from the road and laud the driver for not killing us. It's a gay life, and we will never forget it after the war. When we return to porcelain bathtubs, subway expresses and clothes that fit, it will be with a spirit of regret and fond memories of A. P. O. 741 with its gallant troops.

Sergeant Jack, 501st Engineers

Calendar of Events

September

The National Park Service: 100 Years of Heritage Art
Exhibit at the Museum

- 24 The Jewish Cemetery in Marysville, 2:00 p.m., by Stephen Kinsey, at the Museum – see page 4

October

- 7 John Muir on the Yuba River, 7:00 p.m., by David Rubiales, at the Museum
- 8 **Membership Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cordi Winery
see back cover**
- 11 Volunteer Appreciation Tea, 10:00 a.m., at the Museum
- 19 Ornament Workshop, 10:00 a.m., at the Museum

November

- 10 Ornament Workshop, 10:00 a.m., at the Museum
- 12 *The National Park Service: 100 Years of Heritage Art*
Exhibit ends

December

- 1 Decoration Day ,9:00 a.m., at the Museum
- 3 Trees & Traditions Gala Event, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the Museum
- 11 Children's Program, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the Museum

January

Undecoration Day, 9:00 a.m. the Museum

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Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday, October 8, 2016

11:30 a.m.

Cordi Winery

10401 Ingram Way, Live Oak

Program: Reese Cordi on wine making

Cost: \$15 per person

Reservations required

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 4 to

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