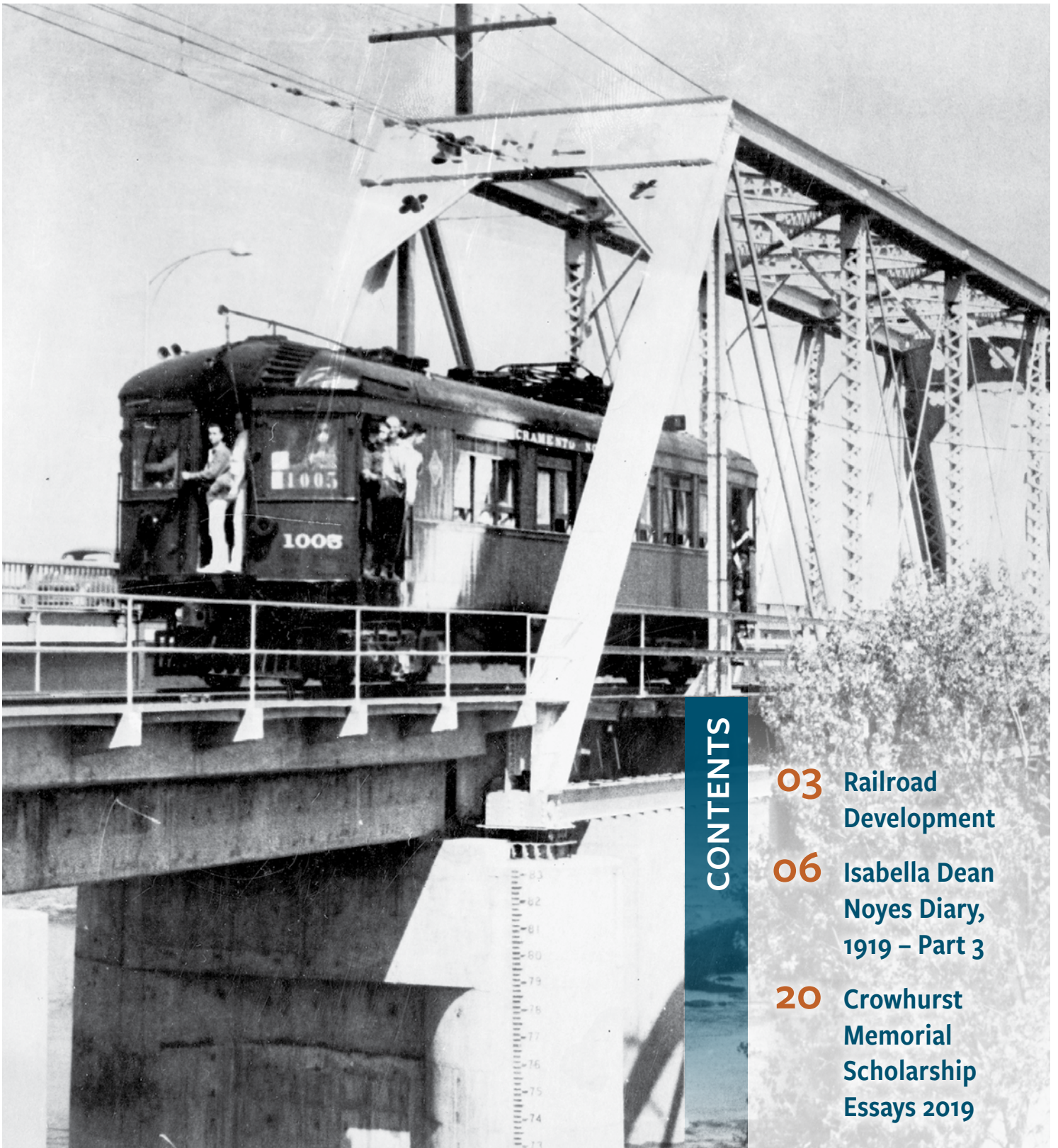


SUTTER
COUNTY
MUSEUM

SUMMER
2019

BULLETIN



CONTENTS

- 03** Railroad Development
- 06** Isabella Dean Noyes Diary, 1919 – Part 3
- 20** Crowhurst Memorial Scholarship Essays 2019

ON THE COVER:

NORTHERN ELECTRIC CROSSING THE FEATHER
RIVER BETWEEN YUBA CITY AND MARYSVILLE
PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Sutter County Museum Staff

Jessica Hougen, Museum Director / Curator
Sharyl Simmons, Assistant Curator

Kelly Gash, Museum Aide
Janie Payne, Museum Aide

Visit the Museum

1333 Butte House Road
Yuba City, California 95993
530.822.7141

www.suttercountymuseum.org



About the Bulletin

The **Bulletin** is published quarterly by the Community Memorial Museum Association. Editors are Sharyl Simmons and Phyllis Smith. Payment of annual membership dues provides you with a subscription to the **Bulletin**.

Museum Association

The Association is a 501(c)(3) organization that fundraises and supports the operation of the Museum.

Applications to join are always accepted (available on the Museum's website). If you are interested in history and want to do something meaningful for our community, please consider applying! New applicants to the Association are approved by a vote of the full Association. Members serve for 4 year terms.

Current Association Members:

Mike Morris, President

Margit Sands, Vice President

Babs Cotter, Secretary

Amber Milner, Treasurer

Carol Bordeaux

Manny Cardoza

Eric Gruenthal

Scott Hankins

Tony Kurlan

Randy Lavender

Coleen Morris

Sukh Sidhu

Chuck Smith

Phyllis Smith

Exhibits

I hope you all were able to come see Frida Kahlo's Garden while it was here- what a fantastic exhibit!

August 17th through September 22nd we are once again hosting the photographs chosen for inclusion in The Sutter Buttes Calendar, a publication of and fundraiser for the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust. This is always a lovely show, and we are always happy to support the great work being done by the Land Trust. Not familiar with what they do? Check them out at www.sutterbutteslandtrust.org. Their mission sums it up:

The Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust's mission is to protect the land and natural resources of the Sutter Buttes and surrounding regions for present and future generations.



Following the Calendar Photography, we will be hosting Simple Objects. Simple Objects is a collaboration between Stephanie Taylor, an artist who was born in Chico, and Christy Heron-Clark, a writer who was born and raised in Paradise. Christy's family lost two homes in the Camp Fire. They went to Paradise twice to make what they call 'contemporary archaeological digs'.

They created the exhibit to answer this question: What makes an object resonate, objects that no longer have a value, except as memory?

Christy comes to the project from the past- her memories and emotions. Stephanie comes to the project in the present reality.

We will also be including artwork and writings from other local and regional artists who were impacted by the Camp Fire and/or the Cascade Fire. The exhibit will be open on the anniversaries of these fires. We plan to hold open houses to give people a place to come to share their stories of these fires, their experiences since, and their emotions related to it.

News

The Museum Association has contracted with Brent Johnson Design to create a Master Plan for our exhibits. A Master Plan is basically a road map for future exhibit work. Direct from their proposal:

A Master Plan:

- Articulates the overarching interpretive themes that will resonate throughout the museum experience, now and into the future;
- Allows for the gradual implementation of new galleries and programs without the risking of creating a fragmented and disjointed visitor experience;
- Recognizes the importance of identifying audience needs at the heart of the museum experience and evaluating how well they are being met at each step;
- Creates a look and feel for exhibit development that builds an institutional identity that is consistent throughout;
- Will implement the goals of relevance, accessibility, and welcoming that allow all visitors to see themselves within the overarching narrative;
- Will provide the foundation for ongoing fundraising, by establishing a powerful and consistent vision for ongoing museum development.

We'll be starting this project in September, so keep an eye out in the Fall Bulletin for further information!

Events

After the excitement of the Grand Re-Opening parties and the flurry of programs related to the Frida Kahlo exhibit, we're taking it easy on the events and programs end of business. Don't worry, we have more than a few things coming up still! We have two exhibit opening receptions this fall, one for the Sutter Buttes Calendar Photography exhibit (August 16th) and one for our fall exhibit Simple Objects (September 27th). Our final Night at the Museum of the year will be in October. And of course there are the big obvious ones: the 40th Annual Trees & Traditions Gala is set for December 7th, and our Children's Holiday Open House is December 15th. We have big plans for both, so mark your calendars now!

If you haven't signed up for our **eNewsletter** yet, you should!

Since we're adding programs and events on a regular basis, it's the best way to make sure you know about everything we're up to.

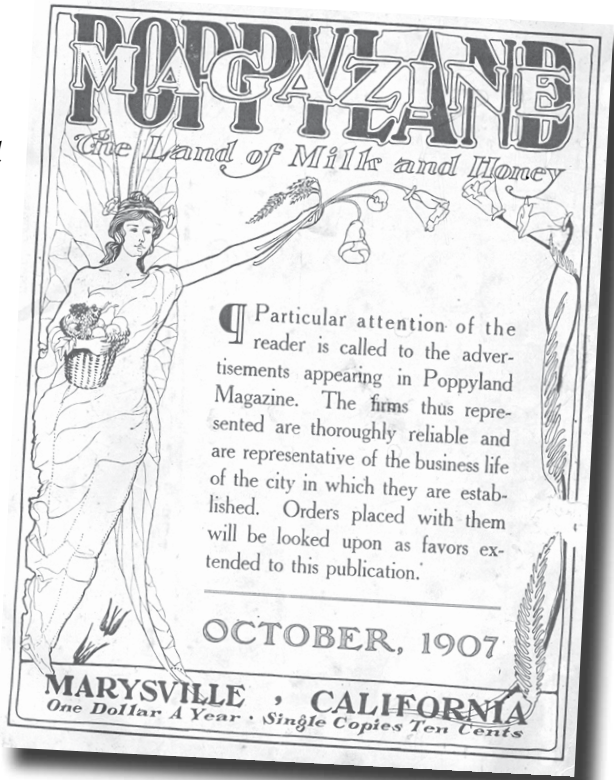
Just visit our website at **www.suttercountymuseum.org** and scroll to the bottom. You'll see the box to sign up.



Railroad Development

Published in Poppyland
(magazine published in Marysville, California)
Vol. 2, No. 2
October 1907

[Editor's note: Poppyland magazine was published "in the interests of the Sacramento Valley" in Marysville from May 1907 through June 1908. It was edited by L. A. P. (Lou) Eichler. In 1908 it combined with the Sierra Nevada Review and continued publishing as Goldenland through 1908. Eichler, a Sutter County native, became a well-known and popular newspaper writer and in 1928 began writing a long-lived column for the Marysville Appeal entitled "The Rambler" which covered both historical and current events.]



It is announced in the press that the Northern Electric Company will soon be reorganized under the name of the Northern Electric Railway, will increase its capital stock to \$25,000,000 and will expand its system of electric roads throughout the entire Valley, from Kennet and Redding on the north to Sacramento and San Francisco on the south, from the foothills of the Sierra to the foothills of the Coast Range. All towns of importance will be connected by this new system and many new towns will spring up. More capitalists of prominence are entering the company and furnishing capital for its extensions, and it is to become the greatest electric railway system in the West.

The company began building a line between Chico and Oroville about two years ago. Last December it put into operation its main line from those towns to Yuba City and Marysville. On September 1, 1907 it began carrying passengers over its line from Marysville to Sacramento. Since then its line between Chico and Hamilton has been put into operation. Work is in progress on the extension north to Red Bluff and all is ready for a branch from Marysville to Colusa, via Meridian. Franchises are now being sought in Woodland for an extension from Sacramento and



FIRST NORTHERN ELECTRIC TRAIN IN MERIDIAN. THE WOMAN ON THE STEPS IS MRS. E. V. JACOBS (NEE THORNBROUGH) AND THE MAN IN THE BACKGROUND IS DR. E. V. JACOBS
PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

it is presumed there will be a line from Woodland to Colusa thence north to Redding, taking all the towns on the west side.



NORTHERN ELECTRIC STATION IN MERIDIAN

PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

It is generally believed that the Vallejo & Northern is either a branch of the Northern Electric or will be absorbed by it, the franchises secured by the former being used to reach the bay.

The Central California Traction Company is seeking additional franchises in Stockton to connect at the respective depots with trains of the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific.

The Southern Pacific has part of its double track line in operation between Sacramento and Roseville.

The Southern Pacific has reduced its passenger rates between points reached by the Northern Electric railway to the same figures fixed by the latter.

The Western Pacific has laid track from Marysville north through Oroville and up the Feather River for some distance. About the time this is published it will begin pushing the work southward.

The California Northeastern Railway is laying track at the rate of three-fourths of a mile a day.

The Nevada County Narrow Gauge is straightening its line from Colfax to Grass Valley and making a cut-off that will save time.

The people of Alturas, Modoc County have given a big bonus to the Nevada, California & Oregon narrow gauge railway and it is now extending its main line to that town.

The Northern Electric Company has asked for an extension of time for building its road into Colusa. It wants nearly two years longer. This will be a big disappointment to people all along the proposed line. It is claimed the Yosemite Valley Railway has been sold to the Western Pacific.

It is believed that the Diamond Match Company will build a railroad from Red Bluff to its timber lands. Another line is expected to be built by the company from Magalia or Stirling to Butte Meadows.

It has been decided that the Western Pacific, as well as the Northern Electric, will enter Sacramento through a subway beneath the Southern Pacific tracks.

The Northern Electric is engaged in laying tracks for its local service in Yuba City, and will soon extend its lines in Marysville.

The California Midland will complete its grading from Marysville to Hammonton within a month or six weeks and will immediately commence track-laying. To get out of Marysville it will temporarily use the Southern Pacific Company's bridge across the Yuba River.

The Valley Northern will begin construction work within a few weeks, and it is announced that several branch lines will be built. Suisun, Fairfield, Vacaville, Winters, Woodland and other towns will be connected by the new road. They are all reached now by the Southern Pacific.



NORTHERN ELECTRIC CROSSING THE FEATHER RIVER BETWEEN YUBA CITY AND MARYSVILLE.

PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Isabella Dean Noyes Diary, 1919 – Part 3

Day by Day – January 1, 1919 through December 31, 1919

FAMILY CONNECTIONS:

Edward A. Noyes
married Isabella Dean (author) – 1876

THEIR CHILDREN:

Bernice
(Mrs. Otis W. Hill, and daughter Grace)

Abbie
(Mrs. Antone Vagedes.
Children – Necia & Winton)

Myrtie (Mrs. James L. Haynes)

Charles A. Noyes (Maud)

Edna (Mrs. LeRoy H. Meyer)

Summer arrived and the men were still cutting hay and Mother Noyes was still doing laundry among other chores. Preparation was undertaken to head north to their cattle camp in Meadow Valley in Plumas County for the summer. This entry extends a bit into autumn to cover their time in the mountains and trip home to the Sutter Buttes.

Of note, in 1919 they made the trip north in a comfortable car and arrived at their destination in less than a day. In the first diary we have of the trip north to near Lassen in 1885, it took four days to reach their destination in a horse drawn wagon. Times were changing.

Sunday, June 22, 1919

Clear and still cool. Glad it keeps cool. Antone Vagedes with his wife and two children came down to spend the day. Caught Mother Noyes watering her lawn.

Monday, June 23, 1919

Roy Meyer brought his wife Edna over before he went to work and that was before we had breakfast. She had a box of apricots to make jam. We were going to Marysville so Charlie took Edna over home for her hat and dress. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mrs. L. H. Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Noyes went to Marysville, came after four. Mother Noyes and Edna peeled the apricots – soon had them cooking.

Tuesday, June 24, 1919

Clear and warm. Mother Noyes made jam and currant jelly, put clothes to soak. Miss Young busy sewing. Men still doing little odd jobs about the place.

Wednesday, June 25, 1919

Clear and pleasant. Mother Noyes washed. Miss Young busy about the kitchen. Papa Noyes picked figs. After supper, Mother Noyes peeled the figs. Orin Kinney went to Marysville and brought out two men to finish the hay on Charlie's place.



HAY

PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Thursday, June 26, 1919

Clear and warm. Mother Noyes ironed. Mr. Quigley called – had dinner with us. He is certainly looking fine. Edna Meyer called. Orrin Kinney and two men went to Charlie's place. Mother Noyes boiled figs. Jim and Myrtie drove down in truck. Jim went on over to Will Hokes. Myrtie and Glenister stayed until he came back about eleven o'clock. Charlie took them home. Left the truck here.

Friday, June 27, 1919

Clear and cool. Had breakfast half an hour earlier. Papa Noyes and son Charlie loaded the truck with wire and posts and to the ranch at Pennington. Mr. H. C. Meyer called to see about loading grain here.

Saturday, June 28, 1919

Clear with a good south wind. Mother Noyes cut out some sewing. Edna Meyer came over. Charlie coaxed her to go over to Myrtie's and bring him back and he had to take the truck home and leave it. They all came back. Edna stayed to dinner, went up town and then home. Mother Noyes made a sun-bonnet. Bob Lappin went to M'ville. Did not come in car.

Sunday, June 29, 1919

Was awakened from a

sound sleep by a noisy old automobile about half past five bringing Bob Lappin home drunker than a lord. Had a round up with the cows, called for his time and left for Marysville again. So we are without a choreman again. Edna and Roy came over in Bete Henham's racer. No room to spare.

Monday, June 30, 1919

Clear and warmer. Charlie took Mother Noyes up to Miss McLaughlin's to get some sewing done. Maud washed.

Tuesday, July 1, 1919

Clear and warm. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Noyes went up to the Sutter Butte Hall and voted for good roads. Came home. Mother Noyes washed her hair. Spent the afternoon sewing and watering lawn. Put clothes in to soak.

Wednesday, July 2, 1919

Clear and cool. Mother Noyes washed a good large washing. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went to Marysville. Edna Meyer called. Boiled figs in water – getting them ready to preserve.

Thursday, July 3, 1919

Clear and cool. Mother Noyes ironed until Miss Young was ready to wash. Cooked figs and put them

up. Men still working on odd jobs about the place.

Friday, July 4, 1919

Cool and clear. We all remained at home – did not celebrate the Glorious 4th. Antone, Abbie, Necia and Winton called. Mother Noyes boiled figs.

Saturday, July 5, 1919

Cool and clear. Charlie took Mother Noyes up to Miss McLaughlin's. Maud went to store and done the trading. All busy getting ready for our vacation.

Sunday, July 6, 1919

Clear and warm. After dinner Miss Young's brother came and took her home – after being with us for 8 months. Such a good, faithful girl. I fear that we shall never see her equal.

Monday, July 7, 1919

Clear and fearful warm. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Noyes

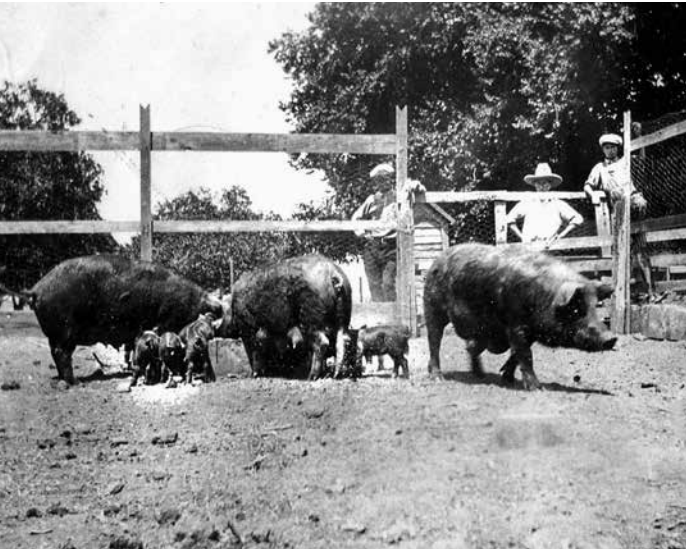
and Mr. E. A. Noyes went to Marysville. Mother Noyes canned apricots. Charlie and Maud helped to peel them after they came home from town.

Tuesday, July 8, 1919

Clear and still very warm. Mother Noyes finished putting up apricots. Am not sorry as it is so warm to be working over the hot stove.

Wednesday, July 9, 1919

Clear and a little cooler. Mother Noyes washed one of our small, hot weather washings. Papa Noyes, son Charlie and Orrin Kinney went up to Charlie's place to bring the hogs home – had them loaded about ready to start home when a buyer came along and bought the bunch. Took them to Gridley. Men were late getting home but pleased at getting rid of hogs.



HOGS

PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Thursday, July 10, 1919

Clear with quite a breeze from the south. Mother Noyes went up to Miss McLaughlin’s for waists but did not get them as they were too large. Handy Epperson’s barn caught on fire and burned down. We went down to Abbie’s and then came on home.

Friday, July 11, 1919

Clear and very warm. Mother Noyes ironed and prepared the three daily meals.

Saturday, July 12, 1919

Clear and warm, worked hard all morning, got dinner on table, felt faint. Ate a little. Charlie helped with the dishes. Kept pretty quiet all afternoon. Took a dose of Alderika¹ and felt better. Able to prepare supper.

Sunday, July 13, 1919

Clear and warm. Mother Noyes worked in kitchen most of the morning – cooking so as to have something on hand for Monday. Edna and Roy Meyer came over. Edna to tell me she could come over and help me get ready to get away.

Monday, July 14, 1919

Clear and bright. Roy brought Edna over before breakfast. We were going to Marysville. So Charlie took Edna over home to get her dress and hat. Then took Maud over to George Forderhase’s to spend the day. Papa and Mama Noyes, Charlie Noyes and Sister Edna Meyer went to Marysville. Spent most of the day in town. Roy came for Edna rather late.

Tuesday, July 15, 1919

Clear and still warm. Roy brought Edna over. Had breakfast early. As Jim Haynes was to take Orrin Kinney up to Charlie’s place, also the boar pig. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went to Live Oak and then out to Charlie’s place. Myrtie and Glenister came with Jim. Glenister went to Live Oak with his Grandpapa. All came back for dinner. Edna and Myrtie prepared dinner.

Wednesday, July 16 1919

Clear and very warm. Edna drove the Ford over, was early enough to help wash the breakfast dishes. Mother Noyes ironed what clothes she was to take with her. Had

¹ Alder-I-Ka was a patent medicine to “cure” appendicitis and used for constipation and heartburn.
² The Stearns-Knight was an American luxury automobile built by the F. B. Stearns Company from 1900-1925 and then under ownership of the Willys-Overland Company until 1929.

trunks ready when Jim Haynes came for them. Made a cover and pillowcase for Miss Whiting’s bed and cleaned up some of the rooms. Antone, Abbie and children came down. We packed lunch before going to bed. Edna worked hard all day, went home late. Do not know what I would have without Edna to help, Bless the dear girl.

Thursday, July 17, 1919

Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes, and dog Toby left their home at Sutter in a Stearns² at five o’clock in the morning for Meadow Valley. Soon reached Live Oak. Stopped at Andrew Young’s to see his sister, Miss Visa, but she was not up. Mr. Young gave us a nice box of peaches. On by Gridley as we passed over the bridge at Gridley, came upon a camp by the roadside where one woman was getting breakfast, another one in the act of putting on her corset – suddenly seemed fit to dodge under cover.

The roads which had been rough and dusty were smooth and nice, the air bracing as we soon reached Bucks Ranch where the woods were full of camps, some having such lovely camps. On we came, driving by Meadow Valley Inn where Grandpa Stratton was sitting on the porch. Buford was at the barn, pitching hay. Drove on down to camp. Mr. Warren was busy cooking a Mulligan stew. We found the Stonerods traps on the porch. They were out fishing with John Stewart. We let Mr. Warren have his Mulligan and added our sandwiches, cake and fresh peaches making a fine meal. The Stonerods saying this is real cake and peaches. After supper F. F. Stonerod entertained us with war stories, telling of his trip across the ocean with a convoy. Finally Papa Noyes said he only slept one hour the night before – he must have two tonight so we all retired.

Friday, July 18, 1919

Rose about six. Had trout for breakfast. After breakfast the Stonerod boys took their leave – going to Red Bluff and from there on to Humboldt and Trinity Counties. Mother Noyes and Maud washed all the dishes, cleaned cupboards which took us all morning. After dinner took a nap. Mother Noyes writing up the trip. Bobby and Cap caught a deer down in the pasture. John Stewart and Charlie put cattle in lower meadow.

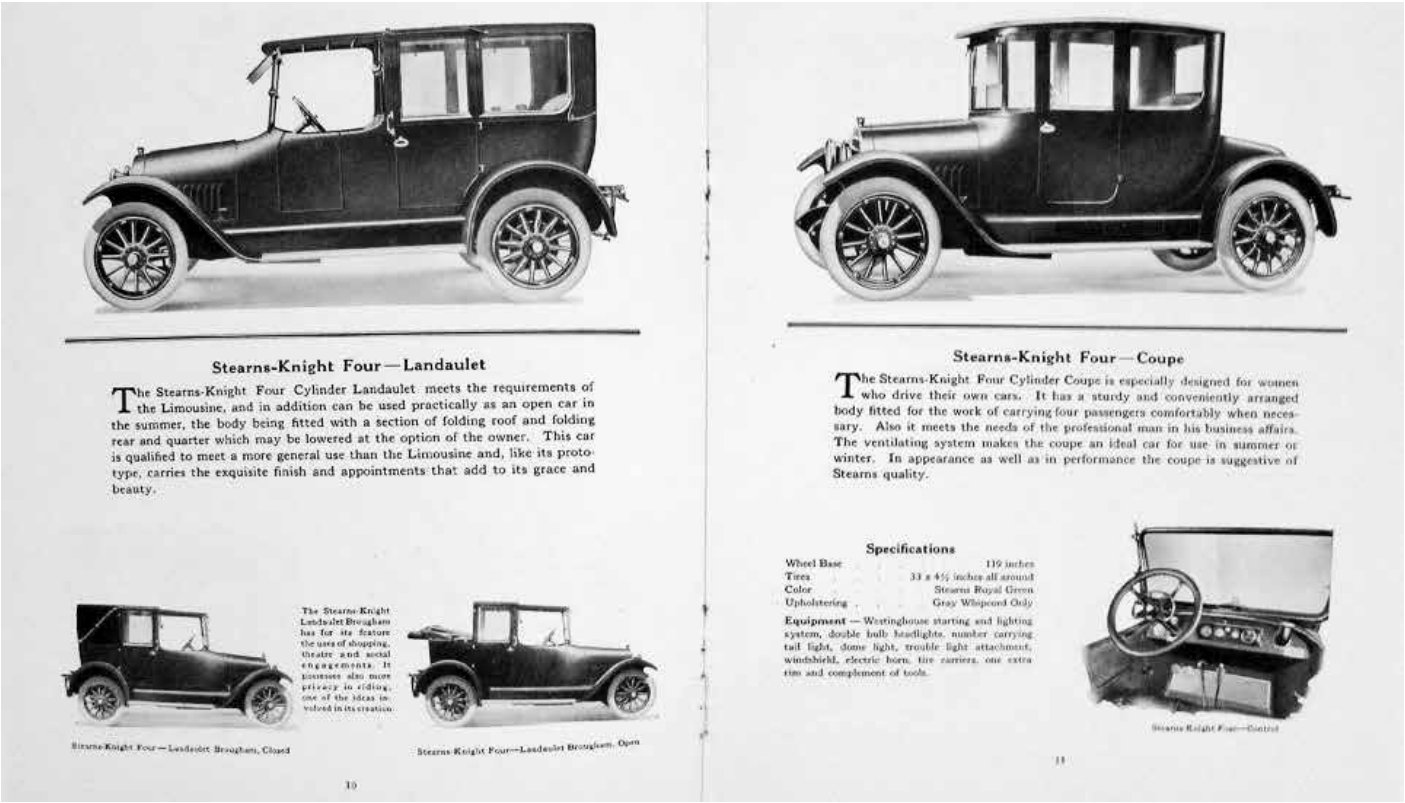


PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Saturday, July 19, 1919

Clear and bright. Had breakfast early. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went over to Quincy for trunks, chairs, etc. John Stewart went deer hunting. Milo Warren went fishing, leaving Mother Noyes and Maud at camp.

Finished cleaning dishes. Moved box from porch to woodshed. Mrs. Nails called – wanted to borrow a saddle. Papa Noyes and Charlie came back a little after twelve. We soon had our dinner. Just washing dishes when Mr. Warren came in with eleven nice trout – set lunch for him. At three o’clock John came trailing in. Set lunch for him. A day of lunches.

Sunday, July 20, 1919

Clear, bright and warmer. Everyone round camp cleaned up. Mother Noyes cleaned up room and hung curtains. Had onions, radishes and lettuce for dinner. Charlie N. scared up a deer down in the pasture. The man cutting hay saw a big buck

³ Editor has no idea what “spit out the toad” refers to.

down by barn in meadow. When Charlie came for gun and shot a large rattlesnake with nine rattles and a button just a few steps from the cabin. Gave everyone the creeps –

Monday, July 21, 1919

Cloudy – looks like rain. Maud washed. Papa Noyes, son Charlie and John Stewart made two trips to the sawmill for lumber. After dinner, built a platform – put up Maud and Charlie’s tent. They have a fine sleeping place. Maud and Charlie moved right out to their tent. Mr. Warren went fishing and we have plenty of fish for supper. What appetites we have.

Tuesday, July 22, 1919

Papa Noyes, son Charlie and John Stewart made platform for Papa and Mama’s tent. They have the old eating tent. Had ribs of beef and brown gravy for dinner. After dinner moved bed out in tent and are quite comfortable. Mr. & Mrs. J. L.

Stratton called, both looking well.

Wednesday, July 23, 1919

Clear and cool. Had an early breakfast so John Stewart could get an early start for home. He left right after breakfast. Mother Noyes washed. Mrs. Brown called to get garbage for her hog. Papa Noyes and son Charlie put screens on windows and screen doors in cabin so we are comfortable. Mr. Warren brought home 22 fine trout all about the same size. Beautiful.

Thursday, July 24, 1919

Papa Noyes and son Charlie went to Mill for more lumber. Made two trips before dinner. Mother Noyes ironed. Papa N. and son Charlie made a platform and sides for Miss Whiting’s tent and put it up – so it is all ready. Buford Stratton called; tried to borrow Tootsie to go fishing. The Nail family went up to Silver Lake. Charlie killed a snake in the toilet. Made him spit out the toad.³

Friday, July 25, 1919

Clear with a white frost. Maud washed. Mother Noyes took bedding down to Miss Whiting’s tent. Had letter from Edna.

Saturday, July 26, 1919

Had breakfast. Made bed and peeled potatoes for dinner. Then Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes and Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes went to Quincy, leaving Mr. Warren to keep camp. Had lovely ride. Found Quincy a busy little town. The Drug Store people were finishing a dance hall; had a fine floor. Came back and got dinner. Slept most of the afternoon.

Sunday, July 27, 1919

Mother Noyes and Maud scrubbed the cabin and prepared dinner. After dinner took a nap and wrote letters. Mr. Warren took Tootsie and went over to Martin’s camp – brought home seven trout. Charlie took his daily ride through the cattle down in the Meadow.

Monday, July 28, 1919

Maud washed. Mother Noyes cooked apples. Received a letter from Abbie saying they would start Tuesday morning. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went to work on the kitchen getting it ready for them. Mother Noyes put clothes to soak. All were tired and retired early.

Tuesday, July 29, 1919

Mother Noyes washed. Had a large washing, but had it out early after waiting for men to put up new clothesline. Had dinner and cleaned up nearly everything on the table. Looked – saw an auto in at the gate. It proved to be Calvin Wisner and his mother. They had their lunch.

We visited the rest of the day. Had an early supper. A man going to Quincy told us that Tony⁴ was at Berry Creek and his clutch would not work. Charlie got car ready to go in the morning.

Wednesday, July 30, 1919

Rose early and had breakfast. Papa Noyes and son Charlie started for Berry Creek for Abbie and the children. Cal and his mother stayed over as Cal was not feeling well. He took some medicine and feeling some better. He and Mr. Warren went fishing – Cal soon came back. Mr. Warren came in with eleven fine fish. Papa Noyes and son Charlie returned at six with Abbie, Necia and Winton Vagedes and their dog Keeno. After supper hung up canvas over the opening in the little kitchen, put up cots and a mattress on them. Had a good bed for Abbie and the children. Mrs. Wisner had Miss Whiting’s tent. Cal slept on the porch. So we have housed ten people at our little camp.

Thursday, July 31, 1919

Clear with a light frost. Had fish for breakfast. Cal could only get away with four. After breakfast Calvin Wisner and his mother left for home. Done our usual work. Looked for Tony but he failed to appear. As everyone was sleepy, retired to their tents. How you can sleep in these tents here in this valley.

Friday, August 1, 1919

Clear – a little warmer. Maud washed. Mother Noyes ironed. Mr. Barr brought stove for the little kitchen. Looked for Tony. Had dinner. About five o’clock Tony came driving in. Papa Noyes and

son Charlie soon had the tent out, measured it, put boards around the platform. Had supper. Then men put up the tent and moved cot off the porch into tent for Tony. Sat around the camp fire.

Saturday, August 2, 1919

Clear with a light frost. Moved Tony’s cot out of tent. Put canvas on floor. Moved cots out of kitchen. Soon had two beds made up in tent. Papa Noyes and son Charlie assisted by Antone Vagedes placed stove. Placed canned goods and eatables on shelves. Abbie was soon cooking dinner. So we have two camps, with four dogs, a regular cattle camp. Charlie took his daily trip among the cattle.

Sunday, August 3, 1919

All slept late. Mr. Warren was unable to come to breakfast. Had hot-cakes as usual. Myrtie Hayne’s birthday. Gave her a present before leaving home. Had dinner at twelve o’clock as usual. Mother Noyes slept nearly all afternoon. After supper wrote a letter to Sister Lizzie – everyone was in bed when she finished it.

Monday, August 4, 1919

Clear with a little frost. Maud washed. Mother Noyes and Abbie Vagedes with Necia and Winton went gooseberrying. Picked a lard bucket full. Mr. & Mrs. Antone Vagedes, Mrs. C. A. Noyes, Necia and Winton Vagedes went down to the saw-mill. Mother Noyes fell off the kitchen door. More scared than hurt.

Tuesday, August 5, 1919

Maud ironed. Abbie not feeling well, did not wash. All remained around camp.

Wednesday, August 6, 1919

Mother Noyes washed. Picked over gooseberries. Antone Vagedes and son Winton went to Quincy – brought back a new milk strainer. Papa Noyes and son Charlie went down through the cattle in the meadow. Saw two deer. Scared up a partridge – wish they would kill one. After supper Antone Vagedes and children went over to the store for coal oil.

Thursday, August 7, 1919

Mother Noyes and Maud scrubbed the kitchen. Charlie’s birthday and Edna and Roy’s 1st Wedding Anniversary. Had a birthday cake for him. Received a book from Roy and Edna, also one from Tony and Abbie.

\$5.00 Greenback from Mother Noyes. Henry Stratton and wife had a brand new boy arrive at their new home here today.

Friday, August 8, 1919

Colder this morning. Maud washed. Papa Noyes made a new table for our camp-cupboard. Took everything out so they could move the cupboard. This gives us the use of our old work table that we have carried all over Northern California. Mother Noyes made a milk cupboard so we have things quite handy. Papa Noyes and son Charlie rode around the pasture, concluded that it would pay to fence. Mr. & Mrs. Antone Vagedes, Mother Noyes, Necia and Winton Vagedes went down through

the Meadow to the creek – got three fish. One was a whopper. When ready to go home the truck would not work. Crept along until we got to the hay stack then stopped. Tony walked back to camp to get Charlie to bring us home. Left the truck there.

Saturday, August 9, 1919

Cold heavy frost. Charlie Noyes and Antone Vagedes went down in the field and brought Tony’s truck up to camp. Took it to pieces and went to Quincy for repairs. Maud, Necia and Winton went with them. Mother Noyes picked over gooseberries and made jelly. Mr. Warren went fishing – came in with twenty fish. Charlie and the kids are having some time.

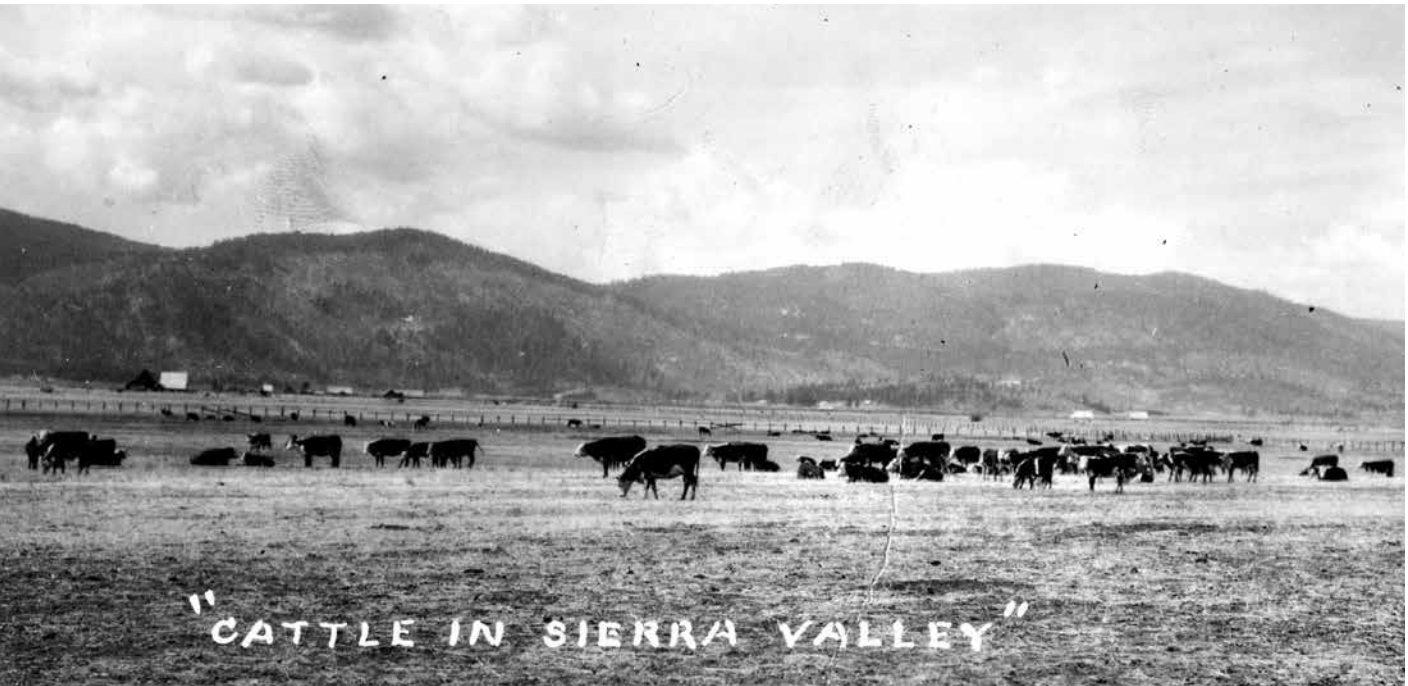


PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

Sunday, August 10, 1919

Cloudy, threatening rain. Antone Vagedes and Mr. Warren took their lunch and went over to Rock Creek fishing. Tony came back about 3 o'clock with no fish. Killed a rattlesnake with nine rattles and a button. Papa Noyes and son Charlie to ride down in the Meadow to see the cattle. Sunday is general bathing day and it takes some time to heat enough water for all with the kettles we have.

Monday, August 11, 1919

Maud washed. Tony left for home at 8 o'clock. Mother Noyes helped Abbie pick over gooseberries. Papa Noyes and son Charlie sawed wood. Charlie carried water for washing. Had a letter from Miss Whiting – says she would be here Wednesday evening.

Tuesday, August 12, 1919

Abbie washed. Mother Noyes and Maud cleaned up around the cabin. Papa Noyes made dresser for Miss Whiting's tent.

Wednesday, August 13, 1919

Mother Noyes washed – had a good generous washing. Maud scrubbed the cabin and porch. Mother Noyes covered table with newspaper. Taking off old oilcloth. Put brown oilcloth on table. Made covers for wash stands out of the old white oil cloth. Put curtains on dresser for Miss Whiting and swept it out. Everything is ready. Miss Whiting arrived at nine o'clock. Had a light lunch. Talked an hour or so and then all retired.

Thursday, August 14, 1919

Warmer. Visited with Cousin Mary. Doing little but cooking meat for the family and four dogs which is quite a chore. Mother Noyes ironed a few pieces after supper. Miss Whiting, Maud, Necia and Winton went picking gooseberries.

Friday, August 15, 1919

Warmer. Maud washed. Mother Noyes picked over gooseberries and made two glasses of jelly. Made applesauce and apple jelly. Finished ironing.

Saturday, August 16, 1919

Mother Noyes cooked meat and vegetables most of the morning . Made a failure on two cakes. The women and children of Bar – N – Camp attended a reception given for the returned Soldier Boys. At twelve o'clock we were invited out to supper. There in the moonlight were three long tables loaded with all the good things the ladies of Meadow Valley know how to provide.

Sunday, August 17, 1919

Clear and pleasant. Had thirteen nice trout for breakfast. Work went on as usual. After dinner when everyone was napping, Mrs. Nails and baby called. Later in the evening Henry Stratton called dressed in full hunting costume.

Monday, August 18, 1919

Maud washed. Mother Noyes picked over gooseberries, boiled them and strained the juice. After dinner Mother Noyes, Abbie, Necia and Winton

Vagedes took a walk down in the Meadow to the creek where the children had a fine time wading and picking up white rocks; came back to camp about four o'clock.

Tuesday, August 19, 1919

Abbie washed. Miss Whiting, Necia and Winton Vagedes went over to the store. Mother Noyes made two glasses of gooseberry jelly. Papa Noyes and Charlie rode down in the Meadow to see if cattle and fences were all right. Papa Noyes and son Charlie making panels.

Wednesday, August 20, 1919

Mother Noyes washed. Abbie ironed. Maud scrubbed dining room and porch. Calvin Wisner came walking into camp carrying suitcase, mackinaw and rifle. Mr. L. J. Stratton called. Quite a change in the weather. The warmest day we have had, 92° in the shade. Cloudy, threatening rain. Papa Noyes made an Irish wagon⁵ so we are (illegible) for getting wood.

Thursday, August 21, 1919

Miss Whiting washing. Mother Noyes ironed. Papa Noyes and son Charlie Calvin Wisner and Mr. Warren building a corral down in the Meadow. Had a letter from Edna. Abbie received several packages from Tony.

Friday, August 22, 1919

Several degrees cooler than yesterday. Maud washed. Miss Whiting ironed. Mother Noyes gave her tent a good cleaning up. Mr. Perry called to see if Papa Noyes wanted to buy some cattle that were for sale near Quincy. Mother Noyes

⁵ The phrase "Irish wagon" is unknown to the editor.

⁶ Spanish ranch was about 1¼ miles northeast of Meadow Valley. In 1919 there was a post office there.

and Necia Vagedes took quite a walk going to the old Wigwam, then on to the grave-yard where we gazed on the first grave of an American soldier.

Saturday, August 23, 1919

Men still making fence. Mother Noyes and Maud scrubbed the kitchen. Abbie washed. After dinner Cal and Mr. Warren took camp outfit and went deer hunting. Mother Noyes, Necia and Winton Vagedes went out for a walk – got down opposite the camp when Winton lost part of his gun – of all the yelling and stamping of feet he roused the whole camp. Uncle Charlie came and took him back to camp. Mother Noyes and Necia had quite a time crossing streams on logs, finally reached camp without going back the way they came. The Nail Girls left for Oakland to attend High School.

Sunday, August 24, 1919

Uncle Tom's birthday. Suppose he is somewhere in the mountains. Papa Noyes and son Charlie loaded baled hay for Bucks Ranch – a long lonesome day.

Monday, August 5, 1919

Maud washed. Abbie made pumpkin pie and ironed. Mother Noyes made apple and peach pies. It took some time to make them, but they were eaten up in about fifteen minutes. Mr. Warren came in about 4 o'clock. No deer, but he had 24 fine trout. Cal came back at five with his shirt all torn to pieces.

Tuesday, August 26, 1919

Maud ironed. Abbie washed. Miss

Whiting, Necia and Winton Vagedes went to the store and brought bread, mail up. Men putting baled hay in barn.

Wednesday, August 27, 1919

Mother Noyes washed. Took all morning. Left Maud to get dinner. Had telephone message from Louis Tarke. Said he was coming over tomorrow. Men still at work with hay. Was about to call supper when we saw Mr. Tarke coming in. Took supper with us. At bedtime, Charlie took him up to Stratton's for the night.

Thursday, August 28, 1919

Mr. Tarke came over about nine o'clock. He and Papa Noyes walked down to the barn in the meadow where the boys were working in the hay. All came up for dinner. After dinner, Papa Noyes, son Charlie, Mr. Tarke, Miss Whiting and Mrs. C. A. Noyes went over to Quincy where they met Mrs. Santee and Frieda Tarke who is teaching music, drawing and domestic science in the Quincy High School. Mother Noyes, Abbie, Necia and Winton Vagedes took a walk down to the garden. Were going over to the cabin on the Spanish⁶ Ranch property, but it began to rain so went back to camp.

Friday, August 29, 1919

Abbie Vagedes and children have been here a month today. Maud washed. Papa Noyes received a large box of fine peaches from Miss Visa Young.

Saturday, August 30, 1919

Abbie washed – had a large washing. Turned water on the Nails pasture

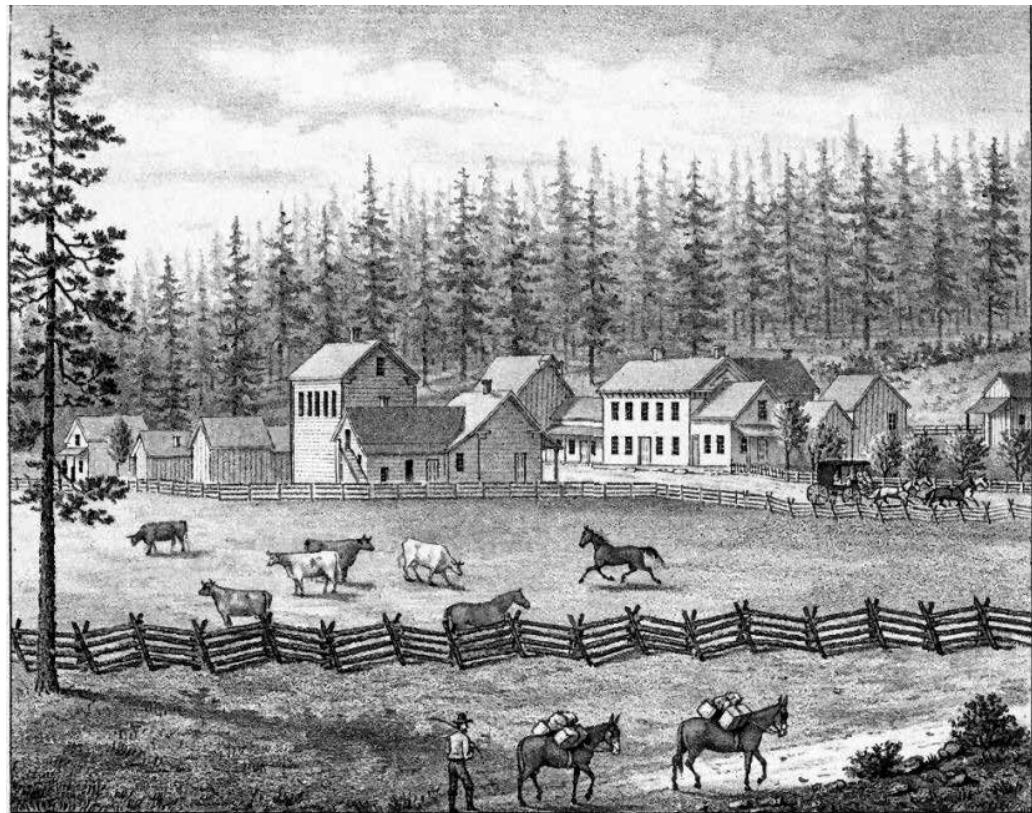
– it is flooding the pathway below the tents. Necia and Winton are having some sport wading. Abbie took their picture. Got cattle up and turned them in the meadow here and we are lulled to sleep by the tinkling cowbells.

Sunday, August 31, 1919

Regular bathing day – tubs and warm water in demand. Abbie ironed her last ironing here. Antone Vagedes came in (at half past three) great style with his new Dodge truck. Children were glad to see him. He had a load of good eats – a box of grapes from Roy and Edna, watermelons, sweet potatoes, eggs and other goodies too numerous to mention.

Monday, September 1, 1919

Clear with a heavy frost. Maud washed. Antone, Necia and Winton went fishing a little while. After dinner, Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Mrs. C. A. Noyes, Mrs. A. Vagedes, Miss Whiting, Necia and Winton Vagedes took a walk over to the graveyard then out to the old wigwam, then back to camp. Then Antone took the crowd in his new truck up past the Inn into a narrow lane out on a fine road which led to the house on Spanish Ranch.



MEADOW VALLEY AND SPANISH RANCH

FROM THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF PLUMAS, LASSEN AND SIERRA COUNTIES, FARRISS & SMITH, 1882

Tuesday, September 2, 1919

Cloudy. Had an early breakfast for the home people and for Antone, Abbie and children as that gave them a chance to pack everything and get a better start. They were soon loaded, bidding everyone goodbye, took Kum and Bobby and were gone. Mother Noyes sorted peaches and peeled the Clings. Andrew Jacks made a long call. Papa Noyes and son Charlie put tin roof on storehouse.

Wednesday, September 3, 1919

Miss Whiting washed and ironed. Mother Noyes put up peaches and put things away. Got out camping dishes and what eatables we had for Calvin and Mr. Warren for their camping trip on Spanish Peak. Put windows in kitchen as it was growing colder. Thermometer registered 34° this morning.

Thursday, September 4, 1919

Thermometer stood 36°. Cal and Mr. Warren left on their trip. Mother Noyes put in most of the day washing – washed one blanket. Papa Noyes' horse fell with him, but he was not hurt. Papa Noyes had a cold spell and sat by the fire most of the day.

Friday, September 5, 1919

Clear and cold. 30° and heavy frost. Maud washed. Mother Noyes cooked meat, made crabapple jelly and churned. Papa Noyes and son Charlie put wood up, getting ready for rain. Mr. Nails is having quite a clean up – burning brush and old stumps. Another wreck on the railroad – the third one this week.

Saturday, September 6, 1919

Began raining at five o'clock – only a shower. Has been cloudy and blustery all day, but no rain. Looks like rain tonight. Cal and Mr. Warren came in about eleven o'clock. No deer and no birds, only a paper bag of elderberries. Maud ironed. Mother Noyes put Parawax on crabapple jelly. Made two glasses of apple jelly. Miss Whiting made her 3rd bag. Mr. Warren brought in the first cabbage.

Sunday, September 7, 1919

Cloudy and cooler – 48°. Mother Noyes stemmed elderberries. Cooked meat for both men and dogs. Had cabbage for dinner. Shortly after dinner it began raining – a nice quiet rain with no wind. Rained steady all afternoon. Looks as though it would keep up all night. Cornmeal mush for supper.

Monday, September 8, 1919

Raining. Rained all night. Charlie and Maud had to move their bed several times to keep dry. Our tent was fine, never leaked. Had a fine sleep. Mother Noyes made a couple of elderberry pies. Worked over butter and last but not least caught a chipmunk trying to catch a pine squirrel. Miss Whiting and Maud walked over to the store and purchased writing tablets and candy. Can't tell whether it will rain or clear up.

Tuesday, September 9, 1919

Admission Day. Papa Noyes and son Charlie, and Calvin Wisner worked on old barn. Went over to sawmill for lumber. Mr. Warren went out and brought in a load of wood. Mother Noyes cooked two kettles of meat, made cookies, churned. Caught the pine squirrel and have him safe in an old coil oil can. Miss Whiting went to the post office – no mail. Wreck of last night's passenger train so no morning train could get in. Miss W. making bag. Maud making Burcan scarf.

Wednesday, September 10, 1919

Foggy, but soon cleared up. Mother Noyes had a large wash – including a double blanket. Made elderberry jelly. Miss Whiting picked over elderberries and went to the post office. Letter from Edna. Maud got dinner. Had a Devil of a time so she said. Papa Noyes and son Charlie worked on old barn until noon. After dinner, Charlie took his daily ride after cattle tore his shirt and got a blessing. Truck loaded with baled hay for Bucks Ranch. Cal and Mr. Warren are going over with [it] tomorrow morning. Mr. Warren brought in 3 trout. A baby born to Lee Maurer and wife.

Thursday, September 11, 1919

Clear with a frost. Thermometer stood 40°. Cal and Mr. Warren left for Bucks Ranch with a truck load of baled hay and were back by twelve o'clock. Mother Noyes cooked meat, ironed and churned. Had elderberry jelly for breakfast. Stove smoked something awful – had to put pan of biscuits on top of stove to bake them on bottom. Miss Whiting washed and went to post office. Maud washed apron and waist.

Friday, September 12, 1919

Clear with a killing frost – 30°. Had mush for breakfast. After breakfast Cal and Mr. Warren started to Bucks Ranch with a truck load of baled hay. Maud washed – had large washing. Miss Whiting went to post office. After dinner finished bag she had been working on. Mother Noyes made elderberry jelly. Had elderberry fire for dinner. Cal and Mr. Warren came back just in time for dinner. Cal and Mr. Warren brought back a large bunch

of Mountain Ash berries. They were very pretty. Papa Noyes and son Charlie rode over the range looking for stray cattle and broken fence. Mother Noyes set trap in woodhouse and caught a large wood rat. Mr. and Mrs. Nails called. Mother has washed her hair – hair was not combed so did not see them.

Saturday, September 13, 1919
Clear with a light frost – 34°. Calvin and Mr. Warren took another truck load of hay to Bucks Ranch. Stove smoked so we could hardly get breakfast. After breakfast, let the fire die down. Papa Noyes and son Charlie took out pipe, cleaned that and the stove now works fine. Mother Noyes caught another pine squirrel. Maud ironed. Miss [Whiting] went to post office. Had quite a lot of mail. After dinner Mother Noyes and Maud scrubbed cabin. Miss W. arrive a month ago today. General Pershing’s birthday – 59 years old.

Sunday, September 14, 1919
Clear and warmer. Thermometer down to 35°. Worked all morning cleaning up tent and getting dinner. After dinner Mother Noyes and Miss Whiting took a long walk going down by the Hall to the Andrew Jacks place, then up over the hill through the woods to the Stratton cabins and back to camp with an armload of green boughs and ferns. Mother Noyes packed a box of green boughs for her daughter Edna. Read the story which was Monty girl.

Monday, September 15, 1919
Slightly cloudy. Thermometer 38°.

Maud washed. Mother Noyes made applesauce. Peeled carrots, turnips and potatoes and made rice pudding for dinner. Boiled meat and worked up butter. Miss Whiting made her daily trip for the mail – quite a number of papers, no letters. After dinner Charlie took Mother Noyes, Miss Whiting and Maud up to Meadow Valley Inn to visit Mrs. Stratton. Passed a very pleasant afternoon. Came home – prepared supper. Round house at Quincy burned. Cal and Mr. Warren took last load of hay to Bucks. Papa Noyes made a ladder and fixed boards over head in cabin for putting boxes and other things away.

Tuesday, September 16, 1919
Cloudy with every indication of rain. Gave up our trip to Quincy. About half past ten the clouds rolled away and the sun came out. Had an early dinner. Then Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Noyes, Miss Whiting, and Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Noyes went over to Quincy. The air was so fresh and we enjoyed the ride so much. Had a real pleasant time in Quincy. Came back by sawmill, then out past Bliss’s place on around by Maurer’s place on by the store and home. Papa N. gave Cal a scrub with flea powder. Charlie found a cow dead down in pasture. Mr. Warren brought in three trout.

Wednesday, September 17, 1919
Clear with a light frost. Mother Noyes washed. Maud and Miss Whiting got dinner. Mr. Warren and Cal hauled bailed hay from barn down in meadow to barn near cabin. Calvin saw a coyote, but had no gun. Papa Noyes and son Charlie hung big door to store room and put tin roof on. When the mail came in, saw that Anthrax was in Sutter County. Papa and Charlie concluded to go down and vaccinate the Herefords. So they began preparation for starting. Mrs. Nails came over and spent evening by campfire.

Thursday, September 18, 1919
North wind, but not like valley wind. Had breakfast a little earlier and put up lunch. Papa Noyes and son Charlie started for home. Miss Whiting washed. Mother Noyes ironed and churned. Maud began a new piece of embroidery. Cal and Mr. Warren cut wood. Buford Stratton called to see if he could get a piece of the dead cow for his chickens. Mother Noyes lost her gold ring. Mrs. Brown called. Mr. Nails cut down several trees in front of his house.

Friday, September 19, 1919
Clear and warmer with north wind. Came out of my tent at the usual time – no sign of Mr. Warren and no fire. Cleaned out the stove and soon had fire going. Breakfast was a little late. Maud washed. Miss Whiting wrote letters and went to the post office for mail. Received a letter from Edna, also one from Myrtie. Mr. Warren dug some potatoes and went fishing, but no fish. After dinner Mother Noyes, Miss Whiting and Maud called on Mrs. Nails. Had a pleasant time and a treat of fine apples. Cal rode down to look after stock.

Saturday, September 20, 1919
Clear with a north wind. Maud ironed. Mother Noyes cleaned out the wood house. Washed the men’s camping dishes and packed them. The coffee pot and frying pan were surely dirty and rusty – took all afternoon to wash and pack them. Saturday night we burned the old trash pile that had been an eye sore all summer. It was a still, quiet night. A dance at the Hall. They certainly hoed it down until the wee small hours of the morning. It was a wonder there was a floor left. No sleep for us.

Sunday, September 21, 1919
A light north wind. Mr. Warren took his lunch and went fishing out to Snyder Creek. Cal took the ride among the cattle. Maud worked on her yoke. Mother Noyes cooked meat, put up a pint jar of plums, made two glasses of plum jelly. After dinner Maud and Miss Whiting took a walk up to Stratton’s cabins. Mother Noyes raked over camp looking for her ring. Had just finished raking, heard voices, looked up and there were Papa Noyes and son Charlie just back from home. Brought with them a bucket of ripe pears and two young turkeys.

Monday, September 22, 1919
Clear with a light frost. Had trout for breakfast. Charlie rode around the cattle. Papa Noyes and Calvin Wisner trying to straighten up old barn. Mr. Warren dug potatoes, wheeled the wood in and filled the shed so as to have dry wood next spring. Mother Noyes cleaned turkey and stewed it for dinner. After dinner finished fastening the roof over store room. Maud sick. Mother Noyes and Miss Whiting washed dishes and put them away.

Tuesday, September 23, 1919
Clear with a light frost. Cal Wisner and Mr. Warren went to the Meadow to fix fence. Papa Noyes and son Charlie put up pulleys to draw their saddles up to the rafters in the kitchen. Then Charlie went down around the cattle. Mother Noyes made 42 cookies and a couple of pies. Miss Whiting wrote letters and went for mail. No letters. Mrs. Nails called and sat round the campfire with us until bedtime. Bus Man delivered a package of sugar. Maud not feeling well.

Wednesday, September 24, 1919
Clear and warmer. Mother Noyes was up at five and with Maud’s help had breakfast at six. After breakfast, Miss Whiting bade us goodbye. Clarey

and Lavin took her to Quincy to take the train for Marysville. Maud washed. Mother Noyes washed colored clothes and Charlie washed his saddle blanket. Mother Noyes cooked beans and dog meat – churned and then a good long rest. Had supper. Everyone on hand but Cal. He came in at 20 minutes to eight carrying a great brown bear. When Calvin threw down the bear there was some excitement in camp. Dogs barking and howling. Cal had just got through supper when we heard a jingle of spurs – when in rode John Stewart. He had been held to fight fire so he had supper at half past nine – a long day. Men are out hanging up bear.

Thursday, September 25, 1919
Clear with very little frost. Began the day by having bear’s liver for breakfast. Mother Noyes cleaned out the stove and then went to washing. Maud swept the cabin, ironed and prepared most of the dinner. Men folks skinned and cut up the bear. Cal worked all morning on the hide. Mr. Warren went over to the store and bought bread, salt and a sack of sugar – only a five pound sack. After dinner men took roll of wire and fixed fence. After supper Cal killed and picked turkey. Mother Noyes dressed it, all ready to cook for dinner tomorrow.

Friday, September 26, 1919
Clear with a light frost. Had bear steak for breakfast; it was fine. Papa Noyes, son Charlie, Calvin Wisner and Mr. Warren marked and branded 75 calves, some of them about all they could handle. Branded 8 calves for Mother Noyes. Baked a young turkey three hours – nearly

scorched, but not done. Stewed it over for supper and it was fine. Mother Noyes ironed. Mr. George P. Chepped (?) gave us some nice apples. (He was our delivery man.) Maud went after mail.

Saturday, September 27, 1919

Cloudy. Strong south wind. Maud washed. Mother Noyes washed Auto-Robe. Stewed ribs of bear for dinner. Papa Noyes and son Charlie putting things away and bracing roof for snow. Mr. Warren and Calvin Wisner sacking vegetables to take home. John Stewart went hunting. Mrs. Nails brought us enough huckleberries to make a pie. Maud made the pie and we had it for dinner. After dinner Mother Noyes and Maud thought of going over to Mrs. Brown’s – looked too stormy. Maud went to store to see about getting box of red apples. Found they were shipped from M’ville. Had soup for supper made from turkey broth and can of vegetable soup.

Sunday, September 28, 1919

Cloudy with light showers. Everyone busy getting ready to go home. Men taking shoes off the horses. Papa Noyes, son Charlie and John Stewart put cattle on clover for a short time. Had bear meat three times today. Mother Noyes cooked prunes, made applesauce and apple jelly. Had some fine Cauliflower for dinner. Cleaned tent and finished packing. Went down in the woods for my last stroll. As we go to bed it is raining steadily. Little chance of our going Tuesday.

Monday, September 29, 1919

Rainy. Spanish Peak is covered with snow. Mother Noyes and Maud scrubbed the dining room. Had dinner of stewed bear meat, cauliflower, carrots and potatoes, etc. After dinner Papa and Mother Noyes moved out of their tent into the dining room. Swept and beat rug. Folded it up and put it up overhead in the cabin. Charlie and Maud moved from their tent into our tent (as theirs was leaking). Charlie pulled his saddle up to the kitchen roof and fastened it there. Mr. Warren killed five quail. Mrs. Nails called to bid us goodbye. Johnny Keenan and Donella Hawn married.

Tuesday, September 30, 1919

Raining. Although we are all packed and lunch ready, it seems best to stay where you have a roof over your head. Again Spanish Peak is covered with a mantle of snow – a beautiful picture with the green grass and trees at its

feet. Mother Noyes and Maud scrubbed the kitchen. Then Mother Noyes cooked a pot of bear meat and a pot of beans sufficient for the day. Mr. Andrew Jacks called – wants to sell his place. Mrs. Brown called. Mr. Warren hauled in a load of cabbage – went to store for supplies. Mother Noyes made prune cake for lunch.

Wednesday, October 1, 1919

Rain and sunshine. More rain and more sunshine. Mother Noyes cooked the usual kettle of bear meat – carrots and potatoes for dinner. Maud washed out a few towels and an apron. Cal went after mail. No mail. After dinner Mother Noyes washed underclothes, waist, apron and stockings. Got waist dry and ironed. The rain suddenly quit and the clouds lifted from Spanish Peak. We made up our minds to try for home in the morning and once again coffee is made and lunch ready. McElroy and Maurer killed two bucks.

Thursday, October 2, 1919

Rained during the night. Clouds and fog hung low. We decided not to go. About ten o’clock fog cleared away and the sun was shining. Maud washed a few pieces. When she was through Mother Noyes washed quite a number of pieces. Lee Maurer and Mr. McElroy came for the mules and went after deer. They came back about two o’clock with two fine big bucks. Brought mules home just as we were eating supper. Mother Noyes cooked a kettle of beef, ironed and packed clothes. Made coffee and filled bottles again. Fixed everything so we could have a quick breakfast. Everything seemed favorable for a getaway in the morning.

Friday, October 3, 1919

Clear and very cold. Mother Noyes was up at half past four. Had breakfast at six. Fixed lunch for Calvin Wisner and he was on his way by seven. Put up our lunch, washed dishes, put things away, swept the cabin. Soon changed our waists and skirts. Put on all the coats we had. We left camp at ten minutes to nine for home. Had a lovely ride with hills covered with snow on every side. The wind was cold, but enjoyed it. Reached Merrimac (?) at twelve o’clock, then on to the old apple orchard where we stopped for lunch. Picked all the apples we could carry. Had some miserable roads to Butte Co. Down to Berry Creek Inn and beyond. Never saw Cal W. until we reached Miner’s Ranch. Stopped and gave

him our bag of apples. Then we drove along and were soon in Oroville. Went down a side street out to the Depot where the way was blocked by a long freight train. After a while a man waiting on the other side of the train got out and made them uncouple the cars and let everyone through. We soon reached Gridley where we filled up on gas. Then ran on to Live Oak – to the Baker Shop. We bought bread, pie and cake and drove on out to see Miss Young. Found her well and still with her brother. Mother Noyes and Maud engaged peaches, Quinces, Prunes and walnuts. Came on to Sutter. Called at Abbie’s for key. She had left it at home so we drove on home, reached there sometime between seven and eight. Had supper. Cal came in. We went to bed tired and sleepy. Howling north wind.



PHOTO FROM SCM COLLECTION

[Editor’s note: The photographs used in this article are not specific to the Noyes family, but were chosen from the Museum’s collection to illustrate the article.]

Crowhurst Memorial Scholarship Essays 2019

How Has Agriculture Influenced the Growth and Development of Sutter County?

The Crowhurst Memorial Scholarship Award was established in 1979 in memory of Estelle Peirano Crowhurst, who was known for her column The Diary of a Housewife, which was published weekly in the Independent Herald, a Yuba City newspaper. The award is also a memorial to Estelle’s son, Thomas J. Crowhurst, who excelled in journalistic writing, especially about sports. He wrote The Sutter Notes, a column for the Appeal-Democrat, and contributed information for the sports pages. He was also President of the Sutter County Historical Society.

The scholarship is awarded to a talented high school student. Written in journalistic style, winning entries are based on fact and structure. The award continues now in conjunction with the Sutter County Museum as a means of involving more people in the appreciation of Sutter County history. Students interested in a career in journalism who feel they have creative literary talent are encouraged to participate in this scholarship opportunity. Details can be found in their school counseling office.

In this issue we are proud to present the winning entry for 2019 and an additional entry.

Prabhleen Reen
FIRST PLACE
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

SUTTER COUNTY’S AGRICULTURAL ROOTS

When not immersed in a flood, Sutter County is a perfect place to grow many crops, which is why agriculture is such a major part of its history. Agriculture provides humans with the basic necessity of nourishment, but in Sutter County, California agriculture has provided employment, been a component of social change and has overall launched the development of Sutter County.

The first grand agricultural settlement of Northern California originated in Sutter County with John Sutter’s Hock Farm. Johann August Sutter, also known as John Augustus Sutter, was a German businessman who journeyed to the New World in 1834 in hopes

of finding financial success after his past business failures. In 1840, he became a Mexican citizen to acquire land and fulfill his dream of an agricultural empire, so he established the Hock farm a few miles south of present-day Yuba City in 1841. He then completed the strategically placed trading post, Sutter’s Fort, in 1844. His successes in Sutter County were extremely influential and even though he died fighting for compensation for his lands that were ravaged by the gold miners from the gold rush, his name lives on in the form of the Sutter Buttes, Sutter County, and everything else in the area with the name “Sutter” in it.

Sutter County’s rich, fertile lands

and entrepreneurial origins were destined to be the birthplace for agricultural innovations and companies. The specific innovation was the seedless grape which was discovered by an optimistic resident named John Paxton Onstott in 1875 on his quest for honey. Instead of obtaining honey, Onstott found something sweeter: a discovery that would help consumption of fruit for years to come. While visiting George Thompson’s farm to collect honey, he received grape cuttings that Thompson deemed useless because he had been cultivating them in a conventional way. Onstott’s unconventional methods of growing those grape cuttings led him to discover the seedless grape and a larger, more delicious

raisin. Onstott shared his newfound discovery back to George Thompson which resulted in the seedless grapes being named “Thompson’s Seedless” (later changed to “Thompson Seedless”) when exhibited at the seventh annual Marysville Fair. The discovery of a new type of fruit to enjoy is not the only way Sutter County’s valley has furthered agriculture: it is the birthplace of two companies and the Sutter canneries as well. Diamond Walnut Grower’s, Inc. was established here in 1912 and until about 1920, walnuts were 95% of the state’s commercial crop. Another company, Sunsweet Growers, Inc., the world’s largest handler of dried tree fruits, was established here in 1917 and has shown to be still successful especially in terms of longevity. It is one of the backbones of Yuba City as it gives work to about 500 residents. The agricultural aspect of Sutter County ensured the healthy development of its cities by providing employment

and unique past.

One of the most distinctive features of Sutter County is its large South Asian population, particularly Punjabi-American, which makes up about a fifth of all residents. This population diversity has produced unique events like Punjabi multicultural fairs called melas, diverse community organizations and the biggest annual Sikh Parade outside of India. None of this would have been possible if not for the agricultural background of Sutter County. Punjabi men started immigrating in about 1910 and found success as laborers and farmers, eventually bringing their families to settle permanently. Even though Sutter County is named after an immigrant who came to America in search of more fortune, the Punjabi-Americans were not treated with respect and were stripped of their rights. They faced brutal discrimination through unjust laws, but they were

slowly integrated into the county’s culture and became a significant portion of the population. Now many Punjabi-Americans in Sutter County own restaurants, businesses and massive farmlands. Sutter County’s unique diverse population and gradual change into a socially aware, welcoming community was triggered by its agriculture and has been flourishing ever since.

Rice, walnuts, plums, peaches, tomatoes and other crops all provide the residents of Sutter County with food, but their harvesting and packaging had a massive impact on the area. The impacts of these crops went far beyond the properties of normal crops by providing jobs, opportunities, a population influx, and even social change which all came together to form the unique culture of this county. Sutter County today may seem more developed and suburban with malls and hospitals, but it will always have its roots in agriculture.

.....

Husandeep Toor
RUNNER UP
RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

IT’S IN THE NAME

In 1841 John Sutter’s Hock Farm gave rise to the Yuba-Sutter farming industry. Now, approximately 178 years later, the legacy of John Sutter is witnessed by the growth of the

agricultural industry as it now dominates 88% of Sutter County. The importance of farming for this area can simply be remarked by the amount of agricultural land.

Sutter County ranks first among all the nation’s counties in the production of plums, being home to Sunsweet Growers, Inc., the largest prune packing plant in the world. The exports of these plums have had a great contribution to the Sutter County economy.

These exports will continuously

rise and prompt greater economic development as the global population grows, since the demand for food increases with the population. Hence, the agricultural industry is one of the only industries with guaranteed growth. For example, the gross value of Sutter County agricultural production for 2017 was \$583,996,000. This is an increase of \$69,624,000, or 13.5%, above the 2016 total value. Compared to the crop reports from

continued on page 24

Membership

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

(April 4, 2019 – July 8, 2019)

Albert & Darla Alarcon
Linda Baker
Jim & Noby Barringer
John Crowhurst
Marnee Crowhurst
Mary Ann & John Frye
Barbara Green
Vern & Phyllis Hill
Colleen Lamon
Dixie LaGrande
Betsy Lee
Ned & Debra Lemenager
Lois Licari
Tom Livengood
Virginia McElroy
Karen Mendez
Ron Mulcahy
Mike & Debrah Reid
Chuck Smith
Phyllis Sorenson
Kelly Swanson
Gabriela Wackerli
Dennis Wilson

Donate

The Museum is a partnership between Sutter County and the Community Memorial Museum Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Association supports all of the public programming aspects of the Museum, including education programs, fundraising events, temporary exhibits, updates to permanent exhibits, and the Museum Store. Donations made to the Association are tax deductible.

There are many ways to donate to the Museum:

- Mail a check
- Come visit us!
(Yes, you can donate using a credit card.)
- Planned Giving

We also have corporate sponsorship opportunities for our events and temporary exhibits.

Memorials & Gifts

In Memory of Charlotte Layman

Lee Jones
Sharyl Simmons

In Memory of Hardy McFarland

Connie Cary
Alice Chesini
Sharyl Simmons
Julie Stark
David & Gina Tarke
Carol Withington

In Memory of Hazel Mitchel

Rose Marie Wood

In Memory of Betty Lee Perry

Ray & Shirley Anderson
Alice Chesini
Francisco & Rosey Damboriena
Mary Ann Kopke
Pauline Masera & the Phillips Family
Laverne & Maria McPherrin
Doris Mitchell
Tom & Kathy Retzloff
Celeste Schwartz
Sharyl Simmons
Phyllis Smith
Ron Wilson

In Memory of Bernie Risenhoover

Rose Marie Wood

In Memory of Pat Schrot

Mel Tsuji

In Honor of C. J. & Gordon Bordsen

Marnee Crowhurst

In Honor of Joe & Brenda Morehead

Marnee Crowhurst

In Honor of Lois Licari's Birthday

Linda Baker

In Honor of Loadel Piner's Birthday

Laura Goble

Outright Gift –

Linda Baker
Estate of Charlotte Layman
Mike & Debrah Tarke Reid
Charles Smith

More News

If you haven't heard, we've changed our name! Many of you were already referring to us as the Sutter County Museum, so we decided to make it official. While our old name (Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County) served us well for many years, we needed a change. Our old name was difficult for advertising, and just plain difficult for people to remember. While we will continue to memorialize the history of the area, the early pioneers and veterans, we need to stay relevant to our community, and our old name was getting in the way of that.

Speaking of community- although we have removed this word from our institution's name, we exist to serve the community, to be a resource and a gathering place. And although our name is Sutter County Museum, we feel that our community is the entire Yuba-Sutter region, and you'll see that more in the future as we redo our permanent exhibits.

In the Artisan Community Garden

The Sutter County Museum's community garden is enjoying a bountiful season of produce, visitors and events. This summer we have had free kids open play days, FLIP (Families Learning in Play) group classes, yoga sessions and educational workshops. We partnered with The Prickly Pear, a cactus nursery in Sacramento, and installed a beautiful cactus display with cuttings harvested from local homes around Yuba City. This installation was inspired by the Frida Kahlo's Garden exhibit that was on display at the Museum this summer. With Fall right around the corner, we're now gearing up for some fun activities that will include garden workshops, a salsa making event, a succulent swap and Fall Harvest gatherings. For event dates and updates, follow our facebook page – Artisan Community Garden or email for more information – artisancommunitygarden@gmail.com.

In the Museum Store

Have you seen the selection in the store lately? We have tons of new books, handmade soaps, jewelry, a million items with the Sutter Buttes on them, and a whole lot more. AND, we'll be stocking up for holiday shopping in September! Come do all your Christmas shopping with us, and bring your friends with as well!

1940, the increase in agricultural production is about \$260,000,000 with respect to inflation. The population increase during this period is about 200%. As these statistics reveal, the industry has only been growing. With the growth of this industry has come the development of Sutter County. As the population boomed and an increasing number of immigrants moved to Sutter County in search for labor, the employment rate increased. Increased labor led to higher efficiency and more output. Not only had this benefited the agricultural sector but the entire county as it gave rise to consumer spending. The rise in demand led to a rise in supply and thus more employment in the area. Other than employment, the development of the agricultural sector had led to increased infrastructure such as roads which benefited the commercial sector. As per a Sutter County plan made for growth in the agricultural industry, the maintenance of existing regional

transportation and support of the extension of freight rail had resulted in more productive transportation and commuting. This has benefited local businesses and the entire community. Other than infrastructure, the plan supported the development and use of new technologies that have led to higher efficiency in operations such as food processing. These technologies may include energy development technologies, such as wind and solar sources, energy and water conservation technologies and others that improve the profitability of agriculture in Sutter County. These advancements have not only benefited this industry, but all other industries as they have also incorporated these technologies to increase efficiency and protect the environment. A successful agricultural sector supports the economy as a whole by ensuring a cheap and safe domestic food supply. Not only does this sector support the economy by providing for domestic

needs eliminating most needs of purchasing foreign foods, but it also funds the economy with a positive export ratio. From a broader perspective, this industry not only benefits the economy, but also the environment as it researches and applies eco-friendly ways of energy production and water conservation. It also benefits the entire community of Sutter County as it allows for more productive commuting with increased infrastructure. Yuba City, a part of Sutter County, was ranked as one of the top ten “Best Performing Small Cities” in America by the Milken Institute which recognizes regional growth based on job creation and technological improvement. It will not be long before the acknowledgement of the agricultural industry for its contribution to the development of Sutter County. Soon enough, Sutter County’s agricultural sector will be recognized for its great impact on the growth of the federal economy and in developing more efficient ways of production.

Volunteer

We would not be able to do what we do without our volunteers. Volunteers staff the front desk when the Museum is open. This includes greeting visitors, answering any questions they may have, answering the phone, and selling items in the Museum Store. Volunteers also work on special projects, help at events, make ornaments and help decorate for Trees & Traditions. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested please contact us or come by the Museum!

Our Mission

The Sutter County Museum 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.

Membership Information

Our members are vital to the success of the Museum. The funds we raise from this program help us to properly care for our collection, bring in traveling exhibits, and provide education programs.

Membership benefits include: advance notice of events and exhibit openings, a 10% discount in the Museum Store, and subscription to the Museum’s quarterly journal.

For information please call 530-822-7141 or visit www.suttercountymuseum.org

Student (under 18)/ Senior Citizen/Library	\$20.00
Individual	\$25.00
Organization/Club	\$35.00
Family	\$40.00
Business	\$100.00



Puzzling

N G D T P K G L H F F N F G A C O I Q G
K N A S A R T C E Y D R N R I V B G U F
Q I O P N E G M I P C I T R P B J D A S
M P R Y Q Z H N U Z H W T A N X E M F E
T M L T C P F Q X S O C N A L P C F T Z
Y A I K Q L S E I R E L L A G A T A X G
C C A D U D D F K L M T B Z B Z S U W L
A F R E E D N R E L B M A R C J J I U R
W R N G Y N S A L A K F O B A C Y K U L
I C W T Z W T E L S C R L A T H A L H H
E S U M M E R I W Y N M F E T L G X S V
C F B D L N L M T I P R G A L L R F D K
I P C G R X H T K Y N P A P E Z I N R B
X B N J R Z J I Q V X G O E W W C Y H R
O K V O M T J C I U U V S P T N U J O Z
M E R I D I A N Q O V W N R R S L O F C
H Y F W U D Q Q Q N F H W I F Z T A V M
H W X L B A O O X E D X P Z G S U F E C
N U Q K W C R N B I X N G F A D R B I L
T Q I F E I S A F E Q L U X Z S E F I Z

- AGRICULTURE
- ARTWORK
- CAMPING
- CATTLE
- ELECTRIC
- FISHING
- GALLERIES
- HEAT
- IDENTITY
- INFLUENCE
- MERIDIAN
- OBJECTS
- PLAN
- POPPYLAND
- RAILROAD
- RAMBLER
- ROOTS
- SEWING
- STEARNS
- SUMMER



1333 Butte House Road
Yuba City, CA 95993

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Yuba City, CA 95991

Permit No. 12

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Friday

16 Sutter Buttes Calendar Photography
reception, 5:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Thursday & Friday

12/13 Master Plan kick-off

Friday

27 Simple Objects opening reception, 5:00pm

OCTOBER

Friday

18 Night at the Museum, 5:30pm

DECEMBER

Saturday

7 40th Annual Trees & Traditions, 5:00pm

Sunday

15 Children's Holiday Open House, 1:00pm

Renew your membership today!

Funds from membership directly support
the work we do here,
including taking care of our collections
and offering
stellar education programming.

Not a member? Consider joining today!
And don't forget, a membership is a great gift!

For more information, visit
www.suttercountymuseum.org
or stop by the Museum