

Arcola



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Madera Co.

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Arcola



Lovelyst View ever taken
of ^{recent} Arcola School Building. Spring of
1937. [Built in spring-and-summer of 1928.]
Trustees - M.C. Overgard - Gertrude Davis - M. Michaelson
Shopped by Mrs. Pearl Edwards 1938

Left - John Edwards - Janitor
Right - David Moorison - Repair

✓ Deep. 1

F O R E W A R D .

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

-- H. W. Longfellow.

DEDICATED

TO

THOSE COURAGEOUS PIONEERS

THE " OLD TIMERS" OF ARCOLA

SCHOOL DISTRICT.

This History compiled by

MRS. C. W. CLAWSON

teacher at Arcola School

from 1923 to date, 1938

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS HISTORY.

Director of research - - - Mrs. C. W. Clawson.

Pupils of the Fifth Grade - -

Louise Dodson

Jane Gordon

Pioneers contributing - -

Mrs. Carrie C. Cavin

Dr. Dow H. Ransom

Mrs. Susan Hough Ransom

Mrs. Julia H. Gordon

Mr. William M. Hughes

Mr. James L. Patterson

Mr. Merritt Patterson

Mr. C. I. Mosteller

FORMATION OF ARCOLA DISTRICT

(Record in Board of County Supervisors' office, Fresno County, Fresno City, Calif. Secured by Mrs. C.W. Clawson, (June 20, 1938), Principal ten years of Arcola School District, Madera County. Record--Minutes, Volume "B", page 72, Millerton, Monday, May 22, 1871. Harry Descon, clerk (Friant). Millerton was the first county seat of Fresno County.)

The Board met in pursuant to adjournment.

Present:- H. C. Daulton 1866 to 1875, Supervisor in Fresno Co., before separation of Madera-Fresno counties.

M. Donahoo Supervisor. On motion of Supervisor Donahoo, Supervisor H. C. Daulton took the chair.

In the matter of the petition of R. S. Descon et al for School District.-

It appearing that the County Supt. of Public Schools, H. S. Hill, has approved and recommended the granting of this petition as appears from his endorsement thereon; it is ordered that said petition be granted and that a School District to be known as Arcola School District be and is established with boundaries as follows to wit:- "Beginning at the Adobe Ranch and running due South to the San Joaquin River, thence down said river to a point opposite the mouth of the Fresno River, thence up said Fresno river to the Beginning."

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Fresno, Calif.

Vol. C. Madera District formed May 10, 1877

Vol. G. Webster District formed May 10, 1877

Vol. D. p. 456. Easton formed May 3, 1881 1881

Vol. G. Sweet Flower formed May 9, 1888

Vol. I. page 326. Minturn formed Feb., 12, 1890

Vol. J. P. 166. La Vina formed Feb. 4, 1891.

Dated August 13, 1894
Consideration \$39.75
Grant, Bargain, Sell, Convey,
& Confirm.

G. W. Dowda
to
Arcola School District of Madera Co., California

All that real estate in Madera County, California, described as follows, to wit : Commencing at a point on the south line of the County Road in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, T. 12 S. R. 18 E. S. 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ $^{\circ}$ E. 253 feet from a point on said Co. road where the S. line of said road is intersected by the Section,--dividing sections 4 and 5 in said Twp. and R. said point being 520 ft. S. from the NW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, T. 12 S. R. 18 E., running thence S. 22 $^{\circ}$ W. 373 feet; thence S. 36 feet; thence E. 428-- to west line of Highway; thence N. 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ $^{\circ}$ W. along highway 507 feet to place of beginning, containing 2.03 acres.

It is understood and agreed that when said land ceases to be used for school purposes it shall revert to grantor, his heirs and assign. And this grant is made upon this express condition. Subject to use for school purposes as above expressed.

G. W. Dowda

Witness:
Francis A. Fee

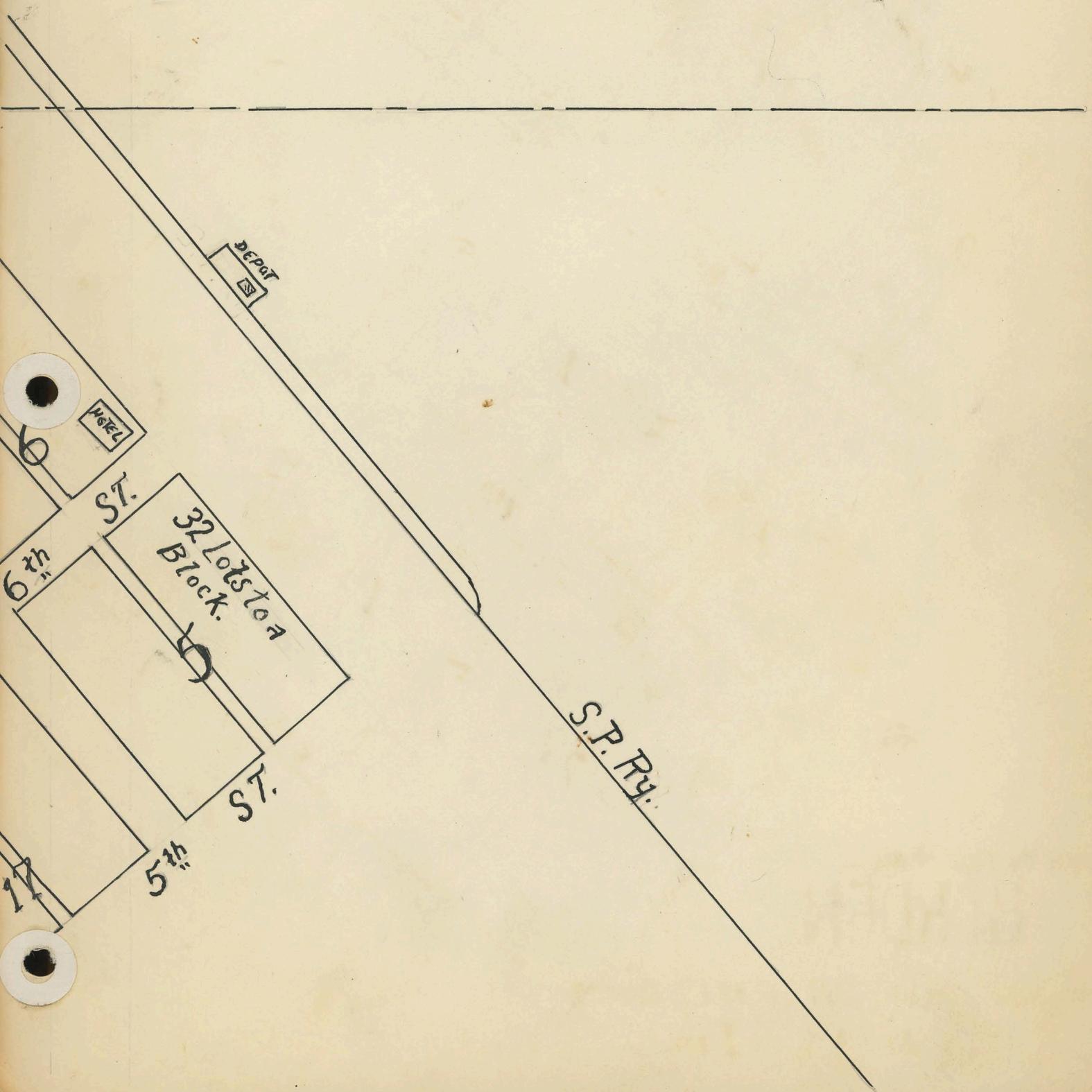
Acknowledged in due form Aug 13, 1894, before Francis A. Fee, Notary Public, Madera County, California by G. W. Dowda.

Recorded April 24, 1899 in Book 16 of Deeds, page 136 Madera County, California. Records at 1:55 P. M.

Taken from the County Surveyor's Records June 22, 1938.

Written by Vivian Stadille

K. L. Hughes
K. L. Hughes,
County Surveyor.



DEPT

HOTEL

32 Lots to a Block.

S.P. Ry.

6

6th

17

ST.

ST.

5th

TRUSTEES AND TEACHERS

of

ARCOLA DISTRICT

TEACHERS

1893 Miss Merritt Eley, Teacher
Craig Cunningham, Janitor

1894 Reese Copsey, Teacher
to
1897

1898 Mary Petty

1899 Orpha Thayer

1900 J.W. Martin

1901 Mayme Saunders

1902 Mayme Saunders

1903 Mayme Saunders
Spring

1903-04 Mae E. Barnett
Fall

1904-1905 Mae E. Barnett

1905-1906 Alice Cunningham (Pitman)

1906-1907 Alice Cunningham

1907-1908 Alice Brown

1908-1909 Helen Hosler

1909-1910 Mrs. M. B. Beadles

1910-1911 Vernon Ogden

1911-1912 Mrs. Ida Tully Jaws

1912-1913
1913-1914 > 1914-1915 Corrine Rose, Principal
Mrs. Maggie Wyatt

1915-1916

Teachers

Sophia Reithardt, Principal
Retta Honeycutt

Trustees

Mrs. Carrie Cavin, Clerk
T.S. Coffee
S.L. Skaggs

1916-1917

Teachers

Same

Trustees

Same

1917-1918

Teachers

Mrs. C.A. Appel

Trustees

Same

1918-1919

Teachers

Karen Holmes, Principal
Edith How

Trustees

Carrie Cavin, Clerk
T.S. Cavin
T.G. Atkinson

1919-1920

Teachers

Mrs. L.A. Covell, Principal
Jean Brooks

Trustees

Richard Dennis, Clerk
Mrs. T. Cavin
T. G. Atkinson

1920-1921

Teachers

Lila Phelan, Principal
Josephine Kane

Trustees

Mrs. R.T. Miller, Clerk
Richard Dennis
J.A. Van Curen

1921-1922

Teachers

Lily F. Adolphson, Principal
Lula Lewis

Trustees

Mrs. R.T. Miller
Richard Dennis
Geoffrey Bell

1922-1923

Teachers

Lily F. Adolphson, Principal
Cecelia Stromberg

Trustees

Mrs. R.T. Miller, Clerk
Gertrude S. Davis
Mrs. C.C. Cavin

1923-1924

County Supt. of Schools

Meta N. Footman

Teacher

Mrs. C.W. (Mary) Clawson)

Trustees

Mrs. Lena Ballard, Clerk
Gertrude S. Davis
Mrs. C.C. Cavin

1924-1925

Teachers

Mrs. C. W. Clawson, Principal
Mrs. Eliza Gordon

Trustees

Mr. Lyman Edgerly, Clerk-1927
Mrs. Gertrude S. Davis 1925
Mr. B. W. Gregory 1926

1925-1926

County Supt. of Schools
W. L. Williams

Teachers

Mrs. C.W. Clawson, Principal
Mrs. Eliza Gordon

Trustees

H. G. Rodgers, Clerk 1927
B. W. Gregory 1926
Mrs. Gertrude S. Davis 1928

1926-1927

Teachers

Mrs. C. W. Clawson, Principal
Mrs. Eudora Rodgers
Miss Mildred Haines

Trustees

Mr. R. Van Vleet, Clerk 1929
Mrs. Gertrude Davis 1928

1927-1928

Teachers

Mrs. C. W. Clawson, Principal
Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, Intermediate
Miss Edamae Ladd, Primary

Trustees

Mr. R. Van Vleet, Clerk 1929
Mrs. Gertrude Davis 1928
M. Michaelson 1930

1928-1929

Teachers

Same as 1927-28

Trustees

N. C. Overgaard, Clerk 1929
Gertrude Davis 1928
M. Michaelson 1930

1929-1930

Teachers

Same as above

Trustees

Mrs. J. L. Davis, Clerk-1931
M. Michaelson 1930

1930-1931

Teachers

Same as above

Trustees

Mrs. J. L. Davis, Clerk-1931
Everett L. Coffee 1932
Lee Skaggs 1933

1931-1932

Teachers

Mrs. C. W. Clawson, Principal
Mrs. Eudora Rodgers
Miss Virginia Morgan

Trustees

Lee Skaggs, Clerk 1933
Wendell S. Erickson 1932
Russell Van Vleet 1934

1932-1933

Teachers

Same as above

Trustees

Same as above

1933-1934

Average Daily Attendance: 68

Teachers

Mrs. C. W. Clawson, \$1440
Mrs. Eudora Rodgers \$1350

Trustees

Same

1934-1935

Ave. Daily Att: 67

Teachers

Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, Principal
Mrs. C. W. Clawson

Trustees

Lee Skaggs, Clerk 1936
Wendell Erickson, Pres. 1935
Russell Van Vleet 1937

1935-1936

County Supt. of Schools
Howard L. Rowe

Ave. Daily Attendance: 61

Teachers

Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, Principal
Mrs. C. W. Clawson, Primary

Trustees

Russell Van Vleet, Clerk 1937
Lee Skaggs 1936
R. W. Williamson 1938

1936-1937

Ave. Daily Attendance: 58

Teachers

Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, Principal
Mrs. C. W. Clawson

Trustees

R. Van Vleet, Clerk 1937
R. W. Williamson 1938
J. R. Robbins 1939

1937-1938

Ave. Daily Attendance: 73

Teachers

Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, Principal
Mrs. C. W. Clawson
Miss Mary Ashburn

Trustees

R. W. Williamson, Clerk 1938
J. R. Robbins 1939
R. T. Poole 1940

1938-1939

Teachers

1938-1939

Teachers

Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, Principal
Mrs. C. W. Clawson, Intermed.
Miss Mary Ashburn, Primary

Trustees

R. W. Williamson, Clerk	1941
J. R. Robbins	1939
R. T. Poole	1940

GRADUATES
of
ARCOLA DISTRICT

GRADUATES

(Note: Generally speaking, prior to 1923 the graduates were listed by the county and not by district. This record gives the names of the graduates for Arcola District that the author was able to find.)

- 1895 County Supt. of Schools
B.A. Hawkins
- Graduates:
- Edgar Cunningham
Jennie Elmore
Guy Rutledge
- 1896 Craig Cunningham
Scott Patterson
Susie C. Elmore
Maggie Crowder
- 1897 William W. Sanderson
- 1898 County Supt. of Schools:
Estella Bagnelle
- 1909 Nellie Secara
Delbert Secara
Meretta Patterson
Jimmie Patterson
Kleiser Hollister
- 1911 County Supt. of Schools:
Craig Cunningham
- 1923 Idela Michaelson
Zelma Peterson
Lucile Gardner
Mary Reynolds
LaVangh Kinder
- 1924 Bernald Reynolds
Eva Griffin
Alfred Delbono
Ella Jones
Artie Gregory
Allen Van Curen
- 1925 Joseph Lillis
Mae Bowen

Graduates (continued)

1926
Girar Avakian
Harold Butler
Homer Clawson
Katheryn Dulcich
Margaret Dennis
Harrison Graham
LaVerne Miller
Rene Noque
Louis Noque
Leland Pitman
Margaret Pitman
Dean Slavens
Mary Van Curen
Bernice Whitehouse

1927
Mary Pretzer
Agnes Montanari
Worth Van Curen
Alberta McRae
Alex Pagura
Madore Cushman
Marso Crosson
Margaret Biggs

1928
James Davis
Nora Avakian
Marvin Whitehouse
Mae Davis
Earl Frederickson
Mollie Swingle
Daisy Larson
Edith Bossom
Nello Sciacqua
Virginia Montanari

1929
Italia Collodi
Gerald Sloan
Dorothy Davis
Beulah Hunt
Margaret Van Vleet
Silvy Valenzuela
Irma Winters
Nancy Sciacqua

1929-30
Doris Fredrickson
Mary Root
Barbara Van Vleet

1930-31
Dorothy Black
Dora Nipp
Shoichi Dobashi
Ernest Skaggs
Tony Ragnetti
Takala Yamanaka
David Tesei

Graduates (cont.)

1931-32 Loui Garcia
 Chester Hunt
 Harold Manasalian
 Marion Roberts
 Loui Tesei
 Narihiko Yamanaka
 Ardys Collodi
 Minnie Failla
 Haruko Fujikawa
 Tong Gong

1932-33 Mary Failla
 Hisako Fujikawa
 Gei Gong
 Sarah Zoe Justice
 Glen Couch
 Charles Gordon
 Charles Montanari
 Charles Nipp
 Oliver Maddox

1933-34 Frank Bishop
 Jimmie Failla
 Ellsworth Jacobson
 Fernaldo Ragnetti
 Florence Walker
 Barbara Zack
 LeRoy Stephenson
 Elvira Collodi
 Jiyaka Fujikawa

1934-35 Blanche Gordon
 Betty Graham
 Rosina Pagura
 Margaret Roberts
 Marilyn Skaggs
 Robert Williamson
 La Vada Upton

1935-36 Charlie Failla
 Irving Gates
 Louise Montanari
 Jessie Roderiquez
 Russell Van Vleet

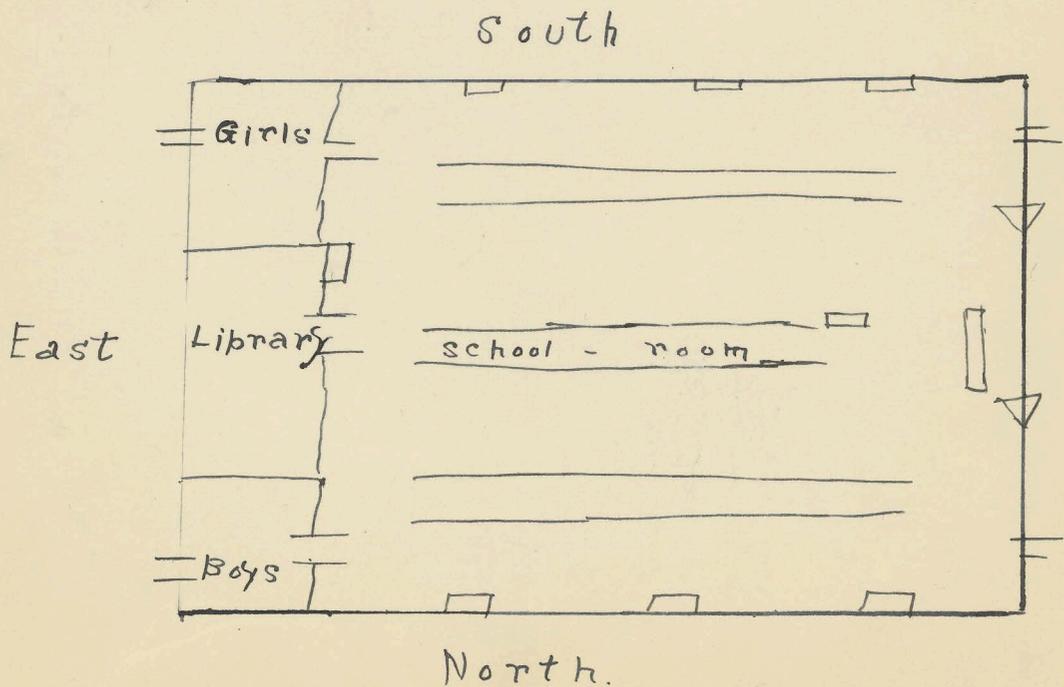
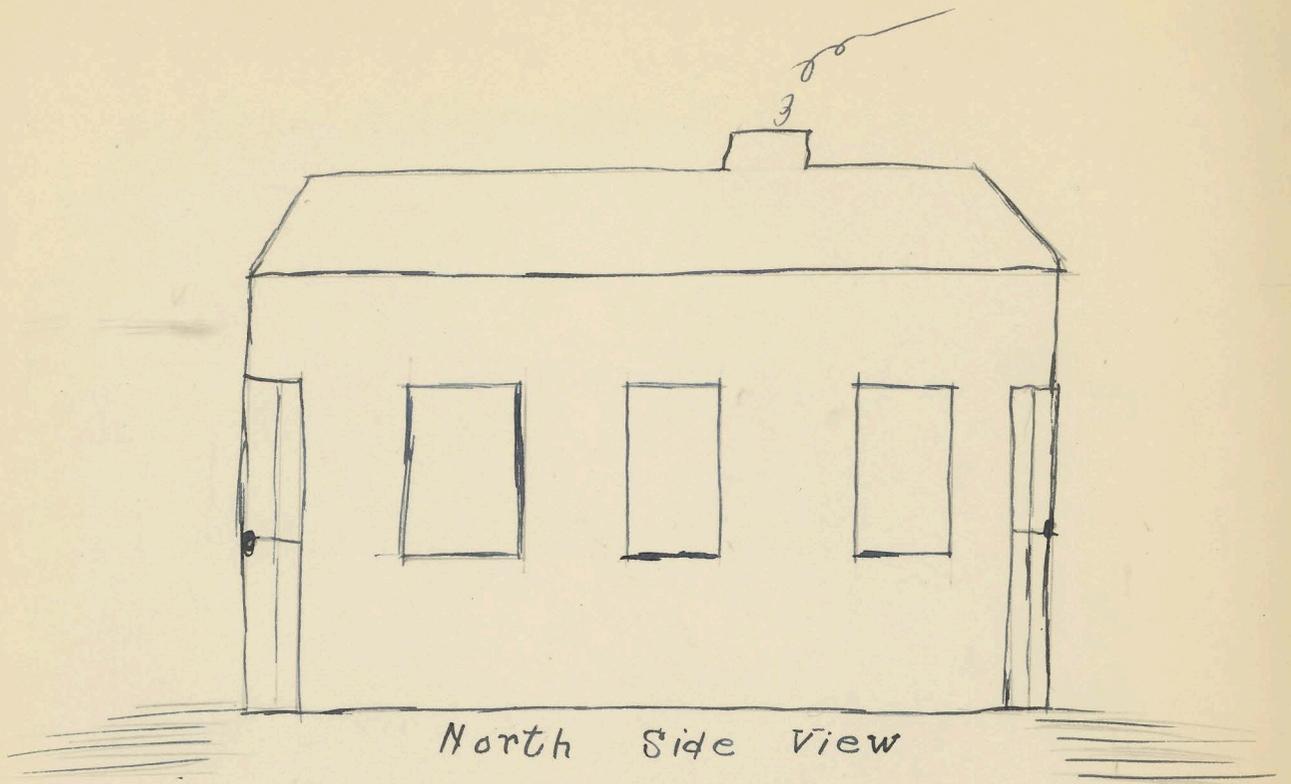
1936-37 Emma Ragnetti
 Lon Gordon
 Gerald Miller
 Marie Roderiquez
 Joe Failla
 Thelma Dockery
 Inez Collodi
 Pete Armenta
 Bud Williamson
 Juanita Mitchell

Graduates (cont.)

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1927-38

Pearl Collodi
Nelle Justice
Johnnie Juarez
Clifford Kitt
Marvoline Moreland
Geraldine Bynum
Albert Sampaulasi
Laurence Tesei

Toyoni Shitanish- Special



EARLY HISTORY OF ARCOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

In 1868 there was great unrest in the Southern states, especially Mississippi and Alabama for the purposes of this account, as an aftermath of the great Civil War, or the War of the States, as it is called in Southern histories, and also as a result of extremely poor prices for wheat.

Southern gentlemen made pilgrimages to California to investigate the outlook for a Mississippi- Alabama colony in this state. An especial investigating committee was composed of Judge~~X~~ Samuel L. Holmes, Major C. A. Redding, and L. A. Sledge. They started from New York City, crossed the Isthmus of Panama, and then sailed up to San Francisco.

Prices generally quoted on government land in the state at that time were generally \$1.25 an acre. The Southern investigating committee showed such interest and (supposedly) financial comfort that the San Francisco firm of land agents, Chopman and Friedlander by name, closed a deal for land in Madera county at double the price. Late in 1868 word was sent back home that they had found a haven, and soon the committee learned that the Alabama- Mississippi caravan was on the move out. Leaving New York City on the Steamer ALASKA, they sailed to Central America, crossed the Isthmus, and sailed from there to San Francisco on the Steamer MONTANA.

A roll call of the first contingent of the Alabama Colony reveals the following historic names of early Madera county:--

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strudwick. —

Judge and Mrs. Samuel A. Holmes and two children. —

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Sledge and four children.

Major and Mrs. C. A. Redding and two children.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Borden and five children.

Major and Mrs. W. B. Dennett

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lyon and two children

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Whitfield and one child

Joseph Borden, nephew of Dr. Borden, his wife , and five children.

W. J. Pickett

E. Zack Hall

Captain James Pickens

Captain Henry Pickens

Thomas P. Devereaux

M. Eggleston

John Fontaine

Gus Fortesque

Harry Dixon

James Dixon

Miss Ann Lamox

Miss Rosalie Lamox

Samuel Lamox

Barton Lamox (The last four being grandchildren of Samuel Strudwick).

Other Alabamans and Southerners who joined this group in 1869 and 1870 included:

Judge and Mrs. R. E. Dixon and four children.

G.W. Mordecai, who later married Miss Julia Dixon.

Capt. J.W. Wright

James M. Sledge

Col. and Mrs. Allen and two children

Dr. J.L. Meare, son and daughter.

Dr. Henry Marriott

Smith Norris

George Hely from the Middle West.

Harry Hely from the Middle West.

Capt. Hussey from New England.

Among the old timers of later date were the following:

Ed Elmore

The Shedd

Ed Wolters' people.

The Sledges

Dr. Dow H. Ransom

The Skaggs family.

The Cunninghams

The relatives of Mrs. Kierulff.

The J.S. Patterson family.

W. M. Hughes' family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Vanderburgh

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Cavin

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Secara

G.E. Hamilton

The Horace Macon relatives

The Eastins

The Desmonds

The Curtins

The nearest town to the settlement was Millerton, the first county seat of Fresno county, the site of which is to be submerged under 200 feet of water at the projected Friant dam. Between the Alabama colony and the King's river the only dwelling was the cabin of a Mr. McHelm on Dry Creek.

In 1869 the colonists hauled from Mariposa county enough wheat to seed 2,500 acres. They harvested a fairly good crop. In this section of California M. Winslow of Mariposa Creek harvested the first first crop among all the settlers with a thresher purchased in Stockton. Most of the wheat was consumed on the farm and but little

was sold to the miners in the mountains. Then the colonists experienced poor crops until 1872, in which year the good crop was sold in San Francisco. The Southern Pacific railway was in operation by that time and Governor Leland Stanford paid a personal visit at the home of Dr. Borden. He it was who named the growing town Borden in honor of his host and who appointed as the first station agent Rhodes Borden. This Dr. Borden was an uncle of Miss Nellie Borden of Fresno, who has been retired recently as a Fresno teacher. Dr. Borden analyzed the drinking water of Borden Town and declared it 100% pure. Its purity is borne out by the fact that to-day the water needs not be distilled for use in electric batteries.

Business soon was attracted to Borden. In 1872 trade in the town induced J.R. Jones of Millerton to erect a branch store at Borden. In the same year Mr. Burcham erected the first hotel and employed S. Norris as its first hotel clerk.

The colony was abandoned about 1878. The Sledges, Mordecals, Helys, and Bordens left.

Among the names given to the ranches by some of the early settlers are:

" The Cradle of Innocence"-- the Pickens ranch.

" Hell's Half Acre", the Bachelor home.

" Elkhorn ", inhabited by Major Redding.

" Refuge ", was the Dixon ranch, now belonging to the Mordecals.

" Valley Agricultural Ranch", the property of Dr. Borden.

" The Christian Ranch " of Joseph Borden.

Col. Holmes' ranch and ranch home are now the Arakelian winery.

Major Dennett settled on what is now called the Skaggs ranch.

" The West Mineral Mile ", was the name of the old Sledge ranch

The first school was held in a sheep camp. During the rainy

seasons Major Dennett's wife took care of the children at her home, which is now the olive orchard of Dr. Dow H. Ransom. Then a school-building was erected near the home of Clyde Cavin. Some time previous to 1904 the building was moved to the land east of the Steve Cannatella ranch, where it remained until 1910. Then a new wooden structure was built. The school was located at its present site in . The old lumber from the building which had been moved from near Clyde Cavin's ranch, was salvaged and a house was built of it on the present ranch of J. H. Graham.. At that time Horace G. Macon, for a long time recently Madera county tax collector, was a member of the school-board.

The name "Arcola" was a well-known name among the Alabama emigrants. Mr. Samuel Strudwick, the eldest member of the first vanguard of settlers, wished to have the colony named "Arcola" in honor of the plantation which he had left in the South. The name never applied to the colony, but the school district was honored with the name.

In 1870 the first interest was taken in the lumber industry. Then the completion of the Southern Pacific roadbed in 1871 stimulated business ventures. Borden was by that time a town of 2,000 composed of 1,500 Chinese and 500 Caucasians. The Chinese did all the common labor and it was they that performed the task of laying the railroad bed.

Through a refusal to vote a subsidy to the California Lumber Company, Borden lost the chance to have the Madera Sugar Pine lumber industry located on that town-site and the rival town of Madera grew up around the industry that was to remain the key industry of the county until 1933. The townsite had been largely abandoned by 1878, when hard times caused the Alabama colony to break up, and the center of social and business life was from then on in Madera.

Written from Merritt Patterson's notes

ALABAMA COLONY.

In the spring of 1873 a Post Office was built with Mrs. M. C. Landmun as Postmistress.

In 1874-5 there were 250 inhabitants in Borden.

G. W. Mordecai, son-in-law of Judge Dixon, and the Bordens were the only ones who succeeded in holding their own against adverse circumstances and are still here.

Harry, Sr., John Dixon of this Alabama Colony was elected clerk of Fresno county in 1869.

Ed Hall was first Justice of the Peace at Borden in 1873. Then he became Sheriff of Fresno county.

Walter Pickett helped draw up the California Constitution.

George Mordecai was Assemblyman and Major Dennet was Fresno's first city clerk.

The first school in this Alabama Colony was called Arcola. It was on the old Cunningham place-- now called the Sam Skaggs place-- but was really on that portion just east of Cannatella's farm. I can remember some of the old buildings. The school building was then moved to its present site.

Thomas Cavin came in 1892.

J. L. Davis came in 1890.

J.A. Secara came in 1892.

Horace Macon came in 1884.

Lee Skaggs was born here.

Merritt and James Patterson are sons of Horace Patterson, who came in 1870.

W.L. Sayre, born in 1860, came in 1887. He was one of the first to irrigate from wells. His father came in 1874.

Wm. Hughes came in 1893 and built the Hughes Hotel in Fresno in 1887. He was the father of our present W. M. Hughes.

W. L. Williams came in 1891 and for twelve years was principal of the Madera city schools, then Post Master for twelve years, then again principal of the city schools for five years. In 1895 he was appointed County Superintendent of Schools and again in 1926.

A. L. Sayre II was the father of A. Logan Sayre III and Donald M. Sayre.

Dr. Joseph Borden, a nephew, Joe Borden, Harry and James Dixon of Alabama settled on the Cottonwood in 1868.

The Southern Pacific Railway came through in 1872. Governor Leland Stanford named the new town Borden for Dr. Borden. Dr. Borden's son was the first railroad agent.

The first store in Borden was in 1872 and was kept by a man named J. R. Jones. His store building was the first building in Borden.

The first hotel was owned by a Mr. Burcham.

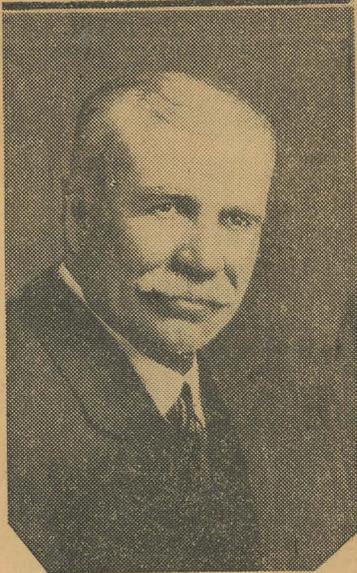
Mah Wah, a Chinaman, built a large store the same year. He kept the farmers' books and staked the farmers.

Mr. John M. Hensley of Fresno was Sheriff in 1888. The population of Borden grew to about 2000, with possibly 1500 Chinamen. The Chinese furnished the labor to build the railroad. Out of the entire population there were only about 500 Caucasians.

Written by Mrs. Carrie Cavin.

Arcola District,
Madera Co., Calif.

Feb. 21, 1938.



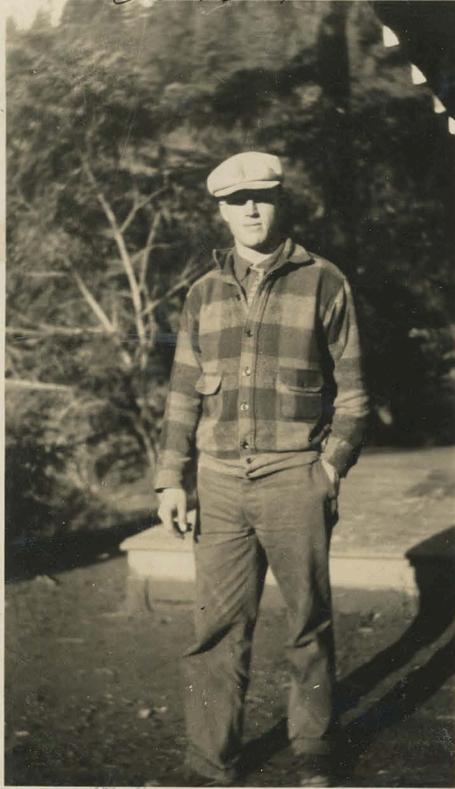
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THOMAS O. CAVIN

Death claimed one of Madera's well-known citizens, Thomas O. Cavin, Monday morning. The deceased was prominent in the activities of the Arcola farm center for many years.

News. 1

Orlo O. Gavin.



Orlo.

Lynde Gavin.



Flying Cloud, 1935



Mr. & Mrs. T. O. Gavin and grandson, Tommy, aged two.

Carl Thomas Gavin
by the old cotton
wood tree for which
the creek was named.
Many years ago the
mexicans used to
hold council here.
Several years ago
a Chinese gardener
destroyed the old land mark, thereby gaining



Work at old cotton wood

the ill will of
some of the
old timers.

Arcola Dist. Madera Co., Calif.

Mrs. T. O. Gavin.

In the spring of 1868, three men, Holmes, Redding ^{and} Sledge, came from New York to San Francisco by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

They went to the U. S. Land office in Stockton ^{and} after examining the records, decided to come to Fresno Co. to locate, ^{and} after investigation, the land proved satisfactory. The price of government land was then one ^{and} one quarter of a dollar per acre.

They came, saw ^{and} were pleased, but when they returned to Stockton they found that in their short absence, the particular land they wanted had been sold. Nothing daunted they went to these purchasers ^{and} got the land from them at twice the government price.

Necessary lumber ^{and} household goods were shipped from Stockton on small river steam boats to Gravelly Ford ^{and} then hauled to the new homesteads.

In the fall families ^{and} friends arrived from home, having sailed from N. Y. on the "Alaska"; crossed the Isthmus ^{and} then on the "Montana" to San Francisco. At Stockton they purchased horses, implements ^{and} furniture ^{and} started overland for their new homes.

Arcola Dist.
Mrs. T. O. Gavin.

Many of these people were from Alabama, so the community was called the Alabama Settlement ^{and} was situated between Fresno River ^{and} the Cottonwood creek.

Among the ^{still} many ^{still} familiar names were Patterson, Dixon, Nordecai, Borden, Sledge ^{and} many more.

The nearest town was Millerton, twenty miles away. There was a store at Firebaugh, on the San Joaquin river ^{and} not far from an Indian village called Los Juntas, now a thing of the past.

2500 acres were under cultivation ^{and} Mr. Sledge ^{and} some others bought a threshing machine, but not until 1872 did they have a fair grain crop. But they now had a rail-road ^{and} gained courage to struggle on.

Gov. Seland Stanford came to inspect the railroad ^{and} during his stay was entertained by Dr. Joseph Borden, in whose honor he named the new town.

The first building was erected by a man named Jones ^{and} was a general store. A hotel was built by Purcham. In 1873 the Borden P.O. was kept by Landrum.

Arcola Dist.

Mrs. T. O. Gavin.

A Chinaman, who had a store near the present Savage monument, came to Borden^{and} built a large store. It is said he was very good to the settlers, often giving them credit they could not get elsewhere. At one time Chinatown was much larger than Borden^{and} remained a town much longer, as I have a jewel box purchased there in 1903.

Most of these settlers had been cotton planters in the south^{and} had a very hard time in the grain business. Many gave up^{and} returned to their homes, or scattered elsewhere. Among those who struggled through were G. H. Mordecai, several Borden's, Dixons, Sledge^{and} others. Mr. Mordecai was assemblyman in 1893 when Madera Co. was cut off from Fresno.

During the '70's there was a band of desperados infested the valley. ^{Incorrectly as} Murietta^{and} Vasquez^{and} Coal Oil Tommy^{and} Three Fingers Jack^{and} being the most notorious. ^{according to Walter Sharp} ^{and they were notorious} One time they robbed Jones' store^{and} were trailed for days by the Borden citizens, but in vain. Years later I visited one cañon to which these men were trailed,^{and} their "dug out," in an old crater a few miles from the Macey Hot Springs.

Arcola District.

Mrs. T. O. Cavin.

is still called "Targuez Camp" ^{and} is really worth exploring. It is on land owned by Mrs. Emily Dyer, farmed by her brother James Colman of Panoché.

The fear of these men caused many wretched hours to my family, who came from Iowa in 1873 ^{and} farmed a Miller ^{and} Lux ranch for four years, ^{and} I have heard father say he never knew a "square" man ~~or~~ or one more considerate, or better to his tenants than Henry Miller.

Our first post office was Kreybiagan, next Myrick; then Firebaugh. Sometimes we got mail at "Camp 13," later Charleston, Los Banos ^{and} even Merced.

In 1882 we moved to Clifton, now Del Rey, neither of which existed, at that time, ^{and} I grew up with the country.

In 1899, Oct. 4, I married Thomas O. Cavin, also of Iowa, near Selma.

He came out in 1890 ^{and} for several years he ^{and} his brother-in-law, J. A. Secara grain farmed near Madera.

In 1901 we bot a part of the H. S. Patterson place near Borden ^{and} in 1902, we, with our infant son, Orlo,

Arcola Dist.

Mrs. T. O. Gavin.

moved onto what is still called
"The Grandpa Patterson Place."

There two more sons, Clyde^{2nd} & Carl, were born. All three, receiving their grammar school education in Arcola, Arlo's first teacher being Mrs. Beadles, Clyde's, Vernon Ogden^{2nd} & Carl's, Miss Clark.

Mr. Gavin was one of the first to install an electric pumping plant. Hill Mathews on part of the Patterson place, joining us, which is now the Bendoski estate, had a steam pump.

For many years we ran dairy, sending the milk to Fresno, but sold it in 1931, ^{2nd} & since then have tried diversified farming, cotton being the last venture. The place now belongs to our son Clyde.

In 1917, having bought land across the road in the Lankershim tract, of N. Rosenthal, we built, ^{2nd} & are still living in the "New House".

In 1921 we planted about forty-five acres of seedless Thompson grapes ^{2nd} & twelve of Malagas, as raisins, at that time were a very profitable production. It is still thriving ^{2nd} & belongs to our son Orlo.

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In 1901 we bought some grain land from Rhoads of Los Angeles and later a half section from Guilford Hodson who ran a hotel in Borden, previously run by a man named Cadwell, 1889, I think.

This grain ranch now belongs to Carl Cavins, of Hecker Dist., but for years in Deepwell, so named for the depth they had to bore to water.

My husband died Feb. 21, 1938 leaving me & our three sons, to carry on in his blood Arcola Dist. & one grandson to grow up here.

Orlo Cavins married Frances Clevenger, Madera.
 Clyde Cavins " Mary Wells, of Whittier and has a son Thomas C. Cavins.

Carl married Roberta Howard of Lakeport, Calif.

Mrs. Carrie Tanderburg Cavins.

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Madera, Co. Calif.

June 4, 1938.

In the autumn of 1872, my father Rev. C. C. Snell, a Methodist minister, was transferred from Tulare County to Merced county and stationed at a small town known as Plainsburg.

He was what was then known as a traveling preacher, also called a "saddle-bag" preacher, which meant that he traveled miles to his various appointments making the rounds each month carrying his bible and a few clothes in a leather bag strapped across the back of the saddle. One of his appointments was at Bardon where he preached in the school house now known as Arcola school.

At that time the Southern Pacific railroad had recently been built through these regions and the town of Madra had no existence.

In those days we had no bridge across the San Joaquin river so we crossed on what was called a ferry boat. It looked somewhat like a raft. There was a cable stretched across the river and fastened to oak trees on the

opposite sides of the river. Ropes fastened around the cable and controlled by a winchless on the boat and operated by man power drew the boat from one bank to the other. There were little floating bridges on each side of the river that connected with the boat and made it possible to drive on the ~~boat~~ boat.

In later years it became my happy lot to have a home in the Arcola School District and send my children there, Mrs. Johnny Barnett being their teacher, whom they loved and honored ever after.

Mrs. J. C. Appling

John Harrison Gordon
August 20, 1938 left Gordonsville, Tennessee in the
spring of 1874 to come to California. He
arrived at Modesto, California that spring
with his companions, Lemuel Coffey
and Stock Lambertson. He was 22
years of age when he arrived in the
West.

After spending a short
while in Modesto, he and his two
companions rode horseback to Borden
to plan on taking up government
land for grain and stock ranching.
They picked out some land in the
Borden district and then rode on
horseback to Visalia to have their
land recorded at the government
office. The land that he received a
patent on is on the Pale Line Road
about one mile east of the Secara
ranch, which was then known
as the Huran Patterson ranch.

After spending two
years in California and received
title for his land he returned to
Tennessee. He planned on disposing
of his property in Tennessee and
then return to California, but was

unable to do so.

He was married in 1880 to Julia Nattie Perkins. In 1887 they came to California with their two children, Elsie and Hershel and lived, at that time, at what is known as the George Dowdy ranch. The Ancola school is located in one corner of the Dowdy ranch at the present time. The large walnut trees on the old Dowdy ranch were planted by Mrs. Gordon, and the walnuts were brought from Tennessee.

Borden, at that time, was a thriving farming town, and some of the old timers living there then, were the Pattersons, the Crowders, the Dowdys, the Helys, the Bordens, the Walters and several others.

After spending a year in California, Mrs. Gordon got homesick and they sold out and returned to Tennessee, where Mr. Gordon entered the mercantile business. After spending ten years in Tennessee, they returned with their family to California.

arriving in Madera December 4, 1897,
at that time having five children:
Herschel, Virgil, John, Ed, and Artie.
Millie, another child, being born in
California.

After living in Madera
for one year they moved to Berenda
and purchased the Berenda Hotel.

After spending a while
at Berenda they heard of the Sugar
Pine mill going to be located at
Madera. They came to Madera and
purchased the Sharp place on
Clinton Avenue where they have
lived for nearly forty years.

Mrs Julia H. Gordon

W. M. HUGHES

William M. Hughes has been connected with Madera county ever since its formation in 1893, and before that was active in the life of both Madera and Fresno. He has been county treasurer for the last nine years.

William Marshall Hughes was born at Batesville, Arkansas, February 15, 1858, the son of Thomas E. and Mary J. (Rogers) Hughes. The family had already been in California, but had returned to the Eastern home for a short period. They came westward again with the infant William in 1859, but at Fort Laramie, the mother, ill from exposure from an accident on the river Platte, died of pneumonia. The father settled at Stockton until 1862, then moved to Stanislaus County, where he was county clerk at the then county seat, Knight's Ferry.

From 1872 to 1876, the family resided in Merced county where they engaged in sheep raising. Young William, who had gained some education at Stockton, was engaged with his father in the sheep business, and after being in Merced county for a time, went to Nevada to follow the same business. In the fall of 1887, he went to San Francisco, where his father was then living, and was a street car conductor on the Market Street railway.

In 1878 his elder brother, J. Ed. Hughes, had gone to Fresno, to engage in sheep raising, and William now followed. The father and two brothers became partners in this venture. Their sheep range included what is now Kearney Park, as well as what later became the Fresno Irrigated Colony, just south of the city of Fresno, and the New England colony. The firm name was Thomas E. Hughes and Sons, a third son, Thomas M., joining the business. For a time, they carried on a great real estate promotion campaign, which resulted in bringing many hundreds of colonists from San Francisco and other points to Fresno county. Thomas M. Hughes died, thereupon Thomas E. and William bought out his widow's interests and also the interests of J. Ed. in the business. The climax of the real estate activity of Thomas E. and William M. Hughes was the construction of the Hughes Hotel in 1887. A side enterprise was the manufacture of brick for the construction of many of the early buildings of Fresno. William M. Hughes, as well as his father and brothers, took a notable part in the social development of the City of Fresno in the Eighties. Thomas E. Hughes was one of the members of the first city council when the town was incorporated in 1885. William M. Hughes took an active part in the formation of a committee of Vigilantes that restored order and expelled criminals who appeared on the scene in connection with a series of fires in the county seat.

In 1893, William M. Hughes removed to Madera, making his home on a farm three miles south of the present city. Here he had a vineyard and orchard of 120 acres. Mr. Hughes took a leading part in the promotion activities that resulted in the separation of Madera county from Fresno in 1893.

Mr. Hughes spent a number of years in Arizona in stock raising, but always continued to regard Madera as his home. In 1924, he disposed of his vineyard, and there being a vacancy in the office of county treasurer, when George D. Opie resigned, Mr. Hughes was named by the supervisors to fill the position. He has been elected by the people to this same office continuously since, with an opponent only at the first election.

Mr. Hughes was married in 1881 to Matilda B. Bernhard, who passed away in 1893. Of this union there were born two sons: Kenneth, whose

(W.M. Hughes—contin.)

sketch is to be found elsewhere in this volume, and William M., Jr., deceased. In 1898, Mr. Hughes married Corinne Ferguson, and they had five children, who are: Marshall L., Mrs. Anza Hughes Hamilton, Mrs. Barbara Hughes Wiebe, Thomas E. Hughes and Corinne Hughes.

Mr. Hughes has been a Mason for the last forty-eight years. He is a member of Fresno Commandery of Knights Templar and of the Shrine at San Francisco.

—Taken from "History of Fresno and Madera Counties" by
Lilbourne Alsip Winchell —

Veteran County Official Today



WILLIAM HUGHES
—Schnoor Photo

William M. Hughes, veteran county treasurer, has been connected officially with Madera county ever since its organization in 1893, before that time taking an active part in what were then Fresno county activities.

The whimsical, humor-loving character was born in Arkansas, many years ago—1853, as long as "Bill," name by which is affectionately known to his court house friends, doesn't seem to mind telling.

Hughes came to California at the ripe young age of one year and

ern home, moving into Stanislaus claimed Stockton as his first west-county where his father was elected county clerk at Knight's Ferry, then the county seat.

Young "Bill" helped his father raise sheep in Merced county until 1876, moving then to Madera county where ever since he has been a valuable citizen indeed.

One of Hughes' most vivid memories has to do with the instance when a steamer was lost the overflow near Elk Horn. Enterprising "Bill" claimed the stern wheel for his own and made a roller out of it, using the implement to smooth out the first race track at Fresno, one upon which two world's records were established several years later.

*Madera Co Tribune Oct. 12, 1938
Old Linnere addition*

The first Arcola school, with Mrs. W. ^B D. Dennett as teacher, was held in the old Du Bois Homestead cabin located on the present site of Dr. Ransom's olive orchard on Cottonwood Creek. Rain ran us out early in December and we moved to Mrs. Dennett's home three fourths of a mile away where the term, which lasted from Oct. 15, 1872 to April 1, 1873, was finished.

To my knowledge there was not a stream in the state that had any kind of a bridge across it excepting rail road. Ferries were few and far between. Sister Julia and I used the rail road bridge to cross Cottonwood Creek to get to school. It was four miles by the section lines direct from home, but when we had to detour via bridge it was six. The mode of travel was on foot and it took some rapid transit work to get to school by 9 A.M.

The only games the boys played were "knucks", numbers and bull-pen. A slight difference between the diversions then and now. The girls played fox and geese, sometimes knuckles, but never ball. School picnics were unknown, but the last day of school was a real event. Old and young alike came to spend the day. Exercises, such as readings, dialogues etc. were begun in the morning and and were interrupted long enough to have dinner between twelve and one, when they were again resumed to continue until perhaps four o'clock. Sometimes separate "exercises" would last two hours. It was better than a circus to us all.

The first school house was built in 1874, one

half mile due north of the old Dr. Borden place and one half mile east of the old Cap. Wright Homestead. The building was moved to its present site in the early 80's.

The pupils of the first school were;

Ivy, Shelly, Nathan and Helen Borden of the Dr. Borden family.

Renney Renney, Ruffin, Hartwell, Mamie and Nellie Borden of the Joe Borden family.

The Sledge home was represented by, Levin, Strudwick and Winnie Sledge.

Owen and John Holmes were from the Judge Holmes family.

Ida and Buelah McDonald of the McDonald family.

Pete and Guy Healey from the Healey home.

Jim and Julia Patterson of the Patterson family complete the list.

In those days there wasn't a tree in the San Joaquin Valley outside of a few sycamores just under the old bridge above the rail road between Plainsburg and Kings River, excepting a lone cottonwood that stood above the highway south of Borden. It was known from Los Angeles to Red Bluff as a camp ground and land mark to travelers. A large part of the year a person could dig down into the sand at this point and find water. Being such a widely advertised place, one had to be careful if they camped there or they would come away with some friendly(?) little insects whose company they would rather not have.

While there were practically no trees anywhere the plains were green in winter and herds of cattle

and antelope roamed over them, while thousands of sand hill cranes and wild geese made them their home. Looking across these spaces one could see miles upon miles, but due to a peculiar condition of the atmosphere and the absence of any obstruction, even a fence, all objects seen at a distance were exaggerated. Sand hill cranes were very greatly enlarged; sheep looked almost as big as horses. Boats could be seen on the river fifty five miles away and the men working on the boats were also visible. The strange part was that the boats seemed to be floating on the tree tops. At night the road across Cap Hill thirty five miles away could be seen.

These mirages were as intensely interesting as anything we experienced in those interesting times. You may be skeptical about such things, but "believe it or not" ^{they were} ~~that was~~ true of the San Joaquin Valley in the early days.

J. L. Patterson
June 9. — 1938

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As I look back down the increasing column of almost forgotten years it seems but a very short time ago that I got off the midnight train at Borden—a weary and sleepy and scared boy of twelve. I did not know where to go and I was only too glad to be taken over to Arnold's Hotel by Gene Sharp, the S.P. ticket agent. It was, as I remember, the latter part of September 1892. I had been sent West by my parents on account of my poor health and I was bound for my Aunt's ranch ^{two} a few miles south of Borden where I

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lived and had my home for about four years.

The events which stand out most vividly in my memory are during this time are: Gene Sharp's reception of me. The wonderful breakfast at Mr. Arnold's Hotel. The endless stretch of level land everywhere I looked. The Malaga and the Tokay grapes. My first orange eaten off the tree. The long walk (about two and a half miles) to Arcola School. The school house was then located near the present home of Merwit Patterson. Of how the boys hazed me. How scared I was of the girls. How I forgot every word of my recitation on the event

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of my graduation from the fourth grade. Of the pony my Uncle later gave me to ride and the "Matchless Airgun" I got for Christmas. The fun we had visiting Chinatown in Borden. There were hundreds of Chinese there then and many of the white pioneers resided there. Mr. George Edgar was our teacher at least part of the time I attended Arcola school. I have been told he is still living. He was a very fine man. I believe most of my old Arcola school-mates are still living. They were the Pattersons, the Crowders, the Hopes, the Goodens, the Cunningham's, the Mordecai's, the Sanderson's and several others whose names I have forgotten.

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I always look back upon
the days I spent in Arcola
School as among the happiest
and most profitable of my
life and I always feel a
sense of reverence for the
Arcola School of Old, whenever
I pass the present one.

Respectfully,

Dow H. Ransom



The Arcola Farm Home Department.

In October 1922 the University of California & the Madras County Board of Supervisors appropriated funds for Home Demonstration work in Madras County. Miss Elsie Calhoun was selected as the Home Demonstration Agent. Arcola Farm Bureau organized a department to be known as the Arcola Farm Home Department. Mrs J. L. Davis was elected chairman of the group & Mrs T. S. Coffee was appointed Project Leader.

The first project to be undertaken was a clothing project & dress forms were made so that women could fit their own clothes. Many meetings were held & nearly every woman in the community made a dress form & had one made for her. Following this a "neighborhood frock" was made on the dress forms by each member & these were worn at one of the meetings & judged.

Miss Elsie Calhoun succumbed to matrimony the first year & Miss Susan Hough was appointed to succeed her in August 1923.

The Arcola Farm Home Department consisted of about 15 members in 1923 and the meetings were held in the homes. The center had a very good start & grew very rapidly. Mrs J. L. Davis served as chairman for two years & following her Mrs Lynn Stone was elected she served not quite a year & moved out of the County. Mrs F. W. Barnett was then elected & served 3 years. Mrs H. G. Adams was elected in

1928 & served for five years. Mrs T. J. Coffer was elected in 1933 & is still serving as chairman.

The meetings became so large that in the 4th year the nutrition meetings were held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church & clothing meetings in the Arcola school. When the meetings grew too large to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church the meetings were held in the Home Economics laboratory in the high school.

The following are some of the projects the Arcola Farm Home department has undertaken, -

1. Clothing

- a. Dress forms
- b. Dress making
- c. Color, lines & design
- e. Feet & shoes
- f. Childrens clothes
- g. Textiles

2. Nutrition

- a. Balanced diets
- b. Food preparation
- c. Canning & drying
- d. Special diets
- e. Invalid cooking

3. Home Furnishing.

- a. Renovation of furniture
- b. Dying over floors
- c. Color schemes & furnishing
- d. Curtains & drapes

Some of the women who have been active in the Arcola Farm Home department for many years are, besides the officers mentioned, Mrs Burke, Mrs Jacobson,

Mrs Bondison, Mrs Shedd, Mrs Clever, Mrs Carin, Mrs
Michaelson, Mrs Thomas & Mrs Yocum.

In 1935 Miss Susan Hough resigned & Miss
Lorraine Lortscher was appointed Home Demonstration
Agent. The center has continued to grow & is now the
largest center in the county.

EPIISODE

S. J. Perkins boarded a train from somewhere and was bumming a ride. When the train pulled into Borden he was kicked off. He walked into the blacksmith shop of David F. Edwards, father of Ellis and John. Here the men were welding some articles and couldn't seem to get anywhere. Said Perkins, "I can fix it." They gave him a chance and it was soon and well done. Later, he became one of the leading blacksmiths at Sugar Pine and for the old Lumber companies.

Perkins married a sister of Ed Walters. He had one of the first big olive orchards which is now known as The Oberti's orchard.

Verified by: Joseph Barcroft
Bill Hughes
Johnnie Gordon

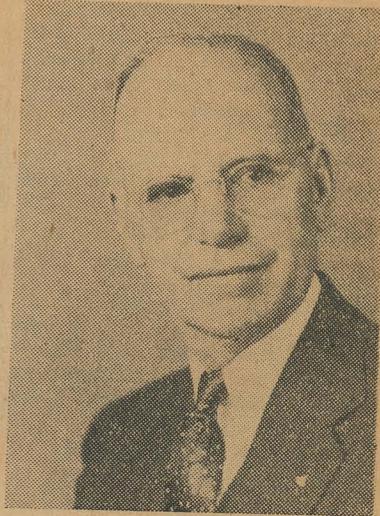
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Couple Active in Arcola Era



MRS. J. A. SECARA



J. A. SECARA

—Schnoor Photo

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Secara were married April 21, 1891 in Modesto, coming to Madera shortly afterwards. Secara, in partnership with his brother-in-law, T. O. Cavin, engaged in grain farming four miles north of Madera. It was at this their first Madera home that their three children, Delbert of Chowchilla, Ray V. of Madera, and Mrs. Nellie Williams of Weaver-ville, were born.

In 1901, the family moved to the Arcola district, four miles south of Madera, and about 17 years later they moved to the city of Madera. Mr. Secara changed from farming grain to operating a dairy and in later year farmed cotton.

He has taken an active part in activities of the farmers of the county. He is a prominent member

of the Arcola Farm center and was the first assessor, collector and treasurer of the Madera Irrigation district, taking office in 1920. At the present time he is a member of the district board of directors. He served as county auditor for nine years.

A member of the Madera Order of Masons, he is a past master. Mrs. Secara is a member of the Order of Easter Star.

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WEDNESDAY

Prominent Farming Family.



MRS. JAMES L. DAVIS



JAMES L. DAVIS

—Schnoor Photo

The names of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Davis have been prominent in the accounts of Madera county affairs, the couple having taken quite an active part in the past as well as at the present time.

Davis, Arcola orchardist, was born September 14, 1870 at Plymouth, Amador county, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis. His father came across the plains in 1850 from Indiana. James L. Davis came to Madera county when 20 years of age and went into grain farming, later farming quite an extensive acreage. He was and still is a leader in affairs concerning the interest of the farmers.

He is a past president of the Madera Irrigation district, former president of the Madera County Chamber of Commerce and a member of local school boards. One of the early members of the Madera order of Masons, he is a past master and is also a member of the Native Sons and the Odd Fellows lodge.

In 1912 James L. Davis and Gertrude Keyes were united in marriage in Fresno. To their marriage three children were born, James Davis, Jr., of Madera, Mrs. Welden Parker of Hollywood and Mrs. Mark Boel of Fresno.

Gertrude Keyes Davis was born in Oregon in 1880. She came to California the same year, residing in Sanger until the fall of 1880 when her family moved to Madera

county, then a part of Fresno. She was the first president of the Arcola home department, is a past guardian neighbor of the Woodcraft circle and a past noble grand of the Rebekah lodge. A war mother, she is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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Distinctive County Record



MRS. HORACE G. MACON

Prominent in community activities of the past were Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Macon.

Macon holds the distinctive record of serving more than 10 years as Madera county tax collector, a position to which he was first chosen in 1914.

A native of Tennessee, Macon came to Borden with his family in 1884 to join his paternal grandfather, the late H. S. Patterson, a familiar figure in county history.



HORACE G. MACON

—Schnoor Photo

Following studying at Heald's Business college at San Francisco, Macon returned to Madera and took up ranching on the old Patterson property where he resided until being appointed tax collector.

Mrs. Macon is a native of Stanislaus county, the mother of four children: Elton Macon, now deputy tax collector, Lawrence Macon, Mrs. Lloyd Boivin of Long Beach, and Herbert E. Macon who lost his life while serving his country in the World war.

Madera Tribune Oct. 12, 1938 Old Limer's addition.

Mercantile Pioneer of Madera

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Etter came to Madera from Tennessee in 1887, locating a few miles east of what was then the town of Borden, which was a trading center equal in size to the thriving lumber community of Madera. Borden, at that time, had two good Chinese general merchandise stores.

The Etters operated a ranch for two years before deciding to move to the town of Madera and enter the mercantile business. The first store was located on Yosemite avenue between C and D street. It was the third store of that type to be established in the community. The first was the store of the Madera Flume and Trading company and the second the Rosenthal-Kutner store.

The Etter residence, 409 North D street, was built in the early nineties.

About the turn of the century the Etters moved to Stockton where they made their home for two years. In 1901 they returned to Madera to again enter the mercantile business. This business continued for some 20 years, the store then being sold and the Et-



MRS. A. J. ETTER

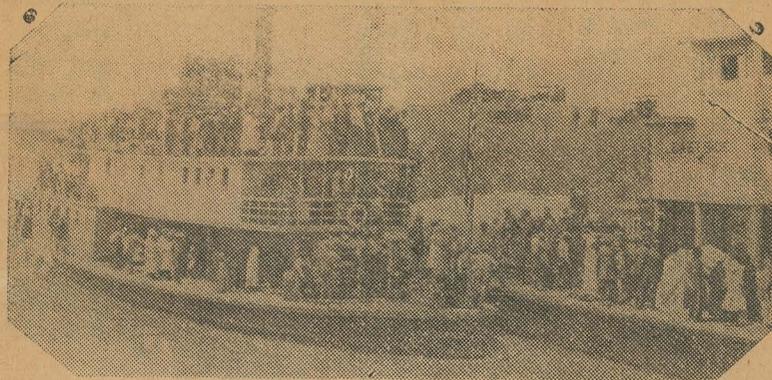
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ters retiring from active business.

With the passing of Mr. Etter in 1932 Madera lost one of its most loyal citizens. Mrs. Etter is devoting her attentions to the managing of her property holdings.

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Old Turner's Addition.*

Comin' 'Round the Bend



—Courtesy Hurst

While it will undoubtedly be difficult for modern residents of Madera county to picture in their minds this scene at the Skaggs bridge point of the San Joaquin river, many an Old Timer of the region thrilled to this sight some 30 years ago—the discharging of passengers and freight from San Francisco.

This marked the only trip of the Steamer J. R. McDonald to a point so far up the river and it was a gala occasion for residents of the valley and, as can be seen in the

picture, a large crowd greeted the arrival of the boat.

The trip was made more to arouse the feasibility of water transportation in the minds of valley residents than to establish the actual commercial benefit of the single trip. However, previous to this time, in boats of smaller proportions, a considerable amount of valley grain was shipped by the water route, several boats going as far up the river as what is now known as Friant. This was the principal mode of transportation before the coming of the railroad.

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HISTORY OF LOCALITY IS INTERESTING

Madera
Importance of Lumber
to Madera County
Known Today

Tribune
OLD BELIEF WRONG

Shorter Flume Distance
Established Madera
As Mill Center

Looking into the past, it will be difficult for many of the former Maderans, who unite with friends of days gone by and with more recent arrivals and descendants of pioneer residents of the county on Saturday, to realize that the lumber industry, the industry upon which the city of Madera was founded and upon which it was dependent until a few years ago, is but a very minor factor in its industrial life today.

Even its name was derived from the Spanish word for lumber. So important was the industry to its existence that, until a decade ago, it was forecast that when lumbering, fast nearing extinction in the county, was a thing of the past the community of Madera would become little more than a ghost town.

Little was it realized that agricultural activities were so rapidly assuming importance that they were to be able to absorb the shock of the passing of that industry which had given the community its very life.

COMMON BELIEF WRONG

Contrary to the belief that selfish interests in the then flourishing town of Borden, now existent only in the memory of early residents of the county, had caused the creation of the city of Madera by lumbering interests, the governing factor was primarily economic necessity.

Plans for the lumber flume from the mountain mills to the nearest rail point revealed that a higher and longer flume was necessary to reach Borden than Madera. Even the reduced distance was not enough to keep this flume from becoming renowned as the world's longest lumber flume — a flume 65 miles in length.

This revelation is made by W. B. Thurman, son of W. H. Thurman, one of the first lumbermen in what is now known to be Madera county and the first Madera county sheriff, himself the second sheriff of the county and a former mill, sash and door factory operator.

PART OF MARIPOSA

In 1850, when California became a fully-recognized state, what is now known as Madera county was but a portion of Mariposa county one of the 27 which were included in the state at its origin. In 1856 the territory was ceded in another political division known as Fresno county.

It wasn't until 1893 that people of Madera climaxed their growing unrest with a May meeting at the old Athletic hall, now the Masonic hall, at which a then promising young attorney, W. M. Conley, refuted the charges of anti-divisionists and predicted that in some future year Madera would rival Fresno in civic growth. Needless to say, a popular vote of citizens in the section advocated separation from Fresno county, a move culminating during the same year.

It was gold mining and not lumbering which brought the first settlement in the mill regions of what is now known as Madera county.

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day stands as a monument and landmark viewed annually by many tourists.

GAINS CONFIDENCE

Savage possessed the knack of being able to gain the confidence of the redskin and this factor, plus some genuine battling in the underbrush, led to peace, the discovery of Yosemite valley and the eventual moving of the Indians to a reservation.

It wasn't until about 1869, when migrants from Alabama came west to engage in grain farming, that the plains of Madera county became settled. Owing to unfavorable conditions in the Borden region only two families were optimistic enough to cast their lot with a future in the Borden section. Their optimism was not misplaced because in time to come Borden became a thriving community of some 200 hardy souls and was the political center of the county.

The lumber industry first cast itself on the history of Madera in 1874 when the California Lumber company selected it as a terminous to the aforementioned gigantic flume from Soquel Basin where plans called for the establishment of a mill. W. H. Thurman was organizer and became associated with the corporation.

FARM ADVISOR POST ESTABLISHED IN 1914

Office Held by Garthwaite
Was But Experiment

The office of Madera county farm advisor, a post now held by Ed Garthwaite, was established here in 1914.

In the year of 1914-15 the office was but an experiment, the University of California paying the salary of the advisor.

STATE'S MEDIAN POINT

The median point of the land area in the state of California has been determined by scientific authority at nation's capital to be a point in Madera county near O'Neals.

MADERA COUNTY AREA

Madera county has an area of 2112 miles, a territory which includes plains, foothills, and high mountains in approximately an equal amount.

after all uccola District is a
part of Madera County.
old Miner's addition
Madera Tribune Oct. 12, 1938

MADERA QUEEN CORONATION TO BE IMPRESSIVE

Entertainment Program Is Planned; Attendants Named Today

Impressive ceremonies will accompany the crowning of the Queen of the Madera County Fair tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in an improvised amphitheatre before the spacious grandstand at the fair grounds.

Directing the ceremony and accompanying program of entertainment will be Mrs. Ann Claire Boulton, former professor of dramatics at the College of Idaho.

Ten attendants have been selected for the rite: Miss Gloria Barsotti, Virginia Carpenter, Lucille Rowe, Barbara McKee, Jeanne White, Lucille Ridgeway, Velda Cobb, Catherine Curtis, Muriel Santos and Patsy Barnes.

Crown-bearers for the occasion will be Barbara Dallas and Patricia Hardin. Trumpeters will be Ida Bush and Jean Kuehn and accordionist, Evelyn Pistoressi.

Mrs. C. W. Clawson, arrangements chairman, assures the public that there will be plenty of seating space available for the huge crowd expected to attend the event.

Among the entertainment features at the coronation will be a ballet by the pupils of the Poletti School of Dancing at Fresno.

Will it be Queen Jacqueline Bobbitt, Queen Genevieve Thede or Queen Doris Carpenter? This can be learned at the coronation ceremonies at the fair grounds tomorrow night.

*Madera Co Fair Oct. 13-14-15-16, 1938
Madera Tribune
Oed Finer's addition*



Taken - Nov. 1937

Teachers. 1938-1939 -

Mary Clawson - Intermediate
Mary Ashburn - Primary
Eudora Rodgers - Principal



In the spring February 21
1938, these views of the flood were taken
by the Schnoor's Studio of Madera Calif.
Arcola school in the distance about 2 P.M.
Trustees & teachers carefully watched the situation all morning.



This is the portion of the S.P.R.R.
that washed out because of the great
pressure of water east of the Railroad.
The onrush of the waters of this dam as it
were soon flooded the schoolyard. The
Children were rushed to their homes. Spring 1938



Looking to the northeast from S.P.R.R.
 bridge. We see the Paleline bridge in the distance
 and at the east end the wash out beyond the
 bridge. This road leads down to Tom Cavins and
 J.A. Secara's ranch.
 - Trains had to be re-routed - Spring 1938



You can see the Robert's house in the distance.
 This picture was taken from east end of Pale Line
 Bridges. Mr. Robert's bought J.A. Secara ranch Spring 1938.



To the east and south of the Arcola school, Highway 99 was covered with water up & beyond the axle of automobiles. This was true north as well to Borden. Spring 1938



This formed as you see a mighty lake east of the S. P. R.R. covering the floors of Russ Van Uleete's ^{house} they hurriedly moved furniture to second floor and the family left by boat to safety. Many years ago a similar flood occurred. When James Patterson went to school here.



The Arcola 4-H girls of Madera, California, led by Mrs. Mary Clawson believe that activity makes for interest, reports Club Secretary Nell Justice. An outstanding event was the tea party given for mothers in the school auditorium, where club members displayed their sewing and wore the dresses they had made to complete project requirements. The mothers also enjoyed the social opportunities offered by the occasion. Mrs. Clawson also entertained the 22 members at a theater party during the club season.

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Article appeared in
National-4-H Club News

July-August
1938



4-H.C. Sewing - Division
Directed - by -
Mrs. C.W. Clawson.
1937 - 1938

Girls entertain Mothers at P.M. Tea-
Party - and appear in dresses made during
club year.

There are twenty girls in the club.

Mrs. Peal-Edward assisted Mrs. Clawson
and endeared herself to all.

Louise Dodson absent because of
scarlet fever.

Girls also enjoyed a theater Party.

Birdie Barbour became very ill - late
in the - spring.

Club work finished three weeks before
close of school.

Sewing Club.



Club - Members -

1937 - 1938

Back Row

- Marie Rodeniguez
- Lena Perry
- Josephine Failla
- Elsie Mac Fincher
- Emily Giuntoli
- Inez Collodi
- Nelle Justice
- Mary Clawson - Sewing director -
- Mabel DaSilva
- Melba Dockery
- Juanita Mitchel
- Eudora Rodgers - Y. H. A. C. Leader
- Emily Ragnetti

Front row - Right

- Jane Gordon
- Katie Mae Perry
- Birdie Barbour
- Thelma Dockery
- Troy Barbour
- Dolores Johnson
- Marvelling Mooreland

Marjorie Settle

Emily Giuntoli
 Juanita Mitchel
 Eudora Rodgers
 Inez Collodi } all went to Camp Whitaker
 Forest
 with Mrs. Rodgers,
 Miss Lortscher and Hugh Rodgers.



Graduation - Class - 1937

Principal - Eudora Rodgers -

Lon Gordon

Emma Ragnetti

Garnold Miller - married - 1938

Melda Dockery

Bud Williamson

Mrs. Rodgers

Juanita Mitchell

Joe Failla

Marie Roderiguez



Picture taken Nov. 1937 by Toyoni Slistanish

Ray Pool
Mrs. C. W. Clawson
Kenneth Robbins

This tree is The Cedrus Deodora and is of the same family as the Cedar of Lebanon. The wood is somewhat fragrant. Is the same as the material used in building King Solomon's Temple without the use of nails.

This lovely tree stands by Arcola Flag Pole. When very small the wind blew it, breaking it off just above the ground.

Mrs. Clawson called Co. Horticulturist Mr. George Marchbanks - who with the assistance of Mr. George Jacobson - janitor. of school lifted - it carefully placing it together, then binding + watering it plentifully - saved it.

This tree on our lovely new lawn adds so much to the - appearance. of school



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June 4, 1936 Mrs. Hugh Rodgers Principal

Mrs. C. W. Clawson

Primary

Picture June 4, 1936

Front row (reading from left to right)

Philip Roderiguez
Doris Pool
Ophelia Juarez
Eva Lue Liles
Charles Davis
Lewis Settle
Raymond Perry
Donnie Rameriz
Albert Collodi
Billy Boatmun
Dennis Parker
Juanita Roderiguez
Lily Failla
Marion Da Silva
Angie Failla
Jackie Boatmun
Gerald Maddox

Second row

John Ragnetti
Francis Failla
Ellen William
Mae Boothe
Birdie Barbour
Thelma Dockery
Betty Giuntoli
Lorelei Johnson
Jane Gordon
Hope Da Luna
Modene Davis
Mavis Miller
Virginia Settle
Mirella Collodi
Raymond Perry
David Rameriz

Third row

Emma Ragnetti
Marjorie Settle
Leoner Da Silva
Ray Pool
Kenneth Robbins
Pete Arementa
Lon Gordon
Joe Failla
Buddie Williamson
Gairrel Miller
Laurence Tessie
Jimmie Boothe
Vaughn Williamson
Johnnie Juarez
Evangeline Chavero
Juanita Davis

Fourth row

(from right to left)
Mrs. Rodgers
Dolores Johnson
Katie Mae Perry
Marveline Mooreland
Josephine Failla
Emily Giuntoli
Wilma Dockery
Lena Perry
Pearl Collodi
Mabel Da Silva
Juanita Mitchel
Nelle Justice
Inez Collodi
Mabel Collodi
Marine Roderiguez
Elsie Mae Fincher
Troy Barbour



Rhythm Band

June 4 - 1937.

Primary - Mrs. C.W. Clawson - Grs-1-2-3-4.
Director -

Members -

Jackie Boatman,
Edward Breitweiser
Marion DaSilva
Gerald Maddox
Raymond Perry
Bonnie Rameriz
Philip Roderiguez
Kenneth Felkins
Lewis Settle
Albert Collodi
Bobby DaSilva
Charles Davis
Marvin Sampalesi
Chavero Adolph
Billy Boatman
Phillip Failla
Dennis Parker
Charles Perry
David Rameriz

Howard Boatman
Frankie Breitweiser
Francis Failla
Johnnie Ragnetti
Fred Sampalesi
Hope DaLuna
Jane Gordon
Louise Podson
Betty Giuntoli
Mae Boothe
Lorene Felkins
Mavis Miller
Virginia Settle
Juanita Roderiguez
Annie Ragnetti
Ophelia Juarez
Lorelei Johnson
Mirella Collodi
Eva Lue Liles
Ellen Williams
Doris Pool

Lily and Angie Failla



Colored Minstrel - Primary - 1-2-3-4-Grs.
 Teacher - Mrs. C.W. CLAWSON
 June - 1936.

Left - to - right - back - row

Fred Breitweiser
 Leoner Da Silva
 Katie Mae Perry
 Mabel Da Silva

Francis Failla

front - row

Charles Perry.
 Edward Breitweiser
 Albert Collodi
 Frankie Breitweiser
 Philip Failla
 Johnnie Ragnetti
 Bobby Da Silva.



Mr. + Mrs. John Edwards Janitor

1935-6-7.

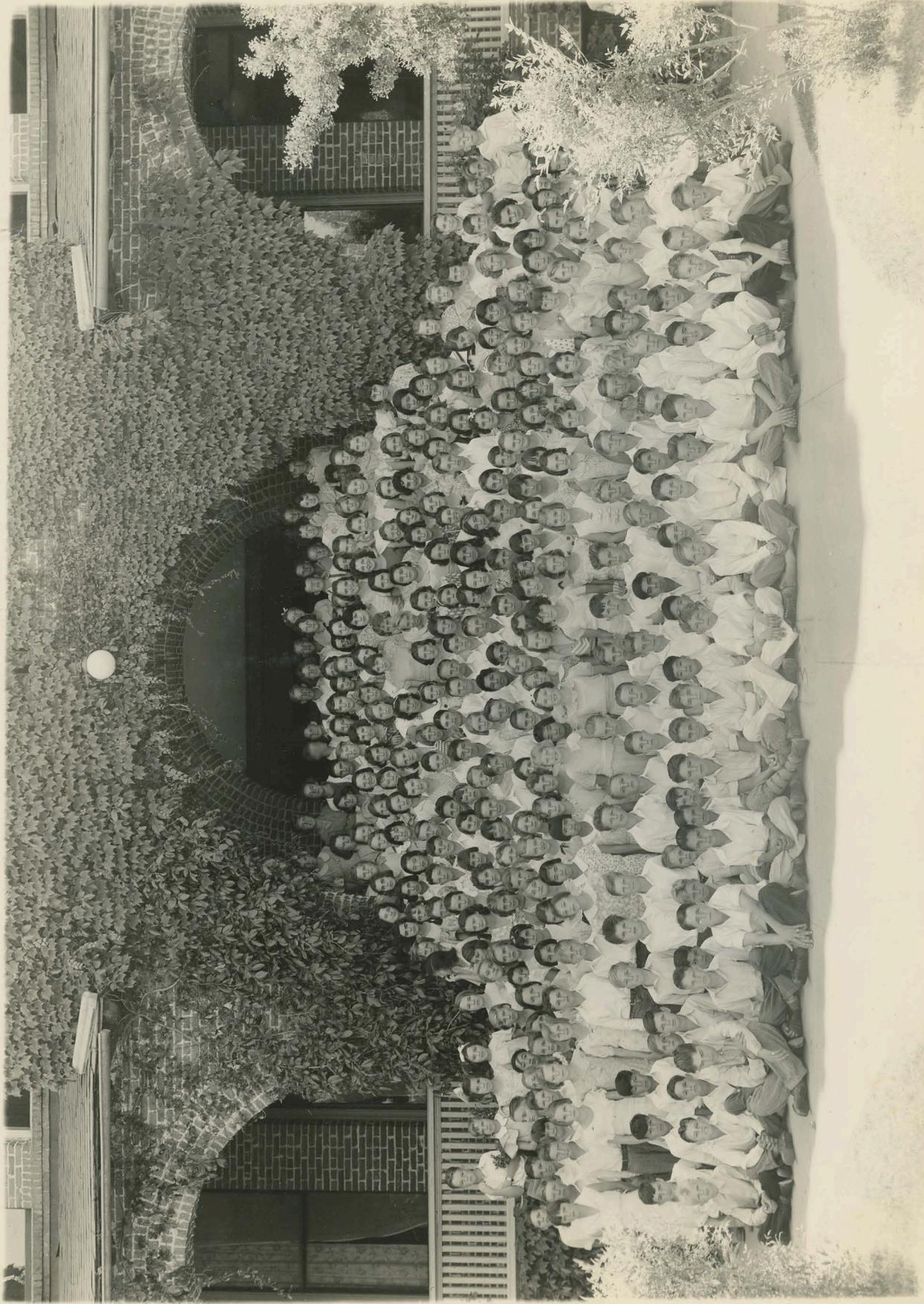
Pearl assisted the "Ag Club" leader
in sewing during this time and again
the year 1938 altho her husband was
employed in town.



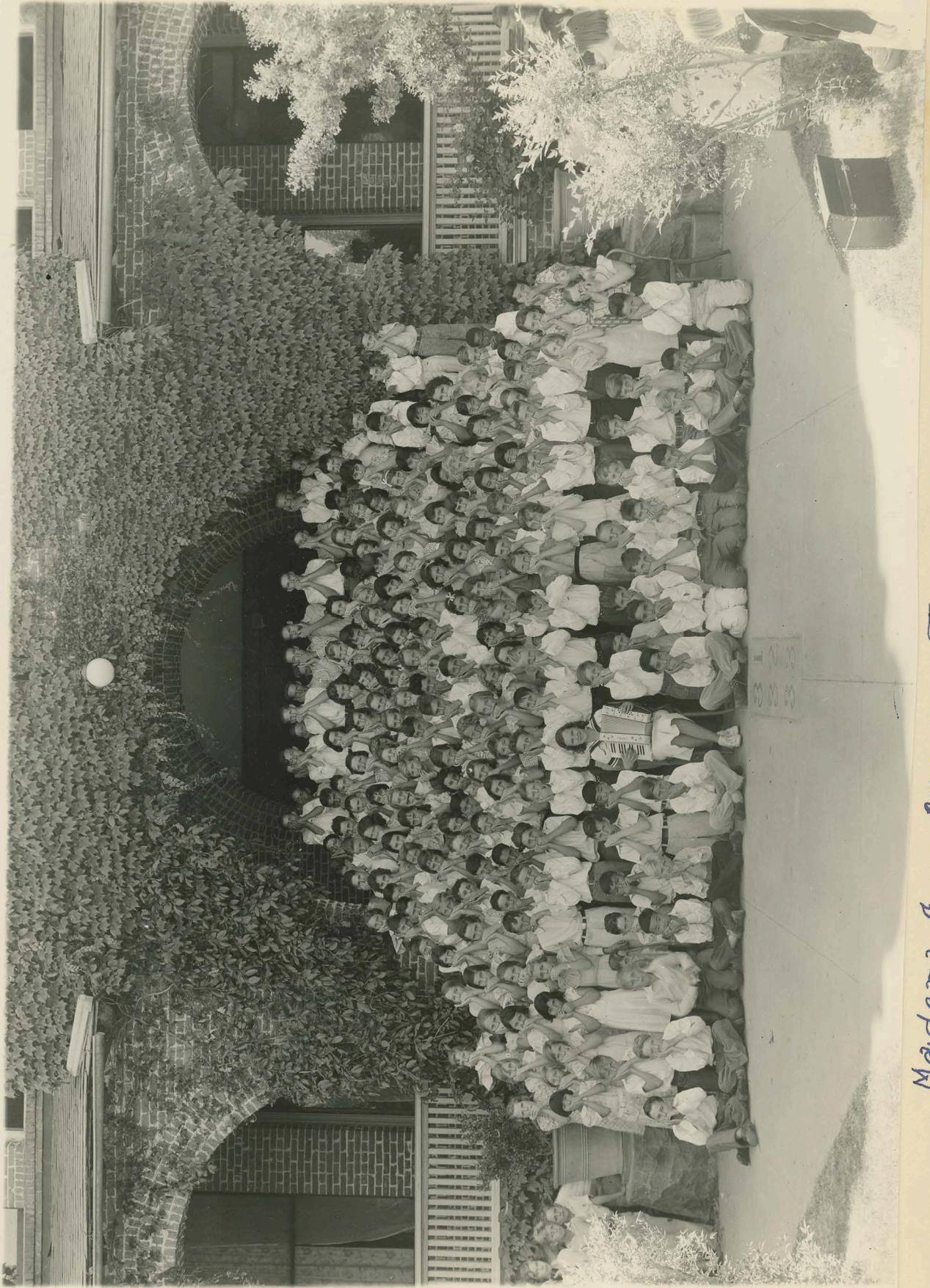
Pupils of 6-7-8 - Mrs.
Fall 1930

Mrs. C. W. Clawson
Teacher & Principal.

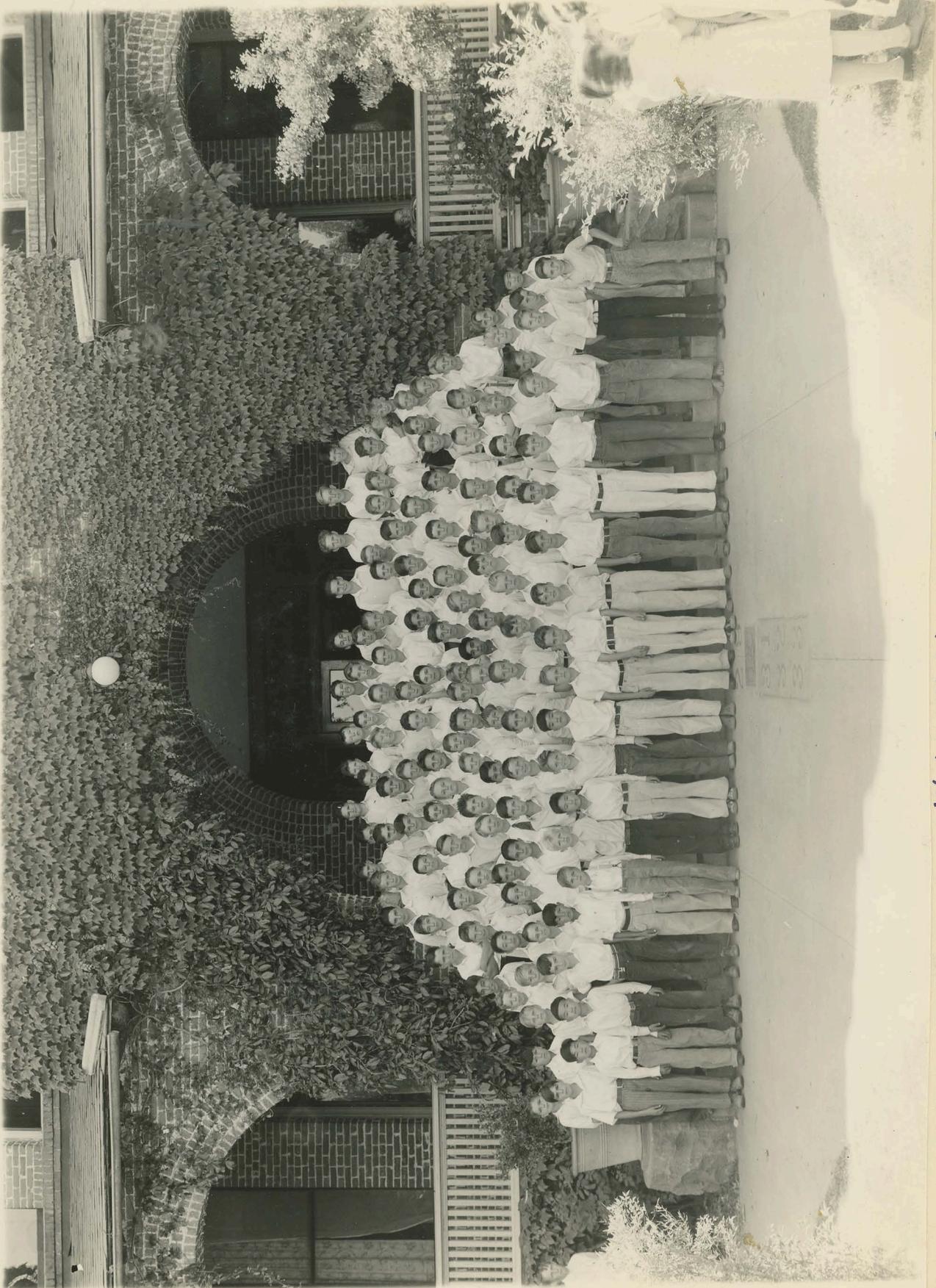
- 1-Back Row - Left -
 Shoshi Dobashi - Takala Yamanaka - Sanyanderi - David Tesei ^{Van Oleet} Barbara
 Doris Frederckson - Bruno Pagura - Fernald Ragnette - Calhoun -
 Lars Larson -
- 2-Row - Left, Mae Larson - Martha Michalson - Mary Root -
 Dora Nipp - Dorothy Black -
- 3-Row - Left Ardyz Collodi - ^{Winters} Minnie Failla - Elsie Plumm - Long Hong -
 Calhoun - Minnie Failla - Haruko Fujikawa - Misako Fujikawa -
 Josephine Ricco - - Miyako Fujikawa - Mrs. C. W. Clawson -
- 4- Harrold Monassabian - Chester Hunt - Charles Nipp - Marion Roberts
 Ernest Skagge - Loui Tesei - Nora Awakian -



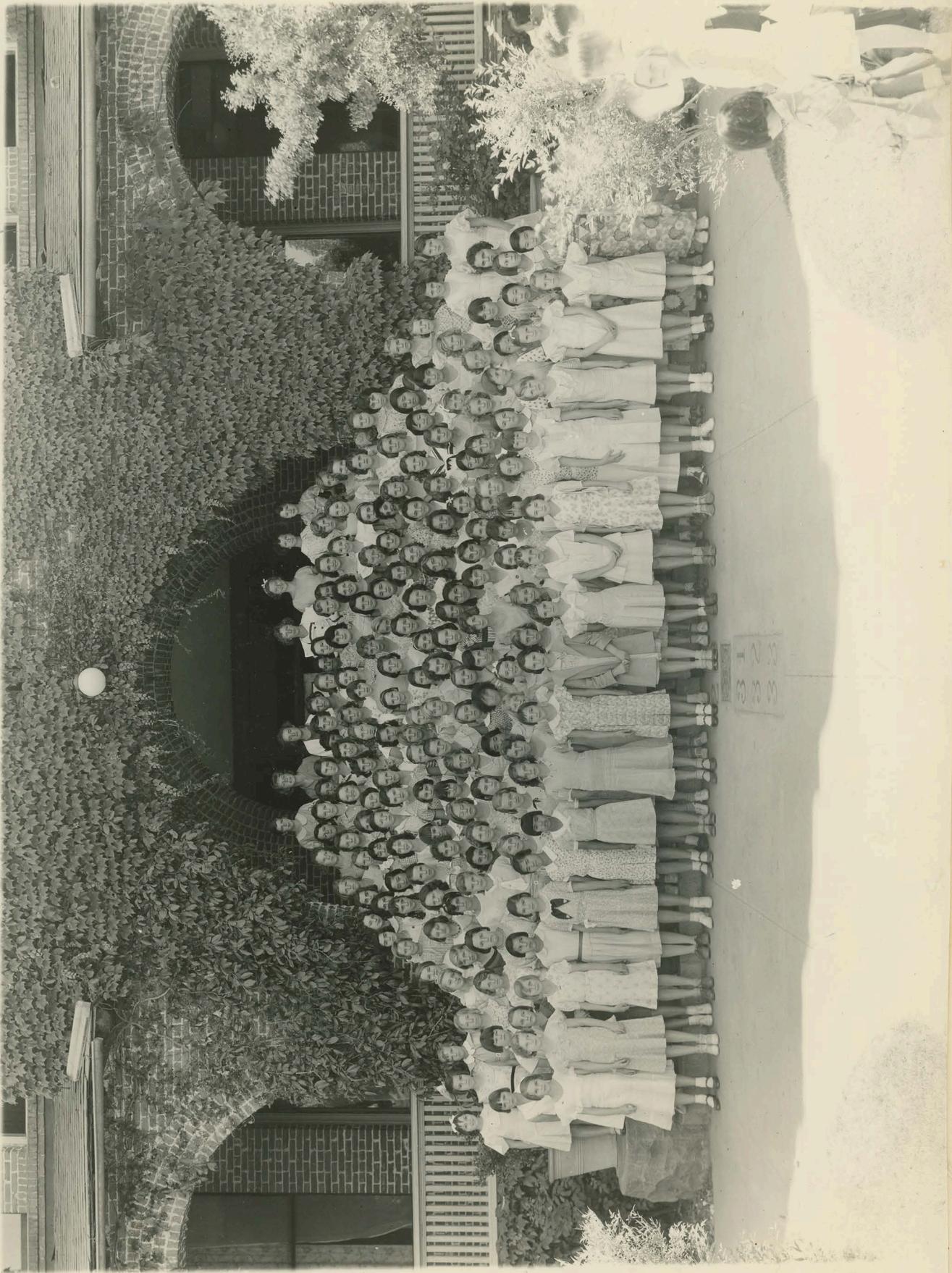
Mixed Chorus of students in Madera Co Spring Music Festival 1934
H. L. Williams Co. Supt.
Division Kennedy Co. music supervisor
Mrs. C. W. Claterson - Principal of Arcola School.



Madera Co. Music Festival 1934
Vivian Kennedy Music Supervisor - H. E. Williams Co. Supt. of Schools
A goodly number of Arcola students in their Harmonica Band.
Mrs. C. W. Clawson - Principal of Arcola



Madena Co Musical Festival - April 1934 H. S. Grounds
Boys Glee Club - Arcola has several in the club.
W. L. Williams Co. Superintendent
Vivian Kenedy Co. Music Supervisor
Mary Clawson - Principal



Girls Glee Club - Spring of 1934 Division Kennedy Co. Music Supervisor
W. S. Williams Co. Superintendent of Schools - Mary Clawson Principal at Arcola.



Entire school Fall 1932

Virginia Morgan Primary
Eudora Rodgers Intermediate
Mary Clawson Upper Grades



Flash Light at Night. - Schnoor Studio

Trustees
 Lee Skaggs Clerk.
 Russ Van Oleet
 Wendell Erickson President-absent

Graduation Class 1934

Mrs. C. W. Clawson - Principal
 Virginia Morgan Primary
 Eudora Rodgers Intermediate

Commencement Address = Mr. James Moon Diplomas
 Reverend Williams D.C. Rev. Klittker Invocation &

Benediction

Graduates

Elsworth Jacobson
 Leroy Stephenson
 Florence Walker
 Barbara Jack

Elvira Collodi
 Fernaldo Raggett
 Mijako Fujikawa
 Jimmie Failla

Frank Bishop.



Fall of 1922. Entire School -
Primary Virginia Morgan
Intermediate Eudora Rodgers
Principal Mary E. Claiborn
Janitor Mr. George Jacobson.



Rhythm Band Grades 1-2-3-4 play in the parade for Old Timers Day Oct. 29, 1932. They were accompanied by their teacher, Miss Virginia Morgan who so capably directed them. Mr. Hendell Erickson, President of Arcola school Board and Principal, Mrs. C. W. Clawson rode in front of truck which the upper grade children had decorated.

Behind Irving Gates drove his Shetland

Pony. Mr. Merritt Patterson was manager of parade.



Upper Grades 1931 - 6 - 7 - 8th

in front Principal + Teacher - Mrs. C.W. Clawson
 1st row - Charles Gordon Hisako Fujikawa - Yamanaka, Ardyce
 Collodi - Mrs. Clawson principal + teacher - Josephine Pico -

- Mary Failla

2nd from front - Left hand side - Jimmie Failla - Charles Montanari -
 Haruko Fujikawa - Maribiko Yamanaka. Long Hong.
 Harold Monabalian - Sei Hong - Chester Hunt -

3rd Row + back - left hand side - Chester Pluard Joe -
 Charles Injok - Doris - Thelma Hooten -

Minnie Failla - Loui Tessei -



Tong
x

Ardys
x

Graduation Class 1932

Haruko Fujikawa
Hisakata Fujikawa
Loui Fessis
Tong Hong
Haruhiko Yamanaka
Madora Cushman

Loui Garcia
Minnie Failles
Marion Roberts
Ardys Collodi
Mrs. Clawson
Harold Manassalian

LATEST WEDDING BELLS FOR ARCOLA ALUMNAE.

Miss Ardis Collodi, who was married on ,1938

to

CHOOSING A HUSBAND A LA CHINESE.

Tong Gong, an alumna of Arcola School, was born in China, but she came to America when she was a mere infant. She finished the Arcola grades and attended Madera Union High School two years. She won several medals in oratorical contests under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

When she had completed the second year of High School, her parents decided to return to their native China, taking with them Tong and all her brothers and sisters of stairstep sizes. Tong and two sisters were taken out of Madera High school. They moved off of the J. L. Davis ranch, where the parents had grown vegetables for market for several years.

Tong never was well while in China, so she returned to the United States as soon as she could do so.

For several months she cooked on the grain ranch of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wills of Le Grand, parents of Miss Roberta Wills, Madera high-school Home Economics teacher.

There is a custom, it seems, among the Chinese that only a certain number of their girls are eligible to marry each year. The year 1938 was Tong's turn. Forthwith many suitors, and various, old and young, called singly in turns to seek her favor.

Tong would come into the room where they had presented themselves to be looked over. Look them over she would and dismiss each with some remark like, "He all mouth." etcetera. When one in particular stood before her she sized him up for a long time - just looked - not a word from either to the other; then, "He too old" and out through the door she flounced into her boudoir, never to be seen again by him. That was his cue, --- and leave he did, --- and how !

The fortunate suitor is related to the Chinese family which

operates the Chinese laundry on West Fifth Street across from the county library park. It is told that at their marriage early in the spring of 1938 he presented her with a beautiful ring which is a perfect setting for an immense diamond.

This story is recounted by Mrs. C. W. Clawson.



6th 7th and 8th Grades 1931

Mrs. C.W. Clawson teacher + Principal

principal

Takala Yaminaka
Tony Ragnetti
David Fessi
Black

Doris Fredrickson

Dora Nipp
Shoshi Dobashi

Mrs. Clawson
Harold Monassalian

Nora Avakian
Ernest Skagge

David
Narukiko Yamanaka

Minnie Faila
Song Song

Hisdka Fujikawa
Josephine Ricci
Chester Hunt

Charlie Montanari
Marion Roberts

Elsie
Miyaka Fujikawa

Alice Avakian
Gei Song

Plum
Ardys Collodi
Mary Faila



Ag Club + weenie bake
June 1929
San Joaquin River - Leader
Mrs. Clawson.

Miss Ladd Primary teacher
and Mrs. Rodgers joined the
merrymakers.





Arcola 8th Grade Graduation Class
Picnicing at Granite Quarries - Raymond
James J. Davis
David Tessei
Margaret Van Vleet
Erma Hinters
Dorothy Davis
Ida Montanari
Nancy Sciacqua
Mrs. C. W. Clawson
Clayton Joseph Clawson
June 1929



CUPID CAN PICK THE BEST WITH HIS PRACTICED EYE.

Miss Dorothy Davis was married on _____, 1938

to

JAMES S. DAVIS.

President of Arcola Farm Center for the year 1937-8.

Mr. Davis became active in Arcola civic affairs in 1928, when he took up 4-H Agriculture Club work under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Clawson. While in Madera Union High School Mr. Davis ranked high in the work of the Future Farmers of America. He was chosen president of the center by his neighbors as a mark of appreciation of his splendid character, personality, and ability as a leader.

Arcola teachers and pupils of 1928.

Left to right.

Row 1-- Frederickson-- Mae Davis -- Marvin Whitehouse --Italia
Collodi-- Nora Avakian -- Irma Winters -- Margaret Van
Vleet - Daisy Larson - Doris Frederickson - Barbara Van
Vleet - Nancy Sciacqua - Edith Blossom - Dorothy Davis -
Laura Scott - Gordon Leyh - Unknown - David Tesei - Charles
Knipp - Nello Sciacqua

Row 3 - Miss Edamae Ladd, primary teacher - Mrs. Mary Clawson, prin-
cipal - Mrs. Eudora Rodgers, intermediate teacher - Blossom
- Lawrence Tesei - Unknown - Tong Gong - Ellen Itanaga - Un-
known - Dorothy Brown - Charles Montanari - Avakian -
Narihiko Yamanaka - Robert Scott - Tony Ragnetti

In front of Margaret Van Vleet

Calhoun - Unknown - Dorothy Knipp - Virginia Montanari -
Barbara Edgerly - Hunt - Ida Montanari - Ernest Skaggs -
Takala Yamanaka - Lars Larson.

Row 4 - Jean Edgerly - Ardis Collodi - Collodi - Alice Avakian
Krum - Gei Gong - Charles Knipp - Si Gong - Mae Larson
- Harold Manasalian - Chester Hunt - Fernald Ragnetti -

Row 5 - Martha Michaelson - Calhoun - Gong - Jane Gordon -
Unknown - Unknown - Unknown - Gong - Unknown - Unknown -
Unknown - Unknown - Unknown- Unknown - Unknown - Elsie Krum

Row 6 - Winters - Avakian - Unknown - Unknown - Charles
Gordon - Richard Itanaga - Manasalian - Norosi Yamanaka -
Lawrence Tesei



Taken June 6, 1928 on west side of new building
before completion - 91 pupils - Edna Mae Ladd Primary - Endora
Rodgers Intermediate and Mrs. C. W. Clawson Principal - Only one
who has passed into great beyond in entire group now Aug. 4, 1988 is
Marvin Whitehouse who drowned in Bass Lake Summer of 1936



Fine Basket Ball Team

Fall of 1926

Teacher Mrs. C.W. Clawson

Captain Rene Rouque

Louis Rouque

Dean Slavens

Harold Butler

Bernice Whitehouse



Eliza Gordon - Mrs. Frank Gordon
and daughter E Jane and Mrs. C. W. Clawson
taken at the picnic.



School Picnic May 1926 at
Roeding Park.



May 1926 -
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Clawson
Taken at Picnic by Bernice Whitehouse
in Reading Park. -

Mrs. Clawson ran for County
Superintendent of schools this yr. and
lost to Mr. H. L. Williams who was successful
candidate. -



Graduates 1926 at Play
Margaret Dennis
Mary Van Curen
Wilbur Pitman



north of frame building built 1910.
 Fall of 1913
 all grades 42 to 58 pupils
 Teacher Mrs. C.W. Clawson
 Trustees Mrs. J. L. (Bertrude) Davis
 Mrs. Carrie (Tom) Carvin
 Mrs. Ballard
 Very fine trustees!



South East Corner of same
 building at same time.
 La Oina Keys keep our school
 home nice and clean.



Alfred DelBona and sister Bolineda
For several years after graduation
alfred worked for Bank of America
in San Francisco Calif.



Mr. + Mrs. DelBona
Patrons in 1923. Parents of
alfred, the only graduate that
year.

1923-1938.

DECEASED.

Little Reynolds girl

Marvin Whitehouse, son of Mr. J.T. Whitehouse of Madera. Graduated from Arcola in 1928 and from Madera Union High School in 1932. For a short time he attended Leland Stanford, Jr. University at Palo Alto and then joined the United States Navy to continue his studies and was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. In the summer of 1936 he returned to Madera for a visit on a month's leave of absence. He accompanied a group of young friends on a Sunday picnic to Bass Lake in Madera county. While swimming he was seized with cramps and drowned in spite of efforts for his rescue.

ARCOLA'S

MATRIMONIAL

ROLL CALL.

Marriages of Arcola graduates who completed Grammar
School since the year 1923, 1928.

Italia Collodi to

Harold Butler to

Joseph Lilles to

Bernice Whitehouse to

Barbara Van Vleet to Vernon Hunt

Margaret Van Vleet to Raynor Parkes

Alex Pagura to

David Tesei to Miss Sampaulesi

Alfred Del Bono to Miss Ricci

Girar Avakian to

Homer O. Clawson to Marjorie Fisher

Agnes Montanari to

Alberta McRae to

James S. Davis to

Virginia Montanari to

Dorothy Davis to

Silvio Valenzuela to Miss Hawes

Nancy Sciacqua to

Mary Root to Harold Clark

Dora Knipp to

Tony Ragnetti to

Ardys Collodi to

Tong Gong to

Gei Gong to

Fernaldo Ragnetti to

Leroy Stephenson to

Gerald Miller to

Rene Nouque to

Louis Nouque to

