

# RANCHO SANTA FE PROGRESS



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Ready for a canter into the open country that surrounds Rancho Santa Fe. Besides Miss Claggett's fine saddle horse, Tiddle-de-wink, the Claggett stables now hold several horses of Arthur K. Loomis, and many more are to follow.

## A HORSEMAN'S PARADISE

Rancho Santa Fe has lately begun to attract the attention of horsemen and it seems fair to predict that this will soon become an important center for those who follow the sport of kings.

The free and open character of the country, the considerable system of bridle trails recently arranged for within the Ranch itself, and the splendid climate all contribute toward making this something of a paradise for those who love to ride.

The nucleus of what is destined probably to become one of the most important diversions of the community was established by Mrs. Belle Claggett when she decided to include a good sized stable as part of the development of her estate near the Civic Center. One of the Claggett horses and several of the horses of Mr. Arthur K. Loomis are now at the Ranch, and Miss Mary Belle Claggett especially can be seen astride her mount almost every day.

Miss Claggett is a true lover of horses and is frequently seen at horse-shows both in California and other states. She has won a number of ribbons.

Mr. Arthur K. Loomis, another ardent follower of the equine sport, has recently purchased the old Osuna property at Rancho Santa Fe and is planning an establishment of considerable importance. He expects very

soon to bring a car-load of saddle horses from Kentucky and will establish facilities at Rancho Santa Fe for breeding fine stock. Rancho Santa Fe climate is said to be ideal for this purpose. The Claggetts expect to have four or five horses shipped from Kentucky at the same time.

Note should be made of the attractive character, architecturally speaking, of the Claggett stable. Far from being a structure of indifferent design, it lends interest to the hillside below the Claggett residence, where it is half hidden by orange trees. A rustic fireplace sets off the exterior and adds both beauty and utility to the grooms' quarters within.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Cutter, of Riverside, California, recently spent several days at Rancho Santa Fe, inspecting the project. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter purchased a very attractive estate in block 18, on the golf course and have ordered immediate landscaping of their property.

The stork visited Rancho Santa Fe twice during the past month. On March 15th, Mr. and Mrs. John Cushman became the proud parents of a baby boy, Charles Colt Cushman. On the very next day, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smart were presented with a boy, Robert William Smart.

## Tennis Grows Popular

Tennis is becoming an exceedingly popular sport at Rancho Santa Fe. The game is gaining new devotees every week and the 3 courts now established at the Ranch are pretty well kept busy from morning until night.

A friendly rivalry has grown up between Rancho Santa Fe players and a group of players from the San Diego Country Club. Informal matches are frequently played, first at Rancho Santa Fe and then at the Country Club courts, and a more formal inter-club tournament is being planned.

Some of the San Diego Country Club people who are participants in this sport are Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wincote, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Durr, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Marston Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. E. Swift Torrance and Mr. George L. Mark.

The Ranald Macdonalds and the Frank Coffyns both have good courts near their homes and the community court near La Morada is also popular. A custom has grown up among various of the players to spend Sunday morning at the Pauline Neff Coffyn home and Sunday afternoon at the Macdonalds. Some of the most enthusiastic players are Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Coffyn, Mr. and Mrs. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore and Maitland Bakewell. Mrs. Moore and Miss Voris are credited with playing every morning while less energetic residents are still sleeping.

Mrs. Albright, sister of Mrs. Ralph Cook, has taken the latter's place as hostess at La Morada and is contributing in no small measure to the hospitality of this charming hotel. The facilities of the Inn have been sorely taxed the last month, so much so that it has been necessary nearly every day to turn away guests who sought accommodations. The situation has been so acute that prospective guests are urged to make reservations well in advance.

Barbara Badger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Badger, recently recovered from a 3 week chicken-pox illness. No ill effects resulted, however and she was able to go with her mother last week for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Adamson, in Los Angeles.

Pauline Neff Coffyn had as her guests at a recent Sunday night supper party Mr. and Mrs. Ranald Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smillie, Miss Barbara Millard, and Mr. and Mrs. Edeson of Hollywood.

## A HEALTH VIEW OF RANCHO SANTA FE

By Dr. Ralph Opdyke

Having been an interested observer of Rancho Santa Fe's development from the very first and an owner on a fairly extensive scale for the last several years I feel it not only a rare privilege but an obligation to reiterate a few of the exceptional advantages and pleasures of the place as seen through a physician's eyes.

From a climatic standpoint alone, few locations in any way approach it. Its distance from the ocean is just about proper to avoid the low fogs. Hills intervening dispel most of the high ones. It lies too in the line of that fortunate stratum of soil, reaching from Capistrano to the Mexican border and only a few miles in width, that is most marvelously favored both by atmospheric currents and character to make it as near perfect as can be, both for health and for the growth of all semi-tropical and even much tropical planting.

The presence of the enormous planting of varied eucalyptus groves within the confines of Rancho Santa Fe assures the residents of relief from various bronchial affections. The reasonably lofty hills in the background with a northern exposure naturally break and scatter the too severe winds from the north and cut off the arid desert blows of the summer. The naturally rolling character of the general topography and element of sandy and gravelly soil assures one of continuously excellent drainage, a thing most important from a health standpoint. This condition likewise protects one largely from the night fogs and too heavy dews, so prevalent nearer the coast. In fact, a few minutes after leaving the ocean neighborhood, one is struck by the complete change in temperature and clarity of the atmosphere.

All the above has to do entirely with the climatic conditions from a health standpoint, and yet these same characteristics are an extremely important factor in the enhancement of plant life and in the assurance of good crops from the enormously rapid growth of trees of all kinds.

When one visions the 9,000 acres of undulating hills and vales of Rancho Santa Fe literally covered with blooming orchards and artistic Spanish homes dotting the horizon—when one visions 52 miles of winding shaded drives giving one continually changing vistas and panoramas of beauty—one is indeed more than thrilled with the outlook. Those of us owners not already living there can barely bide our time till we too can be therein safely ensconced and happy.



Luxuriant growth of semi-tropical plants and rustic treatment of native stone combine with the soft tones of stucco and tile to give this corner of the Carothers residence an inviting appeal of warmth and color.

## Fairbanks Ranch Busy

Considerable activity is taking place on the Fairbanks estate across the San Dieguito River from the village of Rancho Santa Fe. Twenty-five men are now employed on the ranch under the direction of W. A. Smart, manager.

They have recently been employed in the turning under of the winter cover crop to provide mulching and fertilization of the soil.

An 80-acre orchard of Valencia oranges under the recently installed overhead sprinkling system will be set out this spring. Plans are also under way for the planting of an additional 30,000 seedling orange trees in the Fairbanks nursery.

Besides the orchard and general improvement work the Fairbanks force is taking care of 100 acres of lima beans this year in the Lusardi Valley portion of the Fairbanks estate. Equip-

ment recently secured for the Fairbanks operations includes a tree spraying machine, six head of horses for general work and a machine shop for overhauling tractors and automobiles.

Mrs. Barton Millard, together with her mother and daughter, Miss Barbara Millard, recently motored to Santa Barbara for a few days, stopping at Los Angeles on the way. A short time later Mrs. Millard had the unusual pleasure of making the round trip to Los Angeles by airplane, making the trip that would have taken all day by motor in a few short hours.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hosmer, Mr. Hosmer's mother and his daughter, Harriet, recently spent a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ladd, during Miss Hosmer's Easter vacation. Miss Hosmer is attending the Virgil Junior High School, of Los Angeles.



The Christiancy Apartments are nearing completion. They offer quite a contrast in architectural design to the boxlike apartment houses that ruin so many city streets.

## Impressions of Rancho Santa Fe

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In order to be able to write year in and year out, about the glories of Southern California, one must, of a necessity, keep prodding a curious nose into every nook and cranny of this country. Impelled partly by this necessity, and partly by a desire to get away from the endless throng of people who constantly are trying to sell me the "greatest idea ever conceived" for Southern California publicity, I recently visited Rancho Santa Fe.

By reading available data and by listening to accounts of it from friends, one gets a smattering of what is in store for him there. But all these pre-conceived ideas of the place, however glowing, fade into nothingness as the reality lies spread before one.

Like the traditional blind men who gained entirely different conceptions of the elephant from the particular part of his anatomy they grasped, Rancho Santa Fe appeals to everyone in a different way; always favorably, of course. Some are struck at once with the appeal of its vistas.

Others see in it a land of vast estates. Still others, more practical minded, rapidly calculate the potential fruit yield of its fertile acres.

To an efficiency expert, the history of the project itself might have a heart-warming influence when he



An interior view of the Barlow residence, once the home of the Osunas. Notice how the massiveness of the fireplace conforms to the heavy adobe walls. The furnishings carry out well the motif suggested by the home's romantic associations.

learns that the great area, once planted to eucalyptus by a railroad company had hoped to grow its own ties, had been turned into a vast agricultural region when it was found that the tie-growing experiment was a failure.

But to me there is nothing more alluring than the old Spanish atmosphere itself. We boast of the rank of California cities among financial centers, but every city has its Wall Street or an equivalent. We tell the world we are a manufacturing center, but so are several other parts of the country. Other states have fine schools and churches and city halls and parks. But only California has the romantic atmosphere of Old Spain.

And instead of burying this beneath a veneer of Middle-Western foliage and flub-dubbery and filigree, Rancho Santa Fe has preserved it and made it a part of itself. From the faithful restoration of the old Osuna house to the business district itself, Rancho Santa Fe is the source of unending pleasure to lovers of Spanish tradition and architecture.

I firmly believe that if I could take the most confirmed critic of California down those few short blocks from La Morada to the end of the business district, he would be forced to admit that California has something different.

It was late afternoon one winter



Some of the juvenile stage stars of Rancho Santa Fe school caught in costume rehearsing for their latest play.

day when I enjoyed such a stroll. Sauntering along the pathway that leads eastward from the spacious terrace of La Morada, down the gentle slope of the hill on which the charming guest house is situated, I could not help commending mentally the taste that was displayed in the treatment of the landscape. La Morada, flanked by towering eucalypti and backed by a glowing sunset seemed to have always been a part of the landscape.

Leisurely I inspected the flowers bordering the pathway and soon emerged into the street itself. Only one other place in California in my estimation, has preserved so faithfully the Old Spanish atmosphere. That place is Ojai, where one is caught in the swiftly moving motor traffic and rushed completely through the city before the picturesqueness of its architecture is fully impressed upon his consciousness.

Rancho Santa Fe is different in this respect. Five miles of rolling terrain separate it from the heavy traffic of the Coast Route. There one can ramble through the business district, peering into attractive little court-yards, inspecting a dozen different styles of grillwork, or pause long enough to admire a crudely fashioned but artistic olla which, while serving an ornamental rather than a useful purpose, makes one fairly wish for a cooling draught of its contents. Massive wrought iron hinges and latches and knockers, weather-beaten corbels, tapestry-hung

"The Pictorial Qualities of Rancho Santa Fe from a Photographer's Point of View" is the subject chosen by Mr. Harold Taylor, artist photographer of Coronado, California, who will speak at the P. T. A. meeting on April 19th. Mr. Taylor's work is well-known in the West, where his wonderfully interesting studies of eucalyptus and yuccas have done much to build up true appreciation of these Californian assets. Knowing this subject to be one of such general interest, the members of the P. T. A. wish to extend an open invitation to everyone who may care to attend on April 19th. The meeting will be held at the School House at 3:00 P. M. Tea will be served after the talk.

The shades of old Don Osuna and the other Spanish overlords who once ruled the domain that is now Rancho Santa Fe were disturbed from their peaceful slumbers by a group of children, who took possession of the old Osuna homestead on the afternoon of April 6th and held an Easter Egg Hunt on the green lawns, shady terraces and in the cool recesses of the old adobe hacienda which was once the home of old Don Juan, in the days when California was young. The event was sponsored by the Rancho Santa Fe P. T. A. and the children enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

The Rancho Santa Fe P. T. A. held their regular bridge afternoon on Thursday, April 5th. The first prize was won by Mrs. W. N. Attrill, of Rancho Santa Fe, and the second prize by Mrs. Conway, of Del Mar.

Members of the Masonic lodge and their families enjoyed a dinner and dance at Beacon Inn, near Cardiff, last week. The event was one of a series enjoyed frequently by Masonic families of the San Dieguito district.

Mr. E. R. Mullen has just recently completed the planting of four acres of Valencia oranges on his property in Lot 5, Block 44. This brings Mr. Mullen's total planting to eight acres.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bristol have arrived from LaJunta, Colorado, to spend several months on their delightful place in the eucalyptus grove.

Mrs. C. F. Pease and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Joers have recently moved into their respective new homes.

balconies—each in turn intrigue the fancy of lovers of Spanish architecture.

And as I reached the end of the street that I considered all too short, and stood looking out over a vista of rolling hills dotted with Spanish homes and orchards, I realized that if California is to continue to lure people, it must preserve everlastingly that charm which the early Spaniards recognized in its latent form even in virgin California, and developed it into a counterpart of that of their own homeland.

Mrs. Carolyn King, a staff writer for the Ladies' Home Journal, the Country Gentleman and other Curtis publications, recently made a special trip from Los Angeles to Rancho Santa Fe. Her purpose was to gather information for writing up the community for the Ladies' Home Journal. In a column which she conducts in the Country Gentleman, she has already mentioned Rancho Santa Fe as one of the high spots in her memory of her trip up and down the Pacific Coast.

One of the recent block buyers in the newly resubdivided block 18, facing on the golf course, was Mr. Herbert E. Johnson, of the Colorado Milling and Elevator Co., Denver, Colorado. Mr. Johnson's estate will be immediately landscaped and he later plans to build a large Spanish residence.

Mrs. Florence Cheyne surprised her friends at Rancho Santa Fe about the middle of March by announcing her marriage to Mr. Ralph A. Cook on February 25th. Many of Mrs. Cheyne's friends were eagerly awaiting the wedding announcement and it came as a distinct surprise that the ceremony had already taken place. The wedding was held at the Mission Inn at Riverside, with only the immediate families present. Mr. and Mrs. Cook sailed on April 2nd for New York, via the Panama Canal, whence they will return by rail.

Dr. Ralph Opdyke and Mrs. Opdyke, of Beverly Hills, California, spent two days at Rancho Santa Fe recently, looking over their orchard, which consists of ten acres of avocado and walnut planting. Dr. and Mrs. Opdyke expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the way everything is growing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edeson, of Los Angeles, recently spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Pauline Neff Coffyn and have joined the ranks of property owners at Rancho Santa Fe. Mr. and

Mrs. Edeson purchased a very charming residential property in block 37, heavily wooded. Mr. Edeson, formerly well known on the legitimate stage, is now prominent in motion picture circles. His work in "Chicago," recently, caused much favorable comment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boettiger enjoyed a visit a short time ago from their old Chicago friends, Mr. and Mrs. Alderson and Mr. and Mrs. Shimm. The Chicagoans had heard much of Rancho Santa Fe and were delighted with its beauty.



Visitors who return to Rancho Santa Fe after a year or two's absence remark upon the rapid growth of the foliage at Rancho Santa Fe. New interesting pictures are framed as the eucalyptus trees mount skyward.

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