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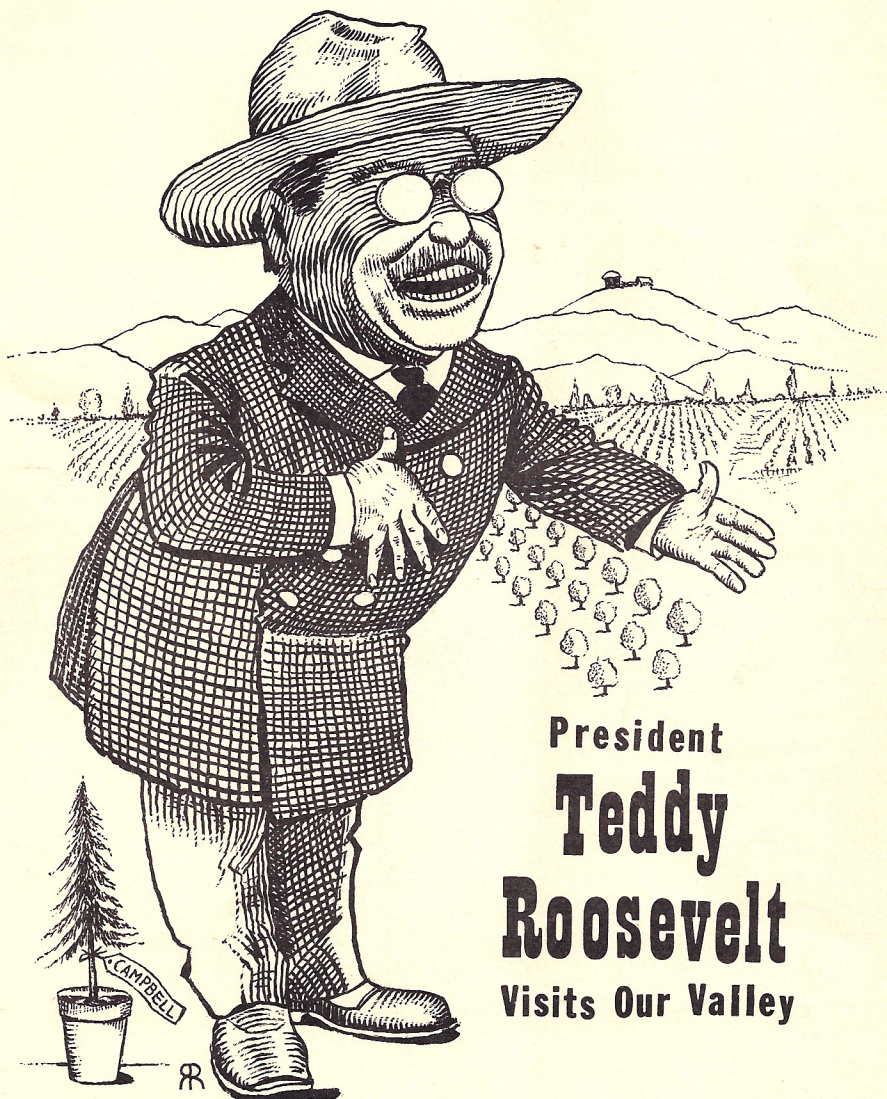
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President
**Teddy
Roosevelt**
Visits Our Valley

WHALE BLAZERS

BILL YORK operated a furniture factory in Saratoga, back in 1861, turning out some rather beautiful pieces made from redwood burl and madrone. In spite of the excellent work Bill did, his inventory piled up and his venture as a furniture manufacturer had to come to an end. There were just not enough folks in the area to support this

craftsman's business.

Bill didn't fret for long, because he immediately turned to gun-smithing, a more profitable business because the nearby mountains were alive with game. York did rather well selling hunting gear. It has been said York more than evened the score, because two butchers in town had to go out of business.

EAST SAN JOSE was once a town in its own right. It was incorporated on July 23, 1906. Frank H. Moon was the community's first mayor. Running east of the Coyote Creek, it had street names like: Adams, Webster, Clay, Franklin, Owens, and Barnes, that since have disappeared. It was finally annexed to San Jose on December 1, 1911, San Jose's second annexation. The Gardner District was the first. (Now there are about 2000.)

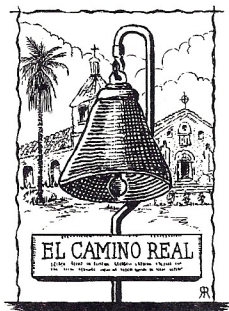
THE PIONEER, forerunner of the Trailblazer, quoted the following on Jan. 20th, 1877 under "Senatorial Comports." "The expenditures of the United States Senate for the year ending June 30, 1876 show that there were purchased during that period ten gallons of co-

logne, thirteen gallons of bay rum, one dozen and a half bottles of Martinique snuff for the Senate Chamber, and one hundred pounds of camphor, besides many other articles for the comfort and the convenience of Senators."

Strangely enough, it was a Frenchman who brought the potato to California in 1786. Comt Jean de la Perouse brought his healthy tubers from Chile. These were added to the already long list of vegetables produced at the Franciscan Missions, including Mission Santa Clara.

H.C.

Our 570 Mile Landmark



THE EL CAMINO REAL is a road over which much history has traveled. It has been the general route between towns along the coast for many years.

Here on the Peninsula it had many names: The San Francisco Road, The County Road, Old Mission Trail, Monterey Road, El Camino Real and U.S. 101. But its now official name became official only in recent times

and is not as historic as many believe. The wide open country of Spanish days in California, there certainly was no need to dedicate a road. The camino was merely a trail from mission to mission. Later, under the Mexican Republic rarely would anyone think of calling a road "real" or royal. Archeologists have since discovered the true Royal Road had extended from Guatemala to Mexico City. Little can be said in favor of the quality of California's roads, even as late as the 1840's or 1850's.

A drive to popularize its use started about 1906 with the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West and a Mrs. A.S. Forbes of Los Angeles. This was when "touring" by automobile over horse roads was becoming a brand new sport. To guide these happy wanderers and teach them some history, Mrs. Forbes designed and patterned a mission bell hung gooseneck fashion from an iron pipe with a sign attached to each reading, "El Camino Real" and giving the distance in both directions to the nearest missions. The idea of placing these signs was that of the El Camino Real Assoc., with chapters in various towns along with other auto clubs and societies. Their goal, a bell for every mile over the entire length of the mission chain. These original bells fronting most of the missions today are said to have been cast in Mrs. Forbes back yard.

In the beginning this route was not laid out by a crew of engineers, but by trial and error of the friar and the Spanish military following each others tracks and changing here and there for short-cuts or better ground.

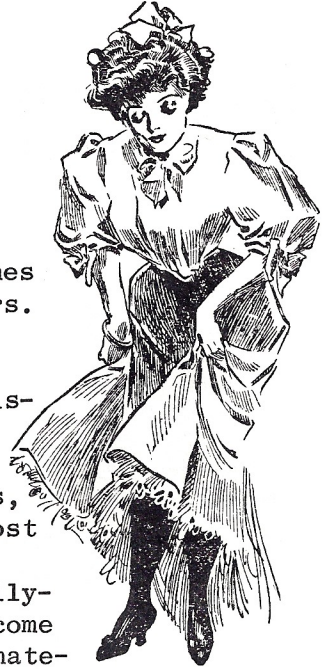
Our 750 mile often-altered El Camino Real extending from San Diego to Sonoma, California was acclaimed a State Registered Landmark on Nov. 24, 1963 commemorating the 250th birthday of California's apostle, Father Serra.

Fashion Tips 1912

Our "Fashion Editor," Arthur Fisk, comes up with a few published dress behaviors.

Carriage Dress

"There is much more latitude for display permitted by the carriage dress. Rich materials, elegant wraps, costly furs, are allowable. Coaching parties, too, have grown to be occasions for most gorgeous costuming. Every hue of the rainbow is to be seen as the lofty tally-ho rolls past, until, so great has become the license of color and richness of material, that the "four hundred" are calling a halt and soberer tints are beginning to mark this amusement.



Dress for Riding

"The riding-habit should be made of broadcloth or some other suitable cloth. The skirt should be weighted by sewing shot in the lower edge of the left hand widths. Equestrian tights should be worn. The habit is sometimes worn over another dress skirt, when, in case of dismounting or accident, the habit-skirt can be slipped off and the rider still left properly attired. Very long skirts are not worn. The habit should fit perfectly to the throat. Linen collar, a pretty tie and linen cuffs are worn, and a leather glove with gauntlet. The hat should be plain and of the prevailing fashion.



Bathing Dress

"Bathing calls for a costume of some material that will not cling to the form when wet. Flannel is appropriate, and a heavy quantity of mohair also makes a successful dress, as it resists water and has no clinging qualities. An oil-silk cap should be worn over the hair. The cut of the dress should be modest; the costume loose and full, and it should be made with a skirt. The neck should be cut high."



770 LINCOLN AVENUE!

Slow down your car and give more than a casual glance at a jewel of historical antiquity, the Indian, Roberto's adobe, once the hacienda of the vast Rancho de los Coches.

Threatened by surveyors' lines and awaiting the bulldozer, the free-way overpass was at the last moment diverted, thanks to adamant San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission headed by Theron Fox. The mighty State of California actually curved its concrete pathway around this noble landmark! Briefly, here is its history:

The old Indian, Roberto, and his family built and occupied this adobe as early as 1836. Various owners have occupied the house to this day. Recent preservation improvements have been in progress.

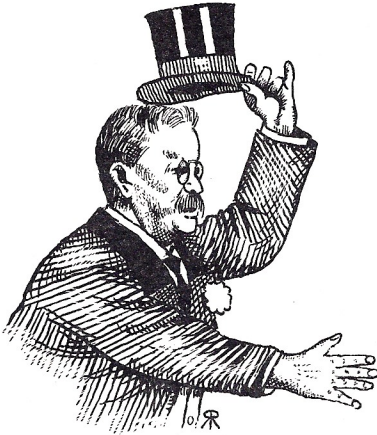
Governor Micheltorena formally granted the adobe and Rancho de los Coches to Roberto in 1844. In 1847 Don Antonio Sunol, first postmaster of San Jose pur-

chased the entire grant from Roberto for \$500. He divided it into thirds, one part for himself, one part to his daughter and husband Peter Sansevain, and sold a third to Henry Morris Naglee. In 1854 Stephen Spiv-
also added the second story. Today the ancient boundaries cover areas of southwestern San Jose, Hanchett Park, Burbank District, O'Connor Hospital and the County Medical Center.

Recent diligent research and discovery of the original deed by Theron Fox reveals that Roberto had a last name - Balermino. The confirming deed is signed by Juan Balermino, son of Roberto as Roberto and his wife and daughter were deceased. Father Spearman, archivist of the University of Santa Clara, searching baptismal and burial records suggests, and purely as an "educated guess" that Roberto Balermino was not a Santa Clara Mission Indian but a converted and well esteemed immigrant Indian from Baja California.

R.R.

★ TEDDY WAS HERE ★



PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT WAS COMING TO TOWN! It was May 11, 1903 and Mayor George Worswick of San Jose insisted all streets and roads be thoroughly sprinkled to guarantee the Chief Executive a dustless parade route. The unique flag and flower-laden Presidential carriage was the inspiration of a proud and excited delegation from the San Jose Women's Club. Four elegant horses and their riders

from the Sheriff's Dept. were prepared to escort the Roosevelt carriage party. Twelve horse-drawn vehicles all prim and polished made up the San Jose welcoming cavalcade.

The President was arriving from Monterey where just the day before he had ridden by horse the scenic 17 Mile Drive taking two hours and ten minutes including stops to enjoy all this renowned coast line had to offer.

In the first carriage rode Roosevelt, Sec. Wm. Loeb Jr., F.H. Tyree, Mayor George Worswick and J.O. Hayes. Among the other conveyances rode the Sec. of the Navy Moody, Ass't. Sec. Barnes and Surgeon General P.M. Rixey. This illustrious procession halted at Notre Dame Convent where hundreds of spellbound children gathered and many nuns crowded the gateway to see and hear the President of the United States thank and wish them well.

The Santa Clara Mill and Tannery employees greeted him with hurrahs for "Teddy" as bells rang and whistles blew. The procession stopped at Santa Clara College as the student band struck up "Hail Columbia" with all the vigor it could muster. The former Colonel with the Rough Riders shook hands most cordially with Rev. R.E. Kenna, S.J., president of the school, and D.O. Druffel, mayor of Santa Clara.

The popular hero of the Spanish American War chatted with farmers along the rural route asking about their ranch problems as he marveled at a lush and endless vista of our valley's productive fruit belt.

A hearty and warm welcome greeted the beaming President on his arrival in Campbell where he addressed the large flag-waving gathering and planted a redwood tree. "It is great to take part in planting this tree," he said leaning on a bow-tied shovel. "It is a real pleasure to address especially the children. I have but just one word to say to you, it is something I should say to your elders also. I believe in play and I believe in work. I want to see you play hard while you play, and when you work, do not play at all."

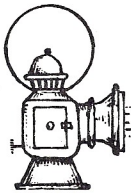
After a restful night in the "Orchard City" Roosevelt relished an early and elaborate breakfast prepared by the Campbell Grange.

The forty-five year old head of state, historian, author, sportsman and wild life lover took his final look at San Jose, the Garden City, from the rear of the last car as the train pulled out of the broad gauge Bassett Street depot at 8:31 A.M. May 12, 1903.

H.C.



The once 70 foot, sixty year old Roosevelt Tree, cut down and discarded in 1964, grows again! A healthy 15 foot tree sprouts from the mother stump in the County Park at Vasona.



PIONEER SPOTLIGHT

by Hank Calloway

Strapping Hugh Edes, our retired detective Sergeant, completed a lively thirty-eight years with the San Jose Police Department in 1962.

This jovial pioneer member is a Morgan Hill native where his father was a R. F. D. mailman and later the town's leading merchant and realtor. Hugh's grandfather, George Edes, was Postmaster and publisher of the Morgan Hill Sun, the town's first newspaper in 1896. Hugh, we find, descends from pre-Revolutionary War journalists. "Yes," states Hugh firmly, "I have the first edition of the Boston News Letter, the first newspaper printed in Colonial America. "Golly!" he grins, "How the Boston Museum would like to have it!" Hugh further points out this priceless memento is the paper his ancestor, Ben Edes, who as a patriot played a big part in putting out of business. "Ya, bettcha!" he snickers, "It was in the Edes printery where those involved in the Boston Tea Party changed into Indian garb." Hugh further adds it was an Edes who first set the Star Spangled Banner to type.

Hugh, by the way, is quite a whirlwind in the kitchen, turning out some rather tasty Italian specialties. While additional helpings were in order, I loosened my belt, ate and listened as our historic feast continued. Hugh displayed a printer's "stick," another family treasured keepsake. The "stick" is a hand tray in which loose type is assembled into words and lines. This relic belonged to Edes's great-great uncle, Peter Edes, and co-worker of Benjamin Franklin. "It was with this tool," says Hugh, "Franklin learned his trade." To sum it up the Edeses know their craft well. They survived from 1754 to 1904.

Another incredible member of the family clan was Charles Edes who served with Commodore Robert E. Perry in 1852 when he introduced Japan to Western commerce. In 1908 Oakland, California extended Charles Edes a city wide reception, he being at that time the only surviving member of the Perry Party.

Our mirthful menu virtuoso is also a renowned authority on many types of firearms. He belongs to a number of gun and skeet clubs. A well-equipped reloading shop at his home keeps Hugh busy supplying friends and members with their favorite target ammunition. Deep sea and

inland fly fishing are other Edes's activities.

Hugh and his charming wife, Alice, have two children, Colonel Richard Edes now with the Pentagon and a daughter Barbara Cox, wife of Dick Cox, Santa Clara County Public Relations Director. Alice, Barbara, and Dick are also members of The California Pioneers of Santa Clara County.



As your newly elected president, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent leadership of the outgoing president, Dr. C. Kelly Canelo. No doubt all the members wish to express our gratitude for the successful 1973-1974 year of our organization during Dr. Canelo's administration. His fine qualities of dignity, graciousness, punctuality, and efficiency will long be remembered and appreciated by all of us. As the immediate past president, Dr. Canelo will chair the "SUNSHINE AND ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE" for this coming year.

Our one and only new director is Mr. William Close who will be introduced at the September Luncheon meeting.

This year, 1974-1975, will be a most momentous one for our organization, as in June 1975 we will be 100 years old! Your directors have asked Mr. Austen Warburton to be the chairman of the "100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE." If any of you have any suggestions on how to celebrate this great event, pass them on to him.

As of this July our active and official membership is 1309. Your directors have set the goal of our membership by the 100th year to be 2000 members. This means that every present member should assist in reaching that goal. One of the best ways, is for a member to invite one or more of his ole-time friends who should be members to be his guests at one of our quarterly luncheons. When a non-member sees the purpose and the goals of our organization, he probably will ask for a membership application blank. Won't you all join us in encouraging new members this year? Miss A. Bernice Van Gundy is our excellent Membership Committee chairman and she will have plenty of application forms at our September luncheon meeting.

Our new Program Chairman, who is also our first vice-president, Mr. Anthony R. Sapena, has a most interesting and historical program arranged for our Sept. 7th membership luncheon. The program will center on the "HISTORY

OF THE SAN JOSE FIRE DEPARTMENT." The story will relate some of the early disastrous and calamitous fires. You will not want to miss this informative and delightful luncheon meeting. INVITE A FRIEND AS YOUR GUEST!

O. I. Schmaelzle

Look For It Here

RESERVATIONS: Please use the enclosed post paid card to make your reservation for the Sept. 7th meeting before August 30. If you later find you cannot attend phone: 243-5752 or 241-4436 or 244-1360

TOURS: NEW MEXICO--An AMTRAK and bus 15-day tour of the beautiful Southwest will explore the historic pueblos of Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque together with a ride on the Silverton-Durango Train to Mesa Verde, 4-Corners and Gallup. Austen Warburton will be our guide. Phone Mrs. Ruth Gross 379-4877 from 9 am to noon, Mon. through Fri. FOR OTHER TOUR INFORMATION call Esther Adams, 264-8119 or Alice Vetterle, 294-7510 between 9 am and 12 noon Monday through Thursday. Address 2150-97 Almaden Road, San Jose CA 95125. If you need a tour brochure, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address.

The SOCIAL CLUB of our society meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. For further information call Mrs. Lovene Luhrman, 292-0070.

The WINCHESTER HOUSE is now officially a California Registered Landmark # 868. A large turn out witnessed this event on May 13, 1974.

HISTORIC ESSAY CONTEST: Mrs. Sally Young of San Jose State University with her "The Reconstruction of Villa Maria," (a Stevens Creek area landmark), was first prize winner. Sheriff Capt. Wm. J. Miller, a part-time student at San Jose City College and one of our members, won 2nd prize with "The Life and Times of Harry 'Jubilee' Bee."

The little HACIENDA CEMETERY at New Almaden will be salvaged from neglect and forgetfulness because someone cared--Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vennum recently presented the tax deeded property to our Pioneer Society. Appreciative civic, historian and youth groups have already offered their efforts to help restore and maintain our new derelict shrouded mountain cemetery.

ATTENTION --- Dues for 1974 are now overdue. Please remit to Curtis S. Bailey, 390 N. Winchester Blvd. 9C Santa Clara, CA 95050. "You are too nice to lose."

Welcome New Members

It will be our pleasure to greet you at our luncheon meeting on Sat., Sept. 7 at 12 noon --- Lou's Village. Please sit at the reserved table for new members.

June C. Bartholomew	Mervyn H. Hassler
Theron J. Bartholomew	Ruth B. Hassler
Betty Marie Becker	Robert Holmes
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Agnes Elam	Pauline E. Rohrbacher
Catherine Farley	Aileen Snedaker
Mabel F. Farley	Charles L. Sullivan
Reva D. Fitch	Helen P. Timpany
Kenneth J. Flynn	Catherine Wayland
Lucille C. Flynn	Margaret Wolford
Grace J. Fox	Doris E. Wood
Elizabeth Hart	Clara Yard



Beyond the sunset

-----	Aimee A. Gerlach	----- 1974
Dec. 29, 1890 -	Arthur G. Cook	- Mar. 31, 1974
Oct. 10, 1903 -	Lillian B. Connor	- May 2, 1974
Aug. 9, 1885 -	Alma Andrews	- May 9, 1974
Dec. 26, 1901 -	Dr. Cletus S. Sullivan	- May 11, 1974
Apr. 21, 1898 -	James D. Holbrook	- May 24, 1974
Feb. 17, 1892 -	Walter D. Thornton	- May 29, 1974
Feb. 11, 1894 -	Ethel Hood	- June 10, 1974
May 1, 1900 -	Georgia M. Melton	- June 25, 1974
Feb. 21, 1885 -	William F. Serpa	- June 26, 1974
July 6, 1899 -	James Macauley	- July 1, 1974
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