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BOUNTY HUNTER - HARRY LOVE

By Henry Calloway

Commissioned by the California Legislature, Captain Love rode out with a company of rangers in 1853 to bring in any or all the Joaquins. There was something like five or more so called Murieta's terrorizing the gold country. Love and his men did show up with the head of a Mexican pickled in a bottle, saying it was Murieta's and demanding the \$1,000 reward. Whether it was Murieta or some other evil Joaquin is still doubtful. For sure it was the head of a Mexican.

Harry Love, alias "The Black Knight of Zayante" was killed in Santa Clara in July 1868. He was a big man well over 200 lbs. and was quite a boaster of his exploits and personal bravery.

His wife by his second marriage was a wealthy land owner in Santa Clara. She refused to live with her husband for a number of years, because of his cruelty. She went so far as to hire a hand by the name of Christian Elverson to be close by, for her protection.

Love spent most of his time in Santa Cruz County, leading sort of a hermit's life and just visiting this area occasionally.

He conceived a strong hate for Elverson, pretending to be jealous, which was groundless, as Mrs. Love at the time was over seventy and Elverson just a young man. On Love's last visit to the place, he ordered Elverson to leave, using violent threats against his life. Mrs. Love urged him to stay. Knowing the nature of the man, Elverson wisely armed himself.

On the day of the shooting Mrs. Love came to San Jose to transact some business. Love who had been stop-

ping in town for a week or so saw them together and immediately went back to his wife's house, where he armed himself with a double-barreled shot gun, a revolver and a bowie knife.

Love's step daughter and a carpenter employed in repairing the barn were the only persons at home when he arrived. He locked the front gate and hid behind the fence, to wait the return of the two, swearing that if they ever attempt to enter the place he would kill them.

The step daughter sensing danger went out to the road and motioned the carriage back as it approached. Elverson misinterpreting her gestures, only hurried the horses all the more.

When within about seventy-five yards of the gate Love discharged one barrel of the shot gun, some pellets hitting Mrs. Love. Elverson seeing the situation leaped from the wagon, drew his revolver and moved quickly and closer to his enemy, who had crouched down behind the gate posts.

When Elverson was in close range he received the contents of Love's other shot gun barrel, some of the shot taking effect causing Elverson to bleed about the face quite freely. Perfectly cool and unafraid he kept exchanging shot for shot until a bullet from Love disabled his right arm. Shifting his pistol to his left hand, he rushed boldly up to the fence and reaching over just as Love was to fire, Elverson sent a bullet through Love's arm. Love then took to his heels yelling "murder" "murder" with Elverson in close pursuit.

Elverson overtook Love and started to finish him off when the carpenter came to the rescue and separated them. Love died hours later from the effects of an amputation of the shattered arm.

Elverson was arrested, but after an investigation the killing was considered justifiable and he was released.

Of Harry Love who supposedly captured Joaquin Murietta one thing is certain; he is buried in the Santa Clara City Cemetery, and we hope in peace.

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WYATT EARP - LAWMAN

(One of our members Mrs. Edith Earll Cook is a second cousin to Wyatt Earp famous Frontier Marshal, through her father Charles Earll.)

Wyatt Berry Stapp Earp was born in Monmouth, Illinois, March 19, 1848.

Wyatt's father organized an emigrant train which crossed the Missouri River at Omaha, Nebraska on May 12, 1864 and arrived safely at San Bernardino, California on December 19 the same year.

In 1866 Wyatt at the age of 17 started driving a freight wagon from the port at San Pedro to Prescott, Arizona over the desert, a distance of 450 miles.

In 1870 to '73 Wyatt hunted buffalo for a railroad survey party to furnish them with fresh meat. He salted down the hides and later sold them in Kansas City.

In May 1874 he was appointed deputy U.S. Marshal at Wichita, Kansas. At that time known as a wild cowtown, as it was the railhead for cattle shipments driven in from Texas over the Chisholm Trail.

In 1876 Dodge City became the western terminus for the Santa Fe Railroad, and law and order got out of hand. In May of that year Wyatt was appointed Chief Deputy Marshal at Dodge City. In the Fall of that year things had quieted down so he left for Deadwood where he rode shotgun for Wells Fargo & Company on their gold shipments from Deadwood to Cheyenne.

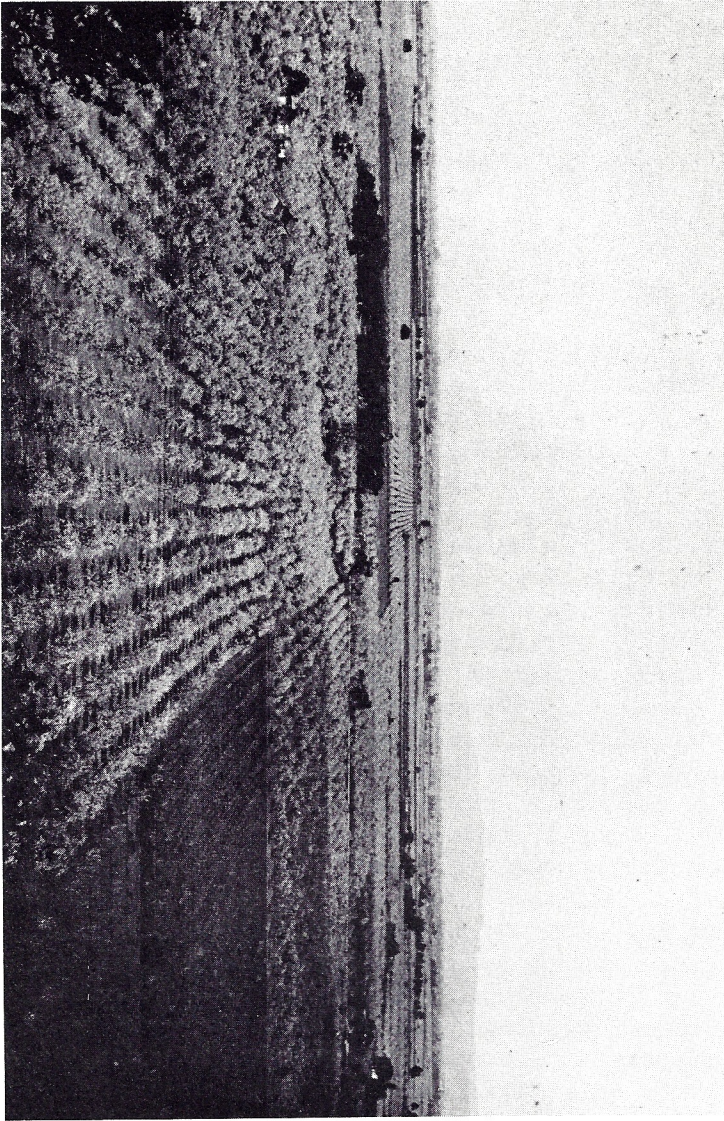
In 1877 Wyatt went back to Dodge City where he was immediately appointed Marshal which position he held until September 9, 1879 when he left for Tombstone, Arizona. In January 1881 he was appointed United States Marshal at Tombstone. October 26, 1881 the Earp brothers and Doc Holiday had their famous gun battle with the outlaws in the O.K. Corral. The outlaws were either killed or run out of Cochise County, most of them leaving for old Mexico.

In May 1882 Wyatt heard that his old friend Bat Masterson was in Trinidad, Colorado, so he left immediately for Trinidad and stayed there until 1885.

Leaving Trinidad he retired to a quieter life and made his way to San Diego, California via El Paso, Texas. Tiring of this quiet life he made his way north to San Jose, California where in 1894 he settled down on a stock farm nearby and raised thoroughbred horses which he raced at Ingleside and other bay area race tracks.

During his visits to San Francisco he had met the daughter of a local merchant, Josephine Marcus, whom he married in the Fall of 1901.

Wyatt died at his home in Los Angeles January 13, 1929 at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Earp survived him; there were no children.



(The above picture is from t h e collection of our President, Mr. Laurence Bulmore.)

REMEMBER WHEN

Laurence E. Bulmore

REMEMBER WHEN (from the title of Ralph Rambo's book)
scenes like the above were common in our valley?

The calender has been turned back to the early 1920's and you are looking north from a place that is now part of Blossom Hill Road. At the time of this picture it was a cow path, traveled only by pastured cows and venturesome boys. The large grove of evergreen trees in the center background is the Los Gatos Cemetery on the Los Gatos - Almaden Road. Behind you is "Putman's Hill", the then unimproved property of E. W. Putman.

It was on this hill that teen age boys hunted quail, cottontail rabbits and squirrels. In the Spring they looked for bird's nests and at Christmas time climbed the oak trees for mistle-toe.

During the Springs of long ago one could look into infinity over blossoming fruit trees. As they stood in silence beholding the beauty before them, they never dreamed that someday the ranches would be cut up into city lots, the trees gone and (to again quote Ralph) "ALMOST FORGOTTEN."

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HOTELS and RESTAURANTS of EARLY SAN JOSE

Leo Sullivan

An old time institution serving San Jose through the years was the renowned LAMOLLE HOUSE, a French Hotel and Restaurant located at the N.E. corner of Santa Clara and San Pedro streets, and founded by Madame Lamolle in 1872. (Bernard Lamolle and his wife, natives of France, operated restaurants in Northern California and Nevada Mining Camps during the 60's. Lamolle passed away suddenly in 1869, leaving the widow with two children in a strange land facing the world alone.)

Madame Veuve Lamolle, undaunted by the tragedy in her life, hired Alexis Gaston, a Chef formerly with Delmonico's of New York City and carried on in the footsteps of her husband. Before long the "Lamolle House" was known from San Francisco to Salinas for the excellence of its French cuisine. The fame of Lamolle culinary triumphs was to lure Peninsula gourmets from as far away as San Mateo, Belmont and Menlo Park--the epicures paid homage to the concoctions of the Lamolle kitchen by years of faithful patronage, making the lengthy trip to San Jose by horse and carriage.

(Madame Lamolle also had a daughter "Marie" who married the popular "Rick" Pfister of Santa Clara. Rick served as County Clerk of Santa Clara County for almost 30 years.)

Madame Lamolle retired to private life about 1900 leaving management of the business to her son, Emile.

Selling the Lamolle House in 1904 to Johnny Turonnet, a San Francisco Chef, Emile Lamolle, in partnership with Pierre Montmayeur, a chef also from Delmonico's and John Origlia, opened a plush French restaurant at 36-38 North 1st Street naming it the "Lamolle Grill". George D'Ablaing and his orchestra furnished music for Sunday and Holiday dinner hours. "The Grill" proved a great success, and continued the type of service that had won for the Lamolle House its enviable reputation. For instance, a gay Lothario and his "Sweetie Pie" could enjoy a Sunday evening of music at "The Grill", dine sumptuously on a seven course dinner, topping the spread with a quart of claret all for the huge sum of \$1.50 and NO Tax Added.

The passage of the 18th amendment, January 17, 1920, proved the undoing of restaurants serving wines and liquor-- "The Lamolle", being no exception, closed its doors in 1921, a result of the "Great Experiment"--Prohibition.

Meanwhile at the Lamolle House, Johnny Turonnet had taken Jules Vigoroux as a partner and hired Brohaska's Orchestra to liven the dinner hours on Sundays and Holidays. The writer recalls the friendly clientel patronizing the Lamolle House with nostalgia, having played there many times; to mention a few of the regulars--Alex Hart, Ed Rea, Tom Rea, Paul Masson, William Binder, Harry Ber-covich, Dan Flannery, Charles Navlet, Norman Kooser, Louis Normadin, Jessie Lavy, Dr. Fred Gerlach. (Wives included of course.)

The writer still has visions of Ike Loeb and his beautiful, shapely Parisien bride arriving at the Lamolle House in Herbert Stockton's enclosed limousine--a decided novelty for the day.

Turonnet and Vigoroux conducted the business successfully at 141 West Santa Clara Street until the late teens, when declining popularity and dwindling trade convinced the partners it was time to shut up shop and call it a day.

The 27 room Lamolle House is operated under the name "The Aconda Hotel" -- its past glory almost forgotten in the mad rush of TIME--a mute testimonial to the courage and fortitude of a brave, lonely widow -- Madame Veuve Lamolle.

STEVENS CREEK NAMED FOR ECCENTRIC TRAPPER

Florence George

(Mrs. George writes that she found these newspaper clippings in her scrapbook and passes them on.)

"The namesake of Stevens Creek was a man imbued with the spirit of adventure. "Captain" Elisha Stevens was born in South Carolina in 1804. He was of French Huguenot ancestry. When a young man Stevens had been a blacksmith in Georgia.

For many years he had been a trapper in the wild and restless country of the Great Basin and Rock Mountain regions. There was some evidence that Elisha Stevens had also been engaged for awhile in the northwest fur trade.

His claim to fame in our area comes as the result of his Captaincy of "The Stevens Party". This was a group composed of 11 wagons, 26 men, 8 women and between 12 and 17 children, who had set out for the West in the Spring of 1844 and thus opened up the first wagon road to California. Among the group were Dr. Townsend, Caleb Greenwood, Martin Murphy and the Montgomerys.

It was in the Spring of 1844 that he was elected to guide the party of prospective California settlers from Council Bluffs to the unknown sunset land. The historical importance of the Stevens Party's trek, which is also known as "Overland in 1844" has been somewhat dimmed by the fact that the chief written document about their vivid tale has been relatively unknown and unavailable. This was the account given by one of the party's members, Moses Schallenberger to his daughter, Maggie. Schallenberger had been assigned by Stevens to act as secretary, recording the geographical observations the party made, and the names they gave to rivers and springs discovered along the way. These notes were somewhat lost or destroyed, but Schallenberger remembered much of this information which he dictated to his daughter, Maggie later.

The Stevens Party should be given credit for the discovery of the Truckee River route and Donner Pass. It was in the year 1844 that the Stevens Party wagons went up into the Donner Lake area and reached the Yuba River, arriving at Sutter's Fort between the 10th and 13th of December.

This was two years before the Donner Party tragedy.

It was sometime in the 1850's that Stevens lived in Santa Clara County. He acquired land in the area that is now occupied by the Blackberry Farm. The land he lived on near the Blackberry Farm was eventually sold by Stevens to William Taylor McClellan."

In a letter written to the San Jose Mercury in November 1907, Mrs. J. F. Payne states, "That it was the Doyle vineyard near the Blackberry Farm where Stevens settled." Mrs. Payne also notes, "as a child I remember what pleasure we young folks experienced in the evening listening to the anecdotes regarding his frontier life. He was eccentric in his manner, but very hospitable and his house was always open to anyone who chanced by that way."

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Passage of proposition A on February 11th school bond election assures San Jose Unified School District the money to replace 13 of the older elementary schools that do not meet State earthquake standards. Among them are Horace Mann, Grant, Lowell, Gardner, Anne Darling, Selma Olinder, Hester and Washington. Oldest of the names is Hester. The original school was a four-room building constructed in 1861 and served a district from Brokaw Road to Stevens Creek Road. The school was named for Judge Craven P. Hester, a pioneer from 1850, whose home was on The Alameda. Washington was first named the Oak Street School when it was built in the early 1880's. Selma Olinder was first named the East San Jose School when it was built and later changed to honor Mrs. Olinder who was hired in the 1890's as principal. Gardner School was named for William Gardner, a native of New Hampshire who settled in San Jose in October 1872. Miss Anne Darling, who died in 1928, was deputy superintendent of schools for 29 years. A petition from teachers asked that this school be named for her. Four of the old schools were built to look alike following the disastrous earthquake of 1906; they were Horace Mann, Lowell, Grant and Longfellow-Edison. The old Thirteenth Street School, still stands on the Horace Mann School grounds and is being used by the Department of Adult Education. When it was built 103 years ago it cost \$1,490. Let us all pull together and try and save this building for our Historic Museum Complex in Kelley Park. ***

Prices were a little lower a quarter of a century ago, when guests stepped into the Hotel Lyndon dining room in Los Gatos to order breakfast. This old menu was found in the files of the Los Gatos Times: "Orange juice 15¢, cereal with cream 20¢, hot cakes 20¢, hot cakes with ham or bacon 40¢, ham or bacon and eggs 50¢, breakfast steak 65¢." Those were the Good Old Days! ***

By-lines from the President

Greetings:

How true the saying, "Tempus fugit." Time has passed so quickly that it seems it was only yesterday that I was elected President.

What a delightful experience it was and I am grateful to all of you for your support. Our quarterly meetings were well attended and I am sure all enjoyed our splendid programs. My thanks to our program chairman.

How pleased I will be when I leave office, in June, to be listed as a former President of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Vaya con Dios,
Laurence E. Bulmore

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LOOK FOR IT HERE

At our quarterly meeting on June 7th, Dr. Benjamin F. Gilbert professor of history at San Jose State College will present our scholarship award winner Mr. Bruce Wilhelm, graduate student in history. His subject will be; "The First Mayors of San Jose." ***

BUS TOURS: June - A trip to San Francisco, Chinatown and a bay cruise, also a Sequoia National Park tour. July - Two different dates for the Ice Follies in San Francisco. August - Stern Grove for the annual concert with Arthur Fiedler conducting. Our big Canadian trip ending with two days in Victoria. Brochures are out and will be mailed on request. Phone 295-2868 or 295-2987, 9 a.m. 'til 12.

ARBOR DAY, March 7th, three young redwood trees were planted in the western section of the Rose Garden in honor of the Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Representing our Society were Mr. Robert E. Nelson and Mr. Henry C. Stout.*

On March 7th, Rev. Arthur D. Spearman, assisted by Mr. Austen D. Warburton and Mayor Kinney of Santa Clara dedicated a plaque in the garden of the Woman's Clubhouse at Santa Clara reading; "Santa Clara Woman's Club Memorial Garden. This garden is dedicated to the memory of our beloved benefactor Mary D. Warburton, our last charter member, 1904 - 1969." Representing the Pioneer Society were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Bulmore, Mr. Austen D. Warburton, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Warburton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Fisk and other members, some of whom were members of the S.C.W.C. ***

Ralph Rambo's newest creation is a 14" x 22" map of San Jose as it was in 1891. It is extremely accurate and shows buildings, streets, railroads etc. It is on sale at the Emporium and other book shops for only \$1.50. ***

Ground breaking ceremonies at Oak Meadow Park in Los Gatos for the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad took place on Sunday, March 16th. The ceremony was sponsored by the Board of Directors for the narrow-gauge railroad, assisted by the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Board of Realtors. ***

A RARE DOCUMENT was handed to me recently by Mrs. Kate N. Owen, which reads as follows: "Certificate of Promotion, Public Schools, Empire Street. San Jose, Cal., June 27th 1890. (81%) After due examination Katie Nichols has been found qualified for the Seventh Grade. May L. Crittenden, Teacher. A. M. Kelley, Principal. F. P. Russell, City Superintendent of Schools." In a note of explanation Mrs. Owen writes: "In 1889, at the age of six I started school at the old Empire Street School, now called Grant. The following year I was promoted to the seventh grade. At that time the grades were reversed and we started in the eighth and were promoted on down to the first, instead of from the first to the eighth as at present. The enclosed certificate of promotion will prove this. Does anyone else remember this system of promotion?" Let's hear from you readers.*

After selling his collection of old artifacts to the City of San Jose some three years ago for around \$250,000. Lew Bohnett is back in the collecting business again. He has already collected a hand carved bar that was formerly in Al's Place on Santa Clara Street, a colorful old caliope, an old Peerless bus (circa 1917) probably the oldest one around, it was mounted on a White chassis; a fire engine, a 1916 Buick and many other antiques. The valuable antiques the City has stored in warehouses in Kelley Park are not yet available for public observation. During the past several years the City Council has had funds earmarked for this purpose, but the money has been used for other projects. On July 1st more funds will become available for a Historic Museum Complex in Kelley Park. Contact your councilmen and see that this money is used for this purpose. New Councilmen have been elected during the past few years and they are not familiar with the need for this project. We urge you to get busy! ***

One of the latest old landmarks to be felled by the wreckers blade was the Alum Rock Sanitorium on Crothers Road. It was originally built in 1876 by a retired sea captain, who brought the imported Italian marble and rosewood stair bannisters around The Horn for his new mansion in Santa Clara Valley. ***

WELCOME

Congratulations to our NEW MEMBERS: Mervyn Ballinger, Rence Canepa, Francis L. Culbertson, Maude M. Culbertson, Joseph P. Forni, Alta T. Foster, Loretta M. Hayman, Jaxe Baden Holloway, Reginald R. Holloway, Edmond L. Hooper, Irma W. Hooper, Rose Hudson, Elenor A. Joachim, Joseph Kottinger, Sophie E. Kottinger, Frances Coit Lanyon, Elizabeth S. Lord, Joseph R. Lord, Wynn Madigan, Leonard M. McKay, Dorothy Pankratz, Herbert Pankratz, Ruth K. Petersen, Elizabeth Ravizza, Myrtle Rittler, Gertrude M. Seimers, Angela M. Spinelli, Grace Sprague, Gold H. Wheat, Verna M. Wheat, Ruth Worsham and Ruby Zimmerman.

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BEYOND THE SUNSET

Irene L. Orr

April 22, 1911 - January 19, 1969

Hazel S. Lund

March 5, 1890 - February 4, 1969

Mabel W. Snyder

May 8, 1887 - February 26, 1969

Anna M. Blum

March 28, 1882 - March 4, -1969

Charles L. Moulthrop

April 4, 1891 - March 5, 1969

Ethel E. Prosser

October 21, 1884 - March 12, 1969

Luella S. Ryan

August 13, 1887 - April 11, 1969

Frazier O. Reed

February 28, 1882 - April 15, 1969

In behalf of the officers and members of the California Pioneer Society of Santa Clara County, the TRAIL-BLAZER extends their sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of our departed members.

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THE SOCIAL CLUB of our society meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday afternoon of each month. Card playing and various activities highlight each meeting. For further information call Mrs. Kate L. Owen, 295-1153.

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